

SALM FAMILY PAPERS, 1776-1985
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Descriptive summary

Title: Salm family papers

Dates: 1776-1985 (bulk 1898-1944)

Accession number: 2012.360.1

Creator: Salm (Family :Cologne, Germany)

Extent: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: The Salm family papers contain biographical materials, correspondence, emigration and immigration records, and restitution papers documenting the Salm family of Cologne, Germany and their immigration to the United States. The papers primarily consist of biographical materials including marriage certificates and identification papers, and emigration and immigration records of Kurt and Meta Salm's immigration to the United States in 1937, and Kurt's parents David and Anna Salm's immigration to the United States in 1940. These records include travel arrangements, visa applications, inventories, and naturalization records.

Languages: English, German, Hebrew

Administrative Information

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Biographical note

David Salm (1878-1954) was born in Schweich, Germany to Joseph and Gertrude Salm. He was employed as a merchant, and also served in the German military during the First World War. He married Anna (Darnbacher) Salm in 1904. Anna (1880-1959) was born in Bühl, Germany to Ferdinand and Fanny Darnbacher.

Kurt Salomon Elias Salm (1906-1985) was born in Dotzheim, Germany to David and Anna Salm. He is later referred to as Kurt David Elias Salm. He worked as a merchant in Cologne-Nippes, Germany and married Meta (Bach) Salm in 1935. Meta (1907-1994) was born in Trier, Germany to baker Isidor Bach and Helena Ackermann.

Kurt and Meta Salm emigrated from Cologne to the United States in 1937 and settled in Flushing, New York. They had a son, Harold, in 1940. David and Anna Salm emigrated from Cologne to the United States in 1940 via passage on a ship to Genoa, Italy. In Italy they were able to book passage to the United States. They also settled in Flushing, New York.

Scope and content of collection

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Biographical materials include birth, marriage and death certificates; identification papers; military papers of David Salm, including his Honor Cross of the World War ribbon and certificate received in 1935; letters of recommendation for Kurt Salm; and Salm family genealogy papers including a golden wedding anniversary booklet for David Salm's parents, Joseph and Gertrude Salm. Also included is a document from 1776 from the Margrave of Baden pledging protection to a Jew named Gottlieb Moses of Bühl, who was likely an ancestor of Anna Salm.

There are a few letters to Kurt from 1937 that appear to discuss arrangements for their immigration to the United States. There are also a few other letters from his mother Anna as well as someone named M. Levy.

The emigration and immigration records consist of Kurt and Meta Salm's naturalization paperwork, and David and Anna's travel arrangements, inventories, visa applications, and correspondence regarding missing luggage.

The restitution papers are primarily pension and insurance papers for Kurt Salm.

System of arrangement

The Salm family papers are arranged as four series:

Series 1: Biographical materials, 1776-1982

Series 2: Correspondence, 1922-1945

Series 3: Emigration and immigration records, 1937-1971

Series 4: Restitution papers, 1966-1985

All series are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Indexing terms

Jews—Germany—Cologne

Jewish refugees—United States—History—20th century

United States—Emigration and Immigration

Cologne (Germany)

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