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Herman Evi Roys was born on October 1, 1880 in Pultneyville, Wayne County, New York¹. He was the first of three children born to New Yorkers **Herschel F. Roys** and **Mary Ella Stoddard**. He was raised in Palmyra, Wayne County, New York². Upon adulthood he left his parents' home and moved to Manhattan.

In 1903 he married **Cordelia Marion Roberts**³ and they had three children. The marriage was a short one, as by 1910 Cordelia took her three little girls and was living with her father, claiming she was widowed.⁴ We never hear again about Cordelia or her three girls, named **Cordelia**, **Josephine**, and **Muriel Elizabeth Roys**.

In 1917 Herman was still living in Manhattan, working as an Electrical Engineer for Abrasives Metals Corp., located Nassau Street in Manhattan, New York⁵. He had fallen in love with another woman and, about 1922, married **Julia DeHayes**. Julia was born in January 1898 in New York City, NY, daughter of New York natives **Louis Peter DeHayes** and **Ellen Heageney**. Herman and Julia DeHayes had a little boy, **Robert John Roys**, in 1924.

By 1930, Herman, Julia and their son were renting a house in Baychester at **2306 Palmer Avenue**, Bronx, New York. Herman was working as a merchant in a radio store.⁶ With his

¹ "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K6JC-BC4> : 25 August 2019), Herman Evi Roys, 1917-1918.

² "United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MSP9-73R> : accessed 12 October 2019), Harrivan? Roys in household of Hirschel Roys, Palmyra Township Palmyra vill., Wayne, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 121, sheet 3A, family 62, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,241,173.

³ "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2437-SVK> : 10 February 2018), Herman Roys and Cordelia Roberts, 02 Oct 1903; citing Marriage, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York City Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,570,985.

⁴ "United States Census, 1910," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M5H5-99W> : accessed 12 October 2019), Cordelia M Roys in household of Captain C L Roberts, Troy Ward 2, Rensselaer, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 44, sheet 9B, family 236, NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1982), roll 1070; FHL microfilm 1,375,083.

⁵ "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K6JC-BC4> : 25 August 2019), Herman Evi Roys, 1917-1918.

⁶ United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X767-X29> : accessed 27 October 2017), Heman Roys, Bronx (Districts 751-972), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 865, sheet 5A, line 43, family 24, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1480; FHL microfilm 2,341,215.

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electrical expertise, I would assume he was very good at repairing radios. Eventually he found himself working at the Selector Manufacturing Corp. in Long Island City, Queens, New York.⁷

Herman Roys, Julia and their son **Robert John Roys** lived in Baychester until Herman's death on January 14, 1947⁸. He was cremated at Ferncliff Crematory in Westchester County, New York.

After Herman's death in 1947, **Julia Roys** continued living in Baychester at their home at **2206 Palmer Avenue**.⁹ Before 1950 Julia married again to **Louis George**¹⁰. She died in September 1970 in Massachusetts where her son was living.

Before 1963 the original house had been demolished and a new house built.

Robert John Roys, son of **Herman and Julia Roys**, grew up in Baychester at **2206 Palmer Avenue**. In 1946 he married **Mary Agnes Thompson**; they had a baby girl, **Kathleen Roys**, shortly thereafter, and all three continued living in the Roys family home on Palmer Avenue. Mary Agnes Roys died in Massachusetts on May 24, 1991 and is buried in Winthrop Cemetery, Winthrop, Suffolk, Massachusetts. Nothing else is known about their daughter Kathleen Roys.

At some point Robert and Mary Agnes Roys separated, and Robert married **Charlotte** [maiden name unknown]. **Charlotte Roys** died in 1993; **Robert John Roys** died in 2006. They are buried together at Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

⁷ "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KQM8-86M> : accessed 25 October 2017), Herman Roys, Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York City, Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 3-788, sheet 1B, line 42, family 12, 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.

⁸ "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2WLV-FL9> : 10 February 2018), Herman Roys, 14 Jan 1947; citing Death, Bronx, New York, New York, United States, New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,200,125.

⁹ 1950 US Census

¹⁰ Boston Newspaper Obituary Index