

Identity of Curly's First Wife Discovered

The mystery identity of Curly Howard's first wife, which has long been a matter of intrigue for Stooge scholars, has recently been discovered. Thanks to exhaustive research by Stooge super-sleuth Bill Cappello, we can report that Curly married Julia Rosenthal on August 5, 1930. Rosenthal's parents were Julius Rosenthal and Besse Lipins. She was born in Bangor, Maine on November 26, 1900.

A copy of the marriage license obtained from the state of New York, reveals several interesting pieces of information. Curly's age is listed as 29, although he was actually only 26 at the time. Rosenthal's age is listed as 26, although she was actually 29. The fact that Curly was 26 refutes the account given in *The Three Stooges Scrapbook*

which reported that Curly's first marriage took place during his teenage years. Also interesting is that the marriage license lists Curly's occupation as "salesman," although no previous Stooge research has ever uncovered any evidence that Curly held any jobs involving selling.

The wedding ceremony took place at 5415 14th Avenue in Brooklyn, NY and was presided over by Rabbi Jacob Schacter.

Many thanks to Bill Cappello for his efforts to investigate this long-time mystery. Bill will continue researching this matter to determine if Rosenthal ever remarried, and what ultimately became of her. Of course, if any additional information is uncovered, we'll report on it in *The Journal*.