

**KRYS FAMILY PAPERS, circa 1918-1968**  
**2017.578.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Krys family papers

Dates: circa 1918-1968 (bulk 1935-1941)

Accession number: 2017.578.1

Creator: Krys (Family : Skierniewice, Poland)

Extent: .5 linear feet (8 folders)

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Abstract: The collection primarily contains prewar photographs and wartime postcards of the Krys family of Skierniewice, Poland. Included are prewar photographs of Martin and Anna Krys prior to immigrating to the United States, Martin's sisters and brothers, and other relatives including the Munkabotzki family. There is one postwar photograph of Miriam Ordenas's (Krys) son Yitzchak (Jack) and his wife in a DP camp. Correspondence consists of two prewar postcards and six wartime postcards addressed to Martin Krys in the United States from his sisters Miriam in Skierniewice and Roiza in Warsaw, both of whom perished during the Holocaust.

Languages: Yiddish, Polish, English

**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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Processing history: Adam Fielding, February 2018

### **Biographical note**

Martin Krys was born on 6 December 1905 in Skierniewice, Poland to Yehoshua (Shaya) Krys and Sheva Gruna. He married Anna (Necha) Jakobowitz, to whom he was related to by marriage, in 1930 in Skierniewice. She was also born in Skierniewice and immigrated to the United States in 1920. He immigrated to the United States in 1932 and worked as a carpenter. Their son, Sheldon, was born in 1934 and would later become a United States Foreign Service officer and the United States Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago.

Martin had five younger siblings, and nearly his entire family perished during the Holocaust. His sister Chava Koss (1893-1942) died in the Warsaw ghetto in 1942. His sister Marjem (Miriam) Krys Ordenas (1901-1942) was murdered in Treblinka in 1942 along with her son Moshe. Her other son, Yitzchak (later Jack Ordenas), survived after jumping from the deportation train. His brother Hershel (1917-1940) was in the Polish Army and was killed in action in Warsaw in 1940. His brother David (1919-1941) died in Warsaw in 1941. The fate of his sister Roiza and her family is unknown.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The collection is arranged as a single series.

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

### **Indexing terms**

Person:

Krys, Martin.

Krys, Anna.

Krys, Miriam.

Krys, Hershel.

Krys, David.

Krys, Roiza.

Topical Subject:

Jews--Poland--Skierniewice.

Geography:  
Skierniewice (Poland)

Genre/Form:  
Photographs.  
Postcards.

### CONTAINER LIST

Folder	Title
	Photographs:
1 of 8	Krys, Anna, 1930
2 of 8	Krys, Hershel, 1933 and undated
3 of 8	Krys, Martin, circa 1918
4 of 8	Krys, Roiza and family, 1936 and undated
5 of 8	Krys family, circa 1925-1968
6 of 8	Munkabotzki family, circa 1930
7 of 8	Ordenas, Miriam (Krys) and sons, 1935-circa 1945
8 of 8	Postcards, 1935-1941