

WILL-JOHNSON

Alfred Will was born about 1907 in Hamburg, Germany, son of Germans **Henry Will** and **Edith Conar**. In 1928 he immigrated to New York at age 21, stating his occupation was as a farm laborer. He last lived in Osterbruch, Germany, where his father **Heinrich Will** lived. His final destination was Brooklyn to his friend **Edward Griemsmann**. He probably never made it to Brooklyn.¹

Alfred Will married **Augusta Johnson** in Manhattan, New York on January 23, 1933, just over four years after his arrival from Germany. **Augusta Johnson** was Ohio-born on April 18, 1913, the daughter of German immigrants **Louis Johnson** and **Auguste Jordan**.² Augusta grew up in Ohio in the 1920s³ and early 1930s⁴ before meeting and marrying Louis in New York.

Alfred and Augusta had three children before moving into Baychester, Bronx, New York, where we find them in 1940, renting a house at **2224 Boller Avenue**.⁵ Alfred supported his family as a chromium plater. The first child born was **Alfred L. Will, Jr.**, born on March 20, 1933 in New York. He died in Suffolk, New York on October 10, 2004⁶. It is not known where he might be buried. The other two children are still alive in 2018.

It is not known when either Alfred or Augusta died, or where they might be buried.

¹ "New York, New York Passenger and Crew Lists, 1909, 1925-1957," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/24X9-1DV> : 2 October 2015), Alfred Will, 1928; citing Immigration, New York, New York, United States, NARA microfilm publication T715 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

² "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/24DN-D2S> : 20 March 2015), Alfred Will and Augusta Johnson, 23 Jan 1933; citing Marriage, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York City Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,684,738.

³ "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MDRD-W8J> : accessed 13 August 2018), Augusta Johnson in household of Louis Johnson, Portage, Ottawa, Ohio, United States; citing ED 180, sheet 26A, line 8, family 662, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 1424; FHL microfilm 1,821,424.

⁴ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X4C7-CMS> : accessed 13 August 2018), Augusta Johnson in household of Lewis Johnson, Madison, Richland, Ohio, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 15, sheet 9A, line 15, family 258, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1863; FHL microfilm 2,341,597.

⁵ "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KQM8-6VJ> : accessed 30 October 2017), Alfred Will, Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York City, Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 3-788, sheet 2A, line 31, family 34, 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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