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**A Finding Aid to the  
Elias Family Papers**

**Manuscript Collection No. 832**

## Collection Summary

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

--Adapted from <http://www.digital.butlercenter.org/cgi-bin/showfile.exe?CISOROOT=/findingaids&CISOPTR=191&filename=192.xml> (accessed on November 15, 2011).

**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.

**Provenance** Received from Charles H. Elias, Little Rock, Ark., &#9;&#9;1994.

**Processing Information** Processed by Kevin Proffitt, October 2011.

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## Index Terms

<b>Subjects</b>	Jews -- Arkansas -- Little Rock
<b>Corporate Names</b>	Eichenbaum family / Elias family / Fraley family / Gish family / Jacobs family / Levin family / Lyons family / Morris family / Nadel family / Rubel family / Siler family
<b>Media</b>	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 16. Eichenbaum-Lyons-Elias-Levin.
- 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 21. Rubel family with Morris-Elias linkages.
- Box 1. Folder 22. DeSoto.
- Box 1. Folder 23. Lieutenant Edward Knight Elias: professional military AAF (stepson of Barney L. Elias).
- 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 30. Grandparents of Charles Elias.
- Box 1. Folder 31. Elias, Ruth L.