

Albert Jacob (A.J.) Altfeld

(Information provided by Joan Bergman and Lynne Zager - with additional information from the Sam Baum papers)

Albert Jacob (A.J.) Altfeld was born September 29, 1876, in Lithuania. He was the son of Samson Altfeld (a rabbi, according to Altfeld family history). A.J. Altfeld married Tillie Marks in Lithuania.

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| STATE OF TENNESSEE | | COOPERATING WITH NATIONAL OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS | | DEATH NO. 50-18246 | |
| BIRTH NO. 5786 | | 1. NAME <i>Albert J. Altfeld</i> | | 2. DATE OF DEATH <i>Aug 29 1955</i> | |
| 3. SEX <i>Male</i> | | 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY) <i>Widowed</i> | | 6. DATE OF BIRTH <i>Sept 29 1876</i> | |
| 4. PLACE OF BIRTH <i>White Plains</i> | | 7. AGE (IN YEARS) <i>78</i> | | 8. MONTHS <i>11</i> | |
| 9. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED <i>Jackson</i> | | 10. STATE <i>Tenn</i> | | 11. COUNTY <i>Jackson</i> | |
| 12. A. COUNTY <i>Jackson</i> | | B. CIVIL DISTRICT <i>5</i> | | C. CITY OR TOWN <i>Jackson</i> | |
| 13. D. LENGTH OF STAY <i>Since 1910</i> | | 14. E. STREET ADDRESS <i>153 Highland Ave</i> | | 15. F. RURAL LOCATION | |
| 16. G. HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <i>Jackson-Madison Co. General</i> | | 17. H. USUAL OCCUPATION <i>Merchant</i> | | 18. I. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <i>Retired</i> | |
| 19. J. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? <i>NO</i> | | 20. K. BIRTHPLACE <i>Lithuania</i> | | 21. L. CITIZENSHIP <i>U.S.A.</i> | |
| 22. M. FATHER'S NAME <i>Samson Altfeld</i> | | 23. N. MOTHER'S MARRIAGE NAME <i>L.M.</i> | | 24. O. INFORMANT <i>A.M. Altfeld</i> | |
| 25. P. ADDRESS | | 26. Q. ADDRESS | | 27. R. ADDRESS | |



A.J. Altfeld photo from 1942 Dedication Program of the new Temple. He was Financial Secretary of the congregation and a retail dry goods merchant in Jackson.

Around 1904, A.J. left Lithuania, his pregnant wife and two children to come to America. He brought two Torahs (now at Congregation B'nai Israel) with him from Lithuania.

The Altfeld children born in Lithuania were Esther (born 1900 - married Jack Lindy,) Harry Louie (born 1902), and David Max (born 1904 - married Jettye Engelberg - father of Toby Altfeld).

A.J. sent for Tillie and their children to join him and they settled in Bells, Tennessee, where Florence and Lillian ("Tillie") were born (Florence in 1907 and Lillian "Tillie" in 1908). After a few years in Bells, the family moved to Jackson where Shirley was born in 1912. Florence married Julius Silverberg of St. Louis in 1930. Lillian married Sam Lindy in 1947. Shirley married Hy Solomon of Toledo during WWII. He owned a grocery store in Jackson. Shirley Altfeld Solomon produced the *B'nai Israel Bulletin* for a number of years.

A.J.'s brother-in-law, Philip Marks (brother of Tillie Marks Altfeld), also brought a Torah with him to this country in 1881 and later gave it to our congregation. (It is the largest of our three Torahs.) Philip and his wife, Mary Levy Marks, had two children, Harry and Ray. Their daughter, Ray, married Joseph Rosenbloom, Sr.



Albert Jacob (A.J.) Altfeld
(September 29, 1876 - August 29, 1950)

Tillie Marks Altfeld
(December 15, 1878 - November 20, 1944)

זְכוֹרָנוּם לְבִרְכָה.
Zichronam liv'rachah.
May their memories be for blessing.