Guide to Mary Kress oral history interview OHP.8571

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Abstract: This collection comprises one sound disc of an oral history interview with Mary Kress conducted by the Holocaust Media Project at the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors on April 11, 1983.
Creator: Kress, Mary
Creator: Kenyon, Linda
Scope and Contents note
This collection comprises one sound disc of an oral history interview with Mary Kress. The interview was conducted by Linda Kenyon on behalf of the Holocaust Media Project at the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors on April 11, 1983. Mary Kress is a Holocaust survivor.
The interview describes Ms. Kress's childhood in Częstochowa, Poland; living in the Częstochowa ghetto until 1942; and then hiding in a Polish home in an underground compartment with her family for eighteen months. She describes being found, arrested and imprisoned; transported to Auschwitz in late 1943; and suffering from typhus. Ms. Kress describes working with her aunt and mother making string; being too ill to work; and receiving the assistance of another prisoner which enabled her to continue to work. She describes the terrible treatment she received in Auschwitz; and the death march she endured in January 1945. Ms. Kress describes being transported to unidentified locations with her mother and aunt; learning that the war was over; hiding; working on an abandoned farm; and their liberation by Russian troops. She discusses returning to Poland where they encountered anti-Semitism and traveling to Germany to live in a displaced persons camp until their emigration to the United States in 1949.
Conditions Governing Access note
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Master copies of the oral history interview are located at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.
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Jewish women in the Holocaust
Jews -- Persecutions -- Poland
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United States -- Emigration and immigration
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