

LORE AND SIMON ROSEN FAMILY PAPERS, 1918-1959

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Descriptive summary

Title: Lore and Simon Rosen family papers

Dates: 1918-1959 (bulk 1939-1959)

Accession number: 2018.575.1

Creator: Rosen, Lore, 1924-

Additional creator: Rosen, Simon, 1920-

Extent: 5 folders

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Abstract: Identification documents, military records, immigration documents, postcards, and photographs documenting the Holocaust-era experiences of Lore (née Baron) and Simon Rosen, both of whom survived in England. Documents include Lore's 1939 Kindertransport identification card, British Army pay books and Soldier's Release Books, Simon's British passport, documents related to the Rosen's immigration to Canada from Israel in 1954, and a copy of Simon's relative Edna Rosine's immigration paperwork to Liverpool, England in 1918. Also included are postcards of Malemort-sur-Corrèze, France, where Lore's mother Paula Wollrauch survived the war. Photographs include pre-war photographs of Lore and her mother Paula in Mannheim, Germany, wartime depictions of Lore in her military uniform, and post-war depictions of Lore and Simon in Blackpool, England, Tel Aviv, Israel, and aboard the SS *Jerusalem* in 1954 on their way to Canada.

Languages: English, French

Administrative Information

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Acquisition information: The collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Peter Rosen in 2018. Peter is the son of Lore and Simon Rosen.

Related archival materials: Lore Rosen donated 1943 Gurs photograph (2007.322) to the USHMM which includes a depiction of Trude Frank, a cousin of Lore Rosen. An oral history interview was conducted with Lore Rosen by the USC Shoah Foundation (interview code 17387).

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at collections.ushmm.org for further information.

Processing history: Adam Fielding, April 2019

Biographical note

Lore Baron (later Rosen) was the daughter of Paula Wollrauch (May 10, 1893-1965, b. Mannheim, Germany) and Bernard Baron. She was born Hannalore on July 15, 1924 in Mannheim Germany. Around 1928 her father left for New York. He only returned once, in 1932, and Paula and Bernard divorced in 1935. After her father left Mannheim, her mother supported the two of them by working in the Jewish home for the aged.

Following the Nazi seizure of power in 1933, Lore began to experience antisemitism. Jewish students first had to sit in the back of the classroom. In 1936 she was expelled from public school and forced to attend an all Jewish school. On the morning of Kristallnacht (November 10, 1938), a neighbor intercepted Lore on her way to school and told her to go to the Jewish old-age home to join her mother. As the pogrom broke out throughout Germany, Lore and her mother spent the day in hiding and when they returned home they discovered that the SA had ransacked their apartment. The events of that day prompted Paula to secure a spot for Lore on a Kindertransport to England. Lore arrived in England on February 6, 1939 where she was met by a stranger who told her she would live with his family in Leeds. The family had two older girls, but Lore never felt at home there. At the age of sixteen Lore had to go to work since she didn't have the funds to attend high school. She first worked as an apprentice hairdresser. She later obtained a job as a nurse's assistant in a private clinic. However, she was unable to obtain an alien registration work card and had to leave the job. Deeply unhappy, Lore left her foster family and through a friend found work in a clothing retailer.

At the age of 18, Lore enlisted in the British Army. Though officially considered an alien, she was accepted on December 13, 1942, and was stationed at a training camp in Wales, working as a cook for the Royal Welch Fusiliers. She later also served as an interrogation translator. After the war ended, Lore learned that her mother had survived and was living in France.

A few months after Lore left for England, Paula Wollrauch and her boyfriend Jacob Friedrich escaped to Brussels in May 1939. However following the German occupation they were arrested and imprisoned. Paula was sent to the Gurs internment camp in France, from which she twice escaped only to be

recaptured. Finally, Paula's sister and brother-in-law bribed a guard to obtain her release. Paula found work in Malemort-sur-Corrèze. She also received a protective Salvadoran citizenship certificate.

After the war ended, Lore was reunited with her mother in Malemort-sur-Corrèze. Lore was discharged from the army in early 1946 and returned to Leeds, where she again went to work as a seamstress for the clothing retailer. She also met Simon (Sammy) Rosen in a Jewish veterans' social club. Simon was born in Liverpool on April 8, 1920. His parents, Solomon and Hinda Rosen, emigrated from Mogilev to England in 1918. Simon enlisted in the British Army on June 20, 1940 and trained to be a radio operator. He served with the tank corps in North Africa, then in Sicily and Greece.

Simon and Lore married on September 3, 1947. In the fall of 1948, they left for Israel to serve in the War of Independence, and Simon enlisted in Machal (foreign volunteers). Paula also immigrated to Palestine that year. The family lived in Tel Aviv for six years, and in 1954, they moved to Canada. In 1963 they immigrated to the States and settled in Rochester, NY and then moved to Los Angeles in August 1967. Paula remained in Israel.

Biography by Judith Cohen

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as two series.

Series 1. Biographical material, 1918, 1939-1959

Series 2. Photographs and postcards, circa 1920-1954 and undated

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

Indexing terms

Person:

Rosen, Lore, 1924-

Rosen, Simon, 1920-

Topical Subject:

Kindertransports (Rescue operations)--Great Britain.

Jews--Germany--Mannheim.

Refugees, Jewish--England.

Geography:
Mannheim (Germany)
England--Emigration and immigration.
Canada--Emigration and immigration.

Genre/Form:
Photographs.
Identification cards.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1. Biographical material, 1918, 1939-1959

Folder	Title
1 of 5	Rosen, Lore, 1939-1959
2 of 5	Rosen, Simon, 1942-1959
3 of 5	Rosine, Edna, 1918 (copy)

Series 2. Photographs and postcards, circa 1920-1954 and undated

Folder	Title
4 of 5	Photographs, circa 1920-1954
5 of 5	Postcards, undated