Finding aid for the Schramm family papers 6061

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Abstract: This collection contains the documents of the Schramm family, a family of Bessarabian Germans who were moved to German territory during World War II. The documents include pre-war military papers; resettlement documents; naturalization and employment papers; and some letters, including personal correspondence.
Biographical / Historical
The Bessarabia Germans lived in the Russian land of Bessarabia between 1814 and 1940. Because of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact in 1939, ethnic Germans, including the Bessarabia Germans, were relocated to Germany and German-occupied territories in order to fulfill the Nazi idea of Lebensraum.
Scope and Contents
This collection contains the documents of the Schramm family, a family of Bessarabian Germans who were moved to German territory during World War II. The earlier documents include photographs and Romanian military papers. Many of the documents pertain to the family's resettlement in Germany and include the family's naturalization form and employment papers. There is a letter from the German military informing the Schramm family that one of their members was killed in action. Much of the collection consists of postwar documents. These documents include correspondence and insurance identifications. Some of the more personal documents include a card expressing condolences and an engagement announcement.
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Box 1, Folder 1
Romanian Documents 1920-1940
Scope and Contents
Military medical records for Gotthilf Schramm; birth certificate for Hugo Schramm; tax book.

Box 1, Folder 2
Photographs 1937, undated
Scope and Contents
Photographs of various members of the Schramm family; some include members in a Russian military uniform.
Box 1, Folder 3  **Romanian Railway Pass, Lydia Schramm 1938**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Pass for the Romanian railway; includes photograph of Lydia Schramm and stamps from travels.

Box 1, Folder 4  **Resettlement documents 1941-1944, undated**  
**Biographical / Historical**  
Resettlement programs began in 1939 as a result of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact. They were put in place in order to encourage or force the Volksdeutsche (ethnic Germans living abroad) to return to their homeland. Resettlement of the Bessarabian Germans began in 1940. The Volksdeutsche were first put in camps while they were racially evaluated. Once they passed inspection they were given territory and property taken from expelled Poles.  
**Scope and Contents**  
Various documents regarding the resettlement of the Schramm family; Camp passports; documentation of property confiscated from Poles that was granted to the Schramm family.

Box 1, Folder 5  **Certificate of Naturalization, Schramm family 1941-01-16**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Document granting the German naturalization of the Schramm family.

Box 1, Folder 6  **Deutsches Reich Arbeitsbuch, Hertha Schramm 1941**  
**Scope and Contents**  

Box 1, Folder 7  **Letter 1942-02-26**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Correspondence from family member regarding health and hospital visits.

Box 1, Folder 8  **Postcard to Gotthilf Schramm 1943-05**  
Box 1, Folder 9  **Copy of letter from the front regarding the death of Corporal Gotthilf Schramm 1943-10-01**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Corporal Gotthilf Schramm died from a shot to the chest during combat on 25 September 1943; his body could not be transported back to his family.

Box 1, Folder 10  **Communication Regarding the Berlin Conference of the Three Powers circa 1945**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Pamphlet regarding the Potsdam Conference in 1945; Published by the Soviet Military Administration in Brandenburg.

Box 1, Folder 11  **Postwar correspondence 23 May 1946, 20 August 1958**  
**Scope and Contents**  
News regarding the family.

Box 1, Folder 12  **Social Insurance Institution of Saxony-Anhalt identifications 1946-1950**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Membership for Lydia and Gotthilf Schramm for the Social Insurance Institution of Saxony-Anhalt (Sozialversicherungsanstalt Sachsen-Anhalt).

Box 1, Folder 13  **Engagement announcement for Herta Schramm and Ernst Krockenberger 1947-06**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Herta Schramm was the daughter of Gotthilf and Lydia Schramm.
Box 1, Folder 14  **Peasants Mutual Aid Association membership card 1947-1948**

 Scope and Contents
 Card belonging to Gotthilf Schramm proving that he was a member of the Peasants Mutual Aid Association from 1947 to 1948.

 Biographical / Historical
 The Peasants Mutual Aid Association (Vereinigung der gegenseitigen Bauernhilfe) was an East German organization for peasants and farmers. It was founded in the post-World War II period.

Box 1, Folder 13  **Postwar documents 1950s**

 Scope and Contents
 Documents regarding post-war life in Germany: Control card for the delivery of eggs, veterinary paperwork, invoices.

Box 1, Folder 16  **Social Security identification 1951-1953**

 Scope and Contents
 Social Security identification (Versicherungs-Ausweis) belonging to Lydia Schramm.

Box 1, Folder 17  **Family document undated**

 Scope and Contents
 Birth and death information for 4 generations of the families of Gotthilf Schramm and Lydia Richter.

Box 1, Folder 18  **Condolence card**

 Scope and Contents
 From Reinhold Schramm, brother of Gotthilf Schramm.

Box 1, Folder 19  **Page from book about Count Zeppelin undated**

 Scope and Contents
 Portion of an account of Count Zeppelin's views and youth.

 Biographical / Historical
 Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin was a nobleman born in 1838 who served in the military and is the founder of the Zeppelin airship company. He died in 1917.

Box 1, Folder 20  **Empty envelope undated**

 Scope and Contents
 Addressed to Gotthilf Schramm from Theresie Schramm.