

Descendants of Blasius Speiser

Generation No. 1

1. BLASIUS¹ SPEISER¹ was born Bet. 1540 - 1550 in probably Notzingen¹, and died Bef. 1625. He married MARGARETHA SCHLEGEL¹ Bef. 1579. She died Bef. 1625.

Notes for BLASIUS SPEISER:

Blasius Speiser and Margaretha Schlegel were married before 1579 when marriages were first recorded, probably in Notzingen. They probably died before 1625 when deaths were first recorded.

More About BLASIUS SPEISER and MARGARETHA SCHLEGEL:

Marriage: Bef. 1579

Children of BLASIUS SPEISER and MARGARETHA SCHLEGEL are:

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 - i. JOHANNES/HANS² SPEISER, b. 03 Feb 1579, Notzingen, (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
 - ii. PETRUS SPEISER, b. 03 Feb 1579, Notzingen.
 - iii. BARBARA SPEISER, b. 18 May 1580, Notzingen.
 - iv. PETER SPEISER, b. 08 Jun 1582, Notzingen.
 - v. MARTIN SPEISER, b. 04 Apr 1584, Notzingen.
 - vi. MICHAEL SPEISER, b. 13 Apr 1589, Notzingen.
 - vii. MARGARETHA SPEISER, b. 22 Jul 1590, Notzingen.
 - viii. BLASIUS SPEISER, b. 22 Jul 1590, Notzingen.
 - ix. STILLBORN SON SPEISER, b. 22 Jul 1590, Notzingen.
 - x. DANIEL SPEISER, b. 28 Nov 1592, Notzingen.

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2. JOHANNES/HANS² SPEISER (*BLASIUS*¹)¹ was born 03 Feb 1579 in Notzingen, (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany¹. He married CATHARINA HUEBSCH¹ 19 Jan 1602 in Kirchheim district¹, daughter of JOHANNES HUEBSCH. She was born Abt. 1580 in Ötlingen¹.

Notes for JOHANNES/HANS SPEISER:

Speiser name is mentioned the first time in an old tax book out of the year 1631 with Hans Speiser. At that time - Thirty Years War (1618-1648) - the church records of Ötlingen were lost. After the war they were started new with some reconstructions of dates but very incompletely. So in the eldest generations you can find only the surviving children. [Martin Koepple - 2004 email]

Johannes/Hans was born in 1579 in Notzingen. Hans probably moved to the neighboring village of Ötlingen by 1602 when he married Catharina Huebsh who was born in Ötlingen. Ötlingen is about 2 1/2 miles from Notzingen.

More About JOHANNES/HANS SPEISER:

Name 2: Hans Speiser²

More About JOHANNES/HANS SPEISER and CATHARINA HUEBSCH:

Marriage: 19 Jan 1602, Kirchheim district³

Children of JOHANNES/HANS SPEISER and CATHARINA HUEBSCH are:

- i. APOLLONIA³ SPEISER³, b. 26 Apr 1603.
- ii. JOHANNES SPEISER³, b. 10 Nov 1605.
- iii. MICHAEL SPEISER³, b. 11 Sep 1607.
3. iv. GEORG SPEISER, b. Abt. 1622, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. 02 Feb 1698, Ötlingen.

Generation No. 3

3. GEORG³ SPEISER (*JOHANNES/HANS*², *BLASIUS*¹)⁴ was born Abt. 1622 in Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴, and died 02 Feb 1698 in Ötlingen⁴. He married (1) ANNA SCHEINER⁴ 08 Nov 1653 in Jesingen, daughter of HANS SCHEINER. He married (2) KUNIGUNDE VISCHER⁴ 20 Nov 1660 in Ötlingen⁴, daughter of LORENTZ VISCHER. She was born Abt. 1624 in Notzingen⁴, and died 17 Aug 1692 in Ötlingen⁴.

Notes for GEORG SPEISER:

Georg was Schultheiss, or mayor, from 1694 to 1698. He was also Besitzer des Lehenhofes von Albershausen - owner of the Albershausen estate.

More About GEORG SPEISER and ANNA SCHEINER:

Marriage: 08 Nov 1653, Jesingen

Notes for KUNIGUNDE VISCHER:

Kunigunde's father Lorentz was a Schulmeister, or schoolmaster, in Notzingen.

More About GEORG SPEISER and KUNIGUNDE VISCHER:

Marriage: 20 Nov 1660, Ötlingen⁴

Children of GEORG SPEISER and KUNIGUNDE VISCHER are:

4. i. JOHANNES⁴ SPEISER, b. 12 Sep 1661, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. 17 Aug 1732, Ötlingen.
- ii. ANNA MARIA SPEISER⁴, b. 09 Feb 1664⁴.

Generation No. 4

4. JOHANNES⁴ SPEISER (*GEORG*³, *JOHANNES/HANS*², *BLASIUS*¹)⁴ was born 12 Sep 1661 in Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴, and died 17 Aug 1732 in Ötlingen⁴. He married (1) CATHARINA DÖRSCH⁴ 29 Oct 1691 in Ötlingen⁴, daughter of JERG DÖRSCH. She was born Abt. 1667⁴, and died 24 Mar 1693 in Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴. He married (2) ANNA BARBARA KICHERER⁴ 13 Nov 1694 in Ötlingen⁴, daughter of JACOB KICHERER and ANNA KLINGLER. She was born 15 Dec 1669 in Oberlenningen⁴, and died in Ötlingen⁴.

Notes for JOHANNES SPEISER:

Johannes was a Müller, or miller, and Bürgermeister, or administrator of the local finances. He was also Besitzer des Lehenhofes von Albershausen - owner of the Albershausen estate.

Notes for CATHARINA DÖRSCH:

Catharina's father Jerg Dörsch was "Maier von Lindelshof". A "Maier" was a more wealthy peasant resident on the "Maierhof", a estate older and greater than the others. The "Maier" was the richest peasant in the village - more like a farmer than a peasant, or laborer. "Lindelshof" may have been the

estate where he lived and worked.

More About JOHANNES SPEISER and CATHARINA DÖRSCH:

Marriage: 29 Oct 1691, Ötlingen⁴

More About JOHANNES SPEISER and ANNA KICHERER:

Marriage: 13 Nov 1694, Ötlingen⁴

Children of JOHANNES SPEISER and ANNA KICHERER are:

- i. JOHANN GEORG⁵ SPEISER⁴, b. 09 Aug 1695, Ötlingen; d. Bef. 1699, Ötlingen.
- ii. JOHANNES SPEISER⁴, b. 19 Mar 1697, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴; d. 18 May 1751, Ötlingen⁴.

Notes for JOHANNES SPEISER:

Johannes was Schultheiss, or mayor, from 1738 to 1751. Like his father, he was also Besitzer des Lehenhofes von Albershausen - owner of the Albershausen estate.

- iii. JOHANN GEORG SPEISER⁴, b. 27 May 1699, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴; d. 13 Apr 1748, Ötlingen⁴; m. MARIA BARBARA⁴, 17 Aug 1723, Ötlingen⁴.

Notes for JOHANN GEORG SPEISER:

Johann was a Müller, or miller.

Martin Koepple, who has provided the research on the Speiser and Merz families, is descended from Johann's daughter Anna Catharina, born 10 Aug 1730.

Notes for MARIA BARBARA:

Maria was widowed from a man named Stark when she married Johann.

More About JOHANN SPEISER and MARIA BARBARA:

Marriage: 17 Aug 1723, Ötlingen⁴

- iv. ANNA BARBARA SPEISER⁴, b. 05 Aug 1701, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
- v. JOHANN JACOB SPEISER⁴, b. 19 Jul 1703, Ötlingen; d. Bef. 1710, Ötlingen.
- vi. JOHANN MICHAEL SPEISER⁴, b. 29 Nov 1704, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
5. vii. JOHANN DAVID SPEISER, b. 10 Sep 1707, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. 10 Dec 1759, Ötlingen.
- viii. JOHANN JACOB SPEISER⁴, b. 24 Nov 1710, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴; d. 23 Feb 1779, Hochdorf⁴; m. JOHANNA HÜRDTLIN⁴, 1730, Hochdorf⁴; b. 18 Sep 1703, Hochdorf⁴.

More About JOHANN SPEISER and JOHANNA HÜRDTLIN:

Marriage: 1730, Hochdorf⁴

- ix. ANNA KUNIGUNDA SPEISER⁴, b. 29 Sep 1712, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.

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5. JOHANN DAVID⁵ SPEISER (*JOHANNES*⁴, *GEORG*³, *JOHANNES/HANS*², *BLASIUS*¹)⁴ was born 10 Sep 1707 in Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴, and died 10 Dec 1759 in Ötlingen⁴. He married ANNA CHRISTINA FEES⁴ 04 Jul 1729 in Ötlingen⁴, daughter of GEORG FEES and ANNA. She was born 25 Dec 1698 in Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴, and died 1764 in Ötlingen⁴.

Notes for JOHANN DAVID SPEISER:

Johann was Rössleswirt, or the host of the inn "Little Horse", and Bürgermeister, or administrator of the local finances.

Notes for ANNA CHRISTINA FEES:

Anna's father Georg was Gerichtsverwandter, a member of the local court.

More About ANNA CHRISTINA FEES:

Name 2: Anna Christina Föss⁴

More About JOHANN SPEISER and ANNA FEES:

Marriage: 04 Jul 1729, Ötlingen⁴

Children of JOHANN SPEISER and ANNA FEES are:

- i. ANNA BARBARA⁶ SPEISER⁴, b. 27 May 1730, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
- ii. JOHANN GEORG SPEISER⁴, b. 21 Aug 1731, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
6. iii. JOHANN WILHELM SPEISER, b. 28 Dec 1732, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. 02 Jun 1790, Ötlingen.
- iv. JOHANN DAVID SPEISER⁴, b. Jan 1735, Ötlingen.
- v. CHRISTINA SPEISER⁴, b. 04 Feb 1739, Ötlingen.
- vi. ANNA BARBARA SPEISER⁴, b. 31 Aug 1743, Ötlingen.

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6. JOHANN WILHELM⁶ SPEISER (*JOHANN DAVID*⁵, *JOHANNES*⁴, *GEORG*³, *JOHANNES/HANS*², *BLASIUS*¹)⁴ was born 28 Dec 1732 in Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴, and died 02 Jun 1790 in Ötlingen⁴. He married ANNA STEPHAN⁴ 28 Nov 1758 in Ötlingen⁴, daughter of JOHANN STEPHAN and JAKOBINA HALLER. She was born 19 Mar 1740 in Unterensingen, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴, and died 16 Dec 1815 in Ötlingen⁴.

Notes for JOHANN WILHELM SPEISER:

Johann was Rössleswirt, or the host of the inn "Little Horse", and Schultheiss (mayor) from 1773 to 1790.

Notes for ANNA STEPHAN:

Anna's father Johann was a Bauer - peasant/farmer.

More About JOHANN SPEISER and ANNA STEPHAN:

Marriage: 28 Nov 1758, Ötlingen⁴

Children of JOHANN SPEISER and ANNA STEPHAN are:

- i. BARBARA⁷ SPEISER⁴, b. 24 Nov 1759, Ötlingen; d. 24 Aug 1771, Ötlingen.
- ii. JULIANA SPEISER⁴, b. 02 Oct 1761, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.

- iii. JOHANN GEORG SPEISER⁴, b. 03 Jun 1763, Ötlingen; d. 04 Nov 1763, Ötlingen.
- iv. JOHANN WILHELM SPEISER⁴, b. 03 Jan 1765, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
- v. JAKOBINA SPEISER⁴, b. 18 Oct 1766, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
- vi. ANNA CHRISTINA SPEISER⁴, b. 16 Aug 1768, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
- vii. KUNIGUNDA SPEISER⁴, b. 01 Oct 1770, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
- 7. viii. DAVID SPEISER, b. 19 Mar 1773, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. 28 Aug 1831, Ötlingen.
- ix. ANNA BARBARA SPEISER⁴, b. 25 Jan 1775, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
- x. JOHANNES SPEISER⁴, b. 23 Dec 1776, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴; d. 1818, Ötlingen⁴.

Notes for JOHANNES SPEISER:

Like his father, Johannes was Rössleswirt, or the host of the inn "Little Horse". He married in Ötlingen in 1805.

- xi. MARIA CATHARINA SPEISER⁴, b. 06 Jun 1778, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
- xii. ANNA ROSINA SPEISER⁴, b. 10 Aug 1780, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴; m. JOHANNES WEBER⁴, 1804, Ötlingen⁴.

Notes for JOHANNES WEBER:

Johannes was Rössleswirt, or the host of the inn "Little Horse", beginning in 1825.

More About JOHANNES WEBER and ANNA SPEISER:

Marriage: 1804, Ötlingen⁴

- xiii. MARGARETHA SPEISER⁴, b. 07 Apr 1782, Ötlingen; d. 18 Mar 1783, Ötlingen.
- xiv. JOHANN GEORG SPEISER⁴, b. 14 Dec 1785, Ötlingen; d. 26 Dec 1787, Ötlingen.

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7. DAVID⁷ SPEISER (*JOHANN WILHELM*⁶, *JOHANN DAVID*⁵, *JOHANNES*⁴, *GEORG*³, *JOHANNES/HANS*², *BLASIUS*¹)⁴ was born 19 Mar 1773 in Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴, and died 28 Aug 1831 in Ötlingen⁴. He married MARIA MARGARETHA WEBER⁴ 15 Feb 1798 in Ötlingen, daughter of JAKOB WEBER and ANNA EBERLE. She was born 10 Jul 1775 in Frickenhausen, Frickenhausen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴, and died 09 Apr 1837 in Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg⁴.

Notes for DAVID SPEISER:

David was a Bauer, or peasant/farmer. He was also Schultheiss, or mayor, in 1818-19.

Notes for MARIA MARGARETHA WEBER:

Maria's father Jakob Weber was Bürgermeister - an administrator of local finances.

More About DAVID SPEISER and MARIA WEBER:

Marriage: 15 Feb 1798, Ötlingen

Children of DAVID SPEISER and MARIA WEBER are:

- i. JOHANN DAVID⁸ SPEISER⁴, b. 17 Jun 1797, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴; m. REGINA GÖZ, 07 Nov 1820, Ötlingen⁴; b. 15 Dec 1797, Lindorf⁴.

Notes for JOHANN DAVID SPEISER:

Johann was a Bauer, or peasant/farmer.

More About JOHANN SPEISER and REGINA GÖZ:

Marriage: 07 Nov 1820, Ötlingen⁴

- ii. ANNA MARIA SPEISER⁴, b. 12 Oct 1798, Ötlingen; d. 23 Sep 1799, Ötlingen.
- iii. ANNA CHRISTINA SPEISER⁴, b. 23 Dec 1799, Ötlingen; d. 26 Dec 1799, Ötlingen.
- iv. JOHANN WILHELM SPEISER⁴, b. 29 Apr 1801, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴; m. ROSINA CATHARINA CONRADT⁴, 12 Jan 1825, Ötlingen⁴; b. 17 Jan 1807, Illingen⁴.

More About JOHANN SPEISER and ROSINA CONRADT:

Marriage: 12 Jan 1825, Ötlingen⁴

- v. MARIA MARGARETHA SPEISER⁴, b. 04 Nov 1802, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴.
- vi. JOHANN JAKOB SPEISER⁴, b. 15 Jan 1806, Ötlingen; d. 1806, Ötlingen.
8. vii. JOHANNES SPEISER, b. 04 Jul 1807, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. 04 Feb 1855, Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
- viii. JAKOB SPEISER⁴, b. 18 Jan 1809, Ötlingen; d. 1809, Ötlingen.
- ix. JOHANN JAKOB SPEISER⁴, b. 28 Nov 1811, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes for JOHANN JAKOB SPEISER:

Johann married 19 June 1838 in Ötlingen.

- x. ANNA MARIA SPEISER⁴, b. 03 Sep 1813, Ötlingen; d. 01 Oct 1813, Ötlingen.
- xi. CHRISTIAN HEINRICH SPEISER⁴, b. 25 Dec 1814, Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes for CHRISTIAN HEINRICH SPEISER:

Christian married 27 February 1838 in Ötlingen, and moved to Welling.

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8. JOHANNES⁸ SPEISER (*DAVID*⁷, *JOHANN WILHELM*⁶, *JOHANN DAVID*⁵, *JOHANNES*⁴, *GEORG*³, *JOHANNES/HANS*², *BLASIUS*¹) was born 04 Jul 1807 in Ötlingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany^{5,6}, and died 04 Feb 1855 in Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany^{7,8}. He married ELISABETHA ESENWEIN⁸ 22 May 1832 in Jesingen⁸, daughter of JOHANNES ESENWEIN and ANNA BRENNENSTUHL. She was born 11 Jun 1813 in Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁹, and died 28 Jan 1908 in Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁹.

Notes for JOHANNES SPEISER:

Johannes was born in Oetlingen (or Ötlingen), per his son Heinrich's bible. Oetlingen (or Ötlingen) was in the Kingdom of Wuerttemberg. Today Oetlingen is part of the city of Kirchheim unter Teck in Baden-Wuerttemberg. Heinrich was born in Jesingen, which today is also part of Kirchheim unter Teck.

Johannes was a Ochsenwirt, or host (wirt) of an inn called "The Ox" (Ochsen).

Notes for ELISABETHA ESENWEIN:

Elizabeth was born in Jesingen, Kirchheim oberamt (or district), in the Kingdom of Wuerttemberg. Today the town of Jesingen has become part of the city of Kirchheim unter Teck, in the district (or Kreis in German) of Esslingen in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

Her father Johannes Esenwein was a butcher as well as a mayor. He and Anna Maria Brennenstuhl were married Oct 1 1812 in Jesingen.

More About ELISABETHA ESENWEIN:

Name 2: Elizabeth Esenwein

More About JOHANNES SPEISER and ELISABETHA ESENWEIN:

Marriage: 22 May 1832, Jesingen¹⁰

Children of JOHANNES SPEISER and ELISABETHA ESENWEIN are:

9. i. CHRISTIANA ELISABETHA⁹ SPEISER, b. 30 Mar 1833, Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. 17 Apr 1913, Kirchheim.
10. ii. JOHANNES HEINRICH SPEISER, b. 09 Jan 1836, Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. 02 Oct 1883, Jesingen.
11. iii. JOHANN WILHELM SPEISER, b. 02 Aug 1838, Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. 07 Feb 1927, Göppingen.
- iv. MARIA SOPHIA MARGARETHA SPEISER¹⁰, b. 29 Aug 1841, Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. 19 Aug 1843, Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.
- v. GOTTLÖB ADOLPH SPEISER¹⁰, b. 21 Apr 1843, Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany¹⁰; d. 12 Mar 1862, Marseille, France¹⁰.
- vi. MARIA SOPHIA ELISA SPEISER¹⁰, b. 19 Jul 1845, Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany¹⁰; d. 26 Jul 1845, Jesingen¹⁰.
12. vii. ROSINE CAROLINE SPEISER, b. 23 Feb 1848, Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. Abt. 1907, possibly Stuttgart.
13. viii. HEINRICH DAVID SPEISER, b. 21 May 1850, Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany; d. 18 Oct 1921, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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9. CHRISTIANA ELISABETHA⁹ SPEISER (*JOHANNES*⁸, *DAVID*⁷, *JOHANN WILHELM*⁶, *JOHANN DAVID*⁵, *JOHANNES*⁴, *GEORG*³, *JOHANNES/HANS*², *BLASIUS*¹)¹⁰ was born 30 Mar 1833 in Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany¹⁰, and died 17 Apr 1913 in Kirchheim¹⁰. She married JOHANN JAKOB STING¹⁰ 30 Apr 1857 in Jesingen¹⁰, son of JOHANN STING and MARIA LUTZ. He was born 04 Apr 1829 in Jesingen¹⁰, and died 12 May 1886 in Jesingen¹⁰.

Notes for CHRISTIANA ELISABETHA SPEISER:

Christiana Elisabetha may have been the sister of Heinrich known to her niece Lydia as Johanna.

More About CHRISTIANA ELISABETHA SPEISER:

Name 2: Johanna Speiser

More About JOHANN JAKOB STING:

Name 2: Sting¹¹

Occupation: Müller (Miller)¹²

More About JOHANN STING and CHRISTIANA SPEISER:

Marriage: 30 Apr 1857, Jesingen¹²

Children of CHRISTIANA SPEISER and JOHANN STING are:

- i. JOHANN JAKOB¹⁰ STING¹², b. 21 Oct 1857, Jesingen¹²; m. ANNA BARBARA LUTZ¹², 05 May 1887, Jesingen¹².

More About JOHANN JAKOB STING:

Name 2: Jacob Sting¹³

More About JOHANN STING and ANNA LUTZ:

Marriage: 05 May 1887, Jesingen¹⁴

- ii. CARL HEINRICH STING¹⁴, b. 15 Dec 1860, Jesingen¹⁴; m. ANNA MARIA WÄGENBAUR¹⁴, 06 Aug 1892, Tübingen¹⁴.

More About CARL HEINRICH STING:

Name 2: Henry Sting¹⁵

More About ANNA MARIA WÄGENBAUR:

Name 2: Johanna¹⁶

More About CARL STING and ANNA WÄGENBAUR:

Marriage: 06 Aug 1892, Tübingen¹⁷

- iii. ELISE CHRISTIANE LYDIA STING¹⁷, b. 04 Sep 1863, Jesingen¹⁷; m. ERNST BANTLE^{18,19}, Jesingen¹⁹.

Notes for ELISE CHRISTIANE LYDIA STING:

Based on information on photos in Lydia Speiser Reuther's collection, Elise may have been called Johanna.

More About ELISE CHRISTIANE LYDIA STING:

Name 2: Johanna Sting²⁰

More About ERNST BANTLE and ELISE STING:

Marriage: Jesingen²¹

- iv. GOTTLOB ADOLF STING, b. 05 May 1866, Jesingen; d. 10 May 1866.
- v. JOHANNA LINA STING, b. 13 Apr 1874, Jesingen; d. 02 May 1874.

10. JOHANNES HEINRICH⁹ SPEISER (*JOHANNES*⁸, *DAVID*⁷, *JOHANN WILHELM*⁶, *JOHANN DAVID*⁵, *JOHANNES*⁴, *GEORG*³, *JOHANNES/HANS*², *BLASIUS*¹)²¹ was born 09 Jan 1836 in Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany²¹, and died 02 Oct 1883 in Jesingen²¹.

He married (1) AGNES DOROTHEA HOLL²¹ 15 Nov 1859 in Jesingen²¹, daughter of JOHANN HOLL and ANNA DÜRNER. She was born 06 Jul 1833 in Weilheim/Teck²¹, and died 01 Sep 1877 in Jesingen²¹. He married (2) CHRISTIANE CAROLINE BAUR²¹ 27 Nov 1879 in Jesingen²¹, daughter of JOHANNES BAUR and ANNA BEZLER. She was born 26 Jan 1846 in Jesingen²¹, and died 04 Dec 1906 in Jesingen²¹.

Notes for JOHANNES HEINRICH SPEISER:

Like his father, Johannes was a Ochsenwirt, or host (wirt) of an inn called "The Ox" (Ochsen).

More About JOHANNES HEINRICH SPEISER:

Name 2: John Speiser

More About JOHANNES SPEISER and AGNES HOLL:

Marriage: 15 Nov 1859, Jesingen²¹

More About JOHANNES SPEISER and CHRISTIANE BAUR:

Marriage: 27 Nov 1879, Jesingen²¹

Children of JOHANNES SPEISER and AGNES HOLL are:

- i. ELISABETH CAROLINE¹⁰ SPEISER²¹, b. 20 Oct 1861, Jesingen²¹.

Notes for ELISABETH CAROLINE SPEISER:

Elisabeth married in Jesingen in 1881.

- ii. MARIE SOPHIE SPEISER²¹, b. 21 Nov 1862, Jesingen²¹.

Notes for MARIE SOPHIE SPEISER:

Marie married in München (Munich).

- iii. JOHANNES GOTTLOB ADOLPH SPEISER²¹, b. 31 Mar 1864, Jesingen²¹; m. KATHARINA KAROLINA FRANK, 26 Jun 1888, Jesingen.

More About JOHANNES SPEISER and KATHARINA FRANK:

Marriage: 26 Jun 1888, Jesingen

- iv. LINA SPEISER²¹, b. 31 Dec 1865, Jesingen²¹; m. LUDWIG CHRISTIAN STAEBLER, 04 Aug 1903, Jesingen.

More About LUDWIG STAEBLER and LINA SPEISER:

Marriage: 04 Aug 1903, Jesingen

- v. HEINRICH DAVID SPEISER²¹, b. 23 Mar 1867, Jesingen²¹; m. ELISABETH RARUF.

11. JOHANN WILHELM⁹ SPEISER (*JOHANNES⁸, DAVID⁷, JOHANN WILHELM⁶, JOHANN DAVID⁵, JOHANNES⁴, GEORG³, JOHANNES/HANS², BLASIUS¹*)²² was born 02 Aug 1838 in Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany²³, and died 07 Feb 1927 in Göppingen²⁴. He married (1) CHRISTIANA FRIEDERIKE HERRMANN²⁵ 04 May 1865 in Göppingen²⁵, daughter of GUSTAV HERMANN and EBERHARDINE BÜHLER. She was born 28 May 1844 in Göppingen²⁶, and died 06 Aug 1869 in Göppingen²⁶. He married (2) EMILIE FRIEDERIKE ENDRISS²⁶ 10 Feb 1872 in Göppingen²⁶, daughter of JOHANNES ENDRISS and CHRISTIANE HEILER. She was born 13 May 1844 in Göppingen, and died 26 Sep 1915 in Göppingen^{27,28}.

Notes for JOHANN WILHELM SPEISER:

Wilhelm was a very wealthy man. He owned a factory in Göppingen where they made farm implements, plows, etc. [Lydia Speiser Reuther]

In the year 1864 Wilhelm came to Göppingen as a smith and merchant working in the factory owned by Friedrich Rapp. Ten years later he started his own factory (perhaps continuing the old one of Rapp) with 40 workers. After a short time he added an iron-foundry to produce mainly agricultural machines and tools. In about 1910 there were nearly 500 workers in Wilhelm Speiser's factory which had several branches in Wuerttemberg, Bavaria and Silesia. [1]

Before Wilhelm Speiser died in 1927 he had made his sons Heinrich and Hermann his successors. [1]

The factory was closed in 1970 because the competition was too hard and the number of the agricultural trades in Germany was retrograde. Today the area where the Speiser factory was standing is called the Speiser area. [1]

[1] Martin Koepple, doing research in Göppingen, Baden-Wüttermberg

More About JOHANN WILHELM SPEISER:

Name 2: Wilhelm Speiser

Date born 2: Abt. 1838²⁹

Died 2: Aft. 1926²⁹

More About JOHANN SPEISER and CHRISTIANA HERRMANN:

Marriage: 04 May 1865, Göppingen³⁰

Notes for EMILIE FRIEDERIKE ENDRISS:

In notes made by Calvin Reuther from the Speiser family bible, he writes that Frederike, who died 26 September 1915, was Henry Speiser's sister. She was actually Wilhelm's wife and Henry's sister-in-law.

More About JOHANN SPEISER and EMILIE ENDRISS:

Marriage: 10 Feb 1872, Göppingen³¹

Children of JOHANN SPEISER and CHRISTIANA HERRMANN are:

- i. STILLBORN GIRL¹⁰ SPEISER, b. 22 Sep 1866, Göppingen; d. 22 Sep 1866.
- ii. HELENA SPEISER³¹, b. 17 Dec 1867, Göppingen³¹; m. ERNST JULIUS WAGNER³¹, 29 Oct 1888, Göppingen³¹.

More About HELENA SPEISER:

Name 2: Helene Speiser³²

More About ERNST JULIUS WAGNER:

Name 2: Julius Wagner³²

More About ERNST WAGNER and HELENA SPEISER:

Marriage: 29 Oct 1888, Göppingen³³

- iii. FRIEDRICH HERMANN SPEISER³³, b. 24 Feb 1869, Göppingen³³; m. ELIZABETH ARNDT^{34,35}, 05 May 1896, Berlin³⁵.

More About FRIEDRICH HERMANN SPEISER:

Name 2: Herman Speiser³⁶

More About FRIEDRICH SPEISER and ELIZABETH ARNDT:
Marriage: 05 May 1896, Berlin³⁷

Children of JOHANN SPEISER and EMILIE ENDRISS are:

- iv. HEINRICH¹⁰ SPEISER³⁷, b. 05 Feb 1874, Göppingen.

Notes for HEINRICH SPEISER:
Heinrich married 20 Oct 1903 in Stuttgart.

More About HEINRICH SPEISER:
Name 2: Henry Speiser³⁸

- v. KLARA ELISE SPEISER³⁹, b. 16 Mar 1875, Göppingen; m. MAX ADOLF KOLB³⁹, 11 Sep 1896, Göppingen³⁹.

More About KLARA ELISE SPEISER:
Name 2: Clara Speiser⁴⁰

More About MAX ADOLF KOLB:
Name 2: Klob⁴⁰

More About MAX KOLB and KLARA SPEISER:
Marriage: 11 Sep 1896, Göppingen⁴¹

- vi. ELISE SPEISER⁴², b. 24 Oct 1879, Göppingen; m. M BÖHRINGER⁴³, 31 May 1904, Göppingen⁴³.

More About M BÖHRINGER and ELISE SPEISER:
Marriage: 31 May 1904, Göppingen⁴³

12. ROSINE CAROLINE⁹ SPEISER (*JOHANNES⁸, DAVID⁷, JOHANN WILHELM⁶, JOHANN DAVID⁵, JOHANNES⁴, GEORG³, JOHANNES/HANS², BLASIUS¹*)⁴⁴ was born 23 Feb 1848 in Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴⁴, and died Abt. 1907 in possibly Stuttgart⁴⁴. She married GOTTLob ADOLF BREUNING⁴⁴ 24 Nov 1868 in Möhringen⁴⁴, son of MICHAEL BREUNING and KATHARINA KRÄUTZ. He was born 25 Dec 1843 in Möhringen⁴⁴, and died 24 Apr 1900 in Möhringen⁴⁴.

Notes for GOTTLob ADOLF BREUNING:
Gottlob was from the town of Möhringen.

More About GOTTLob ADOLF BREUNING:
Occupation: Ökonom (economist)

More About GOTTLob BREUNING and ROSINE SPEISER:
Marriage: 24 Nov 1868, Möhringen⁴⁴

Children of ROSINE SPEISER and GOTTLob BREUNING are:

- i. HEINRICH ALBERT¹⁰ BREUNING⁴⁴, b. 10 Sep 1869, Möhringen.
- ii. ANNA ELISABETHA BREUNING⁴⁴, b. 16 Dec 1870, Möhringen.
- iii. ADOLF ALBERT BREUNING⁴⁴, b. 15 Dec 1872, Möhringen.

Notes for ADOLF ALBERT BREUNING:
Albert married in Möhringen in 1895.

- iv. EMMA DOROTHEA BREUNING⁴⁴, b. 21 Feb 1874, Möhringen.

Notes for EMMA DOROTHEA BREUNING:
Emma married in Möhringen in 1899.

- v. CHRISTIAN BREUNING⁴⁴, b. 04 Jul 1878, Möhringen.
vi. ADOLF BREUNING⁴⁴, b. 28 Jan 1886, Möhringen; d. 09 May 1891, Möhringen.

13. HEINRICH DAVID⁹ SPEISER (*JOHANNES*⁸, *DAVID*⁷, *JOHANN WILHELM*⁶, *JOHANN DAVID*⁵, *JOHANNES*⁴, *GEORG*³, *JOHANNES/HANS*², *BLASIUS*¹)⁴⁵ was born 21 May 1850 in Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴⁵, and died 18 Oct 1921 in Bridgeport, Connecticut⁴⁵. He married (1) SOPHIE PAULINE EISENHARDT⁴⁵ 21 Jul 1873 in Jesingen^{45,46}, daughter of CARL EISENHARDT and JOHANNA BECK. She was born 21 Jan 1850 in Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Tübingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁴⁶, and died 17 Mar 1887 in Bridgeport, Connecticut⁴⁷. He married (2) CATHARINA BARBARA HABANN⁴⁸ 19 Nov 1887 in Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut⁴⁹, daughter of KARL HABANN and ANNA MERZ. She was born 16 May 1858 in Gruibingen, Goepfingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany^{49,50}, and died 28 Jun 1947 in Bridgeport, Connecticut⁵¹.

Notes for HEINRICH DAVID SPEISER:

My Dad

Henry David Speiser born May 20, 1850 of Elizabeth Eiswein [Esenwein] & John Speiser in Jessingen, Wurttemberg Ger
Educated in Kirchheim High School - at age 14 to Mehringen to learn trade (Barrell making & beer brewing). Came to America at age 18 [about 1868 or 9] to escape military training and stayed until age 21. Then returned to Germany until 28 yrs of age. Settled in Bpt. and worked as foreman for Klaus Brewery. Later started own bottling business of soft drinks At age 36 married Babette Habann Merz [Lydia Speiser's notebook].

Henry was born in Jesingen, Kirchheim oberamt (or district), in the Kingdom of Wuerttemberg. Today the town of Jesingen has become part of the city of Kirchheim unter Teck, in the district (or Kreis in German) of Esslingen in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

Heinrich David Speiser, living in the district of Kirchheim, applied at Wuerttemberg, Germany, in July 1869 to emigrate to North America. He was born 20 May 1850 in Jesingen. According to information about the Wuerttemberg Emigration Index, some immigrants left without permission, and sent word back to the Wuerttemberg state and town officials renouncing their citizenship. In the case of Heinrich, the application to emigrate in 1869 is probably accurate.

When Henry returned to Germany from America at age 21, he married Sophie after his future father-in-law promised to give him his brewery. Henry took his wife and 3 children, Henry, Hugo, and Herman, to America when his father-in-law did not keep his promise. [Lydia Speiser to Catherine Reuther, Sept 1988]

A search of the 1880 Census, dated 7 June 1880, turned up a Henry Spicer, age 30 (born in 1850), born in Wurttemberg, living in Bridgeport, Connecticut, with the John Sthiufel family, also from Wurttemberg. His marital status is married, but no wife is present in the household. Henry is working in a brewery. Three other young men from Germany are also living with the Sthiufel's, two working

in a brewery. Sophie and their children arrived one month later on July 30 in New York.

After coming to America, Henry, Sophie, and family lived downstairs in a house also occupied by Babette Merz [should be Habann], her mother and step-father, and her sister. Young Herman used to visit Babette Straub [Babette Habann's mother] when she was alone and sick. [Lydia Speiser to Catherine Reuther, Sept 1988]

In 1887, Henry's first wife Sophie died and he married Babette Habann.

In 1890 Henry Speiser is living in Bridgeport at 171 Jane Street. He is a bottler. In 1891 Henry is also operating a saloon at 394 East Main. Henry must have bought the saloon from his wife's brother-in-law Christopher Becker, as Christopher had a saloon at this address in 1890. [1]

In 1895 Henry Speiser is operating a saloon at 433 E Main in Bridgeport. His home is at 171 Jane Street. [4]

About 1898, Henry turned the saloon or tavern he owned at 1127 East Main over to his son Herman.

In the 1900 Census, Henry Speiser (Spiezer on the census) is living at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport. He is 50 years old, immigrated from Germany in 1869, and is a beer agent. Henry and his wife Babette, 42, have been married 15 years. She has had 7 children, 6 are living. All their combined children except Henry's sons Henry and Hugo from his first marriage are living with them. Also living with them is Elizabeth Boerschel, aunt, and John Kadlie, boarder.

In 1904, Henry Speiser is operating an ale, lager and porter business from 425 Jane Street, also his home. In addition, he operates a saloon at 186 Railroad Ave. [2]

Henry applied to become a citizen of the United States October 23, 1884. He became a citizen on May 8, 1907. (Henry's naturalization certificate)

According to a newspaper dated May 18, 1907, as well as stationary Henry used, he was an agent for the Hupfel Brewing company of New York.

In the 1910 Census, Henry Speiser (Herman on the census) is living at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He is 59 years old, and born in Germany. Henry is a brewing agent for a brewery. Living with him are his wife Babbett (Babette), age 51, also born in Germany, daughter Hellen (Helene), 20, Elizabeth (Elsbeth), 18, Reinhold, 17, Erma (Irma), 16, Erich, 15, Lydia, 12, daughter Emma Broch, 29, grandson Henry P Broch, 3, and aunt Elizabeth Boerschel, 64. Henry immigrated in 1869 and is a naturalized citizen. Babette immigrated in 1884.

In 1913-14, Henry Speiser is operating an ale, lager and porter business from 425 Jane Street, also his home. In addition, he operates a saloon at 384 Railroad Ave. [3]

In the 1920 Census, Henry Speiser is living at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He is 69 years old and was born in Germany. Henry is a brewing agent for a brewery. Living with him are his wife Babette, 61, children Helene, 30, Elsbeth, 28, Reinhold, 26, Lydia, 22, grandson Erick, 4 11/12, and Elizabeth Brasschel (Boerschel). Elizabeth is Babette's aunt, but is listed as a servant?. Henry immigrated in 1869, and became a citizen in 1872. Babette immigrated in 1883, and is a naturalized citizen. Grandson Erich was apparently counted twice on the census, as he also appears with his parents Erich and Julia Speiser.

My Dad passed away 10 PM Oct 18, 1921 at age 71 of pneumonia and was buried Oct 21 at Park Cemetery. [Lydia Speiser's notebook]

[1] Bridgeport, Connecticut, city directory, 1890-91 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Bridgeport City Directory 1904 (Ancestry.com)

[3] Bridgeport City Directories 1913-14 (Ancestry.com)

[4] Bridgeport City Directory 1895 (Ancestry.com)

More About HEINRICH DAVID SPEISER:

Name 2: Henry David Speiser

Date born 2: 25 May 1850, Jesingen (Kirchheim unter Teck), Esslingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁵²

Burial: 21 Oct 1921, Park Cemetary, Bridgeport, Connecticut⁵³

Cause of Death: pneumonia⁵³

Immigration 1: 1869, From Germany⁵⁴

Immigration 2: betw late 1878 and early 1879⁵⁵

Naturalization: 08 May 1907, Bridgeport, Connecticut

Notes for SOPHIE PAULINE EISENHARDT:

Sophie was born in Bebenhausen in Tübingen, Germany, to Carl Friedrich Eisenhardt (20 October 1820 - 20 December 1893) & Johanna Christina Beck (09 May 1822 - 21 December 1886).

In 1974, Bebenhausen became part of the city of Tübingen in the Tübingen district of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany. When Sophie was born, Bebenhausen was in the Kingdom of Wuerttemberg.

Sophie's father Carl Eisenhardt was a Waldhornwirt, or the host (wirt) of an inn called the "French Horn" (Waldhorn).

In 1868, Sophie was divorced from her first husband Theodor Gotthold Friedrich Seeger. She was only 18, so they must have been married only a short time. [1]

Sophia Speiser landed in New York on July 30, 1880, on the SS Main from Breman. She was booked in the First Cabin. With her were Heinrich, age 6, Hugo, age 4, and Carl, 11 months. Herman, age 3, should have been with her. Hugo's full name was Carl Hugo, so it appears the person completing the passenger list mixed up Hugo and Herman's names, and got Herman's age wrong. There is no record in the German archives of another child named Carl born in 1879 that would match the Carl on the ship's list.

[1] Martin Koepple, doing research in Germany with Oetlingen, Jesingen & Bebenhausen archives

More About SOPHIE PAULINE EISENHARDT:

Date born 2: 21 Jan 1845, Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Tübingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁵⁶

Burial: 20 Mar 1887, Park Cemetary, Bridgeport, Connecticut

Immigration: 30 Jul 1880, On SS Main from Breman, Germany to NY

Marriage Notes for HEINRICH SPEISER and SOPHIE EISENHARDT:

Sophie was four months pregnant with son Heinrich when she and Henry were married.

More About HEINRICH SPEISER and SOPHIE EISENHARDT:

Marriage: 21 Jul 1873, Jesingen^{56,57}

Notes for CATHARINA BARBARA HABANN:

Babette Katrina Speiser nee Habann. Born Grubingen, Wurttenburg, Germany, May 16, 1858. Parents Karl Habann - Babette Buerschel [should be Babette Merz].

At age 15 yrs to Stuttgart 1 yr. then to Goppingen to learn sewing 9 mos. to Dr Monk 3 mos. then

Switzerland for 3 yrs as personal maid to Baroness von Fischer geb von Blessen - 3 mos. in winter in Bern & rest of time in Eichberg near Thun. After 3 yrs returned to Dr Monk as his assistant & Mrs Monk for 5 yrs. At age 25 she came to America with her mother sister & step father. Took 2 weeks to cross arriving Sept 4, 1883 in N.Y. Came to Bridgeport & after 4 yrs at age 29 married Henry David Speiser, widower with four children Henry 13, Hugo 11, Herman 9 & Emma 4 yrs old [Emma was actually 6]. Gave birth to seven children Helene, Elsbeth, Reinhold, Irma, Erich, Lydia Anna & Lydia Johanna. Lydia Anna died at age 11 mos. All born 425 Jane St. Tante Eliz. Buerschel mama's aunt born Sept 25 1844 came to America Sept 1890 and lived with mama until her death Oct 16, 1921 [daughter Lydia].

My mother's Dad was the son of a Baroness [daughter Lydia]. Karl was actually a waiter.

Babette was born in Gruibingen, Goppingen oberamt (or district), in the Kingdom of Wuerttemberg, on 16 May 1858, to Karl Habann and Anna Barbara Merz. They do not appear to have been married. Her birth name was Catharina Barbara Habann [2]. Her calling name, or the name she went by was Barbara. Babette is a nickname for Barbara. Babette also went by the name Babette Katrina Merz, as recorded in the Speiser family bible when she married Henry Speiser.

Today the town of Gruibingen is in the district (or Kreis in German) of Goppingen in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg. It has a population of 2300.

When she first came to America, Babette worked as a servant. [Lydia Speiser to Catherine Reuther, Sept 1988]

In the 1930 Census, Babette is living at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She is 72 years old and widowed. Babette was born in Germany, and lists her year of immigration as 1875. She is a naturalized citizen. Living with her are her daughter Elsbeth, 38, and a nephew Eric Speiser, 15, born in Connecticut, with his parents born in Germany.

In 1944, Babette H Speiser, widow of Henry D, is living at 28 Alberta Street in Fairfield with her daughter Elsbeth. [1]

Babette made Christmas cookies every year. Many of the recipes were from Germany, and may have been from her own mother. Her wooden molds for Springerle were passed to Lydia, then to Lydia's son Cal, then to Cal's daughter Cathy. Babette even made it into the Bridgeport newspaper when they took a picture of her making Springerle for an article on holiday traditions from the "old county". Babette made other recipes such as herring salad and potato salad that continue to travel through the generations.

On Mon June 23, 1947 my mother fell while pulling a few weeds from the flower garden she loved and fractured her hip. Was taken to Bpt Hospital and had it set by Dr. Griswald. Passed away on Sat. June 28 at 4 min to 10 P.M. with all her children around her who had been with her since 10 AM when she was in a coma. Irma had spent the night with her and Helene relieved Irm @ 9 AM. Mama didn't recognize Helene. the last words she said to me at 10 P.M. Fri when I left were "Gehst ... schon Heim? Bi hut sich Gott, Gute Nacht." She was buried at Park Cemetery July 2nd Wed. Looked beautiful in her casket in a lavender dress amidst a wealth of floral pieces, Beautiful service at the church. Six of her seven Grand children carried her to her last resting place. Henry Broch, Eric & Bob & Warren speiser, Stuart and Charles Forbes.

Reinhardt Grah sand Sicher im Jesu Armen Harre Meine Seele. At the grave pastor Reisch read from the German Hymnal #577. "Geht nun hin in grabt mein Grab"
[Lydia Speiser's notebook].

[1] Bridgeport City Directory 1944 (Ancestry.com)

[2] From the research of Martin Koepple in Germany, using the archives of Gruibingen, 2004

More About CATHARINA BARBARA HABANN:

Name 2: Babette Katrina Merz

Burial: 02 Jul 1947, Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut⁵⁸

Confirmation: 21 Apr 1872, Gruibingen, Goppingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁵⁹

Immigration: 04 Sep 1883, New York City⁶⁰

More About HEINRICH SPEISER and CATHARINA HABANN:

Marriage: 19 Nov 1887, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut⁶¹

Children of HEINRICH SPEISER and SOPHIE EISENHARDT are:

- i. HENRY EUGENE¹⁰ SPEISER, b. 18 Jan 1874, Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Tübingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁶¹; d. Abt. 1939, New Jersey⁶²; m. (1) MARGARET C, Abt. 1893⁶³; b. 09 Nov 1875, Ireland^{64,65}; d. 17 Feb 1965, Stratford, Fairfield Co, Connecticut⁶⁶; m. (2) ISABELLE^{67,68}, Abt. 1905⁶⁹; b. 09 Jun 1888, New York^{70,71}; d. Aug 1981, New Jersey^{72,73}.

Notes for HENRY EUGENE SPEISER:

Henry's given name was Henrich Eugen Speiser. In America he went by Henry Speiser.

In 1895, Henry Speiser Jr is living in Bridgeport on Putnam. He is a driver. [1]

In the 1900 Census, Henry Spicer is living in Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut. He is 26 years old, born in Germany, and immigrated in 1880. He appears to be a naturalized citizen. Henry is a metal finisher. Living with him is his wife Margaret, 24, and born in Ireland. Henry and Margaret have been married 7 years. Their children are Hilda L, 6, and Sofie C, 2. Both were born in Connecticut.

Henry and Margaret must have divorced between 1900 and 1910, although on the 1910 Census, Margaret lists her marital status as married.

In the 1910 Census, Henry Spicer is living in Beverly, Essex Co, Massachusetts. He is a boarder in the house of Henry Wood. Henry is single, 37 years old (born about 1873), and a polisher in a machine shop. On the census, he was born in Connecticut as were his parents.

In 1912, H E Speiser is living in Beverly, Massachusetts, at #1 Roosevelt Ave. He is listed in the section of the city directory organized by street. I could not find him in the alphabetical listing. [Beverly City Directory 1912, Ancestry.com]

In the 1920 Census, Harry Spicer is living in East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey, at 224 Rhode Island Avenue. He is 46 years old and was born in Germany, as were his parents. He immigrated in 1879, and is a naturalized citizen. Henry is an inspector at a factory. Living with Henry are his wife Isabel, 30 years old and born in New York, son Le Roy, 10 & born in Massachusetts, daughter Isabel, 3 & born in New Jersey, and son Harry, 10 months, also born in New Jersey.

In the 1930 Census, Henry Speiser is living in East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey. He is 55 years old and was born in Germany, as were his parents. He immigrated in 1880, and is a naturalized citizen. Henry is a polisher at a metal mill. Living with Henry are his wife Elizabel [Isabelle], 40 years old and born in New York, son Le Roy, 20, birthplace unclear, daughter Elibeel or Elizabel [Isabelle], 13, born in

New Jersey, and son Henry, 11, born in New Jersey. Le Roy is an office boy for an insurance office. The Ancestry.com index lists Henry's wife as Elizabeth and his daughter as Tlibeel, and their last name as Specter.

The census shows Henry and Isabel's ages at their first marriages as 32 and 17.

In 1936, Henry was living in East Orange, New Jersey. [Emma Speiser Kaufmann's obituary]

Henry died between 1936 and 1945. He is not mentioned in his step-mother Babette Speser's obituary in 1947. His other brothers and half-siblings are listed. Nor is he counted in the eight children of Babette in the newspaper notice of her 87th birthday in 1945. According to his great-niece Joyce Reuther remembers he died the same year that the Reuther's pastor's son died, about 1939.

[1] Bridgeport City Directory 1895 (Ancestry.com)

More About HENRY EUGENE SPEISER:

Name 2: Henrich Eugen Speiser⁷⁴

Died 2: Bet. 1936 - 1945

Immigration: 30 Jul 1880, On SS Main from Bremen, Germany to NY

Notes for MARGARET C:

In the 1910 Census, Margaret Speiser is living in Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut. She is 34 years old, and immigrated from Ireland in 1890. Margaret lists her marital status as married, but her husband is not with her. She has been married 17 years, and has had two children, both are living. Margaret is working as a dressmaker. With her are her daughters Hilda, 16, and Sophie, 12. Both were born in Connecticut. Hilda is working as some kind of operator, the census was not very clear.

In 1913, Mrs Margaret C Speiser is a seamstress working at 1061 Main street in Bridgeport. Her home is at 289 Broad Street. [3]

In 1914, Mrs Margaret C Speiser is a seamstress working at 1061 Main street in Bridgeport. She has moved during the year and now makes her home at 190 Grove Street. [4]

In the 1920 Census, Margaret Speiser (looks like Spison on the census) is living in Fairfield, Fairfield Co, Connecticut, with her daughters and her son-in-law, James M Dunn. She is 44 years old, born in Ireland, and a widow. She is not employed.

In the 1930 Census, Margaret Speiser is living in Bridgeport at 1658 Capital Avenue. She is 54 years old, and immigrated from Ireland in 1886. She is a naturalized citizen. Margaret is a laborer in a toy factory. Living with her is her daughter Sophie J, 32. Sophie is a nurse (the exact type of nurse was not clear) in private practice. Sophie's father's birthplace was erroneously listed as New York.

In 1935 Margaret C Speiser is living at 1658 Capitol Ave in Bridgeport with her daughter Sophie and son-in-law George A Goneau. Margaret is a dressmaker. [6]

In 1944, Margaret Speiser is living in Bridgeport at 1656 Capital Ave. She is listed as the widow of Henry. Margaret is a saleswoman at an establishment at 1020 Main. Daughter Sophie and her husband are living on Dewey Street. [2]

By 1949, Margaret is living with daughter Sophie and her family on Dewey Street. [7]

In 1957 & 1965, Margaret Speiser is living in Bridgeport at 428 Dewey in Bridgeport. She is listed as the widow of Henry. Margaret is living with her daughter Sophie and son-in-law George Goneau. [5]

Margaret D Speiser died Feb 17 1965 in Stratford, Fairfield Co, Connecticut. She was 89 years old. Margaret was divorced from Henry. Her last residence was in Bridgeport. [1]

The Social Security Death Index lists Margaret Speiser born 09 Nov 1875, and died Feb 1965. Her last residence was Connecticut.

[1] Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2001 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Bridgeport City Directory 1944 (Ancestry.com)

[3] Bridgeport City Directory 1913 (Ancestry.com)

[4] Bridgeport City Directory 1914 (Ancestry.com)

[5] Bridgeport City Directory 1957 (Ancestry.com)

[6] Bridgeport City Directory 1935 (Ancestry.com)

[7] Bridgeport City Directory 1949 (Ancestry.com)

More About MARGARET C:

Date born 2: Nov 1875, Ireland⁷⁵

Died 2: Feb 1965⁷⁶

Immigration: 1887, From Ireland⁷⁷

Marriage Notes for HENRY SPEISER and MARGARET C:

Henry and Margaret must have divorced sometime between 1900 and 1910 when they appear separately on the Census - Henry in Massachusetts and Margaret still in Bridgeport. Interestingly, Margaret's marital status on the 1910 and 1930 Censuses is "married".

More About HENRY SPEISER and MARGARET C:

Divorce: Bet. 1900 - 1910

Marriage: Abt. 1893⁷⁷

Notes for ISABELLE:

Isabelle's last name is believed to be Camp-Nauleit or Camp. [1]

The Social Security Death Index has Isabelle Speiser born 09 Jun 1888 and died Aug 1981. Her last residence was in Toms River, Ocean Co, NJ, the same as her son Harry's last residence in 1985.

[1] Delores Speiser Serio, 2006

More About ISABELLE:

Date born 2: Abt. 1890, New York⁷⁸

More About HENRY SPEISER and ISABELLE:

Marriage 1: Abt. 1905⁷⁹

Marriage 2: Abt. 1910⁸⁰

- ii. HUGO CARL SPEISER, b. 26 Mar 1875, Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Tübingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁸¹; d. 30 Aug 1962⁸²; m. EMMA FROMMATER⁸³; b.

Germany.

Notes for HUGO CARL SPEISER:

Hugo was born Carl Hugo Speiser, but in America he went by Hugo Carl Speiser.

In 1895 Hugo Speiser is living in Bridgeport at 16 Charles. He is an engineer. [2]

In 1904, Hugo Speiser is living in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He is employed at 1127 East Main, at his brother Herman's saloon. He is living at 1226 East Main. [1] (He was also listed at that address in the street listing of the 1902 directory.)

Hugo appears to have been living in Germany around 1910, as both Edward and Arthur were born in Germany.

On September 12 1918, Hugo Carl Speiser registered for the World War I draft. Hugo was 43 years old, a naturalized citizen, and was born March 26 1875. Hugo was living at 105 Berkshire Avenue in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He was working as a bartender for his brother Herman Speiser at 1127 East Main Street. Hugo listed Mrs Roy Unger of 442 W 125th Street, NY, NY, as his nearest relative. In the margin next to her name was written "daughter".

In 1920, Hugo Speiser is living at 105 Berkshire Avenue in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He is a lodger in the home of George and Susan Stein. Hugo is 45, divorced, born in Germany, immigrated in 1880 and is a naturalized citizen. Hugo is a salesman at a delicatessen. [3]

In 1936, Hugo was living in Flushing, Long Island (Queens County), New York. [Emma Speiser Kaufmann's obituary] He was still living there in 1947 when Babette Habann (Merz) Speiser died. [Babette Speiser's obituary]

The Social Security Death Index lists Hugo Speiser, born March 26, 1875, died Aug 1962. His last residence was in New Jersey. He was 87 years old when he died.

[1] Bridgeport City Directory 1904 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Bridgeport City Directory 1895 (Ancestry.com)

[3] 1920 Census, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, CT, ED 66, sheet 16A

More About HUGO CARL SPEISER:

Name 2: Carl Hugo Speiser⁸⁴

Name 3: Hugo Speiser⁸⁵

Date born 2: 25 Mar 1875, Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Tübingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁸⁶

Immigration: 30 Jul 1880, On SS Main from Breman, Germany to NY

Residence: 1947, Per Babette Mertz Speiser's obituary, Hugo lived in Flushing

Notes for EMMA FROMMATER:

As Emma is not found in the Social Security Death Index (SSDI), she may have died before Hugo, who died in 1962 and is in the SSDI.

More About EMMA FROMMATER:

Name 2: Emma^{87,88}

Marriage Notes for HUGO SPEISER and EMMA FROMMATER:

Hugo and Emma had three children, Edward, Arthur, and a daughter. Only Edward and Arthur received their share of Hugo's share of his brother Herman's estate after Herman's wife Bertha died in 1966. The daughter may have died young. [Virginia Broch Brink]

- iii. HERMAN REINHOLD SPEISER, b. 23 Jun 1877, Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Tübingen district, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany⁸⁹; d. 24 Apr 1963, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut^{89,90}; m. BERTHA RIFKE, 28 Nov 1906, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut^{91,92}; b. 26 Nov 1880, Oswego, New York^{93,94}; d. 19 Jan 1966, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut⁹⁵.

Notes for HERMAN REINHOLD SPEISER:

Although Herman was born Reinhold Hermann Speiser, in America he went by Herman Reinhold Speiser.

When Herman came of age, the tavern that his father Henry Speiser had established at Jane & East Main in Bridgeport, Connecticut, became his. Herman and Bertha lived above this tavern at 1125 East Main. [1]

Herman received the tavern from his father about 1898.

In 1904, Herman Speiser is operating a saloon and bottling business at 1127 East Main. He is living at 425 Jane Street in the home of his parents. His brother Hugo is working for him at the tavern. [3]

In the 1900 Census, Herman Speiser (Speizer on the census) is living with his father, step-mother and extended family at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport, Fairfield Co., Connecticut. He is 22 years old, and immigrated from Germany in 1880. He is a tavern keeper.

In the 1910 Census, Herman Speiser is living at 1125 East Main Street in Bridgeport. He is 32 years old, born in Germany, immigrated in 1879, and is a naturalized citizen. He is a saloon keeper with his own saloon. Living with him is his wife Bertha, also 32. She was born in New York and her parents were born in Germany. They have been married for 3 years.

On September 12 1918, Herman R Speiser registered for the World War I draft. He was 41, born June 23 1877, and a naturalized citizen. He was living at 1125 East Main Street in Bridgeport. Herman was a retail liquor dealer with his own business at 1127 East Main. His wife Bertha Speiser was listed as his nearest relative.

In 1918, Herman's brother Hugo was working for him as a bartender. [WWI draft registration cards, Ancestry.com]

In the 1920 Census, Herman R Speiser is living in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on East Main, probably at 1125, although the census taker only wrote the first 2 digits. He is 42 years old, and was born in Germany. He immigrated to the US in 1878 and became a citizen in 1898. Herman is a merchant in the liquor business. Living with him is his wife Bertha L, age 41. She was born in New York, and her parents were born in Germany.

Herman became assistant town clerk of Bridgeport in October 1926. [4]

In the 1930 Census, Herman (Harman R Speiser on the census) is living in Bridgeport, Connecticut. although the street name was not clear, the house number was 1125, so they must have been living above the tavern at 1125 East Main. Herman is 52, born in Germany, and is an assistant town clerk for the city of Bridgeport. He immigrated to the US in 1874, and is a naturalized citizen. Living with him is his wife Bertha L, age 50 and born in New York.

In 1944, Herman R and Bertha L Speiser are living at 1125 East Main in Bridgeport.
[2]

- [1] Herman & Bertha Speiser's 50th wedding anniversary - newspaper article
- [2] Bridgeport City Directory 1944 (Ancestry.com)
- [3] Bridgeport City Directory 1904 (Ancestry.com)
- [4] Bridgeport Telegram, 7 Oct 1926 (Ancestry.com)

More About HERMAN REINHOLD SPEISER:

Name 2: Herman Reinholt Speiser⁹⁶

Name 3: Reinhold Hermann Speiser⁹⁷

Burial: Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut⁹⁸

Immigration: 1880, From Germany⁹⁹

Medical Information: Cerebral hemorrhage Aug 20, 1962 [Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook]

Notes for BERTHA RIFKE:

On the 1930 Census, Bertha's parents' birthplaces are listed as Germany.

In early 1964, Bertha was ready to be discharged from the hospital. The doctor would not let her go home. Bertha's sister-in-law Els Speiser was taking care of her affairs for her and would find a nursing home, and then break up her home. Lydia Speiser Reuther wrote that she did not think Bertha would ever be well enough to go home, and that at times her mind is not too clear. [1]

- [1] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Feb 23 1964

More About BERTHA RIFKE:

Burial: Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹⁰⁰

Marriage Notes for HERMAN SPEISER and BERTHA RIFKE:

Herman & Bertha were married at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut [Herman & Bertha Speiser's 50th wedding anniversary - newspaper article]

Herman and Bertha did not have any children.

More About HERMAN SPEISER and BERTHA RIFKE:

Marriage: 28 Nov 1906, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut^{101,102}

- iv. EMMA JOHANNA SPEISER¹⁰³, b. 23 Apr 1881, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut¹⁰³; d. 06 Jan 1936, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut; m. (1) HERMANN PAUL BROCH¹⁰⁴, 23 Sep 1905, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut¹⁰⁵; b. 01 Apr 1880, Solingen, Germany¹⁰⁶; d. 21 Nov 1907, Falls Village, Litchfield Co, Connecticut^{107,108}; m. (2) GEORGE KAUFMAN, 01 Aug 1911, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹⁰⁹; b. 17 Sep 1872, Wuesburg, Germany¹¹⁰; d. 10 Apr 1945, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut.

Notes for EMMA JOHANNA SPEISER:

In the 1910 Census, Emma and her son Henry Broch are living at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport with her father and step-mother. She is widowed and a dressmaker. On the census, Henry's father's birthplace is listed as Germany.

From notes on a picture dated 1937/1938, Marie and Ferdie Hendricks were cousins of Emma's from Germany. She sponsored them in coming to the U.S. They were probably related to Emma through her mother.

More About EMMA JOHANNA SPEISER:

Burial: Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹¹¹

Notes for HERMANN PAUL BROCH:

Today, Paul's birthplace Solingen is in western Germany not too far from Belgium and the Netherlands, in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia in the Düsseldorf district. It is situated on the Wupper river to the east of Düsseldorf. Its existence was first documented in 965, though it did not receive its charter until 1374. It belonged to the duchy of Berg until 1600, and then passed to Prussia in 1815. Solingen is famous for the crafting of swords and knives since medieval times. Solingen was heavily damaged in World War II, but the old city center has been rebuilt.

Paul most likely immigrated between 1898 and 1902, leaving behind his parents Peter Daniel Broch, Jr. and Auguste Hardt, and his older sister Lina. He was only in the US a short while when he received word that his parents had both died of pneumonia. [1]

At the time Paul would have immigrated, he would have been one of the many people to pass through Ellis Island in New York. There is a Paul Broch, age 23 (born about 1880) who arrived in New York on May 25 1903 on the ship SS Celtic, that left Liverpool, England, May 15 1903. This Paul Broch was from Germany, a clerk, and his last residence was in Birmingham, England. Paul is not found in the Bridgeport City Directory of 1904, so he could have arrived in Bridgeport sometime in late 1903, and missed being counted for the directory. In addition, I have been unable to find Paul on the 1900 Census in Bridgeport, further supporting an immigration after that.[2]

Paul worked at a cutlery factory in Bridgeport, Connecticut, a trade he probably learned in his hometown of Solingen, which was famous for crafting swords and knives.

Emma's half-sisters Lydia and Els reported that he was well educated. [1]

Paul died in Falls Village in 1907 of tuberculosis, where he had gone to recuperate. [1]

[1] Virginia Brink

[2] Ellis Island immigrants at www.ellislandrecords.org; Bridgeport City directories on Ancestry.com

More About HERMANN PAUL BROCH:

Name 2: Paul Broch

Burial: Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, CT¹¹²

Cause of Death: tuberculosis¹¹²

Marriage Notes for EMMA SPEISER and HERMANN BROCH:

Paul and Emma met at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Bridgeport where they both sang in the choir. [Virginia Brink]

More About HERMANN BROCH and EMMA SPEISER:

Marriage: 23 Sep 1905, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut¹¹³

Notes for GEORGE KAUFMAN:

George came to Bridgeport in 1896 with his brother Andrew. They ran the Nutmeg cafe on State Street. George later opened a cafe on North Avenue & River street which he operated for over 40 years [obituary].

In the 1910 Census, George is living in Bridgeport, Fairfield Co., Connecticut. He is 37 years old and was born in Germany. He immigrated in 1890? and appears to be a naturalized citizen. George is a bartender with his own saloon. Living with him is his wife Emma [George's 1st wife] and daughter Otilie. This is George's first marriage and Emma's second. They have been married 11 years. Emma is 33, born in Germany, and immigrated in 1880?. She has had 3 children and one is living. Otilie is 10 years old and was born in Connecticut.

In the 1920 Census, George is living in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He is 47 years old, and was born in Germany. George immigrated in 1880?, and became a naturalized citizen in 1892. He keeps a store, in the grocery business. Living with him are his wife Emma [George's 2nd wife Emma Speiser Broch], 38, born in Connecticut, and his stepson Henry Broch, 13, born in Connecticut. On the census, both of Henry's parents were born in Germany.

In the 1930 Census, George is living at 395 North Avenue in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He is 57 years old, and was born in Germany, as were his parents. He is a core maker (?) at a foundry. On the census, George immigrated in 1902, and his naturalization is pending. Living with him is his wife Emma, 48, born in Connecticut.

George's obituary mentions a daughter, Mrs. Frank Smith of Bridgeport. George had her with his first wife. A 1936 Speiser family reunion photo identifies Tilly Smith as George Kaufman's daughter. Her husband Frank Smith was also present at the reunion.

On the 1930 Census, Frank Smith and his wife Ottilda (or Ottilla) are living in Bridgeport. He is 32 years old, and was born in Connecticut. His parents were born in Poland. Frank is a plater for a plating company. Ottilda is 30 years old and was also born in Connecticut. Her parents were born in Germany. Frank and Otilie were married at age 22 and 20. Their daughter Emma is 8 years old.

Frank and Tillie's daughter Emma died sometime in 1930 at age 8. They also had a son Francis Joseph "Frank" Smith. Frank married Barbara June Kovacs, and they lived in Stratford, CT. [Virginia Broch Brink]

More About GEORGE KAUFMAN:

Burial: Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹¹⁴

Marriage Notes for EMMA SPEISER and GEORGE KAUFMAN:

The obituaries for both Emma and George list a daughter, Mrs. Frank Smith of Bridgeport. Mrs. Smith (Tillie) was George's daughter from his first marriage.

More About GEORGE KAUFMAN and EMMA SPEISER:

Marriage: 01 Aug 1911, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹¹⁵

- v. RUDOLPH SPEISER¹¹⁵, b. 23 Jun 1883, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹¹⁵; d. 22 Oct 1883, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹¹⁵.

Children of HEINRICH SPEISER and CATHARINA HABANN are:

- vi. LUCIE HELENE¹⁰ SPEISER, b. 01 Jul 1889, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹¹⁵; d. 28 Sep 1985, Fairfield, Connecticut^{116,117}; m. OTTO PAUL WEILAND¹¹⁸, 10 Nov 1928, New York¹¹⁹; b. 16 Oct 1897, Germany¹²⁰; d. 05 Nov 1969, Munich, Germany¹²⁰.

Notes for LUCIE HELENE SPEISER:

In notes made by Calvin Reuther from the Speiser family bible, Helene was operated on for her appendix on the dining room table on July 11, 1892.

In the 1920 Census, Helene is living in Bridgeport with her parents. She is 30 years old, and appears to be working out of the house. Her exact occupation was not clear.

After an eye operation, date unknown, Helene had a "slight scock" [stroke]. She fully recovered. [1]

In 1963, Helene was living in Montvale, New Jersey. [Herman Speiser's obituary]

In the summer of 1969, Helene and Otto were planning a trip to Germany to find a place to live. The trip originally planned for mid July was postponed as Otto was sick. On October 17, Helene's sister Lydia wrote that Helene would be arriving that week from Germany to breakup the house in Montvale. Otto remained in Germany as he was sick. Lydia must have written the letter before she heard about Otto's death the day before. By December Helene has returned from Germany and is living with her sister Lydia in Bridgeport, Connecticut. From Lydia's letters it appears as though Helene's and Otto's marriage had been on the rocks before he died, as Otto's brother received \$16,000 when he died and a life insurance policy that should have gone to Helene may have been changed to pay the benefits to Otto's brother. Helene appears to have been left destitute by Otto's death. [2]

At the end of the year Helene is living with her sisters Els and Irma. She wants to return to Lydia's. [2] Helene does appear to be living with Lydia in 1974. [3]

By April 1977 Helene is in a nursing home. Lydia writes that her mind is not clear and she does not walk well. The doctor tells Lydia that Helene can't come home as she needs more care than Lydia can give her. At \$46.75 a day, Helene only has enough money to last for four years. [4]

Helene lived out the last years of her life at the North Fairfield Geriatric Center in Fairfield, Connecticut. Most of her assets must have been spent on her care at the nursing home prior to her death. The remaining assets were used to pay her funeral and cremation expenses, and assistance to pay the remaining expenses were requested from the State of Connecticut.

[1] Letter from Lydia Reuther to son Calvin Reuther June 27 1961

[2] Letters from Lydia Reuther to son Calvin Reuther July - Dec 1969

[3] Letter from Lydia Reuther to son Calvin Reuther 12 Aug 1974

[4] Letter from Lydia Reuther to son Calvin Reuther 8 April 1977

More About LUCIE HELENE SPEISER:

Name 2: Lucy Helena Speiser (1943 copy of birth crtf)

Burial 1: 01 Oct 1985, Cremated¹²¹

Burial 2: 02 Oct 1985, ashes buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, CT¹²²

Cause of Death: old age

Medical Information: Other conditions listed on her death certificate were fractured pelvis and heart disease.

Notes for OTTO PAUL WEILAND:

A folder with paperwork related to Helene's estate included a document in German for Otto. The document cover said "Konigreich Wurttemberg" - Kingdom of Wuerttemberg. I could make out a birth date of 16 October 1896. The place of birth was not readable as it was handwritten in old German script. The document was officially stamped or notarized 7 November 1919.

In the 1930 Census, Otto Wieland is living on East 87 Street in New York City. He is 33 years old and was born in Germany, as were his parents. Otto is a technician in a chemical laboratory. He immigrated in 1926. Living with him is his wife Helene (Helen on the census). She is 32 years old, and is a hair dresser at a beauty school. Helene was born in Connecticut and her parents were born in Germany.

Otto was a chemist for Lederle Laboratories in New York, one of the first commercial makers of penicillin. When he retired, he moved back to Germany. His wife Helene remained in the U. S. [Virginia Speiser Rutter] == Actually, Otto died in Germany when they were in the process of moving. Helene returned to the US. [CAR]

More About OTTO PAUL WEILAND:

Name 2: Otto Weiland

Date born 2: 16 Oct 1896, Germany

Marriage Notes for LUCIE SPEISER and OTTO WEILAND:

Helene was 39 years old when she married Otto. Otto was 31 or 32. They did not have any children.

More About OTTO WEILAND and LUCIE SPEISER:

Marriage: 10 Nov 1928, New York¹²³

- vii. ELLA ELSBETH SPEISER, b. 22 Oct 1890, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹²³; d. 23 Jan 1976, Fairfield, Connecticut^{123,124}.

Notes for ELLA ELSBETH SPEISER:

In the 1910 Census, Els is living at at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport with her with her parents. She is 18 years old and a cashier for an insurance office.

In the 1920 Census, Els is living in Bridgeport with her parents. She is 28 years old and a cashier for an insurance office.

In the 1930 Census, Elsbeth is living at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport with her mother Babette. She is 38 years old, and a cashier in an insurance office.

In 1944, Elsbeth E Speiser is living at 28 Alberta Street in Fairfield with her mother. She is a cashier in an office at 1016 Broad. [1]

In February 1975 Els was in the hospital. When she was discharged she stayed with her nephew Eric Speiser and his wife Ann until she was able to climb the stairs at home. [2]

Sister Elsbeth died Fri Jan 23, 1976 @ 12:45 home of heart attack. Buried Tues Jan 27th from church. Eveline Heske sang Lords Prayer, Old Rugged Cross & Safe in the Arms of Jesus. Buried Park Cemetery. [Lydia Speiser's notebook].

Els left an estate valued at \$114,425. This included bank accounts, stocks, and a house at 28 Alberta Street in Fairfield, Connecticut. I believe Els and her mother, Babette Speiser may have owned this house together before Babette died.

Els directed in her last will that her stocks and the house be sold and the proceeds distributed to her heirs. Prior to her death she indicated her desire to change her will and leave the house to her nephew Eric Speiser and his wife, Ann. The heirs agreed to disclaim the house and allow Eric to take possession. The house was subsequently given (?) to Eric's daughter Janet Speiser Garber.

[1] Bridgeport City Directory 1944 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Feb 21 1975

More About ELLA ELSBETH SPEISER:

Burial: 27 Jan 1976, Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut^{125,126}

Cause of Death: Cardio Respiratory failure due to arterosclerotic heart disease

Medical Information: Other conditions listed on her death certificate were osteoporosis.

Occupation: Bet. 1907 - 1955, Metropolitan Life (48 years)

Social Security Number: 041-10-9875

- viii. REINHOLD COLUMBUS SPEISER, b. 10 Apr 1892, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹²⁷; d. 02 Apr 1974, Fairfield, Connecticut^{127,128}; m. FLORENCE CHRISTINE PETERSON¹²⁹, 1919, Baltimore, Maryland¹³⁰; b. 15 Jun 1894, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut^{131,132,133}; d. 04 May 1982, Midland, Midland Co, Texas^{134,135,136}.

Notes for REINHOLD COLUMBUS SPEISER:

In the 1910 Census, Rein is living at at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport with his parents. He is 17 years old and a bookkeeper.

Rein worked as an insurance salesman until he earned enough money to attend dental school in Baltimore, Maryland. [VSR]

On June 5 1917, Reinhold C Speiser registered for the World War I draft. His address was 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport. Rein was born April 10 1892 in Bridgeport. He was a dental student at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in Baltimore, Maryland. Rein claimed an exemption from the draft as he wanted to finish his college course.

In the 1920 Census, Reinhold is living in Bridgeport with his parents. He is 26 years old and is a dentist.

When son Warren was born in 1923, Rein and Florence were living at 425 Jane Street. [2]

In the 1930 Census, Rhinhold Speicer is living in Bridgeport, Fairfield Co., Connecticut, at 149 Grovers Avenue. He is 38 years old and was born in Connecticut. He is a physician in general practice. Rein is also a veteran of the world war. Living with him are his wife Florence, 36 and born in Connecticut, and their children Warren, 6, and Virginia, 3 years and 2 months.

In 1944, Reinhold C Speiser and his wife Florence C are living at 149 Grovers Av in Bridgeport. Reinhold is a dentist. His office is at 886 Main Street. [1] In 1960, Rein's office and home are at the same addresses.

On Feb 1 1974, Lydia wrote about her brother Rein that she went to see him that afternoon and he looked awful and she could not understand him when he talked. The nurse said he is confused at times. He has a high fever up to 104 the day before and the doctor has put him on the critical list. Florence called Warren and he flew in from St Louis the night before. [3]

Brother Rein died @ Van Doren Nursing Home Tues Apr 2 1974. Buried Mt Grove Cemetary Apr 4, 1974 82 yrs old. [Lydia Speiser's notebook].

[1] Bridgeport City Directory 1944 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Bridgeport Telegram, 5 Sept 1923 (Ancestry.com)

[3] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Feb 1 1974

More About REINHOLD COLUMBUS SPEISER:

Burial: 04 Apr 1974, Mountain Grove cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹³⁷

Occupation: dentist

Notes for FLORENCE CHRISTINE PETERSON:

When son Warren was born in 1923, the Bridgeport Telegram described Florence as being formerly of Brooklyn. [1]

On the 1930 Census, Florence lists her parents' birthplaces as Sweden.

Florence moved to Midland, Texas, after Rein died and lived there about nine years, until her death in 1982. [VSR]

In early 1982, daughter Virginia wrote her aunt Lydia Speiser Reuther that Florence had gone into a nursing home. She developed an ulcer on her leg and can't walk. [2]

According to the Social Security Death Index, Florence Speiser, born June 15, 1894, died May 1982 in Midland, Texas.

Florence Christine Speiser died in Midland County, Texas on 04-May-1982. [Texas Deaths, RootsWeb]

[1] Bridgeport Telegram, 5 Sept 1923 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Feb 14 1982

More About FLORENCE CHRISTINE PETERSON:

Name 2: Florence Peterson

Date born 2: Abt. 1894, Connecticut¹³⁸

Burial: Mountain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹³⁹

Marriage Notes for REINHOLD SPEISER and FLORENCE PETERSON:

Florence and Rein married one weekend in Baltimore, Maryland, when Florence visited Rein at dental school. They kept it a secret for a year until Rein finished medical school. His mother Babette would have been very angry to find out they had married before he finished school. [VSR]

More About REINHOLD SPEISER and FLORENCE PETERSON:

Marriage 1: 1919, Baltimore, Maryland¹³⁹

Marriage 2: Abt. 1918¹⁴⁰

- ix. IRMA MATHILDE SPEISER, b. 01 May 1893, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹⁴¹; d. Jun 1993, Rochester, Monroe County, New York; m. KINGSTON FRANCIS FORBES¹⁴², 03 Mar 1914, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹⁴³; b. 01 Jun 1888, London, England^{144,145,146}; d. Oct 1965¹⁴⁷.

Notes for IRMA MATHILDE SPEISER:

Irma is not listed in the 1949 Bridgeport City Directory. She must have moved back to Bridgeport from Flint, Michigan, after her divorce between 1949 and 1952.

While still living in Flint, Michigan, Irma had a "slight shock" [stroke]. [2]

In 1952, Mrs Irma Forbes is working as a bridal consultant at Howland Dry Goods Co in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She is living at 28 Alberta street in Fairfield. (with sister Els). [1]

In 1960, Mrs. Irma M Forbes is working as a saleswoman at Howland Dry Goods Co in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She is living at 28 Alberta street in Fairfield. (with sister Els). [1]

After her divorce from Kingston, Irma returned to Bridgeport, Connecticut, and lived with her sister Els. After Els died in 1976, Irma lived with her youngest sister Lydia. In 1985, Lydia broke her pelvis, and went to Georgia and Alabama to recover at her children's homes. She remained in Alabama. Irma moved to Rochester, New York, where her son Charles and his family lived. She lived with her granddaughter Ann until the birth of Ann's youngest children, when she moved to a retirement home. Irma died in 1993 just a few weeks after her 100th birthday.

[1] Bridgeport City Directory 1952, 1960 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Letter from Lydia Reuther to son Calvin Reuther June 27 1961

Notes for KINGSTON FRANCIS FORBES:

The birth of Kingston Francis Forbes was registered in the third quarter (July-Sept) 1888 in Islington district. The "code"? R.C.S. was next to his name. [2]

Kingston Forbes arrived in the US at Ellis Island, NY, on 26 Sept 1910 on the ship Kaiserin Auguste Victoria departing from Southampton, England. He was 22, a draftsman, born in England. His permanent residence was listed as US, and the manifest was stamped Non Immigrant Alien. Kingston's destination was Bridgeport, Connecticut. [Ellislandrecords.org]

On June 5 1917, Kingston Forbes registered for the World War I draft in Flint, Michigan. Kingston was born June 1 1888 in London, England. He is an Automobile Engineer working in the Engineering Department of Buick Motor Company. Kingston

is the sole support for his wife and child.

In the 1920 Census, Kingston Forbes is living in Flint, Genesee County, Michigan. He is 31 years old, and was born in England. He immigrated in 1908 and was naturalized in 1919. Kingston is a body designer at an auto factory. Living with him are his wife Erma M, age 26, and their sons Stewart, 2, and Charles H, 0/12. Also living with them are 2 lodgers, Jack Little and Gerald Rifkin. They are also employed at an auto factory, as were many of their neighbors.

Kingston Forbes, M.E., was the author of "The Principles of Automotive Body Design", published by Ware Bros, Philadelphia, PA, 1922. [1]

According to the source for King's book, he worked for the Springfield Body Co in Springfield, Massachusetts, in the 1910's and 20's, although the record so far indicates King was in Flint, Michigan, by 1917. Springfield began as Springfield Metal Body Co. (1902-1910), then Smith-Springfield Corp (1910-1921), and Springfield Body Co. (1924-1930s). Springfield was a custom body firm which became the body plant to the Rolls-Royce Company of America in 1921. Springfield Body made mostly bus and commercial vehicle bodies. [1]

In the 1930 Census, Kingston Forbes is living in Flint, Michigan. He is 41 years old, and was born in England, as were his parents. He immigrated in 1910 and is a naturalized citizen. Kingston is an assistant chief engineer at an auto factory. Living with him are his wife Irma M, 36, born in Connecticut, and their sons Stuart, 13, and Charles H, 11. Stuart and Charles were born in Michigan.

The Social Security Death Index lists a Kingston Forbes, born June 1, 1888, and died October 1965 in Michigan.

[1] http://www.coachbuilt.com/bui/s/springfield_body/springfield_body.htm - coachbuilt.com is an Online Encyclopedia of American Coachbuilders & Coachbuilding. King's book was found in the listing for Springfield Body Co, Springfield, MA.

[2] England & Wales, Birth Index: 1837-1983 images (Ancestry.com)

More About KINGSTON FRANCIS FORBES:

Name 2: Kingston Forbes

Immigration: Bet. 1908 - 1910

More About KINGSTON FORBES and IRMA SPEISER:

Divorce: Abt. 1940

Marriage: 03 Mar 1914, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹⁴⁸

- x. ERIC WILLIAM SPEISER, b. 21 May 1894, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹⁴⁸; d. 27 Jun 1957, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹⁴⁸; m. JULIA ANNA FERTELMISS, Bef. 1915; b. 1893, Connecticut^{149,150}; d. 18 Mar 1953, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut^{151,152}.

Notes for ERIC WILLIAM SPEISER:

Although Eric was born Wilhelm Ehrich Speiser (Speiser Family bible), he was called Eric, and in keeping with common usage in the US, he became Eric William Speiser.

In the 1910 Census, Erich is living at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport with his with his parents. He is 15 years old and a plumber's apprentice.

On June 5 1917, Eric Speiser registered for the World War I draft. He was living on Armstrong Street in Bridgeport. Eric was born May 21 1894 in Bridgeport. He was working as a chauffeur for the Home Brewing Company. Eric was married with 2 children.

In the 1920 Census, Erick W Speiser is living in Bridgeport, Fairfield Co., Connecticut. He is 25 years old, and is a chauffer at a brewery. Living with him are his wife Julia, also 25, and their sons Erick H, 4 11/12, and Robert W, 3 7/12. Julia was born in Connecticut. Her father was born in Austria, and her mother in Germany. Their native language was not legible, and appeared to be something other than German.

In the 1930 Census, Eric W Speiser is living in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The image of the census was too faint to read any information, and information on ages and who was living in the house was taken from the index. Eric was 36 years old and living with him were his wife Julia, 37, and their sons Eric H, 15, and Robert W, 13.

In 1944, Eric W Speiser and his wife Julia A are living in Bridgeport at 425 Jane Street. Eric is a muffler opr for BBCo. 425 Jane Street is the house Eric grew up in in Bridgeport. [1]

Brother Eric William Speiser passed away in his sleep June 27, 1957 at age 63 years. He was buried from our church by Pastor Ludwig on Sat June 29th who also held the committal service at the church for he wasn't allowed in St Michael's Cemetary [a Catholic cemetery]. Eric wanted to be buried next to Julia, his wife who died Mar. 18, 1953. Eric had beautiful flowers the service at church was lovely. Pastor read verse from 90th Psalm 6th verse "In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth." Songs #360 #361 & #507. God rest his weary soul. Amen. [Lydia Speiser's notebook].

Bob [Eric's son] said that had Eric known his Lutheran minister would not be allowed to have the committal service at the cemetery when he was buried that he would not have buried his wife Julia there. [2]

[1] Bridgeport City Directory 1944 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther July 1 1957

More About ERIC WILLIAM SPEISER:

Name 2: Wilhelm Ehrich Speiser

Burial: 29 Jun 1957, St. Michael's Cemetary, Bridgeport, Connecticut^{153,154}

Occupation: Bridgeport Brass company for 23 years¹⁵⁵

Notes for JULIA ANNA FERTELMISS:

In 1910, Julia is living with her parents John A and Bertha Fertelmiss (Fertelmes on the census), five siblings and one cousin in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Julia is the oldest. John and Bertha were both born in Hungary and immigrated in 1889. Their native language was Magyar. John is a mechanic at an automobile shop. Julia is 17 and a shell hand at a cartridge shop.

More About JULIA ANNA FERTELMISS:

Burial: St. Michael's Cemetary, Bridgeport, Connecticut

More About ERIC SPEISER and JULIA FERTELMISS:

Marriage: Bef. 1915

- xi. LYDIA ANNA SPEISER, b. 14 Jul 1896, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹⁵⁶; d. 24 Jun 1897, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹⁵⁶.
- xii. LYDIA JOHANNA SPEISER, b. 29 Oct 1897, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut¹⁵⁶; d. 12 Sep 1996, Huntsville, Madison Co, Alabama; m. RUSSELL EVANS REUTHER, 1, 19 Nov 1924, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania^{156,157}; b. 08 May 1893, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania¹⁵⁸; d. 04 Dec 1967, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut^{159,160}.

Notes for LYDIA JOHANNA SPEISER:

Lydia was baptized November 6, 1897. Her godparents were Elizabeth Boerschel, Anna Becker, and Chris Becker.

In the 1920 Census, Lydia is living at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport with her parents. She is 22 years old and a bookkeeper in a textile shop.

When her father died in 1921 Lydia had severe pains in her legs such that she could not stand and was in bed for three weeks. She suffered similar pains in her arm from the shoulder to her hand in 1983 when her nephew Henry Broch died. [1]

Lydia did not care for her middle name, and often used Ruth in place of Johanna. Her marriage license to Russell lists her name as Lydia Ruth Speiser.

Lydia had a third pregnancy that ended in miscarriage about 1940 when Joyce was a freshman in high school. [Joyce Reuther Holley]

Lydia continued the family cooking traditions she learned from her mother - potato salad, herring salad, and Christmas cookies. When Lydia stopped making Springerle, Brownie Lebkuchen & Schwaben Brodli, her son Cal took up making the cookies. He and Joyce had already been making potato and herring salad for many years.

In 1985, Lydia fell in the kitchen and broke her pelvis. She came South, first to daughter Connie's house in Decatur, GA, then to son Cal's in Huntsville, AL, to recover. By then Lydia was almost 90 years old. Connie and Cal decided she needed to be closer to them, so in the spring of 1986, they closed up and sold the house at 219 Toilsome Hill Road in Fairfield that Russ built for them after they married. Lydia moved into a retirement community in Huntsville, Alabama, near Cal.

In 1996, Lydia suffered a stroke, and died a few weeks later, just 6 weeks short of her 99th birthday.

[1] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Nov 6 1983

More About LYDIA JOHANNA SPEISER:

Burial: Lawncroft Burial Park, Fairfield, Connecticut

Christening: 06 Nov 1897, Bridgeport, Connecticut¹⁶¹

Education: 1917, The Booth & Bayliss Commercial School in Bridgeport, Connecticut¹⁶²

Notes for RUSSELL EVANS REUTHER, 1:

Russell left school and Philadelphia at age 16 in 1909 to work for Mr. Phillips at the fabric company [in Bridgeport, Connecticut]. [Aunt Lotta]

In 1910, Russell Reuther is living in Bridgeport at the home of his boss H. Albert

Phillips. He was born about 1894 in Pennsylvania. [7]

Russ first lived with the Phillips, then took a room on Coleman Street near Park Avenue. [6]

On June 5 1917, Russell Evans Reuther registered for the World War I draft in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He was living at 346 Beechwood Ave in Bridgeport, and was an assistant manager for Alb. & E. Henkels Inc.

Russell E. Reuther was inducted in the United States Army May 23, 1918 at Bridgeport, Connecticut. He achieved the rank of corporal October 7, 1918. He served in the 15th Company, 152nd Depot Brigade. He was honorably discharged May 28, 1919 at Camp Upton, New York. The discharge papers list his height as 5 feet, 2 inches. [Russell E. Reuther honorable discharge & enlistment record, US Army, 1919] Russell served his enlistment in the United States & did not go to Europe during World War I.

In the 1920 Census, Russell is living in Bridgeport, Fairfield Co., Connecticut, on Beechwood Avenue in the house of Christopher and Ida Melick. Russell is 29 years old and an assistant manager at a lace factory. Christopher is 52 years old, and a telegraph operator for the railroad. Ida is 51. Both were born in New Jersey. Russell became very close to Christopher and Ida as he boarded with them when he first came to Bridgeport at age 16, and I recall a story that Russ loaned them money to start a business (CAR). After Christopher died, Russ helped Ida manage her affairs. When Ida Bigley Melick died in 1947 (or 1946), she left Russ her house at 346-8 Beechwood Avenue. The flintlock rifle owned by Calvin Reuther was given to Russ. It was in the Melick family and is believed to be from the Revolutionary War. (Calvin Reuther). Currently, the gun is owned by Russell's grandson Russell Reuther (CAR 2004).

In March 1930, Russell received word that his mother was very ill in Florida, probably visiting her daughter Lotta in Daytona Beach. Russ rushed to Florida to see his mother, but she passed away before he got there. She was buried in Philadelphia, and Russ returned to Fairfield the day before his son Calvin was born. [5]

In the 1930 Census, Russell is living in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Connecticut, on Toilsome Hill Road. He is 36 years old and was born in Pennsylvania. He is an assistant manager at a fabric factory. Living with him are his wife Lydia, 32, and their children Joyce B, 3, and Calvin R, 1 month. Lydia was born in Connecticut, and lists her parents' birthplaces as Wurttemberg, Germany.

In 1944, Russell E Reuther and his wife Lydia R are living at 219 Toilsome Hill Road in Fairfield. Russell is assistant secretary for the American Fabrics Company at 1069 Connecticut Ave. [2]

On Monday, September 17, 1951, Russ was fired from his job as manager of American Fabrics by the new owners who had purchased the company in May 1948. In a meeting with the owners, they had already prepared a resignation letter for Russ to sign. He was immediately escorted out without even having the opportunity to say his good byes nor to clean out his office after 42 years with the company. He was given 5 months pay in lieu of notice. Both Russ and Lydia talked about the gangster Jews that owned the company and fired him. [3, 4] Russ was 58 years old when he lost his job.

In 1955, Russ was elected to one of the seats in District Six for the Representative Town Meeting. [1]

Russ was deathly afraid of dogs. When walking in the neighborhood, if he saw a dog, he was so shaken, he would go back home. [Virginia Speiser Rutter]

Son Calvin remembers Russ talking about a Barlow cousin who was a Rockette at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. He met her on one of his trips to the city. Cal thought she may have still been there when he was little and the family went to Radio City.

June 20, 1961 - Stroke, left side affected

Oct 1, 1961 - Spasm, left side paralyzed 1 1/2 hours

Apr 24, 1963 - Went to the hospital to be operated on for tongue tumor, same day Herman Speiser died.

Apr 29, 1963 - Operated on for tongue tumor - malignant, but doctor sure he got it all.

Sep 30, 1963 - upstairs at the house per Dr. Gardner as he could no longer make the stairs

Apr 1, 1964 - began coming down the stairs daily. Dr said it was a miracle.

Oct 11, 1965 - Upstairs again, down for Christmas 1965, and Easter 1966, but no more after that.

Dec 4, 1967 - Passed away at Bridgeport Hospital 9:41 PM, after only 5 hours at the hospital.

[Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook]

[1] Bridgeport Post, November 9, 1955, page 30

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[4] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Sept 24 1951

[5] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Mar 13 1971

[6] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Jan 28 1973

[7] The image on Ancestry.com was not available. This information was from the index.

More About RUSSELL EVANS REUTHER, 1:

Baptism: 23 Feb 1908, Hope Lutheran Church, Reading, PA, by Reverend H. W. Warmkessel, cousin to Anna Barlow Reuther^{163,164,165}

Burial: Lawncroft Burial Park, Fairfield, Connecticut

Cause of Death: Pulmonary Endema¹⁶⁶

Confirmation: 19 Apr 1908, St Matthew's Luthern Church, 628 North broad Street, Philadelphia, PA¹⁶⁷

Medical Information: Arteriosclerotic heart disease & pulmonary emphysema¹⁶⁸

Military 1: Corporal, Depot Brigade

Military 2: #2885979

Military service: Bet. 1918 - 1919, United States Army¹⁶⁹

Social Security Number: 041-10-4440¹⁷⁰

Marriage Notes for LYDIA SPEISER and RUSSELL REUTHER:

Russell & Lydia were married at the home of Russell's parents in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by Reverend Swank. The marriage license shows Lydia as "Lydia R. Speiser". Lydia did not care for her middle name Johanna at this time, and used Ruth as her middle name.

Guests were Babette Speiser (mother of the bride), Reverend Stengler, Lula R. Diller, Edna R. Zimmer (sister of the groom), Elsbeth Speiser (sister of the bride and maid of honor), Mr & Mrs Albert Phillips (Russell's boss at American Fabrics and best man),

Helene Speiser (sister of the bride), Florence Reuther (sister of the groom), Mary Evans, Henry and Anna Barlow Reuther (parents of the groom). [As signed by the guests in the wedding book.]

Russell & Lydia honeymooned in Havana, Cuba, and Daytona Beach, Florida.

When first married Russell and Lydia had a room in Colonnese's (spelling?) house on North Avenue. Mr. C. had a meat and vegetable market where Lydia traded. He also delivered to their home on Toilsome Hill Road as there was no market there when they first built the house. [1]

Russell and Lydia always had the family (Speiser) parties at their house because they had the largest house. [Virginia Speiser Rutter]

[1] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Aug 14 1983

More About RUSSELL REUTHER and LYDIA SPEISER:
Marriage: 19 Nov 1924, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania^{171,172}

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