

## MORSTATT-MARTH

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**John Joseph Morstatt** and **Louise Marth** lived in Baychester in 1917 at **2226 Baychester Avenue**.<sup>1</sup> They were married on Dec. 31, 1905 in The Bronx, New York<sup>2</sup> and lived prior to Baychester at 618 E. 137<sup>th</sup> Street.<sup>3</sup>

**John Morstatt** was born about 1888 in Baden, Germany, son of German citizens **George Morstatt** and **Othelia Laeffler**. He immigrated to New York about 1903. Louise Marth was born in Germany about 1888, daughter of German citizens **Franz Marth** and **Anna Feist**. It is not known when she immigrated to New York, but it was prior to 1905 when she married in New York.

By 1917, John and Louise had three children living at 2226 Baychester Avenue: **John**, born in 1906; **George**, born in 1909; and **Katherine**, born in 1911. He supported his family as a truck driver for General Mustard Mills, located at Mott Street, New York (1917).

After the death of his wife in 1919 **John Joseph Morstatt** and his three young children moved in with his sister **Babbette** and her husband **Kurt Ahlers** at 3130 Arnow Place, Bronx, working as a laborer for the city.<sup>4</sup>

By 1930 John William and his son George moved back to Baychester to **2319 Palmer Avenue**, and John was working as a chauffeur in the trucking industry.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KXYS-3D3> : 23 February 2021), John Morstatt, 1917-1918.

<sup>2</sup> "New York Marriages, 1686-1980", database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F63S-JVS> : 21 January 2020), Johann Joseph Morstatt, 1905

<sup>3</sup> "United States Census, 1910," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M5ZM-LQ8> : accessed 6 May 2021), Johann Morstatt, Bronx Assembly District 32, New York, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 1017, sheet 6B, family 135, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 997; FHL microfilm 1,375,010.

<sup>4</sup> "United States Census, 1920", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MJPC-LX7> : 2 February 2021), Barbara Ahlers in entry for Hurb Ahlers, 1920

<sup>5</sup> "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X767-L8W> : accessed 7 May 2021), John Morstatt, Bronx (Districts 751-972), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 864, sheet 4A, line 9, family , NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1480; FHL microfilm 2,341,215

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By 1940 John was living at the Home for the Aged on Welfare Island, New York.<sup>6</sup>

**John William Morstatt** died on March 15, 1941 in Manhattan, New York.<sup>7</sup> At that time his last known residence was **2321 Palmer Avenue** in Baychester, but I don't believe he ever returned to that home. He was buried at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Westchester County, New York.

**Louise (Marth) Morstatt** lived in Baychester for a few years before she died at age 31 on April 1, 1919 in The Bronx, New York. She left behind her husband and three young children. It is not known where she might be buried.

All three children lived in Baychester in their early lives at 2226 Baychester Avenue until about 1919. After their mother died, they lived with their aunt Barbara for several years.<sup>8</sup>

Eldest son **John Morstatt** became a steamfitter and moved out before 1930. He married **Regina Galdon** and had a family; he died in 1990 and was buried in Toms River, NJ.

Middle child **George Morstatt** stayed with his father through 1930 and returned to Baychester with him in 1925 at **2321 Palmer Avenue**, and in 1930 at **2319 Palmer Avenue**. George worked as a truck driver. It is unknown what happened to George after 1930, but he no longer lived in Baychester by 1940.

Last child **Catherine Morstatt** married in 1929 and returned to Baychester, living at **2321 Palmer Avenue** with her husband **Charles Pearsall** and daughter. By 1940 her family moved out of Baychester. Her husband Charles died in Florida in 1980. It is unknown when or where Catherine died or may be buried. See separate biography PEARSALL-MORSTATT.

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<sup>6</sup> "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K3YN-JXW> : 7 January 2021), John Morstatt, New York City, New York County, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 31-996, sheet 21A, line 8, family , 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 2647.

<sup>7</sup> "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949", database, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2WRZ-NH2> : 3 June 2020), John Morstatt, 1941.

<sup>8</sup> United States Census, 1920", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MJPC-LX7> : 2 February 2021), Barbara Ahlers in entry for Hurb Ahlers, 1920