



Leo and Helen Edelbaum Lesky Papers (K0959)

Collection Number: K0959

Collection Title: Leo and Helen Edelbaum Lesky Papers

Dates: 1960-2007

Creator: Lesky, Leo

Abstract: The Leo and Helen Edelbaum Lesky Papers include Leo Lesky's obituary, a sales book from Lesky's dry-cleaning business, and a CD of family videos of the Lesky family and their friends.

Collection Size: 0.09 cubic foot
(3 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Diana Lesky Lipszyc on June 11, 2008 (Accession No. KA1652).

Notes: Collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City.

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Historical Note:

Leo Lesky was born in 1920 and Helen Edelbaum was born in 1924. Both were Holocaust survivors. Leo met and married Helen Edelbaum in a German Displaced Persons Camp on November 25, 1945. Leo and Helen were part of the first group of survivors who came to the United States in 1946. Leo started a retail dry-cleaning business in Kansas City and Helen worked as a seamstress. Leo and Helen were members of the Kehilath Israel Synagogue, the New American's Club, and the Mr. and Mrs. Club. The couple had two children and eventually six grandchildren, among whom is the donor of the collection, and several great-grandchildren.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into three folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection features Mr. Lesky's obituary which was published in *The Kansas City Star*, a partially used sales book for Mr. Lesky's business from the 1960s, and a CD with family videos concerning birthdays, weddings, family gatherings, and the 1963 new American's Club dedication of the Memorial to the Six Million.

Container List:

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	f. 2	Dry-Cleaning Sales Book, 1960s
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