

**Aleksander Elgass** (professor)

Born 12 December 1826, Lwów, Galicia, Poland (reported birth year betw 1822-1830)

Died in Lwów in 1905

Arrived in the USA: around 1846

1865, Civil War, Union, 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry, New York City, NY

**ELGASS, ALEXANDER.**—Age, 35 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. F, March 31, 1865; promoted corporal, June 19, 1865; mustered out with company, August 31, 1865, at Savannah, Ga.

**Name:** Alexander Elgass

**Age:** 35

**Birth Year:** abt 1830

<b>Birth Place:</b>	Austria
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Enlistment Year: 1865

**Enlistment Location:** New York City

Muster Year: 1865

**Separation Details:**

**Separation Date:** 31 Aug 1865

AGE.		ENLISTED.				MUSTERED IN.						
		WHEN.		WHERE.		WHEN.		GRADE.		COMPY.		
YEARS.	DAV.	MONTH.	YEAR.			DAY.	MONTH.	YEAR.			REGR.	
35	31	March	65	N.Y. City	3	31	March	65	Sgt	75-201		
LEFT THE ORGANIZATION.												
HOW.		WHEN.		IN WHAT GRADE.		EXPLANATION.						
		DAY.	MONTH.	YEAR.								
M. C.		31	August	1865	Capt		with Co. at Savannah Ga					
REMARKS: Promoted Capt. June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 1865.												
<p> <i>Amelia</i>      35      <i>soldier</i>  <i>light blue dark</i>      <i>dark</i>      5      —      8 </p>												

Private, 75<sup>th</sup> NY Infantry, Co. F

**Name:** Alexander Elgass  
**Side:** Union  
**Regiment State/Origin:** New York  
**Regiment Name:** 75 N.Y. Infantry  
**Regiment Name Expanded:** 75th Regiment, New York Infantry  
**Company:** Co F  
**Rank Out:** Corporal  
**Rank Out Expanded:** Corporal  
**Film Number:** M551 roll 42

Name:	<b>Alexander Elgass</b>
Residence:	New York City, New York
Age at enlistment:	35
Enlistment Date:	31 Mar 1865
Rank at enlistment:	Private
Enlistment Place:	New York City, New York
State Served:	New York
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Promoted to Full Corporal on 19 Jun 1865. Enlisted in Company F, New York 75th Infantry Regiment on 31 Mar 1865. Mustered out on 31 Aug 1865 at Savannah, GA.
Birth Date:	abt 1830
Sources:	New York: Report of the Adjutant-General

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**Sources:** 14

1868 San Francisco

Manufacturing Co., dwt 429 Clementina  
 Elgass Alexander, waiter with F. Shumann

1869

Enthman N. G., seaman, dwt 52 Stewart  
 Elgass Alexander, teacher, dwt 1514 Powell

1870: **naturalized, 6 September 1870, California**

1872: Lived on 17 Dupont St., San Francisco

**Name:** Alexander Elgars

**Year:** 1872

**Age:** 45

**Estimated Birth Year:** abt 1827

**Place:** San Francisco, California

**Source** 1888

**Publication Code:**

**Primary Immigrant:** Elgars, Alexander

**Annotation:** Gives names, ages, occupations, and dates naturalized between 1856 and 1875.

**Source Bibliography:** ETEROVICH, ADAM S., editor "San Francisco, California, Voting Records for 1869-1872; (1873-1876)." In Balkan and Eastern European American Genealogical and Historical Society Quarterly, vol. 4:2 (June 1967), pp. 123-132.

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Elbert, Alfred Philip	31 Penn	Merchant	407 Sutter	8
Elgars, Alexander	45 Austria	Teacher	17 Dupont	8 Sept. 6, 1870, California; 4th Dist. Sept
Elger, Wenzel	36 Austria	Cooper	407 Pacific	1 Nov. 2, 1858, Cook county, Ill. Circuit Au

1874, Santa Clara, CA

Elkus, Jourdau	50 Austria	Teacher	San Jose Tp	Sept 6, 1870 San Francisco Aug 21, 187
Elgass, Alexander	45 Virginia	Farmer	Gilroy Tp	Aug 23, 187

Próbę wyjaśnienia, dlaczego akcja ta się nie powiodła, podjął Aleksander Elgas w liście do J. I. Kraszewskiego (San Francisco 4 IV 1874, Bibl. Jag., rkps 6499, k. 50 i n.). Podkreślając obojętność wielkich dzienników amerykańskich wobec ...

An attempt to explain why this action failed, took Alexander Elgas in a letter to J. I. Kraszewski (San Francisco 4 April 1874 Bibl. Jag., 6499 ms, k. 50 ff.). Stressing the great indifference. □ American newspaper to ...

Frančić, Mirosław

"Gazeta Nowoyorska. : organ polski w Ameryce" z roku 1874

Kwartalnik Historii Prasy Polskiej 22(4), 5-22

1966

<sup>18</sup> Tamże, nr 8 z 21 II 1874. Próbę wyjaśnienia, dlaczego akcja ta się nie powiodła, podjął Aleksander Elgas w liście do J. I. Kraszewskiego (San Francisco 4 IV 1874, Bibl. Jag., rkps 6499, k. 50 i n.). Podkreślając obojętność wielkich dzienników amerykańskich wobec sprawy polskiej, pisał o istnieniu „sprzeczności między Polakami samymi, jak np. w sprawie arcyb. Ledóchowskiego. Wezwani do podpisania adresu przez »Gazetę Nowoyorską«, zaledwie 14 Polaków z San Francisco podpisało. [...] Jeszcze nasza Polonia nie dojrzała do tej wspaniałej solidarności: poświęcić osobiste zapatrywania dla dobra ogólnego”. Dotykał on tu, nie nazywając tego wyraźnie, problemu ultramontanizmu, dzielącego także społeczność polską w Ameryce.

1875

Elgass Alexander, teacher German, Heald  
Business College, res 24 Post

Name: Alexander Elgass  
 Event Type: Voter Registration  
 Event Date: 28 Aug 1875  
 Event Year Range:  
 Event Place: **San Jose Tp**, Santa Clara, California, United States  
 Age: 50  
 Birth Year (Estimated): 1825  
 Birthplace: Austria  
 Page: 41  
 GS Film number: [977287](#)  
 Digital Folder Number: [005030123](#)  
 Image Number: 00439

1876

Name: Alexander Elgass  
 Event Type: Voter Registration  
 Event Date: 1876  
 Event Year Range:  
 Event Place: San Jose Township, Santa Clara, California, United States  
 Age: 50  
 Birth Year (Estimated): 1826  
 Birthplace: Austria  
 Page: 37  
 GS Film number: [977287](#)  
 Digital Folder Number: [005030123](#)  
 Image Number: 00376

1877: San Francisco

Elgass, Alexander	50	Poland	Teacher	1032 Market	7	June 27, 1866
Elias, Anselm	47	Germany	Butcher	403 Leavenworth	9 Sep 6, 70, Cal, Sta Clara, 4th Dis.	Aug 31, 1869
Eliot, Joseph	28	Mass			12 Aug 26, 1875 Cal 19th Dis.	Aug 13, 1877

1878

Elgass Alexander, secretary Polish Society, dwl 1032 Market

**Polish Society Election.**  
 The Polish Society of California has elected the following officers: Dr. Pawlicki, President; Alex. Bednawaki, First Vice-President; F. T. Lesson, Second Vice-President; G. Hagleman, Treasurer; **A. Elgass**, Secretary. A resolution was unanimously adopted tendering a vote of thanks to the retiring President.



—The **Polish Society**, at their annual meeting held Saturday evening, elected the following named officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. L. Pawlicki; Vice President, Alex. Bednowski; Second Vice President, Captain Lessen; Secretary, Alex. Elgass; Treasurer, M. Heilman.

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*Officers.*—W. Pawlicki, President; Alex. Bednowski, and F. T. Lessen, Vice-Presidents; A. Elgass, Secretary and Librarian; G. Hageman, Treasurer.

**POLISH SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA** (Towarzystwo Polskie W. Kalifornii).—Organized January 23, 1873. Objects: Social, literary, and national. Meets every Saturday evening at the rooms, 1032 Market Street.

A meeting of Polish citizens was held last night at 1032 Market street, to consult about the proper means by which the attention of our Government could be called to the recent atrocities committed by the Russians upon Poles in Turkey. Dr. Pawlicki acted as Chairman and Professor Al Elgass as Secretary. An address in the Polish language was read, after which Capt. Bielawski recited the grievances of their

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

A Committee of five, consisting of Capt. C. Bielawski, General Kryzanowski, Mr. Choynski, Captain Lessen and Professor Al. Elgass, were appointed to draw up resolutions for a meeting two weeks hence, said resolutions, if approved, to be forwarded to our representatives in Congress, with a request that they be delivered to the President of the United States, and to the Chairman in the Senate and House on Foreign Relations. Mr. Choynski delivered a spirited address on the grievances of Poland. He was confident, however, that our Government would follow the example of Great Britain and protest against those wanton murders. Professor Elgass read extracts from Polish and German papers, and courteously translated their telling points for the benefit of the reporters present, after which the meeting adjourned.

Daily Alta California, Volume 30, Number 10464, 5 December 1878

Issue	Article
+++ . j l .	The Polish Revolution of 1830.
<div>Text</div> <div>Correct this text</div> <div>+++ . j l . The Polish Revolution of 1830. The Polish residents of this city celebrated the anniversary of the Polish Revolution of 1830 by a grand banquet at the Willow Home, on Eighteenth street. Captain K. K. Piotrowski, formerly Com. missioner of Emigration of this State, presided. The ball was appropriately decorated with Polish and Aterioan flags. Alter the bill of fare, which was an elegant one, Includina many national dishes. had been duly</div> <div>Comments (0)</div> <div>Tags (0)</div>	

President, Captain **Piotrowski**, was the first speaker, giving a short and very interesting history of the Revolution, in which he himself participated. He was followed by Professor A. Elgass, Secretary of the Polish Society, who read several letters of prominent Poles from different parts of the State, and added to them a eulogy of the prominent participants in the Revolution. Speeches were also made by Captain O. Bielawski, Dr. W. Pawlicki, Captain F. Lessen, Mr. T. Horain, La Borne, and others. Mr. Joseph Pandler, the poet of the evening, read an exquisite poem composed by him for the occasion, describing the battles and the heroes of the Revolution. One of the features of the evening was the speech of Gov. E. S. Salomon, one of the invited guests, in which some of the most interesting events of that memorable Revolution were vividly described, and the speaker showed himself, to the delight of the many Poles present, thoroughly conversant with the history of their country. The Polish Revolution of 1830, although Poland did not succeed in freeing her people from Russian oppression, was a series of brilliant victories and glorious deeds of

Elgass: Secretary of the Polish Society

1879

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## San Jose

185 Elgass, Alexander	53	Poland	Teacher	San Jose No 2	Sept 6, 1870	San Francisco	Mar 26, 1879
186 Eddy, James	32	Wisconsin	Hotel keeper	Los Gatos			Mar 21, 1879

## 1880 Census San Francisco

Elgass Alexander	53	Poland	Teacher	Poland	Poland	Poland
Elgass Alexander	54	Poland	Teacher	Poland	Poland	Poland
Handelst Dmitri	50	Russia	Chemist	Russia	Russia	Russia

[Constantine Engleman](#) Constantine Engleman Other M 36 Poland

				LOCAL RESIDENCE	Floor	Room	NATURALIZED. DATE, PLACE AND COURT.	DATE OF REGISTRATION.
Elgass, Alexander	53	Austria	Teacher	1032 Market	2	3	Sept. 6, 1870, S. F., Cal., 4th Dist.	Aug. 4, 1880
Erie, Otto Frederick	21	Cal.	Horn's Maker	28 Turk	2	22		
Eggeling, Charles	44	Germany	Mail Carrier	1190 M.				

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The German Republicans of the Twelfth Senatorial District organized a club at B'nai B'rith Hall last evening. J. Lippman called the meeting to order. A Committee on Permanent Organization was appointed, which reported as follows:

Joseph Lippman, President; F. Korbel, A. Finkhansen, H. A. Sonntag, A. **Elgass**, F. Hageman, Adolph Samuels, E. Strauss, A.

<http://www.polishclubsf.org/Bielawski1880LetterToStrentzel.pdf>

"I am not sure that Mr. Elgass in answering your last letter mentioned something about our celebration of the 50th anniversary of the revolution of 1830. It was, considering the small number of our countrymen residing in this City, a more successful affair than we expected."



## Polish Society of California.

The Polish Society of California, a social, literary and benevolent association in this city, whose members are natives of the "fair land of Poland," celebrated the anniversary of the last Poland revolution on Thursday. The celebration consisted of a banquet given at the Willow House, Eighteenth street, by invitation of Dr. Pawlicki, President of the Society. The dinner was prepared in the Polish style, and the speeches and toasts were patriotic and national in their character. Selections of poetry were read by Mr. Joseph Paudler. The Secretary read a number of letters from members residing away from the city, expressing their regrets at not being able to attend. The celebration was highly enjoyed by all the participants. Fifty members were present. The Polish Society was organized many years ago in San Francisco, and has made good progress. Its members are among our most industrious citizens. Its library contains several hundred volumes of Polish literature, the productions of the best authors. The Society, of which Prof. A. Elgass is Secretary, meets every Saturday evening, at the rooms 1032 Market street.

1881

Elgass Alexander, linguist, r. 1032 Market

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1882

Elgass Alexander, secretary Polish Soc., r. 1235 Market

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Officers.—Dr. L. Pawlicki, President; Anton Hirschfelder and Anton Czarnecki, Vice-Presidents; A. Elgass, Secretary; A. Heilman, Treasurer.

No. 755Issued March 14, 1882

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of California  
 County of San Francisco } 88:

I, Alexander Elgass, do swear that I was born  
 in Galicia, Austria, on or about the "12" day  
 of December 1826; that I am a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES,  
 and about to travel abroad; and further, that I am the Identical Person described in the Certificate of  
Naturalization herewith presented

Sworn to before me, this sixth day  
 of March, 1882.

Alexander Elgass

J. H. Blood  
 Notary Public.

Description of Alexander Elgass

Age: 55 years.

Mouth: small

Stature: 5 feet, — inches, Eng.

Chin: square

Forehead: broad & medium high

Hair: (partly bald) brown

Eyes: hazel

Complexion: medium dark

Nose: medium full short

Face: full

I, Alexander Elgass, do solemnly swear that I will support,  
 protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether  
 domestic or foreign; and that I will bear true faith, allegiance, and loyalty to the same, any ordinance,  
 resolution, or law of any State, Convention, or Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding; and further,  
 that I do this with a full determination, pledge, and purpose, without any mental reservation or evasion  
 whatsoever; and further, that I will well and faithfully perform all the duties which may be required of me  
 by law. So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this sixth day  
 of March, 1882.

Alexander Elgass

J. H. Blood  
 Notary Public

When husband, wife, minor children, and servants expect to travel together, a single passport for the whole will suffice.  
 For any other person in the party a separate passport will be required.

Address DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PASSPORT BUREAU.

District Court of the 4th Judicial  
 District of the State of California  
 City & County of San Francisco Sept. 6, 1870,



No. 756.

Issued March 11/1882

W. F. Good.

Joseph D. Redding.

Office of  
Good & Redding,

Attorneys and Counselors,

302 Montgomery St., Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4.



San Francisco, Cal., *Mar 6* 1882.

Department of State, Passport Bureau!

Enclosed please find

Certificate of Naturalization Naturalization  
Papers of Alexander Elgass, who desires  
a passport, also find Enclosed \$5.00 fee  
for same. Please forward a passport  
for Mr Elgass to my address and  
oblige

Very truly

Joseph D. Redding

P.S. Please retain the naturalization papers,

**San Francisco** 5. grudnia. Rocznicą powstania 1830 r. obchodzoną była w San Francisco 29go listopada br. wspólnym skromnym obiadem, na który zgromadziło się 24 rodaków. Obecny weteran z r. 1830, R. K. Piotrowski, jednogłośnie prezesem obchodu obrano. Aleksander Bednawski, również weteran tego powstania, mieszkający w San Francisco, w skutek przypadku, który go 21. lipca spotkał, na obchodzie nie mógł być obecnym. Przyczynę nieobecności serdecznym listem do zgromadzonych objaśnił. Również w Kalifornii mieszkający weterani: Fran. Wojciechowski, Wł. Lutnicki i dr J. Strentzel, wiekiem, chorobą i oddaleniem przeszkodzeni, osobistego udziału w obchodzie wziąć nie mogli.

Prezes dnia, R. K. Piotrowski, rozpoczął obchód stosownym przemówieniem, a w czasie obchodu z kolei przemawiali Z. Brodowski, A. Elgass, L. Reichert, C. Mayer, J. Pandler, który swój na tę uroczystość ułożony poemat odczytał, p. Antoni Czarnecki wybornie wydekłamował utwór z Marji Malczewskiego.

Jak lat poprzednich, tak i na tym obchodzie obecni przyczynili się dobrowolnym datkiem na materialne poparcie Muzeum Narodowego w Rapperswyli na r. 1882.

"Dziennik Polski" (Lwów) 1882, nr 8, s. 2 (11 I 1882)

<http://jbc.bj.uj.edu.pl/dlibra/plain-content?id=105406>

Rough translation 1882

December 5. Anniversary of the 1830 Uprising. Celebrated in San Francisco 29th November. Modest dinner for the group brought together members and veterans of the 1830 Uprising.

**RK [Rudolf Korwin] Piotrowski** was chosen unanimously to be president of the meeting. **Alexander Bednawski**, also a veteran of the uprising living in San Francisco, ... met with an accident on July 21... could not be present. He sent a heartfelt letter to the accumulated guests in which he explained his absence. Other living veterans in California: **Franciszek Wojciechowski [Francis Mitchel]**, **Władysław (Vincent) Lutnicki** and **Dr. J. [John/Jan] Strentzel**. Age, disease, and distance prevented their personal participation. President of the day, RK Piotrowski started the event with an appropriate speech, and during the evening speeches in turn were given by: **Zbigniew Brodowski**, **Aleksander Elgass**, L. Reichert, **Charles Meyer**. **Józef Paudler** read a poem for the ceremony and **Antoni Czarnecki** read a paragraph of Marja Malczewska. As in previous years, those present contributed a voluntary donation to support the **National Museum in Rapperswil** for 1882.

<http://www.muzeum-polskie.org/mpr/english/>

1905 died in Lwów at age 83 (born about 1822 according to this squib)

-- Zmarli w ostatnich dniach: we Lwowie, Aleksander Elgass, literat, były profesor i więzień stanu z r. 1846, w 83 r. życia; — Marya Glazer, wdowa po leśniczym, w 39 r. życia; — Mieczysław Maksymowski, towarzysz rusznikarski, w 23 r. życia.

From "Gazeta Lwowska" 1905, nr 165, p. 4