

CARL AND EDITH ZUCKER PAPERS, 1940-2001
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Descriptive summary

Title: Carl and Edith Zucker papers

Dates: 1940-2001

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Creator: Zucker, Carl, 1925-2006.

Additional creator: Zucker, Edith, 1917-2003.

Extent: .5 linear feet (11 folders, 1 oversize folder)

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Abstract: The collection primarily documents the post-war experiences of Carl Zucker, originally of Zakroczym, Poland, and his wife Edith Zucker (née Guzy), originally of Olkusz, Poland, in the Foehrenwald displaced persons camp. Included is biographical material such as identification cards, birth and marriage certificates, displaced persons documentation, and restitution paperwork. There is also a small amount of photographs primarily depicting Edith's sister Esther Guzy, and her brother Lajzer Guzy, and her uncle Szymon Guzy, his wife Esther Berkowicz, all of whom perished in the Holocaust.

Languages: Polish, German, English, Hebrew

Administrative Information

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Related archival materials: An oral history conducted with Edith Zucker is also available (1993.A.0088, RG-50.002.0210)

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Biographical note

Carl Zucker (1925-2006) was born Kasriel Zuckermann (Cukierman) on 13 April 1925 in Zakroczyń, Poland to Zelig and Doba Cukierman. His father Zelig (1891-1941) was a cobbler. His mother Doba (née Chonolewicz, 1891-1943) was born in Olkusz, Poland and operated the family's paint store in their house. Carl had one brother, Srulek (1921-1943).

After the German invasion of Poland in September 1939 the family was in the Zakroczyń ghetto. They were moved to the Nowy Dwór ghetto in December 1940. Carl was a forced-laborer in a brick factory in Kosewo from spring to fall 1940. In fall 1940 he was on a highway construction project in Novogrudok, Poland. From August 1941 to November 1942 he repaired shoes and loaded barbed wire onto trains in Nowy Dwór. Around December 1942 he was deported to Auschwitz III (Buna) where he was tattooed with the number 83049. He was a forced-laborer for an IG Farben factory. He was sent to Ohrdruf subcamp of Buchenwald in October 1944. In April 1945 he was sent to Theresienstadt where he was liberated a month later. Carl's father died in Zakroczyń in 1941 and his mother and brother both perished at Auschwitz in 1943.

After liberation Carl went to the Foehrenwad displaced persons camp. He reconnected with Edith Guzy, whom he likely met while in Auschwitz. They married in 1945 and their daughter Masia (Marcia) was born in 1946. In 1949 the family immigrated to the United States aboard the USS *General R.M. Blatchford*. They settled in Newark, New Jersey and their son Saul was born in 1950.

Edith Zucker (1917-2003, some records place birthdate as 17 May 1921) was born Edith Guzy on 11 December 1917 in Olkusz, Poland to Zalma and Masia Guzy. Her father Zalma (1890-1943) was born on 17 July 1890 in Olkusz and made leather uppers for shoes. He had at least one brother, Szymon Guzy. Her mother Masia (née Szpilman, 1885-1943) was born on 30 November 1885 and was a housewife. Edith had three siblings: Esther (Chaya, 1915-1943?), Lajzer Guzy (1923-1943), and Brajndla (1925-1943).

After the German invasion of Poland in September 1939, Edith and her family were forced into the Olkusz ghetto. In April 1942 Edith, her brother Lajzer, and sister Brajndla were sent to the Będzin ghetto. In Będzin she sewed uniforms in one of the workshops run by Alfred Rossner. In August 1943 the ghetto was liquidated and there was also an uprising organized by the Jewish Combat Organization. Edith hid from the Germans during this time, but when she left her hiding spot the next day she discovered her

brother and sister dead in the street. She was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau on 3 August 1943. She was tattooed with the number 52912. Edith was a forced-laborer working in fields and on road construction. She also worked in the kitchen. In early January 1945 she was sent on a death march to Ravensbrück. In March 1945 she was transferred to the Neustadt-Glewe subcamp and was liberated on 2 May 1945.

Edith's parents and sister Esther remained in Olkusz after she was sent to Będzin. They were likely deported to Auschwitz in 1943, along with her uncle, Szymon Guzy, his wife Esther Berkowicz, and their children Izak and Fanny, where they all perished.

After liberation, Edith returned to Olkusz briefly and then went to the Foehrenwald displaced persons camp. While in the DP camp she reconnected with Carl Zucker, whom she likely had previously met while in Auschwitz. They married in 1945 and their daughter Masia (Marcia) was born in 1946. In 1949 the family immigrated to the United States aboard the USS *General. R.M. Blatchford*. They settled in Newark, New Jersey and their son Saul was born in 1950.

Scope and content of collection

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Biographical materials include documents related to Carl, Edith, their daughter Marcia, and family research notes on the Guzy and Zucker families. Documents related to Carl include an International Refugee Organization (I.R.O.) Area 7 Munich Resettlement Center tag with stamp, I.R.O. certificate stating Carl is a qualified shoemaker, identification papers, a Polish Red Cross identification card stating he was a prisoner of Auschwitz, negatives of chest and ear x-rays with paperwork, immunization record, a small amount of letters, receipts, and restitution paperwork. Other documents in the collection include copies of Carl and Edith's marriage certificate and ketubah, their daughter Marcia's birth certificate, and restitution paperwork related to Edith.

Photographs include two wartime depictions of Zakroczym, Edith's sister Esther Guzy, and her brother Lajzer Guzy, and her uncle Szymon Guzy, his wife Esther Berkowicz, all of whom perished in the Holocaust.

System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as two series.

Series 1. Biographical material, 1948-2001

Series 2. Photographs, 1940-circa 1954

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

Indexing terms

Person:

Zucker, Carl, 1925-2006.

Zucker, Edith, 1921-2003.

Corporate:

Foehrenwald (Displaced persons camp)

Auschwitz-Birkenau (Concentration camp)

Topical Subject:

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Reparations.

Holocaust survivors.

Jews--Poland--Olkusz.

Jews--Poland--Zakroczym.

Displaced persons camps.

Forced labor.

Geography:

Zakroczym (Poland)

Olkusz (Poland)

Genre/Form:

Photographs.

Negatives.

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Series 2. Photographs, 1940-circa 1954, undated

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