

## **AENNI AND ERIC KAUFMAN PAPERS, 1930-1972**

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#### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Aenni and Eric Kaufman papers

Dates: 1930-1972 (bulk 1945-1972)

Accession number: 2013.124.1

Creator: Kaufman, Aenni, 1894-1952.  
Kaufman, Eric, 1895-1987.

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Abstract: The collection primarily documents the post-war lawsuits brought forth by Aenni and Eric Kaufman, originally of Berlin, Germany, to recover ownership of shares of I.G. Chemie (later known as Interhandel and Societe Internationale) owned by Aenni's mother Paula Ehrlich who was killed at Auschwitz in 1942. Included are legal documents and correspondence covering several lawsuits from as early as 1943 through 1966. There are also legal documents regarding a lawsuit filed by Eric against his lawyers from the firm of Graubard and Moskovitz filed around 1966. Also included are immigration papers, documents regarding the death of Paula Ehrlich, German passports of Aenni and Eric, a clipping from *Aufbau* of an ad placed by Aenni searching for information on her mother, and photographs of Aenni and Eric's children, Emil and Ruth, upon their arrival to the United States from Amsterdam in 1940.

Languages: English, German, Dutch

#### **Administrative Information**

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Processing history: Adam Fielding, July 2017

### **Biographical note**

Aenni Karoline Ehrlich (later Aenni Kaufman, 1894-1952) was born on 24 August 1894 in Berlin, Germany to Paula (née Kaufmann, 1868-1942) and Emanuel Ehrlich (1855-1933). She had one sister, Lotte (later Lotte Strohmborg, b. 1892).

Erich Kaufmann (later Eric Kaufman, 1895-1987) was born on 2 August 1895 in Berlin to Martha (née Lehmann) and Georg Kaufmann. He worked as a banker in Berlin.

Erich and Aenni married in Berlin, and had two children, Emil George (b. 1933) and Ruth Mirjam (later Ruth Bernstein, b. 1934). By 1936, Erich was spending time in England and Amsterdam for work, and by 1938, his family had moved to Amsterdam. Erich immigrated to the United States in 1939, settling in New York. His family came in 1940 aboard the *SS Volendam*.

Paula was deported from the Westerbork concentration camp to the Auschwitz concentration camp on 10 November 1942. She perished at Auschwitz on 13 November.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The collection is arranged as three series:

Series 1: Biographical materials, 1930-1951

Series 2: Lawsuits regarding shares of I.G. Chemie/Interhandel, 1940-1966

Series 3: Lawsuit against Graubard and Moskovitz, 1964-1972

Folders are arranged alphabetically.

**Indexing terms**

Person:

Kaufman, Aenni, 1894-1952.

Kaufman, Eric, 1895-1987.

Ehrlich, Paula, 1868-1942.

Bernstein, Ruth, 1934-

Kaufman, Emil, 1933-

Topical Subject:

World War, 1939-1945--Claims.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Netherlands--Westerbork.

Emigration & immigration--United States--1940-1950.

World War, 1939-1945--Deportations from the Netherlands.

Geography:

Berlin (Germany)

Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Genre/Form:

Photographs.

Legal documents.

Correspondence.

## CONTAINER LIST

**Series 1: Biographical materials, 1930-1951**

Box	Folder	Title
1	1	Clippings, 1940-1945
1	2	Ehrlich, Lotte: Birth certificate, 1951
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1	4	Family trees and information, undated
1	5	<i>Holland-America Line</i> List of Passengers, 1939
1	6	Immigration papers, 1936-1950
1	7	Kaufman, Aenni: Jüdischer Kulturbund (Jewish Cultural Federation) identification card, 1935
1	8	Passports, German, 1938
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**Series 2: Lawsuits regarding shares of I.G. Chemie/Interhandel, 1940-1966**

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1	14	Hugo Kaufmann and Co. Bank NV, 1940-1949
1	15	Lippmann, Rosenthal and Co./Liquidate Van Verwaltung Sarphatistraat (L.V.V.S.), 1945-1955
2	1	Rotterdamsche Bank Vereniging, 1941-1962
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**Series 3: Lawsuit against Graubard and Moskovitz, 1964-1972**

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3	4	Deposition of Eric Kaufman, 1967
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3	5	1972 January 10
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3	7	Hearing on motions, 1972 January 12
3	8	Testimony of Irving Moskowitz, 1972 January 13