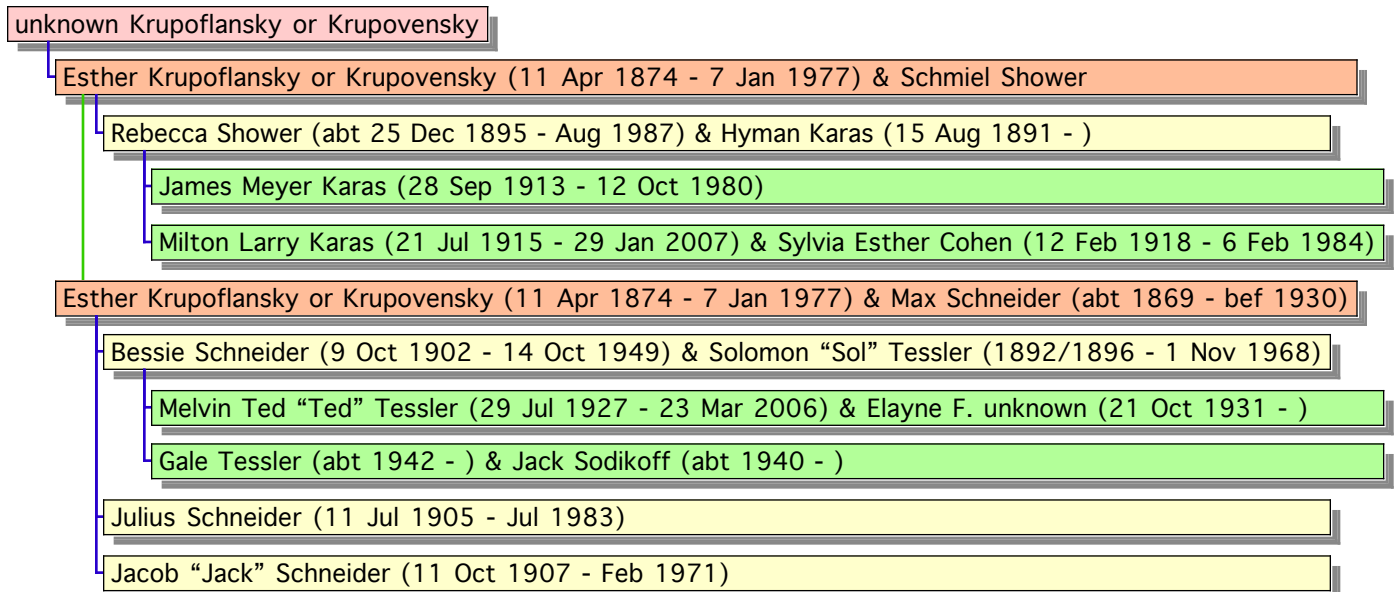
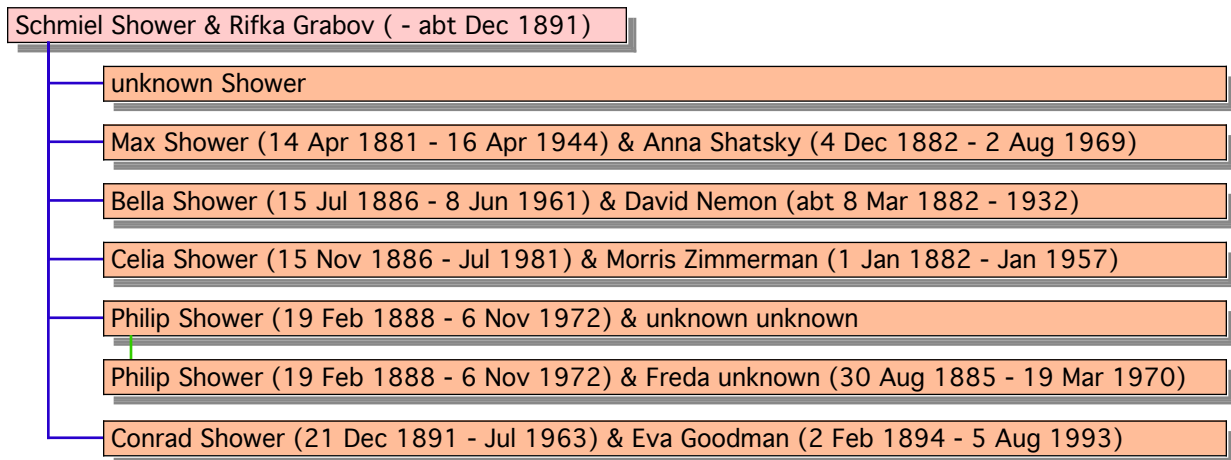


Older Relatives of Max Shower

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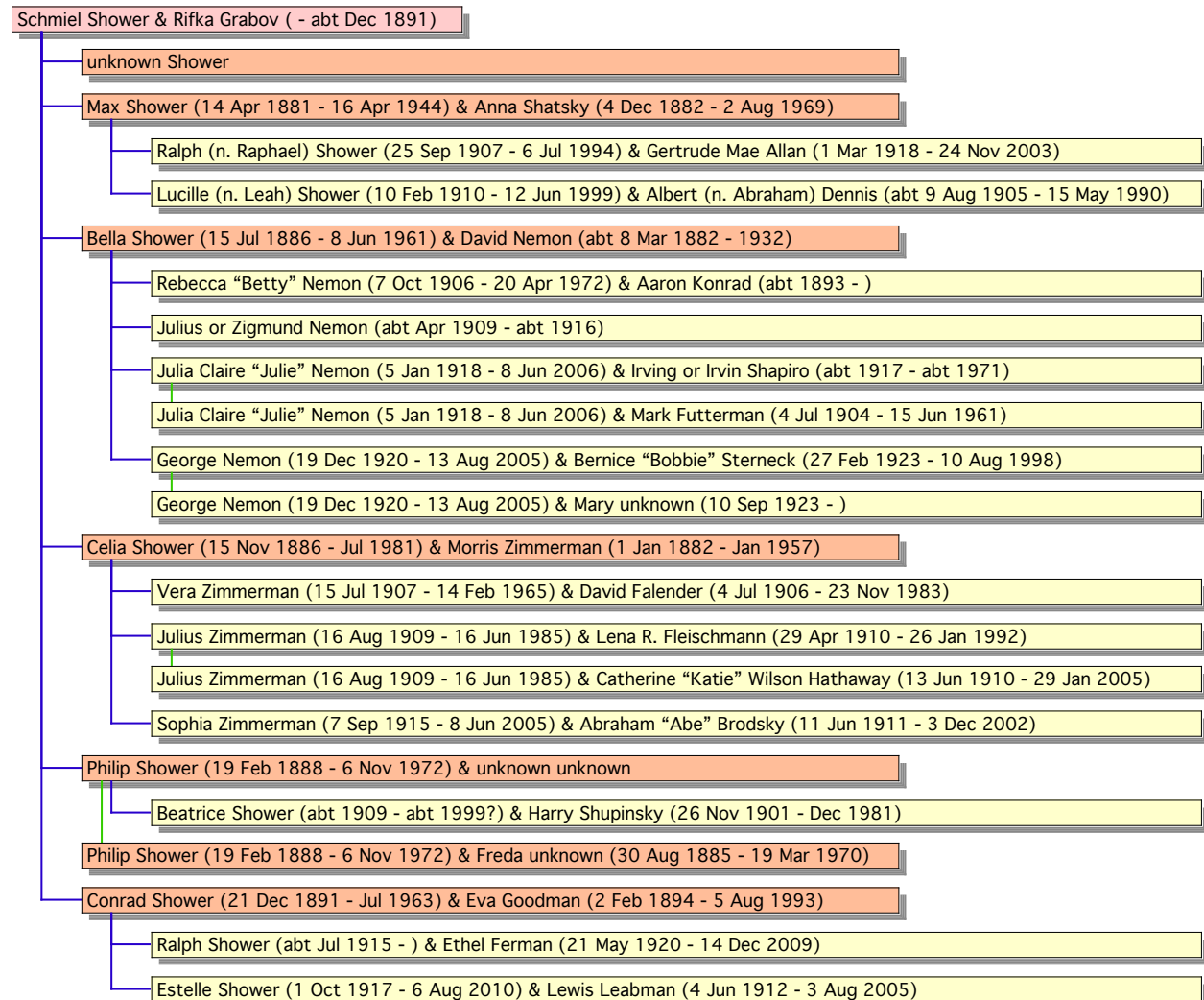
Max Shower was the maternal grandfather of my wife, Martha Dennis Christiansen.
Currently I believe the following:

- Max Shower's father was Schmiel Shower, who first married Rifka Grabov, with six known children as shown on the first chart. Subsequently Schmiel married Esther "Krupovensky".
- Esther "Krupovensky" was married twice, first to Schmiel Shower and then to Max Schneider. The second chart shows Esther's four known children.



Shower Family Overview.

The following chart shows Schmiel Shower's children and grandchildren from his first marriage. Great grandchildren appear in charts on subsequent pages.



Referring to the above chart, I was told that the oldest sibling, a sister whose name is unknown, lived in the New York area and hosted the youngest sibling, Conrad, after Conrad immigrated.

I believe that Max Shower and his five known siblings were all born in or near Ananyev in the Ukraine. The Notes section at the end contains more about Ananyev.

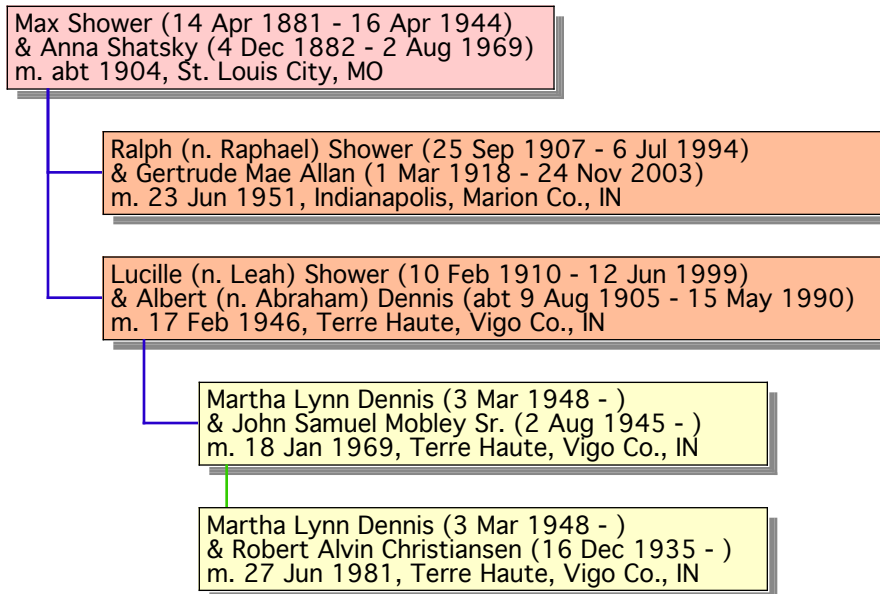
In the above chart, the birth date of either Bella or Celia is incorrect.

Referring to the second chart on the previous page, Max Shower had a half-sister, Rebecca, by his father's second marriage, to Esther. Besides Rebecca, Esther had three other children, Bessie, Julius and Jacob, by her second marriage, to Max Schneider. Of Esther's four children, Rebecca was born in Russia, Bessie in England, and Julius and Jacob in St. Louis.

Max Shower was born in the Ananyev area in the Ukraine and immigrated to England as a teenager. In England he worked in a laundry. Around 1901, Max immigrated to St. Louis and later helped bring his siblings to St. Louis.

Max married Anna Shatsky, a native of the western Ukraine, and moved to Terre Haute before his son, Ralph, was born. In their early years in Terre Haute, Max Shower and his brothers-in-law, David and Louis Shatsky, ran a clothing store. Louis handled the office, Dave the clothes, and Max the shoes. Later Max owned his own clothing store in Terre Haute until his death in 1944 from cancer.

The two children of Max and Anna Shower are shown on the following chart.



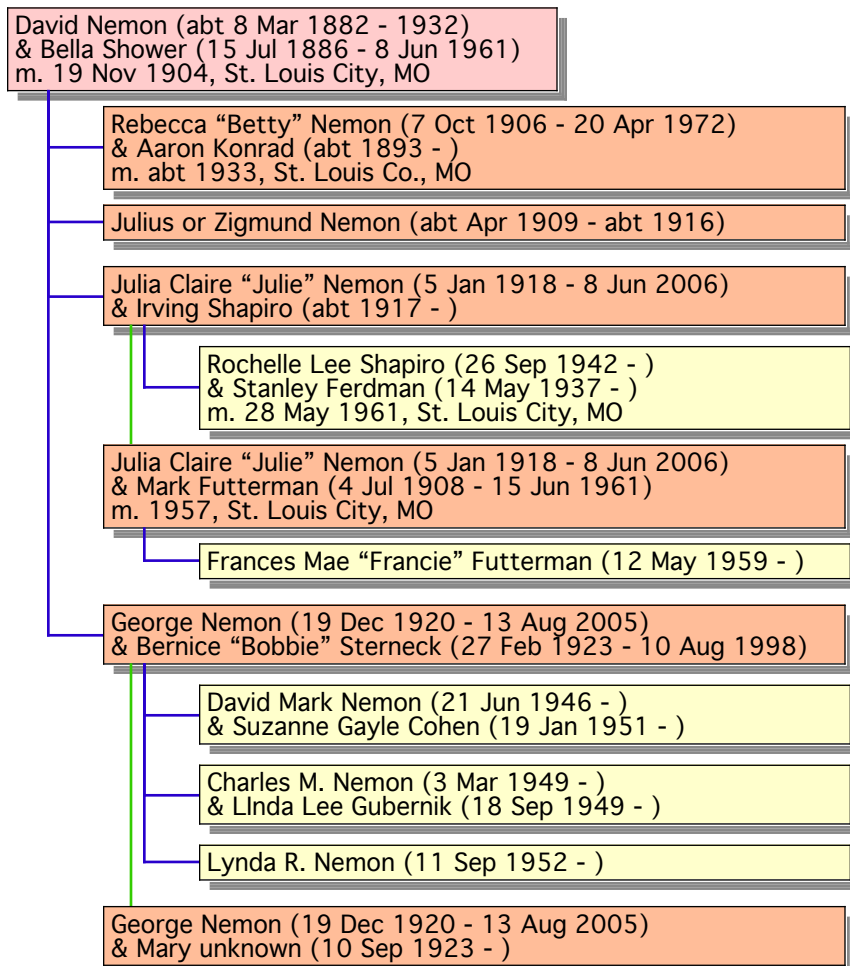
- Except for military service during World War II, Ralph remained in Terre Haute. He took over his father's clothing store at ??? Wabash Avenue in Terre Haute, which he ran until the store's closing around ???
- Except for a sojourn in Chicago first as a student at the University of Chicago and then as a fabric designer, Lucille remained in Terre Haute. Her husband, Albert Dennis, ran The Shoe Box and the Dennis family remained in the Max Shower home at 710 S. 8th St.

Max and Anna Shower and both of their children, Ralph and Lucille, are buried in Highland Lawn Cemetery in Terre Haute

Bella Shower immigrated to St. Louis about 1904 and shortly thereafter married David Nemon, whom she had known in Russia.

David and Bella Nemon remained in St. Louis. David Nemon was a printer with his own shop in the 1910 census, the owner of a dry goods company when he registered for the draft in 1918, a pressman in a printing shop in the 1920 census, and a salesman in general jobbing in the 1930 census.

The four children of David and Bella Nemon are shown on the following chart.



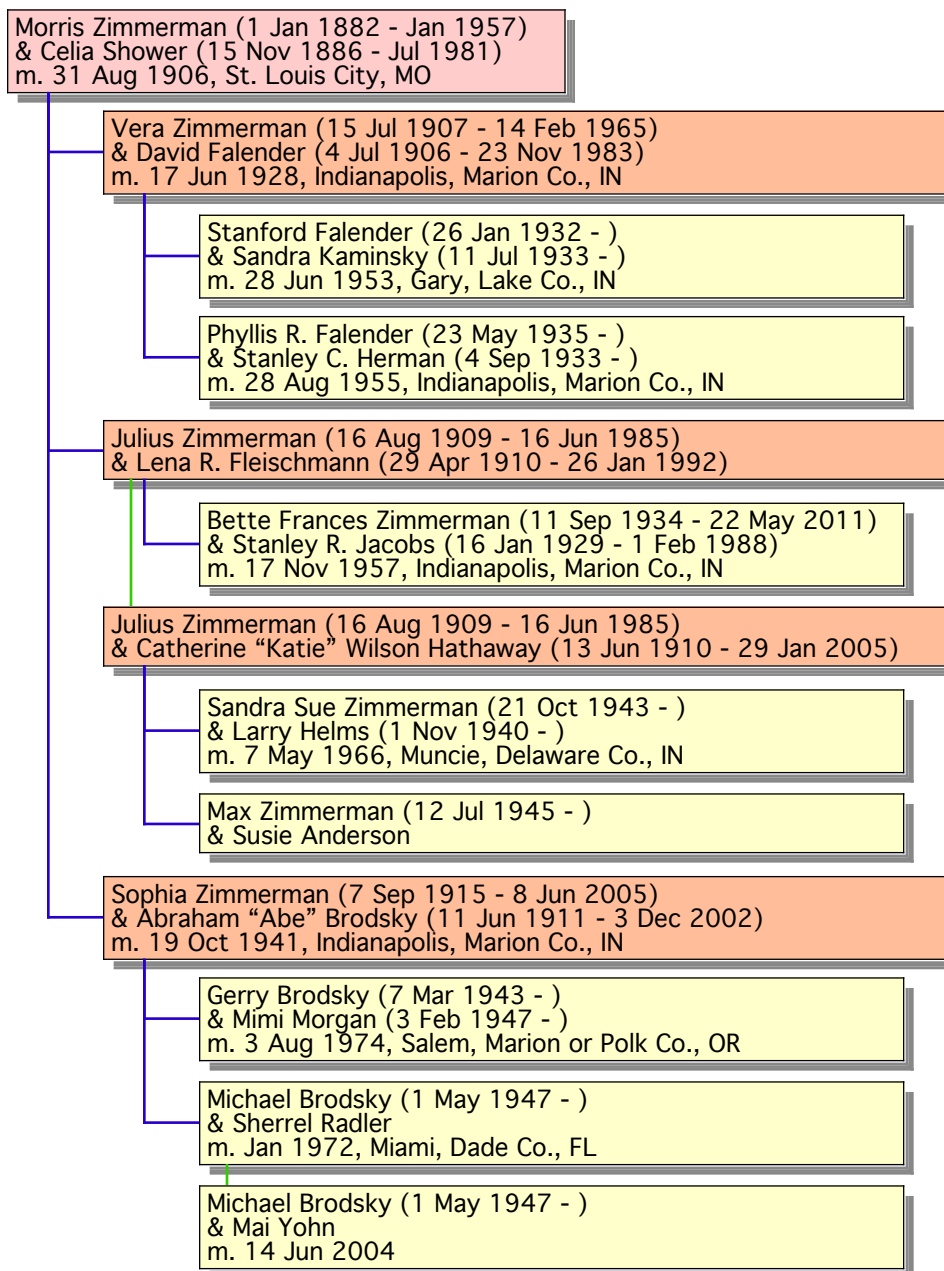
David and Bella Nemon had three children who survived childhood:

- Betty
- Julie
- George

David and Bella Nemon and two of their children, Betty and Julius, are buried in Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery in University City, near St. Louis. Their son, George, is buried in Florida.

Celia Shower was generally called Celia, but I once saw her called Sarah. Celia immigrated around 1905 and married Morris Zimmerman, another Russian emigrant. Morris and Celia Zimmerman lived in Indianapolis where he was a wagon peddler in the 1910 census, a dry goods merchant in the 1920 census, and a grocer in the 1930 and 1940 censuses.

The three children of Morris and Celia Zimmerman, namely Vera, Julius and Sophia, are shown on the following chart.



Morris and Celia Zimmerman had three children:

- Vera

- Julius
- Sophia married Abraham Brodsky, who was born in Indianapolis to Charles and Pauline Brodsky, Russian immigrants. Charles Brodsky was a tailor.

Abe and Sophia Brodsky remained in Indianapolis. In 1960 he was the office manager for Banner Home Equipment Company.

I don't know where Morris and Celia Zimmerman are buried, or where Vera (Zimmerman) Falender is buried. Julius Zimmerman and his second wife, Catherine, are buried in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Muncie, Indiana. Abraham and Sophia (Zimmerman) Brodsky are buried in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Cemetery North in Westfield, Hamilton County.

Philip Shower, whose parents are thought to be Schmiel Shower and Rivka Grabov, was born in or near Ananyev, northwest of Odessa, Ukraine, and immigrated about 1905.

Philip married his first wife about 1907, probably in St. Louis. Around 1909 Philip was may have been living in Illinois, when his daughter, Beatrice, was born. I have not found Philip Shower in the 1910 census and I don't know the name of his first wife.

By 1917 Philip was living in Terre Haute, Indiana, where as far as I know he remained until his death in 1972. Before 1918 he married his second wife, Freda, who was a Russian immigrant. I do not know Freda's maiden name.

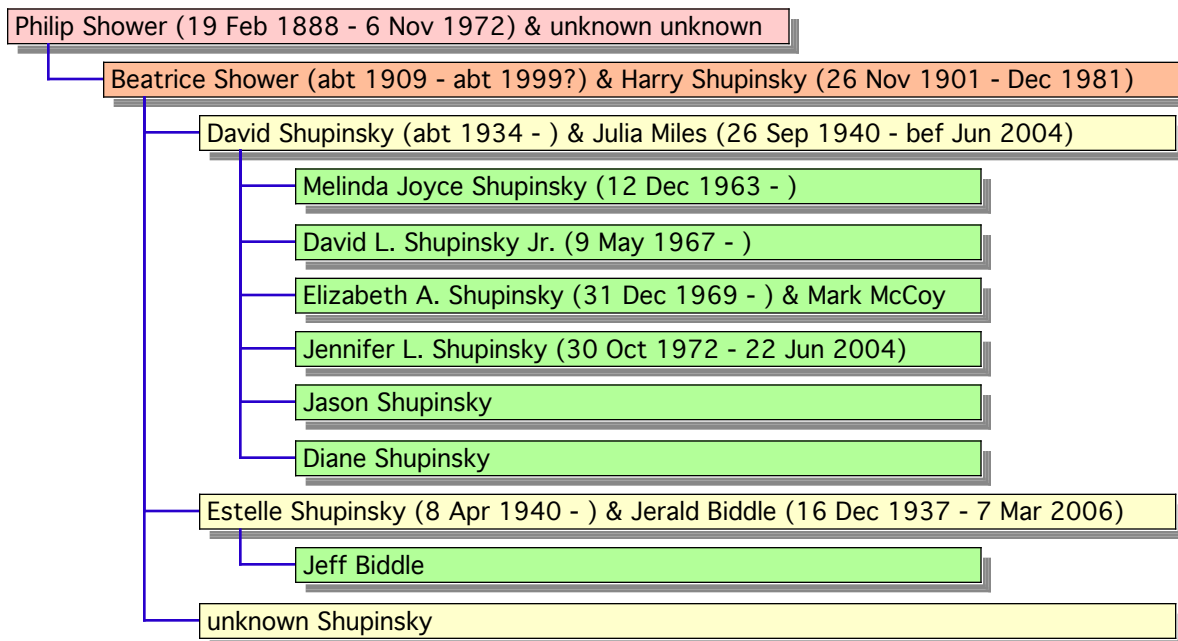
I found four Terre Haute addresses for Philip Shower in Terre Haute city directories and census and draft registration records:

- 1917, 1918 and 1920: 1457 Sycamore St.
- 1930 and 1932: 117 Monterey Ave.
- 1939, 1940, 1942 and 1947: 416 South 5th St.
- 1954, 1960 and 1970: 123 South 24th St.

During his years in Terre Haute, Philip Shower owned a shoe store on different Wabash Avenue locations:

- 1917 and 1918: 1109 East Wabash Ave.
- 1927: 636 Wabash Ave.
- 1942, 1954, 1960 and 1972: 416 Wabash Ave., known as Philip's Factory Shoe Store.

Philip Shower's one child, Beatrice, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren are listed below.



Philip Shower and his second wife, Freda (30 Aug 1885 – 19 Mar 1970), did not have children.

- Beatrice Shower's husband, Harry Shupinsky, was born in Lafayette County, Indiana to Frank A. Szczepanski, a tailor, and Rebecca Schniederman, who were Russian emigrants. By 1918 the family, now named Shupinsky, were living at 952 High St. in Indianapolis and Harry was working as a railway clerk. Harry continued to live at 952 High St. until after 1940.

Harry Shupinsky had an early marriage to Martha Louise Hicks of Shelby County, Indiana in 1928.

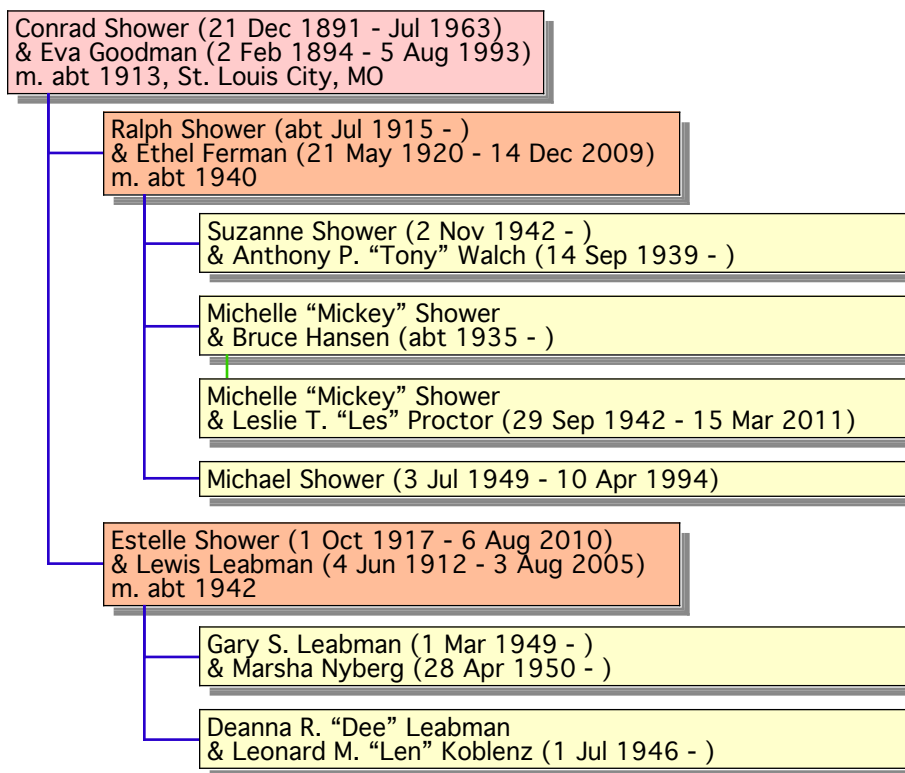
In 1930 Harry was working as a collector for a furniture store and in 1936 and 1940 was a beverage salesman.

Philip and Freda Shower are buried in Highland Lawn Cemetery in Terre Haute. I don't know where Philip's first wife is buried, or where Beatrice and Harry Shupinsky are buried.

Conrad Shower immigrated about 1910 and married about 1913, probably in St. Louis.

Conrad Shower remained in St. Louis. He was a self-employed jobber when he registered for the draft in 1917, a jobber in groceries in the 1920 census, a dealer in fixtures in the 1930 census and an office store furniture owner in the 1940 census.

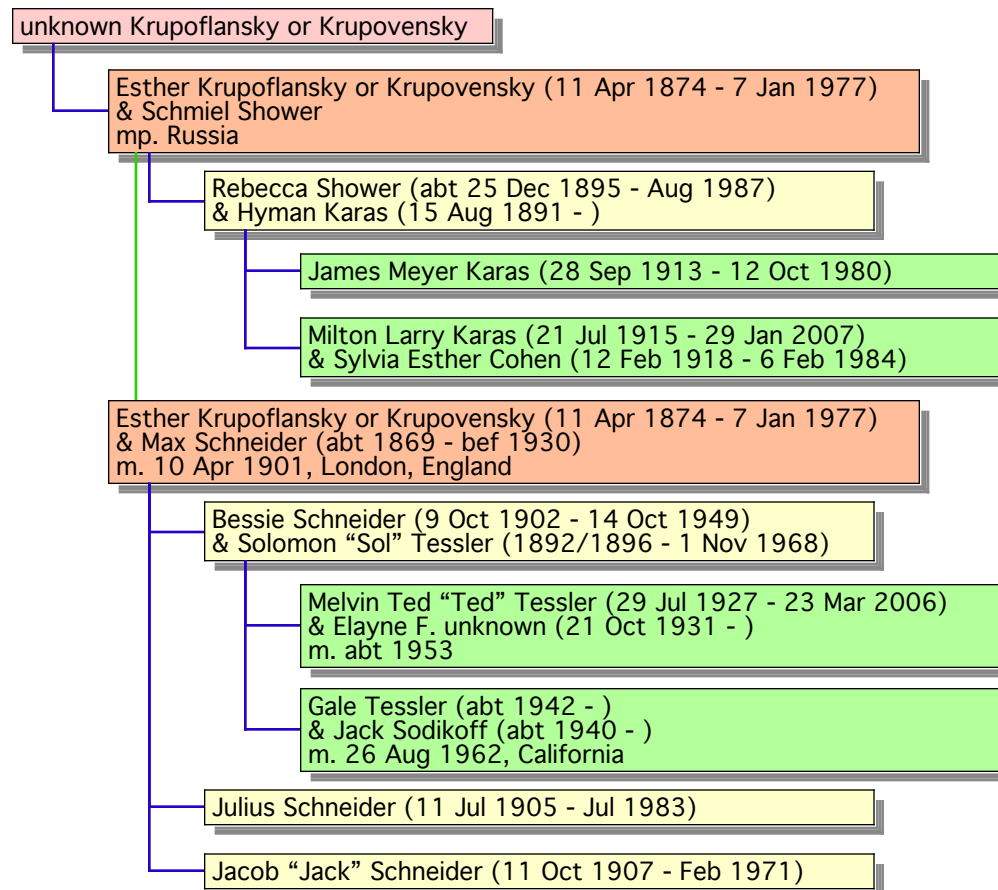
The two children and the grandchildren of Conrad and Eva Shower appear on the following chart.



Conrad and Eva Shower and their daughter, Estelle, are buried in Chevra Kadisha Cemetery in University City near St. Louis.

Max Shower's stepmother, Esther, immigrated to St. Louis from London in June 1903, along with her baby, Bessie Schneider. Esther's second husband, Max Schneider, had immigrated earlier. About the same time Esther's older daughter, Rebecca, immigrated.

Esther had one child by her marriage to Max Shower's father, and three children by her marriage to Max Schneider.



Milton Karas is buried in Mt. Sinai Cemetery in Los Angeles. Bessie (Schneider) Tessler is buried in Home of Peace Cemetery in Los Angeles. Ted Tessler is buried in King David Cemetery in Las Vegas. Jacob "Jack" Schneider is buried in Beth Hamedrosh Hatodol Cemetery in Ladue near St. Louis.

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- Major sources for Shower family history were conversations with the late Julia (Nemon) Futterman in 2004 and with Ralph Shower of St. Louis in May 1912.
- I don't know what surname the Shower family used in Russia.
- Except for Max Shower's stepmother, Esther, and Esther's daughter, Bessie, I can find no New York immigration information for Shower family members. Either the surname they used when immigrating was significantly different from "Shower" or they entered at a different port.
- I have two spellings for Esther's maiden name, Krupoflansky and Krupovensky. Both are probably incorrect, as I get zero google hits with either.
- I believe that two of the Shower brothers recorded that they were born in the Ananyev area. Ananyev, which has a number of different spellings (e.g., Anan'yiv), was in the Russian Empire when Max was born, was in the Moldavian SSR between the world wars, and is now in the Ukraine. Ananyev is about 100 miles northwest of Odessa and 200 miles south of Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine. Ananyev is in the Odessa oblast (region) and has a current population of five to ten thousand.
- If you Google on "Ananyev", you'll find that Jewishvirtuallibrary.org contains a brief, depressing history of the Jewish presence in Ananyev, the town in the Ukraine near where I believe the Shower ancestors lived. Ananyev has a current population between 5,000 and 10,000 and has had a number of different spellings.