

## **Special Collections, Hartley Library**

### **Archives Information Sheet 3 – Holocaust and war crimes**

#### **1. Printed collections of the Parkes Library**

In recent years the section on the Holocaust has expanded to support both teaching and research at the University. The collection includes general histories of the Holocaust, together with books describing events in individual countries. Published diaries and testimonials of victims and survivors are well represented and there are also sections on the interpretation of Holocaust literature and on the historiography of the subject. Microfilms of the Archives of the Wiener Library, London, Testaments to the Holocaust Series 1 can be found in the Microform Collections on Level 1 of the Hartley Library (Library classification: microfilm 00067215-00067242, 00067261-00067291). A printed guide to this Archives of the Wiener Library is shelved at Parkes Z/BZ 8231.T47.

A related section on Jewish refugees includes the archives of the Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief, 1933-1960, available on microfilm (Library classification: microfilm 40048035-40048763), and selected transcripts from the Imperial War Museum collections of recordings on 'Britain and the refugee crisis, 1933-47' and 'Civilian internment in Britain, 1939-45'.

Complementary to these are the printed blue series (Library classification: D804) and the microfilm of the green series (Library classification: microfilm 46001836-46001966) of the transcripts of the International Military Tribunals—*Trial of the major war criminals before the International Military Tribunal*—which form part of the library's general collections.

Information on these printed collections is available by searching the University of Southampton Library on-line public catalogue (WebCat) at [www.southampton.ac.uk/library](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/library)

#### **2. Collections of the Archives and Manuscripts**

##### **Manuscript collections**

The main collection relating to war crimes is MS 200 which is the papers of the International Military Tribunal and Nuremberg Military Tribunals, 1945-9. This is a collection of approximately 40 boxes of official transcripts of court proceedings of the International Military Tribunal, 21 Nov 1945-30 Sep 1946, together with an incomplete series of document books and of approximately 460 boxes of official transcripts of the court proceedings, summaries of interrogations, document books containing compilations and translations of evidence for the Nuremberg Military Trials (NMT) or 'subsequent proceedings' tried by the United States in pursuance of the Allied Control Commission Law 10.

Further material on war crimes and war criminals can be found in collection MS 237-41 the Institute of Jewish Affairs and MS 137 the Anglo-Jewish Association. MS 238/2 is a particularly important series of papers for the World Jewish Congress, dating from 1933 onwards, which contains much information on the situation of the Jewish communities in Europe for the period. MS 237/6 focuses exclusively on the Holocaust, war crimes and war criminals, while further papers can be found in sections MS 239/T3 and MS 241/3. MS 137 AJ37/6/5 and AJ37/6/6, series of papers of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Anglo-Jewish Association, contain material on war crimes and war criminals, refugees, concentration camps, anti-Semitism and human rights.

Within collection MS 220 are writings of Eugene (John) Heimler on the Holocaust, including some pages of his Holocaust memoir *Night in the mist*. The collection also includes material relating to the foundation of a Holocaust survivors' centre. Amongst the papers of the Council of Christians and Jews (MS 65) is material of the Association of Nazi Camp Survivors and of the Holocaust Memorial Foundation Committee. A further section of smaller collections include: MS 311/3 is an album of photographs of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp; papers of Rudi Kennedy who led a successful campaign for compensation for Jewish slave labourers; MS 311/38 an account of the experiences of Marianne Schwarz in Czechoslovakia and subsequently Bergen-Belsen; and MS 311/42 an account of the war experiences of David Kutner, who was incarcerated in Lodz ghetto and subsequently Auschwitz.

A number of collections relate to refugees. The most significant is the section of MS 183, the archive of Rabbi Solomon Schonfeld, which relates to the work of the Chief Rabbi's Religious Emergency Council. This includes significant material on the rescue of members of the Jewish community, particularly children, in Europe from 1938 until the late 1940s. Other collections include: MS 190 the case files and papers of the Polish Jewish Refugee Fund; MS 116/157 the papers of Mrs Cissi Z. Rosenfelder, honorary secretary of the Golders Green Beth Hamedrash Refugee Committee, which contains papers relating to kindertransport; MS 65/1/1-2 the minute books of the board of management of the Christian Council of Refugees; and MS 175 the papers of Chief Rabbi Joseph Herman Hertz, which include material on refugees, the Chief Rabbi's Religious Emergency Council and a telegram (MS 175/142/1) sent to Hertz in November 1938 using the term 'Holocaust' in response to the events of Kristallnacht.

### ***Testimonials***

The Archives and Manuscripts holds two collections of filmed interviews: the Fortunoff Video Collection of Holocaust survivors from Yale University Library, and the Association of Jewish Refugees *Refugee Voices*, which contains 150 filmed interviews with Jewish survivors and refugees from Nazism who have settled in Great Britain.

Catalogues of the manuscript collections are available on the World Wide Web, as well as in printed or published form. The online Guide to Archive and Manuscript Collections can be accessed at [www.southampton.ac.uk/archives](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/archives)

### Published guides:

C.M. Woolgar and K. Robson *A guide to the Archive and Manuscript Collections of the Hartley Library MSS 1-200* (University of Southampton Library, Occasional Paper 11; 1992)

C.M. Woolgar and K. Robson *A guide to the Archive and Manuscript Collections of the Hartley Library, University of Southampton, MSS 201-300* (University of Southampton Library archive lists, catalogues and guides series: 7; 2000)

K. Robson *MS 60 Papers of Revd Dr James William Parkes (1896-1981)* (University of Southampton Library, archive lists, catalogues and guides series: 5; 1997)

K. Robson *MS 175 Papers of Chief Rabbi J.H. Hertz (1875-1946), 1855-1949* (University of Southampton Library, archive lists, catalogues and guides series: 3; 1993)

K. Robson *MS 183 Papers of Rabbi Solomon Schonfeld (1912-88) c.1900-88* (University of Southampton Library, archive lists, catalogues and guides series: 8; 2003)

K. Robson *MS 200 Papers of the International Military Tribunal and the Nuremberg Military Tribunals 1945-9* (University of Southampton Library, archive lists, catalogues and guides series: 1; 1993)

K. Robson *MS 220 Papers of Eugene (John) Heimler (1922-90), 1939-93* (University of Southampton Library, archive lists, catalogues and guides series: 6; 1998)

C.M. Woolgar *MS 173 Archives of Jewish Care* (University of Southampton Library, archive lists, catalogues and guides series: 2; 1993)

C.M. Woolgar *MS 225 Archives of the Jewish Chronicle 1841-1990* (University of Southampton Library, archive lists, catalogues and guides series: 4; 1994)