

## The Podradchik Family Story



Pictured above are eight of the ten Podradchik family children in Ukraine in 1914. From left to right are Sam, Rose and three unnamed children, followed by Edna, Abraham, and Charles. Russian soldiers stationed in Odesa, Ukraine, abducted one Podradchik son (the unnamed boy in the photo) and impressed him into the Russian Army, where he ultimately rose to the rank of general. The Podradchik children lost their mother shortly after this picture was taken.

Around 1920, Sam, Rose, Edna, Abraham, and Charles immigrated to Chelsea with their father, who had owned a fish business in Odessa. The business's bookkeeper, Saul Levine, married his boss's daughter, Rose Podradchik before they came to the US. In Chelsea, Saul and his brother Jack owned Revere Smoked Fish and Sealect Foods on Williams Street. Revere was a retail establishment, and Sealect was a wholesale enterprise. Their customers included not only local consumers but also buyers from as far away as New Hampshire and Maine.

The Levines stopped smoking fish years later when they moved their businesses to Marginal Street. Edna, Abraham, and Charles lived in an apartment over the Walata Funeral Parlor on Washington Avenue soon after they arrived in Chelsea. Sam owned Podradchik's Appetizers on Arlington Street and, later, Bay State Fish

Company on Willow Street. Edna married Nathan Roberts, who owned Roberts Oil Company on Willow Street. Edna was the oil company's bookkeeper.

Charles worked for his brother Sam's Bay State Fish Company and, later, for his brother-in-law's Revere Smoked Fish & Sealect Foods. Charles's son, David, remembers his father as a hard worker and proud American. Below are shown four of the eight children pictured above. Standing, Edna (1905-2000), Abraham (1907–1995), and Charles (1909–1998). Seated is Sam (1892–1988).



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