

## The GARFINKEL Philadelphia connection (Updated January 20, 2011)

**The theory is that my great grand parents Charles GOLDENBERG and Sophie GOLDENBERG nee GARFINKEL (GARFIELD) were cousins who were related to Fred, Frank and Jacob GARFINKEL. Frank was a watchmaker and jeweler who worked for his brother Abraham's jewelry store. All are related to Moses Melech Garfinkel.**

My goal is to find the family connection between Henry & Jacob GARFINKEL who both lived at 319 Catherine Street. Henry is my maternal great-great-grandfather. My great-grandmother, Sophia GOLDENBERG BERESIN nee GARFINKEL (GARFIELD) lived at 319 Catherine Street, Philadelphia, as indicated on her 1893 marriage license. In the 1894 Philadelphia City Directory there is a Jacob Garfinkel who lived at 319 Catherine Street. A relative, Abraham, had a jewelry business one block up on Catherine Street, and his brother Frank is also listed as a jeweler in the Philadelphia City Directory. Frank's father was Moses Melech Garfinkel (1842-1918).

Frank's brother was Abraham Garfinkel. We know this because Abraham is buried a few feet from Frank and his headstone says his father's name was also Moses Melech. We also know for sure that Abraham was a cousin, because an 80 year old cousin Sonya Garfinkel knew Abraham's wife Annie Garfinkel. Frank's brother was Abraham Garfinkel. We know this because Abraham is buried a few feet from Frank and his headstone says his father's name was also Moses Melech. We also know for sure that Abraham was a cousin, because an 80 year old cousin Sonya Garfinkel knew Abraham's wife Annie Garfinkel.

**Since Jacob lived at 319 Catherine Street and Henry Garfinkle lived there as well, then Jacob and Henry were probably brothers or at least cousins. Abraham and Frank were related to Jacob and thus Henry must also be related. Now, all that is needed is documentation.**

My grandmother Rosabel GOLDEN (GOLDENBERG)'s parents were Charles GOLDENBERG (Born 1863 Bessarabia, Russia, immigrated circa 1882 (est. age 19), and Sophia "Toby" nee GARFINKLE (GARFIELD on one document) who was born July 1877. The 1900 Philadelphia census listed Charles as a Dealer in Dry Goods. The 1920 Chicago Census listed him as a clothing salesman; he was living with his son Herman. Charles' parents were both born in Bessarabia, Russia. Rosabel died shortly after giving birth to my Aunt Millicent SHANKMAN in 1926.

### DOCUMENTATION SOURCES

There was a Fred Garfinkel living in Philadelphia turn of the century. Passenger record show that Fred, who was already a US resident was traveling back into the country with a Louis Garfinkel in 1900. There was definitely a Louis Garfinkle in another related family and the records show he immigrated in 1900 and was the same age and marital status as the Louis traveling with Fred. It is therefore conclude that Sophia GARFINKEL and her father are related to Fred. Based on records kept by the Philadelphia Jewish Exponent (a Jewish Newspaper still publishing today), a Fred Garfinkel paid for passage to the U.S. for a Rissel Goldenberg in 1892. That would indicate a connection between both of Garfinkel families. One Garfinkel family spent some time in Bessarabia. Sophia Garfinkel and the other GARFINKEL family great grandfather Moses Garfinkel were related. Not much is know about Moses or there any known photos. He died in 1898 in his forties. He and Tobie had a confectionary store in Philadelphia.

### Rosenbaum Bank Records

Rosenbaum was a bank where jewish immigrants saved money in order to buy passage to the U.S. for relatives and friends. You will see that in 1908, someone purchased tickets for a Henry and Millie Garfinkel. Perhaps they had traveled back to Russia and were coming back to the U.S. We'll never know.

Select this link <http://ronaldmiller.com/documents/RosenbaumBankRecords.htm> to view entries that tickets were purchased for Henry & Millie GARFINKEL to return from Europe in 1908. It also shows that Fred Garfinkel paid for passage to the U.S. for a Rissel Goldenberg in 1892.

The Philadelphia City City Directory shows in 1894 that a Jacob GARFINKEL lived at 319 Catherine Street which is the address where Sophia lived. Jacob Garfinkel who lived at 319 Catherine Street, as well. The other GARFINKEL family cousin Abraham had a jewelry business one block up on Catherine Street, and Frank is also listed as a jeweler.

NOTE: I have not been able to trace a source document for my great grandmother, Sophia GARFINKEL (GARFIELD), being Born according to family lore: 1878 @ 212 King Street, Philadelphia, PA. And, on the 1900 census: Born July 1877.

Sophia was born in Russia according to her marriage license and 1900 census.

There are headstones from Har Nebo cemetery in Philadelphia. This for Frank Garfinkel. His Hebrew name was Ephraim. Freink was probably a diminutive or less formal version of Ephraim. You can also see on a passport document that Freink is referred to by the witness as Frank. The headstone says that Frank's father was Moses Melech Garfinkel.

Frank had a brother named Abraham Garfinkel. I know this because Abraham is buried a few feet from Frank and his headstone says his father's name was also Moses Melech. I also know for sure that Abraham was a cousin, because an 80 year old cousin Sonya Garfinkel knew Abraham's wife Annie Garfinkel.

Freink (Frank) Garfinkel. (He was the one who was related to Jacob living at the same address as my great grandmother Sophia.) There are two passport applications for him on ancestry.com. Both say he comes from Ataki, Bessarabia (now Otaci, Moldavia). Ataki is on one side the Dneister River in the very North of what was Bessarabia, just across from the Ukraine. I'm inclined to believe the Garfinkle clan was from Ataki or nearby. It would explain how great grandfather Moses Garfinkel met his wife Taube Freezman Garfinkel. The Freezmans were from Southern Ukraine, not too far from Bessarabia. Frank's wife was Sophia, so it is not likely that Sophie Goldenberg would have had the same name as her mother.

It is more likely that Henry and Frank were brother's or cousins. At Har Nebo there are a bunch of Garfinkel's buried with readable headstones. Based on the information discovered, clusters of family groups exist. The first family group contains Frank, Abraham and their father Moses Melech who came over as well as was buried in the same cemetery. There are also many Garfinkel's found in the Philadelphia City Directory. You will see there was a Jacob Garfinkel who lived at 319 Catherine Street, as well. Abraham had a jewelry business one block up on Catherine Street, and Frank is also listed as a jeweler.

The theory is that Charles Goldenberg and Sophie Goldenberg Garfinkel were cousins who were related to Fred Garfinkel. All of the Garfinkel's in Har Nebo are buried within feet of each other so they must all be related. However family lore, from Millicent SHANKMAN is that Sophia was born 1878 @ 212 King Street, Philadelphia, PA. And, on the 1900 census: Born July 1877.

Sophie Garfinkel (Garfield) Marriage Certificate data:

1. Charles resident of Troy, AL. 2. His age listed 27 with DOB c1866. If Oct 1863, from 1900 census, is correct he was really about 30 when he married. 3. Both show place of birth Russia 3. Sophie age 19 with DOB c1874. If July 1877, from 1900 census, and c1878 from 1920 census are correct she was really about 16/17 when she married. Census 1900 Philadelphia

1. Sophie age 22, with July 1877 on form 2. Charles age 36 with Oct 1863 on form 3. Both show place of birth: Russia 4. Sophie: 4 children, 2 living. With child Samuel listed born 1894, and another 1897. This would indicate she lost 2 children (twins?) before marriage.

5. Immigration: 1882

#### Census 1920 Chicago

1. Sophie age 42 DOB c 1878 2. Place of birth Pennsylvania. Manifest The most significant issue I have with this manifest is that the country of origin is noted as Germany, not Russia. But, perhaps this reflected the family arriving in Liverpool, England from Germany. I'm not sure how immigrants traveled from Russia to Liverpool. 1. American Line ship British Queen arrived Philadelphia, via Liverpool June 6, 1882. 2. Garfinkels: T. Husband age 32 DOB c1850 Malke (Millie?) Wife age 28 DOB c1854 Chaje (Male) age 9 DOB c1873 Tante (Female) age 6 DOB c1876 Tonbe (Toby?)(Female) age 4 DOB c1878 THIS SHOULD BE SOPHIA Harry SHANKMAN married Rosabel GOLDEN in Chicago 1920; Rosabel was born June 1900, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (view marriagecertificate). Rosabel GOLDEN's parents were Charles GOLDENBERG (Born 1863 Bessarabia, Russia, immigrated circa 1882 (est. age 19), and Sophia "Toby" GARFINKLE or GARFIELD (born July 1877 Pennsylvania) nee GARFINKLE or GARFIELD. The 1900 Philadelphia census listed Charles as a Dealer in Dry Goods. The 1920 Chicago Census listed him as a clothing salesman; he was living with his son Herman. Charles' parents were both born in Bessarabia, Russia. Sophia and Charles first two children were Samuel Jacob GOLDENBERG, born Dec 1894, in Birmingham, Alabama, and Herman GOLDENBERG, born July 1897, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Samuel's World War I 1917 draft registration lists his last name as GOLDENBERG, while the 1920 census lists GOLDEN. Rosabel's sister, Florence GOLDEN, was born in Chicago July, 1902. Florence married Herman JACOBSON in 1924; he is listed on the 1930 census as an auto parts proprietor. They lived in Chicago. Florence second marriage, in 1955, was to Benjamin ALBERT, who was much involved with the Chicago labor union movement and, at the age of 94, wrote a letter about his ALBERT family genealogy history which includes him recalling the Cossack pogroms when he was a boy in Tiraspol (Bessarabia, Ukraine). Ben ALBERT came to America in 1899, and became a citizen in 1906, according to the 1920 census, where he is listed as a labor organizer; and on the 1930 census as a real estate dealer. According to family lore, Charles GOLDENBERG went to Philadelphia to marry Sophia. Charles was wealthy and owned some dry good stores. Charles gave his brother Jake a store in Birmingham, Alabama to run, but Jake was a gambler and lost not only the store, but put Charlie into bankruptcy. Sophia divorced him - sometime prior to 1920 - and married Ben BERESIN, who, as noted on the 1920 Chicago census, owned a tailor shop. Ben had a son, Samuel, and daughter, Estelle, from a previous marriage; both were born in Chicago.

#### HAR NEBO CEMETERY HEADSTONE DATA:

Garfinkle Headstone Info Har Nebo Cemetery 6061 Oxford Ave Philadelphia, PA. Cemetery Contact: Richard Levy.

**FAMILY GROUP #1** Moses M. Garfinkel (Moses Melech) Died: July 25, 1918 Buried: 7/28/18 Age: 76 years (born 1842) Cause of death: diabetes Son of Isaac Samuel Section B, lot 31, grave 2 Funeral Director: Rosen Wife: Etta Garfinkel (Yetta) Died: October 20, 1915 Burial: 10/22/15 Age 70 years Daughter of SLMH? Section B, Lot 31, grave 1 Cause of death; cancer Funeral director: Rosen Notes: Same headstones as Abraham and Louis Garfinkel Abraham Garfinkel Died: July 11, 1920 Buried; 7/14/29 Cause of death: myocarditis Age: 60 years Abraham son of Moses Melech In memory of my beloved husband Abraham Garfinkel Section B, lot 30, grave 2 Annie Grossman Garfinkel (Section H, lot 214, grave 4) Wife of Abraham Garfinkel Burial Date: 7/22/51 Age 76 years Cause of death; uremia Funeral Director; Levine Did not look for headstone. Morris Grossman arranged for burial Frank M. Garfinkel (Ephraim) Died: April 13, 1933 Burial: 4/16/33 Age: 69 years Cause of death: carcinoma Our precious father Ephraim son of Moses Melech Garfinkel Section B, lot 81, grave 4 Funeral Director; Levine Wife: Sophia Garfinkel Died: June 10, 1941 Burial: 6/12/41 Cause of death; cardiac failure Age: 67 years Daughter of Israel Section B, lot 81, grave 3 Funeral Director; Levine Overturned Stone Probably Sol (Solomon Garfinkel) Son of Frank and Sophia Garfinkel Stone to left of Sophia Garfinkel Died; 7/3/68 Buried: 7/5/68 Section B, lot 81, grave 2 Payee: Mrs. Shade Also think I saw a double stone for an Isaac and Sallie Garfinkel who according to the 1900 census are also children of Moses Melech Garfinkel who may have married.

**FAMILY GROUP #2** Samuel (Jacob) Garfinkel 1844-1920 (Age 76) Burial: 6/9/20 Son of Yakov Samuel Case of death: nephritis Lot 2238, grave 2 Funeral director (Rosen) Wife: Adel Garfinkel (Ida) 1853-1927 (Age 74) Burial: 8/17/23 Wife or daughter of XXXX Garfinkel Lot 2238, grave 1 Funeral director: Rosen Note: This appears to be Moses Garfinkel's brother (Bar Yakov also). During one census period he lived in Harrisburg, PA. Morris S. Garfinkel (Moses S.) Born: May 6, 1892 Died: September 24, 1893 Son of Samuel Jacob (Schmuel Yakov) Wife: Anna E. Garfinkel (nee Weinstein?) Born: April 24, 1898 Died: December 21, 1985 Burial: 12/22/85 Daughter of Meyer Mendel Funeral Director: Levine Section B, lot 16, grave 2 Albert E. Garfinkel (Avram Yitzak) Born: October 14, 1917 Died: December 3, 1976 Burial: 12/5/76 Age 59 Cause of death not given Abraham Isaac son of Moses Samuel (Morris) Buried paid by: Stanley Garfinkel (brother) Funeral Director: Levine Related to Grace G Landsman? Stanley J. Garfinkel (Schmuel Yitzak) Born: May 8, 1923 Died: May 25, 1995 Burial: May 26, 1995 Son of Moses Samuel (Morris) Cause of death not given Section B, lot 16, grave 4 Funeral Director: Levine Misc obit info: Dearly beloved

friend of Rae Swarte

**FAMILY GROUP #3** Fred Garfinkel 1861-1935 Burial: 5/9/35 Rabbi Shalom Freidel son of Rabbi Schmuel Section B, lot 17, grave 3 Funeral Director; Rosen Wife: Mariam (Mary) 1865-1935 Daughter of Rabbi Abraham Baer Our Grandparents Louis Garfinkel (Leib) Died: September 5, 1929 Age 55 years (Born 1874) Leib son of Shalom Freidel Beloved husband, father and son Louis Garfinkel Section B, Lot 17, grave 1 Date of burial: 9/8/29 Cause of death: myocarditis

**SINGLE STONES** 1. Tobe Garfinkel Died: February 4, 1914 Burial: 2/5/14 Casue of death: heart disease Age 59 years Our beloved Mother Perpetual care payee: Leslie Eisenberg 12/7/2006 Funeral Director: Kahn Section C, lot 144, grave 1 2. Harry Garfinkel Buried: 5/1/1922 Age 29 Unreadable but according to census his parents were William and Rosie Garfinkel of Romania Section G, lot 229, grave 1 Funeral director: Levine 3. Unreadable stone may be Abe Garfinkel Died 1935 as plot to right is empty per Richard Levy mentioning an Abe Garfinkel with empty plots on either side.

**Philadelphia City Directories**

Philadelphia City Director Info – Garfinkel/Garfinkle

Directory	Year	Name	Occupation	Bus Address	Home Address
Gopsills City Directory	1888	David Garfinkel	Grocer	312 N. 12 <sup>th</sup> St.	
↓	1890	David Garfinkel	Grocer	312 N. 12 <sup>th</sup> St.	
	1891	David Garfinkel			318 New Market
	1891	Frank Garfinkel	Fruits		217 Vine St.
	1891	Rachel Garfinkel	Grocer	318 New Market	
	1892	Samuel Garfinkel	Peddler		220 Arch St.
	1892	David Garfinkel	Grocer	716 Bainbridge St.	
	1892	Jacob Garfinkel			740 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.
	1893	Frank Garfinkel	Fruits		305 Gaskill
	1893	Frederick Garfinkel	Confectioner	1526 Ridge Ave	
	1893	Rachel Garfinkel	Grocer	New Market	
	1893	William J. Garfinkel	Buttonhole Maker	338 Spruce St.	
	1894	Jacob Garfinkel			319 Catherine St.
	1897	Abraham Garfinkel	Jeweler	431 Catherine St.	
Phila City Directory	1900	Nathan Garfinkel	Fruits	1704 Ridge Ave	
↓	1900	Samuel Garfinkel	Carpets	540 N. 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	
	1900	Samuel Garfinkel	Fruit	1722 Callowhill St.	
	1900	Samuel Garfinkel	Hats	333 S. 3rd St	
	1900	William Garfinkel	Salesman	338 S. 3rd St.	
	1905	B Garfinkel	Butcher	622 S. 6th St.	
↓		Charles Garfinkel	Cutter		221 Christian St.
		Frank Garfinkel	Watchmaker	921 Market St	957 N. 7 <sup>th</sup> St.
		Harry Garfinkel	Central Collateral Bank		2241 N. 19th
		Harry Garfinkel	Laborer		334 Queen St.
		Isaac M. Garfinkel	Isaac M. Garfinkel&Co		1906 N. Franklin
		I.M. & Company jewelers(Isaac M. Garfinkel)	Jewelers	1217 Market	
		Jno Garfinkel	Paperhanger		110 Diamond St
		Nathan Garfinkel	Confectioner	1704 Ridge Ave	
		Sophia Garfinkel	Fruit	1706 Ridge Ave	
		William Garfinkel	Student		1518 S. 4 <sup>th</sup> st
	1910	Abraham Garfinkel	Meat	2842 Weikel St	
↓		Abraham Garfinkel	Jeweler	2442 N. 8 <sup>th</sup> St	
		Frank Garfinkel	Jeweler	6159 Delancey St.	
		Louis Garfinkel	Polisher – Wm. R. Garfinkle upholstery materials)	324 S. 5 <sup>th</sup> St.	310 Durfor St.
	1920(?)	Boyd's City Directory	Rev. Louis Garfinkel		7931 Harley St.
↓		↓	Samuel Garfinkel		24 N. Salford Sr.