Register of the Ludwig E. Frank papers

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Abstract: Writings, interview transcript, correspondence, reports, identification documents, printed matter, photographs, and videocassette relating to the persecution of Jews in Japan during World War II.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Creator: Frank, Ludwig E., 1917-
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Biographical Note
Ludwig (Lou) E. Frank was a German resident of Japan during World War II. The Frank family moved to Japan when Frank's father Louis Hugo Frank, born in Leipzig, Germany in 1886 received a teaching position in Japan. The Franks lived comfortably in Japan with their two sons, Hugo C. Frank and Ludwig (Lou) E. Frank until the early 1940s, when racial and ethnic persecution from Nazi Germany made its way into Japan. In April, 1943, after 17 years of teaching, Dr. Frank was discharged from his teaching position at Yamanashi Technical College on the grounds of being a German Jew. In May, 1944, Hugo C. Frank, Hugo's wife, and their daughter were interned in Gora, Hakone, while the rest of the Frank family was interned in Karuizawa. Despite the eventual release of his family, Hugo was arrested by the Yokohama Military Police on charges of espionage in July, 1944. On June 30, 1945, Hugo died in prison of malnutrition. At the end of the war, the Frank family immigrated to the United States, where Dr. Frank obtained a teaching position at Arkansas Technical University. Dr. Frank died in San Francisco, California in 1973. In 1986 August, a memorial was dedicated to Dr. Frank at the Faculty of Engineering at Yamanashi University in Japan, with Lou Frank speaking at the memorial's dedication. From 1987-1989, the Frank family and one Makoto Honobe participated in the process of clarification of the false charges against Hugo C. Frank. The process ultimately ended with a letter of apology to the Frank family, and in 1993, a centenary book of Dr. Louis Hugo Frank, detailing the Frank family's life in Japan, as well as the investigation into the death of Hugo C. Frank, was distributed. Lou E. Frank died in San Francisco in 2007.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Ludwig E. Frank papers consist of writings, an interview transcript, correspondence, reports, identification documents, printed matter, photographs, and a VHS videocassette relating to the persecution of Jews in Japan during World War II. The Frank family lived in Japan from 1913 to approximately 1947. In early 1944, Hugo C. Frank, eldest son of Dr. Louis Hugo Frank and brother of Ludwig (Lou) E. Frank, was accused of being an Allied spy and imprisoned. Hugo C. Frank died in prison in Yokohama in 1945. Much of the collection chronicles an investigation of and subsequent report on Hugo's death by either an acquaintance or investigator hired by Ludwig Frank named Makoto Honobe. A general history of the Frank family in Japan, followed by their move to the United States in the post-World War II period is also included.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Biographical File, 1912-1954, undated

Box/Folder 1 : 1-2
Yearbooks, journals, records, and pay stubs belonging to the Frank family, 1912-1954, undated
Correspondence, 1945-1958, 1992-1993

Box/Folder 1 : 3
General, 1945, 1946, undated

Box/Folder 1 : 4
Frank, Louis C., 1956-1958

Box/Folder 1 : 5
Honobe, Makoto, 1992-1993

Speeches and Writings, 1986, 1994, 1996,

Box/Folder 1 : 6
"Speech at Unveiling Ceremony of Dr. Hugo C. Frank's Monument," Kofu, Japan, 1986 August 8

Box/Folder 1 : 7
"Interview of Lou Frank by Judith Antelman," 1994 November 1

Box/Folder 1 : 8
"Living Conditions in Wartime Japan," Points East, 1996 November

Writings by Others, 1916, 1993, undated

Frank, Louis Hugo, 1916, undated

Box/Folder 1 : 9
"Algebraic Relations for Property-Composition Curves of Binary Mixture," dissertation, Arkansas Academy of Science, undated

Box/Folder 1 : 9
"Experiments," notebook, in German, 1916

Honobe, Makoto, 1993

Box/Folder 2 : 1-5, Box 3
The Centenary Book of Dr. Louis Hugo Frank, 1993 May

Photographs, 1913-1933, undated

Box/Folder 2 : 6
Louis C. Frank and wife, 2 photographic prints, undated

Box/Folder 4
Photograph album of the Frank family in Japan, 1913-1922

Box/Folder 4
Photograph album of the Frank family in Japan, 1918-1933

Box/Folder 2 : 7
Videorecordings, undated
Scope and Contents note
Features a brief series of clips from the dedication of a memorial to Dr. Louis C. Frank in Japan, as well as interview clips. The interview clips are mostly in Japanese, with some English.

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Printed Matter, 1957, 1959

Box/Folder 2 : 8
Newspaper clippings, 1957, 1959