

Rucker Family papers and oral history interviews, 1894-1982

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Rucker family
Title	Rucker Family papers and oral history interviews
Dates	1894-1982 (inclusive) 1894 1982
Quantity	circa 2.33 cubic feet (including 5 sound cassettes and 1 transcript)
Collection Number	3067
Summary	Oral history of a Seattle Jewish family and other papers
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	Open to all users.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Seattle Jewish family.

Content Description

Correspondence, legal documents, clippings, family tree, tape-recorded interviews conducted by James Mirel and Meta Buttnick on 2/10/80 and by Howard Droker, October 19, 1981 and June 30, 1982.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Rucker Family papers and oral history interviews, 1894-1982
<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv40042>

Organized into 2 accessions.

Accession No. 3067-001, Rucker family papers, 1894-1980

Accession No. 3067-002, Wallace Rucker oral history interview, 1981-1982

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 3067-001: Rucker family papers and oral history interview, 1894-1980

2.33 cubic feet (1 box including 3 sound cassettes)

Scope and Content: Correspondence, legal documents, clippings, family tree, tape-recorded interviews conducted by James Mirel and Meta Buttnick on 2/10/80.

Mr. Rucker tells how his maternal grandparents came from a village near Berlin. They were David Kauffman and Hulda Harris Kauffman. They came to Seattle via Victoria. His mother was the first Jewish child born in Seattle. His father Samuel Louis Ruchker was Methodist-Episcopal. He died when Wallace was 18 months old and Mr. Rucker thinks that he wanted his son reared in the Jewish faith, which he was. He had his Bar Mitzvah at the Temple on Boylston Avenue. He also has association with Temple services at Morris's Hall. He tells of his World War I service and of his long career as a salesman for MGM.

Helen Bornstein Rucker was educated in Seattle and attended a finishing school near Washington D.C. She fleshes out the story of the Educational Center by giving personal experiences of accompanying her mother to the center and hearing her mother tell of her work there. This was Mrs. Bornstein's transcendental interest. She tells of her authorship of two book, "Cargo of Brides" and "Wolf Trap" and that she has another awaiting publication. She tells of her father's work for the shelter house during World War I. Both she and her husband add to the information about the reform congregation and its members.

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Acquisition Info: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. B. Wallace Rucker, 2/10/1980.

Description

Rucker family papers and oral history interview

Accession No. 3067-002: Oral history interview with B. Wallace Rucker, 1981-1982

2 sound cassettes (ca. 75 min.); transcript: 20 pages

Rucker Family papers and oral history interviews, 1894-1982
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Scope and Content: Tape-recorded interview and transcript conducted by Howard Droker, October 19, 1981 and June 30, 1982.

Mr. Rucker talks about his grandparents who came to Seattle in 1869 from Victoria B.C., and his mother, who was the first Jewish child born in Seattle. He recalls his childhood and training in Temple De Hirsch, Rabbi Samuel Koch, and his business career. He discusses the Seattle chapter of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, of which he was a member, and his changed feelings following the establishment of the State of Israel.

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Acquisition Info: Donated by B. Wallace Rucker, 7/1/1982.

Description

Oral history interview with B. Wallace Rucker

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Jews--Washington (State)--Seattle

Jews--Washington (State)--Seattle--Interviews

Personal Names :

Bornstein, Julia

Bornstein, Maurice S

Koch, Samuel, 1874-1944

Rucker, B. Wallace--Interviews

Corporate Names :

American Council for Judaism. Seattle Chapter

Educational Center (Seattle, Wash.)

Temple de Hirsch (Seattle, Wash.)

Family Names :

Rucker family--Archives

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Droker, Howard

Kaufman, David

(creator)

Kaufman, Huldah Harris

(creator)

Rucker, Helen

(creator)

Corporate Names :

Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington)

Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington)

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