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Abstract: Diaries, and historical, biographical and bibliographical writings, relating to the history of the Crimea, especially during the period from the Russian Revolution to the 1950s; the history of publishing in the Crimea during this period; notable persons of the Crimea, especially artists; the Jewish community of Simferopol'; and the German occupation of Simferopol' during World War II. Includes some later correspondence relating to the writings of E. E. Gopshtein.
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1885  Born, Simferopol, Crimea

Before 1917 Worked for an insurance company and for the Azov-Don Bank

1917-1918  Manager, Finance Department, City of Simferopol

1918  Manager, Crimean Communal Bank

1941

December 11 – 1944  Lived in a hiding place during the German occupation of Simferopol

April 13

1960  Died

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Evsei Efimovich Gopshtein were acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives in 1993 from his granddaughter Margaret A. Hopstein and from Leonid Hmelevsky, III. They represent only part of his archives, as some papers were destroyed during World War II and others are in Moscow. As for the very large library on the Crimea that Gopshtein had collected, it was stolen during the war.

Gopshtein was the only one out of 14,000 Jews in Simferopol to survive the killings and deportations when his city came under German occupation, hiding as he did in the one-room apartment of a friend for twenty-eight months. (Gopshtein had asked for her help because he had hidden her cousin, a White Russian Vrangel army officer, from the Bolsheviks some twenty years before.) An account of that experience, as well as an interview he gave in August 1944, can be found in the biographical file. Also important are Gopshtein's diaries, of which the Archives holds those parts that cover the war period.

But the bulk of the collection consists of his bibliographical work and writings. Gopshtein was an avid bibliographer and historian, and compiled many bibliographies of publications relating to the history and people of the Crimea, primarily to its Jewish population.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the repository's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Ukraine--History--Revolution, 1917-1921.
Publishers and publishing--Ukraine--Crimea.
Crimea (Ukraine)--Biography.
Art--Ukraine--Crimea.
Jews--Ukraine--Simferopol'.
Simferopol' (Ukraine)--History.
World War, 1939-1945--Ukraine--Simferopol'.
Ukraine--History--German occupation, 1941-1944.
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World War, 1939-1945.
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box 1  Biographical File, 1944-1981.
Scope and Content Note
Biographical account, clippings, correspondence, and interview, arranged alphabetically by physical form

box 1  Diaries, 1938-1953.
Scope and Content Note
Arranged chronologically

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Scope and Content Note
Bibliographies of publications on the history and people of the Crimea, arranged first by city and region of publication and then chronologically by title of bibliography

Writings, 1916-1937
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Photographs, 1928
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PHOTOGRAPHS, 1928

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