

**STEPHEN LERMAN PAPERS, 1923-1946**  
**1991.105**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Stephen Lerman papers

Dates: 1923-1946

Accession number: 1991.105

Creator: Stephen Lerman

Extent: 2 folders

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Abstract: The Stephen Lerman (Szlama Lermann) papers consists primarily of photographs of his family in Zambrow, Poland, prior to World War II. Also included are a pass to the Nuremburg trials and an identity card which confirms that Lerman was captured by German forces in January of 1943, until he was liberated by United States forces in January of 1945. He was transported to several concentration camps, including Auschwitz, Oranienburg, and Dachau.

Languages: English

**Administrative Information**

Access: Collection is open for use, but is stored offsite. Please contact the Reference Desk more than seven days prior to visit in order to request access.

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Acquisition information: Stephen Lerman donated the Stephen Lerman papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1991.

Related materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also holds an oral history interview with Stephen Lerman, as part of the Phoenix Holocaust Survivors Association oral history collection.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at [collections.ushmm.org](http://collections.ushmm.org) for further information.

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### **Biographical note**

Stephen Lerman (1927-2010) was born in Zambrow, Poland, with the given name of Szlama Lermann. The Germans invaded Poland in 1939, but it was not until Germany invaded Russia in 1941 that life changed drastically. The Jewish population of Zambrow, including the Lermann family, was rounded up, marched out of town, and put to death. Stephen did not join with his family, and lived on his own in the ghetto that was established. He escaped the ghetto and lived in the woods along with others, but was eventually captured and on January 16<sup>th</sup> 1943, Lerman was sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp. He was later transported to Oranienburg, and Dachau. He was liberated by the United States Army on January 5<sup>th</sup> 1945. After liberation, Lerman was held at Pocking displaced persons camp. He would later attend the Nuremburg trials.

### **Scope and content of collection**

The Stephen Lerman papers consists of six photographs of Lerman's family and himself. All but one of the photographs capture images of Lerman's family prior to his imprisonment in several concentration camps. The photograph marked 1991.105.02 is a portrait of Stephen Lerner. 1991.105.03 shows the Lerman family in 1938. From left to right: Stephen, mother Sara, sister Shana, father Izak Wolfe, and brother David. The photograph marked 1991.105.04 was taken in 1931 and shows from left to right: sisters Miriam, Bessie, and Goldie, with Stephen's cousin Szlama in the rear. The photograph marked 1991.105.05 is a portrait of Miriam Lermann (sister) taken in 1931. Photograph 1991.105.07 is a photograph from 1931 of Bessie (sister) and her husband David Jablonki standing in the rear, with Miriam (sister) and her husband Mayer with their son Isaac, sitting. Finally, 1991.105.08 is a photograph from 1923 with Stephen's sister Miriam, uncle Ben Burstein, and grand-father Isaac Burstein.

Included in the documents folder are Stephen Lerman's identity card, stating that he was a prisoner in the concentration camps Auschwitz, Oranienburg, and Dachau. Also included is a pass to the Nuremburg trials.

### **System of arrangement**

The Stephen Lerman papers are arranged as a single series.

- Series 1: Stephen Lerman papers, 1923-1946

### **Indexing terms**

Lerman, Stephen (1927-2010)  
Lermann, Szlama  
Lermann,Sara

Lermann, Shana  
Lermann, Izak Wolfe  
Lermann, David  
Lermann, Miriam  
Jablonki, David  
Jablonki, Bessie Lermann  
Lermann, Goldie  
Burstein, Ben  
Burstein, Isaac

Dachau (Concentration camp)  
Auschwitz (Concentration camp)  
Oranienburg (Concentration camp)

Nuremberg War Crime Trials, Nuremberg, Germany, 1946-1949.

Zambrów (Poland)

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1: Stephen Lerman papers, 1923-1946

Folder	Title
1	Documents, 1945
2	Photographs, 1923-1946