

Abraham Bension Golden (born Goldensky, April 8, 1878)

The information about Elias' brother Abraham in end note #76 of my article, "Elias Goldensky: Wizard of Photography," was based on listings in Philadelphia city directories and is at least partially incorrect because he moved to Baltimore between 1905 and 1910 and there was another man in Philadelphia with the same name.

Abraham, like Elias, did become a photographer, but in Baltimore. By 1918, he returned to Philadelphia. The following bio is generously provided by Julie Yollin Berk.

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My great grandfather, Abraham Golden, and Elias Goldensky were brothers. Abraham moved from Philadelphia to Baltimore where he presumably met my great grandmother, Sadie Morris. In Baltimore, around 1910, he had studios at 428 and 813 1/2 E. Baltimore Street, not far from the harbor. At some point, they moved to Philadelphia. That's where my grandmother met my grandfather and where my father grew up, as did I. Later, after their daughters were grown, Abraham and Sadie relocated to the Bronx where Abraham had photo studios at 532 Willis Ave and, at various times, 1174, 1548, 1578, 1610, and 1627 Westchester Avenue. He also did some summers in Atlantic City. Elias worked there as well but I don't know if they worked together.

"Abe" and Sadie had two daughters, Zelda and Beatrice. Beatrice Golden (1903-1989) was my grandmother. She married Charles Yollin (1903-1973) and had two sons: Louis (1924-1974) and Hubert (1928-1989). Hubert was my father. Not to confuse my Beatrice with Henry's (Abraham and Elias' other brother). Henry Golden named his daughter Beatrice as well and had a son Mayer. I met Beatrice Golden Silverman, Mayer Golden, his wife Ann, their children Mona and Richard and Mona's children in California in about 1978. I never knew anything about Elias' side of the family. I guess my grandmother wasn't in touch with her cousins Milton and Helene, the children of Elias.

Zelda Golden married Charles Schlagel and had a son Bruce. After Zelda died, my grandmother never saw Bruce again. I guess his father wanted a break from the family.

I have lots of photos as Abraham worked as a photographer. For additional information, contact me at <mailto:julie@julieyollin.com>

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