

Wishful Wednesday: Heinrich Weidner and Catharina Moll in Catawba County, NC



Heinrich Weidener Oak Tree Representation in the History Museum of Catawba County, Newton, NC. (Click to enlarge.)

This blog's co-editor, Jim Whitener, has had a life-long wish to visit his ancestral lands in North Carolina. He finally fulfilled that dream recently with a trip to Catawba County that included his ever-so-genealogically-patient wife, their children, and grandchildren. He promises to share more of his trip (once he settles down from the awe and excitement? ;D), but I wanted to start it off with a few images.

The German immigrant Heinrich Weidener and his wife Catharina Moll were married in Pennsylvania and migrated to Catawba County, North Carolina, by 1750. Heinrich's name, of course, has many spellings, including Henrich Widner and Henry Widener. No matter how you spell it, make sure you pronounce that 'W' as a 'V' like the Germans would, and make the last name be just two syllables.

These pictures are of the “Henry Widener Oak” in the [History Museum of Catawba County](#) in Newton, Catawba County, North Carolina.



Heinrich Weidener Oak Tree Representation in the History Museum of Catawba County, Newton, NC- closeup. (Click to enlarge.)

The artist included the family names of the many Weidner descendants.



Heinrich Weidener Oak Tree Representation in the History Museum of Catawba County, Newton, NC- closeup. (Click to enlarge.)

Sorry that the above picture is a bit blurry- too much zoom or too much excitement?

We genealogists are just so weird.

Notes, Sources, and References:

1) Images taken by James Whitener, July 2014.

2) Catawba County Museum of History: http://www.catawbahistory.org/catawba_county_museum_of_history.php

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Friday's Faces From the Past: Edward Biron Payne



The Payne Family. From left, Ninetta Wiley Eames Payne; little

Maude McMurray & young Edward McMurray, Lynette Payne McMurray's children; Lynette in front and her father, Edward B. Payne, in back. Taken at Wake Robin Lodge, Glen Ellen, California, c1907. (Click to enlarge.)

It is fitting to add this post today, on the anniversary of Edward B. Payne's birthday, July 25, 1847.

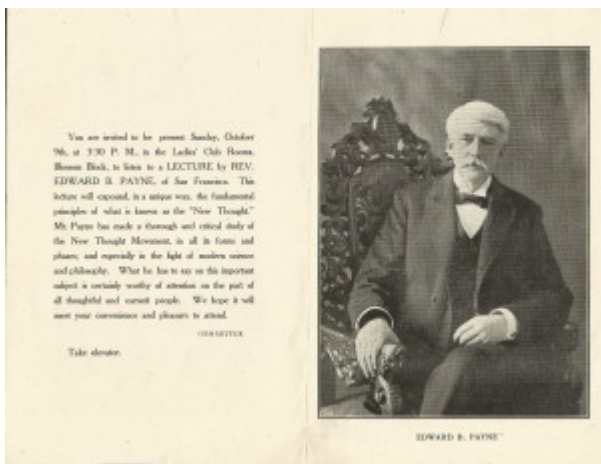
Sorry that I haven't been posting much due to real life, which sometimes interferes with genealogy. ☐

I have also recently had an article about Edward B. Payne (fondly known as EBP in our house) published in *The Russian River Recorder*, Spring 2014, Issue 124, which is the journal of the Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society, Sonoma County, California. The article took a lot of time to write, mostly because I was supposed to distill this complex man and his long life into 1200 words. I just couldn't do it. I was so happy that they expanded the issue and I was able to use 1500 words. I will be posting the article soon.

[The Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society](#) currently has a wonderful exhibit called "Visionaries, Believers, Seekers, and Schemers: 19th Century Utopian Communities of Sonoma County." The community founded by Edward B. Payne, "Altruria," although short-lived, was "... a glorious failure" according to some writers. *The Russian River Recorder* has four articles about Altruria, plus numerous articles about the other three Utopian communities founded in Sonoma in the late 1800s. They are a very interesting read.

There were no known images of Altruria, as far as my research or that of others, until I contacted the Huntington Museum a couple of years ago. In some of Charmian London's scrapbooks, the archivist found two images of Altruria. I requested a copy of the whole page, to get the images in context, and was surprised to see that there was also one image torn from the page- I would love to know more about that missing image! (I

would be matching up the torn back of any loose photos with the remains in the scrapbook, but alas, the archivist states there are no loose photos.) These images too will get posted here on the blog, but I do need to get permission from the Huntington first; they did give their kind permission to publish in the journal above. It has been exciting to email back and forth with curators, archivists, and librarians for this research. They are all unsung heroes in my mind.



Edward B. Payne lecture advertisement. Possibly c1920, October 9. (Click to enlarge.)

When Edward B. Payne could no longer preach due to his 'pulmonary affliction' (he acquired tuberculosis when he lived in New England), he earned a little income from lectures he provided throughout the Bay Area of California.

Lots more to come on EBP.

Notes, Sources, and References:

1) The Healdsburg Museum has a wonderful exhibit of the four Sonoma County Utopian communities through Aug. 3, 2014, plus their June 2014 *The Russian River Recorder* details these communities. See <http://www.healdsburgmuseum.org> for more information. They are planning an online video tour of the exhibit, so watch for that soon.

2) Images from family photo archives.

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Wordless Wednesday: Irving I. Cooper's Needlework



Needlework by Irving I. Cooper, late 1960s.

Notes, Sources, and References:

1) Family treasure owned by one of Irving's daughters.

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Friday's Faces from the Past: Sarah Green Golomb and Louis Golomb

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Sarah Green Golomb, possibly c1895.

Sarah Rebecca Green (or Sarah Gren) was born in Lithuania in November, 1874, possibly Kovno/Kaunas, or maybe Grincasek, both under control of Poland and Russia at different times. (Censuses for various family in different years lists Lithuania, Russia, or Poland as nativity.) We know her father's name was Jacob Gren, but do not know her mother's name. There is a family story that "...the father was lost in Europe..." and it may have been this Jacob Gren. We only know of one brother- Abraham Gren or Abraham Green, who is the direct ancestor we have studied.

This photo was taken in St. Louis, Missouri. Sarah's brother Abraham immigrated to the United States in 1884, and worked as a tailor to save money and bring the family over. Censuses indicate 1889, 1890, and 1891 as arrival dates for Sarah, and we have not yet found immigration records for her, though we have not searched much since she is collateral kin. (Note to self: look for this information.) Sarah's niece was born in 1891 in Pittsburgh, so we are assuming Abraham was living there then, though he may have moved to St. Louis to establish his tailoring business. We know he and his family were in St. Louis for the 1900 US Federal Census. Was this photo taken possibly when she immigrated and may have gone to live with her brother in St. Louis after 1891? Was it taken on a visit

to St. Louis while she was living in Pittsburgh? Perhaps it was taken to send back to Lithuania to her family who may have remained there? Hopefully some of those out there researching the Golomb family, or who have Golomb family treasures, can help us learn more. (We do not have any pictures of Louis Golomb, hint, hint...)

Sarah married Louis Golomb on 28 May 1893 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Louis was also born in Lithuanian Russia, 23 Dec 1873; his parents were David Golomb and Sarah ___ per his death certificate. Dates of his immigration vary from 1880-1888 at age 19, but he filed his Petition for Citizenship on 8 May 1894, listed as a native of Poland. The 1900 census states he immigrated in 1888, had been here 12 years (the math works this time), and was naturalized. (He was not, unless it took them many years to file. He probably had just started the process.) Sarah had 13 children, two of whom died very young. Those who lived to adulthood were: Esther G. Golomb (1894-1942), Rose Golomb (1896-1989), Bessie Golomb (or Betty?) (1897-1972), Isadore Lawrence Golomb (1899-1969), Maurice Abraham Golomb (1902-1971- sometimes noted as Morris?, Abraham Golomb, sometimes called Albert? (1904-1967), Milton Wilbur Golomb (1906-1989), Bernard W. Golomb (1908-1985), David Golomb (1910-1997), Florence Golomb (1912-2010), and Norman Green Golomb (1915-1993).

Sarah and Louis are found in the US Federal censuses in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the rest of their lives. Louis worked as a painter & paperhanger at the time of the 1900 census, but by 1910 was a store keeper in a paint and glass business, and is listed as an employer. In 1920 he was listed as a merchant with a paint and wallpaper business, as an "emp," not "OA," or own account. By the 1930 census he was noted as a proprietor of a hardware store, and was living with his wife and children.

Sarah died on 15 March 1939 in Pittsburgh. Interestingly, her sons Milton and Maurice completed her death certificate,

listing her as a widow, and with their father's name as Herman, instead of Louis. JewishGen and the headstone both state Louis' death as 1942, and his death certificate states 23 Aug 1942 of 'influenzal encephalitis.' The informant was Albert Golomb (son Abraham?) and he was a widower. Sarah and Louis have headstones side by side in B'nai Israel Cemetery in Pittsburgh.

We have been unable to find a Pittsburgh census record for Louis in 1940. There was a Louis Golomb living in New York, Kings Co., New York, in 1940, who was born in 1872 in Russia. But he had a wife named Bella and two daughters, and was working as a salesman in a variety store. This could not be the same Louis, as he and Sarah were still having children in Pittsburgh when the NY Louis married in 1907. It would be interesting to learn more about the last few years of 'our' Louis' life.

[NOTE: revised 7/11/14 after original publication to reflect new information learned. Also added Find A Grave links.]

Notes, Sources, and References:

1) Louis Golomb Petition for Citizenship- **Source Citation:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington D.C.; *Naturalization Petitions of the U.S. District Court, 1820-1930, and Circuit Court, 1820-1911, for the Western District of Pennsylvania*; NARA Series: M1537; Reference: (Roll 059) Jan 19 -May 11, 1894.

2) 1900 US Federal Census, Louis Golomb, head of household- **Source Citation:** Year: 1900; Census Place: *Pittsburgh Ward 8, Allegheny, Pennsylvania*; Roll: 1358; Page: 11A; Enumeration District: 0129; FHL microfilm: 1241358.

3) 1910 US Federal Census- **Source Citation:** Year: 1910; Census Place: *Pittsburgh Ward 3, Allegheny,*

Pennsylvania; Roll: T624_1299; Page: 17A; Enumeration District: 0309; FHL microfilm: 1375312.

4) 1920 US Federal Census- **Source Citation:** Year: 1920; Census Place: Pittsburgh Ward 5, Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Roll: T625_1520; Page: 3B; Enumeration District: 393; Image: 323.

5) 1930 US Federal Census- **Source Citation:** Year: 1930; Census Place: Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Roll: 1975; Page: 12A; Enumeration District: 0174; Image: 455.0; FHL microfilm: 2341709.

6) JewishGen, comp. *JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008. Original data: This data is provided in partnership with [JewishGen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org).

7) Louis Golomb death certificate- note confusion as to marital status, but hard to read what was written in: http://interactive.ancestry.com/5164/42342_2421406260_0690-00792/4717762?backurl=http%3a%2f%2fsearch.ancestry.com%2fcgi-bin%2fsse.dll%3fdb%3dPADeathCollection%26h%3d4717762%26ti%3d0%26indiv%3dtry%26gss%3dpt%26ssrc%3dgr_t4160486_p-1635419420_ktidz0q3d4160486z0q26pidz0q3d-1635419420z0q26hidz0q3d35662563121z0q26dbidz0q3d5164z0q26rpidz0q3d4717762z0q26ssrcz0q3dgrz0q26pgz0q3d32768z0q252c32782z0q26pgplz0q3dpidz0q252ctidz0q257cpidz0q257chidz0q257cdbidz0q257crpidz0q257cssrcz0q26pgpsz0q3d-1635419420_h35662563121&ssrc=gr_t4160486_p-1635419420_ktidz0q3d4160486z0q26pidz0q3d-1635419420z0q26hidz0q3d35662563121z0q26dbidz0q3d5164z0q26rpidz0q3d4717762z0q26ssrcz0q3dgrz0q26pgz0q3d32768z0q252c32782z0q26pgplz0q3dpidz0q252ctidz0q257cpidz0q257chidz0q257cdbidz0q257crpidz0q257cssrcz0q26pgpsz0q3d-1635419420_h35662563121&backlabel=ReturnRecord

8) Find A Grave memorial #123652024 for Sarah Green Golomb reveals her Hebrew name as Sarah Rivkah bat Yalev: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=1>

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9) Find A Grave memorial #123651973 for Louis Golomb reveals his Hebrew name as Elihan ben Yitzhak: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=123651973>

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Tombtone Tuesday: The Golomb Family in Pittsburgh, PA



GOLOMB Family Plot- Marker, Bnai Israel Cemetery, Pittsburgh PA. With kind permission of FAG photographer.

Sites like [Find A Grave](#) have been incredibly helpful in my ramblings searching for family. The good volunteers at FAG have provided photos that have given us clues to relationships (or not) and sometimes additional information they may know just living close by. I especially appreciate those who allow us to use their photos on our Ancestry trees and blogs. It is good to know where our ancestors are 'quietly resting.'

The Golomb family is collateral kin- Sarah Green (Sarah Gren), sister of our Abraham Green (Abraham Gren) married Louis Golomb and had 13 children- yes, 13. Our dear grandmother remembered that number but I had been unable to verify until a recent census recheck showed that two children had died before the census was taken. There also was a photo that was could not be conclusively identified thirty years ago, but as she aged, our grandmother also was able to recall that the portrait was of Sarah (Green) Golomb- so there may be at least one advantage of aging, with long term memory improving. ;P



Gates, Bnai Israel Cemetery, Pittsburgh PA. With kind permission of FAG photographer.

These Golomb headstones are in B'nai Israel cemetery in Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

The two stones on the right behind the large monument belong to Louis Golomb and his wife Sarah (Green) Golomb. They are in Section 4, Lot 7.



Louis GOLOMB- Headstone, B'nai Israel Cemetery, Pittsburgh PA. With kind permission of FAG photographer.



Sarah Rebecca (GREEN) GOLOMB- Headstone, B'nai Israel Cemetery, Pittsburgh PA. With kind permission of FAG photographer.

The two stones on the left in the back are of the eldest child of Louis and Sarah Golomb, Esther G. Golomb, and her husband, Joseph H. Slone.



Esther G. (GOLOMB) SLONE- Headstone, B'nai Israel Cemetery, Pittsburgh PA. With kind permission of FAG photographer.

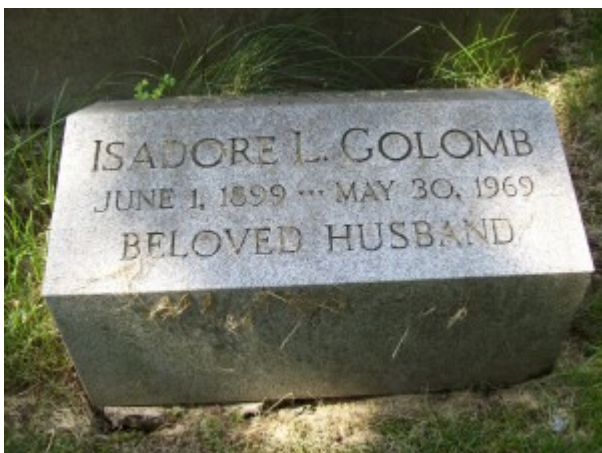


Joseph H. SLONE- Headstone, B'nai Israel Cemetery, Pittsburgh PA. With kind permission of FAG photographer.

The two front stones are for daughter Betty (Golomb) Eich and son Isadore L. Golomb.



Betty (GOLOMB) EICH- Headstone, Bnai Israel Cemetery, Pittsburgh PA. With kind permission of FAG photographer.



Isadore GOLOMB- Headstone, Bnai Israel Cemetery, Pittsburgh PA. With kind permission of FAG photographer.

Son Maurice A. Golomb and his wife, Mollie Tex, are buried in the same cemetery in Section 14, Lot 17.



Maurice A. GOLOMB and Mollie TEX Headstone, Headstone, B'nai Israel Cemetery, Pittsburgh PA. With kind permission of FAG photographer.

More information to come about the Golomb family in future posts.

Notes, Sources, and References:

1) Find A Grave Memorials for all the above persons. Links to come in future posts as I add to the memorials.

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