
**Descendants of
Johannes Wilhelm "John" Speiser**

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1-**Johannes Wilhelm "John" Speiser**,¹ son of **Johann David Speiser**² and **Rosine Barbara Schmid**³, was born on 18 Jun 1859 in Ötlingen, Kingdom of Württemberg,⁴ died on 20 Dec 1917 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania⁵ at age 58, and was buried on 23 Dec 1917 in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁶ Other names for Johannes were Johann Wilhelm Speiser² and John W Speiser.

General Notes: In 1883 when Johannes married Luise Zerweck, he was a butcher in Esslingen. [9]

In Philadelphia USA [1]

From the local chronicle in Ötlingen, Johannes Wilhelm Speiser immigrated to America in 1888. [8]

His actual immigration was 1886, unless he left in 1886, then returned, and left again.

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

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

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

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

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

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

He probably died in December 1917 or January 1918, when Louise Speiser was deeded a lot in Mount Peace Cemetery on 5 January 1918. [7]

Jno David Speiser [sic] died 20 December 1917 at [his home] on 2634 Poplar in Philadelphia. He was 58, born in Germany, and a butcher. The cause was chronic institial nephritis and acute cardiac dilatation. No birthdate or parents' names was on his death certificate. The informant was the undertaker. [10]

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

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

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

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

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

[6] Philadelphia City Directories (Footnote.com)

[7] Pennsylvania Church & Town Records 1708-1985, images (Ancestry.com) - Mount Peace Cemetery lot records

[8] Martin Koepple, email 8 Feb 2014

[9] Martin Koepple, 14 Mar 2014, research in records of Esslingen

[10] Pennsylvania Death Certificates 1906-1944 (images) (Ancestry.com), Jno David Speiser, 20 Dec 1917 Phila, age 58

Burial notes:

Source: Pennsylvania Church & Town Records 1708-1985, images (Ancestry.com), Mt Peace Cem, Philadelphia, Lot 175, Sec I

John D Speiser, bur 23 Dec 1917

Charles & John Speiser, removed from Glenwood Cemetery, bur in one box, Sep 1918

Louisa Speiser, bur 20 Sep 1918

Wm D Speiser, bur 22 Dec 1928

William Brenner, bur 27 Oct 1950

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Jan 1859, Germany.⁷

Johannes married **Luise Philippine "Louisa" Zerweck**,⁸ daughter of **Carl August Zerweck** and **Luise Friederike Maile**, on 6 Dec 1883 in Esslingen, Kingdom of Württemberg.⁹ Luise was born on 13 Jan 1862 in Esslingen, Kingdom of Württemberg,¹⁰ died on 17 Sep 1918 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania¹¹ at age 56, and was buried on 20 Sep 1918 in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.¹² Another name for Luise was Luise Philippine "Louisa" Sowick.¹³ They had six children: **Louise, John Willie, Clara L, William David, Emma, and Charles**.

General Notes: Research in Germany confirms Louisa as Luise Philippine Zerweck from Esslingen. [5]

Luise's father was a baker in Esslingen. [6]

On daughter Emma (Speiser) Brenner's death certificate, Louisa's granddaughter Mildred (Brenner) DeFreitas identified Emma's mother as Louisa Sowick. Louisa's daughter-in-law Nina (Claycomb) Speiser identified her as Louisa Zweig on William's death certificate. [2]

Mrs Louise Speiser died on 17 September 1918 in Philadelphia of lobar pneumonia; she also had myocarditis [inflammation of the heart]. No birthdate or parents were provided on her death certificate. The name of the informant was not clear. [4]

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

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

[2] Pennsylvania Death Certificate (copy), Mrs Emma Brenner, d. 10 Dec 1960

[3] Pennsylvania Death Certificate (copy), Wm D Speiser, d. 19 Dec 1928

[4] Pennsylvania Death Certificate (copy), Mrs Louise Speiser

[5] Martin Koepple, family register Johann David Speiser (wife Rosine Barbara Schmid, & Rosine's 2nd husb Gottlob Speiser), Oetlingen, via email 6 Feb 2014

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[6] Martin Koeppele, 14 Mar 2014, research in records of Esslingen

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Feb 1861, Germany.¹⁴

2-**Louise Speiser**¹⁵ was born in 1885 in Germany.¹⁵

General Notes: See notes for father John W Speiser lot at Mt Peace Cemetery - if Louisa had died young she would have been transferred to the family burial plot in September 1918 along with brothers Charles and John who were moved from Glenwood Cemetery.

2-**John Willie Speiser**¹⁶ was born on 27 Jul 1886 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,¹⁶ died on 23 Jan 1895 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania¹⁷ at age 8, and was buried in Sep 1918 in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.¹⁸ Another name for John was John W Speiser.¹⁷

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

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

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

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

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

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

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt Jul 1886, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.¹⁷
- Alt. Burial: 25 Jan 1895, Glenwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.¹⁹

2-**Clara L Speiser**²⁰ was born in Aug 1887 in Pennsylvania⁷ and died after 1951.²¹

General Notes: Clara completed the 8th grade. [4]

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

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

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

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

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

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

[4] 1940 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 51-912, sheet 4A

Clara married **Frederick O Kurtz**,²² son of **Frederick G Kurtz** and **Anna Louise Graeser**, in 1922 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.²² Frederick was born on 15 Aug 1872 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,²³ died on 9 May 1951 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania²⁴ at age 78, and was buried on 14 May 1951 in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.²⁴ The cause of his death was chronic myocardial disease. They had two children: **Raymond Howard** and **Frederick O**.

General Notes: Frederick's parents were Frederick G Kurtz and Anna Louise Graeser. [7, 8]

In 1880 Frederick O Kurtz is 8 years old and living in Philadelphia with his family - parents Fred. G. and Annie L Kurtz, and siblings William F, 11, Louisa, 9, Albert G, 7, Emma M, 4, and Annie A, 4 mo. [Sister Annie died in 1887.] Frederick is a boot and shoemaker. Both Frederick and Annie immigrated from Germany. [2]

About September 1898 Frederick married Laura A Graeser in Philadelphia. [3, 6] Laura was probably Frederick's cousin.

In 1900 Frederick O Kurtz (b. Aug 1872, age 27) and wife Laura A (b. Dec 1877, age 22) are in Philadelphia. They have been married 1 year. Frederick is in real estate. [4]

It is not known if Laura died or if they divorced.

In 1910 Frederick O Kurtz is 37, single, and living with his parents Frederick G and Annie L Kurtz. Frederick O is a clerk at a bank. Father Frederick G is a retail merchant with a shoe store. [5]

In 1920 Frederick O Kurtz is 47 and a conveyancer of real estate. He is living with his widowed mother Anna L, age 70. [9]

In 1940 Frederick O Kurtz, with wife Clara and son Raymond, is living at 1304 N. 26th St in Philadelphia. He owns the home worth \$2500. Frederick is 67, completed high school, is a title clerk in real estate working on his own account [working for himself]. Frederick has been unemployed for 5 weeks and is looking for work. He worked 17 weeks in 1939. He did not receive a salary, but has other income. [10]

Frederick O Kurtz died 9 May 1951 at home in Philadelphia (1304 N 26th) of chronic myocardial disease. He was in real estate with Phila Title Co. [Wife] Mrs Clara L Kurtz incorrectly reported his father as Albert G Kurtz. [11]

When Frederick O Kurtz died 9 May 1951, relatives, friends, Robert A Lambert Lodge No 487, F and A M, Grace Council No 631, F.P.A., Musician's Union of America Local No 1 were invited to the service. [12]

On 25 November 1971 the deed to Frederick's plot (lot 128) at Mount Peace Cemetery was transferred to the "Est of Frederick O Kurtz, dec'd". [1]

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- [1] Pennsylvania Church & Town Records 1708-1985, images (Ancestry.com), Odd Fellows Cemetery Co, Mount Peace Cemetery
- [2] 1880 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, p. 6-7
- [3] Philadelphia Marriages 1885-1951 (Ancestry.com)
- [4] 1900 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 873, sheet 4A
- [5] 1910 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 149, sheet 7A
- [6] Philadelphia Inquirer, 14 Sep 1898, p. 10 (GenealogyBank.com), marriage license issued
- [7] Philadelphia Inquirer, 30 Mar 1912, p. 14 (GenealogyBank.com) - Frederick G Kurtz, husb of Anna Louise, nee Graeser, died 28 Mar 1912
- [8] Philadelphia PA City Death Certificates 1803-1915 (images) (FamilySearch.org), Frederick's brother Wm O Kurtz, son of Fred. G. Kurtz & Anna Groeser, 26 May 1869 Phila - 19 Sep 1904 Phila
- [9] 1920 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 330, sheet 3B
- [10] 1940 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 51-912, sheet 4A
- [11] Pennsylvania Death Certificates 1906-1963 (images) (Ancestry.com), Fredrick O Kurtz, 15 Aug 1872, Phila - 9 May 1951, Phila
- [12] Philadelphia Inquirer (newspaper.com), 12 May 1951, p. 18, obit Frederick O Kurtz

3-**Raymond Howard Kurtz**²⁵ was born on 25 Jul 1923 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,²⁶ died on 27 Jan 1985²⁷ at age 61, and was buried in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.²⁸

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

Raymond H Kurtz served in the US Army from 27 March 1943 to 6 November 1944 (domestically), 7 Nov 1944 to 24 May 1945 (overseas), and 25 May 1945 to 16 Oct 1945 (demestically). He was wounded during his overseas service. Raymond was released from service on 16 Oct 1945 at 1318 SCH Hospital, Camp Pickett, Virginia. [4]

Raymond Kurtz, 25 July 1923 - 27 January 1985, enlisted in the US Army on 20 March 1943 and was released on 16 October 1945. [3]

In 1950 Raymond H Kurtz was living in Philadelphia when he applied to the state of Pennsylvania for WWII veterans' compesation. Raymond received \$345. [4]

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

- [1] U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 (Ancestry.com)
- [2] Social Security Death Index
- [3] U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010 (Ancestry.com)
- [4] Pennsylvania WWII Veterans Compensation Applications (images) (Ancestry.com), Raymond H Kurtz, son of Frederick O & Clara Kurtz

Raymond married **Doris Haig**,²⁹ daughter of **Edward Weir Haig** and **Mabel Decatur**, in 1947 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.³⁰ Doris was born on 23 Aug 1926 in

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,³¹ died on 26 Jul 1968 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania³² at age 41, and was buried on 30 Aug 1968 in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.³³ They had three children: **Howard Allen**, **Andrew S**, and **Virginia R**.

General Notes: Doris H Kurtz died 26 July 1968 in Philadelphia of Metastatic Carcinoma due to carcinoma right lobe thyroid. Her parents were Edward Haig and Mabel Decater [sic]. [2]

Doris H Kurtz (nee Haig), wife of Raymond. Invited to the funeral relatives and friends, members of Tacony Baptist Church and Temple Baptist, AWHO Group and Girl Scout Troop #1063. [1]

[1] Philadelphia Inquirer (newspapers.com), 28 Jul 1968, p. 38, obit Doris H Kurtz (nee Haig), wife of Raymond, bur Mt Peace

[2] Pennsylvania Death Certificates 1906-1968 (images) (Ancestry.com), Doris H Kurtz (indexed as Kortz),d. 26 Jul 1968, Phila, b. 23 Aug 1926, Phila

4-Howard Allen Kurtz

4-Andrew S Kurtz

4-Virginia R Kurtz

3-Frederick O Kurtz Jr³⁴ was born on 19 Mar 1925 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,³⁵ died on 19 Jan 1926 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,³⁵ and was buried on 23 Jan 1926 in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.³⁶ The cause of his death was chronic entero colitis.

General Notes: Frederick is the son of Frederick O Kurtz and Clara Speiser. He died on 19 January 1926 of colitis at age 10 months. He is buried at Mount Peace Cemetery in lot 128, the same lot that was transferred to the estate of Frederick O Kurtz in November 1971. [1]

[1] Pennsylvania Church & Town Records 1708-1985, images (Ancestry.com), Odd Fellows Cemetery Co, Mount Peace Cemetery

2-William David Speiser³⁷ was born on 27 Aug 1890 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,³⁸ died on 19 Dec 1928 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania³⁸ at age 38, and was buried on 22 Dec 1928 in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.³⁹ Another name for William was Willie Speiser.⁷

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

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

In 1919 Wm Speiser, machinist, is living at 2634 Poplar. [4]

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

When William died in 1928 he was a electrical engineer with the US Mint. He was married to Nina. They were living at 1913 Newkirk street. [5]

Wm D Speiser died on 19 December 1928 in an influenza epidemic with complications due to pneumonia bronchial. [5]

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

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

[3] World War I draft registration

[4] Philadelphia City Directories (Footnote.com)

[5] Pennsylvania death certificates (copy)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Jun 1890, Pennsylvania.⁷
- Alt. Birth: 27 Aug 1891, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.³⁷

William married **Nina E Claycomb**⁴⁰ in 1927 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁴⁰ Nina was born about 1887 in Texas⁴¹ and died on 25 Aug 1929 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania³⁸ about age 42. The cause of her death was gas poison (suicide).

General Notes: In 1920 Nina E Claycomb is living in Philadelphia. She is 33 [b. abt 1887], born in Texas, and working as a telephone operator for the railroad office. Nina is a lodger in the home of Emmeline Lawrence along with 7 other lodgers. Her parents were born in Missouri and Texas. [1]

After the death of her husband William Speiser in December 1928, Nina moved from their home at 1913 Newkirk to 1716 N. Park Ave. [2]

In 1929 Nina was a telephone operator. [2]

Nina E Speiser, widow, age 39 & born in Texas, died on 25 August 1929. An inquest was held on 29 August. Her cause of death was determined to be "gas poison taken while temper" [probably in a bad temper] and that she had been "deranged". [2] Nina appears to have committed suicide.

Nina's burial was in the ___wood Cemetery, possibly Glenwood or Greenwood. Other cemeteries ending in "wood" include Fernwood & Northwood.

[1] 1920 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 1064, sheet 4B

[2] Pennsylvania death certificates (copy)

2-**Emma Speiser**⁷ was born on 8 Dec 1892 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,³⁸ died on 10 Dec 1960 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania³⁸ at age 68, and was buried on 14 Dec 1960 in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.³⁸

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

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In 1920 Emma and William Brenner are living in Philadelphia at 2634 Poplar street. William is 33, born in Pennsylvania, his parents in Germany, and is a machinist at a refrigerator business. Their daughter Mildred is 2+ years old. Also living with them are Emma's brother and sister William and Clara Spicer, and Amelia Newman, a boarder, age 65. [2]

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

After husband William's death in 1950, Emma appears to have moved in with her daughter and son-in-law. She was living at 231 E Albanus St in Philadelphia, the same address as daughter Mildred DeFreitas, when she died in 1960. [4]

Emma died on 10 December 1960 in Philadelphia of acute myocardial infarction due to coronary occlusion. [4]

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

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

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

[4] Pennsylvania death certificate (copy)

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Dec 1891, Pennsylvania.⁷

Emma married **William Brenner**,²² son of **Christopher Brenner** and **Mary Welt**, in 1912 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.²² William was born on 27 Jul 1886 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,⁴² died on 22 Oct 1950 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania³⁸ at age 64, and was buried on 27 Oct 1950 in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁴³ They had one daughter: **Mildred Louise**.

General Notes: William's parents Christoph & Marie/Mary Brenner and brother Herman immigrated from Germany in 1883. [4]

In 1900 William Brenner is 13, born July 1886 in Pennsylvania, and is working as a cigar boy. He is living in Philadelphia with his parents Christoph & Marie Brenner (Christoph is a butcher), and six siblings. [4]

William's father Christoph died on 30 March 1904. [5]

In 1910, William Brenner is 33 and working as a toolmaker for a locomotive company. He is living with his mother Mary, and five siblings. [6]

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

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

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William Brenner, son of Mary Welt & Christopher Brenner, died at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia on 22 October 1950 of cardiac failure. His occupation was stat__y engineer at Hahnemann Hospital. [3]

William was buried 27 October 1950 at Mt Peace Cemetery in Philadelphia in the Speiser family plot. [7]

[1] World War I draft registration

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

[3] Pennsylvania death certificate (copy)

[4] 1900 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 745, sheet 3B

[5] Philadelphia PA City Death Certificates 1803-1915 (images) (FamilySearch.org)

[6] 1910 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 686, sheet 2B

[7] Pennsylvania Church & Town Records 1708-1985, images (Ancestry.com), Mt Peace Cem, Phila, William Brenner, bur 27 Oct 1950

3-Mildred Louise Brenner⁴⁴ was born on 20 Jun 1917 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,⁴⁵ died on 8 Aug 1979 in Pennsylvania⁴⁶ at age 62, and was buried on 13 Aug 1979 in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁴⁷

General Notes: 1950 - Mildred L Brenner is living at 1540 N Hollywd in Philadelphia.

[1] == The same address as her parents' home in 1942. [Should be Mildred DeFreitas.]

Mildred Defreitas was the informant on her mother Emma Brenner's death certificate in 1960. [2]

Mildred Defreitas, 20 Jun 1917 - Aug 1979. Last residence Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [3]

Mildred L DeFreitas (nee Brenner), of Olney, died suddenly 8 August 1979. Wife of Harold and mother of William H DeFreitas. Relatives, friends and employees of Spiegels and John Wanamaker's invited to the funeral Monday, 13 August. Burial Mt Peace. [4]

[1] Philadelphia City Directory, 1950 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Pennsylvania death certificate for Mrs Emma Brenner 1892-1960 (copy)

[3] Social Security Death Index

[4] Philadelphia Inquirer (newspapers.com), 11 Aug 1979. p. 18, obit Mildred L DeFreitas (nee Brenner), d. 8 Aug

Mildred married **Harold R DeFreitas**,⁴⁸ son of **Thomas Harold DeFreitas** and **Mary Anna Redfield**, in 1945 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁴⁹ Harold was born on 24 Nov 1910 in New Jersey⁵⁰ and died on 19 Mar 1994⁵¹ at age 83. They had one son: **William H.**

General Notes: Harold's parents Mr Harold DeFreitas, of Philadelphia, and Mary Anna Redfield, of Woodbury (NJ), were married on 12 June 1910 in Woodbury. [1]

In 1920 Harold R DeFreitas is living in Philadelphia with his parents Thomas H & Mary A DeFreitas. Harold is 9, born in New Jersey. His mother Mary was also born in New Jersey. Thomas is a shipper for a publishing company. [3]

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In 1930 Harold R DeFreitas is doing general office work for a utility. His father Thomas H DeFreitas is a bookkeeper for a utility. [4]

In 1940 Harold DeFreitas is 29, living in Philadelphia, and a tabulator for the WPA. He worked 52 weeks in 1939 for \$1,020. Harold's father is unemployed and looking for work. He did not work in 1939. [5]

Harold Defreitas, 24 Nov 1910 - 19 Mar 1994. Last residence Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. [2]

[1] Woodbury Daily Times (NJ) (GenealogyBank.com), 17 Jun 1910, p. 4

[2] Social Security Death Index

[3] 1920 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 970, sheet 12A

[4] 1930 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 704, sheet 8B

[5] 1940 US Census, Philadelphia, PA, ED 51-1019, sheet 19B

4-William H DeFreitas

2-**Charles Speiser** was born in Sep 1895 in Pennsylvania,⁷ died on 2 Nov 1914 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania⁵² at age 19, and was buried in Sep 1918 in MT Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.¹⁸

General Notes: Charles Speiser died on 2 November 1914 at St Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia of a fractured skull suffered in a accidental fall from a roof. He was 18 years old [born about 1896], born in Pennsylvania, and living at 2634 Poplar [the same address as his father]. [1,2 - note incomplete info on one copy of the death certificate]

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

[2] Pennsylvania Death Certificate (copy), Charles Speiser, 1914

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Burial: 7 Nov 1914, Glenwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁵³

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