

ELLY MOSES PHOTOGRAPHS, circa 1932-2003
2004.309

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Descriptive summary

Title: Elly Moses photographs

Dates: circa 1932-2003

Accession number: 2004.309

Creator: Moses, Elly, 1931-

Extent: 0.1 linear foot (1 folder)

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Abstract: Consists of pre-war, wartime, and post-war photographs and photoprints of the family of Elly van Leeuwen Moses. Includes pre-war photographs of Issac, Judith, Elly, and Chellie van Leeuwen and wartime photographs of Elly and one of the families who hid her.

Languages: Dutch

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: Elly Moses donated the Elly Moses photographs to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2004.

Related materials: Elly Moses' daughter (Judith Carrig) and the daughter of her sister Rachel Barish (Julia Lazareck) donated related photograph collections (2014.329.1 and 2016.405.1) to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, September 2019

Biographical note

Elly Moses was born Elly Rachel van Leeuwen on August 7, 1931 in the Hague, Netherlands, to Judith Degroot and Isaac van Leeuwen. Her family had lived in the Hague for generations, and her father owned a bicycle and small appliance shop. Elly contracted polio in 1935 and had to remain at home for most of the time following her illness though she probably attended public school briefly. Her younger sister Rachel (Chellie) was born in 1936. In May 1940, the Germans invaded the Netherlands, and the following year, Isaac volunteered to go to Westerbork. He joined one of the first transports to the camp after believing a promise that in return, his family would remain unmolested. Elly never saw her father again. He is believed to have been deported to Monowitz (Auschwitz III) and perished there. Judith initially wanted to remain with her husband, but acquaintances in the underground convinced her to try to save her daughters. In 1942 Judith placed Elly and Chellie in hiding and spent the rest of the war working as a weapons courier for the Dutch resistance using false papers. Chellie, using the false name Loesje Frederiks, was placed with a Catholic family in a small town in the provenance of Limburg, and Elly was taken to live with a lawyer. He kept her locked in a closet for three weeks, and then she was taken to a farm run by a Dutch woman whose son had Down's syndrome. This hiding place did not work out either, so Elly was next taken to Middleburg to a family whose name was ironically also van Leeuwen. Another Jewish girl who was also hiding there was rounded up during a raid on the home, so Elly was moved to a new hiding place. She thought her protector Mr. van Leeuwen was shot and killed but later learned that he died on March 9, 1944 from pneumonia after landing in an ice-cold ditch during a car accident caused by a German officer. Johannes and Katarina Maria den Hollander welcomed Elly into their home even though they had two young boys of their own, Cornelias Johannes (Cees) and Jan Jacob. Elly lived with them for a year and a half in Middleburg on Walcheren island. After some neighbors suspected that they were sheltering a Jewish child, the couple sent her to the home of a female children's books author in Utrecht. Elly lived with her for three weeks until it was safe to return to the den Hollanders. The den Hollanders home was liberated in 1944, and Elly remained with them until all of the Netherlands were free in May 1945. Judith learned the whereabouts of her daughters from the underground and came to pick them up. Judith forbade Elly to maintain any contact with the den Hollanders, and Elly never spoke or wrote to them again until 1990, when another child survivor told her how to get in touch with them. Judith supported her daughters by working as a prison warden for female collaborators. In 1950 Elly married Louis Moses, another child survivor, and moved to Israel. They briefly lived in Chulia, a primarily Dutch kibbutz in northern Israel, and then moved to Haifa. They returned to Holland in 1956 and immigrated to the United States in 1957.

Scope and content of collection

The Elly Moses photographs consist of pre-war, wartime, and post-war original and reproduction photographs of Elly van Leeuwen Moses, her sister Rachel (Chellie), and her parents, Isaac and Judith as well as of one of the families who hid her during the Holocaust.

System of arrangement

The Elly Moses photographs are arranged as a single series.

Indexing terms

Personal names

van Leeuwen, Elly, 1931-
DeGroot, Judith.

Topical terms

Jews--Netherlands--Hague.
Jewish families--Netherlands.
Holocaust survivors--Netherlands.

Geographic terms

Hague (Netherlands)

Genre Terms

Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Photographs, circa 1932-2003

Folder/Item	Description
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1.2	Elly van Leeuwen in 1932
1.3	Elly van Leeuwen with her mother, Judith Degroot, circa 1931-1932
1.4	Elly van Leeuwen with her mother and another woman, Hilversum, 1932
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1.8	Isaac van Leeuwen outside a Westerbork barrack, circa 1941-1942
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1.10	Elly van Leeuwen during the war
1.11	Elly van Leeuwen during the war
1.12	Elly van Leeuwen with her rescuers, the den Hollander family, circa 1941-1942
1.13	Group of young women outdoors
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