

**STEVEN VOGEL PAPERS, circa 1859-2009
2002.175.5**

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Descriptive summary

Title: Steven Vogel papers

Dates: circa 1859-2009 (bulk 1940-1958)

Accession number: 2002.175.5

Creator: Vogel, Steven, 1922-2012.

Extent: .5 liner feet (1 box, 2 oversize folders)

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Abstract: The collection documents the Holocaust experiences of Steven Vogel of Budapest, Hungary including his deportations to the Auschwitz-Birkenau and Mauthausen concentration camps and his immigration to the United States in 1945. Included are pre-war identification documents of Steven, his parents Ödön and Vilma (née Deutsch) Vogel, and other relatives in the Vogel and Deutsch families; birth certificates; report cards; immigration paperwork; tax and selective service forms; family history; an oral history interview transcript; restitution claims; and correspondence. Included with the correspondence is a 1946 letter to Steven from Tomi Baratod describing their experiences at Auschwitz.

Languages: Hungarian, English, 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 collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by James Vogel in 2002. He donated an accretion in 2017.

Related materials: James Vogel also donated the following objects: Shirt taken from Nazi storeroom at Mauthausen (2002.157.1) and Belt taken from Nazi storeroom at Mauthausen (2002.175.2). He also donated a film collection of pre-war film footage of the Vogel family in Hungary (2002.175.4)

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

Processing history: Adam Fielding, June 2018

Biographical note

Steven Vogel (1922-2012, born István Vogel, nickname Pista) was born in Budapest, Hungary to Ödön (Edmond, 1883-1944, born in Budapest) and Vilma (née Deutsch, 1895-1944, born in Újpest, Hungary) Vogel. His parents married in 1921 in Újpest, and Steven grew up in a religious household. The family was wealthy and Ödön worked as a watch wholesaler.

After the outbreak of World War II, Steven secured a visa to immigrate to the United States, but he chose not to leave due to his father's long-term illness. Ödön died in February 1944, but Steven did not want to abandon his mother and remained in Budapest. In May 1944 Steven and Vilma were arrested and deported to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. Upon arrival, Steven was designated for forced labor but Vilma was sent to her death in the gas chamber. As the Red Army closed in on Auschwitz, he and the other prisoners were sent on a death march to the Mauthausen concentration camp in winter 1944. As Mauthausen was being liberated by the United States Army in May 1945, Steven took clothing from a store room and fled the camp. After he was liberated, he went to Switzerland. He immigrated to the United States in October 1945 and settled in New York. He married Gloria Jean Fox in 1954.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as two series.

Series 1. Steven Vogel papers, 1922-2009

Series 2. Vogel family papers, circa 1859-2002 and undated

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

1 slide likely of Ödön Vogel and one large format negative of unidentified subjects was removed from the collection and placed in cold storage.

Indexing terms

Person:

Vogel, Steven, 1922-2012.

Vogel, Ödön, 1893-1944.

Vogel, Vilma, 1895-1944.

Corporate:

Auschwitz-Birkenau (Concentration camp)

Mauthausen (Concentration camp)

Topical Subject:

Jews--Hungary--Budapest.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Reparations.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Personal narratives.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Survivors.

Geography:

Budapest (Hungary)

United States--Emigration and immigration.

Genre/Form:

Correspondence.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1. Steven Vogel papers, 1922-2009

Box/Folder	Title
1.1	Birth certificates, 1922-1975
1.2	Clippings, 1949-2009
1.3	Correspondence, 1946, 1955-1957, 2005
1.4, OS 1	Education, 1929-1944 (2 folders)
1.5, OS 2	Identification papers, 1940-1944 (2 folders)
1.6	Identification papers, 1945
1.7	Immigration and naturalization, 1945-1951
1.8	Marriage certificates, 1954
1.9	Oral history interview transcript, 2005
1.10	Restitution claims, 1945-1975
1.11	Restitution claims, 2006-2007
1.12	Restitution claims: Claims conference, 1994-2007
1.13	1945-1978

Series 2. Vogel family papers, circa 1859-2002 and undated

Box/Folder	Title
1.14	Deutsch family birth certificates, 1939

1.15	Miscellaneous family papers, 2002 and undated
1.16	Vogel, Ödön and Vilma, 1911-1946
1.17	Vogel family, circa 1859-1940