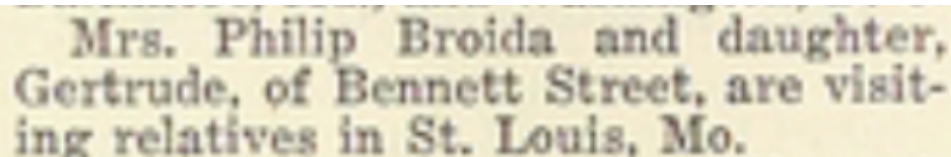


# Travel Tuesday: Gertrude Broida and Mother Visiting St. Louis in 1919



Mrs. Philip Broida and daughter, Gertrude, of Bennett Street, are visiting relatives in St. Louis, Mo.

Gertrude Broida (later Cooper) visiting St. Louis, Missouri with her mother, Bess Dorothy (Green) Broida, 25 July 1919. From the *Pittsburgh Jewish Criterion* of that date, with kind permission to publish.

[Broida Family](#) (Click for Family Tree)

Gertrude Belle Broida was not quite eight years old when her mother, Bess Dorothy (Green) Broida, took her to St. Louis, Missouri, on a visit from their home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They most likely took the train to St. Louis, and arrived at beautiful Union Station. We can imagine that Gertrude and her mother would have stepped down from the train and walked from the dozens of tracks inside the station toward the Grand Hall. Family may have met them at the train- back then, one could actually go all the way to the train even if not a passenger- or waited patiently in the Grand Hall for them to arrive. All were probably dressed beautifully- back then, one dressed up to travel, and since both families worked mostly in the clothing industry, their clothes were likely the latest fashion and impeccably tailored.

Bess and Gertrude might have been met by their Broida family. Bess' husband and Gertrude's father, Phillip E. Broida, had quite a few family members in St. Louis. His father, John "Zelig" Broida was 62 in 1919, but had been listed in the St.

Louis City Directory in 1917. We don't know if he was still in St. Louis or had already immigrated to Israel, but perhaps Bessie and Gertrude visited to see him before he left. There were quite a few Broida cousins in St. Louis, too.

Bessie's Green family may have met them at the station as well. Bessie's father, Abraham Green, and her mother, Rose (Brave) Green, made St. Louis their home. Additionally, Bessie's sisters lived in St. Louis, and two of the three had families of their own, as did her brother Herman Green.

We can only imagine the joy Bessie would have felt as she hugged her sisters, Estelle (Green) Ledwidge, Ann (Green) Stampfer (or had she married Charles White by that date?), and Mary Green. They all would have commented how big each of the children had grown since their last visit.

Gertrude would have been thrilled to see her older cousin (Sarah) Jane Ledwidge, who would have been 12 in 1909. Jane's little sister Helen D. Ledwidge, lovingly known as "Sis" her whole life, was only about three months older than Gertrude. Esther S. Stampfer would have been 11. The four cousins would probably have linked arms and marched down the walkway to the Grand Hall, probably giggling and skipping all the way. The family was always very close.

Union Station was, at one time, the busiest and largest train station in the *world*, and once they all reached the Grand Hall, it would have been quite impressive to a little girl. (It was impressive even into the 1960s and 1970s.)



1909 Postcard of the Grand Hall of Union Station in St. Louis, Missouri.

As the group exited the station, they would have waited for a streetcar if one of the St. Louis families did not have their own car. Looking back, Union Station was as beautiful from the outside as the inside:



Postcard of exterior of Union Station in St. Louis, Missouri.

Herman L. Green was the lone brother in the family, and he had a son, Preston M. Green, who would have been just 4 that year.

(His son Harold Green would be born in 1921.) Abraham and Rose Green, Bessie's parents, would most probably thoroughly enjoyed having all their children and grandchildren around them. The families likely had a wonderful visit. Parting when Bessie and Gertrude were scheduled to return to Pittsburgh must have been painful for all.

Of course, we do not know if all the details described above are totally true. But this little snippet in the Society section of the *Pittsburgh Jewish Criterion* allows us to imagine what life was like for Bess (Green) Broida and Gertrude Broida as they travelled to St. Louis for a treasured visit.

#### **Notes, Sources, and References:**

1. *Jewish Criterion*, 25 July 1919, Society Section, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, Vol. 51, No. 22, Page 16. The Pittsburgh Jewish Newspaper Project, posted with kind permission. [http://doi.library.cmu.edu/10.1184/pmc/CRI/CRI\\_1919\\_051\\_022\\_07251919](http://doi.library.cmu.edu/10.1184/pmc/CRI/CRI_1919_051_022_07251919).

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## [A Very Special Day](#)



05 June 1948- Wedding picture of Edward A. McMurray and Mary T. Helbling

[McMurray Family](#), [Helbling Family](#), [Cooper Family](#), [Broida Family](#), (Click for Family Trees)

Today is a very special day in our family- there will be a wedding!

Young brides and grooms think that their wedding is a celebration of *their* love, and it definitely is that. It is their most special day, to long be remembered by themselves

and all the loving family and friends who share the joyful event.

But...

- ♥ Every wedding is a reaffirmation of love and how it endures through the years.
- ♥ Every wedding is the start of something- a new chapter in the book of life, in which one builds a career, maybe a business, a set of new relationships, and (hopefully) a lifetime of love and support.

And...

- ♥ Every wedding is a reinforcement of the new family as a small unit within a much larger set of families.

So it is also a time to think about all those marriages that came before and helped to make us who we are, with our random inheritance of DNA.

Today, let us take a bit of a walk through the past, remembering the marriages of our ancestors and the happiness they must have felt on their own special day, or that of their children. Joy fills our hearts as we think of the life these couples built together, and the legacy they have left us.



Abraham Green and  
Rose Braef/Brave-  
Wedding Picture?  
About 1884.

The above is the oldest wedding picture we have.



Wedding Photo of  
Joseph and Helen  
Cooper, about 1901.

Cooper was Helen's maiden name- they were second cousins- so that made things easy name-wise.

Some folks eloped so we have no actual wedding picture of them:



1974\_02\_40th Wedding Anniversary of Gertrude Belle (Broida) Cooper and Irving Israel Cooper.

Sure seems like there would be wedding pictures somewhere within the Payne-McMurray family, but don't have any for this couple either:

WEDDING OF MISS PAYNE.  
News has been received here of the wedding of Miss Lynette Payne and William McMurray, at Marshalltown, Iowa, on Tuesday, June 6th. Mr. and Mrs. McMurray are now residing at Newton, Iowa. Miss Payne is the daughter of Rev. E. B. Payne, for many years pastor of the Unitarian Church. She was a member of the class of '07, Berkeley High School.

Wedding announcement for Lynette Payne-William Elmer McMurray wedding in The Oakland Tribune,



22 June 1899.

Lynette was just nineteen, and had been living with her maternal uncle, Court K. Burnell, after she moved from California to Iowa. C.K. travelled quite a lot, and that may be why A. S. Burnell gave permission for Lynette's marriage.

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REGISTER OF MARRIAGES.

1 Full Name of Groom  
2 Place of Residence  
3 Occupation

1 Age next Birthday  
2 Race or Color  
3 Place of Birth

1 Father's Name  
2 Mother's Maiden Name  
3 No. of Groom's Marriage

1 25 years  
2  
3 Newton

1 A.S. Burnell  
2  
3 June 6 1899

1 W. E. McMurray  
2 Newton Iowa  
3 Merchant

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3 Place of Birth

1 Father's Name  
2 Mother's Maiden Name  
3 No. of Bride's Marriage

1 Where and When Married  
2 Witnesses  
3 By Whom Certified, Name and Office

1 Date of Record  
2 When Registered

1 20 years  
2  
3

1 Lynette Payne  
2 Berkeley Cal  
3

1 E. B.  
2 A.S. Burnell  
3

1 Marshalltown Ia  
2 June 6 1899  
3 F. W. Russell Min

Marriage license of Will and Lynette Payne, 6 June 1899, Newton, Jasper, Iowa.

A.S. Burnell was most likely another maternal uncle, Arthur Strong Burnell, who was living in Newton, Jasper, Iowa, in the 1900 US Federal Census. Both uncles had daughters around Lynette's age (and C.K. also had sons) so Lynette had quite a bit of family in Newton, where she and Will McMurray spent the rest of their lives.



1960s? Will and Lynette (Payne) McMurray in Iowa.

These were all long marriages.



Today's wedding ceremony fills our hearts to bursting, and it surely will overflow into tears- but they will be (mostly) happy tears. Today, it is *our* child- a product of *our* love- who marries, and who continues the legacy of love through time.

Oh, Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy!!

**Notes, Sources, and References:**

1. Family treasure chest of photos.

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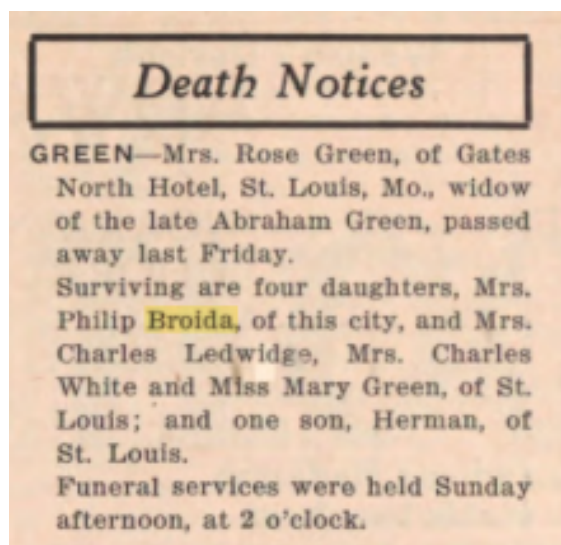
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## Sunday's Obituary: Rose Braef (Brave) Green



Obituary of Rose Braef (Brave) Green in *The American Jewish Outlook* [Pittsburgh PA], Friday,

January 10, 1936. Vol. 3,  
No. 5, Page 11. Posted with  
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[Green Family](#) *(Click for Family Tree)*

Mrs. Philip Broida was Bess Dorothy Green Broida.

Mrs. Charles Ledwidge was Estelle Green Ledwidge.

Mrs. Charles White was Ann Green (Stampfer) White.

Miss Mary Cecelia Green of St. Louis was a career woman who  
never married.

Herman L. Green married Bess Catlin.

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## Mystery Monday- Green or Golumb Family?



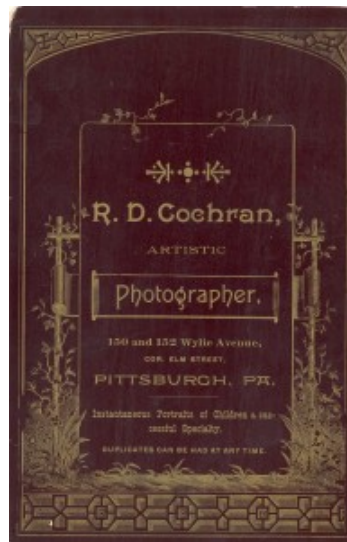
Standing: Ann Green, Herman Green sitting on left, Bess Green sitting on right. Photo taken by R.D. Cochran, "Artistic Photographer" in

Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania.

Here are more delightful family pictures, but which family??? And are the photos related, other than being taken at the same photo studio? I answered part of my own questions by working on my FSLow New Year's resolution- **F**ind it, **S**can it, **L**abel it, **O**rganize it, and **W**rite about it.

This group of photos was in with family treasures from the Green and Cooper families. I have just found notes from 30 years ago that identify the above picture as three of the children of Abraham and Rose (Brave) Green: Ann, Herman, and Bess, taken circa 1895. But why isn't Estelle, child #2, in the picture with children #1, 3,4?

The back of the photos is charming:



Reverse of photo-  
Unknown People in  
Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania.

I especially love the line: "Instantaneous Portraits of Children a successful Specialty."

Here are two more photos with the same backing:



Unknown Couple  
with Baby- Golumb  
Family? Photo  
taken by R.D.  
Cochran,  
"Artistic  
Photographer" in  
Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania.



Unknown Girls-  
Green or Golumb  
Family? Photo  
taken by R.D.

Cochran,  
"Artistic  
Photographer" in  
Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania.

These last two photos appear to have been taken at the same place, possibly at the same time- note the chairs. Thirty year-old notes also ask the question- ?Golumb Family? for the image with the couple and baby- no hints for the picture of the two girls.

Could the two girls possibly be the same ones as in in the photo of the three children? Note the long fingers of the older girl in both, and the shorter, wider hands of the younger girl. To me, their facial features are somewhat similar in the other picture, just more mature.

Some old notes from family oral history state the girls in the last photo may be Estelle Green and Ann Green.

Ann Green was born 1885 in Lithuania, and Estelle on board the ship in 1887 that carried her mother and 1 year-old sister Ann to America. Abraham had immigrated ahead of them, as was often done, probably in 1886, and he had established his tailor business before sending for his family. Their next known baby is Bess Dorothy Green- she was born in 1891 in Pittsburgh. One thought was that the baby in the picture with the couple could be Bessie, but the couple just doesn't look like I think Abraham and Rose would have looked when young, comparing other pictures. And it is strange to only have some of the children in the first and last picture- that would have been fairly unusual.

Another possibility is that the pictures are of the Golumb Family. Sarah Rebecca Green, sister of Abraham, married Louis Golumb (also Louis Golomb, Lewis Golumb, or Lewis Golomb, dear Google search engine), and they lived in Pittsburgh. In the



1900 US Federal Census, Lewis Golumb and Sarah were living with their 4 children, Esther, Rosie, Bessie, and Isadore, born 1894, 1896, 1897, 1899, respectively. Lewis was a painter and paperhanger and had been born in Poland/Russia like his wife. Censuses vary in when each arrived, but the 1900 census states they had been married for 7 years. Could these be photos Sarah sent back to her brother in St. Louis? If so, and again, why only some of the children, not all?

Here is a picture of Sarah Rebecca Green- well, the family *thinks* it is Sarah:



Probably Sarah  
Rebecca (Green)  
Golumb.

Does she look like a younger version of the woman in the photo with the baby? To me her face is too thin to be the same woman.

So there's your mystery for today.

I am currently trying to find out when R.D. Cochran had the Pittsburgh "Artistic" photography studio, and that may help to confirm the date of these photos. Looks like we also need to learn when the Fischer Studio was active in St. Louis, Missouri.

Any other information or ideas would be much appreciated.

**Notes, Sources, and References:**

1) Family oral history.

2) Family photo collection with identification on a very few.

3) Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: *Pittsburgh Ward 8, Allegheny, Pennsylvania*; Roll: 1358; Page: 11A; Enumeration District: 0129; FHL microfilm: 1241358. Accessed on Ancestry.com on 1/17/2014.

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**Five Family Photos for Friday- A Green Family Photo**

# Album



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## **The Green Family- On the Move!**

The Green Family Photo Album has so many fun pictures on its pages. Today we are highlighting some with people on the move- or, at least, *looking* like they are on the move.

Above- some great hats! I wonder if this is a real automobile or a posed picture in a studio. Sadly, we don't know the names of these people.



Green Family Photo Album-  
page 7.

We haven't been able to identify any of the above children on

a porch swing, or any of the other beautiful little children.



Green Family Photo Album-  
page 16.

Another page with people we cannot identify, but a day at the lake and on the move in boats looks like fun!



Green Family Photo Album-  
page 19.

Taking a day off for a picnic, photo, and stroll is another way to get 'out' of the city, even if it might be in a local park. That top hat would make a young man look quite dandy strolling down the street. We think the women on the right, both top and bottom, may be Estelle Green.

And we have saved the most perplexing page for last:



Green Family Photo Album-  
page 36.

We think that the top left picture is, from left, Rose (Brave) Green, Sam Stampfer (her son-in-law, married to daughter Ann Green), and Bess Dorothy Green (Rose's daughter). Bessie's daughter had identified the picture of the young woman in glasses as her mother. However, take a look at the photo at the bottom right of the page- the two women sitting almost look like twins! They have different hats so if it was a double exposure, the hats would have needed to be changed. If a double exposure, why only the one woman, not the other? Could they be cousins that look very much like each other? Or were there twins we just didn't know about in the family? Censuses, family oral history, and other research has never turned up such information. It is one of the most perplexing genealogical puzzles we have ever faced. If anyone out there has any suggestions or knowledge about these people, we would love to hear it!

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