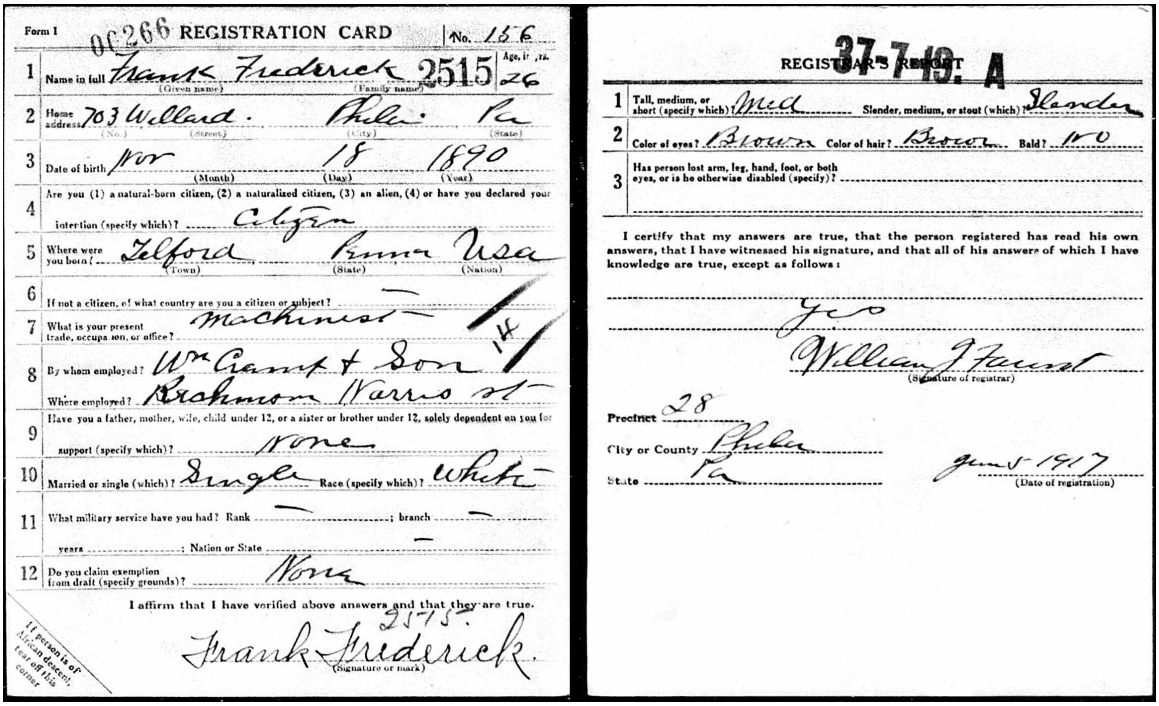
<u>This is PART 2, a continuation of Liz and Frank Frederick from page 99 of PART 1; To go back to PART 1, click HERE</u>

World War I Draft Registration

Frank's 1917 WWI draft registration card shows that Frank was age 26 and single. He was now living at 703 Willard St. Frank had brown hair and brown eyes, a slender frame and was of medium height. He was not drafted.

Frank's draft card shows that Frank was now employed as a machinist by the <u>William Cramp & Sons Shipbuilding Company</u>.



Form 1 — 0C266 REGISTRATION CARD — No. 156

1 Name in full: Frank Frederick 2515 — Age, in yrs.: 26
2 Home address: 703 Willard. Philadelphia Pa
3 Date of birth: Nov 18 1890
4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Citizen
5 Where were you born? Telford Penna USA
6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? —
7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Machinist
8 By whom employed? Wm Cramp & Son — Where employed? Brohmon Warno St
9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? None
10 Married or single (which)? Single — Race (specify which)? White
11 What military service have you had? Rank —; branch —; years —; Nation or State —
12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? None

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Frank Frederick 2515
(Signature or mark)

If person is of African descent, tear off this corner

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1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? Med — Slender, medium, or stout (which)? Slender
2 Color of eyes? Brown — Color of hair? Brown — Bald? No
3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?

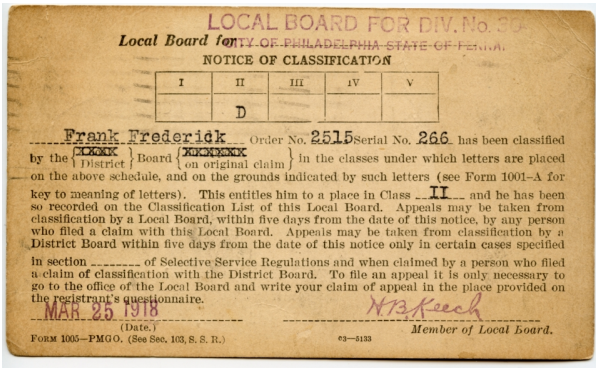
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Yes

William J Faust
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct 28
City or County Phila
State Pa
June 5 1917
(Date of registration)

1917 Draft Registration Card



LOCAL BOARD FOR DIV. No. 30
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA STATE OF PENNA.

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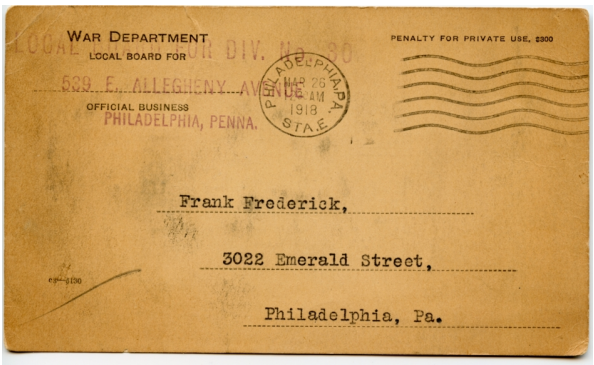
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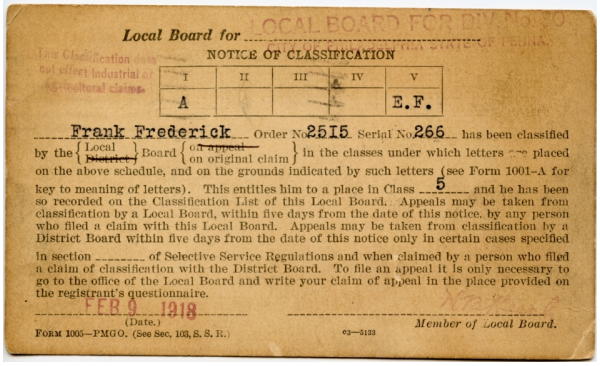
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FORM 1005—PMGO. (See Sec. 103, S. S. R.) 63—5133



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LOCAL BOARD FOR
529 E. ALLEGHENY AVENUE
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, $300
PHILADELPHIA PA MAR 26 AM 1918 STATE

Frank Frederick,
3022 Emerald Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.



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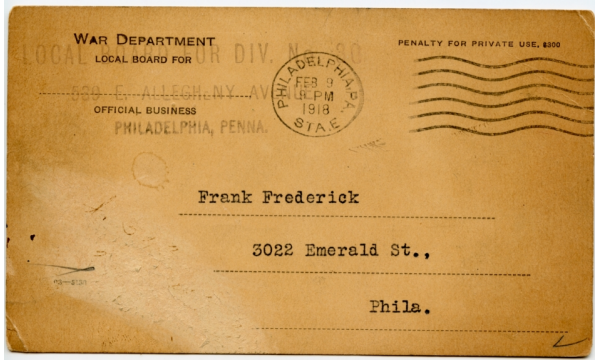
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World War I Draft Classification
Most Recent on Top

Wm. Cramp & Sons Shipbuilding Company

Frank was one of hundreds of people hired by Wm. Cramp & Sons to meet the shipbuilding needs of the war years (1917-1919).

The William Cramp & Sons Shipbuilding Company (1830-1927) was a huge complex on the Delaware River at the corner of Norris and Richmond Streets, just south of Port Richmond (in northeast Philadelphia). The shipyard extended inland into the Philadelphia neighborhood of Kensington.

The shipyard had been in existence for many decades and had seen shipbuilding technology transition from wooden ships powered by sail, to iron ships powered by steam, and finally, to steel ships powered by diesel. The shipyard was also home to an invention called the "slinky". The shipyard site today is nothing but grassland. [www.planphilly.com]

At the turn of the century, Philadelphia was a manufacturing town. The two largest companies were the Baldwin Locomotive Works on North Broad Street and the Cramp Shipbuilding Company in Kensington [www.globalsecurity.com]. One of my paternal great-grandfathers - Warren Skinner, was a machinist at Baldwin in the early 1900's and my maternal grandfather, Frank Frederick, was a machinist at Cramp Shipbuilding. Later, during World War II, Warren Skinner's son – Earl Skinner, was a draftsman at a huge shipyard in Camden, NJ. This was the American Dream at work.

Frank Frederick's employment at Cramp Shipbuilding came to an end shortly after the end of World War I in 1919.



Cramps Shipyard, Northeast Philadelphia



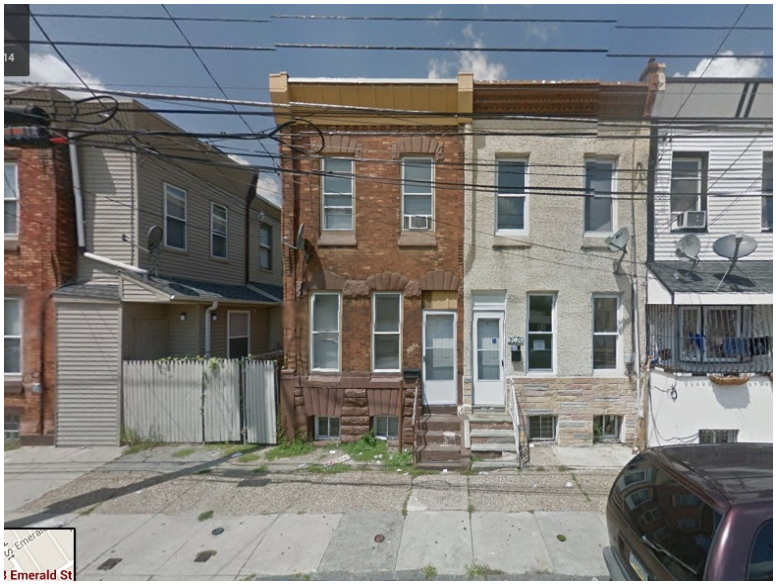
"Machine Shop Liberty Sing.
Wm. Cramp & Sons S & E. B. [Ship and Engine Building] Co.
c1500, Aug. 30, 1918."

I have included an arrow pointing at Frank.

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February 1919

Frank purchased his first home at 3018 ½ Emerald Street, Phila. for $2650 in February of 1919. He evidently had some money from his job at Cramp Shipbuilding. Frank would sell his home in August of 1922 for $1263, less than half the purchase price, to buy a home in South Jersey.



3018 ½ Emerald St. today

Kevin Skinner Editorial – this once nice, middle class neighborhood, which was repeated across Philadelphia and the rest of the country, is a testament to 40 years of mismanagement of this country – basically an undoing of the American dream.

April 6, 1920 – The war time jobs came to an end. Frank left Cramp Shipbuilding for a job at the Phila. Storage Battery Co. carrying battery acid in the Pasting Dept.
This well-known company, later called Philco, made batteries for electric cars, among other things, and would later be a pioneer in radio and television equipment. They were located at 19th and Allegheny streets.

April 28, 1920 – Started work at Charles Minnick's Auto Repairing.

The Insurance Company of North America

October 19, 1920 – Started work as a clerk at the Insurance Company of North America for $60 a month. The INA was one of the largest insurance companies in the United States.

Frank would work there for the next 36 years until his retirement. He commuted to their headquarters in Philadelphia by bus.

The Insurance Company of North America was initially located at 232 Walnut Street. In 1925, they opened a new 16-story headquarters at 1600 Arch Street. This building was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1978. [Wikipedia]

December 13, 1920 –Frank had 15 cents left for Xmas – he would be paid on the 25th. Elizabeth gave him a 'swell' shirt – his only Xmas gift.

Per his diary, Frank (age 30) was 5'4" and weighed 118 lbs.



Insurance Company of North America
1600 Arch Street, Philadelphia [Wikipedia]

Frieda Pirman and William Wiestner

Frank and Liz double-dated with friends Frieda Pirman and William Wiestner, a Philadelphia house painter. The two couples would be life-long friends, and eventually followed each other to homes in the suburbs of Woodbury Heights, NJ, where they were neighbors for decades. Frieda appears in some of the 1911 photos as shown on previous pages. Frieda and Wiestner married in 1912, eleven years before the marriage of Frank and Liz. After Frieda married Wiestner, she still accompanied Liz on female outings to Atlantic City.

I recall talking to Frieda Wiestner at the funeral of Liz in 1974.



Frieda (Pirman) and William Wiestner, 1921 or 1922

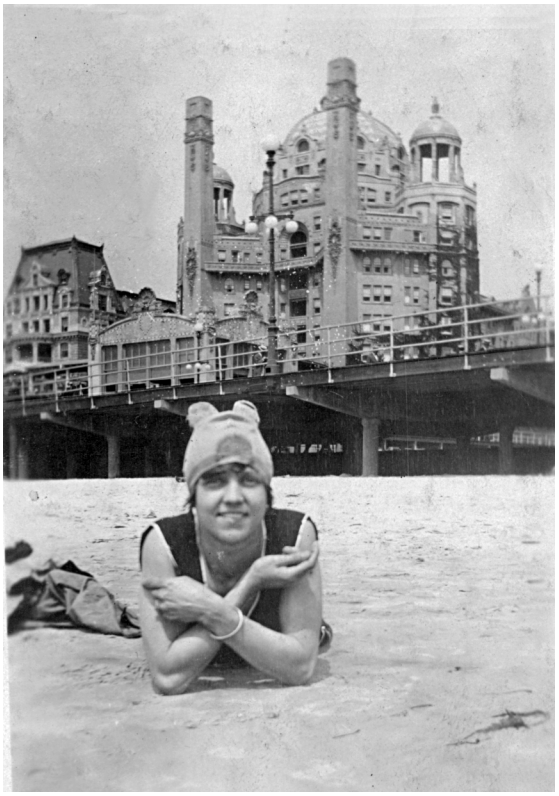


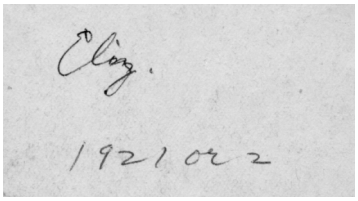


Liz Ackerman and Frieda (Pirman) Wiestner, Atlantic City, 1921 or 1922

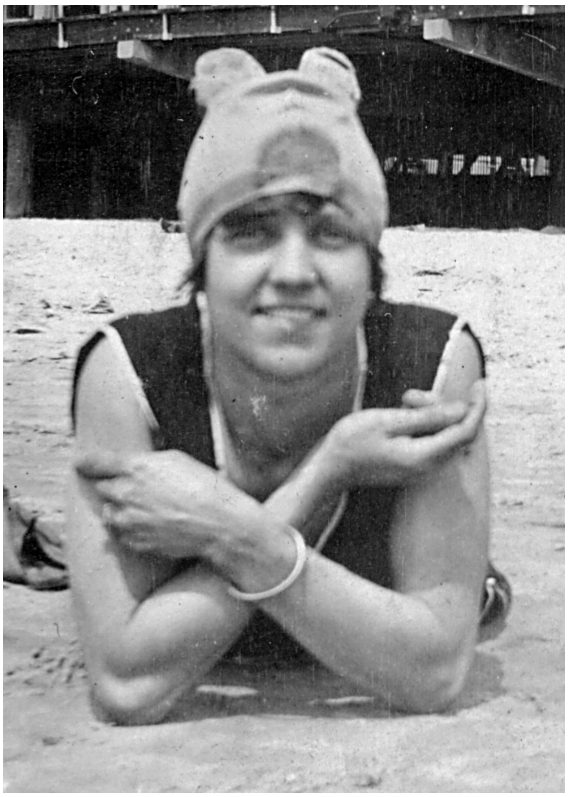


Liz Ackerman, Atlantic City, 1921 or 1922





Most of these photos taken at the beach in front of the Marlboro-Blenheim Hotel, a hotel that survived until the casino era of the 1970's.





Liz Ackerman, Atlantic City, 1921 or 1922



Liz and Frieda, Atlantic City, 1921 or 1922



Frieda and Liz, Marlboro-Blenheim Hotel, Atlantic City, 1921 or 1922

Clearview Avenue, Woodbury Heights

Frieda and William Wiestner, close friends of Liz and Frank, moved from Philadelphia to the suburbs of South Jersey shortly after the 1920 census. They built a home on a new, small street called Clearview Avenue in the Glen Terrace development of Woodbury Heights.

Per my mother, Frank and Liz followed the Wiestners to Woodbury Heights. It is also written that Liz and Frank knew Samuel McCurdy, the proprietor of a small store in Woodbury Heights, who influenced them to make the move.

Woodbury Heights would have been a huge change from the row homes, tiny walled-in backyards, crowded streets, shops, industry and ethnic culture of Philadelphia. Although somewhat removed from the city, Woodbury Heights offered convenient train and bus transportation to Philadelphia.

In 1922, one year before Frank and Liz were married, Frank bought land across the street from the Wiestners in Woodbury Heights. He later purchased a second adjoining lot that doubled the size of his property. The frontage on Clearview Avenue was large enough for two homes though only one home would ever be built, and the lots were deep providing substantial land in the rear. Frank had a small bungalow-style home built on the land in 1922. According to my mother, Frank, a handyman (and former machinist), did some of the finishing work.

Photos show that Liz was present at the home site in 1922. No doubt, there was already an understanding that Frank was not moving to NJ alone. Frank and Liz moved into their new home after their marriage in 1923.

Frank and Liz would stay in this home the rest of their lives. Frank quickly went about the task of building an impressive garden in the backyard to produce fruits and vegetables, an activity that would be a life-long hobby and source of food.

Glen Terrace

A man by the name of Simon Snood purchased 200 acres of land in Woodbury Heights, South Jersey, in the early 1900's and began the development he called Glen Terrace. He sold spacious lots for as little as $50 and built homes. A centerpiece of the development was the manmade Glen Terrace Lake – still a favorite spot in Woodbury Heights today.

The Glen Terrace development was marketed to residents of Philadelphia as an affordable and convenient means of living in the suburbs of the Garden State. A big selling point was the rapid commute to Philadelphia. Railroad tracks ran north through towns like Woodbury, Woodbury Heights, Wenonah, Pitman and Glassboro to the ferries that crossed the Delaware River to Philadelphia. According to Snood's advertising literature, an astonishing fifty-five trains ran daily with a commuting time from Woodbury Heights to downtown Philadelphia of 30 - 40 minutes. The commute included a connecting boat ride across the Delaware River between Camden and Philadelphia. The advertising literature referred to the train as being an "electric railway", indicating that non-polluting electric locomotives had already replaced steam locomotives on that railway, a trend that had just begun to be implemented in major metropolitan areas across the country.

Back to Frank' Diary

1922 - Rented Lot 199, 50' x 225' on Clearview Ave., Woodbury Heights, NJ for $10 per month beginning March 18 for 24 months with an option to buy for a total of $250 which he did.

June 22, 1922 – Started boarding at sister-in law Carrie and Joe Williman 4636 Salmon Street, Philadelphia.

Aug 4, 1922 – Sold his Emerald St. house in Philadelphia for a substantial loss of money – less than half the purchase price of a few years earlier. Prices had evidently collapsed with the end of the stimulus of the war time jobs.

Aug 10, 1922 – Agreement signed with Nielson-Carlson Co. to build a bungalow with no painting, heating or grading for $3040 in Woodbury Heights.

Dec, 1922 – For Xmas, gave B perfume ($4) and atomizer ($3).

Mar, 1923 – Heating and plumbing was added to the new house for $289. The home was heated with coal, later oil.
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Clearview Avenue, Woodbury Heights, NJ, 1922 [film batch #3]





Rear of Clearview Ave., 1923 at top [film batch #19] and Aug. 1, 1925 [film batch #50]
The grape vine on the trellis that I grew up with in the 1960's was already in place

Wedding of Frank and Liz

1922 – Liz gave Frank a white shirt to keep and wear when they got married.

April 20, 1923 – Frank purchased a wedding ring for $11.50. Six rubbed silver Oneida teaspoons came with purchase of the wedding band. They had a diamond engagement ring and a gold wedding band.

April 30, 1923, Monday – They were married at St. John's Church, Philadelphia, the church where they had met in 1909. He was 32 and she was 29. They had been friendly for 13 ½ years and at times had seen each other daily.

Georgia

Sometime after their marriage, they visited Liz's sister Emma and her husband Lou Fleck, who had been transferred to Georgia by Sears. At the end of their week, Emma was ill and Liz stayed to care for her 8/29 through 9/24 while Frank went home to work.

The doctor said it was intestinal poisoning and Emma was weak, feverish, cold, numb and didn't want to be alone even when sleeping. Every other day B wrote home to Frank a long, loving letter, happy he let her stay and missing their garden. He sent her flowers, probably from the garden. They got mail twice daily.

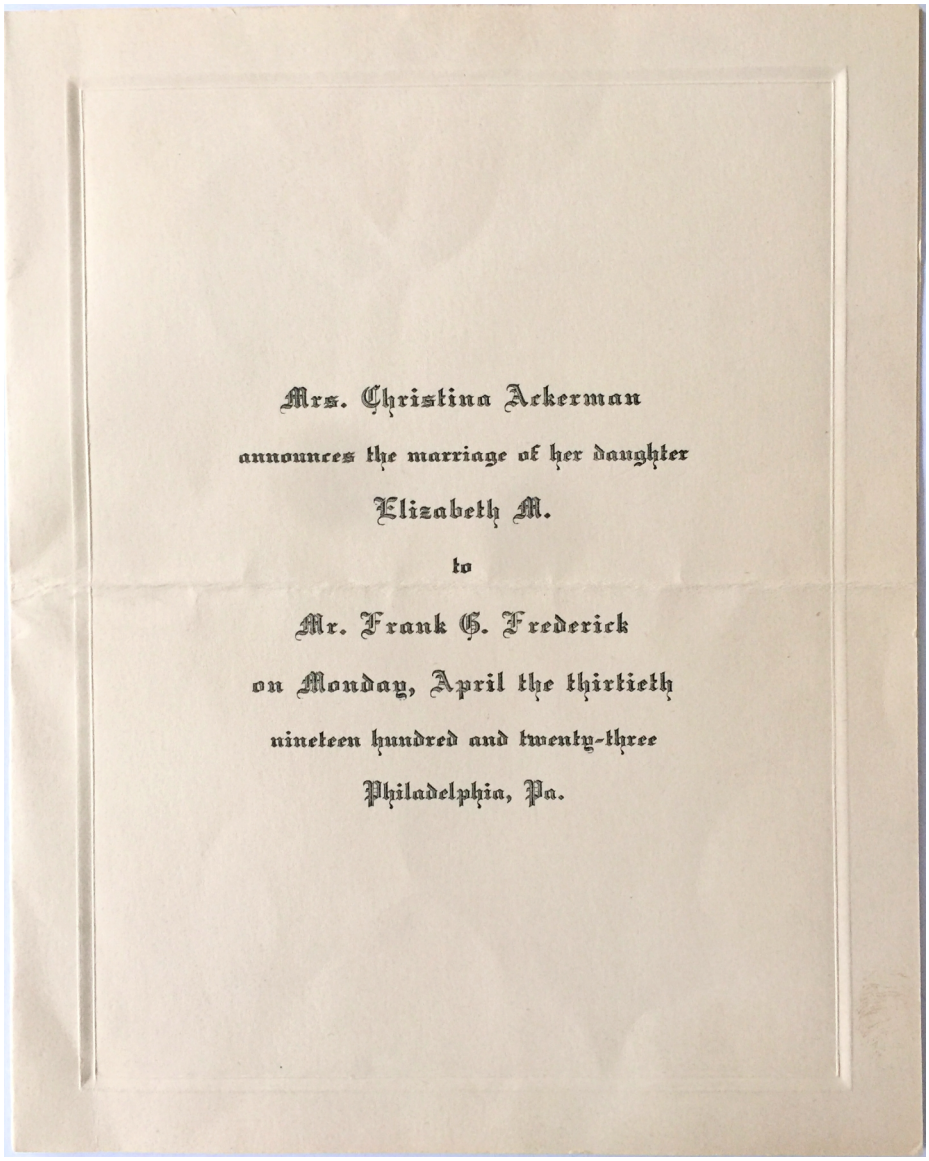
She sent Frank money, knowing he didn't have much, keeping $2 for her return train trip home. The Flecks paid her expenses. She was happy with 2 pair silk stockings and bed sheets that Lou Fleck gave her from Sears.

1924 – Rented the lot next to his home with an option to buy for $350 – which he did. The extra lot provided them with a large, beautiful yard. As of the year 2020, no one has yet to build on the vacant lot.

October, 1924 – Frank purchased a fireman's hat and a badge. He would be associated with the Woodbury Heights Fireman's Association for the rest of his life.

1925 – Frank's mother Annie Gerhart Frederick died at age 56.

1929 – Frank was a charter member of Kensington Lodge #255, IOOF of Pa, until resigning Nov 5, 1939.



Mrs. Christina Ackerman

announces the marriage of her daughter

Elizabeth M.

to

Mr. Frank G. Frederick

on Monday, April the thirtieth

nineteen hundred and twenty-three

Philadelphia, Pa.

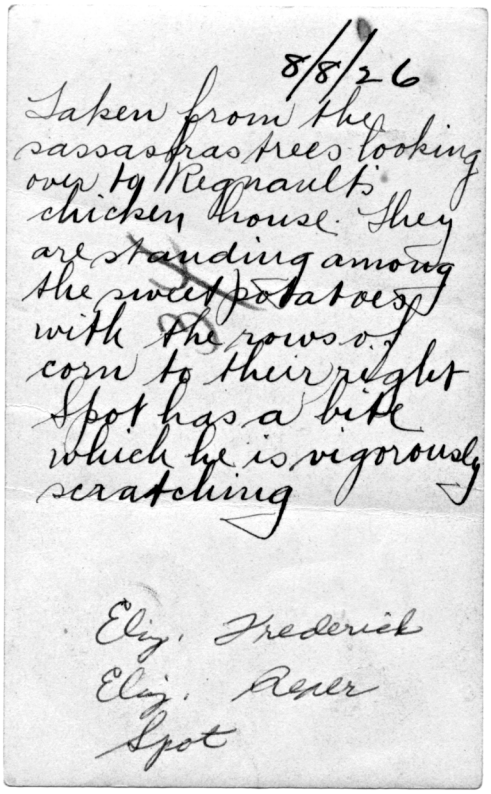
Wedding Announcement



Church Certificate of Marriage

Frank Russell Gerhart Frederick and Elizabeth Mary Ackermann
Witnesses – Fred and Emma Ackermann (siblings to Liz)





Liz in her backyard with niece Elizabeth Rexer (b. 1920)
and neighbor Reqnault's chicken house.
Frank's handwriting (and my mother's)



Liz Ackerman, backyard,
Woodbury Heights

Same dress/day as previous image





Frank and Liz Frederick, May 9, 1926, visiting Belgrade Ave., Phila., film batch #6 (top) and undated (below) at their Woodbury Heights home (film batch 7001).

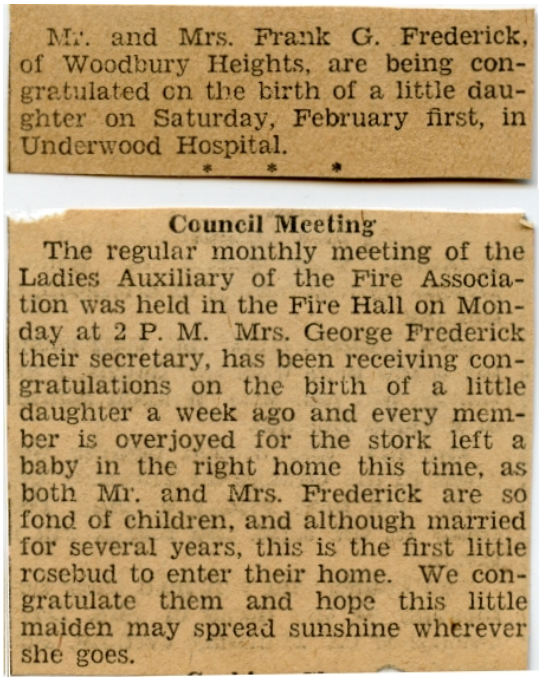


Frank with mother-in-law Christine and his neighbor Mrs. Reqnault.

Birth of a Child

Feb 1, 1930 – Annette Frederick born 9am Saturday morning – 6 lbs. 6 oz. Liz entered in the hospital with high blood pressure (which she would have problems with for the rest of her life) 1/27 and left 2/14 – almost 3 weeks. The bill was $120 at a time when Frank was earning $125 per month. Anna Elizabeth was baptized June 8, but her name was later changed to Annette.

My mother's birth must have been a surprising miracle for the aging Fredericks – Liz was age 36 and Frank was age 39. Liz and Frank had their child quite late in life and were eleven years older than the parents of my father. My mother grew up thinking that her conservative, forty-something parents were more like grandparents.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Frederick, of Woodbury Heights, are being congratulated on the birth of a little daughter on Saturday, February first, in Underwood Hospital.

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Council Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Association was held in the Fire Hall on Monday at 2 P. M. Mrs. George Frederick their secretary, has been receiving congratulations on the birth of a little daughter a week ago and every member is overjoyed for the stork left a baby in the right home this time, as both Mr. and Mrs. Frederick are so fond of children, and although married for several years, this is the first little rosebud to enter their home. We congratulate them and hope this little maiden may spread sunshine wherever she goes.

Feb 6, 1930 – B's sister, Mary Rexer, died at age 31 from a stroke leaving behind three daughters – Mildred, Elizabeth and Jean.

Oct 31, 1930 – Frank bowled a high of 420.

1930 Census

The census of 1930 shows that Frank, age 39 and Liz, age 36, had just had their one and only child, my mother. She was called Anna at birth and appears with that name in the census. She was renamed 'Annette' a few months later at her Christening, a name she much prefers.

The 1930 census shows that Frank was a clerk (mail clerk) with the Insurance Company of North America (today, CIGNA), a position he held from the end of WWI in 1920 until his retirement around 1955. The INA has quite a history and was founded at Independence Hall in Philadelphia in 1792. For much of Frank's career, the company was headquartered at 1600 Arch Street in center city.

Working in the mailroom, Frank loved to collect the cancelled stamps on the envelopes that came into the company from around the world. He amassed quite a collection, though the cancelled stamps had little intrinsic value. His collection was disposed of after his death. My mother also collected his stamps in her youth.

Frank commuted to work in Philadelphia by bus. The bus stop, on Woodbury Glassboro Road, was just a short walk down the street from his house. Frank and Liz also took the bus into Philadelphia for shopping. They did not own a car. The commute to Philadelphia would have been fairly easy, especially following the completion of the first bridge from NJ to Philadelphia, the "Delaware River Bridge" (today, called the Ben Franklin Bridge) in 1926. In the early days, it would have been easy for them to take the train as well, which was a little bit of a walk. Many trains went to and from Philadelphia each day from Woodbury Heights.



Mother and Daughter, 1930, Clearview Avenue, Woodbury Heights



Annette Skinner, 1935, Frederick Home, Clearview Avenue, dirt road

My mother recalls that the ice man delivered ice for their ice chest when she was growing up. They had no refrigerator. The ice chest is still in the family today.

Depression Years

In Feb of 1929, Frank's diary indicates he did not receive a paycheck and saw his salary of $125/month reduced through August. By the end of 1930, the following year, his checking account balance had dropped to $1.41.

January 10, 1931 – Daughter Annette's hands were burned on the oven.

May, 1931 - Liz joined First Presbyterian Church at Woodbury Heights with Frank. She eventually became at teacher in the church Junior Dept. and they walked to church every week in all weather. She became a member of the Mother's Club.

1932 - Frank raised rabbits during the Depression in the years 1932-1934 for some extra income. My mother recalls the cages behind the house sitting on legs above the ground. No money was made, so Liz made rabbit stew and my mother recalls a rabbit fur coat, hat and muff set when she was quite young.

Liz was superb with her sewing machine and made many of Annette's childhood clothes. Liz had been sewing since she was a child and had worked in her youth in Philadelphia sewing decorations on hats, or something like that. The sewing machine that she used, still in our possession today, had originally belonged to her mother.

Frank never lost his job during the Depression, and in 1935, managed to pay off two mortgages he had taken out to build his house back in 1923.

In 1936, he bought a 1928 Essex sedan from brother-in-law Jack Ackerman for $25. Something was always wrong with it and he didn't have it very long. It was the only car he would ever own.

June 16, 1936 – B's mother Christine Ackermann died at age 74.

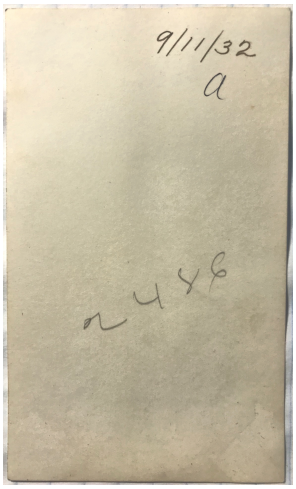
July of 1937, Frank rented their neighbor (Sommer's) trailer for $10 parked in N. Wildwood for a vacation.

Mar 25, 1938 – Frank resigned as member of Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbury Heights after serving for several years.

Nov 9, 1938 – Republican incumbent victory for Woodbury Heights Councilman Frederick.

1943 – License purchased for a stray named Lollipop, Annette's dog. They had previously had a dog Spot and cat Tibby, the cat having probably been killed by the neighbor Sommers to protect chickens.


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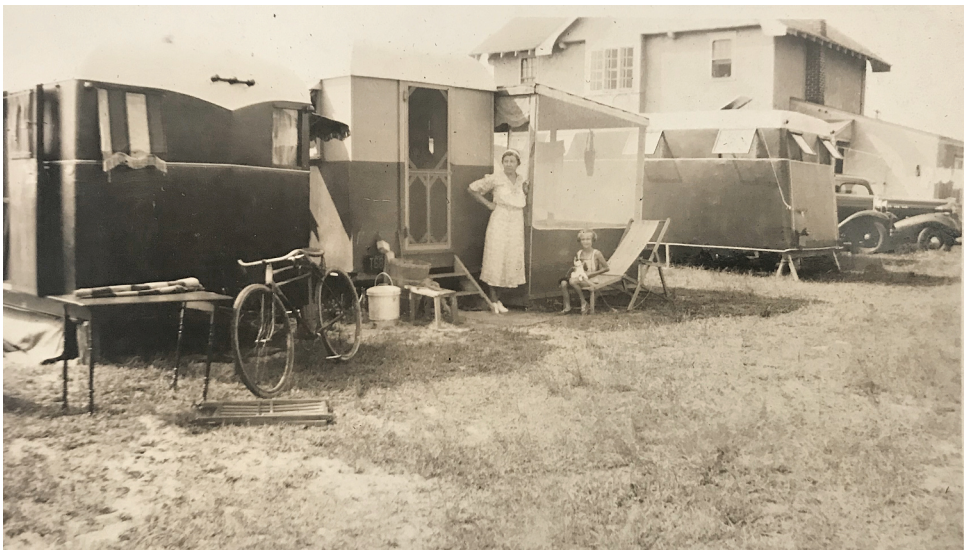

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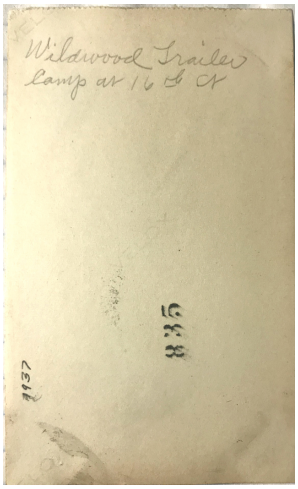
Liz and the Essex, 1936



Cousin “Babs” Barbara, Annette and the Essex, 1937



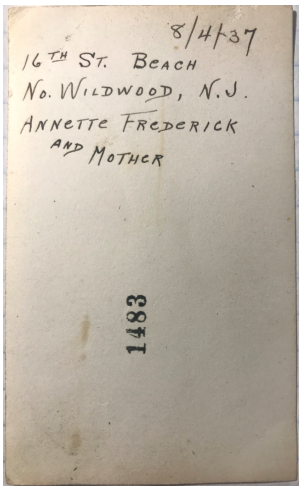
Liz, Annette and Tibby, 1937
Trailer Rental, 16th Street Trailer Park, Wildwood



The Fredericks rented the trailer from their neighbors – the Sommers. The trailer was parked at a trailer park in Wildwood. The Sommers had a daughter Helen who was in Annette Frederick's class and a bridesmaid in Annette's 1952 wedding. As an adult, Helen was a state congresswoman in the state of Washington.



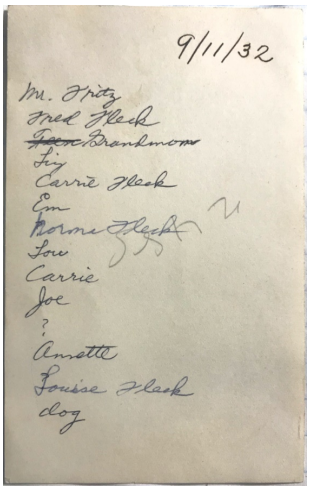
A week in Wildwood, 1937





Ackerman Get-Together, Frederick Residence, 1932

Annette loved the big family events she grew up with.
Most of those events were with the Ackerman relatives of her mother.





Another Ackerman Get-Together, Frederick Residence, 1940

Barbara Fleck
"Lollipop"
Annette
Mr. Fritz
Norma Fleck
Louis Fleck
Joe Williman
Jean Rexer
Norman Williman
Carrie Fleck
Emma Fleck
Frank Frederick
Carrie Williman
Eliz Frederick



Ackerman Get-Together, Frederick Residence, 1947

World War II and Mantua Metal Products

In 1943, Frank saw his monthly salary increase from $125 to $135, an annual salary of $1600. He also earned a few dollars each year as an elected Republican on the city council of Woodbury Heights.

In 1943, Liz went back to work for the first time since her youth. She was hired by Mantua Metals, a company that was located just a short block behind the Frederick home. Liz earned a substantial salary there from 1943 to 1946, helping to make precision instruments for government war contracts. She earned $1000 in 1943 and $1400 in 1944. Her job ended in 1946 when production fell following the end of the war.

Mantua Metals, named for the nearby town of Mantua, had been started by local boy John Tyler who was its president. His son Norman was a Woodbury Height's grammar school classmate of my mother, Annette, in the 1930's. Mantua Metals perfected the small electric motors necessary for toy models, particularly model trains. Mantua Metals went on to become an important and enduring manufacturer of toy trains, particularly in the HO-scale, and helped to promote the HO-scale model railroading hobby that was so important to my father.

During WWII, Mantua ceased toy production to concentrate on war-related contracts. "Mantua's machines were operated twenty-four hours a day by three shifts of workers, like Liz, to turn out stainless steel scale map-reading rules and protractors for the Army and Navy, as well as beam compasses for the Army Air Corps."

After WWII, sales of Mantua's model railroad cars and 'ready-to-run' train sets boomed. Employment reached its peak about 1967 when the Woodbury Heights facility was once again running three shifts a day as it had during WWII and employing 500 workers.

In 1967, Mantua Metal was absorbed into the newly formed Tyco Industries [Tyler Company] with John Tyler as Chairman of the Board and son Norman (classmate of my mother) as President. [No relation to Tyco International – the well-known Swiss manufacturing company.]

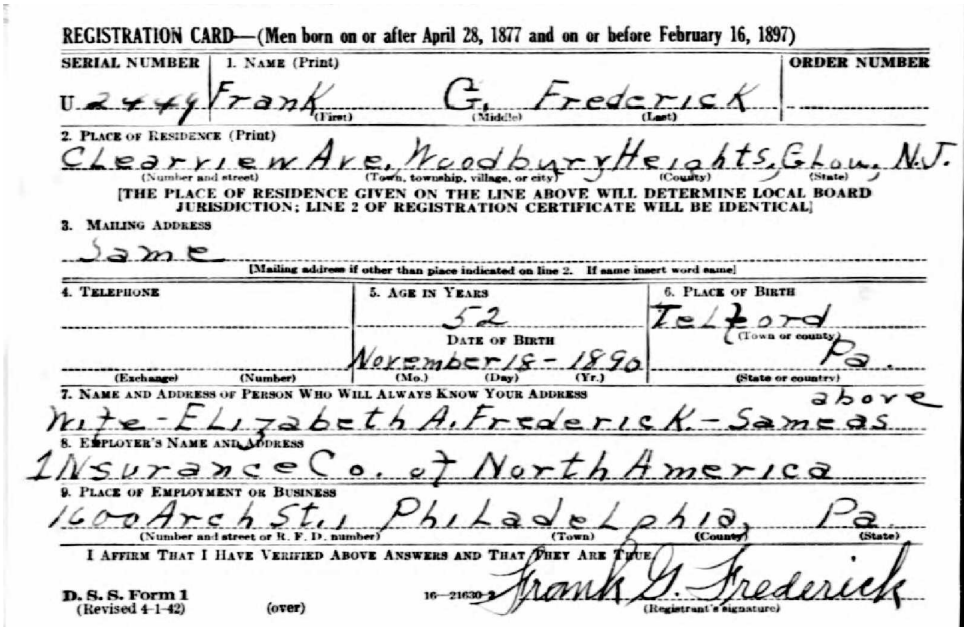
In 1970, Tyco was purchased by Consolidated Foods. Employment at Woodbury Heights dwindled as production was shipped overseas. Consolidated tried to dump the facility, but the Tyler family repurchased it and once again started the production of train sets. The family closed the business a final time in 2001.

[Above copied/quoted from www.railstop.com/History/Mantua/MantuaHistory.asp.]



Liz Frederick w/protractors, Mantua Metals, WWII

Mantua Metals was located just a short walk from the Frederick home, not even a block away.



REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 2449 | 1. NAME (Print) Frank (First) G. (Middle) Frederick (Last) | ORDER NUMBER

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) Clearview Ave, Woodbury Heights, Glou, N.J.
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS Same
[Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same]

4. TELEPHONE (Exchange) (Number)

5. AGE IN YEARS 52
DATE OF BIRTH November 15 - 1890
(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)

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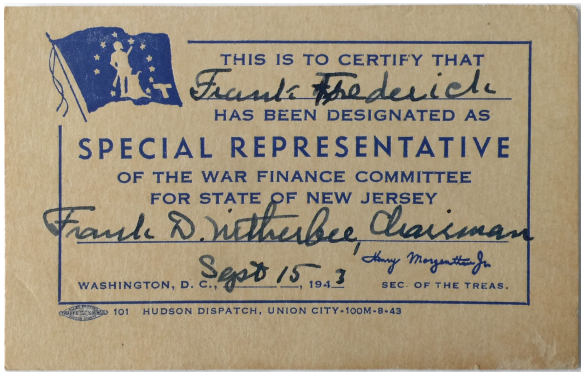
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9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1600 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.
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I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE. Frank G. Frederick
(Registrant's signature)

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over) 16—21630-2

Frank's WWII Draft Registration
[ancestry.com]



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
Frank G. Frederick
HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE WAR FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Frank D. Hotherbee, Chairman
Henry Morgenthau Jr.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept 15, 1943 SEC. OF THE TREAS.
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Member, New Jersey War Finance Committee



Liz, Studio Photo, 1943



Annette, Studio Photo, 1943



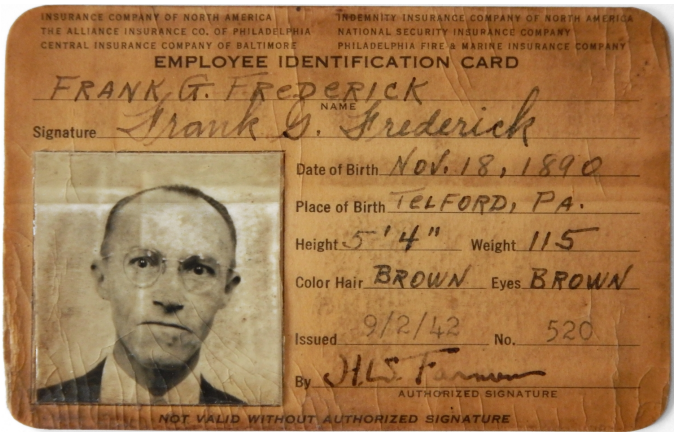
Frank, 25th Anniversary, Insurance Company of North America, 1945



1945 – 25 year anniversary,
Insurance Company of North America



1946, Frank at work in the Mail Room,
Insurance Company of North America



Employee ID Card – age 51, height 5’ 4”, 115 lbs.

Telephone

1947 – Frank and Liz had their first telephone installed.

Civic Associations – Things I Never Knew About Frank

Frank was a Republican Woodbury Heights councilman, serving 14 years from 1937 to 1952. In 1948, he was elected Council President, and reelected each year until 1952 when he resigned from the council.

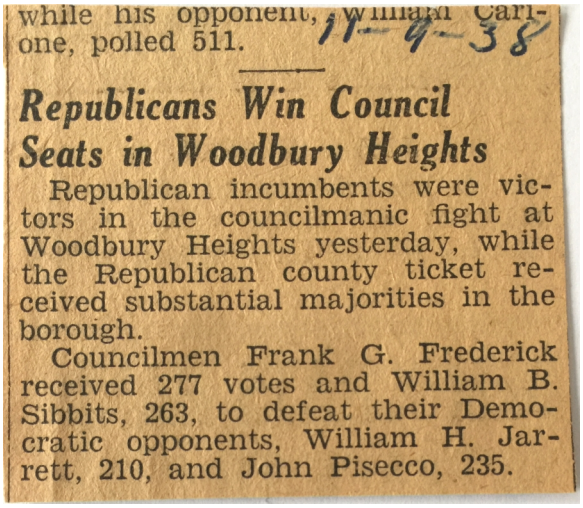
He was designated as Special Representative of the War Finance Committee for the State of NJ.

Frank was active in firemen's associations up to the state level, and in 1954, was elected Treasurer of the Gloucester Co. Fireman's Assn. He continued to be active after his retirement in 1956.

When I was growing up, Frank was still doing bookkeeping work for the Woodbury Heights Fire Department. Frank had an oak secretary desk in the hallway between his bath and bedroom where he did all his work while standing. I have his wonderful antique oak desk today. My father recalls that Frank always wore his leather accounting visor when doing bookkeeping.

Frank served on the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbury Heights for several years beginning around 1935.

In 1954, he became Treasurer of the Gloucester County Fireman's Association.

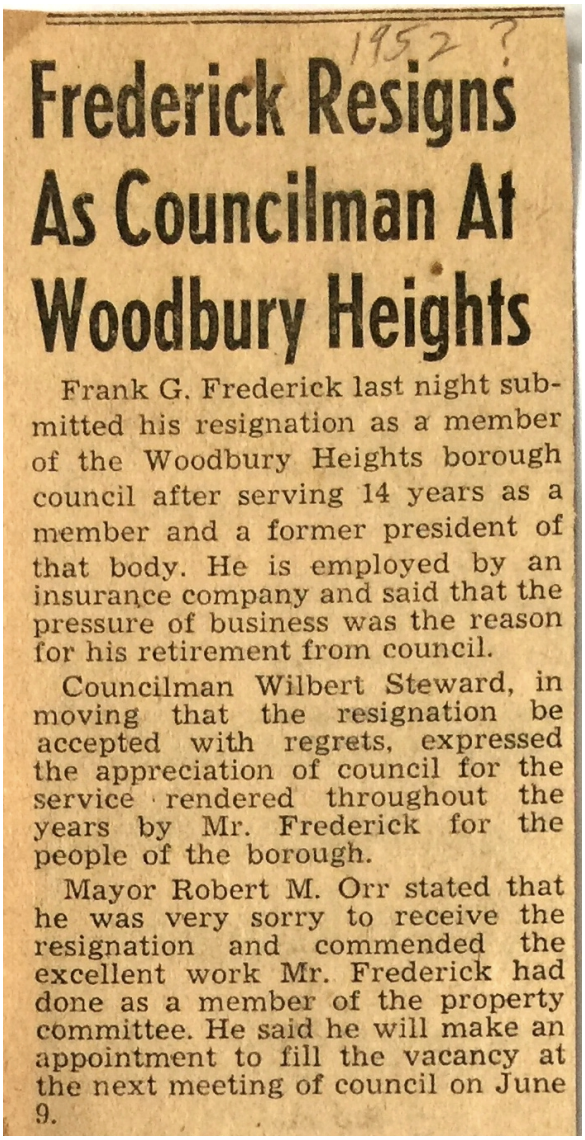


while his opponent, William Carl-
one, polled 511. 11-4-38

Republicans Win Council Seats in Woodbury Heights

Republican incumbents were victors in the councilmanic fight at Woodbury Heights yesterday, while the Republican county ticket received substantial majorities in the borough.

Councilmen Frank G. Frederick received 277 votes and William B. Sibbits, 263, to defeat their Democratic opponents, William H. Jarrett, 210, and John Pisecco, 235.



1952 ?

Frederick Resigns As Councilman At Woodbury Heights

Frank G. Frederick last night submitted his resignation as a member of the Woodbury Heights borough council after serving 14 years as a member and a former president of that body. He is employed by an insurance company and said that the pressure of business was the reason for his retirement from council.

Councilman Wilbert Steward, in moving that the resignation be accepted with regrets, expressed the appreciation of council for the service rendered throughout the years by Mr. Frederick for the people of the borough.

Mayor Robert M. Orr stated that he was very sorry to receive the resignation and commended the excellent work Mr. Frederick had done as a member of the property committee. He said he will make an appointment to fill the vacancy at the next meeting of council on June 9.

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WOODBURY, N. J., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1954

Gloucester County Firemen Provide Gifts for State Firemen's Home



—Times - Fisler Photo

These gifts, which will be sent to guests living at the Firemen's Home, in Boonton, were provided at last night's meeting of the Gloucester County Firemen's Association at Clayton. Looking over the assortment of gift packages are, left to right: Fire Marshal John R. Williams, of National Park; Harry C. Viereck, of Wenonah; assistant secretary; President Clyde Shivery, of Gibbstown; Secretary Daniel Pote, of Paulsboro, a member of the board of managers of the home, and Treasurer Frank G. Frederick, of Woodbury Heights.



1951


Frank in his Garden, 1952

Daughter's Marriage, 1952

In May of 1952, daughter Annette married David Skinner at the Woodbury Heights Presbyterian Church, the Frederick's church where Liz assisted with Sunday School. On a limited budget, the Fredericks held a catered reception picnic in their back yard with tea sandwiches and a cake. There is movie footage of the wedding and reception.

The newlyweds spent their first night at the Frederick home and then honeymooned for a week in a cabin on a lake in the Poconos, were there were other couples doing the same thing. The lake is still there today though the cabins are long gone. One of the Skinner's friends built a ski house in the 1980's where the cabins had once stood.

At the time of their marriage, Dave had just completed his first year of military service out of college as one of the nation's first petroleum officers. He had been stationed at Bangor Air Force Base in Maine. During the time of his wedding and honeymoon, his military unit had packed up and relocated from Bangor to Alexandria Air Force Base in Louisiana.

Following the honeymoon, Dave and Annette drove to Bangor, Maine to pack his things up. They then drove to Louisiana where Dave rejoined his unit for his second and final year in the Air Force. Dave and Annette lived near the base in several apartments in homes in the Pineville neighborhood of Alexandria.

Trip to Louisiana, 1953

Dave and Annette spent one year at Alexandria Air Force Base in Louisiana from mid-1952 until mid-1953. In October of 1952, Dave's parents came to Louisiana to see them – not sure if the Skinners drove or flew by airplane.

In the spring of 1953, Dave's parents made a second trip to Louisiana. They drove and invited Annette's parents - Liz and Frank Frederick, along for the ride. They turned it into an extensive, three week vacation, including one week visiting their children at Alexandria.

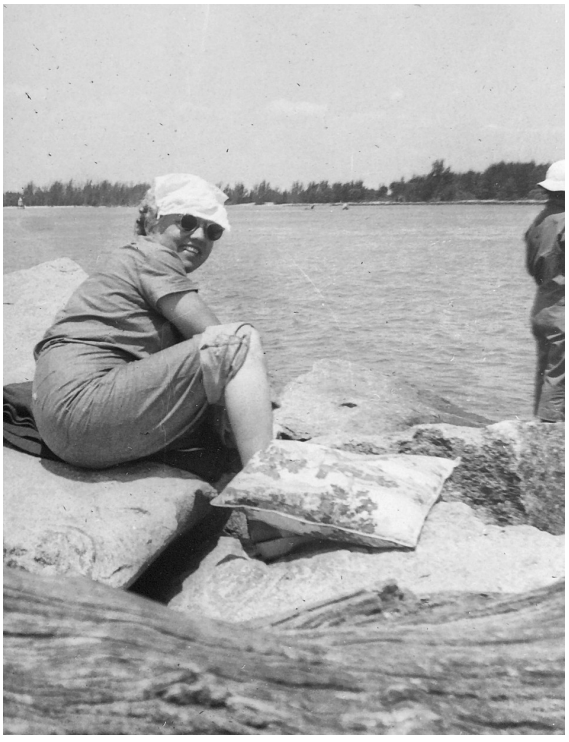
Photographs show that they visited Washington D.C. and Birmingham, Alabama on the drive down to Louisiana, and returned home via Florida, with stops at Marianna (Florida Panhandle), St. Petersburg, Ft. Pierce, Cocoa Beach, Daytona and Fort Augustine. They enjoyed some fishing along the way. Frank took some photos of the trip and Earl Skinner took movie footage.



Liz Frederick w/Lillian Skinner, 1953
Daytona Beach, FL



Marianna, Florida Panhandle, 1953, on the drive home
[Earl holding his movie camera]



Liz, Fishing at Ft. Pierce, FL, 1953



Frank, Cocoa Beach, Florida, 1953
[Earl's movie footage]



Liz and Lillian Fishing, Ft. Pierce, Florida, 1953
[Earl's Movie Footage]





The Fredericks and Skinners
Daytona Beach, Florida, 1953
[Earl's Movie Footage]





The Fredericks and Skinners
Daytona Beach, Florida, 1953
[Earl's Movie Footage]

Frank is showing off the six pack beer carton that he and Earl polished off.

Occasional Travels – No Car, No Problem

Liz and Frank visited Massachusetts every so often to visit her sister Emma Fleck. They always traveled with relatives who did the driving – usually her sister Carrie and husband Joe Williman, who lived in Philadelphia.

Emma was married to Louis Fleck and they had a daughter Barbara (1933-2019) who was 3 years younger than my mother Annette.

The families of Liz, Carrie and Emma seemed to have a lot of fun touring in Massachusetts. In the 1930's, they spent time at Barkers Pond, Hill Pond, the Fitchburg Reservoir, Wachusetts Mtn. and the seafaring town of Gloucester, among other places. Emma and husband Louis often came home to the Philadelphia area as well.

Emma's husband, Louis Fleck, worked most of his adult life for Sears. Louis was transferred by Sears from Philadelphia to Atlanta in the 1920's. Sister Liz and Frank Frederick took a train in the 1920's and visited. During that trip, Emma came down with intestinal poisoning and Liz stayed behind for a month to look after Emma, while Frank went back home to Woodbury Heights to return to work.

Sears transferred Louis Fleck a second time from Atlanta to the Boston area in the 1930's. According to Barbara, Louis was transferred to Boston with another Philadelphia family – that of George Sharkey, wife Helen. Two generations of the Philadelphia transplants in Massachusetts were life-long friends, as Barbara was friends with the Sharkey daughters, Doris and Joyce. There was also a son who later lived in Schenectady.

Sadly, Louis Fleck died at a fairly young age in the 1940's when daughter Barbara was age 12. Sears provided Louis with a substantial death benefit, enabling Emma and Barbara to live comfortable lives. Following the death of Louis, the Sharkey's started having Emma and Barbara over each Thanksgiving.

Emma and Barbara stayed in Massachusetts for the remainder of their lives, except for a ten year stint in New Jersey, when they had a home in Cinnaminson, NJ, and a vacation home in Ocean City. They always had dogs – never cute ones.

Besides Massachusetts, the Fredericks did other touring as well. Photos show them at Lake Champlain in 1950, Niagara Falls in 1955 and Fredericksburg, VA in the early 1960's, all road trips with her sister Carrie (and Joe) Williman. The Fredericks also visited Louisiana, in 1953 with their Skinner in-laws who did the driving. And the Fredericks visited the Skinner home at Sanibel, FL in 1966, by train.



Joe Williman with Frank & Liz
Lake Champlain, 1950



Liz and Emma with niece Kathryn Turner (center)
Gloucester, Massachusetts, 1954
[Trip to Massachusetts to visit Emma]



Frank & Liz
Three Sisters Island, Niagara Falls, 1955

My Grandparents Become Grandparents

1954 and 1956 saw the births of the Frederick's two grandchildren – Kevin and Susan Skinner.





Liz Frederick, 1955, w/grandson Kevin
Skinner home - Clements Bridge Road, Deptford, NJ



Kevin in the Frederick master bedroom, Christmas, 1956
[photos on bureau – Annette on wall, David, Annette, Annette, Barbara and ?]



Susan in the Frederick living room, Christmas, 1956



Frank w/Susan, 1957
Skinner Home, Clements Bridge Road, Deptford, NJ

Retirement

1954- Liz earned a couple of dollars working at Baker Bros 5&10 in Woodbury.

July 1, 1956 – Frank retired. He last worked May 29 taking the month of June off for vacation. He had started with the Insurance Company of North America in 1920. During those 36 years, his pay had gone from $60 to $225 per month.

Pension from the Insurance Company of North America – $90 plus $ 87.90 for Social Security, B's S.S. was $38.30 for a total family retirement of $2594.40 per year.



Hey, We're Now In Color!
Susan and Kevin with Liz, Frederick Residence
[DES Slide]





Spring, 1957, Frederick Residence



2 Dec 1957, the appearance of the ‘fish’ glass bowl, Frederick Residence



Frederick Residence, 762 Clearview Avenue, Woodbury Heights, Spring 1958





Sledding With Frank
Frederick Yard, Winter of 1957/1958
[DES movie footage]



Halloween, 1957, Frederick Residence



Halloween, 1958, Frederick Residence
[DES Slides, Excellent Quality As Always]



1958, Frederick Dining Room

The Olden Years

The 1960's must have been tough on Frank and Liz. Born in the 1890's and living on a small fixed income in a world of inflation, they saw a country and a society going through rapid changes they could not have adapted to – a war in Southeast Asia that seemed to have no end and no victory, war protests, race riots in American cities, long hair, a collapse in dress codes, psychedelic rock, a drug culture, etc. They were ten years older than my other grandparents, and not having much money, were left to wilt away.

1961 – B had a heart attack and spent 19 days in hospital.

1963 – Liz and Frank were driven to Massachusetts for the wedding of their niece Barbara Fleck (daughter of Liz's sister Emma Fleck).

1965 – Frank's 75th birthday –his surviving siblings Mark, Jess, Sadie, and Viola, made a rare visit to my parent's house for a get-together. This was the first time I was really aware that Frank had siblings.

1966 – Frank and Beth took a train to Ft. Myers, Florida, at the invitation of their Skinner in-laws, for a vacation on Sanibel at the Skinner's new retirement home.

1967 – Frank was in the hospital for a month for the removal of a benign prostate cyst. That year he weighed 103 lbs.

1968 – B's 75th birthday party was a surprise held at daughter Annette's on Sep 15th. B's relatives included sister Carrie Williman and husband Joe, Adeline Ackerman (wife of B's deceased brother Fred) and Adeline's mother Mrs. Breyer and grand-niece Kathryn Turner and husband Bill. Frank's relatives included his brother Jess Frederick, sister Sadie Replogle, and sister Viola Greaser. Also present were Viola's son Russell Greaser, wife Cleta and son Joey.

1970 – Frank back in the hospital for trans-urethal resection of prostate, no malignancy.

1971 – B had a 'spell' in October and December.

1972 – Frank back in the hospital again for trans-urethal resection of prostate. 122 lbs., 5'1".



Emma with daughter Barbara



Frank w/daughter Annette

Barbara's Wedding to Vernon Tagtmeyer - 5 Oct 1963, Massachusetts



Liz with niece Barbara
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Frank's 75th Birthday, Nov 1965
Skinner Home, Woodbury, NJ [DES Slides]





Frank's 75th Birthday, Nov 1965
Skinner Home, Woodbury, NJ [DES Slides]





Frank's 75th Birthday, Nov 1965
Frank's brother Mark Frederick at right
[DES Slides]



Frank and Liz took a train from Philadelphia to Ft. Myers to visit the new retirement home of their in-laws – Earl and Lillian Skinner, Sanibel, Florida, March 1966



Christmas, 1967, Skinner Home, Woodbury, NJ
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Liz and Frank Frederick – Her 75th Birthday, 11 Sep 1968
Skinner Home, Woodbury, NJ [DES slide]

Ocean City, New Jersey

The Fredericks where frequent visitors to the Jersey shore during their lives, especially Ocean City. Liz's sister Carrie Williman had a vacation home in Ocean City. Carrie's son, Norman Williman and family, had a home there as well. And Emma Fleck, another sister of Liz and Carrie, also had a home at Ocean City. All just a few blocks from one another.

The Gold Dust Sisters



Liz, Carrie and Emma, Ocean City, 1957





Emma, Carrie and Liz with husbands Joe Williman and Frank Frederick,
touring Fredericksburg, VA, circa 1964



Carrie, Emma & Liz
Ocean City, circa 1967



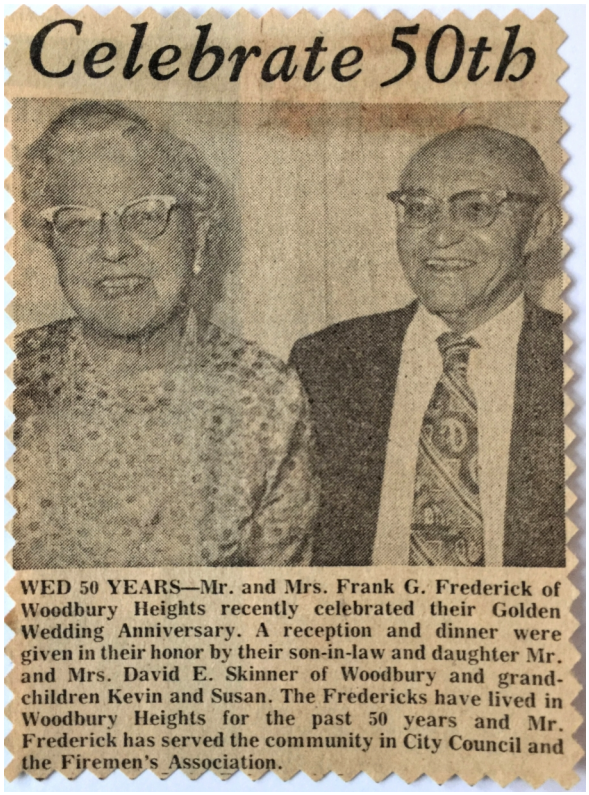
Frank & Liz at the home of
Carrie & Joe Williman
circa 1970



Carrie, Emma & Liz, Williman Residence, 1971

50th Wedding Anniversary of Liz & Frank – April 30, 1973

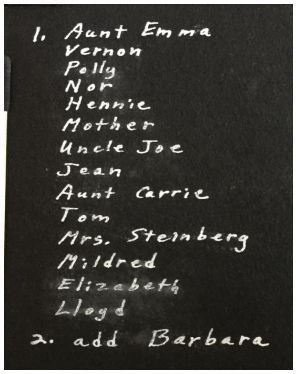
Annette Skinner hosted a family reunion for her parents, including a dinner at a Woodbury restaurant. Attendees - **47 people** including Frank's siblings Mark, Sadie and Viola and B's siblings Carrie and Emma. There is surviving movie footage of this event. I was finally old enough to begin to understand the Frederick relatives that I had seen little of earlier in life.



Celebrate 50th

WED 50 YEARS—Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Frederick of Woodbury Heights recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. A reception and dinner were given in their honor by their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. David E. Skinner of Woodbury and grandchildren Kevin and Susan. The Fredericks have lived in Woodbury Heights for the past 50 years and Mr. Frederick has served the community in City Council and the Firemen's Association.







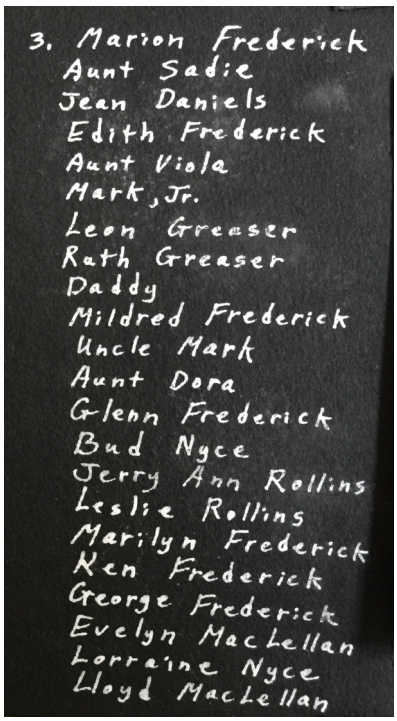
50th Wedding Anniversary, April 30, 1973 – Relatives of Liz Frederick
Skinner Home, Woodbury, NJ
[DES photo, bottom]

lower image – Barbara and husband Vernon, Barbara's mother Emma, Nor Williman, Hennie & Jean Scheutz, Joe & Carrie Williman, Tom & Mildred Lawson





50th Wedding Anniversary, April 30, 1973 – Relatives of Frank Frederick
Skinner Home, Woodbury, NJ
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3. Marion Frederick
Aunt Sadie
Jean Daniels
Edith Frederick
Aunt Viola
Mark, Jr.
Leon Greaser
Ruth Greaser
Daddy
Mildred Frederick
Uncle Mark
Aunt Dora
Glenn Frederick
Bud Nyce
Jerry Ann Rollins
Leslie Rollins
Marilyn Frederick
Ken Frederick
George Frederick
Evelyn MacLellan
Lorraine Nyce
Lloyd MacLellan



Frank with Liz and his brother Mark Frederick



50th Wedding Anniversary, 1973



Liz Frederick (1893-Oct, 1974)
2 June 1974



Frank Frederick (1890-1975) w/daughter Annette
Susan Skinner's high school graduation, 19 June 1974



Bottom – Kevin with the Skinner and Frederick Grandparents
Susan Skinner's Woodbury Graduation, 19 June 1974
[DES slides]

This is the last image of my grandparents Frank and Liz Frederick.

Finale

1973 – Frank back in the hospital for trans-urethral prostate resection.

July 4, 1974 – B had a stroke – fell twice.

September 28, 1974 – B was taken to the hospital after sick and fainting, never to return home. She went from marred speech to a massive stroke to a coma, troublesome breathing. In a week she got easier, more color, less grimace, more smile, seemed to be coming out of it. After 2 weeks good, she deteriorated. With nothing more to be done in hospital she was moved to Cooper River Nursing Home in Pennsauken, NJ on 10/28. On 10/30 she was dead at age 81 from massive cerebral infarction, 6:20 am. My mother never mentioned a word to me of anything until her mother had died.

At her death, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbury Heights, in its Laura Davenport Circle, Senior Citizen's Club and the firemen's Ladies Auxiliary. Jack Ackerman, a brother who had little contact with the family, wrote a poem about her which was published in the paper.

At the funeral, I met her life-long friend and neighbor, Frieda Wiestner. Frank and Liz had followed Frieda and her husband to Woodbury Heights from Philadelphia in the 1920's. Jack Ackerman, a long-lost brother of Liz who had stayed apart from the family, was at the funeral as well. The pallbearers included me.

Frank survived alone for one year after the death of Liz. He developed bladder cancer in addition to his on-going prostate problems. He was leading a life of loneliness in his home without his wife and I doubt he had anything to be happy about.

Frank's friends at the fire department would swing by every so often. On December 8, 1975, one year after Liz died, Frank died of cardiac arrest. He was age 85.

Mrs. Fulmer, a long-time neighbor across the street, had seen his light on in the wee hours. The following morning she couldn't get a response from his house or reach his daughter Annette, so she called Frank's friend and Woodbury Heights ambulance driver, Don Steward. Don was someone who used to check up on Frank every week or so. Don broke in the rear kitchen door and found Frank dead on the floor with the water running in the kitchen sink.

Arrangements were made with Davis Funeral Home with firemen as pallbearers. Frank was buried beside his wife Elizabeth in Eglington Memorial Cemetery, Lot 268, Sec. W, Garden of the Angel.

At the time of his death, Frank was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbury Heights, Senior Citizens Club, Woodbury Heights Improvement, Protective & fire Assn. (2nd Vice President 1928, Treasurer 1928-1935), Secretary and Representative to Wood. Hts. Firemen's Relief Assn. (1937 –present), and a life member of the Gloucester County Firemen's Assn (Treasurer 1954-1957), Glouc. Co. Fire Chief's Assn., and NJ State Firemen's Assn. (1942-present). In the past, he had been a Borough Marshall and on the Board of Health, as well as serving on the Woodbury Heights city council, including council president.

Memories From My Youth

The view from the rear window of the home at the kitchen sink where Frank died faced the wonderful trees and gardens of vegetables and fruits that Frank had spent a lifetime tending to. My favorites were the endless green grapes on the vines, though the grapes had seeds that slowed down the eating. The grape vines were the first plants Frank had planted back in the 1020's. I also loved the blackberries and raspberries, especially the black raspberries that I have not had or seen little since then. Their basement included many bottles of pickled foods that his wife had preserved from his gardens. For Liz, it was a bit of a chore to support Frank's gardening hobby.

Liz and Frank had few material possessions. But they had a wonderful dining room filled with ornate oak furniture. I remember their TV of the early 1960's – a relic of the 1950's that consisted of a large, impressive, floor-standing wood cabinet with a couple of large knobs for the TV and radio, and a miniature (15"?) square TV screen. Poor reception and poor picture. They had the claw-foot bathtub in the bathroom– never had a shower. In their basement, they still had the old icebox (now in my father's office) and wringer-style washing machine, though both were thankfully out of service. Of course, this was back at a time when the material assets and wealth of the average person were little compared to today. Frank quietly saved some money that his wife was not aware of it – my dad found cash secured to the underside of his basement workbench after his death.

Frank once purchased a used car from his brother-in-law. Jack Ackerman, but that was short-lived. For the most part, Frank and Liz did not drive. It was easy to walk down their street and catch a bus, or in earlier years, a train, to Philadelphia for work or shopping

Frank and Liz only took a couple of vacations in their life. In 1937, they gave their neighbor a few dollars to rent a trailer at Wildwood for a brief vacation. They took a couple of trips to Massachusetts to visit Emma, a sister of Liz.

Liz and Frank also took two trips at the invitation of their Skinner in-laws. In 1953, Earl and Lillian Skinner invited them along for a tour of the east coast ending in a visit with their mutual children – Dave and Annette, at an Air Force base in Alexandria, Louisiana. A movie of the trip survives. In 1967, Frank and Liz took a train to Ft. Myers, Florida to visit the Skinners in their new home at Sanibel Island, Florida.

Liz Frederick was the most kind and loving person in our family. Per my mother: 'Beth was a well-liked, overly generous, motherly and talkative person. She opened their home to huge and full-of-fun family picnics and get-togethers. With sisters Carrie and Emma they were called the "Gold Dust Sisters." Her big chore was handling all the produce Frank raised – preserving, canning, jelly making, even making root beer. Everyone but Frank called her "Liz" or "Lizzie" and she hated those names, trying in vain to be called Beth or Betty or anything else.'

I do remember a few relatives calling her Aunt Beth. Most called her Liz. No one recollects how Frank addresses her.

On Sundays, we would go over for a visit and she would cook a nice, traditional meal – chicken in gravy with mashed potatoes, etc. First time I ever tasted horseradish, which was served with beef. She had to use a match to light her stove, though the oven had a pilot light. She always served Neapolitan ice cream for dessert. The special treats for us kids were the junkets w/raisins that we would help to prepare prior to dinner. A secret supply of the best Fig Newtons I ever tasted were always in the red cookie can on the shelf along the cellar steps. If we dropped by for lunch, it was boiled hot dogs.

Liz was talkative, though we did not converse in depth. She would say – "Oh jeez. Oh, how about that. Oh my goodness. Oh boy, Frank, look at that." Her talking dominates a tape recording that my Dad made of the family at Christmas, 1962. Liz was big-boned and larger than her husband,

After dinner, Liz and Frank would watch Liberace, and wonder at the outfits, or enjoy the musical entertainment of the Lawrence Welk show. My father purchased a portable, black and white TV on a stand for them about 1964 with a great picture, replacing their antique TV of the 1950's. A few years later, he replaced that with a color TV.

Per my mother:
Frank ‘was quiet, quick to speak when angry. No one ever knew his thoughts.” Besides councilman, fireman and handyman, he was a gardener raining cherries, pears, gold and red apples, walnuts, blackberries, red and black raspberries, strawberries, purple and white grapes, vegetables, flowers. He enjoyed car trips with others. He saved everything (even ashes in a jar) and kept diaries. His excellent penmanship was sought by organizations. Saturday afternoon operas gave him a chance to nap.’

Frank was a quiet man and an incessant, methodical organizer. My mother and I certainly take after him. All three of us have endless scraps of notes, and diaries, and detailed, organizational tendencies that few others could relate to. I loved to explore Frank’s basement and attic which were chock full of historical relics carefully organized in jars, boxes and shelves like the back room of a museum – jars of nails, boxes of paper clips, thread, thread spools – everything imaginable filling a basement and attic. Old cloth was tacked over the front of each shelf to keep the dust off. . I once stumbled upon a cheap handgun and bullets that Frank had forgotten about. I took the handgun down to the living room to proudly wave to everyone - only time I ever saw Liz angry at her husband, or anyone for that matter.

Frank had a huge collection of domestic and foreign stamps that he had carefully removed from incoming envelopes during his many decades in the mail room of the Insurance Company of North America. The stamps were his largest collection of stuff, but were cancelled and cut out of envelopes, so had little intrinsic value.

Growing up, we often visited the families of the brother and sisters of my grandmother, Liz. Since my parents had no brothers or sisters, this was a big part of the family fun that I experienced as a kid. The Ackerman’s were lively and entertaining . Not only did we see them at their homes in Philadelphia, but we also saw them at the Jersey shore as well – the families of Aunt Emma and Aunt Carrie, as well Carrie’s son Norman, all owned homes in north Ocean City.

Aunt Em's Ocean City home was later purchased by my parents when Emma and her daughter Barbara moved back to Boston. My parents eventually tired of the experience of maintaining rental properties. In the 1970's, they had owned and rented Aunt Em's Ocean City house, plus a townhouse near Glassboro State College as well as the Frederick house in Woodbury Heights. They had also invested briefly in property on Sanibel, Florida. They divested themselves of all of this, being more work than income.

While I was very familiar with the family of Liz Frederick, Frank's siblings were another story. Growing up, I was never really aware Frank had a large family of brothers and sisters. I don't recall ever visiting Frank's relatives north of Philadelphia. And they did not travel much. I saw Frank's siblings just a couple of times in my life – Frank's 75th birthday in 1965, Liz's 75th in 1968 and the Frederick 50th wedding anniversary in 1973.

The next time the family was together was at the wedding of my sister, Susan, to Martin Hernon in 1987. By that time, the generation of Liz and Frank were long gone, though some of their descendants were in attendance.

I decided to attend a Frederick family reunion with my parents, circa 2005, in the Telford area where Frank had been born. It was fun to meet my distant, but unknown relatives. My mother has remained in contact with surviving Frederick cousins – Ken and Bill Frederick.

My mother takes completely after her father, Frank, and resembles him. I suspect there is much of Frank in me as well, or I would not have taken the time to organize the family history in such obsessive detail.

Frank left behind a large quantity of antique silver dollars and other coins which were sold for $66. Probably worth many times that. Long after Frank's death, my Dad had to clean up after cat debris in the Frederick basement, as a result of a tenant in the house. He stumbled upon $160 of cash that Frank had hidden under his work bench.

Feb 13, 1983 – Annette and David Skinner made a material gift to the Presbyterian Church of Woodbury Heights totaling $450 in honor of Frank and Liz Frederick, just a tiny portion of the donations my parents have contributed to the church over the past 50 years.

ESTATE OF FRANK G. AND ELIZABETH M. ACKERMAN FREDERICK
PASSED TO ANNETTE E. FREDERICK SKINNER

Real estate:	759 Clearview Ave., Woodbury Heights, N. J. (1/1/76 value $28,500.00, improvements were $2,030.23, sold 5/31/85 for $52,000.00, settlement fees $4,206.07, depreciation and rents are unknown)	$45,763.70
Household furniture and furnishings:	net from sale of 837 items (unknown items sold later, donated or used)	1,726.06
I. N. A. stock shares value		2,418.25
I. N. A. Group Life Insurance		3,000.00
N. J. State Firemen's Assn.		1,400.00
Inheritance check from executor		4,740.16
Cash around house		159.86
Cash secret in workbench ($247.32 yard sale 577.31 yard sale 383.31 50th anniversary .50 349.00 gifts 256.00 savings 3.50 Kennedy .01 66.00 silver 16.00 collectibles		1,898.95
4 ~~2~~ cemetery lots		? 61,106.98

Frank had purchased two cemetery plots for him and his wife and two more for his daughter



My Grandparents - Earl and Lillian Skinner; Elizabeth and Frank Frederick

My 8th birthday, 14 June 1962, Home of Earl and Lillian, Walker Ave., Deptford
First photos taken with my birthday gift - Kodak Brownie camera.





Emma Fleck, sister of Liz Frederick and the last of the Ackerman siblings, with David Hernon (b. 1992) - great/grandson of Liz.

Emma's home where her daughter Barbara also lived, Park Avenue, Arlington, MA; Christmas, 1992. Emma's husband, who had died young, had been transferred to MA as a driver for Sears in the 1930's.