

## **HOLLÄNDER FAMILY PAPERS, 1889-1959**

### **2017.182.1**

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#### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Holländer family papers

Dates: 1889-1959 (bulk 1930-1945)

Accession number: 2017.182.1

Creator: Holländer (Berlin, Germany)

Extent: 17 folders

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Abstract: The collection documents the pre-war lives of Gerson and Jenny Holländer and their daughter Gerda in Berlin, Germany and their immigration to the United States in 1938. Included are documents related to relatives, photographs, identification documents, marriage and death certificates, and immigration documents. The bulk of the correspondence is with Jenny's uncle Max Friedwald in Montana; S. Frohman, Max's executor of his estate; and Louis Melnick regarding their emigration from Germany.

Languages: German, English, Polish, 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:** The collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Deborah Alevy in 2017. Deborah's mother was Gerda Holländer.

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

**Processing history:** Adam Fielding, June 2017

### **Biographical note**

Jenny Lea Renzer (later Jenny Holländer, 1910-1974) was born on 4 September 1910 in Berlin, Germany to Golde (born Chaja Golde Friedwald, 1865-1915) and Samuel David Renzer (born Samuel David Renzel, 1871-1914). By 1915 both of Jenny's parents had died, and she went to live with her maternal aunt Reisel Anghouli (Rosa, 1873-1937). Reisel had two sons, Max (b. 1897) and Josef (1902-1943) who grew up with Jenny.

Gerson Holländer was born on 15 October 1904 in the Podgórze district of Kraków, Poland to Selig and Amalia (b. 1872, née Goldschein) Holländer. He had at least one sister, Rebekka (later Rebekka Bretler, 1910-1942) and one brother, Isak (b. 1915).

Jenny and Gerson married in 1930 in Berlin, and their daughter Gerda was born in 1932. By the mid-1930s, as persecution of Jews in Germany increased, they began to explore ways to emigrate. Jenny's maternal uncle, Max Friedwald (1863-1937), who had previously immigrated to the United States and become a successful businessman in Montana provided support for them. After his death in 1937, the executors of his estate continued his efforts, and Jenny, Gerson, and Gerda emigrated from Berlin in 1938. They settled in New York.

Josef Anghouli was deported from Berlin to the Warsaw Ghetto where he perished in 1943. Gerson's entire family was killed in the Holocaust except for his brother Isak.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The collection is arranged as three series:

Series 1: Biographical material, 1889-1947

Series 2: Correspondence, circa 1930s-1959

Series 3: Photographs, circa 1890-circa 1930

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

### **Indexing terms**

Person:

Holländer, Gerson, 1904-

Holländer, Jenny, 1910-1974.

Holländer, Gerda, 1932-  
Anghouli, Reisel, 1873-1937.  
Renzer, Samuel David, 1871-1914.  
Renzer, Golde, 1865-1915.  
Topical Subject:  
Jewish families--Germany--Berlin.  
Emigration and immigration--United States--1930-1940.

Geography:  
Berlin (Germany)

Genre/Form:  
Photographs.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1: Biographical material, 1889-1947

Folder	Title
	Holländer, Gerson:
1	Identification papers, 1937-1938
2	Passport, Poland, 1938
3	Holländer, Jenny: Passport, Poland, 1937
4	Immigration papers, 1938-1947
5	Marriage certificates, 1930-1938
6	Renzer, Golde: Identification papers, 1914-1915
7	Renzer, Samuel David: Identification papers, 1889-1901

### Series 2: Correspondence, circa 1930s-1959

Folder	Title
	Holländer, Gerson:
8	Holländer, Amalia, 1940
9	Melnick, Louis, 1937-1938
10	1939-1941
11	Holländer, Gerson and Jenny: Frohman, S., 1938
	Holländer, Jenny:
12	Friedwald, Max, 1931-1937
13	Friedwald, Sam, 1938-1945
14	circa 1920s-1959

### Series 3: Photographs, circa 1890-circa 1930

Folder	Title
15	Anghouli family, circa 1916-circa 1925
16	Holländer and Renzer families, circa 1890-circa 1930s
17	Holländer, Gerson and Jenny, circa 1930