

**PETER VERES FAMILY PAPERS, approximately 1848-2010
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Descriptive summary

Title: Peter Veres family papers

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Creator: Veres, Peter, 1938-

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Abstract: The Peter Veres papers consist of family records, photographs, genealogical materials, immigration documents, and reparations records documenting the history of a Jewish family in Budapest, their experiences with labor camps, hiding, and deportations during World War II and the Holocaust, and their immigration to New York in 1949.

Languages: Hungarian, English, Italian, Hebrew, German, Russian, Spanish

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: The dental x-ray associated with oversize folder 8 is kept in cold storage for preservation reasons and would require additional time for acclimatization before it could be served to researchers.

Technical access: Files stored on the "Fejer and Danos buildings 1906-1931" DVD should be digitally available within the digitized collection. The DVD itself might not be available due to physical deterioration or lack of required software or hardware.

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Acquisition information: Peter Veres donated the Peter Veres family papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2010.

Separated material: Peter Veres also donated a book, *Utam a Metropolitanbe*, by Gábor Carelli, which was transferred to the Museum's library (ML420.C255 A3 1979). Two oral history interviews Veres conducted are cataloged separately as 2010.81.2 and 2010.81.12. Two reels of 9.5mm film are cataloged as 2010.81.3. A number of additional objects are cataloged separately as 2010.81.4-2010.81.11. A musical CD, *Gabor Carelli, Tenor, Arias, Duets, Neapolitan Songs, 1997*, is also being transferred to the Museum's library.

Related material: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's library also holds Peter Veres' book, *Kati's Story: Recollections of Two Worlds*,

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

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Biographical note

Peter Veres was born in London in October 1938 to Gyorgy (George, 1906-1974) and Kato (Kati/Catherine) Veres (1911-1994). George's parents were Ármin Veres (1876-1945) and Sári Veres (nee Hajossy, 1881-1953). Ármin's family had changed its name to Veres from Roth in 1906, while Sári's family had changed its name from Schiff to Hajossy in 1862. Kati's parents were Béla Krausz (1878-1944) and Lenke Krausz (nee Deutsch, 1887-1968). Lenke's parents were Vilmos Deutsch (1855-1934) and Irene Müller (1864-1922). Kati's brother, Gabor Krausz Carelli (1915-1999), adopted his new last name while studying singing in Italy.

George and Kati traveled to London to give birth to Peter and baptize him as an Anglican in an effort to afford him some protections as Hungary increasingly aligned itself with Nazi Germany. The family returned to Budapest the month after he was born. George spent 29 months in a forced labor camp during various periods between 1940 and 1944. Béla Krausz was sent to a Nazi internment camp in May 1944, shortly after the German occupation of Hungary, deported from there in July 1944, and is presumed to have been killed at Auschwitz. Peter's younger brother, Paul, was born in Budapest in June 1944. Shortly after the entry of Soviet troops into Hungary in October 1944, Peter was hidden with two Swiss women, and Kati escaped from a deportation march. She hid with her mother and younger son at the Hotel Pannonia until the siege of Budapest. George escaped from his forced labor battalion in December 1944, was caught and sentenced to death, and found refuge in a Swedish safe house. The family was reunited after the Soviets liberated Pest in January 1945, and they returned to their villa after the Soviets overran the last German position in Buda in May 1945. The Veres family immigrated to New York via Italy in 1949 and joined Kati's brother, Gabor Carelli, who had emigrated in 1939.

Scope and content of collection

The Peter Veres family papers consist of family records, photographs, genealogical materials, immigration documents, and reparations records documenting the history of a Jewish family in Budapest, their experiences with labor camps, hiding, and deportations during World War II and the Holocaust, and their immigration to New York in 1949.

The Kato Krausz Veres materials include birth and marriage certificates, identification papers, an account book, education records, health records, an obituary, and other material documenting Kati's childhood in Budapest, experiences in Hungary during the 1930s and 1940s, religious conversion, immigration to the United States, and death in 1994. This series also includes letters Kati wrote to her parents in October 1938 while she was in London for Peter's birth, an identification document for Kati's son, Peter Veres, and an obituary for her sister in law, Agnes Hardy.

The George Veres materials include birth certificates, childhood letters, identification papers, education records, labor camp records, health records, an obituary, and other material documenting George's childhood in Budapest, his operation of a Goodyear store in Budapest, experiences in forced labor during the war, religious conversion, immigration to the United States, and death in 1974.

The Béla Krausz materials include birth and marriage records, school records, military papers, life insurance records, and correspondence documenting Béla's birth in Eger, legal education and practice, marriage to Lenke Deutsch, military service, and internment before his deportation and death.

The Lenke Deutsch Krausz materials include identification papers, an account book, date books, journals, correspondence, education records, Budapest property records, emigration records, a death certificate, and obituaries documenting Lenke's childhood in Budapest, experiences in Hungary during the 1930s and 1940s, immigration to the United States, and death in 1968. This series also includes obituaries and other materials about her parents Vilmos and Irene Deutsch, brother Laszlo Danos, and relative Emanuel Müller.

The Gabor Krausz Carelli materials include birth certificates, identification papers, education and financial records, address and date books, immigration records, news clippings, correspondence, and other material documenting Gabor's childhood in Budapest, immigration to the United States in 1939, and his family's efforts to contact him during the war. This series also includes awards, opera posters, programs, publicity records, schedules, and USO correspondence documenting Gabor's singing career in Italy, the United States, and Hungary.

The Ármin and Sári Veres materials include birth certificates, identification papers, love letters, marriage records, death announcements, photographs of Sári's funeral and the Veres' tombstones, and other material documenting the Veres' lives in Hungary. This series also includes records documenting Veres and Hajossy relatives including Albert and Fani Hajossy, Fanni Hegedus Hercz, Salamon Löwy, Samuel and Marton Roth, and Jacob, Markus, and Moricz Schiff, as well as research into Schiff and Hajossy family history.

Photographic materials include seven family photo albums, one of which was dismantled at some point, documenting the Vilmos Deutsch and Irene Müller family, Lajos Krausz and Linka Klein family, Ármin Veres and Sári Hajossy family, Béla Krausz and Lenke Deutsch family, and George Veres and Kati Krausz family. The albums primarily include photographs of family members, but some also include additional

photographs and documents. For example, the Vilmos Deutsch and Irene Müller family album includes the couple's 1917 passports, 1986 photographs of a silver menorah, and photographs of the buildings in Budapest that used to be the Deutsch family apartment, Kati's school, and Goodyear store operated by George Veres. The Lajos Krausz and Linka Klein family album includes family trees and childhood letters from the Krausz children to their parents. The Béla Krausz and Lenke Deutsch family album includes marriage documents and bookplates, and the "Kató and Gabi growing up" album includes documents and photographs related to Beniamino Gigli.

Genealogical materials include family trees, family history, and unidentified 19th century Hebrew materials documenting the Deutsch/Müller family, the Krausz family, the Roth/Veres family, and the Schiff/Hajossy family.

Immigration documents include letters Peter Veres' family sent to Sári Veres from Italy after leaving Hungary and preparing to immigrate to the United States and records documenting the family's immigration and naturalization process in America. These files also include records documenting the family's registration as refugees in Italy and records documenting alternative plans to emigrate to Canada or Costa Rica.

Reparations records include correspondence, forms, affidavits, and payment notifications documenting the Veres family's efforts to receive reparations for Béla Krausz's death, George Veres' forced labor, and the theft of valuables.

System of arrangement

The Peter Veres family papers are arranged as ten series:

- Series 1: Kato Krausz Veres materials, 1911-1994
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Indexing terms

Jews – Hungary – Budapest.

Hidden children (Holocaust)

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Holocaust survivors – New York (State) – New York.

Forced labor – Hungary.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) – Reparations.

Jewish singers

Budapest (Hungary)

United States – Emigration and immigration – 20th century.

Photographs

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1.11	Isabella Home, approximately 1991-1992
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Series 8: Genealogy, approximately 1850-2010 (bulk 2010)

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