

ROSENBERG AND MOSLER FAMILIES PAPERS, 1888-1987

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Descriptive summary

Title: Rosenberg and Mosler families papers

Dates: 1888-1987 (bulk 1915-1956)

Accession number: 2017.327.1

Creator: Rosenberg (Family : Hamburg, Germany)
Mosler (Family : Berlin, Germany)

Extent: 5.59 linear feet (9 boxes, 1 book enclosures)

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Abstract: The collection documents the families of Elsie Mosler (born Ilse Rosenberg in Hamburg) and her husband, Claude Mosler (born Klaus Mosler in Berlin). Both families fled Germany due to anti-Semitic persecution by the Nazis during the 1930s. Biographical material includes Hermann Rosenberg's German army papers from World War I, birth and marriage certificates, a diary written in German and English kept by Elsie as a teenager, report cards of Ernest Mosler, and Claude Mosler's United States Army papers. Photographs primarily document pre-war family life and travel in Europe and wartime life in New York. The majority of photographs are contained in albums, many of which are annotated.

Languages: German, English

Administrative Information

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Processing history: Adam Fielding, September 2017

Biographical note

Hermann Rosenberg (1887-1957) was born in Kleve, Germany on 7 March 1887 to Michaelis and Lenore (née Salomon) Rosenberg. He had three brothers, Karl, Max, and Paul, and one sister, Hennie (later Hennie Gottlieb). He was a veteran of World War I, and married Alice Herzfeld on 29 October 1922. Alice (1890-1965) was born in 1890 in Frankfurt, Germany. She had one brother, Peter (later Peter Hart, 1923-2004) and one sister, Linda (later Linda Weil, b. 1887).

Hermann and Alice lived in Hamburg, Germany where Hermann worked as a stockbroker. They had two children, Ilse (later Elsie Mosler, b. 1925) and Peter (b. 1923). Facing ever increasing anti-Semitism in Hamburg, the family immigrated to the United States in August 1939. Peter served in the United States Army during World War II. Ilse married Claude Mosler in 1949 and they settled in New York where they had two sons, Ken and Steven.

Hermann's brothers Max and Paul both perished at the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Alice's sister Linda, her husband Ludwig Weil also perished there after being deported from the Łódź ghetto. Their daughter Henny perished at an unknown camp, but their son Felix survived by being sent on a Kindertransport to England.

Claude Mosler (born Klaus Mosler, 1923-2003) was born on 7 February 1923 in Berlin, Germany to Ernst (1882-1950) and Ilse (née Berliner, 1894-1976). He had one stepbrother, Gerard (1911-1986). Ernst was a cardiologist and co-inventor of the electrocardiogram.

In 1934, Ernst was among the first prisoners to be detained in the Dachau concentration camp. Ernst was later released due to efforts by one of his patients, a cousin of Nazi Hermann Göring. In 1936, Claude's mother brought him to Washington, D.C. where he rented a room and attended high school. His mother returned to Berlin, but she and Ernst left Germany for the United States the night after Kristallnacht in 1938. Claude served in the United States Army during World War II. His mother's siblings also immigrated to the United States, and his father's sister immigrated to Palestine.

Scope and content of collection

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Army papers. Photographs primarily document pre-war family life and travel in Europe and wartime life in New York. The majority of photographs are contained in albums, many of which are annotated.

System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as two series:

Series 1: Biographical material, 1888-1956

Series 2: Photographs, circa 1893-1987

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

Indexing terms

Person:

Mosler, Elsie, 1925-

Mosler, Claude, 1923-2003.

Mosler, Ernst, 1882-1950.

Mosler, Ilse, 1894-1976.

Rosenberg, Hermann, 1887-1957.

Rosenberg, Alice, 1890-1965.

Rosenberg, Peter, 1923-2004.

Corporate:

United States. Army.

Topical Subject:

World War, 1914-1918--Participation, Jewish.

Geography:

Berlin (Germany)

Hamburg (Germany)

United States--Emigration and immigration.

Genre/Form:

Photographs.

Photograph albums.

Diary.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Biographical material, 1888-1956

Box	Folder	Title
1	1	Mosler, Claude: Identification and United States Army papers, 1923-1946
1	2	Mosler, Ernst: Report cards, 1888-1894
1	3	Mosler, Ernst: Report cards, 1894-1900
1	4	Rosenberg, Alice: Letter regarding graves of Henr. Weil and Johanna Herzfeld, 1956
1	5	Rosenberg, Hermann: Germany army papers, 1915-1935
1	6	Rosenberg, Hermann: Identification papers, 1904-1938
1	7	Rosenberg, Hermann and Alice: Marriage certificate, 1922

BE	1	Rosenberg, Ilse: Diary, 1939-1944
1	8	Rosenberg, Ilse: Report card, 1939
1	9	Rosenberg, Peter: Immigrant identification card, United States, 1939

Series 2: Photographs, circa 1893-1987

Box	Folder	Title
		Mosler family:
2	1	Black album, 1928-1949
1	10	Black album, loose postcards
3	1	Black flower album, 1925-1927
1	11	Black flower album, loose photographs
4	1	Blue album, 1921-1925
5	1	Brown album, 1937
1	12	Mosler, Claude: Bar Mitzvah, Berlin, 1936
6	1	Tan album, circa 1930s-circa 1940s
1	13	Tan album, loose photographs
7	1	White album, 1928-circa 1950
		Rosenberg family:
1	14	"Family Pictures" album, circa 1918-1987
1	15-16	"Rosenberg Family Europe" album, circa 1893-1948 (2 folders)
8	1	Striped album, 1931-1948
1	17	Striped album, loose photographs
9	1	White flower album, 1936-1947