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ALEXANDER A. KELEN LIMITED (est. 1925). Travel Agency.

Originals, n.d., 1928-1970, 1975. 3 m. Finding Aid No. 1411.

Established in 1925 by Alexander A. Kelen, an Hungarian immigrant, the Alexander A. Kelen Travel Agency of Montreal, in co-operation with continental European shipping lines, has since its inception assisted central Europeans to emigrate to Canada. It has forwarded money to central Europeans from their friends and relatives in Canada and, especially following World War II, sent clothes and food articles from Canada to continental Europe. With the return of prosperity to central Europe in the 1960's the agency has been active largely in arranging tourist travel.

Presented by Alexander A. Kelen of Montreal in 1975 and 1976. Copies of two maps showing the origin of Hungarian immigrants to Canada during the years 1930, 1939 and 1948 were transferred to Map Division.

Finding Aid No. 1411 is a list of file titles. Bound ledgers are numbered in one continuous sequence and other files are numbered beginning with "one" in each volume.

Consisting primarily of financial records, 1928-1964, and correspondence, 1930-1970, the records of the Kelen Travel Agency illustrate the many faceted links which continue to exist between the emigrant and his or her old homeland.

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A LEDGERS AND ACCOUNT BOOKS			
1	1-3	General ledgers	1931-1934
2	4-5	General ledgers	1934-1936
3	6-7	General ledgers	n.d.
	8	Ledger for various bank accounts	n.d.
4	9-12	Ledgers for money remittances	1928-1933
5	13-15	Ledgers for money remittances	1933-1937
6	16-18	Ledgers for money remittances	1934-1939, 1953-1964
7	19-22	Ledgers for money remittances	1928-1929, 1956-1958
	23	Ledger for accounts receivable	1931-1936
	24	Ledger for accounts relating to immigration from Europe to Canada	1930-1939, 1946-1955
	25	Ledger for shipping line accounts	1928-1931
8	26-28	Counter books for daily deposits and withdrawals	1953-1956
B CORRESPONDENCE			
1 Subject Files			
Except where otherwise indicated, the correspondence is primarily in Hungarian. It is arranged in chronological order under the following headings.			
1-16		Correspondence relating primarily to the immigration of Hungarians into Canada	n.d., 1950-1970

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8	17-20	Correspondence relating to the repatriation of Hungarians	n.d., 1955-1956
9	1-19	Correspondence relating to the repatriation of Hungarians	1956-1970
10	1-10	Correspondence relating to pension matters	n.d., 1959-1970
	11-22	Correspondence on legal matters explored by Kelen Travel	1955-1970
	23-24	Correspondence on Kelen business matters	1931-1953
11	1-21	Correspondence on Kelen business matters	1954-1967
12	1-3	Correspondence on Kelen business matters	1968-1970
	4-5	Applications for employment with Kelen Travel	1955-1970
	6-10	Letters (primarily from Hungary) requesting help	n.d., 1960-1968
	11-20	Requests for information on missing persons, passports, importing valuables from Hungary, Canadian duty regulations and similar matters	1958-1970
	21-28	Correspondence relating to tourist travel--general, 1956 to Sept. 1960	n.d., 1956-1960
13	1-26	Correspondence relating to tourist travel--general, Oct. 1960 to June 1964	1960-1964
14	1-32	Correspondence relating to tourist travel--general, July 1964 to March 1970	1964-1970
15	1-3	Correspondence relating to tourist travel--general, May-Dec	1970
	4-28	Visa applications forms and related material	n.d., 1960, 1969
	29	Applications for identity certificates	n.d., 1965

2 Kelen Company Correspondence, Nominal Files

In alphabetical order by name of individual, group or company within the following categories:

a Correspondence with Canadian Hungarian Firms

30	Barna Limited (Montreal)	1965-1970
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15	31	The Bar B Q Delicatessen	1961, 1962
	32	Blazosek Travel Ltd.	1966-1969
	33	Nicholas S. Box Travel Agency	1960-1967
16	1	Canadian Hungarian News	1962-1969
	2	Canadian Hungarian Publishing Association	1961
	3	Columbus Travel Service	1964-1966
	4	Continental Book Shop	1960-1969
	5	Europa Agency	1961-1969
	6	Forum Books	1963, 1966
	7	Stephen Halam	1961-1965
	8	A.J. Horvath's Travel Service	1964-1967
	9	Hungarian and International Book Store	1962-1969
	10	Hungarian Travel Bureau Ltd.	1964-1965
	11	International Agency Travel Service	1960-1967
	12	Keleny Company	1963, 1965
	13	Klein Travel Service	1961-1969
	14	Kennedy Travel Bureau	1960-1967
	15	Koncz General Agency	1960-1969
	16	Lucas and King Ltd.	1957-1964
	17	Mundus Export-Import	1958-1969
	18	Ocean Travel Agency	1964-1968
	19-20	Orient Trading Company	1959-1969
	21	Pannonia Books	1959-1966
	22	Quality Gift Shop	1963-1968
	23	Rapid General Agency	1960-1967

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16	24	Royal General Agency	1960-1961
	25	World Travel Service Ltd.	1964-1967
		<u>b Correspondence with Kelen Agents in Canada</u>	
	26	P. Agosten	1962-1967
	27	Leslie G. Arvay	1960-1966
	28	Kalman Balint	1960-1969
	29	George Szabo	1960-1967
	30	John Velecky	1961-1969
		<u>c Correspondence with Canadian Business Organizations</u>	
	31	Bank of Montreal	1959-1967
		<u>d Correspondence with State Agencies in Hungary and with Hungarian Firms</u>	
	32	Artex (Budapest)	1958, 1965
	33-38	Ibusz (Budapest)	1957-1970
	39-40	Kultura (Trading Company for Books and Newspapers)	1958-1967
	41	MODEX (Hungarian Foreign Trading Company for Apparel)	1960-1961
	42-49	MONIMPEX (Hungarian Foreign Trading Company)	1955-1967
17	1	OTP (Hungarian National Credit Bank and Hungarian Foreign Trade Bank)	1967, 1969
		<u>e Correspondence with Business Organizations in Countries other than Hungary or Canada</u>	
	2	Joseph Brownfield Gift Packages to Hungary (New York)	1960-1963
	3	Carpati International Travel Agency (Roumania)	1967-1970
	4	Cistercian Monastery (Texas)	1960-1968

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17	5	Deak & Co. Inc., Foreign Exchange (New York)	1958-1963
	6	Deascan (Denmark)	1957-1966
	7	Eastern Parcel Company (New York)	1960-1968
	8	Foto Ady (Caracas, Venezuela)	1962-1967
	9	Hungarian Book Agency, Inc. (New York)	1969
	10	International Import House (Cleveland)	1960-1963
	11	Swiss Credit Bank (New York)	1960-1961
	12	United States Relief Parcel Service (New York)	1959-1965
	<u>f</u>	<u>Correspondence with Kelen Travel Agents Outside Canada or Hungary</u>	
13		John Feher (Miami Beach)	1963
14		Olga Gold (Forest Hills, New York)	1960-1965
15		I. Huvos (Zurich)	1959-1960
16		Emil Korein (Santiago, Chile)	1960-1969
17		F. Lorant (Tokyo, Japan)	1960-1962
	<u>g</u>	<u>Correspondence on Group Travel</u>	
18		Correspondence on group travel--general	1959-1969
19-21		Balatan Club of Montreal	n.d., 1963- 1968
22		Hungarian Jewish Martyr Synagogue of Montreal	n.d., 1968
23		Hungarian United Church of Montreal	n.d., 1966- 1967
24		Independent Hungarian Protestant Church	n.d., 1968
25		Ibusz Hungarian Tourist Group	n.d., 1967- 1968
26-29		Our Lady of Hungary Church (Montreal)	1962-1970

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17	30	Swiss Federation (list of names)	1970
	3	Correspondence Primarily in Languages other than Hungarian	
		The subject matter is similar to correspondence in Hungarian, dealing mainly with travel, financial transactions, parcels sent to the homeland and similar matters.	
17	31-38	Correspondence in English, 1953 to April 1962	1953-1962
18	1-14	Correspondence in English, May 1962 to 1970	1962-1970
	15-22	Correspondence in German	1956-1965
19	1-6	Correspondence in German	1966-1970
	7-18	Correspondence in Slovak	1954-1963
	19	Correspondence in French	1960-1967
		C MISCELLANEOUS	
	20	Copy of essay on the movement of Hungarians to Canada, 1930, 1939, 1948 and map showing distribution of linguistic groups in Habsburg Empire, 1920	n.d., 1975