

# Guide to the Frank Stiffel Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1756

**CREATOR:** Stiffel, Frank

**TITLE:** Frank Stiffel papers

**DATES:** 1946-1999

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of the unpublished autobiography of Frank Stiffel, "Frank: Prewar, War and Postwar," beginning with his childhood and concluding with his arrival in the United States.

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b.      box  
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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Frank Stiffel, 1999.

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## Associated Materials

Frank S. Holocaust testimony (HVT-532), Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, Yale University Library.

Edward S. And Frank S. Holocaust testimony [with friend] (HVT-642), Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Frank Stiffel was born in Boryslav, Poland in 1916. He pursued medical studies in Italy, France, and Belgium before returning to Poland in 1939 to assist in student resistance movements. Following German occupation, he moved with his parents, brother, and sister-in-law to the Warsaw ghetto. The entire family was eventually deported to Treblinka, where his parents and sister-in-law were killed. He and his brother escaped to Poland, and then to Warsaw, aiding Jews in illegal immigration to Palestine. Stiffel was arrested and sent to Auschwitz. He emigrated to the United States in 1950 and is a retired counselor for the New York State Department of Labor.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers consist of the unpublished autobiography of Frank Stiffel, "Franek: Prewar, War and Postwar," beginning with his childhood and concluding with his arrival in the United States.

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## Collection Contents

"Frank: Prewar, War and Postwar" [autobiography of Frank Stiffel]1946-1999

b. 1, f. 1-4            "Prewar"  
English

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b. 1, f. 5-6            "War"  
English

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b. 2, f. 7-9            "War" (cont.)  
English

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b. 2, f. 10-12        "Postwar"  
English

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) -- Personal narratives  
Holocaust survivors  
Jewish ghettos  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives, Jewish

### **Geographic Names**

Bologna (Italy)  
Boryslav (Ukraine)  
Drohobych (Ukraine)  
L'viv (Ukraine)  
Modena (Italy)  
Poland -- Ethnic relations  
Pszczyna (Poland)  
Rome (Italy)  
Stoczek Lukowski (Poland)

### **Names**

Stiffel, Frank

### **Corporate Bodies**

Auschwitz (Concentration camp)  
Treblinka (Concentration camp)