

First Generation

1. **Joseph Preis** was born on 18 Dec 1863 in Munich, Bavaria, Germany.^{1,2} He immigrated on 18 Oct 1883 to Arrival from LeHavre at New York aboard the Canada.^{3,4,5} On 8 Jun 1900 he was a Box Maker. Joseph lived in Wash Street (now Cole Street), St. Louis, Mo. on 8 Jun 1900. He lived in 2030 Division Street, St. Louis, Mo. on 20 Apr 1910.^{6,7} He was naturalized on 22 Apr 1913 in Declaration of Intention filed in the U.S. district court (Eastern district of Missouri).⁸ Joseph lived in 2910a North 22nd Street, St Louis, Missouri on 9 Jul 1913.⁹ He lived in 2910a North 22nd Street, St Louis, Missouri in 1917.¹⁰ He was naturalized in 1918 in According to 1920 Census. Joseph lived in 2916 North 22nd Street, St. Louis Mo. on 12 Jun 1920. On 12 Jun 1920 he was a Sawyer in an electric company. He lived in 2502a St Louis Ave, St Louis, Missouri in 1940.¹¹ Joseph died on 12 Apr 1947 at the age of 83 in 2502a St Louis Ave, St Louis, Missouri.¹² He lived in 2502a St Louis Ave, St Louis, Missouri on 12 Apr 1947. He was buried on 14 Apr 1947 in Calvary Cemetery, St Louis, Missouri (Section 18, Lot 337).¹³ Link to parents: Marriage record, both parents; Death certificate names his father.

NOTES

The family story is that Joseph came from Bavaria to avoid the draft in Germany.

 Joseph was one of the younger siblings in a household of about 12 siblings. He didn't like it at home, so he went to live with his brother (Frank?) in Paris. He didn't like it there either, so he went to live with his other brother (Matthew) in USA. (Testimony of Ann Murphy Zakowski, his granddaughter.)

 The marriage record from St Nicholas Church, St Louis, says that twenty-four-year-old Joseph Preis married Helen Grove on October 19, 1887. It says he was the son of Joseph Preis and Marie Jochamm.

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1. 1920 United States Census.
 2. Naturalization papers (declaration of intention) Joseph Preis.
 3. Ibid.
 4. 1900 United States Census.
 5. New York Passenger Lists, 1820 - 1957 on Ancestry.
 6. Naturalization papers (declaration of intention) Joseph Preis.
 7. 1910 United States Census.
 8. Naturalization papers (declaration of intention) Joseph Preis.
 9. Marriage record from St Nicholas Catholic Church, Film 007856366 on FamilySearch.
 10. Draft Registration Card Frederick Joseph Preis.
 11. 1940 United States Census.
 12. Missouri Death Certificate Joseph Preis.
 13. Archdiocese of St Louis, Catholic Cemeteries, Burial Search (online).
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