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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection Number: AC 001

Collection Title: The Bund Collection

Date Range: 1935 – 2016 [Bulk 1937]

Size: 10" linear, 2 archival boxes

Creator/Collector: Multiple sources (see Scope & Content)

Acquisitions Information (Provenance): Artificial collection comprised of Bund related material from multiple donors and documents found in the archives. Much of the material found in the archives is lacking donor information and provenance. See Scope & Content and System of Arrangement for more information.

Repository: Old Town Hall Museum Vault
624 South Britain Road
Southbury, CT 06488

Accruals: Ongoing

Processed by: Kimberly Neuenschwander (July – August 2016)

Languages: English, German

Conservation Notes: Newspapers are in poor condition and should be photocopied and/or encapsulated.

RIGHTS & ACCESS

Access: Collection is available for research. Please contact SHS ten days prior to research visit.

Restrictions

Donor: None

Physical: Limit access to original newspapers until further conservation efforts are implemented, i.e. copying / scanning.

INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Preferred Citation: *Item description and author (if applicable). Box number, Folder number. Accession number and collection name. Southbury Historical Society Archives, Southbury, Connecticut. Date accessed.*

Related Collections:

Separated Material (and Location): Oversize original newspapers in Map Case Drawer 6, OTHM Vault

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION/ORGANIZATION HISTORY

In November 1937 Stamford resident, Wolfgang Jung, purchased 178 acres of property between Georges Hill and Peter Roads in Southbury. Jung, in collaboration with German Nazi, Fritz Kuhn and his American Nazi organization, the German American Bund, intended to construct a Nazi youth training camp on the property. Many community leaders and Southbury residents banded together in an anti-Bund movement and, utilizing Connecticut's Blue Laws, created town zoning laws that led to the arrest of two "Bundists" and the eventual removal of Kuhn and the remaining Bund members in December 1937.

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE

Artificial collection of material pertaining to the Nazi Bund and its relationship to, and eventual expulsion from, Southbury. Dates for the collection currently range from 1935 – 2016, with the bulk of material from 1937. The collection is textual, consisting mostly of newspaper articles, correspondence, journals, and some legal documents. There is some digital media in the form of DVDs in Subseries 1.12, 1.16, and Series 2. The only photographs are in newspaper articles.

Of particular interest: signed letter from Fritz Kuhn, box 1, folder 15; German-American Bund application, box 1, folder 17; copies of warrants against two "Bundists", box 1, folder 21; Southbury Zoning Regulations, box 2, folder 8; Special Town Meeting notice and minutes, box 2, folder 17; two versions of the *Home of the Brave* documentary, box 2, folder 23; and Rev. M.E.N Lindsay's 1937 anti-Nazi sermon, box 2, folder 25.

SYSTEM OF ARRANGEMENT

The Bund Collection is arranged in two Series. In Series 1 donors or sources are identified and include the accession number or donation receipt number (for early donations) in parenthesis. Each Subseries under Series 1 constitutes an individual donation or provenance. Series 2 consists of material from unidentified collections or sources and is not divided into subseries. Please note that the oversized newspapers in Series 2 are housed in Map Case Drawer 6. Correspondence and newspaper articles are arranged chronologically with the earliest date first. ND = No Date and [Date] = Approximate or best estimate of date.

Series 1: Identified Donors

- Subseries 1.1:** SHS Collected Bund Articles (80.500)
- Subseries 1.2:** Papers of Jennie Hinman (81.79)
- Subseries 1.3:** Lillian Hicock Wentworth Papers / Master's Thesis Material (84.18)
- Subseries 1.4:** Gladys Bartlett Bund Clippings & Papers (87.1)
- Subseries 1.5:** Southbury Town Hall Bund Material (87.9)
- Subseries 1.6:** Gladys Bartlett Bund Correspondence / Legal Documents (87.59)
- Subseries 1.7:** Bernice Hubbell Bund Papers (87.62)
- Subseries 1.8:** Bernice Hubbell Bund Collection (88.3)
- Subseries 1.9:** R.B. Atwood Collection (89.1)
- Subseries 1.10:** Nelson Camp Bund Clippings (93.121)
- Subseries 1.11:** SHS Collected Bund Articles (08.501)
- Subseries 1.12:** B'Nai Israel, Rabbi Eric Polokoff Presentation / Research (2009.007)
- Subseries 1.13:** Gladys Bartlett Bund Collection (2012.014)
- Subseries 1.14:** Lillian Hicock Wentworth Historical Papers (2012.023)
- Subseries 1.15:** George Bennett Collection (2013.014)
- Subseries 1.16:** Mathews / Grayson Student Documentary (2016.002)

Series 2: Unidentified / Anonymous Donors

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1: Identified Donors

Subseries 1.1: SHS Collected Bund Articles (80.500)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
1	1	Newspaper Articles

Subseries 1.2: Papers of Jennie Hinman (81.79)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
1	2	"God Save the German People!" / Non-Sectarian League to Champion Human Rights, ND
	3	Post Cards to Jennie Hinman: 1937, ND
	4	Empty postmarked envelopes addressed to Jennie Hinman, 1937
	5	Correspondence to Jennie Hinman, ND
	6	Correspondence to Jennie Hinman, 1937 – 1938
	7	Newspaper Articles

Subseries 1.3: Lillian Hicock Wentworth Papers / Master's Thesis Material (84.18)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
1	8	"The Amerikadeutscher Volksbund as a Manifestation of German National Socialist Philosophy" by Lillian Frances Hicock / Master's Thesis, ND
	9	Newspaper Articles

Subseries 1.4: Gladys Bartlett Bund Clippings & Papers (87.1)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
1	10	Correspondence To and From Lillian Hicock, 1938
	11	Pro-German Trade Flier from the German Exposition, New York City, 1937
	12	Camp Nordland , New Jersey Newspaper Article and Informational Pamphlet, 1937
	13	"Investigation of Nazi and Other Propaganda," Union Calendar No. 44, House of Representatives, 1935
	14	"Purpose and Aims," German American Bund Informational Pamphlet, ND
	15	Unaddressed Signed Form Letter from Fritz Kuhn, ND
	16	Speeches of Hon. Samuel Dickstein of New York in the House of Representatives: January 26, 1937 and March 15, 1937
	17	German American Bund Application for Membership with Envelope, ND
	18	"Out of Their Own Mouths: The Jewish Will for Power and the Authenticity of the 'Protocols'" from LaVita Italiana, Vol. 50, 1937
	19	"Those Nazi Americans" by Joseph F. Dinneen, American Magazine, 1937
	20	"Stand by Loyal German-Americans" Flier by Robert Edward Edmondson, 1935
	21	Warrants Against Gustav Korn and Richard Koehler, 1937

	22	"Religion in the News" by Walter W. VanKirk, Vol. VII, No. 4 / WEA and Red Network / Presented by NBC, 1937
	23	Newspaper Articles

Subseries 1.5: Southbury Town Hall Bund Material (87.9)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
1	24	"Kettletowners" Flier, [1937] Southbury Zoning Flier by Albert Aston, ND
	25	Correspondence: 1937, 1939
	26	Yale Law Journal, Vol. 47, No. 3, January 1938
	27	Newspaper Articles, December 1937

Subseries 1.6: Gladys Bartlett Bund Correspondence / Legal Documents (87.59)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
1	28	Warrant Against Edward Wallace , 1937
	29	Letter to Hon. Harold Hicock from George Reisberger, New Rochelle, New York, 1937
	30	Letter to Southbury Town Clerk from Miss Kenyon Moore, Cleveland, Ohio, 1938

Subseries 1.7: Bernice Hubbell Bund Papers (87.62)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	1	"Kettletowners" Anti-Bund Flier, 1937
	2	"A Call to Patriotism" by Gerald B. Wadsworth, ND
	3	The American's Creed Association / Pamphlet and Application, 1937
	4	Correspondence: 1937- 1938, 1942

Subseries 1.8: Bernice Hubbell Bund Collection (88.3)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	5	Southbury Anti-Zoning Post Cards to Dwight and Bernice Hubbell, 1945
	6	Correspondence to Bernice Hubbell from Lillian Hicock regarding Bund material for Hicock's thesis, 1938
	7	Newspaper Articles
Map Case	Drawer 6	"...Is March of Nazis One of Peace," <i>New Haven Register</i> , December 5, 1937

Subseries 1.9: R.B. Atwood Collection (89.1)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	8	Zoning Regulations for Town of Southbury, Connecticut, 1937

Subseries 1.10: Nelson Camp Bund Clippings (93.121)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	9	Newspaper Articles

Subseries 1.11: SHS Collected Bund Articles (08.501)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	10	Chapter 8 – “Inside Nazi Germany 1938” <u>The March of Time, 1935-1951, 1978</u>
	11	Newspaper Articles About “March of Time” Newsreel

Subseries 1.12: B’Nai Israel, Rabbi Eric Polokoff Presentation / Research (2009.007)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	12	Printed copy of “How Southbury Overcame the German American Bund” Presentation by Rabbi Eric Polokoff of B’Nai Israel, 2008
	13	DVD copy of “How Southbury Overcame the German American Bund” Presentation by Rabbi Eric Polokoff of B’Nai Israel, 2009
	14	“The German American Bund Visit to Southbury, Connecticut” by Robert Cavallaro, 1991

Subseries 1.13: Gladys Bartlett Bund Collection (2012.014)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	15	Copy of “The Expulsion of the German-American Bund from Southbury, Conn. in Dec. 1937” by Dorothy Schling, [1987]
	16	Letter from Gladys Bartlett to SHS President Joyce James, September 2012

Subseries 1.14: Lillian Hicock Wentworth Historical Papers (2012.023)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	17	Original Signed Notice of Special Town Meeting, November 17, 1937 Copy of Minutes of Special Town Meeting

Subseries 1.15: George Bennett Collection (2013.014)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	18	Copy of Obituary for George A. Holmes, Anti-Bund Leader, 1962

Subseries 1.16: Mathews / Grayson Student Documentary (2016.002)

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	19	German American Bund Student Documentary by Shivaun Mathews and Samantha Grayson, April 2016

Series 2: Unidentified / Anonymous Donors

Box	Folder	Title/Contents
2	20	"The Incursion of the German-American Bund into Southbury, CT" by Gary Donaldson / Master's Thesis, 1975
	21	Copy of "The Weekly Liberation " Journal, Vol. VIII, No. 18, 1938
	22	Copyright Information for "Home of the Brave" DVD, 2013
	23	Home of the Brave DVDs / First and Second Versions, 2013 – 2014
	24	75 th Anniversary Commemoration Program: "When Southbury Said 'No' to the Nazis: 1937," Pomperaug High School, 2012
	25	Copy of Rev. M.E.N. Lindsay's Sermon: "Nazism – An Anti-Christian Menace," 1937
	26	"50 Years of Southbury: Dedicated to the Faithful Officials: 1912 – 1962" by J. Edward Coer, 1962
	27	"A Yankee Town Fends Off a Nazi Threat by Using Blue Laws and Zoning Ordinances" by Gitta Morris, <i>Connecticut's Finest</i> magazine, 1988
	28	Lillian Hicock Wentworth Obituary, 2014
	29	Copy of Southbury Anti-Bund Resolution (Original at CT State Library), 1937
	30	"It's Weathered Many A Storm," <i>Herald Magazine</i> , 1937
	31	Copies of Correspondence To and From Rev. M.E.N. Lindsay, 1937 – 1938
	32	Form letter from Robert D. Carson, General Manager of the American's Creed Association, ND
	33	Letter to Roscoe Nelson from Felix A. Manley, 1937
	34	Correspondence to Judge Harold Hicock, 1937
	35	Newspaper Articles about Wilhelm Kunze: 1937, ND
	36	Newspaper Articles about Fritz Kuhn
	37	Newspaper Articles, 2012 – 2013
Map Case	Drawer 6	"Spirit of '76 Lives on in '37: Southbury Meets a Nazi Challenge," <i>Herald Magazine</i> , December 5, 1937
"	"	"American Democracy Meets Jewish Autocracy," <i>Christian Free Press</i> , October 1937
"	"	"To Heil Mit Hitler: Yankee Doodlers Toss Der Moth on Der Noodlers," <i>Sunday Herald</i> , December 12, 1937
"	"	"Hitler betont Recht auf Kolonien: Was bedeutet die Chicago Rede Roosevelt's?," <i>Deutsche Veckruf und Bedsachter</i> , October 14, 1937