

Oral history interview with Manfred Selig, 1980

Overview of the Collection

Interviewee	Selig, Manfred
Title	Oral history interview with Manfred Selig
Dates	1980 (inclusive) 1980 1980
Quantity	2 sound cassettes (81 min. total); 1 folder
Collection Number	3134 (Accession No. 3134-001)
Summary	Tape recorded interview of a Seattle Jewish community member discussing early years in Germany, emigration to Seattle, his business and community activities in Seattle
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Access Restrictions	Open to all users.
Languages	English

Content Description

Tape-recorded interview covering 1902-1980 and conducted by Dr. Eric Offenbacher. Accession also includes a program.

The interview begins with Mr. Selig's birth and early years in Germany. It describes in great detail all the difficulties he encountered in obtaining an exit visa for himself, his wife and two children. He also describes their problems in traveling from Germany to the United States and their stops along the way. They were supposed to go to San Francisco but the boat landed in Vancouver, B.C. and while traveling through Seattle they "jumped" boat and stayed here because they liked the city and the surroundings. Mr. Selig's business activities, retail and wholesale linens, are discussed in detail. He had no club affiliations other than the synagogue membership at Bikur Cholim Congregation. He is a member of the Seattle Art Museum. His interest in art and how he started his now famous collection of paintings, etchings, engravings and silver is discussed in the interview in great detail. He donated paintings to the State Capitol Museum, the Seattle Art Museum, the Seattle Public Library on 3rd Avenue, and a large mural to the Seattle Center Playhouse. Contents of some of the treasurers of his silver and procelain collection are discussed in the interview, especially items of Jewish interest.

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Dr. Eric Offenbacher, 10/30/1980.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Immigrants--Washington (State)--Seattle--Interviews
Jews, German--Washington (State)--Seattle--Interviews

Personal Names :

Selig, Manfred--Interviews

Corporate Names :

Congregation Bikur Cholim (Seattle, Wash.)
Seattle Art Museum
Selig's Linen Shop (Seattle, Wash.)

Geographical Names :

Germany--Emigration and immigration--History--20th century
Seattle (Wash.)--Emigration and immigration--History--20th century

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Offenbacher, Eric, 1912-2009
(interviewer)

Corporate Names :

Jewish Archives (University of Washington)
(creator)
Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

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Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

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