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### **Description**

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### **Keywords**

International Correspondence, Baarn, Holland, Netherlands, European Postcards, European Travel

### **Disciplines**

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Temma Berg Collection**

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Inclusive Dates: July 19, 1965- May 15, 1967

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**Provenance:** Temma Berg

### **Biography:**

Temma Berg was born to Selma and Charles Silverstein in Philadelphia, PA on April 26, 1943. She spent the majority of her childhood in the Philadelphia area and attended Temple University for her BA which she received in 1965. On June 13, 1965 she married Mark Beg. They then moved to Kingston, NY and were there until they made the move to Holland in 1966 for her husband's job with Data Systems Analysis (DSA). They returned in 1967 and relocated to Cherry Hill, NJ. In 1974, Berg received her MA from Temple University and then her doctorate in 1980, also from Temple University. She became a faculty member in the Gettysburg College English department in 1985, and has been there ever since.

### **Scope and Content:**

The Temma Berg Collection contains 107 letters, postcards and telegrams from Temma Berg in Europe, to her parents, Selma and Charles Silverstein, in Philadelphia. Folders 1-2 through 1-26 are penned by Temma, with the occasional paragraph by her husband, Mark. They are typically addressed to her parents, sometimes together, sometimes individually, and occasionally include her sister Barb. While the majority of the letters are sent from their home in Baarn, Holland, a few were sent from London. The postcards were sent from places they visited during their travels, including Amsterdam, Belgium, Germany, London, Paris and Israel. The letters discuss what Temma and Mark did while abroad, discussing a wide range of topics including Mark's job, different people they met, where they went shopping and their travel plans. Temma discusses her attempt to learn Dutch, and often writes to parents about how they should visit, how they don't write often enough, and what American items they should send to her. Folder 1-27 includes letters and postcards from Yetta Berg, Temma's mother-in-law, to the Silverstein family, during her visit to London and Baarn. Folder 1-28 includes a letter from Barb Silverstein to her parents, and a letter from a jeweler to Mark Berg. The final folder includes an assortment of envelopes and stamps. This collection can be used to show how overseas communication has evolved over time with the introduction of the internet. It can also be used to explore the American mentality during the 1960's towards travel and European encounters.

#### **1-1 Transcripts and Finding Aid**

1. Finding Aid & Biography
2. Introduction and Transcript for 7/19/66-5/15/67

#### **1-2 Correspondence from Temma, July 19-July 31, 1966**

1. 7/19/1966, Amsterdam
2. 7/21/1966, Holland
3. 7/24/1966, De Waag Netherlands (postcard)
4. 7/26/1966, Holland
5. 7/29/1966, Amsterdam (postcard)
6. 7/31/1966, Holland

**1-3 Correspondence from Temma, August 3-August 14, 1966**

1. 8/3/1966, Netherlands (postcard)
2. 8/5/1966, Belgium (postcard)
3. 8/8/1966, Luxembourg (postcard)
4. 8/9/1966, Holland
5. 8/11/1966, Holland
6. 8/14/1966, Holland

**1-4 Correspondence from Temma, August 15-August 26, 1966**

1. 8/15/1966, Holland
2. 8/18/1966, Holland
3. 8/22/1966, Knokke (postcard)
4. 8/23/1966, Holland
5. 8/26/1966, Holland

**1-5 Correspondence from Temma, August 29-September 4, 1966**

1. 8/29/1966, Holland
2. ? postcard from Rotterdam
3. 9/1/1966, England (postcard)
4. 9/1/1966, Holland
5. 9/4/1966, Holland (telegram)

**1-6 Correspondence from Temma, September 5-September 13, 1966**

1. 9/5/1966, Holland
2. 9/8/1966, Holland
3. 9/12/1966, Baarn
4. 9/13/1966, Baarn

**1-7 Correspondence from Temma, September 17-September 24, 1966**

1. 9/17/1966, Paris (postcard)
2. 9/21/1966, Baarn
3. 9/23-24/1966, Baarn

**1-8 Correspondence from Temma,**

1. 9/26/1966, Baarn
2. 9/30/1966, Baarn
3. 10/4/1966, Baarn
4. 10/5/1966, Baarn

**1-9 Correspondence from Temma, October 10-October 18, 1966**

1. 10/10/1966, Baarn
2. 10/13/1966, Baarn
3. 10/16/1966, Baarn
4. 10/18/1966, Baarn

**1-10 Correspondence from Temma, October 20-October 28, 1966**

1. 10/20/1966, Baarn
2. 10/23/1966, Baarn
3. 10/26/1966, Baarn
4. 10/28/1966, Baarn

**1-11 Correspondence from Temma, November 1-November 6, 1966**

1. 11/1/1966, Baarn
2. 11/2/1966, Baarn
3. 11/5/1966, Cologne (postcard)
4. 11/6/1966, Baarn

**1-12 Correspondence from Temma, November 10-November 20, 1966**

1. 11/10/1966, Baarn
2. 11/13/1966, Baarn
3. 11/15/1966, Baarn
4. 11/20/1966, Baarn

**1-13 Correspondence from Temma, November 22-December 5, 1966**

1. 11/22/1966, Baarn
2. 11/25/1966, Baarn
3. 11/28/1966, Baarn
4. 12/5/1966, Baarn

**1-14 Correspondence from Temma, December 8-December 15, 1966**

1. 12/8/1966, Baarn
2. 12/10/1966, Baarn
3. 12/12/1966, Baarn
4. 12/15/1966, Baarn

**1-15 Correspondence from Temma, December 20-December 27, 1966**

1. 12/20/1966, Munich (postcard)
2. 12/23/1966, Paris (postcard)
3. 12/25/1966, Paris (postcard)
4. 12/27/1966, Baarn

**1-16 Correspondence from Temma, January 1-January 8, 1967**

1. 1/1/1967, Baarn
2. 1/3/1967, Baarn
3. 1/5/1967, Baarn
4. 1/8/1967, Baarn

**1-17 Correspondence from Temma, January 10-January**

1. 1/10/1967, Baarn
2. 1/13/1967, Baarn
3. 1/15/1967, Baarn
4. 1/17/1967, Baarn

**1-18 Correspondence from Temma, January 21-January 29, 1967**

1. 1/21/19767, Baarn
2. 1/23/1967, Baarn
3. 1/26/1967, Baarn
4. 1/29/1967, Baarn

**1-19 Correspondence from Temma, January 31-February 16, 1967**

1. 1/31/1967, Baarn
2. 2/3/1967, Baarn
3. 2/12/1967, Baarn
4. 2/15/1967, Israel (postcard)
5. 2/18/1967, Israel (postcard)

**1-20 Correspondence from Temma, February 20-February 27, 1967**

1. 2/20/1967, Israel (postcard)
2. 2/22/1967, Jerusalem (postcard)
3. 2/23/1967, Israel (postcard)
4. 2/27/1967, Israel (postcard)

**1-21 Correspondence from Temma, March 1-March 7, 1967**

1. 3/1/1967, Baarn

2. 3/5/1967, Baarn
3. 3/5/1967, Baarn
4. 3/7/1967, Baarn

**1-22 Correspondence from Temma, March 9-March 25, 1967**

1. 3/9/1967, Baarn
2. 3/12/1967, Baarn
3. 3/14/1967, Baarn
4. 3/21/1967, Baarn
5. 3/25/1967, Baarn

**1-23 Correspondence from Temma, March 28-March 31, 1967**

1. 3/28/1967, Baarn
2. ? Anniversary Card
3. 3/31/1967, Baarn
4. 3/31/1967, Baarn

**1-24 Correspondence from Temma, April 3-April 13, 1967**

1. 4/3/1967, Baarn
2. 4/9/1967, Baarn
3. 4/11/1967, Baarn
4. 4/13/1967, Baarn

**1-25 Correspondence from Temma, April 20-May 1, 1967**

1. 4/10/1967, Baarn
2. 4/24/1967, Baarn
3. April or May 1967, Holland (postcard)
4. 5/1/1967, Baarn

**1-26 Correspondence from Temma, May 5-May 10, 1967**

1. 5/5/1967, London (postcard)
2. 5/9/1967, Baarn
3. 5/10/1967, Baarn
4. 5/12/1967, Baarn (postcard)

**1-27 Correspondence from Yetta Berg, May 4-May 15, 1967**

1. 5/4/1967, London (postcard)
2. 5/6/1967, London
3. 5/8/1967, Baarn (postcard)
4. 5/11/1967, Baarn (postcard)
5. 5/15/1967, Paris (postcard)

**1-28 Miscellaneous Correspondence, September 17 1966-March 31, 1967**

1. 9/17/1966, to Mr. and Mrs. Silverstein from Barb Silverstein
2. 3/31/1967, to Mark Berg from K.A. Citroen, director of Roelof Citroen Jewelers

**1-29 Miscellaneous Envelopes and Stamps**

1. 2 Stamps from Netherlands
2. 8 Envelopes addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Silverstein