

## **HANS PRASCHKAUER PAPERS, 1920-2002**

### **2006.398.1**

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#### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Hans Praschkauer papers

Dates: 1920-2002

Accession number: 2006.398.1

Creator: Praschkauer, Hans, 1919-2004

Extent: 3 linear feet (1 box, 3 book enclosures, and 5 oversize folders)

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Abstract: The Hans Praschkauer papers include biographical material, scrapbooks, writings, and printed material relating to Hans Praschkauer and his family's pre-war life in Breslau, Germany (currently Wrocław, Poland) and their experiences in Shanghai after fleeing Germany in 1939. The collection also includes applications, medical and financial records, and ship information relating to their immigration to the United States in 1949.

Languages: German, Chinese, 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.

Physical access: Negatives, which are duplicates of the photograph of Breslau in folder 1.1, in the collection are kept in cold storage for preservation reasons and would require additional time for acclimatization before they could be served to researchers.

Reproduction and use: Collection is available for use. Material may be protected by copyright. Please contact reference staff for further information.

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Acquisition information: Diane Kyle donated the Hans Praschkauer papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2006.

Related material: A Nazi armband (2006.398.2) and two NSDAP (National Socialist German Workers' Party) pins (2006.398.2-3) were cataloged separately as objects.

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

Processing history: Morgan Voth, October 2019

### **Biographical note**

Hans Praschkauer (Heinz, 1919-2004) was born in Breslau, Germany (currently Wrocław, Poland) to George (b. 1878) and Babetha (Betty, b. 1885) and had a brother, Max (1910-1993?). Hans was deaf and raised Jewish. He fled from Germany to Shanghai in March 1939 aboard the SS *Conte Verde* and worked as a tailor. His parents arrived in Shanghai in August 1940. In October 1949, Hans and his parents immigrated to the United States aboard the SS *General Gordon* where they were reunited with Max. Hans continued to work as a tailor and married Marian Wells (1918-2005).

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

The Hans Praschkauer papers include biographical material, scrapbooks, writings, and printed material relating to Hans Praschkauer and his family's pre-war life in Breslau, Germany (currently Wrocław, Poland) and their experiences in Shanghai after fleeing Germany in 1939. The collection also includes applications, medical and financial records, and ship information relating to their immigration to the United States in 1949.

Biographical material includes vaccination certificates, membership cards, a birth certificate, identification cards, and photographs for Hans Praschkauer. The negatives in the series are duplicates of the photograph of Breslau in folder 1.1. The series also includes restitution material relating to Hans' efforts to receive restitution for his wartime suffering as well as school certificates, report cards, and identification cards.

Immigration and emigration material includes a declaration of intent and certificate of naturalization for George and Betty Praschkauer, Hans' declaration of intent, copies of his birth certificate, an affidavit, financial records, vaccination certificates, a medical exam for a visa application, and a certificate stating that Hans does not have a criminal record. The series also includes passenger pamphlets, ship maps, itineraries, tickets, a clipping, pamphlets, and passenger instructions from the SS *Conte Verde* and the SS *General Gordon*. Documents relating to Hans' life in Shanghai include a census, an ID card, membership cards, a photograph of Hans in Shanghai, an inventory of belongings, and a lease for an apartment in Shanghai.

Writings include ten notebooks and one calendar kept by Hans mainly while living in Germany and Shanghai. In the notebooks Hans kept notes about different plays and films and practiced English vocabulary and grammar. The notebooks also include diary entries and poetry. The series also includes

two scrapbooks which contain lists, clippings, writings, membership cards, vaccination certificates, business cards, and other memorabilia kept by Hans while living in Shanghai.

Printed material includes playbills from American films shown in Shanghai, a memorial pamphlet for synagogues destroyed during the war, and a pamphlet entitled "Good-bye Mr. Ghoya," published in Shanghai in September 1945. The pamphlet was a denunciation of Sgt. Kano Ghoya, the Japanese ex-vice chief of the Stateless Refugees' Affairs Bureau in Shanghai, and includes seven cartoons by Friedrich Melchior. The series also includes an article about refugees in Shanghai and newspaper clippings relating to refugees in Shanghai, DP camps, and the SS *General Gordon*.

### **System of arrangement**

The collection is arranged as four series:

Series 1: Biographical material, 1920-1986

Series 2: Immigration and emigration, 1939-1956

Series 3: Scrapbooks and writings, 1930-1952

Series 4: Printed material, 1939-2002

### **Indexing terms**

#### **Person:**

Praschkauer, Hans, 1919-2004.

#### **Topical Subject:**

World War, 1939-1945--China--Shanghai.

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

Jewish refugees--China--Shanghai.

#### **Geographic:**

Breslau (Germany)

Shanghai (China)

United States--Emigration and immigration--History.

#### **Genre/Form:**

Certificates.

Correspondence.

Newspaper clippings.

Photographs.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

### **Series 1: Biographical material, 1920-1986**

<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
1.1	Praschkauer, Hans, 1920-1993 (negatives stored separately)

OS 1	
1.2	Restitution material, circa 1964-1986
1.3	School records, 1927-1935
OS 2	

**Series 2: Immigration and emigration, 1938-1956**

Box/Folder	Title
1.4	Praschkauer, George and Betty, 1950-1955
1.5	Praschkauer, Hans, 1938-1956
1.6	
OS 3	Shanghai, 1939-1949
1.7	<i>SS Conte Verde</i> , 1939-1943
1.8	<i>SS General Gordon</i> , 1949

**Series 3: Scrapbooks and writings, 1930-1952**

Box/Folder	Title
1.9	Calendar, 1938-1939
1.10	Notebooks, 1930-1933
1.11	Notebooks, 1938-1939
1.12	Notebooks, 1938-1951
1.13	Notebooks, 1932-1934
BE 1	Scrapbook, 1935-1952
BE 2	Scrapbook, 1935-1949

**Series 4: Printed material, 1939-2002**

Box/Folder	Title
BE 3	Association of Former Central European Refugees from Shanghai, 1973
1.14	Destination Shanghai: Refuge for Stateless Jews, 1996
1.15	Newspaper clippings, 1940-2002
OS 4-5	
1.16	Playbills, 1939-1949
1.17	Publications, 1945-1959