

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives
Finding Aid
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Gays and Lesbians

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Title: Josef K./Wilhelm K. papers, 1939-1948.

Extent: 1 microfiche

Provenance: Wilhelm K. obtained the collection after Josef K's death in March 1994. He donated them to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives in November 1994. Josef K's prisoner number badge was transferred to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Department upon receipt in November 1994.

Biographical Note: Josef K. (b. 1915, Vienna, Austria, d. 1994, Vienna, Austria) survived Flossenbürg concentration camp and a death march.

Restriction on access: No restrictions on access.

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Organization & Arrangement: Arrangement is chronological.

Language: German.

Preferred Citation: Standard citation for United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives Branch.

Scope and Content: Contains correspondence, camp vouchers, identification cards, certificates, court documents, and diary fragments relating to the imprisonment of Josef K at Flossenbürg concentration camp (persecuted as a homosexual); attempts by his parents, Josef and Amilia K., to visit him in the camp; his participation in a death march and liberation by American troops; and the reversal of criminal charges against him after World War II.

Inventory:

Folder 1:

1. Money vouchers (Geldüberweisungen) from various camps and prisons.
10 packets.

Folder 2:

1. Letter to Amilia K. from the Berlin NSDAP office, 1940 Feb. 2.
2. Letter to [Josef] K. (father) from Flossenbürg concentration camp concerning his son, Josef, 1940 July 8.
3. Josef and Amilia K. letter to the commander of Flossenbürg concentration camp requesting permission to visit their son, 1943 Dec. 28.
4. Josef and Amilia K. letter to the commander of Flossenbürg concentration camp requesting information about the well being of their son, Josef, 1944 Feb. 12. On the reverse is the reply to the K. family informing them of their son's well being, 1944 Feb. 17.
5. Wertmarke from Buchenwald concentration camp.
6. Wertmarke from Buchenwald concentration camp.
7. Prämienschein from Flossenbürg concentration camp.
8. Prämienschein from Flossenbürg concentration camp.
9. Prisoner number badge removed to the U. S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Department in November 1994.
10. [Josef K's journal] kept during a forced march towards Dachau concentration camp. Contains details about his liberation on April 24, 1945.
11. Identification pass for Josef K., 1945 May 4.
12. Provisional identification card for Josef K., 1945 June 4.
13. Certificate for short term assistance to Nazi victims, 1945 June 10.
14. Registration certificate for Josef K. as a victim of Nazi terror, 1945 June 19.
15. Document confirming Josef K's arrest in May 1939 and transfer to the Gestapo in November 1939, 1945 Aug. 28.
16. Arbeits-Freistellungsschein (exemption from work and military service) for Josef K. issued by the magistrate in Vienna, 1945 Oct. 17.
17. Document annulling the sentencing of Josef K. in a criminal court in Vienna according to paragraph 129Ib, 1948 Apr. 3.