

**KÁLMÁN CLARENCE AND ANNA FARKAS GUTLOHN GRANT FAMILY
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Abstract: Identification papers, personal narratives, genealogy, correspondence, and photographs documenting the family history of the Gutlohn, Farkas, and Sonnenschein families of Hungary, including Kálmán Clarence Gutlohn Grant's forced-labor experiences during World War II, and his and his wife Anna Farkas Gutlohn Grant's immigration to the United States.

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Related materials: The following publication was also donated and transferred to the USHMM library: *A nyitrai, nagyváradi és budapesti Munk-család valamint a nyitrai, nagytapolcsányi, balassagyarmati, nagykanizsai, szentesi és budapesti Felsenburg-család genealógiája : ősök és ivadékok = היוחסין שלשלת של פעלזענבורג ומשפחת מונק ומשפחת של* by Bernát Munkácsi and Ernő Munkácsi. Budapest, 1939. The genealogy publication includes entries about the Sonnenschein family, and includes handwritten annotations. Also donated were three athletic medals awarded to Kálmán, a drawing of Kálmán, and a sculpture of Kálmán's head (2018.286.2-2018.286.6).

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Biographical note

Kálmán Clarence Gutlohn Grant (born Kálmán Gutlohn, 1910-1986) was born on 1910 August 20 in Budapest, Hungary to Zsigmond Guglohn (1870-1937) and Janka Sonnenschein (1877-1961). Zsigmond was a veteran of World War I and owned a grocery store. Kálmán had two siblings, Sándor Alexander (1909-1942) and Rózsa (1914-1979). His family also had a close relationship with Herman (Charlie) Kornhauser (1902-1991 in what is now Turka, Ukraine) who worked for Zsigmond.

Prior to the Holocaust, Kálmán worked at the City Savings Bank in Budapest and as a stenographer and reporter for the Ship-utca Jewish Congregation. He was also an active athlete and served in the Hungarian Army. Kálmán married Anna Farkas in 1939. They had three daughters: Victoria (Vivi, 1944-2014), Alexandra (Lexi (1946-2005), and Mary Ann (b. 1948), and she had two sons, Gaston (Gus, b. 1932) and Rudolf (b. 1933) prior to their marriage. Gaston and Rudolf were initially placed with foster parents in Jászfelsőszentgyörgy, Hungary and lived with Anna's parents during World War II.

Anna Farkas Gutlohn Grant (born Anna Farkas, 1912-1983) was born to a Catholic family in York, Pennsylvania. Her father, Mihaly (Michael, 1876-1959), was born in Endrőd, Békés County, Hungary but moved to the United States in his 20s. He worked as a coal miner and lived in York with his second wife Maria Giricz (1889-1961 in Endrőd) and Anna's siblings Veronica (1911-1994), Steven (1915-1923), Mihaly (1917-1996), Katherine (1919-1973), and Ilona (1920-2001). In 1921 her family returned to Hungary and settled in Bucsa where they owned a farm. Mihaly and Maria had four more children in Bucsa: Maria (1923-1967), Geza (1924-2013), Ferenc (1927-1967), and Laszlo (1931-2012).

In 1941, Kálmán was drafted into the 109/36th Workers Company forced-labor battalion. He was first sent to work in the Carpathian Mountains. In 1944 he was sent to the Goldberger factory in Óbuda and then a steel factory in Diósgyőr. He returned to Budapest around November 1944.

Kálmán's mother was deported to the Budapest ghetto after it was established, and Anna stayed in her apartment until Budapest was liberated by the Russian Army. After Kálmán's return he hid in the apartment building.

Kálmán went to Bucharest to work for the American Joint Distribution Committee shortly after liberation. The rest of the family briefly joined him in Bucharest, and due to Anna's American citizenship, they immigrated to the United States in November 1945 aboard the *SS Warren Delano*. Kálmán joined them in January 1947, sailing from Constanza aboard the *SS Transylvania*. The family settled in New York, and Kálmán found employment as a bookkeeper. In 1957 Kálmán and Anna separated, and in 1958 he moved to Miami. Anna and her daughters moved to Los Angeles in 1962.

Kálmán's brother Sandor was also drafted into the Hungarian Army in 1941 and killed in Russia in 1942. His sister Rózsa married Miklos Grosz in 1940. Miklos perished in a labor camp during the war. She survived in Budapest by posing as a Christian with Anna's baptism certificate. Rózsa married Bela Stern Siklos (b. 1909) in 1945, and in 1948 they illegally emigrated from Hungary to Israel. Kálmán's mother Janka also immigrated to Israel after the Holocaust.

Scope and content of collection

Identification papers, personal narratives, genealogy, correspondence, and photographs documenting the family history of the Gutlohn, Farkas, and Sonnenschein families of Hungary, including Kálmán Clarence Gutlohn Grant's forced-labor experiences during World War II, and his and his wife Anna Farkas Gutlohn Grant's immigration to the United States.

Biographical material consists of family history and genealogy related to the Gutlohn, Farkas, and Sonnenschein families, Anna's baptism certificate, Anna and Kálmán's marriage certificate, and the passenger list from the *SS Warren Delano*. Kálmán's documents include identification cards, a leave pass for his forced-labor battalion, financial documents, a clipping about his rowing team, and French documents related to his emigration from Europe in 1947. Also included are three bound journals of Anna's begun in 1946 and chronicle her wartime experiences in Hungary.

Kálmán's correspondence includes a 10 page letter from Anna written while she was aboard the *SS Warren Delano* on her way to the United States in 1945 and postwar letters from Kálmán to friends and family in which he discusses his forced-labor experiences.

Publications consist of a Hungarian-Latin dictionary used and inscribed by Kálmán and his brother Sandor, a Felix Potin sponsored Paris metro map, and a map of the Buda Hills used by Kálmán. Also included is a copy of a drawing depicting a British, Italian, and Russian soldier squeezing the neck of a Nazi vulture. The drawing is credited to Kennedy and was displayed in the Kalman home in the United States.

Photographs consist of prewar depictions of Anna and Kálmán and their extended families, including the Gutlohns, Farkas, and Sonnenscheins, wartime photographs of Kálmán with his forced-labor battalion, and postwar family photographs in Bucharest and the United States.

System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as four series.

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Forced labor--Hungary.

Genealogy.

Holocaust survivors--Hungary.

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