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MEYER KUSSY

Myer Kussy was born in Newark, Dec. 22, 1860, at the family home, then rear the present site of the West Side Trust Company, of which he is the head. His parents were Gustav & Bellea (Bloch) Kussy; his father, who was a man of a very practical outlook upon life, much respected by his neighbors, and a citizen deeply interested in all movements for the welfare of the community, was for many years engaged in the butcher business, conducting a model market which commanded the patronage of many of the leading families of the city of Gustave Kussy died in 1907, leaving behind a record/worthy achievement. His wife died in 1909.

Meyer Kussy received his education in the local public and high schools, completing the latter course at the age of 16. Upon completion the became connected with his father's meat market, later establishing himself in a similar enterprise, in which he remained actively engaged until 1899.

Mr. Kussy joined the group of far sighted and progressive men who, in 1902 organized the West Side Trust Company.

As president of the West Side Trust Co. Mr. Kussy has brought to bear upon its affairs large wisdom gained from practical experience in the business world as well as the outstanding natural ability which has already carried him to a position of organized success.

"He possessed a keen insight into banking problems. His knowledge of real estate and security values. Always a careful student of financial values, and with a rare ability to estimate true worth, Mr. Kussy becomes a recognized authority on investments securities.

He has played a prominent part in handling the securities of the State of

New Jersey, Essex County, and the City of Newark, entire issues at times running up to several millions of dollars, frequently being purchased and distributed to financial institutions and the investing public by the West Side Trust Co., which also is a member of the acts as the representative and distributor, for syndicates headed by some of the largest investment bankers of the country. Many of whom have been on terms of friendship with Mr. Kussy.

Mr. Kussy has served as president of the Uptown B/L Assn. since 1893.

While frequently importuned to do so, he has never become a candidate for or accepted public office, other than serving at times as member of the grand jury and at one time as foresman. During the World War he was assiduous worker in movements for sending moral and financial support to the government and always took the stand that it was his duty to do this, not only as an individual, but also the head of a financial institution.

His religious affiliation is the Congregation Oheb Shalom, of which he has long been a trustee.

Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order, holding the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is also affiliated with the Mystic Shrine.

He was married in 1909 to Rose Kussy, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Maxmilian Kussy, and has one daughter, Miss Bella Kussy. They made their home in Newark.