

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN KENTUCKY INTERVIEW PROJECT

INTERVIEWEE INFORMATION

Justine Lerner

Residence: Louisville, KY.

Length of interview: approximately 4 hours.

Date(s) of interview: 5/5/99

Related resources:

- No other interviews have been conducted with Ms. Lerner.

Evaluation/further information about interview:

Justine Lerner was born in Bialystok, Poland, in 1923. During the war she was interned in Auschwitz and Ravensbruck, as well as other concentration camps. She went to Paris in 1945, and emigrated to New York until '46. In 1997, she moved to Louisville, where her son lives, because she had been attacked in her home in Brooklyn and "left for dead." Her son immediately made arrangements for her to live near him. She is very close with her family—her grandson was present for part of the interview—but had not yet found a community by whom she felt welcomed in Louisville. She was particularly interested in any contacts I could help her make with other survivors in the area.

The interview focuses on her wartime as well as her post-war experiences.