

# Our Family and the Statue of Liberty<sup>1</sup>

The **Statue of Liberty** is a large sculpture located on Liberty Island in New York harbor. A gift from the people of France, the statue was dedicated on October 28, 1886. The statue has become an icon of freedom and a symbol of welcome to immigrants arriving by sea. Many of our ancestors who emigrated to the United States came first to New York by boat and necessarily viewed the statue as they entered the country.

**Ellis Island** also located in New York harbor and adjacent to Liberty Island was the first stop for new immigrants to this country. Both the statue and Ellis Island can be visited by ferry starting at Battery Park in lower Manhattan.

The following photos show our ancestors who passed by the statue and were interviewed at Ellis Island.



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<sup>1</sup> This document was created by Ellis Horowitz; his parents were Irving Horowitz and Ruth (Diamond) Horowitz, both are shown as children in the accompanying photos

Elias and Tillie Horowitz, shown below with their four children (there would be one more later). Both Elias and Tillie emigrated to the US in the late 1800s. The children were all born here.



Picture taken in 1921

Left-to-right

Elias, Simon (with ball), Joseph (seated), Irving (standing), Tillie (holding baby Florence)

Elias and Tillie were both born in 1886 making them 35 years old in this picture  
Both emigrated to the US as teenagers; Elias was fleeing service in the Russian army and Tillie's  
mother had re-married

The Joseph and Celia Diamond Family shown below with their ten children. Joseph and Celia both emigrated to the US. It is not known if any of the children were born outside the US



Picture taken in 1910

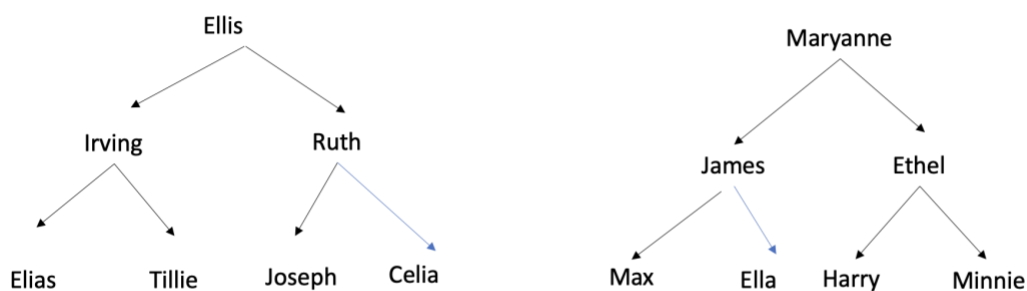
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Molly, Alex, Joseph (father) holding Morris, standing tall are Samuel and Harry, Irving and Meyer (young boys), Celia holding Ruth, Molly (standing), and Solomon  
Joseph was born in 1871, Celia in 1870 so in this picture they are 39 and 40 respectively

The Harry and Minnie Ellis family shown with their three children (there would be one more later, a girl named Ethel)



## Immediate Ancestors of Ellis & Maryanne



Those who emigrated to the US and passed by the Statue of Liberty: Elias, Tillie, Joseph, Celia, Harry, Minnie  
The exact years they entered the US is not known, but it was in the late 1800s.