

BÖHM AND HANAU FAMILIES PAPERS, circa 1900-2012
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Descriptive summary

Title: Böhm and Hanau families papers

Dates: circa 1900-2012, undated

Accession number: 2020.336.1

Creator: Böhm family.

Additional creator: Hanau family.

Extent: 2 boxes, 1 oversize folder (.8 linear feet)

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Abstract: The collection primarily consists of documents and photographs of the Böhm family of Kaiserslautern, Germany, including Liselotte Böhm and her parents Alfred Böhm and Frieda Böhm (née Hanau). There is also a small amount of material related to the Hanau family, who are relatives of Frieda.

Languages: German, English, French

Administrative Information

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Biographical note

Liselotte Böhm

Liselotte Böhm (1923-2019) was born on October 21, 1923 in Kaiserslautern, Germany to Alfred Böhm (1896-1956) and Frieda Böhm (née Hanau, 1897-1991). Her father was Christian and her mother was Jewish, and they married in Sankt Wendel, Saarland in 1922. Her family lived in the Lampertsmühle district of Kaiserslautern where Liselotte's father was the director of Baumwollspinneri und Weberi Lampertsmühle, a significant employer in the area.

Liselotte attended school in Berlin from 1938-1941 and then returned to Kaiserslautern in 1943. In March 1945, Liselotte was deported from Kaiserslautern to Theresienstadt, most likely for her status as a person of "mixed race" (Mischlinge). After the camp's liberation by the Soviet Red Army, Liselotte returned to Kaiserslautern. She immigrated to the United States in 1950 and settled in Massachusetts. Her mother Frieda immigrated to the United States after her husband Alfred's death in 1956.

Bertha Hanau

Bertha Hanau (1889-1975) was born in the Sankt Wendel district of Saarland, Germany to Jacob and Maria Hanau. She had 5 siblings: Leo Hanau (b. 1888), Lina Hanau (later Lina Jung, b. 1893), Frieda Hanau (1897-1991), Albert Hanau, and Selma Hanau. Bertha lived in Mulhouse, France from 1937-1948 and later lived in Saarbrücken, Germany. Her siblings Albert, Lina, and Leo were all murdered in the Holocaust.

Scope and content of collection

The collection primarily consists of documents and photographs of the Böhm family of Kaiserslautern, Germany, including Liselotte Böhm and her parents Alfred Böhm and Frieda Böhm (née Hanau). There is also a small amount of material related to the Hanau family, who are relatives of Frieda.

Böhm family papers include prewar, wartime, and postwar documents of Liselotte Böhm and her parents Alfred and Frieda Böhm. Papers of Alfred include records related to his employment and pension with Baumwollspinneri und Weberi Lampertsmühle A.G., where he served at one point as the director, a typed travel diary from a 1939 trip to Chile, personal and identification papers, and photographs. Papers of Frieda include financial records, primarily related to the death of her husband Alfred in 1956; wartime documents issued by Reichsvereinigung der Juden in Deutschland; personal and identification papers; documents related to her immigration to the United States in 1956; and photographs. Papers of Liselotte include wartime correspondence with her parents, friends, and relatives, including wartime messages sent from her brief imprisonment in Theresienstadt in 1945; report cards; personal and identification papers; documents related to her immigration to the United States in 1950; and photographs.

Hanau family papers include personal papers of Bertha Hanau, family photographs, a photocopy of a handwritten family history authored by a relative, and postwar tracing documents for several of Frieda's siblings who were killed during the Holocaust.

System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as two series.

Series 1. Böhm family, 1910-2012, undated

Series 2. Hanau family, circa 1900-1979

Indexing terms

Person:

Böhm, Liselotte.

Böhm, Frieda.

Böhm, Alfred.

Hanau, Bertha.

Corporate:

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)

Topical Subject:

Jews--Germany.

Holocaust survivors.

Geography:

Kaiserslautern (Germany)

Mulhouse (France)

United States--Emigration and immigration.

Genre/Form:

Photographs.

Correspondence.

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2.8	Hanau family history, 1979
2.9	Hanau family tracing documents, 1946-1949