

HINSEL FAMILY PAPERS, 1904-1960
2004.721.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Hinsel family papers

Dates: 1904-1960

Accession number: 2004.721.1

Creator: Hinsel (Family : Lüneburg, Germany)

Extent: 1.2 linear feet (2 boxes, 2 oversize folders)

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Abstract: The Hinsel family papers consist of biographical materials, correspondence, photographs, printed materials, and World War I diaries documenting the Hinsel family in Lüneburg, their relatives in Lüneburg and Hamburg, Hinsel and Leandrin family members' military service during World War I, and Christine Hinsel's survival in Theresienstadt during the Holocaust.

Languages: 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 United States Holocaust Memorial Museum acquired the Hinsel family papers in 2004.

Related materials: The Hinsel family collection also includes three Star of David badges, a Theresienstadt armband, a glass bead necklace, an empty Christmas gift box for Haeberlein-Metzger Nuremberg lebkuchen, a book on Judaism, an illustrated history book about Theresienstadt concentration camp, and an illustrated book about Israel.

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, February 2017

Biographical note

Christine Hinsel (1878-1951) was born Christine Marcus in Lüneburg. Her husband, Clemens Hinsel (1880-1941) was a Catholic banker and World War I veteran. The couple had two daughters: Edeltraut Hinsel (b. 1913) and Maria Hinsel Leandrin (b. 1915), who was married to Alfred Leandrin. She was deported to Theresienstadt on January 22, 1944 and survived the war. Her sister Gertrud Marcus Simon (b. 1894), brother in law Bruno Simon (b. 1892), and daughters also survived.

Scope and content of collection

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Biographical materials include death announcements, ration cards, and business cards documenting Christine and Clemens Hinsel, their daughters, and other relatives. This series also includes a list of residents at Gertrud and Bruno Simon's address listing Bruno Simon as air protection warden.

Correspondence primarily consists of letters and postcards exchanged between Christine Hinsel and her relatives during World War II and during her imprisonment at Theresienstadt. This series also includes correspondence between Edeltraut Hinsel and Maria Leandrin, congratulatory notes on the birth and marriage of Maria Leandrin, and condolences on the death of Clemens and Christine Hinsel. A couple of letters date from Clemens Hinsel's World War I service.

Photographs depict Hinsel and Leandrin family members and friends before, during, and after World War II in Lüneburg, Hamburg, Adendorf, Celle, Osnabrück, Halle, and Essen-Borbeck-Mitte as well as relatives who immigrated to Seattle. This series also include photographs and photographic postcards documenting the World War I military service of members of the Leandrin family as well as photographs of a Leandrin family home in Lüneburg.

Printed materials include early twentieth-century stock and bond certificates, a German cookbook, a meal-planning guide, booklets from the Wilhelm Raabe Schule in Lüneburg, clippings about the rights of children of mixed parents in Nazi Germany, an aerial target map of Hamburg, and a brochure about kibbutzim.

Three diaries document Clemens Hinsel's military service during World War I and include name lists, poems, notes, rations, movements, and descriptions of daily events.

System of arrangement

The Hinsel family papers are arranged as five series:

- Series 1: Biographical materials, 1910-1959
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1906-1955
- Series 3: Photographs, approximately 1910-1960
- Series 4: Printed materials, 1904-1950
- Series 5: World War I diaries, 1916-1918

Indexing terms

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)

Jews--Germany--Lüneburg.

Jews--Germany--Hamburg.

Concentration camp inmates--Czech Republic--Terezín (Ústecký kraj)--Correspondence.

Holocaust survivors--Germany.

Mischlinge (Nuremberg Laws of 1935)--Germany.

World War, 1914-1918--Personal narratives.

Lüneburg (Germany)

Hamburg (Germany)

Photographs

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Series 1: Biographical materials, 1910-1959

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Series 2: Correspondence, 1906-1955

Box/Folder	
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1.36	Condolences on the death of Clemens Hinsel, 1941
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2.4	Letters written by children, approximately 1920
2.5	Unidentified, approximately 1937

Series 3: Photographs, approximately 1910-1960

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2.14	Hinsel, Wolfgang, approximately 1937-1955
2.15	Ital. Landarbeiter, approximately 1940-1945
2.16	Leandrin family, approximately 1900-1945
2.17	Lüneburg at Christmas, approximately 1945-1968
2.18	Müller family, approximately 1930
2.19	Orth, Karl, approximately 1930-1945

2.20	Stotz family, approximately 1938-1951
2.21	Tante Sine, approximately 1935
2.22	Wilkens family, approximately 1920-1930
2.23	World War I portraits and regiments, 1914-1918
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Series 4: Printed materials, 1904-1950

Box/Folder	
OS 1	Stock and bond certificates and coupons, 1904-1936
2.28	Holle, Luise, <i>Koch-Rezepte für den Arndt'schen Einkoch-Apparat "Tischlein deck dich,"</i> approximately 1930
2.29	Reichsausschuss für Hygienische Volksbelehrung, <i>Was koche ich morgen? Ratschläge für eine gesunderhaltende, abwechslungsreiche und sparsame Ernährung,</i> approximately 1930
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