

SPANGENTHAL FAMILY PAPERS, 1929-1965 2017.125.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Spangenthal family papers

Dates: 1929-1965 (bulk 1936-1941)

Accession number: 2017.125.1

Creator: Spangenthal family (Kassel: Germany).

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: The collection primarily contains the correspondence of Ludwig and Kurt Spangenthal, who immigrated to the United States in 1936 and 1938 respectively and settled in Baltimore, Maryland, with their mother Marianne Spangenthal (née Schönemann) in Kassel, Germany prior to her deportation in 1942. Also included is correspondence between Ludwig, Kurt, and Marianne and Marianne's brother Robert Schönemann, who immigrated to the United States in 1939. There is biographical material related to Ludwig which includes his German passport, photographs, scattered notes, and identification papers mostly related to education and employment.

Languages: German, English

Administrative Information

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Biographical note

Ludwig Spangenthal (later Louis Spangenthal, 1916-2008) was born in Sontra, Germany to Robert (1886-1921) and Marianne (née Schönemann, 1883-1942) Spangenthal. He had one brother, Kurt (1918-1995). The family later moved to Kassel, Germany. Ludwig immigrated to the United States on board the SS *Berengaria* in 1936, and settled in Baltimore, Maryland with relatives. He worked at his relative's business J. Schoeneman, Incorporated, a men's clothing manufacturer. His brother Kurt immigrated in 1938 on board the SS *Manhattan* and joined Ludwig in Baltimore. Their maternal uncle Robert Schönemann (1886-1954) also immigrated to the United States in 1939. Kurt joined the United States Army in 1941. In May 1942 Marianne was deported to the Majdanek concentration camp where she likely perished.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as two series:

Series 1: Biographical materials of Ludwig Spangenthal, 1929-circa 1951

Series 2: Correspondence, 1936-1965 and undated

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

Indexing terms

Person:

Spangenthal, Ludwig, 1916-2008.

Spangenthal, Kurt, 1918-1995.

Spangenthal, Marianne, 1883-1942.

Schönemann, Robert, 1886-1954.

Topical Subject:

Emigration and immigration--United States--1930-1940.

Jewish families--Germany.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Germany--Kassel.

Geography:
Kassel (Germany)

Genre/Form:
Photographs.
Correspondence.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Biographical materials of Ludwig Spangenthal, 1929-circa 1951

Folder	Title
1	Clipping, circa 1950s
2	Identification papers, 1929-circa 1951
3	Miscellaneous notes, 1929-circa 1944
4	Notebook, circa 1937
5	Passport, Germany, 1935
6	Photographs, 1936
7	Postcards, blank, circa 1936

Series 2: Correspondence, 1936-1965 and undated

Folder	Title
8	Etta (last name unknown): 1936
9	Francis (last name unknown): Spangenthal, Marianne, 1938
10	Schönemann, Ansel: Spangenthal, Ludwig, 1965 and undated
	Schönemann, Robert:
11	Spangenthal, Marianne, 1939-1941
12	1939-1950 and undated
	Spangenthal, Kurt:
13	Schönemann, Robert, circa 1938
14	Spangenthal, Ludwig, circa 1936
15	Spangenthal, Marianne, 1938-1941
	Spangenthal, Ludwig:
16	Spangenthal, Kurt, 1942
17	Spangenthal, Marianne, 1936-1941
18	Spangenthal, Marianne, undated and fragments
19	1937-1942
20	1955-1962 and undated
	Spangenthal, Ludwig and Kurt:
21	Estate correspondence, 1955-1957
22	Schönemann, Robert, 1937-1938 and undated
23	Spangenthal, Marianne, 1938-1939
24	Spangenthal, Marianne, 1940-1941
25	Spangenthal, Mariane: 1936