

**RENEE LANG PAPERS, 1900-approximately 2006**  
**2006.355.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Renée Lang Papers

Dates: 1900-approximately 2006

Accession number: 2006.355.1

Creator: Renée Lang

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (6 folders)

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,  
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Abstract: The Renee Lang papers measure 0.5 linear foot and date from 1900-approximately 2006. The collection contains biographical materials, correspondence, and photocopies of restitution paperwork documenting Renee Konstandt Lang's family, their experiences in Austria and in various concentration camps after the *Anschluss*, the death of Lang's parents and brother in Łódź, Dachau, Schwarzenberg, and possibly Auschwitz, and Lang's efforts to obtain restitution.

Languages: German, 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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Acquisition information: The Renée Lang papers were donated in 2006 by Renée Lang.

Related archival materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also holds a necklace created by Renée Lang out of materials received while in Auschwitz and immediately after the war. An oral history interview with Lang dated December 29, 1995, which forms part of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute Visual History Archive, can be accessed via the USHMM library.

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

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, May 2012

### **Biographical note**

Renée Lang was born Renée Konstandt in 1927 to textile merchant Hugo Konstandt (1890-1945) and Olga Braun Konstandt (1899-circa 1941) in Vienna, Austria. Hugo was arrested in May 1938 and sent to Dachau, transferred to Buchenwald, and released in December 1939. He was arrested again by the Gestapo in January 1941, sent to Łódź in February 1941, to Auschwitz in 1943, and back to Dachau in 1944 where he died in February 1945. Olga was sent to Łódź in October 1941 and is believed to have died there or in Auschwitz. Renée and her brother Raoul (1921-circa 1944) were sent to the Vienna transit camp in October 1942, to Theresienstadt in January 1943, and then to Auschwitz in May 1944. In July 1944 Raoul was sent to Schwarzenberg where he is believed to have died while Renee was sent to Neuengamme and then to Bergen Belsen in March 1945 where she remained until the camp was liberated in April 1945. In September 1947 she immigrated to the United States, where she married Manfred Lang and settled in Ohio. The family's name is sometimes spelled "Konstant."

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

The Renée Lang papers measure 0.5 linear foot and date from 1900, 1920, 1927-1930, 1938-1947, 1953, 1961, and approximately 2006. The collection contains biographical materials, correspondence, and photocopies of restitution paperwork documenting Renée Konstandt Lang's family, their experiences in Austria and in various concentration camps after the *Anschluss*, the deaths of Lang's parents and brother in Łódź, Dachau, Schwarzenberg, and possibly Auschwitz and Lang's efforts to obtain restitution.

Biographical materials document the lives of Hugo, Olga, and Raoul Konstandt and Renée Lang and include birth certificates, marriage certificates, citizenship records, passports, certificates of deportation, and a membership card for the Union of Concentration Camp Prisoners. Correspondence includes two 1942 postcards between Renée and her parents in the Łódź ghetto, a 1946 telegram from a friend of her parents, and two 1961 letters regarding the possibility of restitution. Restitution paperwork includes photocopies of documents regarding Jewish property taxes paid by her parents and her father's imprisonment at Dachau in 1938 and 1939.

### **System of arrangement**

The Renée Lang papers are arranged as three series:

- Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1900, 1920, 1927-1930, 1938-1947, 1953
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1942-1946, 1961
- Series 3: Restitution Paperwork, approximately 2006

**Indexing terms**

Dachau (Concentration camp)

Jews – Austria – History – 1933-1945.

Holocaust victims' families.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945).

Vienna (Austria)

Łódź (Poland)

**CONTAINER LIST**

**Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1900, 1920, 1927-1930, 1938-1947, 1953**

Box	Folder	
1	1	Hugo Konstandt , 1900, 1920, 1928-1930, 1946
1	2	Olga Konstandt , 1939-1941, 1946
1	3	Raoul Konstandt , 1938-1939
1	4	Renée Konstandt Lang, 1927, 1938, 1944-1947, 1953

**Series 2: Correspondence, 1942-1946, 1961**

Box	Folder	
1	5	Correspondence, 1942-1946, 1961

**Series 3: Restitution Paperwork, approximately 2006**

Box	Folder	
1	6	Restitution paperwork [Photocopies], circa 2006