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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Walter Zenner Family Papers
ID:	mss033
Date [inclusive]:	1938-1990
Physical Description:	0.33 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [Collection]:	X
Abstract:	The collection consists of correspondence and transcripts of interviews which Walter Zenner conducted with his family concerning their life in Germany and the United States. In addition, there are other materials pertaining to the life and work of the Zenner Family.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Walter Zenner Family Papers, 1938-1990. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Walter Zenner Family Papers).

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Biographical Sketch

William Zenner was born on October 18, 1933 in Nuremburg Germany. Zenner's family moved to the United States and he was raised in Chicago, Illinois. Zenner graduated from Northwestern University in 1955 with a BA in anthropology. Zenner went on to earn an MA and PhD from Columbia University. In 1965, Zenner was also awarded a Doctor of Hebrew Letters from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Zenner taught anthropology at the University at Albany and published a variety of books on anthropology and Judaism. While teaching at the University at Albany, Zenner helped found the Judaic

Studies Department. Zenner was also on the faculty of Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois and a visiting faculty member at the Max Weinreich Center for Advanced Jewish Studies at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York. Zenner was the recipient of multiple awards and fellowships. He retired in 2002. Zenner died on March 17, 2003 and was survived by his wife and two daughters.

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

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Access

Access to this collection is restricted because it is unprocessed. Portions of the collection may contain recent administrative records and/or personally identifiable information. While it is likely that portions of the collection may be viewed, access must be managed by an archivist.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives in 1992 by Walter Zenner.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Zenner, Walter P.
- Correspondence
- Transcripts
- Germans -- United States.