

MASEK-PYCHA

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Frank Masek and **Agnes Pycha** lived in Baychester at **2219 DeReimer Avenue**¹. Frank was the son of **Anton Masek** and **Frances Melon**². He was born in Duchcov, Bohemia, Czechoslovakia on October 8, 1892³ and immigrated to America in 1922.

His wife, **Agnes Pycha** was born in 1892 in Bohemia, Czechoslovakia, daughter of **Jan Pycha** and **Mary Cernohlavek**²; she immigrated to America in 1921.

Frank and Agnes married in Manhattan, New York on May 1, 1923, and had a son, **George**, in 1924. By 1930 they bought the house at 2219 DeReimer Avenue¹. Frank was supporting his family as an iron worker.

The family continued to live at that house at 2219 DeReimer Avenue until the city took it for the development of the highway ramp to the Hutchinson River Parkway c. late 1950s, early 1960s.

By 1942 Frank was working for the Brewster Aeronautical Corp, Long Island City, New York⁴. That company was closed down by the Navy in 1944⁵.

Agnes (Pycha) Masek died in Suffolk, New York on March 19, 1964. She is interred at Fresh Pond Crematory and Columbarium, Middle Village, Queens, New York. **Frank Masek** died in Suffolk, New York in March 1986⁶. It is unknown where Frank might be buried.

They had beautiful gardens and were bee-keepers as their hobbies. Everyone in the neighborhood knew them as the Marshaks, perhaps due to the language accent.

¹ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X767-LZS> : accessed 28 May 2019), Frank Masek, Bronx (Districts 751-972), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 864, sheet 2A, line 8, family , NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1480; FHL microfilm 2,341,215.

² "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:24Z7-Z5D> : 10 February 2018), Frank Masek and Agnes Pycha, 01 May 1923; citing Marriage, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York City Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,653,812.

³ "United States World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F3NR-SZ6> : 8 November 2017), Frank Masek, 1942; citing NARA microfilm publication M1936, M1937, M1939, M1951, M1962, M1964, M1986, M2090, and M2097 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

⁴ "United States World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F3NR-SZ6> : 8 November 2017), Frank Masek, 1942; citing NARA microfilm publication M1936, M1937, M1939, M1951, M1962, M1964, M1986, M2090, and M2097 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brewster_Aeronautical_Corporation

⁶ SSDI

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Son **George Francis Masek** lived with his parents at least through 1950 at 2219 DeReimer Avenue. He was born on January 27, 1924 in New York City, New York. At age 18 in 1942 he was working for Sperry Corporation. By 1950 he was working as a Chauffeur for an explosive manufacturer; could possibly be he was a driver for the local Dittmars Dynamite Company.

George Masek married a neighborhood girl named Florence Junker in October 1951. Florence lived at 2207 Hunter Avenue. Unfortunately, they divorced in June 1956 in Laramie County, Wyoming. They had no children.

George later moved to Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida. He died on December 30, 2011 in Melfa, Virginia; it is not known where he might be buried.

No additional information has been located on Florence (Junker) Masek.