

EVELYN KLEIN ALTMAN PAPERS, 1939
2010.336.1

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Evelyn Klein Altman papers

Dates: 1939

Accession number: 2010.336.1

Creator: Altman, Evelyn, 1930-2001.

Extent: 1.1 linear foot (1 oversized box, 1 folder)

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Abstract: The Evelyn Klein Altman papers include three printed menus from the Hamburg America Line's ship the MS *St. Louis*; a Cuban immigration card for Evelyn Klein, May 27, 1939; and a photograph album containing images of the Klein family and other passengers in Hamburg, Germany and aboard the MS *St. Louis*, 1939.

Languages: German, Spanish

Administrative Information

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Separated materials: Luggage tags used by the Klein family aboard the MS *St. Louis* (2010.336.2; 2010.336.3).

Related materials: Photographs of Evelyn Klein, her mother Maria Hermanda, and her stepfather Miklos Klein aboard the MS *St. Louis*, 1939 (Photograph numbers: 61131; 61132; 61128; 61135; 61133; 61134; 61126; 61127; 61136; 61137A; 61137; 61127).

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Biographical note

Evelyn Klein Altman was born on June 12, 1930, near Vienna, Austria, to Maria Hermanda. Her mother later married Miklos (Nicolaus) Klein and she and Evelyn adopted his last name. In 1939, the Klein family acquired entry visas and landing permits for Havana, Cuba, and purchased tickets for the Hamburg-Amerika luxury liner, MS *St. Louis*. The family left Hamburg, Germany, for Havana aboard the ship on May 13, 1939. They reached Havana on May 27. The Klein family was among the 28 passengers, out of 937, who's landing permits for Cuba and visas for the United States were considered valid by the Cuban government. The ship, with the remaining passengers, nearly all Jewish refugees from Nazi controlled countries, was forced to return to Europe. The Klein family disembarked in Havana, where they stayed until 1941 when they left for the United States. Hermanda died in 1988. Evelyn married Don Altman and had three children. She died in Denver, Colorado, age 71, on July 5, 2001.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Evelyn Klein Altman papers are arranged into two series.

Series 1. Printed materials, 1939

Series 2. Photograph album, 1939

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1. Printed materials, 1939

| Folder | Title: |
|---------------|---|
| 1 of 1 | MS <i>St. Louis</i> menus and Cuban identification card, 1939 |

Series 2. Photograph album, 1939

| Box | Title: |
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| Box 1 | " <i>St. Louis</i> ," 1939 |

Indexing terms

People:

Altman, Evelyn, 1930-2001.

Klein, Miklos.

Klein, Maria Hermanda.

Corporate:

Hamburg-American Line.

St. Louis (Ship)

Topics:

Children.

Families.

Holocaust survivors.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

Jewish children in the Holocaust.

Jewish children.

Jewish refugees.

Refugees.

World War, 1939-1945.

World War, 1939-1945--Refugees.

Geography:

Cuba.

Germany.

Hamburg (Germany)

Gene / Form:

Identification cards.

Menus.

Photograph album.