

## *Descendants of George Freije*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. GEORGE<sup>1</sup> FREIJE<sup>1,2</sup> was born in Lebanon, and died Bef. 1907. He married SAHDA UNKNOWN<sup>3</sup>, daughter of NEMER UNKNOWN and MARY UNKNOWN. She was born Abt. 1848 in Lebanon, and died October 14, 1910 in Troy, New York.

Notes for SAHDA UNKNOWN:

Sometimes referred to as Sada or Sadie Freije, arrives in the United States in 1903 per 1910 census.

Resides at 53 Congress Street at the time of her death.

More About SAHDA UNKNOWN:

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, New York

Children of GEORGE FREIJE and SAHDA UNKNOWN are:

2. i. MICHAEL<sup>2</sup> FREIJE, b. Abt. 1880, Syria.
- ii. FRANK (FRAD) FREIJE<sup>3</sup>, b. January 10, 1881, Syria; d. November 28, 1926, Troy, New York.

Notes for FRANK (FRAD) FREIJE:

Troy News 1926

Freije, Frank (Frad) - died in this city November 28, 1926. Funeral from the residence of his brother Fuad Freije, 78 First Street Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited.

More About FRANK (FRAD) FREIJE:

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, New York

3. iii. FRED (FUAD) FREIJE, b. Abt. 1885, Lebanon; d. September 16, 1955, Cohoes, New York.
4. iv. JENNIE FREIJE, b. Abt. 1893; d. Binghamton, New York.
- v. NAGEEB FREIJE<sup>4,5</sup>, b. Abt. 1895.

Notes for NAGEEB FREIJE:

Nageeb Freije appears for the first time in the 1922 Troy City Directory

M & N Ladies Furnishing Goods, 451 Broadway Troy, New York (Michael & Nageeb). The directory also indicates that Nageeb Freije's home is in Brooklyn, New York.

### *Generation No. 2*

2. MICHAEL<sup>2</sup> FREIJE (*GEORGE*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>6,7</sup> was born Abt. 1880 in Syria. He married AMELIA JOHNRY<sup>8,9</sup>. She was born September 27, 1888 in Syria, and died January 1968 in Brooklyn, New York.

Notes for MICHAEL FREIJE:

Michael Freije is living at 41 Remsen Street in Cohoes, New York at the time of the 1910 census, he operates a Fruit Store. In 1915 he has moved to Fifth Street in Troy, New York and works as a peddler. He came to the United States in 1899. Last record of Michael Freije in the Troy directory is 1917.

Notes for AMELIA JOHNRY:

It is the authors opinion that Amelia Freije wife of Michael Freije of the 1910 census is known as Ameenie Freije

Children of MICHAEL FREIJE and AMELIA JOHNRY are:

- i. MABLE<sup>3</sup> FREIJE<sup>9</sup>, b. Abt. 1909, Cohoes, New York.
- ii. MICHAEL FREIJE<sup>10</sup>, b. Abt. 1924; d. Abt. 1924.

Notes for MICHAEL FREIJE:

died as infant, 29 days old son of Michael and Ammenie

3. FRED (FUAD)<sup>2</sup> FREIJE (*GEORGE*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>11,12</sup> was born Abt. 1885 in Lebanon, and died September 16, 1955 in Cohoes, New York. He married MARY FERRIS<sup>12</sup>, daughter of ANTONIO FERRIS and MARGARET UNKNOWN. She was born February 20, 1895 in Lebanon, and died March 1980 in Cohoes, New York.

Notes for FRED (FUAD) FREIJE:

One of the founders of Saint Ann's Church in Troy, New York

owned and operated Big Value (IGA) Supermarkets in Cohoes and Waterford, New York

Fred shows up for the first time in the Troy City directory in 1907. Owns a Fruit store at 49 Congress Street in Troy and resides at 53 Congress with his widowed mother and siblings.

address's

1462 5th ave, Troy, New York, moved to 78 1st St. Troy, New York

COHOES MARKET OWNER

FRED FREIJE IN BUSINESS 50 YEARS

Fred Freije Sr., 71 market owner in the Cohoes-Troy area for nearly half a century, died at 5:30 p.m. yesterday at St. Mary's Hospital where he was confined after being stricken more than four months ago. One of the first to come to this area from his native Middle East Lebanon, Mr. Freije died shortly after realizing one of his lifetime ambitions. On May 4 one day after he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, his five sons opened the Big Value Market in Waterford which was built and equipped at an estimated cost of \$300,000. His Cohoes residence was at 240 Saratoga St.

Began In 1906. Mr. Freije first entered the area food store business in 1906 when he opened a food and vegetable establishment in Troy of 4th St. North of Congress. Without formal education, he continued to expand in the field and later establish a larger store at the present site of the White Tower Restaurant at Congress and 3rd Streets. In Cohoes, where he was perhaps most widely known, Mr. Freije opened his first store on Remsen Street and later founded the Big Value Market at Main and Columbia Streets. The latter establishment was wrecked by fire Saturday, August 27, and has been closed since. Mr. Freije also was a founder of St. Ann's Church in Troy in 1913, and was one of its communicants, and for many years a member of the board of trustees. Helped Countrymen. His countrymen who came here after him found him through the years a willing counsel and advisor. He was noted for his wide support of church activities and he was a member of the Holy Name Society. Beside his widow the former Mary Ferris, he is survived by five sons, George, Philip, Charles, Fred Jr. and Joseph Freije, all of Cohoes and three daughters, Misses Margaret and Mary Freije, both of Cohoes, and Mrs. William Luke of Latham. The funeral will be held Monday at 9 a.m. from Marra's Funeral Home at Remsen and Columbia Streets and at 9:30 a.m. from St. Ann's Church in Troy. Internment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Troy.

More About FRED (FUAD) FREIJE:

Burial: Saint Mary's, Troy, New York

Notes for MARY FERRIS:

Soc. Sec. shows birth year 1895 tombstone shows 1899?

More About MARY FERRIS:

Burial: Saint Mary's, Troy, New York

Children of FRED FREIJE and MARY FERRIS are:

- 5.
  - i. GEORGE J.<sup>3</sup> FREIJE, b. October 30, 1917, Troy, New York; d. September 1979, Cohoes, New York.
  - ii. PHILIP FREIJE<sup>12</sup>, b. Abt. 1919, Troy, New York.

- iii. MARGARET FREIJE<sup>12</sup>, b. Troy, New York.
- iv. CHARLIE FREIJE<sup>12</sup>, b. November 05, 1921, Troy, New York; d. August 05, 2004, Clearwater, Florida; m. DOROTHY UNKNOWN; d. Abt. 2002, Clearwater, Florida.

Notes for CHARLIE FREIJE:

COHOES - Charles J. Freije, 82, formerly of Cohoes, died August 5, 2004, at Sunset Point Nursing Center in Clearwater, Florida. Born in Troy Nov. 5, 1921, he was the son of the late Fred and Mary Ferris Freije. He graduated from St. Mary's School in Troy. In 1937 he moved to Cohoes and graduated from Cohoes High School in 1941. During WWII he worked for American Locomotive in Schenectady. At the end of the war he returned to work for the family business, the Big Value Super Market, located on the corner of Main and Columbia streets in Cohoes. In 1978 he retired moving to Florida with his wife Dorothy Freije, who died two years ago. He enjoyed traveling around the world. He was the brother of Philip and Fred Freije, both of Cohoes, Joseph Freije of Waterford, Margaret and Mary Freije, both of Cohoes, and the late George Freije and Theresa (Terry) Freije Luke. Uncle of Charles Luke of Lake George, Billy Luke of Latham, Fred Freije of Troy, and Barbara Preston of Albany. Also survived by several great-nieces and great-nephews. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. from the Marra Funeral Home, corner of Remsen and Columbia streets, Cohoes, and at 9 a.m. from St. Joseph's Church. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery Troy. Calling hours will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. Those who wish may make donations in Mr. Freije's memory to the Alzheimers Assoc., 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany 12206-2083.

- v. FRED FREIJE<sup>12</sup>, b. September 03, 1925, Troy, New York.
- 6. vi. THERESA FREIJE, b. December 29, 1932, Troy, New York; d. January 15, 2000, Latham, New York.
- vii. MARY FREIJE<sup>12</sup>, b. February 1935, Troy, New York.
- viii. JOSEPH FREIJE<sup>12</sup>, b. Troy, New York; m. MARY PARRAS<sup>12</sup>; b. December 15, 1933; d. October 1979, Waterford, New York.

4. JENNIE<sup>2</sup> FREIJE (*GEORGE*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>13</sup> was born Abt. 1893, and died in Binghamton, New York. She married SAMUEL HIDER Abt. 1917.

Notes for JENNIE FREIJE:

married and moved to Binghamton, about 1917.

Child of JENNIE FREIJE and SAMUEL HIDER is:

- i. SHIBLEY<sup>3</sup> HIDER, b. October 17, 1924, New York State; d. December 01, 1989, Holly Hill, Florida.

*Generation No. 3*

5. GEORGE J.<sup>3</sup> FREIJE (*FRED (FUAD)*<sup>2</sup>, *GEORGE*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>14</sup> was born October 30, 1917 in Troy, New York, and died September 1979 in Cohoes, New York. He married MILDRED L. FORSYTHE<sup>14</sup>. She was born September 12, 1921, and died April 1974 in Cohoes, New York.

Children of GEORGE FREIJE and MILDRED FORSYTHE are:

- i. GEORGE<sup>4</sup> FREIJE<sup>14</sup>, b. Cohoes, New York.
- 7. ii. BARBRA FREIJE, b. Cohoes, New York.
- iii. MARY FREIJE<sup>14</sup>, b. 1954; d. 1954.
- iv. FRED FREIJE<sup>14</sup>, b. Cohoes, New York.

6. THERESA<sup>3</sup> FREIJE (*FRED (FUAD)*<sup>2</sup>, *GEORGE*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>14</sup> was born December 29, 1932 in Troy, New York, and died January 15, 2000 in Latham, New York. She married WILLIAM FRANCIS LUKE<sup>14</sup> in Cohoes, New York, son of CHARLES LUKE and RUTH LABOISSIERE. He was born July 19, 1930 in Green Island, New York, and died March 05, 1971 in Latham, New York.

Notes for THERESA FREIJE:

Luke, Theresa M. LATHAM - Theresa M. Luke, 68, and forever young at heart entered into rest Saturday, January 15, 2000 at the Community Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital. She was the beloved wife of the late William Fl Luke who died in 1971. Born in Troy, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Mary Ferris Freije. She was a graduate of Cohoes High. Mrs. Luke had been a Latham resident for most of her life she was the former owner and operator of Northeast Vending Service in Latham. She was presently employed by Tri-City Rentals as a property manager of the Fenimore Trace Apartments. She was a longtime communicant of Our Lady

of The Assumption Church in Latham. Survivors include her three loving children, William Fl Luke Jr., Charles F. Luke and Ann Marie Luke, all of Latham, her daughters-in law Pamela McCarthy Luke and Katherine Reilly Luke; her cherished grandchildren, William F. III, Daniel C., Robert T., Erin E., Charles F., Jonathan W., and Joseph M. Luke all of Latham. She was the sister of Philip Freije of Cohoes, Margaret Freije, of Latham, Charles Freije of Florida, Fred Freije of Cohoes, Joseph Freije of Waterford and Mary Freije of Cohoes and the late George Freije; she was the dear aunt of Barbara Preston and Fred Freije; and survived by several other nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Tuesday, January 18, 200 at 9:15 a.m. from the Dufresne and Cavanaugh Funeral Home, 149 Old Loudon Rd., Latham and at 10:00 a.m. in Our Lady of The Assumption Church 498 Watervliet -- Shaker Rd. Latham where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Relatives and friends are invited and may call at the funeral home on Monday from 4-8 p.m. Interment will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie

More About THERESA FREIJE:

Burial: Memory's Garden, Colonie, New York

Notes for WILLIAM FRANCIS LUKE:

LUKE - March 5, 1971, William F. Luke of 8 Homestead Drive, Latham, husband of Theresa M. Freije Luke, Latham; father of William F. Jr., Charles F. and Ann Marie Luke, all of Latham; son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luke, Latham; brother of Mrs. James Cooley, Elnora and Mrs. Allen Knipe of Peekskill; also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral Tuesday 9 a.m. from the Robert F. Dufresne Funeral Home, 149 Old Loudon Road, Latham, thence to Our Lady of Assumption Church where a Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited and may call at the funeral home Sunday 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

More About WILLIAM FRANCIS LUKE:

Burial: Memory's Garden, Colonie, New York

Children of THERESA FREIJE and WILLIAM LUKE are:

8. i. WILLIAM F.<sup>4</sup> LUKE, b. August 31, 1952, Cohoes, New York.
9. ii. CHARLES F. LUKE, b. November 16, 1953, Cohoes, New York.
- iii. ANN MARIE LUKE<sup>14</sup>, b. February 01, 1959, Latham, New York; m. BOB BALLARD<sup>14</sup>; b. Latham, New York.

#### *Generation No. 4*

**7.** BARBRA<sup>4</sup> FREIJE (*GEORGE J.*<sup>3</sup>, *FRED (FUAD)*<sup>2</sup>, *GEORGE*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>14</sup> was born in Cohoes, New York.

Child of BARBRA FREIJE is:

- i. CRYSTAL<sup>5</sup> FREIJE<sup>14</sup>, b. New York State.

**8.** WILLIAM F.<sup>4</sup> LUKE (*THERESA*<sup>3</sup> *FREIJE*, *FRED (FUAD)*<sup>2</sup>, *GEORGE*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>14</sup> was born August 31, 1952 in Cohoes, New York. He married PAM MCCARTHY<sup>14</sup>, daughter of LEO MCCARTHY and MARGE (UNKNOWN). She was born in Latham, New York.

Children of WILLIAM LUKE and PAM MCCARTHY are:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> LUKE<sup>14</sup>, b. Latham, New York.
- ii. DANIAL LUKE<sup>14</sup>, b. Latham, New York.
- iii. ROBERT LUKE<sup>14</sup>, b. Latham, New York.
- iv. ERIN LUKE<sup>14</sup>, b. Latham, New York.

**9.** CHARLES F.<sup>4</sup> LUKE (*THERESA*<sup>3</sup> *FREIJE*, *FRED (FUAD)*<sup>2</sup>, *GEORGE*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>14</sup> was born November 16, 1953 in Cohoes, New York. He married KATHERINE MARY REILLY<sup>14</sup> October 20, 1980 in Rensselaer, New York, daughter of JOSEPH REILLY and ANNE CAREY. She was born August 24, 1955 in Rensselaer, New York.

Children of CHARLES LUKE and KATHERINE REILLY are:

- i. CHARLES F.<sup>5</sup> LUKE<sup>14</sup>, b. February 07, 1982, North Greenbush, New York.

- ii. JONATHAN LUKE<sup>14</sup>, b. March 14, 1984, North Greenbush, New York.
- iii. JOSEPH MICHAEL LUKE<sup>14</sup>, b. October 10, 1985, North Greenbush, New York.

*Endnotes*

- 1. Charles F. Luke.
- 2. Death Certificate - Frank (Fred) Freije.
- 3. Troy city directory.
- 4. unconfirmed speculation.
- 5. Troy city directory.
- 6. Charles F. Luke.
- 7. 1910 census.
- 8. Charles F. Luke.
- 9. 1910 census.
- 10. Troy city clerk.
- 11. Troy city directory.
- 12. Charles F. Luke.
- 13. Troy city directory.
- 14. Charles F. Luke.