

SAMPLE RESEARCH REPORT KELLER

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BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

Prior research has identified the following:

- Naftali Keller, a musician, was born in about 1859 in Iwla, Austria (present day Poland).
- Naftali immigrated to New York City in about 1886 and became a naturalized citizen.
- Known Manhattan addresses for Naftali include 146 Ridge Street and 24 Willet Street.
- Naftali returned to Austria in 1894, leaving his wife and child behind.
- Naftali remarried in Austria but most of his second family perished in the Holocaust.

OBJECTIVE: Who were Naftali's wife and child that remained in New York?

REPOSITORIES AND SOURCES CONSULTED

- FamilySearch
- New York City Municipal Archives
- Ancestry

A NOTE ON NAMES: Eastern European Jews often had more than one first name, making record searches challenging. The spelling of both first and last names was often inconsistent.¹ In addition, many immigrants changed their names to better assimilate to their new home.²

A NOTE ON CONFLICTING DATES: It is common to encounter conflicting dates (birth, marriage, death, immigration) in genealogical research. These conflicts may result from lack of primary knowledge of the event, faulty memory due to passage of time, or secondary gain for misrepresenting the information. Official event records are typically more reliable sources of the date of that event. For example, the birthdate on a birth certificate should be more accurate than the birthdate provided on a census or death record. It is always important when evaluating historical records to try to identify:

- Who was the informant, and did they witness the event?
- How far in the past was the event when the date was provided?
- Would there be benefit to the informant to alter the date?

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS (See Detailed Findings section for additional information and citations)

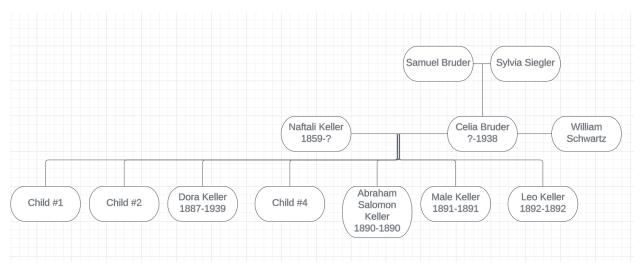
• Celia Bruder was Naftali Keller's wife who remained in New York after his return to Austria.

¹ Heather Dubnick, "Tips and Resources for Researching Ashkenazic Jewish Names," blog post; *LegacyTree Genealogists* (https://www.legacytree.com/blog/tips-and-resources-for-researching-ashkenazic-jewish-names : accessed 12 June 2023).

² Alicia Ault, "Did Ellis Island Officials Really Change the Names of Immigrants?" *Smithsonian Magazine* (28 December 2016); e-juornal (https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/ask-smithsonian-did-ellis-island-officials-really-change-names-immigrants-180961544/: accessed 12 June 2023).

- Celia was born in about 1865 in Hungary to Samuel Bruder and Sylvia Siegler.
- It appears that Celia used the first names Sali and Sarah when she first arrived in New York.
- At least seven children were born to Celia before Naftali returned to Austria in 1894. At least five
 of these children died young.
 - No records have been found for the first two children, one of whom died prior to 1887.
 - Dora Keller was born on 7 October 1887. She married Harry D. Bruder in 1915 and died of ovarian cancer in 1939.
 - No records have been found pertaining to Celia's fourth child.
 - Abraham Salomon Keller, Celia's fifth child, was born on 19 April 1890. At the time of his birth, two of his siblings were still alive. He died of convulsions and gastroenteritis at ten weeks of age.
 - On 9 September 1891, a male infant born to Naftali and Celia died at 8 hours of life of pulmonary edema.
 - Leo Keller died on 24 August 1892 of asphyxia. He was six hours old.
- Celia Bruder Keller married William Schwartz in about 1895.
- In 1910, Celia and William were enumerated in Manhattan with their two sons and 20-year-old Dora. No other children from Celia's first marriage were identified in the household.
- Celia died in 1938 in Brooklyn of coronary thrombosis and terminal pulmonary edema.

A family tree is shown below:



It is assumed, but not proven, that children 1, 2, and 4 were the children of Naftali.

DETAILED FINDINGS:

Source 1: "New York, New York City Births, 1846-1909," FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2240282 : accessed 11 June 2023), search last name "Keller," birth year 1886-1894, father's name Na* Keller.

Notes: This collection is an index to birth records from New York City covering the years 1846-1909. As the index is transcribed, alterations or omissions from the original document may be encountered. In addition, spelling variations may complicate record searches.

Abstract: Only one record resulted for the time period searched, that of Dora Keller born 7 October 1887 in Manhattan to 22-year-old Sali Brodi and 22-year-old "Naphtali" Keller. Birthplace for both parents was transcribed as "Hungari."

Conclusion: Naftali Keller and Sali Brodi had a child named Dora Keller in 1887. Both parents are identified as born in Hungary. The Austro-Hungarian empire was created in 1867, so Austria and Hungary may have been used interchangeably at the time of creation of this record.³ Sali's age of 22 provides an estimated birthyear of 1865.

Source 2: New York County, New York, "Birth Return," no. 50327(1887), Dora Keller; digital images, "Historical Vital Records, New York City Municipal Archives (https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/250050: accessed 6 March 2023). See Appendix A.

Notes: This document is a scan of the original. The scan is of good quality and the handwriting is legible. Abstract: Dora was born on Friday 7 October 1887 at 146 Ridge Street to "Naphtali" Keller, a 22-year-old musician born in "Hungari" and Sali "Brodi," a 22-year-old also born in "Hungari." Dora was the third child born to Sali, although one of her children had died. Dora's birth was recorded in Manhattan on 14 October 1887.

Conclusion: This scan confirms the indexed entry from Source 1 with the additional information that:

- Dora was Sali's third child, although only one sibling was alive at Dora's birth.
- Naftali was a musician, consistent with known prior information.
- The family resided at 146 Ridge Street, consistent with known prior information.

Source 3: "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths 1795-1949," FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2240477: accessed 11 June 2023), search last name "Keller," death year 1886-1894, father's name Na* Keller.

Notes: This collection is an index to death records from the five boroughs of New York City. The collection includes records from Manhattan covering the years 1795-1949. As the index is transcribed, alterations or omissions from the original document may be encountered. In addition, spelling variations may complicate record searches.

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Leo Keller	0	Nathan Keller	Sarah Keller	24 August 1892/Manhattan

Conclusion: Nathan and Sarah Keller had three children who died in infancy. The births of these children were not identified in the birth index search (Source 1), likely indicating that their births were not indexed or that they were indexed with a surname variation.

³ "Ausgleich," Britannica (https://www.britannica.com/event/Ausgleich: accessed 11 March 2023).

Source 4: New York County, New York, "Certificate and Record of Death," no. 21240 (1890), Abraham Solomon Keller; New York Municipal Archives, New York. See Appendix B.

Notes: This document is a scan of the original. Writing from an adjacent page appears to have bled onto the document, interfering with its clarity. Despite this, much of the document is legible.

Abstract: Abraham Salomon Keller died at 10 weeks of age at 0800 on 1 July 1890. His place of birth and death was 24 Willet Street. He was the son of Nathan and Sarah Keller, both born in Austria. Cause of death was convulsions and gastroenteritis. He was buried at Washington Cemetery.

Conclusion: This scan confirms the birth and death of Abraham Salomon Keller, the son of Nathan and Sarah Keller, at 24 Willet Street in Manhattan. This address is consistent with known prior information.

Source 5: New York County, New York, "Certificate and Record of Birth," no. 12370 (1890), Abraham Solomon Keller; digital images, "Historical Vital Records," New York City Municipal Archives (https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/403460: accessed 6 March 2023). See Appendix C.

Notes: This document is a scan of the original. The quality of the scan is adequate, and the handwriting is legible. The scan was indexed using the last name "Kelle," explaining its absence in the search described in Source 1.

Abstract: Abraham Salamon Keller was born 19 April 1890 on 24 Willet Street in Manhattan to 27-year-old Hungarian-born musician Nathan Keller and 25-year-old Hungarian-born Sarah "Brode." Abraham Salamon was the fifth child born to Sarah, with three still living.

Conclusion: This document provides confirmation of Abraham Salomon's birth at 24 Willet Street in Manhattan with the additional information that Sarah had delivered five children, but only three (including Abraham Salomon) were still living. We can thus conclude that only two children remained after the death of Abraham Salomon. Sarah's age of 25 provides an estimated birthyear of 1865.

Source 6: New York County, New York, "Certificate and Record of Death," no. 31416 (1891), Keller; New York Municipal Archives, New York. See Appendix D.

Notes: This document is a scan of the original. The quality of the scan is adequate, and the handwriting is legible.

Abstract: An unnamed 8-hour-old male infant born to Nathan and Sarah Keller of 24 Willet Street died at home at 0300 on 9 September 1891 of pulmonary edema. He was buried at Washington Cemetery. Conclusion: This scan confirms the death of a male newborn infant born to Nathan and Sarah Keller of 24 Willet Street, Manhattan. This infant was born 17 months after the birth of Sarah's fifth child.

Source 7: New York County, New York, "Certificate and Record of Death," no. 31363 (1892), Leo Keller; New York Municipal Archives, New York. See Appendix E.

Notes: This document is a scan of the original. The quality of the scan is adequate, and the handwriting is legible.

Abstract: Leo Keller, the son of Nathan and Sarah Keller, died of asphyxia at 2300 on 24 August 1892 at 24 Willet Street in Manhattan. Leo was six hours old at the time of death and was buried at Washington Cemetery. Both of his parents were born in Austria.

Conclusion: This confirms the death of Leo Keller, the newborn son of Nathan Keller and Sarah Keller of 24 Willet Street in Manhattan. This death occurred less than a year after the death of the infant referenced in Source 6.

Source 8: New York County, New York, "Certificate and Record of Marriage," no. 14082 (1915), Keller-Bruder; digital images, "Historical Vital Records, New York City Municipal Archives (https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/8596395): accessed 6 March 2023). See Appendix F.

Notes: This document is a scan of the original. The quality of the scan is adequate, and the handwriting is legible. Note that the record is indexed as "Ina H. Keller."

Abstract: On 22 June 1915, 25-year-old Dora Hanna Keller, born in New York City to Nathan Keller and Celia Bruder married Harry D. Bruder a 29-year-old salesman born in Austria to Joseph Bruder and Gittle Berg. It was the first marriage for both. Witnesses included Jacob [last name difficult to read] and Wm. Schwartz.

Conclusion: Dora Keller married Harry Bruder in 1915. Dora's age of 25 would suggest a birthyear of 1890, three years later than Dora Keller's birth record. In addition, this is the first document that identifies Nathan's wife as Celia (versus Sali or Sarah). These discrepancies might be explained by inaccurate age reporting (possibly volitional to appear younger) and continued "Americanization" of Dora's mother's first name.

Source 9: New York County, New York, "Certificate of Death," no. 17027 (1939), Dora Bruder; digital images, "Historical Vital Records, New York City Municipal Archives (https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/6784366 : accessed 8 March 2023). See Appendix G.

Notes: This document is a scan of the original. The quality of the scan is adequate, and the handwriting is legible. No informant is listed but was obviously not the decedent.

Abstract: Dora Bruder, a 52-year-old housewife, died at Israel Zion Hospital in Brooklyn, New York on 16 August 1939 of cystadenoma-carcinoma of the ovary with massive metastases. Her residence at the time of death was 1532 46th Street in Brooklyn. She was the wife of Harry and the daughter of William Schwartz and Celia Bruder. Both of her parents were born in Austria.

Conclusion: Dora's age at death of 52 correlates to a birthyear of 1887, consistent with the birth record of Dora, daughter of Naftali and Sali. The death record lists her father as William Schwartz, not Nathan Keller. Further information is needed to clarify the relationship of Dora and William Schwartz.

Source 10: 1910 U.S. census, New York County, New York, population schedule, Manhattan, ED 0253, sheet no. 13B, dwelling 19, family249, household of William Schwartz; digital images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/4449602 01052?pld=100621875: accessed 6 March 2023); citing NARA microfilm T624, roll 1011. See Appendix H.

Notes: This document is a scan of the original. Census information was documented by the census taker. The informant is not identified in the 1910 census. Census data inaccuracy was not uncommon. Reasons for inaccuracy included knowledge deficits of the informant, inaccurate interpretation or recording by the census taker, and deliberate inaccuracy in reporting by the household.

Abstract: In 1910, William Schwartz, a 34-year-old Hungarian-born musician was enumerated in Manhattan, living on 6th Street. His marital status was "M1," likely indicating that this was his first marriage. He was a naturalized citizen, having immigrated in 1883. The marital status of his Austrianborn wife Celia was "M2," likely indicating she had been married once before. She was 37 and reported giving birth to four children, with three currently living. William and Celia had been married for 15 years, providing an estimated marriage year of 1895. Also in the home were 20-year-old daughter Dora, a pianist, and sons Morris, age 13, and Jacob, age 11. All three children were born in New York.

Conclusion: This census provides evidence that William Schwartz was the second husband of Celia. Daughter Dora was born five years before their marriage, likely indicating she was the daughter of Celia's first husband and the stepdaughter of William Schwartz. This is consistent with Dora Keller's marriage certificate (identifying her father as Nathan Keller, marriage witnessed by William Schwarz), and her death certificate (identifying her father as William Schwartz). Celia's report of having four children with three living is inconsistent with the number of children attributed to Celia prior to Naftali's return to Austria. It is possible Celia's response on the census referenced only Dora and her children with William.

Source 11: New York County, New York, "Certificate of Death," no. 17027 (1938), Celia Schwartz; digital images, "Historical Vital Records, New York City Municipal Archives (https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/6727656: accessed 12 June 2023). See Appendix I.

Notes: This document is a scan of the original. The quality of the scan is adequate, and the handwriting is legible. The informant for this certificate was her son.

Abstract: Celia Schwartz, the wife of William Schwartz, died on 24 March 1938 in Brooklyn of coronary thrombosis with terminal pulmonary edema. Her place of death was 67 Hanson Place, a tenement. She was a 62-year-old Hungarian-born housewife and had been in the United States for 50 years. Her parents were Samuel Bruder and Sylvia Siegler, both born in Hungary. She was buried at Mt. Hebron Cemetery.

Conclusion: This document confirms Celia's maiden name of Bruder and provides the names of her parents, Samuel Bruder and Sylvia Siegler of Hungary. Her age of 62 translates to an estimated birthyear of 1876.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

- Research the William Shwartz household in the 1900, 1920, and 1930 US censuses and the 1905, 1915, and 1925 New York State censuses to search for any other surviving children of Celia's first marriage. Census records can be found on Ancestry and FamilySearch.
- Research the Keller plots in Washington Cemetery in Brooklyn. This may identify additional children born to Naftali and Celia. See https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/66651/washington-cemetery.
- Research birth or marriage records for Celia Bruder, daughter of Samuel Bruder and Sylvia Siegler and wife of Naftali Keller and William Schwartz. Jewishgen.org contains many indexed Jewish records from Hungary. In addition, the New York City Municipal Archives contains marriage records from New York City.
- Research immigration records for Celia/Sali/Sarah Bruder Keller who immigrated before 1887 (the birth of Dora). Note that she may have been traveling with Naftali. As there were two children born before Dora, she may also have been traveling with children. Immigration records can be searched at Stevemorse.org.

ATTACHMENTS

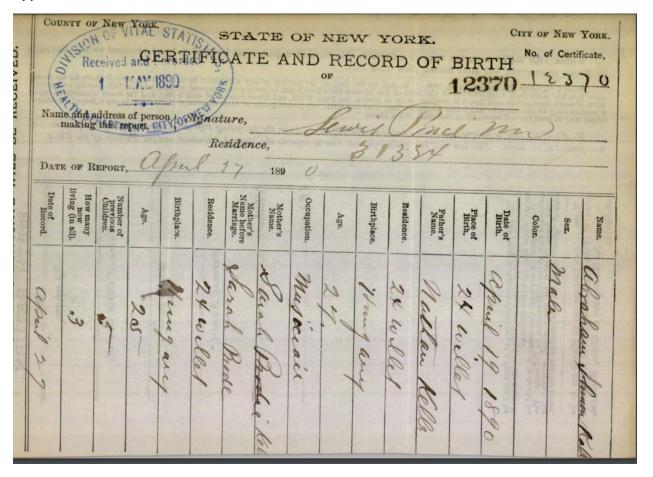
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ORDER NO. 1 TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS DATE Regulation 3, Section 46 of the Sanitary Code, provides that— "No permit to remove, ship, cremate or bury the remains.*** will be issued unless the funeral director applying for such permit shall sign his name ***** and shall certify in writing that he has been employed by the nearest surviving relative or next of kin." Cashets containing bodies of persons dead from certain communicable diseases must be permanently scaled before removal from the place of death. Section 103 of the Sanitary Code of the Board of Health requires that every unfortunate aspaged for, or in charge of, the preparation and berial of the body of a presson who died in the City of New York from any of the following diseases: Analist Chelera, Djotheria, behout plaque, acute anterior polumyelitis (Infantile paralysis), scaries fever (Scarifation) and smallpon (variet)—shall immediately place the body in a cellin or carbet and permanently close and scal it with scale provided for the purpose by the Department of Health. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATE I hereby certify that I have been employed, without any solicitation on my part or that of any other person, as undertaker to dispose of the remains of and the nearest surviving relative or next of kin of the deceased. This statement is made to obtain a permit for the burial or cremation of the remains of the decreased. (Signature) Business Address Permit No. If another undertaker in your employ is to take personal charge of the work in the care, preparation, or other disposition of such dead human body, give his name. _ State License No. PHYSICIAN'S SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATION (Required in Connection with Telephone Application for Removal Permit.) DEATHS THAT ARE EVEN REMOTELY ASSOCIATED WITH AN EARLIER ACCIDENT, MUST BE REFERRED TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINER. If death has not been contributed to or caused by homicide, suicide, actident, acute or chronic poisoning, abortion, puerperal sepsis, or any suspicion of those conditions, and the funeral director desires to obtain removal permission by telephone, the physician will execute the following certification: Bruder I hereby certify that the death of has not been contributed to be caused by any of the conditions mentioned in the above list. General Signature of Physician) Address TO BE FILLED IN BY THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR

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Appendix H: 1910 US census for the William Schwartz family

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TO PHYSICIANS

The attending physician must furnish a certificate to the Department of Health within 36 hours after death, and where death has resulted from infectious or contagious disease a certificate must be furnished by him forthwith (Sanitary Code, Sections 33 and 90).
 All physicians practicing in The City of New York (including those in public institutions) must be registered in the Bureau of Records (Sanitary Code, Section 218).

3. If a person dies from criminal violence or by a casualty or by suicide, or suddenly while in apparent health, or when unattended by a physician or in prison, or in any suspicious or unusual manner, it shall be the duty of any citizen who may become aware of the death of any such person to report such death forthwith to the office of the chief medical examiner, and to a police officer who shall forthwith notify the officer in charge of the station house, in the police precinct in which such person died. Any person who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to report such death or who without written order from a medical examiner shall wilfully touch, remove or disturb the body of any such person, or wilfully touch, remove, or disturb the cothing, or any article upon or near such body, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Inserted by Laws 1915, Chapter 284, Section 2. In effect January 1, 1918.)

4. Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death:

Abertion, Cellulitis, Childbirth, Convulsions, Hemorrhage, Gangrene, Gastritis, Erysipelas,

Meningitis, Metritis, Miscarriage, Peritonitis,

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Convulsions, Erysipelas, Peritonitis, Tetanus.

(Any one of these may be the result of an injury, and thus he a subject for investigation by a Medical Examiner. If it is not, the certificate abould make that fact plain.)

1. No certificate giving "Heart failure," "Dropsy," or other mere symptom as the sole cause of death will be accepted, unless accompanied by a satisfactory written explanation.

6. Statement of Occupation.—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The question applies to each and every person, irrespective of age. For many occupations a single word or term on the first line will be subjected, e. g., Farmer or Plante, Physician, Compation, Architect, Locomotive Engineer, Chail Engineer, Statismary Fireman, etc. But in many cases, superchildy in industrial employments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work and also (b) the nature of the business or industry, and therefore an additional line is provided for the latter statement it should be used only when needed. As examples: (a) Spinner, (b) Coston Mill; (c) Solezmux, (b) Grocery; (a) Foremax, (b) Automobile Factory.

TO UNDERTAKERS

No burial permit can be obtained without a proper certificate.
 Certificates must be written throughout in black ink.
 No certificate will be accepted which is mutiliated, illegible, inaccurate, or any portion of which has been erased, interlined, corrected or altered, as all such changes impair its value.

I hereby certify that I have been employed, without any solicitation on my part or that of any

and the nearest surviving relative or next of kin of the deceased. This statement is made to obtain a permit for the burial or cremation of the remains of the deceased.

(Signature)

Business Address

Permit Number (Undertaker's).

If another undertaker in your employ is to take personal charge of the work in the care, preparation or other disposition of such dead human body, give his name and State License number.

State License No.