

SELECTED RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL ARCHIVES OF THE LANDES, 1934–1946

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Scope and Content: This collection contains selected files of the Prefect's Office in Mont-de-Marsan and the Sub-prefecture of Dax. It documents Jews residing in the department as well as those who left; Swiss Jews authorized to leave the department; and foreign Jews who were arrested, including instructions for dealing with their children. It also contains information about the public auction of Jewish property, including real estate in the nearby Department of the Pyrénées-Atlantiques; a register of Jews required to wear the Jewish star; political surveillance documents; and statistics on Jews by nationality.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel 1:

Records from the Landes Prefecture; Office of the Prefect.

2Mi55/1 (81W1): Superintendence of the public order concerning the application of the measures against the Jews, 1940-1946. Particularly concerns the Lanot retirement home in Dax with the individual files of Élie Wolman and Mrs. Gheldman. Also concerns: the merger of two athletic clubs in Meilhan, 1937-1942; protection for people traveling by rail, 1941; petty crimes, sporting events, denunciations, 1934-1946; administrative linking of the communes near the frontier, 1942-1946.

Reel 2:

2Mi55/2 (283W72): Census of Jews in the Department: inquiries, arrests, lists, business situation, 1941-1944. Particularly concerns 104 Jews residing in the Landes on 17 March 1942 and Jewish workers in the Groupements de Travailleurs Etrangers attached to the logging facility in Sanguinet.

Reel 3:

2Mi55/3 (283W73): Census of Jews: Jews living in the department and those who have left; research on Jews; attestation of non-Jewish status; repatriation authorizations for Swiss nationals of Jewish origin; foreign Jews arrested, with instructions on how to handle their children; sales of property and furniture belonging to Jews; nomination of a provisional administrator, 1940-1944. Also contains the identity cards and passport of a Jew who died in the Lanot retirement home in Dax.

Reel 4:

2Mi55/3 (283W73) Continued: Census of Jews: Jews living in the department and those who have left; research on Jews; attestation of non-Jewish status; repatriation authorizations for Swiss nationals of Jewish origin; foreign Jews arrested, with instructions on how to handle their children; sales of property and furniture belonging to Jews; nomination of a provisional administrator, 1940-1944. Also contains the identity cards and passport of a Jew who died in the Lanot retirement home in Dax.

Reel 5:

2Mi55/5 (283W74): French law of 3 October 1940; German ordinances and orders against Jews; regulatory texts in their various manifestations (September 1940 to July 1942); correspondence and reports concerning implementation of [anti-Semitic] laws (in chronological order of issuance of decree), 1940-1944. Particularly concerns [Jewish]

real properties in the Pyrénées-Atlantique sold [under duress], 1942-1943. Contains a number of name lists, 1940-1943; a registration notebook issuing the [Jewish] badge, June 1942; yellow stars and who is or is not wearing them, 1942; descriptions of [Jewish] real property in Mont-de-Marsan, Anglet, Bayonne, Biarritz, Cambo, Saint-Jean-de-Luz, and Urrugne, 1942-1943. Also concerns Jewish escapees working in the Landes, June-July 1942; [Jewish] real property sold in Gironde, 1942-1943.

Reel 6:

2Mi55/6 (283W86):

Orders concerning the sale of Jewish belongings; correspondence with the Commissariat general aux questions Juives; Jewish census, 1941-1943.

Records from the Dax sub-prefecture.

283W393, 394: Application of French law and German ordinances against Jews: Regulatory texts, circulars, correspondence and reports concerning their application, in chronological order, 1940-1946. Also contains name lists, 1940-1946.

Reel 7:

2Mi55/7 (283W393): The first ordinance of 27 September 1940, making it obligatory for Jews to place identifying placards on their places of business, October to December 1940. Second ordinance of 18 October prescribing Jews to make declarations of their possessions, October to August 1941. The affixing of the word "Jew" to identity cards, November 1940 to October 1941. Census of foreign and naturalized Jews, May to July 1941. Third ordinance of 26 April 1941, concerning the Aryanization of Jewish goods, July 1941 to April 1943. Also concerns the evaluation of the provisional administration, and sale of goods, 1941-1943. Name lists, 1940-1941. *La Petite Gironde*, 19 October 1940. Notebook of goods belonging to Jews, 1940. Guide for provisional administrators [of Jewish goods], issued by Vichy, 1941. Notebook itemizing goods, their owners, and their provisional administrators, January-August 1942. Posters advertising the sale of [Jewish] goods, April 1943. Jewish foreigners remaining in Anglet, May 1941. Real property situated in Bayonne and Biarritz, 1943.

Reel 8:

2Mi55/8 (283W394): The law of 2 June 1941, replacing the law of 3 October 1940, concerning the Jewish statute, in particular the prohibition against holding public office, September-October 1941. Updated list of Jews, September-December 1941 and February-March 1942. Ordinance of 13 August, ordering the inventory and confiscation of wireless sets, September-November 1941. The law of 29 November, instituting the *l'Union general des Israélites de France*, 2p., July-August 1942. The ordinance of 17 December 1941, 1p., December 1941. The sixth ordinance of 7 February 1942, instituting a curfew and prohibiting a change of residence, 3p., March-April 1942. The seventh ordinance of 24 March, 10p., April-May 1942. The eighth ordinance of 28 May, concerning the wearing of the yellow star, June-August 1942. Limiting the movement of Jews, June 1942-August 1944. The ninth ordinance of 8 July concerning frequenting public places, 1p., July 1942. Arrests of foreigners in Dax, 6 July-28 October 1942. The

book trade in Capbreton, February-March 1942. Golf in Hossegor, October 1942. Registration notebook with declarations of receiving the badge [i.e. yellow star], 1p., June 1942. Identity cards of people arrested on 16 July 1942. Requests for certificates of non-Jewish status, January 1943. Anonymous denunciations, April 1943. Request from a Jew for legal justification for the capital he had to declare in 1940 and 1941. Strike bust of the postal union, 3p., October 1942. Anti-terrorist actions taken against Communists and Gaullists, October 1942.

Reel 9:

2Mi55/9 (285W76): Political surveillance: denunciations and complaints against those opposing the Vichy regime, 1940-1942; complaints against the Lalueque institutions, 1941-1942; list of people arrested by the Germans after inquiries at the behest of the mayors, 1940-1944; census of Jewish businesses in the Bayonne arrondissement, 1940-1941; correspondence and monthly reports addressed to the prefect by the people charged with interpreting the authority of the German occupiers, 1941-1944.

Reel 10:

2Mi55/10 (285W79): Departmental information center: budgets, monthly reports, 1939-1940; account of public opinion and the activities of disabled veterans and associated groups, 1939-1940; surveillance of cinemas and interdiction of [forbidden] films, 1939-1940; lecture titled "Arts and leisure in the armed forces" broadcast on [French] Army radio, 1939. Preparation of a departmental file for 1943: accounting of foreigners organized by nationality; comparative salaries between foreigners and Frenchmen in various professions; political parties; list of political internees, 1941-1942; actions taken for food rationing violations, 1941-1943; house arrests, 1941-1943; Postal employees under disciplinary action, 1940-1942; condemnations for "anti-national" actions, 1941; accounting of foreign Jews by nationality, 1940. Public appeal for funds, 1944-1945. Also contains information on the films of Jean Renoir and various American films, and the last page of a report concerning public opinion regarding Jews, compiled by the departmental information center.