

GERTRUDE BARBER, MINNIE COWEN, AND RAY SAWYER THE SISTERS WHO INDEXED NEW YORK

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(Continued from THE RECORD 142:142)

2. **CHARLES¹ COHEN/COWEN** (Abram^A Monszajn, Josiel/Josek^B),²²¹ was born in Łomża, Poland, 11 October 1851, and died in Manhattan, New York City, 14 December 1932, in his “seventy-ninth year.”²²² His Hebrew name was not discovered. On 11 October 1874 he married in New York City **AUGUSTA GOLDA BARNARD**, born in Wroclawek, Poland, 15 June 1850, died in Manhattan 15 June 1938, aged 86 [*sic*], daughter of Baruch and Amelia/Emily (Cohn) Barnard.²²³

Children, all but the first born in Providence, Rhode Island.²²⁴

- i. **ETTA ESTHER² COHEN/COWEN**, born at 367 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 20 January 1877;²²⁵ died in Brooklyn, New York City, 1 December 1960, in her 83rd year;²²⁶ buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Maspeth, Queens, New York;²²⁷ married by H. [Weinallendt?] at 27 West 115th Street in Manhattan, New York City, 18 December 1904, **SAMUEL E. KRAMER** of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, born in Valkomiv, Russia, about 1880–81, son of Hyman Leli and Minnie (Bayley) Kramer.²²⁸

After graduating from Rhode Island State Normal School in 1903, Etta began teaching in Providence, then followed her family to New York City,

²²¹ Charles was a second-generation American through his mother.

²²² Charles Cowen death cert., New York City, 1932, Manhattan Borough, #26637. Charles Cowen death notices, *The New York Times*, 15 Dec. 1932, p. 19, col. 6, and 16 Dec. 1932, p. 19, col. 6.

²²³ Charles “Cohn”-Augusta Barnard marriage cert., New York City, 1874, #6529, with witnesses Michael Light and Robert Haas (on the certificate of marriage) or Robert Wolff (on the return of a marriage). Augusta Golda Cowen death cert., New York City, 1938, Manhattan Borough, #12920. Augusta G. Cowen death notice, *The New York Times*, 16 June 1938, p. 23, col. 7. Without another record with her date of birth, it cannot be confirmed Augusta died on her birthday.

²²⁴ Charles Cohen household, 1880 U.S. census, Providence City, Providence Co., R.I., Enumeration District [ED] 10, p. 24, dw. 164, fam. 203 (National Archives and Records Administration [NARA] T9, roll 1211). Charles Cohen household, 1885 Rhode Island state census, Providence, Ward 2, Providence Co., [unpaginated], dist. 15, fam. 92 (Family History Library [FHL] 953,910). Charles Cohen household, 1905 New York state census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, New York Co., Assembly District [Ass. Dist.] 33, Election District [Elect. Dist.] 1, p. 13, county copy at New York County Clerk’s Division of Old Records, N.Y., N.Y. [N.Y. Co. Clerk Old Records]. Charles Cohen household, 1910 U.S. census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, Ward 12, New York Co., N.Y., ED 378, p. 2B, dw. 9, fam. 40 (NARA T624, roll 1016). Chas Cohen household, 1915 New York state census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, New York Co., Ass. Dist. 19, Elect. Dist. 36, p. 17, county copy at N.Y. Co. Clerk Old Records. Charles and Augusta G. Cowen death notices (notes 222 and 223).

²²⁵ Etta Cohen birth record, Massachusetts Vital Records, 1877, 288:163, #7303.

²²⁶ Etta E. Kramer death notice, *The New York Times*, 2 Dec. 1960, p. 29, col. 6. New York City Index to Deaths, 1960 (Brooklyn #23770) (certificate not in the public domain). Her residence at the time of her death was 180 Prospect Pl., Brooklyn (Etta F. Kramer estate, Kings Co., N.Y., Surrogate’s Court file 656-1961).

²²⁷ Henry C. Cowen (Commack, N.Y.) to author, letter, 4 July 2002.

²²⁸ Samuel E. Kramer-Fitta E. Cohen marriage cert., New York City, 1904, Manhattan, #25674. Witnesses were Louis Berger and Louis Engleman.

where she began as a substitute teacher at P.S. [Public School] 42 at Hester and Orchard streets in Manhattan. She taught in many schools the next nineteen years but was not licensed until 1923, when she began at P.S. 184 at Newport and Stone avenues in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn.²²⁹ Etta and Samuel Kramer lived in Manhattan; he was in wholesale liquors when they married in 1904, but soon became a horse dealer.²³⁰ By 1910 they had evidently separated, and she and their two sons were living with her parents; by 1920 she was calling herself divorced.²³¹ Etta was renting in Brooklyn in 1930²³² and soon moved to Jamaica, Queens,²³³ but continued to teach in Brooklyn. She retired from P.S. 184 in 1943 at her doctor's suggestion following a heart attack. For four years she was restless just keeping the apartment at 180 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, where she and son Milton lived. About 1947, this "pint-sized dynamo" returned to P.S. 184 as a volunteer and improved the library, played piano for the music classes and assemblies, and tended the many plants throughout the building.²³⁴

By her will of 9 July 1935 Etta E. Kramer, then of 90-38 144th Place, Borough of Queens, New York City, left all her property in two equal parts to sons Leslie and Milton Kramer, the latter's share in trust with her sister Gertrude Barber as trustee.²³⁵

Children, born in Manhattan, New York City:²³⁶

- a. MILTON WILLIAM³ KRAMER, born at 426 East 58th Street 18 December 1905;²³⁷ died evidently in Brooklyn April 1985.²³⁸ Although disabled, he worked in his Uncle David Cowen's leather factory.²³⁹
- b. LESLIE ABRAHAM³ KRAMER, born at 444 East 58th Street 26 September 1907;²⁴⁰ died at New Riviera Health Resort in Coral Gables, Florida, 6 May 1983;²⁴¹ married by Deputy Chief Clerk Thomas A. Lenane at the Municipal Building in Manhattan, 12 July 1957, BETSY ROSS, "executive,"²⁴² born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, 9 April 1920, died at South Miami Hospital in

²²⁹ "Retired" Teacher Celebrates Her 75th Birthday 'On the Job,'" *Brooklyn Eagle*, 19 Jan. 1952, p. 3, cols. 2-4.

²³⁰ Samuel E. Kramer-Etta E. Cohen marriage cert. (note 228). Sons' birth records (Milton Kramer birth cert., New York City, 1905, Manhattan, #7408S; Leslie Abraham Kramer birth cert., New York City, 1907, Manhattan, #50548). *Trow's General Directory of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, City of New York . . .* (New York: Trow Directory, Printing, and Bookbinding Co.), (1908) 916, (1909) 800. They were not identified in the directories for 1906, 1907, 1910, 1911, and were not found listed in the 1905 New York state census.

²³¹ Charles Cohen household, 1910 New York Co., N.Y. (note 224). Chas Cohen household, 1915 New York Co. (note 224). Charles Cowen household, 1920 U.S. census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, Ass. Dist. 11, New York Co., N.Y., ED 842, p. 18A, dw. 55, fam. 455 (NARA T625, roll 1205). No divorce was filed in New York Co. Supreme Court. Samuel is believed to have gone to California; "he set up a trust fund for his two sons . . . to pay all their medical expenses for life" (Henry C. Cowen to Nancy Orr, letter, 16 Mar. 2000; copy provided by Henry Cowen). Further record of Samuel Kramer was not found.

²³² Etta Kramer household, 1930 U.S. census, New York City, Brooklyn Borough, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 24-299, p. 6B, dw. 47, fam. 182 (NARA T626, roll 1502).

²³³ *Polk's Brooklyn (N.Y.) City Directory 1933-4* (New York: R. L. Polk Co., Inc., Publishers, 1933), 1078.

²³⁴ "Retired" Teacher Celebrates Her 75th Birthday 'On the Job'" (note 229). Dorothy O'Keefe, "Brownsville School Stages Gala for Retired Teacher, 77," *Brooklyn Eagle*, 9 Mar. 1954, p. 8, cols. 1-2. Her brother Bernard Cowen, in her estate file, claimed Etta retired in 1935 (note 226).

²³⁵ Etta E. Kramer estate file (note 226).

²³⁶ The sons are listed with the mother in the 1910, 1920, and 1930 censuses (notes 224, 231, 232), in her will (note 226), and in her death notice (note 226). Leslie was with his mother in the 1915 census (note 224), but Milton was not then at home.

²³⁷ Milton Kramer birth cert. (note 230).

²³⁸ Milton Kramer entry, #140-07-6476, "Social Security Death Index," database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>). There is no estate file for him in the Kings Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court.

²³⁹ Henry C. Cowen (Commack, N.Y.) to author, letter, 20 June 2002.

²⁴⁰ Leslie Abraham Kramer birth cert. (note 230).

²⁴¹ Leslie A. Kramer death cert., Florida, 1983, #43988, showing he was a magazine writer. No notice of his death was published in *The Miami Herald*.

²⁴² Leslie A. Kramer-Betsy Ross marriage license, New York City, 1957, Manhattan, #15791, listing Leslie as a writer.

South Miami, Florida, 7 June 1986, aged 66, then an engineering firm secretary, daughter of Arthur and Bertha K. (Pfeiffer) Ross.²⁴³

Leslie lived in New York City and in later years in Florida. He worked for the Circus Saints and Sinners, formed in 1929 by F. Darius "Freddie" Benham to be "composed of prominent persons . . . to have fun at periodic meetings and to aid aged and needy circus performers."²⁴⁴ Described as "smart, funny, and [with] an interesting life," Leslie Kramer was the producer and author for the group, arranging the luncheon meetings and writing the scripts for members, who met at Manhattan hotels and "roasted" well-known people and raised money for the charity.²⁴⁵ He was also active in the Lambs' Club, "a select actors' club known widely for its private and public shows," many of which benefited charities.²⁴⁶

- ii. ABRAHAM FRANK² COHEN/COWEN, born 1 August 1879;²⁴⁷ died in Buffalo, New York, 4 February 1972;²⁴⁸ married first in Buffalo 17 July 1921, by Rabbi Bernard Cohn, DORA BERGMAN,²⁴⁹ born in Buffalo 13 July 1881, died of toxemia, exhaustion, and cancer of the sigmoid at her home, 444 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, 13 October 1929, aged 41 years, 3 months, daughter of Wolf and Fannie (Abrams) Bergman, buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery 15 October 1929;²⁵⁰ married second by Rabbi Ralph Joseph Gitin in Buffalo 18 August 1932, SARAH FRIEDMAN, schoolteacher,²⁵¹ born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, 28 September 1898,²⁵² died in Buffalo 3 November 1974,²⁵³ daughter of Louis and Cecelia (Bladen) Friedman.²⁵⁴

Known as A Frank, he was a student at Brown University in Providence 1897–99 and taught in the public schools there during college to the end of the century. He then worked as a mechanical engineer for about two years.²⁵⁵ In 1905 he opened an office as a patent attorney at 229 Broadway in New York City, living with his uncle William Bernard at 457 West 123d Street. Two years later he began to practice general law and lived with his parents for some years,

²⁴³ Leslie A. Kramer-Betsy Ross marriage license (note 242). Betsy Ross Kramer death cert., Florida, 1986, #58026, indicating the names of her parents were "Unobtainable."

²⁴⁴ "Founder of 'Saints' Dies in L.I. Blaze; His Family Saved," *The New York Times*, 26 Jan. 1960, p. 35, col. 7, and p. 66, col. 4.

²⁴⁵ H. C. Cowen to author (note 239). A picture of Leslie Kramer (in a policeman's uniform) accompanies "Saints 'Muss Up' Sinner Valentine," *The New York Times*, 27 Feb. 1936, p. 21, cols. 2–4. See also Paul D. Green, *Fabulous Freddie and the Saints and Sinners* (New York: Wilfred Funk Inc., 1957), 165, 170–73, in which Leslie's middle name is given as Albert.

²⁴⁶ [Lou Gody, ed.], *The WPA Guide to New York City* (New York: The New Press, 1939), 177. Consolidated Roster of Membership, *The Lambs* (http://www.the-lambs.org/_vti_bin/shtml.exe/past.htm).

²⁴⁷ Abraham Frank Cowen, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, New York City Board 136 (NARA M1509, roll NY273). His birth was not recorded in Providence.

²⁴⁸ A. Frank Cowen, Sr., death notice, *Buffalo* (N.Y.) *Evening News*, 4 Feb. 1972, sec. IV, p. 36, col. 2. There was no obituary for him published in the Buffalo *Evening News* or *Courier-Express*.

²⁴⁹ Abraham Frank Cowen-Dora Bergman marriage license, New York State, 1921, #32811. Witnesses were Irving H. Block and Blanch B. Levy.

²⁵⁰ Dora Cowen death cert., New York State, 1929, #61722. Dora Bergman Cowen death notice, *Buffalo* (N.Y.) *Courier-Express*, 14 Oct. 1929, p. 24, col. 1.

²⁵¹ A Frank Cowen-Sarah Friedman marriage license, 1932, Erie Co., N.Y., copy, #35683 [state copy, #23309, evidently missing]. Witnesses were Philip Halpen and Louis Gitin.

²⁵² A Frank Cowen-Sarah Friedman marriage license (note 251). Sally F. Cowen entry, SS *Santa Rosa*, 10 June 1948, vol. 16243, p. 64, line 14, Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, N.Y., 1897–1957 (NARA T715, roll 7611), showing same date of birth but birthplace "Bereton," Pa. Sarah Friedman Cowen entry, SS *Oslofjord*, 31 Mar. 1939, vol. 13573, p. 9, line 20 (NARA T715, roll 6305), shows she was born in Scranton, Pa., but date as 28 Sept. 1888.

²⁵³ Sarah Friedman Cowen death notice, *Buffalo* (N.Y.) *Courier-Express*, 5 Nov. 1974, p. 18, col. 6.

²⁵⁴ A Frank Cowen-Sarah Friedman marriage license (note 251).

²⁵⁵ *Historical Catalogue of Brown University 1764–1904* (Providence: the University, 1905), 708. *The Historical Catalogue of Brown University 1764–1934* (Providence: the University, [1934]), 442. *Providence Directory . . .* (Providence, R.I.: Sampson, Davenport, and Company), (1897) 194, (1898) 212, (1899) 217, (1900) 216, (1901) 230.

moving his law office to 66 Broadway.²⁵⁶ About 1913 he moved to Montclair, New Jersey, for a brief period, and worked summers in his brother David's leather goods store at 88 Bleecker Street in Manhattan. He and his brother Bernard had their law office and business in room 1526 at 111 Broadway; their father Charles also had his office here.²⁵⁷ On 16 December 1915 A Frank Cowen, Herman Goldstein, and Jack Lieberman chartered The Modern Hat Works Inc., millinery supplies, with a capital of \$10,000.²⁵⁸

A Frank served as a captain in World War I.²⁵⁹ His draft registration in September 1918 indicates he was tall, of medium build, with brown eyes and dark brown hair.²⁶⁰ In July 1919 A Frank Cowen of 25 Morningside Avenue—since 1 January 1916 proprietor of International Export and Import Company of New York City, importer-exporter of women's and children's wear and notions—applied for a passport, indicating he was going to England, France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Holland for commercial purposes. He also stated he had been a director of the Jewish Welfare Board at Marseille, France, April–July 1919,²⁶¹ and that he was 5' 8½", with high forehead, brown eyes, narrow nose, mustache, round chin, brown hair, fair complexion, long face.²⁶²

After his return to New York City A Frank and his brother Bernard had their law office at 50 Union Square and he lived at 302 Central Park West.²⁶³ In the early 1920s he moved to Buffalo, where he rented at 185 Claremont Avenue and later at 444 Richmond Avenue. He was a manager and buyer for W. Bergman Company (later Bergman-Norge Company, then Bergman Distributors Inc.), a wholesale hardware company. He became the firm's secretary in the mid-1930s and eventually secretary-treasurer.²⁶⁴ For some years A Frank also continued a New York City presence, sharing an office at 225 Broadway with his brother

²⁵⁶ *Historical Catalogue of Brown University 1764–1904* (note 255), 708. *Historical Catalogue of Brown University 1764–1934* (note 255), 442. Wm. Bernard household, 1905 New York state census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, New York Co., Ass. Dist. 23, Elect. Dist. 3, p. 31, county copy at N.Y. Co. Clerk Old Records. William Bernard household, 1910 U.S. census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, Ward 12, New York Co., N.Y., ED 635, p. 3B, dw. 7, fam. 87 (NARA T624, roll 1024), with William Bernard family and curiously listing his occupation as mill sawyer. Charles Cohen household, 1910 New York Co., N.Y. (note 224), enumerated with his parents, occupation lawyer. Chas Cohen household, 1915 New York Co. (note 224). Charles Cohen household, 1920 New York Co. N.Y. (note 231). *Trow's General Directory of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, City of New York . . .* (note 230), (1904) 264, (1905) 279, (1906) 293, (1907) 308, (1908) 337, (1909) 297, (1910) 296, (1911) 300, (1912) 314.

²⁵⁷ *Trow's General Directory of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, City of New York . . .* (note 230), (1913) 317, (1914) 257. *R. L. Polk and Co.'s General Directory of New York City . . .* (New York: R. L. Polk and Co.), (1915) 523, (1916) 452, (1917) 574, (1918) 549. Theodora Speser (Providence, R.I.) to author, correspondence, Mar. and Apr. 2011.

²⁵⁸ Modern Hat Works Inc., Cert. of Incorporation, 5085-16C, N.Y. Co. Clerk Old Records. "New Incorporations," *The New York Times*, 17 Dec. 1915, p. 18, col. 3.

²⁵⁹ Speser to author, correspondence (note 257).

²⁶⁰ Abraham Frank Cowen, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards (note 247).

²⁶¹ He is listed as Frank A. Cowen among the field representatives for overseas service in *Jewish Welfare Board: Final Report on War Emergency Activities* (New York, 1920), 117.

²⁶² A. Frank Cowen passport application, #97077, Passport Applications, Jan. 2, 1906–Mar. 31, 1925, (NARA M1490, roll 834), which includes his photograph. A Frank stated he was born in Providence, R.I., 1 Aug. 1879, son of Charles Cowen, born in Charleston, S.C., and that his earlier passport, obtained in Washington, D.C., 4 Mar. 1919 (#67549), had been cancelled.

²⁶³ *R. L. Polk and Co.'s Trow General Directory of New York City . . .* (note 257), (1922–23) 548.

²⁶⁴ A. Frank Cowen household, 1930 U.S. census, Buffalo City, Ward 24, Erie Co., N.Y., ED 15-299, p. 2B, dw. 39, fam. 64 (NARA T626, roll 1433). *Buffalo City Directory . . .* (Buffalo: Polk-Clement Directory Co.), (1923) 550, (1924) 552, (1925) 542, (1926) 539. *Polk's Buffalo . . . City Directory . . .* (Buffalo: Polk-Clement Directory Co., Inc., Publisher), (1927) 537, (1928) 499, (1929) 416, (1930) 435, (1931) 400, (1932) 363, (1933) 387, (1934) 148, (1935) 290, (1936) 295, (1937) 305. A Frank was not listed in the 1925 New York city directory.

Bernard.²⁶⁵ A Frank and Sarah moved to 745 West Delavan Avenue in Buffalo in the late 1930s and by 1948 were at 739 Lafayette Avenue.²⁶⁶

Children, born in Buffalo:²⁶⁷

- a. ABRAHAM FRANK³ COWEN JR., born 1 November 1922; died in Providence, Rhode Island, 14 July 2011;²⁶⁸ married by the Rev. Max C. Currick in Erie, Pennsylvania, 31 March 1946, EDITH FRIEDLAND, born in Erie 6 January 1925, daughter of Max and Rebecca (Yardvin) Friedland.²⁶⁹ Frank became vice president of W. Bergman Co. in the early 1950s²⁷⁰ and retired as president.²⁷¹
- b. THEODORA COWEN, born 4 January 1926;²⁷² living in Providence, Rhode Island; married in Buffalo 4 July 1947, by the Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Fink, DAVID SPESER, engineer, born in Cleveland, Ohio, 25 November 1922, son of Morris and Estelle (Gillman) Speser.²⁷³
- iii. BERNARD² COHEN/COWEN, “3d child,” born at 226 North Main Street 22 March 1881;²⁷⁴ died at his daughter’s home, 5812 Waterbury Road, Des Moines, Iowa, 17 December 1963, in his 82nd year;²⁷⁵ married at the bride’s home, 1864 Seventh Avenue, Manhattan, New York City, 17 November 1910, by the Rev. Dr. J[udah] D. Magnes, ROSE MILLER,²⁷⁶ born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 8 June 1884,²⁷⁷ died of ovarian cancer in Manhattan 6 July 1952, aged 68,²⁷⁸ daughter of Max and [Dora²] Miller.²⁷⁹

Following graduation from Central High School in Providence in 1898, Bernard attended Brown University there 1898–1902, with the intention of becoming an electrical engineer,²⁸⁰ but then “read law” with someone.²⁸¹ He first worked as a patent lawyer (probably with his brother A Frank) in New York

²⁶⁵ *Polk’s (Trow’s) New York City Directory (Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx) . . . 1933–4* (New York: R. L. Polk and Co.), 878.

²⁶⁶ *Polk’s Buffalo . . . City Directory . . .* (note 264), (1938) 291, (1939) 210, (1940) 204, (1941) 210, (1942), 212, (1948) 218, (1950), 212, (1951–52) 197, (1953) 211, (1955) 207, (1956) 209, (1957) 174, (1958) 168, (1959) 167, (1960) 174. *Historical Catalogue of Brown University 1950 Edition* (Providence: the University, [1950]), 93.

²⁶⁷ New York State Index to Births, 1922 and 1926 (#90924 and #1595) (certs. not in the public domain). A Frank Cowen household, 1930 U.S. Census (note 264). Edith (Friedland) Cowen and Theodora and David Speser have provided signed permission for their information to be included in this summary.

²⁶⁸ Frank Cowen death notice, *The Providence Journal*, 15 July 2011, p. B5, col. 2.

²⁶⁹ A. Frank Cowen Jr.-Edith Friedland marriage license, Erie Co., Pa., 111:427.

²⁷⁰ *Polk’s Buffalo . . . City Directory . . .* (note 264), (1953) 211, and later directories (see note 266).

²⁷¹ Frank Cowen death notice (note 268).

²⁷² David Speser-Theodora Cowen marriage license, New York, 1947, #31079.

²⁷³ David Speser-Theodora Cowen marriage license (note 272). Witnesses were Arnold and Ruth S. Jacobowitz.

²⁷⁴ Bernard Cowen birth record, Providence, R.I., Births, 12:43. Bernard Cowen, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, New York City Board 134 (NARA M1509, roll NY269), showing he was born 23 Mar. 1881, as do his ships’ passenger lists entries and passport application (see below).

²⁷⁵ “Cowen Dies; An Attorney,” *Des Moines (Iowa) Tribune*, 17 Dec. 1963, p. 11, col. 4. Bernard Cowen death notice, *The New York Times*, 18 Dec. 1963, p. 41, col. 5.

²⁷⁶ Bernard Cowen-Rose Miller marriage announcement, “Society Here and There,” *The New York Times*, 20 Nov. 1910, p. X5, col. 5, which states that “The wedding was small owing to a recent death in the bride’s family.” No New York City marriage license or certificate was filed for this couple.

²⁷⁷ Ships’ passenger lists (note 296) for place of birth, also showing she was born 8 June in 1886 or 1889. Her birthdate is listed as 8 June 1884 on Henry C. Cowen’s genealogical chart (Henry C. Cowen [Commack, N.Y.], undocumented genealogical chart derived from an earlier one by his Uncle Bernard Cowen).

²⁷⁸ Rose M. Cowen death notices, *The New York Times*, 7 July 1952, p. 21, col. 6, and 8 July 1952, p. 27, col. 6. New York City Index to Deaths, 1952 (Manhattan #14959) (certificate not in the public domain). Cause of death from Norman Bernard Mandelbaum (Des Moines, Iowa) to author, email, 28 June 2011.

²⁷⁹ Bernard Cowen and Rose Miller engagement announcement, “Society Here and There,” *The New York Times*, 23 Oct. 1910, p. X5, col. 7, and Max Miller household, 1910 U.S. census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, Ward 12, New York Co., N.Y., ED 572, p. 3B, dw. 2, fam. 64 (NARA T624, roll 1023), for father’s name. Max’s wife in 1880 was Dora, perhaps the mother of Rose (M. Miller household, 1880 U.S. census, Pittsburgh, Ward 3, Pct. 2, Allegheny Co., Pa., ED 102, p. 20, dw. 149, fam. 200 [NARA T9, roll 1091]).

²⁸⁰ *Historical Catalogue of Brown University 1764–1904* (note 255), 713. *The Historical Catalogue of Brown University 1764–1934* (note 255), 455. *Liber Brunensis*, vol. 44 ([Providence, R.I.], 1902), 94.

²⁸¹ Norman Bernard Mandelbaum (Des Moines, Iowa), telephone conversation with author, 3 Nov. 2010.

City,²⁸² where he lived with his parents until his marriage.²⁸³ For their honeymoon in 1910, Bernard and Rose took the steamer *Mexico* to Cuba,²⁸⁴ returning from Havana on the SS *Esperanza*,²⁸⁵ and first lived at her father's home.²⁸⁶

By 1915 Bernard had his practice at 111 Broadway, which he shared with his brother A Frank; their father also had his office here. He and Rose rented at 300 West 109th Street.²⁸⁷ When registered for the World War I draft in September 1918 he was described as of medium height and build, with brown eyes and black hair.²⁸⁸

According to his grandson Norman Mandelbaum,²⁸⁹ Bernard was something of a fourth genealogical sibling in his family. He developed his law practice into a specialty of tracking legitimate heirs to unclaimed funds and made several trips to Europe to locate records to document kinship.²⁹⁰ He would often join his sister Gertrude at New York Public Library,²⁹¹ perhaps to do work-related research. After two large cases proved quite lucrative Bernard began to play the stock market on margin, but this was just before the "crash" of October 1929, and "he soon returned home heavily indebted." For the next several years he worked hard to repay all his debts.²⁹²

Bernard's first trip abroad was evidently in 1920. In February of that year he applied for a passport, indicating he intended to travel to England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Portugal, leaving New York on the SS *Imperator* 6 March. He was described as 5' 7½", with a high forehead, brown eyes, Roman nose, medium mouth, prominent chin, dark, curly hair, dark complexion, and long face. William Halpern, manager of Mercantile Agencies Association, 111 Broadway, was his witness. A letter from attorney Joseph N. Folwell of 220 Broadway indicates Bernard was admitted to practice in New York courts in 1907 and was going to Europe on professional business.²⁹³ He did not sail until June, however, and when he arrived on the *Imperator* at Southampton on the 26th of that month, he gave his local address as in care of Rubinstein, Nash and Company, Grays Inn, London.²⁹⁴ He returned from Southampton aboard the SS *Adriatic* in August²⁹⁵ and made additional trips throughout the 1920s, taking his wife and children with him in 1925 and 1927.²⁹⁶

²⁸² *Historical Catalogue of Brown University 1764–1904* (note 255), 713. *The Historical Catalogue of Brown University 1764–1934* (note 255), 455.

²⁸³ Charles Cohen household, 1910 New York Co., N.Y. (note 224).

²⁸⁴ Bernard Cowen-Rose Miller marriage announcement (note 276).

²⁸⁵ Bernard and Rose Cowen entries, SS *Esperanza*, 5 Dec. 1910, vol. 3534, p. 97, lines 5 and 6, Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, N.Y., 1897–1957 (NARA T715, roll 1604).

²⁸⁶ Bernard Cowen-Rose Miller marriage announcement (note 276).

²⁸⁷ R. L. Polk and Co.'s *Trow General Directory of New York City* . . . (note 257), (1915) 523, (1916) 452, (1917) 574, (1918) 549.

²⁸⁸ Bernard Cowen, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards (note 274).

²⁸⁹ Norman Mandelbaum has provided signed permission to be identified in this summary.

²⁹⁰ Mandelbaum, telephone conversations (note 281), 12 Dec. 2005, and 3 Nov. 2010.

²⁹¹ Timothy Field Beard, FASG, FGBS, of Roxbury, Conn., interview with author, Pittsfield, Mass., 9 Oct. 2010.

²⁹² Mandelbaum (note 290). No record of Bernard's arrival from Europe is found in ships' passenger lists for eastern ports, 1929–30, including New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

²⁹³ Bernard Cowen passport application, #174883, Passport Applications, Jan. 2, 1906–Mar. 31, 1925, (NARA M1490, roll 1079), which also includes his photograph and an affidavit from his father, Charles Cowen of 25 Morningside Ave., New York City, 18 Feb. 1920, stating that Bernard was born in Providence 23 Mar. 1881; "Applicant is his third child, Affiant's first child was born in Boston in 1877, his second in Providence in 1879 and applicant in Providence in 1881. That the four remaining children of affiant were all born in Providence." Bernard stated that his father, Charles, was born in Charleston, S.C.

²⁹⁴ Bernard Cowen entry, SS *Imperator*, 26 June 1920, #40a, "UK [United Kingdom] Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878–1960," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>), from Inwards Passenger Lists, Series BT26, The National Archives, Kew, Surrey.

²⁹⁵ Bernard Cowen entry, SS *Adriatic*, 6 Aug. 1920, vol. 6505, p. 13, line 3, Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, N.Y., 1897–1957 (NARA T715, roll 2809). Apparently, Bernard intended to sail aboard the SS *Olympic* in July (vol. 6497, p. 19, line 23 [NARA T715, roll 2805]), but his entry on the passenger list is lined out, indicating he did not sail.

²⁹⁶ Bernard Cowen entry, SS *Mauretania*, 18 Sept. 1925, vol. 8484, p. 114, line 10, Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, N.Y., 1897–1957 (NARA T715, roll 3722). Rose, Robert, and

Throughout the 1920s Bernard and his family continued to rent at 300 West 109th Street. In the early part of that decade he and his brother A Frank had their law office at 50 Union Square, but by the mid-1920s Bernard was at 15 Nassau Street. In the early 1930s the law office was at 225 Broadway and the family lived at 320 West End Avenue,²⁹⁷ moving to 325 West End Avenue by 1950.²⁹⁸ Bernard was practicing with his son by the mid-1950s.²⁹⁹

By his will of 5 October 1954, Bernard Cowen of 325 West End Avenue left his estate in equal shares to his children Robert M. Cowen and Doris M. Mandelbaum. In an earlier will he had named his wife, Rose M. Cowen, as his sole beneficiary.³⁰⁰

Children, born in Manhattan, New York City:³⁰¹

- a. ROBERT MILLER³ COWEN, born 18 November 1911;³⁰² died in Charlotte, North Carolina, 5 July 2000;³⁰³ married at Sherry's at 300 Park Avenue in Manhattan, by Rabbi Dr. William F. Rosenblum, 27 September 1948, DOROTHY E. KOHN,³⁰⁴ born in New York City 15 June 1914, died at Presbyterian Hospital in Matthews, North Carolina, 29 May 2005, daughter of Jerome Arnold and Hortense (Werdenschlag) Kohn of New York City.³⁰⁵ Robert served in the Pacific during World War II as a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey, and Brooklyn Law School, entering private practice with his father in 1955, retiring twenty years later. He was the attorney for his Aunt Etta's estate in 1961. He was also an avid ship model collector and self-taught pianist.³⁰⁶ Dorothy graduated from the Scoville School and the Froebel League in New York and was a nurse's aid with the American Red Cross and the USO [United Service Organizations] during World War II. She became a champion golfer and bridge player.³⁰⁷
- b. DORIS MAXINE³ COWEN, born 24 March 1914;³⁰⁸ died of ovarian cancer in Des Moines, Iowa, 17 May 1988, aged 74;³⁰⁹ married first at the Plaza

Dorris Cowen entries, SS *America*, 16 Oct. 1925, vol. 8521, p. 145, lines 19–21 (NARA T715, roll 3741). Bernard, Rose M., Robert M., and Doris M. Cowen entries, SS *Leviathan*, 26 Sept. 1927, vol. 9245, p. 31, lines 6–9 (NARA T715, roll 4136).

²⁹⁷ R. L. Polk and Co.'s *Trow's New York City Directory Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx* (note 257), (1920–21) 516, (1922–23) 548, (1924–25) 645. *Polk's (Trow's) New York City (Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx) . . . 1933–4* (note 265), 878. Ships' passenger lists (notes 294, 295). Bernard Cowen household, 1920 U.S. census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, Ass. Dist. 11, New York Co., N.Y., ED 821, p. 7, dw. 15, fam. 149 (NARA T625, roll 1205), at which time Rose's brother Ira Miller was living with them, as well as a servant, Nettie Birch. Bernard Cowen household, 1925 New York state census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, New York Co., Ass. Dist. 11, Elect. Dist. 14, p. 12, state copy. Bernard Cowen household, 1930 U.S. census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, New York Co. N.Y., ED 31-491, p. 25B, dw. 48, fam. 447 (NARA T626, roll 1559).

²⁹⁸ *Historical Catalogue of Brown University 1950 Edition* (note 266), 98.

²⁹⁹ Mandelbaum, telephone conversation (note 281).

³⁰⁰ Bernard Cowen estate, New York Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court file 4342-1963.

³⁰¹ The children were with their parents for the 1920 and 1930 U.S. and 1925 N.Y. state censuses (note 297), and are listed in their father's obituary and death notice (note 275).

³⁰² New York City Index to Births, 1911 (Manhattan #60218) (certificate not in the public domain). Ships' passenger lists (note 296) incorrectly show Robert was born 17 or 18 Nov. 1910.

³⁰³ Robert Miller Cowen obituary, *The Charlotte* (N.C.) *Observer*, 8 July 2000, p. 6B, digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<http://www.genealogybank.com>). Robert M. Cowen entry, #104-14-9656, "Social Security Death Index" (note 238).

³⁰⁴ Robert M. Cowen-Dorothy E. Kohn marriage license, New York City, 1948, Manhattan, #30408, indicating she had first married John L. Newburger, from whom she was divorced in Reno, Nev., 29 Sept. 1942. "Kohn—Cowen" engagement announcement, *The New York Times*, 4 July 1948, p. 25, col. 1. "Marriage of Dorothy E. Kohn," *The New York Times*, 28 Sept. 1948, p. 33, col. 1.

³⁰⁵ Dorothy Kohn Cowen obituary, *The Charlotte* (N.C.) *Observer*, 31 May 2005, p. 6B, digital image, *GenealogyBank* (note 303). Robert M. Cowen-Dorothy E. Kohn marriage license (note 304).

³⁰⁶ Robert Miller Cowen obituary (note 303). Etta E. Kramer estate file (note 226).

³⁰⁷ Dorothy Kohn Cowen obituary (note 305).

³⁰⁸ New York City Index to Births, 1914 (Manhattan #18556) (certificate not in the public domain). Birth announcement, *The New York Times*, 26 Mar. 1914, p. 11, col. 6. Ships' passenger lists (note 296) show Dorris/Doris M. was born 27 Mar. 1916 or 24 Mar. 1914.

- Hotel in Manhattan 12 July 1934, by Rabbi Eugene Mannheimer of Des Moines, MORRIS MANDELBAUM JR., merchandise manager of Younkers store in Des Moines, born there 12 October 1912, died there at his home, 5223 Waterbury Road, 30 October 1949, aged 37, son of Morris and Lenore (Wilchinski) Mandelbaum of Des Moines;³¹⁰ married second in Des Moines in 1972 Dr. MICHAEL FIELD, born perhaps 11 May 1912, died perhaps in Prescott, Arizona, 1 December 1992.³¹¹ Doris was a student at Wellesley College and met Morris when he was a student at MIT [Massachusetts Institute of Technology].³¹² In Des Moines she was quite active in several Jewish organizations.³¹³
- iv. RACHEL/RAY² COHEN/COWEN, "4th child," born at 226 North Main Street 31 October 1883;³¹⁴ died at Greentree Nursing Home in Huntington, New York, 3 January 1973, aged 89; buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Maspeth, Queens, New York, 7 January 1973;³¹⁵ married about 1903–4 as his second wife FREDERICK A. SAWYER, born in Kentucky about 1867–68;³¹⁶ they evidently divorced. Fred A. Sawyer moved to Brooklyn by 1912.³¹⁷ He married third by 1920 Zelda S. [?–], born in New Hampshire about 1888, and they were renting at 434 6th Street in Brooklyn in 1920, where he was an educational supplies salesman.³¹⁸
- v. MINNIE² COHEN/COWEN, "6th [*sic*] child," born at 226 North Main Street 14 February 1886;³¹⁹ died of coronary arteriosclerosis at her home at 141 East 56th Street in Manhattan, New York City, about 28 May 1942 (found dead), aged 54; buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Maspeth, Queens, New York, 7 June 1942.³²⁰
- vi. DAVID FARRAGUT² COHEN/COWEN, "6th child," born at 14 Star Street 29 February 1888;³²¹ died in Centerport, New York, 26 December 1970;³²² married first by Rabbi G. [Lipkind?] at the Herrstadt in Manhattan, New York City, 14 February 1915, AUGUSTA KORMINSKY,³²³ born in New York, New York, 17 February 1893, died at her residence, 320 Riverside Drive in Manhattan, 7 March 1946, aged 53 years, 18 days, daughter of Henry and Rachel (Cohen)

³⁰⁹ "Jewish Community Leader Doris Field Dies at Age 74," *Des Moines (Iowa) Register*, 18 May 1988, Metro Section, p. 7, col. 1. Mandelbaum to author (note 278) for cause of death.

³¹⁰ Morris Mandelbaum Jr.-Doris M. Cowen marriage cert., New York City, 1934, Manhattan, #15438, with witnesses Edward S. Miller and Dorothy S. Gardner. "Other Weddings: Mandelbaum—Cowen," *The New York Times*, 13 July 1934, p. 13, col. 4. "Mandelbaum is Dead at 37," *Des Moines Register*, 1 Nov. 1949, p. 1, col. 5.

³¹¹ Michael Field entry, #098-05-7961, "Social Security Death Index" (note 238), for birth and death. Doris Field obituary (note 309) for marriage.

³¹² Robert M. Cowen (Rye, N.Y.) to author, letter, 22 July 1994.

³¹³ "Jewish Community Leader Doris Field Dies at Age 74" (note 309).

³¹⁴ Rachel Cohen delayed birth record, Providence, R.I., Births, A1:29, recorded Sept. 1899.

³¹⁵ Ray C. Sawyer obituaries, *Marine Corps League News* 10 (Apr. 1973): 3–4, and *The Long-Islander* (Huntington, N.Y.), 11 Jan. 1973, p. 8.

³¹⁶ Frederick A. Sawyer household, 1910 U.S. census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, New York Co., N.Y., ED 574, p. 12B, dw. 21, fam. 387 (NARA T624, roll 1023). The census indicates this was Frederick's second marriage. No record of their marriage is found in New York City or State 1902–5. Frederick A. Sawyer household, 1920 U.S. census, New York City, Brooklyn Borough, Kings Co., N.Y., ED 676, p. 15A, dw. 148, fam. 359 (NARA T625, roll 1162). Frederick was not found listed in 1900 census.

³¹⁷ *The Brooklyn City Directory* . . . (Brooklyn: Brooklyn Directory Co.), (1912) 1216, (1913) 1305.

³¹⁸ Frederick A. Sawyer household, 1920 Kings Co., N.Y. (note 316). No record of their marriage was found in New York City or State 1910–20.

³¹⁹ Minnie Cowen birth record, Providence, R.I., Births, 13:143.

³²⁰ Minnie Cowen death cert., New York City, 1942, Manhattan Borough, #11869. Minnie Cowen death notice, *The New York Times*, 6 June 1942, p. 13, col. 7, indicating she died "suddenly."

³²¹ David Cohen birth record, Providence, R.I., Births, 14:54. David adopted his own middle name: He "admired the admiral" (H. C. Cowen to author [note 239]).

³²² David F. Cowen estate, Suffolk Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court file 285-1971.

³²³ David Farragut Cowen-Augusta Korminsky marriage license, New York City, 1915, Manhattan, #3637. Witnesses were A. Frank Cowen and Hyman Korminsky. Herrstadt Hall, sometimes referred to as Herrstadt Restaurant, was at 27 West 115th St., a place for meetings, receptions, and so forth. See, for example, *American Druggist and Pharmaceutical Record*, 48 (1906): 208 [meeting of New York Retail Druggists' Association]; "In the Real Estate Field," *The New York Times*, 7 Dec. 1910, p. 19, col. 2 [meeting of Real Estate Brokers' Protective Association]; *Trow's General Directory of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, City of New York* . . . (note 230), (1913) 690.

Korminsky, buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Glendale, New York, 8 March 1946;³²⁴ married second by February 1955 FLORENCE L. [?–], born in New York about 1902–3,³²⁵ living in 1970, died before 2002.³²⁶

David's first-known employment was as a telephone operator in the first decade of the twentieth century.³²⁷ By 1912 he was an importer at 648 Broadway and within a year had a leather goods business, first known as Cowen Brothers and located at 88 Bleecker Street, moving about 1914 to 6 West 22nd Street. By 1916 the business was known as United States Leather Products Company; the firm made straps for wristwatches. During this time David lived at 59 East 86th Street, 51 East 91st Street, and 601 West 154th Street.³²⁸ When married in 1915 he was living at 79 Hamilton Place, probably with his sisters, and his occupation was manufacturer.³²⁹ That year Cowen Brothers had a "Sample room, light, excellent location."³³⁰ David next lived at 1817 Mohican Avenue and during World War I at 250 West 112th Street, by which time his brother A Frank and mother Augusta worked for the leather company.³³¹ When he registered for the World War I draft he was described as short and of medium build, with brown hair and eyes.³³² David was listed as a dress manufacturer in the 1920 census, when renting at 650 West 171st Street,³³³ but city directories indicate he and brother A Frank still had Cowen Brothers, leather goods, at 6 West 22nd Street. About 1922–23, the family moved to a building on Haven Avenue.³³⁴ By mid-decade, Cowen Brothers, leather novelties, was at 8 Nassau Street, and in 1930 David was proprietor of the leather novelties business and living at 711 West 171st Street. In the early 1930s, David and A Frank moved their business to 40 John Street,³³⁵ and to deal with costs during the Great Depression, David moved his family to a less expensive building at West 175th Street and Fort Washington Avenue, "but as soon as Dad could afford it, he took us back to 171st Street, to the building next to number 711," number 707. The family moved to 320 Riverside Drive in the mid-1930s. After a stay at 360 West 53rd Street in the mid-1940s David and his second wife, Florence, moved to Queens by the early 1950s, living at 110-20 71st Street in Forest Hills.³³⁶ David's wristwatch strap company eventually had

³²⁴ Augusta Cowen death cert., New York City, 1946, Manhattan, #5853. David Farragat Cowen-Augusta Korminsky marriage license (note 323).

³²⁵ David and Florence Cowen entry, SS *Metapan*, arrivals of 25 Feb. 1955, p. 37, line 2, Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, N.Y., 1897–1957 (NARA T715, roll 8559).

³²⁶ H. C. Cowen to author (note 239).

³²⁷ Charles Cohen household, 1905 New York Co. (note 224).

³²⁸ *Trow's General Directory of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, City of New York* . . . (note 230), (1912) 314, (1913) 317, (1914) 257. R. L. Polk and Co.'s *General Directory of New York City* . . . (note 257), (1915) 523.

³²⁹ David Farragat Cowen-Augusta Korminsky marriage license (note 323).

³³⁰ *The New York Times*, 8 Mar. 1915, p. 11, col. 6, indicating the location as 76 [sic] West 22nd St.

³³¹ R. L. Polk and Co.'s *General Directory of New York City* . . . (note 257), (1916) 452, (1917) 574, (1918) 549.

³³² David F. Cowen, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, New York City Board 136 (NARA M1509, roll NY273).

³³³ David F. Cowen household, 1920 U.S. census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, Ward 23, New York Co., N.Y., ED 1496, p. 21B, dw. 13, fam. 262 (NARA T625, roll 1226).

³³⁴ Henry C. Cowen (Commack, N.Y.) to author, letter, 25 June 2002.

³³⁵ David Farragat [sic] household, 1930 U.S. census, New York City, Manhattan Borough, Ass. Dist. 23, New York Co., N.Y., ED 31-1083, p. 15B, dw. 13, fam. 415 (NARA T626, roll 1579). R. L. Polk and Co.'s *Trow General Directory of New York City* . . . (note 257), (1920–21) 516, (1922–23) 548, (1924–25) 645. *Manhattan and Bronx Residential Directory 1931* (New York: Manhattan and Bronx Directory Publishing Co., 1931), 208. *Polk's (Trow's) New York City Directory (Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx)* . . . 1933–4 (note 265), 878.

³³⁶ H. C. Cowen to author (note 334). Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, N.Y., 1897–1957: David and Augusta Cowen entries, SS *Orizaba*, 1 Mar. 1936, vol. 12415, p. 79, lines 3 and 4 (NARA T715, roll 5770); David Cowen entry, SS *Normandie*, 23 Dec. 1937, vol. 13118, p. 81, line 10 (NARA T715, roll 6092); David and Augusta Cowen entries, SS *Talamanca*, 3 Mar. 1940, vol. 13878, p. 177, lines 6 and 7 (NARA T715, roll 6447); David Cowen entry, SS *Evangeline*, 26 June 1948, vol. 16262, p. 198, line 14 (NARA T715, roll 7620); David and Florence Cowen entries, SS *Metapan* (note 325).

sixty employees that included his father and his nephew Milton Kramer. He retired in the 1960s.³³⁷

In her will of 25 June 1943, proved 20 March 1946, Augusta K. Cowen of New York City named her husband, David F. Cowen, and sons Raymond and Henry C. Cowen.³³⁸ By his will of 25 July 1961, David F. Cowen of 110-20 71st Avenue, Forest Hills, Borough of Queens, New York City, left half of his property to son Raymond J. Cowen and the other half to son Henry C. Cowen, with the two sons to be executors. He made further provision for the sons' wives, Emma and Daya, or the grandchildren to inherit if the sons predeceased him.³³⁹

Children of David and Augusta, born in New York City:³⁴⁰

- a. RAYMOND JEROME³ COWEN, born in the Bronx 3 January 1916;³⁴¹ died of cardio respiratory arrest and prostate cancer at his home, 4112 Glenwood Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, 2 October 1983, aged 67;³⁴² married by Dr. David Lefkowitz at her parents' home in Dallas, Texas, 21 November 1940, EMMA CECILIA SCHLOCHAUR,³⁴³ born at Seaton Infirmary in Austin, Texas, 27 November 1917,³⁴⁴ died of cirrhosis of the liver at Medical Plaza Hospital in Fort Worth 18 August 1981, aged 63,³⁴⁵ daughter of Benno and Minna (Seelig) Schlochaur.³⁴⁶ After a year at the University of Pennsylvania, he returned to New York and joined his father's leather goods business, eventually becoming owner, and moved with him to Fort Worth in 1960, where he later sold the company. Emma, secretary and treasurer of her husband's Cowen Brothers Inc., also served on a number of boards of Fort Worth civic organizations.³⁴⁷
 - b. HENRY CHARLES³ COWEN, born in Manhattan 17 May 1920;³⁴⁸ living in Commack, New York; married first in Des Moines, Iowa, 15 August 1943, DAYA M. PONZELINE, born in Des Moines 26 January 1926, died in 1989; divorced; married second 1982, CLAUDIA DIANE SCOTT, born 17 April 1942, living in Commack.³⁴⁹ In January 1942 Henry moved to Des Moines, where he worked for *Look* magazine. He returned to the New York City area in 1960 and was employed at Publishers Clearing House and while there created the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes.³⁵⁰
- vii. GERTRUDE AUDREY² COHEN/COWEN, "9th [*sic*] child," born at 391 North Main Street 17 May 1892;³⁵¹ died in Manhattan, New York City, 12 December 1974,

³³⁷ H. C. Cowen to author (notes 227 and 239).

³³⁸ Augusta K. Cowen estate, New York Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court file 916-1946.

³³⁹ David F. Cowen estate, Suffolk Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court file 285-1971.

³⁴⁰ David F. Cowen household, 1920 New York Co., N.Y. (note 333). David Farragat [*sic*] household, 1930 New York Co., N.Y. (note 335). Estate files of parents (notes 338, 339).

³⁴¹ New York City Index to Births, 1916 (Bronx #453) (certificate not in the public domain), which lists the date given on Henry C. Cowen's genealogical chart (note 277).

³⁴² Raymond Jerome Cowen death cert., Texas, 1893, #98627. Raymond J. Cowen death notice, *Fort Worth* (Tex.) *Star-Telegram*, 4 Oct. 1983, p. 3E, col. 1.

³⁴³ "Miss Schlochaur Raymond Cowen Marriage Held," *Dallas Morning News*, 22 Nov. 1940, p. 16.

³⁴⁴ Emma Cecilia Schlochaur birth cert., Texas, 1917, #54538. Daughter of Benno Schlochaur birth announcement, *The Houston* (Tex.) *Jewish Voice*, 6 Dec. 1917, p. 2, col. 3.

³⁴⁵ Emma Schlochaur Cowen death cert., Texas, 1981, #76082. Frank Rejo, "Devoted Emma Cowen dies; friends laud her civic work," *Fort Worth* (Tex.) *Star-Telegram*, 20 Aug. 1981, p. 4C, cols. 1-3.

³⁴⁶ "Miss Schlochaur Raymond Cowen Marriage Held," (note 343). Benno Schlochaur and Minna Seelig engagement announcement, *The Houston* (Tex.) *Jewish Voice*, 1 May 1916, p. 7, col. 4. Emma Schlochaur Cowen death cert. (note 345).

³⁴⁷ H. C. Cowen to author (notes 227 and 239).

³⁴⁸ New York City Index to Births, 1920 (Manhattan #24199, showing the name as Cowan) (certificate not in the public domain), which lists the date given on Henry C. Cowen's genealogical chart (note 277).

³⁴⁹ Henry C. Cowen genealogical chart (note 277). Henry and Diane Cowen have provided signed permission for their information to be included in this summary.

³⁵⁰ See Henry Cowen, *I Sent You A Letter... Did You Reply? (True Tales of a Junk Mail Whiz)* (Victoria, B.C.: Trafford Publishing, 2001).

³⁵¹ Gertrude Cohen birth record, Providence, R.I., Births, 15:70. It was around this time Gertrude's father worked in Pawtucket [see RECORD 142:19-20], which she reported as her place of birth for her

aged 83;³⁵² ashes interred in a single niche in Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale, New York, 9 July 1975;³⁵³ married by Deputy City Clerk J. J. McCormick in the Municipal Building in Manhattan 18 September 1924 WILLARD ALOYSIUS BARBER,³⁵⁴ born as William Francis Barber at 223 [East] 5th Street in New York City, 19 December 1887,³⁵⁵ son of Isaac St. Julien and Catherine Agnes (Conefrey) Barber,³⁵⁶ died of chronic nephritis, arterial hypertension, and pulmonary edema in the U.S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, New York City, 18 May 1929, aged 41 years, 5 months, buried in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Brighton, Staten Island, New York City, 20 May 1929.³⁵⁷

The adopted child of Charles Cohen/Cowen and Augusta Golda Barnard:

NATHALIE COHEN/COWEN, born Annette Jersey in Providence, Rhode Island, 13 April 1899, daughter of Simon and Lena (Bearman) Jersey, natives of Lithuania;³⁵⁸ died perhaps in Barrington, Rhode Island, January 1973;³⁵⁹ married in Providence 24 April 1920 SAMUEL SILVERMAN,³⁶⁰ born in New York about 1894–95, who had a tuxedo rental business and was a part-time jazz trombonist and band leader.³⁶¹ In 1930 the Silvermans, with children Robert and Betty P., were renting at 142 Pembroke Avenue in Providence.³⁶²

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sketch in "Who's Who in Genealogy," Frederick Adams Virkus, ed., *The Handbook of American Genealogy*, vol. 4 (Chicago: The Institute of American Genealogy, 1943), 114.

³⁵² Gertrude A. Barber death notice, *The New York Times*, 17 Dec. 1974, p. 40, col. 4, as widow of "Williard." New York City Index to Deaths, 1974 (Manhattan #22079) (certificate not in the public domain).

³⁵³ Ferncliff Cemetery, telephone conversation with author, 16 Jun. 2011.

³⁵⁴ Williard [sic] A. Barber-Gertrude A. Cowen marriage license, New York City, 1924, Manhattan Borough, #26618, indicating he was 35, born in New York City, son of Isaac and Katherine (Conefrey) Barber. Witnesses were John E. Hall and Hazel Irwin.

³⁵⁵ Wm. Francis Barber birth cert., New York City, 1887, #510910, son of Isaac and Catherine Agnes ("Comfrey") Barber. New York, N.Y., city directories for 1888 and 1889 show his father, Isaac Barber, lived nextdoor at 225 5th St. (*Trow's New York City Directory* [New York: The Trow City Directory Company], [1888] 88, [1889] 90). In their study of "Willard Adams Barber: His Ancestors and Descendants," 2d ed. (n.p., 1976), John W. Herrmann with Raymond M. Tierney (p. 132) incorrectly indicate, probably from family, that Willard was born in Brooklyn.

As William Barber, born Jan. 1888, he was enumerated with his widowed mother Catharine in New Brighton in 1900, and as a 22-year-old, out-of-work laborer in 1910 (1900 U.S. census, New York City, Richmond Borough, Ward 1, Village of New Brighton, Town of Castleton, Richmond Co., N.Y., ED 582, p. 4B, dw. 43, fam. 75 [NARA T623, roll 1153]; 1910 U.S. census, New York City, Richmond Borough, Ward 1, Ass. Dist. 1, Elect. Dist. 3, Richmond Co., N.Y., ED 1293, p. 13B, dw. 248, fam. 252 [NARA T624, roll 1072]). He was Willard Barber when registered for the draft June 1917, and at his enlistment three months later (Willard Barber, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, New York City Board 186 [NARA 1509, roll NY338]; "Williard" A. Barber card, #90,942, New York [State] Adjutant General's Office, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917–1919, Series B0808, New York State Archives). Willard was reportedly the name of his paternal grandfather (Herrmann and Tierney, p. 132). In 1920, "Williard" A. Barber, 32, without occupation, was at the same address with his widowed mother, Kate (1920 U.S. Census, New York City, Richmond Borough, Ward 7, New Brighton, Richmond Co., N.Y., ED 1548, p. 13B, dw. 195, fam. 206 [NARA T625, roll 1238]).

³⁵⁶ Williard [sic] A. Barber-Gertrude A. Cowen marriage license (note 354). Wm. Francis Barber birth cert. (note 355). Herrmann with Tierney, "Willard Adams Barber" (note 355).

³⁵⁷ Willard A. Barber death cert., New York City, 1929, Brooklyn Borough, #12098, showing he lived at 105 Constant Ave., West New Brighton, Staten Island, and that he was unemployed, and that he was born in New York City 19 Dec. 1887, son of "Issiac" and [blank] (Confrey) Barber.

³⁵⁸ Annette Jersey birth record, Providence, R.I., births, 16:476. Simon Jersey household, 1900 U.S. census, Providence, Ward 2, Providence Co., R.I., ED 15, p. 13A, dw. 165, fam. 271 (NARA T623, roll 1506), showing that among the nine children of Simon Jersey, widowed saloon keeper, renting at 362 North Main St., was daughter Nettie, born May 1899.

³⁵⁹ Nathalie Silverman entry, #039-16-8786, "Social Security Death Index" (note 238).

³⁶⁰ Samuel Silverman-Annette Jersey marriage record index entry, Edwin M. Snow et al., eds., *Alphabetical Index to the Births, Marriages and Deaths Recorded in Providence, Rhode Island* [1636–1945], 35 vols. (Providence: Sidney S. Rider, 1879–[1946?]), 19:792, citing Providence marriages 26:71. Rhode Island marriage records from the last one hundred years are not in the public domain.

³⁶¹ Leslie Kramer to Henry C. Cowen, letter, 7 Jan. 1974; copy of letter provided by Henry Cowen.

³⁶² Samuel Silverman household, 1930 U.S. census, Providence, Ward 3, Dist. 4, Providence Co., R.I., ED 4-10, p. 46A, dw. 249, fam. 395 (NARA T626, roll 2176).