

# HOFFMAN-SCHALK

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**Rudolph William Hoffman** and his wife **Johanna Schalk** lived in a boathouse in Baychester at **2160 Baychester Avenue** in 1920. It was located on the Pelham Park side of the railroad tracks. Back then, Given's Creek extended to Baychester Avenue. Rudolph supported his wife as a boatman.<sup>1</sup>

**Rudolph Hoffman** was born around 1881 in Lubeck, Germany, son of German parents **George Hoffman** and **Hermina Warncke**<sup>2</sup>. Rudolph immigrated to New York on October 22, 1902 at age 21.<sup>3</sup> His US contact was his brother **Will Hoffman** in New York. Rudolph gave his occupation as a forsterer – this is probably a misspelling of some type of occupation, unknown.

Rudolph got married on May 6, 1906 to a young, 20-year-old Frankfurt, Prussian immigrant named **Elsa Auguste Wolf**, daughter of **Frank Wolf** and **Margaretha Faustann/Faustaun**<sup>2</sup>. No more information has been located on Elsa since her wedding.

By 1910 Rudolph is living with his brother William and family, still in the Bronx, but is listed as single<sup>4</sup> – no information on what happened to Elsa.

Rudolph got married a second time to **Johanna Schalk**, after 1912. Johanna immigrated to New York on September 17, 1912. She was born in Austria on April 20, 1880, daughter of Austrians **Anton Schalk** and **Cecelia Cren**.<sup>5</sup> 1920 is when we first find Rudolph and Johanna together in Baychester.

**Rudolph Hoffmann** died on February 18, 1927 at age 45. He had retired by then, and was still living at 2160 Baychester Avenue. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, New York.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MJPC-T65> : accessed 27 April 2018), Rudolph Hoffman, Bronx Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York, United States; citing ED 344, sheet 8A, line 12, family 140, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 1139; FHL microfilm 1,821,139.

<sup>2</sup> "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/249W-7TC> : 10 February 2018), Rudolph Hoffmann and Elsa Wolf, 06 May 1906; citing Marriage, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York City Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,558,587.

<sup>3</sup> "New York Passenger Arrival Lists (Ellis Island), 1892-1924", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/JF2Y-KX7> : 30 January 2018), Rudolph Hoffman, 1902

<sup>4</sup> "United States Census, 1910," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/M5ZM-MCB> : accessed 16 August 2018), William Hoffman, Bronx Assembly District 32, New York, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 1434, sheet 14A, family 282, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 997; FHL microfilm 1,375,010

<sup>5</sup> "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2WGH-N88> : 10 February 2018), Johanna Hoffmann, 16 Nov 1932; citing Death, Bronx, New York, New York, United States, New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,155,708.

<sup>6</sup> "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2WGW-X65> : 10 February 2018), Rudolph Hoffmann, 18 Feb 1927; citing Death, Bronx, New York, New York, United States, New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,169,536.

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**Johanna (Schalk) Hoffman** died five years later on November 16, 1932 at age 52. She was still living at 2160 Baychester Avenue. She joined her husband at Woodlawn Cemetery.<sup>5</sup>