

**FRANK SIEGEL PAPERS, 1923-1962**  
**2001.206.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Frank Siegel papers

Dates: 1922-1948

Accession number: 2001.206.1

Creator: Siegel, Frank

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (1 box)

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Abstract: The Frank Siegel papers measure 0.5 linear foot and date from 1922-1948. The collection includes biographical materials, correspondence, and photographs documenting Frank Siegel's parents and their families in Poland and Belgium before the war, his mother's deportation to Auschwitz, and his relationship with his father in Belgium after the war.

Languages: French, Polish, Belgian Dutch, German

**Administrative Information**

Access: Collection is open for use, but is stored offsite. Please contact the Reference Desk more than seven days prior to visit in order to request access.

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Acquisition information: The Frank Siegel papers were donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Frank Siegel in 2001 and 2003. Accessions previously cataloged as 2001.224.1, 2001.312.1, and 2003.348.1 have been incorporated into this collection.

Related archival materials: The United States Holocaust Museum also holds a yellow Star of David badge that Frank Siegel donated to the Museum in 2003.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at [collections.ushmm.org](http://collections.ushmm.org) for further information.

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, August 2012

### **Biographical note**

Frank Siegel was born François Zygielman in October 1933 in Antwerp, Belgium, to Cudyk and Rozia Schreiber Zygielman, who had emigrated from Poland to Belgium around 1928. The family tried to escape to England via Dunkirk when Germany invaded Belgium in 1940, but returned to Brussels. Siegel's mother was taken to a hospital in 1942 and deported to Auschwitz that October where she was killed. Siegel's father brought Siegel to Madame Pierlot, who sheltered orphan children, until Zygielman decided to find his son a more permanent hiding place. Siegel was sent to a Catholic orphanage in Namur, which he disliked, so in late 1943, he was sent to a home in Ciney with the help of Abbé Joseph André. Cudyk Zygielman remained hidden in Brussels during the Holocaust. Father and son immigrated to the United States in 1949, and Cudyk Zygielman married Erna Bialer in 1951. Bialer had survived Majdanek, Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, spent some time in a displaced persons camp in Germany, arrived in Belgium in 1946, and immigrated to the United States in 1951. Frank Siegel became a teacher and lived in New York.

### **Scope and content of collection**

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Biographical materials include a 1942 school certificate and 1962 restitution case decision for Frank Siegel, prescriptions for ear drops for Cudyk Zygielman, Rozia Zygielman's passport, a certificate attesting to her moral standing, and notes documenting her transport to Auschwitz.

Correspondence primarily includes postcards Cudyk and Rozia Zygielman received from friends and family before the war and letters Frank Siegel wrote to his father from various boarding schools in Belgium after the war. Correspondence also includes a letter from Cudyk Zygielman's mother and a greeting card from a friend of Rozia Zygielman congratulating the couple on their marriage.

Photographs depict Frank Siegel with his parents and classmates in Belgium, Cudyk and Rozia Zygielman and their relatives in Poland, and Erna Bialer Zygielman at a displaced persons camp in Germany around 1945 and on the Italian liner "Christopher Columbus" on her way to the United States in 1951. Cudyk Zygielman received the photographs of his relatives while in Belgium and kept them while in hiding.

### **System of arrangement**

The Frank Siegel papers are arranged as three series:

- Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1923-1924, 1929-1930, 1942, 1962
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1929-1948
- Series 3: Photographs, approximately 1924-1951

### **Indexing terms**

Hidden children (Holocaust) -- Belgium

Polish people -- Belgium

Holocaust survivors.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

Brussels (Belgium)

L'viv (Ukraine)

Lublin (Poland)

Photographs.

Picture postcards.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

### **Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1923-1924, 1929-1930, 1942, 1962**

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1	1	Frank Siegel, 1942, 1962
1	2	Cudyk Zygielman, 1923-1924
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### **Series 2: Correspondence, 1929-1948**

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