

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY**  
**K1349 (KA2298)**  
**LOUIS BURNSTEIN FAMILY PAPERS, C. 1905-2013**  
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**Introduction**

.75 cubic feet, 47 folders + oversize

The Louis Burnstein Family Papers, c. 1905-2013, contain documents, photographs, scrapbooks, certificates, family histories and genealogy charts and other printed material for the Burnstein and Pitluck families of St. Joseph, Platte City and Kansas City, Missouri. The materials were compiled by Louis Burnstein; the family histories were compiled and written by Louis Burnstein and Mollie Pitluck Burnstein. The collection documents the experiences of Jewish families who migrated to the Missouri and Kansas areas of the United States in the early twentieth century.

**Biographical Statement**

Louis Burnstein (1907-2000) was a licensed pharmacist who owned drug stores in St. Joseph and Kansas City, Missouri. He and his wife Mollie Pitluck Burnstein (1907-1989) were married in St. Joseph in 1931, and moved to Kansas City in 1941. David H. Burnstein (1933- ) was a practicing pharmacist and faculty member of the School of Pharmacy, University of Missouri, Kansas City. The Burnsteins were members of Congregation Kenneth Israel-Beth Shalom, Congregation Beth Shalom.

**Donor Information**

This collection was donated by David H. Burnstein on September 17, 2015, as accession KA2298, as part of the Jewish Community Archives.

**Box List**

**Box 1**

History of the Burnstein-Pitluck Family, by Mollie + Louis Burnstein  
History of the Pitluck Family, by Mollie Pitluck Bell, Part II  
Genealogy, family unit charts, Burnstein, Pitluck, other  
Scrapbook 1, Louis Burnstein + Mollie Pitluck Bernstein, ca. 1912-1983, 16 folders  
    [Note: scrapbook pages removed from binding.]  
Scrapbook 2, Louis Bernstein, Mollie Regina Burnstein, David Burnstein, 1930-1935  
Photographs, Burnstein + Pitluck families, ca. 1900s-1970s [Note: Photocopies show original arrangement of images.]  
Photographs [photocopies], Burnstein family, ca. 1908-1970  
Photographs, Pitluck family, ca. 1900s-1910s  
Photographs, Burnstein + Pitluck families, ca. 1900s-1950s  
Photographs, Louis Burnstein, Mollie Burnstein, ca. 1940s  
Photographs, David Burnstein, Stanley Burnstein, ca. 1940s-1950s  
Photographs, Louis + Mollie Burnstein and family, ca. 1970s

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Photograph, Louis Bernstein, Bernstein Drug Store, 3249 Troost, 1945, career history, 1960-1972

David and Stanley Burnstein, synagogue, Order of the Eagle Troop 61 group photograph, education, ca. 1940s-1950s

David Burnstein, National Boy Scout Jamboree, 1950, [+ artifact, scarf], 2 folders

David Burnstein, Southwest High School, KC, MO, commencement, 1951

David Burnstein, Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity, Univ. of Kansas City, yearbooks, membership, 1950s, 3 folders

Savitar Frolics program, 1952

David Burnstein, U. S. Army training at Fort Ord, CA, 1953

David Burnstein, UMKC diploma, pharmacy, 1961

David Burnstein, reading certificate, fraternity history, ca. 1941-1985

David Burnstein, campaign leadership mission to Israel, Dec. 1972

David Burnstein, pharmacy business + career, UMKC faculty appointment, ca. 1970s-1990s

David Burnstein, MO + KS Boards of Pharmacy, 50 years of service certificate, 2012-2013

Burnstein family photograph, Aaron and Sarah Burnstein, 1916 [rec'd 1973]

History of the Marcus Pitluck Family by Mollie Pitluck Bell, poems by Etta Reva Pitluck [Untitled] Borofsky, Pitluck, Bernstein family photographs [photocopies], family trees, genealogy

Scrapbook 3, David + Rosalyn Burnstein family, ca. 1970s

**Oversize Box** [Loc: stored at Newcomb Hall]

Certificates, diplomas and awards related to David Burnstein's education and pharmacy career, 1960s-2010s.

Oversize photographs and newsletters for confirmation classes, Congregation Kenneth Israel-Beth Shalom, 1940s.

Oversize photographs of Phi Delta Gamma Sorority, Rosalyn Lieberman (Burnstein), ca. 1950s

**Oversize Framed Items** [Loc: wrapped and stored at Troost, Room 28]

Four framed items:

1. Hanging exhibit case, 15.25 x 26.5", containing mounted garment, "Talith Katan, Laws of Zizith," owned by Louis Burnstein (silver frame w/ blue cloth interior / matting)
2. Framed item, 27 x 27.5", "Mizrah," c. 1905, orig. owned by Aaron Burnstein + acquired by Louis Burnstein
3. Framed item, 20 x 21.75", certificate of marriage, Louis Lieberman + Alice Bellos, June 14, 1927, KC, MO, marriage record taped to back of item, dated Aug. 3, 1940
4. Framed item, 25.5 x 23", "Mezuzah," c. 1906, 1990 – owned by Louis Burnstein, originated from Israel