

Felkas

SUSAN MARY FELKAS

Birth: 7-27-1906

Death: 7-23-1942

Susan is buried at the New Camden Cemetery in Camden, New Jersey. She is buried in the same grave as her father; next to her mother.

Married:

Spouse: EDWARD JOSEPH REILLY

Children:

EDWARD	b. 1-10-26
JOHN	b. 7-5-27
MARY	b. 1-5-29
ANDREW	b. 3-31-30
JAMES	b. 8-20-33
PATRICIA	b. 3-22-36
PAUL	b. 12-24-41
VIRGINNIA	(died a day or two after birth)

Her Parents: JOHN (JANOS) FELKAS (FIELKUS, FELCAS) and
SUSAN (ZUSANNE) JAROS/YARROS (G/JARVIS)

JOHN	b. 7-1-1862	d. 2-28-1933
SUSAN	b. 9-1-1869	d. 10-10-1937

Married:

Siblings:

ELIZABETH (Lizzie/Dot)	b.	d. 6-4-?
ANNA	b. 5-16-1900	d. Oct. 1982
MARY	(died at 6 months old or as a young child)	
JOHN	b. 3-6-1907	d. 11-28-1979
ELLA	b. 5-13-1902	d. 8-23-1942 (died on a bus)
STEVE	b. 8-1-1909	d. 5-?-1982
SUSAN	b. 7-27-1906	d. 7-23-1942

Note: these names are part of family oral history and confirmed by census documents.

Buried: JOHN and SUSAN are buried at the New Camden Cemetery in Camden, New Jersey. JOHN: Section A, Plot I, Row 4, Grave 36 SUSAN: Section A, Plot I, Row 4, Grave 36 (she was buried on October 15, 1937) There are no grave markers. This information was obtained from the cemetery office.

NOTE: JONAS worked on the railroad between Camden, NJ and Springfield, Mass...

NOTE: The Felkas family did not talk much about JOHN and SUZANNE FELKAS. The family says that any conversation about them was secretive and done in another room in hushed tones. BONNIE FELCAS KISTLER states that her sister, JOY, felt that JOHN had children from another woman. He worked on a train that ran between Springfield, Mass. and Camden, New Jersey. May also be the explanation of how the family got from Westfield, Mass. to Camden, New Jersey.

NOTE: Both JOHN and SUZANNE are from Slovakia. From the town and area near Nove Mesto nad Vadhom, Slovakia. The name of the town means: "New city upon river." The town is in Western Slovakia about 100 km north of Bratislava. (According to Felkas family descendants, John Felkas, their son, had told his children that JOHN and SUZZANNE were from there, or at least JOHN) There is a coat of arms for the city.

NOTE: JONAS and ZUSSANNE apparently owned land in Slovakia. The family has a payment book and/or payment slips where they have made payments on the land over the years through the Slovakia Bank in Nove Mesto nad Vadhom. JONAS and ZUSSANNE also seemed to travel back and forth between Slovakia and the United States by ship. They had young children at the time and the names match up to the children they are known to have had. The children were US born according to Ellis Island records.

NOTE: The town of Kolinfalva, Hungary is mentioned in the family oral history. It is a village near Nove Mesto nad Vadhom. There are a number of Passenger Records from www.ellisland.org that involve Kolinfalva and the names of JONAS FARKAS, SUSSANNE YARROS/SUSSANNE FARKAS.

PASSENGER RECORDS: ELLIS ISLAND

NOTE: 1920 US CENSUS had JOHN and SUSAN immigrating to America in 1893 and 1895 respectively.

May 28, 1896

First Name: Susanna
Last Name: Jaros
Ethnicity: Hungary
Last Residence:
Age at Arrival: 18
Gender: Female
Marital Status: Single
Ship of Travel: Spree
Port of Departure: Bremen
Manifest Line # 0010

November 20, 1902

Name: Janos Farkas
Ethnicity: Hungary
Place of Residence: Kolinvalu
Age at Arrival: 25
Gender: Male
Marital Status: Married
Ship of Travel: Friedrich D. Grosse
Port of Departure: Bremen, Germany
Manifest Line # 0028

Suza Farkas Female 20y Married Hungary Kolinvalu 0029
Maria Farkas Female 7m Single Hungary Kolinvalu 0030

September 15, 1903

Janos Farkas
Hungary, Magyar
27y
Male
Married
The Konig Albert
Bremen, Germany

May 8, 1908

Zsuzssna Farkas
Hungary, Slovak
Kolinfala, Hungary
19y
Female
Single
Main
Bremen, Germany
0004

February 19, 1909

Janos Farkas
Hungary, Magyar
32y
Male
Married
The Koln
Bremen, Germany
0017

March 15, 1909

Janos Farkas
Hungary, Magyar
Kolinfalva, Hungary
32y
Male
Married
Roon
Bremen, Germany
0008

September 21, 1909

Zuzanna Farkas
Hungary, Slovak
Kolinfalva, Hungary
25y
Female
Married
Fredrich der Grosse
Bremen, Germany
0005

0006 Maria Farkas F 6y S US Born Kolinfalva
0007 Anna Farkas F 4y S US Born Kolinfalva
0008 Janos Farkas M 1y6m US Born Kolinfalva

October 11, 1922

Janos Farkas
Magyar, Hungary
U.S.
Male
43y
Married
Olympic
Southampton
0013

Rosa Farkas	F	41y	Married	Magyar, Hungary	U.S.	0014
Janos Farkas	M	14y	Single	U.S., Magyar	U.S.	0015
Maria Farkas	F	12y	Single	U.S., Magyar	U.S.	0016
Josef Farkas	M	10y	Single	U.S., Magyar	U.S.	0017

NOTE: There is a Family Group Record-Ancestral File at www.familysearch.org that has a JOHN FELKAS and spouse SUSAN JARVIS being in Westfield, Mass.; it lists five of the six children (except Elizabeth.) Only ANNA has a complete birth date given: May 6, 1900. For the rest of the children there is only a year given and all of them are wrong according to Social Security information and US Census dating.

NOTE: There is a Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate for ANNA with a May 6, 1900 birth date in Westfield, Mass.

NOTE: These three documents place JOHN and SUSIE FELCAS in Westfield, Mass. and the birth of their first daughter there. The Birth Certificate has the mother listed as SUSIE YARROS and the father as JOHN FIEKUS.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE: Copy of Record of Birth, City of Westfield
Year 1900 Vol 3 Page 98 No 139

Name of Child	Anna Fiekus
Date of Birth	May 16, 1900
Place of Birth	Westfield, Mass.
Father	John Fiekus
Residence	Westfield
Place of Birth	Hungary
Occupation	Bicycle Shop
Mother	Susie Yarros
Residence	Westfield, Mass.
Place of Birth	Hungary
Date of Record	February 16, 1901

CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM: Church of St Mary's that ANNA FILCAS child of JOHN FILCAS and JULIA FILCAS born in Westfield, Mass. on the 16 day of May 1900 (same date that is on the Birth Certificate) was baptized on the 3 day of June 1900 by Rev. James Donohoe.

All the children of JANOS and ZUSSANNE were born in the United States. ANNA, who was born in 5-16-1900 means that they immigrated to US before 1900. All the children were born between 1900 and 1909. Were all the children born in Westfield, Mass.? When did the family move to Camden? The 1920 US Census shows the family living in Camden. The 1920 US Census shows all the children were born in New Jersey. But ANNA was born in Westfield, Mass...

NOTE: Census research for the FELKAS name in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland for the 1920 and 1930 census turned up only one family in each census where the names of the known children matched. The US Census for 1900 and 1910 may help in determining when the family moved from Mass. to New Jersey. The only pre-1920 information, thus far for this family, anywhere along the Eastern Seaboard, which matches known names, is the birth certificate for ANNA FILCAS and also her certificate of baptism.

1920 US CENSUS

Jan. 30, 1920 Camden, Camden County, New Jersey, ED 85

JOHN and JOSEPHINE FIELKAS

Live at 1074 Louis Street and own their home.

JOHN	(H) 59	Immigrated 1893	Naturalized
JOSEPHINE	(W) 43	Immigrated 1895	Alien

Both cannot read or write.
Both POB are listed as Slovakia
Both fPOB and mPOB are listed as Slovakia.

ELLA	(D) 18	Can read and write.	POB listed as NJ
SUSIE	(D) 15	Can read and write.	POB listed as NJ
JOHN	(S) 12	Can read and write.	POB listed as NJ
STEPHEN	(S) 10	Can read and write.	POB listed as NJ
POLLY	(S) 2 4/12		POB listed as NJ

NOTE: No idea about Polly. ANNA is not listed probably because she is already married to HORACE SIMPSON. She is 19 or 20 at this time. MARY is not listed because she died as young child.

NOTE: ELIZABETH is also out of the house at this time.

Employment:

JOHN	Operator at Sugar Refinery
JOSEPHINE	None
ELLA	Operator at Lace Mill
SUSIE	Doffer at Worsted Mill

NOTE: Worsted is a kind of wool that is made into yarn. A doffer “doffs” or takes off full bobbins of wool and puts an empty bobbin back on the machine so the process continues.

1930 US CENSUS

Apr 5, 1930 Camden, Camden County, New Jersey, Dist 62, 13th Ward

JOHN and JOSEPHINE FELKES

Live at 1074 Lewis Street. Own the house at value of \$1230.00.

JOHN	65	married at 32	POB Slovakia	fPOB	mPOB	Slovakia
JOSEPHINE	52	married at 21	POB Czechoslovakia	fPOB	mPOB	Czechoslovakia
JOHN	23					
STEVEN	20					

Employment

JOHN (65)	Inspector at Sugar Factory
JOHN	Radio Service, Radio Factory (RCA)
STEVEN	Radio Service, Radio Factory (RCA)

NOTE: JOHN and JOSEPHINE age at time of marriage indicates they were married between 1897 and 1899 and after their immigration in 1893 and 1895 respectively.

NOTE: ANNA (age 30), ELLA (age28), ELIZABETH (age?) and SUSAN (age 25) seem to all be married at this time or at very least out of the house.

ELIZABETH

Called "Lizzie" or "Dot" Married three times. (Faschilla?; Leslie Deans?) one daughter

ANNA FELKAS SIMPSON

Married HORACE EVAN SIMPSON about 1920. She was a waitress who lived her whole life in Atlantic City (?). There is also a reference to her living in Bellmawr, NJ; with EDWARD REILLY living with her before and after World War II. Died in Haddonfield, Camden County, New Jersey 08033 SS# 153-01-3152 (SS Death Index) There was an alcohol problem. One son killed in WWII in France, three daughters: Lillian, Catherine, Dorothy. There may have been a daughter named Joyce born in 1930.

HORACE EVAN SIMPSON b. 1-16-1895 Philadelphia, Pa.
Father: Thomas Simpson
b. abt. 1882 Burlington, New Jersey
Mother: Catherine
b. abt. 1886 Burlington, New Jersey
(IGI Individual Record: www.familysearch.org)
(D) Emma, Philadelphia, Pa.
(D) Lillie, Philadelphia, Pa
(Family Record Group: www.familysearch.org)

JOHN FELKAS

He was an oil company salesman and then worked for RCA. Married Grace, daughters: Bonnie; SS#157-03-6407; last residence: Cherry Hill, Camden County, New Jersey. John went to work after his father died in order to support the family. He cooked for the family after the father died. There is recipe originally from Czechoslovakia that has been handed down in the family from JOHN FELCAS. He got it from his parents: JANOS and ZUSSANNE.

During the depression he went to work to help support the family. He worked in a pretzel factory. He was allowed to bring the broken pieces of pretzels home and the family would put them in tomato soup or ketchup and have a meal. When he got older he did not eat pretzels for a long time.

During Prohibition which ended about 1934 he ran bootleg liquor from the mountains of Pennsylvania to Camden. He hauled coal and would cover the liquor with a layer of coal to hide it. He sold the liquor in Camden to make money. One rainy night the brakes went out on the truck. The driver of the truck only had one eye and how he ever lived he did not know. He decided that was his last trip.

GRACE WILLIAMS FELKAS b. 1-10-1906 d. 11-21-1987 SS# 139-05-8801 Lived in Camden, Delair and Pennsauken all in Camden County, New Jersey

ELLA FELKAS HARTMAN

“Aunt Ella” She worked in a lace factory. One son, ROBERT, killed in WWII, one daughter: MILDREW

ROBERT HARTMAN: First Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Forces, Service # 0-823066, 509th Fighter Squadron, 405 Fighter Group, entered Service from: New Jersey, Died: 11-Apr-1945, Buried at: Plot D Row 3 Grave 12, Ardennes American Cemetery, Neupre, Belgium, Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart

STEVE FELKAS

Married several times. He just drank. His wives worked. No children; SS# 150-10-1161, last residence: Glendora, Camden County, New Jersey

LILLIAN (?) FELKAS b. 2-28-1914 d. 1-?-1987
SS#149-12-2888, last residences: zip code 08012, Blackwood, etc., Camden County, New Jersey; She was the daughter of ANNA FELKUS SIMPSON? Married to Steve Felkas? Remarried a SAM VENNEL.(?)

MARY

Died as a baby.

NOTE: There is an EDNA FELKAS who married a RAY FOREMAN. They had two children. This is according to family oral history but I have not found them or placed them within family.

RAY FOREMAN b. 2-27-1918 d. 4-27-2003
SS# 154-09-8438 issued in New Jersey
Death residence: Baltimore, Maryland, 21222
(SS Death Index)