

ZAMCHECK GENEALOGY

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Dedicated to

THE ZAMCHECKS

On first meeting their daughter Doria, 6 April 2011

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Figure 1. *U.S. Naturalization Record Indexes, 1791–1992*, <Ancestry.com>.

LINEAGE LIST NOTATION

This document is written in “*Register* format,” a format popular with scholarly genealogists named for the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) and its learned journal the *NEGHS Register*. To facilitate stepping “backward” through the genealogy, I utilize one small addition to standard (actually “modified”) *Register* format. A leading subscript to a person in a lineage list is the person number for that individual in this work. For example, Caleb Smith⁶ Riggs (₇₀Joseph⁵, Joseph⁴, Edward³, Edward², Edward¹) was son of person 70, Joseph⁵ Riggs (₃₇Joseph⁴, Edward³, Edward², Edward¹), who in turn was son of person 37, Joseph⁴ Riggs, and so forth. This technique may be applied to any person in a lineage list. However, to reduce visual clutter, I will use it here for at most one person per lineage list, usually the first.

A superscript asterisk (*) indicates the first person in a lineage list who is not genetically related to the next older person in the list. For example, Skylor Nathan^{13*} Knoll (Martha Jane¹², Edward Clark¹¹, Theodore Dalzel A.¹⁰, Edward⁹, Elias⁸, Elias⁷, Preserve⁶, Zebulon⁵, ?Joseph⁴, Edward³, Edward², Edward¹) was an adopted son of Martha Jane¹² Riggs. Note also the question mark (?) in this lineage list, indicating that the father-son relationship of Joseph⁴ and Zebulon⁵ has not been proved.

It is traditional in American genealogy to label the immigrant’s generation as no. 1. The generation preceding his is A, preceding A is B, and so forth.

METHODOLOGY AND STYLE NOTES

Un sourced material. Some claims without accompanying sources are important to preserve, as hints to future researchers or simply to indicate that I am aware of commonly claimed dates, names, or places, but am not certain of them. I enter these in footnotes and not in the main text. I do not always explicitly flag these claims as unsourced, but they should be understood as such by their presence in the footnotes only. This type of information often comes from compiled, but unfortunately unsourced, genealogies that have the appearance, to me at least, of being well researched and based on solid evidence. The footnote hint might inspire a future researcher to find the elusive evidence, whereas I had not done so by the time this book went to press.

Census litany. Rather than trying to be creative on each of dozens of census readings, I have chosen to state them with a common “litany.” To make census litanies easy to spot, I usually introduce each one with the year. For example, a reading from the U.S. census for 1900 will begin “In 1900”

Online sources. I have made much use of online sources, usually secondary, such as the listing of gravestones in a particular cemetery. The problem with this practice is the supposed ephemeral nature of the web. Many online sources may simply disappear from the web over time, or change addresses at least. I have therefore made a copy of every webpage used in this work and archived it for future reference. Very notable exceptions are the many databases available from major servers, such as <Ancestry.com>, which I assume, with some trepidation, will be permanently available by some means. The URL for a website is identified by enclosing < > brackets. When a URL needs to wrap at the end of a line for good visual appearance, I have inserted a hyphen in an appropriate location. This line-breaking hyphen should be omitted, of course, when the URL is used as an internet address.

Abbreviations. I use abbreviations. With one exception, I always abbreviate state names and month names. The exception: I do not abbrevi-

ate state names in the main text that stand alone. However, state names in footnotes are always abbreviated, even in the titles of books.

I do not abbreviate anything in a quotation. An abbreviation in a quotation is present in the original.

I use succinct forms for the sources in footnotes. The bibliography should be consulted for full expansion of a source reference. See the abbreviations section of the front matter for the full list of abbreviations used in the census references. In all cases, the census was read from <Ancestry.com>, and the roll numbers correspond to the microfilm series used by that organization.

Verb tenses. Past tense is normally used, but a record is described in the present—e.g., Joe Zamcheck was born in 1836, but a death certificate for Joe Zamcheck states that he was born in 1836.

PREFACE

This is a living document, which is just a way of saying that it is incomplete. It can be added to or corrected at any time. I expect family members to suggest changes and additions. Items in red are facts lacking proof or otherwise indicate questionable information. I hope that together we can “take the red out.”

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One Generation Before Immigration

[Not yet discovered.]

[Miscellaneous items:]

In 1900 Morris “Zanchik,” 35, a baker born Oct. 1864 in Russia of Russian natives, resided in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., with his wife of 10 years, Lea, 30, born Sept. 1869 in Russia of Russian natives, with his daughter, Minuc[hi?], 1/12, born May 1900, Pennsylvania. They had immigrated in 1900 and were unnaturalized, having been in country four months. Lea had had three children with one surviving.^[1] **I have found no connection to the Solomon Zamcheck family.**

In 1910 John “Zamchak,” 51, married 21 years, a construction laborer born in Russia (Polish) of Russian natives, immigrated 1903, unnaturalized, resided as a boarder in Commonwealth, Florence Co., Wis.^[2] **He might be the progenitor of the Wisconsin and Ohio Zamchecks that show up in the records. I have found no connection to the Solomon Zamcheck family.**

1. U.S. census, 1900, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., ED 39, r. 1452, p. 175-76, sh. 7B-8A, dw. 46, fam. 134.

2. U.S. census, 1910, Commonwealth, Florence Co., Wis., ED 20, r. 1711, p. 7, sh. 7B, line 92.

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First Generation: The Immigrant

1. SOLOMON¹ ZAMCHECK was born about 1862, Russia. He married about 1884 REBECCA MILLSTINE,^[3] who was born about 1866, Russia.

N.B. Since two of Solomon's sons were born in Ostrog, Volyn, Russia (q.v.), that ancient city is probably the seat of the Zamcheck family (but see next section for a counterargument). Ostrog is now Ostroh, Rivne Oblast, Ukraine. Here is part of the *Wikipedia* entry for Ostroh's history:

The Hypatian Codex first mentions Ostroh in 1100, as a fortress of the Volhynian princes. Since the 14th century, it was the seat of the powerful Ostrogski princely family, who developed their town into a great centre of learning and commerce. Upon the family's extinction in the 17th century, Ostroh passed to the princes Lubomirski. In the 16th century, first East Slavic books, notably the Ostrog Bible, were printed there. The town formerly had a sizable Jewish community, whose rabbis included Kalonymus Haberkasten, Samuel Edels, and Solomon Luria. A Jewish community existed in Ostroh already in the first half of the 15th century and perhaps earlier. At the beginning of WWII two thirds of the town's population of ca. 15,000 was Jewish.^[4]

The Zamchek Surname

My authority on Russian names is the massive (760 pages) *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire* by Alexander Beider, which has these entries for Zamchek, and related forms:^[5]

Zamchek (Novograd) T: see Zamechek.

Zamchik (Ostrog) T: see Zamechek.

3. Her surname from son Samuel's wedding record (q.v.).

4. *Wikipedia*, Ostroh.

5. Beider, *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames*, 637. For full details see the bibliography.

Zamechek (Vilna) T: from the estate Zamechek (Vilna d.) (*Zamechik, Zamychek, Zamchek, Zamchik*).

Zamechik (Odessa) T: see Zamechek.

The surname of course is in boldface. The location or locations where the name is found follow next, in parentheses. The type of surname is coded with T = derived from a toponym (place name). There are other codes, but they don't concern us here. Then after the colon is the etymology of the surname (by type), followed by related surnames in italics within parentheses.^[6]

As I read it, Zamchik is a surname found in Ostrog, consistent with what we already know, and it is a toponymic name based on a location, an estate in the Vilna district, apparently named something like Zam or Zame. Based on this evidence it might be that the Vilna district is the ancient home place of the Zamcheck clan, not Ostrog. (Zamcheck is an American spelling of the name it seems.) Beider devotes several pages to a discussion of toponymic surnames formed with various suffixes. By far the most popular such suffix is *skij*, with these in descending popularity: *er*, *in*, *ov*, or none [the place name itself]. But the *chik* or *chuk* suffix is used about 1% of the time.^[7] So he doesn't mention *chik* often, but here is one example: "Other suffixes are used to create names of inhabitants of localities, such as *ets*, *ich*, and *chik*."^[8]

Solomon Zamcheck

On 14 Oct. 1903 Solomon "Zamchick" of Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., born in Russia, was naturalized (see Figure 1).^[9]

In 1910 Soloman Zamcheck, 48, a junk dealer born in Russia (Yiddish) of Russian natives, resided in Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., with his wife of 26

6. Beider, *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames*, xvi.

7. Beider, *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames*, 21–29.

8. Beider, *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames*, 24.

9. *U.S. Naturalization Record Indexes, 1791–1992*, Solomon "Zamchick," of 86 Harbor St., Lynn, naturalized 14 Oct. 1903, country of birth or allegiance Russia, certificate no. "2512-Vol. 2-YR 1885–1906," court and location: Lynn Police "Ct. So," Lynn, Essex Co., Mass.

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years, Rebecca, 44, born in Russia (Yiddish) of Russian natives, and with his sons, Max, 24, Samuel, 23, and Dave, 20, and daughter, Doris, 16, all four shoemakers born in Russia. Solomon immigrated in 1899, Max in 1901, Rebecca and the remaining children in 1902. Solomon, Max, and Samuel were naturalized. Rebecca had had five children, with five surviving. Also in the household were his (Solomon's) son-in-law, "Hymen" Cooperstein, 23, a shoemaker born in Russia (Yiddish) of Russian natives, his (Hymen's) wife of one year and his (Solomon's) daughter, Sadie, 22, born in Russia, and his (Solomon's) granddaughter, Katie, 1/12, born in Massachusetts. Hymen immigrated in 1903, and Sadie in 1902 (with her siblings presumably). Hymen was not naturalized. Sadie had had the one child only.^[10]

In 1920 Soloman Zamcheck, 64 [sic], born in Russia (Yiddish) of Russian natives, resided in Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., with his wife, "Rebecca," 54, born in Russia (Yiddish) of Russian natives, and with his sons, Max, 34, a shoe factory cutter, and David, 28, a shoe factory edge cutter, both born in Russia. Solomon immigrated in 1899, Max in 1901, Rebecca and David in 1902. All four were naturalized in 1908. The dwelling was shared with the family of Abraham Ross, 64, born in Russia. Next door resided Sadie Cooperstein, 32, born in Russia of Russian natives, immigrated in 1902 and naturalized, with her daughters, Edith, 9, Ruth, 7, Dorothy, 5, and Beatrice, 1 2/12, all four born in Massachusetts, and with cousin, Pearl Millstein, 25, single, working in a shoe factory, born in Russia of Russian natives, who immigrated in 1913 and was not naturalized.^[11] Pearl was probably a relative of Rebecca.

Children:

2 i **MAX² ZAMCHECK**, born 12 Dec. 1881^[12] or about 1886, Russia.

10. U.S. census, 1910, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., ED 389, r. 584, p. 36, sh. 6A, dw. 43, fam. 81.

11. U.S. census, 1920, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., ED 169, r. 694, p. 5, sh. 5B, dw. 52, fam. 90. Sadie resided in dw. 53.

12. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Max Zamcheck, 36, of Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., born 12 Dec. 1881, Russia, nearest relative his mother "Rebbeka" Zamcheck of same address in Lynn, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Lynn.

In 1930 Max Zamcheck, 45, single, a trimming cutter in a shoe factory born in Poland of Poland natives, Yiddish, resided in Lynn, Essex Co., Mass.^[13]

- + 3 ii **SAMUEL² ZAMCHECK [ZAMCHEK]**, born 25 Dec. 1886 of 1887, Ostrog, Russia, married **SARAH BOCKSER**, and had five children.
- + 4 iii **SADIE² ZAMCHECK**, born about 1888, Russia, married **HYMAN COOPERSTEIN**, and had at least five children.
- + 5 iv **DAVID² ZAMCHECK**, born 18 Aug. 1882, 20 Aug. 1891 or 1892, Ostrog, Volyn, Russia, married **BERTHA —**, and had at least one child.
- 6 v **DORIS² ZAMCHECK**, born about 1894, Russia.

13. U.S. census, 1930, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., ED 170, r. 900, p. 160, sh. 8B, dw. 64, fam. 145, line 67.

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Second Generation

3. **SAMUEL**² **ZAMCHECK** [**ZAMCHEK**] (₁*Solomon*¹) was born 25 Dec. 1886,^[14] or 25 Dec. 1887,^[15] Ostrog, Russia. He married 20 Feb. 1913, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass.,^[16] **SARAH BOCKSER**, who was born 18 Dec. 1894,^[17] Russia, daughter of Max and Jennie (Shapiro) Bockser, and died 6 Nov. 1988, Boston, Mass., last residence Lynn, Essex Co., Mass.^[18]

In 1920 Samuel Zamchek, 32, an edge trimmer in a shoe factory born in “Ukraina,” Russia (Yiddish) of Ukrainian natives, resided in Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., with his wife, Sarah, 25, born in Ukraine, Russia (Yiddish) of Ukrainian natives, and with his sons, Irving, 4 8/12, and Norman, 2 6/12, both born in Massachusetts. Samuel immigrated in 1901 and was naturalized in 1905. Sarah immigrated in 1914 and was naturalized that year.^[19]

In 1930 Samuel Zamcheck, 44, a grocer born in Russia of Russian natives, resided in Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., with his wife, Sarah, 35, born in Russia of Russian natives, and with his sons, Irving I., 15, and Norman, 12, and daughter, Anna A., 9, all three born in Massachusetts. Samuel

14. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Samuel Zamcheck, 31, of Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., born 25 Dec. 1886, Ostrog, Russia, naturalized, clerk in a shoe store with wife and child, registered 5 June 1917, Lynn.

15. *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, Samuel Zamcheck, 55, of Swampscott, Essex Co., Mass., born 25 Dec. 1887, Russia, employer New England Slipper Co., Peabody, person who will always know your address Sarah Zamcheck at same address.

16. *Mass. Marriages, 1841–1915*, Lynn, Essex Co., Marriages, 544, image online, “[No.] 134 [marriage] Feb. 20 [1913] | Lynn [groom and bride] Samuel Zamcheck | Sarah Bockser [ages] 26 |19 [residences] 150 Blossom St., Lynn | 150 Blossom St., Lynn [occupations] Shoemaker | Operative [birthplaces] Russia | Russia [parents of each] Solomon Rebecca Millstine | Max Jennie Shapiro [by whom married] Benjamin Gordon | Rabbi Lynn” [FHL 2409945].

17. *Mass. Death Index, 1970–2003*, Sarah Zamcheck, born 18 Dec. 1894, “other” birth place, died 6 Nov. 1988, Boston, certificate 8002.

18. SSDI, Sarah Zamcheck, SSN 024-16-5303, born 15 Feb. 1894, died Dec. 1986, last residence 01902 Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., issued Mass. (before 1951).

19. U.S. census, 1920, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., ED 173, r. 694, p. 88, sh. 11B, dw. 78, fam. 240.

immigrated in 1901 and Sarah in 1905, both Jewish, and both were naturalized. Samuel first married at 27, and Sarah at 18.^[20]

Children:

- + 7 i IRVING/IRWIN ISRAEL³ ZAMCHECK, born 2 Apr. 1915, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., married FLORENCE GAIL BLOOM, and had at least one child.
- + 8 ii NORMAN S.³ ZAMCHECK, born 14 June 1917, Massachusetts, married FRANCESCA SMILER, and had at least one child.
- 9 iii ANNA A.³ ZAMCHECK, born about 1921, Massachusetts.

4. SADIE² ZAMCHECK (¹Solomon¹) was born about 1888, Russia. She married 23 Dec. 1909, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass.,^[21] HYMAN COOPERSTEIN, who was born 14 Feb. 1886, Russia,^[22] son of Israel and Jennie (–) Cooperstein.

In 1910 in the household of Solomon Zamcheck in Lynn, Essex Co., Mass. (q.v.), were Solomon's son-in-law, "Hymen" Cooperstein, 23, a shoemaker born in Russia (Yiddish) of Russian natives, his wife of one year, Sadie, 22, born in Russia, and his daughter, Katie, 1/12, born in Massachusetts. Hymen immigrated in 1903, and Sadie in 1902. Hymen was not naturalized. Sadie had had the one child only.^[23]

In 1920 Sadie Cooperstein, 32, born in Russia of Russian natives, immigrated in 1902 and naturalized, resided in Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., with her daughters, Edith, 9, Ruth, 7, Dorothy, 5, and Beatrice, 1 2/12, all four

20. U.S. census, 1930, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., ED 189, r. 900, p. 283, sh. 21A, dw. 151a, fam. 486.

21. *Mass. Marriages, 1841–1915*, Lynn, Essex Co., Marriages, 590, image online, "[No.] 1041 [marriage] Dec. 23 [1909] | Lynn [groom and bride] Hyman Cooperstein | Sadee [sic] Zamcheck [ages] 23 | 21 [residences] 150 Blossom St. | 150 Blossom St. [occupations] Shoemaker | Operative [birthplaces] Russia | Russia [parents of each] Israel Cooperstein Jennie – | Solomon Zamcheck Rebecca – [by whom married] Benjamin Gordon | Rabbi Lynn" [FHL 2315509].

22. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, Hyman Cooperstein, 32, of Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., born 14 Feb. 1886, Russia, painter, nearest relative Sadie Cooperstein, wife, of Lynn, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Lynn.

23. U.S. census, 1910, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., ED 389, r. 584, p. 36, sh. 6A, dw. 43, fam. 81.

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born in Massachusetts, and with cousin, Pearl Millstein, 25, single, working in a shoe factory, born in Russia of Russian natives, who immigrated in 1913 and was not naturalized. Next door resided Soloman Zamcheck (q.v.).^[24]

In 1920 Hyman Cooperstein, 33, single, a shoemaker born in Russia (Yiddish) of Russian natives, immigrated in 1908 and not naturalized, resided in Salem, Essex Co., Mass., as a lodger.^[25]

Children:

- 10 i **KATIE**³ **COOPERSTEIN**, born about 1910, Massachusetts. She is not listed in the 1920 census.
- 11 ii **EDITH**³ **COOPERSTEIN**, born about 1911, Massachusetts.
- 12 iii **RUTH**³ **COOPERSTEIN**, born about 1913, Massachusetts.
- 13 iv **DOROTHY**³ **COOPERSTEIN**, born about 1914, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass.^[26]
- 14 v **BEATRICE**³ **COOPERSTEIN**, born about 1919, Massachusetts.

5. **DAVID**² **ZAMCHECK** (₁*Solomon*¹) was born 18 Aug. 1882,^[27] or 20 Aug. 1890^[28] or 1891, Ostrog, Volyn, Russia, and died Feb 1967, last residence Lynn, Essex Co., Mass.^[29] He married about 1928 **BERTHA** —,

24. U.S. census, 1920, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., ED 169, r. 694, p. 5, sh. 5B, dw. 53, fam. 92. Solomon resided in dw. 52.

25. U.S. census, 1920, Salem, Essex Co., Mass., ED 264, r. 696, p. 226, sh. 11A, dw. 125, fam. 222.

26. *Mass. Births, 1841–1915*, birth register, Lynn, Mass., 661, image online, “[No.] 1625 [born] Sept. 22 [1914] [name] Dorothy Cooperstein [sex] F [place] Lynn [father] Hymen [sic] [mother] Sadie Zamcheck [residence of parents] 150 Blossom St. [occupation of father] Lea worker [place of birth of father] Russia [place of birth of mother] Russia” [FHL 2409799].

27. *U.S. WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, David Zamcheck, 49, of Swampscott, Essex Co., Mass., born 18 Aug. 1882, Ostrog, Russia, employer Universal Leather Co., person who will always know your address Bertha Zamcheck at same address.

28. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918*, David Zamcheck, 27, of Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., born 18 Aug. 1890, Ostrog, Volyn, Russia, naturalized, shoe salesman, not married, registered 5 June 1917, Lynn.

29. SSDI, David Zamcheck, SSN 025–18–3857, born 20 Aug. 1891, died Feb. 1967, last residence 01902 Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., issued Mass. (before 1951).

who was born 14 June 1895, Massachusetts, and died 10 June 1988, Lynn,^[30] last residence Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa.^[31]

In 1930 David Zamcheck, 39, a shoe trimmings manager born in Poland of Polish natives, Hebrew, resided in Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., with his wife, Bertha, 35, born in Massachusetts of a father born in Poland and a mother in Massachusetts, and with his daughter, Helene F., 6/12, born in Massachusetts, and his stepdaughter, Eleanor E. Ziperstein, 14, born in Illinois of a father born in Poland and a mother in Massachusetts. David immigrated in 1902. All could speak English. David first married at 37, and Bertha at 33.^[32] Eleanor was perhaps a child of a former marriage of Bertha.

Child:

15 i HELENE F.³ ZAMCHECK, born about 1930.

30. *Mass. Death Index, 1970-2003*, Bertha Zamcheck, born 14 June 1895, Mass., died 10 June 1988, Lynn, certificate 34819.

31. SSDI, Bertha Zamcheck, SSN 030-12-0905, born 14 June 1895, died 10 June 1988, last residence 15220 Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa., issued Mass. (before 1951).

32. U.S. census, 1930, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., ED 160, r. 899, p. 261, sh. 30B, dw. [empty], fam. 866.

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Third Generation

7. **IRVING/IRWIN ISRAEL³ ZAMCHECK** (₃*Samuel², Solomon¹*) was born 2 Apr. 1915, Lynn, Essex Co., Mass.,^[33] and died 27 Jan. 1997, Sarasota Co., Fla.,^[34] last residence Longboat Key, Manatee Co., Fla.^[35] He married about 30 Aug. 1940 [wedding announcement]^[36] **FLORENCE GAIL BLOOM**, who was born 17 Nov. 1918, daughter of Abe Bloom, and died 21 Nov. 2001, Longboat Key.^[37]

On 24 Apr. 1944, Irving I. Kamcheck, of Suffolk Co., Mass., born 1915, Massachusetts, enlisted for World War II at Ft. Standish, Boston, Mass., as a private for the duration of the war. He had had four years of college, and was married.^[38]

On 1 Nov. 1953 Irving and Florence Zamcheck arrived at Idlewild Airport, Idlewild, N.Y., on Pan American Airways flight 135/01 from Kindley Field, Hamilton, Bermuda.^[39]

Known child:

16 i **CAROL⁴ ZAMCHECK**, married about 13 Dec. 1984 [wedding announcement]^[40] **MARK ROTHBAUM**, son of David Rothbaum.

33. *Mass. Births, 1841–1915*, birth register, Lynn, Mass., 613, image online, “[No.] 573 [born] April 2 [1915] [name] Irwin Israel Zamcheck [sex] M [place] Lynn [father] Samuel [mother] Sarah Boxser [sic] [residence of parents] 47 Shepard St. [occupation of father] Edgcutter [place of birth of father] Russia [place of birth of mother] Russia” [FHL 2409802].

34. *Fla. Death Index, 1877–1998*, Irving Israel Zamcheck, died 27 Jan. 1997, Sarasota Co., age 81, white, born 2 Apr. 1915.

35. SSDI, Irving I. Zamcheck, SSN 032-10-2340, born 2 Apr. 1915, died 27 Jan. 1997, last residence 34228 Longboat Key, Manatee Co., Fla., issued Mass. (before 1951).

36. *The Boston Jewish Advocate Wedding Announcements, 1905–2007*, Irving Zamcheck, son of Samuel Zamcheck, of Swampscott, Mass., to Florence Gail Bloom, daughter of Abe Bloom, of Brighton, Mass., publication date 30 Aug. 1940.

37. SSDI, Florence Zamcheck, SSN 015-18-8740, born 17 Nov. 1918, died 21 Nov. 2001, last residence 34228 Longboat Key, Manatee Co., Fla., issued Mass. (before 1951).

38. U.S. WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938–1946, Irving I. Zamcheck.

39. *N.Y. Passenger Lists, 1820–1957*, Irving Zamcheck, Florence Zamcheck, “Mass.” in column next to each of them (a column reserved for the airline), lines 49–50.

40. *The Boston Jewish Advocate Wedding Announcements, 1905–2007*, Carol Zamcheck, daughter of

8. **NORMAN S.³ ZAMCHECK** (₃*Samuel*², *Solomon*¹) was born 14 June 1917,^[41] Massachusetts, and died 16 Nov. 1999, Boston,^[42] last residence West Newton, Middlesex Co., Mass.^[43] He married **FRANCESCA SMILER**, who was born 30 Mar. 1922,^[44] and died 27 June 2002, Newton, Mass.

Children:^[45]

- + 17 i **NORMAN SMILER⁴ ZAMCHECK**, born 23 Feb. 1947, Washington, D.C., married **FRANCES ADLER**, and had three children.
- + 18 ii **ERIKA/RICKI⁴ ZAMCHECK**, married **JIM WILTON**, and had one child.
- + 19 iii **DEBORAH⁴ ZAMCHECK**, married **KIM ATWOOD**, and had two children.
- + 20 iv **MARK EVAN⁴ ZAMCHECK**, born 30 Apr. 1953, Boston, married **DEBORAH KRAMER**, and had two children.

Irving Zamcheck, of Newton, Mass., to Mark Rothbaum, son of David Rothbaum, of Great Meadow, N.Y., publication date 13 Dec. 1984.

41. *U.S. Public Records Index*, Vol. 2, Norman S. Zamcheck, born 23 Feb. 1947, 21 Pickwick Rd., Newton, Mass.

42. *Mass. Death Index, 1970–2003*, Norman Zamcheck, born 14 June 1917, Mass., died 16 Nov. 1999, Boston, certificate 7027, spouse Francesca Smiler.

43. SSDI, Norman Zamcheck, SSN 033-03-6340, born 14 June 1917, died 16 Nov. 1999, last residence 02465 West Newton, Middlesex Co., Mass., issued Mass. (before 1951).

44. *Mass. Death Index, 1970–2003*, “Francesc” Zamcheck, born 30 Mar. 1922, died 27 June 2002, Newton, spouse Norman Zamcheck.

45. Conversation with Doria⁵ Kramer-Zamcheck, 8 Apr. 2011.

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Fourth Generation

17. **NORMAN SMILER⁴ ZAMCHECK** (ḡNorman S.³, Samuel², Solomon¹) was born 23 Feb. 1947, Washington, D.C.^[46] He married 1 Apr. 1984, New York City,^[47] **FRANCES ADLER**, who was born 10 July 1949, New York City,^[48] daughter of Moritz/Morris and Nelly Johanna (Glauberg) Adler.^[49]

The following is from Norman's website:

Norman Zamcheck was the pipe-smoking piano-banging composer/leader of the band Stormin' Norman & Suzy, acclaimed from the mid-seventies through the early 90's for their unpredictable and explosive barrelhouse-rock shows. The group started in Boston, toured for years across the northeast, and moved to New York, where they soon gained national attention and major record deal. When the band split up Norm switched gears and toured for nearly a decade with Andy Statman, celebrated master of bluegrass and Klezmer (traditional Jewish) music. To support a growing family he also became a teacher and administrator in a series of tough inner-city schools.

Norm's piano style is based on the sound of his masters: James P. Johnson, Meade Lux Lewis, Otis Spann, Mose Allison. His songwriting reflects his blues and boogie-woogie background (with some harmonic detours) along with rock and folk roots.

He has written hundreds of songs over the course of his lifetime. Every one tells a story.^[50]

Children:^[51]

46. Conversation with Frances (Adler) Zamcheck, 27 Nov. 2015, Needham, Mass.

47. Conversation with Frances (Adler) Zamcheck, 27 Nov. 2015, Needham, Mass.

48. Conversation with Frances (Adler) Zamcheck, 27 Nov. 2015, Needham, Mass.

49. Conversation with Frances (Adler) Zamcheck, 27 Nov. 2015, Needham, Mass. Her mother was born 14 June 1906, Langenselbold, Germany. Her father was born [30?] June 1895, Vienna.

50. *The Real Stormin' Norman*. For full details see the bibliography.

51. Conversation with Norman⁴ Zamcheck, 26 Nov. 2015, Newton, Mass.; conversation with Frances (Adler) Zamcheck, 27 Nov. 2015, Needham, Mass.

- 21 i ABRAHAM/ABBIE MOSES⁵ ZAMCHECK (twin), born 2 Feb 1985, New York City.
- 22 ii ARIEL MELODY⁵ ZAMCHECK (twin), born 2 Feb 1985, New York City.
- 23 iii AKIVA GABRIEL⁵ ZAMCHECK, born 5 Mar. 1989, New York City.

18. ERIKA/RICKI⁴ ZAMCHECK (gNorman S.³, Samuel², Solomon¹) married JIM WILTON.

Child:

- 24 i NICHOLAS/NICKY MACKENZIE⁵ WILTON, born 7 Mar. 1988.^[52]

19. DEBORAH⁴ ZAMCHECK (gNorman S.³, Samuel², Solomon¹) married KIM ATWOOD. They divorced.

Children:^[53]

- 25 i SAM⁵ ATWOOD, born 4 Nov. 1985, Boston.
- 26 ii BRIAN⁵ ATWOOD, born 28 Mar. 1988, Boston.

20. MARK EVAN⁴ ZAMCHECK (gNorman S.³, Samuel², Solomon¹) was born 30 Apr. 1953, Boston, Mass.^[54] He married^[55] DEBORAH KRAMER, born in Boston, daughter of Albert and Denise (Colitz) Kramer.

Children:

- 27 i DORIA BESS⁵ KRAMER-ZAMCHECK, born 18 Feb. 1987, Boston, Mass.,^[56] married 20 Aug. 2016, near Campbellford, Ontario, Canada,^[57] ANDRES LUCCA⁵ GOPNIK-LEWINSKI, born 17 May

52. Conversation with Nicholas⁵ Wilton, 26 Nov. 2015, Newton, Mass.

53. Conversation with Brian⁵ Atwood, 26 Nov. 2015, Newton, Mass., and with Sam⁵ Atwood, 27 Nov. 2015, Needham, Mass.

54. *U.S. Public Records Index, Vol. 2*, Mark E. Zamcheck, born 30 Apr. 1953, resided 21 Pickwick Rd., Newton, Mass., 80 Rockland Pl., Mass. 02164, and 50 Etna St., Boston, Mass. 12135.

55. Conversation with Doria⁵ Kramer-Zamcheck, 8 Apr. 2011.

56. Conversation with Doria⁵ Kramer-Zamcheck, 8 Apr. 2011.

57. I (Alvy) attended the ceremony on the Gopnik farm near Campbellford. The legal marriage was in a town near Campbellford.

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1988, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and have three children: (1) **THALO ASAEL⁶ ZAMCHECK-LEWINSKI**, born 4 Sept. 2020, Newton, Middlesex Co., Mass.; (2) **KITURAH [KIT] ZUS⁶ ZAMCHECK-LEWINSKI**, born 7 Mar. 2023, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; and (3) **SIONNE GAELLE⁶ ZAMCHECK-GOPNIK**, born 15 Jan. 2025, Montreal.

- 28 ii **KYLE MARIEL⁵ KRAMER-ZAMCHECK**, born 9 July 1989, Boston, Mass.^[58]

58. Conversation with Doria⁵ Kramer-Zamcheck, 8 Apr. 2011.

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Country of birth or allegiance RUSSIA	When born (or age) Not shown
Date and port of arrival in U. S.	Date of naturalization Oct. 14, 1903
Names and addresses of witnesses	

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Figure 1. Naturalization record for Solomon¹ Zamcheck