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**Mary Löwenkopf Weiss Papers**  
**1938-1962**  
\*\*P (Lowenkopf Weiss)

## Summary

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| <b>Main entry:</b>         | Löwenkopf Weiss, Mary  |
| <b>Title:</b>              | Mary Löwenkopf Weiss Papers, 1938-1962   |
| <b>Size:</b>               | 2.5 linear feet (6 Boxes)  |
| <b>Abstract:</b>           | The Mary Weiss Löwenkopf Weiss Papers document the years that Mary Löwenkopf, a Jewish refugee from Vienna, spent in concentration camps in The Netherlands during 1938-1946. The collection consists of correspondence, documents, and photographs of Löwenkopf Weiss' life in The Netherlands. |
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## Biographical note

Mary Löwenkopf Weiss was born in 1925 in Vienna, Austria. At age 13, in December 1938, she left for The Netherlands on a Kindertransport. There, she stayed in Arnhem until 1942, when she was imprisoned and held in the Westerbork concentration camp. She remained in Westerbork until liberation in 1945, and soon after, in 1946, she migrated to Chicago. In later years she tried, unsuccessfully, to obtain restitution.

## Scope and content note

The Mary Löwenkopf Weiss Papers document the years that Mary Löwenkopf, a Jewish refugee from Vienna, spent in The Netherlands during 1938-1946, when at age 13 she left Nazi-occupied Vienna and settled in Arnhem, The Netherlands. She was later held in the Westerbork concentration camp until 1945. After liberation she migrated to Chicago U.S.A. in 1946.

The collection consists of correspondence with family members and friends in Austria and Poland, documents, and photographs of Löwenkopf Weiss' life in The Netherlands. There is also a small number of documents from the 1950s and 1960s related to Mary Löwenkopf Weiss' application for restitution from the German government. The collection does not include materials from Löwenkopf Weiss' life in Vienna, or in the United States.

Materials are arranged chronologically. Photographs are labeled by year and location, according to manuscript notes on each photograph's verso.

## Container list

### Correspondence, 1940-1961, undated

| <u>Box</u> | <u>Fol</u> |               |
|------------|------------|---------------|
| 1          | 1          | June 3        |
|            | 2          | June 7        |
|            | 3          | June 22       |
|            | 4          | July 4        |
|            | 5          | July 10       |
|            | 6          | July 18       |
|            | 7          | July 24       |
|            | 8          | July 30       |
|            | 9          | Aug. 5        |
|            | 10         | Aug. 7, 9, 12 |
|            | 11         | Aug. 16       |
|            | 12         | Aug. 23       |
|            | 13         | Sept. 2       |
|            | 14         | Sept. 17      |
|            | 15         | Sept. 26      |
|            | 16         | Oct. 5        |
|            | 17         | Oct. 24       |
|            | 18         | Nov. 8, 9     |
|            | 19         | Nov. 25       |
|            | 20         | Dec. 13       |
|            | 21         | Dec. 29       |
|            | 1941       |               |
|            | 22         | Jan. 6        |
|            | 23         | Jan. 15       |
|            | 24         | Jan. 28       |
|            | 25         | Feb. 8        |
|            | 26         | Mar. 2        |
|            | 27         | Mar. 4        |
|            | 28         | Mar. 9        |
|            | 29         | Mar. 19       |
|            | 30         | Mar. 27       |
|            | 31         | Mar. 30       |
|            | 32         | Apr. 17       |
|            | 33         | May 3         |
|            | 34         | May 9         |
|            | 35         | May 12        |
|            | 36         | May 18        |
|            | 37         | May 19        |
|            | 38         | June 3        |
|            | 39         | June 8        |
|            | 40         | June 17       |
|            | 41         | June 20       |
|            | 42         | June 30       |
|            | 43         | July 14       |
|            | 44         | July 19       |
|            | 45         | July 23       |
| 2          | 1          | Aug. 1        |
|            | 2          | Aug. 3        |

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| 3   | Sept. 11              |
| 4   | Sept. 12              |
| 5   | Sept. 25              |
| 6   | Sept. 30              |
| 7   | Oct. 7                |
| 8   | Oct. 11               |
| 9   | Oct. 20               |
| 10  | Oct. 29               |
| 11  | Nov. 12               |
| 12  | Nov. 13               |
| 13  | Nov. 24               |
| 14  | Dec. 16               |
| 15  | Dec. 29               |
|     | 1942                  |
| 16  | Feb. 23               |
| 17  | Mar. 3                |
| 18  | Apr. 10               |
| 19  | Apr. 28               |
| 20  | July 2                |
| 21  | Oct. 20               |
| 22  | Month unknown         |
|     | 1943                  |
| 23  | Apr. 26               |
|     | 1945                  |
| 24  | June 22               |
| 25  | Oct. 18               |
| 26  | Nov. 4                |
|     | 1946                  |
| 27  | Jan. 1                |
| 28  | Jan. 4                |
| 29  | Jan. 13               |
|     | 1955                  |
| 30  | Dec. 20               |
|     | 1961                  |
| 31  | Oct. 15               |
|     | Year unknown          |
| 32  | Mar. 13 (After 1946.) |
| 33  | Mar. 27               |
| 34  | May 10                |
| 35  | May 30                |
| 36  | Envelope only         |
| 37- | Poem                  |
| 38  |                       |

**Documents, 1939-1962, undated**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   |   | 1939  |
| 3 | 1 | School certificate                                |
|   |   | 1941  |
|   | 2 | Birth certificate                                 |
| 4 | 1 | Birth certificate with visa to Dominican Republic |
| 3 | 3 | Proof of entry                                    |
|   |   | 1942  |
| 4 |   | Identification document                           |
|   |   | Medical passes                                    |

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|---|-----|--|
|   | 5   | Nov. 18                                |
|   | 6   | Nov. 22                                |
|   | 7   | Nov. 26                                |
|   |     | 1944                                   |
|   |     | Employment card                        |
|   | 8   | Mar. - Apr.                            |
|   | 9   | Nov.                                   |
|   | 10  | Identification document                |
|   | 11  | Travel document                        |
|   | 12  | Travel pass                            |
| 4 | 2   | Westerbork camp rules                  |
|   |     | 1945                                   |
| 3 | 13  | Travel document                        |
|   | 14  | Westerbork camp rules                  |
|   |     | 1946                                   |
|   | 15  | Identity certificate for aliens        |
| 4 | 3   | Refugee name and address lists         |
| 3 | 16  | Reimbursement request                  |
|   | 17  | Relocation card                        |
|   |     | 1954                                   |
|   | 18  | Handwritten copies of statements       |
|   | 19  | Residency certificate                  |
|   | 20  | Restitution support documents          |
|   |     | 1955                                   |
| 4 | 4   | Refugee name and address lists         |
|   |     | 1962                                   |
|   | 5   | Restitution information                |
|   |     | Undated                                |
| 3 | 21  | Restitution information                |
|   |     | <b>Photographs, 1938-1946, undated</b> |
|   |     | 1938                                   |
| 5 | 1   | Holland                                |
|   |     | 1939                                   |
|   | 2-5 | Holland                                |
|   | 6   | Overvoorde                             |
|   | 7-9 | No location                            |
|   |     | 1940                                   |
|   | 10  | Den Haag                               |
|   |     | 1941                                   |
|   | 11- | Arnhem                                 |
|   | 18  |  |
|   | 19  | Holland                                |
|   | 20  | Westerbork                             |
|   | 21  | No location                            |
|   |     | 1942                                   |
|   | 22- | Arnhem                                 |
|   | 24  |  |
|   | 25  | Holland                                |
|   |     | 1945                                   |
|   | 26- | Holland                                |
|   | 28  |  |

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|---|-----------|-------------------|
| 6 | 1-8       | 1946<br>Amsterdam |
|   | 9         | Belgium           |
|   | 10-<br>23 | Holland           |
|   | 24        | No location       |
|   |           | Undated           |
|   | 25-<br>26 | Arnhem            |
|   | 27-<br>29 | No location       |