

Collection Summary

ID Number: MSS 269

Title: James Brothers Collection

Extent: 1 Box

Span Dates: 1940s

Language: English

Geographic Location: Germany

Abstract: The James Brothers Collection contains consists of photographs of the liberation of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp in Weimar, Germany from 1945.

Historical Notes: A native of Loogootee, IN, James Brothers served in World War II in the United States Army, in England and France of the European theater. Brothers was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Men's Club. Brothers passed away on December 6, 1966. On April 11, 1945, US forces entered Buchenwald and soldiers from the 6th Armored Division, part of the Third Army, found more than 21,000 people in the camp. Between July 1937 and April 1945, the SS imprisoned some 250,000 persons from all countries of Europe in Buchenwald. Exact mortality figures for the Buchenwald site can only be estimated, as camp authorities never registered a significant number of the prisoners. The SS murdered at least 56,000 male prisoners in the Buchenwald camp system, some 11,000 of them Jews."

- **Sources:** Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library: Evansville Historical Newspapers, Browning Genealogy Database; [United State Holocaust Memorial Museum: Buchenwald](#)

Selected Search Terms

Keywords: World History; World War II (WWII, WW2, World War 2)

Related Materials: History; Military History; Photographs; Related Materials -- 1901-1950; Special Collections

Administrative Information

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