ALBUM

1957 and 1958

HANS von Schweinitz

and

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Introduction

This is a compendium of Hans von Schweinitz and Helga Hildegard Pörtner during years of 1957 and 1958. Hans and Helga did not meet until March 1958.

In 1957, Hans and Helga separately immigrated to United States. Hans arrived in New York City on 1 March 1957 and on the 2nd took a train to Chicago Illinois to stay with his sponsors, Mr and Mrs Schott. Hans had been drafted, and by 18 October 1957 he was in Basic Training at Lackland AFB San Antonio. On 7 November 1957, Helga arrived in New York City and took a train to the Milwaukee Wisconsin area to stay with relatives. After basic training, in late November 1957, Hans was assigned to General Mitchell Air National Guard Base, Milwaukee Wisconsin. In early 1958, Helga moves to the YWCA (Women) in Milwaukee and takes on various jobs in Milwaukee. In March 1958, the residence of the YWCA decide to invite the local Airmen to a dance. At this dance Helga meets Hans. In September 1958, they move in together into an apartment in Milwaukee. They marry on 1 November 1958. On 21 November 1958 receives orders to move to Rheine Mein AFB, Wiesbaden, West Germany. Both Hans and Helga returned to West Germany.

Both Hans and Helga were West German citizens and were in the process of becoming US Citizens. When they both returned to West Germany in December 1958, they were still West German citizens, but affiliated with the US Air Force.

This compendium is based on the album that Helga put together documenting their immigration, courting, travels, and marriage while in United States. Helga's captions have been added along with some additional notes. Some extra photos have also been added.

Wisconsin 1957 March to 1958 December

19570201 Helga writes to Amerikanische Konsulat requesting forms to emigrate to USA.

19570301 Hans arrives in NY city from Germany. Came via TWA Plane

19570302 Hans takes train from NY city to Chicago IL. His sponsor was Mr Mathew Bastian, of Chicago Illinois

19570303 Hans with Mr & Mrs Schott in Chicago 1957 Summer

19570308 Helga graduates from Gymnasium with Abitur, Herford West Germany

19570322 Helga's father writes letter of reference agreeing that Helga has his permission to emigrate to USA.

19570401 Helga enters University Bedefeld

19570401 Hans receives temporary Driver's license

- 19570501 Hans on beach in Chicago along Lake Eire
- 19570601 Hans travels around US, including PA, Tenn, FL Daytona Florida. There he stayed with Mr and Mrs Westkamp. Hans became their chauffer and general helper, while he learned English
- 19571018 Hans at Lackland AFB San Antonio for Basic training, He military number was 16589642 and he was in Squadron 375, Flight 1309
- 19571101 Helga boards liner "Italia" from Bremerhaven West Germany for New York City US
- 19571107 Helga emigrates to US, and enters New York City, then takes train to Milwaukee Wisc to stay with relatives
- 19580101 Hans is stationed to General Mitchell Air National Guard Base, Milwaukee Wisconsin. to 2373D ARFC Squadron
- 19580101 Helga moves to YWCA in Milwaukee Wisc, and takes on various jobs. 626 North Fashion Street, YWCA Residence, Milwaukee Wisc.
- 19580301 Helga attends YWCA dance and meets Hans
- 19580324 Hans bought car in Milwaukee
- 19580701 Hans at Milwaukee Wisc AFB
- 19580901 Hans moved in with Helga into Apt in Milwaukee, 518 North 19th Street, Milwaukee Wisc
- 19581001 Hans and Helga travel to Canada to visit By-By and go to Niagara falls
- 19580930 Hans bought Hunting license instead of Marriage License
- 19581101 Hans and Helga are married
- 19581121 Hans receives order to move to Rheine Mein AFB, Wiesbaden, West Germany
- 19581130 Hans leaves US through McQuire AFB NJ to Germany Rhein Main 19581215 Helga leaves for West Germany

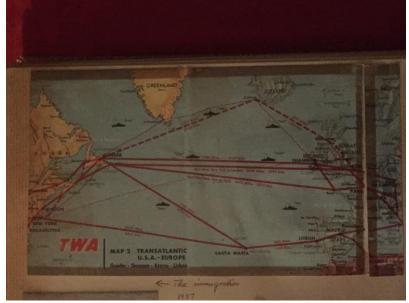
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01 Immigration Hans 1 March 1957

The type of plane that Hans arrived in to New York City via TWA



Flight Hans was on landed in Iceland



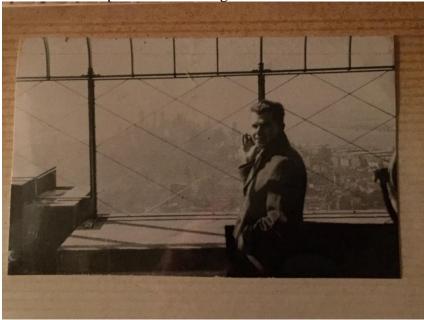
Collection of photos that Hans bought at Icelandic Airport. pg 02 Hans in New York City March 01, 1957



Ocean Liner Type plane that Hans arrived in









View to Empire State Building



Hans stayed in Hotel New York, paid by LWF Lutheran World Federation



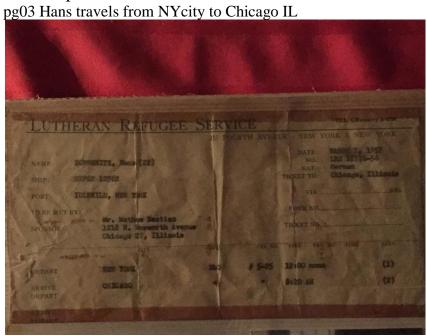




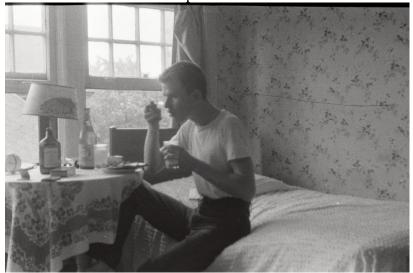








Train ticket from NYCity to Chicago paid for by LWF Lutheran Refugee Service on 2 March 1957. Sponsor was Mr Mathew Bastian



Hans' room in Chicago, at Mr & Mrs Schott house



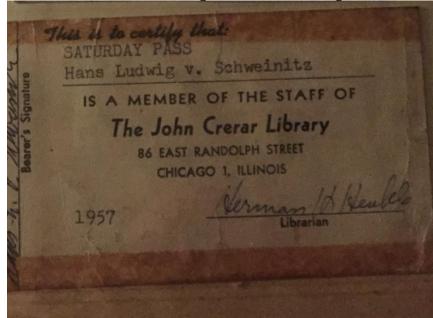
Mr and Mrs Schott house in Chicago



MR & Mrs Schott and friend Eddie

Lake View Evening High School Student Relations Council Activity Card Feb June, 1957 Student Hans Andwig van Achwenitg.
Receipt No
This card may be used for admittance to all Student Relations Council activities.
Student's Signature

Hans attended class in local high school to learn English

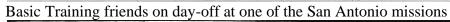


Hans had a job at the local Library operating the Photocopying machine

pg04 Hans in Basic training Lackland AFB San Antonio Oct/Nov 1957







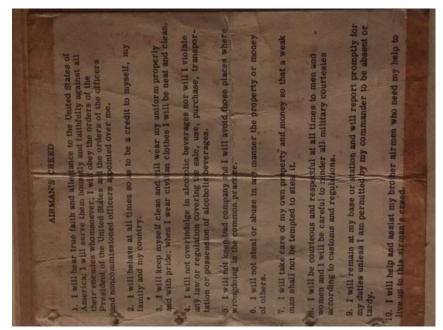








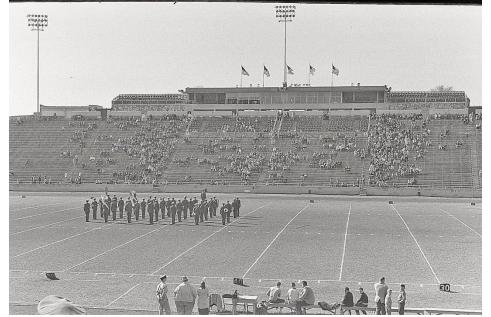




Airman Creed



Marching in Basic Training





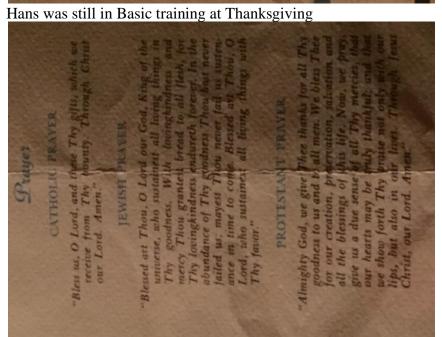
















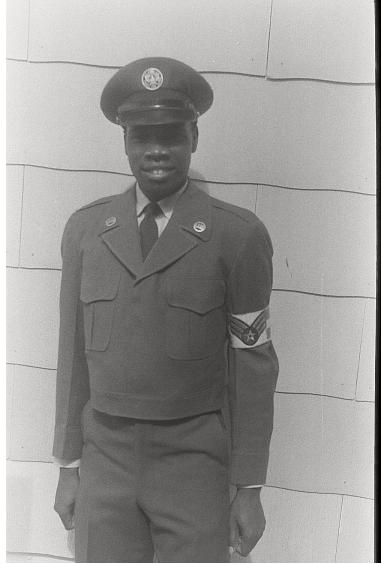












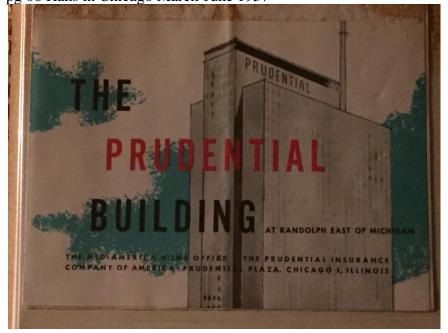






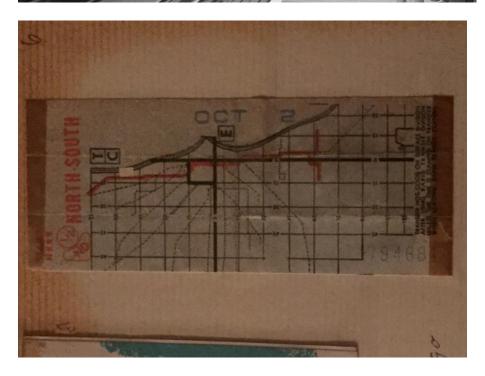


First day of Basic Training, before the haircuts, at bus station pg 06 Hans in Chicago March-June 1957

















pg 07 Chicago on the shores of Lake Michigan, Summer 1957



Edi and Hans



Edi and Margret



Hans Besty Wishes, Jean

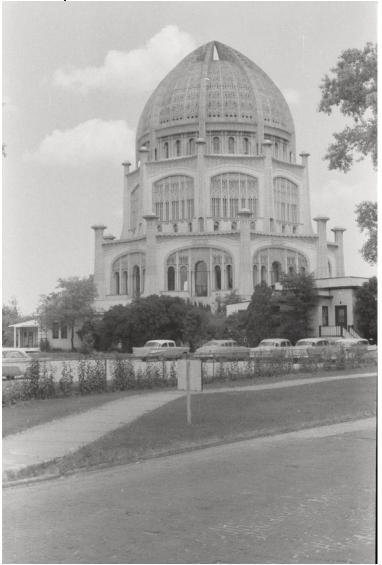


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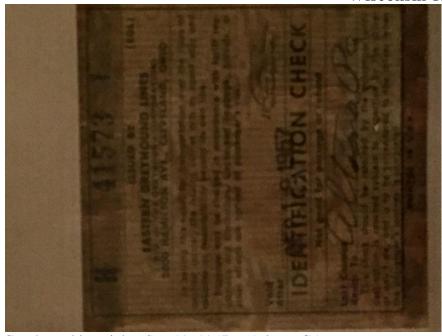


Schach: playing Chess Edi and Hans





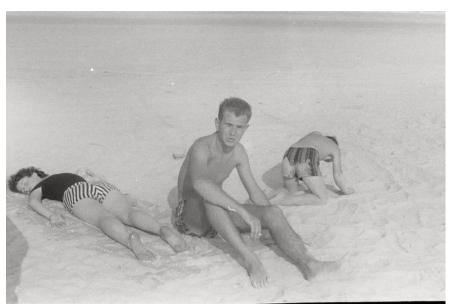
Planetarium Chicago



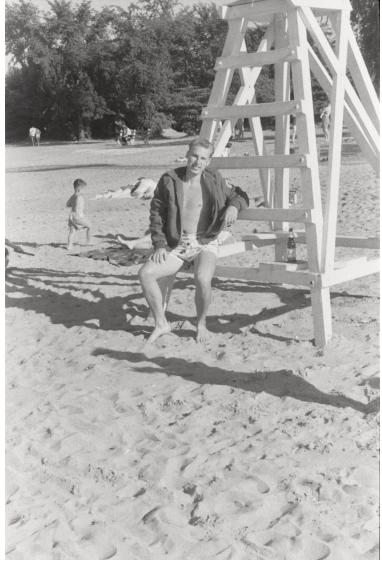








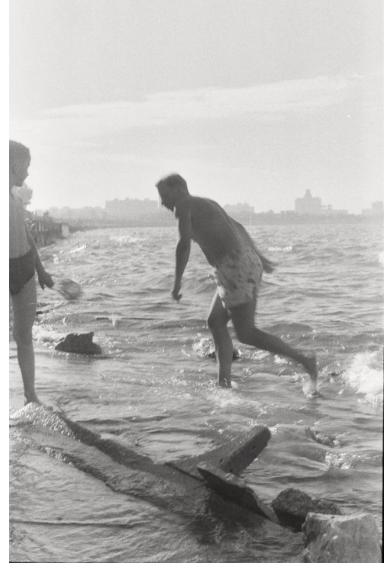
Hans and ?







Hans

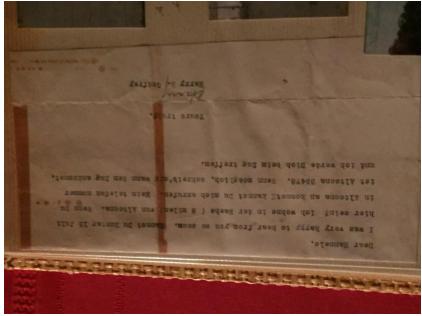




Schott's house in Chicago



pg 08 Hans Temp Drivers License, travel to PA and Tenn

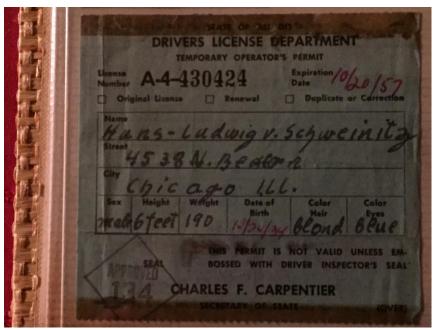


Harry Godfrey inviting Hans to visit them in Altoona PA in July 1957

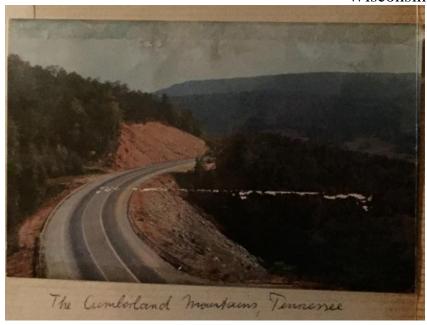


Hans visits Harry Godfrey in Ashville PA July 1957





Hans receives a temporary Drivers License in Chicago







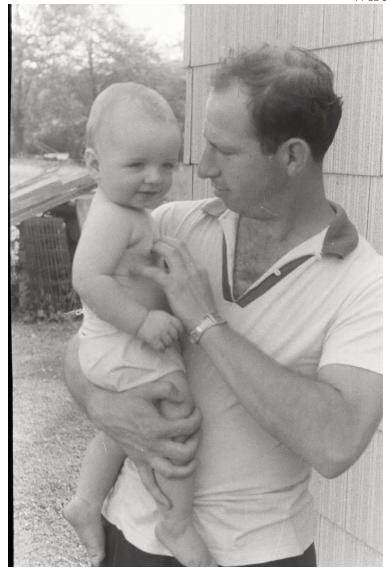


Harry Godfrey and wife with baby in PA



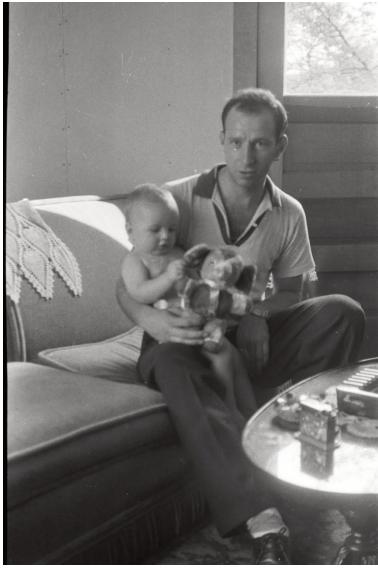












pg 09 Hans in Tenn. In Dayton Florida with Westkamp family. Erna and Buster $\,$



Tennessee





"Klein Erna" Westkamp



Hans mit Buster Westkamp am Strand (Beach)



Buster wading with Hans



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pg 10 Hans in Daytona Florida and bus ticket back to Chicago IL



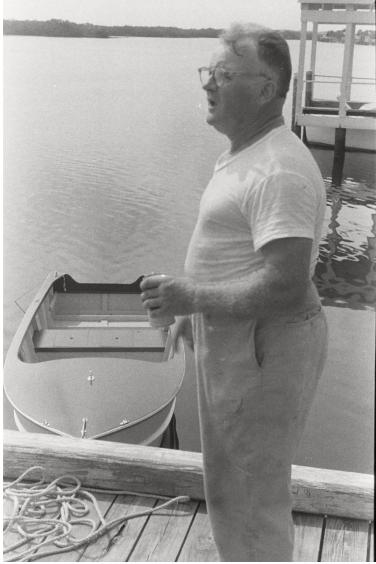
Mr WestKamp with boat



Car full of girls



Buster and Hans



Mr Westkamp, Onkel Hans

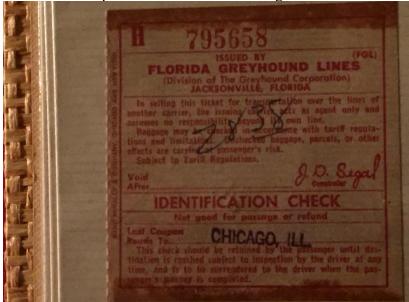




Example for how an address is written in USA



Ticket on 16 September 1957 for something



Greyhound bus ticket back to Chicago IL

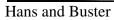


oops



Parking at Daytona Beach







Hans and Buster

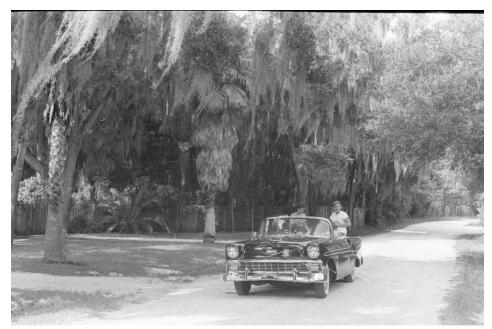


Hans



Hans as Chauffeur for Mr Westkamp





car full of girls



? driving Mr Westkamp's car





Daytona Beach 1957



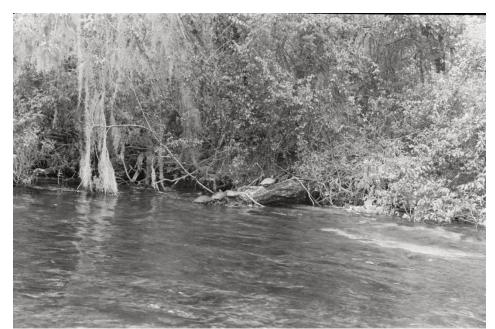




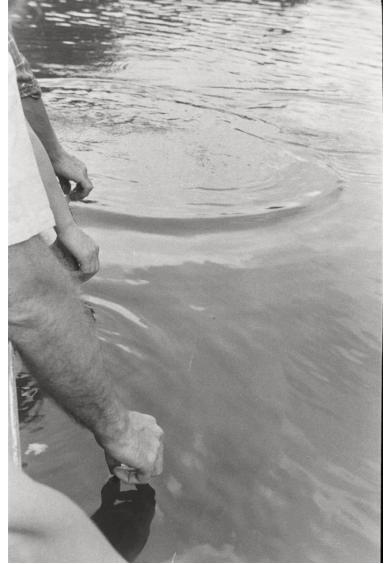


Wrong turn



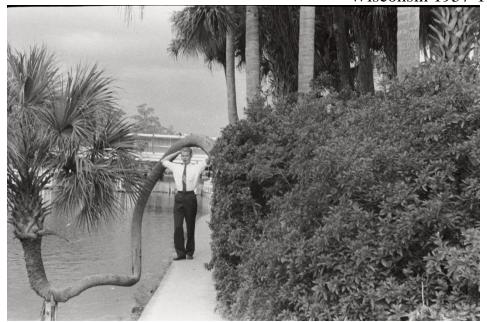


Florida Rivers





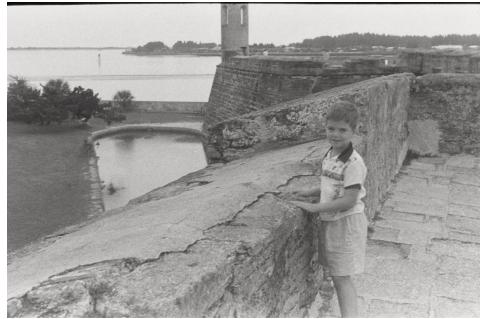






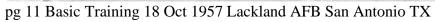






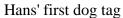


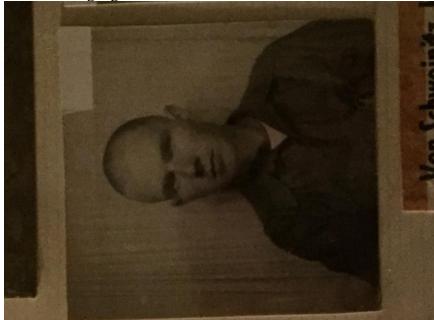








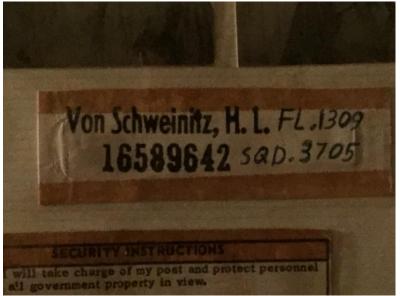




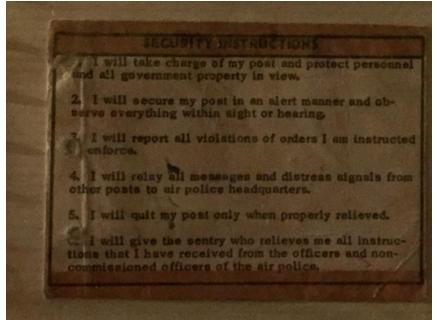
Air Force Basic Training haircut



That is better



Hans' military ID number, and basic training flight and squadron number







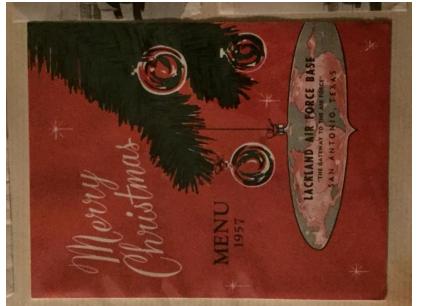
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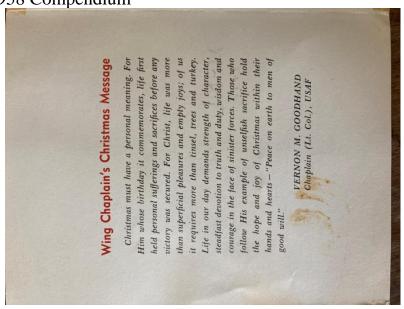


Rank when graduating from Basic Training



pg 12 Hans stationed in Lackland in December 1957, Tanker trucks in Milwaukee Wisc

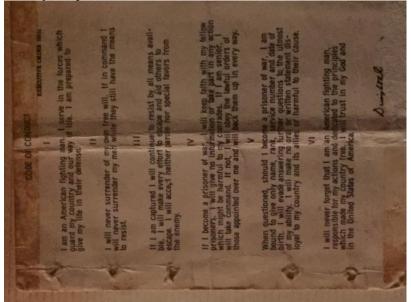








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Tanker trucks in Milwaukee Wisc

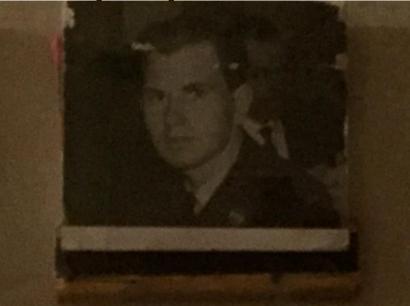




pg 13 Xmas card from home, July 1958 in Chicago



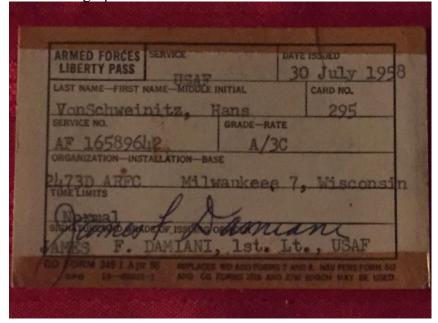
"Old Heidelberg" in Chicago with Edi and Liesel



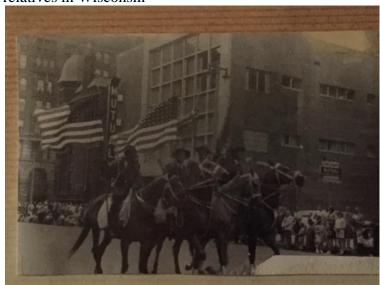
Matchbox cover with Hans photo from "Old Heidelberg" Chicago

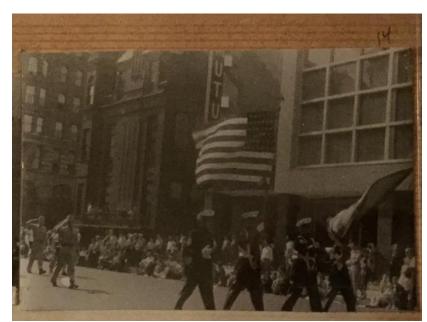


Weihnachtsgrüße aus der Deutschen Heimat.

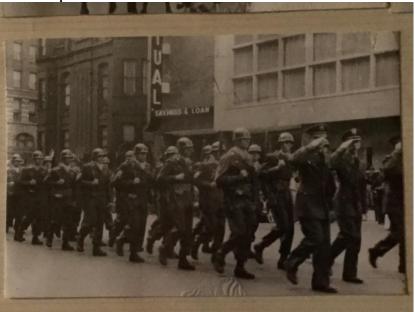


30 July 1958 pass to leave base pg 14 Armed Forces Day 17 May 1958 Milwaukee Wisc, Helga's relatives in Wisconsin





17 May 1958 Armed Forces Day parade Milwaukee Wisc

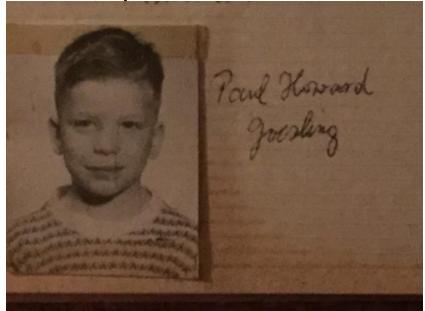




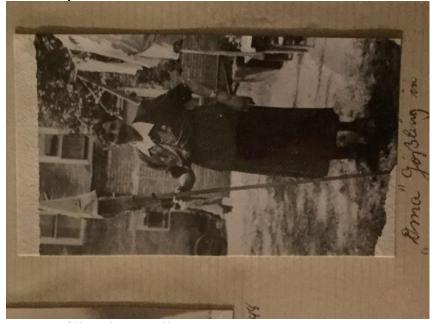
Cousin Werner Bayer



Walter Kirsch, May 1948



Paul Howard Goesling



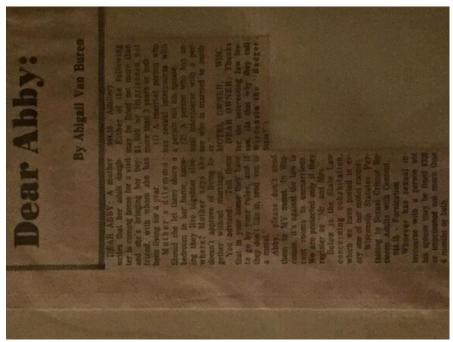
Oma "Goβling" in Amerika



Cousine Marlene Goesling

Pg 15 back street in Milwaukee, Dear Abby article





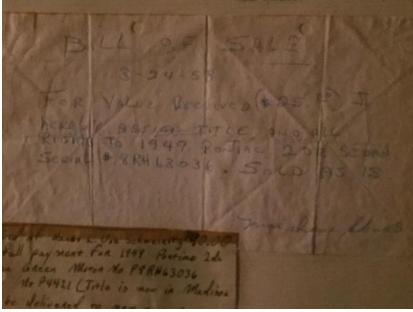
pg 16 Hans meets Helga, Hans buys a car, March 1958



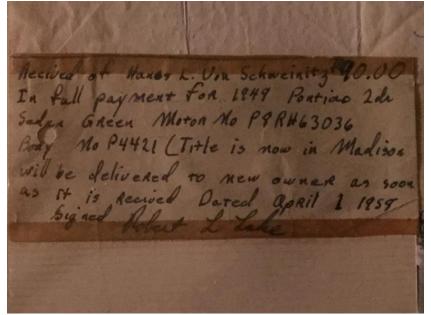
March 1958, Milwaukee Helga and Hans



Hans erstest Auto: Pontiac Vorm YWCA, Jackson Street



Bill of Sale 3-24-1958 For value received (\$25.00) I hereby assign title and all rights to 1949 Pontiac 2 Dr Sedan Serial #8RH63036. Sold as is. Mrs Irene Shrink



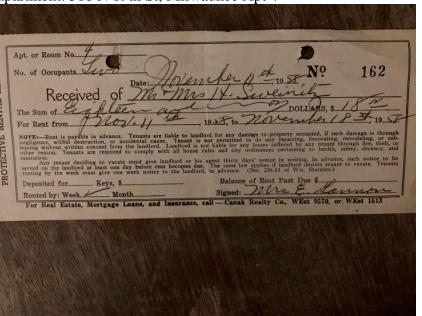
Second bill of sale dated 1 April 1958 for \$90.00



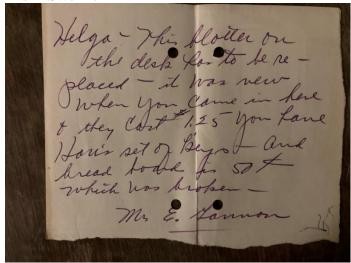
Helga and Hans in front of Pontiac pg17 Hans and Helga rent apartment in Milwaukee



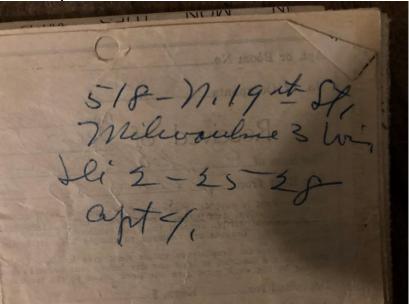
Quittangen für unsere Wohnung auf "Hans Pörtner. Receipts for our apartment. 518 N 19th St, Milwaukee Apt 4



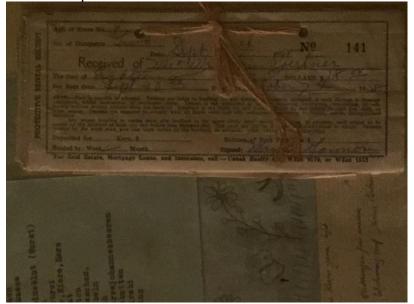
After marriage on 1 November, name on account is corrected to Mr and Mrs H Sweinitz



Must have been a good party



address of apartment



Stack of receipts from 30 September 1958 to 11 November 1958

pg18 September 1958 vacation trip by Hans and Helga Montreal Canada







Grenze USA to Kanada



Die Fahrt im Pontiac nach Montreal, Canada, Sept 1958



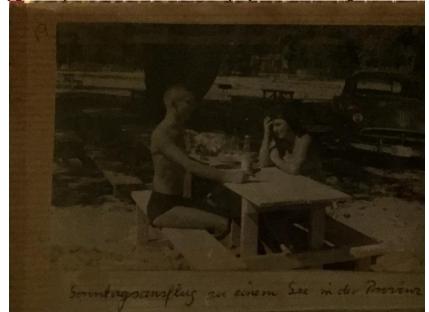
Helga and Hans' friend Bye-Bye



Helga and Hans



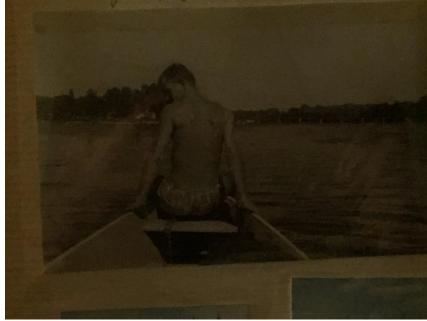
Bye-Bye and Hans und Blick auf Montreal (view)
pg 19 September 1958 vacation trip by Hans and Helga Montreal Canada



Sonntagsausflug zu einem See in der Provinz Quebec. Sunday outing



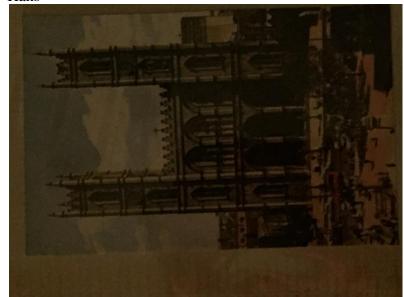
Hans and Bye-Bye



Hans



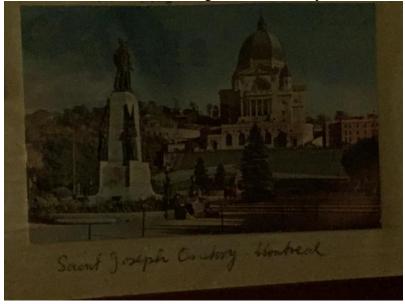
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Notre Dame, Montreal



Old French Horse drawn Carriages on Mount Royal

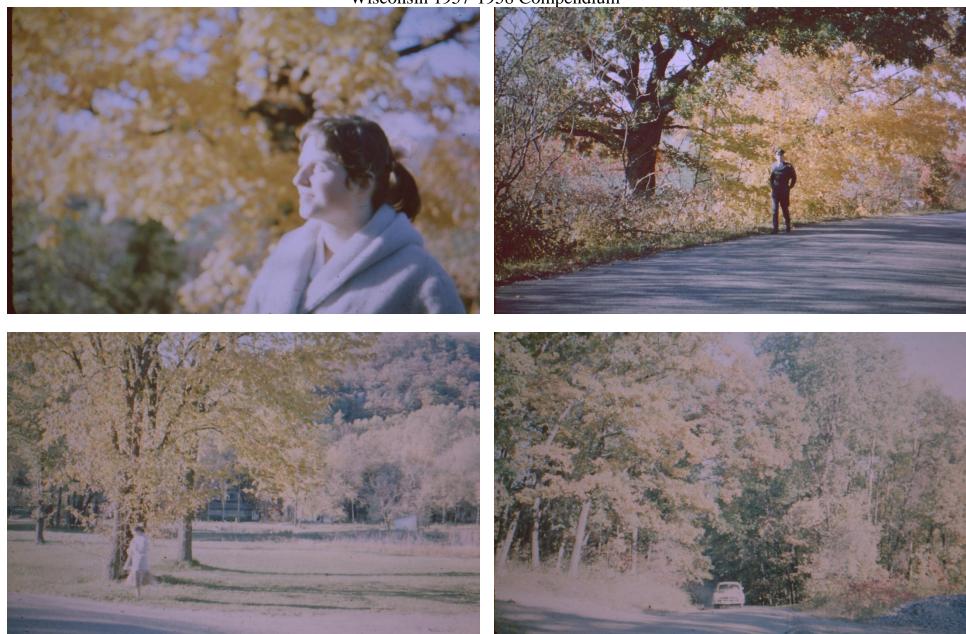


Saint Joseph Oratory, Montreal



The Cross on Mount Royal







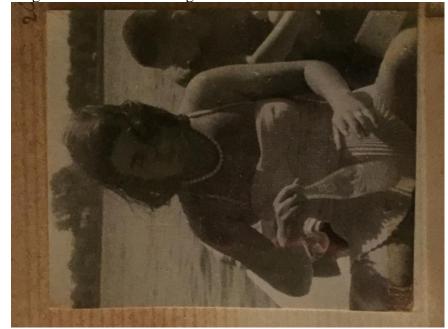








Niagara Falls Hans and Helga



Helga



Helga at Niagara Falls



Hans at Niagara Falls



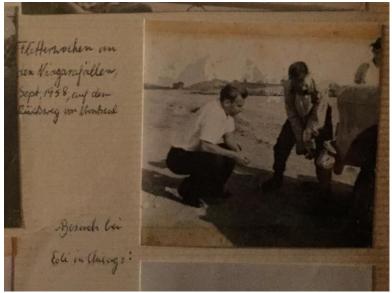
Helga





Flitterwochen an den Niagarafällen, Sept 1958, auf dem Rückweg von Montreal. Honeymoon at Niagara Falls, before wedding on 1 November 1958





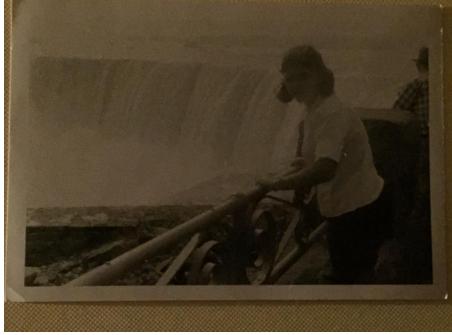
Besuch bei Edi in Chicago. Visiting Edi. Repairing flat







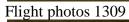


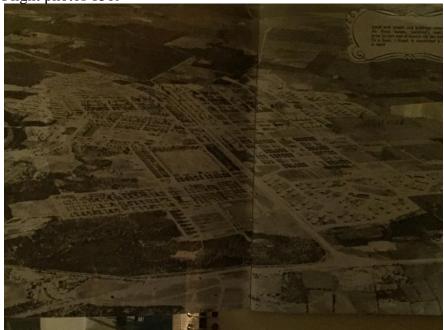




pg 21 Pamphlet about experience in Basic Training Lackland AFB Oct/Nov 1957









Barracks of flight 1309 pg 22 Hans and Helga Sept 1958

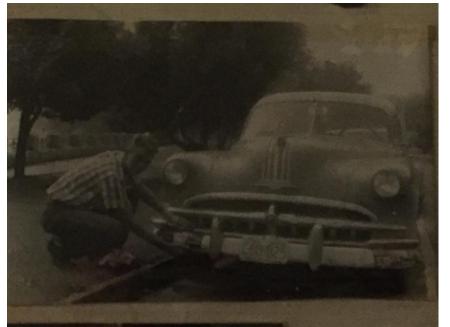




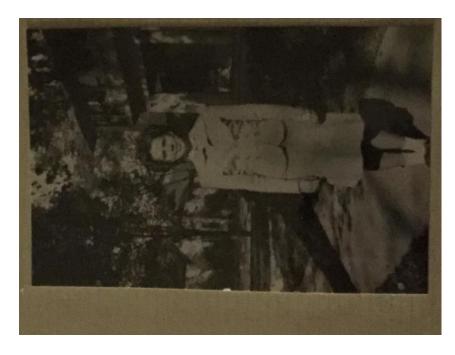


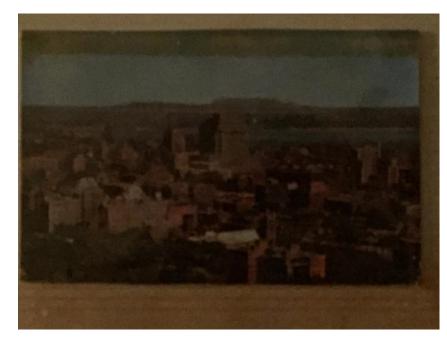




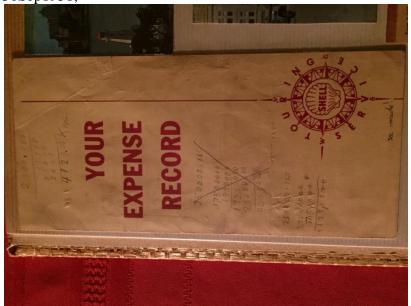




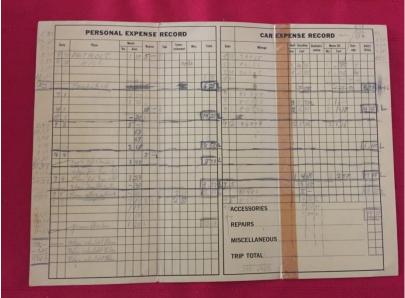




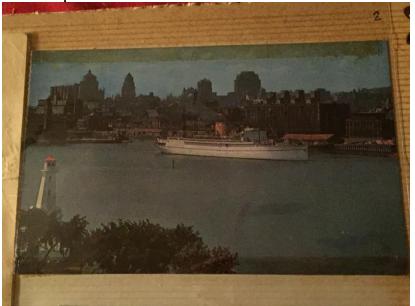
pg 23 Hans expense record Sep 1958 vacation to Canada, Hunting license 30Sep1958,



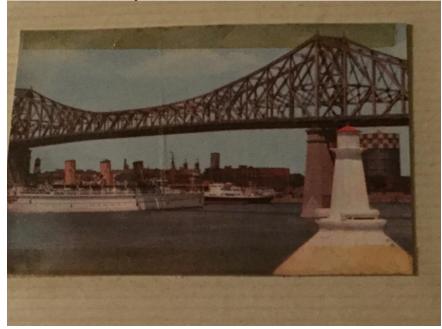
Expense record for trip to Canada in September 1958



Internal ledger of expense record

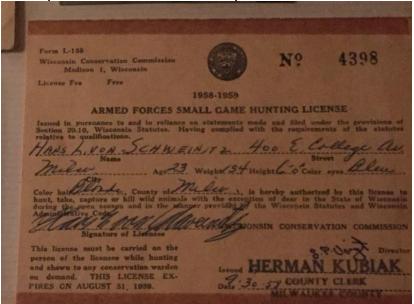


Canada Montreal sky line



Canada Montreal Bridge

NATO parade in Toronto Canada Sept 1958



Hans bought a Hunting license, when he should have bought a marriage license. 30 Sept 1958

pg 24 Letter to Helga's address at YWCA, wedding announcement, Hans promotion



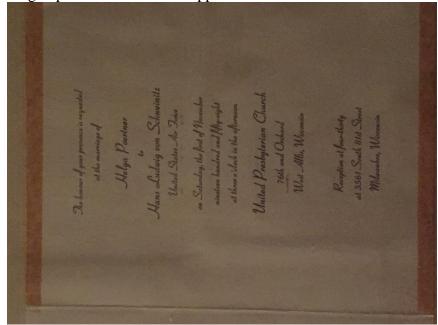
Helga lived at 626 North Fashion Street, YWCA Residence, Milwaukee Wisc USA



Airman first class, date of rank 1 Sept 1958



Helga's photo for US citizen application



Wedding announcement

pg 25 Church Tithe pamphlet, Hans and Helga at altar 1 Nov 1958



Pamphlet provides budge and recommended Tithe for United Presbyterian Church, West Allis, Wisc. Church were :Hans and Helga were married.



pg 26 Wedding vows, Newspaper announcements, formal photos









pg 27 Formal wedding photos 1 Nov 1958





pg 28 Wedding Reception party photos











pg 29 Wedding cake and other photos 1 Nov 1958









pg 30 Wedding formal photos 1 Nov 1958







pg 31 Wedding Hans and Helga leaving formal photos





pg 32 More and extra photos of Reception party at 3561 S 81st St, Milwaukee. Ends with Hans' Boarding pass at McGuire AFB to transfer to Rheine Main AFB Wiesbaden West Germany,





































































Hans with Mrs E Gannon, the Landlady of Helga's Apartment. She did not know that Hans and Helga were not married until she was invited to the wedding.



Wedding card from Helga's family in Herford









