

RUTTER-STEHRNO

John William Rutter and **Mary Elisabeth (Stehno) Rutter** lived in Baychester from the 1920's through the 1940's, and perhaps later, in a large house at **2024 Stillwell Avenue**, at the corner of DeReimer Avenue. This house is still there in 2021.

John William Rutter was born on May 16, 1889 in West Drayton, Middlesex, England, a suburb of London. He was the second of twelve children born to English citizens **George William Rutter** and **Bridget Mary Fitzgerald**.¹

At the young age of 20 John emigrated from England and arrived at New York in 1909, meeting his uncle **M. Fitzgerald**, who was then living in Manhattan, New York.² John immigrated with skills as a laborer. He courted and then married **Mary Elisabeth Stehno** in Manhattan on October 25, 1911.³

Mary Elisabeth Stehno was born either August 1890⁴ or October 22, 1890⁵ in Bohemia, Austria. She was the first of nine children born to **Anton Stehno** and **Vincenta Goehn**, both Bohemia, Austria citizens.⁶ She immigrated to New York in 1896 as a six-year-old child, and lived in Manhattan, New York.

By 1913 the couple was settled in a home at 2087 Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan, when John made his Declaration of Intention⁷ to become an American citizen. Their first child,

¹ "England and Wales Birth Registration Index, 1837-2008," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2XTK-GLY> : 1 October 2014), John William Rutter, 1889; from "England & Wales Births, 1837-2006," database, findmypast (<http://www.findmypast.com> : 2012); citing Birth Registration, Uxbridge, Middlesex, England, citing General Register Office, Southport, England.

² "New York Passenger Arrival Lists (Ellis Island), 1892-1924", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JFMY-6ZR> : 14 May 2021), Johan William Rutter, 1909.

³ "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:243X-F57> : 10 February 2018), John William Rutter and May Elisabeth Stehno, 25 Oct 1911; citing Marriage, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York City Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,613,275.

⁴ "United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MSK6-BNZ> : accessed 15 May 2021), Marie Stehno in household of Anton Stehno, Borough of Manhattan, Election District 13-14 New York City Ward 26, New York County, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 711, sheet 19A, family 396, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,241,113

⁵ "New York, Southern District, U.S District Court Naturalization Records, 1824-1946", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QP7D-GVXH> : 8 March 2021), John William Rutter, 1918.

⁶ "United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MSK6-BNZ> : accessed 15 May 2021), Marie Stehno in household of Anton Stehno, Borough of Manhattan, Election District 13-14 New York City Ward 26, New York County, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 711, sheet 19A, family 396, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,241,113.

⁷ "New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPHL-RYX6> : 2 March 2021), John William Rutter, 1913; citing Naturalization, New York, United States, citing multiple County Clerk offices of New York; FHL microfilm 005411671.

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Elizabeth Louise Rutter, was born in 1912; their second child, **Lillian Rutter**, was born in 1915. The family was still living in Manhattan, and John supported his family as an IRT subway motorman.

In 1917 John and his family lived in a houseboat at 219th Street and Harlem River.⁸ Wish I knew more about that experience. In 1919 John was granted USA citizenship. Between 1920-1930 John purchased a new home at 2024 Stillwell Avenue, in Baychester, Bronx, New York and moved his family in.⁹

Mary Elisabeth (Stehno) Rutter died in 1967 and was buried at Saint Mary's Cemetery, Yonkers, New York.¹⁰ **John William Rutter** died two years later in 1969. It is not known where he might be buried.¹¹

Daughter **Elizabeth Louise Rutter** married **Edmund B. Horner**. Their biographies can be found at HORNER-RUTTER, at this site.

Daughter **Lillian Rutter** married **Frank Cosola**. Their biographies can be found at COSOLA-RUTTER, at this site.

⁸ "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K6J4-6ZM> : 23 February 2021), John W Rutter, 1917-1918

⁹ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X767-LZ7> : accessed 31 August 2018), John Rutter, Bronx (Districts 751-972), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 864, sheet 3A, line 1, family , NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1480; FHL microfilm 2,341,215

¹⁰ Find a Grave, database and images (www.findagrave.com/memorial/218088684/marie-elizabeth-rutter : accessed 15 May 2021), memorial page for Marie Elizabeth Stehno Rutter (1890-1967), Find a Grave Memorial ID 218088684, citing Saint Mary's Cemetery, Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, USA ; Maintained by Grace Hudson (contributor 47334006) .

¹¹ "United States Social Security Death Index," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JRS7-YPX> : 20 May 2014), John Rutter, Jul 1969; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, Death Master File, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).