

**ELIZABETH LUSTHAUS STRASSBURGER PAPERS, approximately 1880-1952  
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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Elizabeth Lusthaus Strassburger papers

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Abstract: The Elizabeth Lusthaus Strassburger papers consist of biographical materials, photographs, a poem, and an English/Polish military dictionary documenting Edmund Lusthaus' medical career, military service, imprisonment in a labor camp in Asino, and service in the Polish Armed Forces in the Soviet Union and then under the British Armed Forces in the Middle East and Italy; Helena Lusthaus' pharmacy career and stay in the Tarnow ghetto with her mother and daughter; Elizabeth Lusthaus' education under a false identity in Milanowek; and the family's years in England after the war before immigrating to the United States.

Languages: Polish, Russian, English, German.

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Related materials: Elizabeth Lusthaus Strassburger also donated two British Army medals (1999.180.2 and 1999.180.3), a British Army issue report cover (1999.180.4), a Polish Corps dog tag (2000.603.2), two leather wallets (2002.105.2 and 2003.160.2), a silver purse and coin purse (2007.42.1 and 2007.42.2), and embroidered pillowcase (2008.222.2), a miniature tea set (2008.320.1), two military uniform patches (2009.23.2 and 2009.23.3), two silver teaspoons (2012.317.1 and 2012.317.2), and a doll (2013) to the Museum. The Museum also holds an oral history conducted with Strassburger on October 31, 1997 (RG-50.106\*0087, 1997.A.0362).

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### **Biographical note**

Elizabeth Lusthaus Strassburger was born Elzbieta Lusthaus in 1938 in Krakow to physician Edmund Lusthaus (1899-1960) and pharmacist Helena Amkraut Lusthaus (1911-1987), and the family lived in Iwonicz. Edmund was drafted into the Polish Army, taken prisoner by the Soviets while visiting his parents in Stryj, and deported to a labor camp in Siberia. He fought with the Polish Army in exile under General Anders in the Soviet Union and then the 2nd Polish Corps of the British Armed Forces in the Middle East, Egypt, and Italy. Elizabeth and her mother moved to Tarnów to live with Elizabeth's grandmother, Sophie Lieberman Schiff, where they were supported by Elizabeth's grandfather, Izak Amkraut, who lived in the Netherlands and was able to send food and diamonds. In 1941, Elizabeth, Helena, and Sophie were relocated to the Tarnów ghetto. Sophie was deported to Belzec and murdered in 1942. Elizabeth and Helena escaped using false papers and survived the Holocaust in hiding with the Bandyrowa family in Milanówek under the names Maria and Barbara (Basia) Stachura. They made their way to a displaced persons camp in Munich via Czechoslovakia and Austria following liberation before learning that Edmund Lusthaus had survived and joining him in Ancona, Italy. The family relocated to England in 1946 and immigrated to the United States in 1951, settling first in New Jersey with Helena's family and then in Maryland. Elizabeth became a psychiatric social worker. She married John Strassburger in 1961 and they had two children.

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

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Biographical materials include identification papers, birth and marriage certificates, student records, and military records documenting Edmund's medical career and military service, Helena's pharmacy career and her status in Tarnow, Elizabeth's education under a false identity, and the family's status in England.

Photographs depict Edmund Lusthaus in Iwonicz, Asino, and Egypt; Helena Lusthaus in Przemysł, Sanok, Romania, and Iwonicz; Sophie Schiff in Nowy Sącz, Carlsbad, and Tarnów; and Elizabeth Lusthaus Strassburger in Iwonicz, Tarnów, and England. Additional photographs depict Lusthaus relatives including Izak and Sali Amkraut, Tony Bauch, Benedykt Halicz, L. Lusthaus, and the Mahler family in Przemysł, Łódź, Vienna, Bucharest, the Hague, and Israel.

The collection also includes a poem written by Edmund Lusthaus in a labor camp in Asino to Helena and Elizabeth Lusthaus.

The collection further includes a dictionary translating British military abbreviations into Polish, created by the Polish Ministry of Defense and issued to the Polish Military Forces under the British Armed Forces in 1943.

### **System of arrangement**

The Elizabeth Lusthaus Strassburger papers are arranged as four series:

- Series 1: Biographical materials, 1930-1952
- Series 2: Photographs, approximately 1880-1951
- Series 3: Poem, approximately 1940
- Series 4: Polish dictionary, 1943

### **Indexing terms**

Lusthaus, Edmund.

Lusthaus, Helena.

Schiff, Sophie Lieberman.

Amkraut, Hanna.

Amkraut, Izak.

Amkraut, Sali.

Bauch, Tony.

Halicz, Benedykt.

Libergalt, Isidor.

Mahler family.

Trachman, Halina.

Jews--Poland--Iwonicz.

Physicians--Poland--Iwonicz.

Pharmacists--Poland--Iwonicz.

Jewish ghettos--Poland—Tarnów (Województwo Małopolskie).

Hidden children (Holocaust)--Poland--Milanówek.

Forced labor--Soviet Union--Asino.

Poland--History--Occupation, 1939-1945.

Poland--Polskie Siły Zbrojne--Polski Korpus, 2.

Iwonicz (Poland)  
Tarnów (Województwo Małopolskie, Poland)  
Milanówek (Poland)  
Asino (Russia)

Photographs.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1: Biographical materials, 1930-1952

Box	Folder	Title
1	1	Lusthaus, Edmund, 1936-1946, 1952
1	2	Lusthaus, Helena, 1930-1938, 1945-1948
1	3	Strassburger, Elizabeth Lusthaus, 1938-1946

### Series 2: Photographs, approximately 1880-1951

Box	Folder	Title
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1	5	Amkraut, Sali, approximately 1951
1	6	Bauch, Tony, approximately 1945-1951
1	7	Halicz, Benedykt, approximately 1938
1	8	Lusthaus, Edmund, approximately 1938-1945
1	9	Lusthaus, Helena, approximately 1914-1937
1	10	Lusthaus, Loulk, a cousin who had emigrated to Australia, 1943
1	11	Mahler family, approximately 1910
1	12	Members of the Polish Army in Egypt and the Middle East, approximately 1943
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### Series 3: Poem, approximately 1940

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1	18	Lusthaus, Edmund, Poem written in a labor camp in Asino to Helena and Elizabeth Lusthaus, approximately 1940

**Series 4: Polish dictionary, 1943**

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