

# MACH-YAVORKA

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**Stephen Mach** and **Josephine (Yavorka) Mach** lived at 2222 Boller Avenue in Baychester, Bronx, New York from the mid-1930's to the mid 1940s.<sup>1</sup>

**Stephen Mach** was born on June 12, 1887 in Pressburg, Germany and immigrated to New York on June 20, 1905. Parents are unknown. **Josephine Yavorka** was born on March 19, 1891 in Sastin, Hungary and immigrated to New York on February 27, 1906. The couple got married on January 22, 1910 in Hoboken, New Jersey.<sup>2</sup>

Starting as a leather harness maker, travelling all over Europe, and then once married he travelled to Detroit, Minnesota, and Iowa before returning to New York in the late 1910s. Stephen advanced his skills in the leather manufacturing business, ultimately owning his own store, Mach Luggage, making luggage for Altman's and Wanamaker's, Elizabeth Arden, Rudy Vallee, and the Duke of Windsor. Josephine worked with him in his store making fittings for the luggage.<sup>2</sup>

In 1945 the couple bought property on Western Highway in Blauvelt, Nyack, New York, where they retired to around 1955.

**Stephen Mach** died in November 1973 and is buried in a family plot in Saint Michaels Cemetery, East Elmhurst, Queens, New York.<sup>3</sup> **Josephine Mach** died shortly after Stephen, in 1974, and is buried with her husband at Saint Michaels cemetery.<sup>4</sup> They had no children.

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<sup>1</sup> "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KQM8-6VD> : 7 January 2021), Stephen Mach, The Bronx, New York City, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 3-788, sheet 2A, line 26, family 32, 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>2</sup> Nyack NY Journal News 1960 00157\_1.pdf; Nyack News, Jan. 26, 1960

<sup>3</sup> [www.findagrave.com/memorial/182482122/stephen-mach](http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/182482122/stephen-mach)

<sup>4</sup> [www.findagrave.com/memorial/182482124/josephine-mach](http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/182482124/josephine-mach)