



1939, Nuremberg, Guntherstraße 52: The fates of a family



The following photos are in the possession of Mrs. Rita Kaplan (born 1924 in Memmelsdorf, Upper Franconia), the daughter of Alfred and Elisabeth Goldstein. They depict members of her extended family probably on the occasion of a farewell meeting for her parents between June 9 and July 17, 1939 when they left Nuremberg for the USA. At that time Mrs. Kaplan already was in England where she had arrived on a *children's transport* on January 5, 1939. She departed from there August 11, 1939 and landed in the USA August 21/22, just 10 days before WW2 broke out, to be reunited with her parents and brother.

The location is Guntherstraße 52 (see picture above), then a so called *Judenhaus* (Jews' house) where the Jewish population was forcibly concentrated prior to the deportations. So the idyll is phony: The bravely smiling people in the lavish garden did not know what lay ahead of them or if they ever will meet again. In fact most of them were murdered within less than three years after those pictures were taken.

With the help of Mrs. Kaplan we tried to reconstruct the essential biographic details of the individuals and their familial connections in order to remember them. The result is the typical tragic story of a German-Jewish family torn apart and mostly eradicated by the Nazis.

We would like to thank Mrs. Kaplan for the photos and the background information.



For biographic data see next pages

1 Rita's maternal grandmother Selma Grünebaum, nee Blüth

born July 9, 1867 in Stadtlengsfeld (Thuringia)
 last address: Nuremberg, Zeltnerstraße 28
 deported September 10, 1942 from Nuremberg to Theresienstadt
 murdered March 29, 1943 in Theresienstadt

Sources: Nuremberg Memorial Book (NMB, published 1998, supplement 2002), entry #617 & inhabitants' registry card at Nuremberg City Archives (NCA) C 21/X #3

Her husband (not in the picture) **Hermann Hirsch Grünebaum**

born October 3, 1871 in Herbede (Prussia, Province Westphalia)
 last address: Nuremberg, Zeltnerstraße 28
 deported September 10, 1942 from Nuremberg to Theresienstadt
 murdered January 14, 1943 in Theresienstadt

Sources: NMB #616 & NCA C 21/X #3

Selma Grünebaum lived with the Goldsteins at Guntherstraße 52 since March 3, 1939. Her husband joined her (previously in Hamm) on April 22/27. They had to move to Essenweinstraße 5 on September 1/5 1940, and to Zeltnerstraße 28 on November 1, 1940.

2 Selma's sister-in-law Jettchen Blüth, nee Bachrach

born April 5, 1869 in Neukirchen (Prussia, Province Hesse-Nassau)
 last address: Nuremberg, Weinmarkt 12a
 deported November 29, 1941 from Nuremberg to Riga-Jungfernhof
 murdered

In summer 1939 Jettchen Blüth lived at Pillenreuther Straße 38 (as her daughter Gretl and the Sauers did).

Sources: NMB #194 & NCA C 21/X #1

3 Helene Hahn, nee Grünebaum (daughter of Selma and Hermann)

born December 3, 1896 in Herbede (Prussia, Province Westphalia)
 last address: Nuremberg, Zeltnerstraße 28
 deported March 24, 1942 from Nuremberg to Izbica
 murdered

In summer 1939 Helene probably lived with her parents at Guntherstraße 52.

Sources: NMB #679 / NCA C 21/X #3

4 Hugo Sauer (spouse of Hedwig)

born October 13, 1883 in Tauberbischofsheim (Baden)
 last address: Nuremberg, Weinmarkt 12a
 deported November 29, 1941 from Nuremberg to Riga-Jungfernhof
 murdered

In summer 1939 the Sauers lived at Pillenreuther Straße 38. They sent their daughters Gretl (born 1920 in Fürth) and Elisabeth (born 1922 in Fürth) to Brooklyn on November 19, 1938 and Guildford (England) on June 9, 1939 respectively.

Sources: NMB #1759 & NCA C 21/X #8

- 5 Hedwig Sauer, nee Blüth** (Jettchen's daughter)
born May 12, 1895 in Fürth (Bavaria, Central Franconia)
last address: Nuremberg, Weinmarkt 12a
deported November 29, 1941 from Nuremberg to Riga-Jungfernhof
murdered
Sources: NMB #1758 & NCA C 21/X #8
- 6 Rita's mother Elisabeth Goldstein, nee Grünebaum**
born July 1, 1898 in West-Herbede (Prussia, Province Westphalia)
Source: NCA C 21/X #3
- 7 Rita's father Alfred Goldstein**
born January 23, 1891 in Untermerzbach (Bavaria, Lower Franconia)
The Goldsteins lived at Guntherstraße 52 since March 3, 1939 till July 17, 1939 when they left for New York.
Source: NCA C 21/X #3
- 8 Gretl Blüth** (Jettchen's daughter)
born January 30, 1901 in Fürth (Bavaria, Central Franconia)
last address: Nuremberg, Weinmarkt 12a
deported November 29, 1941 from Nuremberg to Riga-Jungfernhof
murdered
In summer 1939 Gretl Blüth lived at Pillenreuther Straße 38 (as her mother and the Sauers did).
Sources: NMB #193 & C 21/X #1
- 9 Rita's brother Walter Goldstein**
born March 31, 1928 in Memmelsdorf (Bavaria, Upper Franconia)
died May 21, 1959 in the USA
Source: NCA C 21/X #3

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