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9 boxes, 3.4 linear feet

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Abstract

Florence Kohn Abrahams (1909-1975) was married to Robert D. Abrahams (1905-1998). Her husband was a lawyer, published writer, and Philadelphia consul for the Dominican Republic—a post he held for 32 years. They had three children, Richard, Roger, and Marjorie. Florence Kohn Abrahams lived in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, for most of her life. She served as an American correspondent for the *Jewish Chronicle* in London during the 1960s and was a contributor to the *Jewish Exponent* in Philadelphia. The collection consists of genealogical research materials compiled by Florence Kohn Abrahams, with a particular focus on genealogies of Jewish families. Families of note include Abrahams, Benjamin, Cohen, Moss, Ezekiel, Franks, and Davis.

Correspondence and compiled research materials come from family members in Australia, Montreal, and the United States. There are extensive pedigrees and family charts; some pedigrees and related materials have been labeled by country of origin, with folders pertaining to English-Jewish and Spanish-Jewish families. Many charts are missing countries of origin. The charts are undated; the date ranges in the folder lists are the years covered within the genealogical charts.

There are articles, correspondence, charts, ephemera and photographs concerning the Abrahams family. There is a pedigree of the Kohn-Abrahams family. Two card files list hundreds of names. They possibly serve as indexes to other materials, in particular *Americans of Jewish Descent* by Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern, for which Florence Kohn Abrahams did extensive research. Published in 1960, the book contained 26,000 names and apparently was the first genealogical survey of Jewish families who settled in this country between 1654 and 1840.

The collection also includes photostats and photocopies from books, newspapers, and family charts, as well as pedigrees for English (aristocracy) and Danish families.

Overview of arrangement

Series I	Genealogical research materials, 1400s-1970s	68 folders, 2 card files
Series II	Newspaper clippings, 1927-1974 (some are undated); undated photos	4 folders
Series III	Personal correspondence, 1952-1973	2 folders

Separation report

None

Related materials

Abrahams, Florence Kohn, "Ancestors of Robert David Abrahams and Florence Kohn Abrahams" (FC Box B File 4)

Malcolm H. Stern, *Americans of Jewish Descent: a compendium of genealogy*, Cincinnati: Hebrew Union College Press, 1960

Subjects

Abrahams family—Genealogy
Abrahams, Florence Kohn (1909-1975)—Correspondence
Benjamin family—Genealogy
Cohen family—Genealogy
Davis family—Genealogy
Ezekial family—Genealogy
Franks family—Genealogy
Gratz family—Genealogy
Jews—United States—Genealogy
Jews—Jamaica—Genealogy
Jews—Spanish—Genealogy
Jews—Mexican—Genealogy
Jews—British—Genealogy
Jews—Genealogy
Joseph family—Genealogy
Loucheim family—Genealogy
Moss, Joseph—Genealogy
Moss family—Genealogy
Naumberg—Genealogy
Reefer family—Genealogy
Stern, Malcolm H. (1915-1994)—Correspondence
Tichner (Tickner, Tucknor) family—Genealogy

Administrative Information

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Acquisition information

The collection apparently was given to the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Preferred citation

Florence Kohn Abrahams genealogical research materials (GSP 020), The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

Box and folder listing

Series 1. Genealogical research materials

Folder title	Date span of the genealogies	Box	Folder
Spanish-Jewish charts	1400s-1900s	1	1
Spanish-Jewish charts	1500s-1900s	1	2
Spanish-Jewish charts	1600s-1900s	1	3
Lists of births, deaths, tombstones, marriages (Jamaican & Spanish Jews)	1600s-1800s	1	4
Jacob Greenbaum/Greenbaum family	1700s-1930s	1	5
English-Jewish charts—some with newspaper articles; written account of John Moss and descendents	1600s-1900s	1	6
Miscellaneous charts (includes Australian Jews); Rodeph Shalom synagogue—Phila. marriages (1800s)	1800s-1900s	1	7
Miscellaneous charts—some Spanish names	1600s-1900s	1	8
Miscellaneous charts—some Spanish names	1700s-1900s	1	9
Miscellaneous charts, includes “index” of names	1700s-1900s	1	10
Miscellaneous charts	1700s-1800s	1	11
Miscellaneous charts; Richmond & Mikveh Israel marriages; marriages & circumcisions by Jacob Raphael Cohen	1700s-1900s	1	12
The Josephs of Cornwell by Major William Schonfield	1700s-1900s	1	13
British public records for Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas—government correspondence	1793-1804	OS1	1
Miscellaneous charts (some Spanish names)	1700s-1900s	OS1	2-3

Genealogical table of descendants of Alexander Moses (and his contemporary Joseph Joseph), including connected families	1800s	2	1
Miscellaneous charts, related to Abrahams' research; list from catalogue of Central High School—Phila., 1838-1890; records of Aaron Levy & Aaron Haim	1700s-1900s	2	2
History of Piza family; 100 th anniversary Jacob Greenbaum	1400s-1900s	2	3
Miscellaneous charts; lists of births, deaths, gravestone inscriptions (some pages faded)	1700s-1900s	2	4
Miscellaneous charts	1700s-1900s	2	5
Lists of British aristocracy (A-Z)	1500s-1800s, and undated	2	6
Miscellaneous charts (some with attached newspaper clippings)	1700s-1900s	2	7
Miscellaneous charts— some with newspaper clippings (includes Montefiore & Rothschild families)	1700s-1900s	2	8
Miscellaneous charts—Danish, British aristocracy	1400s-1900s	2	9
Miscellaneous charts (some Spanish names)	1700s-1900s	OS2	1-2
Miscellaneous charts—British aristocracy	1500s-1900s	3	1-9
Miscellaneous charts—British aristocracy	1600s-1900s	4	1-2
Miscellaneous charts	1700s-1900s	4	3
Estate of Florence Rhine (related to F. K. Abrahams' mother)	1870s-1960s	4	4
Correspondence & charts re: Ezekial branch of F.K. Abrahams' family	1800s-1900s	4	5
Franks family/attempts by Abrahams to publish Franks article (some pages faded)	1700s-mid 1900s	4	6-8
Miscellaneous charts	1700s, 1800s, some undated	4	9

Research re: Loucheim family (original name Sandel), David Lewis, Salomon	1700s, 1800s, mid 1900s	4	10
Abrahams' research into her family (Kohn, Kuhn, other notes)	1700s, 1800s, mid-1900s, undated	4	11
Research re: Liveright/Lebrecht, Strauss branches of Abrahams' family; other notes—some in German	1700s, 1800s, mid-1900s	5	1
Research re: Mendelson/Mendelssohn	1950	5	2
Manuscript for Abrahams' article on John Moss with correspondence from Jewish Exponent editor	1700s, 1800s, 1960	5	3
Abrahams' research re: her family (Solomon, Jessel, Hart, other notes); some writing in Hebrew	1800s, 1950s	5	4
Miscellaneous research	1800s, 1900s	5	5
Price-Goldsmith-Lowenstein & related families	1700-1967	5	6
Correspondence re: Abrahams' research, including into her family (Moses, Ezekial, Schocken, Levy)	1950s-mid 1970s	5	7-8
Research re: articles by Abrahams and re: her family	1950s-1970s	5	9
Correspondence from Ronald J. D'Arcy Hart of Jewish Museum, London	1950-1970s	5	10
Correspondence re: Joseph, Jacob families	1950s-1970s	5	11
Correspondence from Rabbi Bertram Korn re: Barbadian and Jamaican Jewish wills	1700s, 1970s	5	12
Correspondence to and from Rabbi Malcolm Stern (includes charts)	1950s-1970s	6	1-2
Correspondence to Abrams; to Rabbi Stern re: Arkins & Nathans families, Mary & Rebecca Gratz; other genealogical notes	1950s, 1960s	6	3
"Records of My Family" by Israel Solomon	1800s	6	4

Correspondence and charts for Sanguinetti and Emanuel families	1700s-1960s	6	5
“The DuPonts’ Jewish Ancestry” by Malcolm H. Stern		6	6
Miscellaneous correspondence, charts re: Tichner (aka: Tickner, Tucknor), Loucheim, Naumberg, Reefer, other families	1800s, 1950s	6	7
Materials re: Abrahams’ research into her family tree, namely Tim (aka: Teim) branch	1800s, 1900s	6	8
Materials re: Jews in Imperial Brazil; other genealogical notes (some Hebrew, Spanish)	1800s, 1900s	6	9
Program for Exhibition Commemorating 300 th Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in America—presented by American Jewish Historical Society & HSP	1954	6	10
“The Jewish Cemetery of St. Croix” (with photos) & “Virgin Island Mystery” by Abrahams (the Jewish father of Alexander Hamilton)	1800s, 1950s	6	11
Pedigree of Florence Kohn Abrahams (folders 1 & 2)	1700s-1900s	6	12-13
Miscellaneous charts	1700s-1900s	7	1
Card files –possibly for indexing	n/a	8	

Series 2. Newspaper clippings and photos

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Miscellaneous clippings & photos		7	2
Clippings: miscellaneous & related to articles by Abrahams		7	3
Miscellaneous clippings related to Abrahams’ research		7	4
Phila. newspapers (<i>The Graphic</i> , <i>Evening Courier</i>); <i>Jewish Chronicle</i> , March 1960—article by Abrahams on page 31	1929; 1960	7	5

Series 3. Personal correspondence

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
Personal correspondence	1952-1973	7	5-6