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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Lentschner, Walter Samuel, 1906-1986
Title:	Walter Samuel Lentschner papers
ID:	4079919
ID:	MS#0768
Date [inclusive]:	1923-1986
Physical Description:	1 linear feet 2 boxes
Language of the Material:	German , English .

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Biographical / Historical

Medical photographer who fled his native Germany when the Nazis took over in 1933. He moved to Paris and eventually was interned in Camp Le Vernet, near Marseilles. He came to the United States in 1941 with the help of Varian Fry and the Centre Americain de Secours in Marseilles.

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Summary

Correspondence, documents, photographs, and printed materials documenting his displacement in Europe, his emigration to the United States, and the legal steps he took to obtain reparations from Germany.

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Arrangement

Arranged. Box 1: Correspondence & documents; Box 2: Backpack & contents used during his escape from France.

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Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Papers: Source of acquisition--Zafran, Eric & Enid. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--07/09/2001. Accession number--M-01-07-09.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Eric and Enid Zafran, 2001.

Processing Information

Papers Processed HR 01/22/2002.

Accruals

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Controlled Access Headings

- Concentration camps -- France
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Claims
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Jews -- Rescue
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Refugees
- Affidavits
- Certificates
- Claims
- Identity cards
- Knapsacks
- Legal documents
- Menus

- Obituaries
- Permits
- Photographs
- Programs (documents)
- Scrip
- Transcripts
- Visiting cards
- Concentration camp inmates
- Photographers
- Refugees
- Fry, Varian, 1907-1967
- Le Vernet (Concentration camp)

Collection Inventory

Series I: Chronological Files

Scope and Contents

Correspondence & documents

Title/Description	Instances	
No Date	box 1	folder 1
1923-1939	box 1	folder 2
1940	box 1	folder 3
1941	box 1	folder 4
1942	box 1	folder 5
1943	box 1	folder 6
1944-1949	box 1	folder 7
1952-1957	box 1	folder 8
1958	box 1	folder 9
1959	box 1	folder 10
1960	box 1	folder 11
1961	box 1	folder 12
1962-1963	box 1	folder 13
1964	box 1	folder 14
1965	box 1	folder 15
1966	box 1	folder 16

1967	box 1	folder 17
1968	box 1	folder 18
1969	box 1	folder 19
1970	box 1	folder 20
1971	box 1	folder 21
1972	box 1	folder 22
1973	box 1	folder 23
1974	box 1	folder 24
1975	box 1	folder 25
1976	box 1	folder 26
1977	box 1	folder 27
1986	box 1	folder 28

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Series II: Objects

Title/Description	Instances
Backpack & contents used during his escape from France	box 2

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Series III: Additions

Scope and Contents

Gift of Eric Zafran, 2014. Accession number: 2015.2016.M105

Title/Description	Instances
<i>The New Republic</i> , 21 December 1942	box 1 folder 29
Scope and Contents	
Contains the article "The Mssacre of the Jews" by Varian Fry	
Clippings	box 1 folder 30
Web print-outs re. Richard Lentschner and Dr. Esther Meltzer Lentschner	box 1 folder 31
Letter from Eric Zafran to the Rare Book and Manuscript Library re. his uncle, Walter Lentschner, 14 August 2014	box 1 folder 31

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