Frida Sophie Hellmann Stern was born in Würzburg, Bavaria, Germany, on September 5, 1885, to Bernhard Hellmann and Hedwig Back Hellmann. She had at least one sister, Martha Valentin of Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

Frida married her husband, Bernhard “Bruno” Stern, in 1906 in Germany. He was also from Würzburg, Bavaria. Frida and Bruno had three sons: Franz Otto Stern, William Bernhard Stern, and Ernest George Stern. All three of their children eventually immigrated to the U.S.

Based on the Germany, Data on 7,400 North Bavarian Jews database on Ancestry, both Frida and Bruno sailed from Germany, with their last residence being Würzburg, to London, England, on December 30, 1938. On March 15, 1939, Frida, at the age of 53, and Bruno, at the age of 58, arrived in New York on the S.S. Europa from Southampton, England. The ship’s manifest listed Bruno as a judge and both he and Frida as “Hebrews.” According to the ship’s manifest, their final destination was St. Louis, Missouri, to the home of their son, Dr. Franz Stern. The inclusion of Bruno and Frida in the 1940 census record in State College, Pennsylvania, indicates they arrived in State College as late as April 18, 1940, which is when the 1940 census was conducted in State College.

On June 2, 1944, the Daily Collegian advertised a talk with Frida Stern called, “Life in Germany Before and After World War I” for Pi Gamma Mu, a national social science honor society’s, initiation banquet. According to the article, Frida immigrated to the U.S. with her husband after he escaped from a German concentration camp.

In State College, Frida and Bruno arrived in State College lived on East Irvin Avenue until their deaths. In the 1940 and 1950 census records, they lived at “116 East Irwin” and “112 East Irain Avenue,” respectively. Both street names are presumably misspellings for East Irvin Avenue. In Bruno’s World War II Draft registration card from 1942, he lived at 122 Irvin Avenue in State College. Advertisements for Frida’s combined baking and catering company, Frida Stern, also list their home in 1947, 1952, 1954, 1955, and 1956 as 122 East Irvin Avenue.
On Bruno’s death certificate, he was listed as a retired lawyer. It is unclear, however, if he ever practiced law in the U.S. In numerous advertisements in the Daily Collegian, Frida operated Frida Stern, a baking and catering company selling sandwiches, cookies, fruit punch, cakes, canapes, and other foods. Her advertisements sought business from local community members, students, and fraternities. Frida appears to have operated the business out of her home at 122 East Irvin Avenue, but a 1947 advertisement from October 21 mentioned orders could be placed at the Schlow’s Quality Show, a business owned by a Jewish State College businessman, Charles Schlow, in State College. In the 1950 census record, Frida and Bruno are listed as running a bake shop.

According to her death certificate, Frida died at the age of 71 on June 14, 1957, of complications with her liver. She died at her home at 112 East Irvin Avenue in State College. She was buried in the Rodef Shalom Cemetery in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on June 16, 1957. Rabbi Benjamin Kahn of Penn State Hillel officiated her funeral. Her husband, Bruno, died two months later, on September 22, 1957, and was buried alongside her at Rodef Shalom.

MISCELLANEOUS STORIES

On December 11, 1942, the Daily Collegian reported Frida was a special guest, along with Mrs. Ralph D. Hetzel, at the annual WRA party.

On December 7, 1948, the Daily Collegian reported Frida as a “foreign-born” panel member of a discussion at Pi Lambda Theta about “Making Peace a Reality.” Aside from other “foreign-born” panelists, the other panelists included students who recently studied abroad.

RESIDENCE

1940 CENSUS
126 EAST IRWIN, STATE COLLEGE, CENTRE, PENNSYLVANIA, USA
Lived with Bruno Stern (husband, 59).

1950 CENSUS
122 EAST IRAIN AVENUE, STATE COLLEGE, CENTRE, PENNSYLVANIA, USA
Lived with Bruno Stern (husband, 69).

TIMELINE

BIRTH
5 SEP-1885
WÜERZBURG, BAVARIA, GERMANY

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IMMIGRATION
15 MAR-1939
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, USA
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DEATH
14-JUN-1957
STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA, USA

Frida died at her home at 112 East Irvin Avenue in State College of complications with her liver. She was 71 years old.

BURIAL
16-JUN-1957
BELLEFONTE, PENNSYLVANIA, USA

Frida was buried in the Rodef Shalom Cemetery in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

HEADSTONE

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BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS

1947

From the *Daily Collegian*, February 18, 1947.

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1952

From The Daily Collegian, July 8, 1947.

From The Daily Collegian, October 21, 1947, pg. 5.

From the Daily Collegian, October 2, 1952, pg. 7.
1954

From the Daily Collegian, October 16, 1954, pg. 2.

Order Your Cookies and Sandwiches for your Christmas Parties as soon as possible
FRIDA STERN
122 E. Irvin Ave.
Phone AD 7-4818

From the Daily Collegian, November 19, 1954, pg. 5.

1955

For your breakfasts... Order my well-known Coffee Cakes
For your teaparties... Try my fancy Sandwiches and Cookies
FRIDA STERN
122 E. Irvin Ave. Phone AD 7-4818

From the Daily Collegian, April 28, 1955, pg. 2.
PARTY REFRESHMENTS
especially hors d'oeuvres
Other Kind of Sandwiches
Excellent Fruit Punch

FRIDA STERN
122 E. Irvin Ave. — Phone AD 7-4818

From the Daily Collegian, April 13, 1956, pg. 8.