

DESCENDANCY
of
HERSZ JOZEF WALD (est b 1845-1850) and WOSZA GOLDSTEIN (est b 1845-1850)

Jozef's parents are not known to us
Wosza's parents were Berl and Chane Goldstein

Note 1: Material in larger type is primarily from the database of Karl Frederick Edler Jr (KFE), while material in smaller type is added by his wife, Barbara Ann Fisher (BFE).

Note 2: Unless otherwise indicated, sources of the information in this Section begin on page 17-19.

Note 3: As explained in the Preface to this Document, we caution readers that information in this Section is partly unverified.

Note 4: Names of direct ancestors of Bruce Wald (brother-in-law of KFE) are underlined.

I. Hersz Jozef¹ (Josef) Wald was born Jezowe, Nisko District, Galicia. He probably made his adult home in Sokolow-Malopolski, about 16 km to the south. Jezowe and Sokolow-Malopolski are in present-day Poland, about 130 km east of Krakow. We haven't identified Jozef's parents and don't know where their ancestors lived before they settled in Galicia.

Jozef became a barber-surgeon, an occupation which would have been important to the community. It would have required more education and experience than modern readers might assume.

He married Wosza Goldstein, possibly about 1873; at least nine children born Sokolow-Malopolski. Her parents were Berl and Chane Goldstein. We don't know Jozef's or Wosza's birthdates, but estimate they may have been born about 1845-1850. We don't know anything else about Wosza or her parents.

Jozef died after 1912, age at least 62.

GALICIA -- When we began reviewing the Wald family, we found Galicia in Spain and were confused because we were pretty sure our folks weren't Spanish. Then we found Galicia in eastern Europe in the northeastern foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, north of present-day Slovakia, which is north of present-day Hungary and Rumania. A sketch map is on the page following page 17-16; we hope it helps a little. (Incidentally, we haven't found a connection between the two Galicias, or a reason for use of the same name.)

The Kingdom of Galicia ceased to exist in 1349, and can't now be found on a map as a separate country. Its history is complicated, partly because the various European powers divided lands as assorted battles and wars ended. From 1387 until 1772, Galicia was assigned to Poland; then from 1772 until 1918 to Austria, which today is considerably to the southwest of Poland. Galicia is currently divided physically and politically between Poland and Ukraine.

Partly due to language difficulties, it hasn't been easy to locate towns. It was our good fortune to visit western Poland briefly in 2000, and our road atlas from that trip helped with finding several towns in Galicia. Somewhat to our surprise, several small places are also in our large 1970 National Geographic Atlas.

In researching or reading about family history, it can be misleading when a person is said to have been born in Austria before 1918. In such cases, he or she could be said to be "born in Austria" only because Galicia at that time was ruled by Austria. Present day readers would most likely assume that "born in Austria" meant born in the geographic area of present day Austria.

To minimize confusion in *All-People*, we aren't attempting to use historically accurate terminology. Rather, we're simply using a town name (and district, if we know it) followed by "Galicia" without indicating greater political entities, whether historical or current-day. We hope this is helpful.

If we had more time and energy, however, we'd research more in this area and be more specific, for we do find Galicia's history interesting. We recommend future researchers consider some serious study. Perhaps limited but rather fascinating information is available.¹

A. Jacob² "Jack" Wald, born Jun 1874 (or 17 Mar 1875),² married Manya (Miriam) "Minnie" Groll

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B. Kysl¹ Wald, a son, was born 1880. We haven't been able to find an English translation of his name or those of the next three children.

C. Leija² **Wald** was born 1883. She died as an infant 1884.

D. Duene² **Wald** was born 1885. He died 1887, age probably two or younger.

E. Chaje² **Wald** was born about 1886. He immigrated to NY 11 Dec 1903, to join his brother Jacob.

F. Dora² **Wald**, born 1888, immigrated to New York 28 Aug 1905 on the SS *Hamburg*. She married Edward **Silfen** 31 Aug 1912 Brooklyn; two children. Born about 1889 Galicia, he immigrated 1907. His parents were Louis and Anna Silfen. Edward was manager of a hat shop, and Dora's sister Sadie, who worked in the hat shop, was living with them in 1920. He died 10 Mar 1934 Brooklyn, age about 44.

Secondly, Dora married Harry **Hacker** 25 Jul 1937 Brooklyn, and adopted his daughter. Born about 1886 Attosta, Poland, he was naturalized 1908, and died about 1950 Brooklyn, age about 64.

Dora was naturalized 28 Jan 1942 (or 1943), US District Court, Eastern District NY.

Thirdly, she married Samuel **Rothman** about 1950 Brooklyn. Born 16 Nov 1882, he died Nov 1969 Brooklyn, age about 68. She died Sep 1982 Brooklyn, age 92.

1. Jacob³ "Jack" **Silfen** was born 29 Aug 1913 Brooklyn. He married his stepsister Nellie **Hacker** 9 Dec 1939 Brooklyn; two children. Her parents were Harry Hacker and Dora Wald [Silfen] [Hacker].

2. Vivian³ **Silfen**, born 20 Aug 1917 Brooklyn, married Charles **Levison** about 1948.

3. Nellie³ **Hacker**, born 20 Jul 1920 in NY, was adopted by Dora Wald [Silfen] [Hacker]. Nellie married her stepbrother Jacob "Jack" **Silfen** 9 Dec 1939 Brooklyn; two children.

G. Benjamin² (Bernhard?) "Bennie/Berl" **Wald**, born 1891, immigrated to NY 7 Dec 1906 on the SS *Graf Waldersee*. He married Rose **Klein** 25 Dec 1910 New York NY. She was born 1882 Trembowla, Galicia. In 1920 he was a barber, living with his wife and mother-in-law at 1486 Bryant Avenue, Bronx NY. Five children 1912-1928: Dorothy, Margaret, Ruth, George, and Walter William.

H. Sura² "Sadie" **Wald**, born 21 Mar 1895, immigrated to New York NY 25 Mar 1910 on the SS *Pretoria*. She was a hat trimmer in 1920, probably in the hat shop managed by her brother-in-law, Edward Silfen, with whom she lived. She was naturalized about 1941 New York.

WOMEN'S HATS – In this time period, women wore hats almost everywhere outside the home. Many of the hats were very elaborately trimmed, often with the feathers of exotic birds (sometimes so popular that the birds became extinct). Several of the women in this Section were employed as hat trimmers or milliners, one of the few occupations in which a woman could honorably support herself or assist her family financially.

I. Markus² **Wald**, born 1899, immigrated to New York NY 25 Nov 1912 on the SS *George Washington*. He died after 1936, age at least about 37.

IMMIGRATION – We theorize that many people in Galicia wanted to emigrate for the same reasons as many of our other relatives who left their European homelands for America – they were tired of wars, having to fight in them, sending their sons to fight in them, and having their farms destroyed.

In addition, many of the Galicians were Jews, and were aware they could be in danger if they stayed.

Unfortunately, many became disillusioned not long after their arrival here. They found deplorable conditions, crowded and unhealthy living facilities, very limited work opportunities, prejudice against foreigners, difficulty in learning the language, etc. Alas, they found out the streets weren't paved with gold.

Fortunately, there were some families who, for a variety of reasons, were able to overcome the difficulties better, and make a greater success of their lives here.

We much admire all those who struggled and managed to come through. For more understanding of the lives of immigrants, we recommend some serious study. Information is available.³

**JACOB “Jack” WALD (b 1874) and MANYA (MIRIAM) “Minnie” GROLL (b 1872)
and their descendants
from pages 17-1 and 17-4**

Jack’s parents were Hersz Jozef Wald and Wosza Goldstein
Minnie’s parents were Josef Samuel Groll and Sara Golde Semel

A. Jacob² “Jack” Wald was born Jun 1874 (or 17 Mar 1875)² Sokolow-Malopolski, Galicia. He immigrated to New York NY 13 May 1889, probably to join his mother’s relatives. He probably settled later in Boston MA.

He married Manya (Miriam) “Minnie” Groll about 1894 Suffolk Co MA; four children. She was born 2 Jan 1872 Bolechow, Galicia, which is in present-day Ukraine, about 90 km southeast of Lviv (Lemberg).

She may have come to NY on the SS Amsterdam 24 Jun 1891. Her parents were Josef Samuel Groll and Sara Golde Semel.

Between 1898 and 1900, Jack and Minnie apparently moved to New York City. In the 1900 census, Jack was listed as a barber, residing on East 13th Street, Manhattan. He was naturalized US District Court, New York NY 3 Dec 1900. In 1910 the family was on West 125th Street.

Minnie died 31 Mar 1936, age 64. Jack died 29 May 1946 Brooklyn, age about 70. They were buried Beth David Cemetery, Elmont, Nassau Co NY.

With the marriage of **Jacob “Jack” Wald** and **Manya (Miriam) “Minnie” Groll**
our **WALD** lineage is joined by our **GROLL** lineage
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MINNIE’s BUSINESS CAREER – Although Jack was a good barber, it wasn’t possible to make enough to support four children. Minnie assisted by developing her own business, bringing feathers home from a plumage factory and creating beautiful hat trimmings. The children helped in every way they could.

A remarkable woman, Minnie worked hard and was very frugal, sometimes renting rooms in their house. Later she was able to buy some cottages for summer rental, and eventually a barbershop in the city for Jack.

We admire her tremendously.

1. Bessie³ (Helen) **Wald** was born 22 May 1896 Boston, Suffolk Co MA. She married Fred Earl **Kriss** 18 May 1919 New York NY; two children born NY, including the son below.

An accountant, Fred was born 26 Dec 1892 in NY, and died Nov 1968 King of Prussia, Montgomery Co PA, age 75. She died Aug 1972 Braddock, Allegheny Co PA, age 76.

a) Gerald⁴ **Kriss**, born 22 Dec 1923, married Lucille C [Kriss]; no children known to us. He died 5 Sep 1995 King of Prussia, age 71. Born 20 Jun 1925, she died 24 Aug 2001, age 76.

2. Herman³ **Wald**, born 1 Jan 1898 Boston MA, married Dorothy **Sherower** and married Cywie (Violet) Erdman

-- see page 17-6.

3. Gertrude³ **Wald** was born 2 Jun 1900 New York NY. She married Murray **Kogan** 15 Apr 1934 Brooklyn; one child. A chemist, Murray was born 2 Mar 1898, and died Dec 1974 Brooklyn, age 76. Gertrude died 27 Jun 1988, age 88.

4. Benjamin³ **Wald**, born 6 Mar 1904 New York NY, married Rose [Wald] 28 Jul 1928 Bronx NY; one child. She was born about 1904 in NY. In 1930 he was a dentist, renting on Davidson Avenue in the Bronx. He died Dec 1986 Sunnyside, Queens Co NY, age 82.

JOSEF SAMUEL GROLL and SARA GOLDE SEMEL and their descendants
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Josef's and Sara's parents and birthdates are not known to us

I. Josef Samuel¹ Groll, said to have been a dairyman, married **Sara Golde Semel**; at least six children born Bolechow, Galicia. In present-day Ukraine, Bolechow is about 85 km south of Lviv (Lemberg), and about 75 km ESE of Strylky, which is about 100 km SW of Lviv.

We don't know their birthdates. We've been unable to identify their parents, or where their ancestors lived before they settled in Galicia.

A. Gittel (Gussie)² Groll, born 3 Apr 1865, married Moses Joseph **Corriel** about 1887; five children. She immigrated to New York NY 14 Aug 1898 on the SS *Tartar Prince*, probably with her husband and three oldest children. She died 5 Mar 1946 Brooklyn, Kings Co NY, age 80, buried 6 Mar 1946 Acacia Cemetery, Ozone Park NY.

1. Feige (Fannie)³ Corriel, born about 1888 Bolechow, Galicia, married Joseph **Weitzner** about 1908 in NY. She died Brooklyn, Kings Co NY.

Four children: Clara, Pauline, Samuel, and Harry.

2. David³ Corriel was born 20 Mar 1890 Bolechow, Galicia. He married Fannie [Corriel] before 1914 in NY. He died Feb 1975 Brooklyn, Kings Co NY, age 84, buried Acacia Cemetery. Born 1 Jun 1889, Fannie died Jun 1978 Brooklyn, age 89.

Four children: Max, Harry, Julius, and Abraham.

3. Ethel³ Corriel was born about 1894 Bolechow, Galicia. She married Morris **Sternstein** before 1916 in NY; two children.

a. Herman⁴ Sternstein was born 8 Mar 1916 Brooklyn NY. He died Jul 1985, age 69.

b. Goldie⁴ "Gladys" Sternstein, born 8 May 1917, married Henry **Tokar**. Born 18 Jan 1917, he died 3 Jun 2001, age 84. She died 4 Mar 2005, age almost 89.

4. Isadore (Irving)³ Corriel, born 7 Aug 1899 New York, New York Co NY, married Jean [Corriel]; no children known to us. He died Jun 1978, age 78. Born 13 Sep 1911, she died Jun 1983, age 71.

5. Bertha (Beatrice)³ Corriel was born 2 Mar 1901 New York, New York Co NY. She died Oct 1984 Brooklyn, Kings Co NY, age 83.

B. Jacob David² Groll was born 24 Sep 1867.

C. Manya (Miriam)² "Minnie/Mimi" Groll, born 2 Jan 1872, married **Jacob "Jack" Wald**

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D. Jente Mirel² Groll was born 20 Aug 1874.

E. Moses (Morris)² **Groll** was born 27 Oct 1875. He immigrated to New York NY 30 Jul 1892 from Hamburg on the SS *Wieland*, and became a tailor. He married Alte (Annie) **Grünberg** 11 Jan 1898 New York NY; four children. Her parents were Henoeh Grünberg and Hanne **Waldman**.

Morris and Annie were naturalized 3 Oct 1903 Superior Court, Wilmington, New Castle Co DE. He died 28 May 1955 Wilmington, age 79, buried 29 May 1955 Machzikey Haddas Cem, Minquadale NJ.

1. Harry³ **Groll**, born 28 Nov 1898 Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co PA, married Fannie Miriam **Zweibel** 22 Aug 1925 Brooklyn, Kings Co NY; two children. Her parents were Nathan and Edith Zweibel.

Harry died 19 Dec 1967 Wilmington, New Castle Co DE, age 69, buried 21 Dec 1967 Jewish Community Cemetery, Wilmington.

2. David Harvey³ **Groll**, born 24 May 1901 Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co PA, was an accountant. He married Nettie **Budin** 24 Jun 1934 Philadelphia; one child.

He died 16 Oct 1992 Denver, Denver Co CO, age 91, buried Feldman Cemetery, Denver.

3. Saul (Oscar)³ **Groll**, as a child often called Chaskel, was born 10 Jun 1903 Wilmington, New Castle Co DE. He married Anne **Penn** 7 Feb 1926 Wilmington; two children, including the daughter shown below. Anne’s parents were Nathan Simon Penn and Esther **Chinchin**.

Oscar, a jewelry salesman, died 16 Feb 1970 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co CA, age 66, buried 18 Feb 1970 Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Los Angeles Co.

Scott David Groll, a grandson of Oscar and Anne, has done extensive research on the Groll family. Most of our information on this family has come from his work, and we much appreciate his contribution.

a. Vivian Noreen⁴ **Groll**, born 17 Jul 1930 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co CA, married Charles Bernard **Kaufman** 21 Aug 1951 Los Angeles. She died 11 Apr 1996 Burbank, Los Angeles Co CA, age 65, buried Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Los Angeles Co.

4. Samuel Joseph³ **Groll**, born 24 Sep 1905 Wilmington, New Castle Co DE, married Sylvia **Shapiro** 6 Oct 1940 Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co PA; one child.

He died 17 Feb 1992 Philadelphia, age 86, buried Montefiore Cemetery, Philadelphia.

F. Israel (Srul)² **Groll**, born after 1879, married Maryam [Groll] in Galicia; three children born Stryj, Galicia. In present-day Ukraine, Stryj is about 65 km south of Lviv (Lemberg).

Srul and Maryam came to the United States in the late 1920s to be with their son Leon, but grew homesick, returned to Galicia, and perished in the Holocaust about 1943 in Stryj.

1. Klara³ **Groll** married Jacob **Linhard**; two daughters. All four perished in the Holocaust about 1943 in Stryj.

2. Rivka³ **Groll** married (--?--) **Sherman** in Stryj; two daughters. All four perished in the Holocaust about 1943 in Stryj.

3. Leon³ **Groll**, born 24 Jun 1902, immigrated 18 Sep 1920 to New York NY on the SS *Susquehanna*. He married Ella [Groll] before 1926; no children known to us. He was naturalized 29 Nov 1926 US District Court, New York NY. She died Jul 1970 New York.

Secondly, he married Bertl [Groll] after 1970. He died 14 Sep 1993 New York, age 91.

**HERMAN WALD (b 1898) and DOROTHY “Dottie” SHEROWER (b 1898)
and their descendants
and
HERMAN WALD and CYWIE (VIOLET) ERDMAN (b 1908) and their descendants
from pages 17-3 and 17-9**

Herman's parents were Jacob “Jack” Wald and Manya (Miriam) “Minnie” Groll

Dottie's parents were Morris Sherower and Amalia “Malie” Hofstadter

Violet's parents were Meyer Erdman and Blima Bader

2. Herman³ Wald was born 1 Jan 1898 at 41 Barton Street, Boston, Suffolk Co MA. His parents moved to Manhattan not long afterwards, and later lived on Coney Island. To help with family finances, he and his siblings worked to help their mother in her hat trimming business.

About 1914, when he was sixteen, he went into the navy (saying that he was seventeen) and learned some of the dental technician skills that would become part of his lifelong career. We don't know how long he was in the navy but, when he registered for the draft in Sep 1918, he stated that he was a ‘dental mechanic’.

He married Dorothy “Dottie” **Sherower** about 1917; three children: Miriam Estelle (1919); Stanley M (1923); and Robert David (1924).

Dottie was a milliner. She was born 10 Oct 1898 Krakau, Galicia, which is now in Poland. She immigrated to America about 1903 with her parents, Morris Sherower and Amalia "Malie" **Hofstadter**.

With the marriage of **Herman Wald** and **Dorothy Sherower**
our **WALD** lineage is joined by our **SHEROWER** lineage
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Herman worked at a dental lab (where dentures were made) and later headed up his own lab. Eventually, he ran a successful business, living at times in New York, Cleveland, and San Francisco.

Herman and Dottie divorced in or before 1933, in New Jersey, where divorce was easier to obtain and less expensive than in New York, and Herman lived with his sister Gertrude for a while. (Later on, in 1936, when Herman was able to afford it, he and Dottie obtained a New York divorce.)

Meanwhile, Dottie lived in Bronx NY with the three children. After Herman's second marriage, his daughter lived with him and his second family until about 1940. The two sons continued to live with their mother, and Herman visited them every other weekend.

Dottie died 31 Jul 1962, age 63, from stomach cancer.

Note: we are grateful to Robert D Wald, a son of Herman and Dottie, and to Barbara Heather Sherman [Ashbaugh] [Pinard], their granddaughter, for much of our information on the Sherower and related families.

SECONDLY, Herman married Cywie (Violet) Erdman 16 Apr 1933 Union City, Hudson Co NJ; one child. She was born 12 May 1908 Strylky, Galicia, which is in present-day Ukraine about 100 km SW of Lviv (Lemberg), not far from the Polish border. Her parents were Meyer (Max) Erdman and Blima Bader.

With the marriage of **Herman Wald** and **Cywie (Violet) Erdman**
our **WALD** lineage is joined by our **ERDMAN** and **BADER** lineages
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VIOLET’S LIFE BEFORE HER MARRIAGE – We wish we had space to tell more about Violet’s life in Strylky. Her memoirs¹⁰¹ reveal a fascinating story, and are well worth reading.

In the book published many years later by her daughter-in-law (Elizabeth Savilla Edler Wald), Violet tells how she spent the terrible years of the first World War with her mother, Blima, and two siblings in Strylky, while her father, Max, was in America trying to establish a home for them. He had emigrated about 1910, planning to be able to send for them much earlier than he actually did.

They suffered under several military occupations. The girls were sometimes forced to hide under the floorboards of their kitchen when marauding soldiers came to the house to take the family's food.

Blima and her four younger children, including Violet’s half-sister Elsa, finally left Strylky, travelling as refugees searching for relatives. They spent the latter part of the war in Klatau, near Pilsen in what later became Czechoslovakia.

Her older half-sister, Charlotte, had married and remained near Strylky. She and her family were killed in the Holocaust. Elsa was with the family in Klatau, but later married and stayed on the family farm in Strylky when Blima and the younger children emigrated. She and her family were also killed in the Holocaust.

We greatly admire Violet’s mother, Blima, for her courage, determination, and accomplishments as she cared for her family before and during the war. She was a remarkable woman and, as we said earlier, we wish we had space to tell more about her.

IMMIGRATION – Finally, several years after the war, Violet’s father was able to sponsor his family’s immigration to the US, on the Holland America Line SS *Rotterdam*. The ship departed Rotterdam 22 Nov 1922. They traveled third (steerage) class, with a small cabin below the waterline. After an extremely uncomfortable voyage, they arrived NYC 1 Dec 1922. The manifest showed “Bluma Erdman, f, age 41; Estera, f, age 16; Cyla, f, age 13; Herman, m, age 12,” all from “Strzylky, Poland.” They were travelling to join their husband/father “Majer” Erdman at 67 Clinton Street, New York, who had paid for the trip.

The family spoke five languages but not English, and their life as immigrants in New York was difficult. Blima found their situation very disappointing. After her father had died and Max had left for America, she had become the mayor of Strylky, and the family had had a comfortable and respected lifestyle.

As a teenage immigrant girl with poor English skills, Violet struggled to help support her family after her father suffered a debilitating stroke. She and her sister worked at various jobs. In spite of all the troubles, Violet describes how she did have some fun and interesting experiences. She had many admirers and suitors before Herman Wald came into her life. They married quietly, but Blima was unhappy and died not long afterwards.

HERMAN AND VIOLET’S LIFE TOGETHER – They lived in an apartment over his dental lab in a New York business district. At some point, probably right after WWII, he taught vocational courses in New York City. He was instrumental in setting up a community college program, and travelled to California and other places to assist in similar ventures. He later established and taught vocational courses at universities in New York and elsewhere.

As time went on, Violet learned and developed skills so that she became a secretary to a Commissioner of the City of New York.. She was always interested in education. Their situation improved and they took a comfortable trip to Europe in 1954.

They moved into a high-rise apartment in Manhattan, in a building next to the one where our younger son (Jan Sterling Edler) and his family later lived for several years while he was on the staff at New York University.

Herman suffered a stroke in 1980, and was nursed by Violet. He died 12 Dec 1985 St Vincent's Hospital, Greenwich Village, New York, age 87, buried Beth Moses Cemetery, Pinelawn, Long Island, Suffolk Co NY.

VIOLET’S LIFE AS A WIDOW – She lived alone and made a life for herself, taking advantage of the proximity to such things as shopping and theatres, which she sometimes attended with friends.

BFE had, of course, met Violet much earlier, but it turned out that she was able to spend a little time with her several times while visiting Jan. Very happy at being able to know her, I appreciated her more and more and, indeed, began to love her as a member of my family.

In 1997, when it was finally necessary, Violet moved to a retirement community in Arlington VA, and died there 2 Oct 2004, age 96, from complications following a major stroke late the day before; buried beside Herman.

1. Bruce³ Wald, born 20 Jun 1934, married Elizabeth Savilla Edler

-- see page 17-15.

HERSH BADER and (--?--) [Bader] and their descendants
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Hersh's parents and birthdate are not known to us
 His wife's identify, parents and birthdate are not known to us

I. **Hersh¹ Bader** married (--?--) [Bader]; at least one child. They probably lived Strylky, Galicia, which is in present-day Ukraine, about 100 km southwest of Lviv (Lemberg). We don't know their parents or anything else about them, or where their ancestors lived before they came to Galicia.

A. **Blima² Bader**, probably born about 1880, married Joel **Pachtinger** probably about 1895; three children born Strylky. We don't know his parents or birthdate. Joel died about 1904, possibly of acute appendicitis, which in those days could not be treated.

1. **Zlaty (Charlotte)³ Pachtinger** was born about 1896. When she was five, her grandaunt Rosa Bader [**Ruck**] visited, and took Charlotte to Vienna for surgery for a lisp, saying she would return her as soon as she recovered, but kept her for years. Charlotte got along fine with Rosa, and traveled extensively with her. When Charlotte grew up, she married, remained near Strylky, and she and her family were killed in the Holocaust.

We think Rosa Bader [Ruck] may have been a sister of Hersh Bader, and we also think she later married (--?) **Gildner**. The Walds and Gildners later bought adjoining cemetery plots with a joint monument.

2. **Kalman (Charles)³ Pachtinger** was probably born between 1897 and 1903. He also went to Vienna with his grandaunt Rosa Bader [Ruck], for surgery for a tumor on his forehead. She said she would return him, but kept him for years also. He didn't get along well with her, however, and, when he was twelve, left her and lived in Paris.

In 1954 he was apparently prospering in France, when he was visited in Paris by Herman and Violet Wald. He was said to have a home also in the south of France, where he kept a mistress.

3. **Elsa³ Pachtinger**, also known as Elsa **Erdman**, was probably born about 1904, just 8½ months after her father died. She and her husband and children are believed to have remained on her mother's family farm near Strylky when her mother and three younger half-siblings immigrated to New York. Elsa and her family were removed by the Nazis and all perished in the Holocaust about 1943.

SECONDLY, Blima married Meyer “Max” **Erdman** 20 Nov 1905; three children born Strylky. He was born about 1878 Galicia. We don't know his parents or anything else about him.

Max immigrated about 1910 to New York NY from Galicia, planning to bring his family after getting established there. WWI and other events interfered and it was much longer than expected before he could sponsor, and pay for, their immigration in 1922. – see page 17-7.

In 1930 Max was a clothing presser in Brooklyn NY. He probably died about 1932, age about 54. Blima probably died about 1934, age about 54.

4. **Estera (Evelyn)² Erdman,⁴** born 2 Feb 1906, married William **Wittman** about 1928 in NYC; two children. Born 4 Jul 1908 in NYC, he died Feb 1952, age 43. She died Jan 1995, age about 89.

5. **Cywie (Violet)² Erdman**, born 12 May 1908, married **Herman Wald** – see page 17-6.

6. **Hesch (Harry)² Erdman**, born 10 Apr 1910, may have been known also as Herman.

He married Rosalyn **Daum**; no children known to us. Secondly, he married Annette [Erdman]; one daughter (in 2004 living Staten Island). He died 17 Nov 1997 Staten Island, Richmond Co NY, age 87.

MORRIS SHEROWER and AMALIA "Malie" HOFSTADTER
and their descendants
from page 17-6

Morris' and Malie's parents and birthdates are not known to us

Note: We've found this family's surname spelled several different ways, including Sherower, Sherover, Przerower, Pscherower, and Schreiber. We think that Sherower would probably be pronounced Sherover most of the time. We understand that, at various times and for various reasons, some family members changed the spelling of their name, perhaps more than once. It has been difficult for us to try to associate a "correct" spelling in all cases. For simplicity, we're using Sherower throughout "All-People".

I. Morris¹ Sherower, said to have been born 1865 Warsaw, Poland, married Amalia "Malie" **Hofstadter** Krakau, Galicia; six children. Their marriage date is said to have been about 1878.

Malie was born 10 Sep 1869.⁵ We are uncertain of the accuracy of their birthdates and their marriage date, because he would have been only 13, and she only 9, if they married about 1878.

We haven't been able to identify the parents of either Morris or Malie.

They immigrated to New York City 28 Jul 1903,⁵⁰ on the SS *Statendam* from Rotterdam with five of their children, to join some of her relatives. He became an insurance agent in New York City, selling life insurance policies and collecting the small weekly premiums, mostly among fellow immigrants. He was naturalized 9 May 1911.⁵⁰ He died about 1914 in NY, age about 52, from complications of diabetes.

The Sherower family is one of the most interesting ones we have studied, and we wish we had space to tell more. With regard to spelling of their surname, see the note above.

A family story is that Morris and Malie's son Max travelled to America alone later, as a cabin boy on a tramp steamer, age about 10. While the story may have some basis, we haven't found evidence. For example, he would have been at least 14 years old when they emigrated, so he couldn't have been 10 years old afterwards.

THE HOFSTADTER FAMILY -- We don't know Malie's parents' names or how many siblings she had, but we did find some interesting things.

Her brother Rubin Hofstadter, born Krakow Dec 1858, married Sarah **Sadger**; six children including Louis. Rubin, a merchant, immigrated to America Jul 1898, and was naturalized 30 Dec 1903.

Louis Hofstadter became a salesman and owned a cigar store. He married Henrietta **Koenigsberg**; four children, including Albert and Robert. Henrietta's parents were Isaac and Ella Koenigsberg.

Robert Hofstadter, born 5 Feb 1915, was a professor of physics at Stanford University. He became well known for many significant accomplishments, and won the Nobel Prize in 1961. He married Nancy **Givan** in 1942; three children: Douglas Richard, Laura James, and Mary Hinda. Robert died 17 Nov 1990, age 75.

Douglas R Hofstadter, a professor of cognitive science and computer science at Indiana University, also became well known for his achievements, and received a Pulitzer Prize in 1980.

Much interesting information is available about the Hofstadters, especially Robert and Douglas, and we highly recommend some reading.

Incidentally, Richard Hofstadter, a well-known historian at Columbia University, received two Pulitzer Prizes, in 1955 and 1964. He was born 6 Aug 1916 Buffalo NY. His parents were Emil A Hofstadter, a furrier, and Catherine [Hofstadter]. Richard died 24 Oct 1970, age 54. We feel he may possibly be a cousin of our Hofstadter family, but so far we haven't found a connection.

A. Robert² Sherower, born 12 Dec 1885 Krakau, Galicia, married Esther **Hertz** and married Kate [Sherower]

– see page 17-11.

B. Emanuel² **Sherower** was born 28 Jul 1887 Krakau, Galicia. He suffered from Torticollis, probably from a birth injury, resulting in his head tilting to one side with his chin lifted in the opposite direction. Apparently a neck operation was unsuccessful, leaving scars and possible nerve damage as well.

According to his 5 June 1917 WWI draft registration, he was a clerk, living 58 East 115th Street, New York NY, described as single, age 29, 5' 3" in height, black hair and brown eyes.

According to his 27 Sep 1917 passport application, he was planning to accompany his brothers to Japan 3 Oct 1917 as a merchant and buyer of toys.

He died 3 Jan 1952 New York, age 64.

C. Maxmillian² "Max" **Sherower**, born 10 Mar 1889 Krakau, Galicia, married Minna "Anna" **Rabinowitz**

– [see page 17-13.](#)

D. Meyer (Miles Michael)² **Sherower**, born 16 Oct 1896 Galicia, married Anna [Sherower], Alice [Sherower], and Gita (Gitta?) **Belson**

– [see page 17-14.](#)

E. Dorothy² "Dottie" **Sherower**, born 10 Oct 1898 Galicia, married Herman Wald

-- [see page 17-6.](#)

F. Augusta² **Sherower** was born 19 Feb 1900 Galicia. In New York she became a milliner.

Although she was only 17 at the time, she accompanied her brothers to Japan in Oct 1917 to help them in their business activities. She may also have helped care for the two small children of her brother Robert for a while after his wife, Esther Hertz, died of flu in 1918. Augusta probably stayed in Japan several years, perhaps making some trips back and forth before returning permanently to the US.

She married Samuel J **Spector**; three children, including the son below. Samuel was born 20 Apr 1898 Shepetovka, Ukraine, which is about 220 km east northeast of Lviv, just over the border which before 1938 separated Ukraine from Poland.

He died Aug 1972 New York NY, age 74. Augusta died 24 Feb 1975 in NY, age 75.

SAMUEL'S PARENTS were Israel Spector and Mindel **Biella**. They immigrated to America with Samuel and two of his siblings before the 19 Dec 1907 birth of their youngest child. They also had four older children, but we don't know whether those children came to America or what happened to them. It seems so sad that Israel died about 1907, when the baby was very young or perhaps not yet born. We don't know how Mindel cared for the family afterwards.

3. Myles S **Spector**,³ born 1 Mar 1929 New York NY, married Suzanne [Spector]; three children. He died 5 May 2007 New York NY, age 78.

ROBERT SHEROWER (b 1885) and ESTHER HERTZ (b 1893) and their descendants
and
ROBERT SHEROWER and KATE [SHEROWER] (b 1896) and their descendants
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Robert’s parents were Morris Sherower and Amalia “Malie” Hofstadter
 Esther’s and Kate’s parents are not known to us

A. Robert² Sherower was born 12 Dec 1885 Krakau, Galicia. He immigrated to America 3 Aug 1903 with his parents, and was naturalized 9 May 1911 in NY, the same day as his father.

Robert became a businessman, working in New York and overseas, and traveling a great deal.

He married Esther **Hertz** in Dec 1913; two daughters born in NY. Born 28 Aug 1893 Hoboken NJ, Esther died of “Spanish fever” (flu) 3 Nov 1918 Yokohama, Japan, age 25. She was buried public cemetery, Bluff, Yokohama.

Secondly, Robert married Kate [Sherower] 10 Aug 1919; two sons, the older born in Japan and the younger in New York. Kate was born 10 Aug 1896 in NYC. We don’t know the parents of either Esther or Kate.

Eventually Robert headed the Products Transportation Line, a shipping company, and was noted as having donated 5000 beds to the Eva Peron Foundation (La Fundacion Eva Peron) about 1949.

He died 28 Jan 1961, age 75, possibly of leukemia in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Kate died Aug 1984, age 88.

FAMILY TRAVELS – We found numerous passport applications and other documents. Unlike present-day passports, which are valid for a time period, passports then were apparently valid only for specific travel.

Making the assumption that the individual applying for a passport did go on the trip for which the passport was needed, we think the information is interesting enough to include here. We’re aware there were probably many other trips, by various family members, which we don’t know about.

(Please remember, everything has not been completely verified.)

Robert probably went to Japan in Mar 1912, before his marriage, possibly his first trip to that country. We were somewhat surprized to find he probably went to Japan again on 5 Feb 1916, shortly before the 25 Feb 1916 birth of his second daughter. He probably went again in Nov 1916 on business.

In Oct and/or Dec 1917, he traveled there again, apparently intending to live in Japan for a time, and Esther and the children accompanied him. His brother Emanuel went also, to work as a buyer of toys, as well as their sister Augusta, to assist her brother Max in business. Augusta evidently remained in Japan for several years.

Esther died 3 Nov 1918, and Augusta then probably helped care for the two small children until they left, shortly after, to go to their grandmother Malie in New York. The children returned to Japan with Malie in Dec 1919, after Robert’s marriage to Kate in Aug 1919.

The family lived in Yokohama from 5 Sep 1919 until Feb 1921, not long after the birth of the first son in early January. In 1923, Kate (then living 210 Ft Washington Ave, Astoria, LI, NY) applied for a passport to travel with her husband and four children to Germany, England, and France. Robert’s brother Max and his wife also traveled at the same time.

We have probably made mistakes in studying the information we found, but we feel it does give an idea of the travels of Robert and his family. We hope anyone interested will research further.

1. Miriam³ “Dorothy” Sherower was born 16 Oct 1914 in NY. She married Douglas **Marett**; two children.

Secondly, she married Ray [--?--], a Canadian living Annapolis, Nova Scotia. In 2005 they were separated and she was quite ill, living with her daughter near St Louis MO. She died later in 2005, age about 91.

2. Gertrude³ **Sherower** was born 25 Feb 1916 in NYC. She married Morris **Pfeiffer**; at least one child. In 2004 she was living near Easton on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

3. Abbott William³ **Sherower** was born about 1921 in Japan (age 2 on his mother’s 5 May 1923 passport application). He studied in Brussels and Paris, and became a historian and author. During WWII he served with the US Office of War Information.

He authored numerous articles and papers in English, Spanish and Portuguese languages as well as a nine-volume work on Napoleonic history, and served as a consultant and advisor to several governments concerning inter-American defense matters.

In later years he served as Chairman of an industrial confederation founded in 1912 by his father, which in 2005 consisted of 393 companies in 71 countries.

He married Ronven Owen [Sherower]; no children known to us. She wrote about her father, Arthur B **Davies**, a painter. In 1980, after her death, Abbott William donated her papers to the Smithsonian.⁶

4. Morris (Morton) Charles³ **Sherower** was born early Jan 1923 (age 4 months on the 5 May 1923 passport application). He died in his 20s, of a physical disorder (possibly cerebral palsy) which he had from birth.

**MAXIMILLIAN “Max” SHEROWER (b 1889) and MINNA “Anna” RABINOWITZ (b 1889)
and their descendants**

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Max’s parents were Morris Sherower and Amalia “Malie” Hofstadter

Anna’s parents are not known to us

C. Maxmillian² "Max" **Sherower**, born 10 Mar 1889 Krakow, Galicia, married Minna "Anna" **Rabinowitz** about 1911; three children, including the two shown below. Anna was born 24 May 1889 in Russia. We haven’t identified her parents.

Max immigrated to New York with his parents 28 Jul 1903. He was naturalized 1 Aug 1913, living 111 W 137th St, New York Co NY.

Evidently he traveled to and from America at various times. On one of his passport applications, he said he had been in Yokohama, Japan, from Apr 1917 to Jul 1919, and again from Oct 1919 to Sep 1920. Anna applied for a passport 23 Aug 1917, to go to Japan to visit her husband.

On another application, he said he intended to spend eight months, beginning 5 May 1923, in Germany, England, Poland, France and Switzerland. However, he arrived at Ellis Island 15 Jun 1923 (married, age 34 years and three months) on the SS *Mauretania* from Cherbourg, France, so we don’t know what happened.

In 1926 he was a Socialist candidate for the New York State Senate, but was defeated.

He was Director of the Lingua-Phone Institute, and the inventor of a phonographic device called a cerebrograph, which can teach by means of recording and playing back anything a person wishes to learn while slumbering. It was successfully tested at the University of North Carolina and was said to cut the learning period of students by half.

He died 16 Jun 1959, age 70.

1. Eugene V³ **Sherower** died about 1921, possibly as an infant. We don't know when he was born.
2. Charles Milton³ **Sherower**, born 20 Jan 1922 in NY, never married. He was a professor at Hunter College and at Emory University, author of many books and monographs on philosophy; particularly the human experience of time. In 2005 he was seriously ill, living in Santa Fe NM.
He died 25 Oct 2005 Santa Fe, age 83.

MEYER (MILES MICHAEL) SHEROWER (b 1896) and his descendants
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His parents were Morris Sherower and Amalia “Malie” Hofstadter

D. Meyer (Miles Michael)² **Sherower** was born 16 Oct 1896 Krakau, Galicia. He immigrated to New York with his parents 28 Jul 1903, when he was about 7 years old. As an adult, he was described by a relative as handsome, resembling actor Claude Raines.

Meyer started young as an insurance salesman in New York. He became a businessman and financier operating in the US and other countries. He traveled a great deal on business.

It is said that he went to Moscow where he met both Lenin and Trotsky. We think this would most likely have been early in 1920.⁷

Meyer was married at least twice before 1955, and may have been divorced twice. His first marriage was to Anna [Sherower]; two daughters: one born about 1938, below, and another born about 1940. All we know about Anna is that she was born about 1899.

Secondly, Meyer married Alice [Sherower]; no children known to us. She was born 15 Apr 1903 and died Jun 1982, age 79.

His third (or perhaps fourth) marriage was to Gita (Gitta?) **Belson** in 1955. She was born 8 Aug 1917 Riga, Latvia. She had been married previously and Meyer adopted her son Gabriel.

Later Meyer and Gita became major benefactors in Israel, where they donated funds for the Jerusalem Center for the Performing Arts, and for other civic projects.

He died 3 Mar 1976, age 79. Born 8 Aug 1917, she died 11 Jun 2004, age 86.

1. Erica Reed³ "Ricky" **Sherower**, born about 1938 New York NY, was a writer and teacher working in the field of psychology. She studied racism as a social phenomenon, contrasting it to other belief systems such as ageism, anti-semitism, homophobia, etc; wrote extensively in the field and led many workshops in the US and Europe on "unlearning racism".

She married Herbert **Marcuse**, a professor of political theory, about 1976; no children known to us. Born 19 Jul 1898 in Germany, he died 29 Jul 1979, age 81. She died from cancer 15 Dec 1988, age about 50.

3. Gabriel³ **Sherower**, born 8 Aug 1945, was adopted by his stepfather. He died 24 Jul 1988, age 36, said to be the first person to die in Israel of AIDS.

In his memory, his mother created the Gabriel Sherower Foundation, the Gabriel Sherower Promenade, and Bet Gabriel on the Kinneret on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. All these were much involved with the arts; information is available.

**BRUCE WALD (b 1934) and ELIZABETH SAVILLA “Bets” EDLER (b 1937)
and their descendants
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Bruce’s parents were Herman Wald and Cywie (Violet) Erdman
Bets’ parents were Karl Friedrich Wilhelm Edler and Pearl Elizabeth Keil

1. Bruce⁴ **Wald** was born 20 Jun 1934 New York NY although, due to a delay in recording the birth, his official birthdate in New York City records is 22 Jun 1934.

He married Elizabeth Savilla **Edler** 12 Dec 1959 All Souls Unitarian Church, Washington DC; five children. She was born 2 Feb 1937 Washington DC. Her parents were Karl Friedrich Wilhelm Edler and Pearl Elizabeth **Keil**.

With the marriage of **Bruce Wald** and **Elizabeth Savilla Edler**
our **WALD** lineage is joined by our **EDLER** lineage
see [Section 14](#)

a. Heidi Hope⁵ **Wald**, born 1962, married William **Byerly**; one child.

With the marriage of **Heidi Hope Wald** and **William Byerly**
our **WALD** lineage joins our **BYERLY** lineage
see [Section 20](#)

b. Robert Bruce⁵ **Wald** was born 1965. After a brief early marriage which ended in divorce, he married Lisa Colleen **Putnam** 1991; two children. They were divorced, and the children remained with their mother.

He married Kelly Lynn **Doering** 19 Jan 2008 Woodstock VA. She was born 18 Apr 1977. Her parents are Frederick G Doering Jr and Lynn **Goula**

With the marriage of **Robert Bruce Wald** and **Lisa Colleen Putnam**
our **WALD** lineage is joined by our **PUTNAM** lineage
see [Section 21](#)

-- [see page 17-16 for some information about the DOERING and related families](#) --

c. Peter Herman⁵ **Wald**, born 1968, married Judy **Paffen**; two children.

d. Matthew Karl⁵ **Wald**, born 1969, married Anne Marie **Stevens**; three children.

e. Michael Alan⁵ **Wald** was born 1973.

– **Some information about the DOERING and related families** –
referenced on page 17-15

Note: We have not verified the obviously incomplete material below, but include it for interest and as a possible starting point for a future researcher.

Frederick **Doering** Sr married Agnes [Doering].

Frederick **Doering** Jr married Lynn **Goula**; three children, including Kelly Lynn.

Michael **Golya** (c1894) married Mary **Kozinosky**; children: Heleka, Michael, Mary, Irene, Andrew, Joseph, Helen, June, Michael, Mary, and Steven.

Steven **Goula** (Stephan Golya) (12 Nov 1924--24 Nov 2007) married Claire **Mooney**; two children, including daughter Lynn.

James **Mooney** (Irish) married Sara **Brawley** (Scots); children: John, Joseph, Walter, Richard, Agnes, Ann, Sara, and Stewart.

Stewart **Mooney** (20 Oct 1896-Jan 1965) married Carolyn **Everhart**; children: James, Regina, Margaret and Carolyn (twins), Patrick, and Claire.

Charles **Everhart** (PA Dutch) married Laura [**Jenkins?**]; children: Margaret, Claire, Walter, and Carolyn.

– *This is the last page of text about our WALD lineage in this document --*

– MAJOR SOURCES OF INFORMATION, Section 17 –

Note 1: Numbers below do not refer to superscripts in document text, nor are they in the order consulted.

Note 2: *Some specific endnotes, annotated in the text, are on the next page.*

1. Correspondence and notes from Mark Jacobson, emails and attachments:

- copy of birth record in Rzeszow Archive, Poland.
- JRI Index, Sokolo birth listings, index 1825 -1903 <http://www.jewishgen.org/JRI-PL/jriplweb.htm>
- Online Naturalization Index www.ancestry.com.
- death certificates
- NYC Marriage Index, 1900 - 1936.
- Social Security Death Index (SSDI)
- online Ellis Island records: Ship passenger manifests
- Petitions for Naturalization
- NYC Death Index

Note 1: Mark Jacobson is a great-great-grandson of Rachel Jacobi, midwife to Wosza Goldstein [Wald] at the birth of her daughter Sura (Sadie) Wald 21 Mar 1895 Sokolow-Malopolski.

Note 2: Mark Jacobson's email address (as of 2005) is <mark_jl_2000@yahoo.com>

2. Elizabeth Savilla Edler Wald, editor, *My Life in Galicia and New York*, by Violet Erdman Wald. Published by the Violet Wald Trust, 4787 Old Dominion Drive, Arlington VA 22207-2731.

3. Interviews and correspondence with Bruce Wald of Arlington VA, in person, by telephone, and via email.

4. Interviews and correspondence with Elizabeth Savilla Edler Wald of Arlington VA, in person, by telephone, and via email.

5. Interviews and Correspondence with Robert D Wald MD of Anchorage AK.

6. US Census records (Ancestry Images), including Manhattan, New York Co NY:

- 1900, Roll T623-1097, page 5B ED 344, lines 54-57.
- 1910, Roll T624-1027, Manhattan Ward 12, Image 766, ED 722, Sheet 9B, lines 85-90.
- 1920, Manhattan, ED 1212, Page 29, Sheet 18A?, Lines 47-50.

7. US Census records (Ancestry Images), including:

- 1930 Philadelphia Co PA, Roll 2120, Ward 34, Philadelphia, ED 451, sheet 8A, image 588.
- 1930 Bronx Co NY, Roll 1486, page 8A, ED 604, image 593.
- 1930 Kings Co (Brooklyn) NY, Roll 1522, Kings Co, ED 1354, sheet 1A, image 79.
- 1920 Kings Co NY, Brooklyn NY, ED 1441, sheet 16A, image 881.
- 1920 Bronx Co NY, Roll 1138, Bronx Borough, ED 305, sheet 10A, image 574.

8. Passport applications.

9. WWI draft registrations.

10. US Social Security records (Social Security Death Index, SSDI), LDS Family History Department.

11. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS), International Genealogical Index (IGI), Family Group Records (FGRs).

12. Birth, marriage, and death certificates.

– SELECTED ENDNOTES, Section 17 –

Note 1: The selected specific endnotes below are annotated in the document text.

Note 2: Please be aware, as explained in the Preface to this document and in the document itself, that we have not entirely verified many of our sources. Please do not share them with others without attribution to this document and caution that they have not been entirely verified.

1. One example of information available on the web is *Halychyna! Galicia! Galicja! Gulizia! Galizien! Gócsország! Historic Land in Western Ukraine of magnificent history and heritage*, by Roman Zakharii (“from Berezhany in the very heart of Galicia”) <http://halychyna.uazone.net/index.html>

2. Birthdates from immigration record and from draft registration.

3. An excellent example of information available about the lives of immigrants is *My Life in Galicia and New York*, by Violet Erdman Wald. In 2005, a year after Violet’s death in 2004, this book was created by Violet’s daughter-in-law Elizabeth Savilla Edler Wald. It consists primarily of memoirs written by Violet, with editing and added material by Elizabeth. Published by the Violet Wald Trust, 4787 Old Dominion Drive, Arlington VA 22207-2731, it was used as a major source in this Section of *All-People*.

4. E-mails Apr 2008 from Lorraine Wittman, daughter of Evelyn Erdman [Wittman], providing some information about her parents.

5. Passport application of Malie Sherower, dated 2 Dec 1919. Her address was 55 West 114th St, NYC. She stated she and two granddaughters, Miriam (age 5) and Gertrude (age 3½) were going to Japan for two years.

6. Ronwen Owen [Sherower], an eight page manuscript and typescript, with four photographs, on partial microfilm reel 2336, Archives of American Art, Smithsonian.

7. Meyer Sherower wrote three articles about the Soviet Far East and Japan for the *Nation* magazine in 1920. One of them (Vol 111, 21 Aug 1920) was about the Nikolaevsk Massacre, which took place in March 1920. Assuming he was writing with first hand knowledge of Russian affairs, we think a visit to Moscow would have been not long before that.

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