

**KLEINBERG FAMILY PAPERS, 1912-1946 [BULK 1939-1941]  
2011.136.2**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Kleinberg family papers

Dates: 1912-1946 (bulk 1939-1941)

Accession number: 2011.136.2

Creators: Kleinberg family

Extent: 16 folders

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,  
Washington, DC 20024-2126.

Abstract: The Kleinberg family comprises Wilhelm and Antonia Kleinberg's six children, their spouses, and children. Originally from Krakow, Poland, the family was living separately throughout Poland at the time of Nazi occupation in 1939. The Kleinberg family papers comprises postcards and letters written between the Kleinberg siblings, their spouses, parents, and friends from 1939 until 1945 and documents related to the law career, Soviet camp imprisonment, and death of Izydor Minder, Wilhelm and Antonia's son-in-law.

Language: Polish, German, Russian

**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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Ewa Kleinberg Janowska Boiseé. At the time of donation, accession numbers 2011.136.1 and 2011.382.1 were assigned, respectively. Both of these accessions have since been unified with into this collection, which is now referenced as 2011.136.2.

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### **Biographical note**

The Kleinberg family comprises Wilhelm and Antonia Kleinberg's six children, their spouses, and children: Zofia Minder (Izydor), Irena Kirsch (Isaak), Edward (Maria Rembisz), Paulina Keiner (Ferdynand), Juliush (Sabina Goldfinger), and Roman (Alicia Janowska). Originally from Krakow, where Wilhelm owned a photography studio, the Kleinberg family was spread throughout Poland at the time of Nazi occupation in 1939. Nearly the entire family perished in the Holocaust. Wilhelm and Antonia were both shot by the Gestapo in 1942 after fleeing from Krakow to Rabka. Zofia, the eldest of the Kleinberg children, remained in Krakow and was deported to Stutthof, where she died in 1945. Her husband, Izydor and son, Jerzy fled to Lwow, where they lived with Roman, the youngest Kleinberg child. In 1941, they were arrested by the Gestapo and deported to the Soviet Union. Izydor and Roman both died of typhus in Uzbekistan. Jerzy survived a shooting in Uzbekistan and escaped to England, where he died from endocardia in 1945. Roman's wife, Alicia, and daughters, Anna and Ewa survived the war with the help of a close family friends, Lola Schiffeldrinn and Helena Lgocka. The girls hid briefly on a farm until Alicia obtained fake identification papers (*Kennkarte*) for them. Irena, a music teacher who was widowed before the war, escaped to England by way of Romania. Edward, his wife Maria, and Paulina were the only other Kleinberg family members to survive.

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

The Kleinberg family papers comprises postcards and letters written between the members of the Kleinberg family from 1939 until 1945. The majority of the correspondence is between the Kleinberg siblings and their immediate families, with the many of the letters coming from Zofia Minder in Krakow and Lola Schifeldrim, a close family friend who worked for Irena's husband, Ferdynand Keiner and assisted Roman's wife and daughters. Several of the postcards are written from a Soviet work camp, many of which are from Roman and Izydor. A majority of the postcards and letters have messages from multiple parties. Also included in this collection are documents pertaining specifically to Izydor Minder. Items include a notebook he used in law school, his Krakow Bar Association identification card, and a notice regarding his bar membership from 1939. Izydor's Soviet work camp identification card and death record is also comprised in this collection, among other related material.

### **System of arrangement**

The Kleinberg family papers are arranged as two series:

- Series 1: Correspondence, 1939-1946
- Series 2: Izydor Minder papers, 1912-1946

### **Indexing terms**

Kleinberg, Wilhelm (1865-1942).

Kleinberg, Antonia (1867-1942).

Kleinberg, Juliusz (1900-1942).

Kleinberg, Roman (1902-1942).

Kleinberg-Janowska, Alicja (1904-1972).  
Kirsch, Irena (1898-1972).  
Keiner, Paulina (1896-1987).  
Minder, Zofia (1894-1945).  
Minder, Izydor (1893-1942).  
Minder, Jerzy (1921-1945).  
Janowska, Anna (1936-).  
Janowska, Ewa (1931-).  
Schiffeldrinn, Lola.  
Lgocka, Helena.  
Goldman, Leopold (1893-).

Stutthof (Concentration camp).

Jewish ghettos--Poland.  
Jewish ghettos--Ukraine--L'viv.  
Lawyers--Poland.  
Photographers--Poland.  
Forced labor--Soviet Union.  
Holocaust victims.  
Holocaust survivors.  
Typhus fever.

Kraków (Poland).  
Rabka (Województwo Małopolskie, Poland).  
Szczawnica (Poland).  
L'viv (Ukraine).

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1: Correspondence, 1939-1945

Folder	Title
1	Goldman, Leopold, 1940-1941
2	Keiner, Paulina, 1946
3	Kirsch, Irena, 1940
4	Kleinberg, Alicja, 1940-1941
5	Kleinberg, Juliusz, 1941
6	Kleinberg, Roman, 1940
7	Kleinberg, Wilhelm, 1939-1941
8	Lgocka, Helene, 1941-1942
9	Minder, Zofia, 1939-1940
10	Schiffeldrinn, Lola, 1939-1941
11	Unidentified correspondents, 1940-1945

**Series 2: Izydor Minder papers, 1912-1946**

Folder	Title
12	Bar association papers and identification card, 1933-1939
13	Death record, 1946
14	Law school notebook, 1912
15	Soviet camp identification card and related papers, 1941-1942
16	Train pass, 1939