

ARIE VAN MANSUM

Fonds consists of:

BOOKS:

One copy of, "A Friend Among Enemies: The incredible story of Arie van Mansum in the Holocaust" - Janet Keith - 1991;
A framed certificate from The Jewish Community Council of Ottawa to Arie van Mansum stating the establishment of the Arie van Mansum Holocaust Education Resource Project - 1991;
A framed certificate in French and Hebrew, presented to Arie van Mansum by La Commission des Justes (Commission of the Righteous) in Jerusalem - November 3, 1969;
Two large photo reproductions of a Dutch document presented to Arie van Mansum - 13 November 1945;

BOX LIST:

A laminated plaque from Jean Vanier Catholic Intermediate School thanking Arie for a contribution to the school, along with a thank you note from a teacher at the school thanking him for visiting a Grade 8 class;

File: World War II Documentation / Items

A Dutch identity / duty card belonging to Arie van Mansum, issued by the Air Protection Service in Maastricht, Holland - 1940;
A Dutch forged identity card belonging to Arie van Mansum - 1941;
A German prison "Permission to Speak" form - 1941;
A one page Dutch news leaflet called, "Het Nationale Dagblad" - The National Newspaper. An emergency issue - April, 1945
Two short typed lists of names, job titles and locations, titled, "References and Contacts 40/45 - Appendix M. v. Mansum" (Margaretha van Mansum) - Date unknown;
Six pages of a German and Dutch "trade journal", outlining rules and regulations for trade and employment and such in Nazi occupied Dutch territories - 1940;
A Dutch Green Cross card made out for Greetje Schatman (Schotman?);
A Dutch "Proof of entry and exit" card issued for Arie van Mansum - August, 1945;
A Dutch "Declaration of departure" card - July, 1945;
A Dutch "Air Protection Department" I.D. card - 1942;
A Dutch Maastricht / Dutch Nationality I.D. card used for travel - 1939;
A handwritten letter in Dutch to Arie van Mansum from the Town Clerk of Maartensdyk, listing the names and birthdates of previous van Mansum's - 1942;
Four Netherlands ration cards - c1939;
Arie van Mansum's I.D. card with fingerprints - 1941
A Dutch form entitled, "Application for Participation in Bomb Explosion." - 1942
N.S.D.A.P I.D card of Arie Mansum - 1944
A German Court Martial Document - August, 1944;
A Dutch Proof of Registration Document - 1944;
A few hand-written Dutch letters (un-scanned);

File: Post War Documentation / Certificates

Two Dutch certificates from the National Monuments Commission for War Memorials - circa late 1940's (1-1054);
A "Free Netherlands" Legitimation-Card issued to Arie van Mansum in September, 1944 (1-1055);
A membership card written in Dutch entitled, "Community Old Illegal Workers Netherlands - Proof of Membership" - September, 1946 (1-1056);
A Dutch membership card to, "Community Old Illegal Workers Netherlands" - 1946;

A dutch "Zilverbon" (Silver Bond) worth 2.5 guilders - 1938(?); A second "Zilverbon" (Silver Bond) note;
A B&W photograph taken post-war in 1945 of Arie van Mansum's mother with a group of people Arie helped to hide. With the photographs is a sheet of paper with their signatures - November, 1945;
Two Netherlands Red Cross pay stubs (?) - 1945 or 1946;
Two Dutch interest receipts - Date unknown; Two Dutch telegrams - Dates unknown;
A Dutch, "1 guilder" note;
A typed thank you note for Arie, signed Leo van Gelder - Post war;
A Dutch Interior Forces note allowing the bearer (and their bike) to be able to pass unhindered - May, 1945;
A Dutch note allowing Arie access to two Political Prisoners camps during the interrogation of detainees - July, 1945;
A Dutch note from the Guardianship Office Commission for War Foster Children regarding Jozeph Leyden van Amstel and Rebecca Leyden van Amstel from Coevorden - June 2, 1945;
A Dutch letter written by the "Militair Gezag" (Military Authority) authorizing the creation of a committee which Arie sat within - October 17, 1945;
An English language character reference letter from the Netherlands Israel Hoofd-Synagogue in Maastricht, written for Arie van Mansum - April, 1958;
Four B&W photographs dealing with Derk van Assen, Arie's cohort during their underground work;
Four B&W photographs of Haaren prison where Arie was kept;
Two B&W photographs of Fritz Freilich with the van Mansum's, a man they helped to hide during the war;
Three B&W photographs from a post-war dinner in Arie's honour where he was presented a portrait of himself, along with a list of names of people he had saved - 1945;
A Dutch article on the death of Charles Eyck, the artist who painted Arie van Mansum's portrait - 1983
A hand-written Dutch letter from Charles Eyck, the artist who painted Arie's portrait, to Arie - 1946;
An interim work certificate issued to Arie to work as an editor (?) - February, 1948;
Two reports from the Political Delinquents Surveillance Department to Arie van Mansum - 1946;
A small, five page Dutch pamphlet from the Netherlands Department of Social Affairs - 1946;
A Dutch telegram from the Ministry of Social Affairs offering Arie an honourable discharge from an advisory committee which he sat on - 1947;
A handwritten Dutch letter (unsure of sender) - 1947

File: Numerous articles from Dutch newspapers with accompanying translations. Headlines include:

"A. H. van Mansum Honored" - November 15, 1945
"Great van Mansum Planted a Tree in Jerusalem" - June 16, 1965
"Freedom Fighters I" - December 18, 1946
"Freedom Fighters II" - December 19, 1946
"It was my duty" - May 11, 1977
"Arie - The Quiet, Prominent Leader" - May 12, 1977
"Blonde Greetje From Peterstreet (A little baby girl whom Arie helped hide) - May 13, 1977
"Traitors Cut into the Help to Jews" (Food stamps) - May 17, 1977
"The Jewish Helper to one who had Helped the Jews" - May 18, 1977

File: A Folder of Various Personal Accounts:

Some jotted notes taken by past Archivist Laurie Dougherty on the life of Arie van Mansum;
A Dutch account titled, "A strictly personal report from 1946 by Jan Bosch about his experiences during World War II in the form of a letter to his brother, Dirk, who had lived as a doctor in India and that the war had experienced there in Japanese captivity" - 1940-1945;
Two pages torn from a Dutch book - "Chapter I / Taking a stand / I. 1965-1970 / How it began... From the mouth of one of the attendees at the inaugural meeting of the LKG noted "the Star Courier" of November 1965: "This is for mij been the happiest day after the liberation."
A five page report typed in Dutch titled, "A Friend Amid Enemies / by / Janet Keith";

Four photocopied pages in Dutch titled, "S.D. er Nietzsche" - First line translated: "On a good day, it might as well have been in 1946, in 1947 the infamous SD there Nietzsche to P.R.A. surrendered."
Four photocopied pages in Dutch titled, "Pijnlijke Zaak - Painful Thing";
Nine photocopied pages in Dutch from "Onderduiken of de Veluwe - Hiding in the Veluwe" by Aart Visser - Very rough translation of the first paragraph - "Handing copper, nickel and bikes / In the first year of the occupation, the Germans kept themselves fairly quiet, but this soon changed. In 1941 they had to surrender copper, nickel and bronze. Were also cycling progressed widely. Jan Kanis overlapped this call to his boot. Instead he made silver that the postmaster was John Kanis almost inconspicuous kinds of illegal business activities. Something was not illegal (then not) but a kind verzetdaadje by chance.";
A photocopy of a one page Dutch police report with a witness statement - First paragraph - "Following the attached police report dated February 1, 1946 under No. 1154, prepared by Andries Vestering and Mathieu Dols, both detective with the POD to Sittard, also unpaid rich constable counter: / VASTENHOUT, Hendrikus, Wilhelmus, born in Amsterdam March 7, 1921, married, Dutch, of beroen clerk, residing in The Hague, 135 Wagenstraat, were by us: Joseph Leentjens and Andries Vestering, Detective class, seconded to the POD Sittard, both also rich unpaid constable, heard the following witnesses: / Witness 1..."

File: Jewish Accounts from WWII

An account on from B. H. Winkelmolen - January, 1988;
An account on from Jacques Butterteig (Issac Nir) describing how Arie van Mansum helped hide him during the war with the Simon Spinder family and the Albert Koops family;

File: Correspondence

Correspondence - 1969-1994;

File: Margaretha van Mansum

An ID card for Margaretha certifying that she belongs to the Special Services in the Interior Military Forces of the Netherlands - December, 1944;
An "attestation" card from Yad Vashem in Jerusalem to Greet van Mansum (Greet = Margaretha) and written in French and Hebrew, for the planting of a tree in the "l'allée des justes" - Avenue of the Righteous - August, 1963;
A card stating that Margaretha van Mansum is to receive the Resistance Memorial Cross - Translation "The chairman of the National Committee opposition memorial cross / Having regard to the Royal Decree of 29 December 1980, No. 104, Official Gazette 715, as well as the Decision of March 29, 1981 of the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Defense and the Secretary of State for Culture, Recreation and Social Work / to bestow / the resistance memorial cross / to / Margaretha van Mansum" - 1983 (?);
A photocopied page of numerous obituaries of Margaretha van Mansum - February 20, 1987;
Various newspaper articles - 1963, 1982 and other dates unknown;
A Yad Vashem certificate naming Margaretha van Mansum as Righteous Among the Nations and stating that a tree will be planted in her name along the Avenue of the Righteous - June, 1982;
A Dutch certificate stating that on the occasion of Queen Juliana's 65th anniversary (birthday?) a tree will be planted in the Queen Juliana Forest in Israel in the name of Greet (Margaretha) van Mansum;
A typed letter in Dutch from the Ambassador of Israel to Margaretha van Mansum. A very rough translation: "Yad Vashem Awards / We are pleased to report that on December 8, 1982, the ceremony will take place, the Ambassador of Israel, Mr. Jaacov Nechushtan, the Yad Vashem honors awards. / You are at this occasion welcome in the large auditorium of the Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam Mauritskade 63 at 14:30. The Institute can be reached by Tram 9 from the Central Station in Amsterdam. / These awards are granted by the Yad Vashem Institute which was established by the Israeli parliament for commemorating the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis during the Second World War.

The Yad Vashem award is intended as a sign of gratitude of the Jewish people against those who risk their own lives and have worked for Jewish citizens." - November, 1982;

File: Various Pamphlets

A folder of a number of pamphlets on various subjects such as Ann Frank and a Holocaust Remembrance Project;

File: Dutch Underground

A folder of various Dutch underground newspapers - 1942, 1943;

File: Last Will and Testament

A copy of Arie van Mansum's last will and testament - 1997;

File: St. Lawrence University Honourary Degree

A folder of paraphernalia from the bestowing of Arie's honorary Doctorate of Human Letters, honoris causa, from St. Lawrence University - 1986;

File: Invitations, Honours

A folder of invitations and honours received by Arie from institutions such as the Ottawa Public Library, the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, Arts Alive, the United States Government, the Canadian Red Magen David for Israel, the Ottawa Shoah (Holocaust) Remembrance Committee, the Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression and Massuah in Israel;

File: Faith in Humankind: United States Holocaust Memorial Committee

Paraphernalia from the United States Holocaust Memorial Committee, a conference devoted to capturing stories of "rescuers" during the war - 1984;

File: Newspaper Articles and Clippings

Two large folders of Dutch-language newspaper articles and photocopies of articles, and one folder of English-language articles;

File: Memorial Award for Education

A photocopy of the Arie van Mansum Award for Education which was presented to Danny Thomas in recognition of his furthering of Holocaust education - 2001;