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WILHELM A. WISE
PAPERS, 1926–1967

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half sized manuscript box; 1 folder photographs; 2 artifacts

COLLECTION DATES: 1926–1967

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Adolph Wilhelm Wise (1907–1967) was born in Bremen, Germany, where he was trained as an electrician. In 1926 he came to the United States and lived in Indianapolis with his uncle, William Brehof, where he worked as an electrical contractor and farm caretaker. In June, 1938 Wise became a naturalized American citizen and altered his first names to Wilhelm Adolph Wise. In April, 1942, Wise was inducted into the Army Air Corps. After training in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he was stationed in France and Germany as Sergeant in the 132 Reinforcement Battalion as an electrician. After his discharge in October, 1945, Wise returned to Indianapolis where he resumed his work as an electrician.

Wise married Alice Ethel Solomon in July and they were the parents of two children. Wise was a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Sources:

Information in collection.

Ancestry, Library edition. Accessed 5 January 2017.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The majority of this collection contains records and information regarding Wilhelm A. Wise's time in the U. S. Army, 1941–1945. Among the materials are government letters and documents dealing with his induction, training camp in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and his service in Europe. There also are personal photographs from his military service as well as items relating to his discharge and two letters from 1944: one to his wife and the other sent through the Red Cross to his father who remained in Bremen during the war..

A second part of the collection are photocopies regarding his emigration from Germany to America, 1926–1938. These include an affidavit of support from his uncle in Indianapolis, his German passport, and his certificate of citizenship.

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