

Genealogy Report: Descendants of Rudolph Otteni (1844- ?) - as of July 1, 2009

Generation No. 1

1. Rudolph¹ Otteni was born Mar 1844 in Germany, and died Unknown. He married **Emma** 1876. She was born Mar 1853 in Germany, and died Unknown.

Notes for Rudolph Otteni:

From the Passenger and Immigration Lists: Germans to America 1850-1874:

The name, Rudolph Otten, appears in the Passenger and Immigration Lists: Germans to America 1850-1874 Archive (Family Archive #355). The information was compiled from the original ship manifest schedules filed by all vessels entering United States ports in accordance with the Act of Congress of 1819.

From the Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s

Name: Rudolph Otteni

Year: 1880

Place: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Source Publication Code: 9304

Primary Immigrant: Otteni, Rudolph

Annotation: Called Section II, Alphabetical Index of Naturalization Records, 1794-1880, Maritime Records, Port of Philadelphia. Entries include names of applicants, countries of former allegiance, courts of record, and declaration dates.

Source Bibliography: UNITED STATES, WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION. Index to Records of Aliens' Declarations of Intention and/or Oaths of Allegiance, 1789-1880, in United States Circuit Court, United States District Court, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Quarter Sessions Court, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia. Compiled by W.P.A., Project No. 20837. [Harrisburg:] Pennsylvania Historical Commission, [1940]. 25 vols. in 11. Vol. 9. Letter O. 88p.

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From the Naturalization Records of Philadelphia, PA:

Document Name: Rudolph Otteni

Country of Former Allegiance: Germany

Date of Declaration of Intent: Sep 13, 1880

Court of Declaration of Intent: Common Pleas

The Civil War Pension Index lists Emma Otteni, widow of Rudolph Otteni, and was filed in the State of Delaware.

The Philadelphia City Directory of 1890 lists Rudolph Otteni as running a printing business at 4500 Brown and Emma Otteni running a dry goods business at the same address.

1900 U.S. Federal Census, Wilmington Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware, Roll 156 Book 1, Page 65, Dwelling 266, Family 268, living at 308 Jackson Street

Name	Relation	Sex	DoB	Age	MS	Yr	Md	Ch	Bn	Living	PoB	Img Date	Occupation
Otteni, Rudolph	Head	M	Mar 1844	56	M	24					Germany	1861	Printer
Otteni, Emma	Wife	F	Mar 1853	47	M	24	5	5			Germany	1864	
Otteni, Ernest J.	Son	M	Mar 1879	21	S						Penn		Printer
Otteni, Rudolph	Son	M	Mar 1881	19	S						Penn		Stone Cutter
Otteni, Charles H	Son	M	Jan 1887	13	S						Penn		At School

Otteni, Lewis	Son	M	Jul 1891	8	S	Del
Otteni, Percival	Son	M	Nov 1896	3	S	Del

Children of Rudolph Otteni and Emma are:

- + 2 i. Ernest Joseph² Otteni, born Mar 1879 in PA; died Apr 1942 in Wilmington, New Castle County, DE.
- + 3 ii. Rudolph Paul Otteni, born 16 Mar 1881 in PA; died May 1963 in DE.
- 4 iii. Charles Harry Otteni, born Jan 1887 in PA; died Unknown.
- 5 iv. Louis J. Otteni, born 31 Jul 1891 in DE; died Dec 1972 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.

Notes for Louis J. Otteni:

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Delmarvia Star, Wilmington, DE, Sunday, 30 Jul 1919

SERGT. L. J. OTTENI GIVEN CITATION

In an interesting history of the 1st United States Engineers 1st United States Division, printed at Coblenz Germany, April 15, 1919, appears in the regimental roster, officers and men serving between October 16, 1917 and November 11, 1918, the names of six Wilmingtonians who served in the famous regiment. Of the six men, one died of wounds received in action, one gassed in action, and one cited for distinguished conduct.

Sergeant Otteni on a recent visit for a month at the home of his brother, Ernest J. Otteni, having languishing in a hospital in France for two months, suffered with nervous breakdown, spoke very little about the exploits of the First Engineers. He recoiled from any discussion on the subject. The first intimation that he had been cited became known here yesterday.

Sergeant Otteni is now in charge of the Army recruiting Station at Worcester, Mass. He does not know of this publication.

The citation in extract, follows:

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Mostahear, Germany 30 December 1918

General Orders 101

The Division Commander cites the following officers, nurses and men for distinguished conduct in the operations between the Argonine and Meuse (ten were cited).

"Sergeant 1cl Louis J. Otteni, Co. A, 1st Engineers 'displayed and distinguished bravery in securing information confirming the location of the enemy machine gun nests, and by tactfully leading his platoon caused the destruction of enemy strong points and established the advanced outposts."

- 6 v. Percival F. 'Percy' Otteni, born 11 Oct 1896 in Wilmington, New Castle County, DE; died Unknown. He married Frida; born Abt. 1898 in Ludwigsburg, Germany; died Unknown.

Generation No. 2

2. Ernest Joseph² Otteni (Rudolph¹) was born Mar 1879 in PA, and died Apr 1942 in Wilmington, New Castle County, DE. He married **Agnes H.**. She died Unknown.

Notes for Ernest Joseph Otteni:

OBITUARY

Journal-Every Evening, 13 Apr 1942, Wilmington, DE, p. 24

E. J. Otteni, 62, Newsman, Dies

Funeral of Veteran Newspaperman to Be Held In City Tomorrow Morning

Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning for Ernest J. Otteni, 62 years old, veteran Wilmington newspaperman, who died of a heart attack Saturday night at his home, 215 North Connel Street.

The funeral will be from the Yeatman Funeral Home, 819 Washington Street, at 9 o'clock with requiem mass at 9:30 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will be in Cathedral Cemetery.

A native of Philadelphia, he was a son of German parents who come to America in their childhood. His father was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

For many years active in the editorial and advertising departments of the then Evening Journal and the Sunday Star, Mr. Otteni was a founder and former publisher of the Brandywine News. Lately, he had engaged privately in the real estate and insurance businesses. He also was connected with the Century Indemnity Company.

For 10 years, Mr. Otteni was the executive secretary of the Brandywine Business Men's Association. He was also a member of the Democratic League, the Elks and the A.O.U.W.

His widow, Mrs. Agnes H. Otteni, and one daughter, Mrs. Weldon H. Cloud, both of this city, survive him as do four brother: Rudolph P. of this city; Harry M. of Buffalo, N.Y.; Louis J. of Huntsville, Ala., and Percy F. Otteni of Philadelphia.

Child of Ernest Otteni and Agnes H. is:

- 7 i. Female³ Otteni, born Private. She married Weldon H. Cloud Private; born 13 Oct 1907; died 22 Apr 1995.

3. Rudolph Paul² Otteni (Rudolph¹) was born 16 Mar 1881 in PA, and died May 1963 in DE. He married **Amelia** Unknown. She died Unknown.

Notes for Rudolph Paul Otteni:

1910 U.S. Federal Census, Willmington, New Castle County, DE, Roll 147 Book 3, Page 192b, Dwelling 73, Family 74, 1824 Fourth Street

Children										
Name	Relation	Sex	Age	MS	Yrs Md	Born	Living	PofB	Occupation	
Otteni, Rudolph R	Head	M	29	M	3			PA	Store Keeper	
Otteni, Amelia	Wife	F	25	M	3	1	1	Delaware	Clerk	
Otteni, Rose M.	Dau	F	1 6/12	S				Delaware		

1920 U.S. Federal Census, Willmington, New Castle County, DE, Roll 203 Book 2, Page 50b, Dwelling 33, Family 44, Fourth Street

Name	Relation	Sex	Age	MS	PofB	Occupation
Otteni, Rudolph R	Head	M	38	M	PA	Retail Merchant
Otteni, Amelia	Wife	F	34	M	Delaware	None
Otteni, Rose E.	Dau	F	11	S	Delaware	None
Otteni, Amelia	Dau	F	6	S	Delaware	None
Otteni, Rudolph Jr.	Son	M	4	S	Delaware	None
Otteni, Percival F.	Brother	M	28	S	Delaware	Plasterer

Children of Rudolph Otteni and Amelia are:

- 8 i. Rose M.³ Otteni, born Abt. 1908; died Unknown.
- 9 ii. Amelia Otteni, born Private.
- 10 iii. Rudolph E. Otteni, born 24 Dec 1915; died 28 Jul 1994 in Port Charlotte, Charlotte County, FL. He married Virginia; born 17 May 1914; died Dec 1983 in Port Charlotte, Charlotte County, FL.
- + 11 iv. Francis Thomas 'Fran' Otteni, born Private.

Generation No. 3

11. Francis Thomas 'Fran'³ Otteni (Rudolph Paul², Rudolph¹) was born Private. He married **(1) Jean Peigh** Private. She was born 10 Apr 1926, and died Sep 1981 in Wilmington, New Castle County, DE. He married **(2) Ann** Private. She was born Private.

Child of Francis Otteni and Jean Peigh is:

- i. Gerald 'Gerry'⁴ Otteni, born Private. He married Theresa Private; born Private.