A Finding Aid to the
Elias Family Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 832
Collection Summary

Title          Elias Family Papers  
Dates          1890-1990  
Collection Number          MS-832  
Repository           The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives  
Creator           Elias, Charles H., 1918-1999  
Extent           1 linear foot (1 record carton)  
Language of the Material           English  

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch          Charles H. Elias was born to Ruth and Edward D. Elias on August 14, 1918 in Okolona, Mississippi. His father worked in the mercantile business until the Great Depression years, then served as city clerk for approximately ten years. Elias graduated in the late 1930s from Mississippi State College with a degree in geology, and the entire family moved to Little Rock, Arkansas in 1940.

Elias served for four years with the Army Air Corps in World War II. He returned to Little Rock and joined his father and brother in founding the Tri-States Construction Company, which was responsible for building several major projects in the state; their work included the North Little Rock High School gym, a few buildings on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, and the Governor’s Mansion in Little Rock. Elias served as construction foreman and did some of the work on his own, such as the finishing carpentry work.

In 1959, Elias left the family business to oversee building projects for the Little Rock architect firm of Eichenbaum, Rauh and Blass. When he retired in the mid-1970s, he devoted much of his free time to collecting antique guns and cartridges, becoming an authority on the subject and publishing articles and books about his collection. He passed away in Little Rock, Arkansas, on March 22, 1999.


Scope and Content          Collection consisting of documents and photographs, primarily for the Elias family of Little Rock, Arkansas. Also includes materials on the Levin, Lyons, Siler, Fraley, Eichenbaum, Gish, Rubel, Morris, Nadel and Jacobs families.

Arrangement          This collection is arranged in one (1) series: A. General.

Terms of Access          The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

Preferred Citation          Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Elias Family Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

[Description], [Date], Box #, Folder #. MS-832. Elias Family Papers. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Index Terms

Subjects          Jews -- Arkansas -- Little Rock  
Corporate Names          Eichenbaum family / Elias family / Fraley family / Gish family / Jacobs family / Levin family / Lyons family / Morris family / Nadel family / Rubel family / Siler family  
Media          Photographs
Series A. General, 1890-1990

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Elias, Charles H.
Box 1. Folder 2. E.D. Elias.
Box 1. Folder 3. Elias-Levin.
Box 1. Folder 4. Elias, Charles H.
Box 1. Folder 5. Elias, Barney L.
Box 1. Folder 6. Elias in Arkansas.
Box 1. Folder 7. Tobias.
Box 1. Folder 8. Unanswered correspondence.
Box 1. Folder 9. Collateral family information?
Box 1. Folder 10. Lineages- other families, traceable.
Box 1. Folder 11. Elias-Fraley-Benton, 1965
Box 1. Folder 12. California connection.
Box 1. Folder 13. Elias-Gish-Siler/North Carolina, South Carolina.
Box 1. Folder 14. Elias-Prince-Baruch.
Box 1. Folder 15. Nadel-Jacobs.
Box 1. Folder 17. Elias, Charles E.
Box 1. Folder 18. B.Elias Project.
Box 1. Folder 19. Military.
Box 1. Folder 20. Charts.
Box 1. Folder 22. DeSoto.
Box 1. Folder 24. Elias, Judy L.
Box 1. Folder 25. St.Law family.
Box 1. Folder 26. Levin, Barney & Rachel.
Box 1. Folder 27. Elias, Charles.
Box 1. Folder 28. Elias, Ruth L.
Box 1. Folder 29. Elias family.
Box 1. Folder 31. Elias, Ruth L.