



# **Guide to the Stern Family Papers, 1922-1948, 1971-1996 and undated**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Stern family papers, 1922-1948, 1971-1996 and undated

**Creator:**

Stern family

**Abstract:**

Sidney J. Stern was born in Wilson, NC in 1879 and married Flora Oettinger of Kinston, NC in 1910. The Sterns were active in civic affairs and religious life in Greensboro, where Sidney practiced law until his death in 1947. The materials in this collection primarily document Sidney J. Stern's efforts to relocate family members and others living in Germany between 1936 and 1948 and to a lesser degree the Stern family's life and activities in Greensboro, NC. Other materials in the collection include articles, newspaper clippings, and genealogical information on the Oettinger side of the family.

**Extent:**

1.4 Linear Feet

**Physical Location:**

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

**Language:**

English

**Language:**

Materials in English

**Collection ID:**

RL.10986

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## Background

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### Scope and Content

The materials in this collection primarily document Sidney J. Stern's efforts to relocate family members and others living in Germany between 1936 and 1941 and, to a lesser degree, the Stern family's life and activities in Greensboro (Guilford Co.), North Carolina. The approximately 245 letters related to the relocation of family members include requests for biographical information for visa applications and copies of affidavits of support sworn by Stern and other residents of Greensboro and North Carolina. Other materials in the collection include articles, newspaper clippings, and genealogical information on the Oettinger family of Kinston (Lenoir Co.), N.C.

### Biographical/Historical

Sidney J. Stern was born in Wilson (Wilson Co.), North Carolina, in 1879 and grew up in Scotland Neck (Halifax Co.), NC, where he eventually became a grocer and member of the city council. In 1908, he left his business to attend law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1910, he married Flora Oettinger (1884-1970) of Kinston (Lenoir Co.), NC, and the couple moved to Greensboro (Guilford Co.), NC where Sidney practiced law until his death in 1947.

The Sterns were active in civic affairs and religious life in Greensboro. Sidney served as president of the congregation of Temple Emanuel from [1924?] to 1947. In 1923, the Sterns founded the Homes Building Company, Inc., to construct affordable houses in the Piedmont Heights area of Greensboro.

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## **Acquisition Information**

The Stern family papers are a gift of Katherine Stern Weaver. They were acquired by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University, as part of the Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina Collection in June 2014.

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## **Related Materials**

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## Names and Subjects

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- Germany -- Emigration and immigration -- History -- 1933-1945
- Jews -- North Carolina
- United States -- Emigration and immigration -- History -- 20th century
- Lawyers -- North Carolina -- Greensboro
- Greensboro (N.C.) -- Religious life and customs
- Jewish refugees -- United States
- Stern family

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## Collection Inventory

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### Stern Family papers, 1922-1948, 1971-1996 and undated

Correspondence, 1936 <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 of 8	Box 1 > Folder 1
Correspondence, 1937 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 of 8	Box 1 > Folder 2
Correspondence, 1938, January-July <b>Physical Description:</b> 3 of 8	Box 1 > Folder 3
Correspondence, 1938, August-October <b>Physical Description:</b> 4 of 8	Box 1 > Folder 4
Correspondence, 1938, November-1939, January <b>Physical Description:</b> 5 of 8	Box 1 > Folder 5
Correspondence, 1939, February-December <b>Physical Description:</b> 6 of 8	Box 1 > Folder 6
Correspondence, 1940-1942 <b>Physical Description:</b> 7 of 8	Box 1 > Folder 7

Correspondence, 1946-1948 Box 1 > Folder 8

**Physical Description:** 8 of 8

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"Sidney Joseph Stern...Correspondence from 1936-1944: his efforts before and during World War II to help Jewish relatives and others out of Germany" (spiral-bound photocopies of correspondence), 1936-1944

Box 2

**Scope and Contents**

Duplicates of original correspondence also found in the collection

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Biographical and genealogical information and clippings, 1922-1938, 1989 and undated

Box 1 > Folder 9

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"Reflections of a lawyer in epigrams" by Sidney J. Stern, undated

Box 1 > Folder 10

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Stern home-building business: clippings and description, 1923, circa 1926

Box 1 > Folder 11

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"The teacher who never knew a dumb child" (history paper on Ruth Rypins), 1989 December

Box 1 > Folder 12

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Materials on various Jewish residents of Greensboro, NC, 1928-1929, 1971-1996 and undated

Box 1 > Folder 13

**Scope and Contents note**

Primarily obituaries and other newspaper clippings. Includes an account of the life of Julius W. Cone, written by Edward T. Cone (1979)

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Temple Emanuel (Greensboro, NC) 75th anniversary brochure, clipping, 1982, 1986

Box 1 > Folder 14

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