

# Chronology Report

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Robert J. Spedden</b>	
Parents:	<b>William T. S. Spedden</b> and <b>Frances Swikert</b>	
Life Range	1904 May 19- 1979 Feb	
1904 May 19	Birth:	Gloucester County, New Jersey. Robert Spedden's parents were originally from Baltimore, Maryland. Robert's sister, <b>Florence Spedden</b> , was born there. Robert's mother <b>Frances Swikert</b> , was from a well known Baltimore society family. Her brother was <b>John Swikert</b> , Secretary to the Marshall of Police, beginning in 1893, until about 1917.
1904 Sep 11	Family Event:	Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Baltimore Sun: "Mr. & Mrs. <b>William T. Spedden &amp; family</b> of Wenonah, NJ, are visiting Mrs. John Swikert Sr., 6 Pearl St." <sup>2</sup>
1907 Aug 20	Family Event:	Woodbury Daily Times. New Jersey. "Miss Fanny Spedden, of Baltimore, is visting her brother, <b>Mr. William Spedden</b> , on West Willow St." <sup>3</sup>
1910 Apr 27	Census:	Wenonah Borough,Gloucester County,New Jersey. Address: Willow St., Wenonah, NJ 1.) William Spedden, head, age 45, married at age 21, born in MD, both parents born in MD, clerk - railroad. 2.) Frances M. Spedden, wife, age 41, married at age 21, 4 children - 2 living, born in MD, both parents born in Germany. 3.) Florence A. H. Spedden, daughter, age 15, born in MD, attends school. 4.) <b>Robert J. Spedden</b> , son, age 5, born in NJ. <sup>4</sup>
1920	Census:	Philadelphia,,Pennsylvania,USA. Address: 5433 Whitby Ave. 40th Ward 1.) William Spedden, head, renter, married, age 52, born in MD, both parents born in MD, clerk - railroad. 2.) Frances Spedden, wife, married, age 39?, born in MD, both parents born in Germany. 3.) Florence Spedden, daughter, age 24, single, born in MD, teacher - public school. 4.) <b>Robert J. Spedden</b> , age 15, attends school, born in NJ, usher - theater. <sup>5</sup>
1927 Jun 21	Marriage:	<b>Elizabeth M. Manion</b> . In Philadelphia,,Pennsylvania,USA. Married at Good Shepherd Church, Phila. by .J.M. <b>NOTE:</b> As noted on <b>Elizabeth Manion's</b> baptismal record from St. Thomas Aquinas Church Robert Spedden's parents were from Baltimore, Maryland. Elizabeth Manion's father, <b>Frank Manion</b> , was born and raised in Baltimore. It's possible that the families knew of each other. At least Robert's uncle, <b>John Swikert</b> , Secretary to the Marshall of Police in Baltimore, would have been familiar with the Manion's neighborhood, <b>Grasshopper Hill</b> , which was the site of many disturbances that required police assistance. But, Frank Manion wasn't alive to see his daughter married or meet the in-laws. <sup>8,9</sup>
1930 Apr	Census:	Upper Darby,Delaware Co.,Pennsylvania,USA. Address: 7004 Brent Road 1.) <b>Robert Spedden</b> , Head, owner, home value: \$8000, has radio set, male, white, 25, married at 22, born in New Jersey, both parents born in Maryland, can read & write, projectionist - moving pictures, English speaker, not veteran. 2.) <b>Elizabeth Spedden</b> , wife, female, white, 22, married at 19, can read & write, born in PA, father born in MD, mother born in Ireland, native language of mother: Irish, English speaker, not employed. <sup>6</sup>
	Daughter born (# 1):	<b>Private</b> .
1950	City Directory:	Philadelphia,,Pennsylvania,USA. <b>Robert J. Spedden</b> , mgr. 313 S. Broad <sup>7</sup>
1979 Feb	Death:	Philadelphia,,Pennsylvania,USA. Social Security Death Index Record:

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SSN: 160-03-8878

Last Residence: 19146 Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Born: 19 May 1904

Last Benefit: 19147 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Died: Feb 1979

State (Year) SSN issued: Pennsylvania (Before 1951)<sup>1</sup>

1979 Feb

Burial:

Philadelphia,,Pennsylvania,USA.

## Source Citations

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3. *Woodbury Daily Times, New Jersey* (Genealogybank.com).
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5. 1920 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania population schedule, Philadelphia, 40th Ward, enumeration district (ED) 1512, sheet 13; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T625.
6. 1930 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania population schedule, Delaware County, Upper Darby Township, enumeration district (ED) 23-149, sheet 8B, dwelling 245, family 326, Spedden; digital images, *Ancestry.com*; citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T626.
7. Bell Telephone Co. PA, *Philadelphia City Directory 1950* (Ancestry.com).
8. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Marriage License, No. 544746; Orphan's Court Philadelphia, Philadelphia.
9. (St. Thomas Aquinas RC Church, 1719 Morris St, Philadelphia, PA, parish records).