

The Older Descendants of the Five Dennis Brothers

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Dennis Brothers Overview

The five Dennis brothers listed above emigrated from the Grodno area of Belarus to the United States in the years before and after 1900. These brothers, along with their spouses and children, appear in the following summary descendant chart. Subsequent pages contain brief narratives along with individual family charts for each brother.

Samuel, Hyman, Max and Nathan Dennis settled in Maine.

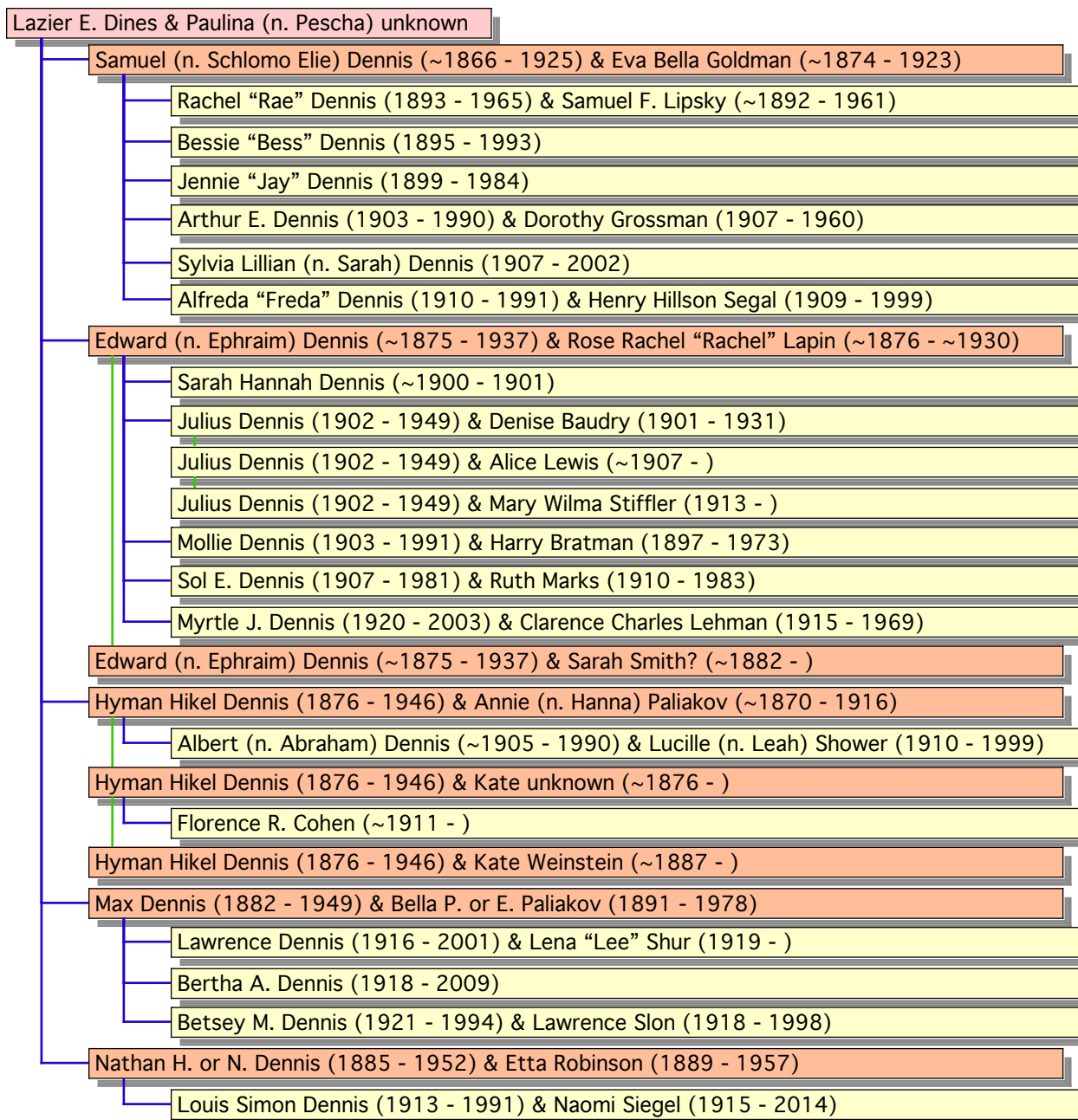
- Samuel Dennis, who immigrated first, was in Bangor as early as 1895.
- Hyman and Nathan Dennis lived in Bangor for a time and eventually settled in the twin cities of Lewiston and Auburn where they both worked in retail clothing. (Earlier Nathan briefly lived in Kansas City.)
- Max Dennis's beverage business took him from Bangor to Cherryfield and then Ellsworth, both in northern Maine before returning to Bangor after 1940. (Check: Did Max die in Ellsworth?)
- Edward Dennis lived briefly in Bangor before moving to Kansas City. During his middle years he owned a paper recycling business.

Max, Hyman and Nathan Dennis jointly opened the Union Bottling Company in Bangor in 1908. Over the subsequent years the company has operated in different locations in Maine using different names and dealing with different products. Max continued to operate the company after Hyman and Nathan left a decade later. As of 2014, the company, now named Dennis Paper and Food Service, is still in operation near Bangor.

Seventeen children of the five Dennis brothers appear in the descendant chart on the following pages. Here are some salient notes on a few of these children:

- Sarah Hannah, who died as a toddler in Bangor, was the only child born before immigrating. The other sixteen children, all born in the United States, lived into their middle years and beyond.
- * Bess, Jay, Sylvia and Bertha never married. I don't know about Florence. The other twelve married and had children.
- Albert Dennis, my late father-in-law, was born into the Goldman family and adopted into the Dennis family.
- Florence Cohen was a stepchild.

Two of the Dennis brothers, Edward and Hyman, were widowed and subsequently remarried (Hyman remarried twice). I know little about their later wives.



Dennis Brothers Allied Families

♥ Goldman (siblings Israel, Annie, Eva Bella, and Jennie)

- Israel Goldman was the foster father of Albert Dennis.
- Annie Goldman married Nathan Fine and lived in Boston and Brookline.
- Eva Bella Goldman was the wife of Samuel Dennis, the oldest of the five brothers.
- Jennie Goldman was the birth mother of my father-in-law, Albert Dennis, the adopted son of Hyman Dennis.

See the Older Goldman Relatives appendix.

♥ Lapin (siblings Rose Rachel & Edward)

- Rose Rachel Lapin was the wife of Edward Dennis.
- Edward Lapin was the foster father of Myrtle Dennis, the daughter of Edward Dennis.

♥ Paliakov (Annie & Bella, relationship unknown)

- Annie (n. Hanna) Paliakov was the wife of Hyman Dennis and the adopted mother of Albert Dennis.
- Bella Paliakov was the wife of Max Dennis.

♥ Robinson (Etta & Leah, relationship unknown)

- Etta Robinson was the wife of Nathan Dennis.
- Leah Robinson was the wife of Edward Lapin, who is mentioned above.

About Grodno



Belarus (courtesy of *LonelyPlanet.com*)

On the above map you'll find Grodno (Hrodna in Russian) in western Belarus near the border of Poland and Lithuania. Grodno, with a population of around 50,000 is the capital of the surrounding district, which is called the Grodno Guberniya. I have included a map of Grodno Guberniya on the following page.

Grodno was part of Lithuania and then Poland until 1795 when with the 3rd partition of Poland Grodno became part of the Russian Empire. Grodno was in the Pale of Settlement, the part of the Russian Empire where most Jews were forced to live.

Grodno Trivia: In 1911 a child born in Grodno named Meier Suchowlański emigrated with his family through Odessa. In the United States he became Meyer Lansky, a key figure in organized crime in the mid 20th century.

After World War I Grodno became part of the new nation of Poland. When World War II began in 1939, the Russian army occupied eastern Poland, with the boundary between the German occupied and Russian-occupied areas just to the west of Grodno.

I have read that the first message to Moscow telling of the German invasion on June 22, 1941 came from Grodno. Grodno soon fell.

Among the Jews in Grodno when the Germans invaded was Solomon Perel, a teenager who managed to survive, partly due to his proficiency in German. Solomon Perel's memoirs became the basis of the 1990 film *Europa, Europa*.

Solomon Perel's experience was not typical. Before World War II 40% of the population of Grodno was Jewish. Few survived. The population of Grodno shrank from 57,000 in 1939 to 25,000 after the war. (Since World War II the city has grown to over 300,000.)

After World War II Grodno was not returned to Poland, but became part of the Soviet Union and today it remains in the nation of Belarus.

■ Samuel (n. Schlomo Elie) Dennis

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Personal Note: My wife, Martha, and I are deeply indebted to the children of Samuel Dennis for the support they provided to my late and beloved father-in-law, Albert Dennis. When Albert was a toddler, his birth mother disappeared from his life, and Albert's adopted mother died before he was a teenager. Albert's Dennis cousins provided nurturing and guidance that I believe contributed immensely to his future life. He always loved his Dennis cousins and they loved him.

Samuel Dennis immigrated around 1887. Samuel Dennis and Eva Bella Goldman married around 1890.

About Eva Bella Goldman: Eva Bella Goodman was born near Kovno in the Russian Pale and immigrated about 1888. At least three of her siblings immigrated, namely Israel (married Sarah Pinansky and Rebecca Kramer), Annie (married Nathan Fine), and Jennie (the birth mother of Albert Dennis).

By 1895 the Samuel Dennis family had settled in Bangor, Maine, where Samuel and Eva remained until their deaths.

During his thirty years in Bangor, Samuel Dennis lived at a number of addresses and engaged in several occupations. I have copied the following from census records and Bangor city directories. I suspect that some of the street addresses, although different, refer to the same location.

Year	Residence	Occupation
1895	35 York	peddler
1895	144 York	junk dealer (Bessie's birth record)
1899	141 York	junk dealer
1900	133 York	junk dealer
1901	12 York	junk dealer
1903	63 Pine	junk dealer w/ Joseph Galbert at 54 French
1903		peddler (Arthur's birth record)
1910	145 Hancock	junk dealer & boarding house
1912	147 Hancock	junk dealer & pawnbroker at 145 Hancock
1914	186 Essex	junk dealer and pawnbroker at 147 Hancock
1920	186 Essex	grocer
1923	186 Essex	dealer in grain at 145 Hancock

Samuel and Eva Dennis died in Bangor. By 1927 the three daughters who never married, Bessie, Jay and Sylvia, had moved to New York City.

The six children of Samuel and Eva Bella Dennis are listed below. They were all born in Bangor, except perhaps for Rachel. Grandchildren and vital statistics are in a chart that follows.

- **Rachel "Rae" Dennis** married Samuel Lipsky. Samuel and Rae ran the Hub Shoe Store in Bangor.

About Samuel Lipsky: Samuel Lipsky was born in West Sullivan, Hancock County, Maine to Wolf Lipsky and Anna Fine, who were living in Bangor by 1900.

- **Bessie "Bess" Dennis** was a teacher who taught in Bangor and other Maine towns before moving to New York City in 1927.
- **Jennie "Jay" Dennis** lived in Boston as a young woman and moved to New York City around 1924. In New York City she worked for the Seaman's Church Institute as a fundraiser.
- **Arthur E. Dennis** was enumerated as "Harry" in the 1910 census. Multiple sources give Arthur's birthdate as 8 Feb 1903, not 1902 as the family had thought. Arthur Dennis was an attorney who practiced in Philadelphia. Arthur married Dorothy Grossman, a Philadelphia native, around 1928

About Dorothy Grossman: Nothing is known at this time.

In 1930 the Arthur Dennis family was living in Camden, New Jersey across the Delaware River from Philadelphia. In 1935 the family was living in Haddonfield, a Camden suburb. By 1940 the family was living in Philadelphia, where I believe Arthur and his wife, Dorothy, remained.

- **Sarah Lillian "Sylvia" Dennis** was listed as Sarah S. in her birth record. Sarah was a clothing buyer in New York City from 1927 to 1965. From 1965 to 1980 she managed the Hub Shoe Store in Bangor.
- **Alfreda "Freda" Dennis** was a teenager when her parents died. She graduated from college and taught school until she married. In 1932 and in 1940 I found her living with her brother-in-law and sister, Samuel and Rachel Lipsky.

Freda Dennis married Henry Segal when she was 32.

About Henry Segal: Henry Hillson Segal was born in Bangor to Samuel Segal and Dora Hillson.

Henry and Freda Segal ran a clothing store in Bangor. Henry and Freda lived in Sarasota, Florida after retiring, and then returned to Bangor, where they died.

Bess, Jay and Sylvia Dennis never married. For many years they shared an apartment on the upper west side of Manhattan.

Samuel and Eva Bella Dennis are buried in the Beth Israel Cemetery in Bangor, as are five of their six children. I don't know where Arthur and Dorothy Dennis are buried.

The following chart shows the six children of Samuel and Eva Bella Goldman, along with grandchildren.

Samuel (n. Schlomo Elie) Dennis (abt 3 Oct 1866 - 6 Sep 1925) & Eva Bella Goldman (abt 1874 - 9 Jul 1923)
m. abt 1890

Rachel "Rae" Dennis (5 Jan 1893 - 5 May 1965) & Samuel F. Lipsky (abt 25 Oct 1892 - 14 Oct 1961)
m. 21 Nov 1920, Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME

Phyllis M. or D. Lipsky (6 Jun 1923 -) & Matthew N. Goldstein (1 Dec 1915 - 22 May 2004)
m. 26 Jun 1947, Rowan Co., NC

Bessie "Bess" Dennis (8 Mar 1895 - 12 Apr 1993)

Jennie "Jay" Dennis (30 Nov 1899 - 6 Nov 1984)

Arthur E. Dennis (8 Feb 1902 - 2 May 1990) & Dorothy Grossman (26 Aug 1907 - 23 Oct 1960)
m. 29 Jan 1928

Samuel E. "Bud" Dennis (5 Feb 1929 -) & Patricia A. "Pat" Benn (20 Oct 1929 - Aug 1996)
m. 3 Sep 1953

Everett Dennis (4 Aug 1931 - 2 Mar 1966)

Sarah Lillian "Sylvia" Dennis (2 Aug 1907 - 23 Feb 2002)

Alfreda "Freda" Dennis (3 Jan 1910 - 20 Sep 1991) & Henry H. Segal (3 May 1909 - 5 Apr 1999)
m. 22 Feb 1942, Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME

Ellen Segal (7 Apr 1944 -) & Whitfield "Whit" Russell (28 Mar 1944 -)
m. 22 Aug 1968, Bethesda, Montgomery Co., MD

■ Edward (n. Ephraim) Dennis

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Edward Dennis and Rose Rachel Lapin probably married before immigrating.

About Rose Rachel Lapin: Rachel Lapin was born in the Russian Pale, perhaps near Grodno, to Solomon Lapin and Leah "Robinson". After Edward and Rachel Dennis immigrated, Rachel's widowed mother, Leah, and at least two of Rachel's brothers, Edward and Ike, joined them in Kansas City.

Edward and Rachel Dennis immigrated in 1900 or 1901. They were living in Bangor and Edward was working as a peddler when their first child, Sarah Hannah, died in 1901. By 1902, when their first son, Julius, was born, they appear to have been living in Kansas City, Missouri.

I find Edward Dennis subsequently living in Kansas City in 1910, 1918, 1920, 1930, 1931, and 1937.

Edward Dennis was associated with a lunch counter in Kansas City in 1910. In 1918 he was a junk dealer. In 1920 and 1930 he owned a waste paper business.

About eight months after his first wife's death, Edward Dennis married Sarah.

About Sarah: Edward and Sarah married on 5 May 1931 in Kansas City. Sarah was born in Russia and was listed as Sarah Smith, age 49, on the marriage application. Currently I know nothing else about Sarah.

In the late summer of 1931, Edward Dennis and his son, Julius, took an extensive road trip back to Maine. In Maine they stayed with Edward's brothers, Hyman and Nathan, in Lewiston-Auburn and visited Edward's brother, Max, in Ellsworth and Edward's nieces in Bangor.

The five children of Edward and Rachel Dennis are listed below. Grandchildren and vital statistics are in a chart that follows.

- **Sarah Hannah Dennis** was born in Russia in 1900, perhaps in the Grodno area, and died as a baby in Bangor in 1901.
- **Julius Dennis** owned a print shop in Kansas City. Julius married Denise Baudry around 1926.

About Denise Baudry: Denise Baudry, sometimes spelled "Denease", was born in Atchison, Kansas to Dr. George Baudry and his wife, Clara Horner.

Julius and Denise Dennis had three children in quick succession, born in 1927, 1928 and 1929. After Denise died in childbirth at her parents' Atchison home in 1931, the Dennis children lived with their Baudry grandparents for a time.

However, Dr. Baudry died in 1932 and by 1940 the three children were living in the Jewish Children's Home in Kansas City.

All three children of Julius and Denise Dennis subsequently married. However, their lives continued to be marred by tragedy. Paul was murdered during a robbery attempt in California when he was 44. Lee Ann lost her husband in a military helicopter crash when she was 33. Marvin died at age 67.

After Denise Dennis died, Julius Dennis married Alice Lewis from the Chicago area.

About Alice Lewis: Alice was born in Illinois around 1907. Julius and Alice married in Clay County, near Kansas City, in September 1932. Julius and Alice Dennis had no children. Alice was working as a bookkeeper in Julius's business in 1940. Julius and Alice appear to have divorced in the 1940s.

Four months before his death, Julius married Mary Wilma Stiffler.

About Mary Wilma Stiffler: Mary Wilma Stiffler was born in Kansas to Lucien and Kate Stiffler. Mary Wilma had an early marriage around 1930 to George Gwartney, and she and George were living with her parents in Leavenworth, Kansas in 1930. This marriage presumably ended in divorce. Julius and Mary Wilma married in Clay County, Missouri around 30 Apr 1949.

- **Mollie Dennis** married Harry Bratman in Kansas City in 1921.

About Harry Bratman: Harry Bratman was born in New York to Louis Bratman and Sarah Leker or Lefkowitz and moved to Kansas City with his family as a child.

Harry and Molly Bratman remained in Kansas City where they ran a small neighborhood grocery store, the Bratman Markets, from 1922 to 1957.

- **Sol E. Dennis** lived with his brother-in-law and sister, Harry and Mollie Bratman, after his mother's death in 1930.

Sol Dennis graduated from Kansas City School of Law in 1929 and subsequently joined the F.B.I.

Sol Dennis married Ruth Marks in 1937.

About Ruth Marks: Ruth Marks was born in Kansas City, Missouri to Abraham Nathan Marks and Jennie E. Gordon, natives of Lithuania.

Of interest: In 1957 Sol Dennis was one of the FBI agents assigned to investigate the kidnapping of seven-year old Maria Ridolph in Sycamore, Illinois, west of Chicago. In 2012 Jack McCullough was convicted of Maria's murder 55 years earlier.

Around 1968 Sol and Ruth Dennis returned to Kansas City, where they died.

- **Myrtle Dennis** was thirteen years younger than her next older sibling, Sol. Myrtle was only about four when her mother became ill with anemia. Myrtle lived most of her childhood with her uncle and aunt, Edward and Alice Lapin, in Kansas City. Myrtle Dennis married Clarence Lehman in Kansas City in 1940.

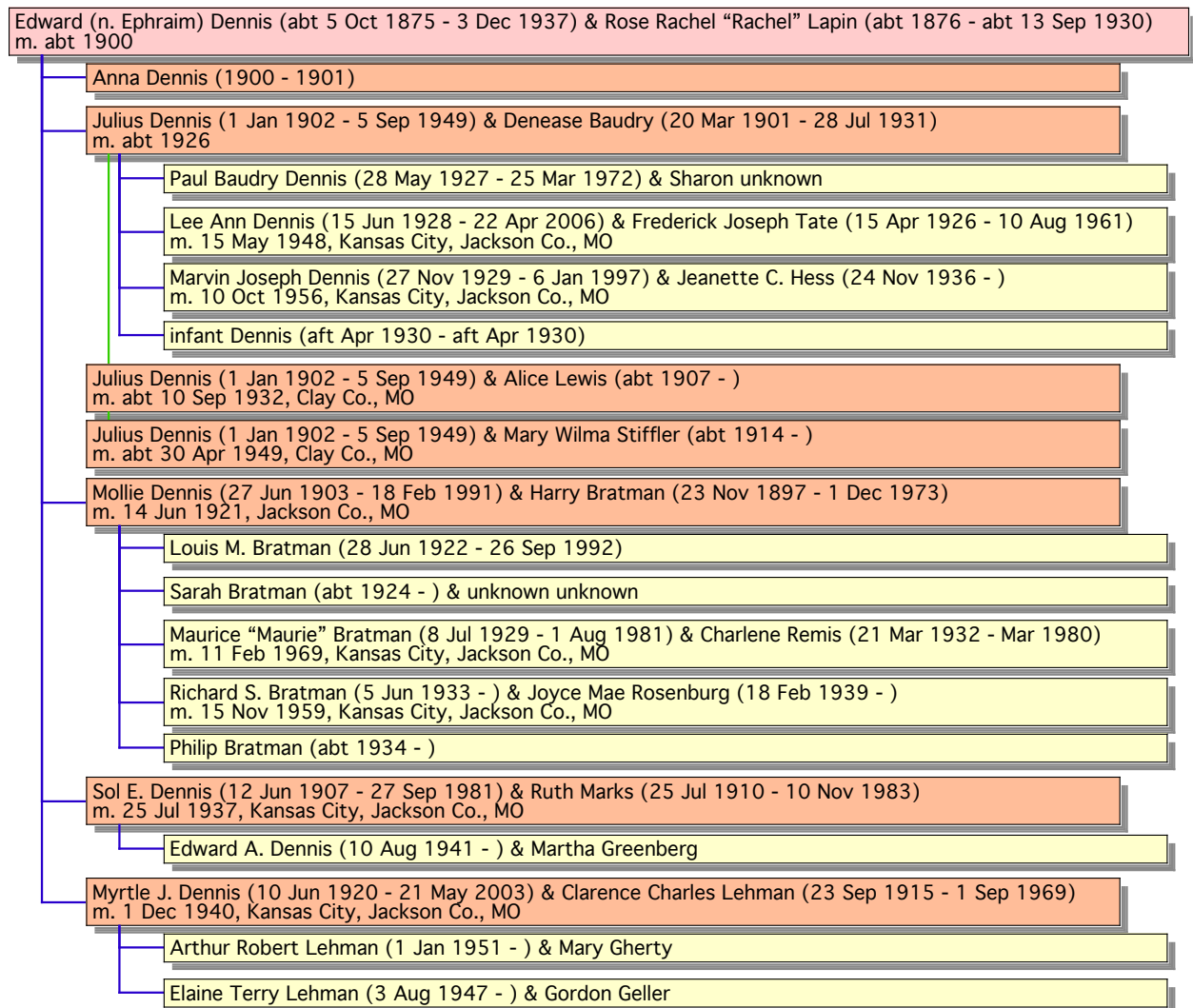
About Clarence Lehman: Clarence Lehman was born in Missouri to Arthur and Sara Lehman, natives of Illinois.

Clarence and Myrtle Lehman remained in Kansas City after marrying. Clarence was an employee of the Kansas City Star.

After Clarence died, Myrtle moved to Levittown, Pennsylvania, to be nearer her children.

Edward and Rachel Dennis are buried in the Sheffield Cemetery in Kansas City, as are their children, Julius and Molly. The first wife of Julius, Denise (Baudry) Dennis, is buried with her parents in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Atchison, Kansas. Saul Dennis is buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Raytown near Kansas City. I don't know where Myrtle (Dennis) Lehman is buried.

The following chart shows the five children of Edward and Rachel Dennis, along with grandchildren.



■ Hyman Hikel Dennis

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Hyman Hikel Dennis and Hanna Paliakov married before immigrating.

About Hanna / Annie Paliakov:

Hyman and Hanna Dennis immigrated around 1905. After immigrating, Hanna was known as Annie

In 1910 Hyman Dennis was a bottler at a beer works in Bangor. In 1918 he was a self-employed bottler in Cherryfield. In 1920 he owned a second-hand store in Auburn and in 1930 owned a clothing store in Lewiston. In 1940 and 1944 he was a salesman at a clothing store in Lewiston.

Hyman Dennis and his first wife, Annie, were childless. They adopted Albert, the nephew of Hyman's brother, Samuel Dennis. After Annie's early death, Albert lived with Hyman for a time and then with other relatives.

The one child of Hyman and Annie Dennis is listed below. Grandchildren and vital statistics are in a chart that follows.

- **Albert Dennis** was born to Jennie Goldman, the sister of Samuel Dennis's wife. Jennie Goldman was unmarried, and thus Hyman and Annie Dennis adopted Albert when he was a toddler. After Annie died, Albert did not fit into the household of Hyman and his new wife and Albert was sent to live in the household of Jennie Goldman's brother, Israel Goldman, who had recently moved to Boston.

Albert was unhappy in the Goldman home and left to work on the Boston docks. There he was found his cousin, Jennie "Jay", and brought back to Bangor where he finished high school in 1926 and studied the shoe business from his Dennis cousins, Sam and Rae Lipsky.

Before 1930 Albert left Bangor heading for California but got no further than Chicago. In Chicago he became a manager in the women's shoe department at Carson, Pirie and Scott.

In 1936 at the Southgate Hotel in Chicago Albert Dennis met Lucille Shower of Terre Haute.

About Lucille Shower: Lucille Shower was born in Terre Haute, Indiana to Max Shower and Anna Shatsky, dry goods merchants. Lucille studied art at the University of Chicago, graduating in 1931. After graduating, she remained in Chicago working as a fabric designer in a Chicago textile firm.

In 1941 Lucille returned to Terre Haute, accompanied by Albert. Lucille's father helped finance a shoe store, The Shoe Box that Albert and Lucille opened.

Shortly after The Shoe Box opened, the United States entered World War II. Albert joined the navy and in early 1944 went to the southwest Pacific on the USS Oyster Bay, a patrol torpedo boat tender. In late 1944 Albert developed a fungal infection in a leg. Albert narrowly avoided amputation. He was evacuated to

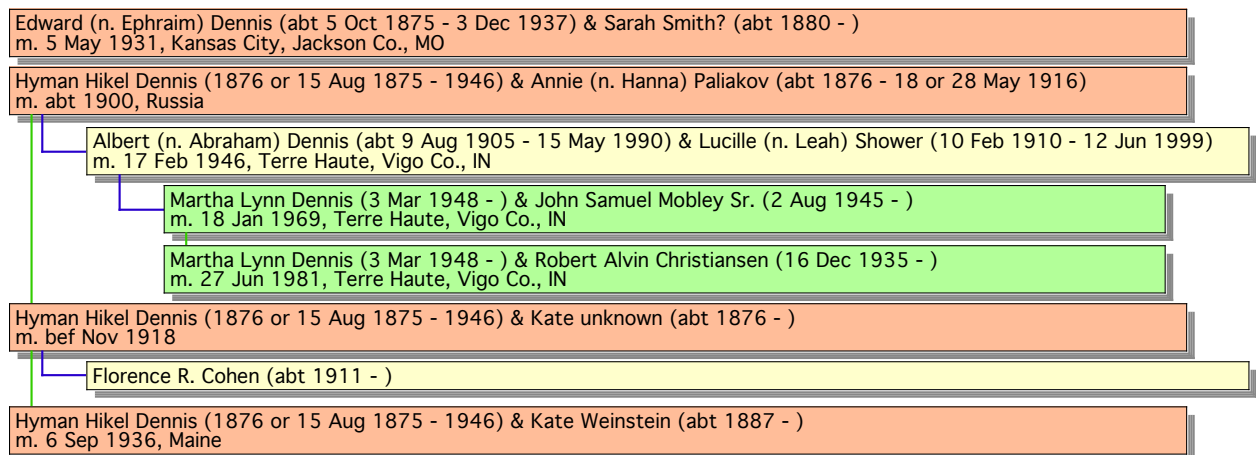
the United States, where he was eventually deemed unfit for further military service and discharged.

Albert returned to Lucille and The Shoe Box in Terre Haute. He and Lucille married in 1946 and their only child, my wife, Martha Dennis Christiansen, was born in 1948. Albert and Lucille sold The Shoe Box in 1976.

Albert remained in Terre Haute, where he died in 1990. Lucille spent her last few years living with Martha and me and died in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Albert Dennis' birth mother, Jennie Goldman, and his adopted mother, Annie (Paliakov) Dennis, are both buried in Beth Israel Cemetery in Bangor. Hyman Dennis is buried in Beth Abraham Cemetery in Auburn, Maine. Albert and Lucille (Shower) Dennis are buried in Highland Lawn Cemetery in Terre Haute, Indiana. I don't know where Hyman Dennis's second and third wives are buried.

The following chart shows Hyman Dennis, his adopted son, his stepdaughter, and his three wives.



■ Max Dennis

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Max Dennis is thought to have been a printer's apprentice in Russia. He immigrated around 1904. The 1909 Bangor directory lists Max, Hyman and Nathan Dennis as partners in the Union Bottling Company on French Street, which Dennis family history indicates was organized in 1908.

In the 1910 census Max Dennis was listed as a bottler at a beer works and was living with his brother, Hyman, also a bottler at a beer works, at 174 Washington St. in Bangor.

By 1912 Max Dennis had moved to Cherryfield, where he remained in the beverage bottling business and married Bella Paliakov.

About Bella Paliakov: Currently I have no information.

When Max, Hyman and Nathan Dennis registered for the World War I draft in September 1918, Max Dennis registered as a self-employed bottler of drinks in Cherryfield. His brother Hyman also registered in Cherryfield as a self-employed bottler, but by early 1920 Hyman had gone into the clothing business in Lewiston. In 1918 Nathan Dennis registered in Bangor as a dry goods salesman.

In the 1920 census the Max Dennis family was living in Cherryfield but Max was listed without occupation (possibly due to prohibition).

In the 1930 and 1940 censuses the Max Dennis family was living in Ellsworth, with Max associated with a bottling company.

Max and Bella Dennis died in Bangor.

The three children of Max and Bella Dennis were all born in Cherryfield, in 1916, 1918 and 1921, and are listed below. Grandchildren and vital statistics are in a chart that follows.

- **Lawrence Dennis** married Lena "Lee" Shur.

About Lena "Lee" Shur: Lena Shur was born in Island Falls, Maine to Rubin Shur and Ida Rapaport and moved to Bangor with her family in her teen years. As of 2014 Lena is still living, I believe in Bangor, in her nineties.

Lawrence Dennis ran the business started by his father and uncles. He was president of the Dennis Bottling Company in Ellsworth in 1949-1970, and president of Dennis Beverage Company and Dennis Paper Company in Vezie starting in 1970.

- **Bertha A. Dennis** never married. She worked in the family business until well into her old age.

- **Betsey M. Dennis** married Lawrence Slon in Bangor in 1947.

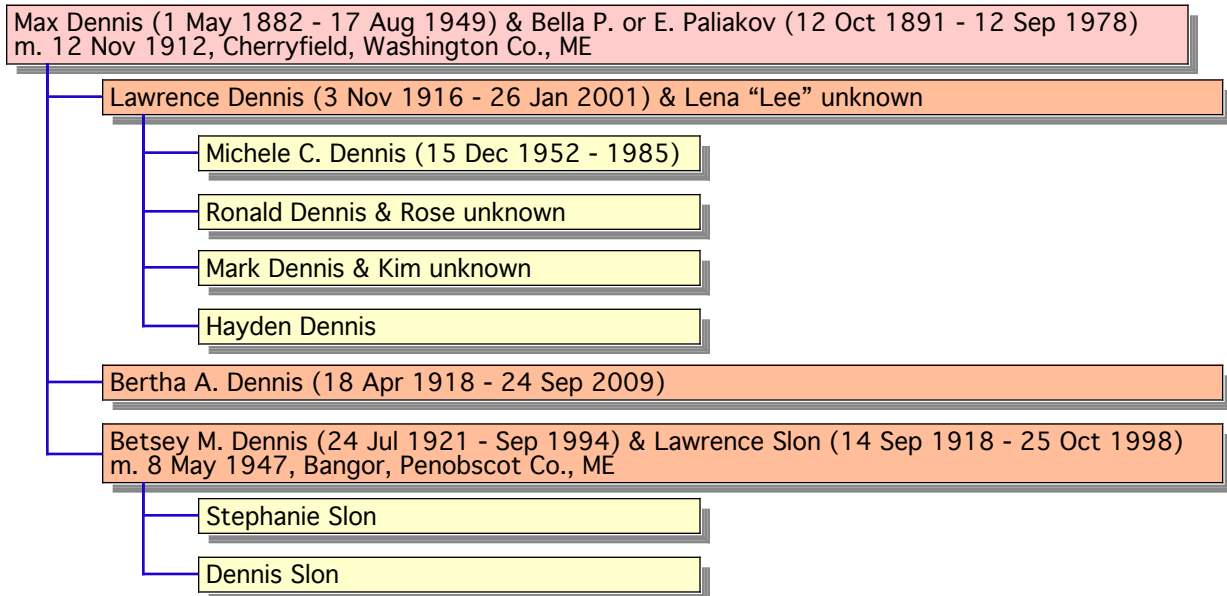
About Lawrence Slon: Lawrence Slon was born and raised in Chicago to Samuel and Mabel Slon. Lawrence Slon served in the infantry during World War II, leaving service with the rank of Captain, and evidently moved to

Bangor after World War II. His parents moved to Bangor at about the same time, and are buried in Beth Israel Cemetery in Bangor.

After marrying, Lawrence and Betsey Slon lived in Bangor for a time and worked for radio station WJOR. WJOR shut down in 1950 and by 1953 Lawrence and Betsey Slon were living in Richmond, Virginia, working for television station WLEE. I don't know if Lawrence and Betsey ever left Richmond, which is where they died.

Max and Bella Dennis, their children Lawrence and Bertha, and their granddaughter Michele are buried in the Beth Israel Cemetery in Bangor. As of December 2014 Lawrence's widow, Lena "Lee" Dennis is still living, perhaps the last of her generation in the extended Dennis family.

The following chart shows the children and grandchildren of Max Dennis and Bella Paliakov.



■ Nathan Dennis

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Nathan Dennis immigrated about 1903.

Nathan Dennis married Etta Robinson.

About Etta Robinson:

Nathan and Etta married in Kansas City in 1911 and their son, Louis, was born in Missouri in 1913. However by 1918 Nathan was living at 43 Essex St. in Bangor and working for Julius Epstein, a merchant.

In 1920 Nathan was a clothing store proprietor in Auburn, Maine and in 1930 he was a salesman at a clothing store in Moscow, Maine. I have not been able to find Nathan and Etta in the 1940 census.

The child of Nathan and Etta Dennis is listed below. Grandchildren and vital statistics are in a chart that follows.

- Louis S. Dennis was an attorney,

About Naomi Siegel: Naomi Siegel was born in Boston, Massachusetts to Hyman Siegel and Helen Davidson.

After marrying, Louis and Naomi Dennis lived in Maine and in Massachusetts. They retired to Florida, and after Louis died in Palm Beach County Naomi moved to California to be nearer to her daughter.

Nathan and Etta Dennis are buried in Beth Abraham Cemetery in Auburn, Maine. Louis and Naomi are buried in Adath Jeshurun Cemetery in West Roxbury, west of Boston.

The following chart shows the only child and the only known grandchildren of Nathan Dennis and Etta Robinson.

Nathan H. or N. Dennis (1885 or Mar 1884 - 1952) & Etta Robinson (15 Jan 1889 - 20 Dec 1957)
m. 1 Jan 1911, Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO

Louis S. Dennis (11 Nov 1913 - 26 Jul 1991) & Naomi Siegel (1915 -)
m. 30 Jun 1957, Massachusetts?

Elissa Dennis (30 Aug 1961 -) & Eileen Barrett
m. 8 Jul 2014, Oakland City Hall, Oakland, Alameda Co., CA

Dennis Brothers Acknowledgments and Sources

Not yet available

Dennis Brothers Appendix – the Older Goldman Relatives

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Overview

The Goldman family figures into the lives of the Dennis family in at least three respects:

- Israel Goldman was both the uncle and foster father of Albert Dennis.
- Eva Bella Goldman married Samuel Dennis. See the body of this history for more about this family.
- Jennie Goldman was the birth mother of Albert Dennis. See the body of this history for more about Jennie.

Referring to the descendant chart on the following, I know nothing about the parents or other siblings of the Israel, Annie, Eva Bella and Jennie.

Sections on Israel and Annie, each with their own descendant chart(s) follow the Goldman descendant chart.

Goldman Siblings - Israel, Annie, Eva Bella and Jennie

Henry Goldman
& unknown unknown

Israel Goldman
b. abt May 1866, near Kovno, Russia
d. 30 Dec 1957, Boston, MA?
& Sarah Pinansky
d. 26 Apr 1894, Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
brp. Beth Israel Cem., Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME

Israel Goldman
b. abt May 1866, near Kovno, Russia
d. 30 Dec 1957, Boston, MA?
& Rebecca Kramer
b. abt Nov 1872, Russia
d. 2 Oct 1927
m. abt 1895

Annie Goldman
b. May 1872, near Kovno, Russia
& Nathan Fine
b. Mar 1868, Russia
d. 30 Mar 1931, Massachusetts
m. abt 1887

Eva Bella Goldman
b. abt 1874, near Kovno, Russia
d. 9 Jul 1923, Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
brp. Beth Israel Cem., Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
& Samuel (n. Schlomo Elie) Dennis
b. abt 3 Oct 1866, near Grodno, Russia
d. 6 Sep 1925, Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
brp. Beth Israel Cem., Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
m. abt 1890

Jennie Goldman
b. 1879, near Kovno, Russia
d. 29 Jul 1954, Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
bur. 30 Jul 1954, Beth Israel Cem., Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
& unknown unknown

unknown Goldman
bp. near Kovno, Russia
dp. Israel

unknown Goldman
bp. near Kovno, Russia
dp. near Kovno, Russia

■ Israel Goldman

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Israel Goldman immigrated as a young teen about 1879 and about many others worked as a peddler as a young man, and then evolved into a dry goods merchant.

According to the Bangor, Maine censuses and city directories, in 1891 Israel was a peddler living at 66th 4th, in 1900 a dry goods peddler living at 19 Boyd St., and in 1910 a retail clothing merchant still living at 19 Boyd St.

Israel's first wife, Sarah, died in Bangor in 1894 leaving him with three small children. Israel soon married Rebecca Kramer, with whom he had one final surviving child.

From around 1909 to 1918 Israel appears to have been in the dry goods business with Hyman Lait, with the firm called Goldman & Lait. He may also have been associated with clothing stores in Old Town and in Danforth.

Around 1918 Israel moved his family to Chelsea, Massachusetts, just north of Boston across the Mystic River.

Prior to 1907: unknown. c. 1907–1916: Clothing store in Danforth in east central Maine. c. 1909–1916: Clothing store in Old Town just north of Bangor. After 1918: In business in Boston. At some point partner in “Yankee Clipper” door-to-door enterprise with Hyman Lait.

Sources:

-- 1891 Bangor city directory: Israel Goldman is a pedler (sic) living at 66 4th.
-- 1900 census for Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME (1st ward, ED 70, sheet 9B, Jun 7): Household 207 living at 19 Boyd St. consists of head Isreal (sic) Goldman 34 dry goods peddler b. Russia May 1866 immi. 1892 (sic) nat.; wife Rebecca 27 b. Russia Nov 1872; son Harry 9 b. ME Sep 1890; dau. Rachael 8 b. ME Apr 1892; and dau. Alice 6 b. ME Mar 1894. Israel and Rebecca Married 4y w/ 1/0 children.
-- 1910 census for Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME (part of 1st ward, ED 135, sheet 10B, Apr 21): Household 212 living at 19 Boyd St. consists of head Israel Goldman 40 retail clothing merchant b. Russia immi. 1871 nat.; wife Rebecca 37 or 57 b. Russia immi. 1890; son Harry 19 clothing store clerk b. ME; dau. Rachael 17 b. ME; dau. Alice 15 b. ME; and son Morris 7 b. ME. Married 20y w/ 5/4 children and first marriage for each (sic, some of this is incorrect). Renting.
— 1914 Maine Register Or State Yearbook and Legislative Manual. p. 793, Penobscot Co.: Under Merchants the Book and Shoes and Clothing and Men's Furnishings venders include Goldman & Lait.

Known Older Descendants of Israel Goldman and His First Wife

Israel Goldman
b. abt May 1866, near Kovno, Russia
d. 30 Dec 1957, Boston, MA?
& Sarah Pinansky
d. 26 Apr 1894, Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
brp. Beth Israel Cem., Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME

Harry Goldman
b. 15 Sep 1890, Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
d. 9 Oct 1986, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA
& Ethel unknown
b. 6 Aug 1900, Massachusetts
d. 19 Oct 1991, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA
m. abt 1921

Shirley Goldman
b. 3 Apr 1924, Massachusetts
d. 26 Jan 2008, Brookline, Norfolk Co., MA?
& Gerald Becker

Rachel "Rae" Goldman
b. 30 Apr 1892, Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
d. 29 Aug 1961, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA?
& David Weiss
b. abt 1901, Massachusetts

Alice Goldman
b. abt Mar 1894, Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
d. 1 Nov 1942
& Arthur Howard

Robert Howard
b. 9 Sep 1933
& Barbara Feldman

Older Descendants of Israel Goldman and His Second Wife

Israel Goldman
b. abt May 1866, near Kovno, Russia
d. 30 Dec 1957, Boston, MA?
& Rebecca Kramer
b. abt Nov 1872, Russia
d. 2 Oct 1927
m. abt 1895

Charles Morris Goldman
b. 18 Dec 1902, Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME
d. 15 May 1999, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA
& Irene Ruth Marks
b. 6 Mar 1911, Massachusetts
d. 12 May 1999, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA
m. 24 Jun 1934

Richard Goldman
b. 17 Jun 1936, Boston, MA
& Patricia G. Grollman
b. 24 Jun 1939
m. 21 Jun 1959

John D. Goldman
b. 1 Jul 1940, Boston, MA
& Joan Spivak

John D. Goldman
b. 1 Jul 1940, Boston, MA
& unknown unknown

Narrative for the Israel Goldman family is not yet available.

Dennis Brothers Appendix – the Older Fine Relatives

(Robert A. Christiansen, last updates: narrative 19 Feb '16, charts 19 Feb '16)

■ Nathan Fine & Annie Goldman

Nathan Fine (Mar 1868 - 30 Mar 1931)
& Annie Goldman (May 1872 - aft 1940)
m. abt 1887

Rose Fine (Nov 1888 -)
& Robert Trotsky (22 Mar 1889 -)
m. 20 Jul 1910, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA

George Fine (16 Apr 1891 - 25 Nov 1968)
& Charlotte S. Friedman (abt 1893 - 12 Jul 1968)
m. abt 1914, Boston, MA

Harry Fine (1 Mar 1894 - Nov 1985)
& Lillian unknown (12 Feb 1900 - Aug 1975)

Edward Fine (10 Oct 1896 - Apr 1970)
& Yvonne A. unknown (25 Jun 1900 - abt 7 Sep 1981)

Jacob "Jack" Fine (12 Apr 1899 -)
& Frances Abrams (abt 1906 -)
m. 8 Jul 1934, Concord, Merrimack Co., NH

Louise Frieda Fine (29 Jul 1902 - 9 Aug 1992)
& M. Eli Livingstone (20 Feb 1901 - 18 Apr 1997)
m. 6 Jul 1934, Manhattan, NY

Maurice Fine (25 Aug 1904 - 11 Apr 1997)
& Rose Dach (12 Nov 1897 - Oct 1973)

Gifford Gabriel Fine (3 Apr 1909 - 28 Jul 1995)
& unknown unknown
m. 1940, Massachusetts

Gifford Gabriel Fine (3 Apr 1909 - 28 Jul 1995)
& Dorothy Mankowich (11 Apr 1911 - 4 Jul 1980)
m. 20 Aug 1947, Seabrook, Rockingham Co., NH

Raymond Fine (2 Oct 1912 - 6 Mar 1997)
& Phyllis? unknown

Context: Annie (Goldman) Fine was the sister of Jennie Goldman, Jennie Goldman being the mother of Albert Dennis and the maternal grandmother of my wife, Martha Dennis Christiansen.
-- Robert A. Christiansen Feb '16.

Nathan Fine and Annie Goldman are thought to have immigrated around 1883 and 1886 respectively, and married around 1887.

I find the Nathan Fine family living in East Boston in the 1900, 1910 and 1920 censuses. In 1900 Nathan and Annie and the five oldest children are living at 8 Barre Street with Nathan's occupation listed as cloth merchant.

In 1910 Nathan, a clothing store operator, Anna, and the eight oldest children are at 26 Border St. Maurice, Gifford and Raymond were born at this address.

In 1920 Nathan and Annie and the seven youngest children are at 47 Maverick Square. Nathan is a merchant selling gent's clothes.

Between 1922 and 1924 Nathan opened a new business called "Fine's" at 153 Meridian St., also in East Boston.

Around 1924-25 Nathan, Annie and their younger children moved to Brookline, initially living at 90 Corey Rd.

I can't find the family in the 1930 census, but by 1931 they are living at 35 University Rd. in Brookline. Nathan died in Brookline in 1931.

It appears that Jacob "Jack" Fine and his wife, Frances, took over Nathan Fine's store at 153 Meridian and subsequently operated it as late as 1967.

Incidentally the structure at 151-153 Meridian St., built in 1920, survives today. It appears to be offered as a single-family home of 4900 square feet on a tiny lot, however it has retail space on the lower level.

After Nathan's death, Annie continued to live at 35 University Rd. with some of the younger children for a time. However, by 1940 she was living with her son-in-law and daughter, M. Eli and Louise Livingstone, in Newton.

I don't know when Annie Fine died and I don't know where Nathan and Annie are buried.

For the nine Fine children I use the birthdates given in the Boston birth register when available. Both Louise and Raymond used different birthdates at times.

- **Rose Fine** was living at home in 1910 but disappeared from view after marrying Robert Trotsky. When Robert Trotsky registered for the draft in 1917, he indicated that he was single. In the 1940 census she briefly resurfaces in Newton, Massachusetts in the household of her brother-in-law, M. Eli Livingstone. I find it difficult to take her 1940 census entry seriously: "Rose Graves single sister age 53 with 1 year high school education; born France; 1935 Hollywood, California."

- **George Fine** was an attorney and investment trader in the Boston area.

George was the only one of the nine Fine children not born in the Boston area.

George's wife, Charlotte, was the daughter of >>>.

After marrying George and Charlotte lived in East Boston for a time. By 1930 they were living in Winthrop and by 1940 in Brookline. Later they moved to Newton.

George's son, Irving Gifford Fine, taught musical composition at Harvard University and then at Brandeis University. He has a Wikipedia entry and a biography. In addition, you can listen to many of his compositions on YouTube.

Irving Fine died at a young age of a heart attack two weeks after conducting the premier of his First Symphony with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at their summer home, Tanglewood, in western Massachusetts. He left three school-aged daughters.

George Fine
b. 16 Apr 1891, Hartford, Hartford Co., CT
d. 25 Nov 1968
brp. Sharon Mem. Park, Sharon, Norfolk Co., MA
& Charlotte S. Friedman
b. abt 1893, Connecticut
d. 12 Jul 1968
brp. Sharon
m. abt 1914, Boston, MA

Irving Gifford Fine
b. 3 Dec 1914, at home, East Boston, MA
d. 23 Aug 1962, Natick, Middlesex Co., MA
brp. Sharon Mem. Park, Sharon, Norfolk Co., MA
& Verna Louise Rudnick
b. 14 Mar 1920
d. 9 or 17 Nov 1999, New York, NY?
brp. Sharon Mem. Park, Sharon, Norfolk Co., MA
m. Jun 1941, Massachusetts

Audrey Rose Fine
b. 21 Sep 1916, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA
d. 21 Nov 2005, Providence, Providence Co, RI?
& Gershon Salhanick
b. 1 Jun 1915, Fall River, Bristol Co., MA
d. Jun 1972

E. Barbara Fine
b. 1922, Massachusetts

- **Harry Fine** was living with his parents and working as an elevated railway conductor in 1920. In 1925 Harry was living in Winthrop and working in the family business. By 1929 he was again living with his parents. By 1937 Harry had married and was living in Belmont. By 1940 Harry had left the family business and was a United States Post Office employee living in Arlington.

Eventually Harry and his wife moved to Houston, Texas, where they died.

Harry Fine's wife, Lillian Miller, was the daughter of Swedish immigrants who settled in Boston. Harry and Lillian are said to have had one daughter, whom I have been unable to locate.

- **Edward Fine** was working as a salesman in the family business in 1920. By 1926 Edward had moved to Concord, New Hampshire where worked in sales, as a buyer, and then as a store manager. Around 1940 he opened a clothing store on Main Street in Concord, which his son later ran. The name at one time was "Edward Fine and Son".

After Edward's death, his widow, Yvonne, was raped and murdered in her home. DNA evidence was preserved, and twenty years later the murderer, who had been an initial suspect, was tried and convicted.

Edward "Ned" Fine
b. 10 Oct 1896, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA
d. Apr 1970, Concord, Merrimack Co., NH?
& Yvonne A. unknown
b. 25 Jun 1900, Massachusetts
d. abt 7 Sep 1981, Concord, Merrimack Co., NH

Edward Fine Jr.
b. 24 Aug 1929, Concord, Merrimack Co., NH
d. 8 Oct 2009, Merrimack Co. Nursing Home, NH
& Allwynne E. unknown
b. 5 Jul 1938, England
m. abt 1962

- **Jacob "Jack" Fine** and his wife ran a men's clothing store in East Boston at the location of his father's previous business, 151-153 Meridian. I found this store in operation as late as 1967. Between 1937 and 1940 they moved their residence from the store to 7 Parkman in Brookline.

Jacob's wife, Frances, was a widow, perhaps previously married to a Mr. Hoffman.

Jacob "Jack" Fine
b. 12 Apr 1899, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA
& Frances Abrams
b. abt 1906, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA
m. 8 Jul 1934, Concord, Merrimack Co., NH

Norman David Fine
b. 1935, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA
& Joan Carole Jablow
m. abt Jun 1956

- **Louise Frieda Fine** appears to have lived at home and worked in the family clothing business until she married M. Eli Livingstone at age 31. Louise and Eli did not have children.

In 1932, before marrying, Louise Fine took a two-week cruise to South America. On the ship's roster, she appears to have fibbed about her age by two years, one month and one day.

M. Eli Livingstone was born in Russia and was a Boston attorney. In 1955 he was one of the 18 Americans receiving the Weizmann Award of Merit.

Martha (Dennis) Christiansen remembers Louise Livingstone and her brother, Maurice Fine, visiting her parents in Terre Haute, Indiana around 1960.

In tax law circles M. Eli Livingstone achieved attention from his work as a securities dealer in the 1950s. Eli apparently developed a unique investment strategy that was then used by a number of high-income individuals to reduce their tax burden.

To understand the benefits of Eli's investment strategy, one has to realize that in 1954 a wealthy individual paid 91 cents on every dollar of income subject to tax over \$200,000. On the other hand, in 1954 the maximum tax on long-term capital gains income was only 25%, as opposed to the 91% maximum marginal income tax rate cited above.

Thus if high-income individuals like Sammy and Gloria Cahn or Walter Rothschild Sr. could borrow money at a high interest rate from Eli and invest the borrowed money through Eli in a vehicle that paid a substantial capital gains return, they would win on two fronts:

- Interest expenses would reduce the amount of income subject to the 91% marginal rate.
- Capital gains earnings, taxed at 25%, would more than offset their interest expenses.

Today I and other fiscal conservatives should be grateful that the IRS was not supportive of Eli's investment strategy, as if allowed to stand it would have been adopted by more and more Americans and our national debt would now be even higher!

There followed through the remainder of the 1950s and most of the 1960s a series of IRS claims, lawsuits filed by aggrieved investors, and trials. To learn more, google "M Eli Livingstone". You can also buy on-line the following small book:

M. Eli Livingstone, Petitioner, v. Fatima Charities, Inc., et al. U.S. Supreme Court Transcript of Record with Supporting Pleadings Paperback
by [HARRY SACHER](#) (Author), [EARLE W CARR](#) (Author)

It appears that eventually Louise and Louise's brother, Maurice Fine, came under suspicion by the IRS as Eli sought to shelter his assets. I don't know how this played out.

- **Maurice Fine** was born "Morris" but assumed the spelling "Maurice". Maurice worked in the family retail clothing business into the 1930s.

Maurice then married and became an insurance broker. I found him living in Marblehead from around 1935 through 1945.

In the 1950s Maurice was a securities salesman for his brother-in-law, M. Eli Livingstone, for a time.

By 1964 Maurice was the treasurer of his brother Gifford's retail clothing company, Webbs Inc.

Besides Boston, Marblehead and Brookline, Maurice lived in other area towns.

Maurice Fine
b. 25 Aug 1904, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA
d. 11 Apr 1997, Brookline, Norfolk Co., MA
& Rose Dach
b. 12 Nov 1897, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA
d. 21 Oct 1973, Natick, Middlesex Co., MA

Richard Norman Fine
b. 14 May 1934, Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA
d. 28 Sep 2001, New York, NY?

Robert W. Fine
b. abt 1935, Massachusetts

- **Gifford Gabriel Fine** worked in the retail clothing business in Boston. From 1954 to 1981 he was associated with Webbs Inc., a clothing store, being listed as president of Webbs beginning around 1964. In 1977 Webbs had two locations in the Back Bay area of Boston, 321 Huntington Ave. and 526 Commonwealth Ave.

Gifford's brother, Maurice, and M. Eli Livingstone's brother Samuel, were also officers in Webbs Inc.

Gifford Fine is said to have had three or four children, and the cursory Massachusetts marriage index indicates a first marriage in 1940. The following chart is from his known marriage.

Gifford Gabriel Fine
b. 3 Apr 1909, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA
d. 28 Jul 1995, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA
bur. 1 Aug 1995, Mt. Auburn Cem., Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA
& Dorothy Mankowich
b. 11 Apr 1911, New York, NY
d. 4 Jul 1980, Waltham, Middlesex Co., MA
brp. Los Gatos Mem. Park, San Jose, Santa Clara Co., CA
m. 20 Aug 1947, Seabrook, Rockingham Co., NH

Barbara Louise Fine
b. 20 Mar 1948, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA

Dorothy Mankowich happened to be born in New York to an immigrant family from the Odessa area lived in Waltham. Dorothy was a high school teacher who may have remained in the family home in Waltham for most of her life. Dorothy may have had a second marriage, to a Mr. Furne, or perhaps she changed her name from Fine to Furne.

- **Raymond Fine.**

In 1935 and 1937 Raymond Fine was living with his brother, Jacob, and working in the family store at 151-153 Meridian in East Boston. In 1940 Raymond Fine, a single salesman, was enumerated in Newton, Massachusetts in the household of his brother-in-law, M. Eli Livingstone.

Subsequently Raymond Fine apparently married and lived in Brookline, although his Internet presence is almost non-existent.

According to Dennis family memories, there was a connection between Raymond Fine and the Samuel Bronfman family of Montreal. The only evidence I have been able to uncover is that Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fine of Brookline were among the many guests at least two Bronfman family weddings in the 1940s and 1950s. Currently my two most-likely hypotheses: Mrs. Raymond Fine was a relative of Mrs. Samuel Bronfman; Raymond Fine had an involvement in the Bronfman business dealings.

When Raymond Fine sometimes used the birthdate 11 Oct 1913. At his death his birthdate in social security records was changed to 2 Oct 1912, which is what I found in the Boston birth records, and which is the date I use.