

## **WINTER FAMILY PAPERS, circa 1910-1954 2014.549.3**

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### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Winter family papers

Dates: circa 1910-1954

Accession number: 2014.549.3

Creator: Winter family

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: The collection documents the experiences of Max and Anna Winter, along with their children Marianne and Stephen, who fled Nazi-occupied Austria in 1938 and immigrated to the United States in 1939 with the assistance of Joseph Bomberger, the father of Marianne's pen pal Jane Bomberger in Reading, PA. The collection consists of immigration paperwork for the Winter family, including Austrian and Czechoslovakian passports, affidavits, and ship tickets; correspondence between the Winters and Bombergers; a small amount of biographical material related to Marianne; and photographs. Also included is immigration material related to Max's brother Josef Winter who immigrated to Shanghai, and Max's unsuccessful attempts to rescue his father Leopold Winter from Austria.

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

Processing history: Adam Fielding, March 2018

### **Biographical note**

Max Winter (1893-1976) was born on 18 September 1893 in Ebreichdorf, Austria to Leopold (b. 1860) and Rosa (née Heisz) Winter. He had two brothers: Richard (b. 1897) and Josef (b. 1901), and one sister, Margaret (b. 1905). He married Anna Federmann after serving in World War I. Anna (1893-1988) was born on 2 May 1893 in Německý Brod, Czechoslovakia (Havlíčkův Brod, Czech Republic) to Samuel Federmann (1852-1923) and Josephine Spitz (b. 1862). She had three brothers: Karl (b. 1890), Siegfried (b. 1891), and Heinrich (b. 1892), and one sister, Hedwig (b. 1893). Max worked as a banker and Anna was a music teacher. They had two children, Marianne (later Marianne Selinger, b. 1921) and Stephen (b. 1926).

In order to improve her English, Marianne became pen pals with Jane Bomberger (later Jane Bomberger Wentzel) in Reading, Pennsylvania through an international pen pal project. They began corresponding in 1935. After the Nazi annexation of Austria in 1938, the Winter family began to look for ways to emigrate. Marianne asked Jane for help and her father Joseph Bomberger (b. 1897) immediately agreed to sponsor the family. The Winters left Vienna for Prague in the summer of 1938 and they left Europe from Genoa, Italy on the *SS Conti di Savoia* on 26 January 1939. Upon arrival, they moved to Reading. Max then began trying to help his father emigrate from Austria, but was not successful and Leopold was deported to Theresienstadt on June 28, 1942 and died on July 26, 1942. Max's brother Josef fled Vienna and survived the Holocaust in Shanghai.

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

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Biographical materials consist of identification papers of Marianne including a certificate of nationality, an identification card for a Jewish swimming club, report cards, and a schoolbook.

Immigration materials consists of the immigration paperwork for the Winter family, including Austrian and Czechoslovakian passports, affidavits, tickets for their passage to the United States on the *SS Conti di Savoia*; papers related to Max's brother Josef Winter who immigrated to Shanghai including his

German passport; documentation related to Max's unsuccessful attempts to help his father Leopold emigrate from Austria in 1941-1942; and affidavits related to Max's attempts to rescue Emil and Annie Baumsteiger and Anne's brother Karl and his wife Elsie.

Correspondence includes pen pal letters from Marianne in Austria to Jane in Reading, PA, and letters between Max and Jane's father Joseph regarding the Bomberger's efforts to help the Winter family immigrate to the United States.

Photographs include pre-war photographs of the Winter family in Vienna and Prague, as well as wartime photographs after they immigrated to the United States.

### **System of arrangement**

The collection is arranged as four series.

Series 1. Biographical material of Marianne Winter, 1929-1938

Series 2. Immigration, 1930-1943

Series 3. Correspondence, 1916-1954

Series 4. Photographs, circa 1910-circa 1943

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

### **Indexing terms**

Person:

Winter, Max.

Winter, Anna.

Winter, Stephen.

Winter, Marianne.

Winter, Leopold.

Bomberger, Jane.

Bomberger, Joseph.

Topical Subject:

Jews--Austria--Vienna.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--China--Shanghai.

Refugees, Jewish--Austria--Vienna.

Geography:

Vienna (Austria)

Prague (Czech Republic)

Reading (Pa.)

United States--Emigration and immigration.

Genre/Form:

Photographs.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

### **Series 1. Biographical material of Marianne Winter, 1929-1938**

Box/Folder	Title
1.1	Identification papers, 1931-1938
1.2	Report cards and school book, 1929-1936

#### Series 2. Immigration, 1930-1943

Box/Folder	Title
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1.4	Federmann, Karl and Elsie, 1943
1.5	Passports: Austria, 1930-1931 (issued)
1.6	Passports: Czechoslovakia, 1939 (issued)
1.7	<i>SS Conti di Savoia</i> , 1939
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1.10	Winter, Leopold, 1941-1942

#### Series 3. Correspondence, 1916-1954

Box/Folder	Title
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