

Samuel L Stern

in the 1930 United States Federal Census

Name	Samuel L Stern
Birth Year	abt 1877
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age in 1930	53
Birthplace	Russia
Marital Status	Married
Relation to Head of House	Head
Home in 1930	Colchester, New London, Connecticut, USA
Map of Home	Colchester, New London, Connecticut
Street Address	Lebanon Ave.
House Number	32
Dwelling Number	73
Family Number	79
Home Owned or Rented	Owned
Home Value	2000
Radio Set	Yes
Lives on Farm	No
Age at First Marriage	27
Attended School	No
Able to Read and Write	Yes
Father's Birthplace	Russia
Mother's Birthplace	Russia
Language Spoken	Yiddish
Immigration Year	1893
Naturalization	Naturalized
Able to Speak English	Yes
Occupation	Meschant
Industry	Dry goods.
Class of Worker	Working on own account
Employment	Yes

Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
Samuel L Stern	53	Head
Lena Stern	42	Wife
Nelson Stern	24	Son
Mary C Stern	20	Daughter
Jennette Stern	17	Daughter
Evalyn G Stern	14	Daughter

In the 1910 census, it says Sam Stern was a merchant at a retail grocery store. The census of 1920 & 1930, says he was a merchant in a dry goods store.

The 1940 Census indicates that Sam (63 yo) was now the proprietor of a package store and his daughter Mary (29 yo) worked there with him as a clerk. His son Nelson (34 yo) was the proprietor of a tavern, daughter Jeannette (27 yo) was a public school teacher, and daughter Evelyn (24 yo) was a stenographer. By 1950, Sam was still at the package store and Nelson worked there as a clerk with his father. Sam died in 1954.

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Colchester had a number of settlers who were businessmen from the start. As early as 1887, a Shenyan family manufactured cigars, and there were two Jewish merchants, Luntz and Nahinsky, on Main Street in the early 1890's. As the community grew, others came. Hirsch Cohen ran a butcher shop. Isaac Agronovitch, who came from Russia via Brooklyn in 1893, was in business at different times in both Chesterfield and Colchester. ***Sam Stern, who started as a peddler at the turn of the century, now operates a liquor store on Main Street. Its shelves hold, alongside the bottles, old National Geographics, a dictionary, a Hebrew Bible, a Siddur, Abraham's Chapters on Jewish Literature, and similar volumes. A Hebrew calendar and a Passover Haggadah hang on the wall.***

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Samuel L. Stern, 73, retired merchant, of 57 Lebanon Ave., Colchester, died Thursday at the Backus Hospital, Norwich. He was born in Russia and had lived in Colchester for the last 55 years. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Lena (Mintz) Stern; four daughters, Mrs. Esther Slovin of Hartford, Mrs. Mary Daniels of New London, Miss Janet Stern and Evelyn Stern, both of Colchester; a son, Nelson Stern of Colchester, a brother, Albert Stern of Morristown, N. J., and three grandchildren. Stern was a life-long member of Oliver Woodhouse Chapter, KofP; Norwich Lodge, BPOE and the Colchester Jewish Law Society. He was a former assessor for the town of Colchester. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at the Ahavath Achim Cemetery, Colchester.