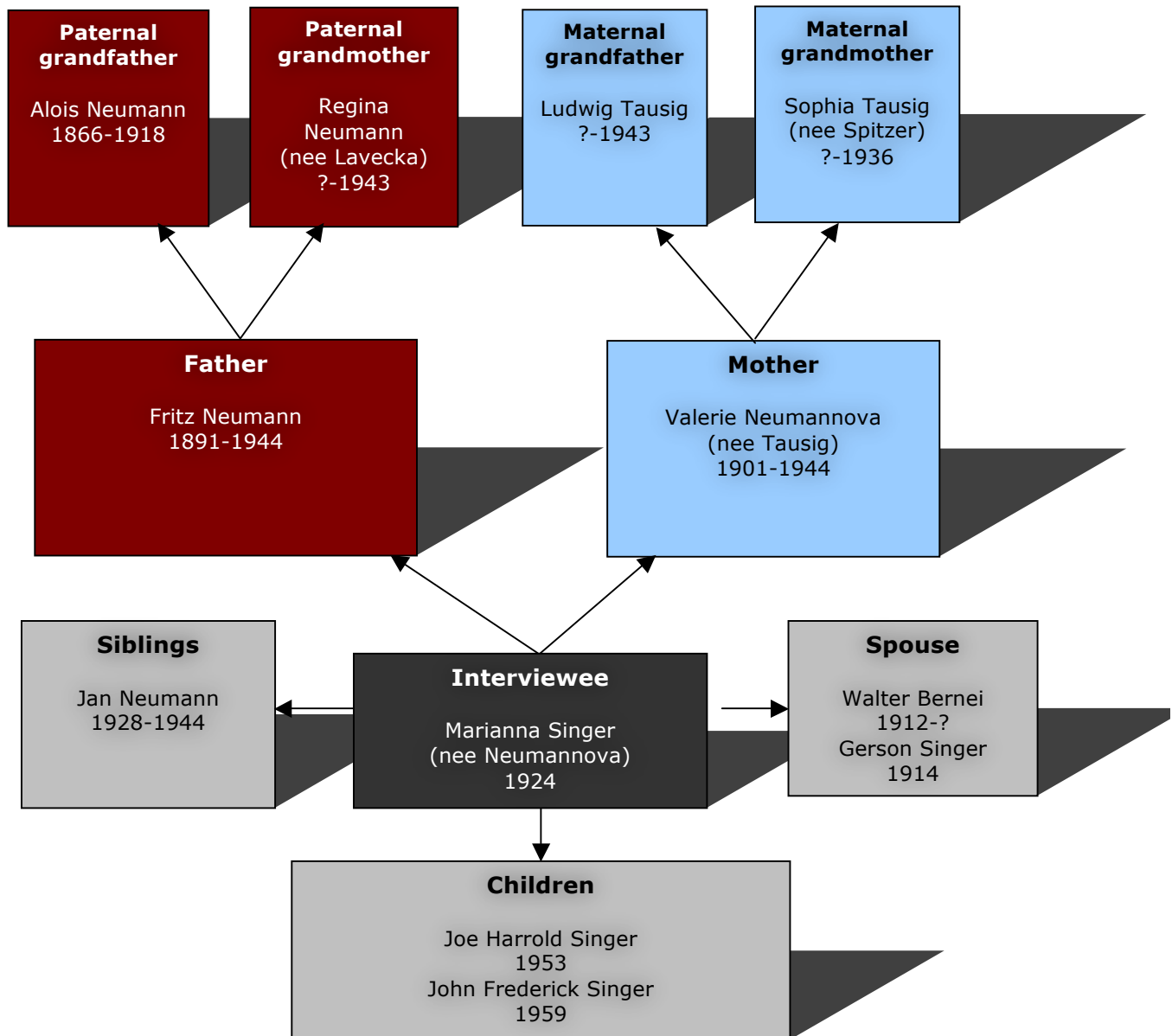


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Marianna Singer, nee Neumannova

Where and when were you born?

Jihlava, 13th February 1924

Where else did you live?

Jihlava: 1924-1939, since 1992

Hlinsko: 1939-1942

Terezin: 1942-1944

Sigtuna, Ryd, Göteborg (Sweden): 1945-1946

New York (USA): 1946-1992

Your educational level?

Began attending high school in Jihlava, did not finish school.

What sort of work do/did you do?

Because after the war I didn't have an education nor money, I had to work as a servant. I babysat children, cleaned and cooked. After my sons were born I was a housewife and later went on disability pension.

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised?

We didn't observe Jewish traditions very much in our household. Just at Passover there was some sort of seder, and for Chanukkah we lit candles. At Christmas we had a Christmas tree. We didn't practice traditional Judaism, but we were aware of the fact that we were Jews. My father was very benevolent when it came to questions of faith and nationality. I think that despite this he felt himself to be mainly a Jew, but he didn't differentiate people. He didn't care if they were Germans, Czechs or Jews.

What is your mother tongue?

German

What other languages do you speak?

Czech, English

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Jihlava: 1939

Hlinsko: 1939-1942

Terezin: 1942-1944

Auschwitz (today Poland): 1944

Christianstadt (today Poland): 1944-1945

Death march, Gross Rosen (today Poland) – Bergen-Belsen (today Germany):
1945

Bergen-Belsen: 1945

Siblings

Their names

Jan Neumann

Where and when were they born?

Jihlava, 6th July 1928

What is their mother tongue?

German

Their educational level?

Didn't finish elementary school.

Where else did they live?

Jihlava: 1928-1939

Hlinsko: 1939-1942

Terezin: 1942-1944

Where and when did they die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), 1944

Spouse

Name?

Walter Bernei

Gerson Singer

Where and when was he/she born?

Walter: place unknown (today Germany), 1912

Gerson: Leipzig (today Germany), 12th May 1914

Where else did he/she live?

Walter: New York (USA)

Gerson: Leipzig (today Germany), 1914-1939; village of Pechuan (today South Africa), 1939-1949; New York (USA), 1949-1992; Jihlava, since 1992

Is he/she Jewish?

Walter: yes

Gerson: yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Walter: German

Gerson: German

His/her educational level?

Walter: No information

Gerson: Finished eight-year high school

Occupation?

Walter: No information

Gerson: furrier

Tell me anything you know about his/her siblings (Name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, name of wife and children, whether their family is Jewish and whether it is religious).

Walter: No information

Gerson:

Julius Singer: born 29th August 1915, Leipzig (today Germany) – died 1971, Buenos Aires (Argentina), furrier, wife Elka

Fany Saguta (nee Singer): born 11th December 1918, Leipzig – died 1991, Watter

Berry (USA), housewife, husband Waldemar Saguta

Viktor Singer: born 27th June 1923, Leipzig, lives in London (United Kingdom),
furrier, single

Lea Cassell (nee Singer): born 20th January 1928, Leipzig, lives in Los Angeles
(USA), housewife, husband Emmanuel Cassell

Children

Their names?

Joe Harrold Singer

John Frederick Singer

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews?

Joe and John knew of their Jewish roots, but from a religious perspective their parents never led them to Judaism.

Where and when were they born?

Joe: New York (USA), 25th January 1953

John: New York (USA), 1st June 1959

Where else did they live?

Joe: New York, 1953-

John: New York, 1959-2000; Jihlava, since 2000

Their educational level?

Joe: finished secondary school

John: finished high school

Their occupations?

Joe: has been working as a civil servant for the City of New York for more than 30 years now.

John: tried out almost any occupation, was for example: waiter, restaurant manager, taxi driver, worked in a real estate office. Currently gives private English lessons and teaches conversational English.

How many grandchildren do you have?

None

Father

His name?

Fritz Neumann

Where and when was he born?

Smrcna, 1891

Where else did he live?

Jihlava: ?-1939

Hlinsko: 1939-1942

Terezin: 1942-1944

Where and when did he die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), 1944

What sort of education did he have?

Father didn't go to school, but was very educated and talented. I would say he was self-taught, he educated himself.

What sort of work did he do?

Owner of glass factory. (In Jihlava they elected him as a people's judge, commercial counselor.)

How religious was he?

Jewish traditions weren't observed very much in our household. Just at Passover there was some sort of seder, and for Chanukkah we lit candles. At Christmas we had a Christmas tree. We didn't practice traditional Judaism, but we were aware of the fact that we were Jews. Father only went to the synagogue on the major holidays, otherwise he didn't. Sabbath was a normal working day.

What was his mother tongue?

German (he also spoke fluent Czech and English)

Army service: which army and what years?

None

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

Name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Marta Hauptova (nee Neumann)	Smrcna, 1893-4/1944, Lodz (today Poland)	Housewife	? Horecky ? Haupt	2 sons: Hubert Haupt, ?, ?/1970-80, (Israel) Jan Horecky, ?, ?/1944, Lodz 1 daughter: Alice Horecka, ?, ?/1944, Lodz	Not religious
Richard Neumann	Died very young	None	None	None	Wasn't from a religious family

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Jihlava: 1939

Hlinsko: 1939-1942

Terezin: 1942-1944

Auschwitz (today Poland): 1944 – died there

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Alois Neumann

Where and when was he born?

Litomerice, 1891

Where else did he live?

Smrcna, ?-?

Jihlava, ?-1918

Where and when did he die?

Jihlava, 1918

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

He was the director of a large glass concern called U Schindlera, which had many branches all over Europe. Later he went into business for himself and had a glassmaking and cutting firm. He also had a cardboard factory. The products were exported all over the world – Europe, South and North America. He had agents all over Europe and the world.

How religious was he?

I never met Grandpa Neumann, but I assume that my father's parents weren't religious. My parents weren't religious, so I think that if my father wasn't religious, neither were his parents.

What was his mother tongue?

Czech

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Regina Neumann (nee Lavecka)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Smrcna: ?-?

Jihlava: ?-?

Terezin: ?-1943

Where and when did she die?

Terezin: 1943

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

I assume that my father's parents weren't religious. My parents weren't religious, so I think that if my father wasn't religious, neither were his parents.

What was her mother tongue?

German

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Jihlava: 1939-?

Terezin: ?-1943, died there

Mother

Her name?

Valerie Neumannova, nee Tausig

Where and when was she born?

Hlinsko, 1901

Where else did she live?

Jihlava: ?-1939

Hlinsko: 1939-1942

Terezin: 1942-1944

Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), 1944

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Jewish traditions were not observed very much in our household.

What was her mother tongue?

German (she also spoke fluent Czech and English, and could speak conversational French.)

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Dora (Doris) Pollack (nee Tausig)	Hlinsko, 1903/2000, New York (USA)	Housewife	Dr. Richard Pollack, throat doctor	1 son: John Pollack	Not religious
Edita (Edith) Frenkel (nee Tausig)	Hlinsko, 1905/1997, New York (USA)	Housewife	Dr. Fritz Frenkel, lawyer	No children	Not religious

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Jihlava, 1939

Hlinsko, 1939-1942

Terezin, 1942-1944

Auschwitz (today Poland), 1944 – died there

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Ludwig Tausig

Where and when was he born?

Hlinsko, date unknown

Where else did he live?

Hlinsko: ?-1942

Terezin: 1942-1943

Where and when did he die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), 1943

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

He had several textile factories for cloth, furniture upholstery fabrics. He also owned a department store in Vienna (today Austria). Many of the products were exported internationally.

How religious was he?

He observed practically no Judaism.

What was his mother tongue?

Czech (he also spoke German)

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Otto Tausig	?, ?/1942-5, Auschwitz (today Poland)	Factory owner	Bedriska, ?, ?/1942-5, Auschwitz	2 sons: Frantisek, ?, ?/1942, ? Josef, ?, ?/ 1945, ? 1 daughter: Gerda, ?, ?/ still alive, is around 90	Not religious
Richard Tausig	?, ?/1960s, London (United Kingdom)	Factory owner	Dora, ?, ?/?, (United Kingdom)	None	Not religious
Karel Tausig	?, ?/?, Vienna (today Austria)	Engineer	Anna, ?, ?/?, Vienna	1 son: Ernst	Not religious
Hermína ? (nee Tausig)	No information	Housewife	No information	No information	No information
Berta ? (nee Tausig)	No information	Housewife	No information	No information	No information
Amalie ? (nee Tausig)	No information	Housewife	No information	No information	No information
Emma ? (nee Tausig)	No information	Housewife	No information	No information	No information
Sofie ? (nee Tausig)	No information	Housewife	No information	No information	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Hlinsko: 1939-1942

Terezin: 1942-1943

Auschwitz (today Poland), 1943 – died there

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Sophia Tausig (nee Spitzer)

Where and when was she born?

Vienna (today Austria), date unknown

Where else did she live?

Hlinsko, 1900-1936

Where and when did she die?

Hlinsko, 1936

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Judaism wasn't observed at all at the Tausigs'. In fact my grandmother wished to be cremated after her death, and then they refused to bury her in the Jewish cemetery, so her ashes are in an urn-field in Pardubice.

What was her mother tongue?

German (she also learned to speak Czech perfectly)

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before