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**Inventory of the Holocaust Archives
Field Researchers Collection, 1894-2010**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Holocaust archives field researchers collection
Date(s)	1894-2010
Abstract:	The collection consists mostly of copied materials, including photographs, memoirs, clippings, books, objects, and other papers. These materials were collected for the Holocaust Archives from Holocaust survivors, World War II veterans, and others, including liberators of German concentration camps, who settled in South Carolina.
Extent:	0.83 linear feet (2 document boxes)
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Language of Material:	Materials in English, German, and French

Historical Note

The collection of Holocaust materials was sponsored by the Jerry and Anita Zucker Family Endowment, the Sam and Regina Greene Family Fund, the Lieberman Family Endowment, the South Carolina Council on the Holocaust, the Coastal Community Foundation, and other private donors. Work began in 2000 with a grant from the Zucker family that allowed the Jewish Heritage Collection to solicit archival materials from Charleston-area Holocaust survivors and liberators of the concentration camps. Field researcher Sheila Rodin-Novak gathered photographs, documents, correspondence, interviews, albums, scrapbooks, and other artifacts. Some items were donated to the archives; others were loaned for reproduction and returned.

In 2003, the focus of the collection extended beyond Charleston to include other areas in South Carolina. Working with the South Carolina Council on the Holocaust, the Holocaust Archives hired Melissa Jane Taylor, a graduate student in history at the University of South Carolina, to conduct fieldwork in Columbia and the Midlands. This expansion continued in 2005 with the fieldwork of Karen Tannenbaum, who concentrated on Greenville and the Upstate.

Small collections, most consisting of only a few items, are consolidated in this collection. Larger collections are cataloged individually.

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Collection Arrangement

1. Holocaust survivors, 1894-2009
2. World War II veterans and others, circa 1944, 1992-2010

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Related Material

Other collections in the Holocaust Archives may be found in the Special Collections catalog using call number Mss 1065.

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.

Subjects

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Personal narratives
Holocaust survivors
World War, 1939-1945

Places

South Carolina

Types of Material

- Armbands
- Belt plates
- Black-and-white negatives
- Black-and-white slides
- Books
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Digital images
- DVDs
- Flatware
- Interviews
- Letters (Correspondence)
- Memoirs
- Paper money
- Photo CDs
- Photocopies
- Proclamations

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Holocaust archives field researchers collection, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

Acquisitions Information

Materials were collected by Holocaust Archives field researchers, including Sheila Rodin-Novak, Melissa Jane Taylor, Karen Tannenbaum, Dale Rosengarten, and others, from various donors between 2000 and 2010.

Processing Information

Processed by Rebecca McClure, August 2013.

Encoded by Rebecca McClure, October 2013.

Reviewed, edited, and uploaded by Martha McTear, December 2013.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Holocaust survivors, 1894-2009

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| Box 1 Folder 1 | Vera Bloom images, 2004-2005, undated |
| | Copy negatives and copy photographs of Vera Bloom's friend, Nina Ionova, who was killed at Babi Yar. Included are notes from Karen Tannenbaum, field researcher for the Holocaust Archives. |
| Box 1 Folder 2 | Helene Diamant images, 1942, 2005 |
| | Digital images on CD and DVD of postcard to Helene Ejbuszyc [Diamant] from her brother, Henri Ejbuszyc, who was arrested in France and killed at Auschwitz. Related material includes an oral history interview with Helene Diamant (Mss 1035-296). |
| Box 1 Folder 3 | Herta Fechner images, 1927-1938, undated |
| | Copy slides of Herta Fechner. Fechner's daughter-in-law, Zoe Boroughs Fechner, is the daughter of Zig Boroughs (see Mss 1065-040). |
| Box 1 Folder 4 | Ghetto money, 1940 |
| | Five-, ten-, and twenty-mark bills used in the Lodz ghetto. Included are notes from Karen Tannenbaum, field researcher. |
| Box 1 Folder 5 | Martin Gold images, undated |
| | Copy slides, negatives, digital images on DVD, and a photocopied article related to Holocaust survivor Martin Gold, a native of Bialystok, Poland, who immigrated to the United States in 1938 |
| Box 1 Folder 6 | Jerzy Gruszczyński images and clippings, circa 1941-1943, 2003, undated |
| | Copy slides, digital images on DVD, and copied newspaper clippings about Jerzy Gruszczyński, a native of Poland who survived imprisonment in Auschwitz-Birkenau, Buchenwald, and Schönebeck concentration camps. Included are notes from Karen Tannenbaum, field researcher. Related material includes an oral history interview with Jerzy Gruszczyński (Mss 1035-303). |
| Box 1 Folder 7 | Ilse Kaufmann Koven interview, 1996 |
| | DVD copy of Shoah Foundation interview with Ilse Kaufmann Koven, a native of Relsberg, Germany. On January 6, 1939, at the age of fourteen, Kaufmann was rescued from Nazi Germany by the Kindertransport children's rescue mission and taken to England. |
| Box 1 Folder 8 | Mathilde Ezratty Lehem images, 1920-1940, 1996 |
| | Copy slides and negatives, contact sheets, and digital images on CD of Mathilde Ezratty Lehem and family, natives of Salonica, Greece. Related material includes two oral history interviews with Mathilde Lehem (Mss 1035-051, Mss 1035-056). |
| Box 1 Folder 9 | Ernest Lion memoir, 2000 |

- Box 1 Folder 10 **New York Times clippings, 1944, 1946**
- Memoir of Ernest Lion, a native of Germany who survived imprisonment at Auschwitz concentration camp and in 1947 immigrated to the United States.
- Box 1 Folder 11 **Blumah Solomon Raskin memoir, 2000**
- Two clippings from the *New York Times*: a transcript of Roosevelt's prayer on D-Day and a report of the verdicts from the Trial of the Major War Criminals held in Nuremberg, Germany. Included are photocopies of clippings.
- Box 1 Folder 12 **Barbara Rosenberg photocopies, 1983-1984, 2002**
- Memoir of Blumah Solomon Raskin, a native of Vysni-Sard, Czechoslovakia, who survived imprisonment in Auschwitz concentration camp and in 1946 immigrated to London, England.
- Box 1 Folder 13 **Gary Samenfeld images, 1894, 1915-1939**
- Photocopied excerpts from two publications in German, including one about the Jewish Girls School Rosenberg attended in Hamburg, Germany.
- Box 1 Folder 14 **Star of David armband, undated**
- Copy negatives, copy slides, and digital images of photographs and postcards relating to the Samenfeld and Pfifferling families, German Jews who immigrated to the United States in 1938 and 1939 to escape Nazi persecution.
- Possible reproduction of a Star of David badge. "Jood" (Dutch for "Jew") is printed in the center of the yellow star badge, which is sewn to a white armband.

2. World War II veterans and others, circa 1944, 1992-2010

- Box 2 Folder 1 **Marty Abrams images, 1945, 2010**
- Photocopied images from the U.S. Army's 29th Division yearbook. Images show Schloss Rheydt, a German castle given to Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels and captured by American troops, and a Jewish service held in the castle by the 29th Division's Jewish chaplain. Included is a photocopied clipping describing Abrams's experience as a Jewish soldier and a photocopied letter written by Abrams explaining the Schloss Rheydt images. Also included are notes from Karen Tannenbaum, field researcher for the Holocaust Archives.
- Box 2 Folder 2 **Bernard Bakeman papers, 1945, undated**
- Two Holocaust atrocity photographs from Dachau concentration camp, photocopied booklets about the 20th Armored Division, and a division patch of Bernard Bakeman (1923-2009), a U.S. soldier who served with the division during World War II.
- Box 2 Folder 3 **T. Moffatt Burriss images, undated**
- Copy slides of a Nazi flag owned by T. Moffatt Burriss, a commander in the U.S. Army's 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. Included is a clipping detailing his experience liberating Wöbbelin concentration camp.
- Box 2 Folder 4 **Richard DiDiego images, 1945**

- Copy negatives, contact sheets, slides, and digital images of Holocaust atrocity photographs taken by Richard DiDiego, a U.S. soldier who visited Dachau concentration camp shortly after it was liberated. Included are notes from Karen Tannenbaum, field researcher for the Holocaust Archives.
- Box 2 Folder 5-6 **Horace Lennon papers, 1945, 2006, undated**
- Materials related to Horace Lennon, a U.S. Army soldier, including reproductions of photographs he and others took of Buchenwald concentration camp, a brief videotaped interview with Lennon, and his funeral program and other papers. Included are notes from Karen Tannenbaum, field researcher for the Holocaust Archives.
- Box 2 Folder 7 **Carl Leonard yearbook, 1993, undated**
- Yearbook commemorating the 20th Armored Division in World War II. Included is photograph of Carl Leonard, a U.S. soldier who served with the division.
- Box 2 Folder 8 ***I Refused to Die: Stories of Boston-Area Holocaust Survivors and Soldiers Who Liberated the Concentration Camps of World War II*, 2005**
- Includes a chapter written by Chan Rogers describing his experience as a soldier with the U.S. Army's 157th Infantry Regiment of the 45th Division, which liberated Dachau concentration camp. Included are notes from Karen Tannenbaum, field researcher for the Holocaust Archives.
- Box 2 Folder 9 **Carl Romack letter, 1945**
- Photocopies of a letter written on April 17, 1945, by U.S. Army Lieutenant Carl Romack to his family describing conditions at Buchenwald concentration camp. Included are photocopies of Buchenwald photographs and a newspaper article that reprinted Romack's letter.
- Box 2 Folder 10 **Barry Stiefel papers, circa 1944, undated**
- Jewish Calendar for Soldiers and Sailors, 1944-1945*, published by the National Jewish Welfare Board. The calendar belonged to Morris Lapin, grandfather of donor Barry Stiefel. Also included is an undated German postage stamp depicting Adolf Hitler.
- Box 2 Folder 11 **Karen Tannenbaum letters, 2007**
- Letters and emails to Holocaust field researcher Karen Tannenbaum from World War II veterans who participated in the liberation of German concentration camps, including Dachau and Nordhausen.
- Box 2 Folder 12 **Hitler Youth belt buckle, undated**
- Hitler Youth belt buckle and brief notes from Julie Freedman, donor. Notes describe how Freedman was given the buckle by a friend whose grandfather served in the army during World War II.
- Box 2 Folder 13 **Nazi flatware, undated**

Two forks and two knives, each engraved with a swastika. The stepfather of donor Mary Paradise took these items from a dining hall in an unknown concentration camp liberated by his unit during World War II. Included are notes from Karen Tannenbaum, field researcher for the Holocaust Archives.

Box 2 Folder 14

Proclamation of Remembrance, 1992

Proclamation of the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, issued on April 30, 1992, by Charleston (S.C.) Mayor Joseph P. Riley.

Box 2 Folder 15

Antisemitic postcard, 2009

Antisemitic postcard sent to Martin Perlmutter, director of the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program at the College of Charleston.