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finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

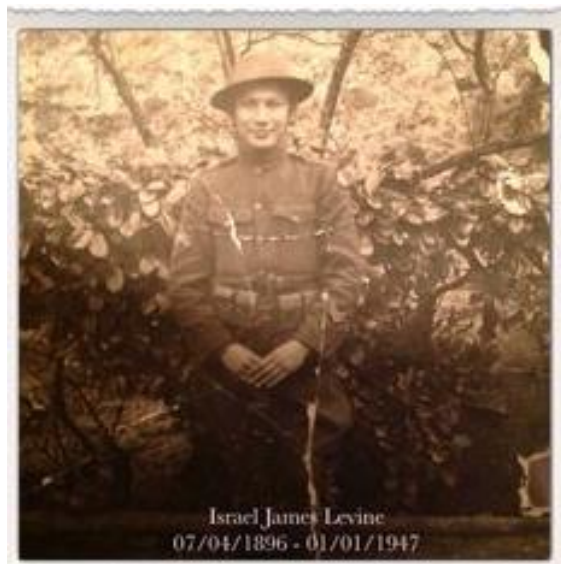
NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Levine, Israel James
1896 NY – 1947 IL



Israel James Levine – left: Find A Grave 132148294 - right: “Chicago Tribune” 9 Feb 1918 p 3



Both from Find A Grave 132148294



From left: brother Jacob Levin, mother Gussie Grogensky Levine, Israel James Levine – Find A Grave 132148220



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Wife:



Israel James & Edith (Blonstein) Levine

Israel James Levine with wife Edith Blonstein Levine – Find A Grave 132148377

Name Israel Levine
Age 23
Gender Male
Birth Year 1896
Marriage Type Marriage
Marriage Date 25 Dec 1919
Marriage Place Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Spouse Name Edith Blonstein
Spouse Age 21
Spouse Gender Female
FHL Film Number 1030716

Cook County, Illinois, Marriages Index, 1871-1920

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71642780/person/30242083699/facts>

Children:



Left: son Harold George Levine – Find A Grave 41824126 – right: daughter Sharon Audrea Levine Witt – Find A Grave 150902011

ADAMS, Myrle Silverstein

Myrle Silverstein Adams, 88, beloved wife of Ben Adams and the late Milton Silverstein; cherished mother of Ken (Linda) Silverstein, Rona (Gary) Berlin, Rona (Scott) Brody; adored sister of the late Harold Levine, Sharon (the late Harry) Witt, Walton (Bobbie) Levine, and Edwin Levine; loving grandmother of Jim (Lynn) Silverstein, Brian Silverstein, Mitch (Meredith) Berlin, Holden (Pryce) Berlin, and Melissa Berlin (Phil Messer, fiancé); beloved great-grandmother to Lisa, Danny, Adina, Max, Shayna, Jake, Mason and Ellie.

Funeral service Thursday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. at The Gardens, 4103 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Tri County Humane Society, 21287 Boca Rio Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33433. The Family will be observing Shiva at the Residence of Ken and Linda Silverstein Thursday through Sunday. For additional information, please contact Weiss Memorial Chapel 561-737-0001.

SILVERSTEIN

Milton M. Silverstein of Pompano Beach, Fla., formerly of Chicago, beloved husband of Myrle, nee Levine; loving father of Kenneth (Linda) and Rona (Gary) Berlin of Reisterstown, MD; darling grandfather of James and Brian Silverstein, Mitchell and Holden Berlin; dear son of Samuel and Ethel Silverstein of Florida; fond son in law of Edith and the late Israel Levine, also of Florida; dear brother of Shirley (Joseph) Pollock of Florida and the late Fay Friedman; fond brother in law of Leo Friedman. Services Friday, 12 noon, at Weinstein Bros. North Shore Chapels, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette. Interment Westlawn. Visitation at time of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions to charity. Info. 256-5700 or 761-2400.

Left: Obituary of daughter Myrle Levine Silverstein Adams – “Hartford (CT) Courant” Thursday 15 Nov 2012 p B11 - Right: obituary of Myrle’s 1st husband Milton Silverstein – “Chicago Tribune” Thursday 12 Jan 1978 p 43

LEVINE, EDWIN J.

Age 74, of Cape Coral, FL, formerly of Chicago, IL. Born in 1939 in Chicago, IL; passed away on Oct 15, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; grandchildren, David (Robert), Jacklynn, Daniel, Kathleen, Anthony & John; great-grandchild, Aliya; siblings, Walton K. (Bobbie) Levine & Sharon (late Harry) Witt; daughter-in-law, Eileen Berkley; uncle to many; friend & life-long brother, Gerald Reed. Proceeded in death by his beloved wife, Glenda; step-son, David Berkley; siblings, Harold (Otilla) Levine & Myrle (Ben, survived) Adams; dear cousin, Dinah Zlatnik. He was a proud veteran of the US Army & the Army National Guard. Visitation, Mon, Oct 21, 4pm - 9pm & funeral services Tues, Oct 22, 11am at **Weinstein Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette, IL, 847-256-5700. Interment, Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to ASPCA.

Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

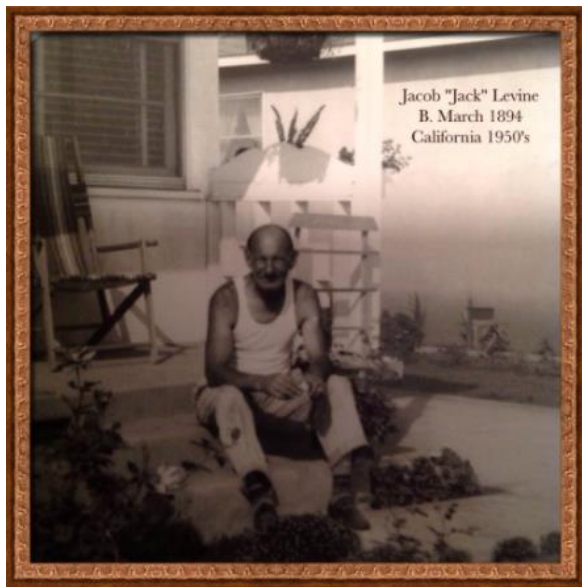


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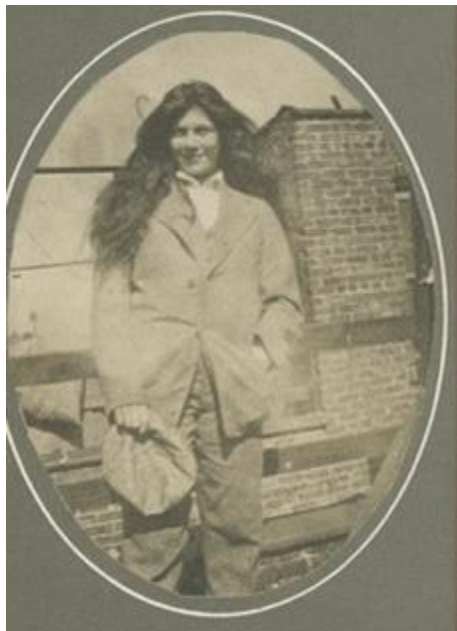


Left: obituary of son Edwin J. Levine (1939-2013) – “Chicago Tribune” Sunday 20 Oct 2013 p 1-35 – left: – right: son Edwin Levine (1939-2013) Find A Grave 132572134

Siblings:



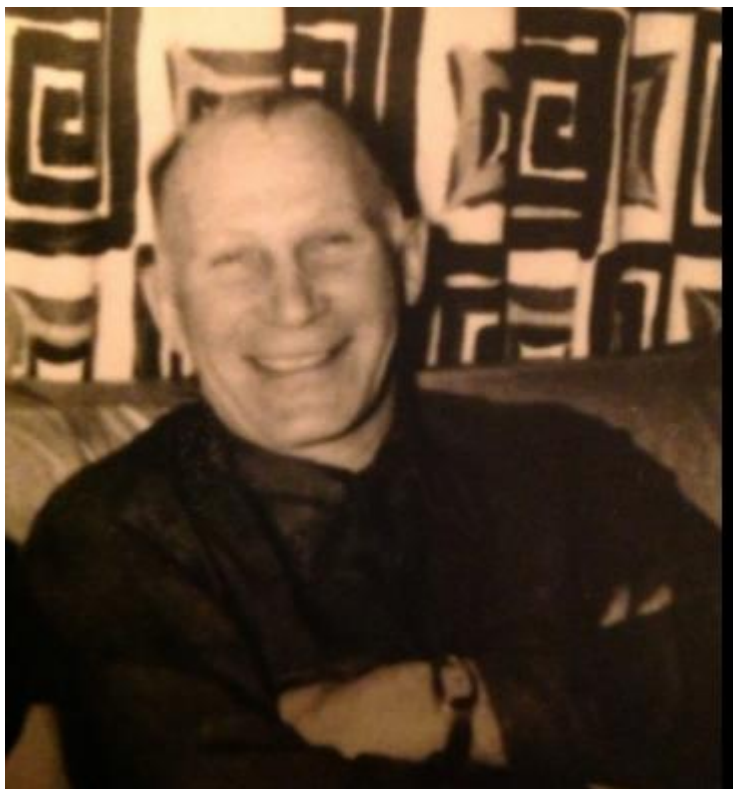
Brother Jacob (Jack) Levine – Find A Grave 143895587



Sister Fay Levine Nepon – Find A Grave 132570497

NEPON—Fay Nepon, nee Levine, 858 Lawrence avenue, beloved wife of Roy, dear mother of Jacqueline Crosky of Hartford, Conn., and Buddy, devoted grandmother of five, fond sister of Ann Eggleston of Hastings, Mich., Rose Cohan of Gary, Ind., David Levine of Springfield, Ill., Jack Levine of Culver City, Cal., and the late Jimmie and Sam. Services Tuesday 11 a. m., at chapel, 5206 Broadway. Interment Westlawn.

Obituary of sister Fay Levine Nepon – “Chicago Tribune” Monday 5 Oct 1953 p 71



Left: Brother David Levine with wife Ethel & children Manny & Fay – Right: David Levine, both from Find A Grave 92849465



Sister Anna Mae Levine Eggleston – in Chicago IL, 1910 – Find A Grave

Form M. D. V. 34A RSM 3-18
100" Has decedent ever served in military or naval service of U. S.?

STATE OF ILLINOIS
State Board of Health - Bureau of Vital Statistics
HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S RECORD
CITY OF CHICAGO

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County COOK
City CHICAGO

Registration Dist. No. 3104
Primary Dist. No.
Registered No. 14452

2. FULL NAME *Bertha Levine*

3. PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
3. SEX *F*
4. COLOR OR RACE *H.*
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED *Single*
6. DATE OF BIRTH *May 1907*
7. AGE *12*
8. OCCUPATION *None*
9. BIRTHPLACE *New York*
10. NAME OF FATHER *Max Levine*
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER *Russia*
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER *Levine Grojinsky*
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER *Russia*
14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Signature) *Russie Levine*
(Address) *1247 S. Sawyer St.*
15. *May 17th 1918*

16. CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 169
16. DATE OF DEATH *May 17* 1918
17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I took charge of the remains of the deceased herein described, held an inquest, autopsy or inquiry thereon and from the evidence obtained find that said deceased came to her death on the date stated above and that the CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Asphyxiation by drowning accidentally
Contributory (Secondary):
(Signature) *Peter M. Hoffman*
(Address) *305 County Bldg*
Date *May 17* 1918
18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)
At place of death: *1247 S. Sawyer St.*
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Forced or usual residence: *1247 S. Sawyer St.*
19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL *Forest Park*
DATE OF BURIAL *May 18* 1918
20. UNDERTAKER *P. Weinstein*
ADDRESS *314 W. 12th*

*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in cases from Violent Causes, when (1) Means of Injury, (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.

IL death certificate for sister Bertha Levine, died 17 May 1918 from asphyxiation in a drowning accident. Buried in Forest Park Cemetery according to this record.



Sister Rose Levine Cohan with husband Archibald Bertrand Cohan – Find A Grave 143895294

WIDOW GRANTED WRIT TO MOVE BODY OF MATE

Ald. Brody Denies 'Shake' Charge

Judge Donald S. McKinlay of Superior court issued an injunction yesterday restraining the Progressive Order of the West Cemetery association, headed by Ald. H. L. Brody (39th), from interfering with removal of the body of Israel Levine from the association's cemetery at 1700 Desplaines av., Forest Park.

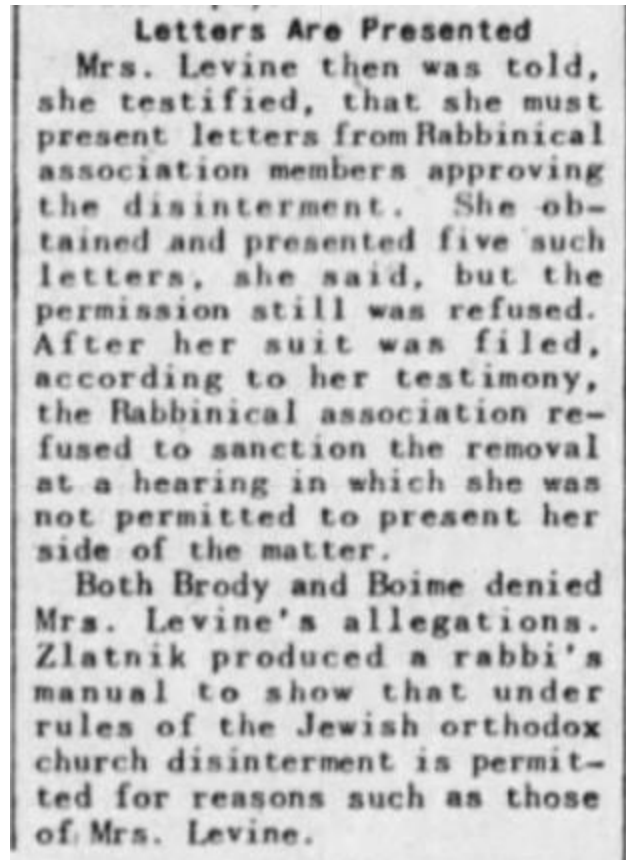
The injunction was asked by Levine's widow, Edith, 45, of 4936 N. Whipple st., who sought to remove the body, buried there Jan. 2, 1947, to a plot she subsequently purchased in the West Lawn cemetery, 7801 Montrose av.

"Shake" Charge Denied

Her attorney, Michael F. Zlatnik, charged during extended hearings that the association's refusal to approve the disinterment was "a pure shake." Brody, the association president, denied this charge, saying the refusal was based on religious grounds.

Mrs. Levine testified members of her family were buried in the Progressive cemetery plot. She wanted to remove her husband's body to the West Lawn cemetery, she said, because his mother is buried there, and there is sufficient space in the West Lawn plot for eventual burial of herself and their five sons and daughters.

The widow said that shortly after the burial she conferred with Harry Boime, cemetery agent, about the disinterment. He told her it would cost \$175, she said. After she borrowed the money, Mrs. Levine related, the price was boosted to \$225, which she said she couldn't pay.



Moving of Israel's body – "Chicago Tribune" Wednesday 21 Jan 1948 p 19

Sailed on Tuscania. Left arm

Name: Israel James Levine

Name variations: Jimmie Levine – 1st name spelled ISREAL on the "Mexican" passenger list

Military:

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,008

Entered service from: Chicago, Cook IL

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Israel Levine

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Cussie Levine, 1247 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago IL

Returned from war on: "Mexican" Feb 1919

Sailed on return ship as: ISREAL Levine

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: Mrs. Gussie Levine, 1247 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago IL (chauffeur, 158th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): 947 W. Lawrence, Chicago IL

World War II draft registration (1942): as Israel Levine - b. 4 Jul 1896 NYC, NY; res: 947 Lawrence, Chicago, Cook IL. NOK Edith Levine, same address. Employed by James A. Arcus, 348 N. Ashland, Chicago IL, at Arcus Ticket Co., same address. Height: 5'10" – 146 lbs. Although does not use the

word “tattoo,” these are apparently his: “Army Signal Corps Flags right arm. Airplane left arm. Sailors head left arm.”

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 21 Nov 1917

Discharged 27 Mar 1919

Address: 1316 S. Kolin Ave., Chicago IL

Rank/unit: chauffeur 1st class, 11th Co., 161st Depot Brigade

Birth & death:

Born: 4 Jul 1896 NY, NY

Died: 1 Jan 1947 Chicago, Cook Co. IL

Find A Grave record: 132148294 – photos – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Norridge, Cook IL

Cemetery: Westlawn (was buried in Waldheim Jewish Cemetery originally, was disinterred & reburied 1 year after his death)

Tombstone:

Father: Mandel (“Max”) Levin, 1871 (also found as 15 Nov 1874) Criava, Russia – 8 May 1916

Chicago, Cook IL. Son of David Levin (Dov Yehieil) (Levindersky) & Raisel Odess.. Buried in Waldheim Cemetery Co., Forest Park, Cook IL.

Find A Grave: 132149096

Mother: Gussie Grogensky [also found as Grodzinsky] Levine, 1868 Lomza, Podlaskia, Poland – 18 Jun 1947 Cook Co. IL. Daughter of Yehiel Grodzinski. Buried in Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, Cook IL.

Find A Grave: 132148220

Parents’ marriage: 1890

Spouse: Edith Blonstein Levine, 20 May 1901 (also found as 1897) IL – 7 Apr 1982 Deerfield Beach, Broward FL. Daughter of George Blonstein (1861-1920, F: 191076596) & Rosie Wihinwetzki/Wishner (1869-1940, F: 191076745). Buried in Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, Cook IL.

Spouse Find A Grave: 132148377

Marriage: 25 Dec 1919 Chicago, Cook IL

Children:

- Harold George Levine, 22 Sep 1920 Chicago, Cook IL – 9 Sep 2009 Lakeland, Polk FL. Died of cancer. Belonged to several deaf associations; funeral memorials were to be sent a deaf club. Husband of Otilia G. Garcia (1912-1999) whom he married on 13 Oct 1991 in Broward Co. FL. Buried in Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, Cook IL. F: 41824126
- Myrle Levine Silverstein Adams, 25 Jun 1924 Chicago, Cook IL – 12 Nov 2012 Fort Lauderdale, Broward FL. Married Milton M. Silverstein (1922-1977) on 6 Jun 1944 in Dade Co. FL. As Merle Silverstine, married Abraham Benjamin (“Ben”) Adams on 11 Mar 1979 in Palm Beach Co. CA. Buried in Gardens of Boca Raton Memorial Park, Boca Raton, Palm Beach FL. F: 132572502
- Sharon Audrea Levine Witt, 1 Aug 1930 Chicago, Cook IL – 30 Jul 2015 Lakeland, Polk FL. Married Harry R. Witt Jr. on 11 May 1949 in Folkston, Charlton GA. Married for 53 years to Harry R. Witt (1928-2001) at the time of his death. Personal secretary for State Farm

Insurance for over 30 years, in Winter Haven FL & Lakeland FL. Buried in Oak Park Burial Park, Lakeland, Polk FL. F: 150902011

- Walton K. Levine, b. 8 Dec 1933 IL. Entered as Walter, age 6, in the 1940 census. Listed as surviving brother in obituary of sister Sharon Levine Witt (Jul 2015) & brother Harold Levine (Sep 2009) & brother Edwin Levine (Oct 2013). Wife was listed as Bobbie in Edwin's 2013 obituary. In Sep 2009, Walton lived with his wife Barbara in Hoffman Estates IL. Also resident at 4001 Whispering Trail, Schaumburg IL.
- Edwin J. Levine, 25 Jun 1939 Chicago, Cook IL – 15 Oct 2013 Cape Coral, Lee FL. Husband of Glenda Joyce Charles (1944-2008). Survived by wife Sandra. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery & Crematorium, Skokie, Cook IL. F: 132572134.

Siblings:

- Samuel Levine, 1892 Brooklyn, Kings NY - ?. Burial location unknown. Listed as deceased in sister Fay's Oct 1953 obituary. F: 143895850
- Jacob ("Jack") Levine, 22 Mar 1894 Brooklyn, Kings NY – 8 Jun CA. Resident of Culver City CA in Oct 1953 (sister Fay's obituary). Burial location unknown. F: 143895587
- Isadore Levine, 15 Sep 1897 Brooklyn, Kings NY – 18 Dec 1900 Chicago, Cook IL. Name also found spelled Isador & Isidor. Burial location unknown. F: 143895905
- Fay (Fannie) Levine Nepon, 25 Dec 1899 NY – 4 Oct 1953 Cook Co. IL. Wife of Roy Nepon, son of Abe Nepon & Nissie Levin. (1899-1992, buried in NM, F: 31636687, his tombstone has Christian cross). Died of stomach cancer. According to Find A Grave, her son sold the other plots so only Fay is buried in Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, Cook IL. F: 132570497
- David Levine, 23 Oct 1901 NY – 17 Jan 1959 Springfield, Sangamon IL. Husband of Ethel Esther Oberman. Buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Sangamon IL. F: 92849465
- Anna Mae Levine Eggleston, 3 May 1903 Brooklyn, Kings NY – 23 Feb 1961 MI. Married in 1921 to Henry J. Eggleston (1900-1969). A Christian cross on both her personal headstone & the family marker. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Hastings, Barry MI. F: 95573389
- Bertha Levine, 6 May 1907 NY – 17 May 1918 Cook Co. IL. Find A Grave contributor says cannot find cemetery records. IL death record says she died from asphyxiation in an accidental drowning in a lagoon in Douglas Park & she was buried in Forest Park Cemetery on 18 May 1918. Her mother Gussie Levine of 1247 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago IL was the informant. This could be Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Cook IL but more likely the Waldheim Cemetery, Forest Park, Cook IL - but not on Find A Grave as of 21 Aug 2021.
- Rose Levine Cohan, 24 Oct 1910 Chicago, Cook IL – 11 Nov 1979 IN. Wife of Archibald Bertrand Cohan (1899-1981, F: 143895370) whom she married in 1940. Buried in Evergreen Memorial Park, Hobart, Lake IN. F: 143895294

Notes:

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71642780/person/30242083699/facts>

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Chicago Tribune" 10 Feb 1918 p 2 – 12 more men reported safe, among them Israel Levine, 1247 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago IL

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 326-09-2799

Censuses:

1900 Manhattan NY – 450 Cherry St.

Max Levin, 30 Russia, Jan 1870, married 10 years, emigrated 1888, in US for 12 years, glazier

Gussie, 35 Russia, May 1865, emigrated 1882, in US for 18 years, gave birth to 4 children, zero are living [obviously question not understood]

Isador, 3 NY, Apr 1887

Samuel, 8 NY, Jan 1892, at school

Jacob, 6 NY, Mar 1894

Fanny, 1 NY, Jan 1899

1905 NY state census – Manhattan NY – 214 E. 29th St.

Max Levine, 34 Russia, in US for 18 years, citizen, glazier

Gussie, 35 Russia, in US for 16 years, citizen, housework

Samuel, 13 US, at school

Jacob, 10 US, at school

Isidor, 7 US, at school

Fannie, 5 US, at home

David, 3 US, at home

Annie, 1 US, at home

1910 Chicago, Cook IL – Sangamon St.

Max LEWIS (indexed as Lewis, can also be read as Lewin), 41 Russia (Yiddish), parents b. Russia (Yiddish), married 20 years, glazier, building work

Gussie, 40 Russia (Yiddish), parents b. Russia (Yiddish), gave birth to 7 children, 7 are living

Sam, 18 NY

Jok, 16 NY, feeder, printing

Israel, 14 NY, errand boy, store

Fannie, 12 NY

David, 8 NY

Annie, 6 NY

Bertha, 3 NY

1920 Chicago, Cook IL – conducted 5 Jan 1920, George Blonstein died 3 Jul 1920 – living with his in-laws

George Blonstein, 59 Russia, parents b. Russia (Yiddish), emigrated 1892, naturalized, laborer

Rose Blonstein, 51 Russia, parents b. Russia (Yiddish), emigrated 1892, naturalized [wife]

Sam Blonstein, 24 IL, store keeper, tailoring [son]

Etta Blonstein, 18 IL [daughter]

Irene Blonstein, 16 IL, office clerk, mail carrier [daughter]

Celia Salinger, 30 Russia, married [daughter]

Morris Salinger, 36 IL, printer, printing company [son-in-law]
 Dineh Salinger, 2 months, IL [granddaughter]
 Edith Levine, 20 IL, married [daughter]
 Israel Levine, 23 NY, printer, printing company [son-in-law]

1930 Chicago, Cook IL – 4249 Fillmore St.
 Rose Bronstein, 59 Russia, widow, parents b. Russia (Yiddish)
 Celia Edda, 39 Russia [daughter]
 Lydia Bronstein, 37 IL, parents b. Russia [daughter]
 Israel Levine, 33 NY, parents b. Poland, printer, printing, WWI veteran [son-in-law]
 Edith Levine, 30 IL, parents b. Russia [daughter]
 Harold, 9 IL [grandson]
 Muriel, 6 IL [granddaughter]
 Dinah Salinger, 10 IL, father b. IL, mother b. Russia [granddaughter]

1940 Chicago, Cook IL – W. Lawrence Ave. – conducted 2 Apr 1940 – in same place in 1935
 Isral [sic] Levine, 43 NY, printer, pub. Co.
 Edith, 40 IL, seamstress, dress mfg. co.
 Harold, 19 IL
 Murrell, 16 IL
 Sharon, 10 IL
 Walter, 6 IL
 Edwin, 9 months IL