

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
ZENA GORELICK FISHBAIN

Born: 02/22/28
Omaha, NE

Parents: Sam Gorelick - Emigrated from Minsk, Russia to Omaha, NE,
just prior to World War I.

Siblings:

Brother, Ben Gorelick and his wife Rose and 5 children
were already in Omaha.

Brother, Phil Gorelick, his wife Adah and 2 sons, Harold
and Howard. Phil Gorelick died in 1934 from leukemia.

His mother, Hinda, came here with his sister, Frayda
Katzman. Hinda Gorelick died in 1932 from cancer. His
father, Chodek, either died in Europe prior to their
departure, or elected to remain there and died there.

Frayda Katzman's husband was Israel Katzman, and they
had 5 children. Israel Katzman's brother, Melach was
already here, and they joined into the furniture business
(that business now Mastercraft). Falling out with Israel
and Melech Katzman resulted in their family moving to
California.

Enlisted in service thereby receiving Naturalization in the United
States, and served in the U.S. Army in the medical corps. His
vocation in Russia was that of a butcher.

Upon return to the United States, became a fruit peddler in the
South Omaha area. Opened his own grocery store which he operated
with his brother, Phil, on 24th and E Streets in Omaha and later on
24th and M. Store was known as Phil's Market. In 1939-40, son-in-
law Lou Singer came into the business and it escalated into a chain
of groceries under the SuperValue and Little Giant banner. Stores
were located on 24th and L, 24th and Vinton, 38th and Q Streets,
54th and Military Avenue. In 1959, franchise was sold, and he,
along with Singer family, and second wife Pearl Katzman Perelman
(sister of first wife) moved to Los Angeles where they purchased
Mrs. Sutter's Candy on Fairfax in Los Angeles. Subsequently sold.

Sam Gorelick died in March, 1960, at the age of 66, following
radical surgery for stomach and related internal tumors. He
probably had cancer.

Rebecca Katzman Gorelick - Emigrated from Russia to
Omaha, NE, with parents Louis and Esther Katzman as a
young child.

Siblings:

Pawnshop Jewelry Store

Pearl Katzman Perelman - Married to Isadore Perelman who was killed in a ~~grocery~~ store robbery. No children. Remarried in ~~1948~~ to Sam Gorelick. Diabetic as a young woman. Died, 1981. *1948*

Sam Katzman - Married to Rose Lazer Katzman, 1940. No children. Over-the-road truck driver for Bekins, Union Freightways, among others. Loved automobiles. Died 1961, kidney failure due to diabetes.

Eva Katzman Freund - Worked as a young woman for 20th Century Fox, Omaha, and transferred to Minneapolis, MN, where she met and married Martin Freund who, along with brother and sisters, left Germany just prior to the Nazi takeover. One son, Jeffrey, attorney in Washington, D.C.

Margaret Katzman Edelman - Worked as a young woman in Brandeis Book Department. Met and married Lou Edelman, who was career U.S. Air Force, who she met during the second World War. They lived in Washington, D.C., for many years, and then retired to Laguna Hills, CA.

Rebecca Katzman Gorelick worked with her husband in the grocery stores. She died on September 5, 1941, following surgery for a hysterectomy from an embolism. She never regained consciousness. She was 41 years old. She was a gentle and beautiful woman, and her parents never were able to reconcile themselves to her death. Her father, Louis, walked every day from the streetcar along muddy roads to the cemetery to visit her grave.

Lived at 22nd and M Streets, and then at 25th and A Streets. Attended Hawthorne School and South Lincoln grade schools and Central High School. Went one year to the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis.

Began working at about 9 or 10 years of age in her parents grocery stores. When t South Lincoln (4th grade to 8th), went to the store daily for lunch with parents, which was a special treat. In high school, worked at Baker's Shoe Store, 16th and Douglas as a cashier, and upon graduation from High School in 1945, went to work for the United States Government, Department of Selective Service. After return from University of Minnesota, was secretary to Dr. James T. Maxwell, Ophthalmologist in Omaha, and then Dr. Herman Kulley, EENT, Omaha. Upon settling in North Platte, Nebraska, worked as a secretary for Ed Lupomech, Crocker Claim Service until birth of Barbara in 1951. Then worked part time for George Dent, Attorney, in North Platte.

Married 12/21/47 to Bennett Fishbain at the Blackstone Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska. Small family wedding with dinner following in the House and Garden room. Honeymoon in Chicago. Lived at 4920 Blackstone in Chicago in the Hyde Park district on the South Side. Worked as a secretary for Dr. Copeland, Bausch and Lomb Optical.

Siblings:

Reva Gorelick Singer - Born April 28, 1920. Married Lou Singer, November, 1939. Edele born April, 1941; Robert born October, 1945 and Edward born December 1949. Edward died of leukemia in 1968.

Shirley Gorelick - Born September 1, 1925. Married twice Hy Lewis and Selwyn Roffman. Both marriages ending in divorce.