

INITIATIVE AND FUNDING

Federal Ministry of Finance

SCOPE

About 52,500 files on "Wiedergutmachung" – over 5,800,000 sheets – of the Bavarian Main State Archives and the State Archives Munich

ACCESS

Via the online collection "Wiedergutmachung for National Socialist Injustice"

PROJECT TERM

2023–2030

PROJECT LEADER

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ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS OF THE FREE STATE OF BAVARIA ON "WIEDERGUTMACHUNG" FOR NATIONAL SOCIALIST INJUSTICE

Making accessible archival documents
of the Free State of Bavaria
on restitution and compensation
via the online collection
"Wiedergutmachung for
National Socialist Injustice"

Application for "Wiedergutmachung" of the
minister-president of the Free State of Bavaria Wilhelm
Hoegner (extract), Bavarian Main State Archives, LEA
1646, photo: Bavarian Main State Archives.



Online collection "Wiedergutmachung
for National Socialist Injustice"



Project website of the Bavarian
State Archives

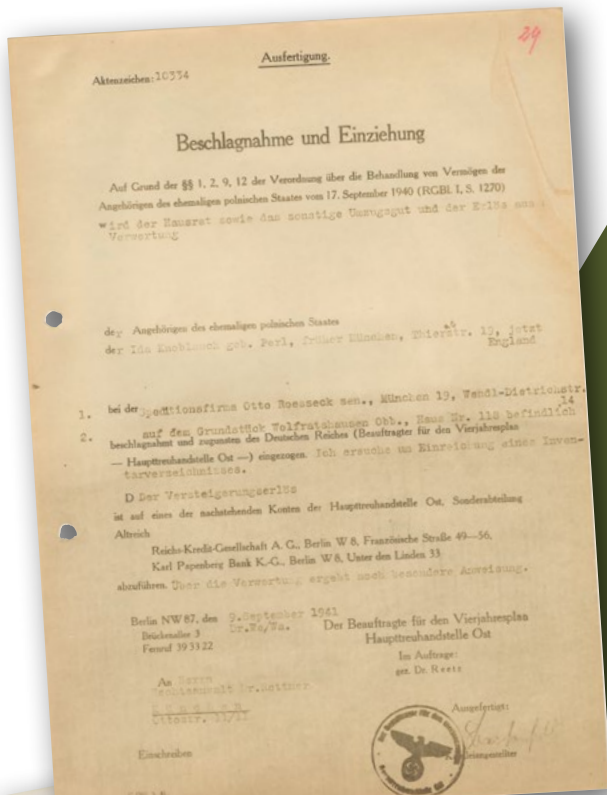


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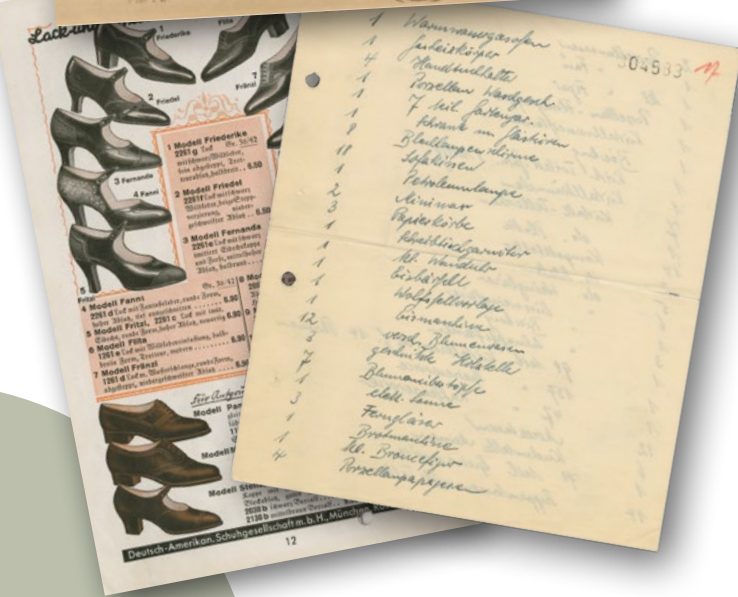


aufgrund eines Beschlusses
des Deutschen Bundestages





Confiscation of the removal goods of Ida Knoblauch, née Perl, owner of the shoe shop D.A.S., State Archives Munich, WB I N 361/1, photo: Bavarian Main State Archives.



The large-scale digitisation project “Transformation of Wiedergutmachung”

The Bavarian State Archives preserve archival documents on “Wiedergutmachung” for National Socialist injustice of significant size and content. Between 2023 and 2030, a part of these files will be digitised, indexed and published in the online collection “Wiedergutmachung for National Socialist Injustice” of the “Archivportal-D”. The project was initiated by the Federal Ministry of Finance, which has been responsible for the “Wiedergutmachung” for National Socialist injustice since the early 1950s. The online collection will improve access to these files as one of the follow-up tasks of the “Wiedergutmachung”.

“Wiedergutmachung” for National Socialist Injustice

Hundreds of thousands of files on “Wiedergutmachung” in the bavarian archives document how the Compensation and Restitution Acts were implemented in the German post-war period. The generic term “Wiedergutmachung” includes all compensation measures for victims of the persecution under the Nazi regime. A distinction is made between two legal forms: the restitution of cultural assets and other identifiable property looted by the Nazis; the compensation for damage suffered as a result of National Socialist persecution, such as loss of life, damage to limb or health, deprivation of liberty or impairment to professional career.

Compensation file of Kurt Landauer, former president of the FC Bayern Munich (extract), State Archives Munich, LEA 22239, photo: Bavarian Main State Archives.

