#### Laidman Family History Series No. 6 – Appendix 6A

Consolidated from information in Appendix 6B

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### **Detail about Lithuanian Family Members**

This is a compilation of notes and information about family members listed in *Leidmans in Lithuania*. Except for U.S. data for family members who immigrated to America (footnote 5), these notes are based on Birth, Death, Marriage, Internal Passport records and/or Revision (Census) Lists<sup>1</sup> found in the abstracted online records created by LitvakSIG. (See the original, unordered records in Appendix 6B). Notes for each individual also appear in the Life Sketch section of their personal entry on FamilySearch.org.

#### b=born d=died m=married

**Dov (Beryl | Berko) Leidman** (b ca 1825-1828; d unknown) <sup>2</sup>

*Hebrew name: Dov (ber, Yiddish=bear)* 

Estimated birthdate based on being age 22-25 when first known child was born, probably in 1850; later family trees state "before 1828" No records found to provide possible marriage date.

m **Sara** (b ca 1825-1828; d unknown) <sup>2</sup>

Estimated birthdate based on being age 22-25 when first known child was born, probably in 1850; later family trees state "before 1828" No records have been found to provide possible marriage date.

Spelled Sarah in later family trees.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lithuanian census records were originally called Revision Lists, later Family Lists. Various other lists pertaining to citizens are included as Revision Lists in Litvak SIG's All Lithuania Database including Eviction and Conscription Lists. Lithuania only conducted country-wide censuses in 1897 (under the Russian Empire) and 1923 (as an independent country). Only records for the Vilna and Kovno gubernia (no Suwalki) are accessible online for the 1897 census (see JewishGen.org, <a href="https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/lithuania/lithcensus1897.htm">https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/lithuania/lithcensus1897.htm</a>. 1923: See entry for *Lithuanian Census of 1923* on Wikipedia.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See entries for Dov "Berko" Laidman, ID No GZ6L-64C, and Sara Laidman, ID No. GZ6L-WN1, on FamilySearch.org. Also section from Janie Lynn Laidman's family tree ca 1995, posted in the Memories sections of both entries. Also see Lynn Palin Laidman's Laidman Genealogy, <a href="https://www.myheritage.com/site-family-tree-53017942/laidman-genealogy">https://www.myheritage.com/site-family-tree-53017942/laidman-genealogy</a>. Note: Beryl is an alternative nickname to "Berko" and appears on family trees, but cannot be found in any Lithuanian abstracted records.

**Fruma Leia [Frume Leah] Leidman** (b ca 1850; d 1 June 1927 Cleveland) <sup>3,4</sup> 1868 Birth record for daughter Mikhlia listed Fruma's age as 38 (birthyear=1830, probably an error).

Gravestone inscribed she died at age 77.

m Elko Iushkovski (b ca 1845; d 29 Aug 1922, Cleveland) <sup>3,4</sup>

Gravestone inscribed he also died at age 77.

1868 Birth record for daughter Mikhlia listed Elko's occupation as merchant, age 28. Couple resided in Cleveland as early as the 1900 federal census – see footnotes.

Grandchildren of Berko and Sara (daughters of Fruma and Elko):

**Herman Yaskofsky/Kofsky** (b ca 1867; immigrated with parents ca 1887; d unknown, Ohio)] <sup>5</sup>

No records indicate use of Iushkovski as surname.

m **Lena Goodman** (b 1863 Lithuania immigrated ca 1887 presumably with Herman; d 1933, Ohio) <sup>5</sup>

Parents of seven children born, first listed as born 1886 in Ohio.

**Mikhlia Iushkovski (Yaskofsky)** (b 29 Sept 1868, Sutre Village, Sejny, Suwalki; d unknown)<sup>6</sup>

1868 birth recorded in Serijai, Record #F20. Archive: Suwalki/CS1792. No later records located to date – might not have used Yaskofsky.

**Benjamin Yaskovsky/Kofsky** (b 1 October 1873; immigrated with parents ca 1887; d 1933 Dennison, Ohio) <sup>5</sup>

No records indicate use of Iushkovski as surname.

m Bertha Kofsky (maiden name unconfirmed) (b 1874 Hungary; d unknown) <sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Search results for Leidman, Lithuania Births, All Lithuanian Database, LatvikSIG, accessed via JewishGen.org. Date of death based on gravestone at Lansing Cemetery, Cleveland, where she is buried with husband Alex Yaskofsky (b ca 1845; d 29 Aug 1922). See also Frume Leah Laidman, FamilySearch.org ID No. GZTR-V6R. Name spelled Frume Leah on gravestone and 1982 letter from niece Sarah Perlman (exhibit in Memories section of entry on FamilySearch.org, ID No. GZTR-V6R. Also listed in the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry:

(www.jewishgen.com/databases/cemetery -- search site for Yaskofksy in Ohio. Alex is believed to be Elko, based on his Hebrew name listed in the registry: *Eliahu bar Yakov* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Elko and Frume are believed to appear as Alen (not Alex) and Lena Kofsky in the 1900 census, where a couple matching their demographic profiles was residing in the same building as other members of both the Laidman and Yaskovsky (Kofsky) families. See FamilySearch.org, 1900 Census record for Alen(x) Kofsky: <a href="https://www.familyserch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:669Y-XR8Y">https://www.familyserch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:669Y-XR8Y</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Vital information based on U.S. records – see individual entry in FamilySearch.org. No Lithuanian records located

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Search results for Leidman, Lithuania Births, All Lithuania Database, LitvakSIG. Accessed via JewishGen.org.

**Faivel Iushkovski** (b ca 1879; d 27 May 1885 Popetovtse/Papeciai, Metelai area, Sejny, Suwalki) <sup>7</sup> [region east of Lazdijai]

1885 death listed no cause of death, age 6. Recorded in Miroslaw, Record #M8. Archive: Suwalki/CS 1769.

**Abram Josef "Joseph" Leidman** (b ca 1848; died 14 Feb 1905, age 57, Cleveland) <sup>8</sup> *Hebrew name: Avraham Yosef bar Dov.* 

m **Tauba (Taube | Toby | Tillie) Iushkovski Yaskovsky** (b ca 1839; d 16 Nov 1934. Cleveland) <sup>9</sup>

Hebrew name: Tauba bat Yakov.

Children of Abram Josef and Tauba (Grandchildren of Dov and Sara)

**Khasya Leidman** (b ca 1870; d 10 Aug 1873, Vilnius, Vilna guberniya)  $^7$  1873 death record stated cause of death as throat infection, age 3. Recorded in Vilnius in 1873, Record #F266.

**Ruben "Robert" Laidman** (b 15 March 1873 (possibly as late as 1877), presumably in Suwalki gubernia; m 31 Dec 1897 Rose Greenberg, Cleveland; d 25 Aug 1936, Cleveland, from bronchopneumonia)<sup>5</sup>

**Charles Laidman** (b 15 Jan 1874, Papatatza, Subalk gubernia; m 8 Feb 1903 Bessie Cohen; d 6 June 1972, Florida) <sup>5</sup>

**Fannie Laidman** (b 1875, presumably in Suwalki gubernia; m 13 April 1896 Louis Ross, Cleveland; d 4 July 1949, Cleveland) <sup>5</sup>

**Berko Leidman** (b ca 1876, birthplace not verified; d 24 July 1885, Miroslaw) <sup>7,10</sup> 1885 death record indicated no cause, age 9. Recorded in Miroslaw, Record #M10. Archive: Suwalki/CS1769.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Search results for Leidman, Lithuania Deaths, All Lithuania Database, LitvakSIG. Accessed via JewishGen.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Abram Leidman listed as father in Lithuania Births, All Lithuanian Database, LitvakSIG, accessed via JewishGen.org. See also Abraham Joseph Laidman, FamilySearch.org ID No. GC3C-BSF

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Tauba Iushkovsky listed as mother in Lithuania Births, All Lithuania Database, LatvikSIG, accessed via JewishGen.com See also Tobia Yaskofsky, FamilySearch.org, ID No. GC3Z-45K. Her parents are believed to have been Iankel and Merka Tankhelev. Merka's parents are believed to have been Girsh and Mikkhalia Tankhelev (Tankhel), who resided in Sereitse village, Sejny, Sulwalki. Touba (Taube) and a sister, Reiza, appear in death record for Merka Iushkovski, who died 2 April 1878 at age 72. This would make Mikkhalia and Girsh the earliest known Laidman ancestors, born in the late 1700"s. Source: Search results for Iushkovski, Lithuania Deaths, LitvakSIG, accessed via JewishGen.org. No records could be located for other members of the family

Berko was a common nickname; he probably had a formal Hebrew birth name. Translated as Berko Lejdman by JRI-Poland, Miroslaw Births, Akta/File 10.

**Khatskhel Leidman** (son, b 25 Feb 1882 in Mirosvaw/Miroslavas; d unknown) <sup>5, 10</sup> 1882 birth recorded in Miroslaw, Record #M2. Archive Suwalki/CS1786. Translated as Chackel Lejdman by JRI-Poland, Miroslaw Births, Akta/File 2. No later abstracted records located.

**Rivka Leika Leidman** (b ca June 1884; d 17 February 1885, Miroslaw) <sup>7,10</sup> 1885 death recorded in Miroslaw, age 8 months, Record #F3. Archive: Suwalki/CS1769. <sup>17</sup>

Translated as Rywa Lejka Lejdman by JRI-Poland, Miroslaw Births, Akta/File 3.

#### Roche Gittel Leidman 11

Estimated year of birth: 1845-1850.

[As with Fruma Lea and Avraham Josef, she might have been born in a place where no records were kept, or records might have been destroyed or not yet abstracted. Identified as aunt (sister of father Moische) by niece Sarah Perlman in 1982 letter to Lynn Laidman Palin.

Chaim (Khaim) Leidman (b ca 1863; d 3 November 1941) 12,13

1884 Revision List indicated at age 21 he was a Sejni district dweller who returned from abroad. Page 1-4; Lithuanian Historical Archive/1009/8/585.

1915 Revision (Eviction) List indicated age as 52. Family listed as residing in Lazdijai, Sejny, Suwalki (same region as brother Mosvha). Page 86, registration #286. Entry comments Khaim was evicted to Mogilov province (same as for brother Movsha). Lithuanian Historical Archive LVIA/1046/2/22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Miroslaw Births, Marriages and Death 1871, 72, 73, 81, 82, Jewish Record Indexing-Poland, jripoland.org, accessed via JewishGen.com. JRI-Poland's Marriages file also includes 1872, but no records mention a Leidman. Other years are either not preserved or not yet abstracted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See FamilySearch.org entry for Roche Gittel Leidman, ID No. GZTR-FYQ. See detail contained in 1982 letter by niece Sarah Perlman. Listed as Gihel in Laidman Family Tree by Janie Lynn Laidman ca 1995

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Search results for Leidman, Lithuania Revision Lists, All Lithuania Database, LitvakSIG. Accessed via JewishGen.com

1941 Appears on list of Lazdijai residents killed as part of the Holocaust by Bullets and in Yad Vashem testimony by Elaine Fagan. Testimony identifies occupation as farmer. <sup>13,14</sup> m Hannah (Chana | Khana) Grodzin/Grodzinsky (b ca 1869; d 3 November 1941) <sup>13,15</sup>

1915 Revision (Eviction) List indicates no place of birth, age 46. Not listed in 1923 Census.

1928 marriage record of son Movsha lists mother of groom as Khana.

1941 Identified as Hannah and a victim of Holocaust in Yad Vashem testimony by Elaine Fagan.

Children of Khaim and Khana (Grandchildren of Dov and Sara)

**Yitzchak (Itzic ] Berko) Leidman** (b ca 1893, d 3 November 1941) <sup>12, 13</sup> *Possibly nicknamed Berko for his grandfather* 

1915 Revision (Eviction) List identifies as Berko, indicates no place of birth, age 22.

Not listed in 1923 Census.

1941 Identified as victim of Holocaust on Ancestry.com entry by Elaine Fagan. Marital status unknown; other family members were possibly lost.

**Abram Leidman** (b ca 1895; d 3 November 1941) <sup>12,13</sup> 1915 Revision (Eviction) List indicates no place of birth, age 20. Not listed in 1923 Census.

1941 Identified as victim of Holocaust on Ancestry.com entry by Elaine Fagan Marital status unknown; other family members were possibly lost.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Yad Vashem, originally a unit of the Israeli government in Jerusalem, serves as The World Holocaust Remembrance Center and its database (with original testimony forms) is accessible through JewishGen.org. Contributors included Sylvia Laidman Wexler (sister of Perl, Rivka and David Laidman, who submitted her testimony form 13 May 1992 while she was in Jerusalem. Also Elaine Goodman Fagan, great niece of Hannah, niece of Chaya and cousin of her children, submitted testimony 28 October 2020. Fagan's testimony misstated they were killed 11 March 1941 (an accidental reversal of the numbers for months and years which has since been corrected). All testimonies use the Laidman spelling. Separately Fagan identified Yitzchak and Abram as victims on Ancestry.com (even though they were not related to her family). Moshe was identified in an additional submission in Hebrew by community member Rivka Gershtein on 10 August 1997. Other family members might have been lost but not confirmed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> A partial list of victims from Lazdijai according to the streets in which they lived was compiled by survivors Rivkah-nee Gershtein- and Ze'ev Mikhnovsky: Moshe and Khaim are listed as #37 and #38 on Starishok Street (beginning from the bridge): <a href="https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/lazdijai/ldhist4.html#appendix3">https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/lazdijai/ldhist4.html#appendix3</a>. (Note: Neither Chaim or Moshe appear on a separate accompanying alphabetical list of victims accessible from the same site.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Search results for Leidman, Lithuania Marriages and Divorces, All Lithuania Database, Litvak SIG accessed via JewishGen.org

**Moshe (Movsha) Leidman** (b ca 1901; d 3 November 1941) <sup>12, 13</sup> 1915 Revision (Eviction) List lists as Movsha, indicates no place of birth, age 14.

Not listed in 1923 Census.

1934 Revision (Conscription) List indicates born in Lazdijai. Page 152, Registration #J10478. Lithuanian Central State Archive LVA/974/5/18. 1939 applied for U.S. immigration visa for himself, wife Chaya and three children. Apparently denied by U.S. consulate in Kaunas.

1941 Appears on list of Lazdijai residents killed as part of the Holocaust by Bullets and in the Yad Vashem testimony by Elaine Fagan. Testimony identifies occupation as tailor.

### m 17 Feb 1929 Chaya (Marha Khaya) Pinickauska 13,15

1929 marriage record lists groom's name as Mauchius and birth year as 1905, son of Khaymas (Khaim) and Khane (Hannah). Bride age 24, daughter of Yoselis and Etel Grodzsinki. Recorded in Lazdijai, Record #1. Lithuanian Historical Archive, LVIA/181/7/1/173/20/.

1941 Identified as Chaya Pinickauska and victim of Holocaust in Yad Vashem testimony by Elaine Fagan. Testimony identifies Chaya as daughter of Joseph Pincikauska and Etel Grodzin.

Children of Moshe and Chaya (Grandchildren of Chaim and Hannah)

**Ethel Laidman** (child -- b ca 1931-1932; d 3 November 1941) <sup>13, 16</sup> *Identified as Holocaust victim in Yad Vashem testimony by Elaine Fagan.* 

**Josef Laidman** (child -- b ca 1932-1933; d 3 November 1941) <sup>13,16</sup> *Identified as Holocaust victim in Yad Vashem testimony by Elaine Fagan.* 

**Sonya Laidman** (child -- b ca 1933-1934; d 3 November 1941) <sup>13.16</sup> *Identified as Holocaust victim in Yad Vashem testimony by Elaine Fagan.* 

Moische Aaron (Movsha | Mausha | Moses | Morris) Leidman (b ca 1865; d 23 April 1922, Lazdijai) <sup>7, 12, 15</sup>

[1912 Attempted to immigrate to United States, when he spelled his surname as Laidman on his immigration application.

1915 Revision (Eviction) List indicates age 50. Family listed as residing in Lazdijai, Sejny, Suwalki. Page 86, registration #280. Entry comments he was evicted to Mogilov province. Lithuanian Historical Archive LVIA/1046/2/22.

1922 death record lists name as Moses and cause of death as old age. [Stated age of 187 is probably a typographical error by the abstractor.] Death recorded in Lazdijai, Record #M2. Lithuanian Historical Archive LV1817/1/172.

1927 marriage license of son Ziselis spells name Mose Aronas.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Ages for Ethel, Josef and Sonja imputed from family photograph dated 1937.

1932 Identified as Morris Aaron Laidman on death certificate of daughter Froma Marie "Mary" Leonard. (see Mary's FamilySearch.org entry)

m **Bodana (Bodane } Badana) Epstein (-eine)** (b ca 1873 or 1876; d unknown) <sup>6,12,17,18</sup> 1909 birth record of daughter Rivke included maiden name, spelled first name Bodane. 1915 Revision (Eviction) List indicates age 42 with father's name Ovsei. Bodana's entry comments she registered in Bartse village, Metchai area, Suwalki.

1923 Revision (Census) List shows last name as Leidman (-iene=mother), age 50, born in Lazdijai and residing in household of son Zisel. Census for entire family: Page 116, Registration #J10209.

1923 remarried: spouse Abelis Zeffas (Zeff). No later records located.

Children of Moische and Bodana (Grandchildren of Berko and Sara)

Eta Leidman (b ca 1899, Lazdijai; d unknown) 12

Not listed in 1915 Revision (Eviction) List.

1923 Revision (Census) List gives age as 24, spells surname Leidmanaite as sister of Zisel, age 24.

No later records found.

**Sore - Sarah Leidman** (b 28 Feb 1893, Lazdijai; d 12 Sept 1988, Jacksonville, Florida) <sup>5</sup>

m (18 May 1919 in Cleveland) **Joseph Abraham** (b 1895 Jerusalem; d unknown] <sup>5</sup> m (3 May 1927 in Chicago): **Abraham Perlman** (b 1884 Russia; d 27 Dec 1968) <sup>5</sup> 1910) Immigrated to the United States; became U.S. citizen 1936. See Laidman Family History Series No. 7, Moische (Morris) Laidman and his U.S. Family, http://hallahan.info.Families.

Froma Marie – Mary Leidman (b ca 1902 Russia; d 26 Oct 1932, Jacksonville, Florida) <sup>5</sup>

1913 Immigrated to the United States; became U.S. citizens, no year known. m (1923-1924) **Leo B. Leonard** (b 1896 Russia; immigrated 1904; d unknown) See Laidman Family History Series No. 7, Moische (Morris) Laidman and his U.S. Family, http://hallahan.info.Families.

**Zisel (Zysko | Ziselis) Leidman** (b ca 1900, Lazdijai; d unknown) <sup>6,12,15</sup> 1915 Revision (Eviction) List indicates age 15.

1923 Revision (Census) List spells last name Leidmanas=male/head of household) but indicates Zisel was a military conscript born in 1903. Comments explain he was born in Lazdijai, single, a worker, and educated at home. Source: Conscripts List: Lithuanian Central State Archive/974/5/7.

1928 birth record of daughter Seine spelled Zisel's first name as Ziselis. m 14 Aug 1927 **Ribke Mastovskiaite/Mashhtovski** 15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Lithuanian records identify father as Orsey Khaim Epstein (son of Mordukhi), died 17 December 1900 in Vilna. Death record #M759, Lithuanian Historical Archive LVIA/728/4/382. See Lithuanian Deaths, LitvakSIG All Lithuanian Database. Accessed via JewishGen.org.

1927 marriage record provides two spellings of surname; groom age 24; bride age 26, born in Vilnius, daughter of Smuelas and Mine. Recorded in Alytus, Trakai, Vilnius 1927, Record #16; Lithuania Historical Archive LVIA/1818/1/1 <sup>24</sup> 1928 birth record of daughter Seine provided same alternative spellings.

Daughter of Ziselis and Ribke (Grandchild of Moische and Bodana)

**Seine Leidman** (b 23 Nov 1928, Alytus, Trola, Vilna gubernia; d 15 Dec 1931, Alytus, Alytus, Suwalki) <sup>6,7</sup>

1868 birth record noted family lived in Lazdijai. Recorded in Alytus, Record #M16. Lithuanian Historical Archive LVIA/1817/1/6. 1931 death record identified cause as accident. Recorded in Alytus in 1931, Record #F17. Lithuanian Historical Archive /1817/1/7.

## **Benjamin A. Laidman** (b 15 Nov 1901, Lithuania; d 30 Dec 1970, Jacksonville, Florida) <sup>5</sup>

Never married

1913 Immigrated to United States; 1925 became U.S. citizen 1926. See Laidman Family History Series No. 7, Moische (Morris) Laidman and his U.S. Family], http://hallahan.info/Familes.

## **Perl (Perlia | Perla) Leidman** (b ca 1902, Lazdijai; d 3 November 1941, Lazdijai) <sup>12,13</sup>

1915 Revision (Eviction) List spells first name Perlia, age 13.

1923 Revision (Census) List spells name Perla Leidman (-aite=sister), age 18. 1941 Identified as Holocaust victim in Yad Vashem testimony by sister Sylvia Wexler (Zlata Laidman). Testimony lists married name as Dzigarski (no name for spouse).

### Serel Leidman (b ca 1903) 7,12

m 23 Feb 1923 Abram Zegarski (b ca 1900; d unknown)

1915 Revision (Eviction) List – not listed

1923 Revision (Census) List – not listed

1923 marriage record gives years of birth; groom son of Mousha and Yenta, residents of Lazdijai. Recorded in Lazdijai, Record #2. Lithuanian Historical Archive, LVIA/1817/1/171/45.

No later records located.

Note similarity of Zegarski to Dzigarski, married name of sister Perla as identified in Yad Vashem testimony – sisters might have married brothers or cousins.

# **Rivka (Ryvka)** Leidman (b 31 Jan 1909, Lazdijai; d 3 November 1941, Lazdijai) <sup>12,13,18</sup>

Birth recorded in Lazdijai in 1930, Record #F2, Lithuanian Historical Archive/1817/1/70 (recovered in 1931).

1915 Revision (Eviction) List spells first name Ryvka, age 9.

1923 Revision (Census) List spells name Rivka Leidman(-aite=sister), age 14.

1927 internal passport card dated 10 Mar 1927, gives 1910 and Lazdijai as birth year and place, daughter of Mausha Abram. Passport #48. Lithuanian Central State Archive LCVA/107/5/313.

Identified as Holocaust victim in Yad Vashem testimony by sister Sylvia Wexler (Zlata Laidman)

**David Leidman** (b ca 1910, Lazdijai; d 3 November 1941, Lazdijai) <sup>12,13,18</sup> 1915 Revision (Eviction) List indicates age 5.

1923 Revision (Census) List spells surname Leidman(-as=brother), age 9. 1930 internal passport card dated 10 Sep 1930, gives 1913 and Lazdijai as birth year and place, indicates son of Mausha. Occupation listed as tinker. Lithuanian Central State Archive LCVA/407/5/312.

1933 Revision List showed David conscripted into the military, born in 1912. Page 85, registration #J10445. Lithuanian Central State Archive, LCVA/974/5/18.

Identified as Holocaust victim in Yad Vashem testimony by sister Sylvia Wexler (Zlata Laidman).

**Zlata - Sylvia Leidman** (b 9 Sept 1916, Lazdijai; d 12 Nov 2007, Jacksonville, Florida) <sup>12,</sup>

1923 Revision (Census) List indicated age 6.

[1933 immigrated to United States; 1939 became U.S. citizen—see Laidman Family History Series No. 7, Moische (Morris) Laidman and his U.S Family, http://hallahan.info.Families.

m (1960s) **Jacob Martin Wexler** (b 21 October 1903; d 26 January 1977)