



Initial Consultation Report from Tara A. Fantauzzi, Professional Genealogist

Subjects: (1A) Direct Ancestors of Edward Louis Lipitz
(1B) Direct Ancestors of Dorothy Cohen

Starting Points:

In this section, Tara will summarize the data and goals submitted by client in the welcome packet phase. Client is encouraged to report if any additional information is known at project start as well as to correct any facts that may have been misinterpreted.

(1A) Direct Ancestors of Edward Louis Lipitz

Client has a desire to verify and prove the identity of Edward Louis Lipitz with an emphasis to establish and prove the identities of previously unknown direct ancestors beginning with his parents Sam Lipitz and Masha Katz. Upon review of Ancestry member tree Edward L. Lipitz was said to have been born on 15 April 1915 in Grodno, Grodno, Belarus and died on 5 March 2002 in Boca Raton, Palm Beach County, Florida. The date and place of marriage for Edward L. Lipitz and Dorothy (Dorah) Cohen was not reported, but based on the date of birth of their son Michael R. Lipitz the couple was likely married in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York in 1946 or earlier. The parents of Edward L. Lipitz known as Sam Lipitz and Masha Katz were said to have been born in Grodno and both were reported to have died in Brooklyn. Approximate dates of birth were not provided for Sam and his wife, but their approximate dates of death were provided with Sam said to have died in 1969 and Masha in 1937.

An index entry for a 1930 census was submitted on the household of an uncle to Edward L. Lipitz known as Nathan Lipitz. He resided in Brooklyn, Kings County during that year, but no image of the census has been submitted yet for review. A ship passenger list for a woman named Bertha Katz was also submitted and she was described as a sister to Masha Katz. According to the manifest she arrived during 1921 and later married a man in the U.S. known as M. Percy Alpern. It was said Bertha settled in New Castle, Pennsylvania. An index entry was provided in addition to an image of the passenger list for Bertha Katz. An index entry and ship manifest for 'Scholonia Lipitz' otherwise referred to as Sam Lipitz was submitted. The two ship passenger lists help to verify and prove the Lipitz and Katz families had origins from Grodno, Belarus. It is important to note the second page of both passenger lists have not yet been submitted.

UPDATE: Parents of Client were reported to have been married on 20 March 1938

(1B) Direct Ancestors of Dorothy Cohen

Client has a desire to verify and prove the identity of Dorothy Cohen with an emphasis to establish and prove the identities of previously unknown direct ancestors beginning with her parents Joseph Cohen and Basia Singer. An index entry for a 1920 census was submitted on the household of Joseph and Bertha Cohen to prove their daughter was Dorothy Cohen born circa 1917. On the Ancestry member tree of client it was said Dorothy was born on 1 January 1917 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York and died on 31 March 1982 in Woodmere, Nassau County, New York. Her parents on the Ancestry member tree were described to have been born in Russia, but their specific place of origin has not yet been identified. Joseph Cohen was said to have died circa 1959 in Brooklyn and his wife Basia was said to have died during 1920 in Brooklyn.

Summary of Research Recommendations:

Genealogist recommends applying up to fifteen minutes of correspondence time to contact the Beth David Cemetery in Elmont, New York to verify the specific date of death for Basia Singer Cohen. After the cemetery has been contacted genealogist recommends applying up to a half hour of correspondence time requesting two death certificates for Masha Katz Lipitz and Basia Singer Cohen from the New York City Municipal Archives. The correspondence time will be covered in full but the gift certificate, but the record copy fees will not and must be covered by client. Masha was said to have died during 1937 and Basia died during 1920. Both individuals were said to have died in Brooklyn. It is important to obtain copies of their death certificates to establish and prove the identities of their parents.

Itemized List of Research Recommendations:

1. Correspondence, up to .25-hours correspondence time

- To contact the Beth David Cemetery in Elmont, New York to verify the specific date of death for Basia Singer Cohen

2. Correspondence, up to .5-hours correspondence time + up to \$40 record copy fees

- To submit two requests to New York City Municipal Archives to obtain death certificates for Masha Katz Lipitz and Basia Singer Cohen