Irving Heymont Collection

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Scope and Content of the Collection

The Irving Heymont Collection consists of the memoirs of two Jewish American World War II veterans: Adolf Baker and David L. Ichelson. Baker’s book, titled That Was Then, recounts his experiences from leaving his New York home in 1944 to his return to New York in 1945. That Was Then is mainly an annotated collection of letters Baker sent to his wife, Dora and his sister-in-law. Ichelson’s I Was There recounts his experiences in the military from his trip to basic training in 1944 until his discharge from the military. I Was There is written as a memoir in chapter form.

Arrangement

The Irving Heymont Collection is arranged into two series.

Series 1: Adolf Baker, 1944-1945, 2000 consists of That Was Then.

Series 2: David L. Ichelson, M.D., 1944, n.d. consists of I Was There.
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Key Subjects

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Names

Baker, Adolf
Ichelson, David

Subjects

Jewish soldiers--United States--Correspondence.
Jewish soldiers--United States--History.
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