
**Descendants of
Johann Wilhelm Speiser**

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1-**Johann Wilhelm Speiser**,¹ son of **Johann David Speiser** and **Rosine Schmid**, was born on 18 Jun 1859 in Germany¹ and died between Jun 1917 and Sep 1918.

General Notes: In Philadelphia USA [1]

Johannes Speiser immigrated in 1886, arriving in New York on 2 January 1886 from Bremen on the ship Rhein. He was 27, from Wuerttemberg, and a butcher. Traveling with him was his wife Louise, 25, and daughter Louise, 11 months. [2]

In 1887 John Speiser, butcher, is in Philadelphia at 1211 N 13th street. [6]

In 1890 John W Speiser is living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at 1235 Dover. He is a butcher. [3]

In 1900 John Spisser is living in Philadelphia on Poplar street. He is 41, born in Germany, and a butcher. Living with John are his wife Louse, 39, and children Chasaei (should be Clara), 12, Emma, 8, Willie, 10, Chas., 4. John and Louse have been married 15 years. John immigrated in 1881 and has been in the US 13 years. Living in the US 13 years actually calculates to immigrating in 1886 or 1887. [4]

In 1910 John Spicer is living in Philadelphia at 2604 Poplar street. He is 52, and a butcher in a wholesale establishment. John and his wife Louisa, 49, were born in Germany and have been married 25 years. John is a naturalized citizen. With them are their children Emma, 17, Clara, 22, William, 19, and Charles, 14. [5]

In 1917 & 1918 Jno Speiser, butcher, living at 2634 Poplar, is listed in the city directories. In 1919, son William is living at that address. [6]

John died between 5 June 1917 when he is listed as a dependant of son William on William's World War I draft registration, and 17 September 1918, when Louise, widow of John, died.

[1] Speiser Family tree 1939 (Hans Böhringer 2008)

[2] New York passenger lists (Ancestry.com)

[3] Philadelphia City Directory, 1890, olddirectorysearch.com

[4] 1900 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 732, sheet 11A

[5] 1910 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 246, sheet 5B

[6] Philadelphia City Directories (Footnote.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Jan 1859, Germany.²

Johann married **Luise Philippine**¹ about 1885.² Luise was born in Feb 1861 in Germany,² died on 17 Sep 1918³ at age 57, and was buried in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.³ They had six children: **Louise, John Willie, Clara, William David, Emma, and Charles**.

General Notes: Louisa Speiser, wife of the late John Speiser, died on 17 September 1918 at age 56. The service was conducted from her home at 2634 Poplar. Burial was in Mt Peace Cemetery. [1]

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[1] Philadelphia Inquirer, 18 Sep 1918, p. 21 (Genealogybank.com)

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1861, Germany.⁴

2-**Louise Speiser**⁴ was born in 1885 in Germany.⁴

General Notes: Louise has not been found after her immigration in 1886. She probably died young, before 1900, as she is not on the 1900 census with her parents. [CAR]

2-**John Willie Speiser**⁵ was born on 27 Jul 1886 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,⁵ died on 23 Jan 1895 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania⁶ at age 8, and was buried on 25 Jan 1895 in Glenwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.³ Another name for John was John W Speiser.⁶

General Notes: John Willie Spicer, son of John and Louisa Spicer, born 27 July 1886 Philadelphia. [3]

John W Speiser died on 23 January 1895 at age 8 years and 6 months. He died of injuries received when he was run over by a Reading Railroad shifting engine while gathering coal at Twenty-ninth street and Pennsylvania ave. The newspaper reported that his body was almost severed in two. John's mother was with him when the accident occurred. [1, 2]

John was the son of John and Louisa Speiser of 874 Taney street in Philadelphia. He was buried at Glenwood Cemetery. [1]

[1] Philadelphia Death Certificates - Family Search Labs (labs.familysearch.org).

[2] Philadelphia Inquirer, 24 Jan 1895, p. 9 (Genealogybank.com)

[3] Familysearch.org, IGI, Phila. births, Batch C004558

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt Jul 1886, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁶

2-**Clara Speiser**⁷ was born in Aug 1887 in Pennsylvania.²

General Notes: In 1910 Clara Spicer is living in Philadelphia at 2604 Poplar street with her parents and siblings. She is 22, born in Pennsylvania, and a looper at a hosiery mill. [1]

In 1920 Clara Spicer and her brother William are living in Philadelphia at 2634 Poplar street with their sister Emma and her husband William Brenner. Clara is 30 and a laundress. [2]

In 1930 Clara and Frederick O Kurtz are living in Philadelphia at 1304 Seventy-Sixth street. They own their own home worth \$6300, and have a radio. Emma is 42 and Frederick 57. They were married at age 49 and 34. Frederick is a clerical at a title [real estate] company. Their son Raymond H is 6 years old. [3]

[1] 1910 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 246, sheet 5B

[2] 1920 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 330, sheet 1B-2A

[3] 1930 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 714, sheet 4B

Clara married **Frederick O Kurtz**⁸ in 1922 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁸ Frederick was born about 1873 in Pennsylvania.⁹ They had one son: **Raymond H.**

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3-**Raymond H Kurtz**⁹ was born on 25 Jul 1923 in Pennsylvania¹⁰ and died in Jan 1985¹¹ at age 61.

General Notes: Raymond H Kurtz enlisted in the US Army on 20 March 1943 in Philadelphia. He was born in 1923, is single, has 3 years of high school, and is a Laundry Maintenance Mechanic. [1]

Raymond Kurtz was born 25 July 1923 and died January 1985. His last residence was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [2]

[1] U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Social Security Death Index

2-**William David Speiser**¹² was born on 27 Aug 1891 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.¹² Another name for William was Willie Speiser.²

General Notes: In 1910 William Spicer is living in Philadelphia at 2604 Poplar street with his parents and siblings. He is 19, born in Pennsylvania, and a printer. [1]

In June 1917 William David Speiser was living in Philadelphia at 2634 Poplar street [with sister Emma and her husband William Brenner (and his parents?)]. He is single, and an automobile mechanic for the American Ice Company [where William Brenner also works]. William was born 27 August 1891 in Philadelphia. He is single and his father and mother are dependant on his support. [3]

In 1919 Wm Speiser, machinist, is living at 2634 Poplar.

In 1920 William Spicer and his sister Clara are living in Philadelphia at 2634 Poplar street with their sister Emma and her husband William Brenner. William Spicer is 29, and a stationary engineer at an ice company. [2]

William is probably the Wm D Speiser who married Nina E Claycomb in Philadelphia in 1927, but they have not been identified after that. [4] In 1920 Nina E Claycomb was 33 [b. abt 1887], born in Texas, living in Philadelphia (as a lodger), and working as a telephone operator for the railroad office.

[1] 1910 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 246, sheet 5B

[2] 1920 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 330, sheet 1B-2A

[3] World War I draft registration

[4] Philadelphia Marriage Indexes - Family Search Labs (labs.familysearch.org)

[5] Philadelphia City Directories (Footnote.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Jun 1890, Pennsylvania.²

2-**Emma Speiser**² was born in Dec 1891 in Pennsylvania² and died after 1942.

General Notes: In 1910 Emma Spicer is living in Philadelphia at 2604 Poplar street with her parents and siblings. She is 17, born in Pennsylvania, and a cutter at a hosiery mill. [1]

In 1920 Emma and William Brenner are living in Philadelphia at 2634 Poplar street. William is 33, born in Pennsylvania, his parents in Germany, and is a machinist at a refrigerator

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business. Their daughter Mildred is 2+ years old. Also living with them are Emma's brother and sister William and Clara Spicer, and Amelia Newman, a boarder, age 65. [2]

In 1930 Emma and William Brenner are living in Philadelphia at 1540 Hollywood street. They own their home valued at \$2600, and have a radio. Emma is 41. William is 43, and a machinist at an ice company. With them is their daughter Mildred, 12. [3]

Emma and William may have died between 1942 (WW II draft registration) and 1950, when only daughter Mildred Brenner is listed at their address on Hollywood street in Philadelphia in 1950.

[1] 1910 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 246, sheet 5B

[2] 1920 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 330, sheet 1B-2A

[3] 1930 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 712, sheet 4B

Emma married **William Brenner**⁸ in 1912 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁸ William was born on 27 Jul 1886 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania¹³ and died after 1942. They had one daughter: **Mildred**.

General Notes: In June 1917 William Brenner was living in Philadelphia at 2634 Poplar street. He is a machinist at the American Ice Company. William was born 27 July 1886 in Philadelphia. He is married and has a child. [1]

In 1942 William Brenner is living in Philadelphia at 1540 N Hollywood street. He was born 27 July 1886 in Philadelphia, and works for the American Ice Company. William's closest contact is [wife] Mrs Emma Brenner. [2]

[1] World War I draft registration

[2] U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 (Ancestry.com)

3-Mildred Brenner

2-**Charles Speiser** was born in Sep 1895 in Pennsylvania² and died on 2 Nov 1914 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania⁶ at age 19.

General Notes: Charles is probably the Charles Speiser who died on 2 November 1914 at St Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia of a fractured skull suffered in a accidental fall from a roof. No other information was provided on his death certificate - parents, age, birth place, etc. [1]

Although it is not certain this Charles was the son of John and Louisa, he has not been found after the 1910 census, and the other Charles Speisers living in Philadelphia during this time were still there for the 1920 census. No other records after 1910 (except this death certificate in 1914) have been found for Charles. [CAR]

[1] Philadelphia Death Certificates - Family Search Labs (labs.familysearch.org)

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Johann Wilhelm (1859-Between 1917), 1

John Willie (1886-1895), 2

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William David (1891-), 3