

SCHLÄFRIG FAMILY PAPERS, 1924-1947
2014.538.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Schläfrig family papers

Dates: 1924-1947

Accession number: 2014.538.1

Creator: Schläfrig family (Vienna :Austria)

Extent: 6 folders

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Abstract: The Schläfrig family papers chiefly contain identification papers, correspondence, and photographs of Friedrich and Fanny Schläfrig of Vienna, Austria, who were at Theresienstadt from 1942-1945, and their daughter Marie Schläfrig who immigrated to England in 1938. The collection includes identification papers of Marie; a letter to Marie from David Broder following an interview he conducted with Friedrich in 1946; and photographs of Friedrich and his wife Fanny, Marie, and her brother Wilhelm.

Languages: English, German

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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Acquisition information: The Schläfrig family papers were donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Art Frotten in 2015. Art is the son of Marie Schläfrig Frotten.

Related archival materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also has a cookbook written by Friedrich and Fanny Schläfrig while they were at Theresienstadt (2014.538.2).

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at collections.ushmm.org for further information.

Processing history: Adam Fielding, February 2016

Biographical note

Friedrich Schläfrig (1875-1953), born in Mistelbach, Austria, was the son of country doctor Jonas Schläfrig (1833-1911). He had two brothers, Albert and Gustav (1881-1950), and three sisters, Hedwig (b. 1882), Clara, and Luise. Friedrich and his brother Gustav were both architects in Vienna. Friedrich was an architect for the Austrian Federal Railways. He married Fanny Elenore Witrofsky (b. 1886) in 1909. Her twin sister, Lina, was married to Friedrich's older brother, Albert. Friedrich and Fanny had two children, Marie (later Marie Frotten, 1911-2011) and Wilhelm (later William Shaw, 1909-1970). Marie studied art in Vienna, but after the German annexation of Austria in 1938, she immigrated to England. From there, she and her husband moved to the United States, and settled in Detroit, Michigan. Her brother Wilhelm was also an architect, and immigrated to Johannesburg, South Africa in 1936.

In 1938, Friedrich was arrested by the Gestapo in Vienna. He was imprisoned and interrogated for around two weeks then released. He and Fanny then attempted and failed to immigrate to South Africa and Australia. In 1942, they were arrested and sent to Theresienstadt concentration camp in German-occupied Czechoslovakia. They survived in the camp working in various capacities until they were liberated by the Russians in 1945. After the war, Friedrich and Fanny went to Vienna to stay with his brother Gustav, who had survived the war in Austria. They were then briefly in Paris, France before immigrating to Johannesburg.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Schläfrig family papers are arranged alphabetically as one series.

Indexing terms

People:

Schläfrig, Friedrich, 1875-1953

Schläfrig, Fanny, 1886-

Schläfrig, Marie, 1911-2011

Corporate:

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)

Topical Subject:
Jews--Austria--Vienna.
Holocaust Jewish (1939-1945)--Austria--History.

Geography:
Vienna (Austria)

Genre/Form:
Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Folder	Title
1	Identification papers: Schläfrig, Marie, 1924; 1939
2	Letter: Boder, David to Marie Schläfrig, 1947
	Photographs:
3	Family home, Vienna, Austria, circa 1939
4	Schläfrig, Friedrich and Fanny, circa 1935-circa 1946
5	Schläfrig, Marie, circa 1939
6	Schläfrig, Wilhelm, circa 1935