

**Family Narrative**  
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**ROSENBERG**

Aaron Wolf Holman + Bryna ?

Mary – Max – Hillel

Aaron Wolf Holman was a seventh generation rabbi. He was born in Moscow but moved to Troitsk to assume the position of chief rabbi. Troitsk means “Three Cities” in Russian. It is located on the eastern slopes of the Ural Mountains, which divide European Russia from Siberia, and is not far from the major city of Ufa. Aaron Holman had an extensive library which went to a Russian University upon his death.

He married twice. His first wife was named Bryna. They had three children: Mary, Max and Hillel. I do not know the name of Aaron Holman’s second wife or the names of their three children. I do know that one was a member of the Communist Party and a Commissar in the Russian Revolution; that one was a physicist; and that one was a nurse, who had three gorgeous, well-educated daughters.

Max’ brother Hillel was also well educated. Max had the least education because he left Russia before he was twenty in order to escape the army; but he was the one who made money and sent money to his relatives in Russia.

Before Max fled Russia, he worked for a watch maker in Troitsk. One day, a Mongol prince from the Kirghiz Steppe to the east of Troitsk came into the store and admired one of the watches. The Mongol princes never paid for anything, and Max gave him the watch. However, the princes always reciprocated for anything they took, and this particular prince gave Max his horse, which Max had admired. The family also used to travel to Irkutsk, far to the east of Siberia.

Max allowed himself to be drafted so that his father would not have to pay a fine. He then deserted and fled Russia. This was no mean feat as he lived in the Ural Mountains and had to cross Russia on foot and by hitching wagon rides. He finally reached England, stayed in an attic in Liverpool, and taught himself English by reading newspapers. He was only twenty years old at the time. When he arrived in this country, Max Holman took the name Rosenberg, his brother-in-law’s named, because he thought that he had to have a blood relative in this country.

Mary + Joseph Rosenberg

Sam + Sadie Rose  
Ethel

Agnes + Max Levine  
Ruth-Dorothy-Lois

Bertha + Abe Sollogum  
+ Isadore Rosenberg

Benjamin + Lilly ?  
Arthur-Paul-?

Julius + Rose?

Louisa + Ben Isaacson  
Calvin-Roberta-Arnold-Irwin

Barney + Bertha ?

Zelda + Arthur Green  
Joanna

Rose + Martin Berkall

Max' older sister, Mary, was always called Tanta Marsha. Max took her husband's name, Rosenberg, when he came to this country. Tanta Marsha's son Sam married Sadie Rose, whose brother owned the Rose Tea Company. He was very wealthy and helped Sam to become wealthy. Sadie was a very nice, quiet, refined person, but Sam was a swinger, divorced her, and married someone else.

Agnes' daughter Ruth married Harry Devorin. He committed suicide. I do not know why. Ruth and Harry Devorin had a daughter, Judy Gorin. Agnes' daughter Lois had a mysterious malady. We were never told what it was. Lois was sent away; and she died.

Bertha's first husband, Abe Sollogub, was Saul Wakstein's uncle. Abe's brother worked for Donnelly Advertising, then went into business for himself with Hub Advertising.

Benjamin's sons founded Tyco Laboratories, and Louisa married Ben Isaacson, whose first wife was not Jewish. Calvin, as you know, was the child of Ben Isaacson and his first wife.

Nathan Phillip Rosenberg + Sophie ?

Minnie + Joe Oppenheim

Julius + ?

Rose + ? Oppenheim

Paul

Beatrice

Clara

Moe

Tanta Marsha's husband, Joe, had an identical twin brother, Nathan Phillip, who had nine children. Three children, including twins died at birth. Moe is still alive.

I do not know very much about Max' younger brother, Hillel, except that Max loved him very much and named Hill after him. Max sent Hillel was referred to as a chemist. I found out about this from your Grandma Sarah. Max never bragged about a good deed. When Hillel was dying, Max went to Germany in 1914 to see him for the last time. Max could not return to Russia because he had deserted the Russian army.

### TUCK

Yale + Ida

Manis

Peretz

Israel

Sam

Rose

Yale Tuck (Tuch in Yiddish) was born in the Kovno district of Lithuania. He married Ida, moved to St. Petersburg (now Leningrad), and became a dry goods dealer. Yale died in Russia of appendicitis, and Ida came to this country, where she lived with her son Peretz. She died in 1917 and is buried in one of the twenty-five cemeteries in the Montvale section of East Woburn. The exact gravesite is unknown.

Manis + ?		
Nathan + Dora ?	Eva + Myer Bloom	Sara + Eli Ross
Marcia Gouse-Marilyn	Eddie-Marcia-Sidney	
Henry + Sadie ?	Rose + Julius Gould	Basha + Joe Kassler
Joe + Anna ?	Anna + Al Lipson	?

When Ida came to this country, her son Manis remained in Russia with seven of his nine children. In the 1920's Manis' children, let by Nathan and Eva, came to this country. They were called Der Greener, the "green" ones.

When Manis' brother Israel ("Uncle Israel") lost his wife, Aunt Bessie, Manis' daughter Sara took him in. Sara was very good to Uncle Israel, and he used to drive her to her poker club and on other errands.

Rose is listed above as married to Julius Gould, but I always thought that Rose was married to Irving Goldberg, maintenance man at the Hi-Hat, and I still think so.

Anna married Al Lipson, who owned Norfolk Oil Company, and we all bought his oil.

Peretz + Jenny ?		
Arnold + Ethel Segol	Raymond + Lillian ?	
Peretz + Lillian ?		
Dorothy + Israel (Dok) Isenberg	Ruth + Milton Grossman	Henry + Isobel ?

Peretz Tuck married twice. His son Raymond married a non-Jewish girl and was ostracized by the family. He was out of work and very poor. My Joe got him a job.

Israel + Bessie Clauner		
Leon + Gladys Stone	Roland + Sylvia Wainer	Irene + Nathan Sokoletsky
Steve-Joan	Bob-Judith	Dennis-Shirley

Irene Tuck's Jewish name is Dinnah Raisel.

Sam + Sadie Lipson ?
Ethel

Max Rosenberg + Rose Tuck

William Aaron

Edith Berta

Julius

Max Rosenberg + Sarah Freda Wolf

Beatrice

Hillard

Rose Tuck, whose Jewish name was Dinnah Raisel, and Max Rosenberg had three children. William Aaron, was named for Max' father, Aaron Wolf Holman. Edith Berta was named for Max's mother Bryna Yehudis and Julius was named for Rose's father, Yale Tuck. Julius later changed his name to Julian.

When Rose came down with tuberculosis, she had to have fresh air. Max made a bedroom on the porch and slept outside with her through the bitterly cold winter. I do not know whether this was before she went to the sanitarium or afterward. Max took care of the children and went to work while he tended her. When Rose died, he wrote a poem. Each line began with her initials. It is on her gravestone.

After Rose passed away, Willie went to live with Uncle Israel and Aunt Bessie Tuck. Tuck records report that he was very destructive. Edith went to live with her grandmother, Ida Tuck. Ida Tuck had a glass eye. One night Edith crept into her bedroom, Edith was terrified and ran out of the room. Julie went to live in a foster home with a non-Jewish family, the Swains. It was there that he was introduced to Christmas and Christianity.

I regret to relate that, after Rose passed away, the Tucks descended like a swarm of locusts and cleaned out the house. They even took a little pillow that Edith slept on. I do not understand how this could have happened. Perhaps, max asked them if there was anything they wanted. Also, Peretz Tuck owed Max money and refused to repay it. Peretz said that he did not pay old debts.

Max remarried. His second wife was Sarah Freda Wolf. Sarah and Max Rosenberg had three children: Beatrice, a son who died at birth, and Hillard, who later changed his name to Hilliard. Sarah straightened out the whole mess with the Tuck family, perhaps on the advice of her mother. Max spoke highly of Sarah Wolf's mother and said that she was a very wise woman. Maybe she gave her daughter some good advice. In this way, the Rosenbergs, the Tucks, and the Wolfs became one family.