

Honorine Thiele Reinstein
1895-1937

Honorine Thiele Reinstein was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania on January 22, 1895. She graduated from the University of Buffalo Arts College in 1926, the Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital (n.d.), and the University of Buffalo Law School, class of 1930. Honorine was a nurse in Niagara Falls during the Influenza Epidemic during World War I. Honorine died at Saranac Lake, August 6, 1937. The entrance to Reinstein Woods nature preserve is named after her.

Julia Agnes Boyer Reinstein
1907-1998

Julia Agnes Boyer Reinstein was born in Castile, New York in 1907. Julia attended and graduated from Elmira College & Columbia University. She was a history teacher in South Dakota and in New York.



In 1942, Julia married Dr. Reinstein in Baltimore, Maryland. Julia was the first Cheektowaga town historian from 1953 to 1992. She established 28 town historical societies throughout Erie County and helped found the Erie County Historical Federation in 1955. Julia established the New York Historical Collection at Elmira College, a collection significant for the study of women in New York. As an advocate for women's rights, she was instrumental in the establishment of the Department of Women's Studies at Elmira College. She aided in the acquisition of the old Adam's house on the Buffalo History Museum campus, now named the Julia Boyer Reinstein Center. The "Great Lady" of Cheektowaga, passed away on July 18, 1998.

The Julia Boyer Reinstein Library is named after her.



The Collection

The Reinstein Family Archives was donated to the Cheektowaga Public Libraries in 1984. In November 1992 the Archives was opened to scholars and the community.

The Archives contains over 102 cubic feet of records—including letters, photographs, printed materials, monographs and artifacts that span from 1880-1998.

The collection includes historically significant materials regarding the development and history of Cheektowaga, suburbanization, the Socialist Labor Party (SLP) in the United States and in Europe, along with family materials.



For more information, or to make an appointment to visit the archive, please call 716-892-8089.

**Reinstein Family Archives:
The Socialist, the Humanitarian, the Philanthropist and the Historian**

**From Russia to Cheektowaga, NY
1866-1998**



The Reinstein Family Archives is located in the Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library

**2580 Harlem Road
Cheektowaga, New York
14225**

Boris Isaevich Reinstein

1866-1947



Boris Isaevich Reinstein was born July 5, 1866 at Rostov-on-the-Don. As a youth, he was very active politically and banned from attending schools in Russia, so he entered the University of Berne, Switzerland. There, he studied chemistry and pharmacology, and met Anna Mogilova.

Anna and Boris were married in 1887. Reinstein continued his political activities and was arrested in both Germany and France. In Paris, he was arrested and sentenced to two years of solitary confinement for his alleged involvement in a plot to assassinate Czar Alexander III. He was expelled from France in 1892, and from there he traveled to the United States to join his wife and daughter in Buffalo, NY.

In Buffalo, Reinstein ran a pharmacy on Broadway and received a pharmacology degree from the University of Buffalo in 1898. He became an American citizen in that same year, on June 4. In the United States, he recruited for the Socialist Labor Party (SLP) throughout Western New York and neighboring states. He became the secretary of the National Executive Committee of the SLP of America in 1911 and was the SLP candidate for Lieutenant Governor of New York in 1916.

Reinstein returned to Russia permanently in 1917. He served as Minister of Publicity in Russia and later became secretary to Lenin. He also held the post of Chief, Bureau of International Revolutionary Propaganda, and the Minister of Labor in 1923. In 1923 he renounced his U.S. citizenship. He later worked in the library at the Marx, Lenin and Engels Institute until 1939 when he was named English editor of Sovietland. As late as 1944 he was working at the Sovinformburo, and he died on approximately November 15, 1947 in Moscow.

Anna Mogilova Reinstein

1866-1948



Anna Mogilova Reinstein was born February 28, 1866 in a suburb of Warsaw. Anna was educated in medicine at the University of Bern, Switzerland and graduated in 1891.

She met and married Boris Reinstein in 1887 and moved to Paris with him shortly after graduation. When Boris Reinstein was arrested and jailed in Paris, Anna left France with their daughter, Nadina, for America and settled in Buffalo. She visited Russia sometime in 1922-23. Anna lived on Williams Street in Buffalo for a brief time, then on Broadway until she and her son, Victor, moved to Cheektowaga.

Anna received her Physicians and Surgeons Certificate for New York State in late 1891. In September of 1891 she began to organize the Polish Socialists in Buffalo for the Socialist Labor Party. She became the editor of the Buffalo SLP newspaper, SILA (Strength), in 1896. Anna was actively engaged in supporting medical relief activities for Russia, but apparently dropped many of her political activities after 1925. She and her son, Victor, shared a medical practice in Cheektowaga where they had moved in 1904 and where she remained until her death on June 22, 1948. Shortly before her death, the American Medical Association honored her as a leading woman physician in the United States.

The Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library is named after her.



Nadina Reinstein Kavinoky

1888-1973



Nadina Reinstein Kavinoky was born January 5, 1888 in Zurich, Switzerland. Nadina graduated from the University of Buffalo Medical School as an Obstetrician and Gynecologist in 1910.

She married Nahum Kavinoky, also a doctor, in 1908. She published several articles on family health in medical journals. Nadina died on November 24, 1973 in California.

Victor Reinstein

1894-1984



Victor Reinstein was born August 12, 1894 in Buffalo, New York. He graduated from the University of Buffalo with degrees in Medicine (1916) and Law (1922).

He shared a medical practice with his mother, and also invested in real estate. Among his first investments were the Bellevue Land and Improvement Company and Homewood Park and he eventually expanded his holdings to include much of Cheektowaga. He also had a long career of public service. Victor was a philanthropist who donated funds for both Cheektowaga Public Library branches. He also donated funds to expand Losson Park, and donated a 200 acre nature preserve, Reinstein Woods, to New York State.

Victor Reinstein married Honorine Thiele sometime between 1926 and 1929, and they had two sons. He remarried in 1942 to Julia Agnes Boyer with whom he had a daughter. Victor Reinstein died May 27, 1984.