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This record also lacks 1950 federal census data.
Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Katz, Michael
1895 NY – 1933 MA

KATZ MICHAEL		Ic 842 392
Cpl St Aig /Cas Co 4460		K
26 S Regent St Port Chester		A 1 425 473
N Y		
Ssn 250 182	Died 7-1-33	T 529 137
Born 4/12/95		R
Enl 10/29/17	Dis 6/9/19	Cl 2 645 758
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7209—Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD

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(Surname)	Katz	(Christian name)	Michael	(Army serial number)	250,182	(Race: White or colored)	White	3 2 0	1 1/2
Residence:	43 Townsend St	Port Chester	NEW YORK						
	(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)					
* Enlisted in	Mineola LI NY	Oct 29/17							
† Born in	Port Chester NY	22 6/12 yrs							
Organizations:	15 Aer Sq to Dec 1/17; Mineola LI Hq 213 Aer Sq								
	AEF to disch								
Grades:	Pvt 1cl Sept 30/18; Corp Feb 1/19								
Engagements:									
Wounds or other injuries received in action:	None.								
‡ Served overseas:	Jan 24/18 - June 2/19								
§ Hon. disch.	Jan 9/19 on demobilization								
Was reported	0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.								
Remarks:									

Form No. 724-1 1/2, A. G. O. March 12, 1920. *Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

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11-14-17-20,000 (40-11311)

Katz, Michael (1703375)

AGE.	DATE OF COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN STATE SERVICE.				HOME STATION OR COMPANY RENDEZVOUS.	MUSTERED.					
	YEAR.	DAY.	MONTH.	YEAR.		DAY.	MONTH.	YEAR.	GRADE.	COMPY.	REGT.
	18		Aug	1917	<i>105th Inf</i>	13	Oct	1917	<i>Priv</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>185</i>
DATE OF APPEARING.				1917							
LEFT THE ORGANIZATION.											
HOW.	WHEN.				IN WHAT GRADE.	EXPLANATION.					
	DAY.	MONTH.	YEAR.								
<i>How. Prom.</i>			1918	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>On 160. Co. 105th, Jan 1918. Died at Camp Woodworth, 1/2/18. Died. Hqs. 105th.</i>						
REMARKS:											
Age <i>20</i> years; height _____ feet _____ inches; complexion _____; eyes <i>BLU</i> ; hair <i>BLK</i> ; born <i>Aug 18, 1897</i> ; occupation _____; residence <i>215 E 83 St</i> ; <i>Hy. Katz</i> ; married or single; name and address of wife or (if single) of parent or guardian _____; relationship _____											

New York, U.S., Abstracts of National Guard Service in WWI, 1917-1919 for Michall Katz
Vol 07: 105th Infantry (2nd Inf NYNG) H-L

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MICHAEL KATZ SWEEPED TO DEATH IN SEA

Suffers Heart Attack
While Bathing In Surf
At Harwich, Cape Cod

Stricken When Hit By Wave; Body Is Recovered

W I F E N E A R D E A T H

Mrs. Katz Reaches Shore, Cries For Help, Collapses Of Exhaustion

Michael Katz, of Manursing Lodge, Rye, widely-known automobile dealer of Port Chester and Rye, succumbed to a heart attack Saturday while bathing at West Harwich Beach, Mass., where he and Mrs. Katz had been vacationing for several days. The body was carried 800 yards up a tributary river and was not recovered until several hours later.

A brother, Harry Katz, of 26 South Regent Street, well-known Greenwich florist, went to West Harwich yesterday and brought the body back to Greenwich. Funeral rites were conducted at 2 P. M. today, followed by interment in Riversville Cemetery, Riversville.

Mr. and Mrs. Katz left several days ago for a vacation trip to the Cape Cod region. Saturday morning they decided to go bathing, although Mr. Katz was not a strong swimmer. They went to the West Harwich Beach and had been in the water only a few minutes when a wave swept over them. Mr. Katz, the heart attack evidently induced by shock, collapsed and was swept away—the body was carried 800 yards up Herring River and was not recovered.

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Michael K a t z Swept To His Death In S e a

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ered until some time later. Mrs. Katz struggled ashore and, overcome by hysteria and exhaustion, lapsed into unconsciousness after calling for aid for her husband.

Mr. Katz was born in Port Chester, 38 years ago, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Katz. He attended the local grammar schools and Port Chester High School. On Dec. 10, 1917, in company with George Donnelly and the late Frank O'Toole, of Port Chester, he went to Mineola, L. I., and enlisted in the Army aviation service. Other local men who belonged to the unit, the 213th Aerial Squad, included Oliver Flood and Wynne Abel of Port Chester, and Leo Harp and Charles Meade of Greenwich.

On Ill-Fated Transport

The men were destined for a harrowing adventure. They were on the transport "Tuscania," bound for Ireland, when the ship was torpedoed by a German submarine, on Feb. 5, 1918, a relatively short distance from the Irish coast.

The explosion occurred at 6 o'clock in the evening and the ship began to sink almost immediately. Mr. Katz and Mr. Donnelly had been assigned to a life boat but the davits had been shattered and they were unable to lower the craft. They clung to the sinking vessel for two hours and were among those rescued by the British destroyer, "Pigeon." About 250 perished. Mr. Katz and his shipmates were landed in Ireland and subsequently were sent to London and finally to Scotland, where they completed their training as aviation mechanics.

Mr. Katz was at the front on several occasions and was in the Meuse-Argonne sector when hostilities ceased. He had attained the rank of corporal.

Mr. Katz is survived by his wife, Mrs. Esther Bell Katz; three brothers, Harry, Benjamin and Jacob Katz, all of Port Chester; and two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Kasilowsky, of Traverse Avenue, Port Chester, and Mrs. Robert Silverman, of Stamford.

His death in the sea – "Port Chester (NY) Daily Item" Monday 3 Jul 1933 p 1, continued on p 5 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/714126258/>

Turning Back The Clock—

November 12, 1927

A total of 204 Port Chester residents have enrolled in the American Red Cross on the first day of the campaign. . . Mike Katz excited awe and wonder in the village by driving a car he had sold to the Maharajah of Ratlam, which was equipped with a special type of glass that makes occupants invisible . . . At the annual

In 1927 – and new-fangled tinted car windows - “Port Chester (NY) Daily Item” Wednesday 12 Nov 1927 p 6

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

PORT CHESTER SAVINGS BANK,
Plaintiff, X

—against—

ESTHER BELL KATZ, individually
and as Administratrix, etc., and
others,

Defendants. X

ACTION NO. 1
FILE NO. 7887—
1935.

NOTICE OF SALE

In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly made in the above-entitled action on the 24th day of January, 1936, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester on the 27th day of January, 1936, I, the undersigned, the Referee in said judgment named will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in the rotunda of the County Court House, in the City of White Plains, County of Westchester and State of New York, on the 19th day of February, 1936, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day the premises directed by said judgment to be sold and therein described as follows:

ALL those two certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the Village of Port Chester, in the County of Westchester and State of New York, which, on a certain map entitled, “Map of lots belonging to Norton J. Sands, Port Chester, N. Y.” made by J. A. Kirby & Sons, Civil Engineers and Surveyors, July 1907, and filed in the Office of the Register of said County of Westchester, June 3, 1909 in Volume 29 of Maps page 37 are known and designated by the Nos. 23 and 24. Said premises will be sold subject to any state of facts, including changes or alterations in street lines which an accurate survey would show, and subject to building and zoning ordinances of the Village of Port Chester, New York, and amendments thereto, and subject to unmaturred installments of assessments, if any.

Dated, Port Chester, New York,
January 27th, 1936.

HERBERT G. BITZ,
Referee.

WILLIAM A. DAVIDSON,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Office & P. O. Address,
125 North Main Street,
Port Chester, New York.

His wife Esther Bell Katz - “Port Chester (NY) Daily Item” Tuesday 28 Jan 1936 p 8

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**Jewish Cemetery Records
Town of Greenwich
Fairfield County, Connecticut**

The Jewish Cemetery was copied from the Charles R. Hale Collection as found in the Connecticut State Library.

Jewish Cemetery is located in the western part of the Town of Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

KATZ, Ethel, wife of Nathan, died Feb. 29, 1920, age 59 yrs.

KATZ, Joseph, died Dec. 3, 1933.

KATZ, Max, died Aug. 17, 1923, age 74 yrs.

KATZ, Michael, born 1894, died 1933.

KATZ, Nathan, born 1849, died 1930.

<http://www.hale-collection.com/408-65-fairfield-greenwich-jewish.htm>

Michael Katz

in the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)

Name:	Michael Katz
Birth Date:	1894
Death Date:	1933 / 07 Tamuz
Age at Death:	39
Burial Plot:	N 38
Burial Place:	Greenwich, Connecticut, United States
Father Name:	Nisan
Cemetery:	Westchester Workers Alliance - Big Cemetery
Cemetery Address:	Memory Lane
Cemetery Burials:	1874

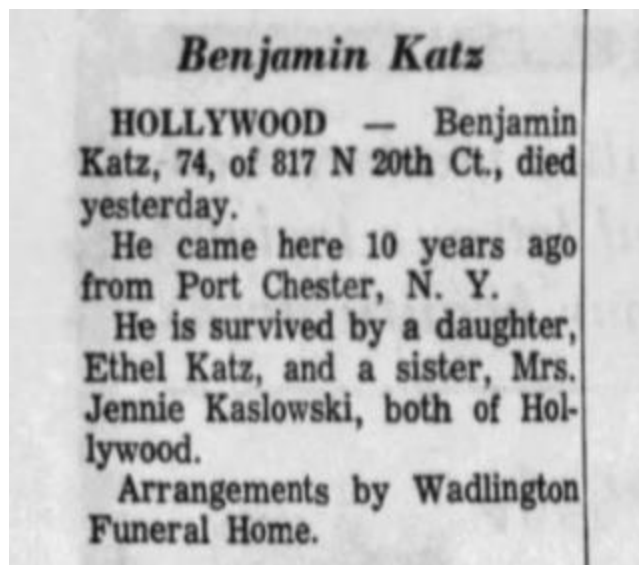
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MRS. NATHAN KATZ.

Mrs. Ethel Katz, wife of Nathan Katz, and for many years a highly respected resident of the village, died at her home, 43 Townsend street, yesterday afternoon, after a long illness, which had been aggravated during the past week by an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Katz had been a resident of Port Chester for twenty-eight years but had not mingled to any extent socially due to an illness from which she had been suffering for a long time. Her husband is widely known, having been in business here for the past quarter of a century.

Deceased is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Samuel Kaslowsky and Mrs. R. Silverman, the latter of Stamford, and four sons, Benjamin, Harry, Michael and Jacob Katz, all of Port Chester. Interment took place at Riversville at noon today.

Obituary of his mother Ethel Katz – “Port Chester (NY) Daily Item” Monday 1 Mar 1920 p 4
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/713942385/?terms=%22mrs%20nathan%20katz%22&match=1>



Obituary of his brother Benjamin Katz, 5 Jun 1892 NY – 8 Nov 1966 FL – “Fort Lauderdale (FL) News” Wednesday 9 Nov 1966 p 20

Name:	Jacob Katz
Birth Date:	16 Feb 1901
Death Date:	23 Jan 1946
Age at Death:	44
Burial Plot:	N 19
Burial Place:	Greenwich, Connecticut, United States
Cemetery:	Westchester Workers Alliance - Big Cemetery
Cemetery Address:	Memory Lane
Cemetery Burials:	1874

Jacob Katz
in the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)

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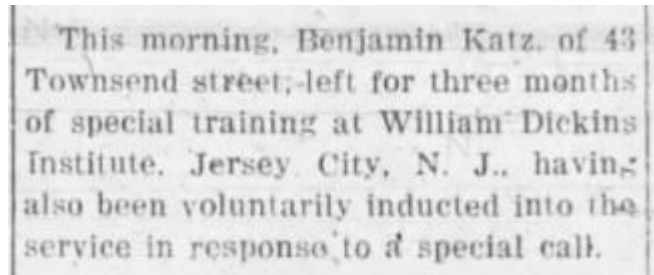
Obituary of brother Jacob Katz – “Port Chester (NY) Daily Item” Thursday 24 Jan 1946 p 14

Name:	Harry B Katz
Birth Date:	1883
Death Date:	1943
Age at Death:	60
Burial Plot:	S 37
Burial Place:	Greenwich, Connecticut, United States
Cemetery:	Westchester Workers Alliance - Big Cemetery
Cemetery Address:	Memory Lane
Cemetery Burials:	1874

Harry B Katz

in the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)

https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=1411&h=279850&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=6061



Benjamin Katz drafted - "Port Chester (NY) Daily Item" Friday 12 Jul 1918 p 1

Name: Michael Katz

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 213th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,182

Entered service from: Port Chester, Westchester NY

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Michael Katz

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Ethel Katz, 43 Townsend St., Port Chester NY

Returned from war on: "Argentina" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Michael Katz

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Ethel Katz, 43 Tompson St., Port Chester NY
[there are 2 passenger records; one record is indexed as Kisel Katz, 43 Tomfson St., Fort Cerster NY] (cpl, 213th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Michael Katz - b. 4 Apr 1896 Port Chester NY; res: 43 Townsend St., Port Chester, Westchester NY. Single. Auto driver & mechanic, R.A. Cowles, 420 Park Ave., NYC. Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 29 Oct 1917

Discharged 9 Jun 1919

Address: 26 S. Regent St., Port Chester NY

Rank/unit: corporal, St. Aig Cas Co 4460

NY, WWI Army Card:

Michael Katz, serial 250182, resident of 43 Townsend St., Port Chester, Westchester NY. Enlisted at Mineola, Long Island NY on 29 Oct 1917 at age 22 years, 6 months. Born Port Chester NY. In 15th Aero Squadron to 1 Dec 1917 – in Mineola Long Island HQ 213th Aero Squadron to discharge. Promoted to private 1st class 30 Sep 1918, to corporal 1 Feb 1919. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to 2 Jun 1919. Discharged 9 Jun 1919. 0% disabled.

Birth & death:

Born: 12 Apr 1895 [4 Apr 1896 on WWI draft card] Port Chester, Westchester NY. When sailing in Nov 1925 from England to NY, listed 12 Apr 1895 Port Chester NY as birth date. His WWI NY Army card would indicate a birth ca. Apr 1895. Also found as 1894.

Died: 1 Jul 1933 Harwich, Barnstable MA (heart attack while swimming at a West Harwich Beach, Cape Cod)

Find A Grave record: records of Greenwich, Fairfield CT Jewish Cemetery show burial of Michael (1894-1933), Nathan 1849-1930 (father) & Ethel, wife of Nathan, d. 1920 at age 59 (mother)

Burial location: Greenfield, Fairfield CT. Obituaries say his family members are buried in Riversville Cemetery, Greenwich, Fairfield Co. CT while others say they are buried in the Westchester Workers Alliance – Big Cemetery. This is an alternative name for the Westchester Jewish Center Cemetery, Greenwich, Stamford CT, as is the name “Glenville Cemetery.” The cemetery is only 6% photographed on Find A Grave as of 24 May 2021.

Tombstone:

Father: Nathan Katz, 1849 – 1930. His name is given as Nisan Hacoheh in his children’s burial records. Buried in Westchester Jewish Center Cemetery, Greenwich, Fairfield CT.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Ethel Silverman (Zimmerman?) Katz, d. 29 Feb 1920 Port Chester, Westchester NY at age 59. Her obituary says she died at her home, 43 Townsend St., Port Chester NY after a long illness, aggravated by pneumonia. Had lived in Port Chester NY for 28 years preceding her death, but did not mingle much socially due to her illness. Survived by 2 daughters & 4 sons & buried (it says) in Riversville. Buried in Westchester Jewish Center Cemetery, Greenwich, Fairfield County CT.

Find A Grave:

Parents’ marriage: ca. 1880, apparently in Romania

Spouse: Esther Bell Katz, d. 29 Feb 1920 at age

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 31 Jan 1926 Greenwich, Fairfield CT

Children:

Siblings:

- Harry Barney/Barnard Katz, 15 Jul 1884 [4 Jul 1882] Romania – 29 Mar 1943 Kings Co. NY. In the 1910 Port Chester NY city directory, Harry Katz is listed under “Billards & Pool” at 11 Lewis in Greenwich CT. On his 1917 WWI draft record, he resides at 43 Townsend St., Port Chester NY, is age 34, manager of Sofa Ponty (spelling?), 157 Greenwich Ave., Greenwich, Fairfield CT. His NOK is Nathan Katz of the same address. The card says he is “native born” [i.e. in the US] & his middle name is Barney. His birthdate is listed as 15 Jul 1884. On his WWII (1942) draft card, his middle name is Barnard, he resides at 393 Rye Beach Ave., Rye, Westchester NY, NOK is his brother Jacob Katz, Columbus Ave., Port Chester NY. He is retired.
- Jennie Katz Kaslowsky (Kazlowsky/Kaslowski), 26 Jun 1885, NY, NY – 24 Apr 1967 Broward Co. FL. SSN 262-74-2644. Her Social Security record lists her as the daughter of Nathan Katz & Ethel Silverman. Married 5 Jun 1898 in Port Chester, Westchester NY to Samuel Kazlowsky (as spelled on record). Samuel was a junk dealer in Port Chester NY. According to the Jewish burial record copied above, which gives a birth year of 1883 and lists her name as Jeannie, she died 24 Apr 1967 & was buried in Westchester Workers Alliance Cemetery – Big Cemetery, Greenwich, Fairfield CT. Her husband is listed as Yekotiel and her father as Nisan Hacoheh.

- Alice Katz Silverman, 22 Sep 1889 Manhattan NY – 8 Jul 1965, a resident of Stamford, Fairfield CT. Her NY birth record lists her name as Elias Cahtz, daughter of Netan Cahtz & Adela Salbieman. Wife of Robert Silverman, whom she married 10 Mar 1907 in Rhode Island. Her CT death record indicates her death at age 74, widowed, husband had been “Robe” (presumably shortened on form from Robert). In the 1910 census for Stamford, Fairfield CT, Alice is age 19, parents b. Romania, married to junk “pedler” Robert Silverman. – In 1917 on his WWI draft card, Robert Silverman resides at 85 Hawthorne, Stamford CT with Alice at the same address. He is a junk dealer, self-employed. His birth date is 18 Mar 1876 & he registered on 12 Sep 1918. - In 1920, Robert Silverman (42, Romania) & Alice (30 NY) live in Stamford, Fairfield CT where he is a junk dealer, yard. In the 1930 census, Alice Silverman, 42 NY, is a widow, living in Stamford, Fairfield CT.
- Benjamin Katz, 5 Jun 1892 Port Chester, Westchester NY – 8 Nov 1966 Hollywood, Broward FL [died 8 Nov 1966 according to 9 Nov 1966 obituary or 15 Nov 1966, according to Social Security]. SSN 266-76-7375. Married Sabina Guber 14 Oct 1917 Port Chester NY. On his WWI (1917) draft card, he was a postal clerk for the US government. He was drafted in 1918. In 1942, on his WWII card, he lived at 234 Columbus Ave., Port Chester NY, with his wife Sabina & was employed at the Port Chester US Post Office. Moved to Hollywood FL 10 years before his death. Survived by daughter Ethel Katz & sister Mrs. Jennie Kaslowski, both residents of Hollywood FL. - Buried with Sabina (1896-1960, F: 75951478) in Fred Hunter’s Hollywood Memorial Garden East, Hollywood, Broward FL. F: 75951472
- Jacob Katz, 16 Feb 1901 Port Chester, Westchester NY – 23 Jan 1946 Port Chester, Westchester NY. Also known as Jack. A florist in Port Chester NY. Husband of Anita Levinsky. In 1942, on his WWII draft card, he lived at 91 Adams Ave., Port Chester NY with Anita & was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 1 Atlantic St., Stamford, Fairfield CT. Buried in “Westchester Workers Alliance Cemetery” – the alternative name for the Westchester Jewish Center Cemetery, Greenwich, Fairfield CT – in burial plot N19. His obituary says he is buried in Riversville Cemetery.

Notes:

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Pre-war:

Wartime:

“New York Sun” 8 Feb 1918: chauffeur in Port Chester, enlisted Dec 1917

“New York Tribune” 8 Feb 1918 p 2 – on board Tuscania: Michael Katz, private, mother Mrs. Ethel Katz of Port Chester NY

"New York Tribune" 10 Feb 1918 p 14 - 1 cable was sent to Greenwich CT from Michael Katz to his brother Harry giving the news that 6 men aboard were safe & asking Harry to notify their relatives. - "Arrived safe. Notify Harp, O'Toole, Donnelly, Mead, Floyd." The men were Leo M. Harp, Frank O'Toole, George Donnelly, Charles Mead & Oliver Floyd.

Post-war:

1925 – aboard “Mauretania” which left Southampton, England, 14 Nov 1925 & arrived in NYC 20 Nov 1925. Katz, Michael. Age 30, single, Born Port Chester NY 12 Apr 1895. US address: 26 S. Regent St., Port Chester NY.

1932 Port Chester NY city directory:

Michael J. (Esther), autos (Port Chester), resident of 24 Manursing Ave., Apt. C21

Obituary:

"Ithaca (NY) Journal" 3 Jul 1933 p 8 - Michael Katz, age 38, Munsuring Lodge, Rye NY, an automobile agent, died of a heart attack while bathing at West Harwich Beach MA. His wife Esther collapsed. His body found on 1 Jul 1933 at a location 800 yards up the Herring River, where it had been carried by the strong current.

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1910 Port Chester, Westchester NY – S. Main St.

Nathan Katz, 51 Romania (Yiddish), parents b. Romania (Yiddish), in 1st marriage, married 30 years, emigrated 1885, naturalized, merchant, vegetable store

Ethel, 49 Romania (Yiddish), parents b. Romani (Yiddish), in 1st marriage, emigrated 1886, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

Harry, 25 Romania, emigrated 1886, naturalized, keeper, pool parlor

Benjamin, 18 NY, clerk, store

Michael, 14 NY

Jacob, 9 NY

1915 NY state census – Rye, Westchester NY

Nathan Katz, 65 Roumania, merchant

Ethel, 54 Roumania, housework

Harry, 30 Roumania, salesman

Benjamin, 23 US, letter carrier

Mickeal, 19 US, chauffer [sic/chauffeur]

Jacob, 14 US, school

1920 Port Chester, Westchester NY – Townsend St.

Nathan Katz, 74 Russia (Yiddish), parents b. Russia (Yiddish), emigrated 1888, naturalized 1892

Ethel, 60 Russia (Yiddish), parents b. Russia (Yiddish), emigrated 1889

Harry, 36 Russia, salesman, grocery store, emigrated 1889, naturalized 1892

Michael, 23 NY, mechanic, garage

Jacob, 19 NY, letter carrier, post office

[all the sons are single]

1925 NY state census – Rye, Westchester NY

Nathan Katz, 78 Romania, no occupation

Harry, 35, US, florist

Mike, 28 US, garage

Jacob, 24 US, florist