

## **LEVINSON AND STERN FAMILY PAPERS, 1875-1995**

### **2015.606.1**

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#### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Levinson and Stern family papers

Dates: 1875-1995 (bulk 1875-1958)

Accession number: 2015.606.1

Creator: Levinson family (Homburg :Germany)  
Stern family (Kassel :Germany)

Extent: 1.25 linear feet (3 boxes, 1 oversize box, 2 oversize folders)

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Abstract: The Levinson and Stern family papers primarily contain biographical materials and photographs related to the Levinson family of Homburg, Saarland, Germany and the Stern family of Kassel, Germany in the 1920s and 1930s prior to immigrating to the United States in 1935. Biographical materials include birth and death records, identification papers, a diary of Ann Stern Levinson, genealogy notes, marriage certificates and two ketubahs. Photographs include numerous identified family members in Germany as well as three photograph albums.

Languages: German, English, Hebrew

#### **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: Fred Levinson donated the Levinson and Stern family papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in October 2015.

Related archival materials: The Fred Levinson collection contains two related artifacts: an iron cross medal issued after the end of World War 1 to a brother of Ann Levinson (2015.606.3a-b); and a locket featuring photographs probably of Else Levinson's grandparents (2015.606.4a-b). A prayer book was also donated (2015.606.2).

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, November 2015

### **Biographical note / Administrative history**

Sidney Jack Levinson (1901-1969) was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany to concert pianist Else Hanff Levinson (1875-1948) and Siegfried Levinson (1875-1930). He had one sister, Lilly (1906-1933), who would later marry Otto Stern. Sidney became a doctor and married Ann Stern in 1926. They had one son, Siegfried (b. 1930), who would later change his name to Fred. Sidney convinced both the Levinson and Stern families to emigrate from Germany in 1935 after Saarland voted to rejoin Germany that same year. The majority of them settled in New York. During the war, Sidney enlisted with the United States Army, and was a captain in the Medical Corps. His son Fred also became a doctor, and married Ann Kaufman in 1952. He studied medicine in Basel, Switzerland from 1952-1957, and later settled in Middletown, New York where he opened a gynecology and obstetrics practice. They have three daughters, Elise (b. 1956), Karen (b. 1957), and Susan (b. 1957).

Ann Stern Levinson (1901-1990) was born in Ziegenhain (now Schwalmstadt), Germany to Emma Liebenthal Stern (1858-1917) and Jakob Stern (1850-1926). She had nine siblings: Jenny Stern Wallerstein (1881-1978), Bertha Stern Sachs (1883-1953?), Claire Stern Rothenstein (1885-1968), Selma Stern Zimmer (1888-1956), Irma Stern Brand (1889-1987), Max Stern (1890-1974?), Herbert Stern (1892-1975), Julius Stern (1895-1984), and Otto Stern (b. 1898).

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

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The correspondence contains some scattered letters and several telegrams. The telegrams are primarily sent from Fred and Ann Levinson while living in Basel, Switzerland to his parents Sidney and Ann Levinson announcing several events such as their engagement and the births of their daughters.

The photographs contain numerous identified family members in Germany as well as three photograph albums. Included are portraits, family gatherings and vacations, and casual photographs. There are also several photographs of Sidney Levinson while he was in the United States Army in Fort Knox, Kentucky, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and Battle Creek, Michigan. The Levinson family photograph album, 1932-1940 contains photographs from the Levinsons' trip to the United States aboard the SS Bremen in 1935 and their life in New York.

The printed material includes copies of Sidney and Fred Levinson's dissertations, clippings, and a copy of Fred Levinson's first book as a child, Mathilde Ritter's Lustige Geschichten in Wort und Bild.

### **System of arrangement**

The Levinson and Stern family papers are arranged as four series:

Series 1: Biographical materials, 1875-1991

Series 2: Correspondence, 1907-1974

Series 3: Photographs, circa 1870s-1958

Series 4: Printed material, 1904-1995

The papers are arranged alphabetically.

### **Indexing terms**

Jewish physicians--Germany.

Jewish families--Germany.

Emigration and immigration--United States.

Kassel (Germany)

Homburg (Saarland, Germany)

Photographs.

Diary.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

### **Series 1: Biographical materials, 1875-1991**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	1	Family cemetery papers and obituaries, 1939-1991
1	2	Genealogy papers, 1965-circa 1987
1	3	Hanff family, 1899-1925
		Levinson family:
1	4	Family history book, circa 1950s
1	5	Family papers, 1913; 1936
		Levinson, Ann:
1	6	Birth certificate, 1934; 1985
1	7	Diary, 1920-circa 1969

1	8	Identification papers, 1913-1935
1	9	Levinson, Elise, Susan, and Karen, 1956-1969
		Levinson, Elise:
1	10	Birth and death certificates, 1935-1952
1	11	Identification papers, 1876-1937
		Levinson, Fred:
1	12-13	Baby book, 1930-1948
1	14	Birth certificate, 1934
1	15	Identification papers, 1932-1933
1	16	Levinson, Fred and Ann: Marriage papers, 1952
		Levinson, Sidney:
1	17	Death and funeral papers, 1969
1	18	Employment papers, 1926-circa 1940s
1	19	Identification papers, 1913-1934
1	20	United States Army papers, 1942-1944
		Levinson, Sidney and Ann:
1	21	Marriage papers, 1899-1934 (2 folders)
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1	22	Poems, 1925; 1928; circa 1920s
1	23	Levinson, Siegfried: Birth and death papers, 1875-1930
1	24	Levinson, Siegfried and Elise: Marriage papers, 1899-1900
2	25	Naturalization papers, 1931; 1941
		Stern family:
1	26	Eslinger, Lola Rothenstein and Alfons: Anniversary party invitation, 1928
1	27	Stern, Emma: Memorial book, 1917
1	28	Stern, Jakob: Identification papers, 1881; 1923
1	29	Stern, Jakob and Emma: Marriage certificate, 1917

**Series 2: Correspondence, 1907-1974**

Box	Folder	Title
2	1	Family correspondence, 1907-1948
2	2	Levinson, Fred: Employment letter, 1974
2	3	Telegrams: Levinson, Fred and Ann to Sidney and Ann Levinson, 1952-1958

**Series 3: Photographs, circa 1870s-1958**

Box	Folder	Title
2	4	Friends and family, circa 1920-circa 1945
2	5	Hanff family, circa 1880s-1907
2	6	House in Homburg, Germany, 1928
2	7	Kassel, Germany, circa 1920s
		Levinson family:
2	8	Levinson family, circa 1890-1929
2	9	Levinson, Ann, 1917-1958
2	10	Levinson, Elise, 1956

2	11	Levinson, Else, circa 1880s-circa 1947
		Levinson, Fred:
2	12	Homburg, Saarland, Germany, 1930-1935
2	13	United States, 1941-circa 1945
2	14	Levinson, Fred and Ann: Wedding celebration(?) and honeymoon, 1952
2	15	Levinson, Karen and Susan, 1957
2	16	Levinson, Lilly, circa 1907-circa 1915
		Levinson, Sidney:
2	17	1901-circa 1958
2	18	United States Army, circa 1942-circa 1945
2	19	Levinson, Sidney and Ann, 1925-circa 1930s
2	20	Levinson, Siegfried, circa 1910s-1928
2	21	Levinson, Siegfried and Else, circa 1890s-1928
2	22	Lichtenhain, Edward and Lea, circa 1900s-circa 1920s
4	1	Photograph album, 1930-1938
4	2	Photograph album, 1932-1940
		Stern family:
2	23	Stern family, 1917-circa 1956
2	24	Brand, Irma Stern, circa 1920s-circa 1930s
2	25	Eslinger, Lola Rothenstein, circa 1920s-1930
2	26	Frank, Therese, circa 1900s-circa 1920s
2	27	Frankfurt, Germany, 1919
2	28	Gliwice, Poland, 1923
2	29	Stern, Else, 1920
2	30	Stern, Emma, circa 1880s-circa 1910s
2	31	Stern, Gerd, circa 1940s
2	32	Stern, Hedwig, circa 1911-circa 1920
2	33	Stern, Herbert, circa 1910s-circa 1930s
2	34	Stern, Jakob, circa 1870s-circa 1910s
2	35	Stern, Mathilde, circa 1875-circa 1900
2	36	Stern, Mendel and Jetta, circa 1875-circa 1900
2	37	Zimmer, Selma and Julius, circa 1910s
2	38	Photograph album, 1917-1924
4	3	Photograph album, 1927-1934
2	39	Loose photograph album pages, 1913-circa 1930s

#### Series 4: Printed material, 1904-1995

Box	Folder	Title
3	1	Alexander, Siegfried: <i>Beträge zur Ornithologie Palastinas auf Grund der alten hebraischen quellen</i> , 1915
3 OS	2 1	Clippings, circa 1920s-1995 (2 folders)
3	3	Kirschweg, Johannes: <i>Mein Saar-Brevier</i> , circa 1949
3	4	Kranz, J.H.: <i>Kreizschwerneng, Spass, muss senq! : Gedichte in Schwälmer Mundart</i> , 1904

3	5	Levinson, Fred: Dissertation, 1956
3	6	Levinson, Sidney: Dissertation, 1926
OS	2	Map: Kassel, Germany, circa 1964
OS	2	Picture of SS United States, circa 1952
3	7	Postcards and other printed material, circa 1950s-circa 1970s
3	8	Ritter, Mathilde: <i>Lustige Geschichten in Wort und Bild</i> , circa 1920s