

HACKENBERG-SCHWANEBERG

Erich William Hackenberg and his wife **Gertrude Schwaneberg** lived in Baychester at **2327 Boller Avenue** from the mid-1940s.¹

Erich Hackenberg was born on February 17, 1907 in Gardelegen, Germany,² son of German **Dominikus Hackenberg**. He met his wife **Gertrude Schwaneberg** in Germany. She was born October 5, 1910 in Boergitz, Germany³, daughter of **F. Schwaneberg**. Both towns are in Saxony-Anhalt. Erich first arrived in New York in 1929 as a single man, occupation of baker⁴. He went home to Germany, and he and Gertrude married on December 13, 1930. They both then arrived in New York in 1931.⁴

Erich had two children in Germany before he and Gertrude were married. First was **Edith Gerda Hackenberg**, born in Gardelegen, Germany on April 19, 1928. The second was **Gisela E. Hackenberg**, born in Germany on June 7, 1929. These two children remained in Germany until 1936 when they immigrated to New York. While in Germany they lived with Gertrude's father, **F. Schwaneberg**. Is Gertrude Schwaneberg the biological mother of the two girls? All later records claim she is the mother. Perhaps the marriage was not possible until after Erich Hackenberg was solidly established in America.

In 1940 the family was living in Manhattan. Erich continued working as a baker⁵. By 1947 they were living in Baychester, the Bronx, NY at **2327 Boller Avenue**. Daughter **Edith Hackenberg** married Henry F. Schumacher in 1947; they lived at **2221 Boller Avenue**. Daughter **Gisela Hackenberg** married **John C. Weinlein, Jr.** in 1949; John moved into Gisela's family home.

By 1950 Erich and Gertrude still lived in the same house at **2327 Boller Avenue**⁶, as did one daughter - Giselle, and her husband **John C. Weinlein, Jr.** while daughter Edith and her husband **Henry Schumacher** lived a block away at **2221 Boller Avenue**. In 1955 Edith and Henry Schumacher divorced, and Edith moved back into her parents' home at **2327 Boller Avenue**. Gisela and John Weinlein moved to **2320 Boller Avenue**.

Erich William Hackenberg died in August 1982 in the Bronx, New York.⁷ A few months later his wife **Gertrude Hackenberg** died in January 1983.⁷ It is not known where they might be buried.

¹ Petition for Naturalization, Erich William Hackenberg, 1947.

² WWII Draft Registration

³ SSDI

⁴ NY Passenger Lists

⁵ 1940 US Census

⁶ 1950 US Census

⁷ SSDI