
**Descendants of
Marie Sophie Speiser**

By Catherine Reuther

Table of Contents

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser	1
Source Citations	12
Name Index	14

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser

1-**Marie Sophie Speiser**,¹ daughter of **Johannes Heinrich Speiser**¹ and **Agnes Dorothea Holl**¹, was born on 21 Nov 1862 in Jesingen, Kingdom of Württemberg,² died on 1 Jul 1940 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois³ at age 77, and was buried on 3 Jul 1940 in Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.⁴ Another name for Marie was Marie Sofie Speiser.⁵

General Notes: Marie and Gustav moved to Chicago. [1]

On 12 November 1910, Marie and her three children left Hamburg for New York on the ship Cleveland. They stopped in Southampton, England, and Cherbourg, France, arriving in New York on 23 November. Marie's most recent residence was Stuttgart. Daughter Gertrud, age 18, was listed on the passenger lists with her mother. Sons Hans, age 17, and Gustav, age 16, were on the same lists, but listed separately. Their final destination was Chicago. Various contacts in Germany were listed for them: Marie's sister Mrs Caroline Becker in Weilheim and son Gustav's uncle Geo Becker in Weilheim. Hans listed his contact as his father Gustav. [4, 5]

In 1920 Mary and Gustave Kolb are living in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, at 2142 Fremont Avenue. Gustav is a chemist with his own business. Living with them are three lodgers. Mary is 57, Gustav is 62. They were born in Germany, and immigrated in 1910. Gustav application to become a US citizen is pending. [2]

In 1930 Mary Kolb is living in Chicago at 2142 Fremont Avenue. She is 67, widowed, born in Germany, immigrated in 1910, and her citizenship application is pending. Mary owns her own home, worth \$6000, and has a radio. Six lodgers are living with her. [3]

In April 1940 Marie Kolb is living in Chicago with her son Hans and his family. Marie is 77, widowed, has a 4th grade education, and was born in Germany. She is listed on the Census as unable to work. [7]

Marie Kolb, born 21 November 1862 & wife of Gustav, died 1 July 1940 in Chicago. She was buried in Acacia Park Cemetery in Norridge, Illinois. [6]

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

[2] 1920 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 1273, sheet 2A

[3] 1930 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 1631, sheet 20B

[4] Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934 (Ancestry.com)

[5] New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 (Ancestry.com) - Marie, Gertrud & Gustav indexed as Koll on Ancestry

[6] Illinois Deaths 1916-1947 (transcription) (FamilySearch.org)

[7] 1940 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 103-516, sheet 20B

Marie married **Gustav Kolb**,⁶ son of **Karl Christian Ludwig "Louis" Kolb** and **Angelina Wilhelmina Laih**, on 3 Mar 1891 in Stuttgart, Kingdom of Württemberg.⁷ Gustav was born on 25 Jul 1857 in Maulbronn, Kingdom of Württemberg,⁸ died on 10 Oct 1924 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois⁹ at age 67, and was buried on 13 Oct 1924 in Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.⁴ Another name for Gustav was Gustav Christoph Georg Franz Kolb.⁷ They had three children: **Gertrud Angelika Dorothea**, **Hans Frederick**, and **Gustav**.

Marriage Notes: Marie married in München (Munich).

Gustav Christoph Georg Franz Kolb, born 25 July 1859, son of Louis Kolb & Angeline Wilhelmine Bach, married Marie Sophie Speiser, born 21 November 1862, daughter of Johann

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser

Heinrich Speiser and Agnes Dorothea Holl, on 3 March 1891. [1]

[1] Germany Marriages, 1558-1929, transcription (FamilySearch.org)

General Notes: On the family record, Christoph Georg Franz Gustav Kolb's father was Carl Christian Ludwig Kolb, and on Gustav's marriage record his father was called Louis Kolb. [5]

Gustav's mother was incorrectly listed on the family register as Angelina Wilhelm Bach. Her name should be Laich or Laih, which corresponds to Gustav's death certificate. [5, 6, 4]

In 1891 when Gustav and Maria married, he was a miller in Maulbronn, as was his father. They lived in Maulbronn after their marriage. [5]

Gustav Kolb left Hamburg on 30 June 1910 on the ship Cincinnati headed for New York, stopping in Southampton, England, and Cherbourg, France. Gustav was 52, married, and a merchant. His most recent residence was in Stuttgart. His closest contact was his wife Marie Kolb in Stuttgart. Gustav arrived in New York on 11 July 1910, headed for Chicago. On the passenger list Gustav appears to have been marked as a Non Immigrant Alien. If this is correct, then he was already living in the US before this trip. [1, 2]

In 1920 Gustav is in Chicago and is a chemist with his own business. [7]

Gustav Kolb, retired watchman, son of Louie Kolb and Angelica Laih and husband of Marie, died on 10 October 1924 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. [3, 4]

[1] Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934 (Ancestry.com)

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

[3] Cook County, Illinois Death Index, 1908-1988 (Ancestry.com)

[4] Illinois Deaths 1916-1947 (transcription) (FamilySearch.org)

[5] Martin Koepple, research Stuttgart & Maulbronn church books, sent 6 Feb 2014

[6] Martin Koepple, email 8 Feb 2014, correct name for Gustav's mother

[7] 1920 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 1273, sheet 2A

2-Gertrud Angelika Dorothea Kolb¹⁰ was born on 15 Feb 1892 in Maulbronn, Kingdom of Württemberg,¹⁰ was christened on 17 Apr 1892 in Maulbronn, Kingdom of Württemberg, died on 18 Jun 1958 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois¹¹ at age 66, and was buried on 21 Jun 1958 in Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.¹²

General Notes: Gertrud immigrated to the US in 1910, arriving in New York from Hamburg on the ship Cleveland with her mother and brothers. She was 18 and a barmaid. [1]

In 1920 Gertrude and Joseph Wagner are living in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. Joseph is 29, born in Germany, and a cook at a hotel. Gertrude is 27, born in Germany, and a proprietor of a candy store. They immigrated in 1907 (should be 1910 for Gertrude), and Joseph's citizenship is pending. With them is their daughter Ruth, age 2 years and 6 months. [3]

In 1930 Gretchen (should be Gertrude) and Joseph Wagner are living in Chicago. They own their own home worth \$7500 and have a radio. They were first married at age 26 and 27 (about 1916). Joseph is the manager of his own restaurant. With them are their children

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser

Ruth, 12, and Richard, 6. [4]

In 1940 Gertrude Wagner is living in Chicago with husband Joseph, and children Ruth, 22, and son Richard, 16. Gertrude has an 8th grade education. [5]

Gertrude Wagner was listed as surviving her brother Hans when he died in 1957. [2]

Gertrude Wagner died 18 Jun 1958 in Chicago. She was born 15 February 1892 in Germany to Gustav Kolb. The informant was Germaine Mouran. Burial 21 June in Acacia Park. [6]

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

[2] Chicago Daily Tribune (Ancestry.com), 17 Jan 1957

[3] 1920 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 1547, sheet 7B

[4] 1930 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 1852, sheet 7A

[5] 1940 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 103-3215, sheet 5A-B

[6] Illinois, Cook County Deaths 1871-1998 (FamilySearch.org)

Gertrud married **Joseph Wagner**,¹³ son of **Baltazar Wagner** and **Wilhelmina Strauss**, about 1916.¹⁴ Joseph was born on 28 Apr 1890 in Eubigheim, Grand Duchy of Baden,¹⁵ died on 26 Oct 1957 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois¹⁶ at age 67, and was buried on 29 Oct 1957 in Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.¹⁷ They had two children: **Ruth Virginia** and **Richard K**.

General Notes: Joseph Wagner immigrated in 1907. [2, 6]

In 1910 Joseph Wagner is living in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. He is 20 years old, born in Germany, and is a cook at a hotel. Joseph is living in the home of Pence C & Elizabeth Miclos along with six other boarders. [6]

In 1918, Joseph Wagner was living in Chicago. He was single, a cook at the Bismark Hotel, and suffered from bad eye sight. Joseph was born 28 April 1890 in Eubigheim [Baden], Germany, and has delcared his intention to become a citizen. [1]

In 1940 Joseph Wagner owns a house at 1836 Greenleaf Ave in Chicago. The house is worth \$3500. It looks like Joseph is renting out part of the house. Joseph has an 8th grade education, his naturalization is pending, and he owns a restaurant. [4]

In 1942 Joseph Wagner is living in Chicago at 1836 Greenleaf Ave. He is employed at Union Restaurant at 671 N. Madison St where he is part owner. Joseph's closest contact is [daughter] Miss Ruth Wagner at the same home address. Joseph was born 28 April 1890 in Baden, Germany. [3]

Joseph Adam Wagner died 26 Oct 1957 at his home on Greenleaf Ave in Chicago of a coronary occlusion. Joseph was a chef at a restaurant. His death certificate reported he had been in Chicago for 43 years [since about 1914] and in his present home for 34 years [since about 1923]. [5]

Other records (1942 draft) specifically show Joseph's middle name as none.

[1] World War I draft registration

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser

- [2] 1920 & 1930 US Census
- [3] 1942 World War II draft registration (Ancestry.com)
- [4] 1940 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 103-3215, sheet 5A-B
- [5] Cook County IL vital records (images) (cookcountygenealogy.com), Joseph Adam Wagner death certificate
- [6] 1910 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 153, sheet 5B

3-Ruth Virginia Wagner¹⁸ was born on 13 Jul 1917 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois,¹⁹ died on 31 Jul 2007²⁰ at age 90, and was buried in Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.²¹ She had no known marriage and no known children.

General Notes: In 1940 Ruth Wagner is living in Chicago with her parents and younger brother. Ruth is 22, and has completed high school. She is not employed. [2]

Ruth V. Wagner, born 13 Jul 1917, died 31 Jul 2007. Last residence Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. [1]

- [1] Social Security Death Index
- [2] 1940 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 103-3215, sheet 5A-B

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 13 Jul 1917, West Side Hospital, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.²²

3-Richard K Wagner²³ was born on 25 May 1923 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois,²⁴ died on 2 Jun 2011²⁵ at age 88, and was buried in Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.²⁵

General Notes: Note: The Richard K Wagner who died 2 June 2011 and was married to Verna Sward, is confirmed as "our" Richard Wagner based on a tree on Ancestry that combines the families of Gertrude Kolb & Joseph Wagner with the Sward family. [1]

In 1942 Richard Wagner registered for the WWII draft in Chicago. He was born 25 May 1923 in Chicago. He is unemployed. His closest contact is sister Ruth Wagner, at the same address. [4]

Richard, his sister Ruth, and Richard's wife and children lived in Chicago at 1836 W Greenleaf Ave, the same home as Richard's parents. [3]

Richard K. Wagner, 88, of Chicago, passed away June 2, 2011. Beloved husband of Verna E., nee Sward; loving father of Frederick (Lynn), Clifford (Phyllis), Susan (Joe) Hartnett and Kenneth; cherished grandfather of Edmund, Elizabeth and Jenna Hartnett, Emily, Natalie, Ilyse, Jacob and Susan Wagner and Jeremy Williams; dear brother of the late Ruth Wagner. [2]

- [1] Ancestry.com tree, Wagner Family Tree, owner cwags752, retrieved 23 Mar 2013
- [2] Chicago Tribune (IL), 19 Jun 2011, p. 38 (GenealogyBank.com)
- [3] U.S. Public Records Index Record (Ancestry.com)
- [4] US WWII Draft Cards Young Men 1940-1947 (images) (Ancestry.com)

Richard married **Verna E Sward**,²⁵ daughter of **John Jacob Sward** and **Wilma Eliz Helenius**. Verna was born on 19 Apr 1919 in Michigan²⁶ and died on 12 Feb 2015²⁷ at

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser

age 95. They had four children: **Frederick, Clifford, Susan, and Kenneth.**

General Notes: From a tree on Ancestry.com, Verna's parents are Jacob Sward and Wilma Helenius. [1] Other research confirms.

Verna's parents immigrated from Finland. Father Jacob in 1900, and Wilma Helenius, age 18, appeared to be traveling alone, from Liverpool to Quebec to the United States in July 1914. [2, 3]

In 1920 Vieno Sward is 9 months old and living with her family in Oma, Iron County, Wisconsin. Parents Jacob J Sward, Wilma, and sister Ilona, age 2 yr/2 mo. Both girls were born in Michigan. Jacob and Wilma born in Finland. Jacob is a farmer. [5]

In 1930 Veins Sward is 10 years old and living in Oma with her family. Parents Jacob J Sward, Wilma E Sward, siblings Gladys M, 12, Carlo J, 8, and Anna W, 7. The younger children were born in Wisconsin. [6]

In 1935, when Verna was 16, she was living in Deerfield, Lake County, Illinois. [4]

In 1940 Verna Sward is living in Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois. She is 21, born in Michigan, single, working as a maid for the family of Alfred Turner, and has an 8th grade education. [4]

Verna E Wagner, nee Sward, died February 2015.

Grandchildren: Emily, Natalie, Ilyse, Jacob, and Susan Wagner, Jeremy Williams, Edmond, Lizabeth, and Jenna Hartnett
Great-grandchild Sophie Williams [7]

[1] Ancestry.com tree, Wagner Family Tree, owner cwags752, retrieved 23 Mar 2013

[2] Canadian Passenger Lists 1865-1935 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[3] Border Crossings From Canada to US 1895-1954 (images) (Ancestry.com)

[4] 1940 US Census, Highland Park, Lake Co, IL, ED 49-23, sheet 17B

[5] 1920 US Census, Oma, Iron Co, WI, ED 102, sheet 5B

[6] 1930 US Census, Oma, Iron Co, WI, ED 14, sheet 3A

[7] Chicago Tribune (GenealogyBank.com), 14 Feb 2015, obit Verna E Wagner, nee Sward, no date of death

4-Frederick Wagner

Frederick married **Lynn.**

4-Clifford Wagner

Clifford married **Phyllis.**

4-Susan Wagner

Susan married **Joseph "Joe" Hartnett**, son of **Sherlock Hartnett** and **Genevieve A Sypniewski**. They had three children: **Edmund, Elizabeth, and Jenna.**

5-Edmund Hartnett

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser

5-Elizabeth Hartnett

5-Jenna Hartnett

4-Kenneth Wagner

2-**Hans Frederick Kolb**²⁸ was born on 21 Mar 1893 in Maulbronn, Kingdom of Württemberg,²⁹ was christened on 11 May 1893 in Maulbronn, Kingdom of Württemberg,³⁰ died on 15 Jan 1957 in Illinois³¹ at age 63, and was buried on 18 Jan 1957 in Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.³² Another name for Hans was Hans Friedrich Kolb.³⁰

General Notes: Hans immigrated to the US in 1910, arriving in New York from Hamburg on the ship Cleveland with his mother, sister and brother. He was 17 and a cook. [1]

In 1917 Hans Kolb was living in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, perhaps on East 50th Street. He is single and a chauffeur for N A Humphries. Hans has declared his intention to become a citizen. [2]

In 1930 Hans F Kolp (should be Kolb) is living in Chicago, on Bennett Avenue. He is 37, born in Wuerttemberg, and the owner of an auto repair shop. Hans immigrated in 1910 and is a naturalized citizen. With Hans are his wife Ellen, 22, born in Indiana, and sons William, 5, and Robert 1 year, 8 months. Hans and Ellen were married at age 30 and 16. [4]

In 1940 Hans Kolb is living in Chicago at 1721 E 86th Street. He is 47, born in Germany, has an 8th grade education, and is the proprietor of an auto repair shop. With Hans are wife Ellen, 32, sons William, 15, and Robert, 11, and mother Marie Kolb. [6]

In 1942 Hans Fredick Kolb is living at 1721 E 86th St in Chicago. He is self-employed at 5600 Lake Park ave. Hans was born 21 March 1893 in Wurthberg [Wuerttemberg], Germany. His closest contact is [wife] Ellen Waters Kolb. [5]

Hans F Kolb of Spring Grove (McHenry County), Illinois, died in January 1957. He was survived by his wife Ellen, sons William F & Robert H, grandson Lawrence W, brother Gustaf Kolb, and sister Gertrude Wagner. He was buried in Acacia Park Cemetery in Chicago. [3]

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

[2] World War I draft registration

[3] Chicago Daily Tribune (Ancestry.com), 17 Jan 1957

[4] 1930 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 308, sheet 10A

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

[6] 1940 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 103-516, sheet 20B

Noted events in his life were:

- Immigration: 23 Nov 1910, New York, New York.³³
- Naturalization: 27 Sep 1928, Cook County, Illinois.³⁴

Hans married **Ellen Ione Waters**,³⁵ daughter of **Jesse J Waters** and **Lydia Bell Tebo**, on 29 Dec 1923 in Cook County, Illinois.³⁶ Ellen was born in 1907 in South Bend, Indiana,³⁷ died on 25 Feb 1962 in Illinois³⁸ at age 55, and was buried in Acacia Park

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser

Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.²¹ Another name for Ellen was Ellen T Waters.³⁹ They had two children: **William Fredrick** and **Robert Howard**.

General Notes: Research with the census, marriage records, and Ancestry tree shows Ellen's mother was Lydia (or Lyda) Belle Tebo. [4]

Belle Tebo married her first husband Frank L Williams in 1882 in Buchanan, Berrien County, Michigan. Both were residents of South Bend, Indiana. [5] Frank Williams died in South Bend in 1898. [6]

Lydia Belle Williams married Jesse Waters in 1899. [7]

In 1900 Jesse J Waters, wife Belle L Waters, are living in South Bend, Indiana. With them are four Williams children from Belle's first marriage, and six boarders. [11]

In 1910 Ellen T Waters is 3 years old and in South Bend, Indiana, with her parents Jesse J Waters, Belle L Waters, brother Myrell Waters, age 5, and [half] sister Rhoda Williams (age 16 and a jeweler at a watch factory). Jesse immigrated from England in 1880, and is a plasterer. [10]

Ellen's mother Belle died in 1914. [4]

Ellen had a 8th grade education. [1]

In 1920 Ellen Waters is living in Chicago, Illinois, with her older half-sister Louetta and Louetta's husband Hosey Keller. Also in the house is a lodger William Stutsman. Ellen is 12 and born in Indiana. Hosey is a waiter and Louetta is a hairdresser. [3]

Ellen's full brother is probably the Merl Waters, age 15, lodging in South Bend in 1920 with the Clark family. [10]

Ellen's father Jesse Waters died in South Bend, Indiana, on 23 January 1920. Just before his death he was lodging with Robert Morgan and his family in South Bend. Jesse was 57 and a plasterer. [6, 8]

Ellen W Kolb, age 54, of Spring Grove, Illinois, died on 25 February 1962. She was the wife of the late Hans, and mother of William F Kolb of Oak Lawn, and Robert H Kolb of Spring Grove. She had one grandson. [2]

[1] 1940 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 103-516, sheet 20B

[2] Chicago Daily Tribune (Ancestry.com), obit Ellen W Kolb, 27 Feb 1962

[3] 1920 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 340, sheet 9B (identified on the census as sister of Hosey Keller)

[4] Ancestry.com tree, Personette-Thompson tree, owner marlene3041, retrieved 24 Mar 2013. Lyda's marriage to Jesse J Waters is shown, but not their children.

[5] Michigan Marriages 1868-1925 (images) (FamilySearch.com) = Frank L Williams (age 22, b. Penn tp., MI, painter) to Belle Tebo (age 16, b. Iroquis Co, IL), m. 4 Jul 1882, Buchanan, Berrien Co, MI, both residents of South Bend, IN

[6] Indiana Deaths 1882-1920 (Ancestry.com) = Frank Williams, 30 Oct 1898, South Bend; Jesse Waters, 23 Jan 1920, age 58, South Bend

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser

[7] Indiana Marriages 1811-1959 (images) (FamilySearch.com) = Jesse Waters to Lydia Belle Williams, 29 Nov 1899, St. Joseph Co

[8] 1920 US Census, South Bend, St Joseph Co, IN, ED 262, sheet 3A

[9] 1920 US Census, South Bend, St Joseph Co, IN, ED 221, sheet 3B

[10] 1910 US Census, South Bend, St Joseph Co, IN, ED 187, sheet 13B

[11] 1900 US Census, South Bend, St Joseph Co, IN, ED 130, sheet 5B

Noted events in her life were:

- Cremation:⁴⁰

3-William Fredrick Kolb⁴¹ was born on 12 Oct 1924 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois⁴² and died on 12 Jan 1992²⁰ at age 67.

General Notes: From a tree on Ancestry, William Frederick Kolb, 12 Oct 1924 - 12 Jan 1992, married on 6 Sep 1947 "Private". They had one child. "Private's" parents were Edward Daniel Enroth & Violet Eugenia Johnson. [3]

William F. Kolb was born 12 Oct 1924 and died 12 Jan 1992. His last residence was in Glen Carbon, Madison County, Illinois. [1]

William Fredrick Kolb, born 12 Oct 1924 in Chicago, Illinois; died 12 Jan 1992; parents Hans F Kolb and Ellen Waters. [2]

[1] Social Security Death Index

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

[3] Ancestry tree, Haener Family Tree, owner Carol Clayton, retrieved 18 Nov 2020

Noted events in his life were:

- Residence: 1962, Oak Lawn, Illinois.³⁸

William married **Doris E Enroth**, daughter of **Edward Daniel Enroth** and **Violet Eugenia Johnson**. They had one son: **Lawrence William**.

4-Lawrence William Kolb

3-Robert Howard Kolb

2-Gustav Kolb³⁰ was born on 20 Apr 1894 in Maulbronn, Kingdom of Württemberg,²⁹ was christened on 10 Jun 1894 in Maulbronn, Kingdom of Württemberg,³⁰ died on 7 Sep 1976 in Cook County, Illinois⁴³ at age 82, and was buried in Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.²¹

General Notes: Gustav immigrated to the US in 1910, arriving in New York from Hamburg on the ship Cleveland with his mother, sister and brother. He was 16 and a waiter. [1]

In 1917 Gustave Kolb was living in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, with his parents at their home at 2142 Fremont St. Gustav was born 20 April 1894 in Maulbronn, Wuerttemberg, Germany. He is single, and a doorman at Chicago Athletics on Michigan Avenue. Gustav has declared his intention to become a citizen. He had 3 years of service as a private in the calvary for Illinois. [2]

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser

In 1920 Gustav is living in Chicago. He is 26. On 12 January Gustav is renting rooms from Appolua Laudgraf and is working as a laborer in a factory. By 21 January, Gustav has taken a position as a caretaker for a private family and is living on Lake Shore Drive at the home of Jack and Mary Peabody. With Gustav are his wife Clara, 28, and daughter Eleanor. Eleanor is 10 or 11 months old. [3]

On 7 October 1927, Gustav became a citizen of the United States in Chicago. [3, 4, 8]

In 1930 Gustav Kolb is living in Chicago on West Elm. He is 36, born in Germany, and is a conductor for the street railway. He is renting his home for \$30 a month, and has a radio. With him are his wife Clara, 40, born in Germany, and daughter Eleanore, 11. Gustav and Clara were first married at age 24 and 28 (about 1918). They immigrated from Germany in 1910 (Gustav) and 1913 (Clara). [4]

Gustav worked for the Chicago Transit Authority. [5]

In 1940 Gustav Kolb is in Chicago at 3040 Luna Ave. He is 47, born in Germany, has an 8th grade education, and is a conductor for the street Ry [railway]. Gustav worked 52 weeks in 1939 for \$1800. With him are wife Clara, 50, and daughter Eleanor, 21. [9]

In 1942 Gustav Kolb was living in Chicago at 3040 N Luna Ave. He was employed by the Chicago Surface Line at the Lincoln Ave Barn. Gustav was born 20 Apr 1894 in Maulbron, Germany. His wife Mrs Clara Kolb is is nearest relative. [7]

Gustav Kolb was born 20 April 1894 and died in September 1976. His last residence was in Chicago. [6]

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

[2] World War I draft registration

[3] 1920 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 1238, sheet 9A, and ED 1158, sheet 9B

[4] 1930 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 1549, sheet 2B

[5] Transit News, Chicago Transit Authority, snippet view on GoogleBooks, lists death of Gustav Kolb 9-7-1976

[6] Social Security Death Index

[7] U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards (Ancestry.com)

[8] Illinois Northern District Naturalization Index (Ancestry.com) - Gustav Kolb, b. 20 Apr 1894, imm. 23 Nov 1910

[9] 1940 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 103-2427, sheet 7B

Noted events in his life were:

- Naturalization: 7 Oct 1927, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.³³

Gustav married **Clara Ida Pusch**,³³ daughter of **Francis Pusch** and **Ida May**, on 4 Jul 1918 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.⁴⁴ Clara was born on 4 Feb 1886 in Germany,³³ died on 23 Jul 1954 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois⁴⁵ at age 68, and was buried on 26 Jul 1954 in Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.⁴⁶ Other names for Clara were Clara Pusch⁴⁷ and Clara Push.⁴⁸ They had one daughter: **Eleanor Clara**.

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Abt 1918.¹⁴

General Notes: Clara Ida (Pusch) Kolb arrived in the US at New York on 9 October 1913. She was 27, born about 1886. [1, 2]

Clara Pusch left Hamburg, Germany, on 1 October 1913 on the ship SS Imperator. She arrived in New York on 8 October. Clara was 27, born in Germany, last residence in Forot [?]. Her contact in the "old country" was her mother J [?] Pusch in Mal__witz. Her destination was Chicago; the name of her relative or friend in Chicago was not clear. [6]

She had an 8th grade education. [3]

She was naturalized on 10 April 1928. [4]

Clara Ida (Pusch) Kolb died on 23 July 1954 at Martha Washington Hospital in Chicago of a cerebral hemorrhage. She also had hypertension and cardiac decompensation. [5]

[1] 1930 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 1549, sheet 2B

[2] Illinois Northern District Naturalization Index (Ancestry.com)

[3] 1940 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 103-2427, sheet 7B

[4] U.S. Naturalization Record Indexes, 1791-1992 (Ancestry.com)

[5] Cook County IL vital records (images) (cookcountygenealogy.com), Clara Ida Kolb death certificate

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

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1892, Germany.¹³
- Alt. Birth: Abt 1890, Germany.⁴⁹
- Naturalization: 10 Apr 1928, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.³³
- Immigration: 9 Oct 1913, New York, New York.³³
- Alt. Birth: 4 Feb 1890, Germany.⁴⁵

3-Eleanor Clara Kolb⁵⁰ was born on 18 Feb 1919 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois,⁵¹ died on 13 Nov 1998²⁰ at age 79, and was buried in Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.²¹ She had no known marriage and no known children.

General Notes: Eleanor is most likely the unnamed Kolb born on 18 February 1919 in Cook County, Illinois, to Gus Kolb & Clara Pusch. [1]

In 1940 Eleanor Kolb is living in Chicago with her parents. Eleanor is 21, completed high school, and is a typist in the printing industry. She worked 52 weeks in 1939 for \$936. [2]

In 1993 Eleanor Clara Kolb (born 18 Feb 1919) is living at 3040 N Luna Ave in Chicago, the same address as her father's home in 1942. (Zip code 60641) [4]

Eleanor Kolb, 18 February 1919 - 13 November 1998. Last residence Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. Zip code 60641. [3]

Descendants of Marie Sophie Speiser

[1] Cook County, Illinois, Birth Certificates Index, 1871-1922 (Ancestry.com)

[2] 1940 US Census, Chicago, Cook Co, IL, ED 103-2427, sheet 7B

[3] Social Security Death Index

[4] U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 1 (Ancestry.com)

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt Jan 1919, Illinois.¹³
- Alt. Birth: 18 Feb 1919, Columbus Hospital, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.²²
- Cremation:⁴⁰

Source Citations

1. Martin Koepple, doing research in Germany with Oetlingen, Jesingen, Möhringen & Bebenhausen archives.
2. Martin Koepple, doing research in Germany with Oetlingen, Jesingen, Möhringen & Bebenhausen archives. Illinois Deaths 1916-1947 (Family Search Labs). Martin Koepple, research Stuttgart & Maulbronn church books, sent 6 Feb 2014.
3. Illinois Deaths 1916-1947 (Family Search Labs).
4. Illinois Deaths 1916-1947 (Family Search Labs). Catherine Reuther, cemetery visit, 24 Jul 2014.
5. Martin Koepple, Martin Koepple, research Stuttgart & Maulbronn church books, sent 6 Feb 2014.
6. Speiser Family tree 1939 (Hans Böhringer 2008).
7. Germany Marriages, 1558-1929, transcription (FamilySearch.org). Martin Koepple, research Stuttgart & Maulbronn church books, sent 6 Feb 2014.
8. 1920 Census. Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934 (Ancestry.com). Illinois Deaths 1916-1947 (Family Search Labs). Martin Koepple, research Stuttgart & Maulbronn church books, sent 6 Feb 2014.
9. Cook County, Illinois Death Index, 1908-1988 (Ancestry.com). Illinois Deaths 1916-1947 (Family Search Labs).
10. New York passenger lists (Ancestry.com), Gertrud Kolb, b. abt 1892, Germany. Martin Koepple, 14 Mar 2014, research in Maulbronn archives.
11. Acacia Park Cemetery (Chicago, IL), d. 18 Jun 1958, per cemetery office records, CAR visit 24 Jul 2014. Illinois, Cook County Deaths 1871-1998 (FamilySearch.org), Gertrude Wagner (nee Kolb), d. 18 Jun 1958, Chicago.
12. Catherine Reuther, cemetery visit, 24 Jul 2014. Illinois, Cook County Deaths 1871-1998 (FamilySearch.org), Gertrude Wagner (nee Kolb), d. 18 Jun 1958, Chicago, bur 21 Jun, Acacia Park.
13. 1920 Census.
14. 1930 Census.
15. World War I draft registration. U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 (FamilySearch.org).
16. Cook County IL vital records (images) (cookcountygenealogy.com), Joseph Adam Wagner death certificate.
17. Cook County IL vital records (images) (cookcountygenealogy.com), Joseph Adam Wagner death certificate. Catherine Reuther, cemetery visit, 24 Jul 2014.
18. Social Security Applications & Claims Index 1936-2007 (Ancestry.com), Ruth Virginia Wagner, b. 13 Jul 1917 Chicago. 1920 Census. (Cook Co, IL, Birth Certificates (images) 1878-1922 (Family Search Labs)), name Ruth N Wagner. Social Security Death Index, name Ruth V Wagner.
19. 1920 Census. (Cook Co, IL, Birth Certificates (images) 1878-1922 (Family Search Labs)). Social Security Applications & Claims Index 1936-2007 (Ancestry.com), Ruth Virginia Wagner, b. 13 Jul 1917 Chicago.
20. Social Security Death Index.
21. Catherine Reuther, cemetery visit, 24 Jul 2014.
22. (Cook Co, IL, Birth Certificates (images) 1878-1922 (Family Search Labs)).
23. 1930 Census, name Richard Wagner. Chicago Tribune (GenealogyBank.com), obit Richard K Wagner, 19 Jun 2011, p. 38.
24. 1930 Census, b. abt 1924 IL. Social Security Death Index. Cook County, Illinois Birth Index, 1916-1935 (Ancestry.com). U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men 1940-1947 (images) (Ancestry.com), Richard Wagner, b. 25 May 1923, Chicago.
25. Chicago Tribune (GenealogyBank.com), obit Richard K Wagner, 19 Jun 2011, p. 38.
26. U.S. Public Records Index Record (Ancestry.com), DOB 19 Apr 1919. 1940 US Census, b. Michigan.
27. Chicago Tribune (GenealogyBank.com), 14 Feb 2015, obit Verna E Wagner, nee Sward, no date of death. Dignity Memorial (obits.dignitymemorial.com), Drake & Son Funeral Home, Chicago, obit Verna Wagner, 19 Apr 1919 - 12 Feb 2015.
28. (Selected U.S. Naturalization Record Indexes, 1791-1966 (Ancestry.com)). Chicago Daily Tribune (Ancestry.com), Hans

Source Citations

F Kolb.

29. World War I draft registration. Martin Koepple, 14 Mar 2014, research in Maulbronn archives.
30. Martin Koepple, 14 Mar 2014, research in Maulbronn archives.
31. Chicago Daily Tribune (Ancestry.com), 17 Jan 1957, obit Hans F Kolb, d. Jan 1957. Acacia Park Cemetery (Chicago, IL), d. 15 Jan 1957, per cemetery office records, CAR visit 24 Jul 2014.
32. Acacia Park Cemetery (Chicago, IL), bur. 18 Jan 1957, per cemetery office records, CAR visit 24 Jul 2014. Catherine Reuther, cemetery visit, 24 Jul 2014.
33. Illinois Nothern District Naturalization Index 1840-1950 (Ancestry.com).
34. (Selected U.S. Naturalization Record Indexes, 1791-1966 (Ancestry.com)). Illinois Nothern District Naturalization Index 1840-1950 (Ancestry.com).
35. Chicago Daily Tribune (Ancestry.com). U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 (Ancestry.com), entry for Hans F Kolb, name Ellen Waters Kolb. Catherine Reuther, cemetery visit, 24 Jul 2014, marker Ellen I Kolb. Illinois, Cook County, Birth Certificates 1871-1940 (FamilySearch.org), birth of son Robert, Ellen Ione Waters, b. abt 1907, South Bend, IN.
36. 1930 Census, mar abt 1924. Illinois Cook County Marriages 1871-1920 (index) (FamilySearch), Hans F Kolb to Ellen Waters, 29 Dec 1923, Cook Co.
37. 1930 Census, b. abt 1908, IN. Catherine Reuther, cemetery visit, 24 Jul 2014, Ellen I Kolb, 1907-1962. Illinois, Cook County, Birth Certificates 1871-1940 (FamilySearch.org), birth of son Robert, Ellen Ione Waters, b. abt 1907, South Bend, IN.
38. Chicago Daily Tribune (Ancestry.com), obit Ellen W Kolb, 27 Feb 1962.
39. 1910 Census, Ellen T Waters.
40. Acacia Park Cemetery (Chicago, IL), per cemetery office records, CAR visit 24 Jul 2014.
41. Chicago Daily Tribune (Ancestry.com), name William F Kolb. Social Security Applications & Claims Index 1936-2007 (Ancestry.com), William Fredrick Kolb, b. 12 Oct 1924 Chicago.
42. Cook County, Illinois Birth Index, 1916-1935 (Ancestry.com). Social Security Applications & Claims Index 1936-2007 (Ancestry.com), William Fredrick Kolb, b. 12 Oct 1924 Chicago.
43. Cook County, Illinois Death Index, 1908-1988 (Ancestry.com).
44. Cook County, Illinois marriage certificate (Family Search Labs).
45. Cook County IL vital records (images) (cookcountygenealogy.com), Clara Ida Kolb death certificate.
46. Cook County IL vital records (images) (cookcountygenealogy.com), Clara Ida Kolb death certificate. Catherine Reuther, cemetery visit, 24 Jul 2014.
47. (Cook Co, IL, Birth Certificates (images) 1878-1922 (Family Search Labs)), birth cert for Eleanor Kolb (recorded as female Kolb).
48. 1920 Census. Cook County, Illinois marriage certificate (Family Search Labs).
49. 1930 Census. Cook County, Illinois marriage certificate (Family Search Labs).
50. U.S. Public Records Index Record (Ancestry.com), name Eleanor Clara Kolb.
51. Cook County, Illinois Birth Index, 1916-1935 (Ancestry.com). (Cook Co, IL, Birth Certificates (images) 1878-1922 (Family Search Labs)).

Name Index

(No surname)

Ida May, 9
Lynn, 5
Phyllis, 5

ENROTH

Doris E, 8
Edward Daniel, 8

HARTNETT

Edmund, 5
Elizabeth, 6
Jenna, 6
Joseph "Joe", 5
Sherlock, 5

HELENIUS

Wilma Eliz, 4

HOLL

Agnes Dorothea (1833-1877), 1

JOHNSON

Violet Eugenia, 8

KOLB

Eleanor Clara (1919-1998), 10
Gertrud Angelika Dorothea (1892-1958), 2
Gustav (1857-1924), 1
Gustav (1894-1976), 8
Hans Frederick (1893-1957), 6
Karl Christian Ludwig "Louis", 1
Lawrence William, 8
Robert Howard, 8
William Fredrick (1924-1992), 8

LAIH

Angelina Wilhelmina, 1

PUSCH

Clara Ida (1886-1954), 9
Francis, 9

SPEISER

Johannes Heinrich (1836-1883), 1
Marie Sophie (1862-1940), 1

STRAUSS

Wilhelmina, 3

SWARD

John Jacob, 4
Verna E (1919-2015), 4

SYPNIEWSKI

Genevieve A, 5

TEBO

Lydia Bell, 6

WAGNER

Baltazar, 3
Clifford, 5
Frederick, 5
Joseph (1890-1957), 3
Kenneth, 6
Richard K (1923-2011), 4
Ruth Virginia (1917-2007), 4
Susan, 5

WATERS

Ellen Ione (1907-1962), 6
Jesse J, 6