

Descendants of Unknown Schafer

Generation No. 1

1. Unknown¹ Schafer He married Unknown.

Children of Unknown Schafer and Unknown are:

- 2 i. Abraham² Schafer, born in Obersheim, Germany.

More About Abraham Schafer:
Religion: Jewish

- 3 ii. Henrietta Schafer, born in Obersheim, Germany; died in South Carolina. She married Unknown DeJohn; died in South Carolina.

Notes for Henrietta Schafer:

She was the family matriarch. She was a very strong willed woman who called all the shots and she always got her way. She was very close to her brothers and she was the one that brought them to America. She did not get along with her brother Herman's wife Rosa and Rosa likewise did not get along with her. Her brothers adored her and always did as she asked. Herman and Rosa had many arguments over his sister Henrietta, but the arguments always ended in favor of Henrietta's wishes.

More About Henrietta Schafer:
Burial: South Carolina
Religion: Jewish

Notes for Unknown DeJohn:

Was a French Jewish attorney who worked for the Southern Railroad.

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- 5 iv. Gustav Schafer, born in Obersheim, Germany; died in Germany.

More About Gustav Schafer:
Burial: Germany
Religion: Jewish

- 6 v. Emanuel Schafer, born in Obersheim, Germany.

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- 7 vi. Solomon Schafer, born in Obersheim, Germany.

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Generation No. 2

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Burial: 23 Jan 1932, Greensboro, N.C. Jewish-Hebrew Cemetery

Cause of Death: Colon cancer

Medical Information: Death certificate was signed by Henry Schafer

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Emigration: 1884, from Germany

More About Herman Schafer and Rosa Goldsmith:

Marriage: Abt. 1897, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Children of Herman Schafer and Rosa Goldsmith are:

- + 8 i. Sigfried³ Schafer, born 01 May 1899 in Mt. Airy, North Carolina; died 09 Mar 1985 in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina.
- 9 ii. Henry Schafer, born in Mt. Airy, North Carolina.

Notes for Henry Schafer:

Attended the Rockford Street School in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. He was a student there around the years 1912, 1913 and 1914. He grew up to become a podiatrist. He signed the death certificate of his father Herman Schafer. He was said to have been very funny and have a good sense of humor.

More About Henry Schafer:

Religion: Jewish

- + 10 iii. Isidor Albert Schafer, born 12 Apr 1906 in Mt. Airy, Surry County, North Carolina; died 03 Dec 1982 in Durham, North Carolina.

Generation No. 3

8. Sigfried³ Schafer (Herman², Unknown¹) was born 01 May 1899 in Mt. Airy, North Carolina, and died 09 Mar 1985 in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina. He married **Sadie Newstadt** in In the home of his Aunt Lena Ellisberg, Raleigh, North Carolina. She was born 22 Apr 1897 in New York City, New York, and died 06 Sep 1981 in a nurseing home in Forsyth County, North Carolina.

Notes for Sigfried Schafer:

Attended the Rockford Street School in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. In 1915-1916 school year he was in the ninth grade. In the early 1920's he was on the Mount Airy High School Men's baseball squad. He loved to play baseball and was very good at it.

The following notes were written by Sigfried and passed on to his daughter Marian.

" Herman Schafer was born in 1867 in Obersheim, Germany. Rosa Schafer was born the same year in Dreisden Gilheim which were several miles apart. Herman Schafer left Germany when he was about twelve years old in order to escape his tour of duty in the army. He landed in Wilmington, North Carolina with fifty cents in his pocket. He worked there and got along very well doing what he could until he became ill with something like malaria. He went to a doctor who advised that he leave Wilmington since the climate was detrimental to him. A new railroad was opened from Wilmington and went as far as Mount Airy, North Carolina. He bought a ticket and took it and landed in Mt. Airy. We have never heard exactly what he had money-wise, but it was not much.

He began trading with the farmers and became a peddler and rented a room in the Franklin community and the name of the farmer was Franklin where he stayed for many years. He soon had a thriving business selling produce, chickens, ect., and shipping them to larger cities on the East coast. His business grew larger and warranted building a building. He then started having such commodities as the farmers needed, coffee, sugar, groceries and piece goods and wearing apparel. Later he began buying the farmer's skins of the cattle they slaughtered. He tanned the skins into leather and began making harness to sell.

In my mother's case, she was brought to Charleston when she was about sixteen years old by her uncle and aunt, the Sternbergers, David Sternberger. They kept her til she got to be

about 20, or 21. She then went to Philadelphia cause she had some relatives up there and she found a job and she kept that job until she was about 30. My father, one day, went on a trip to New York and he stopped over in Philadelphia because he knew of her and they got married.

She was brought to Mt. Airy and worked in the general store. Mt. Airy people had never seen a Jewish woman before and came in the store to see what she was like. They thought she probably had horns, but of course she did not. Life was a little hard for her there- - - the streets were full of mud and they had to step across stones in order to get across the streets. A new bride, a sales lady and living in an old hotel and eating food that she was not accustomed to, and lo and behold she became pregnant.

They lived at the Blue Ridge Hotel in Mt. Airy for about 6 to 8 months. He finally bought the house on Franklin Street in 1898, the year they got married, and then they moved in. I am the oldest son, Sigfried. Next, two years later, Henry was born. Seven years later Isadore was born. In 1912 or 1913 my father decided he had accumulated enough from the produce business to quit that. Due to the fact that he had several competitors that had come in, the market wasn't as good as it used to be when he had it all to himself. So he had made investments in real estate around town and had built up enough of these investments to give him a living from their rentals. He closed his store, sold out, and rented the building to two different people. One was a hardware store, the other was a general store that sold everything to wear and it was run by a family by the name of Raif. Their parents lived in Winston-Salem but they did real well and had that store for a good many years. In about 1925 that building was destroyed by fire and my father never built it back.

He lived a quiet, comfortable life until 1932. He was afflicted with cancer of the intestines, at which in about eight months he passed away. My mother still lived in the home place and lived there the rest of her life until 1962 back to where she, her health was bad. Isadore and I put her in a Catholic home in Highpoint. The building was the home of one of the Penny brothers. She lived there til we took her to Winston-Salem Baptist Hospital to get a check-up and they found out that she had cancer of the stomach. She stayed there about three to four months. Then she passed away. She was buried in the family plot in Greensboro.

Obrisheim- This place is located about an hour to two hours drive from West Germany which is a right large city. Herman Schafer had his oldest brother who was Abraham. My father, Herman Schafer, had one sister, Mrs. Henrietta DeJohn, his oldest brother Abraham, and he had another brother that never came out of Germany by the name of Gustav, and he had a brother Solomon and himself and Emanuel. Solomon Schafer was the youngest of the group. My mother had two brothers and three sisters and **Albert Goldsmith and Harry Goldsmith** were there names. My mother had three sisters, one of them was Lena, one was Caroline and I forget the name of the other one and they remained in Germany except for the one sister Caroline. That is the entire story on my mother and father. "

Sigfried Schafer

More About Sigfried Schafer:

Burial: Mar 1985, Raleigh, Wake County North Carolina

Religion: Jewish

More About Sadie Newstadt:

Burial: 07 Sep 1981, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina

Religion: Jewish

Social Security Number: 1973, Issued in North Carolina 239 06 9178

More About Sigfried Schafer and Sadie Newstadt:

Descendants of Elias Mayer

Generation No. 1

1. **Elias¹ Mayer** died in Neuleiningen, Germany. He married **Esther Baum**. She was born Abt. 1812 in Tiefenthal, Germany, and died 1879 in Neuleiningen, Germany.

Child of Elias Mayer and Esther Baum is:

- + 2 i. **Charlotte (Zerlina)² Meayer**, born 21 Nov 1838 in Germany; died 02 Jun 1902 in Weitersweiler, Germany.

Generation No. 2

2. **Charlotte (Zerlina)² Meayer** (Elias¹ Mayer) was born 21 Nov 1838 in Germany, and died 02 Jun 1902 in Weitersweiler, Germany. She married **Gabrial Goldsmith**, son of Heinrich Goldschmit and Rosine Kohlmann. He was born 13 Apr 1835 in Germany, and died 15 Jul 1917 in Weitersweiler, Germany.

Notes for Gabrial Goldsmith:

The gravestones of Gabriel and Zerla Goldschmitt are still in existence at Weitersweiler, Germany. The community of Weitersweiler is the earliest location that I have for our Goldsmith family. The Jewish Cemetery is in the countryside, probably a mile or so East, upon a slope. On the other side of Weitersweiler is the gentle Donnersberg, the highest mountain in the Rhenish-Pfalz (Palatinate). This family lived nearby Dreisen for which the records are at next door to there, Gollheim.

Children of Charlotte Meayer and Gabrial Goldsmith are:

- + 3 i. **Rosa³ Goldsmith**, born 10 Feb 1867 in Dreisden, Germany; died 12 Sep 1964 in the hospital Winston-Salem North Carolina.
4 ii. **Harry Goldsmith**, born 1871 in Dreisden, Germany.

Notes for Harry Goldsmith:

Was living in Mt. Airy in 1920. He was a widow and did not list a job. He does not show up ten years later in the 1930's census. On the 1920 census he is listed as just " Q. Goldsmith" he is 49 years old. He does not show up in the earlier census of 1910 or 1900, but was known to be living in the United States at that time period.

More About Harry Goldsmith:

Emigration: 1890, From Germany

Naturalization: 1898, North Carolina

Religion: Jewish

- + 5 iii. **Johanna Goldsmith**, born in Dreisden, Germany; died in Germany.
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Burial: Germany

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- 9 i. Sigfried⁴ Schafer, born 01 May 1899 in Mt. Airy, North Carolina; died 09 Mar 1985 in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina. He married Sadie Newstadt in In the home of his Aunt Lena Ellisberg, Raleigh, North Carolina; born 22 Apr 1897 in New York City, New York; died 06 Sep 1981 in a nurseing home in Forsyth County, North Carolina.

Notes for Sigfried Schafer:

Attended the Rockford Street School in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. In 1915-1916 school year he was in the ninth grade. In the early 1920's he was on the Mount Airy High School Men's baseball squad. He loved to play baseball and was very good at it.

The following notes were written by Sigfried and passed on to his daughter Marian.

" Herman Schafer was born in 1867 in Obersheim, Germany. Rosa Schafer was born the same year in Dreisden Gilheim which were several miles apart.

Herman Schafer left Germany when he was about twelve years old in order to escape his tour of duty in the army. He landed in Wilmington, North Carolina with fifty cents in his pocket. He worked there and got along very well doing what he could until he became ill with something like malaria. He went to a doctor who advised that he leave Wilmington since the climate was detrimental to him. A new railroad was opened from Wilmington and went as far as Mount Airy, North Carolina. He bought a ticket and took it and landed in Mt. Airy. We have never heard exactly what he had money-wise, but it was not much.

He began trading with the farmers and became a peddler and rented a room in the Franklin community and the name of the farmer was Franklin where he stayed for many years. He soon had a thriving business selling produce, chickens, ect., and shipping them to larger cities on the East coast. His business grew larger and warranted building a building. He then started having such commodities as the farmers needed, coffee, sugar, groceries and piece goods and wearing apparel. Later he began buying the farmer's skins of the cattle they slaughtered. He tanned the skins into leather and began making harness to sell.

In my mother's case, she was brought to Charleston when she was about sixteen years old by her uncle and aunt, the Sternbergers, David Sternberger. They kept her til she got to be about 20, or 21. She then went to Philadelphia cause she had some relatives up there and she found a job and she kept that job until she was about 30. My father, one day, went on a trip to New York and he stopped over in Philadelphia because he knew of her and they got married.

She was brought to Mt. Airy and worked in the general store. Mt. Airy people had never seen a Jewish woman before and came in the store to see what she was like. They thought she probably had horns, but of course she did not. Life was a little hard for her there- - - the streets were full of mud and they had to step across stones in order to get across the streets. A new bride, a sales lady and living in an old hotel and eating food that she was not accustomed to, and lo and behold she became pregnant.

They lived at the Blue Ridge Hotel in Mt. Airy for about 6 to 8 months. He finally bought the house on Franklin Street in 1898, the year they got married, and then they moved in. I am the oldest son, Sigfried. Next, two years later, Henry was born. Seven years later Isadore was born. In 1912 or 1913 my father decided he had accumulated enough from the produce business to quit that. Due to the fact that he had several competitors that had come in, the market wasn't as good as it used to be when he had it all to himself. So he had made investments in real estate around town and had built up enough of these investments to give him a living from their rentals. He closed his store, sold out, and rented the building to two different people. One was a hardware store, the other was a general store that sold everything to wear and it was run by a family by the name of Raif. Their parents lived in Winston-Salem but they did real well and had that store for a good many years. In about 1925 that building was destroyed by fire and my father never built it back.

He lived a quiet, comfortable life until 1932. He was afflicted with cancer of the intestines, at which in about eight months he passed away. My mother still lived in the home place and lived there the rest of her

life until 1962 back to where she, her health was bad. Isadore and I put her in a Catholic home in Highpoint. The building was the home of one of the Penny brothers. She lived there til we took her to Winston-Salem Baptist Hospital to get a check-up and they found out that she had cancer of the stomach. She stayed there about three to four months. Then she passed away. She was buried in the family plot in Greensboro.

Obrisheim- This place is located about an hour to two hours drive from West Germany which is a right large city. Herman Schafer had his oldest brother who was Abraham. My father, Herman Schafer, had one sister, Mrs. Henrietta DeJohn, his oldest brother Abraham, and he had another brother that never came out of Germany by the name of Gustav, and he had a brother Solomon and himself and Emanuel. Solomon Schafer was the youngest of the group. My mother had two brothers and three sisters and Albert Goldsmith and Harry Goldsmith were there names. My mother had three sisters, one of them was Lena, one was Caroline and I forget the name of the other one and they remained in Germany except for the one sister Caroline. That is the entire story on my mother and father. "

Sigfried Schafer

More About Sigfried Schafer:

Burial: Mar 1985, Raleigh, Wake County North Carolina

Religion: Jewish

More About Sadie Newstadt:

Burial: 07 Sep 1981, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina

Religion: Jewish

Social Security Number: 1973, Issued in North Carolina 239 06 9178

More About Sigfried Schafer and Sadie Newstadt:

Marriage: In the home of his Aunt Lena Ellisberg, Raleigh, North Carolina

- 10 ii. Henry Schafer, born in Mt. Airy, North Carolina.

Notes for Henry Schafer:

Attended the Rockford Street School in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. He was a student there around the years 1912, 1913 and 1914. He grew up to become a podiatrist. He signed the death certificate of his father Herman Schafer. He was said to have been very funny and have a good sense of humor.

More About Henry Schafer:

Religion: Jewish

- 11 iii. Isidor Albert Schafer, born 12 Apr 1906 in Mt. Airy, Surry County, North Carolina; died 03 Dec 1982 in Durham, North Carolina. He married Bessie Kadis in Richmond, Virginia; born 03 May 1907 in North Carolina; died 02 Sep 1993 in Durham, North Carolina.

Notes for Isidor Albert Schafer:

Isidor and his wife liked to spend winters in Boca Raton, Florida. Isabelle Breen daughter of Robert and Susan Breen was named in honor of this this man.

More About Isidor Albert Schafer:

Burial: 04 Dec 1982, Greensboro, North Carolina

Cause of Death: died of colon cancer

Social Security Number: 1951, North Carolina 240 50 7748

Notes for Bessie Kadis:

She loved to go to Boca Raton, Florida in the winter months.

More About Bessie Kadis:

Burial: 03 Sep 1993, Greensboro, North Carolina

Marriage Notes for Isidor Schafer and Bessie Kadis:

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More About Isidor Schafer and Bessie Kadis:

Marriage: Richmond, Virginia

5. Johanna³ Goldsmith (Charlotte (Zerlina)² Meayer, Elias¹ Mayer) was born in

Dreiden, Germany, and died in Germany. She married **Unknown Sommer** in Germany.

More About Johanna Goldsmith:

Burial: Germany

Religion: Jewish

More About Unknown Sommer and Johanna Goldsmith:

Marriage: Germany

Children of Johanna Goldsmith and Unknown Sommer are:

- 12 i. **Heinrich⁴ Sommer**, born 1896 in Frankfurt, Germany.

Notes for Heinrich Sommer:

At age 16 he left from Hamburg, Germany with his sister Selma. They were on the ship "Cincinnati". They arrived at the port of New York on August 13, 1912. Heinrich was 5'9" with brown eyes and black hair. Heinrich was headed for (relative) Albert Goldschmidt in Mt. Airy North Carolina. It is not yet known if he and his sister went back to Germany at some point. Some relatives fear that they might have and possibly died in a concentration camp. More research needs to be done to prove this, but it has been suggested as a possibility.

More About Heinrich Sommer:

Religion: Jewish

- 13 ii. **Selma Sommer**, born 1897 in Frankfurt, Germany.

Notes for Selma Sommer:

She left Hamburg, Germany on the ship Cincinnati when she was 12 years old. She was traveling with her brother Heinrich. They arrived at the Port of New York on August 13, 1912. Her brother was going to visit relatives in Mt. Airy North Carolina and she was going to visit Mrs. DeYongh of Florence. Selma was 4' 5" with black hair and brown eyes. She had previously been to the United States from 1909 to early part of 1912.

More About Selma Sommer:

Religion: Jewish

6. **Albert³ Goldsmith** (Charlotte (Zerlina)² Meayer, Elias¹ Mayer) was born May 1872 in Dreiden, Germany, and died 16 Apr 1948 in At his home in Mt. Airy, Surry County, North Carolina. He married (1) **Pauline Kaphan** in Atlanta, Georgia, daughter of Mannes Kaphan and Ida Polock. She was born 18 Nov 1873 in Port Royal South Carolina, and died in Mt. Airy, Surry County, North Carolina. He married (2) **Frieda Rosenzweig**. She died Bef. 1920.

Notes for Albert Goldsmith:

In the 1930 United States Census he says that he is the operator of a bowling alley in Mt. Airy and that he came to the United States in 1889. He was also very active in the stock market. He married Frieda Rosenzweig who was born in Germany. She died before the 1920's census. Then he married Pauline Kaphan.

More About Albert Goldsmith:

Emigration: 1889, From Germany

Religion: Jewish

Notes for Pauline Kaphan:

After her birth she was placed in the Hebrew Orphan's Home in Atlanta along with the

other children of her family. She was trained as a nurse and met Albert after his first wife died.

More About Pauline Kaphan:
Religion: Jewish

More About Albert Goldsmith and Pauline Kaphan:
Marriage: Atlanta, Georgia

Children of Albert Goldsmith and Frieda Rosenzweig are:

- 14 i. Harry S.⁴ Goldsmith, born 15 Nov 1911 in Mt. Airy, Surry County, North Carolina; died 15 Dec 1988 in Chesterfield, Chesterfield County, South Carolina.

Notes for Harry S. Goldsmith:

In 1920 Harry, Alfred and Edwin were in the Hebrew Orphan's Home in Atlanta, Georgia and Woodrow was with the Schafers in Mt. Airy North Carolina.

More About Harry S. Goldsmith:

Religion: Jewish

Social Security Number: Bef. 1951, Issued in: North Carolina 246 20 0725

- 15 ii. Alfred Goldsmith, born 1913 in Mt. Airy, Surry County, North Carolina; died 01 Jan 1935.
16 iii. Edwin Goldsmith, born 1914 in Mt. Airy, Surry County, North Carolina. He married Mary Pansey Sewell.

More About Edwin Goldsmith:

Religion: Jewish

- 17 iv. Helen S. Goldsmith, born 24 Apr 1915 in Mt. Airy, Surry County, North Carolina; died 04 Sep 2001 in Merritt Island, Florida. She married Jules Wetekamm.

More About Helen S. Goldsmith:

Religion: Jewish

More About Jules Wetekamm:

Religion: Jewish

- 18 v. Margaret Goldsmith, born 1917 in Mt. Airy, Surry County, North Carolina. She married Unknown Huff.

More About Margaret Goldsmith:

Religion: Jewish

- 19 vi. Lucy Goldsmith, born 1918 in Mt. Airy, Surry County, North Carolina.

More About Lucy Goldsmith:

Religion: Jewish

- 20 vii. Woodrow Wilson Goldsmith, born 17 Nov 1918 in Mt. Airy, Surry County, North Carolina; died 23 Jan 1986 in East Bend, Yadkin County, North Carolina.

Notes for Woodrow Wilson Goldsmith:

Was 67 years old at the time he died. He lived at 353 W. Pine St. He was named after President Woodrow Wilson who was President of the United States at the time he was born to Albert and Frieda. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during World War II. He was a member of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro. He was a graduate of North Carolina State University in Raleigh and was a member of the Mt. Airy Kiwanis Club and the Mt. Airy Elks Club. He was a retired surveyor. He was buried from the Moody Funeral Home in Mt. Airy.

More About Woodrow Wilson Goldsmith:

Religion: Jewish

8. **Caroline³ Goldsmith** (Charlotte (Zerlina)² Meayer, Elias¹ Mayer) was born 01 Aug 1878 in Dreisden, Germany, and died 25 Jul 1946 in Macon, France. She married **Herman Mayer**, son of Simon Mayer and Juliane Anchel. He was born 20 Mar 1879 in Osthofen, Rhenish-Palatinate Germany, and died 1943.

Notes for Caroline Goldsmith:

Buried la mouche rue Armand Bloch, Lyon plot 75 grave 35

More About Caroline Goldsmith:

Religion: Jewish

Notes for Herman Mayer:

Was a shoe buyer. He lived at Kaiser Strasse 4.

Children of **Caroline Goldsmith** and **Herman Mayer** are:

- 21 i. **Siegmund⁴ Mayer**, born 28 Mar 1907 in Dreisden, Germany; died 1942 in Auschwitz, Poland. He married **Jenny Marx** Feb 1940 in Mannheim, Baden, Germany; born 06 Jan 1906 in Mannheim Germany; died 06 Nov 1942 in Auschwitz, Poland.

Notes for Siegmund Mayer:

He was a baker by trade.

More About Siegmund Mayer and Jenny Marx:

Marriage: Feb 1940, Mannheim, Baden, Germany

- 22 ii. **Lotte Mayer**, born 1908 in Dreisden, Germany; died in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Notes for Lotte Mayer:

By 1939 she was a nurse living in Johannesburg, South Africa. She was married to a painter and master paperhanger from Cologne, Germany. There is the possibility that Lotte is the Charlotte Wolff who died July 12, 1995 at age 87 and is buried in Westpark in Johannesburg.

More About Lotte Mayer:

Religion: Jewish

- 23 iii. **Heinrich Mayer**, born 11 Nov 1910 in Dreisden, Germany; died 1942 in Auschwitz, Poland.

Notes for Heinrich Mayer:

After he grew up and moved out of his parents home he moved to Mannheim, Germany and became a tailor. He married in 1938 to an unknown bride. Both were sent to Auschwitz where they died in 1942.

- 24 iv. **Frieda Mayer**, born 30 Apr 1913 in Dreisden, Germany; died in Johannesburg, South Africa. She married **Werner Horst Max Bergheim**; born 23 Jul 1912 in Zagan, Poland; died 16 Oct 1976 in Westpark, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Notes for Frieda Mayer:

She lived in Johannesburg, South Africa after she left her parents home in Germany. She worked in a drapery factory and was married to a building contractor who she divorced in 1942.

Notes for Werner Horst Max Bergheim:

When he died he left a widow Pauline Hilda who died Oct. 14, 1993. (Nephew is Mike Bergheim bergheim@global.co.za whose son Gavin is in the JGFF and whose mother, Marta Bergheim may have phone number _____ and live at Dunkeld Sq 1, Johannesburg