

FRITZI KLEIN NATKO PAPERS, 1901-2011
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Descriptive summary

Title: Fritzi Klein Natko papers

Dates: 1901-2011

Accession number: 2015.530.1

Creator: Natko, Fritzi Klein, 1928-2014

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Abstract: The Fritzi Klein Natko papers consist of biographical materials, correspondence, photographs, and an autograph book owned by Fritzi Klein, who immigrated to the United States as a child in June 1939 as part of the "50 children" group organized by Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus. Biographical materials include birth, marriage, residency, and naturalization certificates and identification papers. Correspondence includes letters and postcards exchanged among Fritzi in the United States, her brother in England, and their parents in Austria. Photographs depict Fritzi and Herbert Klein, their parents, and other relatives in Austria. The autograph book contains poetry and illustrations dedicated to Fritzi from her friends in Austria and America.

Languages: German, English

Administrative Information

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Biographical notes

Fritzi Klein (1928-2014) was born on September 3, 1928, in Vienna, Austria, to Robert (1892-1966) and Elsa (née Rosenblum) Klein (1898-1985). She had an older brother, Herbert (1924-2010), born on June 13, 1924. The Rosenblum family owned a clothing store in Linz, Austria, while Robert Klein's family owned an automobile repair shop, the "Berthold Klein and Co.," adjacent to their home in Vienna. Robert owned and operated the shop until he was forced to sell it to Rudolf Ott in 1938-1939 as part of the Nazi expropriation plan. In the spring of 1939, Herbert Klein went on a Kindertransport to England, and Fritzi was sent to the United States as part of Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus's "50 children" transport. After spending the summer at the Brith Sholomville camp, Fritzi went to live with a distant relative, Leo Bauman, in Newark, NJ. Robert and Elsa were able to join Fritzi in the United States in November 1939. Herbert joined the rest of his family in April 1940. The family settled in Newark. Herbert joined the American military and served with the 45th Infantry Division in Italy.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Fritzi Klein Natko papers are arranged as four series:

- Series 1: Biographical materials, 1901-2011
- Series 2: Correspondence, approximately 1939
- Series 3: Photographs, approximately 1920-1945
- Series 4: Autograph book, 1937-1941

Indexing terms

Natko, Fritzi Klein.
Klein, Robert.

Klein, Elsa.
Klein, Herbert.

Jews--Austria--Vienna.
Jewish children--Austria.
Refugee children--United States.
World War, 1939-1945--Jews--Rescue--Austria.

Vienna (Austria)
Austria--Emigration and immigration--History.
United States--Emigration and immigration--History.

Photographs.

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Series 1: Biographical materials, 1901-2011

Folder	
1	Klein, Elsa, 1901, 1914, 1923, 1937, 1945
2	Klein, Robert, 1938, 1945
3	Natko, Fritzi Klein, 1928, 1939, 1951, 2011
4	Other (Lazar and Sophie Rosenblum; Berthold Klein; Leo Rosenblum), 1901, 1932, 1937

Series 2: Correspondence, approximately 1939

Folder	
5	Klein, Herbert, approximately 1939
6	Klein, Robert and Elsa, approximately 1939
7	Other, approximately 1939

Series 3: Photographs, approximately 1920-1945

Folder	
8	Klein, Fritzi and Herbert, approximately 1924-1945
9	Family photographs, approximately 1920-1940

Series 4: Autograph book, 1937-1941

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10	Autograph book, 1937-1941