Inventory of the Mike Prayzer papers, 1982-1995
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Descriptive Summary

Title: Mike Prayzer papers
Date(s) 1982-1995
Creator: Prayzer, Mike, 1922-1995
Abstract: The collection consists of newspaper clippings and a videotaped interview of Mike Prayzer, a Jewish native of Bendzin, Poland, who survived imprisonment in ten concentration camps, including Auschwitz and Dachau. Prayzer immigrated to the United States in 1949.
Extent: 0.25 linear feet (1 folder, 1 videocassette)
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Call Number: Mss 1065-043
Language of Material: Materials in English

Biographical Note

Mayer "Mike" Prayzer was born in Bendzin, Poland, in 1922. Prayzer, his parents, four brothers, and a sister, were all arrested following the Nazi invasion of Poland at the beginning of World War II. Over the course of the war, he was imprisoned in ten different concentration camps, including Auschwitz. He was in Dachau concentration camp when it was liberated by American troops in April 1945.

Prayzer stayed in Germany after the war to look for relatives who survived. He found three of his brothers, but his fourth brother, his sister, and his parents were all dead. While searching, Prayzer met Esther Fromovitz, a native of Romania and a fellow survivor. They were married in Rehau, Germany, in August 1946, and immigrated to the United States in 1949 with their young son Morris. In 1951, after settling in Lorain, Ohio, their daughter, Bernice, was born, followed by son Kenneth in 1960.

Collection Overview

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Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.
Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Related Material

Related materials in College of Charleston Special Collections include an oral history interview with Prayzer's daughter, Bernice Rubin (Mss 1035-301).

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
Prayzer, Mike, 1922-1995
Auschwitz (Concentration camp)
Dachau (Concentration camp)

Subjects
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
Holocaust survivors--Poland
World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Germany
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Poland

Places
Bendzin (Poland)

Types of Material
Clippings (information artifacts)
Photocopies
Videocassettes

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Mike Prayzer papers, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.
**Acquisitions Information**

Materials were donated in 2005 by Bernice Prayzer Rubin.

**Processing Information**

Processed by Rebecca McClure, April 2012.

Encoded by Rebecca McClure, July 2012.

Reviewed and uploaded by Martha McTear, July 2012.

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## Inventory

**Folder 1**

**Newspaper clippings, 1982-1995**

Included are photocopies of newspaper articles about the Holocaust that contain interviews with Prayzer. Also included is a photocopy of *The obligation to remember: the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, Washington, D.C., April 11-14, 1983: an anthology*, published by the *Washington Post*.

**Videotape 1065-043-v01**

**Videocassette, 1982**

(JHC Videocassette Box 4 | 1 videocassette)

Oral history interview of Prayzer recorded during a program presented by the Cleveland section of the National Council of Jewish Women.