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**Finding aid to the  
Josef Tuchscherer  
Collection  
2011.26**

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## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Josef Tuscherer

**Accession Date:** 7 September 2011

**Collection Number:** 026

**Quantity:** 0.5 linear feet

**Summary:** This collection contains information related to a film, shot at a German exile camp in 1940. Files related to this film include a collection of stills taken from the film, with identifications. Also contained in this collection are photocopied images of portraits of individuals, many of whom are identified, a family history book, materials relating to settlement, one VHS cassette, and one DVD.

**Languages:** English and German

### Links:

- [Our Family History Photographs: The Tuchscherer Family](#)
- [Our Family History, by Josef Tuchscherer](#)
- [A Partial History of the Anton Tuchscherer Family, by Agatha Tuchscherer](#)
- [Finding Aid to the Maria Tuscherer Collection](#)

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## BIOGRAPHY

The Anton and Agatha Tuchscherer Family were Germans from Russia from Colelia, Romania, but were transplanted to Poland when the Nazi Government declared their intentions to relocate

all people of German descent to German-held territory. Mr. and Mrs. Tuchscherer had two children, Josef, born in 1935, and Maria, born in 1943. The family was separated when Anton was conscripted into the German Army and stationed in Norway. Mrs. Tuchscherer struggled to survive during this period, starving and working menial jobs for no pay for a family lucky enough to have meager room and board for the young family. After the war, Anton returned home and the family eventually settled in Bienfait, Saskatchewan, Canada. Anton worked in a coal mine and the family eventually owned a home, where Mr. and Mrs. Tuchscherer lived until old age. Anton died in 1995; and Agatha passed away in 2002.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Josef Tuchscherer Collection** consists of information related to a film, shot at a German exile camp in 1940. Files related to this film include a collection of stills taken from the film, with identifications. Also contained in this collection are photocopied images of portraits of individuals, many of whom are identified, a family history book, materials relating to settlement, one VHS cassette, and one DVD. The collection has been organized into five series: Photocopied Images, Religious Lithographs, Film, Family History, Subject.

The [Photocopied Images Series](#) consists of three folders that contain 35 sheets of copies of photographic portraits of groups and individuals from Colelia. Many of these individuals have been identified with a short history.

The [Religious Lithographs Series](#) contains two religious lithographs, which date from circa 1890-1920. One is of the Virgin Mary and the other is of the Crucifixion. Also included in this series is one photographic print of the Crucifixion lithograph.

The [Film Series](#) contains a video cassette, DVD, and materials related to a short film taken in St. Ludwig Lager (Camp) in Germany on December 27, 1940. This film is considered to be a very rare visual documentation of the movement of the people of Dobrudscha's exile back to Germany. Also included is commentary about how the donor received the film. Photocopied scans made of stills from the film with some identification are also contained within this collection.

The [Family History Series](#) is comprised of an index and a DVD of a family home video made by the Michael Tuchscherer in 1991 which features recollections of Anton and Agatha Tuchscherer. The series also contains some family history information.

The [Subject Series](#) consist of one folder of settlement materials. This information relates to the homesteaders of Colelia. The materials are mostly in German, and also included is a map of the settlement of Germans in Saskatchewan.

## **SEPARATION RECORD**

The two religious lithographs have been separated from the rest of the collection, due to their size, and placed in the GRHC's oversized materials box.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>
1/1	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory

### **PHOTOCOPIED IMAGES SERIES**

1/2	Folder 1
1/3	Folder 2
1/4	Folder 3

### **RELIGIOUS LITHOGRAPHS SERIES**

<b>OVERSIZED</b>	Virgin Mary print
<b>OVERSIZED</b>	Crucifixion print
1/5	Photograph of the Crucifixion print (4x6 print)

### **FILM SERIES**

1	Colelia film, 1940 (video cassette)
1/6	Colelia film, 1940 (DVD)
1/7	Colelia film materials

### **FAMILY HISTORY SERIES**

1/8	Family history information
1/9	Family video (index and DVD)

**SUBJECT SERIES**

**1/10**

Settlement materials