# MAX AND LOTTE WERTHEIM PAPERS, circa 1910-2002 2019.185.1

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### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Max and Lotte Wertheim papers

Dates: circa 1910-2002 (bulk 1929-1944)

Accession number: 2019.185.1

Creator: Wertheim, Max, 1891-

Additional creator: Wertheim, Lotte, 1905-

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box, 2 book enclosures)

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126

Abstract: The collection documents the prewar and wartime lives of Max and Lotte Wertheim and their son Stanley Wertheim, originally of Warburg, Germany, including their immigration to the United States in 1937. Documents consist of identification and family papers including birth and marriage certificates, German passports, a family book (stammbuch), Lotte's autograph book, and immigration papers. Photographs include depictions of prewar family life, portraits, vacations, and Stanley's childhood.

Languages: German, 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.

Physical access note: Negatives in this collection are housed separately and may not be available for research.

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Preferred citation: (Identification of item), Max and Lotte Wertheim papers (2019.185.1), United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC

Acquisition information: The collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Stanley Wertheim in 2019.

Separated material: Also donated is a 1795 silver cup given to Stanley Wertheim at the time of his birth in 1930.

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, July 2019

### **Biographical note**

Max Wertheim (b. 1891) was born on 2 June 1891 in the village of Helmarshausen, Germany to Joseph and Johanne (née Hecht) Wertheim. He had three brothers: Julius, Albert, and Sigmund. He was a merchant and served in the German army during World War I, earning the Iron Cross. Max married Charlotte Herta Nassau (later known as Lotte Wertheim, b. 1905) on 5 March 1929. Lotte was born on 26 December 1905 in Warburg, Germany to Benjamin and Julie (née Steinberg) Nassau. Max and Lotte's son Klaus-Helmut (later Stanley) was born on 11 November 1930 in Warburg.

With the help of Max's cousin Ted Husing, a well-known sports announcer, whom Max met in Berlin during the 1936 Olympics, the Wertheims were able to secure visas for immigration to the United States. On 19 February 1937 they immigrated to the United States aboard the SS *Manhattan*. The family settled in New York.

# Scope and content of collection

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#### System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as two series.

Series 1. Biographical material, 1913-2002 Series 2. Photographs, circa 1910-1958

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

#### **Indexing terms**

Person: Wertheim, Lotte, 1905-Wertheim, Max, 1891-Wertheim, Stanley, 1930Topical Subject: Jews--Germany--Warburg.

Geography: Helmarshausen (Germany) Warburg (Germany) United States--Emigration and immigration.

Genre/Form:
Photographs.
Photograph albums.
Autograph books.

# **CONTAINER LIST**

Series 1. Biographical material, 1913-2002

Box/Folder	Title
1.1	Family book (stammbuch), 1929
1.2	Identification and family papers, 1913-2002
1.3	Immigration, 1937-1944
1.4	Passports, German, 1933-1936
1.5, BE 1	Wertheim, Lotte: autograph book, 1916-1923

## Series 2. Photographs, circa 1910-1958

Box/Folder	Title
1.6-1.7,	Family and friends, circa 1910-circa 1937 (2 folders)
negatives	
housed	
separately	
1.8	Nassau, Julius, circa 1930s
1.9	Wertheim, Lotte, 1928-1958
1.10	Wertheim, Max, 1915-1928
1.11, BE 2	Wertheim, Stanley, baby album, 1930-circa 1935
1.12	Wertheim, Stanley, circa 1931-circa 1937