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HERZBERG FAMILY PAPERS, circa 1896-1945
2011.391.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Herzberg family papers

Dates: circa 1896-1945

Accession number: 2011.391.1

Creator: Herzberg (Family : Fulda, Germany)

Extent: 0.2 linear foot (12 folders, 1 oversize folder)

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Abstract: The Herzberg family papers include biographical materials and photographs documenting the family of Jacob and Margaret (née Bloch) Herzberg, and their daughter Rachel, originally of Fulda, Germany. Included are family photographs and documents, including birth certificates, and certificates related to religious ceremonies and weddings, extending back to the late 1890s. Also included are forms and correspondence related to the efforts of the Herzberg family to emigrate from Germany, their successful arrival in the United States, Jacob Herzberg's application to not be considered as an enemy alien, and U.S. naturalization certificates. Family photographs depict the Herzberg and Bloch families primarily in Germany before World War II.

Languages: German, English, Hebrew

Administrative Information

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Acquisition information: Rachel Herzberg Kurz donated the Herzberg family papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2011.

Related material: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also holds the Kurz family papers (2011.281.1) documenting the family of Rachel Herzberg Kurz's husband, Alfred Kurz.

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

Jacob Herzberg (August 17, 1892-1976) and his wife Margaret (née Fanny Grete Bloch, b. 1905) were married in 1929 and lived in Fulda, Germany with their daughters Ruth (b. July 7, 1930) and Rachel (b. March 27, 1939, later Kurz). Jacob was born in Frankfurt am Main to William Herzberg (1851-1924) and Karoline Birkenruth Herzberg (1855-1896). Jacob had a sister named Helene and a brother named Julius (b. 1894). Jacob served in the German army during World War I. Margaret Bloch was born in Sankt Johann an der Saar to Leopold and Amalie Bloch. She had four siblings: Liesel, Hans, Max, and Siegfried. The Herzberg family immigrated to the United States aboard the SS *President Harding* in September 1939.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Herzberg family papers are arranged as two series:

Series 1: Biographical material, 1896-1945

Series 2: Photographs, circa 1900-1945

Indexing terms

Personal names

Herzberg, Jacob.

Topical terms

Jews--Germany--Fulda.

Geographic terms

Fulda (Germany)

United States--Emigration and immigration.

Genre terms

Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Biographical material, 1896-1945

Box/Folder	Description
Folder 1 of 12	Bloch, Malchen, 1937
Folder 2 of 12	Herzberg, Jacob, 1918-1939
Folder 3 of 12, OS 1	Herzberg, Jacob and Margaret, 1929, 1939
Folder 4 of 12	Herzberg, Julius, 1897, 1914
Folder 5 of 12	Herzberg, Margaret Bloch, 1939
Folder 6 of 12	Herzberg, Rachel, 1939
Folder 7 of 12	Herzberg, William Jacob, tribute drawings and poems, 1903-1908
Folder 8 of 12	Herzberg-Birkenruth family book, 1896
Folder 9 of 12	Herzberg-Bloch family book, 1929
Folder 10 of 12	Immigration and naturalization, 1938-1945

Series 2: Photographs, circa 1900-1945

Box/Folder	Description
Folder 11 of 12	Bloch family, circa 1905-1935
Folder 12 of 12	Herzberg family, circa 1900-1945