## HELGA (neé Pörtner) ALBUM By Photo With Captions

9 March 1937 Birth to October 1957 Left for United States by Helga von Schweinitz

## Introduction

This album covers photos Helga's life from before 1958, when she married her Husband, Hans von Schweinitz. Each photo is from the album, exactly as she left it after her death. The captions are included as written in the album.

Helga Hildegard von Schweinitz (nee Pörtner) passed away on 8 June 2019, in Pflugerville Texas. She was 82 years old, suffering from Non-Alcoholic Cirrhosis of the Liver and Diabetes.

Helga was born in 9 March 1937 in Herford Germany, shortly before WWII, After passing the "Abitur" in 1957 and at the age of twenty, she decided to take a year off from attending the university and to spend some time in the USA. She did not flee poverty, persecution or the law, she was simply hungry for adventure.

The story behind these photos is included in Helga's Auto Biography. To make some sense of these photos, the following is Helga's life line until 1958.

- 1903: Father was born. 1Jan
- 1904: Mother was born. 12June
- 1927: Father and Mother married 23 September
- 1928: Rolf (oldest brother) born 26 June
- 1930: Margret (oldest sister) born 10Sept
- 1936: Rolf (oldest brother) dies 8 June
- 1937: Helga born 9 March
- 1938: Diethard born 13 June
- 1939: Oma Johanne Gößling came in July 1939 from American
- 1939: WW II started for Germany 1 September 1939
- 1941: Helga Started Kindergarten
- 1942: Vacation at Steinhuder Meer near Hannover, rented cottage
- 1943: Father left for basic training Military Service 11Mar
- 1943: Helga start Volksschule right after Easter Sunday
- 1943: 8 September 1943 Italy the other member of the Axis powers surrendered
- 1944: Went to live with Tante Hanna in Shotmar/Bad Salzuflen, Summer
- 1944: Oma Johanne stayed in basement, instead of going to bunker, 15 October
- 1944: Father came home for Christmas
- 1944: Lived in Onkel August's house with family, late Fall
- 1945: Bomb went off in manure pile, spring
- 1945: American liberators and British Occupying forces arrived April-May
- 1945: End of WW II 8 May 1945 for Europe theater
- 1945: Father walked into back yard and came home, July
- 1945: End of WW II September 2 for Pacific theater (now end of all of WWII)
- 1947: Oma Johanne Gößling went back in to America April 1947
- 1947: Espelkamp children summer camp, meet Christel Schuppener
- 1947: Teacher Miss Düwel convinced parents about Gymnasium
- 1948: Helga enter Gymnasium school time Spring
- 1948Aug "Spielgemeinschaft" play group would put on plays, skits, and also just paly together.

1948 Spring first year of Gymn is "Sexta B" photo

1949: "Kinderheim" vacation summer health camp in Langeoog Island in North Sea

1950: Renate (youngest sister) born 7 August

1951: Confirmation in church

1951: School day trip to Porta Westfalica

1952 Enterance ticket to Landestheater Detmold 2.4.1952

1952 Priwall camp on Baltic See

1952/1953: Youth hostel pass

1953: Bicycle trip through the Lüneburg Heath with Hella, AnneMarthe, Gisela

1953: Mother dying on 1 July 1953 in Herford

1953 June Gymnasium class photo UIIb

1953: traffic ticket for crossing at red light in Hamburg 19Aug1953

1954/1955: Hitchhiking trip with Ilse Peemüller

1954: Margret gets married to Hans-Gerd Bruhn 3 Dec

1955: school trip to Marburg

1955 Summer, Anne-Marthe Schröder, Wolf-Dieter and I were heavily into camp fire poetry.

1956 Excuse from Dr Werner for back injury from basketball

1956 Trip to Bonn. As president of Student Council took trip to Bonn with other student presidents to protest against what Minister Kaiser had said.

1956 Took evening courses to add knowledge not taught in school, on currency stability.

1956: Margret has Andreas

1956: June Trip to Sportsfestival in Leipzig in "east" Germany

1957 Last Gymn class photo OIb

1957: Letter admitting Helga in to the Arbitur, final exam for Gymn dated 7Feb1957

1957 Arbitur

1957 Arbitursball, escort was Herr Huber

1957 Youth Hostel pass

1957 Tarquinia Italy, Villa with group of British artists

1957 on 1Feb1957 wrote to Amerikanische Konsulat requesting forms to emigrate to USA.

1957: University

1957 on 22Mar1957 Father wrote a letter of reference agreeing to Helga emigrating to USA.

1957 took ship "Italia" to America

1957: by Oct/Nov was in Milwaukee

1957: Meet Hans and courting

1958: Wedding

1959: Assignment Wiesbaden Germany





Helga 1938



May 23, 1938



Helga 1937 or 1938



Helga



Helga 1938



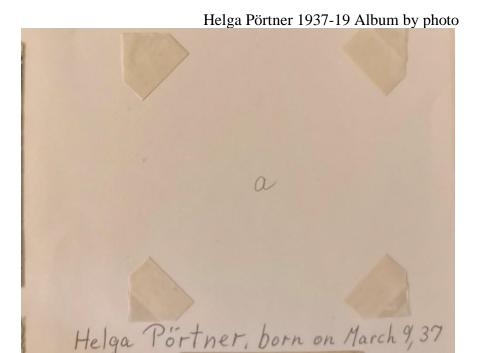
Helga



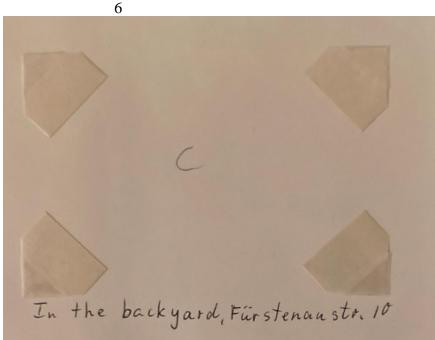
Helga, Puppen in neuer Kleidung 1943? Doll in new cloths



Mit einer Kindheit voll Liebe kann man ein halbes Leben hindurch für die kalte Welt haushalten. With a childhood full of love one can save for half a lifetime for the cold world



missing photo page 1: Helga Pörtner, born on March 9, 1937



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Helga Pörtner 1937-19 Album by photo



Aug 15, 1939 Diethard and Helga



July 1942, Vacation home at the Steinhunder Meer

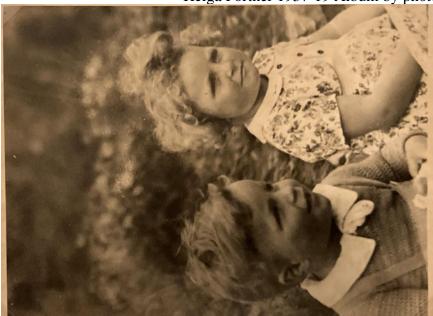


Diethard and Helga



Diethard and Helga on our balcony

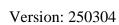
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Diethard and Helga



Helga and Diethard





Top row: Emmi Wolf, Vater, Mutter, Wilhelm Wolf, Rolf Bottom: Gerd Wolf, Margret Pre June 1936



Rolf, Mutter, Vater, Päulchen, Tante Hilde, Margret. Prior June 1936



Rolf, August Stoppel, Hartmut Lunecke. First day of school for these three friends. Prior June 1936



Margret and Rolf



Rolf Pörtner, June 26, 1928 - June 8, 1936

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Mutter mit Rolf



Helga, Margret, Diethard 1940



Päulchen Rottmann, Margret and Helga Pörnter, Oma Johanne Gößling



Vater, Mutter, Helga, Margret, Diethard 1939

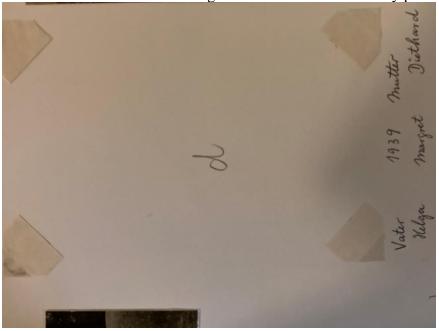


Diethard, Helga, Margret at the Steinhunder Meer 1944?



Background: All relatives, a small portion of the clan. 1938. Auguste Altheide, Oma Göβling, Hilde Altheide, Paul Reuter, Onkel Hermann Rottmann, Onkel Kurt Reuter. Helga in front





Missing photo page 4: 1939. Vater, Mutter, Helga, Margret, Diethard



Diethard, Margret, Helga 1938



Vater in his office in the Rathaus in Herford. Rudolf Pörtner



Vater in High School. 2nd row from top, send from end., has arms crossed



Vater on left, with his homing (carrier) pigeon club. Brieftaubenverein



Vater, Rudolf Pörtner a volunteer fireman, is standing in background



Vater as a reluctant soldier in WWII.



Fürstenaustraβe 10, Herfor. Built by Mutter's father, Gustav Göβling who had a construction company. Photo from 1938. Margret Pörtner in front, behind in pram is Helga. Adults unknown.



Mutter and Vater



Mutter and Rolf



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Vater in Italy with Italians or in Jugoslavia with Guerillas (Partisanen), 1944. Vater is third in from right with knee up



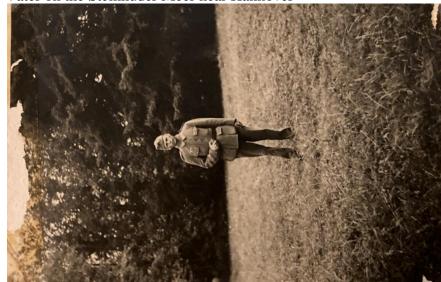
"Das Geschütz". The weapon where Vater was stationed (in France, directed towards England)



Vater, part of a team putting a book together on Herford's history. Vater is standing in background



Vater on the Steinhuder Meer near Hannover



Vater in basic training in Hasenheide near Osnabrück 1943





Vater on our sofa



Margret March 1937



Margret March 1937



Helga, Mutter, Margret, Diethard in Otto Weddigen Bad



Helga, Päulchen Rottman cousin, Margret



Mimi Sprickelmeyer, Mutter, Margret, Hanna Prüβner, Horst Sprickelmeyer. 1943 (Vater and Sprickelmeyer were drafted and had to go to Osnabrück for basic training in the Wehrmacht)



Muter, Vater, Tante Hanna, Margret 1943 in Osnabrück bei Vaters Grundausbildung (basic training)



18 April 1939, Helga, Margret



Mutter, Oma Karoline Pörtner née Finke, Vater. 23 September 192? at their 25th Wedding Anniversary Silver



Mutter und Vater 23 September 192? at their 25th Wedding Anniversary Silver



Christmas 1944? Vater on leave from the Wehrmacht



Mutter



Mutter at the end of WWII. Lace dress from France, 1945



20 Mutter, Diethard, Helga



Mutter 195?



Mutter, Tante Hilde (Rottmann) in front of Onkel Hermann's

"Kontor", office. 1952



1943 Steinhuder Meer. Helga, Johanne, Diethard. We rented a summer house for many years. The boat is not ours. 1942 or 43

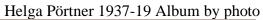




Helga, Jürgen Reuter, Diethard. Jürgen is son of Kurt, and Grandson of Paul. Klemptner und Installateur. Playing at plumber and installer



Paul Rottmann, son of Hilde and Hermann. They lived downstairs.





Chicken and rabbits were part of our food supply, at times also pigs and pigeons.



Paul Rottman, Margret, Helga, Diethard. In our back yard.



Engerstraβe 47, Herford, the house Opa Pörtner had built for wife and 7 children (Photo in 1997)



Christine Karolin Charlotte, Oma Pörtner, née Finke



Opa Pörtner (Friedrich "Fritz") master Bell-founder



Silver wedding, the extended Drexhage family. Helga and Diethard on far left. Helga in white shirt. 1946



Pörtner family: Mimi Wiedmet, Ewald, Hanna Rudolf, Magda Lieschen. Missing: Fritz, the eldest and Änne who died in her late teens.



Mutter (Second from left) and some of her friends. Lisbeth Bekemeyer, Emmi Wolf.





Extended family on one of many Sunday get-togethers.



15 August 1939. Paul, Oma Johanne, Tante Hilde, Diethard, D Hermann, Mutter, Vater, Helga in front in the "Laube" in the front yard, Fürstenaustraβe 10



Helga, Tante Hanna 1944



Hilde Göβling-Rottmann, Mutter's sister

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Tante Hann Prüβner, Vater's oldest sister



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Ernst Prüβner. The Prüβner's owned a shoe store in Schötmar. I lived with them in early 1945 when our house was bombed.



Christmas 1927



Helga Pörtner 1937-19 Album by photo Tante Hanna P., Tante Lieschen Drexhage. Children Luther Drexhage

and Anneliese Drexhage.



Hanna and Ernst Prüβner with their sons Rudi and Kurtchen (both died as children)



Günther Bergmann (child), Magda Bergmann, Willy? Bergmann, ?, Hanna Prüβner



Opa Pörtner, Tante Hanna Prüβner at Bad Salzuflen Kur next to sprays of curing salt water from the old salt mines below.



Tante Hanna and Tante Magda Bergmann. Child in Tante Hanna's lap is Günther Bergmann



Hanna Pörtner, later Prüβner



Tanate Lieschen Drexhage (Vater's sister) and Onkel August Drexhage at their silver wedding



At Lieschen and August Drexhage silver wedding (Silberhochzeit)

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Hinten back row: Diethard P. Helga P, Lothar, Anneliese, Onkel Alfred, Tante Hänschen, Onkel Fritz, Tange Magda, Mutter, Vater, Tante Hanna, Margret

Vorne front row: Opa Drexhage, ? Tante Lieschen, Onkel August, ? Tante Mimi



Elsbeth Pörtner, Née Fennert, Onkel Ewald's wife



Ewald Pörtner (Vater's youngest brother) in Finland. He was shot in his leg and suffered pain for the rest of his life. (Wahrscheinlich in Finland)



Willy Bergmann Jan 1945 (later Bürgermeister of Schötmar, married to Magda Pörtner)



Dec 1954 Margret's Weding to Hans-Gerd Bruhn. Back: ? Martin Meyer, Helga P, Günther B. ?, Paul R. Front: ?, Margret, Hand-Gerd, Renate P.

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Front Margret, Oma Pörtner, Tante Hanna, Hans-Gerd. Back: ?, Diethard



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Margret's Palterabend: bachelorette party Hans-Gerd, Margret, ?, Ilse Peemöller, Lother D, Deithard P, Paul R. Helga P.



Margret, Hans-Gerd, ? Vater(in back) Martin Meyer



?, Margret, Hans-Gerd Bruhn, Diethard (in back) Vater, ?(in back), Günther Bergmann.



Hans-Gerd Bruhn



Helga, Renate, Margret, Deithard. Renate born on 7 August 1950.



Renate und Mutter 1950

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Diethard, Renate, Margret, Helga 1951



Renate 1951



Renate 1951



Renate





Renate with my bike (I called my bike "Alte Liebe, Old Love", 1956



Renate 1951



Renate und Helga 1951



Renate



Back row: Willi Bergmann, ?, Vater

Middle row: Herman Rottmann, Mutter, Tante Hanna Prüßner, Magda Bergmann, Hilde Rottmann, Oma Pörtner, Lieschen & August Drexhage

Front Row: Günther Bergmann, Rolf (?) Pörtner, Annelies Drexhage.



Back row: Ernst Prüβner, August Drexhage, Fritz Pörtner, Willi Bergmann, ?

Middle Row: Hann Prüβner, Annelien Drexhage, Magda Bergmann, Mimi (?)

Front row: Lieschen Drexhage, Tante Hänschen Pörtner (wife of

Onkel Fritz) Children: ??



Tante Hanna on right walking in Bad Salzuflen Kur park



In our backyard: Auguste Altheide, Toni Meyer, Magda Bergmann, Agust Drexhage, Fritz Pörtner, Lieschen Drexhage, Oma Pörtner, Hanna Prüβner



Else Berger 1928, then a family friend, later our stepmother (1959)



Cuxhaven. ? and Onkel Ernst, Tante Hanna Prüβner



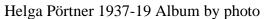
Blick von der Fürstenaustraße 10, auf Luneckes Haus und den Postplatz und Holschers Haus. View from our upstairs window onto Lunecke's house and the Post Office and Holscher's house.. Dr Lunecke's house and car. Chimney from Chocolate Factory Freese. Two children in empty lot are Diethard and Helga walking home on dirt path through empty lot.



Post card of Garden Restaurant behind Bahnhofs-Hotel. Boy on top of stairs is Rolf P.



Bahnhof Herford (Railroad Station) 1/2 minute from our house.





On Bahnhof Square: Kurfürsten Monument (Was dismantled and Melted for its iron value in WWII). Kurfürstendenkmal.



Radewiger Kirche (Jacobi Kirche, Lutheran) Our family's place of worship, baptism, confirmation, weddings.



Fürstenaustraβe 10. Gößling family Back Row. Otto, Hilde, Gustov, Frete Front Row: Ella, Paul Johanne, Dog?

Father Gustov's image was put in the picture in the photo lab since he

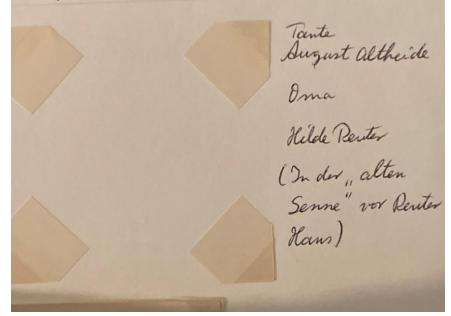
was in Milwaukee USA.



Göβling family.



Hilde Rottmann, Johanne Gößling, Ella Pörtner



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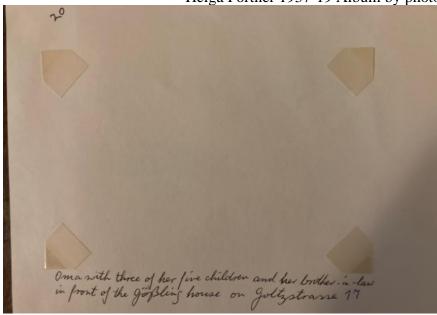
Auguste Altheide, Oma's cousin and a very good friend.



40 Oma Göβling's sister Anna Reuter



Jürgen and Hilde Reuter (Wife of Kurt)



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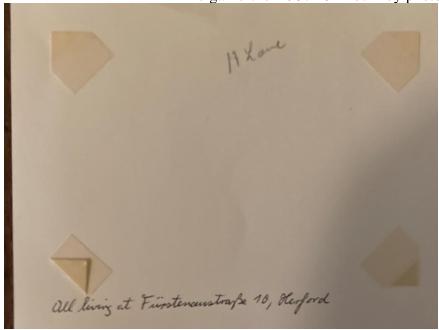
Goltzstrasse in Herford where Opa Göβling built some of his houses like the first house on right.



Goltzstraβe 17 Herford, build by Opa Göβling.



Opa Gustav Gößling



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On the way into Radewiger Kirche for my confirmation. Pastor Henche is leading the gaggle. 1953 or 1951



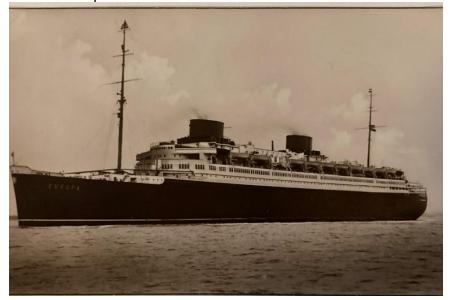
Tante Hilde and son Paul (Päulchen)



Mutter and 6 month old Helga (?)



Fürstenaustraβe 10



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Europa, ship for emigrants. Oma Johanne may have left on the Europa to return to Milwaukee USA



Opa and Oma in West Allis, Wisconsin before WWII. Gustov und Johanna Göβling





Tante Grete marries Chris Bayer in West Allis Wisconsin SUA. They are parents of Ralph and Werner.



Oma Gößling in West Allis. She is not holding a pole with the flag, but a pole that holds up the laundry line.



Aunt Trola? in Milwaukee USA



Diethard, Gerhard Berneo, Günther Bölke, Dieter Straβ, Siegfried Bölke, Fredi Berner, Uli Kantsteiner, Erich Preper (unser "Bande") our gang



Manfred Lücking, Nanni Lunecke, Helga Pörtner, Diethard P



5 April 1944 Margret (Nanni) Luneckes Geburtstagsfeur

Back Row: Helga P, Helga Färber, Holzapfel, Holzapfel Helga, Liane

Mauritz, Margret (Nanni) Lunecke, Weber

Front Row: Foxel, Hartmut Lunecke, Päulschen Rottmann.



Gerda Neyer, Helga P, Ingrid Weiβ, Anne Stamm, Brigitte (Peppi) Moszin. At Ingrid's birthday

Nanni Lunecke, Pippi Moszin, Helga P., Anne Stamm, Gerda Neyer. Helga's Confirmation 1951



Herford am 9 March 1949. Nanni, Ingrid, Helga, Ilse Raddant.



Antje Weiβ, Ingrid Weiβ, Helga P. August 1948 an der Aa, Herford.



Diethard



Die Spielgemeinschaft. The Playing Club. August 1948 Ingrid, Helga, Nanni, Marga



Die Spielgemeinschaft. The Playing Club. August 1948



Helga Pörtner 1937-19 Album by photo Die Spielgemeinschaft. The Acting Club. August 1948 Photos by Ingrid Weiβ' father



Die Spielgemeinschaft. The Playing Club. August 1948



48 Die Spielgemeinschaft. The Playing Club. August 1948



Along the River Aa.





August 1948 near River Aa Herford

## Königin-Mathilde-Schule Staatl. neuspr. Mädchengymnasium mit Frauenoberschule i. E. zu Herford

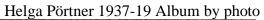
Mädchengymnasium mit Frauenoberschule: Girl Gymnasium with Girl Upper High School. Helga attended the Gymnasium.

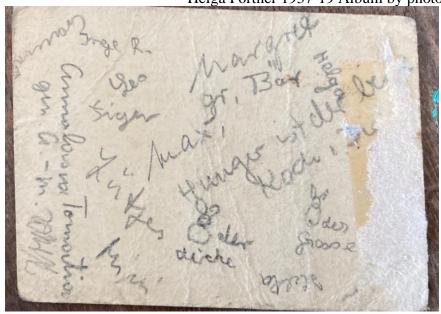


Helga's Gymnasium



Class of UIIb year 1953/54







Class photo of Sexta B 1948/1949 school year, photo taken in spring 1949. Helga was 11 or 12 years old.



Gymnasium UIIb class photo, 1953/54 School year



Gymnasium UIIb class photo, 1953/54 School year. Photo taken in June



Last day of Gymnasium school. OIb 1957



OIb, Final Physical Education Exam 1957



Class OIb, shortly before Abitur 1957. Helga just turned 20.



Tertia B, day trip to Porta Westfalica



"die Tiger" troupe members.



Bus driver Fredrich Klein, Frau Dr Glaubitt



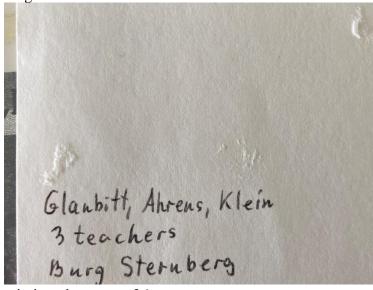
View from Kaiser Wilhelm



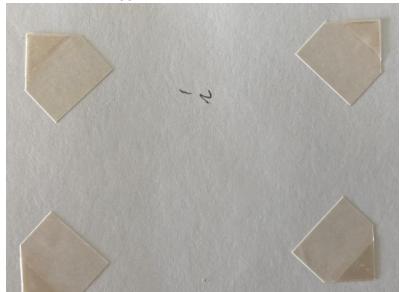
In Class. in der Untertertia. In the lower third class



Stage Production in School 1955?



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Kaiser Wilhelms Monument



Gabi Ückermann



Kaiser Wilhelms Monument



Stiftberg Kirche as seen from the exam room at Abitur 1957



Abitursball 1957



Pepi, Anne, Helga (Connie) in background



Frauline Haukohl und Sigrid Jahn



Frauline Merz and Frauline Dr Wiche (Teachers)



Frauline Dr Amalie Wiche



Häschen (looking over her shoulder), Gudrun Landré (hand up)



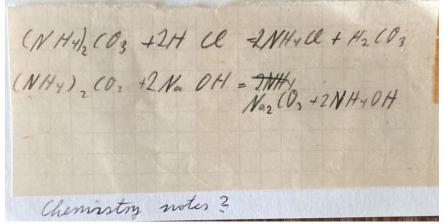
Irmhild Hellmann in foreground with blond hair.



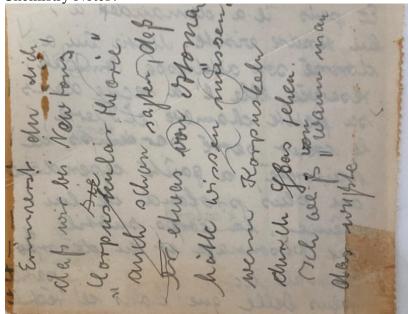
Theater tickets were often free for me because Vater ran the Culture Department of Herford.



Hanni Blindow



Chemistry Notes?



And what does this say??

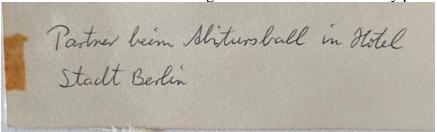


Our teachers at a class party

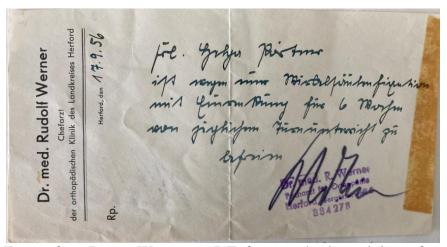


My escort at the Abitursball 1957

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Excuse from Doctor Werner: no P.E. for 6 weeks due to injury of back during a basketball game.



As President of Student Council, I took a trip to Bonn with other Presidents to protest against what Minister Kaiser had said 1956.



Actual newspaper article

## Schulsprecher: Wiedervereinigung

Sie reisten nach Bonn und überbrachten Botschaft

Lübbecke (Westf.). Elf Schulsprecher höherer Schulen aus den Kreisen Lübbecke und Herford fuhren am Mittwoch nach Bonn, um den Willen der Jugend zur Wiedervereinigung Deutschlands zu bekunden. "Wir bitten die Regierung, kundzutun, daß wir nichts sehnlicher

wünschten, als die friedliche Wiedervereinigung unseres Vaterlandes. Mögen die Staatsmänner in Genf bedenken, daß gerade die Jugend unter der Unsicherheit unseres Lebens, der Zerreißung der Familien und der daraus erwachsenden seelischen Not besonders leidet", hießes in der Botschaft, die die Jugendlichen in Bonn den Bundesministern Kaiser und Tillmanns überreichen.

Wie das Schulamt Lübbecke am Donnerstag mitteilte, sagten beide Minister zu, diesen Appell sofort an den Bundespräsidenten, den Bundeskanzler und an Bundesaußenminister von Brentano weiterzuleiten.

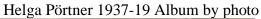
Article about our meeting with Minister Kaiser

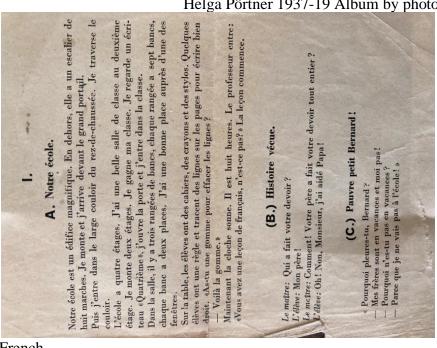


French exercises

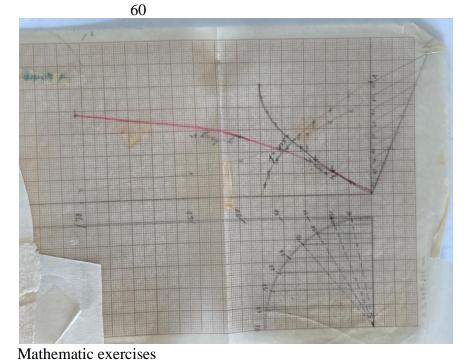
## (B.) Puis-je parler?

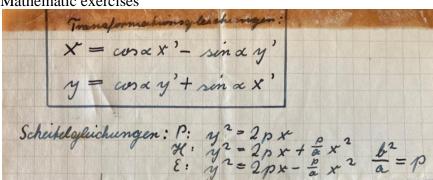
- « Maman, puis-je parler ? Non, mon petit, tu sais qu'on t'a défendu de parler à table.
- Ne puis-je dire un seul mot? Non, attends, ton père n'a pas encore fini de lire son journal. »
- Le déjeuner fini, le père dépose lentement son journal sur la table.
- « Eh bien, petit bavard, que voulais-tu nous dire? Que le robinet de la salle de bain est resté ouvert. »





French





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Protest trip to Boon as president of student council

More Trips to various conventions, symposia, protests, etc.



1956, Helga, Evaglishe Akademie, Iserlohm, Brigitte Moszin



In "haus Ortloh" garden Iserlohn, 1956



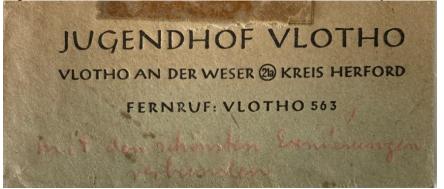
Evening courses added knowledge not taught in school (on currency stability)



Brigitte "Pepi" Moszin

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In 1955/1956/1957 I attended many symposia for students interested in public affairs. I missed a lot of school (excused) that way.



An old farm house converted to an academia meeting place



Gesamteuroäisches Studienwerk, Vlotho, place for seminars



Herr Freiherr von Koenigswald, Stätte der Begenung, Vlotho



Top 3<sup>rd</sup> from left: Earnst Zersch, my love of the month

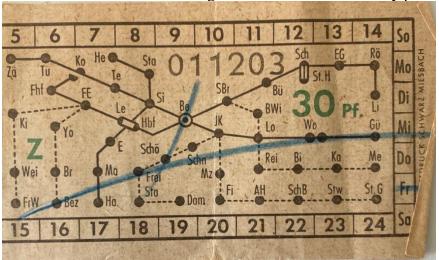


2<sup>nd</sup> from right: Cord von Roenne, my love of the month



Prof Dr Heilmann from München.

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By streetcar to Vlotho.



Top Line: Anne-Marthe, Helga (with something in left hand Lower Right: Ismene Grohmann, Jugendhof Vlotho

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Summer Health camp on Langeorg 1949



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Espelkamp, Children's summer home 1947. Helga 2<sup>nd</sup> from top on right



Christel Schuppener from Rehberg 1947, Espelkamp, Children's vacation home

65 1953 a bicycle trip through the Lüneburger Heide,









Hella, Helga, AnneMarthe, Gisela









Pg32 Popular Day Trips from Herford



Externsteine, Teutoburger Wald



Hermanns-Denkmal, Teutoburger Wald near Detmold



Kaiser Wilhelm, Porta Westfalica near Minden on the Weser River

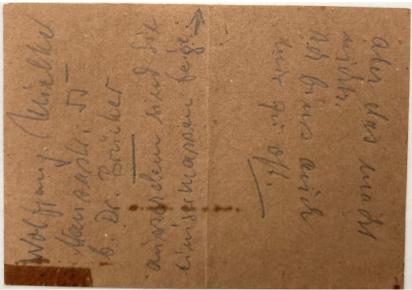


A walk through the Kurpark with my love of the month Hans-Joachim Echternkamp

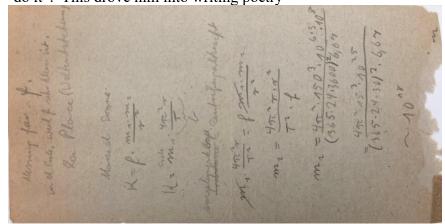


Bad Salzuflen

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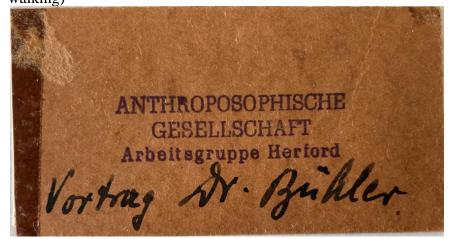
Wolfgang considered me a coward (feige) because I didn't want to "do it". This drove him into writing poetry

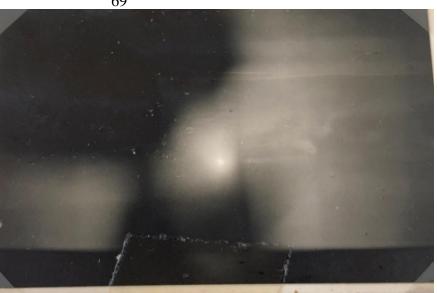


Figuring out the mass of the sun



A traffic ticket from 1953 in Hamburg for crossing at a red light (jay walking)



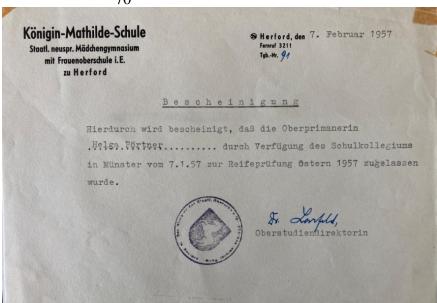


Solar eclipse as I photographed it from our balcony with my Agfa box in 1955 or 1956

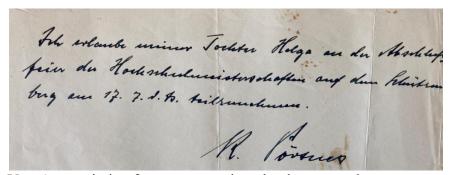








The all important document admitting me to the "Abitur", the final exam of the Gymnasium.

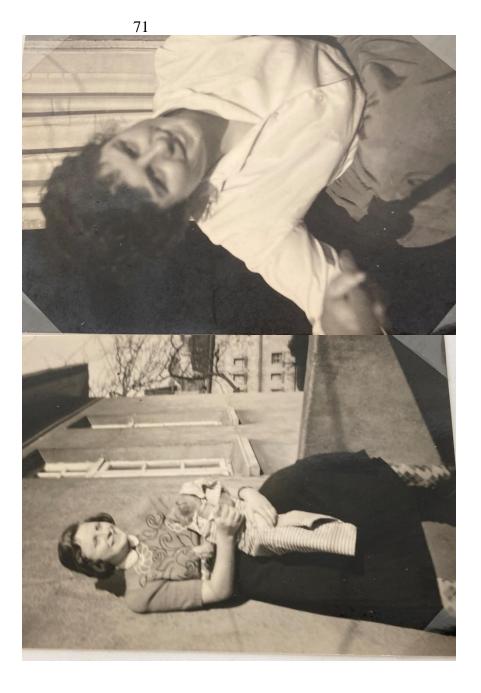


Vater's permission for me to attend a school sponsored party

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Ilse Peemöller's parents in backround. Elmshorn

Fellow camp youngsters on the Priwall peninsular on the Balsti See 1952



Adelgunde (Gundel) Piontkowski, a good friend



My boyfriend in Priwall camp 1952





Holstentor in Lübeck 1952



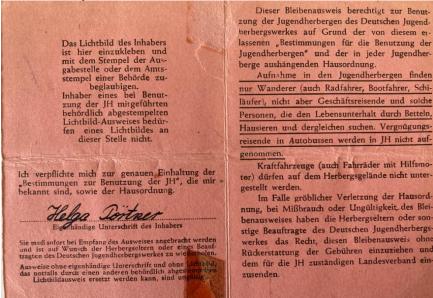
Hamburg or Lübeck or ???



Bremen or Lübeck or Hamburg or Travemünde



Youthhostel pass 1952/1953



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Margret (kneeling), Andreas, 1957



Hans Gerd Bruhn, Bruh, Helga Pörtner, Horst Lange, Rudolf Pörtner, Bruhn, Margret Bruhn, Else Berger, Hilde & Paul Rottmann. Infront is Renate Pörtner.



Dümmer See, week-end outing



Manfred Steiner, Helga P, Hans Gerd Bruhn, Margret P-B, Ilse Peemöller.



Margret, Helga, on the Aa bridge



Helga, Margret, auf dem Wall, Herford

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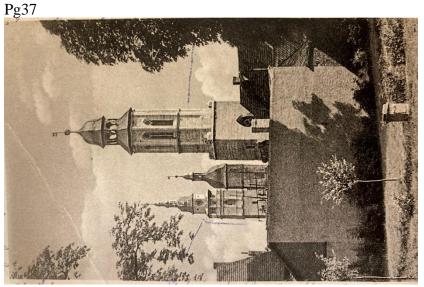


Margret and Andreas 1956



Andreas and Hans-Gerd

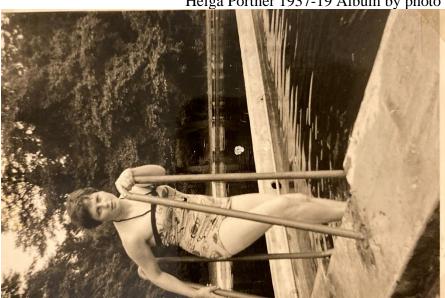
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Church convention in Hamburg



Georg Kurz from Langensalza, Thüringen, my best friend at church convention











At Diethard's class party

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School trip to Marburg





Pg38 The Wandervogel group 1955/56



Leader: Manfred Köhne

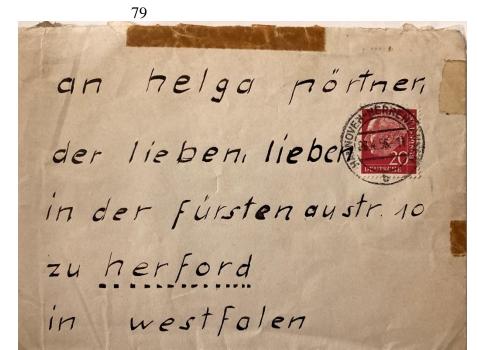
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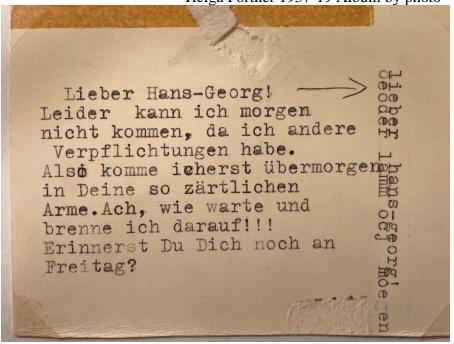
A walk through the countryside with Manfred Köhne, just the two of us.



Group meeting

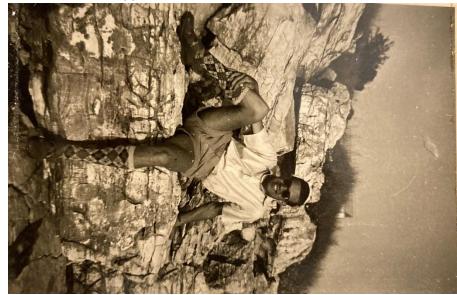


Letter from Manfred Köhne who had temporarily fallen in love with me. Letter was delivered correctly



Hans-Georg, my boyfriend for a while in 1955 for 1956



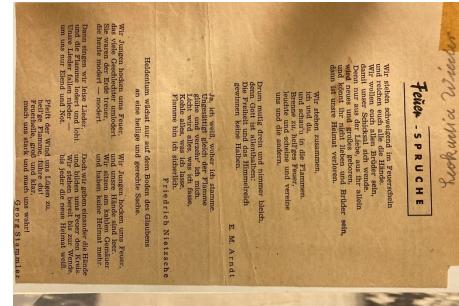


Hans Georg in Jugoslavia Pg39 In the summer of 1955, Anne-Marthe Schröder, Wolf-Dieter and I were heavily into camp fire poetry











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Ilse



Youthhostel in Bad Pyrmont



Helga



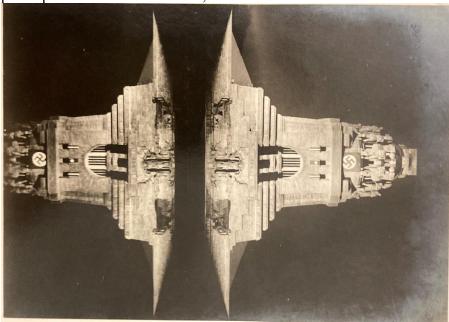
Youthhostel in Hameln



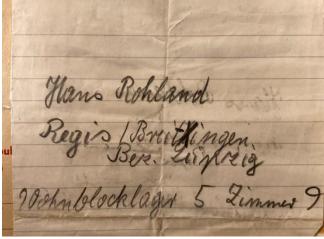
Ilse and Helga

Pg41 1956 a trip to a sportsfestival in Leipzig in "east" Germany. I

participated as an "intellectual", not as an athlete.



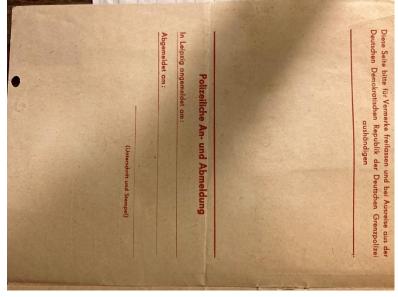
An old photo of the Völkerschlachts Denkmal in Leipzig



Address and name of the East German assigned to "assist" me.



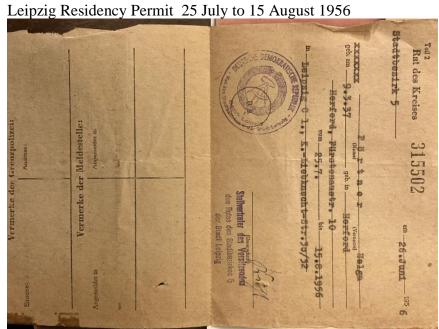
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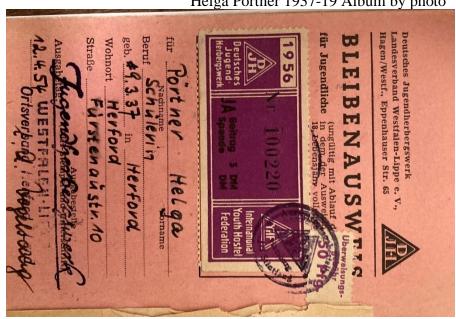




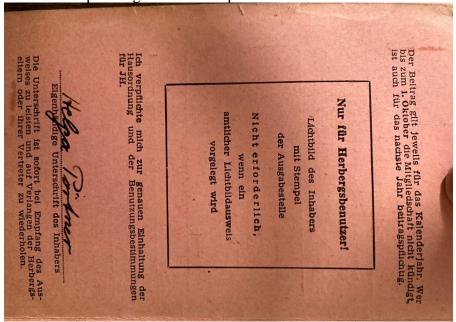
Entry ticket for Soccer final match

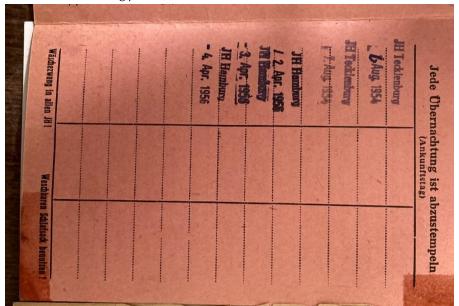
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Youthhostle pass august 1954 to April 1956





Pg42 short excursions









Road to somewhere





**Bad Pyrmont** 



Our backyard in Herford

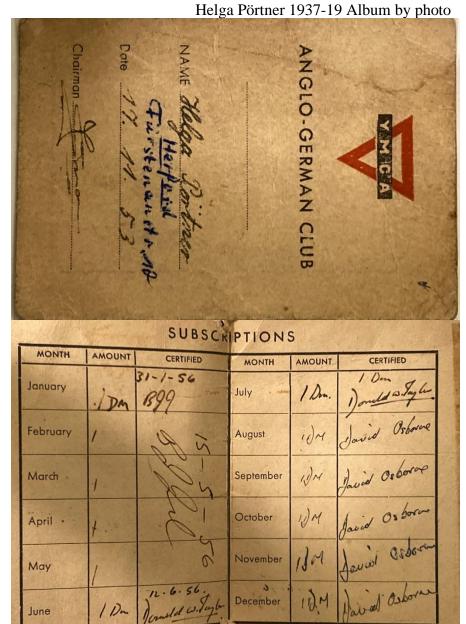


In Fulda



A Japanese pen pal who wrote in English and German 1953?

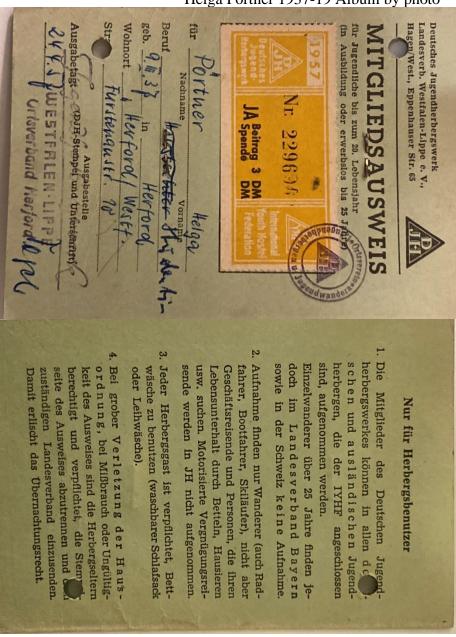
Pg 43 Years of membership in the Angle-German Club gave me many enjoyable evenings and outings and some practice in English





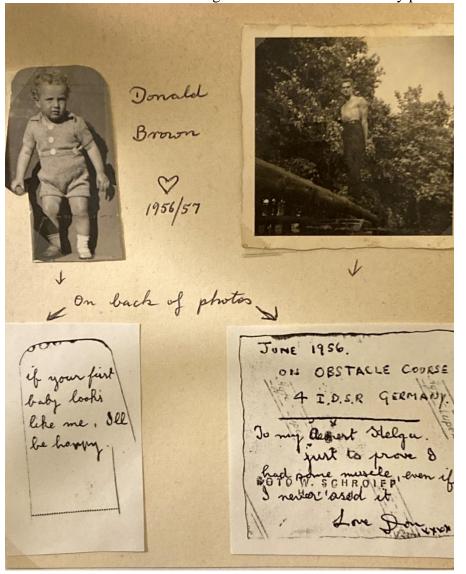
Ismene Grohmann, Lore Quest, Helga Pörtner, Gerda Kruse, Lore Schimmel, Thekla Bettac, Jonathan from Englan





Pg 44In 1957 with Donald Brown by train to Tarquinia, Italy. We spent 2 or 3 weeks with a group of British artists in a villa

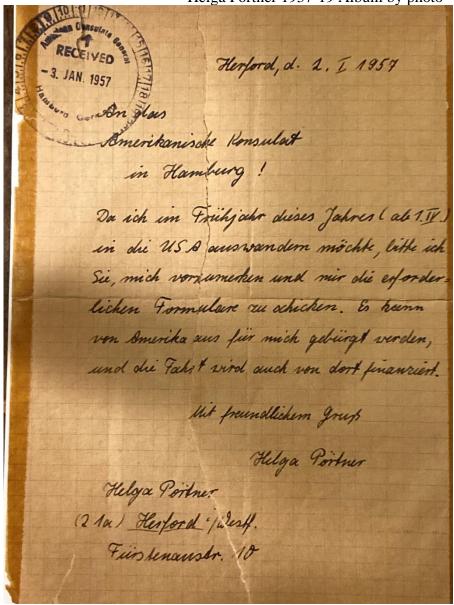




Donald was a member of the Anglo-German Club and a British soldier (P.E. Trainer) stationed in Herford



Pg45
Herford Date 2 January 1957
To the American Consulate in Hamburg!
Because I want to emigrate to the USA in the spring of this year, I ask you to instruct me and send me the necessary forms.
It can be arranged for me from America, and the trip will also be financed from there.
With Friendly Greetings,
Helga Pörtner



wanderung meiner Tochter einverstanden und habe davon Kenntnis Meine Tochter will allein auswandern, weil ich in Deutschland genommen, daß ich eventuell zu einem späteren Zeitpunkt kein beruflich gebunden bin und nicht die Absicht habe, nach den Ich bin der Vater der Antragstellerin Helga Pörtner Die Mutter ist am 1.7.1953 gestorben. Ich bin mit der Aus-Visum für die Vereinigten Staaten erhalten kann, auch wenn ein Teil der Familie in den Vereinigten Staaten ist. Herford, den 22. März 1957 J.S.A. überzusiedeln.

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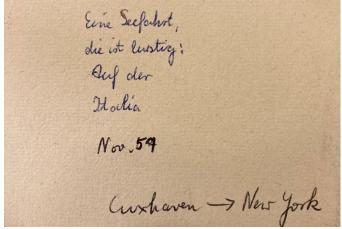
## Explanation

I am the father of the applicant, Helga Pörtner. Her Mother died on 1 July 1953. I agree to my daughter's emigration and have taken note of it, that I may not be able to get a visa for the United States at a later date, even if part of the family is in the United States

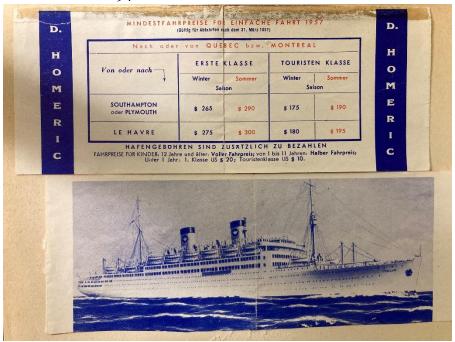
My daughter wants to emigrate on her own because I have a job in Germany and I have no intention of moving to the USA.

Herford, 22 March 1957

Pg46 Herford to Milwaukee Oct/Nov 1957

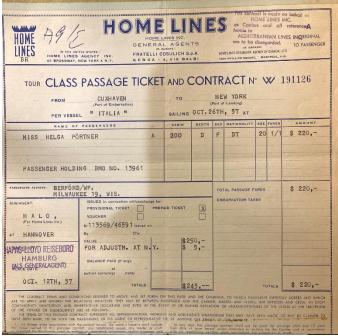


A sea voyage that is entertaining. On the "Italia" Nov 1957

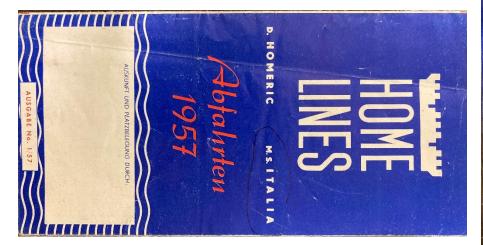


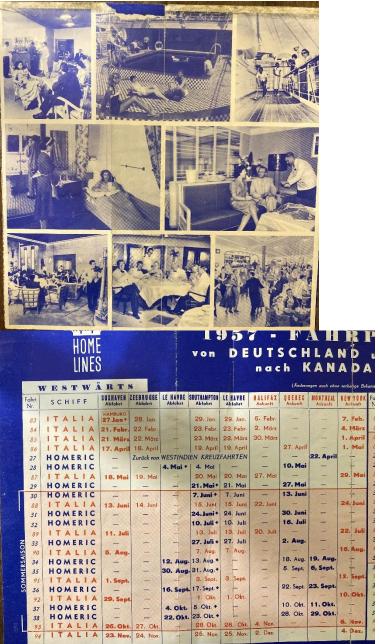
My ticket to America on the vessel "Italia"





Pamphlet on "Italia" for sailings in 1957







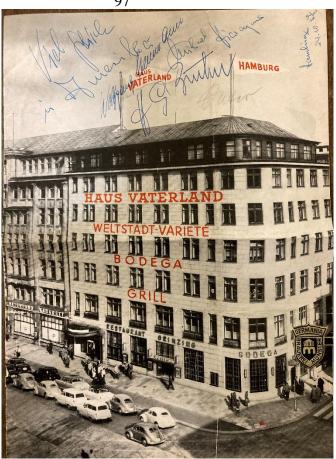


Vater and Hans Gerd took me to Cuxhaven, to the Columbus Kai, to the "Alte Liebe" pier



Werner, my love during the trip on the "Italia" Pg47

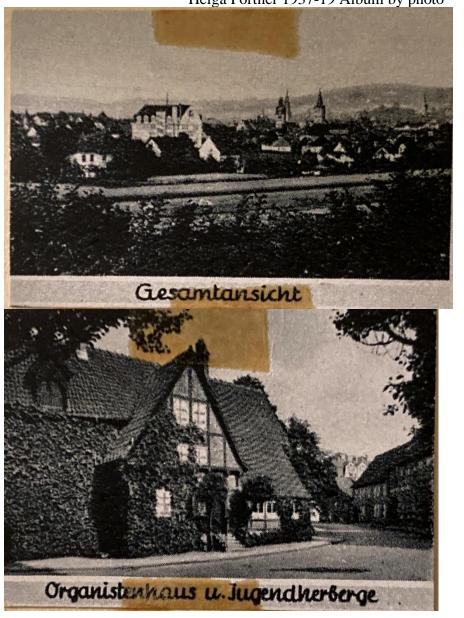
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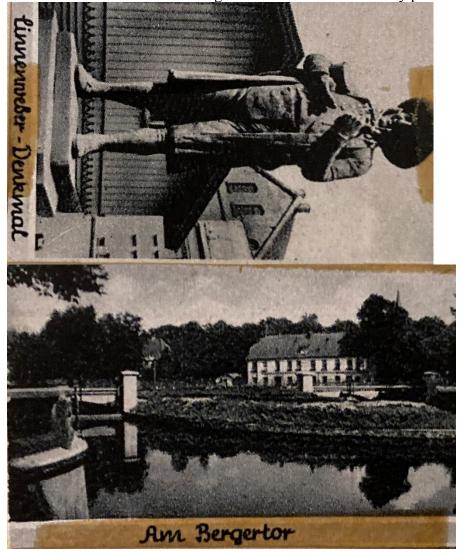
Pg48 Herford old photos for memory





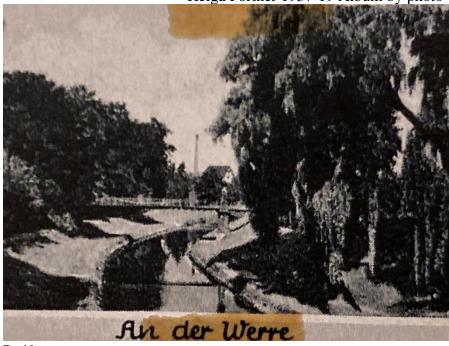




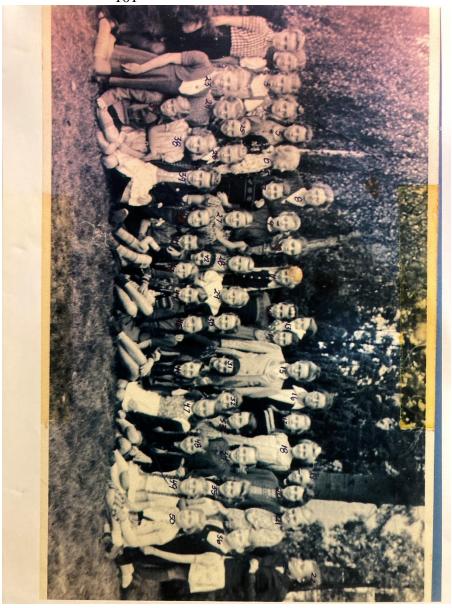




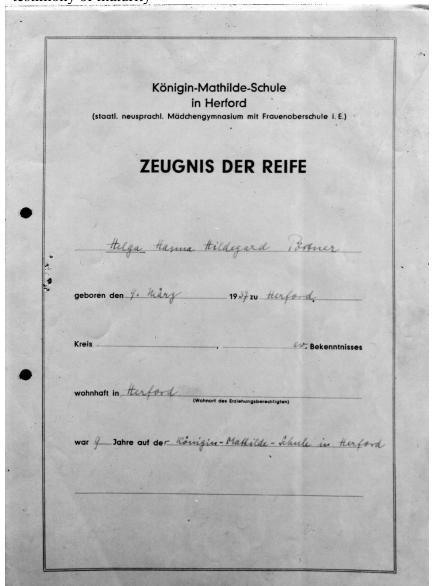
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Pg49 Class of 1948/49 Form VIb



Pg50 Graduation document from Gymnasium Zeugnis der Reife", "testimony of maturity"

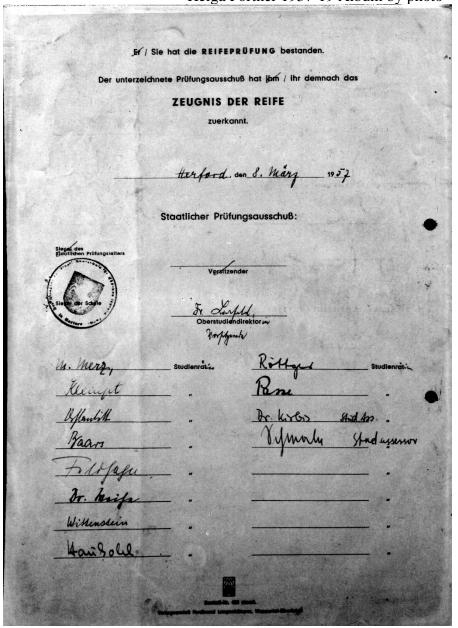


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Pg51 photos from other albums



The Tiger Club stage production



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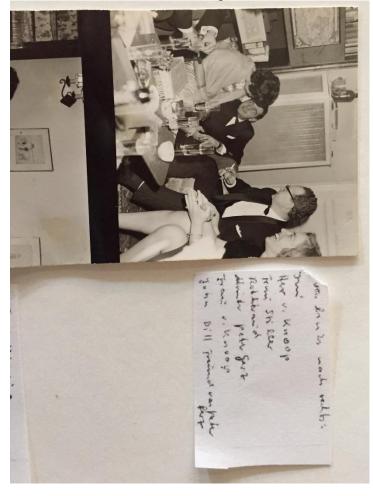




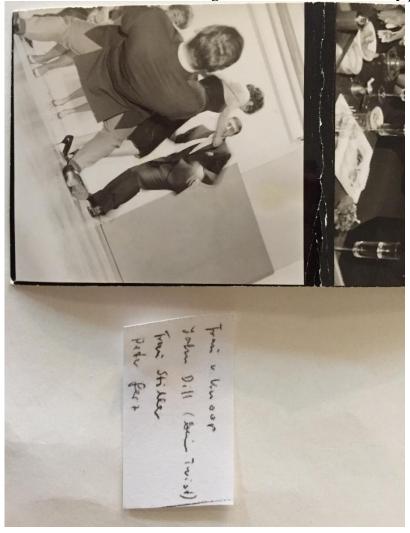














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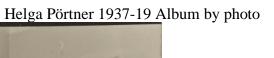




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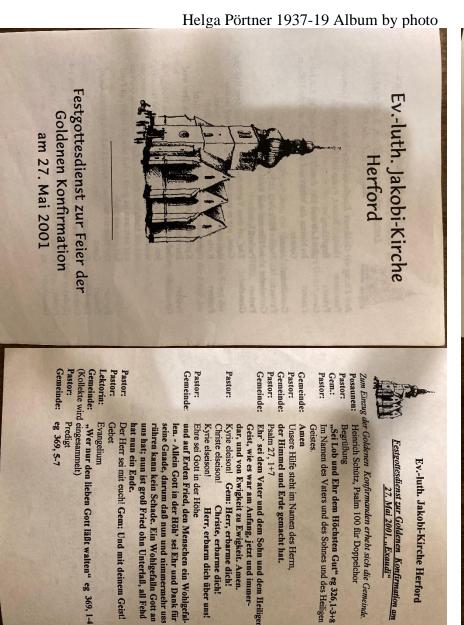




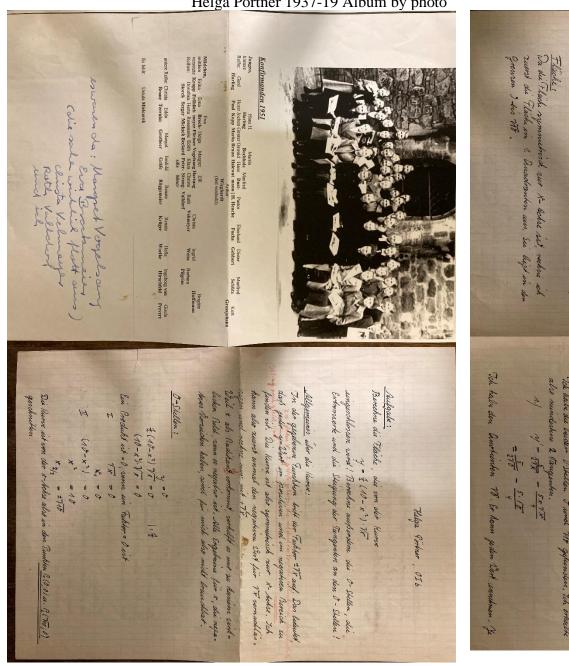


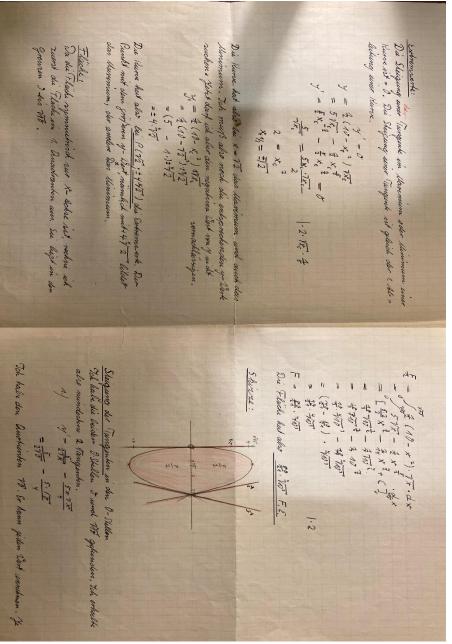




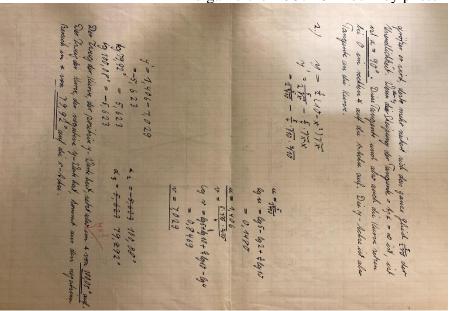


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Voll sind Himmel und Erde seiner Herrichkeit.
Hosianna in der Höhe. Gelobet sei, der da komm
im Namen des Herrn. Hosianna in der Höhe.
Die Worte der Einsetzung. Erhebet Eure Herzen!
Wir erheben sie zum Herren!
Lasset uns Dank sagen dem Herren, unserm Gottel
Das ist würdig und recht.
Dankschet. Ehrung der Goldenen Konfirmanden "Bis hierther hat mich Gott gebracht" eg 329, 1-3 Welt, erbarm dich unser! (2x) Christe, du Lamm Gottes, der Christe, du Lamm Gottes, der du trägst die Sünd der Vater unser im Himmel der du trägst die Sünd der <u>Ihre Diamantene Konfirmation feiern heute:</u>
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