

# STARK-BANTA

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**Walter Joseph Stark** was born on June 25, 1885 in Manhattan, New York<sup>1</sup>. He was the third of eight children of **John Christian Stark**, a Bronx native, and **Mary Platte**, a Michigan native (see biography STARK-PLATTE). Walter spent his life in Baychester<sup>2</sup>, first at **Baychester Avenue**, then at **2211 Boller Avenue**<sup>3</sup> for most of his adult life. He remained in the boat business, working at his boat rental business located at the docks in Baychester.

Around 1910 he married **Elsie V. Banta.**, born on August 19, 1892, the fourth of four children of New York natives **Joshua Banta** and **Annie Cassidy**. Walter and Elsie Stark had one daughter, **Violet Stark**, who was born about 1912 and lived in Baychester with her parents until the mid-1930s.<sup>4</sup> By the 1940 census Violet Stark is no longer living with her parents in Baychester; her uncle **John C. Stark** has taken up residence with her parents<sup>5</sup>.

**Violet Stark** married **George Christopher Fellows** and they moved to another house in Baychester. See biography FELLOWS-STARK.

**Walter Joseph Stark** died on December 9, 1955 in New York City, New York.<sup>6</sup> It is not known where he might be buried. His wife **Elsie V. (Banta) Stark** died on March 4, 1989<sup>7</sup> in Rockland County, New York. It is not known where she might be buried.

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<sup>1</sup> "New York, New York City Births, 1846-1909," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2WMZ-6GK> : 20 March 2015), Stark, 26 Jun 1885; citing Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, reference cn 436940 New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,322,203.

<sup>2</sup> "United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MS2D-7K5> : accessed 25 October 2017), Walter Stark in household of John Stark, Borough of the Bronx, Election District 3 New York City Ward Annexed Dist., New York County, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 1052, sheet 2B, family 38, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,241,127.

<sup>3</sup> "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MJPZ-RHZ> : accessed 25 October 2017), Walter Stark in household of Christine Stark, Bronx Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York, United States; citing ED 358, sheet 3A, line 71, family 43, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 1139; FHL microfilm 1,821,139.

<sup>4</sup> "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X767-L85> : accessed 25 October 2017), Walter Sturk, Bronx (Districts 751-972), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 865, sheet 1A, line 10, family 4, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1480; FHL microfilm 2,341,215.

<sup>5</sup> "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KQM8-8DR> : accessed 25 October 2017), Walter J Stark, Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York City, Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 3-788, sheet 1A, line 36, family 10, 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.

<sup>6</sup> New York City Death Records.

<sup>7</sup> "United States Social Security Death Index," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JPCV-TXM> : 7 January 2021), Elsie V Stark, 04 Mar 1989; citing U.S. Social Security Administration, Death Master File, database (Alexandria, Virginia: National Technical Information Service, ongoing).