

## Abraham, Louis and Max FRENKEL

The CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

### Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

1881-1883 (EP30b) Mr Louis Frenkel, Elizabeth Street <sup>i</sup> 10, Marburg (actually used AP 16 02)

### Brief Comment:



Elisabethstraße 10, Marburg exists to the present (May 2010) , several dozen paces from the Elisabethkirche across the street.

There is archival evidence of the Frenkel (Fränkel) family residing in Marburg <sup>ii</sup>

ArchINFORM, a database of international architecture and architects, lists a German architect, Louis Fränkel, born 11 December, 1863 in Gliwice, Poland <sup>iii</sup> and dying 28 April, 1922 in Berlin. Whether this is one and the same man, I know not. However the birth date, when reflected against the history of Max Frenkel (see below), is very suggestive of it being so.

### Related items of Postal Stationery in this collection:

1911 (CP56b)\_Herrn Max Frenkel, P O Box 1616, Johannesburg, South Africa (actually used MAY17 09)

1892 (LCP1b) A Frenkel Esq., Grüner Weg 7ii, Cassel (act. FE14 96) (actual ankunft 1896)

## References:


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J & M Frenkel (later trading as Frenkel & Co. and still later Max Frenkel & Co) were produce merchants situated at 6 Von Weilligh Street, Johannesburg. The first archival record is dated 1898. Max Frenkel applied for Naturalisation in 1903. Unfortunately his original application with details of his background is not available.

Max Frenkel b. Cassel, German December 1875 (so. Abraham and Regina Frenkel ) d. Johannesburg 8 August 1930 m. Cassel / London <sup>iv</sup> Clara WERTHEIM b. Cassel 4 April 1881 <sup>v</sup> d. Johannesburg 28 January 1974 (do. Jacob <sup>vi</sup> and Matilda Wertheim). No offspring

The following persons are mentioned in a (sadly) elaborate joint will, the bequests mentioned therein later being negated as a consequence of there being insufficient funds. As the couple were married in community of property, the estate of Max Frenkel accrued in full therefore to his wife.

Brother Louis Frenkel

Brother Jacob Frenkel

Brother Julius Frenkel bc. 1864 m. Islington March QRT 1888 d. Marylebone March QRT 1926

- Ruth WISE (née Frenkel)

Brother Joseph Frenkel

- Leslie Frenkel
- Rita MARX (née Frenkel) m. Max Marx d. 1943
- Jack Frenkel
- Harold Frenkel
- Arthur Frenkel

David Frenkel m. Paddington September QRT 1905 Lina Frenkel

David Frenkel m. Bournemouth June QRT 1939 Fanny LOBER

Nieces Florrie Rosenthal & Rosie Speyer

Joseph Seehof

- Gertie Roston (née Seehof) m. Henry Ludwig Roston
  - ❖ Phyllis Mendelssohn (née Roston)
  - ❖ Denise Roston

Emil Wertheim brother of Clara Frenkel (née Wertheim)

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I have no definitive material on A Frenkel other than Abraham and Regina Frenkel, the parents of Louis and Max Frenkel are thought to have lived at this address. The original building no longer stands.

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1. Family Search. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. <http://www.familysearch.org>
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3. South African Archives Repository, Pretoria

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<sup>i</sup> Elisabethstraße 10, Marburg

<sup>ii</sup> This, and other, documents are available on-line.

Aussage des Bürgermeisters Otto aus Rauschholzhausen betreffend Verdacht des Schmuggels durch die jüdische Familie Frenkel aufgrund mehrmaliger Reisen ins Ausland, 4. November 1936.

Statement from the Mayor Otto Rauschholzhausen on suspicion of smuggling by the Jewish Family Frenkel (Fränkel) based of repeated trips abroad, 4 November 1936.

<sup>iii</sup> Poland country; Silesia state (first-order administrative division); Katowice county (second-order administrative division); Gliwice the town

<sup>iv</sup> Their stated place of marriage differs on the individual death notices. They were married in the September QRT 1904 in Holborn, London (Frenkel, Max. Holborn 1b 1451). He appears to have been married prior to that, in the March QRT 1897 (Frenkel, Max. Mile End 1c 586 )

<sup>v</sup> This date is on the death notice. The birth of a Clara Wertheim was registered in Shoreditch in the March QRT of 1883.

<sup>vi</sup> Birth of a Jacob Wertheim was registered in Whitechapel in the June QRT of 1868, with a death registered in Whitechapel in the September QRT of 1883.

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