



## LUXEMBOURG LITUANIE

30 ANS DE RÉTABLISSEMENT DES  
RELATIONS DIPLOMATIQUES  
DIPLOMATINIŲ SANTYKIŲ  
ATKŪRIMO 30-METIS

CELEBRATING  
THE **30<sup>TH</sup>** ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN  
**LUXEMBOURG AND LITHUANIA**



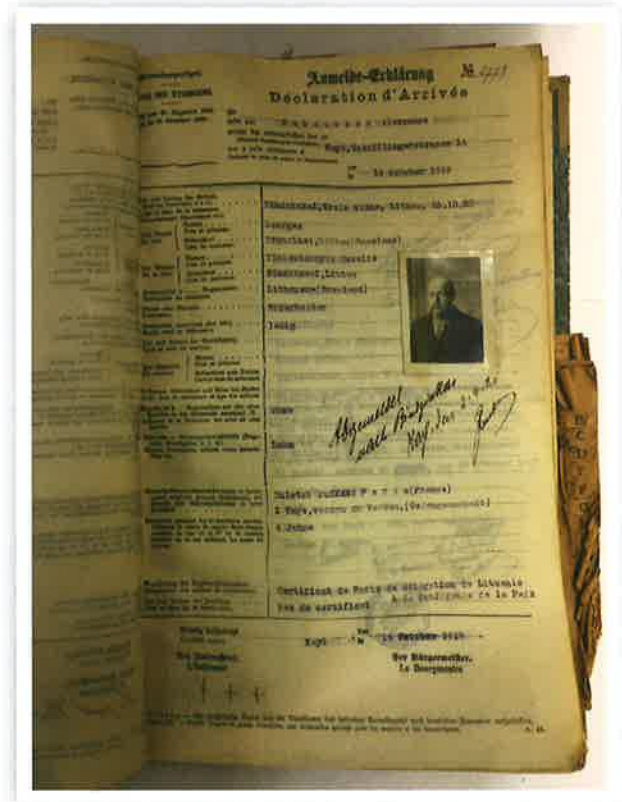


## Note on Immigration from Dr Inna Ganschow

In the late 1890s and early 1900s, people from what is now Lithuania had difficulties in identifying themselves as Lithuanian citizens, because Lithuania was incorporated into the Russian tsarist Empire. Only in the years between the two World Wars, when Lithuania was independent, do people show-up in records as Lithuanians. Also, due to the frequent misspelling of Lithuanian family names in official documents, it is difficult to conduct thorough research on individual people.

Nonetheless, documents seem to show that there was a small Lithuanian presence in Luxembourg before World War I. This population increased in the 1920s, most probably due to the demise of the Russian empire. Around this time, the Republic of Lithuania decided to nominate an Honorary Consul in Luxembourg: Mr. René Blum (1889-1967). As a member of the Socialist Party, he was a well-known lawyer and politician (head of the Luxembourgish Parliament and member of the Government before World War II). In 1944, he became the first diplomatic representative of Luxembourg residing in Moscow, and in 1956, President of the Luxembourg-USSR association.

In the 1930s, the Lithuanian presence in Luxembourg diminished. Due to a shortage of work, people moved on to other destinations. Some Lithuanians also obtained Luxembourgish citizenship, and were therefore no longer identified as Lithuanians.



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