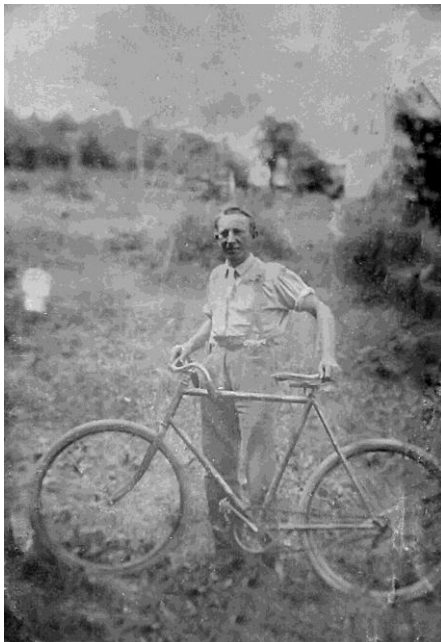


Chapter 1 - Boy Meets Girl [v3]

George Adam Hofmann

Great Grandfather Johann Hofmann, seated at right on porch, immigrated to the United States with his brother Adam, seated at left on the porch, from Bremen on the passenger ship Ohio in 1872. Adam and his son, John Frederick (who I knew as Uncle Fred) opened the Sherman Park Market in Thornwood, New York where both he and Johann started their estates.



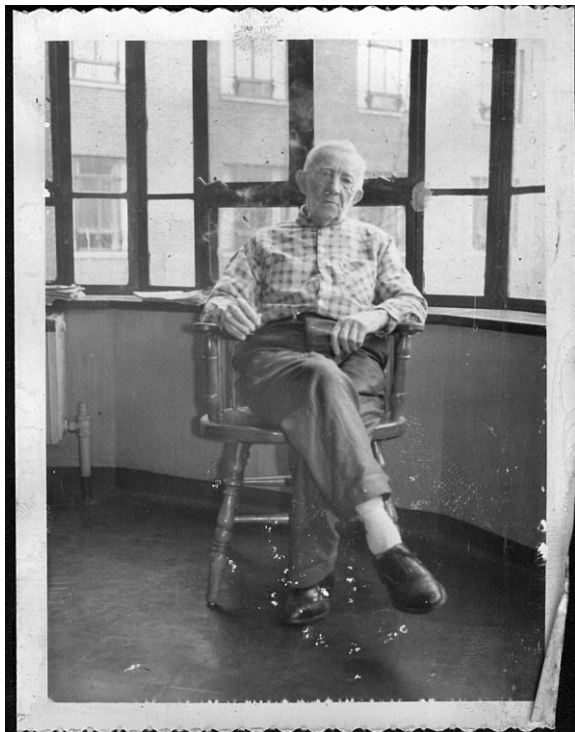
Adam, born in Germany in 1846, married Anna Katherine and had two sons, John Frederick and George (who I only saw twice – once peeking through a ceiling vent at Uncle Fred’s house [they said George was a little strange!] and at his funeral). That was the first funeral I ever attended sometime in the early to mid fifties and all I remember is how much he looked like my father.

Adam and Anna also had three daughters, Annie, Helena (Helen, Lena or as I knew her, Aunt Lena [in German, Tante Lena] and Gertrude (Aunt Gert) who married Julius Rauh and started the family relationship between the Hofmann’s and Rauh’s in Westchester County.

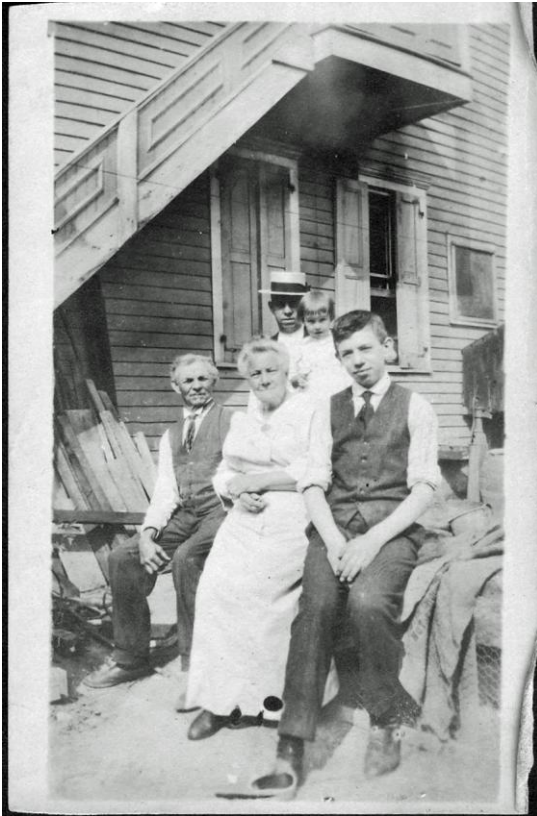
Uncle Fred in Thornwood, New York



"Tante" Lena



Johann, born in Germany in 1846, took the American name John and he and his wife, Mary, had six children, John Arthur (1876), Mary (1877), Margaret (1878), Jacob (1880), Henry (1883) and George (1890).



Johann, seated at left next to Mary. Their son, John Arthur in the straw hat stands behind them holding his daughter Gladys. Her brother Fred, 12 years older, sits to the right of his grandparents.



Three generations of Hofmann men relax on the porch of the Sherman Park Market. Seated, Grandfather (Grosspop) Johann holding my father, George Adam; left to right – grandsons Arthur (Ardie) and Fred, and their father, John Arthur.



John married Minnie Louise Gartner (1872), daughter of Georg and Margaritte Gartner of Schneeberg, Germany, and between them had three sons and one daughter; Fred (1903), Arthur (Ardie – 1905), Gladys (1915) and George Adam (1917).



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Form 3-11		THE CITY OF NEW YORK, STATE OF NEW YORK		Registered Number
CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF BIRTH 47003				
Name of Child <u>George Adam Hoffmann</u>				
Sex	<u>Male</u>	Color	<u>White</u>	Mother's Name <u>Minnie Hoffmann</u>
Date of Birth	<u>Sept 28-17</u>	Mother's Name (Maiden)	<u>Minnie Gartner</u>	
Place of Birth (Street, No. and Borough)	<u>850 Columbus Ave</u>	Mother's Residence	<u>850 Columbus Ave</u>	
Father's Name	<u>Arthur Hoffmann</u>	Mother's Birthplace	<u>N.Y.C.</u>	
Father's Residence	<u>850 Columbus Ave</u>	Mother's Age	<u>40</u>	Color <u>White</u>
Father's Birthplace	<u>N.Y. City</u>	Mother's Occupation	<u>House</u>	
Father's Age	<u>41</u>	Color	<u>White</u>	Number of Children Born to this Mother including Present Birth <u>4</u>
Place of Marriage <u>Railroad</u>		Number of Children of this Mother Now Living	<u>4</u>	
<p>I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I attended personally at the above birth and I am personally acquainted therewith, and that all the facts stated in and verified by, are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.</p> <p>Signature <u>Mary Friedman</u> Date <u>Oct 2 1917</u> Residence <u>2 West 103rd</u></p>				

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a record in my custody.

Paul E. Stein Acting Director BY William Stein Deputy Registrar

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George was born at home at 850 Columbus Avenue in New York City on September 28, 1917. At that time his father, John, worked for the railroad and eventually became a chauffeur. His mother was busy at home raising three other children.



George and his mother Minnie Louise at his confirmation

George had the pleasure of growing up in the big city during the roaring twenties when this photo was taken with cousin Gilbert Rauh in Thornwood. Unfortunately, he also felt the pain of the stock market crash and the start of the Great Depression in 1927 when he was twelve.



Left to Right:
 Brother (Mr., Uncle)
 Ardie; George as a
 teen at one of the
 family properties in
 Thornwood, NY



George, Chris Christianson and friends at Greenwood Lake, New York in 1938 as the nation comes out of the Great Depression.

Hazel Jayne Schuch – May 10, 1922

Great-Great Grandfather George Shuk was a shoemaker born in Bavaria, Germany in August of 1834. He and his wife, Margaret (1837) were the parents of George A Shuk (1865) was a brewer and baker who married Frances Shuk (1856), both also born in Bavaria.

George and Frances had five children; Lizzie (1885), Charles (I knew him as Pappy – 1889), Frank (1895), Rose (1897) and Alfred (1898)



10 Months
5 Years



3 Years
6 Years





10 Years with Mom and
Sister, Doris



13 Years with Sister, Doris

14 Years - Junior High School Class Photo



18 Years – High School Graduation Photo





On the boulders in Central Park



Possibly introduced by mutual friend "Mike" Iriarte (not in this photo - Hazel's neighbor on 104th Street in New York), they finally meet.