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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**Tuscania casualty****Speidel, Henry Fred****1895 NY – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**

Henry Fred Speidel – Find A Grave 56503906



Henry Fred Speidel is at right, lowest photograph – Find A Grave 56503906

Speidel, Henry F.		* White * Colored	
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	1 34
Residence: 239 E 94 St	New York	NEW YORK	
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. O. * Inducted at LB 150 New York N.Y. on Sept 21 1917			
Place of birth: New York N.Y.	Age or date of birth: 22 1/12 years		
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: Co C 302 Am Tn to Nov 22/17; 118 Aer Sq Aer Sup Dep to Jan 21/18; 213 Aer Sq to death			
Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt			
Engagements: Sinking of Tuscania			
Served overseas from † Jan 24/18 to † death, from † to †			
Killed in action Feb 5, 1918			
Other wounds or injuries received in action: None (If none, so state)			
Person notified of death: Mrs. K. Speidel (Name) Mother (Degree of relationship)			
239 East 94th Street (No. and street or rural route) New York City (City, town, or post office) N.Y. (State or country)			
Remarks: Form No. 724-G, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S. 3-7366			

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/354523:3030?tid=&pid=&queryId=186995d762f3928a889518817757f756&phsrc=hFB58577&_phstart=successSource

Henry Fred Speidel

in the U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S., Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 1942-1949

Name:	Henry Fred Speidel
Rank:	Private
Residence Place:	New York
Military Unit:	213th Aero Squadron
Military Branch:	U.S. Army
War:	World War I
Death Date:	5 Feb 1918
Cemetery Plot Number:	A
Cemetery Row:	4
Cemetery Section:	Grave: 5
Cemetery:	Brookwood American Cemetery
Burial Place:	Brookwood, England

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30097784:9170?tid=&pid=&queryId=186995d762f3928a889518817757f756&_phsrc=hFB58578&_phstart=successSource

Fredrick Speidel
in the New York, New York, U.S., Birth Index, 1891-1902

Name:	Fredrick Speidel
Birth Date:	19 Aug 1895
Birth Place:	New York, New York
Certificate Number:	34901

Born as Fredrick Speidel - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/238105:5157>

Name **Henry Fred Speidel**

Event Type **Burial**

Event Date **8 Jun 1922**

Event Place **Woking, Surrey, England, United Kingdom**

Sex **Male**

Record Number **101**

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:CXFC-FDPZ>

SPEIDEL HENRY FRED		X C 7 093
Pvt 213th Aero Sq		K
239 East 94th New York N Y		A 3 665 791
Su	Died 2-6-18	T 2 213 264 F
Born 9-27-95		R
Enl 9-21-17	Dte	CL
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Henry F Speidel, "United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919"

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NEW YORK - WHITE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT</u> <u>TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Speidel, Henry F.		Pvt	213 Aer Sq Sig C	Feb 5/18

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3MW-K9KW-9?cc=2996059&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQPHW-VF2G>

New York Men Aboard Tuscania

Henry S. Speidel, private, Mrs. K. Speidel, mother, 239 East Ninety-fourth Street, New York.

"New York Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2

GERMAN STOSS, Hennessy, Okla.
Added Missing List.
Following is a supplemental list of those
who were aboard the Tuscania and who
have not been reported as survivors:
PRIVATE HENRY S. SPEIDEL, No. 239
East Ninety-fourth street, New York city.

"Rochester (NY) Democrat & Chronicle" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 2

Drafted Soldier, Thought Rescued, Lost on Tuscania

The body of a drafted man lies with the other dead of the torpedoed transport Tuscania in those newly made graves on the Scotch coast. Were it not for the newspapers, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Speidel, of 239 East Ninety-fourth Street, would still believe that their son Henry was alive and safe. They have received no notification from Washington. Yesterday, after alternate periods of hope and fear, they learned from dispatches from Scotland that they could hope no longer.

Henry Speidel was twenty-two years old. On September 21 he and his

brother, Julius, marched away with their comrades to Yaphank. Julius is still there. Henry, who was a chauffeur, had been transferred to the 213th Aero Squadron and sent to the front.

For a time he was in Texas. For a few weeks before he sailed he was at Garden City, and on January 13 made his last visit home. Then weeks went by in which no one heard from him.

When the Tuscania went down, Mr. Speidel wired the War Department. He was informed that his son had been on the ill-fated ship. Since then he has had no word from Washington. Henry Speidel attempted to enlist at the outbreak of the war and was turned down for physical disability. Then he was drafted.

"New York Tribune" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 4

Father:

Valentine Spidel

in the New York, New York, U.S., Extracted Death Index, 1862-1948

Name:	Valentine Spidel
Age:	58
Birth Year:	abt 1867
Death Date:	28 Dec 1925
Death Place:	Manhattan, New York, USA
Certificate Number:	31284

NY death record of Valentine SPIDEL - https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=9131&h=2838282&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=7854

County Court, County of Richmond

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF Valentin Speidel
to be admitted to become a Citizen of the United States of America.

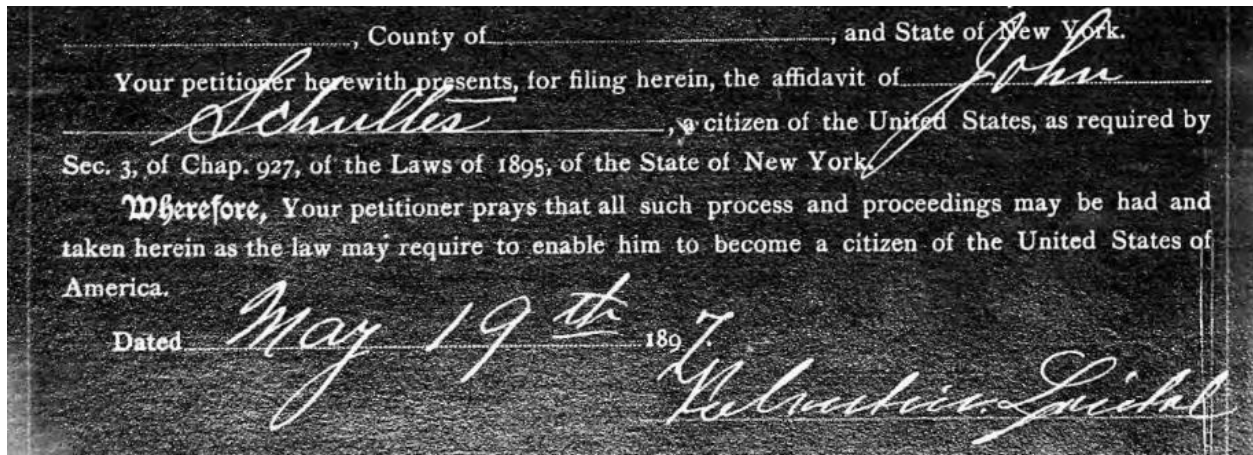
To the County Court of the County of Richmond State of New York:
The Petition of Valentin Speidel of the Town
of Middletown, County of Richmond New York,
respectfully shows:

That your petitioner was born on or about the 14th day of February
1866 in the Town of Quingen,
(County or Parish.) (State or Province.)
Hohen Gohern of Germany and
(Country.)
that he emigrated to this country, and on or about the 2nd day of January
1887 arrived at the port of New York in the United States of America, and
that he bears no hereditary title and belongs to no order of nobility.

And your petitioner further shows that the grounds on which he claims the right to be naturalized are as follows:

A continuous residence within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States for five years, and within the State of New York for one year or more, and a preliminary declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, made before the Court of Common Pleas
Court of the City of New York State of
New York, on the 31st day of March 1887
a certified copy of which is hereto annexed and forms a part of this petition.

And your petitioner further shows, that his name in full is Valentine
Speidel, that he was 31 years of age
on his last birth-day, and by occupation a Brewer, and that he now resides at
No. 316 Richmond Road Street, in the Town of Middletown
County of Richmond, and State of New York, and that your
petitioner intends to summon as witnesses at the final hearing upon his said application,
John Schultes, residing at No. 267 Richmond Road
Street, in the Town of Middletown, County of Richmond, and
State of New York, and
No. _____ Street, in the _____ of _____



Valentin Speidel's naturalization application filed 19 May 1897 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/889919:2280>

Valentin Speidel

in the New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957

Name:	Valentin Speidel
Gender:	Male
Ethnicity/ Nationality:	German
Age:	21
Birth Date:	abt 1866
Place of Origin:	Germany
Departure Port:	Bremen, Germany
Destination:	USA
Arrival Date:	3 Jan 1887
Arrival Port:	New York, New York, USA
Ship Name:	Saale

https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=7488&h=10151544&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=913

Mother:

Name:	Anna Speidel
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Age:	32
Birth Date:	abt 1868
Birth Place:	Germany
Residence Street Address:	308 Richard Road, St, I
Years in US:	13 Y
Death Date:	3 Apr 1900
Death Street Address:	308 Richard Road, St I
Death Place:	New York City, Richmond, New York, USA
Cause of Death:	Senogle Paralysis of Heart, Malaris Asthenia
Burial Date:	6 Apr 1900
Burial Place:	Woodlawn
Father's Birth Place:	Germany
Mother's Birth Place:	Germany
Father:	Samuel Van Due

Mother Anna Van Due Speidel – Find A Grave 230161501

Valentin Speidel

in the New York City, Compiled Marriage Index, 1600s-1800s

Name:	Valentin Speidel
Spouse Name:	Anna Von Ow
Marriage Date:	1890
Marriage Place:	Manhattan, New York, New York
Marriage ID:	0280004008
Certificate Number:	5954
Other Comments:	See Family History Library catalog for films 1543971-1562446 (Manhattan) and Film 1653852 (Brooklyn), for actual certificate.
Source:	Marriage Registers, Extracts from Manhattan (1869-1880) and Brooklyn (1895-1897)
Publisher:	Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, New York.
Publication Place:	New York, NY

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/221543:7854>

Stepmother Katherine Hufnagel

Valentin Speidel	
in the New Jersey, U.S., Marriage Index, 1901-2016	
Name:	Valentin Speidel
Gender:	Male
Marriage Date:	1906
Marriage Place:	New Jersey, USA
Spouse:	Katharine Hufnagel
Certificate Number:	28 221

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/991147970:61253>

Katherine Speidel	
in the New York, New York, U.S., Index to Death Certificates, 1862-1948	

Name:	Katherine Speidel [Katherine Hoofnagle]
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Marital Status:	Widowed
Age:	77
Birth Date:	7 Apr 1867
Birth Place:	Germany, Heidelberg
Residence Street Address:	194-36 115 Avenue
Residence Place:	New York
Death Date:	14 Jul 1944
Hospital:	Creedmoor State Hospital
Death Place:	New York City, Queens, New York, USA
Cause of Death:	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease, (Non-Contributory: Psychosis with Cerebral Arteriosclerosis)
Burial Date:	18 Jul 1944
Burial Place:	Bayview Cemetery Jersey City, NJ
Occupation:	House Wife
Father's Birth Place:	Germany
Mother's Birth Place:	Germany
Father:	Wilhelm Hoofnagle
Mother:	Katherine Hoofnagle
Spouse:	Valentine
Child:	Henry J Ruben
Informant:	Henry J Ruben
Informant Gender:	Male
Informant Relationship:	Son
Executor:	Henry Ruben
Executor Relationship:	Son
Certificate Number:	5638

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2529267:61778>

Siblings:

William Speidel

in the New York, New York, U.S., Index to Birth Certificates, 1866-1909

Name:	William Speidel
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	18 Aug 1893
Birth Place:	Manhattan, New York City, New York, New York, USA
Residence Address:	10th Avenue 526
Certificate Number:	32135
Father:	Valentine Speidel
Mother:	Anna Speidel
Mother Maiden Name:	Vannowe

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/360026:61779>

William Speidel

in the New York State, U.S., Death Index, 1957-1970

Name:	William Speidel
Gender:	Male
Age:	76
Birth Date:	abt 1893
Residence Place:	Bay Shore, Suffolk, New York, USA
Death Date:	17 Sep 1969
Death Place:	New York, USA
Certificate Number:	518352

Is this his brother's record? https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=61668&h=1815515&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=246

Step-siblings:

1341

Speidel, Gustav A 4,142,920 * White * ~~Colored~~

(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: 242 E 94 St New York NEW YORK
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* ~~Inducted~~ at New York N Y on July 26/ 18
 Place of birth: Newark N J Age or date of birth: Apr 17 1890

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:
 152 Dep Brig to Aug 17/18; M D to disch

Grades, with date of appointment:
 Pvt

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

Served overseas from † Oct 13/18 † Apr 14/19 from † to †

Honorably discharged on demobilization May 19/19, 19

In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.

Remarks:

Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S. 3-7362

NY WWI service card for stepbrother Gustav Adolph Ruben uses surname of his stepfather,
 Speidel -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/3030/images/40808_1120704930_0589-00731?pld=354522

1341

Ruben, Heinrich Julius 1,715,457 * White * Colored.
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: 239 E 94 St New York NEW YORK
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted * R.A. * N.E. * Inducted at #130 New York N Y on Sept 21/1917
 Place of birth: Harrison N J Age or date of birth: 24 2/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:
 Btry A 306 FA to Dec 6/18; Btry D 146 FA to Apr 25/19;
 Sup Co 143 Inf to disch

Grades, with date of appointment:
 Wag Apr 12/18;

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

Served overseas from † Apr 24/18 to † May 31/19, from † to †

Honorably discharged on demobilization June 7/19, 19

In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.

Remarks:

Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.

Card uses surname Ruben -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/3030/images/40808_1120704930_0532-00226?pld=147882

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 2171	1. NAME (Print) HENRY JULIUS RUBEN		ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 194-36 - 115 AVE ST ALBANS QUEENS N.Y.			
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
3. MAILING ADDRESS SAME			
[Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same]			
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS 48	6. PLACE OF BIRTH HARRISON	
	DATE OF BIRTH JULY 19 1893	NEW JERSEY	
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MRS ELLA RUBEN 194-36 115 AVE ST ALBANS			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 219 EAST 42 ST N.Y.			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE			
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over) 16-21630-2 Henry Julius Ruben			

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/7787460:1002?tid=&pid=&queryId=db351fa8346288cbe8a47e77d89f323e&_phsrc=hFB58586&_phstart=successSource



Henry J. Ruben & wife Ella – Find A Grave 244958764

Name: Henry Fred Speidel

Name variations: NY birth record: Fredrick Speidel

Military:

On Tuscania: 213th Aero Squadron, Signal Corps - private

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Henry died without a number

Entered service from: New York NY

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Listed as Henry F. Speidel (Fold3, p. 447) & Henry B. Spridel (but NOK surname correct)

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. K. Speidel, 239 E. 94th St., NY, NY [i.e. his stepmother Katherine Hufnagel Ruben Speidel]

First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland, grave 45, as Henry F. Speidel

World War I draft registration (1917): as Henry Fred Speidel - b. 19 Aug 1895 NYC, NY; res: 239 E. 94th St., NYC, NY. Single. Chauffeur, Stern Pros [spelling?], 41 W. 42nd St. Dependent mother & father. Tall in height, medium build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 21 Sep 1917
 Born: 27 Sep 1895
 Died: 6 Feb 1918
 Address: 239 E. 94th St., NY, NY
 Rank/unit: private, 213th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 19 Aug 1895 NY, NY (Veterans Administration Master Index: 27 Sep 1895)
 Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania
 Find A Grave record: 56503906 – photo – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower
 Burial location: Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England
 Cemetery: Brookwood American Military
 Tombstone: veteran cross; Pvt 213 Aero Sqdn New York

Father: Valentin/Valentine Speidel, 14 Feb 1866 Orwingen, Hohenzollern, Germany – 28 Dec 1925 Manhattan NY. Son of Benedikt Speidel & Phelicia Schindler. Worked in breweries.
 Find A Grave:

Mother: Anna Van Due/Vannowe Speidel, 1868 Germany – 3 Apr 1900 Richmond Co. (Staten Island) NY. Father was Samuel Van Due. Died of heart failure – malaria asthenia. Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Sunnyside, Richmond Co. (Staten Island) NY.
 Find A Grave: 230161501
 Parents' marriage: 24 May 1890 Manhattan NY.

Stepmother: Katherine (Katherina) Hufnagel Ruben Speidel, 7 Apr 1876 Evangelisch Heiligkreuzsteinach, Germany – 14 Jul 1944 Queens NY. Daughter of George Hufnagel (1839-1906) & Christina Haas (1840-1917).
 Married Julius Ruben/Rubin on 7 Jul 1889 in Kings Co. NY. They had 4 children, 1 of whom died young. Julius [originally Heinrich Julius Rübin] was the son of Johann Jacob Ruben & Anna Maria Heitzmann. He was born 15 Jul 1861 in Hauingen, Lörrach, Baden-Württemberg, Germany.
 In 1906, following Julius's death (date not located – claim made on her Find A Grave), she married Valentin Speidel.
 Buried in Bayview-New York Bay Cemetery, Jersey City, Hudson NJ.
 Stepmother's Find A Grave: 230163226
 Stepmother's marriage: 1906 in NJ

Spouse:
 Spouse Find A Grave:
 Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- John Speidel, Feb 1891 NY – 3 Jun 1928 Manhattan NY. Age 9 in the 1900 census. Age 14 (?) in the 1910 census. Married Mathilda ("Tillie") Stein on 10 Sep 1912 in Manhattan NY. Died at age 39. In the 1920 census for Manhattan NY, John SPIEDEL, 30 NY, chauffeur for a truck company, lived on E. 126th with wife Tillie (age 26).
- William Speidel, 18 Aug 1893 Manhattan NY.

Stepsiblings: children of his father Valentin Speidel's 2nd wife, Katherine Hufnagel, by her 1st husband, Julius Ruben

- Gustav Adolph Ruben, 17 Apr 1890 Newark, Essex NJ – 6 Apr 1959 Manhattan NY. Married 15 Sep 1917 in Manhattan NY to Augusta Catherine Koerber (1882-1974, F: 2804487). Served as a farrier in the US Army in WWI. Buried in Long Island National Cemetery, East Farmingdale, Suffolk NY. F: 38612919
- John G. Ruben, 19 Nov 1892 Kearney, Union NJ – 3 Dec 1951 Queens Co. NY. Married 25 Nov 1914 in Bronx NY to Caroline Bressler (1892-1944, F: 203114140). Buried in Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, Nassau NY. F: 203114127
- Heinrich Julius [Henry Julius / Julius H.] Ruben, 19 Jul 1894 [1893 on tombstone] Newark, Essex NJ -. SSN 714-01-4911. Husband of Ella Stuhm (1890-1943, F: 244958763) whom he married 15 Aug 1920 in Manhattan NY. Buried as Henry J. Rubin in All Faiths Cemetery, Middle Village, Queens NY. F: 244958764

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"NY Tribune" 14 Feb 1918 p 14 – Henry's parents Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Speidel, 239 E. 94th St., found out he was dead from the newspapers. They had wired the War Department & were told he was on ship but no other news. Was 22 years old. On 21 Sep 1917 marched with his brother Julius & comrades to Yaphank NY where Julius still is, then Henry went to TX, then Garden City NJ. His last visit home was 13 Jan 1918. After several months at Camp Upton, went to San Antonio TX & then to Mineola NY for training. He wrote his mother Mrs. Kate Speidel every day. One week before the sinking, his letters stopped.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Richmond, Richmond NY – conducted 5 Jun 1900 [Anna died 3 Apr 1900]

Valentine SPEITEL, 34 Germany, parents b. Germany, widowed, emigrated 1888, in US for 12 years, brewery – wash house

John, 9 NY, Feb 1891, parents b. Germany, school

Henry, 4 NY, Aug 1895, parents b. Germany

1900 Elizabeth, Union NJ – 1005 Elizabeth Ave. – Valentine's 2nd wife-to-be

Julius Rubin, 36 Germany, Jul 1873, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1888, in US for 12 years, naturalized, married 11 years, beer brewer

Katie, 34 Germany, Apr 1866, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1888, in US for 12 years

Otto G., 10 NJ, Apr 1890, at school

John J., 7 NJ, Nov 1892, at school

Julius J., 5 NJ, Jul 1894, at school

1910 Manhattan NY – 239 E. 94th St. – note lack of child labor laws

Valentine SPIDEL, 44 Germany, parents b. Germany, in 2nd marriage, married 5 years, emigrated 1886, naturalized, laborer, brewery

Katy Spidel, 43 Germany, parents b. Germany, in 2nd marriage, emigrated 1888, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living [wife]

John Spidel, 14 NY, parents b. Germany, laborer, railway [son]

Henry Spidel, 15 NY, parents b. Germany, butcher, butcher shop [son]

& stepsons:

Adolph Rubin, 20 NJ, driver, department store

John Rubin, 17 NJ, engineer, factory

Julius Rubin, 16 NJ, helper, express

1915 NY state census – NY, NY

Valentine Speidel, 49 Germany, in US for 30 years, brewer

Kate, 48 Germany, in US for 30 years, housework

Otto, 25 NY, helper (Adams Express)

Julius, 21 NY, shipper

Henry, 21 NY, helper (mechanic)

[all are citizens]

1910 Manhattan NY

Valentine Speidel, 54 Germany, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1886, naturalized 1900, brewer, brewing

Katherine Speidel, 54 Germany, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1888, naturalized 1900 [wife]

Julius Oben, 24 NJ, parents b. Germany, single, chauffeur, express [son – should read Ruben & stepson]