

Hirsch, Felix and Elisabeth; Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
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Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
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Abstract:	The collection contains biographical and professional materials of Felix Hirsch, librarian and professor of history, as well as a small amount of materials of his wife Elizabeth F. Hirsch, a specialist in Renaissance philosophy.

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Biographical History

Born in 1902, Felix Hirsch was a native of Berlin, Germany. He received a Ph.D. in history from Heidelberg University in 1923. Hirsch was editor of various German newspapers before he came to the United States in 1935. He earned a degree in library science from Columbia University and became a librarian at Bard College at Annandale-on-Hudson, NY in 1936. He also served as a professor of history at Bard until 1954. In 1955, he became librarian and professor of history at Trenton State College in New Jersey, retiring in 1972.

He died in December 1982 at the age of 80, survived by his wife, the former Elisabeth Fesit, two sons and four grandchildren.

Elisabeth (Fesit) Hirsch was born in 1904 in Mainz, Germany, but grew up in Berlin. She received her Ph.D. in Philosophy and History from the University of Marburg, immigrated to the United States in 1938, and married Felix that same year. After raising their two sons, she began teaching at Bard College and, beginning in 1956, was Professor of Philosophy and Modern Languages at Trenton State College.

She died in May 1998 and was survived by two sons, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains biographical materials, correspondence, manuscripts of books and articles, as well as academic lectures of Felix Hirsch. The collection also includes some correspondence and offprints of Elizabeth F. Hirsch, a specialist in Renaissance philosophy.

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Arrangement of the Collection

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Administrative Information

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Access

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- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
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