Title: Kenneth Joseph Colvin oral history interview
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Abstract: This collection comprises one videotape with accompanying transcript of an oral history interview with Kenneth Joseph Colvin conducted by the Holocaust Oral History Project on July 11, 1990.
Creator: Colvin, Kenneth Joseph
Creator: Ayres, Gene
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Biographical/Historical note
Kenneth Joseph Colvin was born in San Francisco in 1924. As a result of his experiences with anti-Semitism, Mr. Colvin changed his last name from Cohn to Colvin. Drafted into the United States Army in 1943, Mr. Colvin served with the 3rd Army, 515th Medical Clearing Company, where he worked in emergency medical treatment centers with ex-concentration camp prisoners. Mr. Colvin was part of the liberation forces for 8 camps in Germany and Austria.
He has written a book about his experiences for his grandchildren.
Scope and Contents note
This collection comprises one videotape with accompanying transcript of an oral history interview with Kenneth Joseph Colvin. The interview was conducted by Gene Ayers on behalf of the Holocaust Oral History Project on July 11, 1990. Mr. Colvin was a liberator of concentration camps.
The interview describes Mr. Colvin's childhood and life in San Francisco, his experience with anti-Semitism, his service in the Army, where he was assigned to 3rd Army, 515th Medical Clearing Company. He describes his experiences in labor, displaced persons and concentration camps, including Hemar, Oberhausen, and Hohenfels in Germany and Ebensee, Altmunster, and Ranshofen in Austria, and discusses the emotional impact of the terrible conditions he witnessed.
Existence and Location of Copies note
Master copies of the oral history interview are located at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.
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