

The Cussels



Julius Cussel:

He and his wife Agnes had five children together. The names of three of them are: Grethe, Emelie and Alfred.

Siblings

Grethe:

She married and lived in Hannover until she moved to Berlin-Steglitz.

She was deported to Trawiniki in 1942 and, until today, she's been considered missing.

Emelie:

She died in 1941. Nothing else is known about her.

Alfred:

He married Rosa Erna Recha Lesser in 1912. He served his country during the First World War. With his wife Erna he had three children. 1926 he returned to Berlin. He worked as a stone carver. Later he was appointed director of a construction firm. But he lost his work due to the anti-Jewish laws. So the family had to live from the money he had put

aside. Later, the children had to leave school in order to earn their livings by themselves. In Haifa, a street was named after him.

1941 he died from pneumonia.

His wife was deported to Minsk in 1941. Since that, there has not been a sign of life from her.

Alfred's children

Claus:

He died as a small child.

Steffie:

For two years, she worked as a maid. Then she was sent into forced labor. In 1944 she had to hide, but they found her and she got arrested and deported to Auschwitz. Then she was deported to the camp in Düben, which was liberated in 1945 by American troops.

Peter:

He received a three-year apprenticeship to become a mason. In 1938, he got a visa for Australia. When the time had come for his family to join him, it was already too late. But he brought his sister to Sydney in 1947.

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