

First Generation

1. **William O Spies**¹⁻² lived in 4346 South Broadway, St Louis in 1897.³⁻⁴ He was born on 14 Sep 1897 in St Louis, Missouri.^{1,4-8} He was baptized on 26 Sep 1897 in St Thomas of Aquin Catholic Church, St Louis, Missouri.⁴ (Image 141) William lived in 1202 Russell, St Louis, Missouri in 1900.⁹ He served in the military Enlisted in the U.S. Army on 7 May 1918.¹⁰ He served in the military Cook, US Army, World War I. Stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. on 22 Jun 1919.^{1,6-7} William lived in 3946 Missouri Ave, St Louis, Missouri on 1 Jul 1919.⁷ In 1930 he was a Street Railway Conductor.² He lived in 2242 Osage, St Louis, Missouri in 1930.² William lived in 3606a South Broadway, St Louis in 1935.⁹ He lived in 3332 South 9th Street, St Louis (Enumeration District 96-225 page 16) in 1940.¹¹ In 1942 he was a Street Car Conductor. William lived in 3336 South 9th Street, St Louis, Missouri in Dec 1942. He died Tuberculosis on 2 Nov 1943 at the age of 46 in VA Illiana Health Care System, Danville Township, Vermilion County, Illinois.^{1,8,10,12-15} He was buried on 6 Nov 1943 in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri (grave 62 11892-A).^{1,8,10,12} Link to parents: Illinois death record names parents Bernard Spies and Cecilia Overy.¹⁵ Godfather is George Overy (his mother's brother). Godmother is Orelia Overy (his mother's sister). Link to parents: Baptism record names parents Bernard Spies and Celia Overy.

NOTES

The baptism record from St Thomas of Aquin church, which is in latin, says his name was "Gulielmus Athanasius."
The application for social security says his name was "William Orville Spies."

On 14 September 1921, he married Augusta Dvorak (Film 007513862, Image 158) (St Louis marriage license # 252550, vol 98, page 303)

William Spies had tuberculosis, and went to a Veteran's Hospital in Danville, Illinois, in December of 1942. He died there in November, 1943. His son, William, used to talk about seeing his father off when he took the train to Danville at Christmas time.

1. United States Department of Veterans Affairs Nationwide Gravesite Locator.
2. 1930 United States Census.
3. U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007 on Ancestry.
4. Baptism record from St Thomas of Aquin, St Louis, MO - Film 008132927 on FamilySearch.
5. 1910 United States Census.
6. Missouri State Archives, Missouri Soldier's Database (online).
7. New York Passenger Lists, 1820 - 1957 on Ancestry.
8. Hospital record for William O Spies, Illiana VA Health Care System (Kathleen Spies got this from the undertaker).
9. St Louis City Directory on Ancestry.
10. U.S. National Cemetery Interment Control Forms 1928 - 1962 on Ancestry.
11. 1940 United States Census.
12. St. Louis Post Dispatch, Obituary William Spies (4 Nov 1943, page 106).
13. Illinois Statewide Death Index, 1916 - 1950 <http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/home.html>.
14. Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947 on FamilySearch.
15. Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947 on Ancestry.