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Generation One

1. CHARLES ISAAC¹ DAVID was born at Odessa, Russian Empire, the modern town of Odesa, Ukraine, on 25 December 1863 and he died at San Diego, California 16 December 1941. He married in the Russian Empire, about 1883, **ELIZABETH GREENWALD**. He married second, **ROSE STERN**, 1911-1912.

Elizabeth Greenwald was born at Simferopol, Russian Empire,⁶ which is located in the Crimean Peninsula, present-day disputed territory between Ukraine and Russia⁷ 15 February 1865. She died at Manhattan, New York 21 June 1907 and is buried in Mount Zion Cemetery, Maspeth, New York.⁸

Rose Stern was born at Berlin, Germany 4 June 1868. She died at Manhattan 11 June 1920 and is buried in Union Field



Image 1: Charles David. Photo provided by Alan Rosin.

¹ New York County, New York, Supreme Court, naturalization book 51: 88, Charles David naturalization petition no. 12188, 1911; County Clerk Archives, New York, New York.

² "JewishGen Communities Database," *JewishGen* (http://www.jewishgen.org : accessed 1 September 2016). Searched for "Odessa."

³ San Diego County, California, death certificate 41-679420 (1941), Charles David; Office of the County Clerk, San Diego.

⁴ 1900 U.S. census, New York, New York, population schedule, Manhattan, Enumeration District (ED) 132, sheet 6A, dwelling 12, family 115, Charles David; digital image, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 September 2016), citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1086. For her maiden name, see Naturalization Petition.

⁵ New York Co., NY, Supreme Court, naturalization book 51: 88, Charles David naturalization petition no. 12188, 1911. Charles signed the petition 2 August 1911 and naturalization was granted 18 January 1912. There is a space for births or marriages that occurred between when the petition was submitted and naturalization granted. It says, "Rose (Stern) David at Berlin, Germany..." indicating a marriage between Charles David and Rose Stern occurred between 2 August 1911 and 18 January 1912. [hold for marriage license issued 6 October 1911 ordered 4 October 2016].

⁶ New York Co., NY, Supreme Court, naturalization book 51: 88, Charles David naturalization petition no. 12188, 1911.

⁷ Terrence McCoy, "Is Crimea part of Russia? Ukraine? Welcome to Wikipedia's quandary," *Washington Post* (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2014/03/20/is-crimea-part-of-russia-ukraine-welcome-to-wikipedias-quandary/: accessed 1 September 2016).

⁸ Manhattan, New York County, New York, death certificate no. M20640 (1907), Lizzie David; Municipal Archives, New York City.

⁹ New York Co., NY, Supreme Court, naturalization book 51: 88, Charles David naturalization petition no. 12188, 1911.

Cemetery, Flushing, New York.¹⁰ She married first, Moses Stern, at Manhattan 2 April 1899.¹¹ He died 26 March 1901.¹² She married second Charles Isaac David.

LIFE IN THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE

Life in Odessa was tough for a Jewish boy growing up in the late 1800s. When Charles was little, there were pogroms in his community in 1871 and 1881. Pogroms brought destruction, looting and violence to the Jewish communities. The government sanctioned these violent attacks, either by not stopping them or overtly aiding the attackers. The government placed many restrictions on the Jewish people, including where they could live. Jews were relegated to a part of the Empire referred to as the Pale of Settlement, which included Odessa. Confinement to the Pale resulted in overcrowding and poverty.

This difficult way of life did not deter Charles from learning the trade of tailoring, getting married and starting a family. Charles and Elizabeth were married about 1883¹⁵ and their eldest child, Charles Thomas David, was born in 1884. Two years later their daughter Sarah was born.¹⁶



Image 2: "Map of the Pale of Settlement in the Russian Empire," The Berdichev Revival (http://www.berdichev.org/mappaleofsettlement.htm: accessed 2

September 2016).

There is conflicting information regarding Charles' birth location. Most records indicate he was born in Russia. The 1915 New York state census is the only census where he is enumerated which specifies his birthplace was Turkey. ¹⁷ On occasion, his children's census records denote their father

¹⁰ Manhattan, New York, New York, death certificate no. M18928 (1920), Rosa Stern David; Municipal Archives, New York City.

¹¹ "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940," database, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/: accessed 1 September 2016), Moses Stern and Rose Stern, 02 August 1899; citing New York City Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,504,066.

¹² "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/: accessed 1 September 2016), Moses Stern, 26 March 1901; citing New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,322,988.

¹³ "Pogroms," YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe (http://www.yivoencyclopedia.org/article.aspx/Pogroms : accessed 1 September 2016).

¹⁴ J. Kniesmeyer and D. Brecher, "Beyond the Pale: The History of Jews in Russia Exhibit Guide," p. 30, *Beyond the Pale* (http://www.friends-partners.org/partners/beyond-the-pale/: accessed 22 August 2016). "Modern Jewish History: Pogroms," *Jewish Virtual Library* (http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/: accessed 1 September 2016).

^{15 1900} U.S. census, New York, NY, pop. sch., Manhattan, ED 132, sheet 6A, dwell. 12, fam. 115, Charles David.

¹⁶ New York Co., NY, Supreme Court, naturalization book 51: 88, Charles David naturalization petition no. 12188, 1911.

¹⁷ 1915 New York state census, New York County, population schedule, Election District 36, Assembly District 19, p.9, line 49, Chas J David; *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 September 2016); citing New York State Archives, Albany, New York.

was born in Turkey. ¹⁸ His death certificate indicates he was born in Turkey. ¹⁹ Family lore is that Charles was from Turkey. ²⁰ One great grandchild recalled that, "Charles I. David was reputed to be a smuggler, moving across the border from Odessa into Turkey and that at some point the authorities were after him for smuggling." ²¹ Perhaps this was the real impetus for his emigration.

IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA

Charles and Elizabeth immigrated to America in 1888 with their two small children: Charles Thomas, age 4, and Sarah, age 9 months. The entire trip would have taken several weeks. The first portion of the trip was travelling more than 2,000km from Odessa to Hamburg, Germany.²² Then

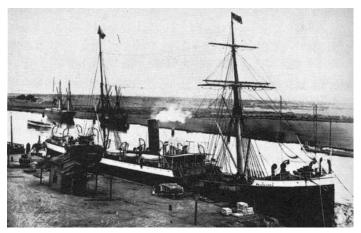


Image 3: S.S. Polynesia, image, Tyne Built Ships (http://nww.tynebuiltships.co.uk/P-Ships/polynesia1881.html: accessed 2 September 2016)

they sailed from Hamburg to New York aboard the S.S. *Polynesia*. The passenger list indicates their final destination was New York.²³ Elizabeth was pregnant at the time of the voyage as their son John was born three months after they arrived.²⁴ Everything the four of them brought to America, including food for their voyage, fit into the two suitcases with which they travelled.²⁵

¹⁸ 1920 U.S. census, Passaic, New Jersey, population schedule, Paterson Ward 11, ED 147, sheet 10A, dwelling 188, family 209, George Kaufman; digital image, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 September 2016), citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 1066. 1930 U.S. census, New York, New York, population schedule, Manhattan, ED 444, sheet 9B, dwelling 3, family 361, Herman David; digital image, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 September 2016), citing NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 1556.

¹⁹ San Diego Co., CA, death certificate 41-679420 (1941), Charles David.

²⁰ Morrill Cole, Grand View, New York to Shannon Green, e-mail, 16 Mar 2011, "RE: Charles David"; author's files. Alan Rosin, California to Shannon Green, e-mail, 21 Nov 2012, "more on Sara David"; author's files.

²¹ Alan Rosin, California to Shannon Green, e-mail, 21 Nov 2012, "more on Sara David."

²² Search Google Maps (http://maps.google.com: accessed 1 September 2016), for Odessa to Hamburg..

²³ "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," digital images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 September 2016), manifest, S.S. *Polynesia*, Hamburg to New York, New York, arriving 10 Aug 1888, unpaginated, passengers 243-247, Isaak David and family; citing NARA microfilm publication M237, roll 523.

²⁴ New York Co., NY, Supreme Court, naturalization book 51: 88, Charles David naturalization petition no. 12188, 1911.

²⁵ "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," digital images, *Ancestry.com*, manifest, S.S. *Polynesia*, Hamburg to New York, New York, arriving 10 Aug 1888, unpaginated, passengers 243-247, Isaak David and family.

LOWER EAST SIDE

Charles and Elizabeth settled in the Lower East Side of Manhattan, which was the most densely populated place in the world in 1900.²⁶ The Lower East Side most likely felt familiar. Walking down the street they likely heard Yiddish spoken, they likely read Yiddish newspapers and they likely smelled foods from home baking.²⁷



Image 4: "Sunday morning at Orchard and Rivington," photograph, 1915, Library of Congress (http://cdn.loc.gov/service/pnp/cph/3b10000/3b19000/3b19700/3b19794v.jpg: accessed 2 September 2016).

Charles worked as a tailor, which was the trade he learned in Russia.²⁸ Based on city directories, it appears he had his own shop at 220 5th Avenue about 1915-1920 where his business address is listed along with different residential addresses.²⁹

Charles himself only had an eighth grade education,³⁰ but education was clearly valued in this household. In 1900 it was noted that Charles had been unemployed for four of the last twelve months. Even with his father's unstable employment, their oldest son was listed as a

college student and all of the other children were enrolled in school.³¹ A descendant of Charles' daughter Sarah remembered that education was valued by Elizabeth when he heard his grandmother's stories, "My grandmother Sarah remembered her mother [Elizabeth] telling her to obtain education and to strive to be as competent and independent as was possible for any young

²⁶ Ronald Sanders, *The Lower East Side: A Guide to its Jewish Past in 99 New Photographs*, (New York: Dover Publications, 1994), 2.

²⁷ "Encyclopedia Judaica: New York City," *Jewish Virtual Library* (http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/judaica/ejud_0002_0015_0_14806.html: accessed 1 September 2016).

²⁸ "Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934," digital images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 September 2016), manifest, S.S. *Polynesia*, Hamburg to New York, New York, departing 25 Jul 1888, p. 1289, Isaak David and family; citing Staatsarchiv Hamburg, Bestand: 373-7 I, VIII (Auswanderungsamt I). Charles was listed as a "schneider" or tailor.

²⁹ 1915 Trow General Directory of New York City... (New York: R.L. Polk & Co., 1915); Ancestry > U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995 > New York > New York > 1915 > image 420. Similar titles: (1916), image 402; (1917), image 438; (1920), image 405.

³⁰ 1940 U. S. census, San Diego, California, population schedule, San Diego, ED 62-18B, sheet 10A, family 258, Charles I David; digital image, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 September 2016), citing NARA microfilm publication T627, roll 448.

³¹ 1900 U.S. census, New York, NY, pop. sch., Manhattan, ED 132, sheet 6A, dwell. 12, fam. 115, Charles David.

woman in that restrictive society."³² Charles and Elizabeth wanted their children to focus on education to make the most of their opportunities in America.

DEATH CHANGES A FAMILY

Life changed for the David family when, in 1907, Elizabeth died of renal tuberculosis,³³ leaving Charles with six children ages three to twenty-three. Elizabeth was a strong influence on the lives of her children even though she died at the young age of forty-two. Of her six children who made it to adulthood, four of them had daughters and they each named their first daughter "Elizabeth."³⁴

By 1910, Charles' oldest children had moved out to start their own families and Charles moved his family from the Lower East Side of Manhattan to Harlem. Living with him and his four youngest children was his widowed sister-in-law, Julia Mirelson, and her two daughters.³⁵

This situation was temporary as Charles remarried about 1911 to Rose Stern who was also widowed, but she had no children of her own.³⁶ Charles, his new wife Rose, and his youngest daughter, Helen, age 11, lived together in New York



Image 5: Elizabeth (Greenwald) David. Photo provided by Alan Rosin.

in 1915.³⁷ Perhaps Rose was not interested in raising another woman's child -- by 1920 Helen was living with her older sister Sarah in New Jersey.³⁸

³² Alan Rosin, California to Shannon Green, e-mail, 12 May 2014, "Re: Charles David & Elizabeth (where?)"; author's files.

³³ Manhattan, New York, New York, death certificate no. M20640 (1907), Lizzie David.

^{34 1920} U.S. census, New York, New York, population schedule, Manhattan Assembly District 19, ED 1333, sheet 15B, dwelling 4, family 15, John W. David; digital image, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 September 2016), citing NARA publication T625, roll 1221. Manhattan, New York County, New York, birth certificate no. M63204 (1909), Elisabeth Leah Kaufman; Municipal Archives, New York City. 1930 U.S. census, Passaic, New Jersey, population schedule, Patterson, ED 84, sheet 15B, dwelling 165, family 170, David L. Cole; digital image, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 September 2016), citing NARA publication T626, roll 1381. Manhattan, New York County, New York, birth certificate no. 30021 (1914), Elizabeth Helen David; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York.

³⁵ 1910 U.S. census, New York, New York, population schedule, Manhattan Ward 12, ED 1731, sheet 10B, dwelling 30, family 220, Rose Stern; digital image, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 September 2016), citing NARA publication T624, roll 1023.

³⁶ Ibid.

³⁷ 1915 New York state census, New York Co., pop. sch., Election District 36, Assembly District 19, p.9, line 49, Chas J David.

³⁸ 1920 U.S. census, Passaic, NJ, pop. sch., Paterson Ward 11, ED 147, sheet 10A, dwell. 188, fam. 209, George Kaufman.

Charles and Rose continued to live in Manhattan.³⁹ Charles' second wife died in 1920 of diphtheria.⁴⁰ Charles lived in New York and worked as a tailor for several more years.⁴¹

MOVING WEST

Twice widowed, Charles moved to San Diego, California about 1928.⁴² Charles is unidentified in the 1930 census.⁴³ He is listed in San Diego city directories 1938-1941 living at 4914 Niagara Avenue.⁴⁴ He rented this home for several years and in 1940 he was paying \$25 a month in rent.⁴⁵ Charles died of heart disease at the age of seventy eight in 1941.⁴⁶

It is unclear why Charles moved to California. His relationship with his children was all but broken. One of Charles' grandchildren indicated he never met Charles and incorrectly thought he died in the early 1900s.⁴⁷ Another grandchild said she never knew her grandfather, even though she was an adult when her grandfather died.⁴⁸ This estrangement from his family is reflected in the lack of knowledge about Charles' later years.

A NOTE ON NAMES

Assimilation into American culture was important to Charles as evidenced by the Americanization of names. On the passenger list from Europe to America, Elizabeth was identified as Elise, Charles as Isaak and their son as Tobias.⁴⁹ In America, they became Elizabeth, Charles Isaac and Charles Thomas, respectively.⁵⁰ "Charles" is not a Hebrew or Yiddish name and, in fact, naming a son after a

³⁹ 1920 U.S. census, NY, NY, pop. sch., Manhattan Assembly District 17, ED 1217, sheet 15B, dwell. 10, fam. 353, Charles I. David.

⁴⁰ Manhattan, New York County, New York, death cert. no. M18928 (1920), Rosa Stern David; Municipal Archives, New York City.

⁴¹ 1925 New York state census, New York County, population schedule, Election District 41, Assembly District 21, p.6, line 44, Charles I David [transcribed as Charles J David]; *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 3 September 2016); citing New York State Archives, Albany, New York.

⁴² San Diego Co., CA, death certificate 41-679420 (1941), Charles David.

⁴³ Searched "1930 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 4 October 2016), citing NARA microfilm publication T626. Searched for surname David, birth 1863+-10 years in Russia or Turkey. In case name was transposed, also searched first name "David" born 1863+-10 years in Russia or Turkey living in San Diego County, California. No likely candidates.

⁴⁴ San Diego, California, City Directory, 1938 (San Diego: San Diego Directory Co., 1938), 165; Ancestry (http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2469: accessed 4 October 2016) > U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995 > California > San Diego > 1938 > image 140. Similar titles for 1939, image 146; 1940, image 153; 1941, image 189.

⁴⁵ 1940 U.S. census, San Diego County, California, population schedule, San Diego, enumeration district (ED) 62-18B, sheet 10A, household 258, Charles I. David [transcribed as Charles J. David]; *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 4 October 2016), citing NARA digital publication T627, roll 448.

⁴⁶ San Diego Co., CA, death certificate 41-679420 (1941), Charles David.

⁴⁷ Morrill Cole, Grand View, New York to Shannon Green, e-mail, 16 Mar 2011, "RE: Charles David."

⁴⁸ Personal knowledge of the author based on conversations with Helen David Green, granddaughter of Charles Isaac David, 2002-2012.

⁴⁹ "New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957," digital images, *Ancestry*, manifest, S.S. *Polynesia*, Hamburg to New York, New York, arriving 10 Aug 1888, unpaginated, passengers 243-247, Isaak David and family.

⁵⁰ New York Co., NY, Supreme Court, naturalization book 51: 88, Charles David naturalization petition no. 12188, 1911.

living father is not common in the Jewish tradition.⁵¹ Charles and Elizabeth's other children had both traditional and Americanized names: Joseph Wolf also went by John William; Hyman went by Herman; Irwin was also known by Irving and Helen was listed as Haia on her birth certificate.⁵²

Children of Charles¹ and Elizabeth (Greenwald) David:⁵³

- i. CHARLES THOMAS (TOBIAS)² DAVID, b. Russian Empire, 3 April 1884;⁵⁴ d. New York, New York, 11 September 1930;⁵⁵ m. about 1920, ANNA E. COHEN.⁵⁶
- SARAH H. DAVID, b. Russian Empire, 23 November 1886; d. Sherman Oaks, Los Angeles, California, 5 November 1972;⁵⁷ m. 1908-1909, GEORGE MORRIS KAUFMAN.⁵⁸
- 2. iii. JOHN WILLIAM (JOSEPH WOLF) DAVID, b. New York, New York, 17 November 1888; m. (1) FANNIE COHEN, (2) MOLLY KATZ.
 - iv. IRWIN (IRVING) W. DAVID, b. New York, New York, 22 June 1890; d. Auburn, Androscoggin, Maine, 12 December 1950;⁵⁹ m. New York, New York, 17 January 1914, CARRIE BLOOMINGDALE.⁶⁰

⁵¹ "Naming Traditions," *JewishGen* (http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/GivenNames/slide7.html : accessed 5 September 2016).

⁵² New York Co., NY, Supreme Court, naturalization book 51: 88, Charles David naturalization petition no. 12188, 1911. 1900 U.S. census, New York, NY, pop. sch., Manhattan, ED 132, sheet 6A, dwell. 12, fam. 115, Charles David. "World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," digital images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 5 September 2016), card for John William David; citing *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, NARA microfilm publication M1509. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," digital images, *Ancestry*, card for Charles Thomas David, Washoe, Nevada; citing FHL microfilm no. 1,711,537. Manhattan, New York County, New York, birth certificate no. M51727 (1903), Haia Maria David.

⁵³ New York Co., NY, Supreme Court, naturalization book 51: 88, Charles David naturalization petition no. 12188, 1911

⁵⁴ "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," digital images, *Ancestry*, card for Charles Thomas David, Washoe, Nevada. Note his WWI draft card listed his birthdate as 3 April 1882, which is inconsistent with census records and his father's naturalization petition.

⁵⁵ Manhattan, New York, New York, death certificate no. 21256 (1930), Dr. Charles David; Municipal Archives, New York.

⁵⁶ Charles Thomas David registered for the World War I draft 12 September 1918 in Reno, Washoe, Nevada where he was a post-graduate student. For "nearest relative" his entered "Dr. Paul Nesson (friend)" of Boston, Massachusetts. This implies he was not married at the time. 1920 U.S. census, Suffolk, Massachusetts, population schedule, Boston Ward 5, page 2B, ED 137, dwelling 9, family 40, Charles T. David; *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 5 September 2016); citing MARA microfilm publication T625, roll 731. This census indicates Charles T. David was living with Anna E. David as husband and wife in Boston, Massachusetts by 1920.

⁵⁷ Los Angeles County, California, death certificate CA7097-044546 (1972), Sara H. Kaufman; Los Angeles, Registrar/Recorder County Clerk, Los Angeles, California.

⁵⁸ 1910 U.S. census, Passaic, New Jersey, population schedule, Paterson Ward 9, ED 142, sheet 10A, dwelling 86, family 225, George M. Kaufman; digital image, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 2 September 2016), citing NARA publication T624, roll 907.

⁵⁹ "Irwin H. David," obituary, *New York Times*, 13 December 1950, p. 35, col. 4; *NYTimes* (http://www.nytimes.com: accessed 6 September 2016).

⁶⁰ Manhattan, New York County, New York, marriage certificate no. M2069 (1914), David-Bloomingdale; Municipal Archives, New York City.

- v. HERMAN (HYMAN) DAVID, b. New York, New York, 9 September 1893; d. Miami Beach, Florida, 16 July 1986;⁶¹ m. about 1930, GLADYS [--?--].⁶²
- vi. HELEN MARIE (HAIA) DAVID, b. New York, New York, 24 November 1903; d. Kent, Litchfield, Connecticut, 7 April 1990; ⁶³ m. about 1925, DAVID COLE. ⁶⁴

⁶¹ Florida Department of Health, death certificate, 86-067901 (1986), Herman David; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville.

^{62 1930} U.S. census, New York, NY, pop. sch., Manhattan, ED 444, sheet 9B, dwelling 3, family 361, Herman David.

⁶³ "Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012," database, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 6 September 2016), entry for Helen D. Cole; citing Connecticut Department of Health, Hartford.

^{64 1930} U.S. census, Passaic, NJ, pop. sch., Patterson, ED 84, sheet 15B, dwell. 165, fam. 170, David L. Cole.