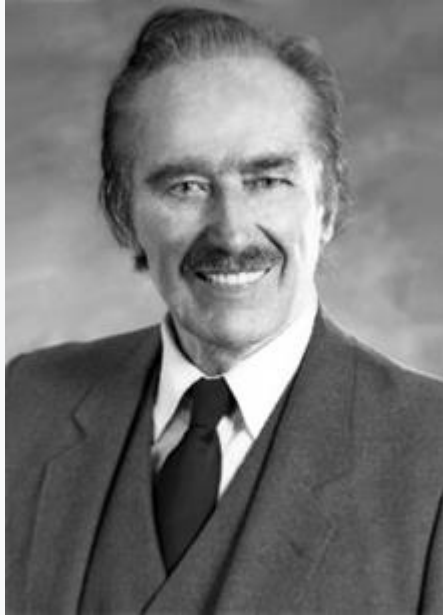


This article is about the real estate developer. For his father, see [Frederick Trump](#).

Fred Trump



Personal details

Born	Frederick Christ Trump October 11, 1905 The Bronx , New York, U.S.
Died	June 25, 1999 (aged 93) New Hyde Park, New York , U.S.
Cause of death	Pneumonia
Resting place	Lutheran All Faiths Cemetery Queens , New York
Nationality	American

Spouse(s)	Mary Anne MacLeod (m. 1936; his death 1999)
Children	Maryanne Frederick Jr. Elizabeth Donald Robert
Parents	Frederick Trump Elizabeth Christ Trump
Relatives	See <i>Trump family</i>
Education	Richmond Hill High School
Occupation	Real estate developer Elizabeth Trump & Son Co.
Net worth	▲ US\$250–300 million (June 1999)

Frederick Christ Trump Sr. (October 11, 1905 – June 25, 1999) was an American real estate developer and philanthropist, primarily in New York City, and father of [Donald Trump](#), the [45th President of the United States](#), and [Maryanne Trump Barry](#), a [United States Court of Appeals](#) judge.

Trump's father, [Frederick](#), died when Trump was 12 years old. By 15, in partnership with his mother, [Elizabeth Christ Trump](#)^[1], and non-family investors, Trump had begun a career in home construction and sales. The development company was incorporated as E. Trump & Son in 1927, and grew to build and manage single-family houses in [Queens](#), barracks and garden apartments for [U.S. Navy](#) personnel near major [shipyards](#) along the [East Coast](#), and more than 27,000 apartments in [New York City](#).

Trump was investigated by a [U.S. Senate](#) committee for wartime profiteering (1954), and by the [U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division](#) for civil rights violations (1973). According to [The New York Times](#) and [The Washington Post](#), Trump's reputation as a landlord inspired a critical song by tenant and folk singer, [Woody Guthrie](#).^{[2][3]}

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Early life[[edit](#)]



Family portrait, 1915; from left to right: Fred, his father [Frederick](#), sister Elizabeth, mother [Elizabeth](#), and brother [John](#).

Frederick Christ Trump was born in [the Bronx](#) on October 11, 1905.^[4] Trump was one of three children of German immigrants [Elizabeth](#) (née Christ) and [Frederick Trump](#). He had a younger brother [John](#) and an older sister Elizabeth Trump Walters (1904–1961). His father Frederick (born Friedrich) had immigrated to [New York City](#) in 1885 from the German village of [Kallstadt, Palatinate](#) (by then part of the [Kingdom of Bavaria](#)) and made a fortune in the [Klondike Gold Rush](#). He then returned to Kallstadt and married Elisabeth Christ, daughter of a former neighbor and 11 years younger, in 1902.^{[4]:pp. 94}

Friedrich Trump's name was incorrectly recorded as Trumpf on the passenger list of his ship when he immigrated to the USA.^[5] Britt Peterson of *[The Boston Globe](#)* reports, based on the Blair biography, that the family had changed the spelling from the ancestral Drumpf, sometime during the [Thirty Years' War](#) (1618–1648).^[6]

Soon after Fred's birth, the family moved to [Woodhaven, Queens](#). In 1918, when he was 12 years old, his father died during the [1918 flu pandemic](#).^[7] From 1918 to 1923, he attended [Richmond Hill High School](#) in Queens.^[8]

Career[[edit](#)]

Trump became a carpenter and took classes in reading blueprints.^[9] In 1920, at age 15, Fred Trump went into business with his mother in construction and [real estate development](#), forming [Elizabeth Trump & Son](#). His mother [Elizabeth Christ Trump](#) was an active partner, signing the

checks since he was under 21 and not yet an adult.^[1] With an \$800 loan from his mother, Trump built his first house in Woodhaven in 1923 and sold it for \$7,000.^[9] His mother incorporated Elizabeth Trump & Son in 1927, when Fred was 22. The firm had three outside investors and initial capital of \$50,000.^[10]

In the late 1920s, Trump began building single-family houses in [Queens](#), which were sold for \$3,990 each. By the mid-1930s in the middle of the [Great Depression](#), he helped pioneer the concept of supermarkets with the Trump Market in Woodhaven, which advertised "Serve Yourself and Save!", becoming an instant hit. After only a year Trump sold it to the [King Kullen](#) supermarket chain.^[9]

During World War II, Trump built barracks and garden apartments for [U.S. Navy](#) personnel near major [shipyards](#) along the East Coast, including [Chester, Pennsylvania](#), [Newport News, Virginia](#), and [Norfolk, Virginia](#). After the war he expanded into middle-income housing for the families of returning veterans, building Shore Haven in [Bensonhurst](#) in 1949, and Beach Haven near [Coney Island](#) in 1950 (a total of 2,700 apartments). In 1963–1964, he built [Trump Village](#), an apartment complex in [Coney Island](#), for US\$70 million.^[9]

Although both of Trump's parents were born in Germany and he had been conceived there,^[11] for decades after [World War II](#) Trump told friends and family that his family was of Swedish origin. According to his nephew John Walter, "He had a lot of Jewish tenants and it wasn't a good thing to be German in those days."^[12]

Trump built and operated [affordable rental housing](#) via large apartment complexes in New York City, including more than 2,700 low-income multifamily apartments and [row houses](#) in the neighborhoods of Coney Island, Bensonhurst, [Sheepshead Bay](#), [Flatbush](#), and [Brighton Beach](#) in [Brooklyn](#), and [Flushing](#) and [Jamaica Estates](#) in Queens.^[citation needed]

Fred's son, [Donald Trump](#), joined Trump Management Company in 1968, and rose to become company president in 1971. He renamed it *The Trump Organization* in 1980. Donald Trump was reported to have received a loan from his father in the mid-1970s of \$1 million (variously reported as numerous loans exceeding \$14 million).^[12] The younger Trump described this as a "very small loan", which allowed him to enter the real estate business in [Manhattan](#), while his father stuck to Brooklyn and Queens.^[13] "It was good for me," Donald later commented. "You know, being the son of somebody, it could have been competition to me. This way, I got Manhattan all to myself."^[12]

During the 1980s, Fred Trump became friends with future-Prime Minister of Israel, [Benjamin Netanyahu](#), who was the Israeli Ambassador to the [United Nations](#) in [Manhattan](#).^[14]

Controversies[[edit](#)]

On [Memorial Day](#) in 1927, the [Ku Klux Klan](#) marched in [Queens](#) to protest that "Native-born Protestant Americans" were being "assaulted by Roman Catholic [police of New York City](#)".^[15] Fred Trump was one of seven men who were arrested that day "on a charge of refusing to disperse from a parade when ordered to do so."^[15] In 2016, [Vice](#) magazine reported on their

investigation of earlier newspaper clippings and found that Trump was the only person arrested who was not charged with any crime, leading them to conclude that he could have been a bystander; they also speculated that Trump may have been a member of the KKK, which had gone through a revival in urban areas after 1915.^[16] When asked about the issue in September 2015 by [The New York Times](#), [Donald Trump](#), then a candidate for [presidency of the United States](#), denied that his father had been arrested, or that he had been in the KKK.^[17]

In 1954, Trump was investigated by a U.S. Senate committee for profiteering from public contracts, including overstating his Beach Haven building charges by US\$3.7 million.^[3] In testimony before the Senate Banking Committee in 1954, William F. McKenna, appointed to investigate "scandals" within the [FHA](#), cited Fred C. Trump and his partner William Tomasello as examples of how profits were made by builders using the FHA.^[citation needed] McKenna said the two paid \$34,200 for a piece of land which they rented to their corporation for over \$60,000 per year in a 99-year lease, so that if the apartment they built on it ever defaulted, the FHA would owe \$1.5 million on it. McKenna said that Trump and Tomasello obtained loans for \$3.5 million more than the apartments cost.^[citation needed] Trump testified before the Senate Banking Committee the following month as it investigated "windfall profits." He said that builders would not have built apartments under an expired post-war loan insurance program if regulations had set inflexible limits on loans issued by the FHA.^{[18][non-primary source needed][19][non-primary source needed]} Folk icon [Woody Guthrie](#), who from 1950 was a tenant in one of Trump's apartment complexes in Brooklyn, criticized Trump as a landlord. He wrote lyrics that accused his landlord of stirring up [racial hate](#) "in the bloodpot of human hearts".^[2]

In 1973, the [Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ) filed a civil rights suit against the Trump Organization (TO; Fred Trump, chair, 27-year-old Donald Trump, president) charging it with "violating the Fair Housing Act of 1968."^[20] In response, Trump attorney [Roy Cohn](#) filed a counter-suit against the government for \$100 million, "portray[ing] the Trumps as the victims," claiming the DOJ's "falsely accusing them of discrimination."^[20]

The suits arose after complaints to the [New York City Commission on Human Rights](#) and to the [Urban League](#) led the League and other groups to send black and white "testers" to apply for apartments in Trump-owned complexes, which led them to conclude that whites got apartments in the buildings of their interest, while blacks generally did not; both advocacy organizations then raised the issue with the Justice Department.^[20] As reported by [Wayne Barrett](#) and Jon Campbell for [The Village Voice](#), citing court records, "four superintendents or rental agents confirmed that applications sent to the [TO] central office for acceptance or rejection were coded by race."^[21] An early *Village Voice* article by Wayne Barrett in 1979 cited court records from the case and reported that a TO rental agent indicated he had been given instructions by Fred Trump "not to rent to blacks" and to "decrease the number of black tenants" by encouraging their relocation to other housing.^{[22][21]} After approximately two years in court, a [consent decree](#) between the DOJ and the TO was signed (June 10, 1975), with both sides claiming victory^[20]—the TO for its perceived ability to continue to deny rentals to welfare recipients,^{[22][20]} and the head of DOJ's housing division for the decree being "one of the most far-reaching ever negotiated,"^{[20][22]} as it personally and corporately prohibited the Trumps and the TO from "discriminating against any person in the terms, conditions, or priveleges [*sic.*] of sale or rental of a dwelling,"^[20] and "required Trump to advertise vacancies in minority papers and list

vacancies... [preferentially, with a Center of] the Urban League," as well as to use the ads to inform potential minority applicants that they had equal opportunity to seek housing at TO properties.^[20] Finally, it required the TO to "promote minorities to professional jobs,"^[22] and it ordered the Trumps "to 'thoroughly acquaint themselves personally on a detailed basis' with the Fair Housing Act."^[20] The Justice Department would subsequently further complain that continuing "racially discriminatory conduct by Trump agents has occurred with such frequency that it has created a substantial impediment to the full enjoyment of equal opportunity."^{[when?][21]}

Philanthropy[[edit](#)]

Fred Trump and his wife Mary supported medical charities through the gifts of buildings. Mary Trump received medical care at the Jamaica Hospital Medical Center. Afterward, Fred and Mary contributed a building, the Trump Pavilion, to the medical center.^{[7][23][24]} Community Mainstreaming Associates of Great Neck, which "provides homes for functionally retarded adults," received, in a combined gift to the [National Kidney Foundation](#) (New York/New Jersey chapter), a two building complex in Brooklyn;^{[7][23]} the Cerebral Palsy Foundation (New York/New Jersey chapter) also received a building.^[7] In addition, Trump made charitable contributions to the [Long Island Jewish Hospital](#), and to the [Hospital for Special Surgery](#) in Manhattan,^[7] and Mrs. Trump served on the Women's Auxiliary of the Jamaica Day Nursery.^[23]

Fred Trump supported Jewish and Israeli causes and institutions, including his donation of the land for building the Beach Haven Jewish Center in [Flatbush, New York](#),^[25] and significant support for [Israel Bonds](#), debt securities that trade at a risk-adjusted spread to U.S. Treasury bonds and are issued by the government of Israel.^[26]

The Trumps were active in the Salvation Army, the Boy Scouts of America and the Lighthouse for the Blind among other charities.^[23] Fred Trump also provided support to the school his children attended, [The Kew-Forest School](#),^[7] where he served on the board of directors.^[27]

Personal life[[edit](#)]

Trump married [Mary Anne MacLeod](#) (born May 10, 1912 in [Stornoway, Scotland](#)) in 1936 and they settled in Jamaica, Queens.^[28] Her birthplace is on the Scottish island of [Lewis and Harris](#).^[29] On May 2, 1930, she emigrated to the United States, leaving [Glasgow](#) on the [RMS Transylvania](#). She stated her occupation as "domestic," meaning either a servant or maid in domestic service.^[28] She returned to Scotland on the [SS Cameronia](#), arriving on September 12, 1934.^[citation needed] She traveled on a "re-entry permit" obtained from Washington on March 3, 1934—a permit only granted to immigrants intending to stay and gain U.S. citizenship—where she was again listed as a "domestic", going to live with her sister Catherine Reid.^{[30][31]}

Fred and Mary Trump had five children.^{[32][33]} Their adult, married names and occupations are or were: [Maryanne Trump Barry](#) (born 1937), a federal appeals court judge; Frederick Christ "Freddy" Trump, Jr. (1938–1981), an airline pilot with [Trans World Airlines](#);^[34] Elizabeth Trump Grau (born 1942), an executive assistant at [Chase Manhattan Bank](#); [Donald Trump](#) (born 1946), businessman, television personality, and 45th [President of the United States](#);^[35] and [Robert](#)

[Trump](#) (born 1948), president of his father's property management company.^[32] Freddy Trump, Jr. predeceased his parents, dying at age 42 of complications associated with his [alcoholism](#).^{[34][36]}

Fred Trump suffered from [Alzheimer's disease](#) for six years.^[7] He fell ill with [pneumonia](#) in June 1999 and was admitted to [Long Island Jewish Medical Center](#) in New Hyde Park, where he died at age 93 a few weeks later.^[37] Trump's estate was estimated by his family at \$250 million to \$300 million;^[7] his funeral was held at the [Marble Collegiate Church](#).^[37] He is interred at Lutheran All Faiths Cemetery in [Middle Village, Queens](#).^[38] His widow, Mary, died the following summer, on August 7, 2000, in [New Hyde Park, New York](#), at age 88.^[23]

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