

# CAIO-FESSELMEYER

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**Joseph George Caio and Virginia Genevieve (Fesselmeier) Caio** lived at **2213 Hunter Avenue** in Baychester during the late 1930s-late 1940s.

**Joseph G. Caio** was born and raised in The Bronx, New York, the son of New York natives **George Caio** and **Margaret Jacobi**. Joseph was their first child, born December 29, 1918<sup>1</sup>, in the midst of the Spanish Flu epidemic. He and his parents survived this epidemic, and his parents went on to have a few more children. His first home was at 611 Van Nest Avenue<sup>2</sup>, which is a few blocks from Westchester Square in The Bronx. I often parked my car on Van Nest Avenue, a street with pretty, well-kept houses, when I visited my mother who lived on Williamsbridge Road, a street running perpendicular to Van Nest Avenue.

**Virginia Genevieve Fesselmeier** was born on March 29, 1919 in New York City, the third child of **Charles and Alice Fesselmeier**. Her first home was 143 Willis Avenue in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx.

**Joseph Caio** married **Virginia Fesselmeier** in 1938 and they rented a house in Baychester at **2213 Hunter Avenue**<sup>3</sup> with their two children, **Robert** and **Joseph Jr.** Joseph Sr. was working as a machinist's helper on the railroad.

After WW II broke out, Joseph joined the US Army in 1945<sup>4</sup>; he was 27 years old, with a wife and two children. He was discharged about 18 months later, in 1946. In 1947 Joseph and Virginia divorced.

After his divorce Joseph stayed in New York, but the exact location is unknown. Did he move to New Rochelle, New York, which is where his siblings are found in the 1990s? **Joseph Caio** died March 26, 1990<sup>5</sup>. Where he might be buried is unknown.

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<sup>1</sup> "United States Social Security Death Index," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/VMJG-1ZR> : 19 May 2014), Joseph Caio, 26 Mar 1990; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, Death Master File, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).

<sup>2</sup> "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MJPC-GPH> : accessed 11 June 2018), Joseph Caio in household of Philip Caio, Bronx Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York, United States; citing ED 340, sheet 16A, line 4, family 356, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 1139; FHL microfilm 1,821,139.

<sup>3</sup> "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KQM8-6K6> : accessed 11 June 2018), Joseph Caio, Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York City, Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 3-788, sheet 2B, line 57, family 41, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 2480.

<sup>4</sup> "United States World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/K85X-Z3L> : 5 December 2014), Joseph G Caio, enlisted 14 Feb 1945, New York City, New York, United States; citing "Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, ca. 1938-1946," database, The National Archives: Access to Archival Databases (AAD) (<http://aad.archives.gov> : National Archives and Records Administration, 2002); NARA NAID 126323, National Archives at College Park, Maryland.

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**Virginia Fesselmeyer** married a second time, to **Arthur Eugene Leavy**. No further information has been found.

Son **Robert Caio** is also known as **Robert Leavy**.

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