

ALBERT AND THERESIA SCHWAGER PAPERS, 1938-1939

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Albert and Theresia Schwager papers

Dates: 1938-1939

Accession number: 2002.516.2

Creator: Schwager, Albert, 1885-1963

Additional creator: Schwager, Theresia, 1890-1979

Extent: 0.1 linear foot (2 folders)

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Abstract: The Albert and Theresia Schwager papers contain telegrams and correspondence relating to Albert and Theresia Schwager's attempt to emigrate from Germany aboard the *MS St. Louis*. The telegrams and correspondence detail their experiences aboard the *MS St. Louis* and arrangements for their eventual arrival in England. The collection also contains Cuban immigration documents, identification cards, and a quota number document issued by the United States consulate in Stuttgart, Germany, August 19, 1938.

Languages: German, Spanish, English

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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Biographical note

Albert Schwager (1885-1963) was born in August 20, 1885 in Kötzing, Germany to Isidor Isaak Schwager (1860-1927) and Anna Schwager (née Steindler, 1858-1888). Albert's siblings are Leopold Schwager (1884-1941), Fritz Schwager (1887-1976), and Anna Schwager (1888-1888). Before the war, Albert Schwager worked as a businessman. He married Theresia Schwarz (Resi, 1890-1979). She was born on May 10, 1890 in Roding, Germany to Friedrich and Katherina Schwarz. Albert and Resi Schwager had three children: Fred Schwager (1920-1993), Erich Schwager (1924-1940), and Hildegard Schwager (1927-1942).

On November 12, 1938, Albert Schwager was deported to Dachau concentration camp in Germany. At some point, Albert was released from Dachau, likely under the condition that he leave Germany. On May 13, 1939, Albert and Resi Schwager sailed from Hamburg, Germany aboard the MS *St. Louis*. After the MS *St. Louis* was refused entry to Cuba, Albert and Resi Schwager eventually disembarked in England, where Josef Schwager served as their guarantor. On February 8, 1940, Albert and Resi Schwager's son Erich, who suffered from muscular dystrophy, was murdered by the Nazis. By 1942, Albert and Resi Schwager had immigrated to the United States. Albert Schwager died in New York on July 20, 1963 and Resi Schwager died in Pennsylvania on February 27, 1979.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Albert and Theresia Schwager papers are arranged in two series.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1939

Series 2: Immigration documents, 1938-1939

Indexing terms

People:

Schwager, Albert, 1885-1963.

Schwager, Fred, 1920-1993.

Schwager, Theresia, 1890-1979.

Schwarz, Josef.
Schwarz, Sigmund.

Corporate:

St. Louis (Ship)

Topics:

Holocaust survivors.
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
Jewish refugees.
Refugees.
United States--Emigration and immigration.
World War, 1939-1945.
World War, 1939-1945--Civilian relief--Europe.
World War, 1939-1945--Refugees.
World War, 1939-1945--Refugees--Germany.

Geography:

Germany.
England.
Hamburg (Germany)
Cuba.

Gene / Form:

Correspondence.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Correspondence, 1939-1939

Folder	Title:
1 of 2	Schwager family correspondence, 1938-1939

Series 2: Immigration documents, 1938-1939

Folder	Title:
2 of 2	Albert and Theresia Schwager immigration documents, 1938-1939