

GOMBOSI FAMILY PAPERS, approximately 1930-1991 (bulk 1945) 2018.93.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Gombosi family papers

Dates: approximately 1930-1991 (bulk 1945)

Accession number: 2018.93.1

Creator: Gombosi (Family: Budapest, Hungary)

Extent: 0.4 linear feet (4 folders)

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Abstract: The Gombosi family papers consist of biographical material, correspondence, and photographs relating to János, Magda, and Eva Gombosi's experiences during the war. The collection includes an identity card from the Allied Expeditionary Force, a medical card, and a Läkarkort (doctor's brief) for Magda, a post-war letter detailing what happened to János during war, and a handwritten contract handing guardianship of Eva to her grandfather, Lajos, if her parents did not return. The collection also includes correspondence from János, Madga, and Eva, and notes with postal information for János' forced labor unit as well as a poem describing various members of the survivors in Sweden, a photograph of Eva with her maternal grandparents, Karolin Singer Rona and a Lajos Rona, and a photograph of Magda and János Gambosi.

Languages: Hungarian, German, Swedish, 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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Preferred citation: (Identification of item), Gombosi family papers (2018.93.1), United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC.

Acquisition information: Eva Bozoki donated the Gombosi family papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2018.

Related archival materials: Eva Bozoki and her husband, George, donated drawings and watercolors of Bergen-Belsen (1992.193.1-.87) to the USHMM in 1992. Eva also donated two illustrated postcards (2018.93.2-.3), a card set (2018.93.4), a drawing (2018.93.5), and a newspaper *Hírek az elhurcoltakról* (Call number: DS135.H9 H56 no. 2) in 2018. A copy of her memoir "My Life" is located in the USHMM Library (Call number: DS135.H93 B694 2010). George Bozoki donated the Braun family papers (2018.30.1) to the USHMM in 2018.

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

Processing history: Morgan Voth, June 2018

Biographical note

Eva Bozoki (née Gombosi) was born in 1935 to János (1908-1992) and Magda (née Rona 1912-2006) Gombosi in Budapest, Hungary where János worked in a furniture factory. Eva had one brother, Tamas (b.1947). In September 1940, János was taken to a forced labor camp in Vác, but returned in December. Soon after her father returned, Eva was sent to a private school in an orphanage for Jewish boys. In September 1942, János was sent away again and Magda was taken to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Eva remained at the family's apartment with her maternal grandfather, Lajos. After Germany occupied Hungary on March 19, 1944, the family had to wear yellow stars and they were moved to a Jewish house. Eva and Lajos were taken to a ghetto in Budapest in October 1944 and remained there until liberation on January 17, 1945. János returned to Budapest in December 1944 and Eva's family remained in Budapest after liberation. They discovered that Magda and Julia, Eva's Aunt, both survived and were in Sweden. They soon returned to Hungary and were reunited with János and Eva. Eva and her husband, George, obtained Ph.D.'s in Physics in Budapest and worked in Hungary, Russia, and Paris. They had a daughter, Andrea, in 1965 and immigrated to the United States in 1971.

Biography by Fred Wasserman and Morgan Voth

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Gombosi family papers are arranged as a single series.

Indexing terms

Bozoki, Eva.

Gombosi, János.

Gombosi, Magda.

Bergen-Belsen (Concentration camp)

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

Jews--Hungary.

Forced labor--Hungary.

Budapest (Hungary)

Vác (Hungary)

Sweden.

Correspondence.

Photographs.

Poetry.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Gombosi family papers, approximately 1930-1991

Box/Folder	Title
1 of 4	Biographical material, approximately 1940-1991
2 of 4	Correspondence, approximately 1932-1945
3 of 4	Poem, 1945
4 of 4	Photographs, approximately 1930s-1940s