

**BUTZKE FAMILY PAPERS, 1899-1989, BULK 1936-1944
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Descriptive summary

Title: Butzke family papers

Dates: 1899-1989, bulk 1936-1944

Accession number: **2014.350.1**

Creator: Julius Butzke

Extent: 0.4 linear feet (1 box), 1 photograph album

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Abstract: Consists of papers and photographs related to family of Julius, Netty, and John (Hans) Butzke, originally of Vienna, Austria. Includes papers from Julius's pre-war work as an accountant, Netty's pre-war work as a nurse (including service during World War I) and the official papers they collected to support their attempts to immigrate. Includes Reisepasses and documents establishing their lives in the United States. Julius and Netty, along with their son Hans, immigrated first to Panama in the winter of 1940, and then to the United States.

Languages: German, English

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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Biographical note

Hans Butzke was born on May 27, 1929 in Vienna, Austria, to Julius Butzke (born in Vienna on April 14, 1899) and Netty Freiburger (born in Lviv, Poland on November 14, 1899). Netty (who rarely used her middle name, Bronislawa, as her first name) worked as a nurse in Lviv and in Vienna during World War I. Julius and Netty married on June 15, 1923. The couple lived in Vienna, where Julius worked as an accountant and Netty as a nurse. Hans was their only child. In 1936, Julius began to prepare for the family's emigration from Austria, fearing the rise of Hitler in neighboring Germany. He gathered extensive family documentation, including birth and baptismal records for previous generations of family, as well as baptismal and Christian marriage certificates for his own family. In June 1940, the family sailed to Panama, and then to New York. During World War II, Netty Butzke obtained a patent for a medical syringe. Julius Butzke died in 1952, and Netty in 1985. Hans, who changed his name to John in the United States, served in the United States military. John Butzke died on June 14, 2010.

Scope and content of collection

This collection is an excellent example of a small family collection related to immigration from Vienna to the United States. Pre-war documents establish the family's life in Vienna, while also demonstrating Julius Butzke's detailed attempts to collect genealogical records to assist with their eventual emigration from Vienna. The collection also details the family's life in the United States. A large collection of family photographs inserted into a photograph album shows pre-war life in Vienna.

Indexing terms

Butzke, Julius.

Butzke, Netty Freiburger.

Butzke, John.

Vienna (Austria)--Emigration and immigration--History--20th century.

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