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Joseph Sedlacek and his wife **Susanna (Smolen) Sedlacek** lived in two houses in Baychester, Bronx, New York. First they lived at **2233 Wright Avenue**, later moved to **2083 Bassett Avenue**.

Josef Sedlacek was a very common name across the pond. This **Joseph Sedlacek** was born in Austria around 1888, son of Austrians **Josef Sedlacek** and **Amalie Sneigkal**¹. He immigrated in 1911 and settled in Manhattan, New York City, New York.

On May 8, 1911 **Joseph Sedlacek**, age 24, married **Susannah Smolen**, age 27, in Manhattan, New York. Susannah was born in Austria around 1885, daughter of Austrians **Paul Smolon** and **Maria Yadamutz**.¹ Susannah also immigrated in 1911.

After their marriage, Joseph and Susannah continued to live in Manhattan, New York at 435 – 70th Street. They had three children by then: **Louise** (b.~1911); **Alice** (b.~1914); and **Joseph Jr.** (b.~1916). Joseph supported his family as a machinist in a machine shop.²

By 1925 Joseph had moved his family to Baychester, Bronx, New York³. He rented a front apartment in a house at **2223 Wright Avenue**, where he was still living in 1930. He was now working as a machinist in the die business.⁴

Before 1940 Joseph purchased a home, choosing to stay in the small fishing village. He moved his family into this house at **2083 Bassett Avenue**.⁵ He continued to work for a die maker. His daughter **Alice** worked as a boathouse renter. She didn't have to walk very far to get to work –

¹ "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2438-WBK : 10 February 2018>), Joseph Sedlacek and Susanna Smolen, 28 May 1911; citing Marriage, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York City Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,613,079.

² "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MJBV-ZQP : accessed 13 May 2018>), Joseph Serlacek, Manhattan Assembly District 14, New York, New York, United States; citing ED 1019, sheet 32A, line 11, family 922, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 1211; FHL microfilm 1,821,211.

³ "New York State Census, 1925," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KSM1-LDZ : 8 November 2014>), Joseph Sedlacek, New York, A.D. 06, E.D. 12, Bronx, New York, United States; records extracted by Ancestry and images digitized by FamilySearch; citing p. 17, line 07, New York State Archives, Albany.

⁴ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X767-LD2 : accessed 13 May 2018>), Joseph Sedlacek, Bronx (Districts 751-972), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 865, sheet 3A, line 4, family 13, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1480; FHL microfilm 2,341,215.

⁵ "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KQM8-6KB : accessed 13 May 2018>), Joseph Sedlacek, Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York City, Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 3-788, sheet 2B, line 72, family 45, 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.

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about one block. His son **Joseph** worked as an eyelet maker for an electrical manufacturing company. Eldest child **Louise** had married and was living in Westchester County, New York, a stone's throw from her old home in Baychester⁶.

Joseph's wife **Susannah (Smolen) Sedlacek** died at home at a young age of 54 on March 3, 1941. She was cremated at Ferncliff Crematory in Westchester County, New York⁷. It is unknown when **Joseph Sedlacek** died, or where he might be buried. Perhaps he was also cremated and is with his wife's ashes.

THEIR CHILDREN

Their first child, **Louise Sedlacek**, was born about 1911 and lived with the family until her marriage to **James William Holler, Jr.**, probably around 1938. James W. Holler, Jr. was born around 1909 in New York, son of native New Yorker **James W. Holler, Sr.** By 1940 James and Louise and baby **James William Holler III** had moved to Mount Vernon, Westchester, New York.⁶ How they spent their lives is unknown, but **Louise (Sedlacek) Holler** died on January 23, 2014 at the wonderful old age of 102 in Georgia. In her lifetime she had worked as a legal secretary.⁸ At the time of her death she was living in the hamlet of St. Marys, Camden County, Georgia. She and James had two children.

The second child, **Alice Sedlacek**, was born about 1914 in New York City, New York and lived with her family through at least 1940. She is next found in 1974 as a married woman, married to **Frank Starace** (b.~1911 in New York), and living in Pelham, Westchester, New York⁹ (where her mother died in 1941). It is unknown when she married, if she had any children, or where she died and might be buried. Her husband Frank was born on November 19, 1911 and died in October 1994 in Westchester County, New York¹⁰.

⁶ "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/KQ3B-P8W> : accessed 9 May 2018), James W Holler, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon City, Westchester, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 60-183, sheet 5A, line 10, family 80, 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 2807.

⁷ "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/2WPW-PFL> : 10 February 2018), Susanna Sedlacek, 03 Mar 1941; citing Death, Bronx, New York, New York, United States, New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,195,624.

⁸ "United States, GenealogyBank Obituaries, 1980-2014," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QK5B-W1MK> : accessed 18 August 2018), Louise Or Lori Holler, Delaware, United States, 22 Jan 2014; from "Recent Newspaper Obituaries (1977 - Today)," database, GenealogyBank.com (<http://www.genealogybank.com> : 2014); citing Dover Post, born-digital text.

⁹ "United States Public Records, 1970-2009," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KP2S-PYX> : 22 May 2014), Alice E Starace, Residence, Pelham, New York, United States; a third party aggregator of publicly available information

¹⁰ "United States Social Security Death Index," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JRQN-GX7> : 20 May 2014), Frank Starace, Oct 1984; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, Death Master File, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).

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The third, and last, child, is **Joseph Sedlacek Jr.**, born in Manhattan around 1916. He also lived with his parents through at least 1940. He was found living in Livingston Manor, Sullivan County, New York in the 1990s¹¹. Moving to the middle of the State of New York while the rest of the family was located in Westchester County, New York, right across the Bronx/Westchester line, was a bold move. Anything else about his life or death is unknown.

¹¹ "United States Public Records, 1970-2009," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QJCC-RP3P> : 23 May 2014), Joseph S Sedlacek, Residence, Livingston Manor, New York, United States; a third party aggregator of publicly available information.