

# **Himmelgrin Family Papers**

## **Mss.02613**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
<b>Creator - Arranger</b>	Himmelgrin, Randi
<b>Title</b>	Himmelgrin Family Papers
<b>Date</b>	1894-1964
<b>Extent</b>	0.5 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation note

Cite collection as: Himmelgrin Family Paper, Mss.02613(accession 2013.43), History Colorado. If applicable site individual photographs with accession numbers.

## Biographical/Historical note

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### Himmelgrin Family History

Abraham Himmelgrin (Hienelgnie) was born in Poland in 1895 and emigrated to the United States in 1910. Around 1923 he married Hetty Charvaine, who was born in 1897. By 1926 the couple was living at 794 Jackson Street in Denver with Abraham working as a tailor and proprietor at Royal Tailor. Abraham died in 1967, and Hetty died in 1991.

### Paper Family History

Solomon Paper was born in Austroy, Poland on March 13, 1889. Per his descendants, Soloman Paper (Abraham Ziethofy) escpaed from a Poland Army prison and took his brother-in-law's visa to get out of the country and emigrate to the United States in 1920. Paper was a baker while in the Army and was arrested and sent to prison for giving bread to starving people.

After arriving in New York, Soloman settled in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1922, at the age of 21, Solomon Paper applied for U.S. Citizenship. That same year he married Rose Greenberg, also from Austroy. The Greenberg and Paper families knew each other and were close in Poland. Rose's father emigrated to the United States primarily for economic reasons prior to WWI. During WWI, Rose, along with her mother and sisters, remained in Poland where their town was overrun by waves of different armies, making the economic hardship they lived under even more difficult. When armies came through the area, Rose and her sisters hid in root cellars for days on end. Her father eventually earned enough money to afford visas to immigrate shortly after WWI.

In 1939, Solomon and Rose Paper came through Denver on their way to the San Fransisco World's Fair. The Papers' and their 3 children- Herbert, Evelyn and Esther- were driving cross-country from Baltimore. They decided to stay in Denver and opened a bakery (Paper's Pastry Place) at 3936 West Colfax Avenue.

Paper's Pastry Place opened in 1936 and closed in 1966. The Paper's lived in a house attached to the bakery. The building that housed the bakery is still standing.

Evelyn Paper married Gerald Himmelgrin in 1947 in Denver. Gerald was the son of Abraham and Hetty Himmelgrin. Gerald died in Denver in 1989 and Evelyn at 2009.

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## Scope and Contents note

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This collection includes newspaper clippings, birth certificates, letters, a naturalization certificate, a marriage certificate and legal documents relating to the Paper and Himmelgrin families. This collection portrays the life of the Jewish community in Denver.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Conditions Governing Access note

Open access to all researchers without restrictions.

### Provenance

Materials in this collection were donated by Randi Himmelgrin in May of 2013.

### Processing Information note

This collection was processed by Jill Rittersbacher in November of 2013.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Paper's Pastry Palace (Denver, Colo.) .

### Genre(s)

- Correspondence.
- Deeds.
- Marriage licenses.
- Naturalization records--United States.

### Occupation(s)

- Bakery

- Bakery employees
- Tailoring

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Charvonia, Hetty, 1897-1991
- Himmelgrin, Abraham, 1895-1967
- Himmelgrin, Gerald, 1924-1989
- Paper, Evelyn, 1928-2009
- Paper, Rose, 1901-1971
- Paper, Solomon, 1899-1974

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## Photographs

## Collection Inventory

FF 1 Paper Family Items November 16, 1942 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 2 Himmelgren Family Newspaper Clippings 1964 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 3 Hetty (Charvonja) Himmelgrin Correspondence 1921 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 4 Hetty (Charvonja) Himmelgrin Legal Documents 1921-1951 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 5 Abraham Himmelgrin Legal Documents 1918-1924 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 6 Abraham Himmelgrin Marriage License 1.0 Item(s)

### **Photographs 1943-1965 3.0 File folder(s)**

Evelyn and Gerald Himmelgrin 1942-1946 1.0 File folder(s)

Gerald Himmelgrin in his military uniform 1.0 Photograph(s)

#### **General note**

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Gerald and Evelyn Himmelgrin, Frontier restaurant, c. 1948 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Evelyn and Gerald Himmelgren 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Wedding portrait of Gerald and Evelyn Himmelgrin, August 1947 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Wedding party of Evelyn Paper and Gerald Himmelgrin 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Denver Post phot odated October 17, 1964, showing Randi and her father Gerald at Johnson Rally in Denver 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Abraham and Hetty Himmelgrin 1942-1946 1.0 File folder(s)

Abe Himmelgrin in his shop, Denver 1.0 Photograph(s)



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Abe Himmelgrin and his son Gerald 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Abe and Gerald Himmelgrin 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Abe Himmelgrin on his front porch, 1965 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Abe Himmelgrin, cruise ship photo 1.0

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Jack, Hetty and Gerald Himmelgrin 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Abe and Hetty Himmelgrin 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Paper Family 1942-1946 1.0 File folder(s)

Evelyn Paper in front of house at 3939 W. Colfax c. 1943 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Evelyn Paper in front of house at 3939 W. Colfax, c. 1943 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Chaim Kutzer and Evelyn Paper in front of house at 3939 W. Colfax c. 1943 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Soloman Paper in bakery at 3939 W. Colfax 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Esther, Rose and Evelyn Paper behind the Paper Bakery ar 3939 W. Colfax, c. 1943 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Snapshot taken 10/1/1943 outside paper home at 3939 W. Colfax 1.0 Photograph(s)

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Rose and Soloman Paper, 1950 1.0 Photograph(s)

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