

Partial Genealogy of the Ruths
(of Maryland)

Main Political Affiliation:

1763-83
1789-1823
1824-33
1834-53
1854- Democrat

1750

1800

Jacob Ruth
(1809-at least 1850); (cabinet maker)
(Emigrated from Prussia to Baltimore, Maryland)
= Catherine ??? (1807-at least 1850)
(emigrated from Prussia)

?

3 Others

John A. Ruth
(1844-at least 1880)-

(founded lightning rod making/selling business, 1873)

= Mary Rebecca Jones ?? (1845-at least 1880)
(parents from Hanover, Germany)

1850

4 Others

George Herman Ruth I

(1877-1918); (saloon keeper/lightning rod maker/seller)

= Kate Schamburger
(1873-1912)

1900

George Herman "Babe" Ruth II

(1895-1948); (Dem); (shirt-maker/ball player)

(born Baltimore, Baltimore co. MD); (sent to St. Mary's reformatory & orphanage by impoverished parents, 1902-14)

(Major League Baseball pitcher/sluggger, 1914-35; with Boston Red Sox, 1914-19; with NY Yankees, 1920-34; with Boston Braves, 1935)

(credited with building of Yankee Stadium, 1923; The House That Ruth Built); (barn-storming tour of Far East, 1934, inspired start of Japanese baseball league, 1936)

(most home runs in season, 1927--60; most home runs in career--714); (\$80,000 salary in 1930); (Baseball Hall of Fame, 1936)

(also appeared in stage productions, cameo film roles, 1920s, radio shows, 1930s-40s)

Margaret Helen Woodford =
(1894?-1929); (waitress)

= Juanita Jennings (1894-1980)
(not married)

= Claire Merritt (Hodgson)
(1897-1976)
(actress/model)

-1 Daughter

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1950

2000