

LANDSMANN, FRIEND, MAX GIBER.



Torczyn had over 2000 Jews. Over time some left the old country and resettled in the U.S. One of them, a New York dentist became a special friend, an American “uncle” if you will to our family and to many who left the village. They called him “Landsmann” a man from our town, but Max Giber was much more. He was a helper, an adviser, a supporter. He introduced Neil to his future wife Clara. He visited Vandalia after Manuel turned a store that was losing money into a cash cow at



the height of the depression. My father said Dr. Giber wanted to see how it was done. I suspect he really came to show my father how proud everyone was. He accompanied Manuel when the ocean liner that brought Surca and Favish to America landed. He went along to welcome the newcomers and to be there in case “help” was needed. When I passed through New York after high school this practicing dentist met me at the train and showed me Manhattan. He took a day off to show a teen age kid he barely knew the Empire State Building and the Queen Mary. Then we stopped at his office and he ground down my jagged front tooth.

Max was a child in a village in Russia when his father, a 30 year old man, died. The elder Giber left a wife, two daughters and a son. After his death his wife Gitel came to America. We don’t know when and how Max’s mother came, but we know she preceded Max. When Max was 14 he made his way across Europe and sailed to the U.S. When he arrived in New York the immigration people sent him back. Two years later at age 16 a bulkier, more adult appearing Max tried again, and this time he was able to enter the country.

Max top middle and his buddies



GITEL



GITEL
MAX
AND ONE
OF THE SISTERS

When he arrived in the U.S., Max worked in a factory that made tobacco pipes. After World War One, sisters Anna and Helen came to New York and joined Max and Gitel.



Later Max attended Columbia Dental School and became a dentist.
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Max and Dorothy had 2 daughters, Marlene and Gloria, and a son Irwin. Irwin later became a dentist and practiced with his father. The Gibers lived in Queens Long Island in the early '40s. Max was a regular member of the New York Torczyn society. He attended every meeting.
MAX IN BACK. FRONT IRWIN MARLENE DOROTHY AND GLORIA

In 1923 Max married Dorothy Rosen. She was an immigrant from White Russia, the youngest of a family of 8 children, 4 boys, and 4 girls. When Dorothy's mother was older she lived with the Gibers.
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DOROTHY ROSEN GIBER

