



Our Family

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THE ARONS OF HAMBURG

AMALIE LEVY, youngest daughter of Meyer and Bertha Levy, born 15 March 1858 in Birnbaum an der Warthe, married PINKUS ARON on 13 January 1884. Amalie was probably his second wife, as research into the family showed that Jenny, one of the Aron children was born in 1877. He was always known in the family as Onkel Pinkus, though his son Max on his 1947 American Social Security application gives the name of his father as Samuel. The family started their married life in Bremen, where some of their children were born, moving to Hamburg around the turn of the century. It is not known when Onkel Pinkus died, probably before 1930. Amalie died after 1939. Further research is necessary. Their children:

- JENNY ARON, the eldest of the Aron siblings was, according to her year of birth, not a daughter of Amalie. She was married to Isaak Meyer and lived in Hamburg.
- ALFRED ARON, born in Bremen on 19 May 1886, was married twice. He had two sons by his first marriage to Johanna

Martin Aron (4 May 1913 Hamburg - March 1985 USA)

Werner Aron (1914 Hamburg - 1994 Hamburg)

In the 1930s Alfred married Ida SUSSMANN, born 6 November 1893 in Kuhmehnen. In October 1941 the "evacuation" of Hamburg started. On 21 October 1941 the *Geheime Staatspolizei* (Gestapo) issued a document with 1000 names of Jews to be "evacuated" from Hamburg to Litzmannstadt on 25 November. The papers had an appendix with 200 additional names of Jews "as possible replacements for anyone not coming on the train, whose names will be crossed out. The train leaves Hamburg, Hannoverische Station, on 25 October 1941 at 10.10 a.m. and will arrive as planned in Litzmannstadt on 26 October 41 at 11 a.m". Alfred was No 19 on the list and Ida No. 21 (1). Ida's name is however crossed out - she took her own life the night before the transport.

MARTIN ARON emigrated to Palestine about 1936, but eventually settled in USA.

WERNER ARON also emigrated to Palestine in 1936. During World War II he fought in the Jewish Brigade in Europe. He married Ilse Aaron (born in Detmold, Germany) in Israel.

They had a son born in Haifa in 1953. The family returned to Hamburg in 1959, where Werner died about 1994.

- PAUL ARON was born around 1887 in Bremen. He later lived in Vienna. Nothing further is known about him.
- MAX ARON, born 14 March 1889 in Bremen, remained single. He had a firm or was an agent for a firm selling horticultural products and travelled widely for the business. He lived in Hamburg with his mother and sister Frieda, who did the book keepng for the business. In 1939/1940 he emigrated to Shanghai. After the end of the war he moved to New York, where he lived with his sister Elsa. Max died in New York in 1968.
- BELLA ARON, born on 9 May 1890 in Bremen, was married to David PHILIPP (born 1892 in Hamburg). They had one daughter

Senta PHILIPP, born 29 October 1921 in Hamburg. On 25 October 1941 the family was deported from Hamburg to Riga and murdered.

- ELSA ARON, born 21 November 1896 in either Bremen or Hamburg lived in New York for many years prior to 1930s. Else probably died there. Further research is necessary.
- FRIEDA ARON, probably born in Hamburg in the late 1890s, lived in Hamburg with her husband, mother and brother Max. Frieda was married to Willi ENGLAENDER, who worked as vermin exterminator on merchant ships moving in and out of the free port of Hamburg. They were childless. The Englaenders managed to emigrate to Britain in the late 1930s and settled in Manchester, where Frieda died of cancer in 1950. After Frieda's death Willi remarried about 1951.

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