

The Roth Family



Herbert Roth, born October 17, 1923



Irene Roth, born January 22, 1925



Walter Roth, born April 18, 1929



Selma Roth, born August 8, 1889, mother of Herbert, Irene, and Walter Roth. Died of illness, 1934. Circa 1923.



Markus Roth, born September 5, 1893.





Toni Stern, born July 21, 1898, shown at age 26. She married Markus Roth in 1936. Circa 1923.

Herbert, Irene and Walter Roth lived with their parents and grandparents in their mother's childhood home. Their grandfather, Herz Stern, was a dry goods peddler and in earlier years was a cattle dealer and butcher who had a kosher slaughterhouse in the barn next to their house. Their father Markus, a decorated World War I veteran, was a grain merchant in Roth. In 1934, when the youngest child, Walter, was just five years old, their mother Selma died of a sudden illness. Two years later, their father married a second cousin, Toni Stern.




The Stern/Roth home had been in their family since the early 1800s. Circa 1920.

Markus Roth fought on the Western Front between 1915 and 1918. He was promoted to Corporal and received the Iron Cross, Second Class medal and the Hessen Medal of Bravery.

"My father traded in feed and grain. We had one horse that hauled animal feed and seed grain shipped from Giessen—and other goods that the farmers needed. He sold these to the farmers and purchased their harvest. . . . He went as far as his horse could travel and return to Roth in one day." - Herbert Roth



Feed and fertilizer receipt signed by Herbert Roth for payment owed to Markus Roth by a customer. It was paid days before the family emigrated to the United States.



Irene, Walter and Herbert with their mother Selma in the family garden. Circa 1929.



The Roth children never knew their uncle, Hermann Stern, who died in combat in Macedonia in 1917 at the age of 18.



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Herz Stern at the age of 72, 1919.



Herz Stern had to submit plans and post notice in the local newspaper to secure the permit for his slaughterhouse in 1892. Building application published in local newspaper - September, 1892. Bill for 3.15 RM. for publication.



Toni Stern's older brothers, Louis and Hugo.

Toni's mother, Bertha Stern (nee Rosenbach), born May 26, 1869 in Borken.