

**WEISS FAMILY PAPERS, 1923-1971**  
**2001.230.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Weiss family papers

Dates: 1923-1971

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Creator: Weiss (Family: Bielsko, Poland)

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Abstract: The Weiss family papers include biographical material, correspondence, immigration material, and school and professional material relating to Zygfryd, Stefania, and Ruth Weiss' life in Poland before fleeing to the Soviet Union in 1939, imprisonment in Yakutsk, and immigration to the United States in 1947. The collection also includes a diary kept by Ruth from 1944-1945 while in Uzbekistan.

Languages: Polish, German, English, and Russian

**Administrative Information**

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### **Biographical note**

Zygfryd (later Stephen) Weiss (1904-1988) was born in Bielsko, Poland and worked as an engineer. In 1932 he married Stefania Marta (later Greta) (Zelaznik) Weiss (1908-2002), a seamstress and designer. Their daughter, Ruth, was born in 1935 in Kraków, Poland. After the German invasion of Poland in 1939, the family fled from Bielsko to the Soviet Union. In 1940, they were deported to Siberia and imprisoned in Yakutsk. They were temporarily released, but were recaptured shortly after in Uzbekistan. After the war they returned to Poland in 1946. Frederick Weiss, Zygfryd's brother, arranged for Zygfryd, Stefania, and Ruth's immigration to the United States through Sweden in 1947.

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

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Biographical materials include a military book, Polish ID card, and temporary ID card for Zygfryd as well as a Polish ID card and temporary ID card for Stefania.

Emigration and immigration material includes correspondence, certification of citizenship, and affidavits from Frederick Weiss in preparation for the Weiss family's immigration to the United States.

School and professional material includes report cards, certificates, letters of employment, and resumes for Zygfryd.

Correspondence includes wartime letters from Fred Weiss and Markus (Mark) Lindenbaum, believed to be a family friend living in New York, about daily life and the struggles the family is facing as well as other personal correspondence

The diary was written by Ruth while in Uzbekistan and contains daily entries from 1944-1945, including reference to V-Day.

### **System of arrangement**

The Weiss family papers are arranged as single series.

### **Indexing terms**

Weiss, Zygfryd.  
Weiss, Stefania Maria.  
Weiss, Ruth.  
Weiss, Fredrick.  
Lindenbaum, Markus

Yakutsk (Concentration camp)

Forced labor--Soviet Union.  
World War, 1939-1945.  
Jewish families--Poland.  
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

Bielsko (Poland)  
Kraków (Poland)  
Siberia (Russia)  
Uzbekistan.  
United States--Emigration and immigration--History.

Correspondence.  
Diaries.  
Passports.

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Series 1: Weiss family papers, approximately 1923-1971**

Box/Folder	Title
1 of 7 OS 1	Biographical material, 1927-1971 (2 folders)
2 of 7	Emigration and immigration material, 1946-1947
3-4 of 7	School and professional material, approximately 1923-1970 (2 folders)
5-6 of 7	Correspondence, 1939-1955 (2 folders)
7 of 7	Diary, 1944-1945