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## **Inventory of the Kligman Family Papers, 1906-1993**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Kligman family papers
<b>Date(s)</b>	1906-1993
<b>Creator:</b>	Kligman family
<b>Abstract:</b>	Photographs, photograph albums, memorial books, awards and certificates pertaining primarily to Louis and Ida Lomansky Kligman, of Columbia, South Carolina, and their son, Melton Kligman. Louis owned and operated "Kligman's Army Store" on Assembly Street in Columbia, South Carolina, and Melton returned the city after receiving his law degree to work as a lawyer. Both Louis and Melton were very active in the Jewish community, particularly through Beth Shalom, the city's Orthodox synagogue. Melton also held positions with the Columbia Jewish Community Center and the United Jewish Appeal. The collection also includes a small number of photographs of the related Reznick and Lomansky families.
<b>Extent:</b>	1.5 linear feet (1 document box, 2 flat boxes, 2 oversize folders)
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<b>Language of Material:</b>	Materials in English

## Biographical and Historical Note

Louis Kligman (1898-1973) was born in Nicoli, Russia. After immigrating to the United States in 1925, he ran "Kligman's Army Store" on Assembly Street in Columbia, South Carolina, and joined the city's Orthodox congregation, Beth Shalom, eventually serving on the board of directors. He married Ida Lomansky (1901-1984) in 1927, and, in 1929, the couple had their only child, Melton Kligman (1929-2013).

As a young man, Melton was an active member of Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA), a Jewish youth organization. He graduated from Columbia High School in 1946 and continued his education at the University of South Carolina, where he went on to receive a law degree. In 1951, he married Helene Firetag, and the couple had four daughters and a son, Lyssa Kligman Harvey, Mindy Kligman Odle, Keidi Kligman Lovit, Kala Kligman Sheckler, and Joseph Kligman. Melton served in the South Carolina Army National Guard. A life-long member of Beth Shalom Synagogue, he was deeply involved in Jewish affairs, serving as president of the Columbia Jewish Community Center, campaign chair of the United Jewish Appeal, and a board member of Beth Shalom. He received many awards for his community work, including the Distinguished Service Award from the United Jewish Appeal, the Mogen David Award from Beth Shalom Synagogue, and B'nai B'rith Man of the Year, among others.

## Collection Overview

This collection consists of materials pertaining primarily to the Kligman family, particularly Louis and Ida Lomansky Kligman, and their son, Melton Kligman. The collection includes photographs of the Kligman family, as well as members of the related Lomansky and Reznick families, memorial books for Louis and Ida Kligman, and awards and certificates given to Melton Kligman by AZA, the United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith, and the Columbia Jewish Federation.

## Collection Arrangement

1. Photographs, 1906-1975, undated
2. Memorial books, 1973, 1984
3. Awards and certificates, 1946, 1962-1993, undated

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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## Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include the South Carolina Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges records (Mss 1037).

## Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

### Names

Kligman, Melton, 1929-2013  
Kligman, Louis, 1898-1973  
Kligman, Ida Lomansky, 1901-1984  
Kligman family  
Lomansky family  
Reznick family  
B'nai B'rith Youth Organization  
Aleph Zadik Aleph

**Subjects**

Merchants--South Carolina--Columbia  
Jewish families--South Carolina--Columbia  
Jews--South Carolina--Columbia--Societies and clubs  
Jews--Social life and customs

**Places**

Columbia (S.C.)

**Types of Material**

Black-and-white photographs  
Color photographs  
Photograph albums  
Correspondence  
Awards  
Certificates  
Diplomas

**Administrative Information****Preferred Citation**

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### 1. Photographs, 1906-1975, undated

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|-------------------------|---|---|
| Box 1 Folder 1          | Loose Photographs, 1906-1940                              | Includes photographs of members of the Reznick, Firetag, and Kligman families, including Rebekah Reznick with her children Sophie, Mildred, and Moses, Mildred and Joseph Reznick, Helene Kligman, Melton Kligman, Lyssa Kligman Harvey, and a group photograph of Ida Kligman's grandmother, grandfather, aunt, and uncle (unnamed). |
| Box 2                   | Kligman and Lomansky families photograph album, 1913-1970 | Includes photographs of Louis and Ida Kligman and their son, Melton; various members of the Lomansky family, including Fay, Leah, and Selma Lomansky; and family friends.   |
| Box 2                   | Melton Kligman photograph album, 1944-1975                | Includes photographs of Melton as an adolescent with friends, at Greylock summer camp and AZA conventions, and as an adult at B'nai B'rith events and in the National Guard.  |
| Oversize Paper Folder 1 | Oversize photographs, 1935, undated                       | Includes a photograph of Louis and Ida Kligman with their son, Melton, in "Kligman's Army Store," photocopied pages of a yearbook featuring Melton Kligman, and annotated photocopies of original photographs found in the loose photographs folder, identifying subjects in the images.  |

### 2. Memorial books, 1973, 1984

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| Box 1 Folder 2 | Louis Kligman memorial book, 1973 |
| Box 1 Folder 3 | Ida Kligman memorial book, 1984   |

### 3. Awards and certificates, 1946, 1962-1993, undated

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|                         |   | Awards, diplomas, plaques, and certificates given to Melton Kligman.                                   |
| Box 1 Folder 4          | United Jewish Appeal Award for Outstanding Service plaque, 1973               |  |
| Box 1 Folder 5          | Lion of Judah Award from the Israeli Bonds Program plaque, 1993               |  |
| Box 1 Folder 6          | B'nai B'rith Youth Services Appeal Covenant Member plaque, undated            |  |
| Box 3                   | Campaign Excellence Award from the Columbia Jewish Federation plaque, undated |  |
| Box 1 Folder 7          | Certificates, 1982, undated   | AZA membership certificate, and Outstanding Leadership Award from the Combined Jewish Appeal Campaign. |
| Oversize Paper Folder 2 | Oversize Certificates, 1946, 1962, undated                                    |  |

Includes a high school diploma and certificate of membership in the District Grand Lodge no. 5 of B'nai B'rith. Also includes photocopies of two awards from the Columbia Jewish Welfare Federation, and a certificate of appointment as a Reserve Warrant Officer in the United States Army.