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To: "marla hartzen" <marchhorse@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2009 10:49 AM

Subject: Re: Emanuel Friend, Max Friend, and Oscar Friend

Marla: Thanks for the continuing dialog. Some ideas. I have found names of relatives by obtaining copies of wills from the probate court. Also, the Chicago Tribune online archives should have news and death notices about Emanuel. I use Ancestral Quest software from the Church of the Latter Day Saints; it's one of the best programs.

Richard

----- Original Message -----

From: [marla hartzen](#)

To: [Richard Grayson](#)

Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2009 8:40 AM

Subject: Re: Emanuel Friend, Max Friend, and Oscar Friend

Shabbat Shalom, Richard -

I believe you have discovered the household information for Oscar Jr., who was raised by his grandmother Gertraud Falker. I have seen the Falker gravesite - it is very beautiful - but I know very little about them! Thank you for sending me this.

I stumbled upon a fascinating discovery myself yesterday that may be of interest to you. It appears that after Emanuel Friend's death, the families of his deceased siblings sued Michael Reese Hospital in 1951 for the substantial estate he left them. (It was appaerntly worth 2.4 million by then!) My grandmother, Sylvia Friend (Oscar Jr.'s widow) is named in the suit as supporting Michael Reese Hospital in this dispute. As history shows us that Michael Reese won this suit, I am *highly* suspicious that the reason my branch of the Friend family has been isolated from the rest is because of this. How sad . . .

I am busy researching who the offspring are below (I know that Rhoda Hecht Rubel is Nellie Friend's daughter). Here is the reference to the lawsuit. My mom is working with an attorney friend to try to get the complete version:

Nov 15, 1951 - FRIEND, 344 Ill. App. 450 (1951) 101 NE2d 445 Rhoda Hecht Rubel, May Friend Goodman, Alene W. Friend, Leon S. Newton, and Janet F. Newton, and Alexander F. Newton, Minors, by Leon S. Newton, their Father and Next Friend, Appellants, v. Sylvia Friend, Michael Reese Hospital of Chicago, ...

From Illinois Appellate Court Reports - RUBEL v. FRIEND, 344 Ill. App. 450 (1951) - Related web pages

Wishing you a wonderful day -

Marla Hartzen

From: Richard Grayson <richard@doctorgrayson.com>
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Sent: Friday, June 12, 2009 6:39:50 PM
Subject: Re: Emanuel Friend, Max Friend, and Oscar Friend

Marla...the text showed but not the photos. Meanwhile I found 2 more censuses (censi?) to peruse..see attached.

Shabbat Shalom, Richard

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From: [marla hartzten](#)
To: [Richard Grayson](#)
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2009 4:58 PM
Subject: Re: Emanuel Friend, Max Friend, and Oscar Friend

Hi Richard -

OK, I have added the picture of the Friend Pavilion as an attachment. (I have never actually seen it myself, this is from the internet.) I found the pictures of Max and Rose you had posted and they made me smile - thanks! Unfortunately, I know very little about Emanuel; but I am sending you what I found so far. I have read that he was an attending surgeon at Michael Reese and died of a heart attack on July 30, 1938 at age 68.

"A legal fight to obtain a widow's share of the \$2,000,000 estate of the late Dr. Emanuel Friend, noted Chicago physician, was begun yesterday by Mrs. Magdalen Friend Lanskop before Judge John J. Lupe."

Nov 27, 1940 - Testimony that the late **Dr. Emanuel Friend** considered his wife," mentally ill" featured the suit yesterday in Superior court where Mrs. Magdalen **Friend** Lanskop is seeking to have **Dr.** Friend's will set aside in order that she may receive half of the \$2000000 **Friend** fortune.
From [Seeking Estate](#) - [Related web pages](#)

[pqasb.pqarchiver.com/chicagotribune/access ...](http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/chicagotribune/access...)

*Feb 21, 1941 - The woman Is Mrs. Magdalen **Friend** Lanskop. She claimed she was Insane when, in 1933. she was divorced by **Dr. Emanuel Friend**, noted Chicago . The dl-. Mrs. **Friend** Lanskop. vorce deprived her of the right to claim a widow s share of the estate hie left when he died five years later. ...*

From [EX-WIFE LOSES FIGHT TO SHARE FRIEND ESTATE - Related web pages](#)
[pqasb.pqarchiver.com/chicagotribune/access ...](http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/chicagotribune/access...)

May 27, 1942 - No appeal was prosecuted from the decree of divorce entered on December 13, 1933. No children were born to or adopted by **Emanuel** and Magdalen **Friend**. On November 8, 1935, Magdalen Page 599 **Friend** married George HJ Langskov at Laguna Beach, California. **Dr. Friend** died at Chicago on July ...

From [Illinois Appellate Court Reports - FRIEND v. NORTHERN TRUST CO., 314 Ill. App. ... - Related web pages](#)
[www.loislaw.com/gpc/index.htm?dockey=10980077 ...](http://www.loislaw.com/gpc/index.htm?dockey=10980077)

Here's another interesting item I found:

Illinois Appellate Court Reports
 FRIEND v. NORTHERN TRUST CO., 314 Ill. App. 596 (1942)
 Gen. No. 42,011.
 Opinion filed May 27, 1942.

On May 18, 1917 an antenuptial agreement was executed at Chicago between Emanuel Friend, a physician and surgeon of that city, and Magdalen Jane Alexander, whereby the latter purported to waive any and all rights in the estate of her intended husband for the sum of \$5,000 in the event the parties should separate prior to the husband's death, and the sum of \$25,000 in the event they continued to live together until his death. The parties were married at Chicago on May 26, 1917. At that time she was 24 years and he was 49 years of age. She received her education in a convent in the State of Iowa. **(NOT JEWISH!)** After completing her education and prior to her marriage to Dr. Friend, she gave lessons in speaking and taught art and elocution in Chicago. On December 8, 1933, Dr. Friend filed a bill for divorce in the superior court of Cook county. The bill alleged that on October 27, 1932, Magdalen Friend wilfully deserted and abandoned him for the space of one year and upwards. Magdalen Friend, answering, admitted the marriage, but denied she had deserted him. On December 13, 1933, the superior court of Cook county entered a decree finding that on October 27, 1932, Magdalen Friend wilfully deserted and abandoned Emanuel Friend without any reasonable cause therefor, and that she persisted in such desertion for the space of one year and upwards prior to the filing of the bill of complaint. The decree dissolved the marriage between the parties, and found that pursuant to an agreement the antenuptial contract of May 18, 1917, was terminated. Emanuel Friend was ordered to pay Magdalen Friend the sum of \$25,000 in full and complete settlement and adjustment of all her rights in the property of the complainant, and of all claims and demands for alimony and support. Emanuel Friend was also ordered to pay Magdalen Friend for her solicitors' fees and costs the sum of \$5,100, and to deliver to her one LaSalle automobile. The court further decreed that all the right, title, claim or interest of Magdalen Friend in any property then owned by him

Hope you find this as interesting as I did!

Marla Hartzen

From: Richard Grayson <richard@doctorgrayson.com>
To: marla hartzen <marchhorse@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2009 1:16:32 PM
Subject: Re: Emanuel Friend, Max Friend, and Oscar Friend

Marla, Good morning again. Sorry, there was no pavilion attachment. I found Berman and Hanchin (sic) in 1860; see census attachment. Who are the other people? I would be interested in Emanuel's biography and also, just for curiosity, the source of wealth for Emanuel and Max if there are records or family traditions. If I were to prioritize my genealogical curiosity, the first question I would ask, however, would be the reasons for emigration. For example, were they fleeing European revolutions? Poverty? Anti-Semitism? Military service? My premise is that statistically you would flee from, not toward, to leave a nation.

....Richard

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From: [marla hartzen](#)
To: [Richard Grayson](#)
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2009 10:08 AM
Subject: Re: Emanuel Friend, Max Friend, and Oscar Friend

Good morning!

I am sending you a picture of the Friend Pavilion at Michal Reese Hospital in Chicago, as I thought you might enjoy seeing it.

I continue to work on Max and Oscar Friend's siblings. So far it seems that Nathan, Max, and Lena had no children. Oscar had one, my grandfather whom I never met. I have not yet gotten any leads on Alexander, Solomon, or Nellie Friend/Hecht.

The B. Oppenheimer in the 1880 census is, I believe, Berman's sister. Thank you for forwarding it to me!

Marla Hartzen



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From: Richard Grayson <richard@doctorgrayson.com>
To: marla hartzen <marchhorse@sbcglobal.net>

Cc: Dan Grayson <drg@illinois.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 6:01:18 PM
Subject: Fw: Emanuel Friend, Max Friend, and Oscar Friend

This is too good to keep quiet: My records show that great grandmother Hannah Darmstadter Hambujer's mother was Regina LOWENSTEIN. (See Man Who Fell From the Sky) A mystery for you for the rest of your life. Next step is to find Alfred Lowenstein's parents. Was his mother Regina?

..Richard

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfred_Lowenstein

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From: [Richard Grayson](#)
To: [marla hartzen](#)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 5:31 PM
Subject: Re: Emanuel Friend, Max Friend, and Oscar Friend

Marla: You asked about the English connection: everything is on Google! It was Alfred Lowenstein, I think. I once had a copy of this book:

http://www.amazon.com/Man-Who-Fell-Sky/product-reviews/0744303036/ref=dp_top_cm_cr_acr_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1

Richard

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|**From:** [marla hartzen](#)
|**To:** [Richard Grayson](#)
|**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:51 AM
|**Subject:** Re: Emanuel Friend, Max Friend, and Oscar Friend

Greetings Richard -

Thank you so much for your gracious reply! I am new to genealogy and quite enjoying the puzzle. My family mystery has been my great-grandfather Oscar Friend, who died in 1897 before the birth of his only child. His wife Selma Falker died 2 months after the baby was born, and her parents raised the baby, who was named Oscar Jr. As this second Oscar died when my father was only 13, there has been really no oral history passed down.

However, I was delighted to discover only a few weeks ago that Oscar had many siblings!! I have since been playing detective online to find out as much as I can about their life stories. Here is what I have so far:

Your Uncle Max's parents were BERMAN and HANNA (nee Briedenbach) FRIEND, both born in Darmstadt Germany. Max's siblings were:

LENA - married Lipman Loser of Nashua Iowa, she died of Bright's disease (nephritis) in 1910, no kids.

NELLIE - married Joseph Hecht of Nashua Iowa.

EMANUEL - high profile physician in Chicago in early 1900's; Friend Pavilion at Michael Reese Hospital made possible through his estate (as is the Friend Early Alzheimer facility that opened more recently in Deerfield, IL.)

OSCAR - had one son, Oscar Jr. who had 3 children. The youngest of these was my father, James

Friend - he was Chairman of the English Department at Chicago State University until felled by a heart attack in 1987, at age 55. I am his younger daughter, and a psychiatrist at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge IL.

NATHAN - ?

ALEXANDER - ?

SOLOMON - ?

Do you recognize any of other names listed above? Was Rose's family not Jewish? Do you recall the name of the relative in England whose estate Max tried to save?

Again, thank you so much for sharing your personal memories of your great Uncle Max - who it seems is my great-great uncle as well!

Sincerely,

Marla Hartzen, M.D.

From: Richard Grayson <richard@doctorgrayson.com>
To: marla hartzen <marchhorse@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 7:54:06 PM
Subject: Re: Emanuel Friend, Max Friend, and Oscar Friend

Greetings Marla! I have a subscription to Ancestry.com but not to Genealogy.com. Great uncle Max Friend was beloved by all my Mandelbaum relatives and he and great aunt Rose (Hambujer-Friend) generously gave a stake to my grandparents Mandelbaum and their 4 daughters..my mother and her 3 sisters. The family tradition is that Max came from a huge family, made his fortune in real estate, had no children, and his brother Emanuel gave the Friend Pavilion to Michael Reese Hospital. There was a tradition also that Max hired a lawyer in the 1930's to go to England to rescue in vain a 40 million-dollar estate from a relative who had made it in a religion and who had been murdered in an airplane. Max died in 1948 and Rose a little later. They and my family were frequent visitors and when I was little uncle Max would always bring rolls of new pennies or nickels as a present for me and my sister. I still have photos of Uncle Max and Aunt Rose. My father was of English stock going back to the Mayflower, the Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Civil War. My Mandelbaums started with Aaron Mandelbaum from Gehaus, Germany who came here in 1852 on the clipper ship Orpheus with his brother Moses when Aaron was 18 years old. I am 83 and still practice medicine. Have 4 children, 2 step children, 15 grandchildren, was Lutheran, late wife beloved June died 1991, remarried, then joined a synagogue and taught Sunday School there. I have 70 years of genealogy online for anyone interested. Grandma Estella Mandelbaum was from Ephraim Hambujer (Hamburg) and Hannah (Anna) Darmstadt, in case you have any links to those names. I am inspired to find Jewish relatives, so I hope you keep writing.

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From: marla.hartzen
To: richard@doctorgrayson.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 6:48 PM
Subject: Emanuel Friend, Max Friend, and Oscar Friend

Greetings Dr. Grayson -

I came across your 2002 genealogy posting regarding Dr. Emanuel Friend and his brother/your uncle by marriage Max Friend. I am a descendant of another brother of Max and Emanuel Friend: Oscar Friend! I would love to know if you have any stories about members of the Friend family; and I would be happy to share what information I know as well. I have posted some information in a reply to your query at Genealogy.com.

Hoping to hear from you -

Marla Friend Hartzen M.D.