

Familie Bergenstein

Lahntalstraße 26

HIER WOHNTE
JOSEF BERGENSTEIN
JG. 1894.
DEPORTIERT 1941
RIGA
1944 STUTTHOF
SCHICKSAL UNBEKANNT

HIER WOHNTE
CLARA BERGENSTEIN
GEB. NATHAN
JG. 1901
DEPORTIERT 1941
RIGA
1944 STUTTHOF
SCHICKSAL UNBEKANNT

HIER WOHNTE
HEINZ BERGENSTEIN
JG. 1922
DEPORTIERT 1941
RIGA
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HIER WOHNTE
KURT BERGENSTEIN
JG. 1928
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The Bergenstein family

known as the "Levis"

Address: 26 Lahntal Street / formerly: House #11

The Bergenstein family did not survive the Holocaust. The entire family was deported to Riga on December 8th, 1941. From there they were taken to Stutthof on October 1st, 1944, where we lose all trace of the family.

Josef Bergenstein

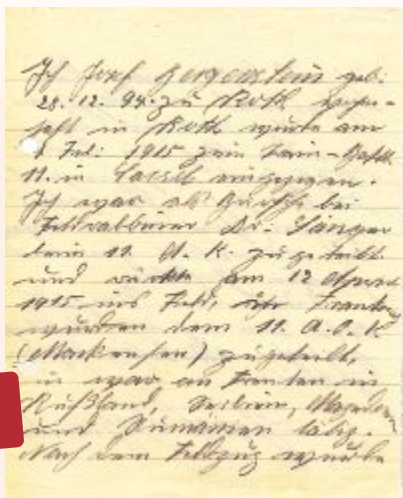
December 28, 1894 in Roth – last recorded October 1, 1944 in Stutthof

was the son of Levi Bergenstein and Goldine Spier. At the beginning of 1915, soon after his 20th birthday, he was drafted to the army, returning home only in 1918. Although trained as a butcher, he ran a small store in his parents' house.

A tall man of slender build, he was a member of the local gymnastics club founded in 1909 and apparently quite a good athlete. He also seems to have enjoyed singing, since he let his deep bass voice ring out in the men's choir Liederkranz. He married Clara Nathan from Lohra on June 28th, 1921.



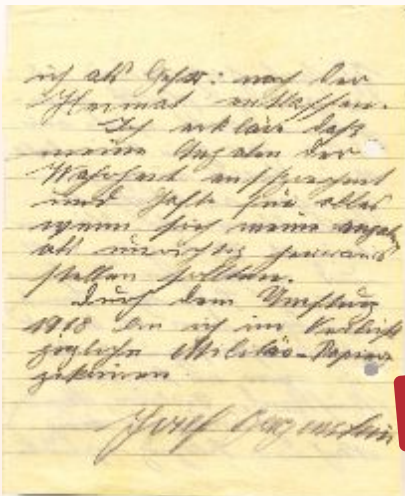
Josef Bergenstein



Clara Bergenstein, neé Nathan

April 4, 1901 in Lohra – last recorded October 1, 1944 in Stutthof

was the daughter of Bertha and Abraham Nathan. She and her husband Josef Bergenstein had two sons, Heinz and Salomon Kurt. Living in Lohra at the beginning of their marriage, they moved into Josef's parents' house in Roth at the end of the 20's. Josef was forced to close his store at some point. In 1938 he was working for a foundation contractor in the region. He was arrested right after the Night of Broken Glass and was supposed to be deported to the Buchenwald concentration camp, but, as the document pictured below demonstrates, he was able to save himself from this first arrest by recounting his time as a soldier in the World War I.



in all Geta: may der
Harmat zu klaffen.
Es ist kein Satz
meiner Angaben hat
Wahrscheinlich auf irgend
mit Satz für alle
sinn für meine Angef
ab mir ist für jemand
halten gelassen.
Im Jahr dem Vorkrieg
1918 bin ich im Kadet
gelingen die letzten Papir
geblieben
Josef Bergenstein



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Clara Bergenstein

Heinz Bergenstein

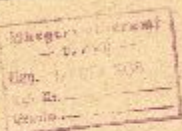
September 4, 1922 in Lohra – last recorded October 1, 1944 in Stuthof

was the oldest son of Josef und Clara Bergenstein. After finishing school in May 1936 he moved to Kirchhain to begin an apprenticeship as a merchant.

Following the Night of Broken Glass in 1938, at sixteen, Heinz was arrested in Roth and deported to the Buchenwald concentration camp. He was released in December because he was still a minor, as the letter pictured below documents, but his parents had to pay for his return. He moved back to Roth from Kirchhain in January of 1939. In 1940 he was apparently working in Mainzlar.

Lehrlinge Staatspolizei
Staatspolizeidirektion Kassel
LI D - 200/35 B.

Kassel, den 10. Dezember 1938.



An den
Herrn Bürgermeister
als Ortspolizeibehörde
in
Roth, Kreis Marburg.

Betrifft: Judea Heinz Birkonahein, geb. 4.9.22, aus Roth.

Minderjährigkeit
Wegen Minderjährigkeit des Franziskaferotgenannten
wird - werden Verpönneten entlassen. Es wird deshalb
gebeten, die Angehörigen des Schutzpflichtigen beschleunigt
zu veranlassen, das Rückreisefahrtgeld von Weimar/Th. nach
des Wehrteils telegrafisch an die Kommandatur des Konzentrationenlagers Buchenwald bei Weimar/Th. abzusenden.

In Auftrage

Salomon Kurt Bergenstein

July 30, 1928 – last recorded October 1, 1944 in Stutthof

was only able to attend the school in Roth until about 1937. He moved to Frankfurt in May 1939, probably to the Jewish Orphanage (Israelitische Waisenanstalt) Roederbergweg 87, Frankfurt am Main, which existed until 1942.

He celebrated his bar mitzvah in August 1941, probably in the orphanage. What school he attended during his time in Frankfurt and when he returned to Roth from Frankfurt is unknown.



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Heinz Bergenstein



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Salomon
Kurt Bergenstein