



THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI RESEARCH CENTER-KANSAS CITY

K1193

Siegfried "Fred" Ruschin (1925-2008) Papers

[Jewish Community Archives]

ca. 1920s-2008

4 cubic feet

Personal records of Ruschin and his family, particularly relating to applications for restitution for losses in German under the Nazis; writings and other materials relating to Ruschin career as a librarian at Linda Hall Library; his volunteer work; and other interests, research, writing that he did.

BIOGRAPHY:

Siegfried Ruschin was born in Germany on May 18, 1925, the only child of Ludwig and Herta Ruschin. His family was persecuted by the Nazis, but escaped Germany in July 1939 and eventually arrived in Caracas, Venezuela, in September of that year. Though he was barred from public schools in Germany, in Venezuela he quickly learned Spanish and taught himself radio and television repair.

In 1956, he immigrated to Topeka, Kansas, with his parents following him the next year. They removed to Kansas City, MO in 1960. He became fluent in English, graduated from Washburn University in Topeka with a B.S. in Physics and earned a Master's in Library Science from Emporia State College. He had a distinguished career as Librarian for Collection Development at Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Missouri from 1959 to 1993. After retirement, he was an active writer in the MCHE Memory Project. His mother preceded him in death in 1959. Siegfried lived with and cared for his aging father until his passing in 1986.

Siegfried Ruschin, died October 19, 2008. His obituary in the *Kansas City Star* (October 22, 2008) eloquently noted, "The breadth and depth of knowledge he had acquired, his amazing memory of even the smallest detail, his writing skills, his dedication to his aging father, his overcoming the many obstacles in his life, earned the love and respect of his family and many friends."

PROVENANCE:

This gift was received from Siegfried Ruschin Estate as accession KA1670 on January 6, 2009.

COPYRIGHT AND RESTRICTIONS:

The Donor has given and assigned to the State Historical Society of Missouri all rights of copyright which the Donor has in the Materials and in such of the Donor's works as may be found among any collections of Materials received by the Society from others.

PREFERRED CITATION:

Specific item; folder number; *Siegfried "Fred" Ruschin (1925-2008) Papers (K1193)*; The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

CONTACT:

The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City
302 Newcomb Hall, University of Missouri-Kansas City
5123 Holmes Street, Kansas City, MO 64110-2499
(816) 235-1543 SHSofMO-KC@umsystem.edu
<http://shs.umsystem.edu/index.shtml>

DESCRIPTION:

The papers contain personal records of Siegfried Ruschin and his family, particularly relating to applications for restitution for losses in German under the Nazis. Also included are writings and other materials relating to Ruschin career as a librarian at Linda Hall Library; his volunteer work; and other interests, research, writing that he did. Some of the materials are written in German, Hebrew, or Spanish.

INVENTORY:

Box 001

Folder 1	Ruschin Genealogy
Folder 2	Ruschin Family Reunion 2001
Folder 3	Photographs
Folder 4	30th Anniversary Party for Siegfried Ruschin 9/13/1990
Folder 5	Correspondence/ Documents, undated
Folder 6	Correspondence/ Documents, 1920's
Folder 7	Correspondence/ Documents, 1930's

Folder 8	Correspondence/ Documents, 1940's
Folder 9	Correspondence/ Documents, 1950's
Folder 10	Correspondence/ Documents, 1960's
Folder 11	Correspondence 1984
Folder 12	Correspondence: "Drs. Deversux, Mennger, Anna Freud, etc."
Folder 13	Correspondence: Cheryl Lester
Folder 14	Cheryl Lester
Folder 15	Correspondence: Shlomo Ruschin
Folder 16	Aaron Ahlguist Bar Mitzvali 1989
Folder 17	"Travel mementos"
Folder 18	"Old Documents"
Folder 19	Address Book
Folder 20	Notebooks
Folder 21	Siegfried Ruschin Student paper/notes 1954 Part 1
Folder 22	Siegfried Ruschin Student paper/notes 1954 Part 2
Folder 23	Siegfried Ruschin Student paper/notes 1954 Part 3
Folder 24	Holocaust Part 1
Folder 25	Holocaust Part 2
Folder 26	Berlin
Folder 27	Berlin
Folder 28	Memory Project
Folder 29	Memory Project "My Papers" [autobiographical writing]
Folder 30	Memory Project "Papers of other members"
Folder 31	Rabbi Mitchell Wohlberg, Rosh Hashana Sermon 9/23/2006
Folder 32	Hebrew Calendars
Folder 33	Hebrew Calendar Notes

Box 002

Folder 1	Ludwig Ruschin Memorial Book 1986
Folder 2	Siegfried Ruschin "Restitution" "Wiedergutmachuz" 1952-1973
Folder 3	Ludwig Ruschin [Restitution] 1954-1961
Folder 4	Ludwig Ruschin "Haft Schaden" "Detention Damage" 1954-1965
Folder 5	Ludwig Ruschin [Restitution?] 1954-1965
Folder 6	Ludwig Ruschin "Restitution" 1959-1972 Part 1

- Folder 7 Ludwig Ruschin "Restitution" 1959-1972 Part 2
- Folder 8 Ludwig Ruschin "Rucharstattung" "Reimbursement"
- Folder 9 Ludwig Ruschin "Nermogenacladen" 1955-1959
- Folder 10 Ludwig Ruschin "Sezialvericherungsverfahren" "Social Security Procedures" 1972-1985
- Folder 11 Ludwig Ruschin "Restitution" 1973-1979 Part 1
- Folder 12 Ludwig Ruschin "Restitution" 1973-1979 Part 2
- Folder 13 Ludwig Ruschin "Restitution" 1980-1986 Part 1
- Folder 14 Ludwig Ruschin "Restitution" 1980-1986 Part 2
- Folder 15 "Papa's Notebooks" Ludwig? Personal Accounts/Expenditures 1958-1972
- Folder 16 Herta Ruschin "Restitution" "Wiedergutmachung" 1958-1974
- Folder 17 Hedy and Max Isenberg "Restitution" "Wiedergutmachung" 1957-1972 Part 1
- Folder 18 Hedy and Max Isenberg "Restitution" "Wiedergutmachung" 1957-1972 Part 2
- Folder 19 Clippings [R E Washburn-some articles by Ruschin]
- Folder 20 Articles by Siegfried Ruschin

Box 003

- Folder 1 Articles [Gome by Ruschin]
- Folder 2 Articles [Gome by Ruschin]
- Folder 3 "A Survey of the use of microforms..." By Siegfried Ruschin
- Folder 4 Notes on Henry Heinrich Füssli (1741-1825)
- Folder 5 Miscellaneous Notes (clip)
- Folder 6 Book (?) from Richard Rhodes
- Folder 7 "Notable 20th Century Scientist [Eliseo Fernandez]
- Folder 8 Stefan Zweig Articles Part 1
- Folder 9 Stefan Zweig Articles Part 2
- Folder 10 Articles-Economics
- Folder 11 Physics/Science Photocopy Articles
- Folder 12 "Political Science, History and Related Publications"
- Folder 13 Venezuela
- Folder 14 Translation (?): "Das Leben" "The Life"
- Folder 15 Miscellaneous Articles/Notes

- Folder 16 Article "Erinnerungen an unsere erste Europareise 1976"
"Memories of our First European Travel"
- Folder 17 Miscellaneous, Newspaper clippings
- Folder 18 UMKC 1998-2003
- Folder 19 Washburn University
- Folder 20 Ill Request
- Folder 21 Applied Mechanics Reviews 1976
- Folder 22 Applied Mechanics Reviews 1980

Box 004

- Folder 1 Linda Hall Library
- Folder 2 Linda Hall Library
- Folder 3 Linda Hall Library
- Folder 4 Linda Hall Library
- Folder 5 Linda Hall Library-Draft Collection Development Policy
- Folder 6 Linda Hall Library-Draft Collection Development Policy 1993
- Folder 7 Linda Hall Library-Serial Titles May 1963
- Folder 8 Linda Hall Library-Japanese, Chinese, and Russian Serial Holdings