Guide to the Frank and Trixie Wachsner Collection, 1941-circa 2013

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Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: Frank and Trixie Wachsner Collection

Dates: 1941-circa 2013

Identification: OCH/FTW

Creator: Wachsner, Frank and Trixie

Physical Description: 4.33 linear feet

Language of Materials:

- English
- Chinese
- Hebrew
- German

Repository: Old China Hands Archives

Abstract: Frank and Trixie Wachsner were both children of Jewish refugees who fled to Shanghai to escape persecution during World War II. The collection consists of items related to their experiences living in China and the reunions they attended in later years to reconnect with other "Old China Hands."

Biographical Information:

Frank Wachsner (1919-2013) and Trixie Braun Wachsner (1926-2014) were both children of Jewish refugees who fled to Shanghai to escape persecution during World War II. The two met while living in China, were married in 1946, and settled in the United States in 1947.

Genre/Form of Material:

- Paper records
- Photographic material
- Publications

Accruals:

- 2015

Processing Information:

Jessica Geiser, 2013

Conditions Governing Use:

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The collection is open for research use.

Preferred Citation:

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Arrangement of Materials:

- Series I: Personal Materials, 1941-circa 2013
- Series II: Reunions, 1990-1992

Scope and Contents:


Series I, Personal Materials, includes biographical narratives collected by Frank and Trixie's son, Tim Wachsner, along with newspaper clippings and publications on the topic of China, a photograph of the opening of the first refugee synagogue in Shanghai founded by Frank's father, Lutz Wachsner, and a certificate of registration issued in Shanghai allowing Trixie's father, Walter Braun, to practice as a doctor in the International Settlement. Also included is the travel trunk used by the Wachsner family during World War II, a butter knife, and letter opener. The files are arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within.
Series II, Reunions, documents various social gatherings attended by Frank and Trixie for the purpose of reconnecting with others who lived in China during World War II. The series is arranged chronologically by reunion year and contains contact information, correspondence, photographs, postcards, programs, name tags, newspaper coverage, notes, and travel brochures. Of particular note is a roster of Anaheim Reunion participants organized by the camp or school lived in or attended while in China.

Series I: Personal Materials, 1941-circa 2013

Box 1, Item 1  Certificate of Registration issued by the Shanghai Municipal Council allowing Dr. Walter Braun to practice medicine in the international settlement of Shanghai, 1942 December 28
Box 1, Item 2  Photograph of the opening of the first refugee synagogue in Shanghai, founded by Lutz Wachsner, 1941 November 10
Box 2, Folder 1  Biographical Narratives, ca. 2013
Box 2, Folder 2  "China: the destination of the 80s," by Travel Headquarters, Inc., 1981
Box 2, Folder 3  National Geographic, Shanghai issue, 1994
Box 2, Folder 4  Newspaper Clippings, 1982, 1994
Box 3, Item 1  Butter Knife
Box 3, Item 2  Letter Opener
Box 4, Item 1  Travel Trunk

Series II: Reunions, 1990-1992

Box 2, Folder 5  Anaheim, CA, 1990
Box 2, Folder 6  Philadelphia, PA, 1991
Box 2, Folder 7  Vancouver, BC, 1992