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**Inventory of the Winstock, Rosenberg,  
and Visanska Family Papers, 1881-2009**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Winstock, Rosenberg, and Visanska family papers
<b>Date(s)</b>	1881-2009
<b>Date(s)</b>	(bulk 1885-1950)
<b>Creator:</b>	Winstock family; Rosenberg family; Visanska family
<b>Abstract:</b>	Photographs, certificates, genealogical research, and clippings of the Winstock, Rosenberg, and Visanska families. The majority of the collection consists of photographs of the Winstock, Rosenberg, and Visanska families, their homes and businesses. Materials relate primarily to Moses Winstock, a merchant and plantation owner, and to Abraham Rosenberg and his son, Ernest Rosenberg, who were both merchants. Also included are clippings, correspondence, and genealogical research materials compiled by Ernest Rosenberg's daughter Evelyn Rosenberg Gross-Brein, some of which were used for her Ph.D. thesis on Eva Leah Visanska, wife of Moses Winstock.
<b>Extent:</b>	1 linear feet (2 document boxes, 2 oversize folders, 2 compact discs)
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<b>Call Number:</b>	Mss 1122
<b>Language of Material:</b>	Materials in English and Hebrew

## Biographical Note

Moses Winstock (1818-1905) was born to Sarah Friedlander (b. 1790) and Mordechai Winstock (b. circa 1790) in Sulwalki, Poland. He married Eva Leah Visanska (1820-1891) in 1836. The couple had six children: Samuel Winstock (1838- 1880), Annie Winstock Visanka (1842-1888), Cecelia Winstock (1853-1906), Miriam Winstock (1858-1940), Rebecca Winstock Rosenberg (1860-1952), and Israel Winstock (1862-1893).

In 1842, Moses and Eva Winstock left Poland and Moses traveled to the United States, while Eva and the children remained in Liverpool, England, until he was settled. His wife and children joined him in 1847 in Charleston, South Carolina. After running a successful peddler's supply and fancy goods store on King Street in Charleston for a dozen years, the family left Charleston in 1860 in search of a drier climate and bought a 525-acre plantation west of Abbeville, South Carolina. At the outbreak of the Civil War, the Winstocks took refuge in Columbia, South Carolina. When Sherman's forces entered the city on February 17, 1865, however, both their home and the warehouse they rented to store their goods were burned to the ground. After the war the family returned to their plantation and lived there until 1875 when poor crops caused them to leave the farm and return to Charleston, where Moses again established a store on King Street.

In 1885, the couple's youngest daughter, Rebecca, married her first cousin Abraham Rosenberg (1859-1920). Abraham had emigrated from Poland in 1875 to help run a family store in Abbeville, South Carolina, established by his cousin Wolfe Rosenberg. In 1884, Abe opened his own clothing store in Greenwood, South Carolina, where he and Rebecca settled after their marriage. The store began as simply "A. Rosenberg," but in 1910 was renamed The Rosenberg Clothing & Shoe Company. Abraham and Rebecca Rosenberg had six children: Herbert Jerome (1886-1963), Sam (1887-1953), Marion (1889-1984), Ernest (1892-1978), Evelyn (1895-1996) and Helen (1898-1898).

The eldest son, Herbert Jerome Rosenberg, completed his medical internship at Grady Hospital in 1909 and went on to practice medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, for more than fifty years. He married Rosalie "Honey" Loeb (b.1890) in 1912 and the couple had three children: Herbert Rosenberg Jr. (1913-1991), Carol Marjorie Rosenberg Loeb (1917-2006), and Leman Rosenberg (1921-2008). Herbert served in World War I in Hospital no. 6 at Fort McPherson in Georgia, where he was promoted to major.

After serving overseas in World War I, the couple's youngest son, Ernest Rosenberg, returned to Greenwood in 1920 to run the family's clothing store with the help of his sister Evelyn. In 1925, Ernest married Alyce Dreyfus Kahn and the couple had two children: Evelyn Rosenberg Gross-Brein and Alyce Rosenberg Tresenfeld (1928-2001). Ernest served again in the army as a colonel in World War II, officially retiring from the military in 1953. Rosenberg's clothing store operated for more than a hundred years in Greenwood, continuing under Evelyn Rosenberg after Ernest's death in 1978.

## Collection Overview

The collection consists primarily of photographs of the Winstock, Rosenberg, and Visanska families, their homes and businesses. Also included are clippings on each of the three families; a small amount of correspondence discussing Abraham Rosenberg and Rebecca Winstock and their marriage, visits to family members, and well wishes and congratulations from friends and family; documents such as marriage certificates and contracts, citizenship papers, and a Free Masons certificate; and genealogical research compiled by Evelyn Rosenberg Gross-Brein, including her Ph.D. thesis materials which also contain photographs.

## 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 Special Collections include the Rosenberg, Winstock, and Loeb family papers (Mss 1130), and an oral history with George Visanska Rosenberg (Mss 1035-089).

## 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

- Winstock, Moses, 1818-1905
- Rosenberg, Abraham, 1859-1920
- Rosenberg, Ernest, 1892-1978
- Gross-Brein, Evelyn Rosenberg--Family
- Winstock family
- Rosenberg family
- Visanska family

### Subjects

- Jewish merchants--South Carolina--Greenwood
- Jewish farmers--South Carolina--Abbeville
- World War, 1914-1918--Participation, Jewish
- World War, 1939-1945--Participation, Jewish

### Places

- Abbeville (S.C.)--Genealogy
- Greenwood (S.C.)--Genealogy
- Charleston (S.C.)--Genealogy

### Types of Material

- Black-and-white photographs
- Color photographs
- Certificates
- Correspondence
- Genealogies (histories)
- Genealogical tables
- Clippings (information artifacts)

## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Winstock, Rosenberg, and Visanska family papers, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

### Acquisitions Information

Materials were donated in 2010 by Evelyn Rosenberg Gross-Brein.

### Processing Information

Processed by Amy Lazarus, October 2015.

Encoded by Amy Lazarus, November 2015.

Reviewed and uploaded by Joshua Minor, November 2015.

# Inventory

## Photographs, circa 1890-1950, 1984-2002, undated

Includes a significant number of reproductions and photocopies.

Box 1 Folder 1	Eva Leah and Moses Winstock, circa 1900, undated
Box 1 Folder 2	Dr. Israel Winstock, circa 1890, undated
Box 1 Folder 3	Winstock family, undated
Box 1 Folder 4	Winstock family homes, 1984, undated
Box 1 Folder 5	Rebecca Winstock and Abraham Rosenberg, circa 1915, 1950, undated
Box 1 Folder 6	Ernest Rosenberg and Alyce Kahn Rosenberg, 1892-1943, undated
Box 1 Folder 7	Evelyn Annie Rosenberg, 1895-1987, undated
Box 1 Folder 8	Rosenberg family portraits, circa 1905, undated
Box 1 Folder 9	Rosenberg cousins, 2000, undated
Box 1 Folder 10	Rosenberg clothing store, Greenberg, South Carolina, undated
Box 1 Folder 11	Rosenberg family heirlooms, undated
Box 1 Folder 12	Visanska family, undated
Box 1 Folder 13	Visanska family homes, 2002
Box 1 Folder 14	Dreyfus-Kahn family, 1933-1936, undated
Box Folder 15	Other, undated

Includes photographs of Bertha Margolis, members of the Berger and Marcus families, and unidentified individuals.

## Digital photographs, undated

(Jewish Heritage Collection CDs Box 1 | 2 CDs)

All digital images are also present in the collection as hardcopies.

CD 1122-CD01	"Scientia cum moribus conjuncta" plaque, undated
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Disc contains image of a plaque donated to Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina, by Moses Winstock.

CD 1122-CD02	Rosenberg, Kahn, and Dreyfus families, undated
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Disc contains images of the Rosenberg, Kahn, and Dreyfus families.

## Clippings, 1888-1893, 1952-1985, undated

Includes photocopies and reproductions.

- Box 1 Folder 16 Rosenberg family, 1952-1985, undated
- Includes articles regarding Ernest Rosenberg's involvement in the community as a civic leader, and his role in running the family's clothing store. Also contains articles on the moving and restoration of Moses Winstock's home by George Rosenberg, as well as obituaries for Evelyn Rosenberg, Rebecca Winstock, and Ernest Rosenberg.
- Box 1 Folder 17 Visanska family, 1958, undated
- Includes advertisements of goods sold by Jules M. Visanska and an article posthumously nominating Sarah Visanska (wife of Jules M. Visanska) for the Federation of Women's Club Hall of Fame and listing her achievements.
- Box 1 Folder 18 Winstock family, undated
- Includes articles on historic homes once owned by Winstock family members and an obituary for Israel Winstock.
- Oversize Paper Folder 1 Oversize, 1888-1893, 1956, undated
- Obituaries for Israel Winstock, Annie Winstock Visanska, an advertisement from Jules M. Visanska, and an issue of The State commemorating the burning of Columbia, South Carolina, during the Civil War on its hundred-year anniversary.
- Genealogical research, 1979, 2001-2009
- Also includes materials from Evelyn Rosenberg Gross-Brein's Ph.D thesis.
- Box 1 Folder 19 Research correspondence, 2007-2008
- Box 1 Folder 20 Research articles, 1979, 2009, undated
- Box 1 Folder 21 Family trees, undated
- Box 2 Folder 1 Thesis materials, undated
- Box 2 Folder 2 Evelyn Rosenberg Gross-Brein thesis draft (partial), 2001
- Pages with original photographs have been replaced with photocopies and photographs have been removed, rehoused, and placed in the back of the folder.
- Box 2 Folder 3 Evelyn Rosenberg Gross-Brein thesis draft (partial), 2001
- Box 2 Folder 4 Correspondence, 1885-1905
- Letters from G.A.Visanska to Moses Winstock upon meeting Rebecca and Abraham Rosenberg in Abbeville, South Carolina, a letter to the congregation of Brith Shalom from I.M. Pearlstine on the death of Moses Winstock, a letter to Rebecca Rosenberg from a friend shortly after her marriage, wishing her happiness and reporting on talk of her wedding, and telegrams sent on the occasion of the wedding of Abraham Rosenberg to Rebecca Winstock.
- Oversize Paper Folder 2 Certificates, 1881-1927



A Resolution of Brith Shalom Congregation on the occasion of Moses Winstock's death, a ketubah and marriage contracts for Rebecca Winstock and Abraham Rosenberg, marriage certificate of Leon Kahn and Sadie Dreyfus, marriage certificate of Alyce Kahn and Ernest Rosenberg, Abraham Rosenberg's citizenship papers, and a Free Masons certificate belonging to Ernest Rosenberg.

Box 2 Folder 5

Miscellaneous, 1893-1910, undated