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SUMMARY

Lily Redner, née Lustig, one of four daughters, was born December 15, 1930¹, in Nancy, Pont a Mousson (Lorraine), France. Her father ran a wholesale business. Her parents emigrated from Germany and were considered stateless. Lily describes their assimilated upbringing and attending private school until 1944.

Lily offers a brief description of growing French antisemitism and of Nazi restrictions under the German occupation of France starting in 1940. Jewish businesses were closed, Jews could no longer own property, food was rationed and Jews were required to wear a yellow star of David.

Lily recounts that on July 19, 1942 her parents were sent to Drancy, a transit camp outside Paris, and later to Auschwitz. They did not survive. Lily and her sisters were left in the care of their non-Jewish maid and she describes the hunger they endured. She briefly describes that in March 1944, aided by non-Jewish townspeople they were hidden on various farms.

She and her three sisters survived and were liberated in August 1944. One of Lily's sisters lives in Los Angeles, two live in France. Lily married a Polish survivor in France. In 1952 they moved to Uruguay (until '58) and then later to the United States. They have four married daughters and five grandchildren.

¹This is the date given on her personal history form. It appears that Ms. Redner may have misspoken in her testimony on page 1 stating her birth year as 1923. Later in her testimony she states that she was 13 in March 1944 which would make the 1930 year the correct one.