

## Herman and Anny Maul

Wedding greetings from **Herman Maul and Anny Münch** as they were wed on September 29, 1949, in Columbus, Ohio!



I found this photo in Germany, so I believe it was sent from America to relatives in Germany as both Herman and Anny were of German heritage.

Anny was born in 1910 in Germany to parents Baptiste and Babbette Münch.

Herman's parents Phillip and Anna Barbara Maul had immigrated to the US in 1891 and settled down in Columbus, Ohio. Herman was the youngest of the 3 sons, born in 1897. All 3 brothers - John, Carl and Herman - were veterans of WWI of the US army, Herman and Carl were also drafted to serve in the WWII.

Herman, who had been 18 years Anny's senior, was widowed in 1978 when Anny passed away. Five years later Herman was united with his beloved Anny. Neither of them had been married before and I've found no descendents for either of them.

I think that two other photos in the same photo lot I picked up from German ebay are of relevance to the Maul family. I assume these to be Herman's parents Phillip and Anna Barbara Maul, photographed also in Columbus, Ohio.



Of course, I cannot be 100% sure that these are Herman's parents, but if you compare the face features of the two men, they are very similar. The photos actually show them at the same years of age.



Plus both photos were taken in Columbus, Ohio.



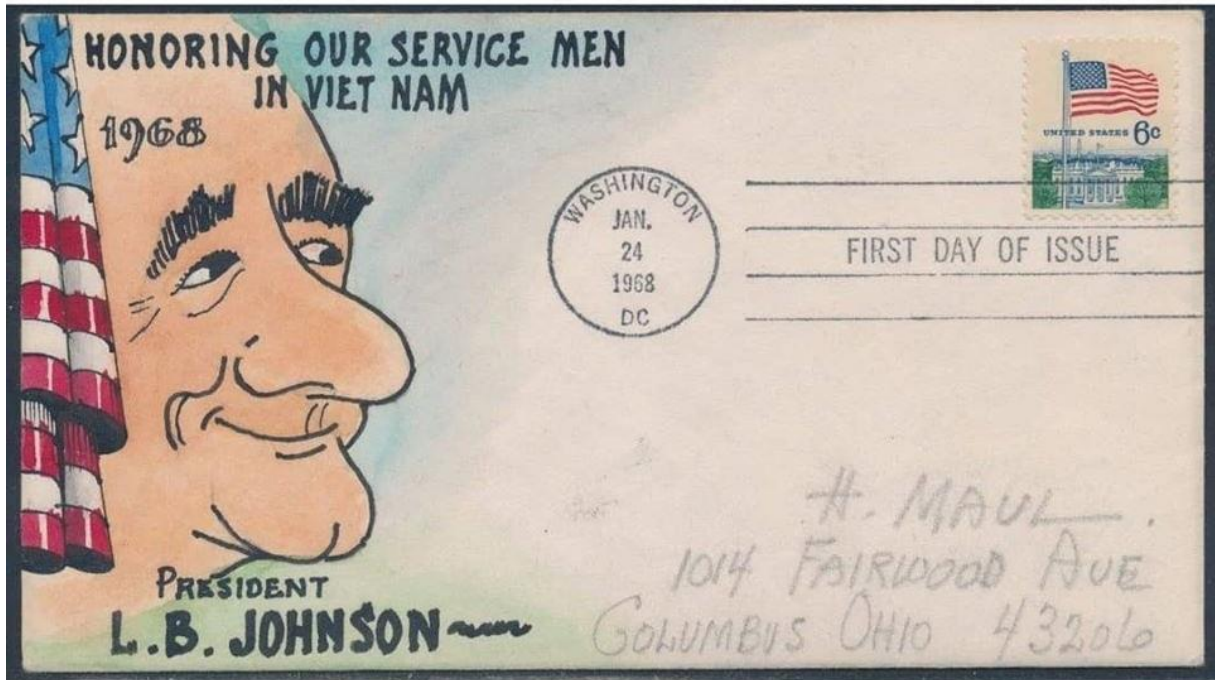
I believe the photo of the parents was taken some time around 1910, two decades after Phillip and Anna's arrival in the US in 1891. He became a home owner in the US by 1900. Looks like Phillip did well in the New World! Phillip passed away in 1941 and his wife Anna just a year later, both were buried at the Eastlawn Cemetery in Columbus. They raised three sons together, all first generation Americans.



So, once I was done with the census lists and marriage records etc., I turned to good old Google to find out if Herman and Anny Maul had left any digital trail behind. I was surprised to find out that Herman had been an incredible illustrator! Apparently, his illustrated envelope covers have a worth for



collectors nowadays. I borrowed these images from the internet to show you some of his work (his artist signature is on the backside of the envelopes).



The third picture in the photo lot, that I found in Germany, was a large cabinet card of a detached house. It does not bear any identification of the location. Someone on Instagram, though, pointed out that it looked very much like a North American home rather than a German one of the time. As it came in the same photo lot with Herman Maul's wedding photo from Columbus, Ohio, I now believe that this might have been the family Maul home in Columbus, Ohio, in about 1910. Herman's father Phillip Maul had become a homeowner sometime between the censuses of 1900 and 1910. So this might be the proud moment he shows off his new found prosperity in the New World by sending this photo to the relatives back home in Germany.



In 1910, family Maul lived in 832 S. 18th Street in Columbus, Ohio. There doesn't seem to be a house standing on the exact spot anymore (Google maps), but the neighbouring houses look pretty similar in style.



From Ancestry records I gather that neither of Herman's brothers were married or had descendants, so I have given up hope of ever reuniting these photos with their family. But I've enjoyed telling their story and thank you for listening.

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