Hirsch, Felix and Elisabeth; Papers

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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title: Felix and Elisabeth Hirsch Papers
ID: ger042
Date [inclusive]: 1932-1976
Physical Description: 3.0 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English, German
Mixed Materials [Collection]: X
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.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Felix and Elisabeth Hirsch Papers, 1932-1976. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Hirsch Papers).

Biographical History

Felix Hirsch, a native of Berlin, Germany, 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.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains biographical materials, 1932-56; correspondence with Hans Kohn, Golo Mann, and others, 1932-76; manuscripts of books and articles, undated; offprints of articles, 1934-76. Also includes some correspondence and offprints of his wife Elizabeth F. Hirsch, a specialist in Renaissance philosophy.


Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is unprocessed.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement
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Revision Description
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Processing Information
The collection is unprocessed. An inventory of the journal and newspaper articles, and the reprints
was compiled in March 1985.

Acquisition Information
All items in this manuscript group were donated by Elisabeth Hirsch and transferred to the University
Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives by John Spalek in 1984
June.

Access
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