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Descriptive Summary

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| Title: | Albert Gosschalk papers |
| Date(s) | 1835-2008 |
| Creator: | Gosschalk, Albert, 1920-1991 |
| Abstract: | Photographs, silver objects, and other papers of Albert Gosschalk, a Jewish resistance fighter during World War II from the Netherlands. Materials relate to the families of Gosschalk and his wife, Theodora "Doris" van Blankenstein Gosschalk and their lives before, during, and after World War II. |
| Extent: | 0.25 linear feet (5 folders, 1 videocassette) |
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| Call Number: | Mss 1065-009 |
| Language of Material: | Materials in English and Dutch |

Biographical Note

Albert Gosschalk was born in Wijhe, the Netherlands, in 1920. By 1923, he and his family had moved to Deventer, the Netherlands, where he was the only Jew in his school class. In 1939, after finishing school, he obtained an apprenticeship in the meatpacking business, in order to learn the family trade.

In 1940, after the German occupation of the Netherlands, Gosschalk went into hiding with his wife, Doris. After brief stays with several Dutch families willing to hide them for money, the couple moved to a small wooden cottage in the woods outside of Deventer. Gosschalk took part in the Dutch resistance movement. Both he and his wife were captured and arrested in January 1945 after a failed resistance effort to blow up a nearby railroad.

The Gosschalks spent the rest of the war imprisoned by the Nazis, first in a local jail and then at Westerbork concentration camp in the Netherlands. After the camp was liberated by the Allies in April 1945, Gosschalk was chosen to help prepare the camp to house imprisoned Dutch Nazis and assist in its operation. He served in this capacity for three months before returning to Deventer with his wife and infant daughter. The family eventually joined Gosschalk's brother in the United States in 1951 and settled in Charleston, South Carolina, around 1962.

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Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Related Material

Related materials in College of Charleston Special Collections include a curriculum package and resource guide for *South Carolina voices: lessons from the Holocaust* (Mss 1070, D804.3 .S34 1992). This documentary includes videotaped interviews with South Carolina Holocaust survivors, including Albert Gosschalk.

Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

Gosschalk, Albert, 1920-1991
Gosschalk, Theodora van Blankenstein, 1922-2001

Subjects

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
Holocaust survivors
World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities
World War, 1939-1945--Jewish resistance--Netherlands
World War, 1939-1945--Underground movements--Netherlands

Places

Netherlands--History--German occupation, 1940-1945

Types of Material

- Black-and-white negatives
- Black-and-white slides
- Coin silver
- Facsimiles (reproductions)
- Photocopies
- Photographs
- Pillboxes (containers)
- Silverware
- Videocassettes

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2008 by Frieda Gosschalk Bernstein and Josine Gosschalk Reavis.

Processing Information

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Inventory

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| Folder 1 | General, 1945, 2008, undated Includes an overnight pass for Gosschalk to visit his wife in the Westerbork concentration camp. Also includes photocopies of Doris Gosschalk's family tree and notes from an unrecorded interview of Charles and Frieda Gosschalk Bernstein, son-in-law and daughter of Albert and Doris Gosschalk. |
| Folder 2-3 | Photographs, 1930-1948, 1987, 2008, undated Includes pre- and post-war photographs of the Gosschalk and Blankenstein families. Includes negatives, slides, digital images, and facsimiles of photographs of Albert and Doris Gosschalk and their daughter Frieda. |
| Folder 4 | Silver pillbox, 1835 Pillbox belonging to Frieda Phillipstein van Blankenstein, Doris Gosschalk's mother. Pillbox is coin silver and engraved with the initials FP and the year 1835. |
| Folder 5 | Silverware, undated Included are two silver spoons and a silver fish server. |
| Videotape 1065-010-v01 | Videocassette, 1991 (JHC videocassette box 1 1 videocassette tape) Interview with Gosschalk recorded for <i>South Carolina Voices: lessons from the Holocaust</i> on August 29, 1991. Gosschalk discusses his experience as a Jew in Holland before World War II and his involvement in the resistance movement after the German occupation. |