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**GUMPERT FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE, 1936-1941**  
**2013.461.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Gumpert family correspondence

Dates: 1936-1941

Accession number: 2013.461.1

Creator: Gumpert (Family : Berlin, Germany)

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (1 box)

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Abstract: The Gumpert family correspondence primarily consists of letters from Isidor Gumpert in Berlin to his son and daughter-in-law, Walter and Erna Gumpert, who had immigrated to Uruguay. The collection also includes correspondence from relatives and friends in Berlin and Lübeck, Germany; Labes (now Łobez), Landsberg an der Warthe (now Gorzów Wielkopolski), and Schneidemuhl (now Piła), Poland; London, England; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and New York City.

Languages: German

**Administrative Information**

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Processing History: Julie Schweitzer, August 2019; Revised by Morgan Voth, January 2023

### **Biographical note**

Walter Gumpert was born in Germany to a Jewish couple, Isidor and Gertrud (Trude) Kohls Gumpert. Isidor was born in July 1869 in Ratzebuhr, Germany (now Okonek, Poland), to Baer (Bernhard) and Cecilie Kohls Gumpert. Isidor was a widower living in Berlin and worked as a grain farmer and businessman. According to their family, Walter and his Lutheran wife Erna Bathke (b. October 30, 1903) were persecuted by her family. Walter was apparently imprisoned in a concentration camp, but escaped, and Erna was imprisoned by the Gestapo in Berlin from February 25 to February 28 and beaten by her brothers. Walter and Erna decided to escape Germany, and on April 19, 1936 they sailed aboard the SS *Eubee* to Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, then moved to Montevideo, Uruguay, on May 21. Walter's father was imprisoned in Sachsenhausen concentration camp following Kristallnacht in November 1938, assigned prisoner number 10371, and released on November 29. Walter and Erna's daughter Ruth was born June 20, 1942. Isidor continued to live in Berlin and send Walter telegrams via the Red Cross on through December 23, 1942. The family believed that Isidor was deported to the Theresienstadt and Auschwitz concentration camps and killed in 1943. Most of Walter's extended family perished in the Holocaust.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The Gumpert family correspondence is arranged as a single series.

### **Indexing terms**

#### **Personal Names**

Gumpert, Isidor.  
Gumpert, Walter.  
Gumpert, Erna.

#### **Topical Terms**

Holocaust survivors--Uruguay.

### Geographic Names

Buenos Aires (Argentina)  
Gorzów Wielkopolski (Poland)  
Łobez (Poland)  
Łomczewo (Poland)  
London (England)  
Lübeck (Germany)  
Montevideo (Uruguay)  
New York (N.Y.)  
Piła (Poland)  
Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)  
Uruguay--Emigration and immigration.

### Genre

Correspondence.

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### Series 1: Gumpert family correspondence, 1936-1941

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