

# Otto Theobald Brauner

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## Vitals

**Otto Theobald Brauner**, the son of Ernest Emil Otto Brauner and Anna Selma Lessig, was born on 8 March 1883 in Altenburg, Duchy of Saxe-Altenburg [now Germany].<sup>2</sup> Otto died on 2 May 1936 in New York.<sup>3</sup> Otto married Mary Barbara Trautvetter in 1910 in New Jersey.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Yvette Hoitink, "Six Levels of Ancestral Profiles – Level-up Challenge!" Dutch Genealogy, 22 January 2021 (<https://dutchgenealogy.nl/levelup>). Bucket indicates when completed and status. Status codes are (U)known, (P)resumed, (G)PS proof, (N)ot available as in too far back for atDNA.

<sup>2</sup> Altenburg (Germany), "Geburtenregister," [cover unreadable], birth register, number 182 (penned), Otto Theobald Brauner recorded 13 March 1883; "Altenburg, Germany, Births, 1874-1901," Ancestry ([www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61141/images/45850\\_01%5E1%5E08%5E%5E1883-00186](http://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61141/images/45850_01%5E1%5E08%5E%5E1883-00186)), image 186 of 1088; citing Stadtarchiv Altenburg.

<sup>3</sup> Find A Grave, crowd sourced database and images (CSD) (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/96436695/otto-theobald-brauner>), memorial 96436695, Otto Theobald Brauner (1883-1936), Cedar Grove Cemetery, Patchogue, Suffolk, New York, maintained by "pacific" (contributor 46595310); gravestone photographs by Delores Shoemake and "susan". Crowd sourced databases have a wide variety of information and accuracy. Care is necessary when accepting information that is unsourced or transcribed. FindAGrave memorials on many pages include pictures of headstones to validate included dates.

<sup>4</sup> New Jersey State Archives, "Marriage Index," unpaginated, state file 04311, Mamie Trautvetter and Otto Branner, 1910; imaged in *New Jersey, U.S., Marriage Index, 1901-2016*, Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61253/images/46999\\_543888-00074](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61253/images/46999_543888-00074)), image 75 of 712.

A.

Nr. 182.

Altenburg, am 13. März 1853.

Vor dem unterzeichneten Standesbeamten erschien heute, der  
 Persönlichkeit nach \_\_\_\_\_  
 bekannt,  
 der Pfarrer Herr Paul Otto Brauner  
 wohnhaft zu Altenburg, Auf dem Hofe Nr. 11.  
 evangelische Religion, und zeigte an, daß von der  
 Anna Paula Brauner, gebornen Essig, spinarische  
 Frau,  
 evangelische Religion,  
 wohnhaft bei ihm  
 zu Altenburg in seiner Wohnung  
 am \_\_\_\_\_ auf dem 13. März \_\_\_\_\_ des Jahres  
 tausend acht hundert \_\_\_\_\_ und drei \_\_\_\_\_ Vormittag  
 um \_\_\_\_\_ fünf Uhr ein Kind männlichen  
 Geschlechts geboren worden sei, welches \_\_\_\_\_ die Vornamen  
 Otto Theodor  
 erhalten habe.

Vorgelesen, genehmigt und unterschrieben  
 Otto Brauner.  
 Der Standesbeamte.  
 Kager.

### Name

The christening record, on the left, indicated that Otto's full name was Ernest Emil Otto Brauner. In the remaining records of his life, the name was Otto Brauner. Ernest Emil Otto are the *Vornamen* [forenames] and Otto is the *Rufname* [appellation name]. The first two *Vorname*, Ernest and Emil are just for show and used only in documents. In everyday conversation, the family and others would use the *Rufname* Otto. On documents that use all the *Vornamen*, the tradition but not a requirement, was to underline the *Rufname* to indicate *Vorname* was the *Rufname*.<sup>5</sup>

### Location

Altenburg is about twenty miles south of Leipzig and fifty miles west of Dresden. At the time of Otto's birth, Altenburg was a small Saxon duchy, led by Ernest I, Duke of Saxe-Altenburg. Otto's leading *Vorname* is quite likely a reference to the Duke.<sup>6</sup>

The duchy merged with other duchies to create the state of Thuringia in 1920. After WWII Altenburg was in East Germany. The East German government dissolved Thuringia in 1952. During German reunification in 1990, the government reestablished Thuringia and Thuringia became a state of the Federal Republic of Germany.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Wikipedia, "German Name" ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German\\_name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_name) : rev 18:18, 26 September 2023).

<sup>6</sup> Wikipedia, "Saxe-Altenburg" (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saxe-Altenburg> : rev 12:01, 18 October 2023).

<sup>7</sup> Wikipedia, "Thuringia" (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thuringia> : rev 20:51, 8 October 2023).

## Obituary

Funeral services were Held Tuesday for Otto P. Brauner, 53 who died Saturday in the Carman Street Hospital, Patchogue. Mr. Brauner, a plumber, had lived in Patchogue for 14 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son, Otto, Jr., a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Cyphert, and several brothers and sisters. The Rev. C. G. Gernannt, Lutheran pastor, officiated at the rites and interment was in Cedar Grove Cemetery.<sup>8</sup>

## Mary Barbara Trautvetter

Mary Barbara Trautvetter, the daughter of Frank Trautvetter and Maria Theresia Lammermeier, was born on 15 August 1888 in Newark, Essex, New Jersey.<sup>9</sup> Mary christened as Anna Maria Trautvetter on 10 September 1888 in St. Peter's Church, Newark, Essex, New Jersey.<sup>10</sup> Anna Maria being a *Vorname* and Maria/Mary being her *Rufname*. Mary died on 24 July 1977 in Yaphank, Suffolk, New York.<sup>11</sup>

Mary's name has an interesting mystery. Her birth certificate used Mary with no middle name.<sup>12</sup> Her christening used Anna Maria.<sup>13</sup> Census records used Mary.<sup>14</sup> Her social security record used Mary Barbara.<sup>15</sup> Her tombstone used Mary B.<sup>16</sup> There is no indication as to where Mary picked up Barbara, but it is evident that she did use it.

## Mary's occupation

The census records do not indicate any occupation beyond housewife. The ownership of Bayview House would have required huge amounts of work to maintain a 27-room hotel. The census records do not enumerate any live-in help, either help came to the inn each day or Mary did it all herself.

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<sup>8</sup> Find A Grave, CSD, memorial 96436695, Otto Theobold Brauner (1883-1936), Cedar Grove Cemetery, Patchogue, Suffolk, New York. The page cites the obituary as being a record of the cemetery which cited a newspaper.

<sup>9</sup> New Jersey, Department of Health, Vital Statistics, birth certificate, [no number], Mary Trautfetter, recorded 3 September 1888; photocopy delivered to David Grawrock, 1980's, held in Grawrock Archives, Ivins, Utah; digital imaged uploaded to *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/95754749>), 17 October 2019.

<sup>10</sup> St. Peter's Church [German] (Newark, Essex, New Jersey), "Babtismorum Registrum [register of baptisms]," p. 363, 10 September 1888, Anna Maria Trautvetter; imaged in "New Jersey, Church Records, 1675-1970 Essex St. Peter's Catholic Church," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9ZM-792V>), digital folder 007433360 > image 1334 of 2973; citing Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, held at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey.

<sup>11</sup> New York, Department of Health, Certificate of Death, no. 52257, 23 July 1977, Mary Brauner; certificate delivered to David Grawrock 1980's, held in Grawrock Archives, Ivins, Utah; digital image uploaded to *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/96177730>), 23 October 2019.

<sup>12</sup> New Jersey, Department of Health, Vital Statistics, birth certificate, [no number], Mary Trautfetter, recorded 3 September 1888.

<sup>13</sup> St. Peter's Church, "Babtismorum Registrum," p. 363, 10 September 1888, Anna Maria Trautvetter.

<sup>14</sup> See Census tables for complete list.

<sup>15</sup> "United States, Social Security Numerical Identification Files (NUMIDENT), 1936-2007", database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6K4S-XSWT>), Mary Barbara Brauner.

<sup>16</sup> *FindAGrave*, CSD, memorial 96436706, Mary Barbara Trautvetter Brauner (1888-1977), Cedar Grove Cemetery, Patchogue, Suffolk, New York, maintained by "Aislin" (contributor 46535342), photos by "Aislin".

### **Christmas gifts**

Mary, or Oma to her grandchildren, had an interesting habit of giving very unique Christmas gifts. Two stand out. The first was a walnut. Just a single walnut. The receiver thought this was the most stupid gift ever received. Until his parents told him to look closer. Examination showed that the walnut shell was not intact, someone had carefully pulled apart the shell in the middle with no damage to the halves. Twisting the two halves revealed a tightly folded five-dollar bill. The second gift was two gifts, a small cylinder and a larger box. The wrapping on the cylinder had a small tear revealing something yellow underneath. Opened first the cylinder turned out to be a roll of film. Not understanding things, he was disappointed in getting film as it was worthless without a camera. It was not until he unwrapped the box, he realized that Oma had sent film and camera.<sup>17</sup>

Unfortunately, most of the pictures taken with that camera were lost in the fire that went through Rancho Bernardo. The picture below is of the Great Buddha of Kamakura taken on a family trip in the 1960's. It's not the greatest but not too bad for a box camera in the hands of an eight-year-old.



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<sup>17</sup> Personal knowledge of the author, David Grawrock [Ivins, Utah]. Grawrock, the grandson of Mary Troutvetter received the presents in the early 1960's.

## Children

### Known children of Otto Brauner and Mary Trautvetter

- i. MARGARET MARIE BRAUNER was born on 14 March 1911 in Newark, Essex, New Jersey. Margaret died on 9 July 1995 in San Diego, San Diego, California.<sup>18</sup>
- ii. OTTO BRAUNER was born on 9 April 1912 in Newark, Essex, New Jersey. Otto died on 8 August 2003 in Bayport, Suffolk, New York.<sup>19</sup>
- iii. ARTHUR BRAUNER was born on 18 March 1913 in Newark, Essex, New Jersey. and died prior to 1920.

## Census

*Table 1 1900 New Jersey<sup>A</sup>*

NAME	SEX	AGE	BIRTH	RELATION	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION
Otto Brauner	M	43	Apr 1857	Head	Germany	Shoemaker
Margaret	F	18	Jun 1881	Daughter	Germany	
Otto	M	17	Mar 1883	Son	Germany	Plumber
Friederich	M	15	Apr 1885	Son	Germany	
Gertrude <sup>B</sup>	F	13	Sept 1886	Daughter	New Jersey	At School
Lulu	F	11	Sept 1888	Daughter	New Jersey	At School
Harry	M	9	Oct 1890	Son	New Jersey	At School
Charles	M	3	Dec 1896	Son	New Jersey	

A 1900 U.S. census, New Jersey, Essex, Newark, District 5, Ward 13, sheet 18B, dwelling 256, family 379, line 83, Otto Brauner [indexed as Bramer] [household]; imaged in "United States Census, 1900," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6239-QR>), digital film 004120423 > image 36 of 45; citing NARA T623.

B Family immigrates in 1887 but enumeration lists 1885 and places Gertrude's birth in New Jersey, when it should be Germany.

*Table 2 1905 New Jersey<sup>A</sup>*

NAME	SEX	AGE	BIRTH	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION
Otto Brauner	M	49	Apr 1856	Germany	Shoemaker
Lena Brauner	F	50	Apr 1850	Germany	
Otto Brauner	M	22	Apr 1883	Germany	Plumber
Lulu Brauner	F	16	Jun 1888	New Jersey	
Harry Brauner	M	14	July 1890	New Jersey	Carpenter
Charles Brauner Jr	M	8	May 1894	New Jersey	

A 1905 New Jersey State census, Essex, Irvington Ward 3, pop sch, sheet 9A (penned), dwelling 127, family 204, line 49, Otto Brauner [household]; imaged in "New Jersey State Census Records, 1905," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-95JC-94HC>), digital film 004880134 > image 1033 of 1162; citing New Jersey Department of State, Bureau of Archives and History, Trenton.

*Table 3 1910 US New Jersey<sup>A</sup>*

<sup>18</sup> "United States, Social Security Numerical Identification Files (NUMIDENT), 1936-2007", database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6KWY-VHXN>), Margaret Marie Cyphert Osborne.

<sup>19</sup> "United States, Social Security Numerical Identification Files (NUMIDENT), 1936-2007", database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6K99-CSWM>), Otto F Brauner, .

NAME	SEX	AGE	RELATION	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION
George Margo	M	31	Head	Germany	Driver – Milk Wagon
Margaret - <sup>B</sup>	F	28	Wife	Germany	
Harald -	S	7	Son	New Jersey	
Margaret G -	F	4	Daughter	New Jersey	
Helen E	F	1	Daughter	New Jersey	
Otto T Brauner Jr <sup>B</sup>	M	27	Brother in law	Germany	Plumber

A 1910 U.S. census, New Jersey, Essex, Newark Ward 13, ED 110, sheet 6B, dwelling 66, family 123, line 61, George Margo [household]; imaged in "United States Census, 1910," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9RJL-DS6>), digital film 004972856 > image 12 of 60; citing NARA series T624.

B Immigration date is 1882 for Margaret and Otto.

Table 4 1920 US New Jersey <sup>A</sup>

NAME	SEX	AGE	RELATION	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION
Otto Brauner	M	36	Head	New Jersey	Plumber
Mary Brauner	F	31	Wife	New Jersey	
Margaret Brauner	F	9	Daughter	New Jersey	
Otto Brauner Jr	M	8	Son	New Jersey	
Herman Seppe	M	37	Boarder	Berlin	
Agnes Seppe	F	35	Boarder	Berlin	

A 1920 U.S. census, New Jersey, Essex, Irvington Ward 1, ED 60, sheet 18B, dwelling 272, family 432, line 66, Otto Brauner [household]; imaged in "United States Census, 1920," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9R6R-WVZ>), digital film 005165847 > image 36 of 40; citing NARA series T625, roll 1030.

Table 5 1925 New York <sup>A</sup>

NAME	SEX	AGE	RELATION	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION
Otto Brauner	M	42	Head	New Jersey	Plumber
Mary Brauner	F	36	Wife	New Jersey	
Margaret Brauner	F	14	Daughter	New Jersey	
Otto Brauner Jr	M	13	Son	New Jersey	

A 1925 New York Census, Suffolk, Brookhaven, Patchogue, pop sch, page 14 (penned), election district 31, 535 South Ocean Ave, line 30, Otto Brauner and family; imaged in "New York, U.S., State Census, 1925," *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2704/images/32849\\_b094360-00276](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2704/images/32849_b094360-00276)), image 8 of 10; citing New York State Archives, State population census schedules, 1925, Albany.

Table 6 1930 New York <sup>A</sup>

NAME	SEX	AGE	RELATION	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION
Otto Brauner <sup>B</sup>	M	47	Head	New Jersey	Plumber
Mary Brauner	F	42	Wife	New Jersey	
Otto Brauner Jr	M	18	Son	New Jersey	Driver – Tobacco
Margaret Brauner	F	19	Daughter	New Jersey	Operator – Sewing Machine

A 1930 U.S. Census, New York, Suffolk, Patchogue, pop sch, page 7A (penned), ED 52-24, SD 36, line 1, Otto Brauner [household]; imaged in "United States Census, 1930," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GRZP-FP8>), digital film 004952235 > image 13 of 28; citing NARA series T626, roll 1649.

B Lists marriage age for Otto as 27 and Mary as 22.

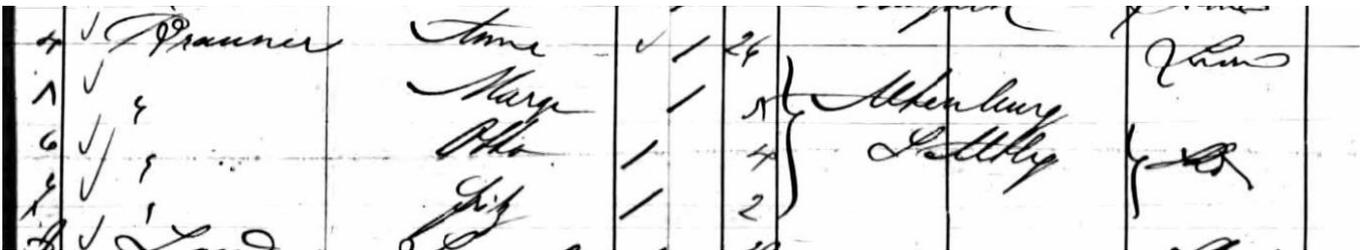
## Immigration

Otto emigrated on 19 June 1887, when he was four years old, from Hamburg, Germany on the SS *Hammonia*.<sup>20</sup>



The Hamburg America Line commissioned *Hammonia* and launched the ship in 1882 with the maiden voyage in 1883. The ship mostly sailed between Hamburg and New York. There were accommodations for 100 first class, 100 second class, and 700 steerage passengers. Hamburg America sold the ship in 1889 to CGT, the French Line. CGT scrapped the ship in 1914 at Genoa, Italy.<sup>21</sup>

The family patriarch did not travel with the family on the SS *Hammonia*. Anne and three of the children did. The 1900 census enumeration indicated that the father Otto immigrated to the US in 1885, two years before the rest of the family.<sup>22</sup>



Hamburg, Deutschland, "Hamburger Passagierlisten; Volume: 373-7 I, VIII A 1 Band 058 C," Page 640, line 174, Anne Brauner [family]; Microfilm No.: K\_1736; imaged in "Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934," Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3131608:1068> ), image 413 of 448.

The *Hammonia* arrived at New York on 1 July 1887 and while there is confirmation it did so, the incoming manifest is not online.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Hamburg, Deutschland, "Hamburger Passagierlisten; Volume: 373-7 I, VIII A 1 Band 058 C," Page 640, line 174, Anne Brauner [family]; Microfilm No.: K\_1736; imaged in "Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934," Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3131608:1068> ), image 413 of 448.

<sup>21</sup> "S/S Hammonia (3)", Hamburg America Line, *NorwayHeritage.com* ([https://www.norwayheritage.com/p\\_ship.asp?sh=hamm3](https://www.norwayheritage.com/p_ship.asp?sh=hamm3) ).

<sup>22</sup> 1900 U.S. census, New Jersey, Essex, Newark, District 5, Ward 13, sheet 18B, dwelling 256, family 379, line 83, Otto Brauner.

<sup>23</sup> "United States Germans to America Index, 1850-1897," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KD33-BQL> ), Otto Brauner, 01 July 1887; citing Germans to America Passenger Data file, 1850-1897, Ship Hammonia, departed from Hamburg & Havre, arrived in New York, New York, New York, United States, NAID identifier 1746067, National Archives at College Park, Maryland.

### Naturalization

Otto's father declared his intention for United States citizenship on 15 April 1895 in New Jersey.<sup>24</sup> Given the laws at the time, Otto was a US citizen based on his father's status.<sup>25</sup> Otto's stated citizenship will change based on world events.

DATE	EVENT	BIRTHPLACE	CITIZENSHIP	NOTE
1887	Immigration	Germany	-	
1895	Naturalization	-	US	Obtained through father's naturalization
1900	US Census	Germany	?	Father naturalized. Blank on Otto, he arrived in 1885
1905	NJ State census	Germany	-	18 years in US but no mark on naturalization
1910	US Census	Germany	US	Arrived in 1882, a year prior to birth
1917	WW I Draft	US	US	Claims native born
1920	US Census	New Jersey	US	Not naturalized but born in the US
1925	NY State Census	US	US	Born in the US, no mention of Germany
1930	US Census	New Jersey	US	Parents born in Germany

Prior to World War I, Otto used Germany as his birthplace. After World War I, he was born in New Jersey.

Selective Service System, Essex County ( New Jersey), Division Five, Irvington, serial 4540, order 4367, card for Otto Brauner, registered 12 September 1918; imaged in "New Jersey, World War I Selective Service System draft registration cards 1917-1918," FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GBTQ-JWR> ), digital film 005218865 > image 761 of 5636; citing NARA M1509.

The implication from the sequence is that Otto felt compelled to identify as an American instead of a German American.

<sup>24</sup> Essex County (New Jersey) Court of Common Pleas, "Declarations of Intention, Vol 11," 5 March 1895 – 9 November 1897 [handwritten on inside cover], p. 31 (stamped), Otto Brauner, 15 April 1895; imaged in "New Jersey, County Naturalization Records, 1749-1986," FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9Q4-S7MT>), digital film 005796783 > image 44 of 331.

<sup>25</sup> Wikipedia, "Birthright citizenship in the United States" ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birthright\\_citizenship\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birthright_citizenship_in_the_United_States) : rev 16:58, 13 October 2023).

## Location

### Addresses

Upon arrival from Germany, the family lived in Newark, Essex, New Jersey. The first known address associated with the family is from the 1900 census. The following table illustrates that Otto did not stray far from his family until he made the move to Patchogue.

*Table 7 House Addresses*

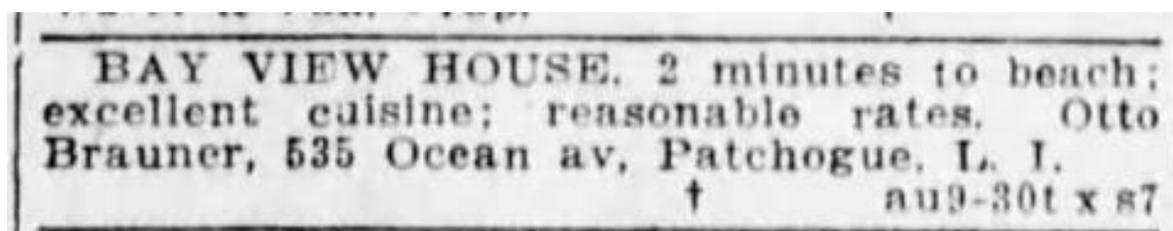
YEAR	ADDRESS	CITY	WHO WITH	RENT/OWN	DISTANCE
1900 <sup>A</sup>	539 South 11 <sup>th</sup> Street	Newark, New Jersey	Parents	Rent	-
1905 <sup>B</sup>	19 21 <sup>st</sup> Street	Newark, New Jersey	Parents	Rent	1 mile
1910 <sup>C</sup>	727 South 18 <sup>th</sup> Street	Newark, New Jersey	Brother-in-law	Rent	1 mile
1918 <sup>D</sup>	506 21 <sup>st</sup> Street	Irvington, New Jersey	? [Draft card]	?	Half mile
1920 <sup>E</sup>	53 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street	Irvington, New Jersey	Self	Own	2 miles
1922 <sup>F</sup>	535 South Ocean Ave	Patchogue, New York	Self	Own	80 miles

A 1900 U.S. census, New Jersey, Essex, Newark, District 5, Ward 13, sheet 18B, line 83, Otto Brauner.  
 B 1905 New Jersey State census, Essex, Irvington Ward 3, sheet 9A, line 49, Otto Brauner.  
 C 1910 U.S. census, New Jersey, Essex, Newark Ward 13, ED 110, sheet 6B, line 61, George Margo.  
 D Selective Service System, Essex County ( New Jersey), Division Fiye, Irvington, serial 4540, order 4367, card for Otto Brauner, registered 12 September 1918; imaged in "New Jersey, World War I Selective Service System draft registration cards 1917-1918," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GBTQ-JWR> ), digital film 005218865 > image 761 of 5636; citing NARA M1509.  
 E 1920 U.S. census, New Jersey, Essex, Irvington Ward 1, ED 60, sheet 18B, line 66, Otto Brauner.  
 F "Bay View House," *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* (Brooklyn, New York), 14 August 1922, Vol 82, No. 224, p 17, column 4; imaged at *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/57098724/> ), image 17 of 24.

None of the listed addresses still exist today.

### The Bay View House

Sometime after the January 1920 census enumeration that listed the family in Newark, and prior to August 1922, the family moved to Patchogue, Suffolk, New York. In August, Otto took out advertisements for the Bay View House.<sup>26</sup>

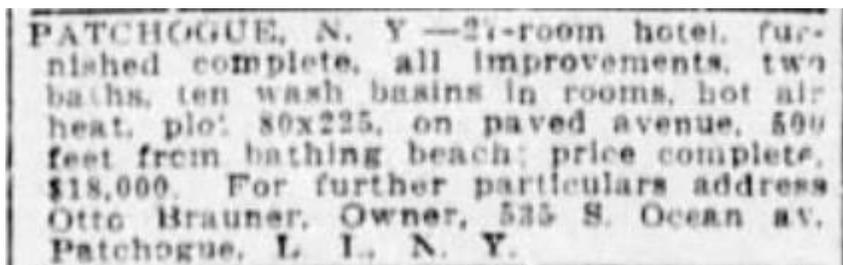


"Bay View House," *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* (Brooklyn, New York), 14 August 1922, Vol 82, No. 224, p 17, column 4; imaged at *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/57098724/> ), image 17 of 24.

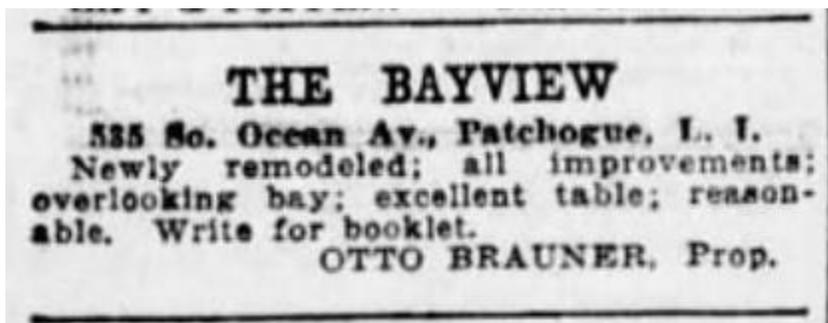
*Figure 1*

<sup>26</sup> "Bay View House," *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* (Brooklyn, New York), 14 August 1922, Vol 82, No. 224, p 17, column 4; imaged at *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/57098724/> ), image 17 of 24.

Otto apparently rented or leased the Bayview as in November 1925 he purchased the establishment.<sup>27</sup> In April 1927 [prior to the depression in 1929] Otto put the Bayview up for sale at \$18,000 [\$318,000 in 2023] and indicated that he had remodeled.<sup>28</sup>



He was still advertising in July.<sup>29</sup>



At the start of the depression in 1930 he still valued the property at \$18,000.<sup>30</sup>

## Jobs

### Civilian

The census records list him as a plumber from 1900 as a seventeen-year-old until 1930. The newspaper accounts show him as the manager, and after a time, the owner of a 27-room hotel.

### WWI Draft

Otto registered for the draft 12 September 1918 in New Jersey.<sup>31</sup>

Otto claimed to be native born, an obvious attempt to show himself as more American in the middle of a war with Germany.

<sup>27</sup> Suffolk County Court (New York), "Index Grantees, Bk-z, 1893-1926," [Title implied as cover image unreadable], p. 142 (stamped), Otto Brauner & ano. grantee, Annie Brown & ors; imaged in "United States, New York Land Records, 1630-1975," FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9WY-LX7D>), digital film 007191728 > image 495 of 617 [or 335 of 534 index is squirrely]; citing County Clerks Office, Riverhead, New York.

<sup>28</sup> "Business Opportunities," *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* (Brooklyn, New York), 2 April 1927, Vol 87, No. 91, p 17, column 2; imaged at Newspapers.com (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/57556072/>), image 17 of 26.

<sup>29</sup> "Hotels and Resorts," *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* (Brooklyn, New York), 27 July 1927, Vol 87, No. 206, p A 5, column 1; imaged at Newspapers.com (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/59897824/>), image 25 of 30.

<sup>30</sup> 1930 U.S. Census, New York, Suffolk, Patchogue, pop sch, page 7A (penned), ED 52-24, SD 36, line 1, Otto Brauner.

<sup>31</sup> Selective Service System, Essex County (New Jersey), Division Five, Irvington, serial 4540, order 4367, card for Otto Brauner, registered 12 September 1918; imaged in "New Jersey, World War I Selective Service System draft registration cards 1917-1918," FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GBTQ-JWR>), digital film 005218865 > image 761 of 5636; citing NARA M1509.

## Biography

### Long

Otto Theobald Brauner was born to Otto Brauner and Anna Selma Lessig on 8 March 1883 in Altenburg, Thuringia, Germany.<sup>32</sup> Altenburg is forty kilometers south of Leipzig and 90 kilometers west of Dresden. Otto, his mother and two siblings, left Germany 19 June 1887 on the *Hammonia* and arrived in New York on 1 July 1887. The family settled in New Jersey.

Otto married Mary Barbara Trautvetter in 1910. They had three children. Around 1922 Otto and family move from New Jersey to Patchogue, Suffolk, New York. Patchogue is essentially in the middle of Long Island and about 60 miles from New York City.

While the census records consistently listed Otto as a plumber, in Patchogue he, and likely Anna, took on the role of hotel owner. Managing the 27-room Bay View hotel from 1922 and purchasing the hotel in 1925.

The records present an interesting picture regarding Otto and his connection to Germany. Otto was four when the family immigrated to the US in 1887. The family makes various claims regarding their immigration date with 1882 and 1885. Otto filed an Intention for Citizenship on 15 April 1895 while living in New Jersey. In the 1900 census the enumeration listed his birthplace as Germany, with immigration in 1885. No mark made in the naturalization column as under the laws of the time Otto was a citizen based on his father's status. In 1910, Otto now claimed immigration in 1882, which is prior to his birth, and naturalization. Otto registered for the draft on 12 September 1918. Now Otto is no longer born in Germany but a Native-Born U.S. Citizen. An option available on the card, and the accurate representation, would be citizen by father's naturalization before registrant's majority, but Otto did not select that. Otto has dropped all connections to Germany. In the 1920 and 1930 census enumerations Otto will claim a New Jersey birthplace.

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<sup>32</sup> Altenburg (Germany), "Geburtenregister," [cover unreadable], birth register, number 182 (penned), Otto Theobald Brauner recorded 13 March 1883; "Altenburg, Germany, Births, 1874-1901," Ancestry ([www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61141/images/45850\\_01%5E1%5E08%5E%5E1883-00186](http://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61141/images/45850_01%5E1%5E08%5E%5E1883-00186)), image 186 of 1088; citing Stadtarchiv Altenburg.