

Photographs remind of the Jewish Posner family from Gelsenkirchen



Clipping of a photo taken at the wedding of Carl und Ella Posner, born Stessmann: Up to their deportation in 1942 they lived in Gelsenkirchen.

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Sabine Donat told us the following: “Shortly after the war a young man came to my grandma, and told her, that the Posners had been murdered by the Nazis. Grandma didn’t ask for his name because she was very nervous at that moment. Photos of the Posner family have been kept by my grandmother all over the years. After her death they came into my hands. It has been a long time since I started my search for relatives of the Posner family to hand over the pictures to them, up to now unfortunately with no success. But these memorabilia belong to the family.”

Relatives sought-after! The project group “Stolpersteine Gelsenkirchen” is currently searching for relatives of the wide spread Posner family. First tracks hint from Gelsenkirchen to Canada (Hans Posner) and to the USA/New Mexico (Sigmund Posner, Erna Wislawwa Posner, Helmut Paul Posner, Herbert Posner and Hannelore Boyd, born Posner).

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