

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

ESTATE OF ALBERT W. STEIN, DECEASED

CASE NO. 2013-X2946

**GENEALOGIST'S AFFIDAVIT AS TO WHICH
MORRIS STEIN IS THE FATHER OF DECEDENT**

I. SUBJECTS

Morris Stein (hereinafter "Morris #1), who is the brother of Max Stein; brother-in-law of Mary Stein; and paternal uncle to Morris Stein (hereinafter Morris #2). Jennie Bruck, who is believed to have married one of the two referenced Morris Steins, is also a subject of this writing.

II. BACKGROUND

On 6 November 2013, Michael S. Ramage, J.D., Certified GenealogistSM (hereinafter "affiant"), was retained by Xxxx Xxxxx, Administrator *De Bonis Non* of the above Estate, on an hourly fee plus costs basis, to attempt to document the intestate heirs of Albert W. Stein (hereinafter referred to as "Decedent").¹ Decedent died intestate on 28 May 2013 a resident of Merion Station, Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.²

Decedent's parents were Morris and Jennie (Bruck) Stein.³ In 1928, Decedent's father's name was legally changed from Moishe Stomachin to Morris Stein.⁴

¹ Affiant was originally retained by Administrator on 28 August 2013 to attempt to document his (Administrator's) relationship, if any, to Decedent. The scope of this engagement was broadened upon Mr. Xxxxx's 6 November 2013 appointment as Administrator *D.B.N.*

² Albert W. Stein death certificate, state no. P 19786203-2013, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, New Castle, Pennsylvania, Exhibit 50. [A note about the referenced Exhibits: The Exhibits cited herein are a smaller sub-set of exhibits taken from the complete set of exhibits that are annexed to affiant's Affidavit of Due Diligence. The list of supporting citations and exhibits are in approximate order as to the time they were discovered or provided to affiant; therefore, the list allows the reader to view the way that newly discovered records changed the focus, direction or scope of additional research.]

³ *Ibid.* Albert W. Stein birth certificate, state file no. 662573 - 1925, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, New Castle, Pennsylvania, Exhibit 45.

⁴ Morris Stein, Certificate of Naturalization, case no. 2812856 (1928); U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania [Provided by Estate; Note: the reverse side states, "Name changed by the order of the court from- MOISHE STOMACHIN TO MORRIS STEIN"]; Exhibit 47.

Research into 1910 U.S. census schedules from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, showed that the most likely 1910 Philadelphia household for Decedent’s father was in a particular Max Stein 1910 U.S. census household that included two Morris Stein household members of an age to have been Decedent’s father.⁵ It is important to determine which of these two Morris Steins was Decedent’s father as this will determine who the potential paternal intestate heirs of Decedent’s Estate are.⁶ Children of first cousins (cousins once removed) do not take if there is a living closer relative.⁷

Having conducted extensive research on the Decedent’s family to determine Decedent’s potential maternal and paternal intestate heirs, affiant’s focus here will be on the data that will assist in distinguishing these two Morris Steins from one another: birth dates, immigration dates, parents’ identities, and occupations.

The standard of proof that will be applied to the question here is the Genealogical Proof Standard (hereinafter “GPS”). The GPS “... has five interdependent components:”

- **Reasonably exhaustive research—emphasizing original records providing participants’ information— for all evidence that might answer a genealogist’s question about an identity, relationship, event, or situation**
- **Complete, accurate citations to the source or sources of each information item contributing— directly, indirectly, or negatively—to answers about that identity, relationship, event, or situation**
- **Tests—through processes of analysis and correlation—of all sources, information items, and evidence contributing to an answer to a genealogical question or problem**
- **Resolution of conflicts among evidence items pertaining to the proposed answer**

⁵ Max Stein household, 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 2, ED 35, SD 1, sheet 6B, dwelling 63, family 122; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 November 2013); Exhibit 21. [U.S. census population schedules are not always the most reliable of records as it is not reported as to who supplied the information to the census enumerator (excepting 1940) and it is not known if the enumerator accurately wrote down the information on the schedule. Nevertheless, U.S. census records are a good starting point in genealogical research and often supply data that leads to other genealogical records (as in this case).]

⁶ The order of the legislatively directed intestate succession is: (1) the surviving spouse and/or the decedent’s parents and issue (i.e., descendants); (2) the issue (descendants) of the decedent; (3) the parents; (4) brothers, sisters or their issue; (5) grandparents; (6) uncles, aunts and their children, and grandchildren; and, (7) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“escheat”). 20 Pa. C.S. Sections 2102 & 2103.

⁷ 20 Pa. C.S. Sections 2104(1 & 2); *Miller Est.*, 20 Fiduc. Rep. 2d 235.

- **A soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion based on the strongest available evidence⁸**

III. ISSUE

In relation to the Max Stein 1910 U.S. census,⁹ whether household members Morris #1 or Morris #2 married Jennie Bruck and fathered Decedent?

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Max and Mary Stein

The first significant record found for Max and Morris Stein is their 1910 U.S. census schedule.¹⁰ In it, Max Stein is listed as the head, age 43, second marriage - for 16 years to Mary Stein, born in Russia, immigrated 1903, an alien, speaks English, and is a merchant in the toy industry. Max's spouse, Mary (Dolitsky) Stein, is listed as wife, age 35, married 16 years, 4 of her 4 children are alive, born in Russia, immigrated 1908, and she speaks Yiddish. Mary's maiden name is deduced from the household member, Dora Dolitsky, listed as Max's sister-in-law (though it is possible that Dora was the sister to Max's first wife). Of the six children listed in this household, it appears that the youngest four (Oscar, Sarha [sic], Lizzie & William) are the children of Mary. The older children, Morris #2 and Anna, appear to be the children of Max's first marriage. Max's brother, Morris #1, is living in this household (see IV, B, below). This family resided at 519 Carpenter Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In this family's 1920 U.S. census schedule,¹¹ Max is listed as age 52, immigrated 1902, first papers filed, and he is a proprietor in the hardware industry on his own account. Mary is listed as a 43-year old who immigrated in 1907. The family resided in Philadelphia at 300 Cantrell Street. Neither Morris #1 nor #2 is shown to reside in this household.

⁸ Board for Certification of Genealogists®, *Genealogy Standards*, 50th anniversary edition (Nashville, TN: Ancestry, 2014), 1-2. See also, Board for Certification of Genealogists, *The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*, millennium edition (Orem, Utah: Ancestry, 2000), 1-2.

⁹ Max Stein household, 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., Philadelphia city, ED 35, sheet 6B, dwelling 63; Exh. 21.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ Max Stein household, 1920 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 39, ED 1395, SD 1, sheet 14B, dwelling 263, family 275; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 November 2013), Exhibit 22.

In the 1930 U.S. census,¹² Max is shown as age 67, first married at age 25, and is still a proprietor in the hardware industry as an owner. Mary is shown as age 55 with her first marriage at age 18 (relatively consistent with the 1910 census). The residence is located at 312 Cantrell Street in Philadelphia.

In 1940, Max and Mary Stein are living with two of their daughters and a son –in-law in a rented home.¹³ No death or estate records were found for either Max or Mary Stein.¹⁴

B. Morris Stein #1 & Jennie (Bruck) Stein

Morris #1, formerly known as Moishe¹⁵ Stomachin, was born in 1885 in Russia.¹⁶ In 1904, Morris #1 immigrated through Baltimore, Maryland.¹⁷ In 1906, Morris #1 was deeded real property located at 2447-53 South Hutchinson Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.¹⁸

In 1910, Morris #1 is found living in the household of his brother, Max Stein.¹⁹ In this census, Morris #1 is listed as brother, age 26, single, born in Russia, immigrated 1905, an alien, and he works as a Candler in the Eggs industry.

In 1918, Morris #1 married Jennie Bruck.²⁰ In his marriage application, Morris #1 swore that his occupation was as an Inspector; he was born in Russia in 1885; his father's name

¹² Max Stein household, 1930 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 39, ED 51-177, SD 31, sheet 18B, dwelling 281, family 291; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 November 2013), Exhibit 23.

¹³ Max Braverman & Max Stein households, 1940 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 1, ED 51-13, SD 1, sheets 9B & 10A, 1628 & 1621 Lawrence Street, dwellings 189 & 191; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 12 November 2013), Exhibit 37. [Edith Stein in home of twin sister, Pauline (Stein) Braverman].

¹⁴ "Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituaries; *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 November 2013), negative search results for Max Stein and Mary Stein. *Jewish Exponent* (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), *ProQuest.com* (<http://www.proquest.com> : accessed 13 December 2013), negative search results for Max Stein and Mary Stein. Register of Wills, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, negative search results in the Estate Administrations and Wills Indices for Max Stein and Mary Stein for the years 1940 – 1960 (20 & 21 November 2013 searches).

¹⁵ "Moyshe" means "Moses in English." Alexander Beider, *Handbook of Ashkenazic Given Names and Their Variants* (Bergenfield, New Jersey: Avotaynu, Inc., 2009), 64. Morse is an English variant of Moyshe. *Ibid.* at 170.

¹⁶ Morris Stein, Certificate of Naturalization, case no. 2812856 (1928), Exhibit 47. "Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930, digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 November 2013); Declaration of Intention, No. 94959 (1925), Petition for Naturalization, No. 2812856 (1928); U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, entry for Moishe Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exhibit 56.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*

¹⁸ Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Deeds, Deed Book WSV, no. 884:506, Isadore & Molly Herman to Morris Stein, deed, 13 August 1906; Records Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania [Supplied by Estate; Note: 2447-49-53 So. Hutchinson St.], Exhibit 60.

¹⁹ Max Stein household, 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., Philadelphia city, ED 35, sheet 6B, dwelling 63; Exh. 21.

was Max who was dead; and his mother was Jennie, no maiden name listed.²¹ No pertinent death or estate record was found for Morris #1's father's (Max Stein or Max Stomachin) for the expected death period of 1906 – 1918.²² Searches for Morris #1s' parents' 1900 – 1910 U.S. census records were negative, as were such searches for a probable Jennie Stein/Stomachin for the 1920 – 1940 censuses.²³

In 1920, Morris #1 is found in the same home as his mother-in-law and he is listed as ~~Head Son-in-Law~~, age 33, immigrated 1906, filed his first papers, born in Russia, and works as an Egg Inspector in a Poultry House; his wife, Jennie, is listed as Daughter, age 24, born in Pennsylvania.²⁴ In 1924, Morris #1 and wife, Jennie, were deeded realty located at 1616 North 29th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.²⁵

In 1925, Morris #1 filed his Declaration of Intention in which he swore that he was aged 40 years, he was a salesman born in Russia in 1885, his wife was Jennie, and he immigrated in 1904.²⁶ Similarly, in 1928, Morris # 1 swore in his Petition for Naturalization that he was a salesman, born in 1885 in Russia, he immigrated in 1904, his wife was J[e]nnie, and he had three sons including Decedent.²⁷

²⁰ Morris Stein-Jennie Bruck marriage, Clerk of Orphans' Court, Application for Marriage and Certificate no. 390504 (1918), Clerk of Orphans' Court, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Exhibit 51.

²¹ *Ibid.*

²² "Public Records, Death Indices," Pennsylvania Department of Health (1906 – 1918) (<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=1085804&mode=2> : accessed 15 December 2013), no pagination (alphabetical), entries for Max Stein (1909) & Stomachin (Hyman, 1906; Lilly, 1908), Exhibit 84. Max Stein, death certificate, local file no. 28547 (1909); "Pennsylvania, Philadelphia City Death Certificates, 1803-1915," digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 16 December 2013), Exhibit 85 [Irrelevant record - Child, age 9; Father, Louis; Mother, Yettia [sic] Cohen]. Register of Wills, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, negative search results in the Estate Administrations and Wills Indices for Max Stein or Max Stomachin for the years 1906 – 1924 (11 & 12 December 2013 searches).

²³ "U.S. Federal Census Collection," Search, digital database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 November 2013). "Search Census," digital database, *HeritageQuestOnline.com* (<http://www.heritagequestonline.com> : accessed 24 November 2013).

²⁴ Laura Bruck & Morris Stein households, 1920 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 20, ED 460, SD 1, sheet 11A, dwelling 124, families 207 & 208; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 August 2013), Exhibit 14.

²⁵ Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Mortgages, Mortgage Book J.M.H., no. 4049: 307, Morris & Jennie Stein, mortgage, 19 August 1924; Records Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Exhibit 61.

²⁶ "Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930, *Ancestry.com*, Declaration of Intention, No. 94959 (1925), entry for Moishe Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exhibit 56.

²⁷ "Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930, *Ancestry.com*, Petition for Naturalization, No. 2812856 (1928), entry for Moishe Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exhibit 56.

In 1930, Morris #1 is listed as age 42, married at age 32, born in Russia, and occupied as a Candler [Inspector] in the Egg industry.²⁸ Again, wife, Jennie, and his three sons including Decedent are found living in Morris #1's household.

Morris #1 died in 1939.²⁹ Morris left no estate.³⁰

In 1940, Jennie (Bruck) Stein, a widow, lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with her three sons including Decedent.³¹ Jennie died in 1980 survived by her three sons including Decedent.³²

C. Morris Stein #2

Morris #2, formerly known as Moische Stomachin, was born in Russia in either 1889 or 1890.³³ On 23 January 1910 Morris #2 (then Moesche Stomachin) immigrated to the

²⁸ Morris Stein household, 1930 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 29, ED 51-705, SD 29, sheet 16B, dwelling 286, family 305; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 August 2013), Exhibit 15.

²⁹ Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Deeds, Deed Book D, no. 1018:507, Jennie Stein, Deceased, by her administrator, Albert Stein, deed, 20 November 1995; Records Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Exhibit 62. Morris & Jennie Stein tombstone, Har Jehuda Cemetery, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania (photo by Wendy Bruck), Exhibit 78. Morris Stein obituary, *Jewish Exponent* (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), 3 March 1939, page 2, column __; extract of digital image, *ProQuest.com* (<http://www.proquest.com> : accessed 13 December 2013), Exhibit 88. [On 26 November 2013, affiant ordered Morris #1's death certificate from "Vital Statistics Records at the Pennsylvania State Archives," Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (<http://www.portal.state.pa.us> : accessed 26 November 2013), but it was not received in time for this report that the Administrator required at this time.]

³⁰ Register of Wills, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, negative search results in the Estate Administrations and Wills Indices for Morris Stein for the years 1939 – 1948 (11 & 12 December 2013 searches).

³¹ Jennie Stein household, 1940 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 29, ED 51-889, SD 4, sheet 10A [on two pages], 1616 N. 29th Street, dwelling 192; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 August 2013), Exhibit 16.

³² Jennie Stein death certificate, local no. 1728270-1980, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, New Castle, Pennsylvania, Exhibit 46. Deed Book D, no. 1018:507, Jennie Stein, Deceased, 20 November 1995, Records Dept., Phila., Exhibit 62. Morris & Jennie Stein tombstone, Har Jehuda Cemetery, Exhibit 78. Jennie Stein obituary, *Jewish Exponent* (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), 4 July 1980, page 28, column 1; extract of digital image, *ProQuest.com* (<http://www.proquest.com> : accessed 13 December 2013), Exhibit 89.

³³ Max Stein household, 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., Philadelphia city, ED 35, sheet 6B, dwelling 63; Exh. 21. "New York Passenger Lists, 1820 – 1957," digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 12 November 2013), entry Moische Stomachin; SS *Napolitan Prince* Passenger Manifest, pages 97 & 117, line 30; arrived 23 January 1910; citing *Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1897 - 1957*; micropublication T715 (Washington: National Archives), roll 1402, Exhibit 52. "U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942;" digital images, Fold3.com (<http://www.fold3.com> : accessed 27 November 2013), card for Morris Stein, Exhibit 68. "Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930," digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 24 December 2013); Declaration of Intention, No. 1456 (1914), Quarter Sessions Court, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Petition for Naturalization, No. 42652 (1920); U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, entry for Moische Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exhibit 107. Morris Stein household, 1940 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 35, ED

United States as a 21-year old tinsmith, born in Russia, going to join his father, Michael Stomachin at 519 Carpenter Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.³⁴ As is typical in Jewish households of this time and place, this family use their Hebrew, Yiddish and English given names at various times.³⁵ Based upon the identical address being listed in the 1910 ship passenger list and 1910 census, the ship passenger list reference to Michael Stomachin was the same individual as Max Stein, the head in the 1910 U.S. census schedule. On 26 May 1910 Morris #2 is enumerated in his father's U.S. census household as son, age 20, single, born Russia, immigrated 1909, tinsmith, residing at 519 Carpenter Street.

It appears that Morris # 2 married Anna Becker in 1915.³⁶ In his 1920 naturalization petition, Morris #2 swore that his wife was Anna, his oldest listed child was born in 1916, and Max Becker was a witness to Morris #2's Petition for Naturalization.³⁷

As of his 23 August 1920 naturalization petition, Morris #2 swore that he was born in 1889 and he lived at 2603 South Beulah Street in Philadelphia.³⁸ However, Morris #2 was not at this address as of the 10 January 1920 taking of the U.S. census at that address, nor was he found elsewhere indexed in the 1920 or 1930 U.S. censuses.³⁹

51-1305, SD 5, sheets 9A & 9B, 4059 Roosevelt Boulevard, dwelling 162; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 December 2013), Exhibit 111.

³⁴ "New York Passenger Lists, 1820 – 1957," digital images, *Ancestry.com*, Moishe Stomachin; *SS Napolitan Prince* Passenger Manifest, 23 January 1910; Exh. 52. "Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930," digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Declaration of Intention (1914), Quarter Sessions Court, Philadelphia; Petition for Naturalization, (1920); U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Moishe Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exh. 107.

³⁵ Beider, *Handbook of Ashkenazic Given Names*, 5 – 9.

³⁶ "Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Marriage Indexes, 1885-1951," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/JVDV-N45> : accessed 31 Dec 2013), Morris Stein and Anna Becker, license no. 322847 (1915), Exhibit 112. [On 2 January 2014 affiant ordered a certified copy of this marriage record but it has not been received in time for the report deadline set by the Administrator D.B.N.]

³⁷ "Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930," digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Declaration of Intention (1914), Quarter Sessions Court, Philadelphia; Petition for Naturalization, (1920); U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Moishe Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exh. 107.

³⁸ *Ibid.*

³⁹ *Ibid.* Isaac Grosser Stein households, 1920 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 39, ED 1422, SD 1, sheet 11B, dwelling 223, family 232; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 December 2013) [Head of household at 2603 So. Beulah St.]. "U.S. Federal Census Collection," Search, digital database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 December 2013); negative index search results for 1920- 1930 U.S. censuses for Morris, Anna/Hannah & Eli Stein, and Max Becker. "Search Census," digital database, *HeritageQuestOnline.com* (<http://www.heritagequestonline.com> : accessed 27 December 2013);); negative index search results for 1920-1930 U.S. censuses for Morris, Anna/Hannah & Eli Stein, and Max Becker.

In 1940, Morris #2 resided with his wife, “Hanna,” and his children, Eli and Shirley, at 4059 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁴⁰ In this 1940 census schedule, Morris #2 is recorded as 52 years of age, born in Russia, on 1 April 1935 he and his wife were living in Russia, and he reportedly worked on his own account as a manufacturer in the restaurant supplies industry.⁴¹ In 1942, Morris #2 affirmed that he was residing at 4059 Roosevelt Boulevard in Philadelphia, born in 1890 in Russia, his contact person was Mrs. Anna Stein at the same address, and he was self-employed at Sterling Metal Ware.⁴²

No readily identifiable post-1942 record was found for Morris #2.⁴³

V. Conclusion

The following general rules of genealogical evidence analysis are noted: (a) sources that are original are usually more reliable than derivative or authored sources; (b) primary (firsthand) information generally is more reliable than secondary (hearsay) or undetermined information; and (c) evidence is based upon the relevance of information to the issue and “degree of explicitness:” directly (explicit), indirectly (not explicit) or negatively (not explicit).⁴⁴

Four attached charts⁴⁵ help illustrate that Morris #1 was the father of Decedent.⁴⁶ The argument for the conclusions relating to the key distinguishing factors between Morris #1 and Morris #2 (birth dates, immigration dates, parents’ identities, occupations) are

⁴⁰ Morris Stein household, 1940 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, ED 51-1305, sheets 9A & 9B, dwelling 162; Exh. 111.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*

⁴² . “U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942;” digital images, *Fold3.com*, card for Morris Stein, Exh. 68.

⁴³ “Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituaries; *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 December 2013), negative search results for this Morris Stein. *Jewish Exponent* (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), *ProQuest.com* (<http://www.proquest.com> : accessed 13 December 2013), negative search results for this Morris Stein. Register of Wills, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, negative search results in the Estate Administrations and Wills Indices for this Morris Stein for the years 1942 – 1960 (20 & 21 November 2013 searches).

⁴⁴ Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Evidence Analysis, A Research Process Map,” (2014) in BCG, *Genealogy Standards* (2014), 81 (back flyleaf). See also, Thomas W. Jones, *Mastering Genealogical Proof* (Arlington, Virginia: National Genealogical Society, 2013), 7 – 16. [The expected future receipt of Morris #1’s death certificate and Morris #2’s marriage record are not expected to change this conclusion but one must keep in mind the following tenet: “Genealogical proofs—like accepted conclusions in any research field—never are final. Previously unknown evidence may arise, causing the genealogist to reassess and reassemble the evidence, which may change the outcome.” BCG, *Genealogy Standards* (2014), 3. See also, *The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual* (2000), 2.]

⁴⁵ “**Evidence independence.** Genealogists weigh evidence from independent information items. When information items are related (for example, birthdate information from an obituary and death certificate with the same informant), genealogists weigh them only after grouping the related items into a unit. Then they assign that unit no more credibility than the weight of the group’s strongest item.” BCG, *Genealogy Standards* (2014), 27, Standard 46.

⁴⁶ See Appendices A, B, C & D, pages 12 – 15 hereof.

supported, for the most part, with one or more original sources containing primary information that directly answers these questions.⁴⁷

Based upon the above and the attached supporting documentation, affiant is of the opinion based upon a reasonable degree of genealogical certainty that (a) Morris #1 was born in 1885,⁴⁸ he immigrated in 1904,⁴⁹ and he worked primarily as an egg inspector;⁵⁰ and (b) Morris #1 was the son of Max and Jennie Stein,⁵¹ the father of Decedent⁵² and husband of Jennie Bruck.⁵³ Based upon the above and the attached supporting documentation, affiant is of the opinion based upon a reasonable degree of genealogical certainty that (a) Morris #2 was born in 1889,⁵⁴ he immigrated in 1910,⁵⁵ and he worked primarily as a tinsmith;⁵⁶ and (b) Morris #2 was the nephew of Morris #1,⁵⁷ the son of Max and Mary Stein,⁵⁸ and the husband of Anna [Becker?].⁵⁹

⁴⁷ **“Evidence correlation.** Genealogists test their evidence by comparing and contrasting evidence items. They use such correlation to discover parallels, patterns, and inconsistencies, including points at which evidence items agree, conflict, or both.” BCG, *Genealogy Standards* (2014), 27, Standard 47. In this case, the parallels and patterns that reflect agreement outweigh the minor inconsistencies that appear in the records.

⁴⁸ Stein- Bruck marriage, 1918, Exhibit 51. “Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930, *Ancestry.com*, Declaration of Intention, 1925, entry for Moishe Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exhibit 56. “Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930, *Ancestry.com*, Petition for Naturalization, 1928, entry for Moishe Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exhibit 56.

⁴⁹ . “Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930, *Ancestry.com*, Declaration of Intention, 1925, entry for Moishe Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exhibit 56. “Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930, *Ancestry.com*, Petition for Naturalization, 1928, entry for Moishe Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exhibit 56.

⁵⁰ Max Stein household, 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., Philadelphia city, ED 35, sheet 6B, dwelling 63; Exh. 21. Morris Stein households, 1920 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Philadelphia city, ED 460, sheet 11A, dwelling 124, Exhibit 14. Morris Stein household, 1930 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Philadelphia city, ED 51-705, sheet 16B, dwelling 286, Exhibit 15.

⁵¹ Stein- Bruck marriage, 1918, Exhibit 51.

⁵² Albert W. Stein death certificate, P 19786203-2013, Pa. Vital Records, Exhibit 50. Albert W. Stein birth certificate, 662573 - 1925, Pa. Vital Records, Exhibit 45.

⁵³ *Ibid.*

⁵⁴ “Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930,” *Ancestry.com*, Petition for Naturalization (1920,; Moische Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exh. 107.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.* “New York Passenger Lists, 1820 – 1957,” *Ancestry.com*, Moische Stomachin; SS *Napolitan Prince*, arrived 23 January 1910; Exh. 52.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.* Max Stein household, 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., Philadelphia city, ED 35, sheet 6B, dwelling 63; Exh. 21. “U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942;” Fold3.com, card for Morris Stein, Exh. 68.

⁵⁷ Max Stein household, 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia Co., Pa., Philadelphia city, ED 35, sheet 6B, dwelling 63; Exh. 21.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.* “New York Passenger Lists, 1820 – 1957,” *Ancestry.com*, Moische Stomachin; SS *Napolitan Prince*, arrived 23 January 1910; Exh. 52.

⁵⁹ “Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Marriage Indexes, 1885-1951,” index, *FamilySearch*, Morris Stein and Anna Becker, 1915, Exhibit 112. “Pennsylvania, U.S. Naturalization Originals, 1795-1930,” *Ancestry.com*, Petition for Naturalization (1920), Moische Stomachin (Morris Stein), Exh. 107. “U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942,” *Fold3.com*, card for Morris Stein, Exh. 68.

VI. DOCUMENTS PROVIDED

1. **Exhibit 14: Laura Bruck & Morris Stein households, 1920 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 20, ED 460, SD 1, sheet 11A, dwelling 124, families 207 & 208; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 August 2013) [1430 Franklin Street].**
2. **Exhibit 15: Morris Stein household, 1930 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 29, ED 51-705, SD 29, sheet 16B, dwelling 286, family 305; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 August 2013) [1616 (Turner & Oxford) Streets].**
3. **Exhibit 16: Jennie Stein household, 1940 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 29, ED 51-889, SD 4, sheet 10A [on two pages], 1616 N. 29th Street, dwelling 192; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 August 2013) [Jennie, widow].**
4. **Exhibit 21: Max Stein household, 1910 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia city, Ward 2, ED 35, SD 1, sheet 6B, dwelling 63, family 122; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 November 2013) [519 Carpenter Street; tenement house].**
5. **... [Twenty-two more exhibits cited and attached to report.]**

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APPENDIX A

BIRTH DATES ANALYSIS

MORRIS #1 BIRTH YEAR(S)	MORRIS #1 EXHIBITS	MORRIS #2 BIRTH YEAR(S)	MORRIS #2 EXHIBITS
1884/1885	1910 census, Exh. 21 [Derivative source, undetermined information, indirect evidence]	1888/1889	1910 passenger list, Exh. 52 [Original source, undetermined information, indirect evidence]
1885	1918 Stein-Bruck marriage, Exh. 51 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]	1890/1891	1910 census, Exh. 21 [Derivative source, undetermined information, indirect evidence]
1887/1888	1920 census, Exh. 14 [Derivative source, undetermined information, indirect evidence]	1889/1890	1914 Declaration of Intention, Exh. 107 [Original source, primary information, indirect evidence]
1885	1925 Declaration of Intention, Exh. 56 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]	1889	1920 Petition for Naturalization, Exh. 107 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]
1885	1928 Petition for Naturalization, Exh. 56 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]	1888/1889	1940 census, Exh. 111 [Derivative source, undetermined information, indirect evidence]
1888/1889	1930 census, Exh. 15 [Derivative source, undetermined information, indirect evidence]	1890	1942 WWII draft card, Exh. 68 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]

APPENDIX B

IMMIGRATION DATES ANALYSIS

MORRIS #1 DATES	MORRIS #1 EXHIBITS	MORRIS #2 DATES	MORRIS #2 EXHIBITS
1905	1910 census Exh. 21 [Derivative source, undetermined information, direct evidence]	1909	1910 census Exh. 21 [Derivative source, undetermined information, direct evidence]
1906	1920 census Exh. 14 [Derivative source, undetermined information, direct evidence]	1910	1910 passenger list, Exh. 52 [Original source, undetermined information, direct evidence]
1904	1925 Declaration of Intention, Exh. 56 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]	1910	1914 Declaration of Intention, Exh. 107 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]
1904	1928 Petition for Naturalization, Exh. 56 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]	1910	1920 Petition for Naturalization, Exh. 107 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]

APPENDIX C

PARENTS' IDENTITIES ANALYSIS

PARENTS' I.D.	MORRIS #1	PARENTS' I.D.	MORRIS #2
Max Stein, dead, Jennie, living	1918 Stein-Bruck marriage, Exh. 51 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]	Michael Stomachin	1910 passenger list, Exh. 52 [Original source, undetermined information, direct evidence]
		Max & Mary Stein	1910 census, Exh. 21 [Derivative source, undetermined information, direct (Max) & indirect (Mary) evidence]
		Max Stein alive in 1940	1940 census, Exh. 37 [Derivative source, undetermined information, direct evidence]

APPENDIX D

OCCUPATION ANALYSIS

MORRIS #1 OCCUPATION	MORRIS #1 EXHIBITS	MORRIS #2 OCCUPATION	MORRIS #2 EXHIBITS
Candler, eggs	1910 census Exh. 21 [Derivative source, undetermined information, direct evidence]	Tinsmith	1910 passenger list, Exh. 52 [Original source, undetermined information, direct evidence]
Inspector	1918 Stein-Bruck marriage, Exh. 51 [Original source, primary information, indirect evidence]	Tinsmith	1910 census Exh. 21 [Derivative source, undetermined information, direct evidence]
Egg Inspector, Poultry House	1920 census Exh. 14 [Derivative source, undetermined information, direct evidence]	Tinsmith	1914 Declaration of Intention, Exh. 107 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]
Salesman	1925 Declaration of Intention, Exh. 56 [Original source, primary information, indirect evidence]	Tinsmith	1920 Petition for Naturalization, Exh. 107 [Original source, primary information, direct evidence]
Salesman	1928 Petition for Naturalization, Exh. 56 [Original source, primary information, indirect evidence]	Self-employed, Sterling Metal Works	1942 WWII draft card, Exh. 68 [Original source, primary information, indirect evidence]
Candler, Egg	1930 census, Exh. 15 [Derivative source, undetermined information, direct evidence]		

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