



Our Family

by

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PAUL DAVID EPHRAIM

eldest child of Julius and Rosalie Ephraim, was born on 13th February 1881 in Berlin. He eventually moved to Brandenburg an der Havel, where he became General Manager of the *Berlin-Neuroder Kunstanstalten*, one of the major colour printing works of that time. In Brandenburg he married Charlotte Brauer (Lotte), born there on 31st December 1900. They were childless.



Paul David Ephraim

(photo: Heinz & Thea Skyte)

Paul was a talented amateur artist and also a gifted amateur musician, playing several instruments. In collaboration with his cousin Martin Levy they composed and wrote the lyrics for one or two operettas under the name Martinsberg-Raimer, the name being an adaptation of their two names, Raimer making use of the last letters of Paul's surname Ephraim. It is understood that at least one of these operettas was either performed or broadcast after 1945.

In October/November 1938 Paul was arrested and held at the Concentration Camp Sachsenhausen/Oranienburg. He was released on the understanding that he would leave Germany immedi-

ately. Fortunately a former associate had been trying to set up new printing works in England and Paul managed to come to London around December 1938 with the view of carrying out this project. On 19th January 1939 Paul met his 15 year old niece Thea Ephraim on her arrival in London with a Kindertransport from Germany.

In August 1939 Paul went to Holland on business, where he also met up with his wife Lotte, who had stayed behind in Germany to arrange the packing and shipment of their furniture and belongings. The outbreak of World War II prevented Paul from returning to England. Paul and Lotte Ephraim spent the war years in Arnhem, Nijmegen and Appeldoorn, and Paul was once again subject to Nazi oppression and persecution. He survived the war. Eventually Paul and Lotte settled in Arnhem, where he died on 8th June 1957 and where he is buried. He was survived by his wife Lotte.

Paul David Ephraim born 13 February 1881 Berlin, died 8 June 1957 Arnhem / Holland

Paul's motto, which he always used, was: "All nit so schlimm!" (It could have been worse!)

Written by Paul Ephraim for his niece Thea: Whatever may happen to you in life: Persevere! Do not let worries get you down, think of my words: "It could have been worse!"