Harold Poll oral history interview and ephemera, 1875-1981

Overview of the Collection

| Creator    | Poll, Harold            |
| Title      | Harold Poll oral history interview and ephemera |
| Dates      | 1875-1981 (inclusive) |
|            | 1875 1981               |
| Quantity   | 2 sound cassettes plus 1 transcript, 1 item, and 1 vertical file |
| Collection Number | 2579                  |
| Summary    | Tape-recorded interview of Harold Poll describing the town and Jewish life in Ukraine. The Poll family’s name was formerly Polishuk |
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Access Restrictions
Consult the access restrictions information for each of the accessions listed below.

Languages
English

Biographical Note

Harold Poll was born in 1900 and died in 1985. The Poll family’s name was formerly Polishuk.

Content Description

Consult the scope and content information for each of the accessions listed below.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information
Arrangement

Organized into 3 accessions.

Accession No. 2579-001, Poll Harold oral history interview and passport, 1922-1976
Accession No. 2579-002, Harold Poll clipping, 1981
Accession No. 2579-003, Harold Poll papers, 1875-1921

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 2579-001: Poll Harold oral history interview and passport, 1922-1976

2 sound cassettes (120 min.); transcript
Scope and Content: Tape-recorded interview covering years 1900-1917 was conducted by Meta Kaplan, May 18, 1976; passport (of David Joseph Poliszuk), 1922; transcript of interview.

People who lived in Policia (in the Ukraine near Berditchev) were called Polishuk. His father was a Cantor. His mother ran a printing business. They sometimes printed anti-Czarist literature, for the Intelligentsia. He describes the town and Jewish life there. The Polishuks were well to do. He describes his schools and education, the anti-Semitism, and pogroms. He tells of his parents' betrothal. He tells how his mother got her children through Manchuria, and the murder of his father. He tells of a "Fixer" who helped his brother avoid military service by spraying his throat. The family wanted to go back, since they liked their life and position in the homeland. He tells how life changed after the Russian Revolution and how they brought money to America and how the government paid interest on the first 50,000 roubles. He tells how they founded business in Seattle and his first real estate purchases. He tells of his civic work and work in Israel. One recently resettled Russian family is named Polishuk. He is waiting to see if it is a relative. He tells of his sons; one is an opera singer, the other a graduate of the Harvard Law School.

Digital Content/Other Formats: Listen to the audio recording and view the transcript of this interview on the Libraries Digital Collections site.

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Acquisition Info: Donated by Meta Kaplan, 6/1/1976.

Description

Poll Harold oral history interview and passport

Accession No. 2579-002: Harold Poll clipping, 1981

1 item
Scope and Content: Clipping from June 19, 1981.

Article on Prager family of San Francisco who opened a clothing a store in Seattle in 1892. Poll family owned Pragers later.

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Acquisition Info: Donated by Jane Freyd, 11/1/1981.

Description

Harold Poll clipping

Accession No. 2579-003: Harold Poll papers, 1875-1921

1 vertical file

Scope and Content: Marriage certificate of 1875 with translation, letter, telegram, identity papers (photocopies).

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Description

Harold Poll papers

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
- Jews, Ukrainian--Washington (State)--Seattle
- Jews, Ukrainian--Washington (State)--Seattle--Interviews
- Jews--Ukraine--Social life and customs
- Jews--Washington (State)--Seattle
- Jews--Washington (State)--Seattle--Interviews

Personal Names:
- Lerner, Bunia
- Polishuk, Aron
- Poll, Harold--Interviews
- Prager, Ralph

Corporate Names:
- Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington)

Other Creators:

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- Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington)
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