

Harry Freud Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Harry Freud Papers

Span Dates: 1910-1970

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1938-1968)

ID No.: MSS48629

Creator: Freud, Harry, 1909-1969

Extent: 5,000 items

Extent: 9 containers

Extent: 4.5 linear feet

Language: Collection material in German and English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Business executive and nephew of Sigmund Freud. Correspondence, reports, autobiographical writings, genealogical material, certificates and awards, and financial, legal, and business records pertaining to the Freud family.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Bernays, Edward L., 1891-1995--Correspondence.

Freud family.

Freud, Alexander, 1866-1943--Correspondence.

Freud, Amalia, 1835-1929--Correspondence.

Freud, Anna, 1895-1982--Correspondence.

Freud, Ernst L., 1892-1970--Correspondence.

Freud, Harry, 1909-1968.

Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939.

Freud, Sophie Schreiber, 1878-approximately 1965--Correspondence.

Waldinger, Rose Beatrice Winternitz, 1896- --Correspondence.

Subjects

Anschluss movement, 1918-1938.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

Jewish refugees.

World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps.

World War, 1939-1945--Jews.

Provenance

The papers of Harry Freud, business executive and nephew of Sigmund Freud, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Leli Freud, in 1972 and by the Sigmund Freud Archives between 1952 and 1990. Some items donated by the Sigmund Freud Archives were originally processed as part of the Sigmund Freud Papers, from which they were transferred.

Processing History

The papers of Harry Freud were arranged and described in 1991. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Harry Freud is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Harry Freud are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Harry Freud Papers, Sigmund Freud Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

| Date | Event |
|-------------------|--|
| 1909, Feb. 7 | Born Otto Heinrich Freud, Vienna, Austria, son of Alexander and Sophie Freud |
| 1933 | Doctor of laws, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria |
| 1936-1938 | Partner and manager, Allgemeiner Tarif-Anzeiger |
| 1938-1939 | Emigrated from Vienna, Austria, to the United States |
| Circa 1930s | Managed the financial affairs of his aunts Adolphine Freud, Marie Freud, Rosa Freud Graf, and Pauline Freud Winternitz |
| 1943 | Naturalized as a United States citizen |
| Circa 1943-1945 | Served in the United States Army |
| 1948 | Married Leli Margaret Horn |
| Circa 1950s-1960s | Executive, Container Transport International |
| 1968, Oct. 20 | Died, Yonkers, N.Y. |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Harry Freud (1909-1968) span the years 1910-1970, with the bulk of material dating from 1938 to 1968. The collection consists of [correspondence](#), a [subject file](#), and [writings](#) pertaining to the extended families of Alexander Freud, Harry's father, and Sigmund Freud, his uncle. There are genealogical records as well as various recollections and reminiscences, including firsthand material concerning the Freud family's plight in Vienna following the Nazi *anschluss* of Austria in 1938. Harry Freud and his parents were able to immigrate to the United States and to Canada, but four widowed or unmarried aunts, all of whom died in concentration camps during World War II, remained behind. As manager of his aunts' financial affairs from the mid-1930s onward--a responsibility delegated to him by his father and famous uncle--Harry Freud served as the North American conduit of Freud family communications among its far-flung English, American, and Central European members after 1939.

Correspondents include his parents, Alexander and Sophie Schreiber Freud, his grandmother, Amalia Freud, and other Freud relatives including Edward L. Bernays, Anna Freud, Ernst L. Freud, and Rose Beatrice Winternitz Waldinger.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

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- Writings, undated

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