

# The Winklers of Kenora

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The ancestor of the Winkler family of Kenora found to date is Yaakov Yehuda Winkler and his wife Blima of Romania. His son Shraga Feivel aka "Frank" Winkler (possibly also Faber Winkler) immigrated to Canada with his family in 1902.

Frank Winkler was born June 28, 1863, in Radauti, Romania and died in Winnipeg on July 22, 1920, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His wife Chaia Schachter born March 13, 1869, in Romania died on July 16, 1919, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Jacob "Jack" Winkler, son of Frank Winkler and Chaia Schachter was born in Radauti, Romania on March 15, 1894. He married Rose Goodman (Gutmann) on April 10, 1921, in Winnipeg Manitoba. He married Rose Goodman (Gutman) on April 10 1921 in Winnipeg Manitoba.



Jack Winkler and Wife  
Rose (Goodman)  
Winkler  
Photo courtesy of Mark  
Winkler

They had two children,  
Kelvin Winkler and  
Clarice (Winkler)  
Phillips.

They came to Kenora in  
1925. He carried on a  
retail clothing store on 12  
Main St. S. known as Styles Clothes Shop.



He was described by his daughter-in-law as a very kind and caring man. This was born out by his practice in the depression of giving clothes away from his shop to people who could not afford to buy them.

He died young at the age of 58 on July 16 1952 in Kenora, Ontario.



Photo  
curtesy of  
Mark  
Winkler

Kelvin Winkler, son of Jacob Jack Winkler and Rose Goodman was born in Winnipeg on February 16, 1929. He married Lila Resnick in Winnipeg on May 25, 1953. They had three Children, Laurence Winkler, Jay Leonard Winkler born July 24, 1957, Married Helen, died 2002 and Mark Winkler.



Kelvin and  
Lia Winkler  
Photo curtesy  
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Winkler

Kelvin, at one time or other he owned seven stores in the area including stores in Sioux Narrows, Nestor Falls, and Fort Frances. He owned the Dalmore Hotel before and renovated it in the mid-seventies. There was located Lila's Gift Store (which was originally started where Ella Lynns was located and where in 2015 the Royal Bank now stands). He owned Pat's Stationery as well as The Lake of the Woods Trading Post on Second Avenue as well as his original store Kelvin's Woolen's Store which was located in the basement of the Kenricia Hotel on Main Street. He had a warehouse where the original Green School Annex

which was next to Central School for over 15 years and then built a warehouse on the East Highway past the Jail. He also had an ice cream stand in the Kenricia Hotel called The Ice Cream Factory from 1976-1979.

He started by taking over his father's clothing store Styles Clothes Shop at 12 Main St. South in the early 50's where he lived with his parents when they first got married. He loved to go swimming out in the back of the building ...where ironically Winkler Harbourfront Park stands today.

Kelvin was elected to town council in 1977 and served two terms and then won election as Mayor. He was defeated by Joyce Chevrier in 1994. He was elected as Mayor in 1998 and was mayor for a year before amalgamation of the three towns of Kenora, Keewatin and Jaffray Mellick in 2000.

He worked closely with MPP Leo Bernier to secure funding to develop Kenora's Harbourfront and to build the bypass north of the City. He was able to distinguish between his personal interests and his civil responsibilities. While personally opposed to the construction of the Kenora Bypass which he felt would kill his business, he supported it publicly on the basis that it was in the greater interests of the citizens of Kenora.

His son Mark indicated that he maintained his private life. He was a devoted husband and father and never discussed public affairs at home. He was a gentle, never vindictive man who refused to attack his opponents or belittle those few who served to frustrate and vex public servants.

He passed away in Toronto May 5, 2005. He was predeceased by his wife on May 27, 1996, in Winnipeg.

Mark Winkler, son of Kelvin Winkler and Lila Resnick was born in Kenora. He attended schools in Kenora and then University of Michigan. He graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education and Honour Scholar Diploma in Opera Performance. He was a talented musician, opera singer before entering the production side of the performing arts.

He worked 3 years as a Musical Director for Greenwich Country Day School in Greenwich Ct, and then moved on as a creative director and produced multi-media for a variety of Fortune 100 corporations in New York City as indicated in Life's Little Moments. He presently resides in New York. He has been a prolific fundraiser for various causes. In his creation entitled [Life's Little Moments](#) Mark tells his own story in photos, videos and audio files from his early life in Kenora, to performer, to professional artist and then management. A work of passion - a must be seen to appreciate the man, his talents and life.

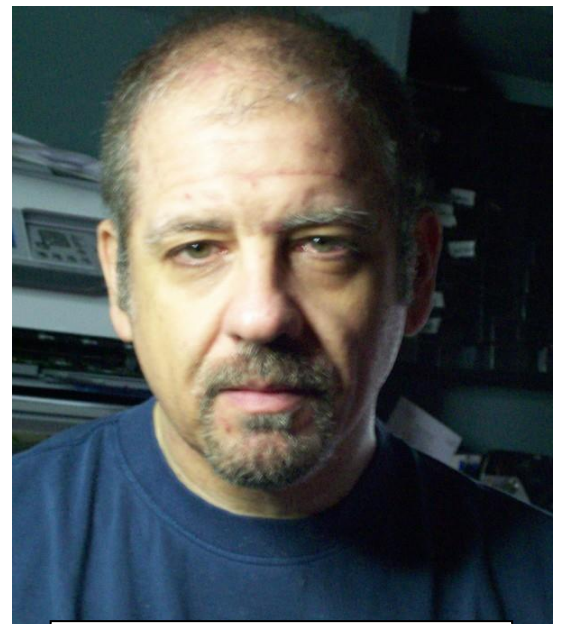


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## Outline Ancestor Report for Kelvin Zenith Winkler

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- 1 Kelvin Zenith Winkler b: Feb 16, 1929, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, d: May 05, 2005, in Medical Problem/Toronto, Ontario, Canada
  - + Lila Resnick b: Jul 30, 1933, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, m: May 25, 1953, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, d: May 27, 1996, in Cancer/Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- ...2 Jacob Jack Winkler b: Mar 15, 1894, in Radauti, Botosani, Romania, d: Jul 16, 1952, in Kenora, Ontario, Canada
  - + Rose Goodman b: Apr 17, 1899, in Bucovina, Bucuresti, Romania, m: Apr 10, 1921, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, d: Apr 23, 1983, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- .....3 Frank Winkler b: Jun 28, 1863, in Radauti, Botosani, Romania, d: Jul 22, 1920, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
  - + Chaia Schachter b: Mar 13, 1884, in Radauti, Suceava, Romania, d: Jul 16, 1919, in Manitoba, Canada
- .....4 Yaakov Yehuda Winkler b: Radauti, Botosani, Romania
  - + Blima
- .....4 Blima
  - + Yaakov Yehuda Winkler b: Radauti, Botosani, Romania
- .....3 Chaia Schachter b: Mar 13, 1884, in Radauti, Suceava, Romania, d: Jul 16, 1919, in Manitoba, Canada
  - + Frank Winkler b: Jun 28, 1863, in Radauti, Botosani, Romania, d: Jul 22, 1920, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- .....4 Alter Schulim Schachter
  - + Chane Singer
- .....4 Chane Singer
  - + Alter Schulim Schachter
- ...2 Rose Goodman b: Apr 17, 1899, in Bucoveni, Bucuresti, Romania, d: Apr 23, 1983, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
  - + Jacob Jack Winkler b: Mar 15, 1894, in Radauti, Botosani, Romania, m: Apr 10, 1921, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, d: Jul 16, 1952, in Kenora, Ontario, Canada
- .....3 Akeva Zeilig Goodman b: 1860 in Radauti (Radautz, Radevits), Bucovina, Austria, d: Oct 18, 1925, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
  - + Rachel Leah Berger b: 08 1867 in Dorna Watra, Bucavina, Austria? Romania?, d: May 13, 1938, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Age: 70
- .....4 Elias Moses Gutmann b: 1825 in Radautz, Bucovina, Austria, d: 1911
  - + Yita Shapiro d: Abt. 1870
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- .....4 Samuel Leib Berger
  - + Sarah Dukman
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## Outline Descendant Report for Yaakov Yehuda Winkler

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- 1 Yaakov Yehuda Winkler b: Radauti, Botosani, Romania
  - + Blima
  - ...2 Frank Winkler b: Jun 28, 1863, in Radauti, Botosani, Romania, d: Jul 22, 1920, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
    - + Chaia Schachter b: Mar 13, 1884, in Radauti, Suceava, Romania, d: Jul 16, 1919, in Manitoba, Canada
    - .....3 Dorothy Winkler b: Jun 08, 1892, d: Feb 03, 1980, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
    - .....3 Jacob Jack Winkler b: Mar 15, 1894, in Radauti, Botosani, Romania, d: Jul 16, 1952, in Kenora, Ontario, Canada
      - + Rose Goodman b: Apr 17, 1899, in Bucoveni, Bucuresti, Romania, m: Apr 10, 1921, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, d: Apr 23, 1983, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
      - .....4 Kelvin Zenith Winkler b: Feb 16, 1929, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, d: May 05, 2005, in Medical Problem/Toronto, Ontario, Canada
        - + Lila Resnick b: Jul 30, 1933, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, m: May 25, 1953, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, d: May 27, 1996, in Cancer/Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
        - .....5 Jay Leonard Winkler b: Jul 24, 1957, in Kenora, Ontario, Canada, d: Feb 22, 2002, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada
          - + Helen
          - .....6 Rachel Winkler
          - .....6 Rita Winkler
          - .....6 Leona Winkler
          - .....5 Living Winkler.
          - .....5 Living Winkler.
            - + Charles Kaplan b: Feb 21, 1953, in Brooklyn, New York, d: Sep 08, 2010, in NY USA
    - .....4 Clarice Winkler
      - + Howard Phillips
    - .....3 Marion Elizabeth Winkler b: 1896, d: 1995 in San Francisco, California, USA
      - + Fred Braunston m: Dec 19, 1916, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
      - .....3 Moses Winkler b: 1901, d: Jun 02, 1981, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
        - + Dorothy Wire m: Oct 09, 1927, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
    - .....3 Sarah Winkler b: Jul 27, 1904, in Montréal, Montréal (Urban Agglomeration), Quebec, Canada, d: Sep 1983 in St Paul, Dakota, Minnesota, USA
    - .....3 Maxwell Winkler b: 1909, d: Mar 03, 1980