

## Gruenhut Family Home Movies Collection (hm-gruenhut)

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### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Alfred Gruenhut (or Grunhut) was born February 1, 1905 in Augsburg, Germany. He was an inventor and designer. He and his family evacuated Germany prior to Kristallnacht and thus were able to keep their belongings, including a number of Leica cameras which he sold after arriving in the U.S. He arrived in New York City in August, 1937, sponsored by a distant cousin. He eventually moved to Chicago. He brought his wife, Edith, her mother and sister, and both of his parents to the U.S. by 1939.

Alfred Gruenhut worked in New York with Yermie Stern on the invention of "Talk-a-Vision," one of several "jukebox shorts" machines which enabled people to watch films in a department store or tavern, like a movie jukebox. His other inventions include a lo-jack for boats, vending machines, and an optical illusion carnival machine. Alfred was married to Edith Wortsman Gruenhut (b. May 24, 1909). Their three children - Joseph Howard Gruenhut, Harriet Gruenhut Guskin, and Michael Gruenhut - are seen in their home movies.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Home movies of the Alfred Gruenhut family following their emigration to the United States, mostly filmed in Chicago, and home movies made by Joseph Gruenhut of his family, including in Atlanta, Georgia. Alfred's papers are housed in the Hargrett Rare Books & Manuscripts Library.

### EXTENT OF COLLECTION

28 16mm

5 8mm

29 8mm home movies

19 artifacts (film spools and cartridges, splicers, light meters, rewind set, developer tank, etc.)

## Collection Contents

### Gruenhut Family Home Movies Collection (83 records)

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| [hm-gruenhut_0002]  | [Gruenhut Family Home Movies Collection - Title Unknown] |
| [hm-gruenhut_0003]  | [Gruenhut Family Home Movies Collection - Title Unknown] |
| [hm-gruenhut_0004a] | [Outs and trims titles]                                  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0005]  | Oma and Opa in Congers Lake [NY]                         |
| [hm-gruenhut_0006]  | Oma and Opa in Tuckahoe                                  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0007]  | Turnpike   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0008]  | [Gruenhut Family Home Movies Collection - Title Unknown] |
| [hm-gruenhut_0009]  | Our Own May '46-June '46 Chicago New York                |
| [hm-gruenhut_0010]  | Our Film 1946  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0011]  | [Gruenhut Family Home Movies Collection - Title Unknown] |
| [hm-gruenhut_0012]  | When Harriet Was 2 Years Old                             |
| [hm-gruenhut_0013]  | Summer 1949 Winter 1950                                  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0014]  | Family 1956; Summer '49, Winter '50                      |
| [hm-gruenhut_0015]  | 1950 Vacation  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0016]  | [Gruenhut Family Home Movies Collection - Title Unknown] |
| [hm-gruenhut_0017]  | 1950, 1951 etc.  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0018]  | 1955?  |

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| [hm-gruenhut_0019] | Golden Wedding Feb 1952   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0020] | Art (positive)  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0021] | Art (negative)  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0022] | [Outs and trims]  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0023] | [Gruenhut Family Home Movies Collection - Title Unknown]  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0024] | [Gruenhut Family Home Movies Collection - Title Unknown]  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0025] | Cartoons  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0026] | Cartoons  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0027] | Cruisers of Tomorrow  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0028] | Fun Afloat  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0029] | Unexposed film cartridge  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0030] | Unexposed film cartridge  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0031] | Unexposed film cartridge  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0032] | Unexposed film spool  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0033] | Unexposed film spool  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0034] | Film cartridge  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0035] | Film cartridge  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0036] | Film cartridge  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0037] | Bell & Howell film splicer  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0038] | Kodascope Junior Film Splicing Outfit   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0039] | Craig film splicer  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0040] | Camera (stills)   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0041] | Light meter   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0042] | Light meter   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0043] | AnSCO film tank   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0044] | Morse film developer tank   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0045] | Aluminum mechanical parts   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0046] | Film rewind set   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0047] | CopyKit2 film to video transfer system  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0048] | Joey and Irene in Rio June '69  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0049] | Lake Geneva, Rio 1969   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0050] | Flight Milan Venice Rome  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0051] | Vatican Rome Tel Aviv   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0052] | Jerusalem Wailing Wall Haifa Santa's Village  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0053] | Alexandra #2 +/- 10 months old  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0054] | Alexandra Aug. '75  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0055] | Summer 1976 Alex on slide w/David, reading a book   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0056] | Alexandra Spring '76  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0057] | Alexandra Spring '76  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0058] | Alexandra learns to walk, Summer 1976 - titles  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0059] | July 76 - Wading pool in backyard - sandbox w/David - learning to walk w/Omi & Mike - At Marga's house w/Jovó |
| [hm-gruenhut_0060] | Labor Day '76; our backyard w/the family & Silversteins   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0061] | Spring 77 (Mar/Apr) playing doctor w/_____, Jovô and Jovó in the backyard                                     |
| [hm-gruenhut_0062] | May 1977 - Uncle Fritz, Alex mowing lawn, Alex in sandbox   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0063] | Alex's birthday; Alex after return from our Caribbean cruise June 1977  |

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| [hm-gruenhut_0064]  | 1977 4th of July w/Marga & Bobby; playing hide & seek w/daddy, w/Omi and Mike in front yard                      |
| [hm-gruenhut_0065]  | August 1977 Planting grass in backyard w/daddy, Omi & Mikey  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0066]  | Labor Day 1977, Farm in Riverwood  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0067]  | Sledding 1977-8  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0068]  | 3/78 Alex's room Riverwoods, Easter egg hunt   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0069]  | Easter '78 Alex, David, Leslie, Riverwoods   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0070]  | Alex's 3rd birthday party June 78  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0071]  | Backyard - Harriet, David, Alex - June 78  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0072]  | Alex, Omi, Harriet at Ryerson Farm - June 78   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0073]  | Summer '78 Alex, David, Omi, & Jovó, Riverwoods backyard; Alex with school bus toy                               |
| [hm-gruenhut_0074]  | Alex & David, Winter 78-79 Sledding in Riverwoods  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0075]  | Alex/Jovó shopping; Alex in Park; riding new bike Summer '79   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0076]  | Winter '79 Riverwoods - Joe skating; Easter egg hunt at park 1979  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0077]  | Alex in Niles May 80 blaying ball w/Jovó; Family in Teri's porch: Poki, Marga, Monique, Alex, Irene, Joe, M_____ |
| [hm-gruenhut_0078]  | Alex's birthday June 80 Hammond Park   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0079]  | Summer '80 Alex swimming at Zaban  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0080]  | Winter 81/82 Alex & Elissa at home   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0081]  | Zaban summer '84 w/Levy's and Emily  |
| [hm-gruenhut_0004b] | [Negatives of Outs and Trims titles]   |
| [hm-gruenhut_0082]  | [Gruenhut Home Movie Collection - original film boxes]   |