

Interviewee:	<u>KLEIN</u> , Rudy	Date:	April 4, 1982
Interviewer:	Hanna Silver		
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SUMMARY

Rudy Klein was born in Bonn, Germany in 1904. His father died when he was 5 and he was raised by his mother who died in Theresienstadt in 1942. Rudy had a standard German education but very minimal Jewish education. His family were members of a Reform synagogue but observed very little.

Mr. Klein talks about his reaction to Hitler's rise to power in 1933 and the effect it had on his job at a department store. He was fired in 1935, after the enactment of the Nuremberg laws.

Mr. Klein left for America in 1936 and he describes his beginnings in New York. He discusses the decimation of his family who had remained in Germany and tells the story of a cousin who was a brain surgeon. This cousin and his family fled to Russia but when Germany invaded Russia they were murdered by the Russians. Mr. Klein speaks briefly about his life in the United States.

Mr. Klein's *Arbeitsbuch* [work permit book] was donated to the Holocaust Oral History Archive by his niece-in-marriage, Marcia Webber. A program book of a German government sponsored visit to Germany in 1987 was also donated.

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SUBJECT HEADINGS

Holocaust, Jewish: (1939-1945) - Personal narratives, men
Bonn, Germany
Emigration – Immigration to United States
Adjustment to life in the United States