Photo 1

1898 Silverstein Family photograph



Photo 2

S.S. Ethiopia Passenger Manifest, 1907 — Image 498

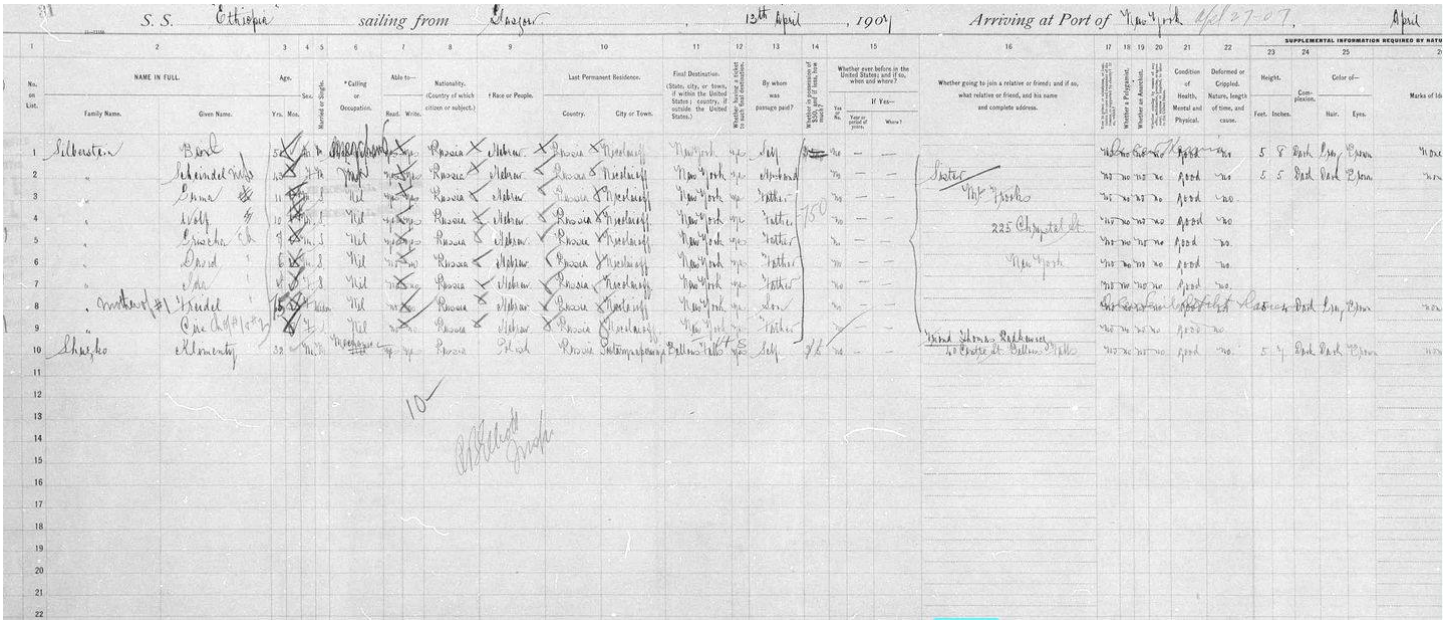
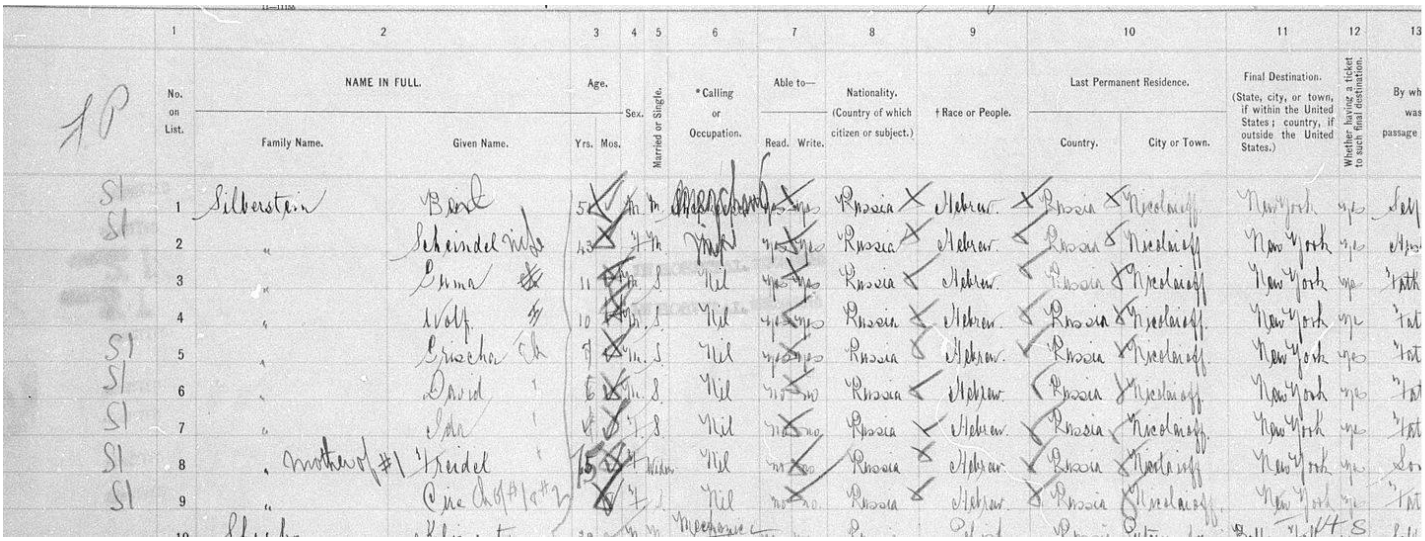


Photo 3

Close-up of the 1907 S.S. Ethiopia Manifest — Silverstein Family Lines



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5	"	Grischa	7		M.	S.	Nil	yes	yes	Russia	Hebrew	Russia	Nicolaieff	New York	yes	Fat
6	"	David	6		M.	S.	Nil	no	no	Russia	Hebrew	Russia	Nicolaieff	New York	yes	Fat
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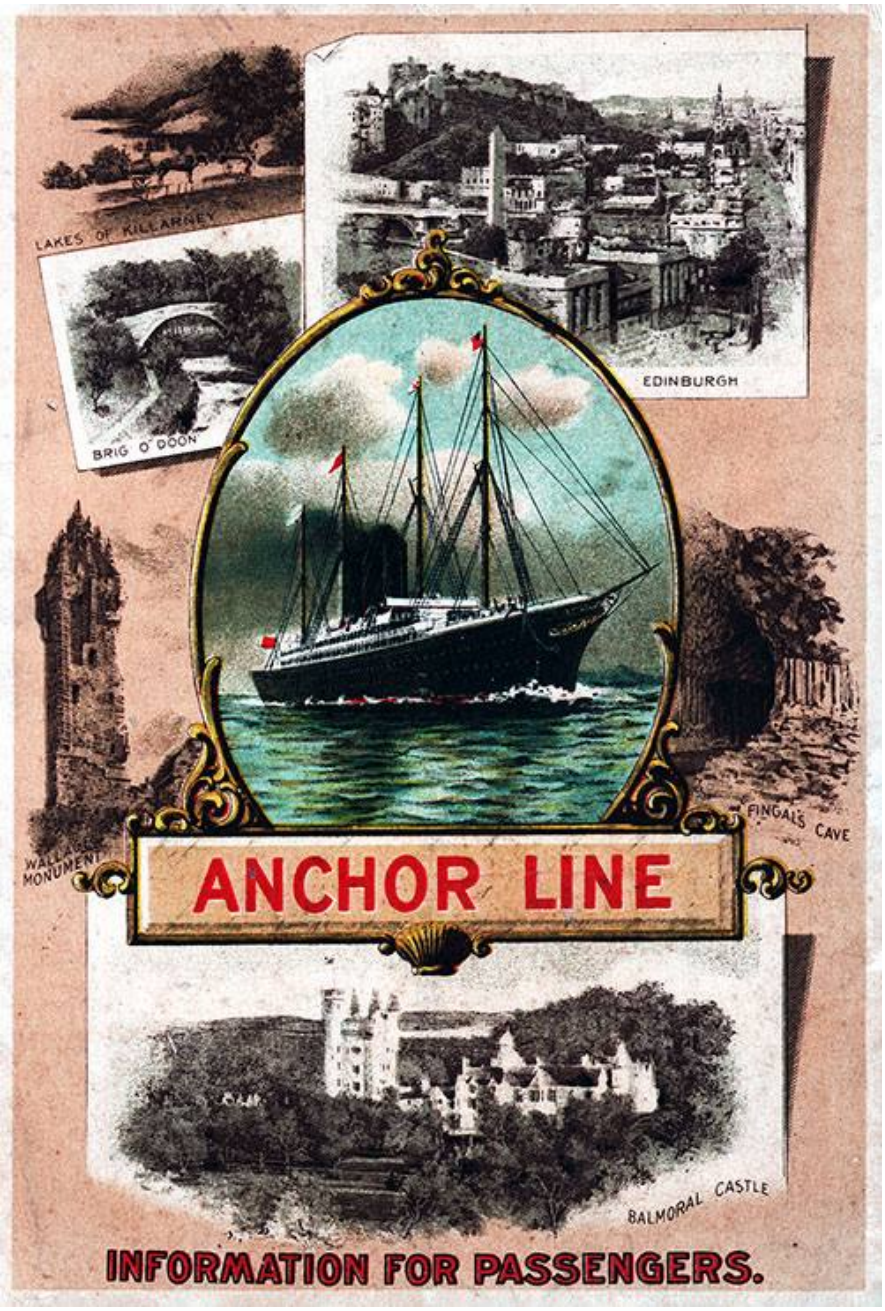
S.S. Ethiopia — illustrated Anchor Line passenger booklet cover, 1901



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SS Ethiopia — ship photograph

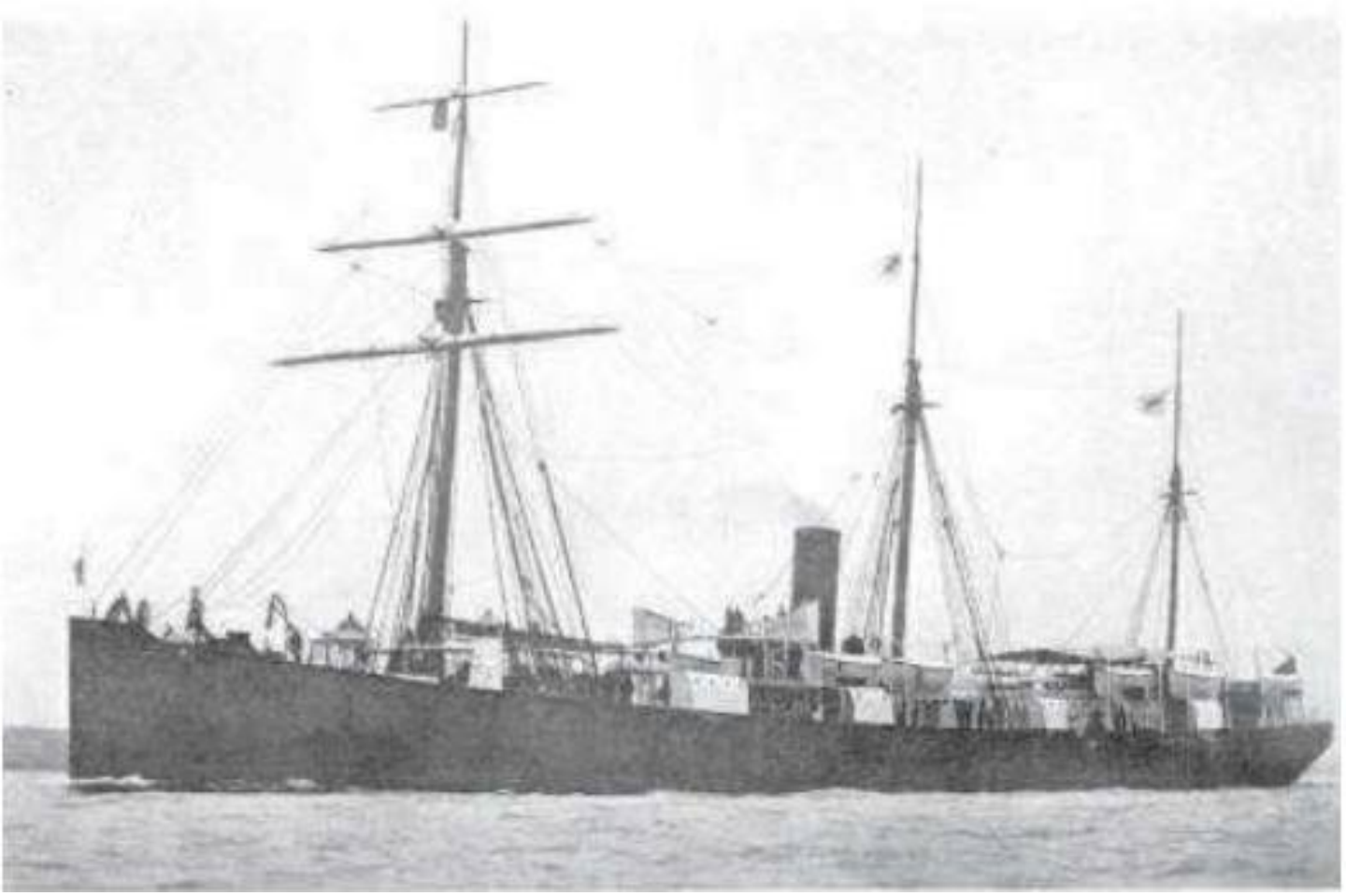

Photo 6

1910 New York Census — full page and Silverstein household close-up

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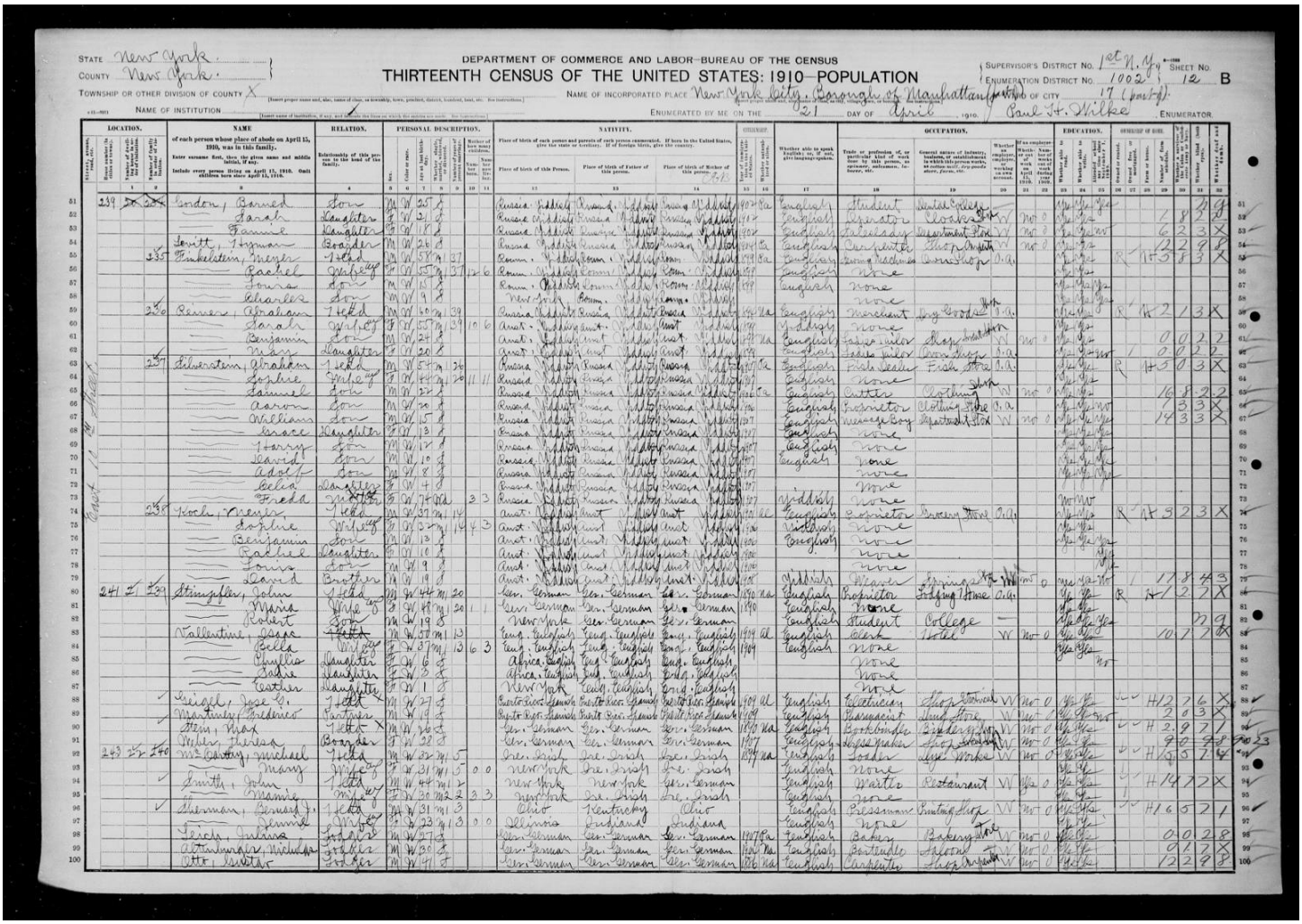

Photo 6 - companion photograph

1910 Silverstein household — close-up of lines 63–73



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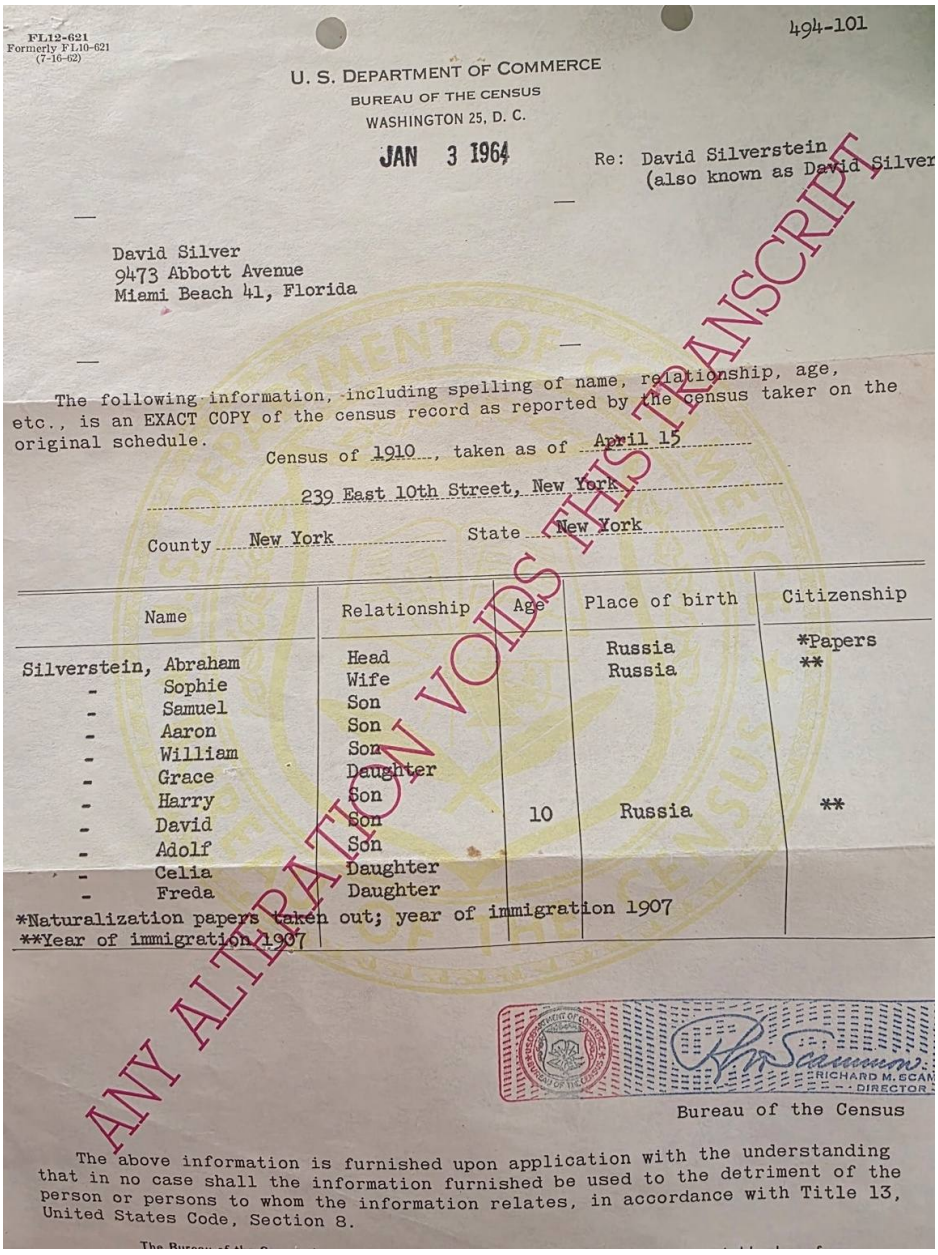
Photo 7

1964 Transcript of the 1910 Silverstein Household Census

Original census: lines 63–73



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

JAN 3 1964

Re: David Silverstein
(also known as David Silver

David Silver
9473 Abbott Avenue
Miami Beach 41, Florida

The following information, including spelling of name, relationship, age, etc., is an EXACT COPY of the census record as reported by the census taker on the original schedule.

Census of 1910, taken as of April 15

239 East 10th Street, New York

County New York State New York

Name	Relationship	Age	Place of birth	Citizenship
Silverstein, Abraham	Head		Russia	*Papers
- Sophie	Wife		Russia	**
- Samuel	Son			
- Aaron	Son			
- William	Son			
- Grace	Daughter			
- Harry	Son			
- David	Son	10	Russia	**
- Adolf	Son			
- Celia	Daughter			
- Freda	Daughter			

*Naturalization papers taken out; year of immigration 1907
**Year of immigration 1907

RICHARD M. SCAM
DIRECTOR
Bureau of the Census

The above information is furnished upon application with the understanding that in no case shall the information furnished be used to the detriment of the person or persons to whom the information relates, in accordance with Title 13, United States Code, Section 8.

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Photo 8

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Photo 9

1920 New York Census — full page and Silverstein household close-up

Head: line 33 · Household: lines 33–41

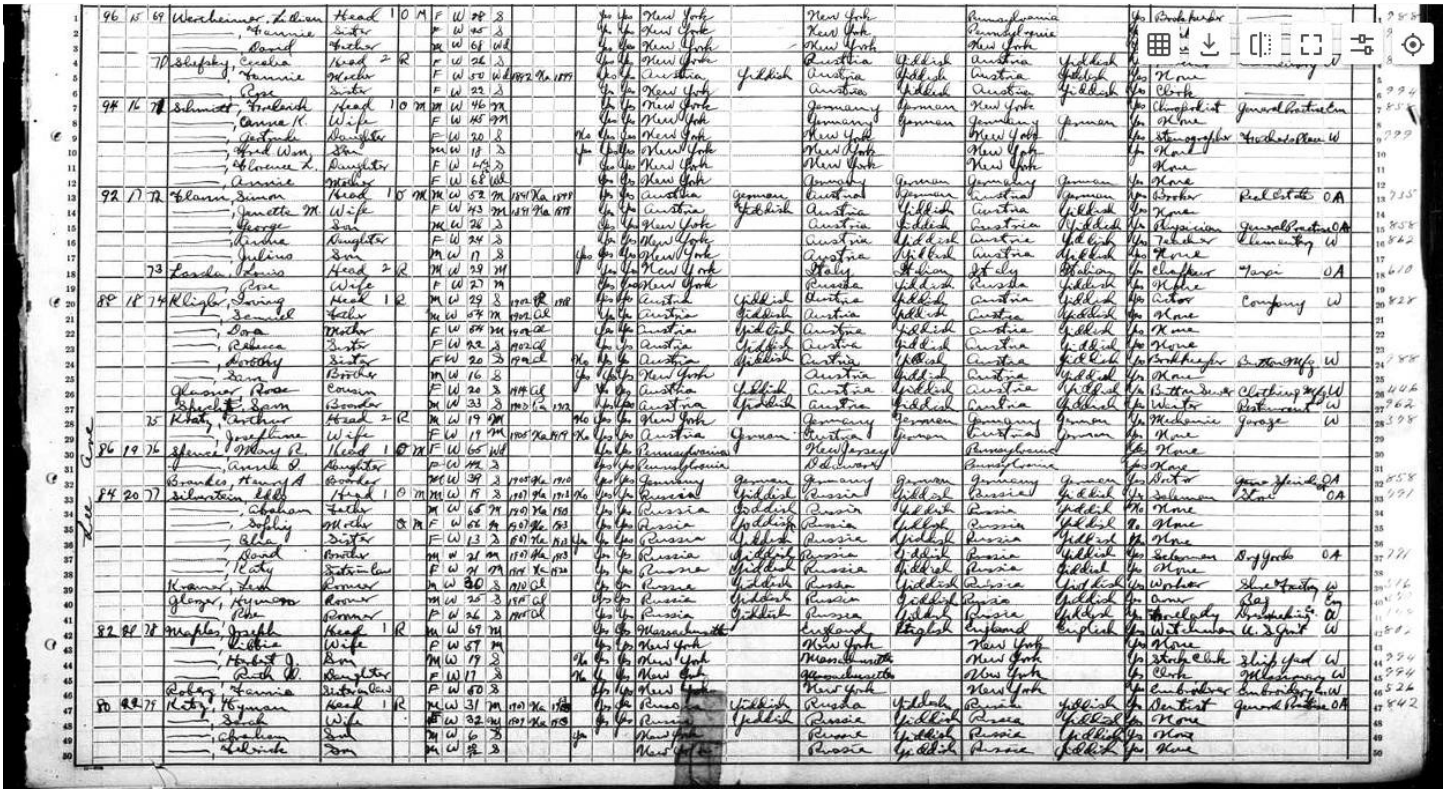

Photo 9 - companion photograph

1920 Silverstein household — close-up of lines 33–41

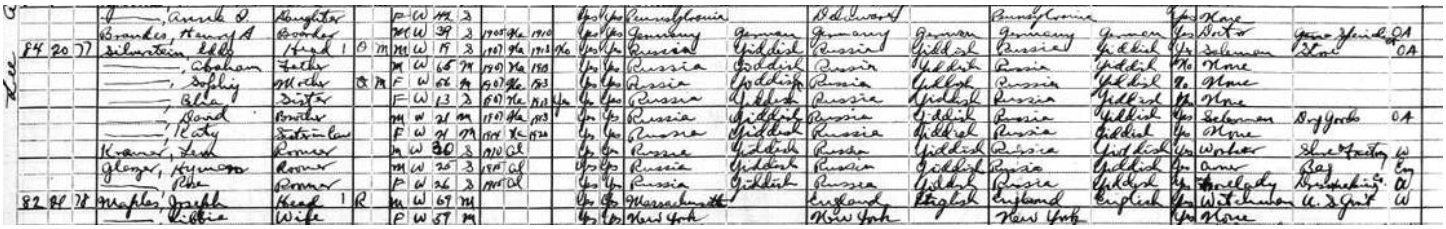

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Photo 11

Close-up of the 1920 Detroit Census — Joseph Silverstein household

Family 228 · Dwelling 449 · ED 113 · Row numbers cropped out

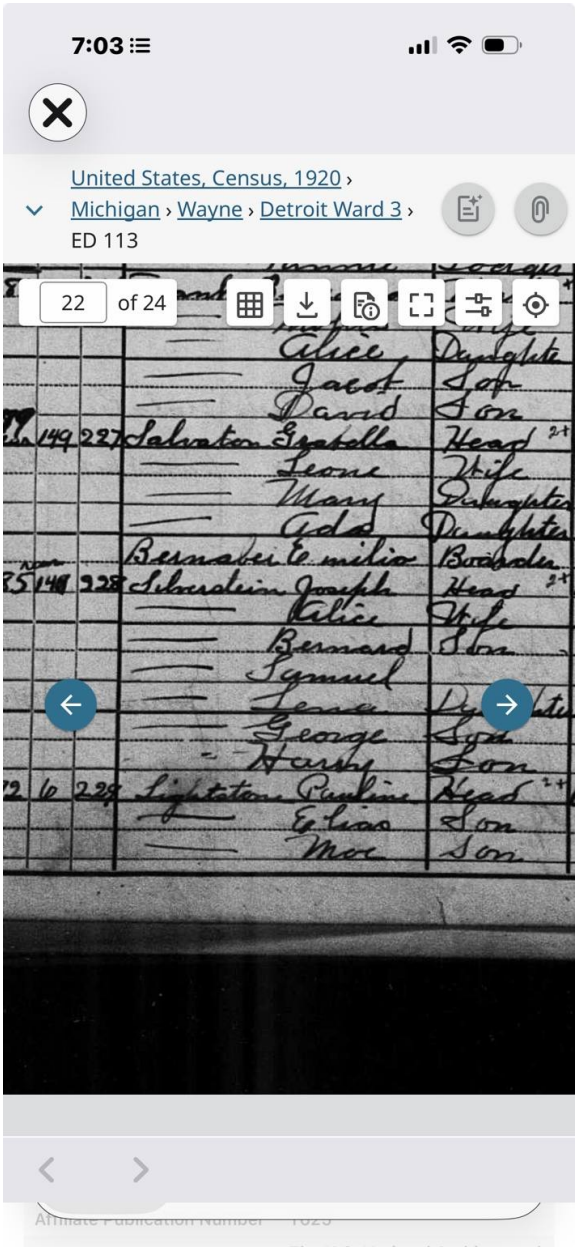

Photo 12

Friedel (left); proposed Sara-Lea Gluzman (right)



Freida/Friedel Bornstein is on the left. The proposed identification of the woman on the right is Sara-Lea Gluzman, born about 1853, daughter of Esther/Ester Borenstein, based on Yoni Kupchik's June 2021 correspondence. Their family relationship remains unconfirmed.

Yoni supplied the photograph as Sara-Lea Gluzman; Rachel then circulated the side-by-side comparison and noted a family resemblance. Their correspondence also discussed the Borenstein surname and family localities near Balta and Vinnytsia. These are attributed family observations and research clues, not proof of kinship.

Rachel initially suggested that the two women might be sisters. On June 9, 2021, Yoni clarified that Esther Borenstein, Sara-Lea's mother, could instead have been Friedel's sister. That would make Sara-Lea a possible niece of Friedel. This remains a hypothesis; no aunt, niece or sister relationship has been added to the tree.

Source: Yoni Kupchik and Rachel correspondence, June 7–9, 2021. Exact birthday and kinship remain unverified.

Photo 13

Abraham Bernard Silverstein — photograph



Photo 14

Sophie/Sheindel Silverstein — photograph



Photo 15

Abraham Silverstein — Naturalization Papers, 1909–1914

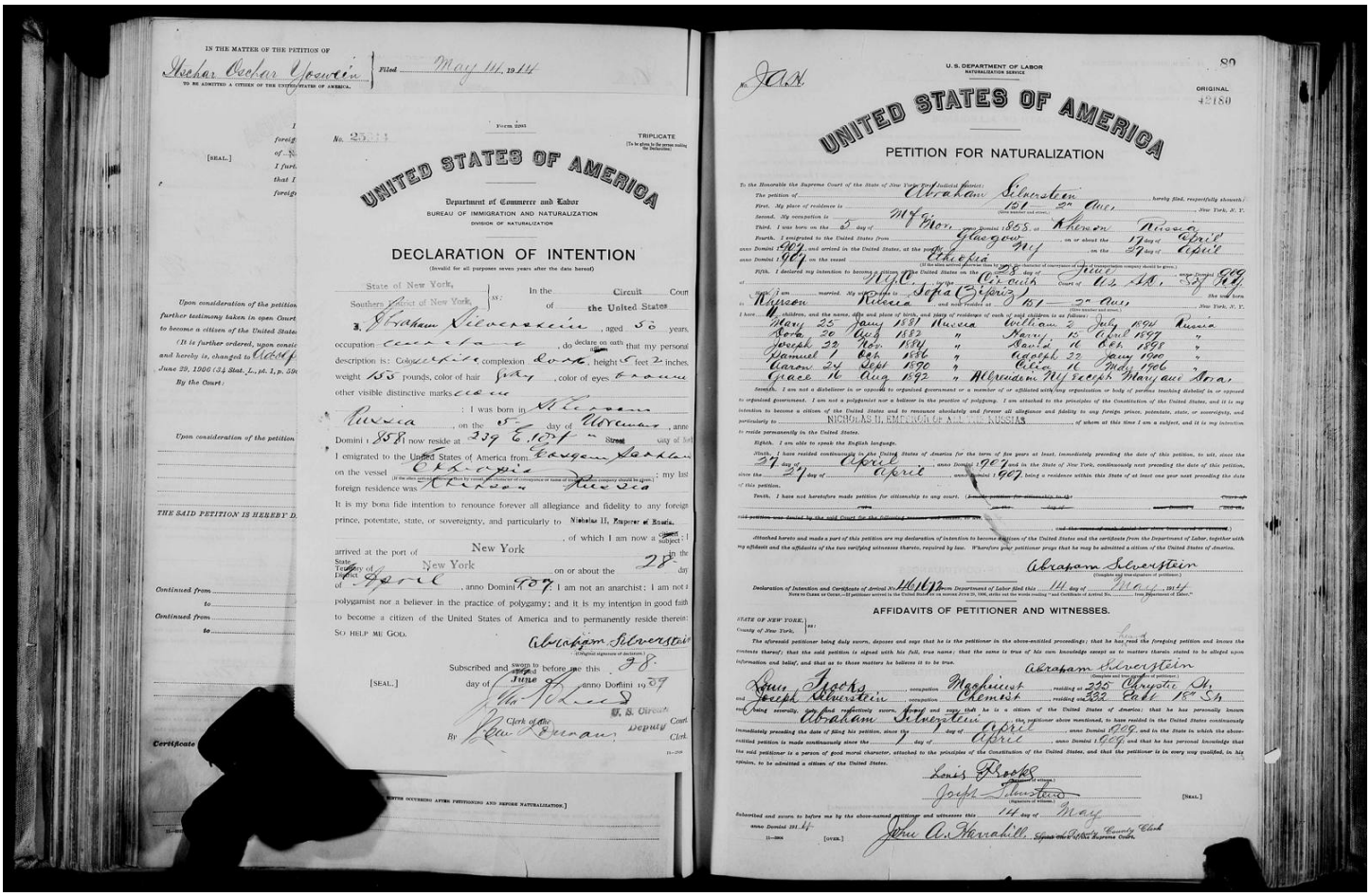

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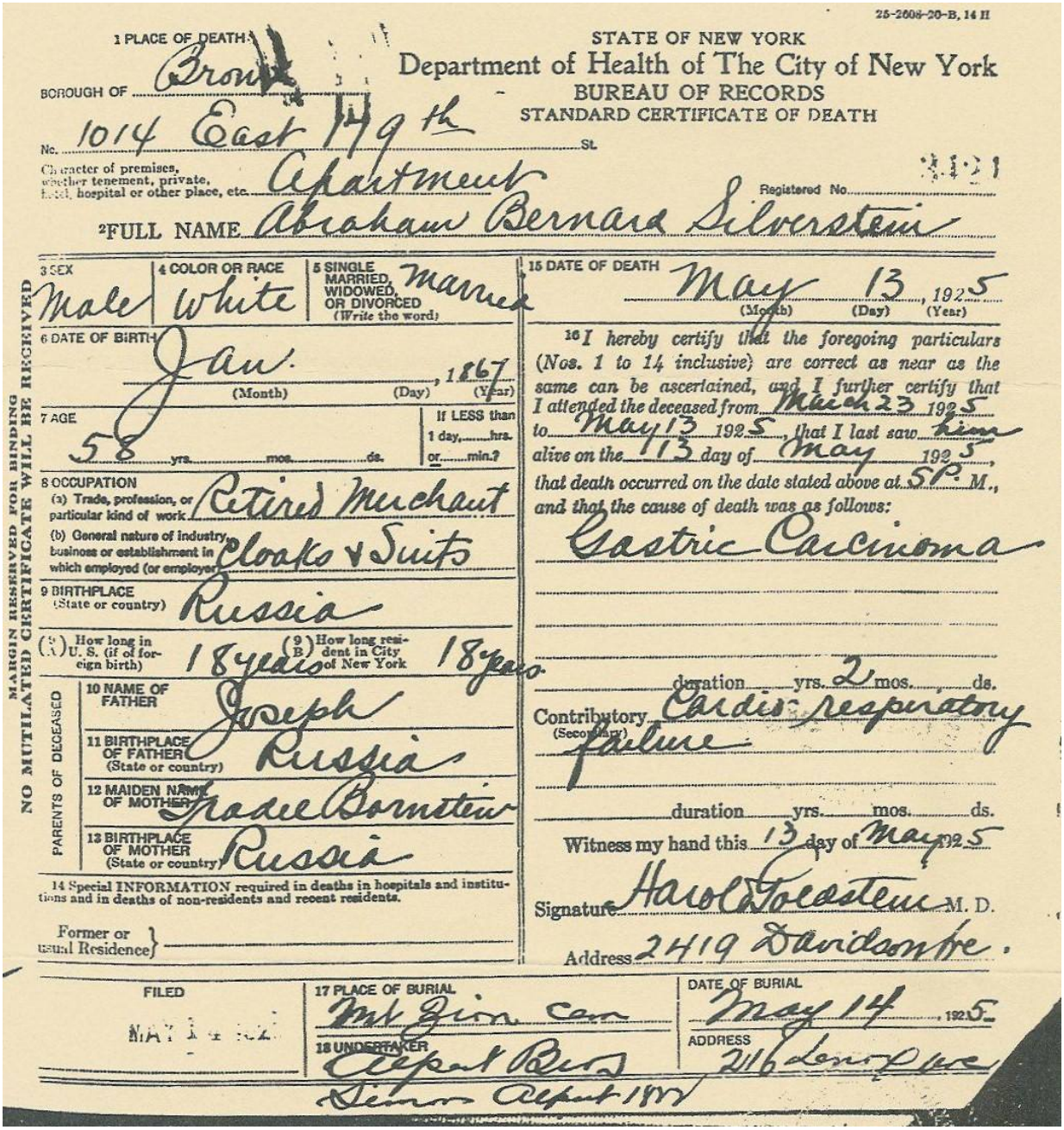
Photo 16

Abraham Bernard Silverstein — Bronx death certificate, May 13, 1925



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STATE OF NEW YORK
Department of Health of The City of New York
BUREAU OF RECORDS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH
BOROUGH OF Bronx
No. 1014 East 149th St.
Character of premises, whether tenement, private, hotel, hospital or other place, etc. Apartment
Registered No. 3121

2 FULL NAME Abraham Bernard Silverstein

3 SEX Male | 4 COLOR OR RACE White | 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Married

6 DATE OF BIRTH Jan. (Month) ____ (Day) 1867 (Year)

7 AGE 58 yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds. If LESS than 1 day, ____ hrs. or ____ min.?

8 OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: Retired Merchant
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer): Cloaks & Suits

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Russia

(9A) How long in U. S. (if of foreign birth) 18 years (9B) How long resident in City of New York 18 years

PARENTS OF DECEASED
10 NAME OF FATHER Joseph
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Russia
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sadie Bornstein
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Russia

14 Special INFORMATION required in deaths in hospitals and institutions and in deaths of non-residents and recent residents.

Former or usual Residence

15 DATE OF DEATH May 13, 1925 (Month) (Day) (Year)

16 I hereby certify that the foregoing particulars (Nos. 1 to 14 inclusive) are correct as near as the same can be ascertained, and I further certify that I attended the deceased from March 23 1925 to May 13 1925, that I last saw him alive on the 13 day of May 1925, that death occurred on the date stated above at 5 P. M., and that the cause of death was as follows:

Gastric Carcinoma

duration yrs. 2 mos. ds.

Contributory (Secondary) Cardio respiratory failure

duration yrs. mos. ds.

Witness my hand this 13 day of May 1925

Signature Harold Feldstein M. D.

Address 2419 Davidson Ave.

FILED MAY [illegible] 1925

17 PLACE OF BURIAL Mt Zion Cem

DATE OF BURIAL May 14 1925

18 UNDERTAKER Chapel Bros

ADDRESS 216 Lenox Ave

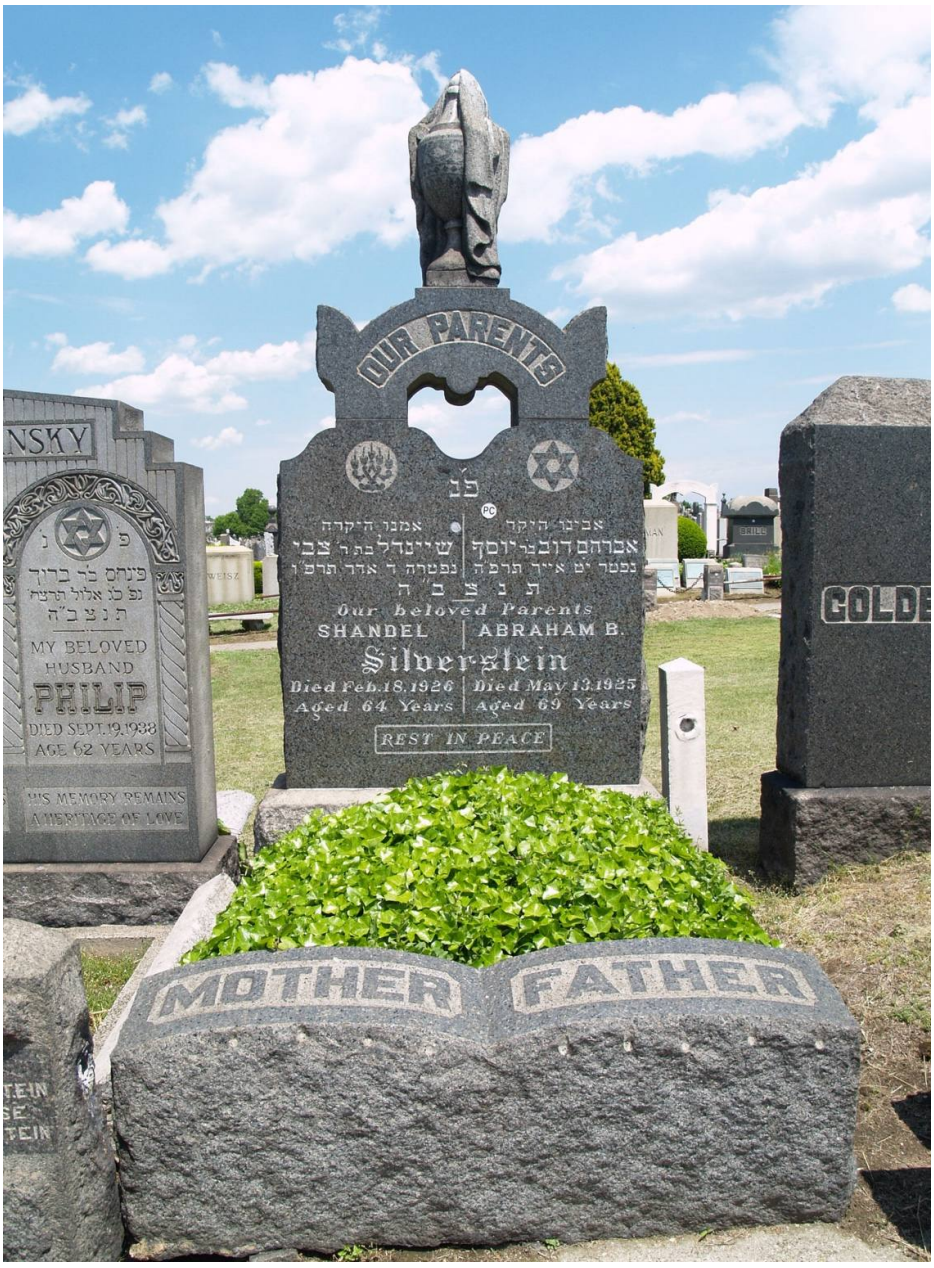
Lenox Chapel 1877

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
NO MUTILATED CERTIFICATE WILL BE RECEIVED

Conflicting records: Compare #15 (naturalization: November 5, 1858) and #17 (headstone: age 69). This certificate reports January 1867 and age 58. None of these conflicting birth claims has been silently substituted for the others.

Photo 17

Abraham B. and Shandel Silverstein — shared headstone, photographed by Rachel in 2008



Conflicting records: Death certificate #16 records January 1867 and age 58; the headstone reports age 69. These birth claims remain unresolved.

Photo 18

David and Kate Silver — distinct companion portrait



Photo 19

Kate and David Silver — young portrait



Part of the David and Kate family group; related family correspondence is linked separately.

Photo 20

David “Dave” Silver and Kate/Katya Cypress Silver — later-life formal portrait



Photo 21

David “Dave” Silver — seated in plaid sweater



Photo 22

David Silver — Certificate of Citizenship, 1964

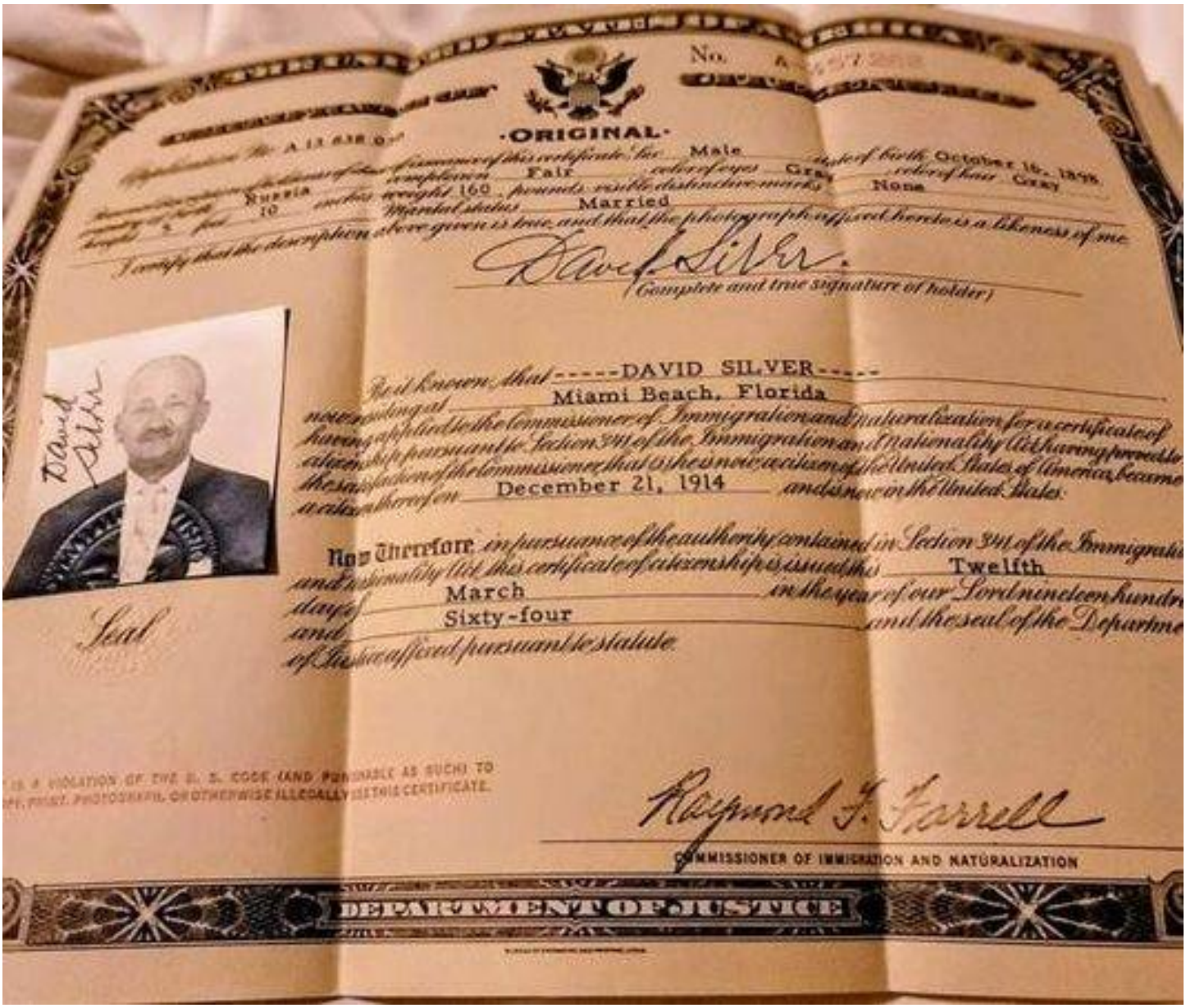


Photo 23

Celia “Ceil” Silverstein Goldberg and her three sons — proposed names



Suggested identification of the three boys, left to right: Morris Herbert “Mel” Goldberg (youngest, born January 18, 1931); Sherman “Chach” Goldberg (born March 10, 1929; Charles Sherman “Chachi” in the main file); Arthur Bernard Goldberg (oldest, born November 11, 1926). This placement is inferred from their apparent ages and Rachel’s recorded birth dates; individual positions are not confirmed. Celia is identified in Caren’s family notes. Family members: please confirm or correct each boy’s position, the name variants, and the man at the far right.

Photo 24

Celia Silverstein - portrait, 1966



Photo 25

Grace and Celia Silverstein — kitchen photograph

Early 1950s (Bill’s estimate)



Rachel’s supplied photograph label names Grace and Celia Silverstein. Which woman is standing or seated remains unconfirmed. Bill suggests the early 1950s; the date has not been documented.

Source: Rachel’s original Grace_and_Celia.jpg in Silverstein.zip. Original photograph preserved without alteration.

Photo 26

William and Lena Silverstein — wedding, April 24, 1927



Photo 27

Lena Silverstein’s 65th birthday party



Original gallery photograph



Second photograph from the party

Lena’s 65th birthday party. Bill’s supplied family description names Artie, Marcia, Lena, Gloria, little Michael (described by the original writer as “our son”), and Larry. It describes Natie as seated at the back left, Grandma’s friends to Natie’s left, and Uncle Joe and Murray (Aunt Bea’s husband) to Natie’s right. It also identifies Uncle Adolph and Anna, his wife, behind the person called “dad” in the original wording. The other women are described as Lena’s friends. The identity of “dad” and the exact positions of every attendee are not resolved by this description. Taken in 1965, confirmed by Bill on November 7, 2026.

Photo 28

Joseph — 1906 arrival manifest, S.S. New York

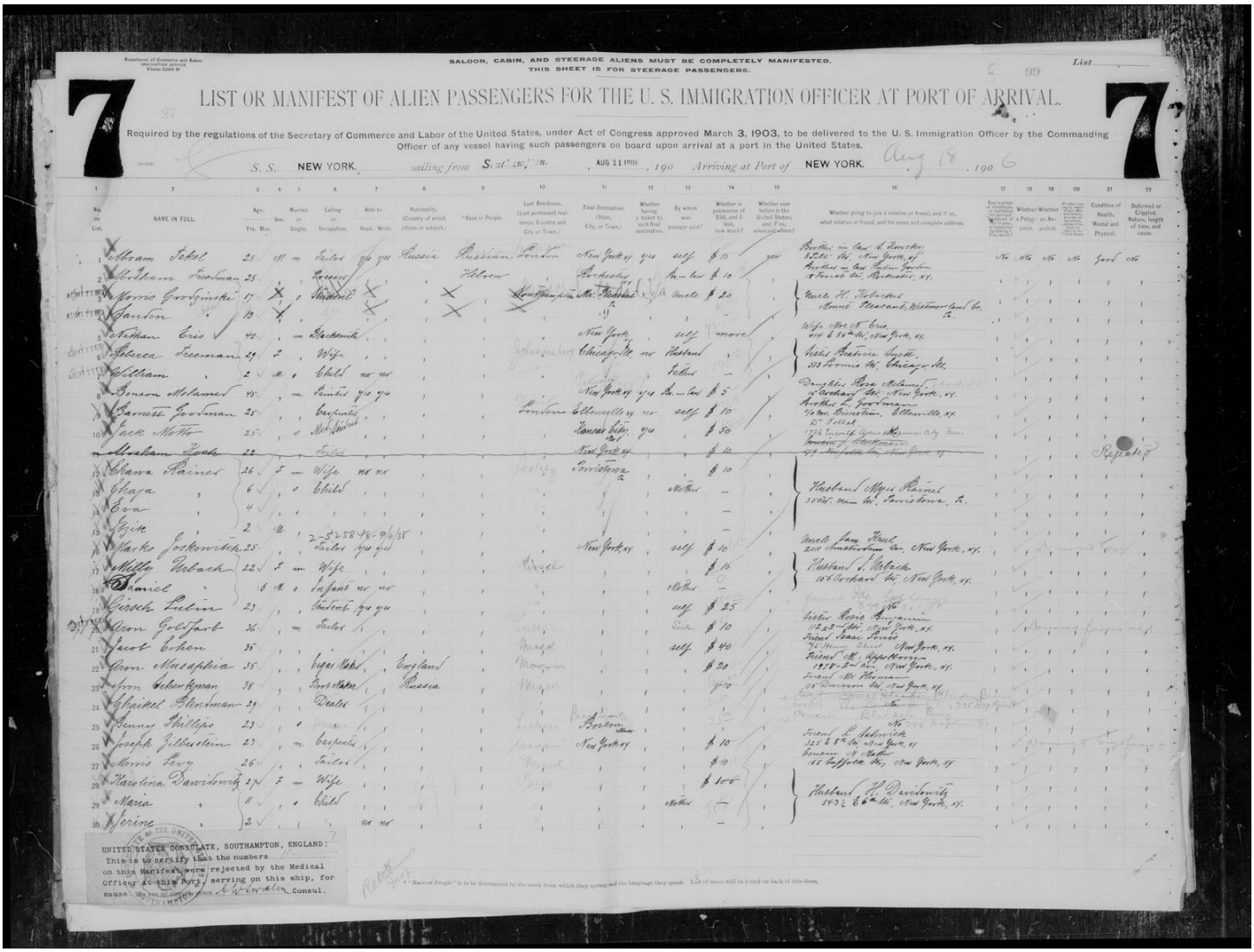


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Photo 28 - companion photograph

Line 26 — Joseph’s name, age and occupation

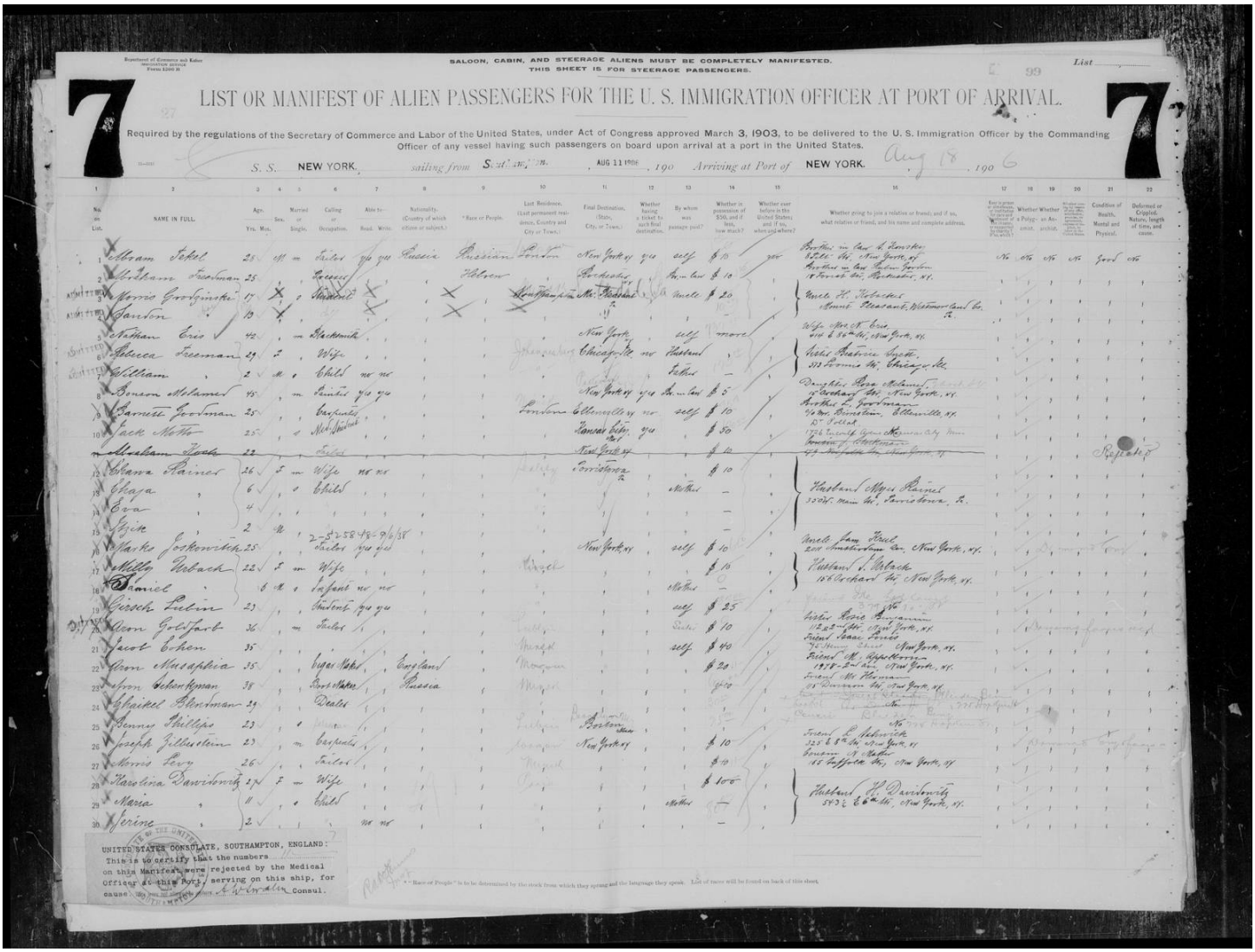


Photo 28 - companion photograph

Line 26 — contact name and New York address

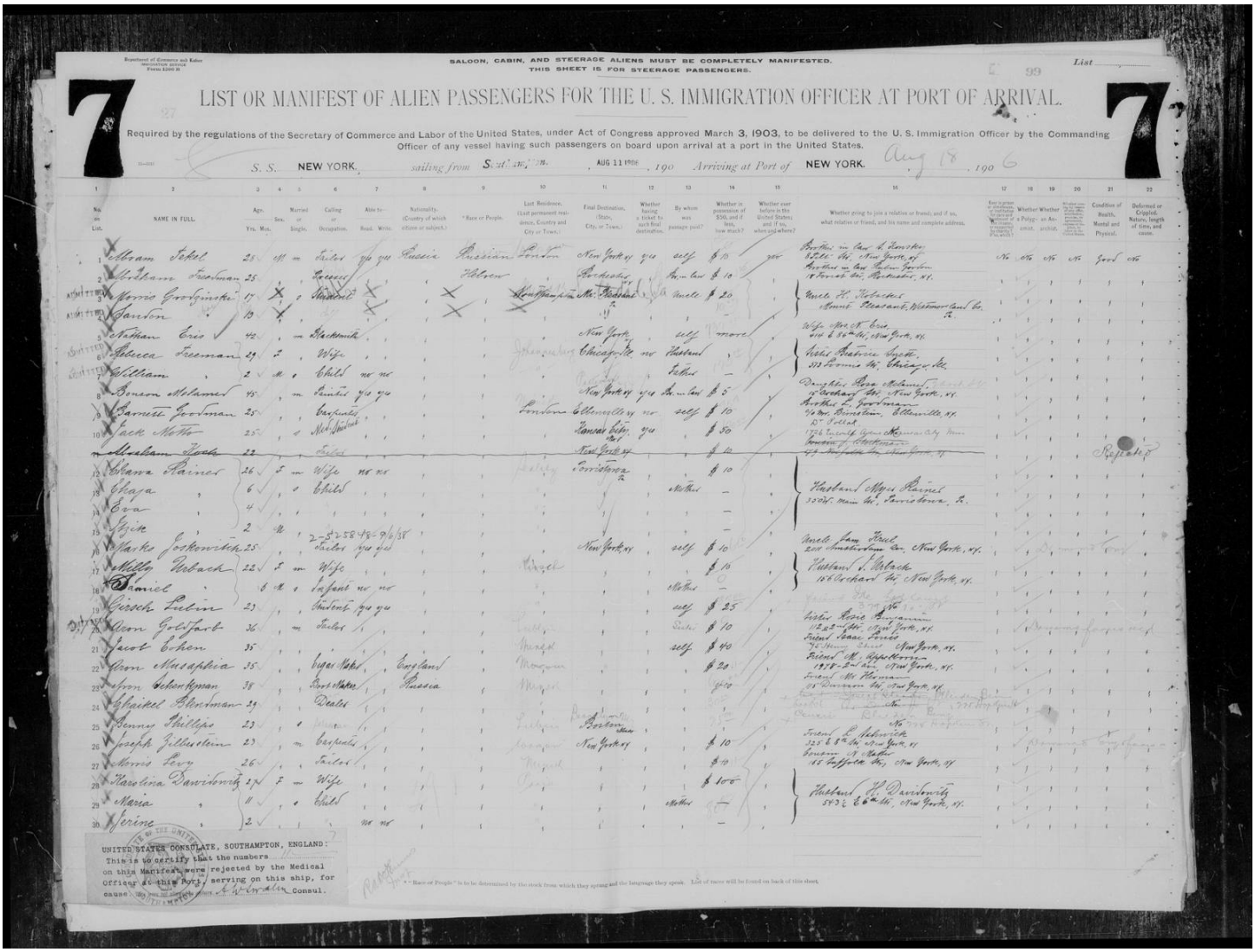
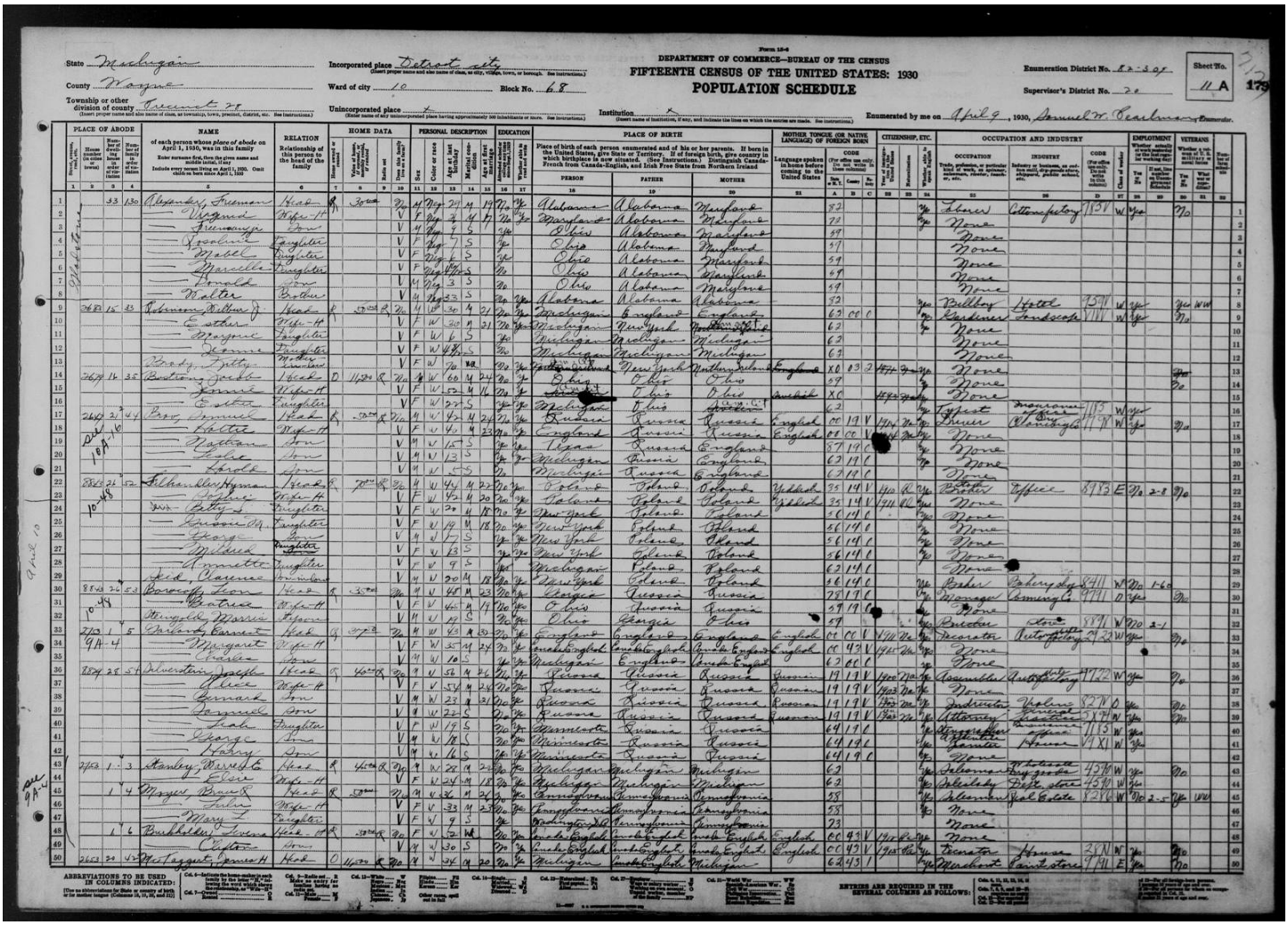


Photo 29

1930 Detroit Census — Joseph Silverstein and Household

Head: line 36 · Household: lines 36–42



Conflicting records: The 1930 Detroit census lists a living Joseph Silverstein with Alice. The death records date to 1928. Whether these concern the same man remains unresolved.

Photo 29 - companion photograph

Household close-up — Joseph, Alice and family

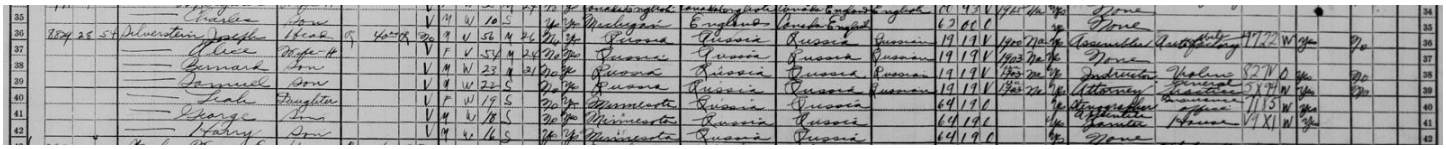
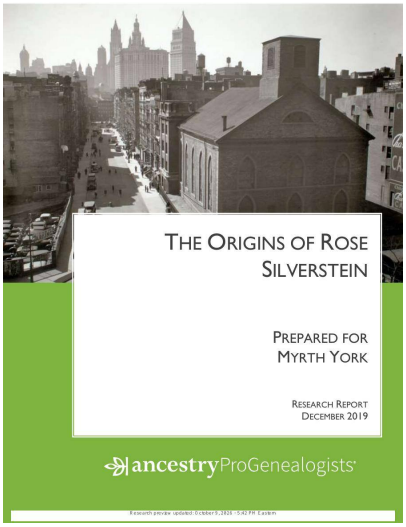


Photo 30

York 1 — The Origins of Rose Silverstein



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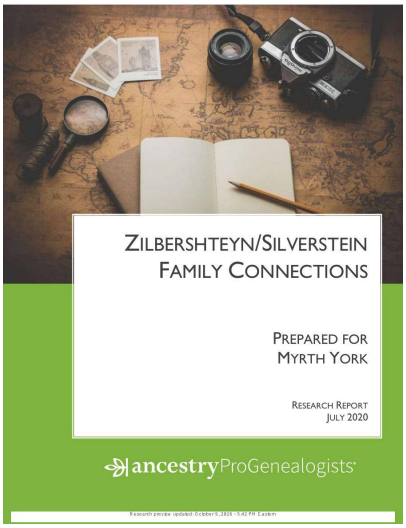
Age conflict: The report says Rose was 62 when she died in March 1925, but also reports her age as 18 at the August 1877 marriage. Those ages imply different birth years, roughly 1862–1863 versus 1858–1859. Neither age should silently become an exact birth date. Birthplace remains imprecise: The report identifies Stryzhevka but cannot determine which place of that name is meant. It does not establish a precise modern birthplace. Mother not identified: The report disputes the death certificate's Argentina story and the parent names John Siberez and Rosa Simpson. That does not establish the correct mother's name; the report itself leaves her unidentified.

Photo 31

York 2 — Zilbershteyn/Silverstein Family Connections



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Birthplace overstatement: The introduction says the earlier research proved Rose was born in Nikolayev. York 1 instead identified Stryzhevka as her origin and left its location uncertain. A marriage in Nikolayev does not itself establish birth there. Business link overstated: The body says ownership of Frooks Engine Company was not proved; the conclusion describes the Chrystie Street business as Louis's. The proposed business connection is supporting inference, not demonstrated ownership. Shared mother is an inference: The report concludes Rose's mother was Freda Bornstein from the proposed sibling connection and Abraham's records. It also says Rose's marriage record names no mother. Shared fatherhood alone does not prove shared motherhood; the report's conclusion should be attributed, not described as a direct reading of Rose's record. Marriage and Malka remain qualified: A child's birth does not prove the parents had already married. Malka is explicitly only a possible child in this report. The later date and parent-name questions remain open; they do not establish that she and Chernya had different mothers. DNA did not confirm the family link: The DNA review found neither supporting nor contradictory evidence. An absence of contradictory matches is not a positive DNA confirmation.

Photo 32

Tatyana Belenkaya and her grandmother Rosalina Cypress — studio portrait



Tatyana Belenkaya at left and her grandmother at right. Bill identifies his second cousin Tatyana and names her grandmother Rosalina Cypress. Earlier correspondence uses Rosa/Rosalia Moiseeva Tsispres (Cypress); those forms are retained as source variants. The 1966 date has been confirmed for the second, seated photograph (#34); the date of this first studio portrait is unconfirmed.

Photo 33

Tatyana Belenkaya and her grandmother Rosalina Cypress — 1966 seated photograph



Tatyana Belenkaya sits in front, with her grandmother behind her, arms around her. Bill identifies Tatyana as his second cousin, names her grandmother Rosalina Cypress, and confirms that this second photograph was taken in 1966. Earlier correspondence calls the grandmother Rosa/Rosalia Moiseeva Tsispres (Cypress). Photo date and email sending date are separate.

Photo 34

David and Kate Silver Young Studio Portrait



Photo 35

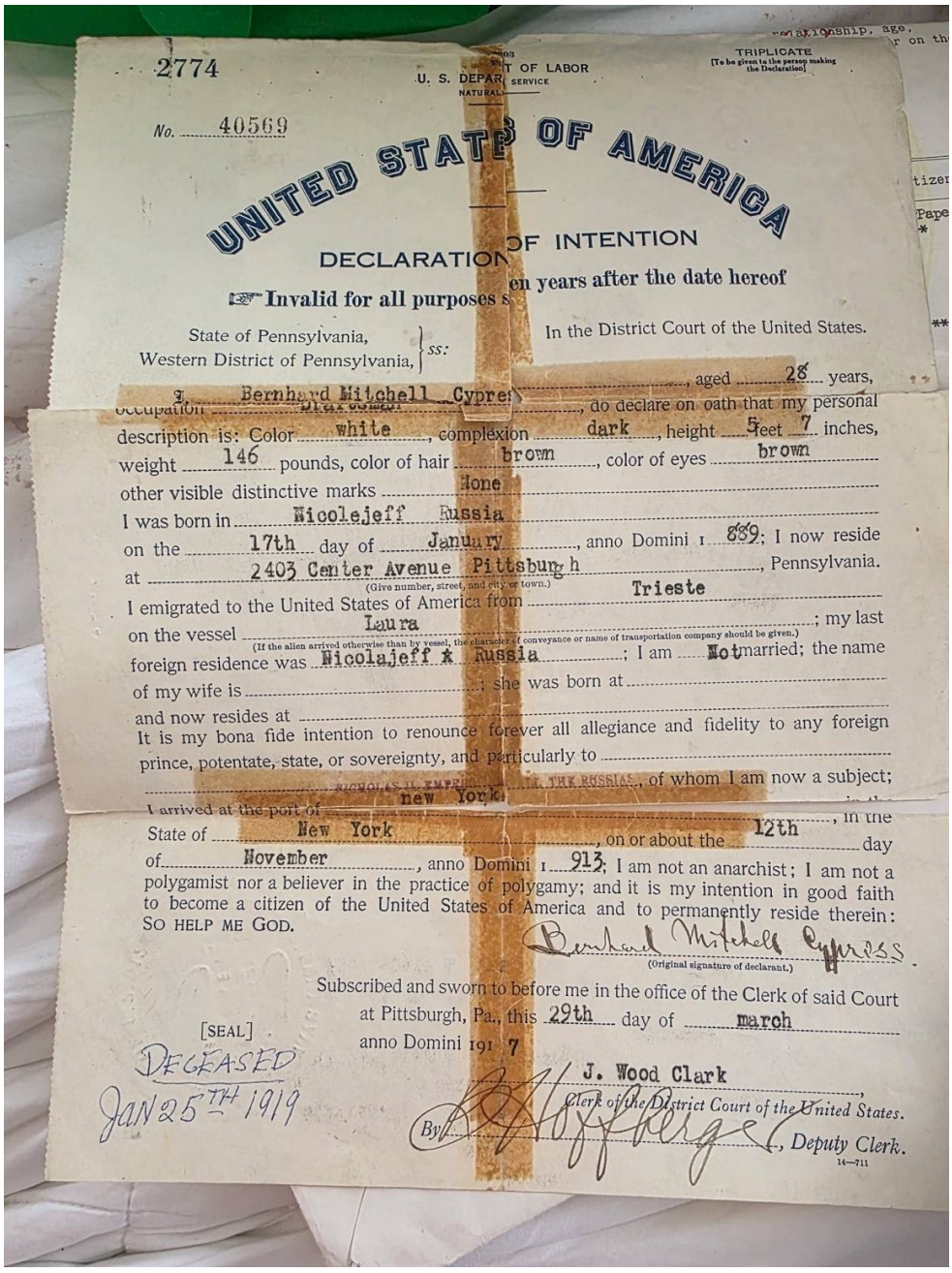
Early family group — six people, identities unknown



The six people in this photograph have not been identified.

Photo 36

Bernhard Mitchell Cypress - 1917 Declaration with 1919 Deceased Notation



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[To be given to the person making the Declaration]

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

☞ Invalid for all purposes after five years after the date hereof

State of Pennsylvania,
Western District of Pennsylvania, } ss:

In the District Court of the United States.

I, Bernhard Mitchell Cypress, aged 28 years,
occupation Draftsman, do declare on oath that my personal
description is: Color white, complexion dark, height 5 feet 7 inches,
weight 146 pounds, color of hair brown, color of eyes brown
other visible distinctive marks None
I was born in Nicolejeff Russia
on the 17th day of January, anno Domini 1889; I now reside
at 2403 Center Avenue Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
(Give number, street, and city or town.)
I emigrated to the United States of America from Trieste
on the vessel Laura; my last
(If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.)
foreign residence was Nicolajeff ✱ Russia; I am Not married; the name
of my wife is ; she was born at
and now resides at
It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to
NICHOLAS II, EMPEROR OF THE RUSSIAS, of whom I am now a subject;
I arrived at the port of new York, in the
State of New York, on or about the 12th day
of November, anno Domini 1913; I am not an anarchist; I am not a
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:
SO HELP ME GOD.

Bernhard Mitchell Cypress
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court
at Pittsburgh, Pa., this 29th day of March
anno Domini 1917

[SEAL]

DECEASED
JAN 25TH 1919

J. Wood Clark
Clerk of the District Court of the United States.
By , Deputy Clerk.

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Identity caution: Bernhard’s identity with Baruch Cypress remains unproved.

Photo 37

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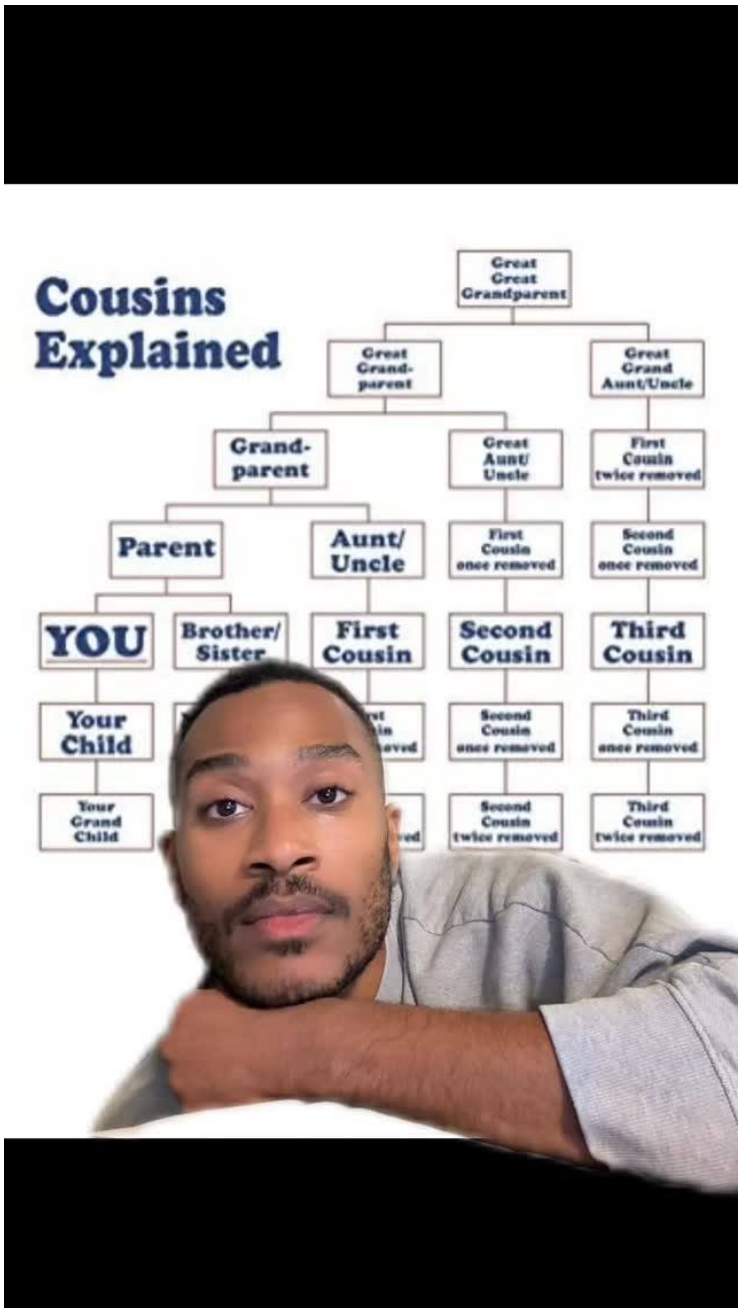
Photo 43

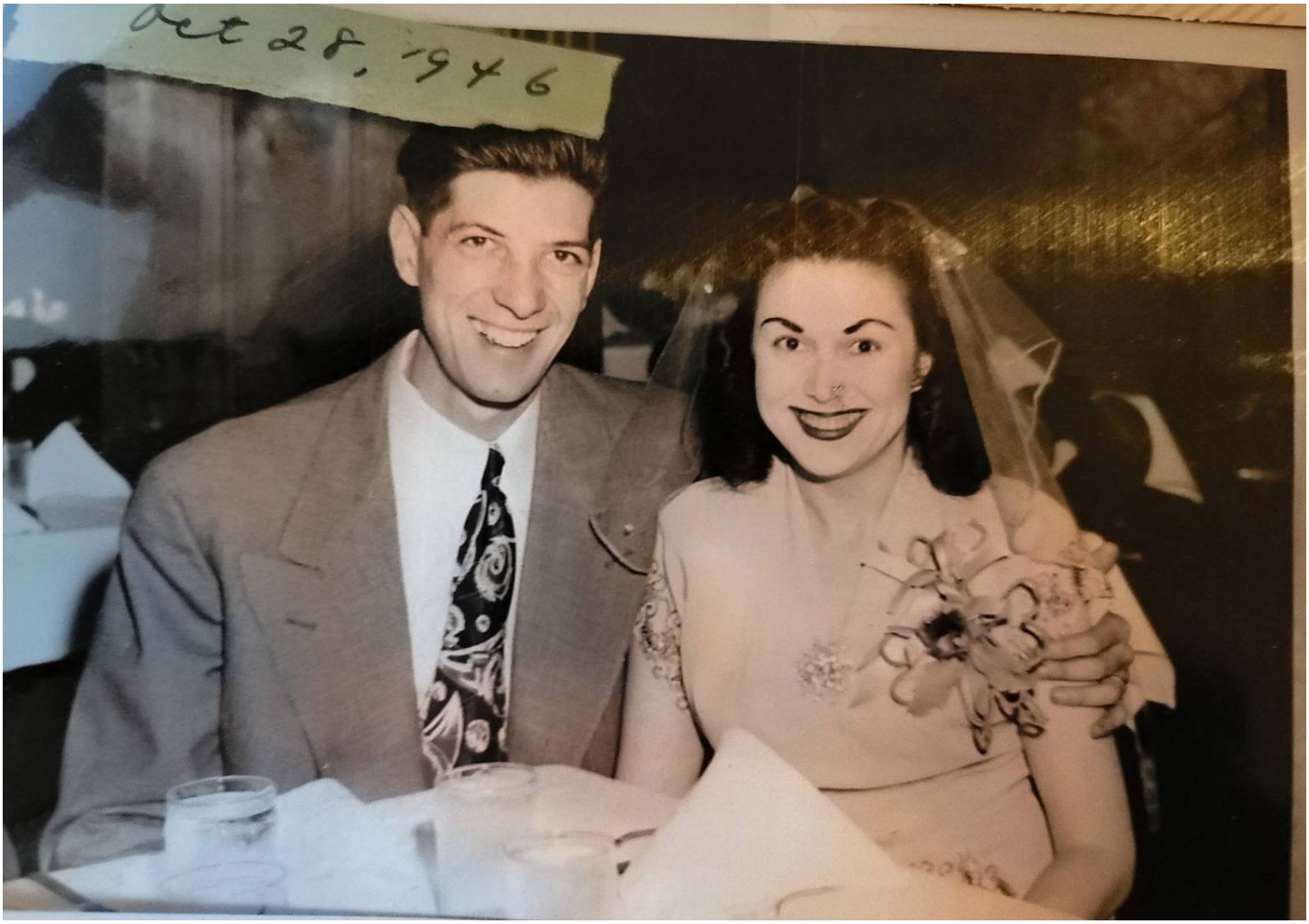
First, Second, Third Cousins—Who Can Keep Track?



A humorous explanation of cousins and family relationships, shared by Bill.

Photo 44

Probable: Bernice and Norton Unger - Wedding Day, October 28, 1946

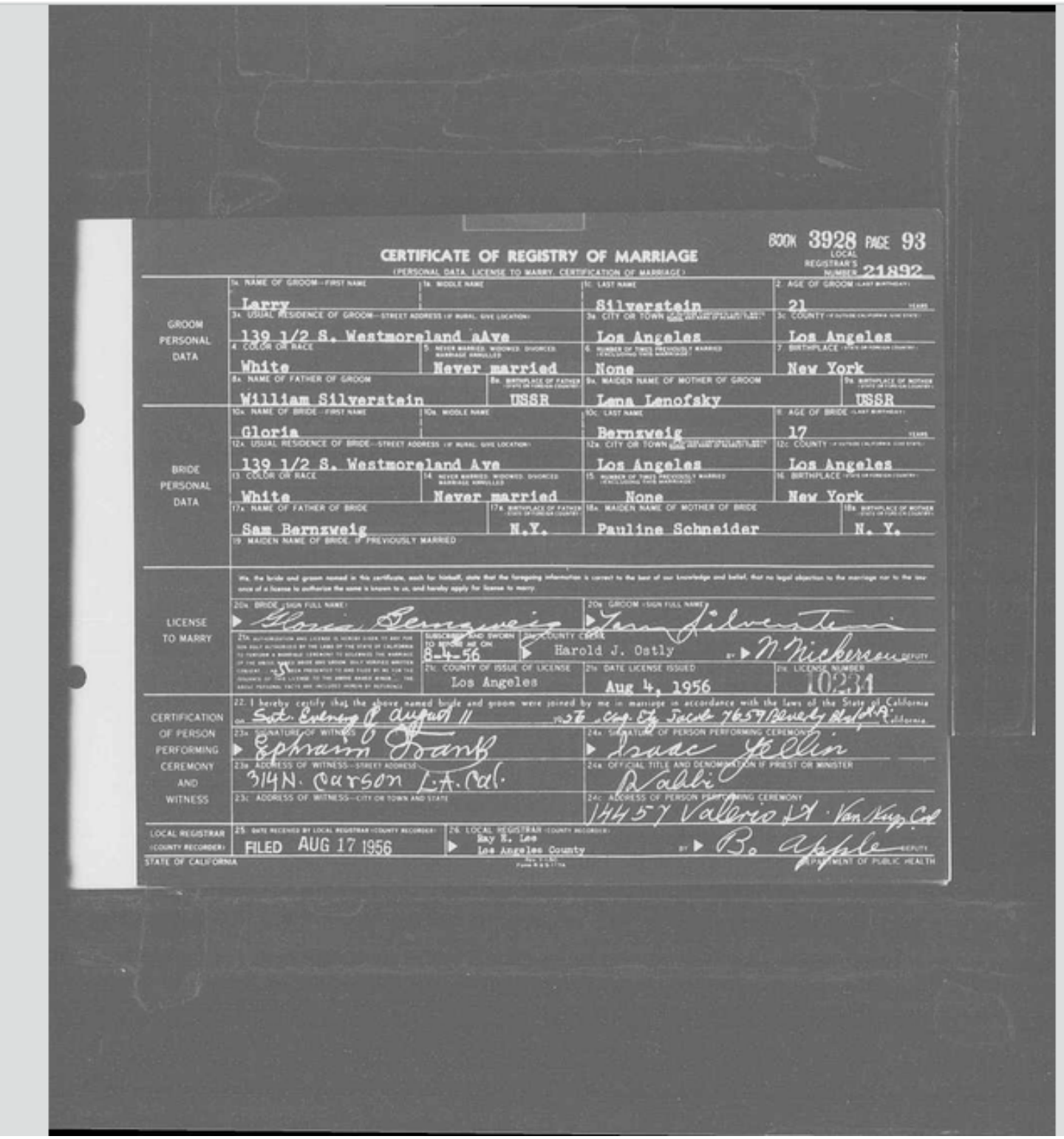


Probable identification as Bernice and Norton Unger. Photograph bears October 28, 1946. The originality of the woman’s facial appearance is uncertain; identities also need confirmation.

Photo 45 — Marriage records

Larry Silverstein and Gloria Bernzweig — August 11, 1956

Original certificate supplied by Bill



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LOCAL REGISTRAR'S NUMBER 21892

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY OF MARRIAGE

(PERSONAL DATA, LICENSE TO MARRY, CERTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE)

GROOM PERSONAL DATA

1a. NAME OF GROOM—FIRST NAME: Larry	1b. MIDDLE NAME:	1c. LAST NAME: Silverstein	2. AGE OF GROOM (LAST BIRTHDAY): 21 YEARS
3a. USUAL RESIDENCE OF GROOM—STREET ADDRESS (IF RURAL, GIVE LOCATION): 139 1/2 S. Westmoreland aAve		3b. CITY OR TOWN: Los Angeles	3c. COUNTY: Los Angeles
4. COLOR OR RACE: White	5. NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED, MARRIAGE ANNULLED: Never married	6. NUMBER OF TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED (EXCLUDING THIS MARRIAGE): None	7. BIRTHPLACE: New York
8a. NAME OF FATHER OF GROOM: William Silverstein	8b. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER: USSR	9a. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF GROOM: Lena Lenofsky	9b. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER: USSR

BRIDE PERSONAL DATA

10a. NAME OF BRIDE—FIRST NAME: Gloria	10b. MIDDLE NAME:	10c. LAST NAME: Bernzweig	11. AGE OF BRIDE (LAST BIRTHDAY): 17 YEARS
12a. USUAL RESIDENCE OF BRIDE—STREET ADDRESS (IF RURAL, GIVE LOCATION): 139 1/2 S. Westmoreland Ave		12b. CITY OR TOWN: Los Angeles	12c. COUNTY: Los Angeles
13. COLOR OR RACE: White	14. NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED, MARRIAGE ANNULLED: Never married	15. NUMBER OF TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED (EXCLUDING THIS MARRIAGE): None	16. BIRTHPLACE: New York
17a. NAME OF FATHER OF BRIDE: Sam Bernzweig	17b. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER: N.Y.	18a. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF BRIDE: Pauline Schneider	18b. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER: N. Y.

19. MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED

LICENSE TO MARRY

We, the bride and groom named in this certificate, each for himself, state that the foregoing information is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief, that no legal objection to the marriage nor to the issuance of a license to authorize the same is known to us, and hereby apply for license to marry.

20a. BRIDE (SIGN FULL NAME): Gloria Bernzweig		20b. GROOM (SIGN FULL NAME): Larry Silverstein	
21a. AUTHORIZATION AND LICENSE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ANY PERSON DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY TO SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM. DULY VERIFIED WRITTEN CONSENT ... THE ABOVE PERSONAL FACTS ARE INCLUDED HEREIN BY REFERENCE	SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON: 8-4-56	21b. COUNTY CLERK: Harold J. Ostly	BY: N. Nickerson DEPUTY
	21c. COUNTY OF ISSUE OF LICENSE: Los Angeles	21d. DATE LICENSE ISSUED: Aug 4, 1956	21e. LICENSE NUMBER: 10234

CERTIFICATION OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY AND WITNESS

22. I hereby certify that the above named bride and groom were joined by me in marriage in accordance with the laws of the State of California on Sat. Evening of August 11 1956 Cong. Ctr. Jacob 7659 Beverly Blvd. L.A. California

23a. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: Ephraim Frank	24a. SIGNATURE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY: Isaac Yellin
23b. ADDRESS OF WITNESS—STREET ADDRESS: 314 N. Carson L.A. Cal.	24b. OFFICIAL TITLE AND DENOMINATION IF PRIEST OR MINISTER: Rabbi
23c. ADDRESS OF WITNESS—CITY OR TOWN AND STATE	24c. ADDRESS OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY: 14457 Valerio St. Van Nuys Cal

LOCAL REGISTRAR (COUNTY RECORDER)

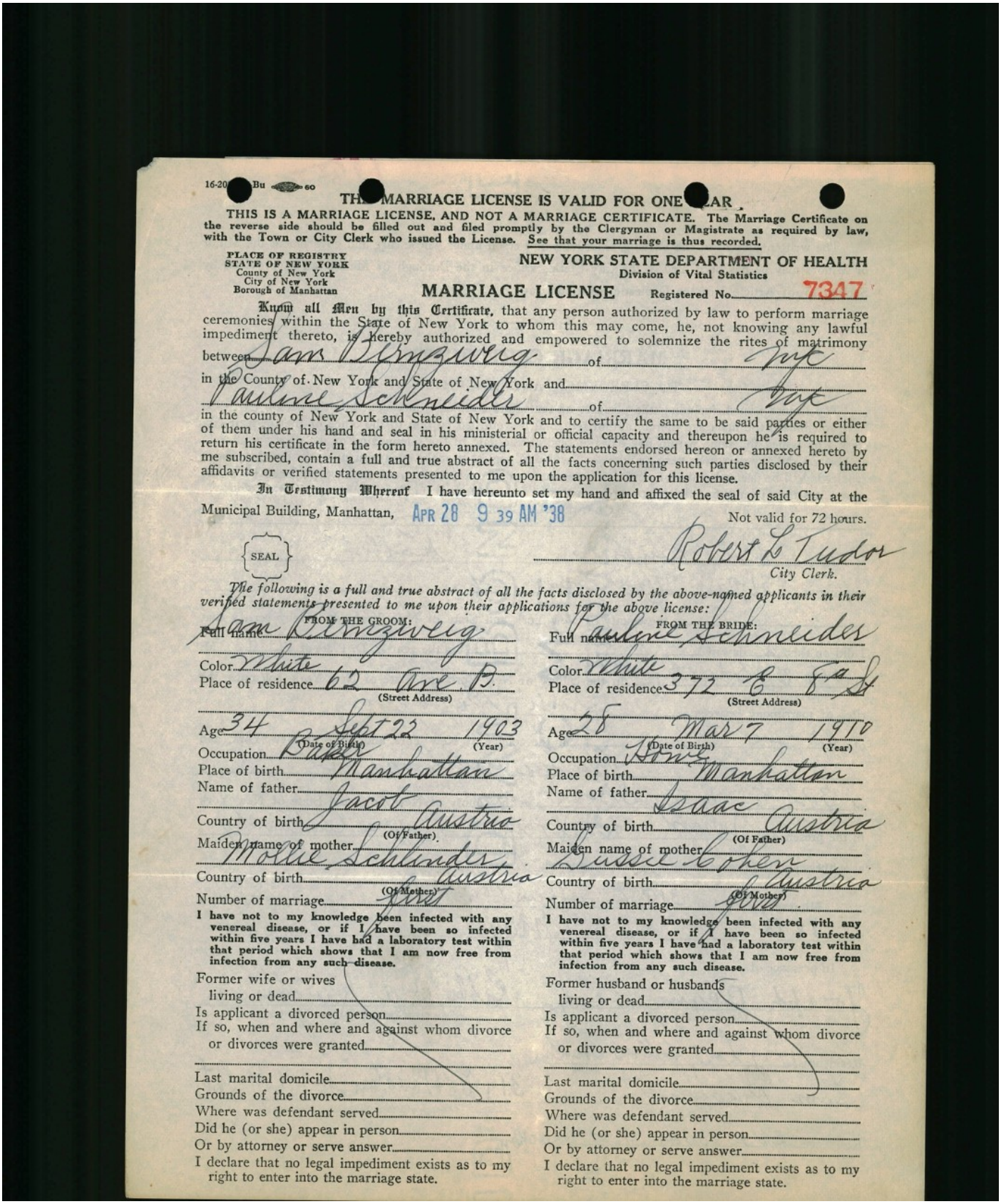
25. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (COUNTY RECORDER): FILED AUG 17 1956	26. LOCAL REGISTRAR (COUNTY RECORDER): Ray E. Lee, Los Angeles County — BY: B. Apple DEPUTY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA — DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Photo 45 — Marriage records

Sam Bernzweig and Pauline Schneider — original page 1 of 4

New York marriage-license file 7347 — marriage May 18, 1938



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THE MARRIAGE LICENSE IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR.

THIS IS A MARRIAGE LICENSE, AND NOT A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE. The Marriage Certificate on the reverse side should be filled out and filed promptly by the Clergyman or Magistrate as required by law, with the Town or City Clerk who issued the License. See that your marriage is thus recorded.

PLACE OF REGISTRY
STATE OF NEW YORK
County of New York
City of New York
Borough of Manhattan

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Vital Statistics

MARRIAGE LICENSE Registered No. 7347

Know all Men by this Certificate, that any person authorized by law to perform marriage ceremonies within the State of New York to whom this may come, he, not knowing any lawful impediment thereto, is hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize the rites of matrimony between Sam Bernzweig of Nyc in the County of New York and State of New York and Pauline Schneider of Nyc in the county of New York and State of New York and to certify the same to be said parties or either of them under his hand and seal in his ministerial or official capacity and thereupon he is required to return his certificate in the form hereto annexed. The statements endorsed hereon or annexed hereto by me subscribed, contain a full and true abstract of all the facts concerning such parties disclosed by their affidavits or verified statements presented to me upon the application for this license.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City at the Municipal Building, Manhattan, APR 28 9 39 AM '38

Not valid for 72 hours.

SEAL

Robert L. Tudor
City Clerk.

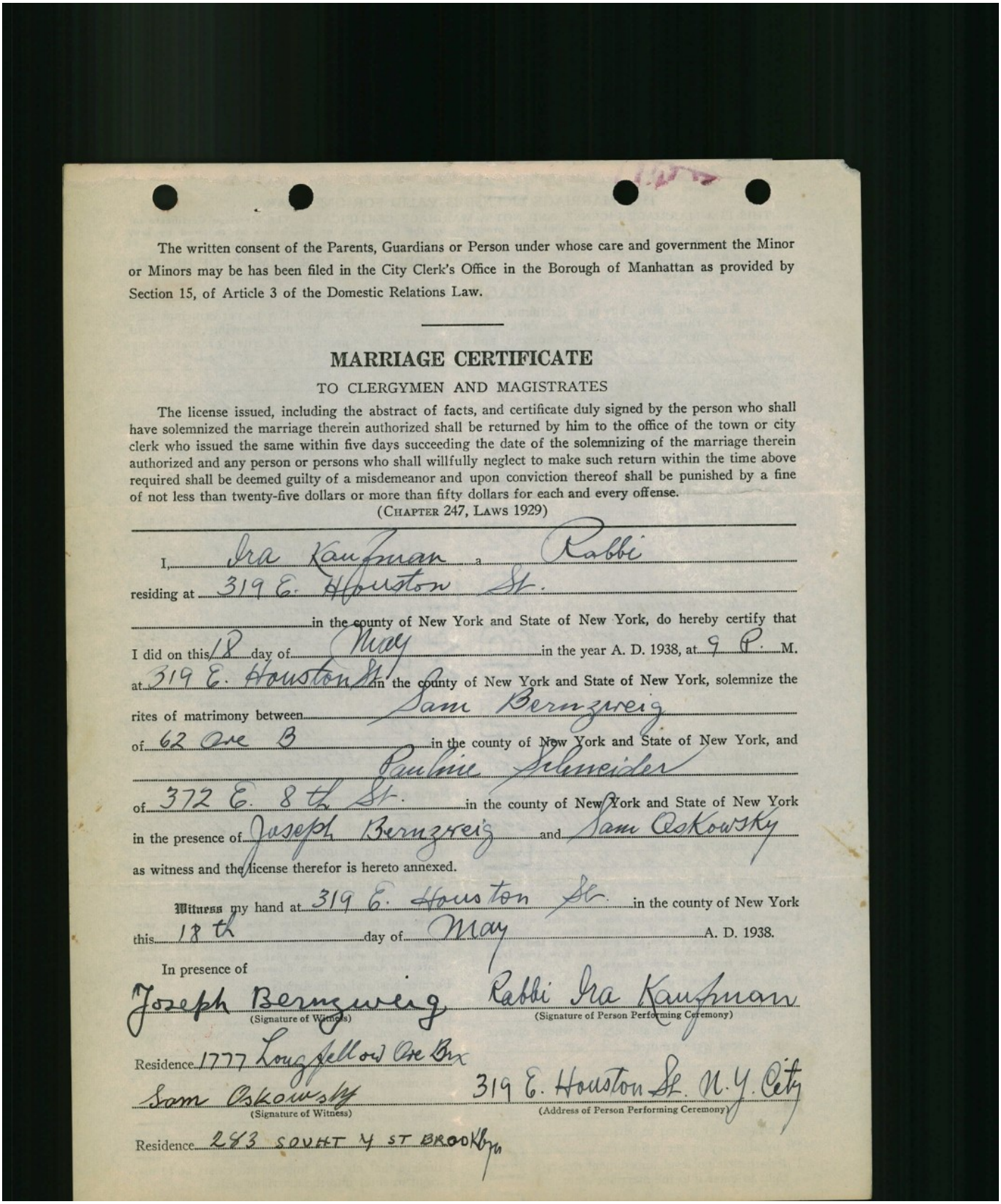
The following is a full and true abstract of all the facts disclosed by the above-named applicants in their verified statements presented to me upon their applications for the above license:

FROM THE GROOM:	FROM THE BRIDE:
Full name: Sam Bernzweig	Full name: Pauline Schneider
Color: White	Color: White
Place of residence: 62 Ave. D. (Street Address)	Place of residence: 372 6 St (Street Address)
Age: 34 (Date of Birth) Sept 22 (Year) 1903	Age: 26 (Date of Birth) Mar 7 (Year) 1910
Occupation: Baker	Occupation: Home
Place of birth: Manhattan	Place of birth: Manhattan
Name of father: Jacob	Name of father: Isaac
Country of birth: Austria (Of Father)	Country of birth: Austria (Of Father)
Maiden name of mother: Mollie Schneider	Maiden name of mother: Dudee Cohen
Country of birth: Austria (Of Mother)	Country of birth: Austria (Of Mother)
Number of marriage: 1st	Number of marriage: 1st
I have not to my knowledge been infected with any venereal disease, or if I have been so infected within five years I have had a laboratory test within that period which shows that I am now free from infection from any such disease.	**I have not to my knowledge been infected with any venereal disease, or if I have been so infected within five years I have had a laboratory test within that period which shows that I am now free from infection from any such disease.**
Former wife or wives living or dead:	Former husband or husbands living or dead:
Is applicant a divorced person:	Is applicant a divorced person:
If so, when and where and against whom divorce or divorces were granted:	If so, when and where and against whom divorce or divorces were granted:
Last marital domicile:	Last marital domicile:
Grounds of the divorce:	Grounds of the divorce:
Where was defendant served:	Where was defendant served:
Did he (or she) appear in person:	Did he (or she) appear in person:
Or by attorney or serve answer:	Or by attorney or serve answer:
I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage state.	I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage state.

Photo 45 — Marriage records

Sam Bernzweig and Pauline Schneider — original page 2 of 4

New York marriage-license file 7347 — marriage May 18, 1938



The written consent of the Parents, Guardians or Person under whose care and government the Minor or Minors may be has been filed in the City Clerk's Office in the Borough of Manhattan as provided by Section 15, of Article 3 of the Domestic Relations Law.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

TO CLERGYMEN AND MAGISTRATES

The license issued, including the abstract of facts, and certificate duly signed by the person who shall have solemnized the marriage therein authorized shall be returned by him to the office of the town or city clerk who issued the same within five days succeeding the date of the solemnizing of the marriage therein authorized and any person or persons who shall willfully neglect to make such return within the time above required shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than fifty dollars for each and every offense.

(CHAPTER 247, LAWS 1929)

I, Ira Kaufman a Rabbi

residing at 319 E. Houston St.

in the county of New York and State of New York, do hereby certify that I did on this 18 day of May in the year A. D. 1938, at 9 P. M. at 319 E. Houston St. in the county of New York and State of New York, solemnize the rites of matrimony between Sam Bernzweig

of 62 Ave B in the county of New York and State of New York, and Pauline Schneider

of 372 E. 8th St. in the county of New York and State of New York

in the presence of Joseph Bernzweig and Sam Askowsky

as witness and the license therefor is hereto annexed.

Witness my hand at 319 E. Houston St. in the county of New York

this 18th day of May A. D. 1938.

In presence of

Joseph Bernzweig (Signature of Witness)

Rabbi Ira Kaufman (Signature of Person Performing Ceremony)

Residence 1777 Longfellow Ave Bx

Sam Askowsky (Signature of Witness)

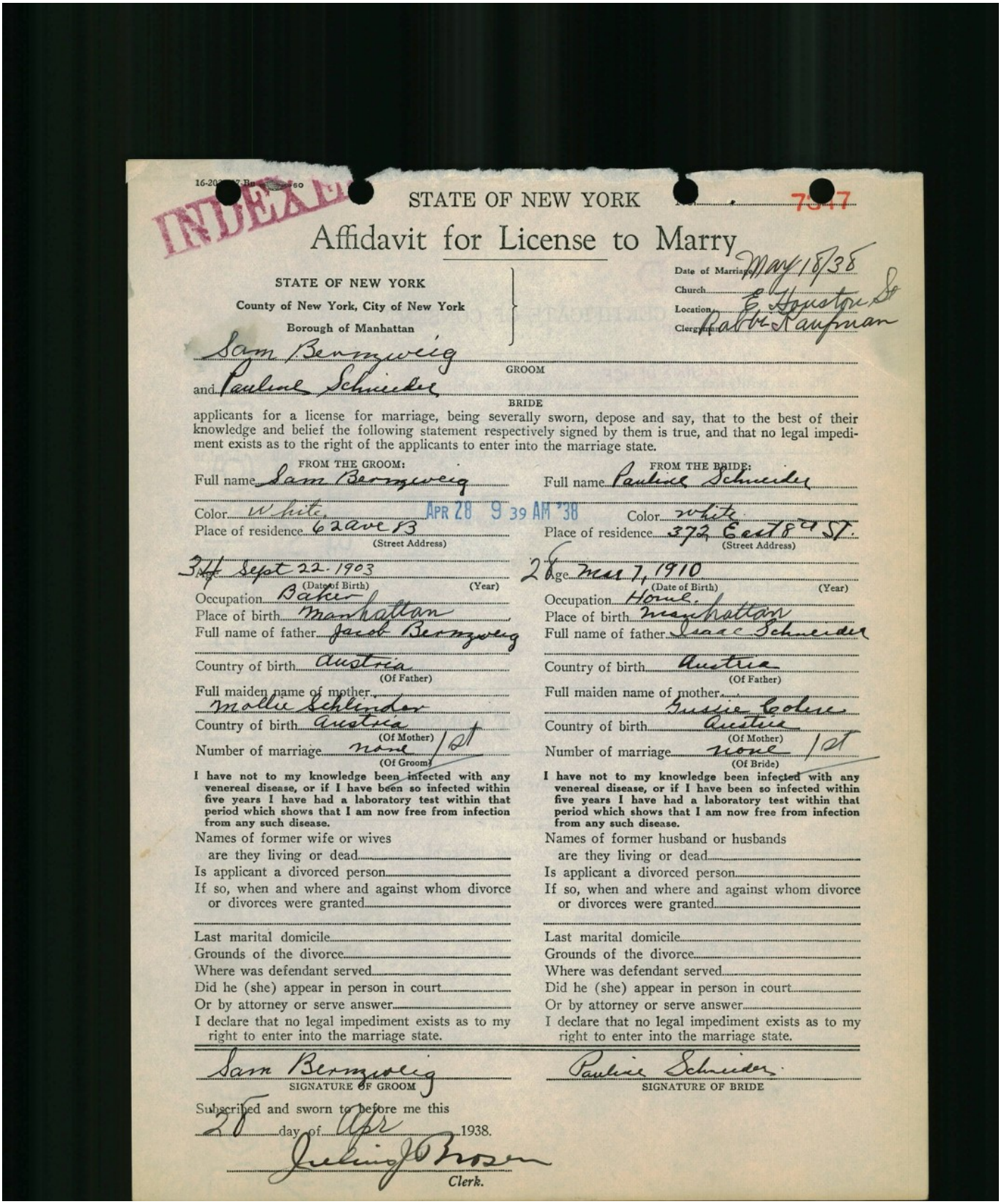
319 E. Houston St. N.Y. City (Address of Person Performing Ceremony)

Residence 283 SOUTH 4 ST BROOKlyn

Photo 45 — Marriage records

Sam Bernzweig and Pauline Schneider — original page 3 of 4

New York marriage-license file 7347 — marriage May 18, 1938



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STATE OF NEW YORK No. 7347

Affidavit for License to Marry

Date of Marriage May 18/38
Church
Location 6 Houston St
Clergyman Rabbi Kaufman

STATE OF NEW YORK
County of New York, City of New York
Borough of Manhattan

Sam Bernzweig GROOM
and Pauline Schneider BRIDE

applicants for a license for marriage, being severally sworn, depose and say, that to the best of their knowledge and belief the following statement respectively signed by them is true, and that no legal impediment exists as to the right of the applicants to enter into the marriage state.

FROM THE GROOM:	FROM THE BRIDE:
Full name Sam Bernzweig	Full name Pauline Schneider
Color White APR 28 '39 AM '38	Color white
Place of residence 62 ave B (Street Address)	Place of residence 372 East 8 St. (Street Address)
Age 35 Sept 22. 1903 (Date of Birth) (Year)	Age 28 Mar 7, 1910 (Date of Birth) (Year)
Occupation Baker	Occupation Home.
Place of birth Manhattan	Place of birth Manhattan
Full name of father Jacob Bernzweig	Full name of father Isaac Schneider
Country of birth Austria (Of Father)	Country of birth Austria (Of Father)
Full maiden name of mother Mollie Schlenker	Full maiden name of mother Gussie Cohen
Country of birth Austria (Of Mother)	Country of birth Austria (Of Mother)
Number of marriage None (Of Groom) 1st	Number of marriage None (Of Bride) 1st

I have not to my knowledge been infected with any venereal disease, or if I have been so infected within five years I have had a laboratory test within that period which shows that I am now free from infection from any such disease.

Names of former wife or wives are they living or dead	Names of former husband or husbands are they living or dead
Is applicant a divorced person	Is applicant a divorced person
If so, when and where and against whom divorce or divorces were granted	If so, when and where and against whom divorce or divorces were granted
Last marital domicile	Last marital domicile
Grounds of the divorce	Grounds of the divorce
Where was defendant served	Where was defendant served
Did he (she) appear in person in court	Did he (she) appear in person in court
Or by attorney or serve answer	Or by attorney or serve answer
I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage state.	I declare that no legal impediment exists as to my right to enter into the marriage state.

Sam Bernzweig SIGNATURE OF GROOM

Pauline Schneider SIGNATURE OF BRIDE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of Apr 1938.

Julius J. Rosen Clerk.

Photo 45 — Marriage records

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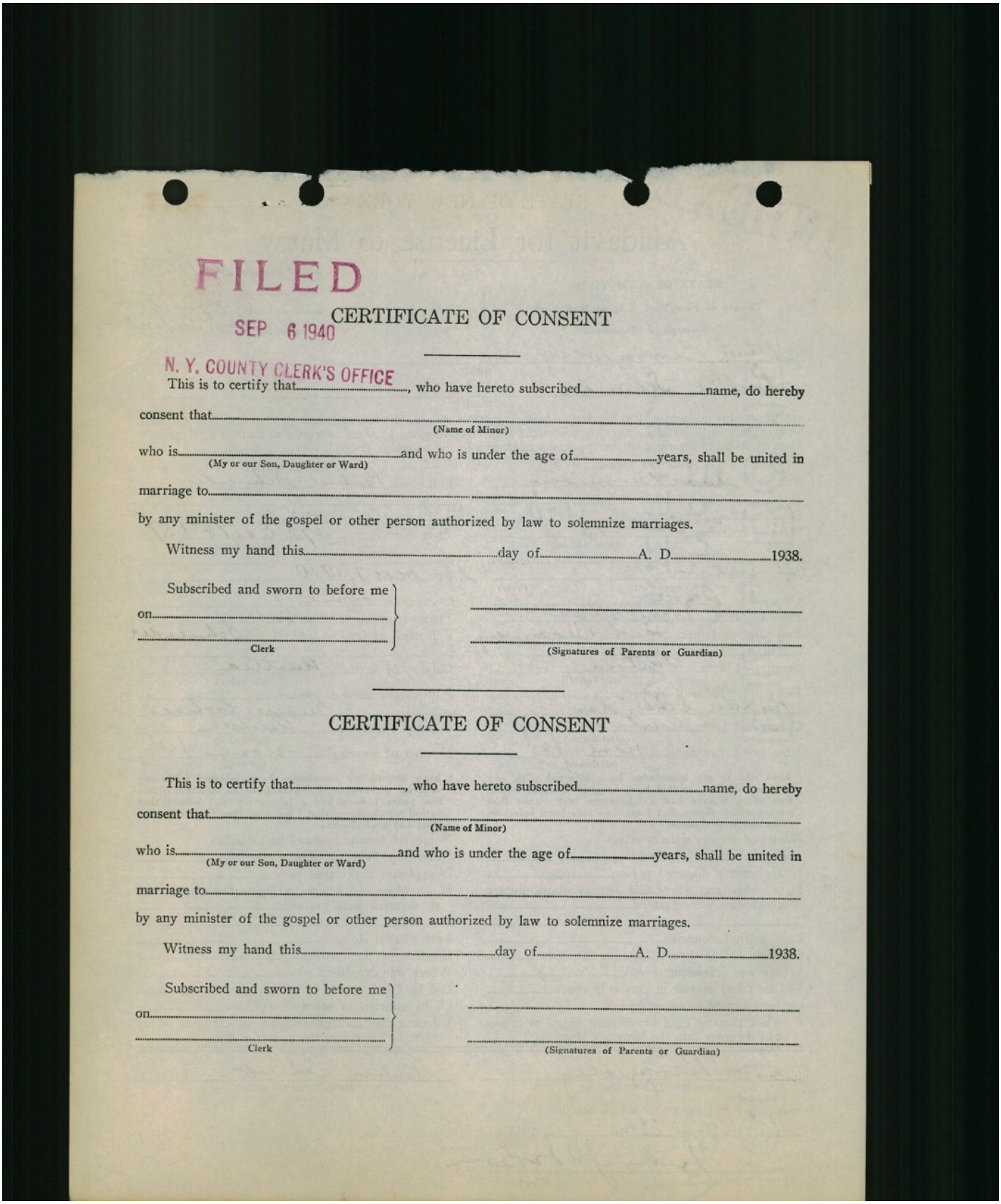

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N. Y. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT

This is to certify that....., who have hereto subscribed.....name, do hereby consent that.....
(Name of Minor)
who is.....and who is under the age of.....years, shall be united in marriage to.....
(My or our Son, Daughter or Ward)
by any minister of the gospel or other person authorized by law to solemnize marriages.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....A. D.....1938.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on.....
.....
Clerk

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(Signatures of Parents or Guardian)

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Photo 46

Eight-person round-table family photograph



Full original email attachment preserved with the earlier crop. Nine people appear; individual identities remain unresolved.

Photo 47

Family banquet — identifications from Caren’s notes



Identifications from Caren’s notes: 4th person — Sandra Silver Reimer; 5th — Miriam “Mimi” Silver Dubin; 6th — Bernice Silver Unger; 7th — Kate/Katya Cypress Silver; 8th — David “Dave” Silver; 9th — probably Harry Silverstein. Grace, believed to be Grace Davidow, is at the left head of the table. Family-source identifications; individual positions are not independently confirmed.

Photo 48

Open canonical slot

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Photo 49

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Photo 50

September 11, 2001 — the World Trade Center before, during and after the attacks



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Photo 50 - companion photograph

Before the attacks — the Twin Towers, March 2001



Photo 50 - companion photograph

September 11, 2001 — fireball as Flight 175 strikes the South Tower



Photo 50 - companion photograph

After the attacks — Ground Zero, September 25, 2001



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Photo 54

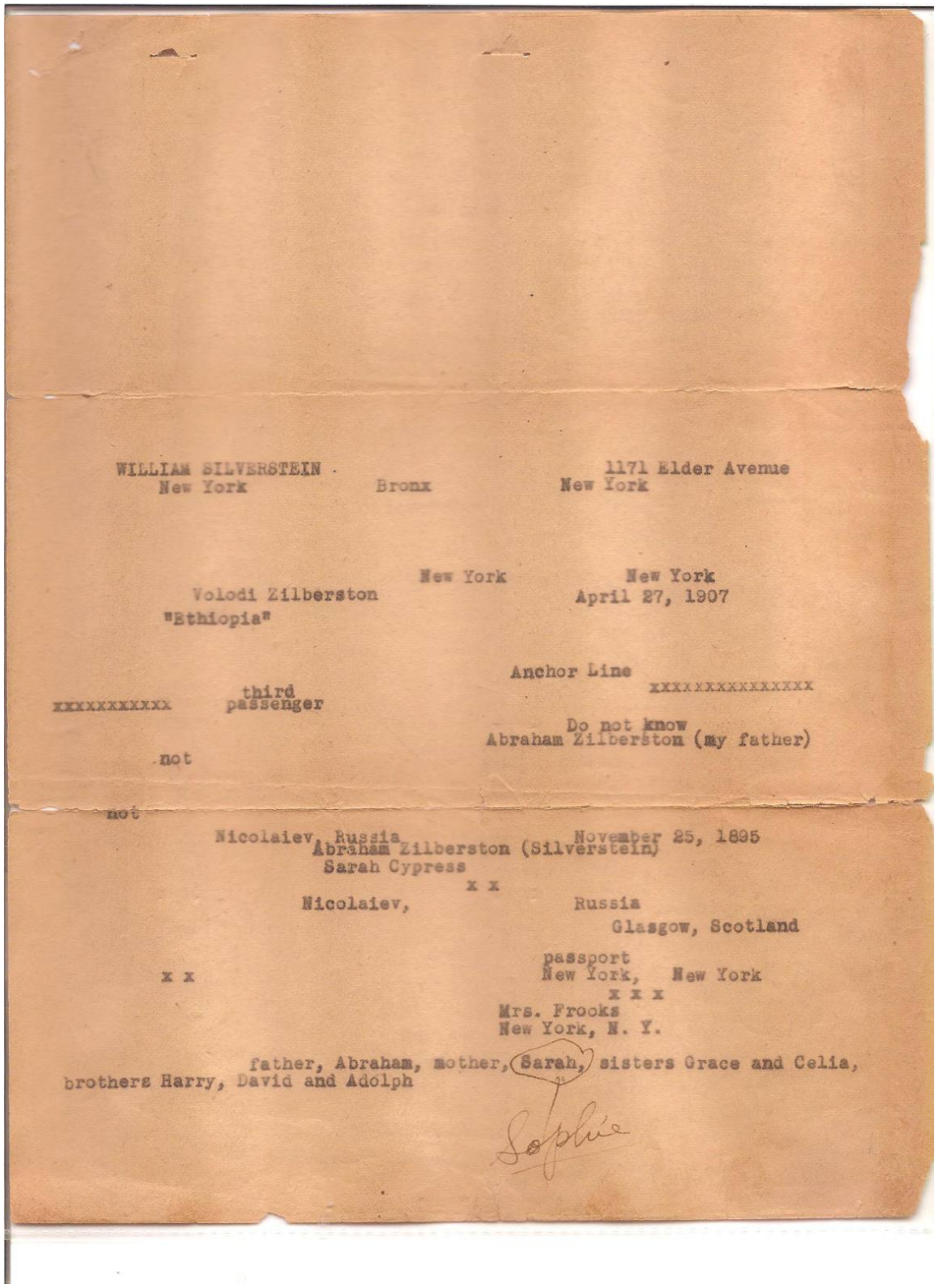
Caren Unger and Howie Weinstein wedding — December 22, 1968



Wedding of Caren Unger and Howie Weinstein, December 22, 1968. The bride’s parents, Norton Unger and Bernice Silver Unger, are on the left of the bride; Caren and Howie are in the middle; Caren’s sister is on the right in pink. The sister is probably Cheryl Unger; that identification remains unconfirmed.

Photo 55

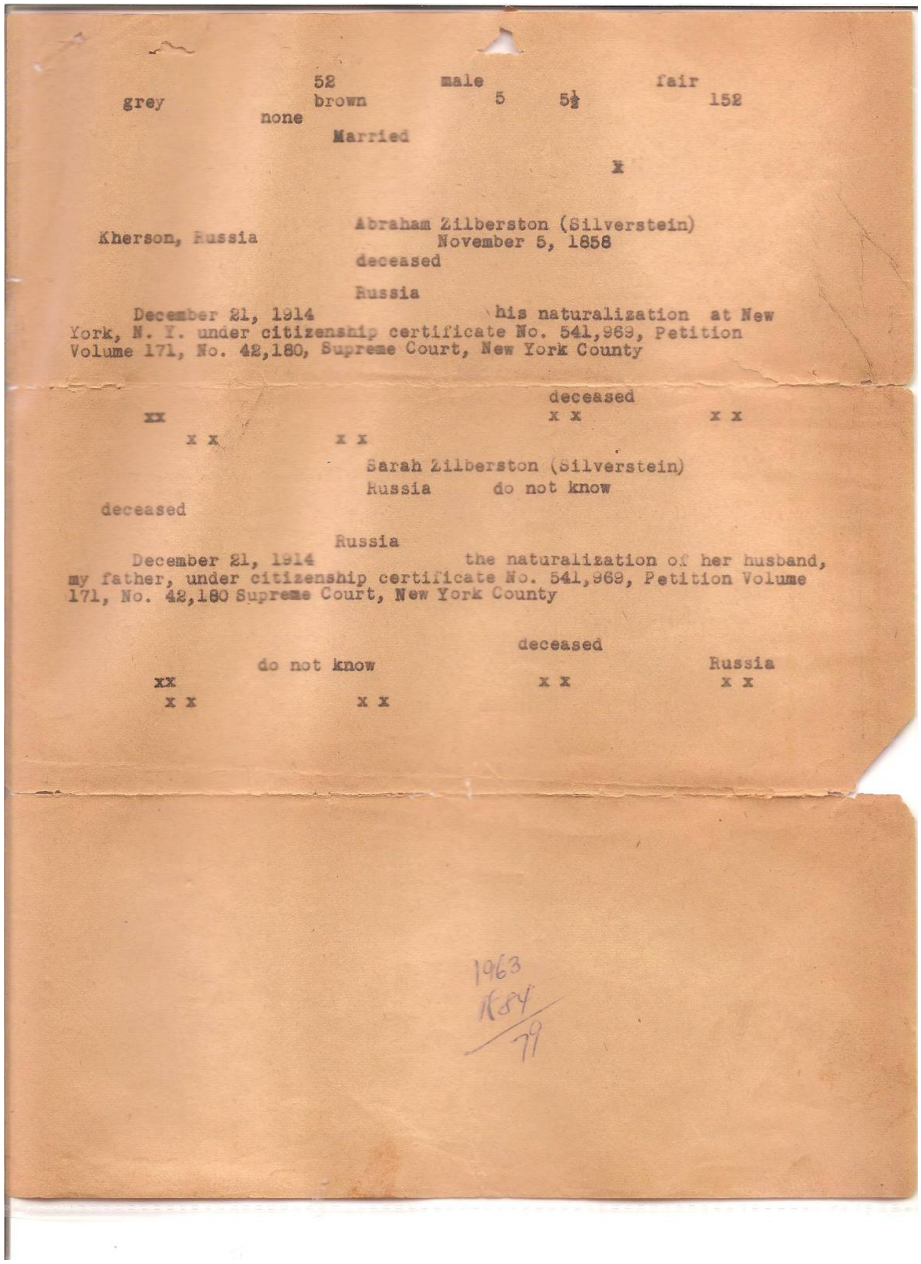
William Silverstein — typewritten family and immigration information sheet



Conflicting records: The typed Sarah is circled and corrected by hand to Sophie. The sheet’s 1885 birth year conflicts with the profile date; neither claim has been silently substituted.

Photo 56

Abraham Zilberston (Silverstein) and Sarah Zilberston (Silverstein) — Naturalization Record



52 male fair
grey brown 5 5½ 152
none
Married

x

Kherson, Russia Abraham Zilberston (Silverstein)
November 5, 1858
deceased

Russia

December 21, 1914 his naturalization at New York, N. Y. under citizenship certificate No. 541,969, Petition Volume 171, No. 42,180, Supreme Court, New York County

deceased
xx x x x x
x x x x

Sarah Zilberston (Silverstein)
Russia do not know
deceased

Russia

December 21, 1914 the naturalization of her husband, my father, under citizenship certificate No. 541,969, Petition Volume 171, No. 42,180 Supreme Court, New York County

deceased
do not know Russia
xx x x x x
x x x x

1963
K84
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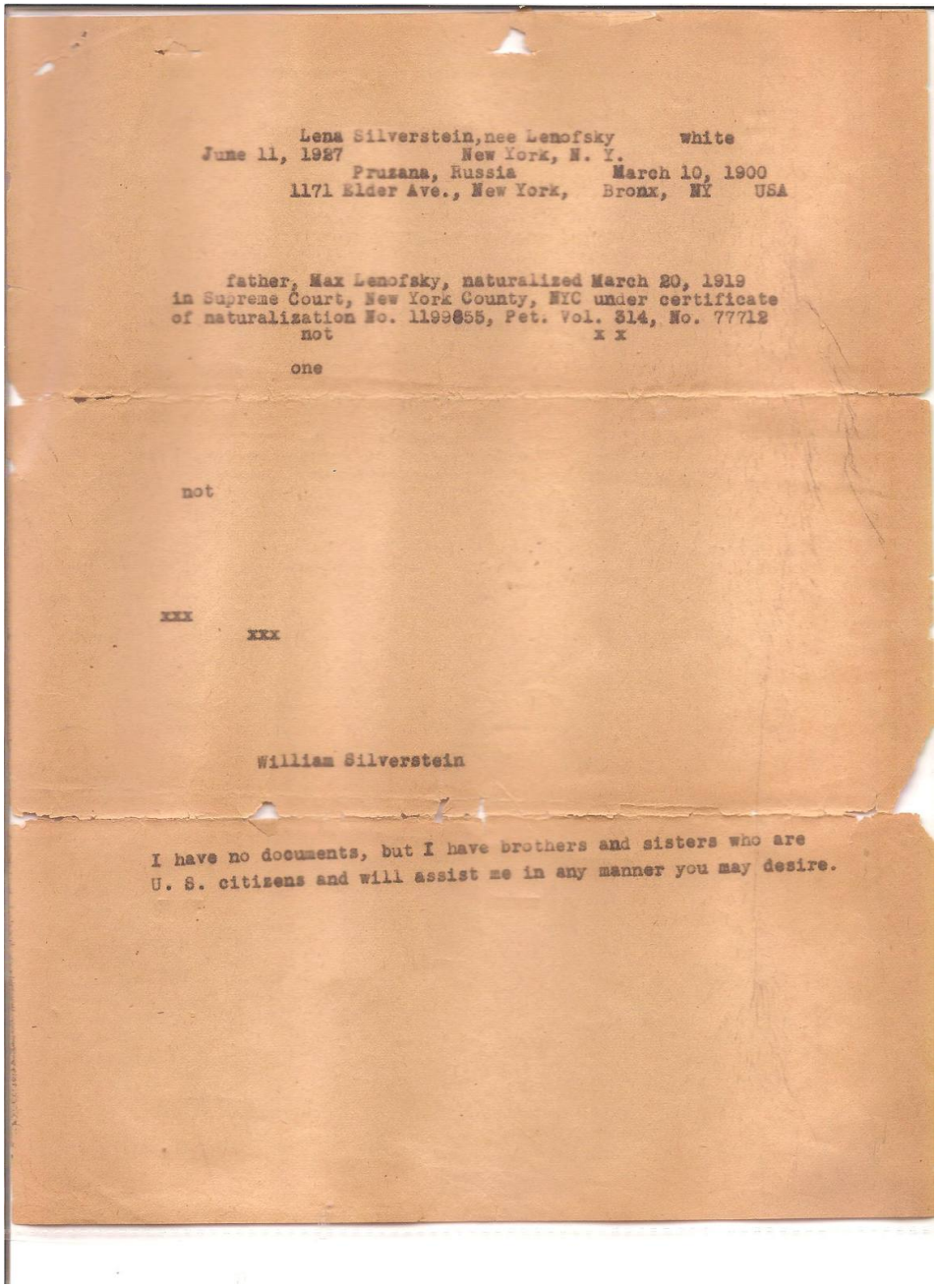
Identity caution: The typed name Sarah does not establish that Sarah and Sophie are the same person.

Photo 57

Lena Silverstein, née Lenofsky — Family and Immigration Record



Lena Silverstein, nee Lenofsky white
June 11, 1927 New York, N. Y.
Pruzana, Russia March 10, 1900
1171 Elder Ave., New York, Bronx, NY USA

father, Max Lenofsky, naturalized March 20, 1919
in Supreme Court, New York County, NYC under certificate
of naturalization No. 1199855, Pet. Vol. 314, No. 77712
not x x
one

not

xxx
xxx

William Silverstein

I have no documents, but I have brothers and sisters who are
U. S. citizens and will assist me in any manner you may desire.

Photo 58

David J. Dubin and Miriam “Mimi” Silver Dubin — two gravestone photographs



Photo 58 - companion photograph

Second tombstone: upright monument for David and Miriam “Mimi” Dubin. We do not know why there are two tombstones.



Photo 59

Reserved space

Reserved space - intentionally blank.

Reserved space after combining the two gravestone photographs under #58.

Photo 60

Family group photograph — Larry A. Silverstein, Klara/Clara, Sharon and family



Gloria and Larry Silverstein are seated at the front left; Artie and Marsha Silverstein are above them. Bill also identifies Larry A. Silverstein, Klara (Clara / Etta) Apat Silverstein and Sharon, and recalls the standing couple as Robert Dubin’s parents, David J. and Miriam “Mimi” Silver Dubin. The precise original confirmation of the standing couple and Sharon has not yet been located. Circa 1966 remains approximate.

Photo 61

Cake-cutting celebration — identities and date pending



Identities, event and date remain pending.

Photo 62

Other cake-cutting photograph — replacement pending

Image not available.

Bill identified the previous image as a duplicate of #61 on October 16, 2026. The distinct cake-cutting photograph has not yet been recovered.

Photo 63

Sheila Goldberg and Doug Francis — family photograph



Sheila Goldberg and Doug Francis were married.

Photo 64

Empty canonical slot

Image not available.

No current entry.

Photo 65

Rose and Louis Frucks/Fruchs family — 1892 Hamburg departure-list excerpt

e her full Hebrew name was Ester or Ete Rukhla). Louis and Rose trav
ı: 12-year-old Maria ("Mary"), 7-year-old Joseph, 6-year-old Samuel, 5-
"), and 11-month-old Moses ("Morris Richard"). The family's previous
.essa, Russia [now in Ukraine], and their destination was New York.



Photo 66

Reserved position

Image not available.

Photo 67

Open canonical slot

Image not available.

Intentionally open; no genuine image assigned.

Photo 68

Probable parents of Kate Cypress — two vintage portraits



Probably Morris “Moishe” Cypress and Sema/Sarah Silverstein Cypress, Kate Cypress’s parents. The associated envelope reads “Kate Mother Father Pictures”; Bob believed its handwriting was David Silver’s. This supports a probable identification, not proof. Bill recalls receiving the material around March 2019; exact email date unverified. He also reports a photo email dated December 5, 2019; the dates must not be treated as interchangeable.

Photo 69

Envelope provenance — “Kate Mother Father Pictures”

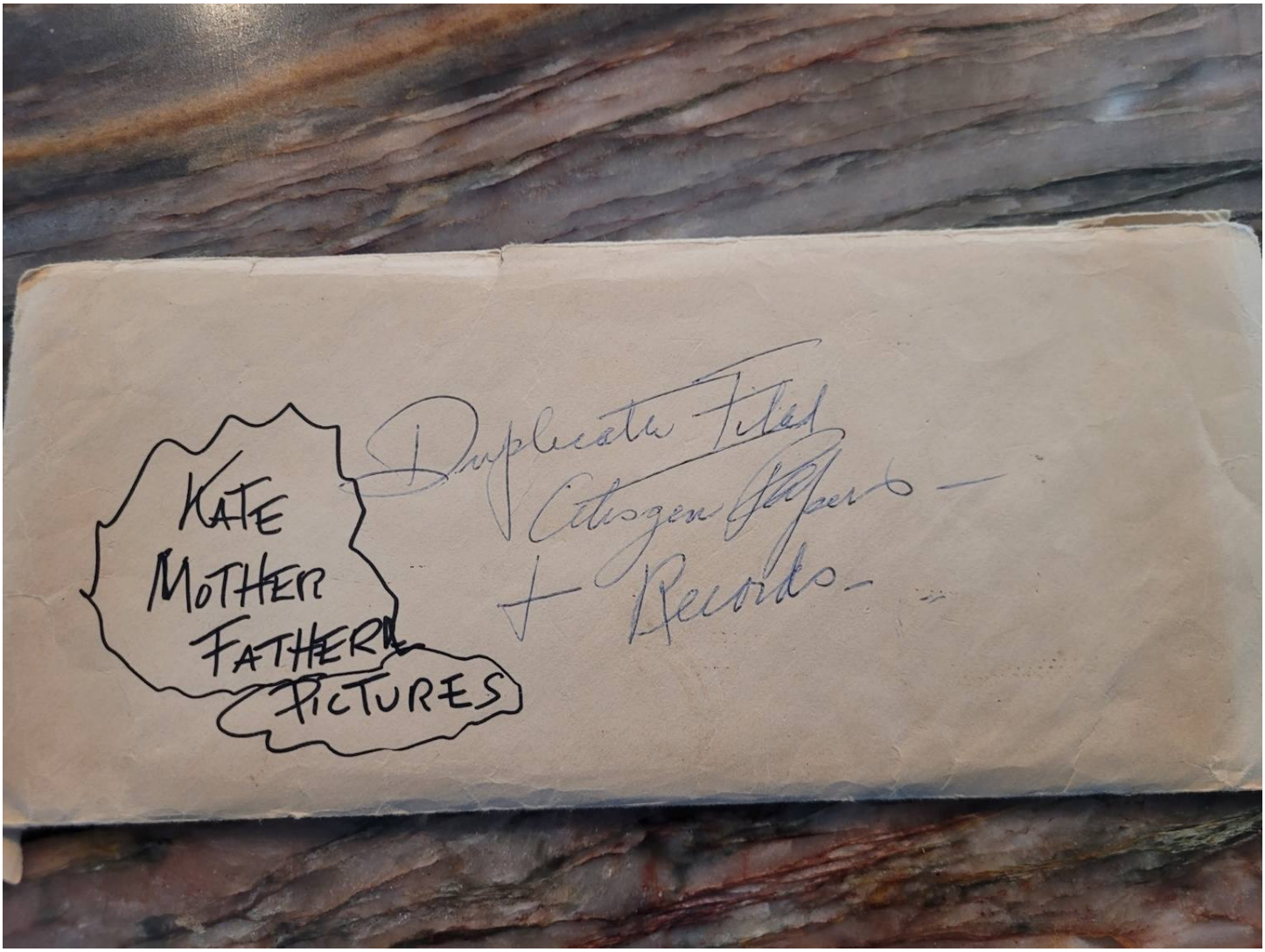
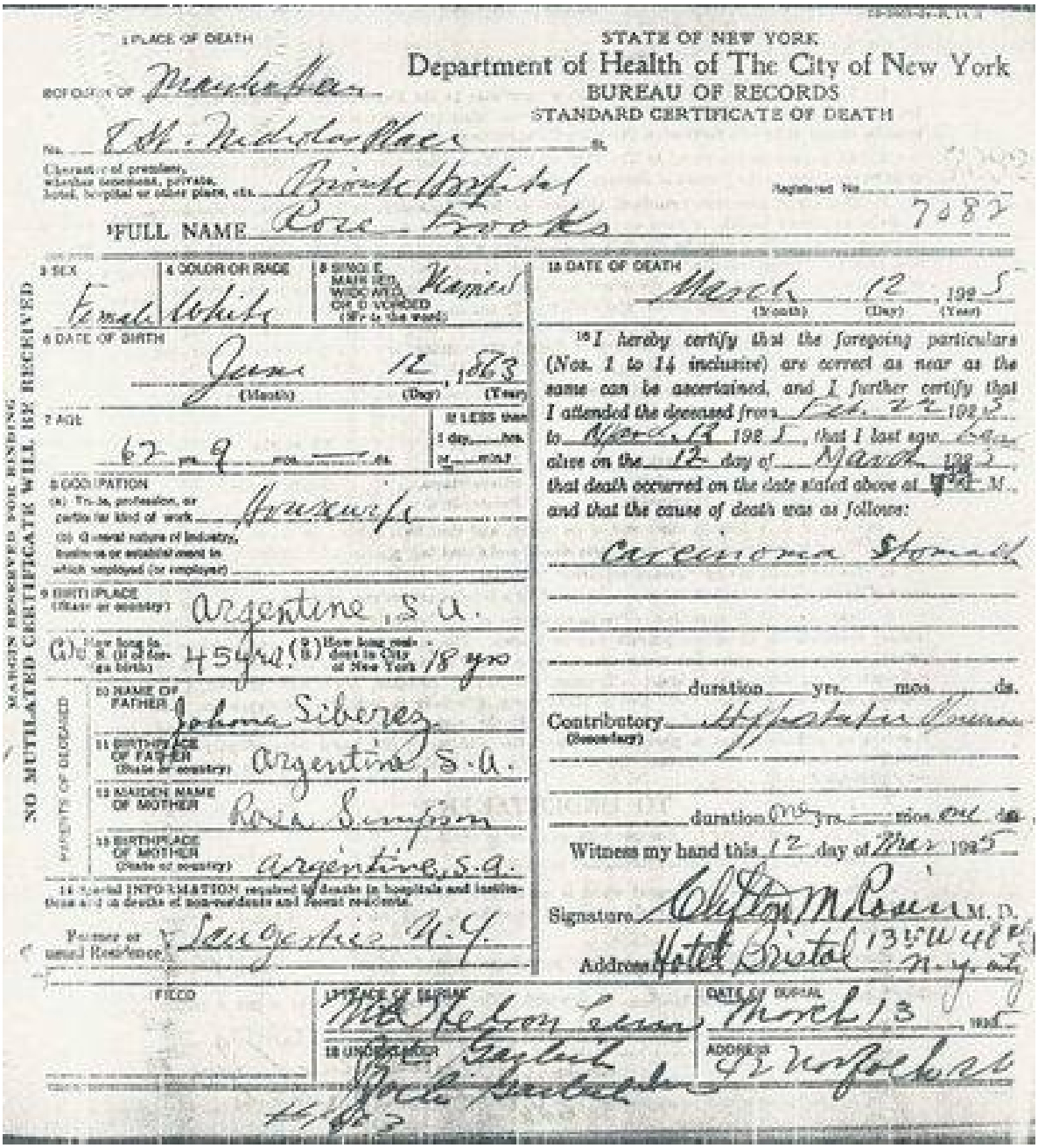


Photo 70

Rose/Rosa Frucks/Frooks — New York death certificate, 1925



STATE OF NEW YORK
Department of Health of The City of New York
BUREAU OF RECORDS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH
BOROUGH OF Manhattan
No. 8 St. Nicholas Place St.
Character of premises, whether tenement, private, hotel, hospital or other place, etc. Private Hospital
Registered No. 7082
2 FULL NAME Rose Frooks
3 SEX Female
4 COLOR OR RACE White
5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Married
6 DATE OF BIRTH June (Month) 12 (Day), 1863 (Year)
7 AGE 62 yrs. 9 mos. — ds.
If LESS than 1 day ___ hrs. or ___ min.?
8 OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Housewife
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Argentine, S.A.
(a) How long in U.S. (if of foreign birth) 45 yrs. (b) How long resident in City of New York 18 yrs
10 NAME OF FATHER Johnna Siberez
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Argentine, S.A.
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Rosa Simpson
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Argentine, S.A.
14 Special INFORMATION required by deaths in hospitals and institutions and in deaths of non-residents and recent residents.
Former or usual Residence Saugerties N.Y.
15 DATE OF DEATH March (Month) 12 (Day), 1925 (Year)
16 I hereby certify that the foregoing particulars (Nos. 1 to 14 inclusive) are correct as near as the same can be ascertained, and I further certify that I attended the deceased from Feb. 22 1925 to March 12 1925, that I last saw her alive on the 12 day of March 1925, that death occurred on the date stated above at 4 P.M., and that the cause of death was as follows:
Carcinoma Stomach
duration ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.
Contributory (Secondary) Hypostatic Pneumonia
duration one yrs. ___ mos. one ds.
Witness my hand this 12 day of Mar 1925
Signature Clifton M Rosen M.D.
Address Hotel Bristol 135 W 48th N.Y. city
MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
NO MUTILATED CERTIFICATE WILL BE RECEIVED
PARENTS OF DECEASED
FEED
17 PLACE OF BURIAL Mt Hebron Lawn
DATE OF BURIAL March 13 1925
18 UNDERTAKER Joe Gaylick
ADDRESS 42 Norfolk St
Joe Gaylick
4/4/23

Conflicting records: Earlier interpretations involving Argentina and the surnames Siberez and Simpson are disputed. Bill's reported birth date of June 12, 1863 implies age 61 years and 9 months at death on March 12, 1925, while the source reports 63. The birth date remains independently unverified.

Photo 71

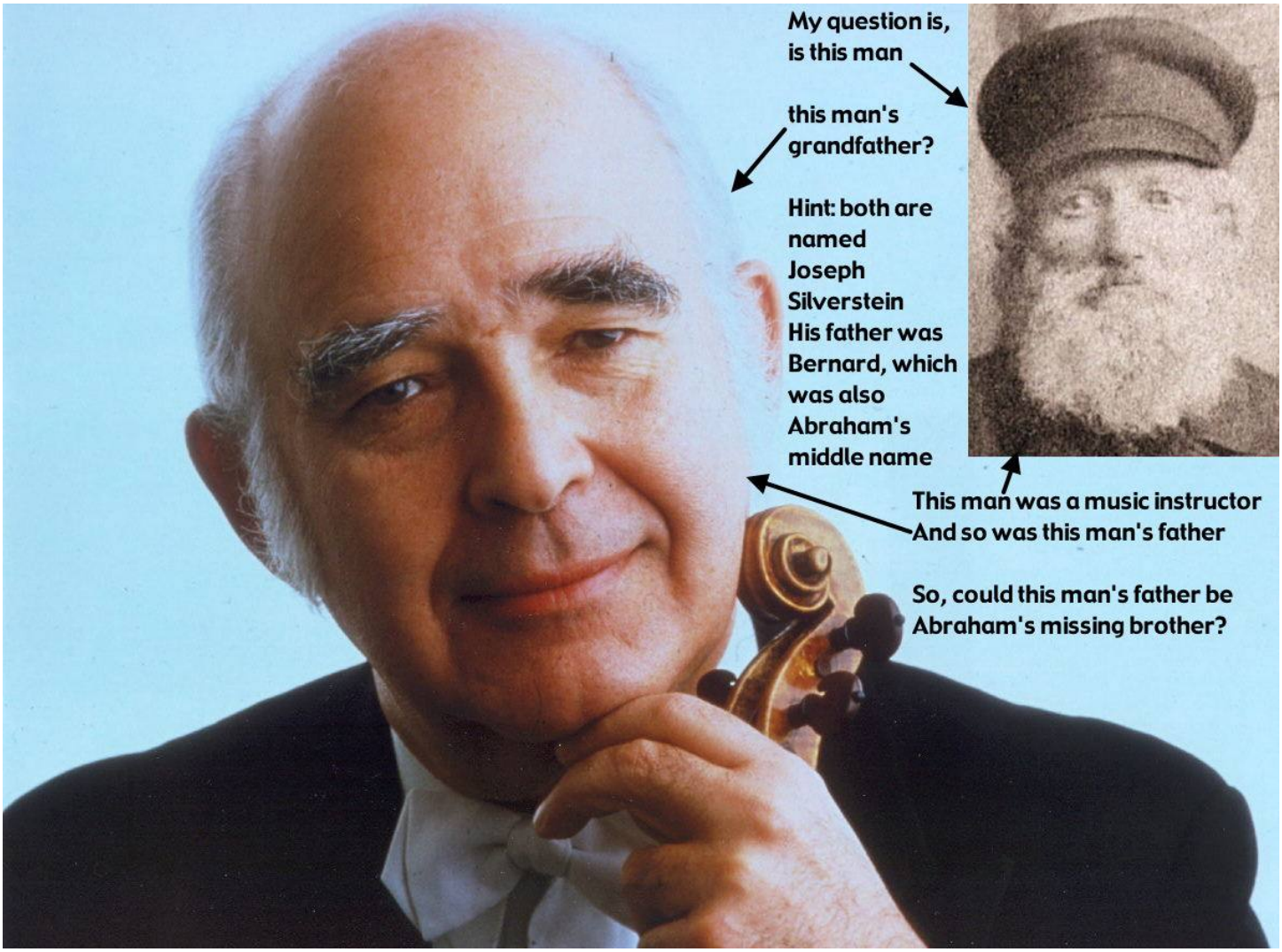
Nine-person family photograph — identities pending



Identities remain to be established.

Photo 72

Joseph Silverstein (1932–2015) — violinist portrait



Joseph Silverstein, violinist (1932–2015). This comparison preserves Bill’s original research question. The proposed identity and family relationship remain unresolved.

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Photo 73

Joseph Silverstein — Elgar Violin Concerto — October 24, 1972

Joseph Silverstein - Elgar Violin Concerto

Boston Symphony Orchestra - Sir Colin Davis

Symphony Hall, Boston - October 24, 1972

Archive No. 57 - concert/video reference

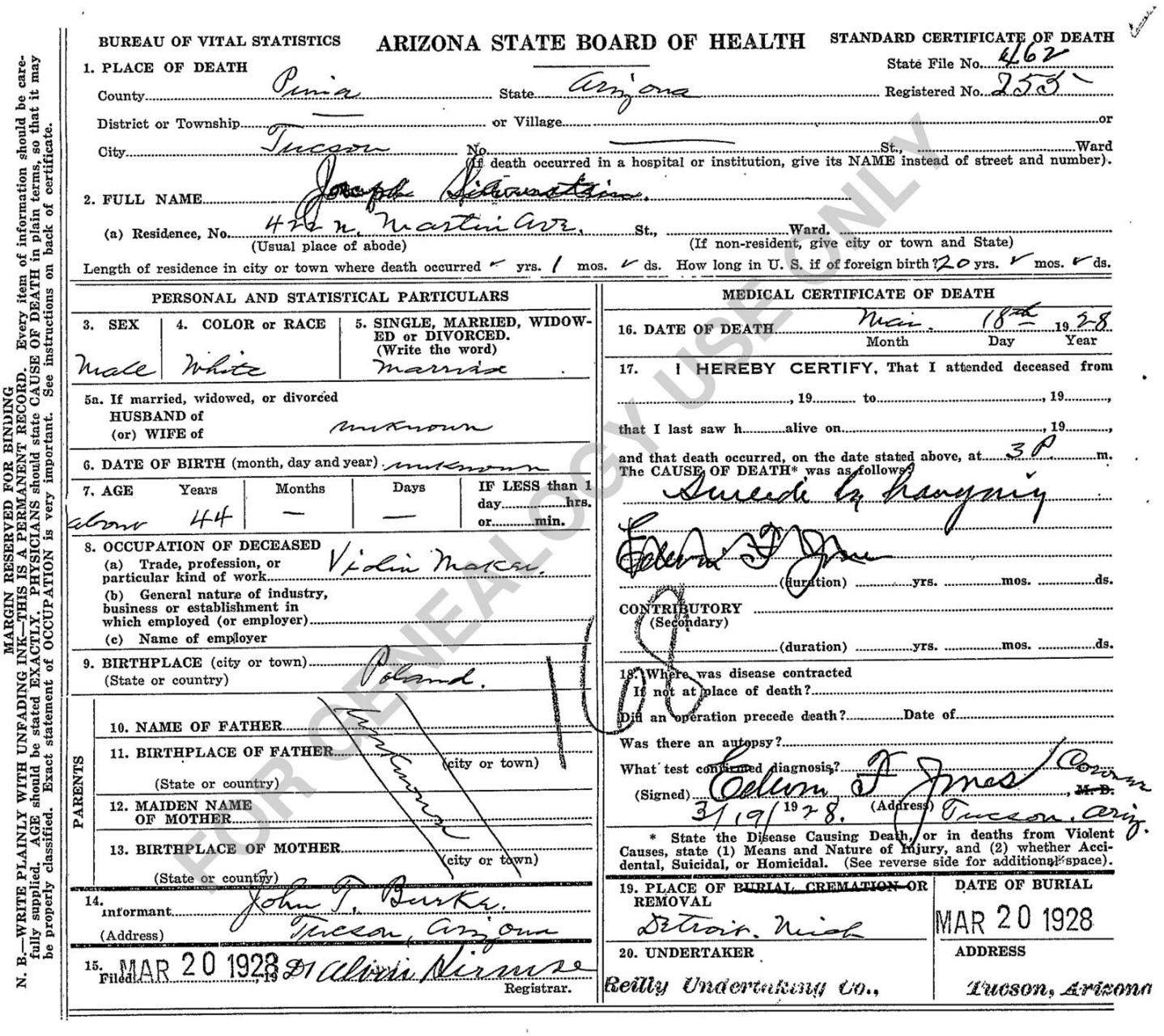
A playable online archival video source has been located.

The original concert video file is not stored in this website package yet.

Archival concert footage: Boston Symphony Orchestra, Sir Colin Davis; Symphony Hall, Boston, October 24, 1972. Whether this video contains the entire concerto has not been verified.

Photo 74

Joseph Silverstein — Arizona death certificate, March 18, 1928



BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS — ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH — STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No. 462

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Pima State Arizona Registered No. 255

District or Township — or Village ... or

City Tucson No. — St., ... Ward

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number).

2. FULL NAME Joseph Silverstein

(a) Residence, No. 422 N. Martin Ave. St., ... Ward.

(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident, give city or town and State)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred ✓ yrs. 1 mos. ✓ ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? 20 yrs. ✓ mos. ✓ ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX: Male

4. COLOR or RACE: White

5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED or DIVORCED. (Write the word): Married

5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of: unknown

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year): unknown

7. AGE: about 44 Years — Months — Days — IF LESS than 1 day ... hrs. or ... min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: Violin Maker

(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)

(c) Name of employer

9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country): Poland.

PARENTS

10. NAME OF FATHER: unknown

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country)

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or country)

14. Informant: John T. Burke. (Address) Tucson, Arizona

15. Filed MAR 20 1928, 19 21 Alvin Hirmse Registrar.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH: Mar. (Month) 18th (Day) 1928 (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from ..., 19... to ..., 19...,

that I last saw h... alive on ..., 19...,

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3 P. m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Suicide by hanging

Edwin F. Jones

(duration) ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)

(duration) ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds.

18. Where was disease contracted

If not at place of death?

Did an operation precede death? Date of

Was there an autopsy?

What test confirmed diagnosis?

(Signed) Edwin F. Jones, Coroner, ~~M. D.~~

3/19/1928. (Address) Tucson, Ariz.

* State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space).

19. PLACE OF ~~BURIAL, CREMATION OR~~ REMOVAL: Detroit, Mich

DATE OF BURIAL: MAR 20 1928

20. UNDERTAKER: Reilly Undertaking Co.,

ADDRESS: Tucson, Arizona

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

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Conflicting records: The certificate gives March 18 and age about 44, while the stone gives March 17 and age 49. Identity as Abraham and Sophie's son remains unproved.

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Photo 75

Joseph Silverstein — gravestone and newspaper article, 1928



Conflicting records: The stone gives March 17, 1928 and age 49; the certificate and cemetery record give March 18, Tucson and age about 44. Website entries of 1884 and Phoenix also disagree. The 1930 census names a living Joseph. These conflicts and identity as Abraham and Sophie’s son remain unresolved.

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Photo 75 - companion photograph

Joseph Silverstein — newspaper report of his death, 1928



VIOLIN MAKER TOOK OWN LIFE SAYS JURY

Joseph Silverstein, violin maker and healthseeker from Detroit, Mich, met death by hanging himself by the neck, a coroner's jury declared yesterday in reporting its findings to Coroner Edwin F. Jones. The inquest over the body of the 44-year-old healthseeker, was held yesterday afternoon. Silverstein hung himself in a garage at the rear of 422 Martin street, where he had been living. The body was found by John T. Burke, owner of the place, within a few minutes after the act had been committed. Despondency was believed to be the cause of the act. It was testified that he had become very despondent following the receipt of a letter from his son, who had stated that he had been married and would no longer be able to support those who had depended upon him.

Photo 76

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Photo 77

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Photo 78

Rose Esther Frucks/Frooks — two Mount Hebron gravestone photographs



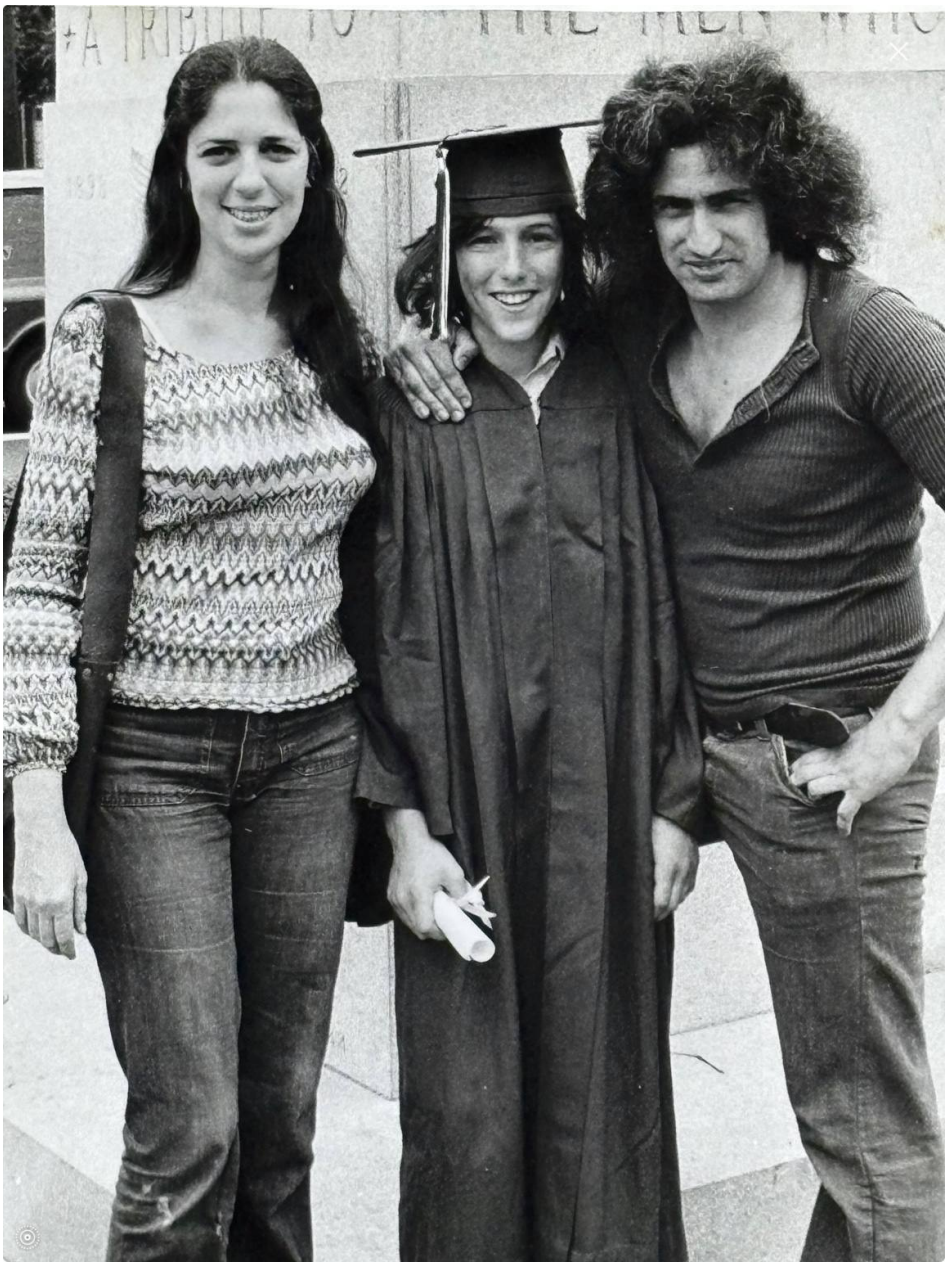
Photo 78 - companion photograph

Rose Esther Frucks/Frooks — Mount Hebron gravestone



Photo 79

William Silverstein at his ninth-grade graduation with his parents, Gloria and Larry Silverstein, 1971



Left to right: Gloria Silverstein, William Silverstein, and Larry Silverstein. Ninth-grade graduation, 1971.

Photo 80

Bill and Jeryl Silverstein — June 30, 2023



Photo 81

Gloria Bernzweig Silverstein — age 15



Photograph taken by Larry Silver Silverstein.

Photo 82

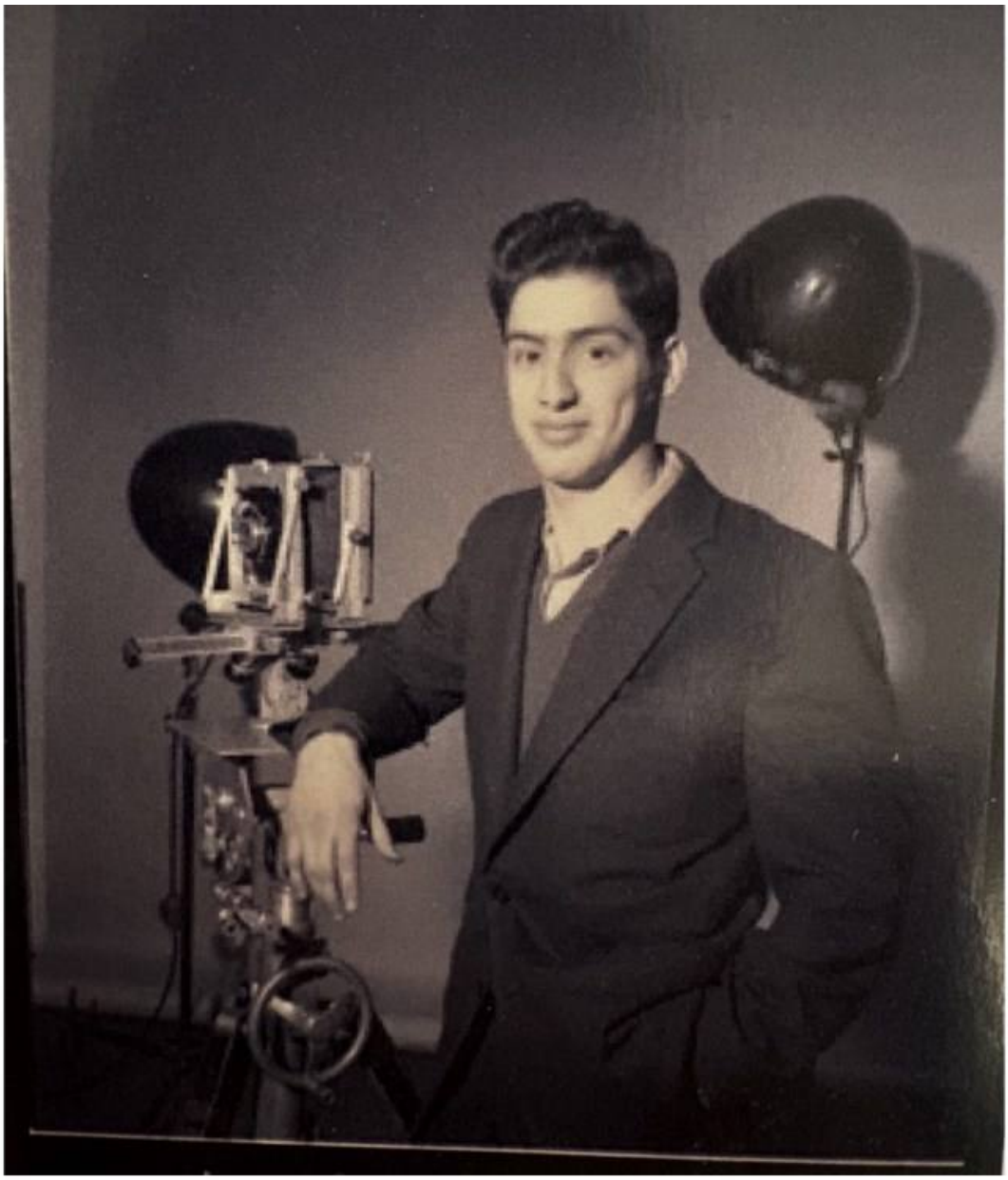
Gloria Bernzweig Silverstein — age 15



Photograph taken by Larry Silver Silverstein.

Photo 83

Larry Silverstein (Larry Silver), born 1934 — Art Center School, Los Angeles, California, 1956



Larry’s Art Center School photograph.

Photo 84

Larry and Gloria Silverstein, circa 1969



Photo 85

Larry, Gloria, Michael, Bill and Bruce Silverstein — Queens, New York, 1972



Photo 86

Larry and Gloria Silverstein — together at a restaurant, circa 2016



Both are looking at the camera. Circa 2016, as identified by Bill; exact date unknown.

Photo 87

Larry Silverstein holding a drink — 2026



Larry and Gloria Silverstein having Mexican food together — 2026. Larry holding a drink.

Photo 88

Gloria Silverstein eating Mexican food with Larry Silverstein — 2026



Larry and Gloria Silverstein having Mexican food together — 2026. Gloria eating.

Photo 89

Margot Silverstein - July 5, 2025



Photo 90

Nathaniel "Nate" Silverstein with Micah - November 2, 2024



Photo 91

Katie Silverstein and Micah Silverstein at a New York Yankees game — April 16, 2026



Identified and dated by Bill.

Photo 92

Birthday celebration at Peter Luger — August 9, 2026 — Katie, Micah and Margot Silverstein



Birthday celebration at Peter Luger — August 9, 2026. Companion family video: #93.

Photo 93

Birthday celebration at Peter Luger — August 9, 2026 — family video

Video - open the website to play.

Birthday celebration at Peter Luger on August 9, 2026. Companion birthday photograph: #92.

Photo 94

Michael Alan Silverstein — two photographs



Michael’s portrait appears first. Below it is Michael at Thanksgiving dinner in November 2025.

Photo 94 - companion photograph

Michael Silverstein at Thanksgiving Dinner — November 2025



Michael Alan Silverstein at Thanksgiving dinner in November 2025. Identified and dated by Bill Silverstein.

Photo 95

Bruce Silverstein and William “Bill” Silverstein — 2025



Photo 96

Silverstein family — Thanksgiving 2025



Thanksgiving 2025. Jeryl, Jean Malone, Nate (behind), Michael, Bill, Bruce, Blake, Katie holding Micah, Larry, and Gloria Silverstein. Listed order does not establish seating order.

Photo 97

Mel Goldberg: ‘I’d do it again’

Bill Morlin · The Spokesman-Review · November 15, 2000

Nine years after he assisted in the shotgun murder of his son-in-law, Morris “Mel” Goldberg told a Spokane courtroom Tuesday he would do it again. “I would do the same thing to protect my granddaughter,” Goldberg said before he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

As part of his rambling anti-government address to the court, Goldberg said his conscience drove him to assist his former wife in stalking and then killing Peter Zeihen on Nov. 18, 1991. Goldberg, 70, also claimed the court wasn’t operating under constitutional law and that he was denied a fair trial. The killer said a martial law U.S. flag was in the courtroom and he was denied an opportunity to supply the jury with a justifiable-homicide instruction.

Goldberg sounded very much like white supremacists who call themselves Phineas Priests and say God’s words in the Old Testament offer justification for their deeds. “He was a baby raper,” Goldberg said of Zeihen.

Zeihen was shot in the head outside a Spokane Valley apartment just a few days before he was to appear in court at a child-custody hearing with his estranged wife, Orinne Goldberg. She has not been charged with involvement in the murder. Police and child welfare investigators said they found no evidence that the couple’s child, then a 2-year-old, had been molested.

Goldberg’s ex-wife, JoAnn Peterson, who awaits trial next March, is accused of firing the shotgun blast that killed Zeihen, while her husband helped plan the murder and drove the getaway car.

The victim’s father, Frank Zeihen, of Chewelah, Wash., told the court that Goldberg had concocted a “garbled lie of child abuse.” “No one in authority would believe him,” Frank Zeihen told the court. “You’ll go to prison,” Zeihen said, addressing Goldberg. “Then you’ll go to hell. The devil is the only friend you will ever have.”

Frank Zeihen’s wife, Chewelah City Councilwoman Jewel Zeihen, reminded the court that Goldberg testified at his trial that he was “judge, jury and executioner” of her son. “He looks like an old goat,” Jewel Zeihen said of Goldberg. “But an old goat is a whole lot better than Mel. Mel is evil.”

Jewel Zeihen talked about earlier attempts on her son’s life. Two weeks before he was murdered, a stalker emptied a .357 handgun at him in a Spokane Valley parking lot after flattening his tires. “Mel needs to be sentenced to jail for the rest of his life,” Jewel Zeihen told the court.

The victim’s sister, Diane Zeihen, told Goldberg he has “been consumed by evil and called it righteousness.” Among the victims, she said, is her niece who now realizes her grandfather murdered her father. “You violently raped their souls, generation after generation,” Diane Zeihen said. “The blood of Peter Zeihen is brightly stained on you forever and ever.”

Family friend Sharon Stillwell told the court that Peter Zeihen was a warm, compassionate father who cared deeply about his daughter, even during a turbulent divorce. His murder, she said, created “a hole in my heart and caused instant pain.” “We haven’t known justice for nine years, minus four days,” Stillwell said.

The case against Goldberg and Peterson was developed after the couple’s son, Theil Goldberg, and daughter, MervEllen Ashby, both of Colorado, contacted Spokane County sheriff’s detectives last year. At that same time, agents of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were investigating JoAnn Peterson for possession of a machine gun at her remote, strawwalled home near Moyie Springs, Idaho. She and her husband both protested actions of federal law enforcement agencies at Ruby Ridge, during the Randy Weaver standoff in 1992.

Goldberg was convicted of aggravated first-degree murder by a Spokane County Superior Court jury Oct. 18. Judge Michael E. Donohue refused to grant a defense motion Tuesday to set aside the jury’s finding that aggravating circumstances existed in the murder. With that finding, the judge had no choice but to sentence Goldberg to life in prison, with no chance of release.

Text supplied by Bill Silverstein, November 11, 2026. Original publication: The Spokesman-Review.

Photo 98

Larry Silver: A Life in Photography



Ten photographs in five chronological groups. Early New York began in 1949; the two selected works are dated 1950 and 1951. Muscle Beach, 1954; Connecticut landscapes, including Jogger, Westport, CT, 1979 (gelatin silver print); Yangzhou, China, family-dated 1996; Water Series, around 2007 as dated by Bill. Individual dates and gallery titles are distinguished from family dating.

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Photo 98 - companion photograph

Early New York — began 1949 — Bronx Subway Station



1950

Photo 98 - companion photograph

Muscle Beach — 1954 — Headstand, Muscle Beach Santa Monica, CA



1954

Photo 98 - companion photograph

Muscle Beach — 1954 — Two Men doing a Handstand, Muscle Beach Santa Monica, CA



1954

Photo 98 - companion photograph

Connecticut landscapes — Jogger, Westport, CT



1979 · Gelatin silver print.

Photo 98 - companion photograph

Connecticut landscapes — Anytime Farm, Fairfield, CT



1982

https://silversteinfamilies.com/archive.html?photo=98

Photo 98 - companion photograph

Yangzhou, China — 1996 — Untitled (Fisherman's Home)



1996 (family dating)

Photo 98 - companion photograph

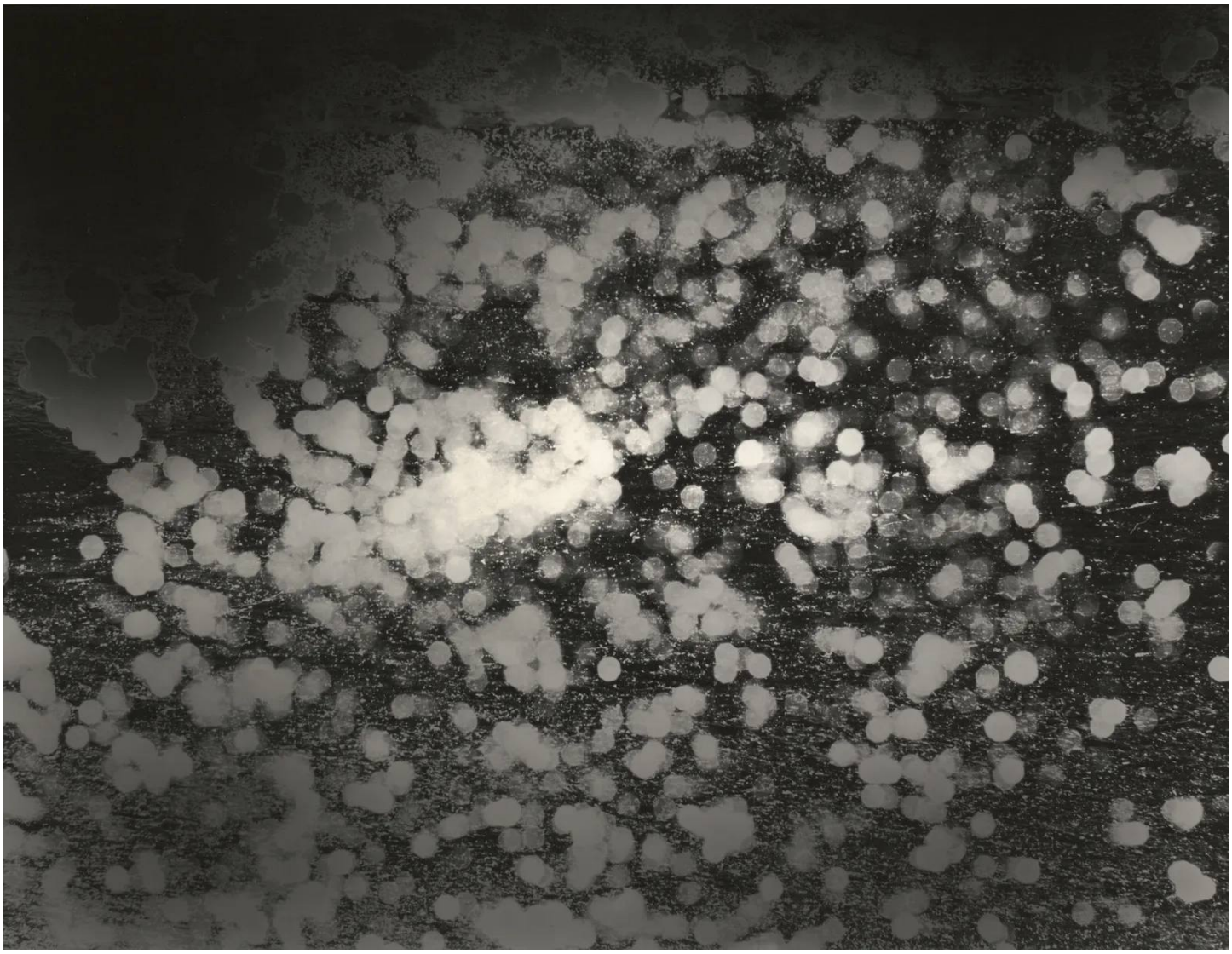
Yangzhou, China — 1996 — Untitled



1996 (family dating)

Photo 98 - companion photograph

Around 2007 — Water Series — Untitled



Around 2007 (family dating)

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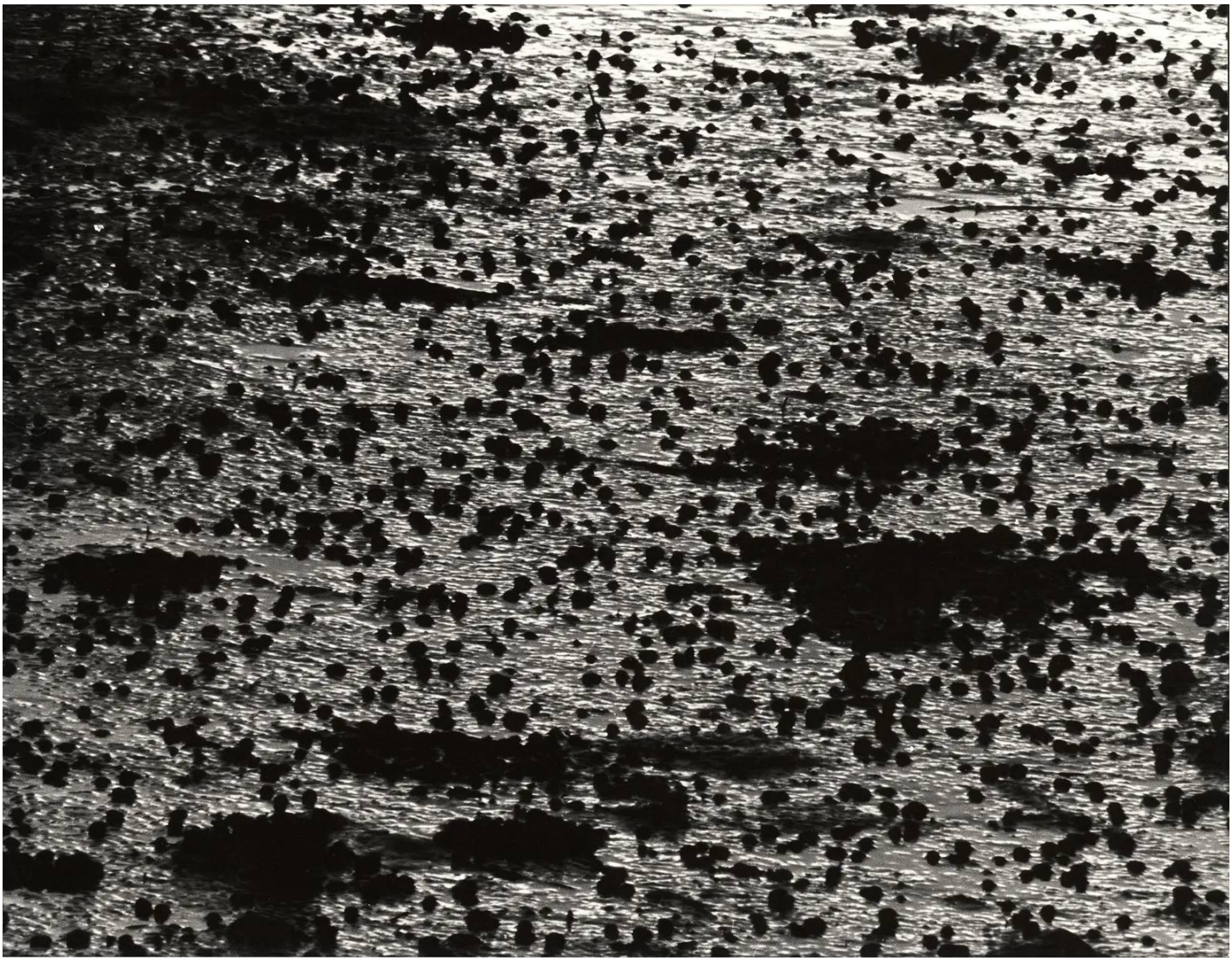
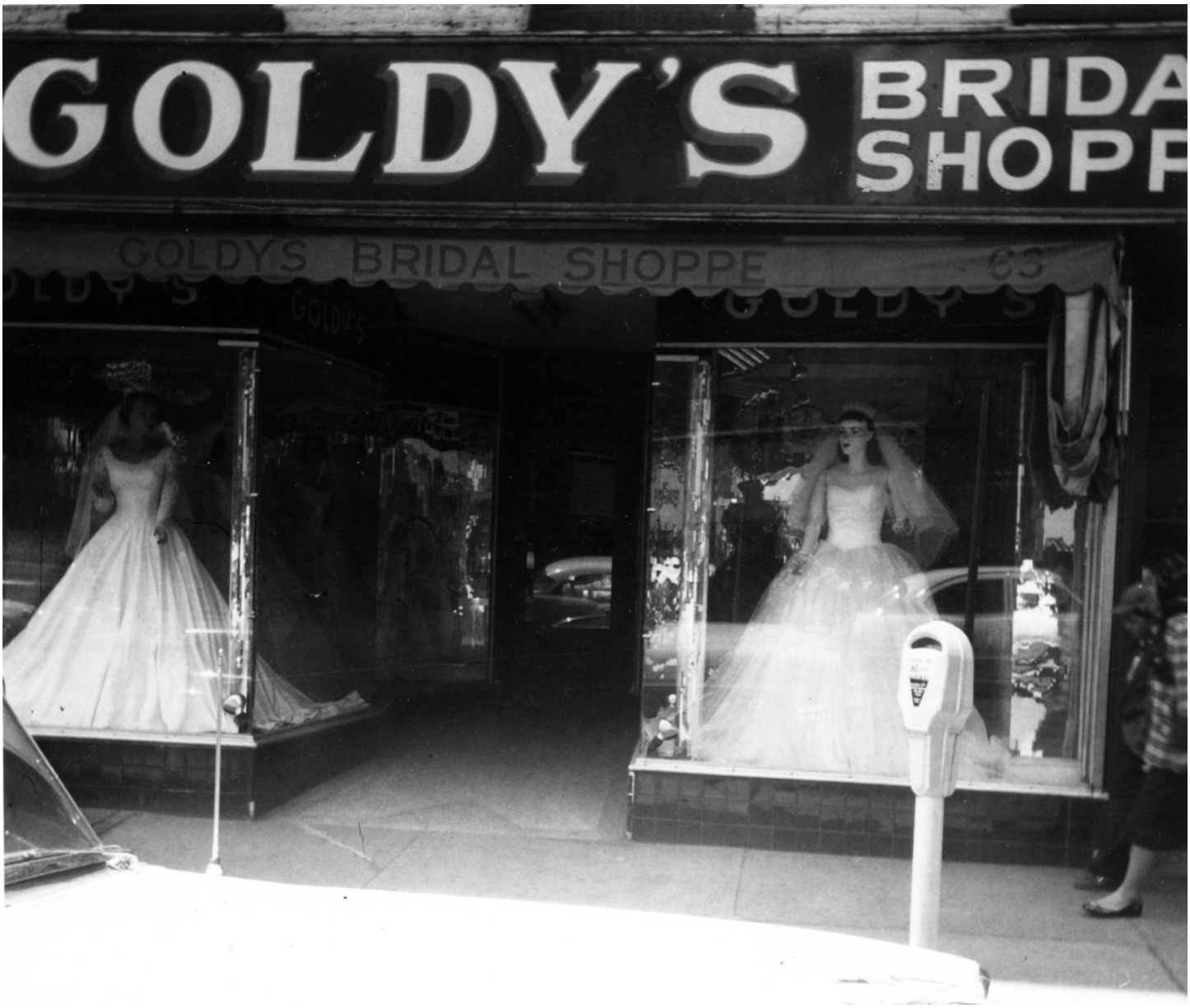
Around 2007 — Water Series — Untitled



Around 2007 (family dating)

Photo 99

Goldy’s Bridal Shoppe — storefront



Shop name visible on the sign. Association with Celia is a family recollection; address and photograph date unverified.