

know about my cousin. I told him she had curly hair and dimples and had just graduated from high school as valedictorian. He then said she would be his date at the party.

"When we arrived he was at the door and from then on I didn't see them until it was time to leave. They married four years later (no children) and I believe they were married for 49 years. Anyway, Herby called me 'his matchmaker.'"



Nettie Shapiro said that Herbert followed Eva to Washington, D.C. Supporting this, the 1920 Federal Census shows Eva Lelansky as a boarder at 48 R Street, and Herbert Gediman, age 20 living as a boarder at nearby 28 R Street.

The 1930 census shows Eva and Herbert at ages 30 and 31, and lists that they were both married at age 23. He is shown as a lawyer for the US Government and she as a clerk. They are shown at 1424 Chapin St.

- 6 v. Jacob Lelansky, born April 18, 1901 in Brunswick, ME²¹; died 1901.

Notes for Jacob Lelansky:
Jacob and Joseph were twins.

- + 7 vi. Joseph Lelansky, born April 18, 1901 in Brunswick, ME; died May 19, 1944.

Generation No. 5

2. Sam⁵ Lelansky (Esther⁴ Chazanovich, Yehuda³, Moshe², Yudel¹) was born April 20, 1892 in Lewiston, ME^{22,23,24}, and died September 26, 1971 in Florida^{25,26}. He married **(1) Minnie Richardson**²⁷ August 12, 1928 in Maine²⁷. She was born August 12, 1898 in Bangor, ME^{28,29,30}, and died August 22, 1964 in Portland, ME³¹. He married **(2) Beatrice** August 1965³².

Notes for Sam Lelansky:

According to his cousin Rebecca Singer Robinson, Sam went to work after he finished 4th grade and became a cutter in the shoe factory. That was a good trade and he made quite a bit of money, which supported his parents and siblings. He also saved some money for himself. Rebecca added that his father Louis bought a farm with the money provided by the children (Sarah and Sam), and when the farm was later sold at a profit, the children received a share.

The 1910 US census shows Sam at age 18 working as a peddler.

The Lelansky family first appears in the Lewiston city directory in 1912, and for that year through 1925 Sam was listed as a shoemaker, boarding with his parents. Sam Lelansky appears on the 1920 Federal census at age 28, living at home, and his occupation is listed as "Shoe Worker" at a Shoe Factory. His sister Sarah is shown with the same occupation.

According to his marriage record, Sam still lived in Lewiston in 1928.

More About Sam Lelansky:

Location: Portland, ME

Occupation: Wholesale fruit dealer

Notes for Minnie Richardson:

The 1900 census shows Minnie at age 1 living with her parents John and Etta Richardson, and older siblings Samuel, Katie, Fannie and Annie. The family lives in Bangor at 98 Oak Street, and John is shown as a dry goods peddler. John and Etta are shown as being 32 and 34 years old, respectively, and married for 15 years (since about 1884). John, Etta, Samuel and Katie are shown as having been born in Russia; John having immigrated in 1887 and Etta and the children following in 1891. The remaining children were born in Maine. Birth dates and ages are shown as follows:

Richardson, John, born Oct. 1867, age 32

Richardson, Etta, born Apr. 1866, age 34

Richardson, Samuel, born June 1886, age 13

Richardson, Katy, born April 1888, age 12

Richardson, Fannie, born Aug 1893, age 6

Richardson, Annie, born April 1896, age 4

Richardson, Minnie, born August 1898, age 1

The 1930 census shows John and "Ethel" Richardson at 10 Carr Street. John, age 63, is working as a jewelry salesman. They are shown as having been married 42 years, and they own their own home, valued at \$5,000. John is shown to have immigrated as 1889 and Ethel in 1893.

More About Minnie Richardson:

Burial: August 23, 1964, Mt. Sinai Cemetery, Portland, ME

Cause of Death: Coronary occlusion

Marriage Notes for Sam Lelansky and Minnie Richardson:

According to their marriage record, at the time of their marriage Minnie lived in Portland, and Sam in Lewiston. The 1930 census record for Minnie and Sam isn't in the census index for that year. Sam doesn't appear in the 1932-40 directories for Lewiston.

At the time of Minnie's death in 1964, they lived at 11 Woodfield Rd, in Portland.

Child of Sam Lelansky and Minnie Richardson is:

+ 8 i. Allen⁹ Lelansky, born 1930 in Portland, ME.

3. Sarah⁵ Lelansky (Esther⁴ Chazanovich, Yehuda³, Moshe², Yudel¹) was born October 08, 1894 in Auburn, ME^{35,36,37}, and died in about 1956. She married **Sam Wise** 1920^{38,39}. He was born May 20, 1889 in Russia^{40,41}, and died August 16, 1960 in Lewiston, ME^{42,43}.

Notes for Sarah Lelansky:

According to daughter Frances, when Sarah was a young woman she worked in a gum factory in Portland, ME, to help support her parents and siblings, and she didn't have a chance to get a better education. The 1910 census shows that Sarah, at age 15 was working as a "stitcher" in a shoe shop. She was living at home. In 1920 she was listed as a shoe worker in a shoe factory.

Daughter Nettie added that she believed one of the daughters needed to help their parents. Their father Lewis was "not ambitious" and had gall bladder problems (or so they thought in those days). Eva was doing well in school (eventually graduating at the top of her class), so they may have decided that Sarah would be the one to go to work, for that reason.

Coincidentally, the building that housed the gum factory where Sarah worked now houses her daughter Rose's furniture store.

Sarah married in her 20s and became a full-time mother, having her hands full with 5 children. She kept a kosher home and shopped at Jewish bakeries, and Frances remembered her as being somewhat religious. Frances said Sarah was a very loving, warm person.

Nephew Joe Lelansky remembered that Sarah was one of the first people in Maine to survive meningitis. His mother Dorothy cared for Sarah's children while she recovered.

More About Sarah Lelansky:

Burial: Mt. Sinai Cemetery, Portland, ME⁴⁴

Location: Lewiston, ME

Notes for Sam Wise:

Daughter Frances said that Sam emigrated from Europe and chose Lewiston, ME, because he had a nephew (daughter Nettie thought it was a cousin) living there. That relative may have sponsored him. According to the 1930 census, Sam emigrated in 1912. Sam was a merchant all his life. His store, Wise Trading Company, was a combination pawnshop, men's clothing store, jewelry store, and gem shop. Nettie added that Sam sold clothes to the people who worked in the countryside, cutting lumber. [Lumber was and still is a local industry.] Frances occasionally worked in the store when she was in high school when her father was on break.

It's not certain whether there is a 1920 census record for Sam. There is, in fact, a Samuel Wise (shown incorrectly in the index as Samuel Wire, but shown as Samuel Wise on the actual census) living as a lodger at 94 Ash Street in Lewiston, and shown as a clothing store merchant. He is shown as born in Russia. One wouldn't expect multiple people with this name, born in Russia and living in Lewiston -- in fact, there are only 5 people with this name and birthplace in all of the U.S. in that census. However, it does contain what appears to be incorrect information. Sam's age is shown as 41 (when it should be 30 or 31), his immigration year is shown as 1905, and his native language is shown as "Russian" instead of Yiddish. It's possible that this is the correct record, but that the information was provided by the homeowner, and therefore had some incorrect data. It wasn't unusual for this to happen.

Sarah's cousin Rebecca Robinson said (in 2002) that Sam became very wealthy from his store. There was some conjecture that he may have dealt with "express men" who would take stolen items from shipments and offer them to merchants at special deals. This was apparently discussed because Rebecca worked in her father Max's store, and Max was also approached. Rebecca said that she once saw some silverware at Sam's store which she wanted to buy, and he wouldn't let her buy it, making her believe it was probably stolen goods, and Sam didn't want to get her into trouble.

Nettie said that her mother Sarah helped finance Sam's entry into the men's clothing business. She added that Sam had volunteered for the army, which was a route to becoming a US citizen.

Sam's military record, from Roster of Maine in the Military Service of the U. S. and Allies in World War 1917-1919, Volumes I & II:

Name: Samuel Wise

Serial Number: 4168194

Birth Place: Russia

Birth Date: 20 May 1889

Residence: Lewiston

Comment: Ind: Lewiston, Androscoggin Co. No. 1, Sept. 4/18. Private. Org: QMC to disch.

Overseas service: None. Hon disch on demob: Dec. 4, 1918.

Marriage Notes for Sarah Lelansky and Sam Wise:

The 1930 Census shows Sarah and Sam living at 83 Webster, and the family members as:

Wise, Samuel, Head of Family, rents, Age 40, born in Russia, no occupation listed

Wise, Sarah, Wife, Age 34, born in Maine

Wise, Frances, Daughter, Age 8, born in Maine

Wise, Nettie, Daughter, Age 5, born in Maine

Wise, Goldie, Daughter, Age 3, born in Maine

Wise, Rose, Daughter, Age 1 6/12, born in Maine

Wise, Nathan, Son, Age 4/12, born in Maine

There is no entry for Sam and Sarah in the Maine on-line marriage database, indicating that they were probably married elsewhere.

Cousin Rebecca Singer Robinson said in 2002 that Sarah had inherited her father's jealousy and was jealous of her husband. Rebecca remembered a couple of stories to this effect, -- once when Sarah was home with a new baby, and Rebecca stopped into Sam's store, Sam told Rebecca, "tell Sarah there are no women around!" And at another time when Rebecca was at the Maine School of Commerce, Sarah contacted Rebecca to ask her if there were any women around Sam. Rebecca assured her there were not.

Children of Sarah Lelansky and Sam Wise are:

- + 9 i. Frances⁶ Wise, born March 28, 1922.
- + 10 ii. Nettie Wise, born October 09, 1924 in Lewiston, ME.
- + 11 iii. Gwendolyn Wise, born October 1926.
- + 12 iv. Rose Wise, born September 1928.
- + 13 v. Julius Wise, born February 1930 in Lewiston, ME.

7. **Joseph⁵ Lelansky** (Esther⁴ Chazanovich, Yehuda³, Moshe², Yudel¹) was born April 18, 1901 in Brunswick, ME^{47,48}, and died May 19, 1944⁴⁹. He married **Dorothy Bolduc** 1930⁵⁰. She was born February 02, 1911⁵¹.

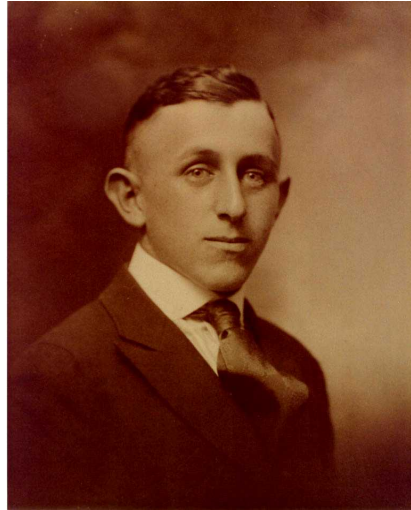
Notes for Joseph Lelansky:

According to son Joe Jr., Joe Sr. was a hard worker and, perhaps due to all the hard work, he died young. He worked for his father, initially on his chicken farm in New Jersey. The family later moved to Maine and he graduated from high school in Lewiston. The 1920 Federal Census shows Joe as an 18-year-old living with his parents. He attended the University of Maryland, but had to drop out to help his father (probably in about 1922).

Joe is listed in the 1922-1925 Lewiston city directories as a clerk, boarding with his parents.

The 1930 Federal census shows Joe and his brother Nathan at ages 31 and 28 with the occupation of fruit merchants, living with their parents on East Avenue.

Joe didn't marry until age 31, and opened a fruit business/grocery store in Rangeley, ME, which he operated through about 1937.



More About Joseph Lelansky:

Location: between 1937 - 1944, Lewiston, ME

Medical Information: Had been ill a year with stomach and kidney trouble.⁵²

Occupation: between 1931 - 1937, Fruit business and grocery store

Notes for Dorothy Bolduc:

The 1930 census shows Dorothy Bolduc, age 19, living with parents George P. and Delia, at 281 Beckhill Avenue in Lewiston. George and Delia are shown as having been married at ages 20 and 18, suggesting that they had been married about 24 years, since about 1905. Dorothy's siblings are Edward, 17, and Katherine, 15. Dorothy and Edward are shown as born in New Hampshire, and Katherine in Maine, suggesting that the family moved to Maine between 1912 and 1914. George and Delia are 44 and 43 years of age, listed as born in New Hampshire, and their parents are listed as born in French Canada. George is listed with the occupation of "heel shaver" in a boot shop. Dorothy is listed with the job of doing housework for a private family.



In the prior 1920 census the family live at 15 3rd Street, and George was listed as a laborer in a shoe shop. George and Delia are listed as 35 and 33 years of age. No prior census record was found in New Hampshire for George and Delia in 1910, or for George in 1900.

According to grandson Jerry Lelansky, Dorothy married George Wilson after Joseph's death, around 1950, and had two more kids: Cheryl Wilson and Geoffrey Wilson.