Some Adolph and Davis Families Background

In the year 1930 the US Federal Census tells us that Rose Adolph and family were living at 608 East Monroe Avenue, Harlingen, TX. Rose gave her age as 34 (born around 1896) and her birthplace as Austria. She is already a widow. Living at home with her are: Leo, age 15, who was born in New York State; Mildred, 9, who was born in Maryland; and Dorothy, 6, born in Texas. Also in the residence are apparently Rose's parents Max Nebensahl, age 56, and Toba Nebensahl, age either 50 or 55 (there was a crossout on the form by the census taker). They are both Austrian born and speak German. He is a salesman in a retail clothing store (very likely the one owned and managed by daughter Rose).

By the 1940 census the residential address of the Adolphs is given as 608 East Monroe Avenue. For Rose there is a discrepancy in data from the previous census. She notes her age to be 48 which would put her birth at 1842. Also she says that she was born in New York rather than Austria. Still at home are Leo, 24, and who is the owner-manager of a retail shoe store, Mildred, 19, and Dorothy, 16.

Telephone directories over the years provide this information:
- 1939 residence at 605 E. Monroe
- 1941 Rose has a store at 104 E. Jackson
- 1942 family still at 605 E. Monroe
- 1944 Leo is noted to a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps at the Harlingen Army Air Field
- 1948 Rose is living at 918 E. Polk Avenue and with her is Leo and his wife Ann
- 1950 This year Leo and Ann are still residing with his mother, but Leo is operating a retail store in Weslaco, Texas
- 1954 Rose has by now moved to a house at 817 E. Parkwood Drive and Leo and Ann continue to reside with her
- 1956 Rose now resides at 1913 Bell while Leo is listed as owner of Leo's Department Store.

Leo had enlisted in the Army on January 8, 1946. He was discharged January 8, 1946. Born November 3, 1913, he was to die in San Jose, Santa Clara, CA on June 22, 1972.

There is to be found little census information for the Davis family. While this is strange the family may have moved frequently and been missed. The 1940 census does show Charles J. Davis, age 35 (birth around 1904), and his wife Florence, age 25, living on W. Pierce Avenue. Their 1935 home had been in McAllen, TX. He was noted to have been born in Mississippi and she in Oklahoma. He notes himself as proprietor of a retail millinery store and she a clerk in one.

Telephone directories provide us this information for Gerald Davis, Charles' younger brother:
- 1948 Gerald is living at 1620 S. First Street and employed in the Diana Shop (this is his brother Charles' home)
- 1950 By this year he has married Mildred Adolph, and they are living with her mother at 918 E. Polk; he is now manager of the Diana Shop that is owned by his brother Charles who is now married to Carol
- 1952 Gerald is now owner of the Diana Shop, and he and Mildred have a child
- 1956 Gerald, Mildred and child are now living with her mother at 1913 Bell, Harlingen

Gerald, who was born December 14, 1908, is to die on June 11, 1976 at age 67. He is buried in the Congregation Agudes Achim Cemetery in San Antonio, TX. His brother Charles is also buried there, Charles Jacob Davis was born July 27, 1904 and died January 7, 1973, age 68.