
**Descendants of
Heinrich David Speiser**

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1-**Heinrich David Speiser**,¹ son of **Johannes Speiser** and **Elisabetha Esenwein**², was born on 21 May 1850 in Jesingen, Kingdom of Württemberg,¹ died on 18 Oct 1921 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹ at age 71, and was buried on 21 Oct 1921 in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.³ The cause of his death was pneumonia. Another name for Heinrich was Henry David Speiser.

General Notes: 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 [6].

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. [7]

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 Sthiufler 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 Sthiufler'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. [7]

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]

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In 1899 Henry Speiser is operating a saloon at 1127 E Main. Son Herman is working for him as a bartender. [8]

About 1900-1901, 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 1902 Henry Speiser is operating a saloon at 186 Railroad av. In 1904-1905, 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]

On 20 May 1903 Henry Speiser and family boarded the steamer Potsdam in New York for Rotterdam, Germany, for a trip to celebrate his mother's 90th birthday. With Henry were his wife Mrs Henry Speiser, children Emma, Helene, Elsbeth, Irma, Lydia, Reinhold and Ehrich, and his wife's aunt Mrs Elizabeth Boerschel. On the souvenir passenger list Mrs Wilhelm Berlage's name was checked (she was accompanying her husband). They may have been friends or relatives. [9] They returned from this trip to New York City on the ship SS Potsdam (sailing from Rotterdam) on 28 July 1903. [10]

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.

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My Dad passed away 10 PM Oct 18, 1921 at age 71 of pneumonia and was buried Oct 21 at Park Cemetery. [6]

Henry's estate was appraised at \$3,595.66. His estate included bank deposits of \$3,166.66 and real estate valued at \$429. [5]

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

[2] Bridgeport City Directories 1902, 1904, 1905 (Ancestry.com)

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

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

[5] Bridgeport telegram, Bridgeport CT, 28 Jan 1922 (Ancestry.com)

[6] Lydia Speiser's notebook

[7] Lydia Speiser to Catherine Reuther, Sept 1988

[8] Bridgeport City Directory 1899 (Ancestry.com)

[9] souvenir passenger list for the steamer Potsdam, leave NY 20 May 1903 for Rotterdam, Germany (Lydia Speiser Reuther collection)

[10] ship passenger list (ellislandrecords.org ??)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 25 May 1850, Jesingen (Kirchheim Unter Teck), Esslingen District, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.²
- Immigration: From Germany, 1869.⁴
- Immigration: Betw Late 1878 And Early 1879, 1878-1879.⁵
- Naturalization: 8 May 1907, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Heinrich married **Sophie Pauline Eisenhardt**,¹ daughter of **Carl Friedrich Eisenhardt**² and **Johanna Christina Beck**,² on 21 Jul 1873 in Jesingen.⁶ Sophie was born on 21 Jan 1850 in Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Kingdom of Württemberg,² died on 17 Mar 1887 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut⁷ at age 37, and was buried on 20 Mar 1887 in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.¹ The cause of her death was hemiplegia. They had five children: **Henry Eugene, Hugo Carl, Herman Reinhold, Emma Johanna, and Rudolph.**

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

General Notes: 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-Württemberg, Germany. When Sophie was born, Bebenhausen was in the Kingdom of Württemberg. [1]

Sophie's father Carl Eisenhardt was a Waldhornwirt, or the host (wirt) of an inn called the "French Horn" (Waldhorn). [1]

In 1866 Sophia Paulina Eisenhardt [she was 16 years old] married Theodor Gotthold Friedrich Seeger (born 17 May 1841) in Neckartenzlingen, Württemberg. There is a note on the marriage record dated 1868, possibly indicating their divorce. [2]

On 26 October 1866, Sophie and Theodor's son Karl (or Carl) Otto Friedrich Richard Seeger was born, possibly in Tübingen. He was baptised on 17 Nov 1866 in Tübingen. [3]

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Karl immigrated to the US in 1895 (see Notes below).

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]

(On 16 Jul 1868, Theodor Gotthold Friedrich Seeger married Emma Pauline Steiff in Neckartenzlingen. [2])

Sophia Speiser landed in New York on July 30, 1880, on the SS Main from Bremen. 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.

On 17 March 1887, Sophia Speiser, wife of Henry, died in Bridgeport at 263 Ogden. She was 42 and born in Germany. The cause of death was hemiplegia. [4]

Hemiplegia is a weakness, sometimes complete paralysis, on one side of the body. It is most often caused by a stroke. Other causes include a spinal cord injury, trauma, brain infection and/or cancer.

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

[2] Württemberg, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1500-1985 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[3] (1) Württemberg, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1500-1985 (images) (Ancestry.com) - Karl Otto Friedrich Richard Seeger, b. 26 Oct 1866 to Theodor and Sofie, bapt 17 Nov in Tübingen; (2) Württemberg, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1500-1985 (images) (Ancestry.com) - Carl Otto Friedrich Richard Seeger, b. 20 Oct 1866 to Theodor & Sophie, bapt 17 Nov in Esslingen; (3) Württemberg, Germany, Family Tables 1550-1985 (images) (Ancestry.com) - Karl Otto Friedrich Richard Seeger, b. 26 Oct 1866

[4] Bridgeport (CT) Record of Deaths 1853-1892, film #7857737 (FamilySearch.org), image # 602

Notes:

Karl Seeger, age 29, merchant, b. Germany, destination Pittsburg, Pa, arrive NYC from Amsterdam 17 Aug 189 on ship Werkendam (NY Passenger & Crew Lists (incl Castle Rock & Ellis Island) 1820-1957 (images) (Ancestry.com))

Karl Seeger to Anna Beesch, mar. 30 Nov 1897, Bridgeport (WEB: Connecticut Marriage Records 1897-1968 (Ancestry.com))

Karl Otto Frederick Richard Seeger, age 50, tool clerk, res Bridgeport, b. 26 Oct 1866, Esslingen, last foreign res Stuttgart, wife Anna, imm abt 16 Aug 1895 from Amsterdam, sworn 22 May 1917 (Connecticut Federal Naturalization Records 1790-1996 (images) (Ancestry.com))

Karl O Seeger, 1866-1934 (with Anna B Seeger, 1876-1944), burial Lakeview Cem, Bpt (FindaGrave.com), #140858551, added 3 Jan 2015 by RobM, retrieved 13 Jan 2020)

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 21 Jan 1845, Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Tübingen District, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.¹

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- Immigration: 30 Jul 1880, On SS Main From Bremen, Germany To NY.

2-**Henry Eugene Speiser** was born on 18 Jan 1874 in Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Kingdom of Württemberg,¹ died in 1939 in New Jersey⁸ at age 65, and was buried in Hollywood Memorial Park & Cemetery, Union, Union County, New Jersey.⁹ Other names for Henry were Henrich Eugen Speiser¹ and Henry or Harry Spicer.

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

Henry is often found in records as Henry Spicer or Harry Spicer (including a news article in 1935 regarding daughter Isabelle's wedding).

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.

In 1902 Henry Speiser is living in Bridgeport at 92 Milne. He is working as a polisher. [4]

When living in Bridgeport, Henry worked for American Graphophone Co. [13]

Henry is not listed in the 1904-1905 City Directories for Bridgeport.

In 1904 Henry Speiser is living in Irvington, New Jersey [Irvington township, Essex County]. Henry Speiser is a pol [polisher?] and is listed in the Orange, New Jersey, city directory. [5]

In 1905 Henry Speiser (age 31), [wife] Margaret (29), and [children] Hilda (11) and Sophie (7) are living in Essex County, New Jersey. [6]

Henry and Isabel Nullet met in Newark [?] where they both worked for the same metal factory. [8]

Henry and Margaret likely separated between 1905 and 1907, probably by 1907 when Mrs Margaret Spicer is listed in the 1907 Bridgeport City Directory.

In April 1906 (inconsistently reported in the news as 1908), Henry Speiser deserted his family in East Orange, New Jersey, and left the area with 17 year-old Isabel Nullet. They were not heard from until Isabel's mother Mrs Margaret Nullet heard they were in Lynn, Massachusetts. Mrs Nullet traveled to Massachusetts in early 1909 and caused the arrest of Henry and Isabel. [8]

On 8 February 1909, Henry E Spicer of Wenham pleaded guilty of illegal association and was held in \$500 for the grand jury. Isabelle C Nullet pleaded guilty of association with Spicer and was placed on probation in the custody of her mother for one year. Isabel's mother informed the Justice that she would take her daughter home [to New Jersey] and

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the court assented. [9]

Henry is 30 years old [should be 35] with a wife and three children [s.b. 2] in New Jersey [s.b. Connecticut]. Henry and Isabelle settled in Beverly, MA, three years ago under the name Mr and Mrs Henry E Jewell. They moved to Wenham five months ago. [9]

In the 1910 Census, Henry Spicer is living in Beverly, Essex County, 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.

Henry was probably in Reno, Nevada, by August or September 1910. (Six months residency needed for a Nevada divorce.)

By 15 March 1911, Henry E Speiser had been in Reno for more than 6 months. On 15 March 1911, papers in Henry's divorce from Margaret were served on her in Bridgeport. Henry alleged cruelty as the reason for the divorce. He alleged that Margaret had been cruel to him - flying into a rage, scratching his face, reprimanding him for bringing home a short pay envelope, and often became enraged when he played the banjo. The demolition of the banjo came when it met up with a stove lifter. "Speiser left Bridgeport it was to go upon the stage. There was rumor another woman, an actress, who was concerned in the affair." [13]

On 5 May 1911 Henry E Speiser was granted a divorce from Margaret E Speiser in Reno, Nevada, on the ground of extreme cruelty. Henry told the judge that his wife was cruel to him - calling him vile names, throwing money in his face when he did not bring enough home, and once broke a mandolin he was playing. [10, 11]

Missing from the reports on Henry's divorce from Margaret is his desertion of her and their daughters, and the child (LeRoy) he had with Isabelle during this time. It is unknown if Henry supported his first family during this time, but it seems unlikely. [CAR]

In Henry's divorce from Margaret, their children were apparently removed from Margaret's custody. "The children will be cared for by Speiser's sister, Emma Brock, 171 James street, Bridgeport, Conn., an order being entered that Speiser pay her \$20 a month for the service." [12]

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. [2]

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

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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. [3]

Henry died between 1936 and 1940. According to his great-niece Joyce Reuther remembers he died the same year that the Reuther's pastor's son died, about 1939.

The Social Security Applications and Claims Index supports Henry's death in 1939:
Henry Eugene Speiser, b. 18 Jan 1874, Claim Date 8 Feb 1939
SSN: 136052751

01 Oct 1976: Name listed as HENRY EUGENE SPEISER [7]

A Gallagher family tree on Ancestry reports Henry's death as 15 April 1939 in New Jersey.

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

[2] Beverly City Directory 1912 (Ancestry.com)

[3] Emma Speiser Kaufmann's obituary

[4] Bridgeport City Directory 1902 (Ancestry.com)

[5] City Directories (Ancestry.com)

[6] New Jersey State Census 1905 (index, no images) (FamilySearch.org)

[7] Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007 (Ancestry.com)

[8] Passaic Daily News (NJ) (newspapers.com), 8 Feb 1919, p. 5, dateline East Orange, Feb 8

[9] The Boston Globe (MA) (newspapers.com), 8 Feb 1919, p. 14, dateline Salem, MA, Feb 8

[10] Reno Gazette-Journal (NV) (newspapers.com), 5 May 1911, p. 6, Henry E Speiser divorce from Margaret

[11] Reno Gazette-Journal (NV) (newspapers.com), 6 May 1911, p. 5, Henry E Speiser divorce from Margaret C Speiser

[12] Reno State Journal (NV) (newspapers.com), 6 May 1911, p. 8

[13] Bridgeport Times and Evening Farmer (CT) (newspapers.com), 15 Mar 1911, p. 5

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: Between 1936 and 1945.
- Immigration: 30 Jul 1880, On SS Main From Bremen, Germany To NY.

Henry married **Margaret C Dolan**,¹⁰ daughter of **Thomas Dolan** and **Jane Murth**, on 24 Sep 1893 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.¹¹ The marriage ended in divorce. Margaret was born on 9 Nov 1875 in Ireland,¹² died on 17 Feb 1965 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹³ at age 89, and was buried on 20 Feb 1965 in St. Michael's Cemetery, Stratford, Fairfield Co, CT.¹⁰ Another name for Margaret was Maggie C Dolan.¹¹ They had two children: **Hilda Lucille** and **Sophie C**.

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Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 12 Sep 1894, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.¹⁴
- Divorce: 5 May 1911, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada.¹⁵

General Notes: A Gallagher family tree posted on Ancestry reported Margaret's birth as in Drumconrath, county Meath, Ireland. Her parents were Thomas D Dolan (Gallagher tree & Margaret's death certificate) and Jane Murth (Margaret's death certificate) or Judith Murtagh (Gallagher tree).

In April 1906 husband Henry Speiser deserted his family in East Orange, New Jersey, for 17 year old Isabelle Nullet. After the desertion Margaret returned to her family in Massachusetts [actually Connecticut]. [11]

In 1907 Mrs Margaret Spicer is living at 78 Milne in Bridgeport. [8]

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 1911 Margaret C Speiser was a seamstress with Smith, Murray & Co. [13]

On 15 March 1911, papers in Henry's divorce from Margaret were served on her in Bridgeport. Henry alleged cruelty as the reason for the divorce. He alleged that Margaret had been cruel to him - flying into a rage, scratching his face, reprimanding him for bringing home a short pay envelope, and ofent became enraged when he played the banjo. The demolition of the banjo came when it met up with a stove lifter. "Speiser left Bridgeport it was to go upon the stage. There was rumor another woman, an actress, who was concerned in the affair." [13]

Missing from the reports on Henry's divorce from Margaret is his desertion of her and their daughters, and the child (LeRoy) he had with Isabelle during this time. It is both likely Henry's charges of cruelty by Margaret are false, and that if true, are entirely understandable as he was having an affair and is bringing home less money for the family if he is giving it to Isabelle. It is unknown if Henry supported his first family after he deserted them, but it seems unlikely. [CAR]

In Henry's divorce from Margaret, their children were apparently removed from Margaret's custody. "The children will be cared for by Speiser's sister, Emma Brock, 171 James street, Bridgeport, Conn., an order being entered that Speiser pay her \$20 a month for the service." [12]

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]

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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 with her daughter Sophie and son-in-law George Goneau. She is listed as the widow of Henry. [5]

Margaret D Speiser was born 9 November 1875 in Ireland and died 17 February 1965 at Restomore Conv. Hospital in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut. She was 89 years old, and suffering from arteriosclerotic heart disease. Margaret was divorced from Henry Speiser. Her last residence was in Bridgeport at 428 Dewey street. Margaret had been a fitter seamstress for D M Reed Co. [1, 9, 10]

[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)

[8] Bridgeport City Directory 1907 (Ancestry.com)

[9] Social Security Death Index

[10] death certificate, as reported by Mrs Sophie Goneau

[11] Passaic Daily News (NJ) (newspapers.com), 8 Feb 1919, p. 5, dateline East Orange, Feb 8

[12] Reno State Journal (NV) (newspapers.com), 6 May 1911, p. 8

[13] Bridgeport Times and Evening Farmer (CT) (newspapers.com), 15 Mar 1911, p. 5

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Nov 1875, Ireland.⁴
- Alt. Death: Feb 1965.¹⁶
- Immigration: From Ireland, 1887.⁴

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3-**Hilda Lucille Speiser**¹⁷ was born on 5 Feb 1894 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹⁸ died on 15 Sep 1983 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹³ at age 89, and was buried in St Thomas Cemetery, Fairfield, Connecticut.¹⁹ Another name for Hilda was Hilda L Speiser.⁴

General Notes: In 1957, Hilda L Dunn, widow of James, is living in Fairfield, Connecticut, at 353 S Pine Creek Road. Also living with her are her daughter Catherina R and son Thomas F. In addition, son James R resides there, but is currently in the US Army. [1]

In 1960, Hilda continues to live on Pine Street in Fairfield with her children Catherine, James and Thomas. [2]

Hilda L Dunn, nee Speiser, widow of James, was born 05 February 1894 in Connecticut and died 15 September 1983 in Bridgeport at 89 years of age. Her last residence was in Fairfield at 353 S. Pine Creek Rd. [3, 5]

Hilda's grandchildren by her sons included James R, Hilda (deceased by 1999), Nancy, Michael, Joseph, David, Robert Jr, Ellen Dunn Davies, Mary Lynn, James P, Jacqueline Dunn Mulroy. [4]

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

[2] Bridgeport City Directory 1960 (Ancestry.com)

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

[4] Ellen Dunn Davies - Rootsweb message board post 1999

[5] Social Security Death Index

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Feb 1894, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁴
- Alt. Death: Sep 1983.¹⁶

Hilda married **James Michael Dunn**,²⁰ son of **Richard Dunn** and **Mary Walsh**, on 5 Jun 1916 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²¹ James was born on 2 Sep 1892 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut,²⁰ died on 18 Aug 1944 in Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut²² at age 51, and was buried in St Thomas Cemetery, Fairfield, Connecticut.²³ Another name for James was James M Dunn.²⁴ They had eight children: **Margaret Mary, Lucille Hilda, Eileen Jeanette, Catherine R, James, James Richard "Bud," Thomas F,** and **Robert Joseph.**

Marriage Notes: According to daughter Lucille's obituary, James & Hilda had 8 children. Lucille was pre-deceased by several sibilings and baby brother James, and also survived by brother James. The baby James was probably born and died before 1926. [1]

[1] Connecticut Post (Bridgeport), 22 Oct 2011, obit Lucille O'Day (GenealogyBank.com)

General Notes: James M Dunn registered for the WWI draft in Bridgeport, Connecticut on 5 June 1917. He was born in Fairfield on 2 Sept 1893. He has a wife, but no children. James is working for the Union Branch B. B. B. Co.

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In the 1920 Census, Jame M Dunn is living in Fairfield, Fairfield Co, Conecticut. He is 27 years old and was born in Connecticut. His parents were born in Ireland. James' occupation was not clear on the census. Living with him are his wife Hilda, 26, and their daughter Margaret. Also in the house are his mother-in-law Margaret Speiser (looked liked Spison on the census) and sister-in-law Sofie Speiser.

In the 1930 Census, James M Dunn is living in Fairfield on Pine Creek Road. He is 37 years old and was born in Connecticut, as was his father. His mother was born in the Irish Free State. James is a house carpenter. Living with him are his wife Hilda L and their children. Hilda is 36 years old, born in Connecticut. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in the Irish Free State. Their children are Margaret M, 11, Lucille H, 10, Ilene J, 6, Catherine R, 6, James R, 3 & 5 months, and Thomas, age 0.

In 1942 James Michael Dunn is living at 353 Pine Creek Road in Fairfield with his wife Hilda Dunn. He is employed by Gallatly Construction Co of Fairfield/Bridgeport. James was born 2 September 1892 in Fairfield County. [2]

James M Dunn is listed in the Bridgeport City directory of 1944 as having died Aug 18 1944 at age 50 (born about 1894). [1]

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

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

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1893, Connecticut.²⁵
- Alt. Birth: 2 Sep 1893, Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²⁶

4-**Margaret Mary Dunn**²⁷ was born on 3 Jun 1918 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,²⁸ died on 28 Oct 2005 in Hamilton, Mercer County, New Jersey²⁹ at age 87, and was buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey.³⁰

General Notes: Margaret married a man named Gallagher. [1]

From 1942 through 1944, while husband John was in the US Army, Margaret remained in Bridgeport, Connecticut, at her mother's home. [3]

Margaret was a founding member of St. Gregory the Great Church [Hamilton Square, Mercer Co, NJ]. [4]

Margaret Gallagher was born 3 June 1918 and died 28 October 2005. Her last residence was in Hamilton, Mercer County, New Jersey. [2]

In addition to her four children, Margaret was survived by grandchildren Michelle, James, Patrick, Christine, Amy, Elizabeth, Emily, Kelly & Kerry. And five great-grandchildren Kelly, Andrew, Maddie, Ryan & Gabriella. [4]

[1] Ellen Dunn Davies - Rootsweb message board post 1999

[2] Social Security Death Index

[3] Bridgeport City Directories, 1942-1943 & 1944 (Ancestry.com)

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[4] Trentonian (Trenton, NJ) (GenealogyBank.com), 29 Oct 2005, obit Margaret M Gallagher

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 3 Jun 1918, Fairfield County, Connecticut.³¹

Margaret married **John Lawrence "Jack" Gallagher**,³² son of **John J Gallagher** and **Ruth Emma Whiteley**, on 23 Aug 1941 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut.³³ John was born on 16 Aug 1916 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,³⁴ died on 8 Oct 1971 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut³⁵ at age 55, and was buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey.³⁶ Another name for John was Gallagher.³⁷ They had four children: **Gail A, Jacqueline Mary, John D "Jack,"** and **Kevin J.**

General Notes: John Lawrence Gallagher registered for the military draft for World War II, date not on the registration card. He was born 16 August 1916 in Bridgeport and is working for Borck & Stevens Baking Co. John's mother Mrs Ruth Whitely Gallagher is his closest contact. They are living at the same address. [7]

John L Gallagher enlisted in the US Army on 29 March 1941 in Hartford, Connecticut. His enlistment was for the Philippine Department. He is single, has had one year of college and is working as a "Recording Engineer, Radio or Electrician or Electrician, Motion Picture (Motion picture electrician) or Electrician, Airplane. John was born in 1916 on Connecticut. [1]

From 1942 through at least 1944, John is in the US Army. His wife Margaret remained in Bridgeport, living at her mother's home in Fairfield. [3]

In 1949 John L Gallagher and wife Margaret M are living in Bridgeport at 1656 Capital av. John is a route salesman at 925 Housatonic av. [4]

In 1952-1953 John L Gallagher and wife Margaret M are still in Bridgeport at 1656 Capital av. John is an electrician for Avco. John and Margaret appear to have left Bridgeport between 1953 and 1957. [4]

The Gallaghers moved to the Trenton area (Mercer County, New Jersey) in 1953. [6]

John was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. [5]

John was born in Bridgeport and was a resident for 32 years. [5]

John L Gallagher, of Trenton, New Jersey, died 8 October 1971 at the home of his mother-in-law Hilda Dunn in Fairfield, Connecticut. The funeral was held 12 October in Mercerville, New Jersey. [5]

John Gallagher was born 23 August 1916 and died October 1971. His last residence was in Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey. John's Social Security number was issued in Connecticut before 1951. [2]

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- [1] U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 (Ancestry.com)
- [2] Social Security Death Index
- [3] Bridgeport City Directories, 1942-1943 & 1944 (Ancestry.com)
- [4] Bridgeport City Directories, 1949, 1952, 1953, 1957 (Ancestry.com)
- [5] Bridgeport Post, 9 Oct 1971, p. 15
- [6] Trentonian (Trenton, NJ) (GenealogyBank.com), 29 Oct 2005, obit Margaret M Gallagher
- [7] U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men 1940-1947 (images) (Ancestry.com), John Lawrence Gallagher, b. 16 Aug 1916, Bpt

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 23 Aug 1916, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.¹⁷

5-Gail A Gallagher

Gail married **James J Burns**.

5-Jacqueline Mary Gallagher

Jacqueline married **Thomas P Stemmler**.

Jacqueline next married **Gregory Dennis Lukacs**, son of **Alex Lukacs** and **Norma Houlis**.

5-John D "Jack" Gallagher

5-Kevin J Gallagher

4-**Lucille Hilda Dunn**³⁸ was born on 11 Apr 1920 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut,³⁹ died on 20 Oct 2011 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut⁴⁰ at age 91, and was buried on 25 Oct 2011 in St Thomas Cemetery, Fairfield, Connecticut.⁴¹

General Notes: Lucille married a man named O'Day. [2]

In 1981 Lucille is a cafeteria worker at Osborn Hill School. [1]

Lucille attended St. Thomas Elementary School and was a graduate of Roger Ludlowe High School. During high school, she loved playing field hockey, singing and dancing in musicals. Her love of singing continued her entire life. After high school, Lucille worked at Fairfield's former Howard Johnson's and at Woolworth's 5 & 10. During the early years of her marriage she worked at Kennel Foods, down by the "old mill." In later years, Lucille worked as a cook in the Fairfield Public Schools and on the staff of Westport's Hunt Club. [3]

Lucille enjoyed baking (the cookie jar was continuously replenished and her pies were "out of this world"), drawing and painting (everything from wall murals to illustrating poem's for her daughter's classroom), and gardening. [3]

[1] Bridgeport City Directories, 1981 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Ellen Dunn Davies - Rootsweb message board post 1999

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[3] Connecticut Post (Bridgeport), 22 Oct 2011, obit Lucille O'Day (GenealogyBank.com)

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Sep 1922, Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁴²
- Residence: 2009, Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁴³

Lucille married **James Francis O'Day**,⁴⁴ son of **James P F O'Day** and **Emily Frances Rienecker**, on 22 Oct 1942 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁴⁵ James was born on 25 Sep 1916 in Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts,⁴⁶ died on 10 Oct 1995 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹³ at age 79, and was buried in St Thomas Cemetery, Fairfield, Connecticut.⁴⁷ They had seven children: **James F, Patricia M, Dawn E, Sally L, Thomas K, Christopher S, and Joan M.**

Marriage Notes: James & Lucille met on a blind date, and were married at St. Thomas Church in 1942. They honeymooned in Bethlehem, Connecticut. [1]

[1] Connecticut Post (Bridgeport), 22 Oct 2011, obit Lucille O'Day (GenealogyBank.com)

General Notes: James F Oday enlisted in the US Army Air Corp on 14 July 1941 in Hartford, Connecticut. He is single, has had 4 years of college and is working as a "Bandsman, Oboe or Parts Clerk, Automobile". James was born in 1916 in Massachusetts. He currently lives in Fairfield, Connecticut. [3]

In 1943-1944 James is serving in the US Army. [1]

By 1944 James and Lucille have married and are living at 1658 Capitol av in Bridgeport. James is an insurance agent. By 1952, James is salesman and they have moved to 42 Priscilla cir. [1]

In 1957, James F O'Day and his wife Lucille H are living at 197 Sasapequan Road in Fairfield, Connecticut. James is a salesman. In 1960 James is an insurance agent. [1]

In 1981 James is a salesman for Miller Buick and Lucille is a cafeteria worker at Osborn Hill School. [1]

James F O'Day, was born 25 September 1916 in Massachusetts. He died 10 October 1995 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut, at age 79. James was survived by his wife Lucille. He was a salesman for Miller Buick, had 5 + years of college, and was living at 197 Sasapequan Road in Fairfield when he died. [2]

[1] Bridgeport City Directories, 1942-1943, 1944, 1949, 1952, 1957, 1960, 1981 (Ancestry.com)

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

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

5-James F O'Day Jr

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5-Patricia M O'Day

Patricia married **Mark Senior**.

5-Dawn E O'Day

Dawn married **Unknown Florez**.

Dawn next married **Andrew E Kapi**, son of **Andrew Kapi Jr** and **Anna B Petty**.

5-Sally L O'Day

5-Thomas K O'Day

5-Christopher S O'Day

5-Joan M O'Day

Joan married **Thomas E Sorrentino**.

4-Eileen Jeanette Dunn⁴⁸ was born on 28 Oct 1923 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut,⁴⁹ died on 14 Nov 2013 in New Jersey⁵⁰ at age 90, and was buried on 16 Nov 2013 in George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey.⁵¹ Another name for Eileen was Ilene J Dunn.⁵²

General Notes: Eileen married a man named Read. [1]

Listed as Eileen Reid in sister Lucille's obituary (2011).

During World War II, Eileen was a storekeeper and clerk in the US Navy. [2]

About 1955 Eileen and Wallace moved to Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey. [2]

She worked at Spann's Bakery, the First National Bank, and for A&P. [2]

[1] Ellen Dunn Davies - Rootsweb message board post 1999

[2] Findagrave.com, #122298046, obit for Eileen Jeanette Read, added 27 Dec 2013 by Kelley Bean

Noted events in her life were:

- Residence: Abt 1955, Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey.⁵³
- Residence: 2006, Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey.⁵⁴
- Residence: 2009, New Jersey.⁴³
- Residence: 2013, Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey.⁵³

Eileen married **Wallace Lewis Read**,⁵⁵ son of **Albert M Read** and **Ivy B Terhune**, in 1947 in New Jersey.⁵⁶ Wallace was born on 24 Nov 1925 in Waldwick, Bergen County, New Jersey,⁵⁵ died on 30 Dec 1990 in Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey⁵⁷ at age 65, and was buried in George Washington

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Memorial Park, Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey.⁵⁸ Other names for Wallace were Unknown Read³⁷ and Wally Reed.⁴³ They had five children: **Russell A, Cheryl E, Maureen, Stewart, and Colleen.**

General Notes: Wallace Read (24 Nov 1925 - 30 Dec 1990) served in the US Navy from 30 October 1943 to 19 May 1946. [3]

Wallace L. Read, of Hawthorne, formerly of Glen Rock, died 30 December 1990. He was a service representative for Public Service Electric and Gas Co. in Paterson for 41 years, and retired in 1989. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Wallace was survived by his wife, Eileen Dunn Read; two sons, Russell of Hawthorne and Stewart of Pequannock; three daughters, Cheryl Poswencyk of Juno Beach, Fla., and Maureen Read and Coleen Read, both of Hawthorne. [2]

Wallace L. Read was born 24 November 1925 and died 30 December 1990. His last residence was in Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey. His Social security # was issued in New Jersey before 1951. [1]

[1] Social Security Death Index

[2] The Record, Hackensack, NJ, 1 Jan 1991 (Genealogybank.com)

[3] U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010 (Ancestry.com)

5-**Russell A Read**⁵⁹ was born on 6 Dec 1947 in Paterson, Passaic County, New Jersey,⁶⁰ died on 4 Nov 2006 in New Jersey⁶¹ at age 58, and was buried in George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey.⁶²

General Notes: Russell lived in Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey, most of his life. [1]

Russ was a US Army veteran of the Vietnam War. [1]

From about 1968, Russell was a meter reader with Public Service Electric & Gas in Paterson, Passaic and Hackensack. He retired in 2005 after 37 years. [1]

Russ A Read, born 6 December 1947, died 4 November 2006. His last residence was in Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey. [2]

In addition to his wife and two children, Russ was survived by two grandchildren. [1]

[1] Herald News (West Paterson, NJ) (GenealogyBank.com), 6 Nov 2006, obit Russell A Read

[2] Social Security Death Index

Noted events in his life were:

- Residence: 1991, Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey.

Russell married **Joyce A Ayers**. They had two children: **Russell J** and

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Brenda Lee.

6-Russell J Read

6-Brenda Lee Read

Brenda married **Darren Thomas Massey**. They had two children:
Tyler and **Brandon**.

5-Cheryl E Read

Cheryl married **Alan P Poswencyk**.

5-Maureen Read

5-Stewart Read

5-Colleen Read

4-Catherine R Dunn⁵² was born on 28 Oct 1923 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut,⁶³ died on 30 Apr 2015 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut⁶⁴ at age 91, and was buried on 8 May 2015 in St Thomas Cemetery, Fairfield, Connecticut.⁶⁴ She had no known marriage and no known children.

General Notes: Catherine R Dunn is living at 353 S Pine Creek Road [in the family home] in Fairfield in 1944. Catherine is an inspector at American Chain and Cable Co. [1]

In 1952 Catherine R Dunn is a machine operator at 325 Lafayette. [1]

In 1957, Catherine R Dunn is living with her mother Hilda L Dunn in Fairfield, Connecticut, at 353 S Pine Creek Road. Catherine is an assembler at Warner Brothers Co. She remains at Warner Brothers thru at least 1965. [1]

In 1979 Catherine is an assembler at HHInc. [1]

Catherine was a retired longtime employee of Warnaco and Harvey Hubbell. She was known to her family for her commitment and her baking and photography skills. [2]

Catherine died 30 April 2015 at Astoria Park Nursing Home in Bridgeport, where she had lived for her last 7 months. She may have had Alzheimer's as her family requested donations to the Alzheimer's Association. [2]

[1] Bridgeport City Directories 1944, 1952, 1957, 1965, 1979 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Legacy.com, Connecticut Post, 1 May 2015, obit Catherine R Dunn, d. 30 Apr 2015 Bpt.

Noted events in her life were:

- Occupation: Assembler.
- Residence: 2009, Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁴³

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4-**James Dunn**⁶⁵ died in Infancy.

General Notes: James could be the James Dunn who died in Fairfield on 28 Apr 1926. [1]

[1] Connecticut Death Records Index 1897-1966 (Conn. State Library, ctstatelibrary.org)

4-**James Richard "Bud" Dunn**

James married **Kim**.

James next married **Diane**.

4-**Thomas F Dunn**⁵² was born on 21 Mar 1929 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut,⁶⁶ died on 9 Jan 2009 in Southport, Fairfield County, Connecticut⁶⁷ at age 79, and was buried on 12 Jan 2009 in St Thomas Cemetery, Fairfield, Connecticut.⁶⁸ He had no known marriage and no known children.

General Notes: In 1952 Thomas F Dunn is a machine operator at Dupont's. He is living with his mother and other family members at 353 S Pine Creek Road, Fairfield, Connecticut. [1]

In 1957, Thomas F Dunn is living with his mother Hilda L Dunn in Fairfield, Connecticut, at 353 S Pine Creek Road. In 1960, he is a student and still living with his mother, sister Catherine and brother James in Fairfield. [1]

In 1962 Thomas is a beautician employed at 2005 Black Rock turnpike in Fairfield. [1]

In 1965 Thomas is a policeman for the Fairfield Police Department. Thomas is still living in the family home. [1]

By 1979 Thomas is a salesman for United Beauty Supply Corp. He is still working for them in 1981. [1]

Thomas died 9 January 2009 at CT Health in Southport, Connecticut. He was born in Fairfield to James & Hilda Dunn and was a retired salesman. Thomas served in the US Army, and was a lifelong parishioner of St Thomas Aquinas Church. [2]

[1] Bridgeport City Directories 1952, 1957, 1960, 1962, 1965, 1979, 1981 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Connecticut Post, 10 Jan 2009 (GenealogyBank.com)

4-**Robert Joseph Dunn**⁶⁹ was born on 11 Mar 1931 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut,⁷⁰ died on 23 Aug 1995 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹³ at age 64, and was buried in St Thomas Cemetery, Fairfield, Connecticut.⁷¹ Another name for Robert was Robert J Dunn.³⁷

General Notes: In 1951 Pfc [Private first class] Robert Joseph Dunn was stationed at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. [4]

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In 1952 Robert J Dunn is still in the US Army. He is listed in the Bridgeport City Directory at 353 S Pine Creek Road in Fairfield, in the home of his mother. [5]

Robert Dunn (11 March 1931 - 23 August 199) enlisted in the US Army on 15 May 1951 and was released from service on 13 May 1953. [7]

Robert was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War. [6]

In 1960 Robert is back in Fairfield. He is married to Theresa C, and is a policeman for the Fairfield Police Department. Robert and Theresa are living at 14 Normandy rd in Fairfield. [5]

In 1962 & 1965 Robert J & Theresa C Dunn are living in Fairfield at 49 Redfield Road. Robert is a policeman for Fairfield PD. In 1979 they are still on Redfield Road in Fairfield. [5]

Robert J Dunn was born 11 March 1931 in Connecticut. He died 23 August 1995 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut. At the time Robert was married to There[sa], and a police officer for the town of Fairfield. He was living in Fairfield at 375 South Pine Creek Road. [1, 2, 3]

[1] Ellen Dunn Davies - father Robert J Dunn 1931 - 1995

[2] Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2001

[3] Social Security Death Index

[4] Bridgeport Post, 8 Jul 1951 (Ancestry.com)

[5] Bridgeport City Directories 1952, 1960, 1962, 1965, 1979 (Ancestry.com)

[6] Findagrave.com, #114195430, gravemarker image, added 22 Jul 2013 by Mena Mead, Retrieved 25 Nov 2013

[7] U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010 (Ancestry.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: After 1930.

Robert married **Theresa Catherine "Terry" Dunleavy**,⁶⁹ daughter of **James J Dunleavy** and **Ellen Kilbride**, on 1 Dec 1951 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁷² Theresa was born on 12 Aug 1931 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut,⁷³ died on 9 May 2019 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut⁷⁴ at age 87, and was buried on 11 May 2019 in St Thomas Cemetery, Fairfield, Connecticut.⁷⁵ Another name for Theresa was Theresa C.⁷⁶ They had five children: **Robert Joseph, Ellen Mary, Mary Lynn, James Patrick, and Jacqueline Marie**.

Marriage Notes: In July 1951, Theresa Catherine Dunleavy and Robert Joseph Dunn announced their engagement. [1]

[1] Bridgeport Post, 8 Jul 1951 (Ancestry.com)

General Notes: In 1981, Theresa is a clerk/typist for the Town of Fairfield. [1]

Terry was an employee of the Town of Fairfield for over 30 years. She served on

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many town boards including Pension and Credit Union. Among her awards was Employee of the Year. [2]

She was a member of the Fairfield Lion's Club and the first female president. She was also a founding member of the Gaelic American Club. [2]

[1] Bridgeport City Directories 1981 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Legacy.com, CT Post, 10 May 2019, obit Theresa C Dunn, d. 9 May 2019, bur 11 May, St Thomas

Noted events in her life were:

- Residence: 2015, Fairfield, Connecticut.⁷⁷

5-**Robert Joseph Dunn Jr**

Robert married **Candase Cane**. They had three children: **Blake P, Katelyn I, and Trevor C**.

6-**Blake P Dunn**

6-**Katelyn I Dunn**

6-**Trevor C Dunn**

Robert next married **Bernadette Fachini**, daughter of **Nilo Fachini** and **Margaret Conroy**.

5-**Ellen Mary Dunn**

Ellen married **David S Davies**.

5-**Mary Lynn Dunn**

5-**James Patrick Dunn**

James married **Sheila**.

5-**Jacqueline Marie Dunn**

Jacqueline married **Martin A Mulroy**.

3-**Sophie C Speiser**⁴ was born on 2 Aug 1897 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹⁶ died on 26 Mar 1974 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹³ at age 76, and was buried on 28 Mar 1974 in St. Michael's Cemetary, Bridgeport, Connecticut.⁷⁸

General Notes: In the 1920 Census, Sophie (Sofie Spison on the census) and her mother are living in Fairfield, Fairfield Co, Connecticut, in the house of her sister Hilda and brother-in-law James M Dunn. Sophie is 22 years old and is working as a stenographer in an office.

In the 1930 Census, Sophie is living with her mother Margaret in Bridgeport, Fairfield

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Co, Connecticut. She is 32 and 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 Sophie is working as a nurse. [3]

In 1957, Sophie's mother Margaret is living at 428 Dewey in Bridgeport. A cross-check of the listing in the city directory finds her at the home of George A Goneau, whose wife is Sophie.

Sophie Goneau was born 2 Aug 1897 and died 26 March 1974 in Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut, at age 76. She was widowed from George at the time of her death. Her last residence was in Bridgeport. [1, 2]

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

[2] Social Security Death Index

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

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Aug 1897, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁴

Sophie married **George Andrew Goneau**,⁷⁹ son of **Olier Napoleon Goneau** and **Olia Rose**, on 25 Jul 1932 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁸⁰ George was born on 22 May 1905 in Mt Vernon, New York,⁸¹ died on 18 Jun 1972 in Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut⁸² at age 67, and was buried on 22 Jun 1972 in St. Michael's Cemetary, Bridgeport, Connecticut.⁸³ They had two children: **George Joseph** and **Ann Marie**.

General Notes: George A Goneau was born in Mt Vernon, New York, and lived in Bridgeport for 55 years [since about 1917]. [5]

In 1930, George A Goneau is living at 1533 Seaview Ave in Bridgeport, Connecticut, with his parents Olier N Goneau and Olia R Goneau. George is 24 (born abt 1906), born in New York and an auto mechanic. Olier is French Canadian. Olia was born in Connecticut, but her parents were also French Canadian.

In 1935 George A Goneau is living at 1658 Capitol Ave in Bridgeport with his wife Sophie J and mother-in-law Margaret Speiser. George is a tire engineer for Short Line of Conn Inc. [4]

In 1944 (& 1957), George A Goneau is living at 428 Dewey in Bridgeport with his wife Sophie J. George is an assistant foreman at the Bridgeport Brass Company. [2]

In 1965 George A Goneau is living at 428 Dewey in Bridgeport with his wife Sophie J and mother-in-law Margaret Speiser. George is an extruder at the Bridgeport Brass Company. [2]

George retired in 1967 from Bridgeport Brass Company after 25 years. [5]

George A Goneau was born 22 May 1905 and died 18 June 1972 in Newtown, Connecticut, at age 67. At the time of his death he was married to Sophie and living in

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Bridgeport, Connecticut. [1, 3]

George A Goneau of Dewey Street, died Sunday [18 June 1972] at Fairfield Hills hospital in Newtown. Service and burial will be Thursday [22 Jun] in St Michael's. [5]

- [1] Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2001 (Ancestry.com)
- [2] Bridgeport City Directory 1944, 1957, 1965 (Ancestry.com)
- [3] Social Security Death Index
- [4] Bridgeport City Directory 1935 (Ancestry.com)
- [5] Bridgeport Post, images (Ancestry.com), 20 Jun 1972, p. 31

4-**George Joseph Goneau Sr**⁸⁴ was born on 11 Jun 1934 in Connecticut¹³ and died on 29 May 1984 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹³ at age 49.

General Notes: On 25 January 1955, it was reported that George J Goneau, age 20, of 428 Dewey Steet, was fined \$6 for disregarding a stop sign. [2]

In 1955, George was employed at Warner's. [1]

George Goneau died 29 May 1984 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He was 49 years old, born in Connecticut on 11 June 1934. He was divorced at the time of his death. George was an assembler at Mitchell Dairy. He was living at 315 Colorado Ave in Bridgeport at the time of his death. [3, 4]

- [1] Bridgeport Sunday Post, 15 May 1955 (Ancestry.com)
- [2] Bridgeport Post, 25 January 1955 (Ancestry.com)
- [3] Social Security Death Index
- [4] Connecticut Death Index (Ancestry.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1934.⁶⁹
- Residence: 1972, Newtown, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁸⁵

George married **Carol Esther Judd**,⁸⁶ daughter of **Milton W Judd** and **Esther M Chagnon**, on 4 Jun 1955 in Long Hill, Fairfield County, Connecticut. The marriage ended in divorce. Carol was born on 3 Jan 1936 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut⁸⁷ and died on 5 Jul 2015⁸⁸ at age 79. They had three children: **George Joseph**, **Donna M**, and **Theresa L**.

Marriage Notes: George's best man at his and Carol's wedding was Walter J Arsenault, his sister's fiancée. [1]

In December 1966 Carol E Judd Goneau (of Trumbull) filed for divorce from George J Goneau (of Newtown) on grounds of intolerable cruelty. They were divorced on 2 November 1967. [2]

- [1] Bridgeport Sunday Post, 5 June 1955 (Ancestry.com)
- [2] Bridgeport Post (Ancestry.com), 24 Dec 1966, p. 3 & 3 Nov 1967, p.13

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Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 4 Jun 1955, Trumbull, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁸⁹
- Divorce: 2 Nov 1967, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁹⁰
- Marriage Fact: St Theresa's Church.⁸⁶

General Notes: In 1955, Carol was a student nurse at St Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, Connecticut. [1]

Prior to becoming a mother, Carol worked for Sikorsky Aircraft. Later she was a Stratford Courier for the Connecticut Post. [4]

Carol E Goneau, age 31, married Antho[ny] Ruggiero, age 34, on 23 November 1967 in Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut. Carol was a resident of Trumbull, and Anthony was a resident of Bridgeport. [2]

Carol and Anthony probably had one child - Anthony Ruggiero Jr.

Anthony J Ruggiero died 8 May 1992 in Bridgeport at age 59. He was born 13 January 1933 in Bridgeport. Anthony was a foreman for the Sikorsky corporation, a helicopter manufacturer. He was living in Stratford and married to Carol at the time of his death. [3]

Carol E Ruggiero died 5 July 2015. She was survived by sons Anthony Ruggiero Jr, George Goneau, Robert Clarks, and daughters Theresa (John) Mendoza, Donna Jackson. She was predeceased by daughter Cathy Clark. [4]

Robert Clark is probably Carol's son-in-law, widow of daughter Cathy. Cathy Ruggiero was born about 1958 and was likely the daughter of Anthony Ruggiero and an earlier wife. She first married Keith L Otten in 1977. He appears to be the Keith L Otten, 1957-1998. She was married to Robert Clark at the time of her death. [CAR - various research]

[1] Bridgeport Sunday Post, 15 May 1955 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Connecticut Marriage Index, 1959-2001 (Ancestry.com)

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

[4] Connecticut Post (GenealogyBank.com), 8 Jul 2015, obit Carol E Ruggiero

Noted events in her life were:

- Residence: 2015, Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁸⁸

5-George Joseph Goneau Jr

George married **Sherry Lynn Miskela**, daughter of **Joseph Miskela** and **Irene Alice Lowell**. They had no children.

5-Donna M Goneau

Donna married **Donald Jackson**.

5-Theresa L Goneau

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Theresa married **Albert B Dias**. They had no children.

Theresa next married **John A Mendoza**.

4-**Ann Marie Goneau** was born on 10 Dec 1935 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,⁹¹ died on 23 Aug 2009 in Hamden, New Haven County, Connecticut⁹¹ at age 73, and was buried in Mountain Meadows Cemetery, Seymour, New Haven County, Connecticut.⁹¹

General Notes: Ann graduated from Bassich High School. In 1955 she was employed in the accounts receivable department of Remington Rand. [1]

Ann Marie Goneau Arsenault, of Oxford, died 23 August 2009 at Arden House of Hamden, Connecticut. Ann Marie was born 10 December 1935 in Bridgeport to George and Sophie Speiser Goneau. She was formerly employed by the Remington Rand Corporation of Bridgeport.

Ann Marie was survived by her husband Walter J. Arsenault, sons Joseph W. Arsenault and his wife Connie of Lake Orion, MI, Thomas J. Arsenault and his wife LeAnn of Southbury; daughters, Cathy Adamczyk and her husband Andrew of Ansonia, Maureen De-Matteo and her husband Dr. Pasquale of New Haven, and Eileen Westgate and her husband James of Oxford. She was predeceased by her beloved granddaughter, Nicole Arsenault. [3]

Annamarie Arsenault, 10 December 1935 - 25 August 2009. Last residence Hamden, New Haven County, Connecticut. [2]

[1] Bridgeport Telegram, 9 January 1955 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Social Security Death Index

[3] New Haven Register (CT), 25 Aug 2009, p. B6 (GenealogyBank.com)

Noted events in her life were:

- Residence: 1972, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁹²
- Residence: 1985-2009, Oxford, New Haven County, Connecticut.⁹¹

Ann married **Walter Joseph Arsenault**, son of **Addie Arsenault** and **Marie Winnie Myers**. They had five children: **Joseph W**, **Thomas J**, **Cathleen M "Cathy"**, **Maureen M**, and **Eileen M**.

5-**Joseph W Arsenault**

Joseph married **Connie**.

5-**Thomas J Arsenault**

Thomas married **Leann**.

5-**Cathleen M "Cathy" Arsenault**

Cathleen married **Andrew Adamczyk**, son of **Joseph Adamczyk** and **Hedwig "Hedy" Korzeniewski**.

5-**Maureen M Arsenault**

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Maureen married **Dr Pasquale J DeMatteo**,⁹³ son of **Anthony DeMatteo** and **Lillian "Lil" DiNello**, on 28 Sep 1985 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁹⁴ Pasquale was born on 24 Jul 1954 in New Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut,⁹⁵ died on 7 Feb 2015⁹⁶ at age 60, and was buried on 14 Feb 2015 in St Lawrence Cemetery, West Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut.⁹⁷ They had two children: **Matthew Anthony** and **Amanda Lillian**.

General Notes: Pasquale attended St Bernadette's School, Notre Dame High School (West Haven), Fairfield University and DesMoines University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He served his residency in Internal Medicine at Bridgeport Hospital. He practiced for 23 years with Fairfield Family Medical Care. [1]

Dr. Pasquale J DeMatteo, of New Haven, died unexpectedly 7 February 2015. [1]

[1] Celentano Funeral Home (New Haven, CT) (www.celentanofuneralhome.com), obit Dr Pasquale J DeMatteo, d. 7 Feb 2015

6-Matthew Anthony DeMatteo

6-Amanda Lillian DeMatteo

5-Eileen M Arsenault

Eileen married **James G Westgate**.

Henry next married **Isabelle C Nullett**,⁹⁸ daughter of **Harry J Nullett** and **Margaret Camp**, in Jul 1913 in Manhattan, New York City, New York.⁹⁹ Isabelle was born on 9 Jun 1888 in New York City, New York,¹⁰⁰ died on 14 Aug 1981 in Dover Twp (Toms River), Ocean County, New Jersey¹⁰¹ at age 93, and was buried in Hollywood Memorial Park & Cemetery, Union, Union County, New Jersey.¹⁰² They had three children: **LeRoy Harold**, **Isabelle Marjorie**, and **Harry John**.

General Notes: Isabelle's last name was believed to be Camp-Nualeit or Camp. [1] Her maiden name was actually Nullett, and her mother's maiden name was Camp. [2] Nualeit or Nualeit appears to be an alternate spelling for Nullett. When son LeRoy was born he was registered as Leroy Harold Nualeit. [5]

Isabelle is probably the Bella Nulit born 9 June 1888 in Manhattan. [8]

Isabelle's middle name may have been Catherine. [2]

In 1900 Isabell Nullet is living on McKay Ave in East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey, with her mother Margaret. Margaret was born Nov 1870 in New York, as were her parents. Margaret is married, has had one child. Her husband Harry is not living with her. She is not working. Isabell was born June 1888 and is 11 years old. [3]

In April 1906 (inconsistently reported in the news as 1908), Henry Speiser deserted his

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family in East Orange, New Jersey, and left the area with 17 year-old Isabel Nullet. They were not heard from until Isabel's mother Mrs Margaret Nullet heard they were in Lynn, Massachusetts. Mrs Nullet traveled to Massachusetts in early 1909 and caused the arrest of Henry and Isabel. [9]

On 8 February 1909, Henry E Spicer of Wenham pleaded guilty of illegal association and was held in \$500 for the grand jury. Isabelle C Nullet pleaded guilty of association with Spicer and was placed on probation in the custody of her mother for one year. Isabel's mother informed the Justice that she would take her daughter home [to New Jersey] and the court assented. [10]

If Isabelle went to New Jersey with her mother in February 1909, then she was back in Massachusetts by October 1909 when her and Henry's son LeRoy was born. Even though Isabelle was placed in her mother's custody for one year, she turned age 21 in June, so may have effectively been able to go where she wanted.

In 1910, Isabell Nullett is living in East Orange with her mother Margaret Nullett. Margaret is 40, married, married at age 23, and has had 2 children, only 1 is living. Her husband is not living with her. Isabell is 21 and single. She is working, but her occupation was not clear. Living with them is Le Roy Stewart. Le Roy is 6 months old, listed as a boarder, born in Massachusetts, his father in Massachusetts and his mother in Canada. [4] Although his last name and parents' birthplaces are incorrect Le Roy is probably son LeRoy H Nualeit/Speiser.

Isabelle was not employed in 1939. [7]

In 1940 Isabelle Spicer [sic] is living in East Orange, New Jersey. She is 51, widowed, and a janitoress at the public school. She worked 24 hours the last week in March. Isabelle owns her home (at 256 Rhode Island Ave) worth \$3000. Son Harry is living with her. [7]

In 1942, Isabelle C Speiser was living at 122 N Walnut Street in East Orange, New Jersey. She was working for a firm in Livingston, New Jersey. The name of the company was difficult to read. [2]

Isabelle Speiser was 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. [6]

[1] Dolores Speiser Serio, 2006

[2] Social Security SS-5 form

[3] 1900 US Census, East Orange, Essex Co, NJ, ED 176, sheet 8A

[4] 1910 US Census, East Orange, Essex Co, NJ, ED 168, sheet 30A

[5] Massachusetts Vitals 1841-1910 (NEHGS)

[6] Social Security Death Index

[7] 1940 US Census, East Orange, Essex Co, NJ, ED 7-114, sheet 63A

[8] German Genealogy Group (www.germangenealogygroup.com), NYC Births

[9] Passaic Daily News (NJ) (newspapers.com), 8 Feb 1919, p. 5, dateline East Orange, Feb 8

[10] The Boston Globe (MA) (newspapers.com), 8 Feb 1919, p. 14, dateline Salem, MA,

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Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1890, New York.²⁴
- Residence: 1981, Dover Twp (Toms River), Ocean County, New Jersey.¹⁰³

3-**LeRoy Harold Speiser**¹⁰⁴ was born on 17 Oct 1909 in Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts,¹⁰⁵ died on 18 Jun 1955 in Newark, Essex County, New Jersey¹⁰⁶ at age 45, and was buried in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey.¹⁰⁷ Other names for LeRoy were Leroy Harold Nualeit,¹⁰⁸ Le Roy Speiser,²⁴ and LeRoy Harold Spicer.¹⁰⁹

General Notes: Leroy Harold Nualeit was born 17 October 1909 in Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts. His father was incorrectly listed as Harry J Nualeit (actually his grandfather's name). His mother was listed as Isabella Camp. Camp is actually Isabelle's mother's maiden name. LeRoy's father was correctly listed as a machinist born in Germany, and his mother as born in New York City. [2]

In 1910, Le Roy is living in East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey. He is 6 months old, born in Massachusetts. Le Roy is living with his grandmother Margaret Nullet and his mother Isabell Nullet. [1] LeRoy is incorrectly listed on the census as Le Roy Stewart, boarder, with his parents born in Massachusetts and Canada.

Leroy had an 8th grade education. [3]

In the 1930 Census, Le Roy Speiser is living in East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey, with his parents Henry and Isabelle (Elizabeth on the census) Speiser, and his younger brother and sister. Le Roy is 20, birthplace unclear, and working as an office boy for an insurance office.

In 1939 Leroy worked 52 weeks for \$1196. [3]

In 1940 Harold Leroy Spicer [sic] is living in East Orange. He is 30, renting his home for \$35 a month, and is an inspector for a machine company. With Leroy are his wife Catherine, 22, daughter Dolores, 3, and mother-in-law Catherine McDonough [incorrectly listed as lodger]. [3]

On 16 October 1940 LeRoy Harold Spicer [sic] registered for the draft. He was born 17 October 1909 in Lynne, Massachusetts, is living in E. Orange and works for Monroe Calculating Machine Co in Orange. His closest contact is brother Harry John Spicer. [4]

[1] 1910 US Census, East Orange, Essex Co, NJ, ED 168, sheet 30A

[2] Massachusetts Vitals 1841-1910 (NEHGS)

[3] 1940 US Census, East Orange, Essex Co, NJ, ED 7-108, sheet 4A

[4] U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men 1940-1947 (images) (Ancestry.com), LeRoy Harold Spicer [sic], b. 17 Oct 1909, Lynne, MA

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Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1910, Massachusetts.²⁴
- Residence: 1955, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey.¹¹⁰
- Alt. Death: 19 Jun 1955.¹¹¹

LeRoy married **Catherine McDonough**,¹¹² daughter of **Thomas McDonough** and **Catherine Louisa "Katie" Angerstein**, in Nov 1950 in East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey.¹¹³ Catherine was born on 6 Jul 1917 in Newark, New Jersey,¹¹⁴ died on 7 Nov 1989 in Montclair, Essex County, New Jersey¹¹⁵ at age 72, and was buried in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey.¹⁰⁷ They had one daughter: **Dolores Ann**.

Marriage Notes: LeRoy and Catherine were together as husband and wife by 1940 (with child). Only a marriage record for 1950 has been found. They either married late, or divorced and re-married. [CAR 2020]

General Notes: In 1920 Catherine McDonough is 2 1/2 years old, born in New Jersey, and living in Newark, New Jersey, with her mother Catherine McDonough, grandparents George and Mary Angerstein, and three of her uncles. Catherine's mother Catherine [Angerstein] McDonough is 32, married (her husband is not in the house), and a dressmaker at a department store. [2]

Catherine's mother was born Catherine Louisa Angerstein (aka Katie) on 4 March 1888 in Newark to George P Angerstein and Mary G Corcoran. Mary was from Ireland. [3]

In 1930 Katherine McDonough is 12, living in Newark with her mother Katherine McDonough, aunt Anna Angerstein and uncle Harry Angerstein. Mother Katherine M is 42, widowed, and a dressmaker at a department store. [4]

Catherine completed high school. [5]

In 1940 Catherine's mother Catherine McDonough is living with her and husband Leroy Speiser. [Mother] Catherine is 52 and working as a seamstress at a department store. She worked 52 weeks in 1939 for \$1040. [5]

Catherine was a payroll clerk with the Public Service Electric & Gas Co in East Orange for 23 years. She retired about 1979. [6]

Catherine moved from East Orange to Bloomfield about 1977. [6]

Catherine M. Speiser was born 6 Jul 1917 and died 7 Nov 1989. Her last residence was in Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey. [1]

[1] Social Security Death Index

[2] 1920 US Census, Newark, Essex Co, NJ, ED 167, sheet 1B

[3] New Jersey Births & Christenings 1660-1980 (transcription) (FamilySearch.org)

[4] 1930 US Census, Newark, Essex Co, NJ, ED 7-80, sheet 8A

[5] 1940 US Census, East Orange, Essex Co, NJ, ED 7-108, sheet 4A

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[6] Newark Star-Ledger (GenealogyBank.com), 9 Nov 1989, p. 83, image #100

4-Dolores Ann Speiser

Dolores married **Nicholas John "Nick" Serio**,¹¹⁶ son of **Joseph Dominick Serio** and **Beatrice Tremarco**, in 1964 in Manhattan, New York, New York.¹¹⁷ Nicholas was born on 4 Apr 1932 in Newark, Essex County, New Jersey,¹¹⁸ died on 26 Aug 2018 in Bergen County, New Jersey¹¹⁹ at age 86, and was buried on 30 Aug 2018 in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey.¹²⁰ They had three children: **Jeffrey**, **Janet**, and **Kevin**.

General Notes: Nicholas was born and raised in Newark. [1]

In September 1953 Nicholas J Serio married Joan P Kelly in Union City, Hudson County, New Jersey. [2] They had one child, Susan [Serio] Jack. [1]

Nicholas and Joan divorced. She died in 2008. [3]

Nicholas was a US Navy veteran of the Korean War. [1]

He came to Nutley about 1964. He was Community Affairs manager for PSEG [Public Service Electric & Gas Co] in Newark for 37 years before retiring. [1]

In 1976 Nicholas J Serio of Nutley was named assistant manager of community relations at Public Service Electric & Gas Co. [4]

Nicholas was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Beatrice, step-father Jerry Abate, and brother Frank Serio. Survivors included children Susan Jack, Jeff, Janet & Kevin Serio, and grandchildren Valerie Crawford, Meredith & Bridget Jack, and Stephen Serio. [1]

[1] Newark Star-Ledger (NJ) (GenealogyBank.com), 28 Aug 2018, obit Nicholas J Serio, d. 26 Aug 2018

Note: Nicholas's daughter Susan is found in his obituary and not listed in his mother-in-law Catherine Speiser's obituary.

[2] New Jersey Marriage Index 1901-2016 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[3] Ancestry.com trees, Serio Family tree, owner susanajack

[4] Newark Star-Ledger (NJ) (GenealogyBank.com), 14 May 1976, p. 53, image# 68

5-Jeffrey Serio

5-Janet Serio

5-Kevin Serio

3-**Isabelle Marjorie Speiser**¹²¹ was born on 5 Jan 1917 in East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey¹²² and died on 25 May 2011 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania¹²³ at age 94. Another name for Isabelle was Isabelle Speiser.²⁴

General Notes: Isabelle Marjorie Spicer [sic], of East Orange, New Jersey, daughter of

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Mr & Mrs Harry Spicer.

Before her marriage in 1935, Isabelle was employed with Travelers' Insurance Company in New York City. [2]

Following their marriage, Isabelle and Paul made their home in East Orange. [2]

Isabelle married Paul McConnaughey, and lived in West Orange and Toms River, New Jersey, before moving to Pennsylvania after Paul's death in 1999. [1]

She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Orange, New Jersey, a loyal supporter of Penn State University, and loved musical theater and song. [1]

Isabelle died at Willow Valley Retirement Community in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. [1]

[1] Star-Ledger, Newark, NJ, 29 May 2011, p. 25 (GenealogyBank.com)

[2] The Ligonier Echo (PA) (newspapers.com), 8 Mar 1935, p. 5, Isabelle Marjorie Spicer to Paul C McConaughy, 28 Feb 1935, NYC

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1917, New Jersey.²⁴
- Residence: 1981, West Orange, Essex County, New Jersey.¹²⁴
- Residence: 2004, Willow Street, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.¹²⁵
- Residence: 2008, Assisted Living Facility, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.¹²⁶

Isabelle married **Paul Clinton McConnaughey**,¹²⁷ son of **Clinton Albert McConnaughey** and **Laura Mary Hauger**, on 28 Feb 1935 in New York City, New York.¹²⁸ Paul was born on 24 Mar 1907 in Ligonier, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania,¹²⁹ died on 2 Jul 1999 in Cornell Nursing Home, Union, New Jersey¹³⁰ at age 92, and was buried in Restland Memorial Park & Cemetery, East Hanover, New Jersey.¹²⁶ They had two children: **Paul H** and **Lois R**.

Marriage Notes: Paul and Isabell were married on 28 February 1935 at The Church of The Transfiguration ("The Little Church Around the Corner") on One East 29th Street (Between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue) in New York City. [1]

[1] Paul McConnaughey, 2008

General Notes: Paul graduated in 1929 from Pennsylvania State College. [4]

When Paul C McConaughy married Isabelle in 1935 he was living in East Orange, New Jersey, and employed with the Koppers' Coke and Gas Company in Kearny, NJ. [4]

Paul graduated from college. [3]

In 1939 Paul worked 52 weeks for \$3000. [3]

In 1940 Paul McConaughy is living in East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey. He is 33 and an assistant sales manager at a wholesale coke company. With Paul are his wife Isabelle, 23, son Paul, 1, and brother Frank, 30. Paul is renting his home for \$42/month. [3]

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In 1968, Paul McConnaughey was a vice president at Koopers Co, Inc, in New York.
[4]

Paul C McConnaughey of West Orange, N. J., formerly of Ligonier Township
[Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania], died 2 July 1999. Quinn-Hopping Funeral
Home, Livingston, N.J. [2]

Paul C. McConnaughey was born 24 Mar 1907 and died 2 Jul 1999. His last residence
was West Orange, Essex Co, New Jersey. [1]

[1] Social Security Death Index

[2] Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (PA), July 7, 1999 (Genealogybank.com)

[3] 1940 US Census, East Orange, Essex Co, NJ, ED 7-108, sheet 4A

[4] New York Times, (Ancestry.com), 28 Jan 1968, dateline West Orange, NJ,
engagement Lois R McConnaughey to Dayton W Dubbeling Jr

[4] The Ligonier Echo (PA) (newspapers.com), 8 Mar 1935, p. 5, Isabelle Marjorie
Spicer to Paul C McConaughy, 28 Feb 1935, NYC, Paul's parents Mr & Mrs C A
McConaughy of Ligonier, PA

Noted events in his life were:

- Education: Penn State University.¹³¹

4-Paul H McConnaughey

Paul married **Mona Lou Bergman**, daughter of **Roy F Bergman** and **Lucille P
Fisher**. They had two children: **Beth Ann** and **Bryan**.

5-Beth Ann McConnaughey

Beth married **Arié Dahan**. They had two children: **Elsa** and **Sam**.

6-Elsa Dahan

6-Sam Dahan

5-Bryan McConnaughey

Bryan married **Megan Shepherd**, daughter of **Daniel Marston Shepherd**
and **Jane Morris**. They had two children: **Maxwell Paul** and **Rowan
Vincent**.

6-Maxwell Paul McConnaughey

6-Rowan Vincent McConnaughey

4-Lois R McConnaughey

Lois married **Dayton William "Bill" Dubbeling Jr**, son of **Dayton W
Dubbeling Sr** and **Helen Lacy**. They had two children: **Scott W** and
Kristin Anne.

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5-Scott W Dubbeling

Scott married **Holly Marquette**, daughter of **Ronald Moore Marquette** and **Diana Knight Sanborn**. They had three children: **Ashley Sanborn**, **Ryan Marquette**, and **Sarah McConnaghey**.

6-Ashley Sanborn Dubbeling

6-Ryan Marquette Dubbeling

6-Sarah McConnaghey Dubbeling

5-Kristin Anne Dubbeling

Kristin married **Joshua E Baber**.

3-**Harry John Speiser**¹³² was born on 6 Mar 1919 in East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey¹³³ and died on 14 Jul 1985 in Brick, Ocean County, New Jersey¹³⁴ at age 66. The cause of his death was heart attack. Other names for Harry were Harry Speiser¹³⁵ and Henry Speiser.⁵²

General Notes: Harry was probably named for his grandfather Harry J Nullett (alternate spellings Nualeit, Nauleit).

In 1939 Harry worked 52 hours for \$1040. [4]

In 1940 Harry Spicer [sic] is living in East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey, with his mother. Harry is 21, has a high school education, and is a laborer at a coal yard. [4]

On 16 Oct 1940 Harry John (Spicer) Speiser registered for the draft. He was born 6 March 1919 in East Orange, New Jersey, and is living there. Harry works for C Koppers Coke in Kearny, Hudson County. [7]

On 19 Nov 1942, Harry J Speiser enlisted in the US Army in Newark, New Jersey, as a private for service in World War II. Harry was born in 1919 in New Jersey and lives in Essex. Harry has had 3 years of high school, and is single with dependents. [1] Harry's father died a few years before so he is probably supporting his mother. [CAR]

Harry Speiser enlisted in the US Army on 19 November 1942 and was released on 12 August 1943. [5]

Harry and Nancy had a son who died at age 14. [3]

Harry was a salesman for Koppers Co in Newark for 21 years. After that he was director of the Irvington Department of Zoning and Construction for 20 years. He retired in 1983. [6]

Harry Speiser was born 06 Mar 1919 and died Jul 1985. His last residence was Toms River, Ocean Co, NJ. [2]

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Harry J Speiser, of Toms River, died 14 July 1985 at Brick Hospital. [6]

- [1] U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 Record (Ancestry.com)
- [2] Social Security Death Index
- [3] Virginia Broch Brink
- [4] 1940 US Census, East Orange, Essex Co, NJ, ED 7-114, sheet 63A
- [5] U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010 (Ancestry.com)
- [6] Newark Star-Ledger (NJ), (GenealogyBank.com), 16 Jul 1985, p. 29, image #47, obit Harry J Speiser
- [7] U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men 1940-1947 (images) (Ancestry.com), Harry John Speiser, b. 6 Mar 1919, East Orange

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt Mar 1919, New Jersey.²⁴
- Residence: 1981, Irvington, New Jersey.¹³⁶
- Residence: 1985, Dover Twp (Toms River), Ocean County, New Jersey.¹³⁷
- Alt. Death: Jul 1985.¹⁶

Harry married **Muriel A (Nancy) Darey**,¹³⁸ daughter of **Arnold Fred Darey** and **Muriel E Scott**, in 1944 in New Jersey.¹³⁹ Muriel was born on 13 Jun 1926 in Irvington, Essex County, New Jersey,¹⁴⁰ died on 24 Feb 1987 in Dover Twp (Toms River), Ocean County, New Jersey¹⁴¹ at age 60, and was buried in Hollywood Memorial Park & Cemetery, Union, Union County, New Jersey.¹⁴² Another name for Muriel was Nancy Darey.¹⁴³ They had two children: **Harry John** and **Richard E**.

General Notes: In 1930 Muriel Darey is living in Irvington, Essex County, New Jersey. She is 3 years old and living with her parents Fred A and Muriel Darey, and brother Fred A Darey, 2. Muriel's father Fred is a transporter of automobiles. [2]

In 1940 Muriel A Darey is 13 and living in Irvington with her parents Arnold and Muriel E Darey, brother Arnold, 12, and sister Barbara, 9. Father Arnold has an 8th grade education and is a machinist at a tool factory. Mother Muriel completed 2 years of high school and is a secretary at a metal housing [?] company. [3]

Muriel D Speiser, aka Nancy, was a schoolteacher at the Augusta Street School, Irvington, for 25 years before retiring in 1985. She received her degree from Kean College, Union, in 1960. [5]

Nancy moved to Toms River about 1983. [5]

Muriel Speiser was born 13 Jun 1926 and died Feb 1987. Her last residence was in Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey. [1]

Muriel's mother is identified as Muriel Scott from a review of the census and from her obituary.

Mrs Muriel Scott Darey, age 95 [born in 1907], died in Neptune, New Jersey in 2013. [All her children pre-deceased her, and] she was survived by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. [4]

[1] Social Security Death Index

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[2] 1930 US Census, Irvington, Essex Co, NJ, ED 7-460, sheet 3B

[3] 1940 US Census, Irvington, Essex Co, NJ, ED

[4] Star-Ledger (Newark, NJ) (GenealogyBank.com), 25 Mar 2002, p. 20, obit Mrs Muriel Scott Darey, age 95, retrieved 7 May 2013

[5] Asbury Park Press (Asbury Park, NJ) (newspapers.com), 25 Feb 1987, p. 10, obit Muriel D Speiser

Noted events in her life were:

- Residence: 1987, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey.¹⁴⁴

4-**Harry John Speiser Jr**¹¹² was born on 31 Oct 1945¹¹² and died on 25 Apr 1960 in Irvington, Essex County, New Jersey¹⁴⁵ at age 14.

4-Richard E Speiser

Richard married **Ann F Reehill**, daughter of **Frank J Reehill** and **Rose Marcella Caroselli**. They had two children: **Richard Henry** and **Ryan John**.

5-Richard Henry Speiser

5-Ryan John Speiser

Ryan married **Elena Nicole DiCostanzo**, daughter of **Marc A DiCostanzo** and **Dina G Ferrante**.

2-**Hugo Carl Speiser** was born on 26 Mar 1875 in Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Kingdom of Württemberg,¹ died on 30 Aug 1962 in Park Ridge boro, Bergen County, New Jersey¹⁴⁶ at age 87, and was buried in Garden State Crematory, North Bergen, NJ (Niche #4 S.R. No. A Room).¹⁴⁷ Other names for Hugo were Carl Hugo Speiser² and Hugo Speiser.¹

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

A possibility for Hugo:

In November 1889, John J Ellison, a meat dealer in Bridgeport, was shot in the face by Hugo Spicer, a clerk in his employ. The "old story, the young man didn't know the weapon was loaded." Ellison is badly injured but will recover. [22] Hugo was 14 years old in 1889 and could have been a young clerk.

Virginia Broch Brink reported that Hugo and his wife 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. --- Hugo actually married twice. First to Emma with whom he had daughter Gertrude; and then to Emma Frommater whose sons Edward & Arthur he adopted. (CAR)

In 1895 Hugo Speiser is living in Bridgeport at 16 Charles. He is an engineer. [2] In 1899, Hugo is employed at H&E Silver Company. He is living at 226 East Main. [13]

In 1905, 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 & 1904 directory.)

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Hugo left Bridgeport about 1906 [11], most likely for New York City.

In 1910 Hugo Speiser is living in Manhattan, New York, New York, at 135 East 21st Street. He is 35, born in Germany, and working as an engraver at a factory. Living with him are his wife Emma, 33, also born in Germany, and daughter Gertrude, 12, born in Connecticut. Hugo and Emma have been married 17 years. [14]

Hugo and Emma probably separated between 1910 and 1915. Hugo returned to Bridgeport about 1915. [11]

In 1916, Hugo Speiser is a bartender at 1127 E Main, Bridgeport (brother Herman's tavern). His residence is not listed, and anyone interested should inquire at his workplace. [5] In 1918, Hugo's home address is listed as 425 Jane Street, the home of his father. [12]

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 1919, Hugo Speiser is a bartender at 1127 E Main, Bridgeport (brother Herman's tavern) and rooms at 105 Berkshire av. [4]

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]

Hugo C Speiser, divorced from Emma, 1921 [19]

Speiser Divorces Wife Who Married Dancing Friend

Hugo C. Speiser was granted a decree from Emma E. Speiser, grounds desertion, when Judge George E. Hinman opened the special divorce calendar in Superior court. When the desertion occurred, 1912, he lived in New York. His wife was fond of dances and other diversions, more than he could furnish.

A man named Elliot used to take her places when Speiser wasn't looking. Finally they celebrated Columbus Day by getting married, and she brought home the marriage certificate, showed it to her regular husband, and decamped with the deputy. There is one child, an adult. Several local witnesses testified as to the plaintiff's local residence and steady working habits. The decree was granted. [20]

In 1921 Hugo married Emma (Frommater) Peterson. Emma was born in Germany and divorced from her first husband Carl Peterson. Hugo adopted her two sons Edward and Arthur and they took the Speiser name. [16]

Hugo moved back to NY in 1920 or 1921 as he is not listed in the 1920/1921 Bridgeport city directory.

In 1921 Hugo is living in New York City at 1751 First Ave, and is a watchman. [18]

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In 1925 Hugo C Speiser is living in New York at 1751 S st. He is a grocer working at 319 E 90th Street. [15]

In 1925 Hugo Speiser is living in New York City on 1st Ave. He is 51, born in Germany, a citizen - naturalized in NYC in 1896, in the US for 45 years [since 1880] and the owner of a grocery store. With Henry are wife Emma, 44, and sons Ehrehd, 15, and Arther, 14. [17]

In 1930 Hugh Speiser is living at 24-02 146th Street in New York City, Queens County, New York. He is 56, born in Germany, and a manager of a store. Hugh owns his own home valued at \$10,750, and a radio. Living with Hugo are his wife Emma, 49, and sons Ehrhartt (Edward), 20, and Otto (Arthur), 18. All were born in Germany. Hugo immigrated in 1890, Emma in 1893. Their sons' immigration was unknown. All are naturalized citizens. Hugo and Emma were married at age 47 & 40 (about 1921). [10] Hugo actually immigrated in 1880. (CAR)

In November 1936, Hugo Carl Speiser is living at 2402 146th Street in Whitestone, Long Island, [Queens County] New York. He was working at Jacob Brothers on Washington-Water St in Brooklyn. [8]

In 1936, Hugo was living in Flushing, Long Island (Queens County), New York. [6] He was still living there in 1947 when Babette Habann (Merz) Speiser died. [7]

After Emma died in 1960, Hugo moved to Hillsdale, New Jersey, to live with his son Edward and his family. [16]

Hugo Speiser was born March 26, 1875 and died Aug 1962. His last residence was in New Jersey. He was 87 years old when he died. [9]

Hugo C Speiser, age 88, died Thursday [30 Aug 1962]. He was the husband of the late Emma Frommater Speiser and lived in Hillsdale. Hugo was a retired jewelry engraver. Born in Germany 88 years ago; came to the US in 1887 [should be 1880], former resident of New York City, Long Island and Maywood. He moved to Hillsdale in 1960.

Surviving two sons Edward of Hillsdale and Arthur of Long Beach, California, and brother Herman of Bridgeport, Connecticut. [21]

Left out of Hugo's obituary was daughter Gertrude Unger of Yonkers, NY, and five half-siblings.

[1] Bridgeport City Directory 1905 (Ancestry.com)

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

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

[4] Bridgeport City Directory 1919 (Ancestry.com)

[5] Bridgeport City Directory 1916 (Ancestry.com)

[6] Emma Speiser Kaufmann's obituary

[7] Babette Speiser's obituary

[8] Social Security SS-5 form for Hugo

[9] Social Security Death Index

[10] 1930 US Census, NYC, Queens Co, NY, ED 840, sheet 2A

[11] Hugo is not listed in the Bridgeport city directories for 1907, 1908, 1910, 1913 & 1914 (not every year is avail on Ancestry.com)

[12] Bridgeport City Directory 1918 (Ancestry.com)

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- [13] Bridgeport City Directory 1899 (Ancestry.com)
- [14] 1910 US Census, Manhattan, NY, NY, ED 1261
- [15] NYC City Directory 1925 (Ancestry.com)
- [16] David Speiser, 2007
- [17] 1925 New York State Census, NYC, A.D. 16, E.D. 34 (images) (Ancestry.com)
- [18] US Passport Applications 1795-1925 (images) (Ancestry.com) - application for wife Emma Francis Speiser
- [19] Index for 1868-1941 Divorces in Fairfield County, Connecticut, Superior Court Divorce Record Volumes (Conn. State Library, ctstatelibrary.org)
- [20] Bridgeport Evening Farmer (CT) (GenealogyBank.com), 7 Apr 1921, p. 7
- [21] The Record (Hackensack, NJ) (newspapers.com), 1 Sep 1962, p. 6, obit Hugo Speiser
- [22] Waterbury Evening Democrat (CT) ((newspapers.com), 16 Nov 1889, p. 5, dateline Bridgeport, 16 Nov

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 25 Mar 1875, Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Tübingen District, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.²
- Immigration: 30 Jul 1880, On SS Main From Bremen, Germany To NY.
- Naturalization: 1896, New York City.¹⁴⁸
- Residence: (Per Babette Mertz Speiser's Obituary), 1947, Flushing, New York.
- Residence: 1962, Hillsdale boro, Bergen County, New Jersey.¹⁴⁹
- Alt. Death: Sep 1962, Hillsdale, Bergen County, New Jersey.¹⁴⁷

Hugo married **Edith Emma Katzman**,¹⁵⁰ daughter of **William Katzman** and **Elizabeth Garland**, on 21 Aug 1893 in Manhattan, New York, New York.¹⁵¹ The marriage ended in divorce. Edith was born on 8 Feb 1876 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹⁵² and died in Jul 1970¹⁶ at age 94. They had one daughter: **Gertrude May**.

Marriage Notes: Hugo and Emma were 18 and 17 years old, respectively, when they married. (Did they perhaps run away to NY to get married?)

Although Edith married Frank Elliot in 1912, she and Hugo were still married.

Hugo C Speiser, divorced from Emma, 1921
(Index for 1868-1941 Divorces in Fairfield County, Connecticut, Superior Court Divorce Record Volumes (Conn. State Library, ctstatelibrary.org))

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Divorce: Apr 1921, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.¹⁵³

General Notes: In 1910 Emma Speiser and husband Hugo are living in Manhattan, New York, New York, at 135 East 21st Street. Emma, 33 (born abt 1877), and born in Germany.
[3]

On 12 October 1912, Edith E Spicer married Frank Elliott in Kings County, New York (NYC). [4] Edith was still married to Hugo when she married Frank.
See the Notes below for more information on Frank Elliott.

Probably by the time she married Frank, Edith began reporting her age as only 3 years older than him instead of the correct 8 years.

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In 1920 Edith E Elliott and her second husband Frank B Elliott are living in Manhattan, NY, NY, at 442 West 124th Street. Edith is 38 (should be about 43), and was born in Connecticut as were her parents. Frank is 35 (born about 1885), born in California (should be Iowa) and an engineer in the marine (or shipping) industry. [1]

Frank Elliott died in 1922 in San Francisco. See Notes below.

In 1925 Edith Elliot is living in New York City on West 124th street with daughter and son-in-law M. Gertrude & Jerome Unger. Edith is 44 [should be 48], and is a housekeeper. [5]

In 1930 Edith Elliot is living in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York, in the home of her daughter and son-in-law Gertrude and Jerome Ungar [Unger]. She is 48 (should be 53), widowed, and was born in Connecticut. Her parents were born in New York and Germany. Edith was first married at age 16 [in 1893 if she is born about 1877.] [2]

In 1946, Edith Emma Elliott applied for her Social Security number. Edith was living in Yonkers, New York, and was unemployed. Edith was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, to William Katzman and Elizabeth Garland. She reported her birthdate as 8 February 1894 and her age as 52. Edith was actually born in 1876 and was 70 years old. [7]

Edith Elliott (SSN 118-22-7935), 8 Feb 1876 - Jul 1970, last residence Yonkers, Westchester County, New York. [6]

[1] 1920 US Census, Manhattan, NY, NY, ED 946, sheet 16A

[2] 1930 US Census, New Rochelle, Westchester Co, NY, ED 258, sheet 12A

[3] 1910 US Census, Manhattan, NY, NY, ED 1261

[4] NYC marriage index, German Genealogy Group (www.germangenealogygroup.com)

[5] 1925 New York Census, AD 13, ED 10 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[6] Social Security Death Index, Edith Elliott, SSN 118-22-7935

[7] Social Security SS-5 Form, Edith Emma (Katzman) Elliott, SSN 118-22-7935

Notes - Frank Elliott:

Frank Elliott, b. 6 Jan 1885, registered for the WWI draft 10 Sep 1918; resident of NYC; 2nd Asst Marine Engineer for Atlantic Caribbean Steamship Line; closest contact wife Mrs Edith Elliott [World War I Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918 (images) (Ancestry.com)]

Frank Elliott, 29 Oct 1918 submitted Appl. for Seaman's Certificate of American Citizenship, b. 6 Jan 1885, Cedar Rapids, Iowa [U.S. Applications for Seaman's Protection Certificates 1916-1940 (images) (Ancestry.com)]

Frank Elliott, b. 6 Jan 1885, Iowa, par Ralph Elliott & Elizabeth Boyer, d. 26 Nov 1922 at US Marine Hospital #19 in San Francisco of Diabetes Mellitus-Bronchiectasis. Burial Woodlawn. [California, San Francisco Area Funeral Home Records 1895-1985 (images) (Ancestry.com)]

Frank Elliott, age 37, d. 26 Nov 1922, San Francisco [California Death Index 1905-1939 (Ancestry.com)]

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1877, Germany.¹⁵⁴

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- Alt. Birth: Abt 1882, Connecticut.¹⁵⁵

3-**Gertrude May Speiser**¹⁵⁶ was born on 19 Dec 1897 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹⁵⁷ and died on 27 May 2001 in New York¹⁵⁸ at age 103.

General Notes: In 1916 Gertrude Speiser is living in New York City at 499 W124th Street in the home of her step-father Frank Elliot. She is working as a salesman. [1]

Mrs Roy Unger was married by 1918 and living in New York City at 442 W 125th Street when her father Hugo listed her as his nearest relative when he registered for the World War I draft.

In 1942 Gertrude May Unger is living at 21 Crotty Ave. in Yonkers, New York. She is working at Mayfair Novelty on West 36th St in New York City. [5]

Hugo's sons Edward and Arthur received their father's share of Herman Speiser's estate after Herman's wife Bertha died in 1966. [4] It is not known why Gertrude did not receive a share as she was still living in 1966. [CAR]

Gertrude M. Unger was the daughter of Hugo and Emma Speiser. She was born 19 December 1897 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Gertrude was active in the PTA of Public School #4 and the Women's Society of the Lincoln Park Community Dutch Reformed Church. She was a wonderful homemaker, dressmaker and cook, and was interested in music, arts and sports. Gertrude was also a dedicated Yankees fan. [3]

Gertrude Unger was born 19 Dec 1897 and died 27 May 2001. Her last residence was in Bronxville, Westchester County, New York. [2]

[1] 1916 New York City directory (Ancestry.com)

[2] Social Security Death Index

[3] Journal News, Westchester County, NY, Obituary, 29 May 2001 (obitsarchive.com)

[4] Virginia Broch Brink

[5] Social Security SS-5 form

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1898, Connecticut.¹⁵⁴
- Residence: Between 1917 and 1930, New York City, New York.¹⁵⁸
- Residence: Between 1930 and 1985, Yonkers, New York.¹⁵⁸
- Residence: Between 1985 and 2001, Bronxville, Westchester County, New York.¹⁵⁸

Gertrude married **Jerome Royal Unger**,²⁶ son of **Jacob Unger** and **Fanny Kantrowitz**, on 6 May 1918 in Manhattan, New York, New York.¹⁵⁹ Jerome was born on 15 Sep 1893 in Manhattan, New York City, New York,¹⁶⁰ died on 21 Oct 1972 in Yonkers, Westchester County, New York¹⁶¹ at age 79, and was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Hastings-on-Hudson, Westchester County, New York.¹⁶² Another name for Jerome was Roy Unger.²⁶ They had one daughter: **Edith F.**

General Notes: In 1880 Jerome's parents Jacob and Fannie Unger are living at 293 Broome Street in New York City. Jacob is 33, born in Prussia, and a clothing cutter. He has been out of work 10 months in the past year. Fannie is 39 and was also born in Prussia. With them are their oldest children Moses and Joseph. [5]

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Jerome's father died when he was young, sometime between 1894 and 1900.

In 1900 Jerome Unger is living with his mother Fanny Unger and older siblings at 59 East 122nd Street. He was born Sept 1894 in New York. Fanny is working as a merchant tailor. She is 50 and widowed. Her seven children are living with her. [4]

In 1910 Jerome Unger is living with his mother Fanny Unger and older brothers and sister in Manhattan, New York, New York, at 138 137th Street. He is 17 and working as a clerk, apparently in the commercial silk business. Fanny is 59, widowed, and was born in Germany. She immigrated in 1875.[3]

In June 1917 Jerome Royal Unger is living at 510 W 170th Street in New York City. He was born 15 Sept 1894 in New York City. He working as a department head for Sanstag & Holder Bros at 1200 Bway (Broadway?). Jerome is single. He has had service in the National Guard, but the exact citation was unclear. [7]

Jerome Unger enlisted in the US Army on 29 May 1918. He was released from service on 31 Mar 1919. [2, 9] He and Gertrude were married just 13 days before he enlisted.

In 1920 Jerome Unger is living in New York City, New York, at 438 West 124th Street. He is 27, born in New York, as were his parents, and working as a electrician. Living with him is his wife Gertrude, 22, born in Connecticut, as were her parents. [1]

In 1925 Jerome Unger is living in New York City on West 124th street. He is 31 and an electrician. With Jerome are his wife M Gertrude, 27, and an operator, and mother-in-law Edith Elliott. [8]

The Ungers moved to Westchester County between 1925 & 1930.

In 1930, Jerome Ungar is living in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York. He is 37, born in New York, and working as an installer for the telephone company. He is a veteran of the World War (WWI). Living with Jerome are his wife Gertrude, 32, born in Connecticut as were her parents, daughter Edith F, 1 year and 5 months, born in NY, and mother-in-law Edith Elliot. Jerome and Gertrude were married at age 24 and 19 (in about 1917). [2]

Jerome Unger was born 15 Sep 1893 and died Oct 1972. His last residence was in Yonkers, Westchester County, New York. [6]

Jerome R Unger, of 215 Roberts Ave, died Saturday [21 Oct 1972] at home. He was a retired installation supervisor for Western Electric. He lived in Yonkers for 40 years [since about 1932]. Jerome was a World War I veteran. Survivors wife Gertrude Speiser Unger and daughter Edith F Unger. [10]

[1] 1920 US Census, NYC, NY, ED 946, sheet 19A

[2] 1930 US Census, New Rochelle, Westchester Co, NY, ED 258, sheet 12A

[3] 1910 US Census, Manhattan, NY, NY, ED 531, sheet 3A

[4] 1900 US Census, Manhattan, NY, NY, ED 860, sheet 16B

[5] 1880 US Census, New York City, NY, NY, ED 201, page 1

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[6] Social Security Death Index

[7] World War I Draft - The WWI draft card showed Jerome's name as Jermane Royal Unger; his signature read Jerome R Unger

[8] 1925 New York Census, AD 13, ED 10 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[9] U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010 (Ancestry.com) -- Jerome Unger, 15 Sep 1894 - 21 Oct 1972

[10] The Herald Statesman (Yonkers, NY) (newspapers.com), 23 Oct 1972, page/image 16, obit Jerome R Unger, died Sat [21 Oct], at home

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 15 Sep 1894, New York City, New York.¹⁶³

4-Edith F Unger

Hugo next married **Emma Francis Frommater**,¹⁶⁴ daughter of **Christian Wolfgang Frommater** and **Anna Nuremburger**, on 28 Apr 1921 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.¹⁶⁵ Emma was born on 9 Feb 1881 in Greiz, Vogtland, Principality of Reuss-Greiz (Thuringia, Germany),¹⁶⁶ died in Jun 1960 in Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey¹⁶⁷ at age 79, and was buried in Garden State Crematory, North Bergen, NJ (Niche # 4 S.R. No. A Room).¹⁴⁷ They had two children: **Edward Carl** and **Arthur John**.

General Notes: Emma's parents were Christian Wolfgang Frommater and Anna Nuremburger. [1]

Emma first immigrated about 1901, then returned to Germany where she married (or had a relationship), probably returning by 1919.

In 1905 Emma Frommater is living in Manhattan. She is 24, born in Germany, and has been in the US for 3 years. She is a nurse living in the home of Mayer S Auerbach. [3]

Emma married Carl Peterson in Germany and had two sons. They divorced and Emma took the boys and immigrated to the US. [1]

Although Emma appears to have returned to the US by 1919, possibly to Bridgeport, as Hugo was there in 1919 & 1920, she has not been found on the 1920 Census.

At the time of her marriage to Hugo in 1921, Emma's name was Emma Becker. [6]

In July 1921, Emma Francis Speiser applied for a US passport. She was a citizen as she was married to a citizen. Emma was born 9 February 1881 in Greiz, Vagtland [Vogtland area of Thuringia], Germany. She is married to Hugo C Speiser, and his citizenship comes from his father Henry. Hugo stated that he had known Emma for 2 years [since about 1919]. Emma was to travel to Germany on the ship American Seine [?] on 4 August 1921. [4]

On 15 September 1921, Emma Speiser left Hamburg on the SS Bayern with her sons Ehrhardt and Arthur Petersen, age 12 & 10. They arrived in New York City on 1 October 1921. [5]

In 1925 Emma is 44, and a citizen. She has been in the US 24 years [since about 1901]. [2]

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After Emma married Hugo Speiser, Hugo adopted Edward and Arthur and they took the Speiser name. [1]

[1] David Speiser, 2007

[2] 1925 New York State Census, NYC, A.D. 16, E.D. 34 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[3] 1905 New York State Census, Manhattan, New York Co, E.D. 21, A.D. 19, p. 27

[4] US Passport Applications 1795-1925 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[5] New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[6] Connecticut Marriage Records Index 1897-1966 (Conn. State Library, ctstatelibrary.org), Hugo Speiser to Emma Becker, 28 Apr 1921, Bridgeport

Other notes:

David Speiser (email 2007) reported that Edward & Arthur arrived in the US on 15 September 1921.

Emma immigrated to the US in 1893. [1930 US Census, NYC, Queens Co, NY, ED 840, sheet 2A] This is probably incorrect. The 1930 Census also had Hugo's immigration wrong, and no immigration known for Edward & Arthur.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1880, Germany.¹⁴⁷

3-Edward Carl Speiser¹⁶⁸ was born on 26 May 1909 in Hamburg, Germany,¹⁶⁹ died on 19 Jun 1981 in Boynton Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida¹⁷⁰ at age 72, and was buried in Boynton Beach Memorial Park, Boynton Beach, Florida.¹⁷¹ Other names for Edward were Ehrhardt Petersen,¹⁷² Eddie Speiser,¹³⁵ Edward Speiser,¹²⁵ and Ehrhartt Speiser.⁵² (Relationship to Hugo: Adopted, Relationship to Emma: Biological)

General Notes: Edward and his brother Arthur were both born in Germany to Emma Frommater and Carl Peterson. Emma & Carl divorced in Germany and Emma and her sons immigrated to the US. Emma married Hugo Speiser in 1921 and he adopted the boys. [5]

Emma came to the US before her sons, possibly about 1919.

On 15 September 1921, Emma Speiser and sons Ehrhardt [Edward] Petersen, age 12, and Arthur Petersen, age 10, left Hamburg on the SS Bayern. They arrived in New York City on 1 October 1921. Ehrhardt and Arthur had been living in Uetersen, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, with their uncle Carl Janus. Ehrhardt was born in Poenning, Germany.[6]

Poenning, Germany, has not been identified. There is a town called Pönning in Bavaria. [CAR]

In 1930 Ehrhartt Speiser is living in NYC with his parents and brother. He is 20, born in Germany, and a naturalized citizen. Ehrhartt is a packer at a factory. [4]

Edward was a naturalized citizen. [3]

On 16 Oct 1940 Edward Carl Speiser registered for the draft. He was born 26 May 1909

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in Hamburg, Germany, is a citizen, and is living in Queens. Edward works for Einsohn-Freeman Co in Long Island City. Edward's closest contact is his wife Mrs Ruth Harriet Speiser. [7]

During World War II, Edward spent 3 years in the Army as a photo lithographer making invasion maps from aerial photography and War Department information in the South Pacific. Edward spent his entire career as a lithographer in printing & graphic arts. [5]

Edward & wife Ruth were in Florida in 1946 when they divorced.

Edward and Marcia Engel married in 1949 and moved to New Jersey in the early 1950's. After the death of his mother Emma in 1960, father Hugo lived with Edward and his family until his death in 1962. [5]

After the death of their father Hugo Speiser in 1962, Edward and Arthur had a falling out and never spoke much after that. [5]

Edward retired in 1974 and he and Marcia moved to Boynton Beach, Florida. [5]

Edward Carl Speiser was born 26 May 1909 and died 19 June 1981 in Palm Beach County, Florida. He was 72 years old. His last residence was Boynton Beach, Palm Beach Co, Florida. Edward's SS# was issued in New York before 1951. [1, 2]

[1] Social Security Death Index

[2] Florida Death Index, 1936-1998 (Ancestry.com)

[3] death certificate

[4] 1930 US Census, NYC, Queens Co, NY, ED 840, sheet 2A

[5] David Speiser, 2007

[6] New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[7] U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men 1940-1947 (images) (Ancestry.com), Edward Carl Speiser, b. 26 May 1909, Hamburg, Germany

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Boynton Beach, Florida.¹⁷³
- Occupation: Lithographer.¹⁷³
- Immigration: 1 Oct 1921, New York City.¹⁷²

Edward married **Ruth Harriet Call**,¹⁷⁴ daughter of **Bruce Call** and **Harriet A Lake**, on 12 Jun 1937 in Yonkers, Westchester County, New York.¹⁷⁵ The marriage ended in divorce. Ruth was born on 8 Mar 1914 in Yonkers, Westchester County, New York,¹⁷⁶ died on 14 Jun 1989 in Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹⁷⁷ at age 75, and was buried in Saint Johns Cemetery, Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut.¹⁷⁸

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Divorce: 1946, Baker County, Florida.¹⁷⁹

General Notes: Most likely candidate for Ruth C, 1st wife of Edward Speiser:

Ruth Harriet Call

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b. 8 Mar 1914, Yonkers West, New York, to Bruce Call & Harriett A Lake
Nov 1936 - Ruth Harriet Call
Jan 1943 - Ruth Call Speiser
Oct 1948 - Ruth Sspeiser [sic] Tigani
22 May 1998 - Ruth C Tigani
died 14 Jun 1989 [1]

Ruth Call married Joseph Tigani on 23 July 1946 in Manhattan. [3]

Ruth C Tigani and husband Joseph A Tigani (1906-1975) (shared marker) are buried together at Saint Johns Cemetery in Norwalk, Connecticut. [2]

[1] Social Security Applications & Claims Index 1936-2007 (Ancestry.com)
[2] Findagrave.com, Ruth C Tigani, #86532243, 1914-1989, added 10 Mar 2012 by CNikosey, retrieved 27 Jul 2015
[3] New York City Marriage Indexes 1907-1995 (images) (Ancestry.com)

Edward next married **Marcia Engel**,¹⁸⁰ daughter of **Max Engel** and **Rebecca Chwaat**, on 8 Jan 1949 in The Bronx, New York City, New York.¹⁸¹ Marcia was born on 19 Jul 1919 in Poland,¹⁸² died on 27 Mar 1985 in Boynton Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida¹⁸² at age 65, and was buried in Boynton Beach Memorial Park, Boynton Beach, Florida.¹⁷¹ Another name for Marcia was Marcia.¹²⁵ They had two children: **Philip Eric** and **David Lawrence**.

General Notes: Marcia's father was Max Engel and her mother was Rebecca Chwaat or Chwast. Marica's death certificate was not easy to read. [1]

Marcia was a US citizen. [1]

Marcia worked as a bookkeeper and homemaker. [2]

Ruth Lansing Broch's (died 1993) address book listed Mrs. Edward (Marcia) Speiser as living in Boynton Beach, Florida. [3]

Marcia Speiser was born 9 July 1919 and died 27 March 1985 in Palm Beach County, Florida. Her last residence was Boynton Beach, Palm Beach Co, Florida. Her SS# was issued in New York before 1951. [4, 5]

[1] death certificate
[2] David Speiser, 2007
[3] Virginia Broch Brink
[4] Florida Death Index, 1936-1998 (Ancestry.com)
[5] Social Security Death Index

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 9 Jul 1919.¹⁶
- Alt. Death: Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Boynton Beach, Florida.¹⁸⁰
- Occupation: Bookkeeper, Department Store.¹⁸⁰

4-Philip Eric Speiser

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Philip married **Maryann Bucavage**, daughter of **Peter Bucavage** and **Mary Peschock**. They had one daughter: **Jennifer**.

5-Jennifer Speiser

4-David Lawrence Speiser

David married **Denise Ellen Statfeld**, daughter of **Leslie Statfeld** and **Marilyn Zeluck**. They had two children: **Mallory** and **Michael**.

5-Mallory Speiser

5-Michael Speiser

3-**Arthur John Speiser**¹⁸³ was born on 24 May 1911 in Barmstadt, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany,¹⁸⁴ died on 21 Dec 1988 in Hawaiian Gardens, Los Angeles County, California¹⁸⁵ at age 77, and was buried on 3 Jan 1989 in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. Other names for Arthur were Arthur Petersen,¹⁷² Arthur Speiser,¹²⁵ Arthur J Speiser,¹⁶ and Otto Speiser.⁵² (Relationship to Hugo: Adopted, Relationship to Emma: Biological)

General Notes: Arthur and his brother Edward were both born in Germany to Emma Frommater and Carl Peterson. Emma & Carl divorced in Germany and Emma and her sons immigrated to the US. Emma married Hugo Speiser in 1921 and he adopted the boys. [6]

Emma came to the US before her sons, possibly about 1919.

On 15 September 1921, Emma Speiser and sons Ehrhardt [Edward] Petersen, age 12, and Arthur Petersen, age 10, left Hamburg on the SS Bayern. They arrived in New York City on 1 October 1921. Ehrhardt and Arthur had been living in Uetersen, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, with their uncle Carl Janus. Arthur was born in Barmstadt [Schleswig-Holstein], Germany.[8]

In 1930 Otto Speiser is living in NYC with his parents and brother. He is 18, born in Germany, a naturalized citizen, and a presser at a factory. [4]

On 23 January 1935, Arthur Speiser arrived in New York on the ship President Roosevelt from COBH (?), Plymouth, LeHarve, and Hamburg. Arthur was working as an assistant steward on the ship. He was 24, 6' 1", born in Germany, and a naturalized US citizen. Arthur's mother Emma, living at 24-02 140th (or 146th) Street, Whitestone, Long Island, is listed as his contact. Arthur worked on several ships traveling between Europe and the US, and Kingston, Jamaica, and the US between 1935 and 1938. [3]

On 16 Oct 1940, Arthur John Speiser registered for the draft in LA County, California. His registration card was forwarded to the registrar in Queens, NY. Arthur was born 24 May 1911 in Hosten, Germany, and is a citizen. He lists his home address as Queens, NY. Arthur's mother Mrs Emma Frances Speiser is his contact. Arthur is working for Matson Navigation Co in San Francisco, CA. [11]

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In August 1942, Arthur was working on the ship John Paul Jones, departing Sidney (James Island), British Columbia, Canada, and arriving at Tacoma, Washington. He has been working at sea for 13 years (since 1929). Arthur is 6 ft 1 in tall, 180 pounds, born in Germany, and a naturalized citizen. [7]

In 1943 Arth. Speiser was living in San Francisco, California. [10]

By 1955 Arthur was married to Mary and living in San Francisco at 255 Valdez street. He is working for the Matson Navigation Company on the passenger steamship Lurline as a waiter and wine steward between the ports of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Honolulu. He is listed on crew lists between 1955 & 1957. [5]

Arth. J Speiser and wife Marian are living in Long Beach in Los Angeles County, by 1959. [10]

Arthur John Speiser, resident of Long Beach in Los Angeles County, was born 24 May 1911 in Germany, and died 21 December 1988 at Charter Community Hospital in Hawaiian Gardens, Los Angeles County, California. He was the son of Hugo Speiser and Emma Frommater, and the husband of Mary (Zapletal) Speiser. He was a steward in the US Maritime Service for 48 years. [1, 2, 9]

Arthur died of metastatic prostate carcinoma and a urinary tract infection. Arthur had also had bilateral orchiectomies [removal of both testicles] in July 1988. [9]

It appears that Arthur was cremated and his ashes buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale. [9]

[1] California Death Index, 1940-1997 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Social Security Death Index, Arthur J Speiser, died 20 Dec 1988

[3] Ships passenger lists (Ancestry.com)

[4] 1930 US Census, NYC, Queens Co, NY, ED 840, sheet 2A

[5] California Passenger & Crew Lists 1893-1957 (Ancestry.com) - listed as Arthur or Arthur John, wife Mary, born in Germany, naturalized citizen, SS#

[6] David Speiser, 2007

[7] Seattle Passenger and Crew Lists, 1882-1957 (Ancestry.com)

[8] New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[9] California Death Certificate

[10] City Directories (Ancestry.com)

[11] U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men 1940-1947 (images) (Ancestry.com), Arthur John Speiser, b. 24 May 1911, Holstein

Noted events in his life were:

- Height: 6 ft. 1 in.
- Weight: 180 lb. 0 oz.
- Immigration: 1 Oct 1921, New York City.¹⁷²
- Cremation: Forest Lawn Crematory, Glendale, California.¹⁸⁶

Arthur married **Mary Rose Zapletal**,¹⁸⁷ daughter of **Michael Zapletal** and **Rose Sinor**, before 1955. Mary was born on 27 Apr 1912 in Wisconsin,¹⁸⁶ died on 27 Oct 1997 in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California¹⁸⁶ at age 85, and

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was buried on 4 Nov 1997 in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California.¹⁸⁶ They had no children.

Marriage Notes: Since Mary's sister Helene Lemich was the informant on her death certificate, and no children are found for a father named Speiser and mother Zapletal on the California Birth Index (Ancestry.com), I believe they did not have any children.

General Notes: Mary's father Michael Zapletal was born in Croatia, and her mother Rose Sinor in Hungary. [3]

Mary had 12 years of education [through high school], and worked as an accountant for 60 years. [3]

Mary Rose Speiser was born 27 April 1912 in Wisconsin to Michael Zapletal and Rose Sinor. She died 27 October 1997 at Marlora Rehab Hospital in Long Beach. Mary's usual residence was listed as 900 Junipero Avenue in Long Beach. Mary had had a cerebro vascular accident [stroke] several years prior to her death. She suffered from dementia. She died of pneumonia. [1, 2, 3]

[1] California Death Index, 1940-1997 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Social Security Death Index

[3] California Death Certificate

Noted events in her life were:

- Cremation: 31 Oct 1997, Forest Lawn Mortuary, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California.¹⁸⁶

2-Herman Reinhold Speiser was born on 23 Jun 1877 in Bebenhausen (Tübingen), Kingdom of Württemberg,¹ died on 24 Apr 1963 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹⁸⁸ at age 85, and was buried on 26 Apr 1963 in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.¹⁸⁹ Other names for Herman were Herman Reinholt Speiser¹ and Reinhold Hermann Speiser.²

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

When Herman was little he used to visit his step-mother Babette's mother Babette Merz Straub when she was alone and sick. [6]

In 1899 Herman Speiser is a bartender at 1127 E Main (the saloon owned by his father), and living with his parents at 425 Jane street. [7]

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 1900-1901.

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.

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In 1902 & 1904-1905, 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 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. [9]

In 1918, Herman's brother Hugo was working for him as a bartender. [9]

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 1940, Herman R Speiser and wife Bertha are living in Bridgeport at the same house as in 1935. No occupation is listed for them. Herman does have non-wage income. They are 62 & 60 years old. [10]

In 1942 Herman Reinhold Speiser is living at 1125 East Main St in Bridgeport with his wife Mrs Bertha Speiser. Herman is 64 years old and is unemployed. He was born 23 June 1877 in Germany. [5]

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

On 20 March 1962 Herman had a stroke. [8 - 20 Mar 1962] He died the following month.

[1] Herman & Bertha Speiser's 50th wedding anniversary - newspaper article

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

[3] Bridgeport City Directories 1902, 1904, 1905 (Ancestry.com)

[4] Bridgeport Telegram, 7 Oct 1926 (Ancestry.com)

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

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[6] Lydia Speiser Reuther

[7] Bridgeport City Directory 1899 (Ancestry.com)

[8] Lydia Speiser Reuther diary

[9] WWI draft registration cards (Ancestry.com)

[10] 1940 US Census, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, CT, ED 9-105, sheet 2A

Noted events in his life were:

- Immigration: From Germany, 1880.⁴

Herman married **Bertha Reifke**, daughter of **John Reifke** and **Barbara Brucker/Brooker**,¹⁹¹ on 28 Nov 1906 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.¹⁹⁰ Bertha was born in Nov 1879 in Oswego, New York,¹⁹² died on 19 Jan 1966 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹³ at age 86, and was buried on 21 Jan 1966 in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.¹⁹³ Another name for Bertha was Bertha Rifke. They had no children.

Marriage Notes: 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.

General Notes: Bertha Reifke's parents were John and Barbara Reifke. [5]

Bertha was born in November 1879 in Oswego, New York, to John and Barbara Reifke. John and Barbara were born in Berlin and immigrated in 1870. Bertha's paternal grandparents and her uncles appear to have also immigrated. In 1880 Ferdinand and Vielmelia Reifke are living next door to John and Barbara. Neither John nor Barbara could read or write, and Barbara appears to have never learned to speak English. By 1900 Bertha and her older brothers, except George, had left home and were living and working elsewhere. Bertha has not yet been found in the 1900 Census. [4]

Nephew Calvin Reuther reported Bertha was born 26 November 1880, but the 1880 census supports November 1879.

Bertha was insanely jealous about Herman. [2]

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]

On 17 March 1964 Bertha was transferred from Bridgeport Hospital to Hillside [nursing home]. Els felt dreadful about it. [7]

When Bertha died on 19 January 1966 at Hillside Hospital she had been in a coma for 10 days. [6]

When Bertha died in 1966 her survivors included her brother Henry Reifker [Reifke] of Cleveland, Ohio. [3] Henry A Reifke died a few months after Bertha in June or July 1966.

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[4]

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

[2] Lydia Speiser Reuther

[3] obituary

[4] 1880 (John Rafky), 1900 (John Reifkie), 1910 US Censuses, 1910 & 1930 Census for Henry A Reifke in Cleveland, WWI & WWII draft registration for Henry Albert Reifke, born 1877 in Oswego, SSDI & Ohio deaths for Henry, 1880 Census for Bertha lists her as "female" and "son" - the family is identified based on brother Henry's information

[5] St Paul's Lutheran Church, Sunday service bulletin, 16 May 1937, "Memorial Alter Rail. Presented by Mrs. Bertha Speiser in loving memory of her father and mother, John and Barbara Reifke. (Lydia Speiser Reuther collection)

[6] Lydia Speiser Reuther diary, 19 Jan 1966

[7] Lydia Speiser Reuther diary, 17 Mar 1964

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 26 Nov 1880, Oswego, New York.¹⁹⁴

2-Emma Johanna Speiser¹ was born on 23 Apr 1881 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹⁹⁵ died on 6 Jan 1936 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹⁹⁶ at age 54, and was buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.¹⁹⁷

General Notes: When Emma married Paul Broch in 1905, she was 24, born in Bridgeport, and her parents were Henry Speiser and Josephine [sic]. [1]

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.

[1] Bridgeport (CT) Record of Marriages 1871-1905, film #7731277 (FamilySearch.org), image #802, H Paul Broch to Emma Speiser, 21 Sep 1905, Bpt

Emma married **Hermann Paul Broch**,¹²⁵ son of **Peter Daniel Broch Jr** and **Auguste Hardt**, on 21 Sep 1905 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.¹⁹⁸ Hermann was born on 1 Apr 1880 in Solingen, Rhineland, Kingdom of Prussia,¹²⁵ died on 21 Nov 1907 in Falls Village, Litchfield County, Connecticut¹⁹⁹ at age 27, and was buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.¹²⁵ The cause of his death was tuberculosis. Another name for Hermann was Paul Broch. They had one son: **Henry Paul**.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 23 Sep 1905, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.¹

General Notes: 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

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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]

In 1905 H Paul Broch married Emma Speiser. He was 26, born in Germany, a cutler, and the son of Peter D Broch & Augustine Hardt. [3]

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

[1] Virginia Broch Brink

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

[3] Bridgeport (CT) Record of Marriages 1871-1905, film #7731277 (FamilySearch.org), image #802, H Paul Broch to Emma Speiser, 21 Sep 1905, Bpt

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 21 Nov 1907, Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut.²⁰⁰

3-Henry Paul Broch was born on 23 Aug 1906 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹⁹⁹ died on 25 Oct 1983 in Plainfield, New Jersey¹²⁵ at age 77, and was buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.¹²⁵

General Notes: Born at 1:45 AM, weighed 5 1/2 pounds [Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook]

Henry was 15 months old when his father died and he and his mother Emma moved in with her family. Emma's youngest half-sister Lydia was 9 years old. She and Henry were more like brother and sister, and remained very close throughout their lives. [1]

In the 1930 Census, Henry Broch is living in New York City on West 73 Street. He is 24 years old, and was born in Connecticut. His parents were born in Germany. Henry is an engineer in the electrical industry. He is living as a roomer in a dwelling of Carl Del Rosso.

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Henry, worked at New York Telephone Co. in NYC from his graduation as an electrical engineer at RPI in Troy, NY until his retirement at age 65. He was a rate planning supervisor. [3] RPI is Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, established in Troy, NY, in 1824, as a school of science and civil engineering. In the 1850's, Rensselaer became a polytechnic institution, and the name was changed in 1861 to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

According to his daughter Ginny, Henry used to make the German Springerle anise-flavored cookies that his mother Emma and his step-grandmother Babette Speiser made. Ginny owns one of the wooden Springerle molds that belonged to Emma.

Daughter Virginia reported to Lydia after Henry died that he had had a tumor near his liver and they could not operate. He was also jaundiced. The doctor told Henry's wife Ruth the tumor may have turned into cancer. [1]

On the Social Security Death Index, Henry Broch was born 23 Aug 1906 and died Oct 1983. His last residence was Fanwood, Union Co, NJ.

Henry was cremated and his ashes buried in Park Cemetery in Bridgeport, Connecticut, near his mother and his young son. [2]

[1] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Nov 27 1983

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

[3] Virginia Brink

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 10 Oct 1983.²⁰¹
- Alt. Burial: Cremated & Ashes Buried In Park Cemetery.²⁰²

Henry married **Ruth Mary Lansing**,¹²⁵ daughter of **Chauncey Lansing Jr** and **Philomena Harriet Rommell**, on 7 Oct 1933 in Rensselaer County, New York.²⁰³ Ruth was born on 17 Jan 1905 in Troy, Rensselaer County, New York,¹²⁵ died on 4 Feb 1993 in Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts¹²⁵ at age 88, and was buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.¹²⁵ They had two children: **George Lansing** and **Virginia Ruth "Ginny"**.

General Notes: The Lansing family trace their history to the early Dutch settlers in New York.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 17 Jan 1906.²⁰¹

4-**George Lansing Broch** was born on 26 Jan 1936 in Elizabeth, New Jersey,²⁰⁴ died on 9 May 1936 in Fanwood, New Jersey,²⁰⁴ and was buried on 12 May 1936 in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.²⁰⁵ The cause of his death was crib death.

General Notes: Born at 9:20 PM, weighed 6 pounds 3 1/2 ounces [Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook].

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Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 26 Jan 1936, Fanwood, New Jersey.²⁰⁶
- Alt. Death: 9 May 1936, Tanbrook, New Jersey.²⁰⁷

4-Virginia Ruth "Ginny" Broch

Virginia married **John J "Jerry" Brink**, son of **Claudius Justinus Hieryonymus Brink** and **Irene Elizabeth Reynders**, on 23 Jul 1960 in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.²⁰⁸ John was born on 18 Mar 1934 in Secunderabad, India (Now Pakistan)²⁰⁸ and died on 18 Apr 2019 in Florida²⁰⁹ at age 85. Another name for John was Jerry. They had two children: **Douglas Claude** and **Kenneth Henry**.

General Notes: Jerry was born in Secunderabad, India (now part of Pakistan, I believe). His father, a resident of South Africa, was serving as a doctor in the British army. Jerry lived in South Africa from 1941 (when they returned) until 1957 when he emigrated alone to the United States. His father's name was Claudius Justinus Hieryonymus Brink. His mother's name was Irene Elizabeth Reynders. They both died in South Africa -father-1993, mother-1990. Their families in SA date back to the 1600's when South Africa was settled by Europeans. [1]

Jerry and his mother moved to South Africa when World War II broke out. He received his undergraduate education in Science in South Africa, then moved to the US on a scholarship to study Biochemistry at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. Jerry and Ginny met at the University of Vermont. [2]

Jerry was a Prof. of Biochemistry at Clark Univeristy in Worcester, Massachusetts. He was interested in the biochemistry of the brain, working with graduate & undergraduate students to publish many publications over 31 years. His research was supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. While at Clark he spent four years at Harvard Medical School and School of Public Health as a part-time research associate with support from the National Science Foundation. [2]

After he retired Jerry continued teaching classes to adult students. [2]

Jerry was a marathon runner, played racquet ball and golf, and built and flew model airplanes of WWII aircraft. Several of his planes are in the Quonset Point Aircraft Museum in Rhode Island. [2]

[1] Virginia Brink

[2] Farley Funeral Home (North Port, FL) (www.farleyfuneralhome.com), obit John J Brink of North Port, d. 18 Apr 2019.

Noted events in his life were:

- Immigration: 1957, South Africa To United States.¹²⁵

5-Douglas Claude Brink

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5-Kenneth Henry Brink

Kenneth married **John Christian**.

Emma next married **George Kaufmann**,²¹⁰ son of **Michael Kaufman**, on 1 Aug 1911 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²¹¹ George was born on 14 Sep 1872 in Wurtzburg, Germany,²¹² died on 4 Apr 1945 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut²¹⁰ at age 72, and was buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.²¹³ Another name for George was George Kaufman. They had one daughter: **Ruth**.

General Notes: 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].

George immigrated in 1895, sailing from Hamburg, Germany. [4]

George is probably the George Kaufmann who married Emma Seiferk on 6 Jul 1898 in Bridgeport. [6]

On 20 October 1903, George Kaufmann became a citizen. [4]

George was blind in his right eye. [4]

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 step-son Henry Broch, 13, born in Connecticut. On the census, both of Henry's parents were born in Germany.

In March 1921 George and Emma Kaufmann applied for a US passport. They planned to go to Holland in May to settle an estate. [4]

On 30 September 1921 George and Emma Kaufmann arrived in New York on the ship Rotterdam sailing from Rotterdam. [5]

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

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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 Ottilie 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. [1]

In 1940 George Kaufmann is living in Bridgeport at 397 North Ave. He is 67, born in Germany, a citizen, and a tavern keeper (his own business). George owns his home worth \$3350. With George are daughter and son-in-law Ottillia & Frank Smith. Frank is a plater with a plating company. Their son Francis J Smith is 2. Also in the house is George's niece Emma Kaufmann, 19 (born in Connecticut). [3]

George's daughter Ottil K Smith died 18 April 1972 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, at age 72. She was a resident of Stratford. [2]

[1] Virginia Broch Brink

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

[3] 1940 US Census, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, CT, ED 9-99, sheet 4B

[4] U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925 (images) (Ancestry.com), George Kaufmann appl, Mar 1921

[5] New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[6] Connecticut Marriage Records Index 1897-1966 (Conn. State Library, ctstatelibrary.org)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 17 Sep 1872, Wuesburg, Germany.²¹³
- Alt. Death: 10 Apr 1945, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

3-**Ruth Kaufman**¹²⁵ died on 1 Sep 1915 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²¹⁴

General Notes: Ruth Kaufman died in infancy. [1]

Ruth is probably the Ruth Kaufman who died in 1915 in Bridgeport. [2]

[1] Virginia Broch Brink

[2] Connecticut Death Records Index 1897-1966 (Conn. State Library, ctstatelibrary.org), Ruth Kaufman, 1 Sep 1915, Bridgeport

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: Infancy.¹²⁵

2-**Rudolph Speiser**¹ was born on 23 Jun 1883 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut²¹⁵ and died on 22 Oct 1883 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²¹⁵ The cause of his death was maramus.

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General Notes: Rudolph Speiser died 23 October 1883 in Bridgeport at Pembroke [st?]. He was 4 months old, born in Bridgeport to Henry. The cause of death was maramus. [1] Maramus is severe malnutrition, usually in children under age 1. It is due to lack of adequate nutrition, but also infections, dehydration, or circulation disorders. One possibility is the mother does not produce enough breast milk to nourish the child, and is the most likely case for Rudolph.

[1] Bridgeport (CT) Record of Deaths 1853-1892, film #7857737 (FamilySearch.org), image #510, Rudolph Speiser, d. 23 Oct 1883, Bpt, age 4, b. Bpt, cause maramus

Heinrich next married **Catharina Barbara "Babette" Habann**,²¹⁶ daughter of **Karl Habann** and **Anna Barbara "Babette" Merz**,²¹⁶ on 19 Nov 1887 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²¹⁷ Catharina was born on 16 May 1858 in Gruibingen, Kingdom of Württemberg,²¹⁸ died on 28 Jun 1947 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹ at age 89, and was buried on 2 Jul 1947 in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.²¹⁹ Another name for Catharina was Babette Katrina Merz. They had seven children: **Lucie Helene, Ella Elsbeth, Reinhold Columbus, Irma Mathilde, Eric William, Lydia Anna, and Lydia Johanna.**

General Notes: 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 [4].

My mother's Dad was the son of a Baroness [4]. Karl was actually a waiter from Bavaria. There is no information available on his parents at this time.

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. [5]

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.

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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 Irma @ 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". [3]

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

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

[3] Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook

[4] Lydia Speiser Reuther

[5] Lydia Speiser to Catherine Reuther, Sept 1988

Noted events in her life were:

- Confirmation: 21 Apr 1872, Gruibingen, Kingdom of Württemberg.²¹⁶
- Immigration: 4 Sep 1883, New York City.²⁰¹

2-Lucie Helene Speiser was born on 1 Jul 1889 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹ died on 28 Sep 1985 in Fairfield, Connecticut²²⁰ at age 96, and was buried on 2 Oct 1985 in Ashes Buried In Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.²²¹ The cause of her death was old age. Other names for Lucie were Helene and Lucy Helena Speiser (1943 Copy Of Birth Crtf).

General Notes: 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 shock" [stroke]. She fully recovered. [1]

In 1963, Helene was living in Montvale, New Jersey. [5]

In the summer of 1969, Helene and Otto were planning a trip to Germany to find a place to

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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 was requested from the State of Connecticut.

- [1] Letter from Lydia Reuther to son Calvin Reuther June 27 1961 (CAR Collection)
- [2] Letters from Lydia Reuther to son Calvin Reuther July - Dec 1969 (CAR Collection)
- [3] Letter from Lydia Reuther to son Calvin Reuther 12 Aug 1974 (CAR Collection)
- [4] Letter from Lydia Reuther to son Calvin Reuther 8 April 1977 (CAR Collection)
- [5] Herman Speiser's obituary (CAR Collection)

Noted events in her life were:

- Cremation: 1 Oct 1985.¹⁰

Lucie married **Otto Paul Wieland**²²² on 10 Nov 1928 in Manhattan, New York City, New York.²²³ Otto was born on 16 Oct 1896 in Nürtingen, Esslingen, Württemberg, Germany, died on 5 Nov 1969 in Munich, Germany²²⁴ at age 73, and was buried on 7 Nov 1969.²²⁵ Other names for Otto were Otto Weiland and Otto Paul Weiland.²²⁶ They had no children.

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

General Notes: 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.

Otto immigrated, leaving from Hamburg on the ship Hamburg, arriving in New York on 4 October 1926. [3]

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

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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.

On 15 July 1930 Otto Paul Wieland applied for US citizenship. He was a chemical technician living in Astoria, Long Island, New York. [3]

In 1942 Otto Paul Wieland is living in Queens County, New York. [Wife] Helen Wieland is shown as living in Elmhurst, Long Island, New York. Otto was born 16 October 1896 in Germany. He works for the Rockefeller Institute in NYC. [1]

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]

Sister-in-law Lydia Speiser Reuther recorded two dates for Otto's death - 5 October 1969 and 5 November 1969 - in her diary. Since her diary was written with multiple years, but the same day on each page, the November date is probably correct. [CAR]

Otto Wieland, 16 October 1896 - November 1969. [2]

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

[2] Social Security Death Index

[3] Selected U.S. Naturalization Records 1790-1974 (images) (Ancestry.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 16 Oct 1896, Nuertingen, Germany.²²⁷
- Alt. Birth: 16 Oct 1897, Germany.²⁰¹
- Naturalization: 4 May 1937, New York City.²²⁸
- Alt. Death: 5 Oct 1969, Munich, Germany.²²⁵
- Alt. Burial: 7 Oct 1969.

2-**Ella Elsbeth Speiser** was born on 22 Oct 1890 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹ died on 23 Jan 1976 in Fairfield, Connecticut¹⁸⁸ at age 85, and was buried on 27 Jan 1976 in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.²²⁹ The cause of her death was Cardio Respiratory failure due to arterosclerotic heart disease. Another name for Ella was Els Speiser. She had no known marriage and no known children.

General Notes: 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.

Els played the piano and violin. [3]

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.

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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]

Els retired from Metropolitan Life Insurance company in September 1955 after 48 years with the company. She started as a stenographer in 1907 when she was 15 years old [actually 16 in 1907 until her 17th birthday in October]. She graduated from Old Bridgeport high school in Congress street. Els advanced from stenographer to cashier, then bookkeeper, and was office supervisor supervising 14 people. [3]

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.

Else 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

[3] Bridgeport Telegram, Bridgeport CT, 20 Aug 1975 (Ancestry.com)

Noted events in her life were:

- Employment: Metropolitan Life (48 Years), Between 1907 and 1955.
- Soc Sec Num: 041-10-9875.

2-Reinhold Columbus Speiser was born on 10 Apr 1892 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹ died on 2 Apr 1974 in Fairfield, Connecticut²³⁰ at age 81, and was buried on 4 Apr 1974 in Mountain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.²⁰¹ Another name for Reinhold was Rein.

General Notes: 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. [6]

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.

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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, Reinhold Speiser 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 1942 Reinhold C Speiser is living at 149 Grovers Ave in Bridgeport with his wife Mrs Florence Speiser. He is a dentist. Rein's office is at 886 Main Street. He was born 10 April 1892 in Bridgeport. [4]

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. [5].

[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

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

[5] Lydia Speiser's notebook

[6] Virginia Speiser Rutter

Noted events in his life were:

- Occupation: Dentist.

Reinhold married **Florence Christine Peterson**,²³¹ daughter of **Gustaf/Gustave Peterson** and **Nila (Nellie) Benson**, in 1919 in Baltimore, Maryland.²²⁶ Florence was born on 15 Jun 1894 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,²³² died on 4 May 1982 in Midland, Midland County, Texas²³³ at age 87, and was buried in Mountain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.²²⁶ Another name for Florence was Florence Peterson. They had two children: **Warren Henry** and **Virginia Florence "Ginger"**.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Abt 1918.²³⁴

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

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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]

Florence Christine Speiser, born 15 June 1894, died in Midland County, Texas on 4 May 1982. [3, 4]

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

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

[3] Social Security Death Index

[4] Texas Deaths, RootsWeb

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1894, Connecticut.⁵²

3-Dr. Warren Henry Speiser was born on 2 Sep 1923 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹ and died on 16 Oct 2020 in Missouri²³⁵ at age 97.

General Notes: Born 12:15 AM, weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. [Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook]

In 1944, Warren H Speiser is away in the US Navy, otherwise his residence is at his parents' home at 149 Grovers Ave in Bridgeport. [1]

Warren graduated from Washington University School of Dentistry [St Louis, Missouri] and then later his mAstors of Prosthetic Dentistry. Warren met future wife Eileen Lupo while at Wasington University. [6]

The Connecticut State Dental Commission granted Warren his license to practice dentistry in 1948. [3]

Warren flew a B-12 bomber in World War II. Warren was in dental practice with his father in Bridgeport for many years. When he went back into the military service, he and his family lived in many different places, and then settled in St. Louis, Missouri, where Warren taught for several years at the dental school before it closed, and developed his own dental practice making false teeth. He continues to make false teeth in St. Louis. [5]

Warren's military service included being stationed in Alaska, where he enhanced his fishing skills and had many camping trips. [6]

In January 1956, Warren and Eileen moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was in the service and was posted there. [2, 4]

Warren served in both the US Navy during World War II and later in the US Air Force where he achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel. [6]

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Upon leaving the military, Warren took a position as professor of Prosthetic Dentistry at Washington University's School of Dentistry. He opened his private practice in 1965, retiring in 2013. [6]

Warren died [during the Covid-19 Pandemic] of natural causes at home with his family. [6]

In addition to his children and grandchildren, Warren was also survived by three great-grandchildren Cillian, Henry and Abram. [6]

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

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

[3] Bridgeport Telegram, 19 July 1948, p nine (Ancestry.com)

[4] Lydia Speiser Reuther diary, 23 Jan 1956

[5] Virginia Speiser Rutter, 2004

[6] Bopp Chapel (Kirkwood, MO) (www.boppchapel.com), obit Warren H Speiser, d. at home, 16 Oct 2020

Noted events in his life were:

- Residence: 1974, Floressent, MO.²³⁶

Warren married **Eileen Catherine Lupo**,²³⁷ daughter of **Domenick "Dave" Lupo** and **Olivia Pieri**, on 7 Feb 1948 in St. Louis, Missouri.²³⁸ Eileen was born on 7 Feb 1927 in Missouri,²³⁹ died on 14 Oct 2017²³⁷ at age 90, and was buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.²⁴⁰ Another name for Eileen was Eileen Cathryn Lupo.²³⁸ They had three children: **James Warren, Sally**, and **Barbara Suzanne**.

General Notes: In 1930 Eileen Lupo is living in St Louis, Missouri, in the home of her grandparents Orazio & Isolina Pieri. In the house were their daughters Angelina and Olivia, and their husbands and children. Both of Eileen's sets of grandparents were from Italy. [1]

Eileen was a graduate of Washington University and Central Institute for the Deaf where she obtained her degree as a Teacher of the Deaf. [2]

In addition to her children and grandchildren, Eileen was survived by three great-grandchildren: Cillian, Henry & Abram. [2]

[1] 1930 Census, MO, St Louis, ED 244, sheet 14A

[2] Legacy.com, St Louis Post Dispatch, 16 Oct 2017, obit Eileen Catherine Speiser, d. 14 Oct 2017

4-James Warren Speiser

James married **Phoebe Louise Winholt**, daughter of **Alfred E Winholt** and **Phoebe**. They had three children: **Selene Elizabeth, Samantha Emily**, and **Jonathan David "Jon"**.

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Selene married **Jon Fitzsimmons**.

5-**Samantha Emily Speiser**

5-**Jonathan David "Jon" Speiser**

Jonathan married **Rebekah**.

4-**Sally Speiser**

4-**Barbara Suzanne Speiser**

Barbara married **Rudolf William Ernest Kruse**, son of **Rudolf William Ernest "Buddy" Kruse** and **Elizabeth Harris**. They had three children: **Catherine Christine**, **Lauren Nicole**, and **Nathan Alexander**.

5-**Catherine Christine Kruse**

Catherine married **Michael DiBernardo**.

5-**Lauren Nicole Kruse**

Lauren married **Alexander "Alex" Walker**.

5-**Nathan Alexander Kruse**

Nathan married **Vanessa Brockhouse**.

3-**Virginia Florence "Ginger" Speiser** was born on 22 Feb 1927 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut²⁴¹ and died on 14 Jul 2010 in Midland, Midland County, Texas²⁴² at age 83.

General Notes: Born 5:00 PM, weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces [1].

Virginia's father nicknamed her Ginger because there were so many Virginia's in the neighborhood. [2]

Virginia Rutter died in her sleep on 14 July 2010. She was born 22 February 1927, the daughter of Dr. Rheinhold and Florence Speiser of Bridgeport, Connecticut. She attended Boston University for two years to earn an Associates' Degree. As a young bride, she moved to Midland in 1949, where she lived her entire adult life. Survivors include husband A. William Rutter, Jr.; her older brother, Dr. Warren Speiser of Town and Country, MO; her four children, Robin Rutter Coleburn of Charlotte, VT, Bill Rutter III of Midland, Paul Warren Rutter of Mount Vernon, WA and Christopher Thomas Rutter of Midland; her eight grandchildren, Jessica Price, Katherine Webster, Mariah Rutter, Aren Rutter, Taylor Rutter, Morgan Rutter, and Harley and Cristen Manning; and her two great grandchildren, Lila and Penny Webster. [3]

[1] Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook

[2] Virginia Speiser Rutter

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[3] Midland Reporter-Telegram from July 16 to July 18, 2010, www.legacy.com

Noted events in her life were:

- Residence: 1974, Midland, Midland County, Texas.²³⁶

Virginia married **Albert William "Bill" Rutter Jr**, son of **Albert William Rutter** and **Dorothy Tripp**. They had four children: **Robin Jessica**, **Albert William**, **Paul Warren**, and **Christopher Thomas**.

4-**Robin Jessica Rutter**

Robin married **Jeffrey Prescott Price**, son of **Benjamin F Prescott** and **Jane Fahey**. They had two children: **Jessica Christine** and **Katherine Prescott**.

5-**Jessica Christine Price**

Jessica married **John Egbert Streng**, son of **William Paul Steng** and **Louisa Egbert**.

5-**Katherine Prescott Price**

Katherine married **Jason Duane Webster**, son of **Duane Eri Webster** and **Diane Elizabeth Sinusas**. They had two children: **Lila Jane** and **Penelope Rose "Penny"**.

6-**Lila Jane Webster**

6-**Penelope Rose "Penny" Webster**

Robin next married **Robert Coleburn**.

4-**Albert William Rutter III**

Albert married **Susan Kay Bottorff**, daughter of **Arba/Arby Scott Bottorff** and **Dorothy S Griffin**. They had two children: **Mariah Claire** and **Aren William**.

5-**Mariah Claire Rutter**

Mariah married **Benjamin Lewis Paddock**.

Mariah next married **Levi J Ward**.

5-**Aren William Rutter**

Aren married **Tessa Marie Lynch**.

Albert next married **Monika Frederika Wagner**.

Albert next married **Deborah M Glendening**, daughter of **Jeff Glendening** and **Michaeleen Ann Quinn**.

4-**Paul Warren Rutter**

Paul married **Tresia Ann Westerlund**, daughter of **John Clarence Westerlund** and **Carol Ann Morrell**.

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4-Christopher Thomas Rutter

Christopher married **Elizabeth Ann Malone**. They had two children: **Taylor Michelle** and **Morgan Elizabeth**.

5-Taylor Michelle Rutter

Taylor married **Neil McGlennon**.

5-Morgan Elizabeth Rutter

Christopher next married **Trena Gail Corbell**, daughter of **Charles Kenneth Corbell** and **Evelyn Myrtle Schluter**.

2-Irma Mathilde Speiser was born on 1 May 1893 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹ and died in Jun 1993 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York at age 100.

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

In 1935 (according to the 1940 Census), Irma was living in Detroit, Michigan. [3] City Directories show Irma and Kingston in Flint until at least 1938. [4]

In 1940 Irma Forbes is living in Detroit at 1530 Seward Ave, apparently an apartment building. Irma is renting her home for \$50 a month. She is 46, married but separated, is a homemaker, and has other income. Son Charles is listed with her, but is "absent" (living elsewhere). Charles is a student and probably away at school. [3]

Irma and King divorced in Michigan in 1943.

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.

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. [CAR]

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

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

[3] 1940 US Census, Detroit, Wayne Co, MI, ED 84-267, sheet 267

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[4] City Directories (Ancestry.com)

Irma married **Kingston Francis "King" Forbes**,²⁴³ son of **Charles Henry A Forbes** and **Edith Mary Francis**, on 3 Mar 1914 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²⁴⁴ The marriage ended in divorce. Kingston was born on 1 Jun 1888 in London, England,²⁴⁵ died on 26 Oct 1965 in Monroe, Monroe County, Michigan²⁴⁶ at age 77, and was buried on 29 Oct 1965 in Roselawn Memorial Park, La Salle, Monroe County, Michigan.²⁴⁷ They had two children: **Stuart** and **Charles Henry**.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 4 Mar 1914, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²⁴⁸
- Divorce: 14 Jun 1943, Wayne County, Michigan.²⁴⁸

General Notes: The birth of Kingston Francis R.C.S. Forbes was registered in the third quarter (July-Sept) 1888 in Islington district. [2]

Kingston's parents were Charles Henry A Forbes (born abt 1860 in St Pancras, Middlesex) and Edith Mary Francis (born abt 1864). They were married in the third quarter (July-Sept) 1887 in Turnbridge, Kent, Sussex. Charles' parents were Charles Carey Forbes (abt 1826-1905) and Susan Bridget (born abt 1844, died aft 1907). Both the elder Charles and Susan were born in New South Wales, Australia. Charles Carey Forbes was a wine and Australian merchant. [3]

Other information indicates that his father was Alexander Forbes, [6] perhaps Charles Henry Alexander Forbes [CAR]. Alexander was a physician and went to Panama to help with a malaria outbreak. He died in Panama and is buried there. [6]

In 1891 Kingston F. R. C. S. Forbes is living in Kent, St Pancras district, London with his mother Editha Mary Forbes. Edith is married but her husband is not with her on the census. I have not found him on the 1891 census, nor a death record. Living nearby are his grandparents Charles Carey Forbes & Susan Bridget Forbes, and three of their children Ewan, Florence & Walton. [3]

In 1901 Kingston Forbes is living in Tottenham, Middlesex, England, with his grandparents Charles C & Susannah Forbes, and his uncles Ewen and Walter. [3]

On 27 Aug 1907 Kingston Chas Forbes boarded the ship SS Carmania in Liverpool. He arrived in at Ellis Island in New York on 4 Sept 1907. Kingston is 20 years old (should be 19), single, and an engineer. He has \$30 with him and is going to stay with his friend Wm Bibby in New York. Kingston was born in London, his last residence was in Nottingham. His nearest relative is his grandmother Mrs. S Forbes of London. [4]

King moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut, between 1907 and 1910.

In 1910 C Kingston Forbes is living in Bridgeport. He is working for "Loe Co", and rooming at 425 State Street. [8]

Kingston Forbes arrived in the US at Ellis Island, NY, after a visit to England, on 26 Sept 1910 on the ship Kaiserin Auguste Victoria departing from Southampton, England, on 18 Sept 1910. He was 22, a draftsman, born in England. His permanent residence was listed as

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US, and the manifest was stamped Non Immigrant Alien. Kingston's destination was Bridgeport, Connecticut. [4]

King and Irma married in 1914. They moved from Bridgeport to Flint, Michigan, shortly afterward, and were there by 1915 (family photos).

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]

Between 1917 and 1925 King received nine patents for improvements to the automobile. The patents included a spark-plug for internal combustion engines, door latch and a fastening device for motor vehicle hoods. [see below]

In October 1929 Kingston Forbes was appointed assistant chief engineer, along with Harold T Yongren, of Buick Motor Company. King was formerly executive engineer for Buick. He was to have charge of color & executive engineering, drafting, sales service, specifications, technical material, experimental manufacturing and experimental engineering. [7]

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.

City Directories show King and Irma in Flint until at least 1938. [12] However, on the 1940 Census, King reported that he was living in Detroit in 1935. [13]

In 1940 Kingston is probably the Kingston Francis living in Detroit at 406 Davenport st.

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Kingston is 42 [should be 52], born in England, a naturalized citizen, and a designer for an auto company. He has had two years of college. He is renting his home for \$40/month. In 1939 Kingston worked 52 weeks for \$5000. Kingston talked to the census taker and reported he is married. Living with Kingston is Cleo Francis. Cleo is listed as Kingston's wife, but her marital status is first listed as divorced, but subsequently crossed out. Cleo is 28 (born about 1912), born in Indiana, and a switchboard operator for a hotel. She worked 30 weeks in 1939 for \$450. [13]

In 1942 Kingston Forbes is living in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio. He is working for Willy Overland Inc in Toledo. Kingston was born 1 June 1888 in London, England, and is a naturalized citizen. [10] Willys-Overland Motors, a car manufacturer, headquartered in Toledo. Made the Jeep in WWII.

Kingston and Irma divorced in 1943.

In 1945 Kingston was living in Erie, Michigan.
Kingston married Elizabeth Cronenberger on 13 July 1945 in Monroe, Michigan. She was 22. Kingston reported his age as 47 == he was actually 57. [14]

"King was an excellent cook and with a pretty dreary [dreary?] stove in a postage stamp kitchen in our cottage, but he made cakes on the stove top, mile high omelets in a small pan that I still have and wonderful stews and marmalades, he told me he learned how to cook and sew from his grandmother who said that these skills would serve him well all his life. He took very good care of me even in his poverty I never felt poor as he read to me and cooked wonderful dishes and had time to have a contemplative home." [9]

Kingston Forbes, born June 1, 1888, died October 1965 in Michigan. [5] He died from emphysema. [6]

Kingston Forbes, age 77 of Luna Pier, Michigan, died on 26 October 1965 at Memorial Hospital in Monroe, Michigan. He was a native of Middlesex, England. Kingston had lived in Luna Pier for 20 years [since about 1955] and was [inaccurately] described as a self-employed salesman for most of his life. He was survived by sons Stewart [Stuart] of Detroit, and Charles of New York City [should be Rochester, New York], and daughter Karyn of Detroit Beach, Michigan. [11]

[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)

[3] 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 & 1901 England Census, England & Wales FreeBMD Marriage Index 1837-1983, England & Wales FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1983 (Ancestry.com)

[4] Ellislandrecords.org

[5] Social Security Death Index

[6] Karyn Forbes Thomas, 2007

[7] Dallas Morning News, 20 Oct 1929, p. 5 (Genealogybank.com)

[8] Bridgeport City directories (Ancestry.com)

[9] Karyn Forbes Thomas, 2009

[10] World War II draft registration 1942 (FamilySearch.org)

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- [11] Toledo Blade (OH), 28 Oct 1965, p.34 (image), Google News (news.google.com)
- [12] City Directories (Ancestry.com)
- [13] 1940 US Census, Detroit, Wayne Co, MI, ED 84-84, sheet 12A
- [14] Michigan Marriage Records 1867-1952 (Ancestry.com), Kingston Forbes to Elizabeth Jane Cronenberger, 13 Jul 1945, Monroe, MI (index)

Patents, Kingston Forbes, Flint, Michiganian

23 Jan 1917, #1,213,471, catch

20 Nov 1917 #1,247,102, spark-plug for internal combustion engine

6 Sep 1921, #1,390,113, Curtain support

28 May 1922, #1,417,239, latch device for vehicle doors, assignor General Motors (GM)

11 Jul 1922, #1,422,431, combination back and side curtain, assignor GM

10 Apr 1923, #1,451,662, fastening device for motor vehicle hoods, assignor GM

30 Oct 1923, #1,472,715, combined jamb and buffer for automobile doors, with Marty T Cody, & John Gray, assignor GM

6 May 1924, #1,493,446, name plate, assignor GM

17 Feb 1925, #1,526,331, door latch, assignor GM

---- annual Patent Office reports (Genealogybank.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Immigration: 4 Sep 1907, New York, New York.²⁴⁹

3-Stuart Forbes was born on 20 Apr 1917 in Flint, Genesee County, Michigan,²⁰⁶ died on 22 Mar 1985 in Columbus, Polk County, North Carolina²⁵⁰ at age 67, and was buried in Cremated.²⁵¹

General Notes: Born at 12:00 noon, weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces. [Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook]

In 1939, when Stuart married Margaret Dodds, he was living in New Orleans and working in sales promotion. [4]

Stuart was an executive with Ethyl Gasoline Corporation. He and wife Margaret lived in many cities and towns across the United States. They loved to travel and made extensive trips overseas for business and pleasure. [3]

After Stuart's retirement in the 1970's, they moved to Tryon, North Carolina, where Stuart could play golf at the Red Fox County Club. [3]

Stuart was operated on for stomach cancer in 1984, and then had chemo treatments. His aunt Lydia says that weakened his heart. His death in 1985 was sudden and unexpected. [2]

The Social Security Death Index has Stuart Forbes born 20 Apr 1917 and died Mar 1985. His last residence was Tryon, Polk Co, North Carolina.

Stuart Forbes died 22 March 1985 in Polk Co, North Carolina, at age 67. Stuart was born 20 April 1917 in Michigan. He died at General Hospital, and was cremated. [1]

[1] North Carolina Deaths, 1983-87 (Ancestry.com)

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[2] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Apr 14 1985

[3] Tryon Daily Bulletin (Tryon, NC), 16 Aug 2011 (GenealogyBank.com) obit for Margaret Louise Forbes

[4] Michigan Marriage Records 1867-1952 (Ancestry.com), Stuart Forbes to Margaret L Dodds, 25 Mar 1939, Flint, MI (image)

Noted events in his life were:

- Residence: 1952, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.²⁵²
- Residence: 1964, Baltimore, Maryland.²⁵³

Stuart married **Margaret Louise Dodds**,²⁵⁴ daughter of **Harvey Thomas Dodds** and **Bernice M Young**, on 25 Mar 1939 in Flint, Genesee County, Michigan.²⁵⁵

Margaret was born on 9 May 1915 in Flint, Genesee County, Michigan⁴² and died on 12 Aug 2011 in North Carolina²⁵⁶ at age 96. They had no children.

Marriage Notes: Stuart and Margaret did not have any children.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 1938.²⁵⁷

General Notes: While growing up, Margaret spent many summers on Lake Long in Michigan, where she became a strong swimmer. [3]

At the University of Michigan, she studied history and music, and was a classical pianist with her own studio on campus. [3]

After Stuart's death in 1985, Margaret founded the Stuart and Margaret L Forbes Scholarship Program at the Polk County [NC] Community Foundation. In 1995 she purchased the Duke Power building in Tryon, NC, and donated it to the local school system as the Forbes Preschool Center. In 1998 she formed the Stuart and Margaret L Forbes Foundation to distribute scholarships to local students. She also endowed a scholarship fund at the NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching. [3]

[In 2003,] noted Polk County preschool education advocate Margaret Forbes received a distinguished governor's award. . . Forbes was presented with the Order of the Longleaf Pine in recognition of her "proven record of service to the state of North Carolina." The Order of the Longleaf Pine is one of the highest awards the state can bestow, and it can be given only by the governor or his representative.

The award was presented by Roger Metcalf on behalf of Governor Michael Easley. Metcalf is the director of the Western Regional Education Service Alliance in Waynesville.

Previous recipients of this award include Billy Graham and Maya Angelou.

Polk County Board of Education Chairman Geoffrey Tennant said it was very fitting to recognize someone who had given so much to her community.

"If it had not been for the vision and foresight of Mrs. Forbes, we wouldn't have the four-year-olds program in Polk County that we do today," Tennant said.

Bill Miller, a Forbes Foundation board member, addressed the gathering after the meal and emphasized the "truly significant contribution Forbes has made and continues to make to her community through the pre-kindergarten program. . . ."

The night's events were organized and hosted by the Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes Foundation, which Forbes formed in 1998.

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Although Forbes is one of five members of the foundation's board, she didn't know Tuesday's reception was in her honor.

"The fabulous thing about this is I really didn't know anything about it," Forbes said.

"It was a well-kept secret."

Friends and colleagues said Forbes is so self-deprecating that seeing her given this award and recognition is gratifying.

They also voice the hope this recognition may lead to a more widespread recognition of what Forbes and the foundation have been able to accomplish in Polk County through the pre-kindergarten program. [1]

Since 1998 the Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes Foundation has been awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships to local high school students as well as granting money for other community projects.

The people at the foundation, which was named in part to honor the late Stuart Forbes, have been working steadily to carry out the vision of Margaret Forbes, according to William Miller, chief counsel to the foundation and a member of its board of directors. A major aspect of that vision is to improve the education of students in the Polk County and Landrum areas.

Miller said the foundation is currently funding scholarships for 11 local students in amounts varying from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per academic year. [2]

[1] www.tryondailybulletin.com - Nov 6 2003

[2] www.tryondailybulletin.com - Jan 6 2004

[3] Tryon Daily Bulletin (Tryon, NC), 16 Aug 2011 (GenealogyBank.com) obit for Margaret Louise Forbes

Noted events in her life were:

- Graduation: Central High School, 1933, Michigan.²⁵⁶
- Graduation: University of Michigan, 1938.²⁵⁶

3-**Charles Henry Forbes** was born on 28 Jan 1919 in Flint, Genesee County, Michigan²⁰⁶ and died on 19 Oct 1997 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York²⁵⁸ at age 78. Another name for Charles was Charlie.

General Notes: Born 8:30 AM, weighed 5 1/2 pounds. [2]

In 1940 Charles Forbes is recorded in Detroit at 1530 Seward Ave, apparently an apartment building, with his mother Irma. Charles is "absent" (living elsewhere). Charles is a student and probably away at school. Charles is 21 and has completed 3 years of college. [3]

Charles H Forbes, born 27 Jan 1919, died 19 Oct 1997. His last residence was Rochester, Monroe County, New York. [1]

[1] Social Security Death Index

[2] Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook

[3] 1940 US Census, Detroit, Wayne Co, MI, ED 84-267, sheet 267

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Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 27 Jan 1919.²⁵⁹
- Alt. Death: 19 Nov 1997, Rochester, New York.²⁶⁰
- Graduation: University Of Michigan, Bachelor's In Engineering & MBA.²⁵⁸
- Occupation: Eastman Kodak Co., 1941.²⁵⁸
- Occupation: owner/founder Forbes Products Corp, 1946.²⁵⁸

Charles married **Janet Elizabeth Phillips**,²⁶¹ daughter of **James Jay Phillips** and **Jane W McCoy**, on 29 Sep 1951 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York.²⁶² Janet was born on 12 Jun 1918 in Rochester, New York²⁶³ and died on 5 Jun 2016²⁶³ at age 97. They had two children: **Ann Elizabeth** and **Stuart Charles**.

General Notes: In 1940 Janet E Phillips is living in Rochester, New York. She is 21, and has completed 3 years of college. She is living with her parents James J & Jane M Phillips, and brother James W Phillips, 24. Father James is not working and has other income. [1]

[1] 1940 US Census, Rochester, Monroe Co, NY, ED 65-325, sheet 3B

4-Ann Elizabeth Forbes

Ann married **Charles Bradford**. They had four children: **Charles Forbes "Chip," William "Billy," James,** and **Edward "Teddy"**.

5-Charles Forbes "Chip" Bradford

5-William "Billy" Bradford

5-James Bradford

5-Edward "Teddy" Bradford

4-Stuart Charles Forbes

2-**Eric William Speiser** was born on 21 May 1894 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹ died on 27 Jun 1957 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹ at age 63, and was buried on 29 Jun 1957 in St. Michael's Cemetary, Bridgeport, Connecticut.²⁶⁴ Another name for Eric was Wilhelm Ehrich Speiser.

General Notes: 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

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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 1942 Eric William Speiser is living at 425 Jane Street in Bridgeport with his wife Julia Speiser. He is working for the Bridgeport Brass Co. Eric was born 21 May 1894 in Bridgeport. [3]

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]

In 1954 sister Lydia wrote that Eric was ill and had been taken home from work two days earlier. Eric, Jr, told Lydia his father was having liver trouble. Lydia wrote "If only he were a good Christian & @ peace with God I wouldn't worry so. Please God hear my prayers & before it is to[o] late bring him back to the church." [5 - 19 May 1954]

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. [4].

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

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

[4] Lydia Speiser's notebook

[5] Lydia Speiser Reuther diaries

Noted events in his life were:

- Occupation: Bridgeport Brass Company for 23 Years.²⁶⁵

Eric married **Julia Anna Fertelmes**,²⁶⁶ daughter of **John Andrew Fertelmes**²⁶⁸ and **Bertha**,¹⁵⁴ on 28 May 1913 in Guilford, New Haven County, Connecticut.²⁶⁷

Julia was born in 1893 in Connecticut,²⁶⁹ died on 18 Mar 1953 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut²⁷⁰ at age 60, and was buried in St. Michael's Cemetary, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Another name for Julia was Julia Anna Fertelmiss. They had two children: **Eric Henry** and **Robert Wilhelm**.

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Marriage Notes: Eric and Julia may be Eric Spices and Julia Festelmae who married 28 May 1913 in Guilford [New Haven County]. [1]

[1] Connecticut Marriage Records Index 1897-1966 (Conn. State Library, ctstatelibrary.org)

General Notes: In 1910, Julia is living with her parents John A and Bertha Fertelmes, 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.

3-**Eric Henry Speiser**²⁶⁶ was born on 17 Jan 1915 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹ and died on 20 Nov 2002 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut at age 87. The cause of his death was lung cancer. Another name for Eric was Henry Eric Speiser.

General Notes: Born 6:30 AM, weight 11 pounds. [Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook]

In 1944, Eric H Speiser is living at 84 Calvert Place in Bridgeport. He is a guard for Bridgeport Brass Co, the same company his father works for. [1] In 1957, he continues to work as a guard for the same company. [2]

Eric helped his aunt Lydia Speiser Reuther & her husband Russell Reuther often, especially while Russ was sick, and helped Lydia after Russ died in 1967. In 1968 he asked Lydia about buying the two cemetery plots next to Russ for himself and Ann. [3] Eric and Ann may be buried next to Lydia and Russ in Lawncroft Burial Park, Fairfield, Connecticut.

In January 1974, Eric has his picture in the Bridgeport Sunday Post with a group of supervisors at Bridgeport Brass Company that have completed and advanced first aid course. Eric is office building supervisor. [4]

The Social Security Death Index has Eric H Speiser born 17 Jan 1915 and died 20 Nov 2002. His last residence was Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, CT.

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

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

[3] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Feb 3 1968

[4] Letter from Lydia S Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Feb 1 1974 - news clipping enclosed

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 22 Nov 2002, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Eric married **Ann Augusta Toreson**,²⁷¹ daughter of **Adolph Toreson** and **Adele Olson**, on 17 Sep 1938.²⁵⁹ Ann was born on 3 Aug 1916 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut²⁷² and died on 25 Oct 2003 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut²⁷³ at age 87. Another name for Ann was Anna Toreson. They had three children: **Eric Bruce**, **Lynn Barbara**, and **Janet Eileen**.

General Notes: On 21 August 1943, Ann wrote a thank you letter to her sister-in-law

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Lydia Speiser and her husband Russell Reuther. From the letter it appears that in the summer of 1943 Ann and Eric had a child that died at birth, or Ann had a miscarriage. In the letter she wrote that they "live in hopes that the Lord will bless us with another child". [1]

Ann Speiser was born 03 Aug 1916 and died 25 Oct 2003. [2]

Ann Toreson Speiser, widow of Eric H Speiser, deid 25 Oct 2003 at 3030 Park, Fairfield. She was born in Bridgeport and a member of St Paul's Lutheran Ladies Aid Society. She was survived by three daughters Lynn Bowman (Milford), Janet & Art Garber (Fairfield), and Dede & John Santos [actually former dau-in-law], grandchildren Carolyn & Eric Speiser, Artie & Melissa Garber, Brent Bowman & Jennifer Toth, great-granddaughter Raven Kmec, great-great-granddaughter Mia Ann. [3]

[1] letter to Lydia and Russell Reuther, 21 Aug 1943 (Lydia Speiser Reuther collection)

[2] Social Security Death Index

[3] Legacy.com, Connecticut Post (Bridgeport), 30 Oct 2003, obit Ann Toreson Speiser

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 3 Aug 1915.²⁵⁹
- Alt. Death: Oct 2003, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²⁷⁴

4-Eric Bruce Speiser was born on 27 Nov 1944 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut²⁰¹ and died on 19 Jul 1993 in Lowell, Massachusetts²⁷⁵ at age 48.

General Notes: Eric B Speiser was 48 years old and divorced when he died on 19 July 1993 in East Haddam, Massachusetts. Eric was a bodyman in the automobile industry, and was living in Bridgeport when he died out of state. [1]

However, the SSDI lists his last residence as Lowell, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. [2]

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

[2] Social Security Death Index

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 19 Jul 1993, East Haddam, Massachusetts.¹³

Eric married **Edith "DeDe" Karacsony**, daughter of **Andrew Karacsony** and **Edith M Rasmussen**. They had two children: **Carolyn Ann** and **Eric Henry**.

5-Carolyn Ann Speiser

Carolyn married **David J Matyasovszky**.

5-Eric Henry Speiser

4-Lynn Barbara Speiser

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Lynn married **Gerald W Bowman**,²⁷⁶ son of **John Franklin Bowman** and **Violet Eleanor Wingert**, on 20 Feb 1971 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁹⁴ Gerald was born on 13 Oct 1946 in Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania,²⁷⁷ died on 18 May 2017 in Branford, New Haven County, Connecticut²⁷⁸ at age 70, and was buried on 24 May 2017 in All Saints Cemetery, North Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut.²⁷⁹ They had one son: **Brent Douglas**.

General Notes: In April 1950 the Bowman family are living in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, when father John F Bowman applied for Pennsylvania Veterans Compensation. John served in the US Army during World War II. He may have been injured as he was discharged in November 1945 from Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. John's family included wife Violet E, and sons John F Jr, age 6, and Gerald W, age 3. [2]

Gerald grew up in Chambers Hill, Pennsylvania, with his brother Jack and cousin Judy. He later moved to Connecticut where he founded Bowman Signs of Milford in 1975. [1]

Gerald was survived by his wife Michele Chapman Bowman, sons Brent Bowman & Bradley (Trina) Bowman, and grandchildren Elise & Jackson Bowman. [1]

[1] Legacy.com, New Haven Register, 23 May 2017, obit Gerald W Bowman, d. 18 May

[2] Pennsylvania WWII Veterans Compensation Applications 1950-1966 (images) (Ancestry.com), John F Bowman, b. 6 May 1912, wife Violet E, sons John F Jr & Gerald W

5-Brent Douglas Bowman

Lynn next married **John J Toth**. They had one daughter: **Jennifer Lynn**.

5-Jennifer Lynn Toth

4-**Janet Eileen Speiser** was born on 14 Nov 1952 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut²⁰¹ and died on 31 May 2005 in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut²⁸⁰ at age 52.

General Notes: Janet Speiser Garber, 52, wife of Art Garber, died Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at her home. She was a paraprofessional for the Board of Education in the Fairfield school system. Survivors include her husband, son Artie Garber, daughter Melissa, and two sisters Lynn Bowman and Dede Santos.

In lieu of flowers the family preferred memorial donations to the Janet Garber Scholarship Fund at Fairfield Ludlowe High School, the American Cancer Society, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Fairfield Citizen News (ObitsArchive.com), June 3 2005

Noted events in her life were:

- Funeral: 4 Jun 2005, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut.²⁸⁰

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Janet married **Arthur M Garber**,⁹⁴ son of **Arthur J Garber** and **Adeline "Helen" Bruno**, on 17 Mar 1973 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁹⁴ Arthur was born on 5 Nov 1950 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut²⁸¹ and died on 11 Sep 2011 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut²⁸¹ at age 60. Other names for Arthur were Artie and Arthur Garber.²⁰¹ They had two children: **Melissa M** and **Arthur Michael**.

General Notes: Arthur was born in Bridgeport and was a lifelong resident of the area. He graduated from Notre Dame Catholic High School in Fairfield. He was a member of the Germania Schwaben Club, S.S. Norden Club and FDIC Bridgeport. [1]

[1] Connecticut Post (Genealogybank.com), 14 Sep 2011

5-Melissa M Garber

Melissa married **Eric M Smith**. They had one daughter: **Cassandra**.

6-Cassandra Smith

5-Arthur Michael Garber

Arthur married **Jillian Monique "Jill" Bonaiuto**.²⁸² Jillian was born in Apr 1981²⁸³ and died on 20 May 2015 in Fairfield County, Connecticut²⁸⁴ at age 34. The cause of her death was cancer. They had one daughter: **Kori Anne**.

6-Kori Anne Garber

3-Robert Wilhelm Speiser was born on 31 May 1916 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹ and died on 28 Mar 1977 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut¹³ at age 60. Another name for Robert was Bob.

General Notes: Born 9:00 PM, weighed 13 pounds [Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook]

In 1944, Robert W Speiser is away with the US Navy. Otherwise, he and his wife Evelyn M make their home at 140 Kent Av in Bridgeport. [1]

In 1957, Robert W Speiser and his wife Evelyn M are living in Bridgeport at 623 N Ridgefield Ave. Robert is a foreman for Remington Arms Co. Also living with him is an Eric Speiser, furnaceman at Bridgeport Brass. [2] I am not sure exactly which Eric this is.

The Social Security Death Index lists Robert Speiser born 31 May 1916 and died Mar 1977. His last residence was Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut.

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

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

Noted events in his life were:

- Military: US Navy, 1944.

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Robert married **Evelyn Mary Balogach**,²⁸⁵ daughter of **Michael Balogach** and **Mary Gorkosko/Gergasko**, on 9 Aug 1941 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²⁸⁶ Evelyn was born on 30 Apr 1920 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,²⁸⁷ died on 12 Jun 1998 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut²⁸⁸ at age 78, and was buried in Saint John the Baptist Greek Catholic Cemetery, Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²⁸⁹ Another name for Evelyn was Evelyne. They had four children: **Robert Wilhelm, Carol Phyllis, Judith, and Mary Beth.**

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 7 Aug 1941.²⁹⁰

General Notes: The Social Security Death Index lists Evelyn M Speiser born 30 Apr 1920 and died 21 Jun 1998. Her last residence was Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut.

4-Robert Wilhelm Speiser Jr.

Robert married **Janet Rosemary Midura**, daughter of **Stanley M Midura** and **Sophie M "Sophie" Waluk**. They had two children: **John Edward** and **Richard Michael "Rich"**.

5-John Edward Speiser

5-Richard Michael "Rich" Speiser

Richard married **Amy F Wolcson**. They had two children: **Thomas** and **William**.

6-Thomas Speiser

6-William Speiser

4-Carol Phyllis Speiser

Carol married **Wanis Joseph Ganim**, son of **Joseph Wanis Ganim** and **Lee Bockiaro**. They had four children: **Joseph Wanis, Elizabeth Noel, Robert William, and Catherine Marie**.

5-Joseph Wanis Ganim

5-Elizabeth Noel Ganim

5-Robert William Ganim

5-Catherine Marie Ganim

4-Judith Speiser

Judith married **James Edward "Jim" Keane**,²⁹¹ son of **Dennis Keane** and **Alice Hanrahan**, on 23 May 1981 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁹⁴ James was born on 30 Aug 1950 in New Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut,²⁹² died on 24 Jan 2014 in Branford, New Haven County,

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Connecticut²⁹³ at age 63, and was buried on 28 Jan 2014 in West Cemetery, Madison, Connecticut.²⁹³ The cause of his death was cancer. They had three children: **Susan, Karen, and Christine**.

General Notes: After his graduation in 1972 from Sacred Heart University, Jim started his career with Southern New England Telephone, later absorbed by AT&T. He retired after 35 1/2 years as an engineer. [1]

James E Keane (age 24, b. abt 1950) married Mary P O'Keefe in New Haven in 1974. James was a resident of Hamden at the time. [2]
They had no children, separated in 1977 and were granted their divorce in August 1978 in New Haven. [3]

After moving to Madison, Connecticut, in 1987, Jim became active as a coach of soccer, basketball and softball. He was also an avid golfer. [1]

Jim fought his battle with cancer for 6 years and 4 months before his death. [1]

[1] New Haven Register (CT) (GenealogyBank.com), 25 Jan 2014, obit James Edward Keane, d. 24 Jan 2014, Branford, CT

[2] Connecticut Marriage Index 1959-2012 (Ancestry.com), James E Keane (b. abt 1950) to Mary P O'Keefe (b. abt 1954), 16 Nov 1974, New Haven

[3] Connecticut Divorce Index 1968-1997 (Ancestry.com), James E Keane, b. Aug 1950 CT, from Mary Keane, mar. Nov 1974, sep. Sep 1977, div 31 Aug 1978, New Haven

Noted events in his life were:

- Graduation: Notre Dame High School, 1968, New Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut.²⁹⁴
- Graduation: Sacred Heart University, 1972, Fairfield, Connecticut.²⁹⁴
- Residence: 2014, Madison, Connecticut.²⁹⁵

5-Susan Keane

Susan married **Daniel A McManus**. They had one daughter: **Quinn Mary**.

6-Quinn Mary McManus

5-Karen Keane

5-Christine Keane

4-Mary Beth Speiser

Mary married **Anton Mayer**, son of **Jerome J Mayer** and **Betty Kinard**. They had five children: **Emily Elizabeth, Mary Claire, Philip Jerome, Carolyn Annette**, and **Bridget Virginia**.

5-Emily Elizabeth Mayer

Emily married **Unknown Warner**.

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5-Mary Claire Mayer

5-Philip Jerome Mayer

5-Carolyn Annette Mayer

5-Bridget Virginia Mayer

2-Lydia Anna Speiser was born on 14 Jul 1896 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,²⁹⁶ died on 24 Jun 1897 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,²⁹⁶ and was buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.²⁹⁷ The cause of her death was cholera infantum/exhaustion. Another name for Lydia was Annie Lydia Speiser.²⁹⁷

General Notes: Annie Lyida Speiser died 24 June 1897 in Bridgeport at 171 Jane st. She was 11 months and 10 days old, and born in Bridgeport to Henry and Barbara. The cause was cholera infantum and exhaustion. [1]

Cholera infantum is an acute noncontagious intestinal disorder of infants formerly common in congested areas of high humidity and temperature and was common in the summer months. It was characterized by severe diarrhea and vomiting.

[1] Bridgeport (CT) Record of Deaths 11892-1899, film #7857738 (FamilySearch.org), image #336, Annie Lydia Speiser, d. 24 Jun 1897, Bpt, cause cholera infantum

2-Lydia Johanna Speiser was born on 29 Oct 1897 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹ was christened on 6 Nov 1897 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,²⁹⁸ died on 12 Sep 1996 in Huntsville, Madison Co, Alabama at age 98, and was buried in Lawncroft Burial Park, Fairfield, Connecticut.

General Notes: 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

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Connie's [Joyce] 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

Noted events in her life were:

- Education: The Booth & Bayliss Commercial School, 1917, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²⁹⁹

Lydia married **Russell Evans Reuther**, son of **Henry Christian Reuther**³⁰¹ and **Anna Ruberta Barlow**,³⁰² on 19 Nov 1924 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.³⁰⁰ Russell was born on 8 May 1893 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,³⁰¹ was christened on 23 Feb 1908 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania,³⁰³ died on 4 Dec 1967 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut³⁰⁴ at age 74, and was buried on 7 Dec 1967 in Lawncroft Burial Park, Fairfield, Connecticut.²²⁵ The cause of his death was Pulmonary Endema. They had two children: **Joyce Babette "Connie"** and **Calvin Russell**.

Marriage Notes: 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

General Notes: 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 Philips. 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]

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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]

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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.

[8]

After Russell's death on 4 December 1967, his body was prepared for burial and brought to his and Lydia's home on 6 December. Lydia wanted the burial to begin from the house. He was buried on 7 December. [9 - 6 Dec - 7 Dec 1969]

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

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

[3] Letter from Russ Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Sept 18 1951

[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

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[8] Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook

[9] Lydia Speiser Reuther diary

Noted events in his life were:

- Baptism: 23 Feb 1908, Hope Lutheran Church, Reading, PA, By Reverend H. W. Warmkessel, Cousin To Anna Barlow Reuther.³⁰⁵
- Confirmation: 19 Apr 1908, St Matthew's Luthern Church, 628 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA.³⁰⁶
- Military: United States Army, Between 1918 and 1919.³⁰⁷
- Soc Sec Num: 041-10-4440.³⁰⁸
- Military: Corporal, Depot Brigade.
- Military: #2885979.
- Height: 5 ft. 2 in.

3-Joyce Babette "Connie" Reuther was born on 18 Dec 1926 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹ died on 19 Sep 2021 in Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia³⁰⁹ at age 94, and was buried in Floral Hills Memory Gardens, Tucker, DeKalb County, Georgia.³¹⁰

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General Notes: Born one month premature at 11:21 AM, weighed 4 pounds, at home at 1650 North Ave, Bridgeport. [1]

Joyce was named "Joyce" because she was such a joy. [4]

How did Joyce end up at an all-girls Baptist college in Alabama?
It started when she was in high school and met someone from the school while on a family trip to Yellowstone National Park. Then there was the favorable article in Life magazine. When Joyce was ready to go to college she had been seriously dating a local boy. She had been trying to breakup with him, and knew that after the breakup, if she went to college in the Northeast that he would follow her wherever she went. So she headed to Alabama and loved Judson College in Marion, Alabama. [4]

Unlike the more progressive views on dating in New England, Judson College had restrictive rules on relations between boys and girls. One of those rules was that the students could not ride in a car with a boy. Connie thought that was funny since she had already been doing that back home. She broke that rule. [4]

Joyce received her nickname Connie when she was in college at Judson. Connie is a nickname for being from Connecticut. [2]

In the spring of 2012, Connie sold her house in the Decatur (Georgia) area and moved into a retirement apartment. She still drives her car to the grocery store, hairdresser, church and to the hospital where she continues to volunteer one day a week. She thinks she may give up drivig when she turn 90 in 2016. [3]

Connie gave up her car and volunteer job in 2013 to spend more time participating in the activities at her retirement home. [3]

[1] Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook

[2] Joyce Reuther Holley (no date)

[3] Catherine Reuther

[4] Joyce Reuther Holley to Catherine Reuther, 26 Jun 2012

Noted events in her life were:

- Graduation: Judson College, 30 May 1949, Marion, Alabama.³¹¹

Joyce married **Edward Madison Holley**, son of **Carlos Reese Holley** and **Trilla Ann Rutherford**, on 21 Aug 1948 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.²⁵⁹ Edward was born on 18 Nov 1925 in Marion, Perry County, Alabama,²⁷⁴ died on 24 Oct 1991 in Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia at age 65, and was buried in Floral Hills Memory Gardens, Tucker, DeKalb County, Georgia.³¹² Another name for Edward was Ed. They had two children: **Babette Ann** and **Paul Edward**.

Noted events in his life were:

- Graduation: Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Now Auburn University), Aug 1950, Auburn, Alabama.³¹¹

4-Babette Ann Holley

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Babette married **John Mccullough Dixon**, son of **Robert Chester Dixon** and **Jeanne Muriel Owen**. They had one daughter: **Michelle Diane**.

5-Michelle Diane Dixon

Michelle married **Jonathan Mark Kelt**, son of **Glyn Case**³¹³ and **Rosalie Grace Antoinette Mitchell**. They had three children: **Daniel Christopher**, **Hannah Grace**, and **Galen Edward**.

6-Daniel Christopher Kelt

6-Hannah Grace Kelt

6-Galen Edward Kelt

Babette next married **Mel Kaufman**.

Babette next married **David Lee Broussard**, son of **David Oralee Broussard**³¹⁴ and **Edna Marie Caillouet**,³¹⁴

4-Paul Edward Holley

Paul married **Joan Adams Johnson**, daughter of **James Ansley Johnson**³¹⁵ and **Lucille Mary "Mimi" Schroeder**,³¹⁵ They had two children: **Angela Joyce "Angie"** and **Nichole Jean "Nikki"**.

5-Angela Joyce "Angie" Holley

Angela married **Richard Seth Black**, son of **Donald Louis Stubblefield Sr** and **Thelma Nell Evans**. They had three children: **Davis Thompson**, **Reese Edward**, and **Bennett Evans**.

6-Davis Thompson Black

6-Reese Edward Black

6-Bennett Evans Black

5-Nichole Jean "Nikki" Holley

Nichole married **James Ian Hess**, son of **Robert Diler Hess** and **Carol Bradley**. They had two children: **James Harbin** and **Mary Jane Holley**.

6-James Harbin Hess

6-Mary Jane Holley Hess

Paul next married **Diana Dogan Bitter**, daughter of **Karl Ffolliott Bitter** and **Mary Gladys Rogers**.

3-**Calvin Russell Reuther** was born on 16 Mar 1930 in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut,¹ died on 14 Jan 2000 in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama at age 69, and was buried on 18 Jan 2000 in Maple Hill Cemetary, Huntsville, Alabama. The

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cause of his death was Multiple organ failure following heart by-pass surgery several weeks prior to death. Another name for Calvin was Cal Reuther.

General Notes: Born one month premature at 7:05 PM, weighed 4 pounds, 13 3/4 ounces, at Bridgeport Hospital [5].

Calvin was a favorite name or a favorite cousin (?) of his grandmother Anna (Barlow) Reuther. [4]

In September 1951, Cal's father Russ wrote Cal to tell him that after 42 years with the company, he had been fired from his job by the new owners. Russ told Cal that that meant there was no income coming in. While Russ had planned ahead for Cal's education (Cal was in college at Alabama Polytechnic Institute), so money was set aside for him to complete his education, but he should still watch his pennies. [1]

During college (Auburn, AL), Cal owned and flew his own airplane, an Ercoupe.

In 1951 or 1952, Cal flew to Connecticut from Auburn through bad weather with no radio and was the only plane flying over NY. Coming back to Auburn, he developed trouble in Maryland. He was able to land but could not afford to fix the plane, and left it at the airport. [6]

In June 1952, Cal had airplane trouble. As written by his father - "Imagine you in your little plane, 4000' high, sailing along, as you told me, perfectly - then all of a sudden the moto knocked, the plane quivered and vibrated - and then no engine. You, with only a few hours experience in the air, had this happen. . . To glide that plane, 20 miles away from the airport, to a perfect landing at the field, is a feat you can forever be proud of." Cal landed the airplane in Easton, Maryland. He left it there with someone to look after and sell for him. [2]

During college at API Cal worked for Mr. Fortner at Jake's Joint and the Elk's Club. He met Jane at Jake's Joint. Mrs. Fortner gave Cal her recipe for Barbecue Sauce and Barbecue Basting Sauce that he used throughout his life to make fantastic barbecue chicken on the grill.

Cal graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (API - later re-named Auburn University) in Auburn, Alabama, in 1953, with a Bachelors of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. His first job was across the country for Boeing in Seattle, Washington, working on the B-52 airplane. He left Boeing in 1956 for Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, PA, but was on his way back to Boeing and Seattle in 1958 when Jane was pregnant with Cathy. Just weeks after Cathy was born in September, they headed for a new assignment in Fort Walton Beach, FL, and the BOMARC missile program at Eglin AFB.

In 1963, Cal, Jane, Cathy and Russell moved to California where Cal worked on the Minuteman weapon system.

In 1964, Russell wrote his son Cal that he had asked the Republican Town Committee to send him an application for an absentee ballot. [3] - Was Cal still registered to vote in Connecticut? [CAR]

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In April 1965, Cal, Jane and the children moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where Cal continued his work for Boeing, this time on the space program. He was responsible for the Boeing Saturn V Logistics Support Staff, developing a Logistics Support Plan. He was also responsible for Saturn V Logistics activities and program schedule. In 1967 he assumed responsibility for directing the preparation of the Saturn V Flight Manual, a single source reference prepared specifically for the astronauts' use.

When Boeing reduced their operations in Huntsville in 1974 (the summer President Richard Nixon resigned and the fall Cathy got her driver's license), Cal and Jane decided to stay in Huntsville rather than be transferred to another city, and Cal went to work for Sperry Corporation on tactical missile systems at MICOM. In 1980 he began a brief stint at Guest Associates providing marketing and technical representation for technically oriented customers, as well as consultation to small business through the Small Business Administration.

In 1982, Cal went back to work for Boeing on marketing management assignments for the Air Force, MSFC, MICOM, and SSDC customers. He took an early retirement in the fall of 1993 after Jane's brain aneurysms and surgery that year.

Early in their marriage, when they were young and poor, Cal decided to start making furniture instead of buying it. He bought the appropriate tools and set up shop in the spare bedroom in their apartment. The first thing he made was a long low bench in the Danish Modern style. He made their bedroom furniture and later on a hi-fi cabinet, kitchen table, and a new dresser for Jane in the 1970's.

In 1983, when his mother Lydia was no longer making the family Christmas cookies, Cal took up the task, often with daughter Cathy's help. He made their favorites Springerle, Brownie Lebkuchen & Schwaben Brodli, and new ones as well. Just as Lydia did, he kept track of what he made and how many. In 2002, Cathy took up the tradition on her own. Cal also had a vegetable garden for many years, and took up canning at that time. Not only did he can vegetables, but he also made jellies and pickles.

In 1988 & 1989, Cal and Jane built a new, larger house on Mountain Springs Circle in Huntsville and moved in in April 1989. The house included a 3-car garage with large shop attached, and Jane's large weaving room over the garage and shop. After Cal's death, the house was sold to Hank and Kathy Perkins, friends from church, and a school friend (Hank) of daughter Cathy.

Cal entered Huntsville Hospital November 25, 1999 (Thanksgiving Day) for heart bypass surgery on November 26. The surgery was successful, but numerous complications ensued due to Cal's emphysema and the steroids he had been taking for the emphysema that interfered with the healing process. After seven weeks in ICU, he passed away due to multiple organ system failure on January 14, 2000, at 5:05 PM. Daughter Cathy, son Russell, future son-in-law Bryan Kennedy, and Dr. T. Benton Washburn were present. He was buried January 18, 2000 at Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville.

Unknown to his family until after he entered the hospital, Cal had been having heart

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problems for some time. Nitroglycerin pills were found in his study for heart pain. Cal left a folder of instructions for his daughter Cathy just prior to entering the hospital in case he passed away. The information and instructions included the notice of his death to be published in the newspaper. Cathy used this almost as he had written it.

- [1] Letter from Russ Reuther to son Calvin Reuther Sept 18 1951
- [2] Letter from Russ Reuther to son Calvin Reuther June 12 1952
- [3] Letter from Russ Reuther to son Calvin Reuther June 17 1964
- [4] Joyce Reuther Holley to Catherine Reuther, 26 Jun 2012
- [5] Lydia Speiser Reuther's notebook
- [6] Jane (Hager) Reuther

Noted events in his life were:

- Education: University Of Bridgeport, Between 1948 and 1949, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.³¹⁶
- Graduation: Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Now Auburn University), B.S In Electrical Engineering, Aug 1953, Auburn, Alabama.³¹⁶
- Graduation: Mount Hermon High School (Boarding), 1948, Northfield, Massachusetts.
- Occupation: Design Engineer For Westinghouse Electric Corp, Between Jan 1957 and Apr 1958.³¹⁶
- Occupation: Associate Engineer On B-52 Airplane Program For Boeing Company, Between Sep 1953 and Dec 1956.³¹⁶
- Occupation: Boeing Company Representative To The Air Force On The Bomarc Weapon System, Between Apr 1958 and Jul 1963.³¹⁶
- Occupation: Boeing Company Representative To The Air Force On The Minuteman Weapon System, Between Jul 1963 and Apr 1965.³¹⁶
- Occupation: Saturn Program For The Boeing Company, Apr 1965.³¹⁶
- Occupation: Boeing Company Marketing Representative For Usamicom, Weapons Ranging From Portable Stinger Missles To Long-Range Tactical Missles, 1988.³¹⁷
- Height: 5 ft. 9 in.

Calvin married **Jane Marie Hager**, daughter of **Henry Jordan Hager** and **Catharine Elizabeth Phillips**, on 7 Mar 1953 in Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, Homewood, Alabama.³¹⁸ Jane was born on 15 Jun 1933 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, died on 29 Oct 2012 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia³¹⁹ at age 79, and was buried on 2 Nov 2012 in Maple Hill Cemetary, Huntsville, Alabama.³¹⁹ They had two children: **Catherine Ann** and **Russell Evans**.

Noted events in her life were:

- Graduation: Shades Valley High School, 30 May 1951, Homewood, Jefferson County, Alabama.
- Height: 5 ft. 5 in.

4-Catherine Ann Reuther

Catherine married **Bryan Kent Kennedy**, son of **Bill Kent Kennedy** and **Barbara Sue Gwinn**.

4-Russell Evans Reuther

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Russell married **Jamie Lee McCutchen**. They had no children.

Russell next married **Teresa Faye Watson**, daughter of **William Lewis "Bill" Watson** and **Rachel Bennett**. They had one son: **Russell Evans "Rusty"**.

5-Russell Evans "Rusty" Reuther Jr

Russell married **Melanie Rene Graham**.

Russell next married **Linda Marlene Schwarzmeier**, daughter of **Frank George Schwarzmeier**³²⁰ and **Helen Wallace**. They had no children.

Russell next married **Jamie Lee McCutchen**.

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