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Notes:

As you read this book, you will find that the Germans had a customary tradition for naming their children. Often they were given a first name or spiritual name such as Johann or Maria, then a middle name, which was usually used throughout their life. For example Johann Bernhard became Bernhard and Maria Catharina became Catharina or Catherine.

Copies of many original documents are used in this book. However, a word of caution . . . they often contain errors. Misspelled names and incorrect dates are a couple of examples. This inaccurate information may have been provided by the informant or the person receiving the information recorded it incorrectly. Despite some inaccuracies, these records are invaluable pieces of evidence in researching family history.

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Dedication . . .



*Elisabeth
(Knoche) Voss*

As a niece, Elisabeth heard stories about her three aunts and their children's ventures to America. As a sister, she watched two of her brothers leave the homeland in search of enterprising opportunities in the United States. As a mother, Elisabeth supported and encouraged six of her children to seek out a better life in a country known for her freedoms and the fulfillment of dreams. Elisabeth's selfless love and desire of hope and happiness for her children has left a lasting mark on future generations calling America their home. It is fitting that this book is dedicated in her honor.

Introduction . . .

As the granddaughter of Frank and Mary Knoche, I was inspired to write this book to tell our family's story which is a story that can be told by millions of immigrants who made America their home. It is a story of the trek across the homeland to the port of departure, then sailing across the Atlantic Ocean, finding their way to Michigan, then on to the little community of Five Lakes. It is a story of a family who lived through the times of travel by horse and wagon to seeing a man walk on the moon. It is the story of a family who lived through worldwide changes, the great immigration to settle the United States of America, the Great Depression, World Wars, and the invention of the internet, to name a few. It is my hope that those who read this book will reflect back on the sacrifices that our ancestors made while meeting the challenges to make a better life for themselves and their family.

The story of Frank Knoche and his wife, Mary Ann Lange, spans throughout their life and well beyond their death. However, it begins with their ancestors living in the homeland of Germany. The Knoche and Lange families unknowingly live within miles of each other. These two families unite after sailing the Atlantic Ocean to the United States of America. Frank and Mary's story begins in the bustling City of Detroit and ends in the little rural community of Five Lakes. Mary, being the daughter of a German immigrant, gives her and Frank, himself an immigrant, the commonality of their German heritage. Their cultural values and work ethic is passed on to their children, grandchildren and beyond . . .

Part I

Journey to a New Land Coming to America



The Sauerland Region of North Rhine-Westphalia, Federal Republic of Germany

For the most part, all the Lange and Knoche ancestors resided in Westphalia, Germany. They lived just miles apart in the small villages of Altenilpe, Obringhausen, Cobbenrode, Balve and Stockum. One ancestor, whose origin is unknown, is Elisabeth Goebel, Mary Lange's grandmother. Although the Goebel name is known within this area of Westphalia, no birth record has been found for Elisabeth.

From a historical perspective, Germany has a legacy of wars and land grabs which lasted hundreds of years. The Knoche, Voss, Lange, Hufnagel, Goebel and Grobbel family members who made their way to America lived under the rule of the Kingdom of Prussia which was a state in the German Kingdom. Prussia was comprised of some of what are present-day Germany, Poland, Russia, Lithuania, Denmark, Belgium and the Czech-Republic. After Prussia was abolished, Westphalia eventually combined with the northern parts of the Rhine Province and became North Rhine-Westphalia in 1946. It was well over 100 years after the family's immigration that Germany became the country that it is today. Tearing down the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989 finally united a country and its citizens providing the liberty and freedoms sought by their ancestors for centuries.

The little villages of Altenilpe, Cobbenrode, Obringhausen, Schoenholthausen, Balve and Stockum are located in the region called the Sauerland. The terrain is comprised of mountains, gently rolling hills, valleys, and streams. To the west of Balve is the Ruhr River region, known for its coal mining. The villages are dotted with small farms. Today, the Sauerland region is known for its outdoor recreational offerings. It is a tourist destination with resorts touting the seasonal sports.

The small villages in this region are made up of groups of farms, some that have been in the family for perhaps centuries. The family ownership of these farms stem from the impartible inheritance system, which means the first born son, or sometimes the first born daughter inherits the entire estate. Other regions in Germany used the partible inheritance system where all the property and possessions are divided equally among the children. This system allowed for a

farm to be divided into smaller parcels resulting in farms so small, they could not support a family.

There is evidence that the impartible inheritance system was used in the Sauerland region. Here the system allowed for the oldest child to inherit the estate, regardless of gender. When a daughter inherited the Hof (farm), she usually stayed there and most likely would marry a man who was not the oldest child in his family.

In Michael Grobbel's research on the Grobbel ancestors, he explains the origins of the family surname and the history of the ancestral family home and farm in Obringhausen, called the Grobbel Hof.

“As the German population grew during the 14th century, the use of surnames became necessary to avoid confusion. These surnames were generally derived from a recognizable attribute associated with the family, such as an occupation (Weber = weaver), a visible characteristic (Schwarze = black), their location (Bach = creek), etc. In the case of the Grobbel surname, it is believed that it comes from a Low German description of the hill located above their ancestral home and farm in Obringhausen. With the adoption of surnames, they would also become used to identifying the ancestral home and farm, i.e. the Grobbel Hof. So strong was the attachment between a family and their Hof, that everyone who lived there would be called by their Hof Name, even if their father had a different surname.

According to Grobbel research... “This happened with the Grobbel Hof when it was inherited by a daughter, Elisabeth Grobbel, who married Jakob Böddecker in 1670. He became ‘Jakob Böddecker, gt. Grobbel’, and was called ‘Jakob Grobbel’. Genannt (gt.) is a German word meaning called. Sometimes in the old church records the word ‘oder’ is used in place of ‘genannt’.”

A few miles away from the Knoche homestead in Altenilpe is St. Hubert Catholic Church, located in the village of Dorlar. Marriage and birth records from this church often showed the impartible inheritance system in play. Baptism or marriage records listed family names such as Wilhelm Knoche Or Sievert. This indicated Wilhelm's mother inherited the Sievert Hof and that is where he was raised. It was not unusual for the priest to write the name on the records that they

commonly used in the community. In this case, the "oder" (Or) is used to describe the Hof name.

The ancestors of Frank Knoche began their flight from Germany as early as 1844, leaving the beautiful Sauerland region for a new life in the Detroit and Grand Rapids area of Michigan. There were several reasons why many Germans were compelled to leave their families, never to return to their homeland.

The economic conditions in Germany were poor. It was difficult to eke out a living. There were crop failures and the potato famine due to poor growing seasons. The state government interfered with the free practice of religion, to the point of religious persecution. There was civil unrest among the people who were tired of the dictatorship type governments where political and civil rights were denied. The 1848 revolution to overthrow the government and establish a republic, failed.

The impartible inheritance system left those who were not the oldest in the family at a disadvantage. They often sought out a non-agricultural trade. This may mean moving to a larger town where their skill is marketable. As the industrial revolution evolved, it became more difficult to sell their wares, so they resorted to factory jobs where the pay was low.

Lastly, Prussia developed a military system where eligible men were conscripted (drafted). A couple of problems evolved. Prussia had amassed such a large army of conscripts with large reserve units that the state could not afford to sustain it. The other problem was that the conscript laws were not equal. Some professions were granted exemption or given more favorable positions. Farmers and peasants from the lower class made up the standing army while those with a higher societal standing were placed in the reserves. The people were heavily taxed to pay for the military, whereas, young men were conscripted from three to five years for low pay and poor living conditions.

German immigration to America was not new to the Knoche ancestors living during the 1800s. History shows the German people began their immigration to the new world as early as the 1600s. By the mid 1700s, a large group of Germans settled in Pennsylvania and became known as the Pennsylvania Dutch (Deutsche means German). It was not unusual for family and friends from the same village to

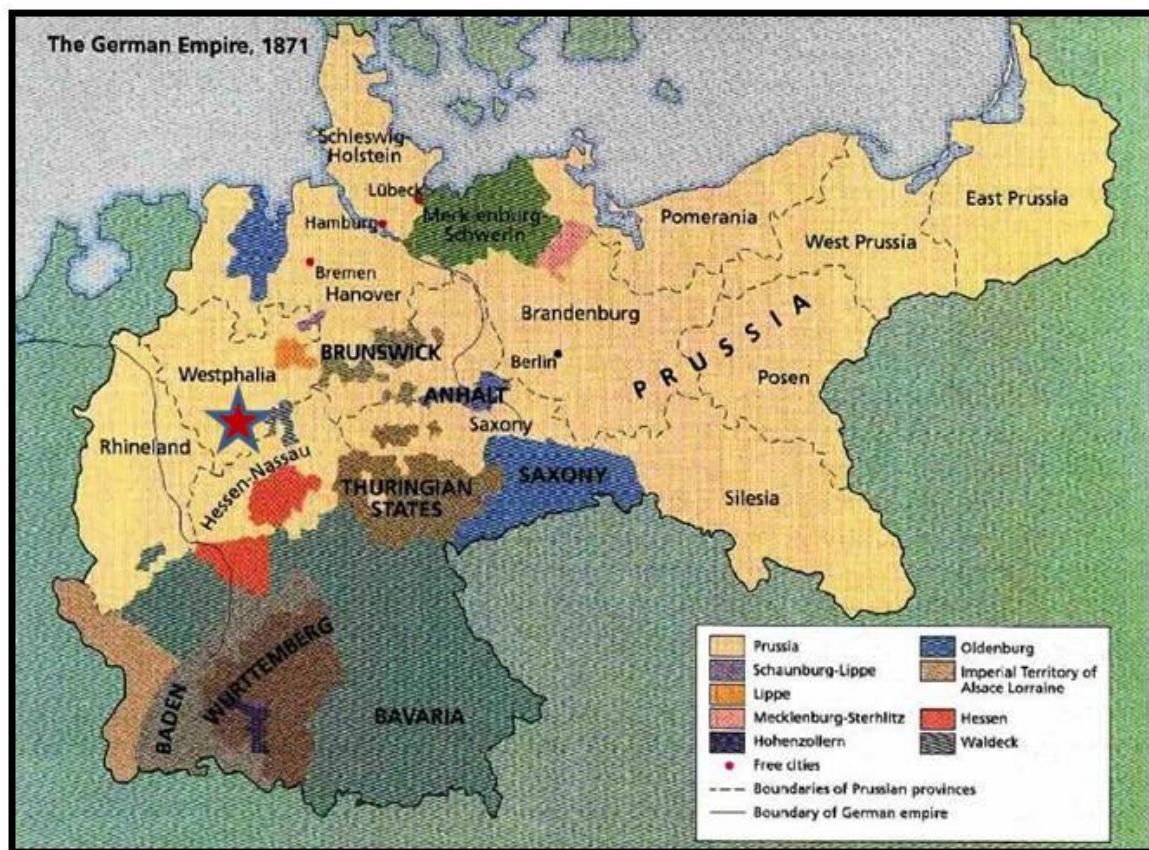
leave for the United States then settle in relatively the same area. Nor was it unusual for one family member to settle in America and then send for other family members to join him.

The new settlers in America sent back letters to their homeland sharing how their life was full of new opportunities. They told about homesteading, receiving 160 acres of federal land for farming and occupying it for five years. In many places, the land was inexpensive. There were opportunities for craftsmen and artisans to set up shop and market their trade. There was the right to worship without government interference, and the right to vote and establish local governments. On the other hand, there were stories about the difficult journey across the ocean then onto their future home site, often hundreds of miles away. They endured back breaking work, harsh winters, sickness and even death.

Frank and Mary's ancestors undoubtedly heard all these stories, the good and the bad. Instilled in them was the faith and belief that there was a better life. It was hope that gave these early immigrants the courage to leave their familiar surroundings for opportunities they had only heard about. They were willing to risk all their worldly possessions, even their life, for a better future for themselves and their families in the United States of America.

Hills of the Sauerland



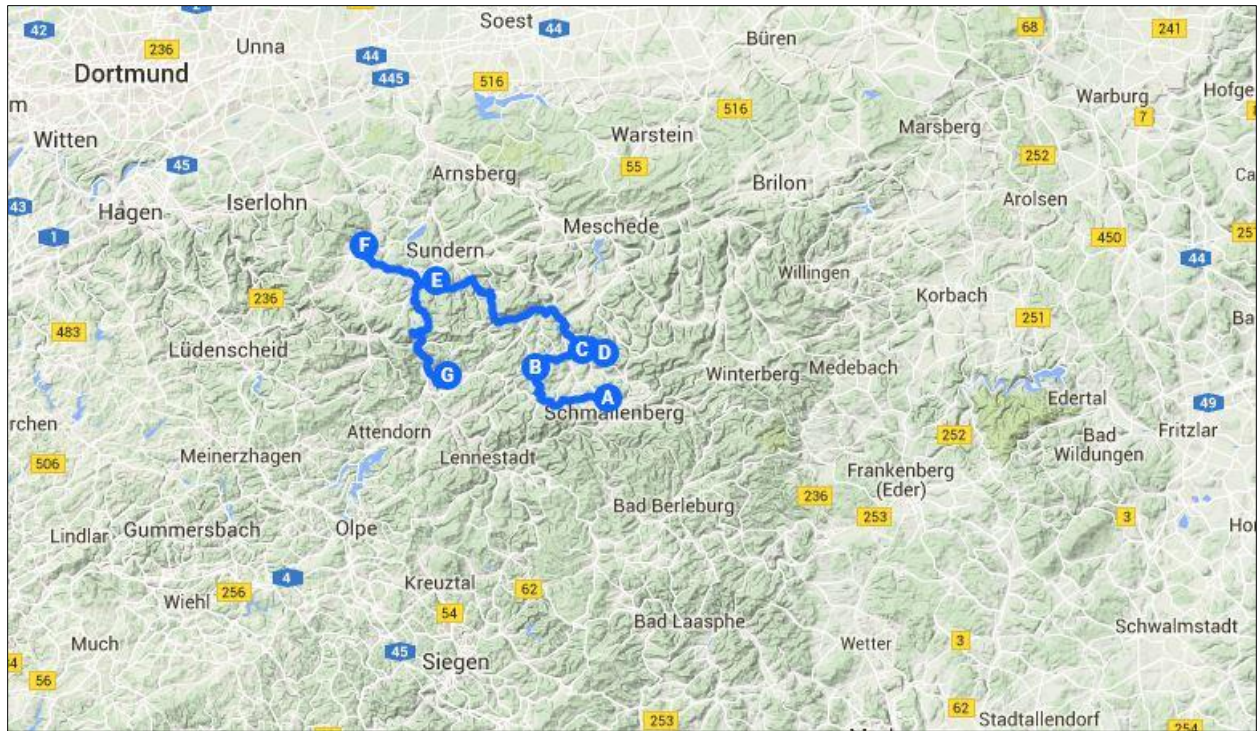


German Empire 1871

★ *Sauerland Region of
Westphalia*



Germany Today



The Villages in the Sauerland Region of Westphalia

A ~ Obringhausen, Home of J. Rottger Grobbel (Nine Miles to Cobbenrode)

B ~ Cobbenrode, Home of the Anton Grobbel (Twenty-Two Miles to Balve)

C ~ Dorlar, Location of St. Hubert Church

D ~ Altenilpe, Home of the Knoche and Voss Family (Three Miles from Dorlar)

E ~ Stockum, Home of the Lange and Hufnagel Family (Nineteen Miles from Altenilpe)

F ~ Balve, Home of the Lange and Hufnagel Family (Twenty-Seven Miles from Altenilpe)

G ~ Schoenholthausen, Birth Place of Bernhard and Catharina (Hufnagel) Lange (Fifteen Miles from Altenilpe)

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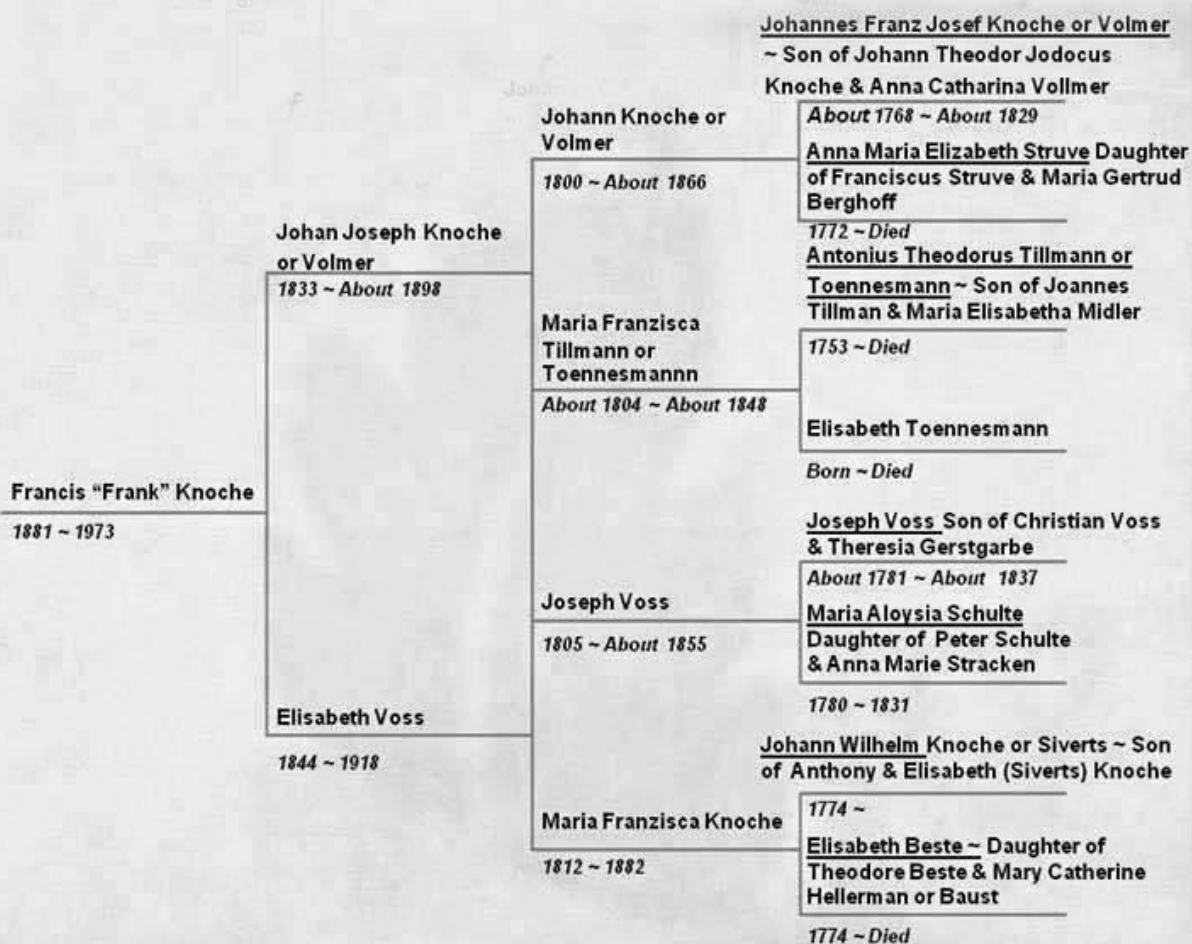
Part II

Francis "Frank" Knoche's Family Coming to America

The presence of the Knoche family in America dates back to the 1840s. Several of Frank's relatives came to the United States and settled primarily in the Detroit and Grand Rapids area of Michigan. Also, along with the Knoches, came several other German families from the little villages in Westphalia, the Schultes, Nagels, and Mues to name a few. These families settled together, married and raised their families.

Surely, the family tales of travel to America enticed Frank and his siblings to embark on the long journey several decades later. The following stories highlight those relatives who made America their home, some before Frank was even born.

Francis "Frank" Knoche Family Tree



GENEALOGYBANK

Note: Those ancestors who have two surnames separated by an "or" indicate that in their history a female inherited the family farm and her subsequent husband/children carried her maiden name/name of the farm for identification purposes. The "or" surname name (Hof name) was used informally by their neighbors and friends. They still used their father's surname for legal purposes.

Maria “Mary” Anna (Knoche) Wiethoff (1814-1893)
Daughter of Johann Wilhelm and Elizabeth (Beste) Knoche
Married John Wiethoff (1804-1889)
in Dorlar, Nierentrop, North Rhine, Westphalia, Germany
Maternal Great Aunt to Francis “Frank” Knoche

The passenger ship record states that thirty year-old Mary (Knoche) Wiethoff and her three young sons, Adam (age 8), Anthony (age 6) and Johannes (age 3) arrived



Mary Ann

at the port of Baltimore on September 2, 1844 on the bark ship, *Sophie*. Also on board the ship was Mary’s seventeen year old nephew, Franz Berles. The ship record also indicates both Mary and Franz each had one box on board the ship, most likely all their worldly possessions.

The family left from the port of Bremen, about 180 miles from the little village of Dorlar, Germany. Today, the trip from Dorlar to Bremen in the comfort of an auto would be about a three hour drive; however, back in 1844, it was a treacherous journey. In the mid-1800s, it was not unusual to see travelers in route to the port cities pushing a cart with their belongings or they may have their own horse and wagon which would be sold before their departure. The trip would take days and there were always the dangers of thieves, not only during the trip, but at the port while waiting to board the ship.

Mary and her family journeyed across the Atlantic Ocean on the bark ship named *Sophie*. A bark ship usually had three masts with rectangular or square sails. It was



Bark Sophie

designed in such a manner that fewer sailors were required to work the sails. There is no specific diary of Mary’s voyage and no specific details about the *Sophie*. However, stories told by immigrants about their transatlantic journey in the mid-1800s have been passed along for generations.

Initially, the ships that sailed the oceans were made for carrying cargo. Providing passage for immigrants was secondary. Thereby, immigrants who reached the port of departure often waited weeks while ships garnered enough cargo for the voyage. When the ship was ready to sail, passengers were relegated to what was called the steerage area, an area below the deck with little light and ventilation. Each side of

the steerage area usually had double deck berths that would sleep up to six people. Each passenger was given a ration of food and water that was to last for the average six week voyage.

The journey in and of itself was gut wrenching for most of the passengers, many overcome with motion sickness. Overcrowded and unsanitary conditions led to the spread of fever, lice, horrendous stench, and even death. A storm at sea meant passengers were confined to the steerage area with all hatches closed. With no place to go but in the small berths, passengers lay rocking side to side in the harsh winds. Meals were forgone since it was impossible to cook in the fire pits on the deck.



After weeks at sea, Mary and her family arrived in the port of Baltimore in Maryland. They disembarked the ship and were immediately on the city streets. They were on their own to find transportation to Detroit. From Baltimore, most immigrants found their way to this city by traveling to Albany, New York on a steamboat, then on the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and from there on to Lake Erie to Detroit.

Upon arrival, Mary was greeted by her husband, John Wiethoff, who arrived earlier. The family made Detroit their home. According to the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Federal Census, John initially worked as a laborer, and then was a merchant in Detroit. In 1870, John is listed as a retired grocer at the age of 66. John and Mary had eight children, Adam, Anthony, John, Bernadine, Joseph, Frances, Frank

and William. Joseph died young and John died at the age of 19. The remaining children married and raised their families in the Detroit area. Anthony was a Civil War Veteran.

John passed away on January 24, 1889 and Mary Ann followed on August 5, 1893. They were laid to rest at Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.

John & Mary Anna (Knoche) Wiethoff and Family



Left to Right ~ Top Row, Bernadina, Anthony, Frank, and Frances
Bottom Row, Adam, John, Mary Anna and William ~ Not pictured are sons,
Joseph and John

*John Wiethoff (1804-1889) & Mary Anna Knoche (1814-1893) married
February 21, 1836 in Dorlar, Nierentrop, North Rhine, Westphalia, Germany*

The Wiethoff Children

Adam (1836-1919) married Rosa Lessel

Anthony (1838-1914) married Susanna Huetter

Johann (1841-1860) never married

*Bernadine (1845-1932) married (1st) Joseph Boland and (2nd) Robert Rasch
Joseph (1848-1850)*

Frances (1851-1941) married Frank Hester

Frank (1854-1900) married Anna Smith

William (1857-1934) married Catharina Fessler

List of Passengers on board the barque *Sophie* of Bremen, built 1840. The
owner of *S. Beender* is master, from Bremen, bound to Baltimore

No.	Name	last dwelling place	where bound to	Occupation	Age	Sex	Baggage
62	Chamack	Preitz	Dorlar	Evangelical Farmer	31	1	5 boxes
63	Gastlund	"	"	"	33	1	"
64	Wiemann	"	"	"	10	1	"
65	William	"	"	"	9	1	"
66	Joseph	"	"	"	7	1	"
67	Josephine	"	"	"	5	1	"
68	August	"	"	"	3	1	"
69	Wardor	"	"	"	15	1	"
70	Frederick	Beender	Bremen	Master	35	1	"
93	Johanna [Mary] Wiethoff	Dwelling, Dorlar	Bound to Detroit	Woman	Age 30		Baggage - 1 Box
94	Adam Wiethoff	Dwelling, Dorlar	Bound to Detroit	Male	Age 8		No Baggage
95	Anthony Wiethoff	Dwelling, Dorlar	Bound to Detroit	Male	Age 6		No Baggage
96	Johannes Wiethoff	Dwelling, Dorlar	Bound to Detroit	Male	Age 3		No Baggage
97	Unrelated Passenger						
98	Unrelated Passenger						
99	Francis Berles	Dwelling, Dorlar	Bound to Detroit	Occupation, Farmer			Male, Age 17 - Baggage - 1 Box
100	John	Baltimore	Baltimore	Farmer	29	1	
101	John	Baltimore	Baltimore	Farmer	29	1	1 box
102	John	Baltimore	Baltimore	Farmer	30	1	1 box
103	John	Baltimore	Baltimore	Farmer	31	1	1 box
104	John	Baltimore	Baltimore	Farmer	32	1	1 box
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171	John	Baltimore	Baltimore	Farmer	99	1	1 box
172	John	Baltimore	Baltimore	Farmer	100	1	1 box

Baltimore Aug 31, 1844. D. Beender

I hereby certify that the annexed list of passengers
in number One Hundred and Twenty for the barque
Sophie is correct.

List of Passengers on board the Barque *Sophie* departing Bremen bound to
Baltimore, arriving August 31, 1844.

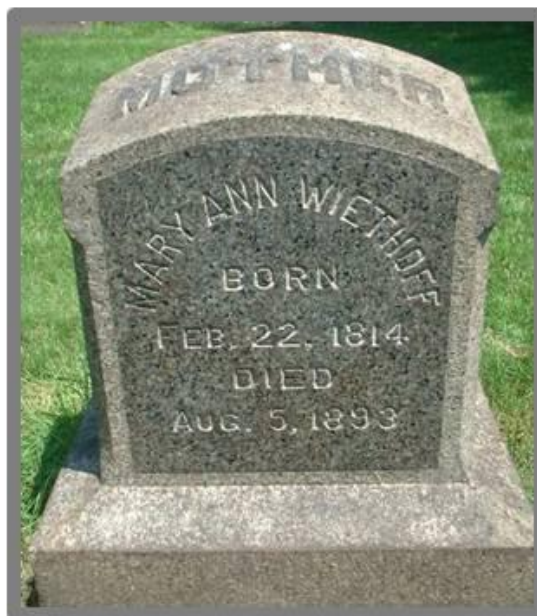
German Records . . .

Maria Anna Knoche in the Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898	Marianne Knoche in the Germany, Select Marriages, 1558-1929
Name: Maria Anna Knoche	Name: Marianne Knoche
Gender: Female	Gender: Female
Birth Date: 23 Feb 1814	Marriage Date: 21 Feb 1836
Baptism Date: 24 Feb 1814	Marriage Place: Katholisch, Dorlar, Westfalen, Prussia
Baptism Place: Katholisch, Dorlar, Westfalen, Prussia	Father: Wm. Knoche
Father: Wilhelm Knoche	Spouse: Johann Wiethoff
Mother: Elisabeth	FKL Film Number: 936737
FKL Film Number: 936737	

WIETHOFF—Mary A. Wiethoff, at her late residence, 153 Maple street, at 6 p. m. August 5, 1893. Funeral from the house at 8:30, and from St. Joseph's Church at 9:30, Wednesday morning. Grand Rapids papers please copy.

Mary Anna's Death Notice

Published in the *Detroit Free Press*, Wednesday, August 9, 1893



John and Mary Ann (Knoche) Wiethoff
were laid to rest in Mt. Elliott Cemetery
Detroit, Michigan.

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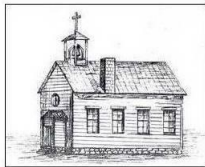
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Maria “Theresa” (Knoche) Berles (1802-1882)
Daughter of Johann Wilhelm and Elizabeth (Beste) Knoche
Married Adam Berles
in Dorlar, Nierentrop, North Rhine, Westphalia, Germany
Maternal Great Aunt to Francis “Frank” Knoche

Theresa and Adam Berles had nine children with three of them dying at a young age, Franz Josef, Maria Catharina and Adam Conrad. Of the remaining six children, only Lisetta, who married Anton Knappe, remained in Germany. The other five children immigrated to the United States, one by one, over a span of thirty years.

The first of the Berles children to arrive in America was Johannes Franziscus, later known as Franz. He sailed on the bark ship *Sophie* with his Aunt Mary Wiethoff



*Younger and older photos of Franz Berles, along
with a drawing of St. Mary's Church, 1857.*

and her three sons, arriving September 2, 1844 in the port of Baltimore. Franz worked in Detroit, first as a printer and then as a harness maker. Around 1853, Franz moved to Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan. There he eventually opened a grocery store. Franz

married Regina Gruen/Green and they had eight children. Franz was a member of the First Church Committee that founded St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grand Rapids in 1857.

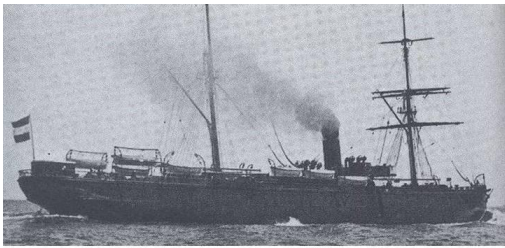
The next migrations of the Berles children were Theresa and Joseph. On September 23, 1856, they crossed the Atlantic Ocean on the ship *Clio*. Theresa was 18 and Joseph was 16 years old. They left the port of Bremen in Germany and docked in New York.

In 1858, Theresa married Eberhardt Cordes in Alpine Township, Kent County, Michigan. Together, they had eleven children, all living to adulthood.

As for Joseph, in 1860, he is working as a hardware clerk in Grand Rapids. He continued to operate the store for many years. Joseph married Theresa Cordes (niece of Eberhardt) and they had three children. About 1904, Joseph moved to Kansas City, Missouri where he died in 1922.

At this time, a record that sites the immigration date of daughter, Josephine Berles, has not been found. She is listed on the 1870 census, married to John Green, brother to Regina Green. The next known record is that of her death on July 4, 1879. This record lists her parents and her married name of Green.

Lastly, son, Anton Berles immigrated to the United States with his wife Wilhelmina and children, Theresa, Elizabeth and Joseph. Also listed on the passenger list is Anton's mother, Theresa (Knoche) Berles. The family arrived



S.S. Neckar, 1874

September 5, 1874, five years after the death of Theresa's husband, Adam. Theresa and her family sailed on the *S.S. Neckar*, a newly built steamship making its maiden voyage just months earlier in April, 1874. The evolution of ship travel from the 1840's to the 1870's

reduced the voyage time from an average of 6 weeks to eleven days. It was still a sailing ship, but with a steam powered engine and propellers to move the vessel through the waters. According to the *S.S. Neckar* manifest, Theresa and her family had accommodations in the steerage area. Over time, there were some improvements for the steerage passengers due to laws governing the shipping industry. Appropriate food and water to cover the entire voyage and some form of containment for those with contagious diseases were a couple of changes that came about during the last half of the 19th century.

Immigrants who arrived in New York between 1855 and 1890 disembarked at Castle Garden, America's first immigration receiving center. Castle Garden was located on the very southern tip of Manhattan Island. One by one, the passengers



registered their name and provided other pertinent information. They were examined for any type of disease or illness and removed to the hospital, as necessary. The passengers were also interviewed to discover their destination and determine if they had sufficient funds for their journey. They were able to purchase train tickets

and were provided directions and advice for a safe trip. This support helped the emigrants continue their journey without succumbing to thieves and swindlers offering "fraudulent" help. After processing through Castle Garden, it is possible

Theresa and her family traveled by train to Michigan rather than by water as her sister, Mary.

The Berles took up residency in the Grand Rapids area, close to where the rest of the family had settled years earlier. Theresa lived with her son Anton and his family until her death on September 12, 1882. She was laid to rest in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, in Grand Rapid, along with several of her children and other family members.

The Berles Family

*Adam Berles (1794-1858) and Maria "Theresa" Knoche (1802-1882) married
November 9, 1824 in Dorlar, Nierentrop, North Rhine, Westphalia, Germany*

The Berles Children

*Johannes Franz Anton "Anton" (1825-190[5]) married Wilhelmina Mette
Josef (1827-1827)*

*Johannes Franziscus "Franz" (1828-1884) married Regina Gruen/Green
Maria Catharina (1831-1834)*

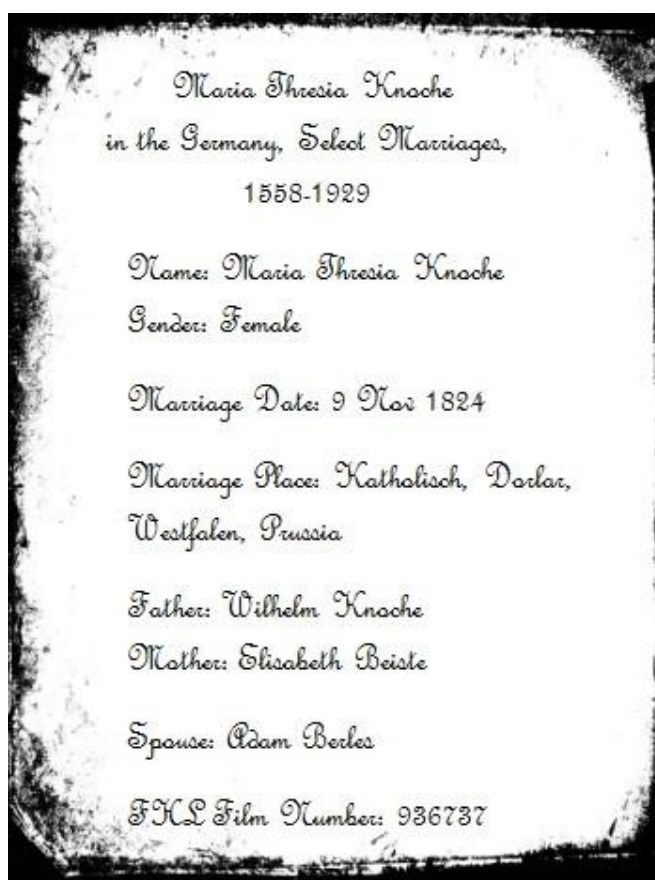
Lisetta (1833-1917) married Anton Knape

Adam (1836-1836)

Theresia (1838-1923) married Everhardt Cordes

Joseph (1840-1922) married Theresa Cordes

Josephine (1843-1879) married John Green



DISTRICT OF NEW-YORK - PORT OF NEW-YORK.

I, *D. Meyer* Master of the *S.S. Necker* do solemnly, sincerely and truly affirm that the following List or Manifest, submitted by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of New-York, is a full and perfect list of all the passengers taken on board of the said vessel at *Bremen* from which port said vessel has now arrived; and that on said List is truly designated the age, the sex, and the occupation of each of said passengers, the part of the vessel occupied by each during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant; and that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who died.

Sworn to this *5 Sept* 1874 *D. Meyer* Before me *S. B. Meyer* Notary Public in and for the City and County of New-York, State of New-York.
List or Manifest of ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the *S.S. Necker* in Master, from *Bremen* to *New-York*.

186 Anton Berles	49	m	teacher	Germany	U. S. of Am.	Steerage
2 Minna	46	f	wife	"	"	"
8 Theresia	16	f	child	"	"	"
9 Elisa	9	f	"	"	"	"
190 Josef	6	m	"	"	"	"
1 Theresia	72	f	none	"	"	"
2 Anton Schulte	24	m	unemployed	"	"	"
3 Elizabeth	20	f	wife	"	"	"
4 Louise Leoni	20	f	none	"	"	"

186. Anton Berles, Age 49, Occupation Teacher
 187. Minna Berles, Age 46, Occupation Wife
 188. Theresia Berles, Age 16, Occupation Child
 189. Elisa Berles, Age 9, Occupation Child
 190. Josef Berles, Age 6, Occupation Child
 191. Theresia Berles, Age 72, Occupation None

For all the above passengers, the country of origin is Germany and the country they plan to inhabit is the U.S.A. All passengers occupied the steerage area during the voyage.

2 Frank Schlegel	39	m	none	Germany	"	"
8 Anna Schlegel	20	f	"	"	"	"
9 Catharina Schlegel	15	f	"	"	"	"
20 David Schlegel	19	m	farmer	"	"	"
1 Heinrich Schlegel	12	m	"	"	"	"
2 Sophie Bollmann	58	f	none	"	"	"
3 Maria	18	f	"	"	"	"
4 Hans Schlegel	22	m	none	Poland	"	"
5 August Schlegel	21	m	none	"	"	"
6 Richard Schlegel	14	m	"	Germany	"	"
2 Frank Schlegel	18	m	farmer	"	"	"
8 Theresia Schlegel	15	f	"	"	"	"
9 Louise	22	f	"	"	"	"

List of Passengers on board the S.S. Necker, departing Bremen, Germany, arriving in New York, September 5, 1874.

5 Johanna Schlegel	16	f	none	"	"	"
4 August Schlegel	12	m	"	"	"	"
5 Henry Schlegel	12	m	none	"	"	"
8 Anna Schlegel	18	f	"	"	"	"
2 Hugo Schlegel	49	m	"	"	"	"
8 Wilhelm	50	m	"	"	"	"
9 Josephine	14	f	"	"	"	"
20 Frank Schlegel	19	m	"	"	"	"
1 Heinrich Schlegel	12	m	"	"	"	"



Theresa (Knoche) Berles was laid to rest in
Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Maria “Elisabeth” (Knoche) Schulte (1818-1885)
Daughter of Johann Wilhelm and Elizabeth (Beste) Knoche
Married “Johannes” Heinrich Anton Schulte
in Dorlar, Westfalen, Prussia
Maternal Great Aunt to Francis “Frank” Knoche

Nine known children were born unto Johannes and Elisabeth (Knoche) Schulte between the years 1843 and 1861. Their oldest daughter, Franzisca married Johann Heinrich Stratmann and together they raised their family in Germany. It is possible that two of Elisabeth and Johannes’ sons, named Johann and Johannes, died young since nothing more is known about them. There was also an infant son who died in 1861. The other five children, Louise, Joseph, Theresia, Elisabeth and Josephine immigrated to Detroit, Michigan, along with their mother, Elisabeth.

It may be that Louise was the first of the Schulte children to immigrate to the United States in the late 1860’s. She is found on the 1870 census working as a servant in a hotel in Detroit. Also listed on the census is her cousin, Frank Wiethoff, who is also a hotel employee. On May 7, 1872, Louise married Theodore Feldman and together they raised six children, Theresa, Frank, Joseph, Mary, Josephine and Clementine. Theodore was a merchant and worked in the grocery industry in Detroit.

It seems that it was after the death of Elisabeth’s husband in 1869, she and her other four children decided to make Detroit their new home, joining daughter, Louise and sister Mary Anna and the rest of the Wiethoff family. Although a ship record has not been found for son, Joseph, he states in four U.S. Federal Census that he immigrated in 1871. It may have been only a few months later that his sister, Theresia journeyed to Detroit with Wilhelm Nagel on the *S.S. Rhein*. The steamship arrived in New York on March 25, 1872. The passenger list has a Maria Schulte who is the exact age as Theresia Schulte, so she may have used her first name given to her at birth. Another reason that Maria is most likely Theresia is that she and Wilhelm [William] married around 1873.

About six weeks after Theresia’s arrival, the *S.S. Hansa* docked in the New York harbor on May 9th. On board this ship were Elizabeth and her daughter Josephine. The handwriting of these names is quite distorted on the ship manifest. However,

handwriting that is much clearer, reads passengers, Joseph Nagel and Christina Nagel, who are siblings. Also listed among this group traveling together is Anton Bockman. As it turns out, Joseph Nagel marries Josephina Schulte and Anton Bockman married Christine Nagel. It is evident that the Knoches, Schultes and Nagels were close families in Germany and they continued that bond in Detroit.

It is believed that the last daughter to arrive is Elisabeth, perhaps in the mid 1870's. Her life story has a bit of a twist since she married twice and both times to a Joseph Dunneback. Her first marriage on November 13, 1877 was to Joseph, son of John and Anna Maria (Heinlein) Dunneback. They had two children, Theodore and Anna Maria. After Joseph's death in 1880, Elizabeth married a second Joseph Dunneback, son of Anthony and Elizabeth. Unto this union were born five children, Leo, Clara, Anthony, Edwin and Harry. Elisabeth was left a widow for a second time with the death of Joseph in 1897.

In 1880, at the age of 62, Elizabeth is living with her daughter, Josephine and her husband, Joseph Nagel in Detroit. Two young Nagel children are also living in the household. Joseph is working as a grocer. This is the last census for Joseph since he died in 1890 leaving Josephine with six children, Elizabeth, Caroline, Joseph, Anton, Ida and Viola. In 1893, Josephine remarried August Voss and their two children were Leona and Walter.

The 1880 U.S. Federal Census shows Elisabeth's daughter, Theresia, is living in Detroit, with her husband, William Nagel, who is working as a grocer like his brother, Joseph. Together, Theresia and William had eleven children, William, Joseph, Theodore (died young), Theresa, Theodore, Caroline, Otto, Annie, Dorothy, Frank and Harry.

Elizabeth's son, Joseph, took up residence in Detroit. In 1875, he graduated from the Detroit College of Medicine and worked as a physician until his retirement. He married Clementine Henser in 1879 and they had one son, Julius. After Clementine's death in 1893, Joseph married Elizabeth Lauhoff and they became parents of Angela and Lillian.

Elizabeth lived for 12 years after her arrival in Detroit. She died around April 15, 1885 at the age of 66 years. She is buried next to her daughter, Theresa, and son, Joseph, at Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.

The Schulte Family

"Johannes" Heinrich Schulte (1809-1869) &

Maria "Elisabeth" Knoche (1818-1885)

married November 24, 1842 in Dorlar, Westfalen, Prussia

The Schulte Children

Maria Franzisca (1843-1902) married Johann Heinrich Stratmann

Johann (b. 26 Aug 1845)

Maria Louisa Theresia (1848-1926) married Theodore Feldman

Joseph (1849-1938) married (1st) Clementine Henser and (2nd) Elizabeth Lauhoff

Theresia (1852-1895) married William Nagel

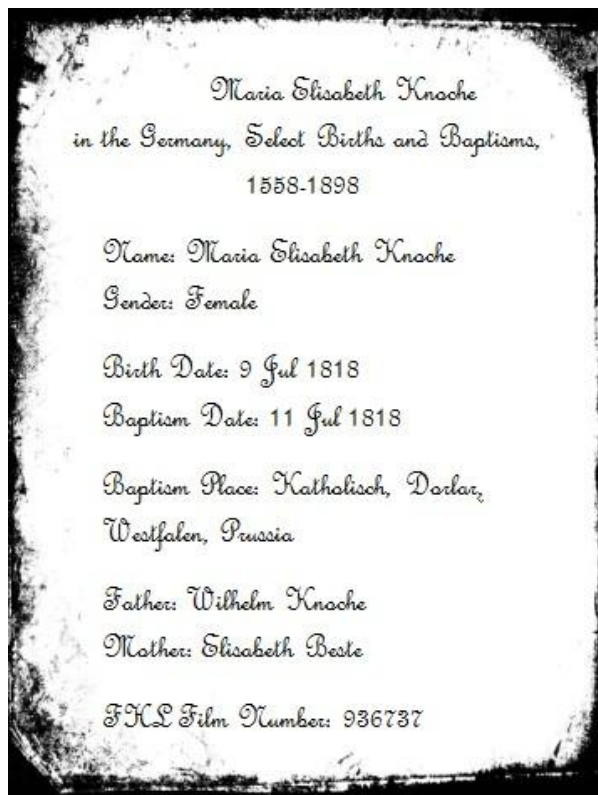
Maria Elisabeth (1853-1926) married (1st) Joseph Dunneback

and (2nd) Joseph Dunneback

Josephine (1855-1944) married (1st) Joseph Nagel and (2nd) August Voss

Johannes (b. 1858)

Infant (1861-1861)



DISTRICT OF NEW-YORK—PORT OF NEW-YORK.

I, *C. Rickertsen* Master of the *S. S. Hansa* do solemnly, sincerely and truly
 that the following List or Manifest, subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of New-York, is a full and perfect
 list of all the passengers taken on board of the said *S. S. Hansa* at *Bremen* from which port
 she has now arrived; and that on said list is truly designated the age, the sex, and the occupation of each of said passengers, the part of the
 vessel occupied by each during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant; and that said
 List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who died.

Sworn to this *9 May 1872* at *Bremerhaven*. *C. Rickertsen* Master.

Before me, *Wm. J. Ryan* Notary Public for the City and County of New-York.
 List or Manifest of ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the *Bremen* *S. S. Hansa* whereof
C. Rickertsen is Master, from *Bremen* hither.

	NAME	Age		SEX	OCCUPATION	The country to which they actually belong	The country to which they intend to become inhabitants	Died on the voyage	Part of the vessel occupied by each passenger during the voyage
		Years	Months						
1	Joh								
318	Joh	6							
1	Joh Fokker	34							
2	Anna	36		f					
3	Anna	1		m					
4	Anna	4		f					
5	Fokker	2		m					
6	Andr Polack	26		m					
7	Ida Fokker	16		f					
8	Ida Fokker	35		f					
9	Ida Fokker	18		f					
319	Ida Fokker	38		f	housewife				
1	Ida Fokker	43		f	housewife				
2	Ida Fokker	18		f					
3	Joh Fokker	36		m	housewife				
4	Carl Fokker	26		m	housewife				
5	Ida Fokker	30		f					
6	Ida Fokker	25		f					
7	Ida Fokker	24		f					
8	Ida Fokker	32		f					
9	Joh Fokker	26		m	smith				
320	Ida Fokker	26		f	farmer				
1	Ida Fokker	22		f					
2	Ida Fokker	16		f					
3	Ida Fokker	55		f					
4	Ida Fokker	27		m					
5	Ida Fokker	31		f					
6	Ida Fokker	8		m					

330 Joseph Nagel, age 26, farmer [future husband of Josephine Schulte]

331 Christine Nagel, age 22 [sister of Joseph Nagel]

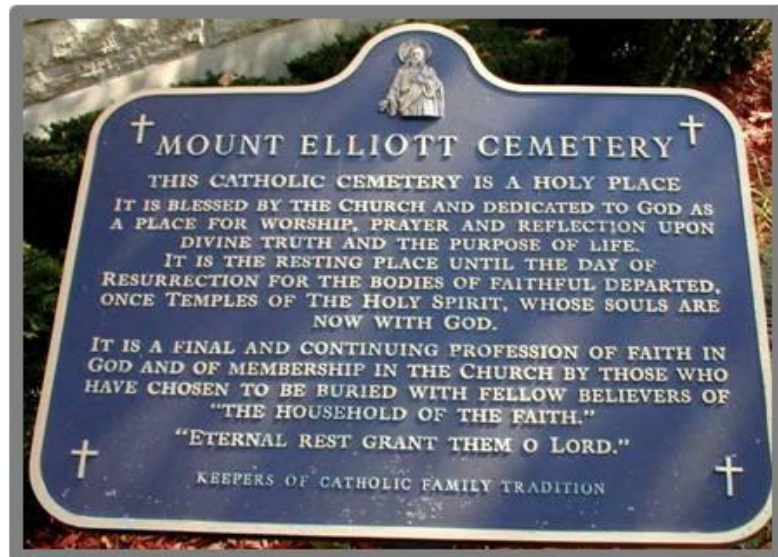
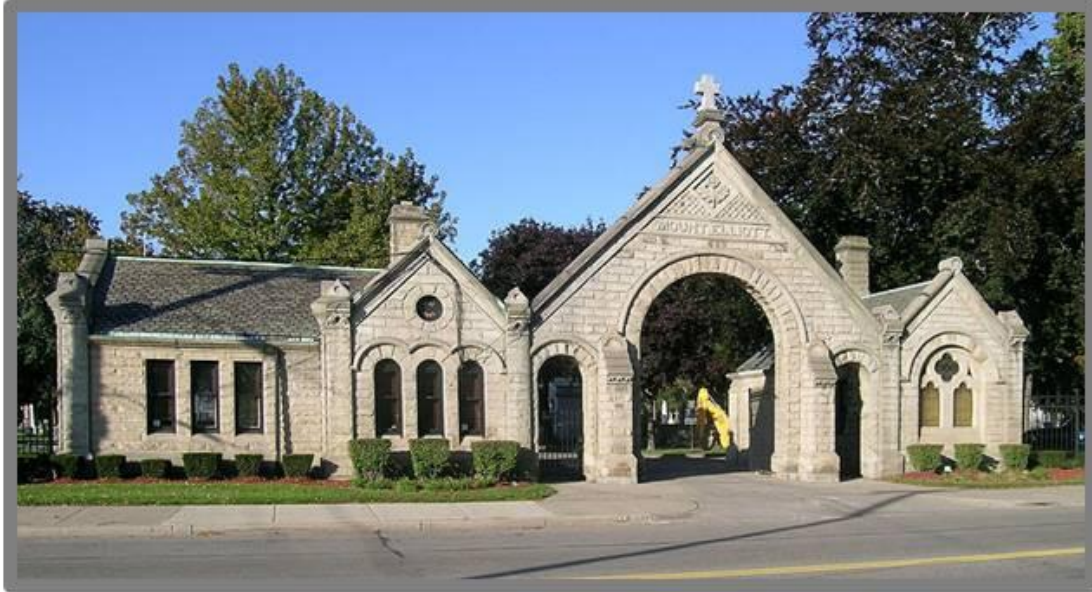
332 Josephine Schulte, age 16

333 Elizabeth (Knoche) Schulte, age 55

334 Anton Bockheim, age 27 [future husband of Christine Nagel]

1	Ida Fokker	7		m					
2	Joh Fokker	57		m					
3	Anna	49		f					
4	Ida	16		f					
5	Ida Fokker	33		m					
317	Ida Fokker	38		f					
1	Ida Fokker	9		f					
2	Ida Fokker	5		f					
3	Ida Fokker	6		m					

List of Passengers on board the S.S. Hansa, departing Bremen, Germany
 and arriving in New York, May 9, 1872



Elisabeth (Knoche) Schulte
was laid to rest in Mt. Elliott Cemetery
Detroit, Michigan.

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- U.S. Federal Census, 1880 for Elizabeth Schulte, Theresa Nagel and Josephine Nagel
- U.S. Federal Census, 1800-1930 for Joseph Schulte
- U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current - Find A Grave Memorial # 148694206

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Johann Willibald Voss (1841- 1916)
Son of Joseph and Maria Franzisca (Knoche) Voss
Married Elizabeth Rademacher
in Westphalia, Clinton County, Michigan
Maternal Uncle to Francis “Frank” Knoche



Willibald

Willibald Voss was in his mid-twenties when he decided to leave the Voss homestead in Altenilpe and journey to the United States. His passage across the Atlantic Ocean was on the S.S. *City of Cork*. He, along with 590 other passengers, had accommodations in the steerage area. The S.S. *City of Cork* departed Liverpool, England, and then made a stop at Queenstown, Ireland before docking at Castle Gardens in New York City on June 18, 1867. There is one leg of the journey that is not documented. That is the trip from Germany to England. He perhaps made his way to the port of Bremen and sailed to England from there. From New York City, Willibald immediately headed to Grand Rapids and settled close to his cousins, Franz and Joseph Berles and the Cordes family.

The S.S. *City of Cork* ship record states that Willibald was a farmer. There is no doubt that Willibald used his farming skills and knowledge and immediately put it to good use; however, not by purchasing acreage and tilling the land, but into making and repairing harnesses, saddles, collars and other such items for horses. By 1868, Willibald is in business with Ferdinand Elkhoff in a shop on Canal Street in Grand Rapids.

While Willibald's harness shop is thriving, he meets and marries Elizabeth Rademacher on February 8, 1870 in Westphalia, Michigan. Elizabeth's residence at the time of her marriage was Westphalia, which was a community in Clinton County settled by German immigrants and named for their homeland region in Germany. Per the 1870 U.S. Federal Census, Willibald and Elizabeth settled in Grand Rapids.

Willibald and Elizabeth's first two children, Theresa and Catherine died in infancy. The next seven children, Joseph, Frances, Willibald, Edward, Louis, Frederick and Lois were born between 1875 and 1890. To help with the household work and child care, Willibald returned to Germany to persuade his niece, Wilhelmina

“Minnie” Knoche to return with him to Grand Rapids. At the young age of 17 years, Minnie boarded the *S.S. Ems* and departed Bremen, Germany. Minnie, accompanied by her uncle, arrived in New York on February 14, 1887. The position at the Voss household proved to be more work than Minnie expected. She did not stay long and eventually found her way to Detroit where she married Anton Schulte.

As Willibald’s family grew in size, so did his business ventures. Over the years, the Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directories and the Grand Rapids City Directories listed Willibald Voss and his business. Among them are the harness shop, a wood yard, a stone yard, and an express and drayage (short distance freight movement) service. He was the President of Moon Lake Ice Company, Manager of Harrison Land Company and Vice-President of Flint Spring Water Company. His company, Valley City Stone and Gravel supplied the material for the construction of the first concrete bridge over the Grand River. Willibald was honored to be the first person to walk across the bridge.

Willibald’s success as a businessman was not without some bumps along the way. While operating his harness shop, Willibald was confronted by C. J. Fisher, a man who had patented an improved neck pad for horses in 1869. Fisher accused Voss of infringing on his patent and took him to court. The circuit court agreed with Fisher and ruled in his favor. Willibald’s appeal of this decision led him to the United States Supreme Court in the case *Voss v. Fisher* 113 U.S. 213. Arguments were held on January 15, 1885 and a decision rendered on January 26. The highest court in the land decided that Willibald made sufficient changes on the horse neck pads and that he did not infringe on Fisher’s 1869 patent.

There was also a tense time at the Moon Lake Ice Company. It was the dead of winter in 1908. Newspapers headlines read, “Ice Companies Near Battle,” “Armies on Ice Got Cold Feet,” “Moon Lake Fight Now in Courts,” and “War Scare Over”. In the end, Moon Lake Ice Company prevailed in court, but was ordered to pay \$60 in damages that occurred during the stand-off. Carol Voss summarizes the story -

“Willibald Voss founded The Moon Lake Ice Company which provided ice to residents of Grand Rapids and employment to his sons. Its offices were located at 68 W. Bridge Street. Ice was cut in the winter, stored in sawdust,

and then resold to stores and residences throughout the year. Perhaps the most interesting story about the ice company was the "Ice War". The war was a dispute over the boundary on Moon Lake between the West Side Ice Company and the Moon Lake Ice Company. The war started when ice cutters from West Side began moving ice from the Moon Lake side of the boundary line. The confrontation escalated to the point that both companies sent several hundred armed men to defend their interests. Business in Casnovia came to a screeching halt as all available men lined the banks of the lake to watch the confrontation. The Muskegon County Sheriff and the J. U. Smith Detective Agency of Grand Rapids both become involved in maintaining the peace until the Muskegon circuit court ruled who owned the "small point of land projecting into the lake."

Willibald's love for horses and farms began on the Voss homestead in Altenilpe. He carried that interest with him his entire life. Little did Willibald know that when he left his German homeland, he would be able to combine his equestrian interests and his motivation for success and turn it into a thriving business. And little did he know that one business opportunity would lead to another and he would become a prominent businessman in the Grand Rapids area. By all measures, Willibald far exceeded expectations in finding and living out the "American Dream."

Willibald and Elizabeth, along with all their children were laid to rest in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Willibald and Elizabeth (Rademacher) Voss & Family



Left to Right ~ Top Row, Willibald, Frederick, Joseph, Edward, and Louis
Bottom Row, Lois, Willibald, Elizabeth and Frances

~ Circa 1912 ~

*Willibald Voss (1841-1916) & Elizabeth Rademacher (1850-1913)
were married February 8, 1870 in Westphalia, Michigan*

The Voss Children

Theresa (1870-1871)

Catherine (1874-1871)

Joseph John (1875-1850) married Eva Freund

Frances Margaret (1878-1938) married James Quinlan

Willibald Anthony (1881-1941) married Margaret Chamberlan

Edward John (1883-1937) married Rose Thome

Louis Charles (1885-1957) married Elnora Meldrum

Frederick August (1888-1961) married Theresa Vogt

Lois Martha (1890-1960) married Richard Derrick

Johann Willibald Voss Birth Record

25.	Johann Willibald	Birth 7 Jul 1841 Attenilpe	Godf. Joseph Voss Dorlar
	Franziska Knoche	Attenilpe 9 July 1841 Godf. Joh. Knoche, Willibald Nagel, Theresa Berles, Dorlar	

Father: Joseph Voss [Voss] Mother: Franziska Knoche

Birth Date: 7 Jul 1841

Baptism Date: 9 Jul 1841

Baptism Place: Attenilpe, Germany

Godparents: Joh. Knoche, Willibald Nagel and Theresa Berles, Dorlar

DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PORT OF NEW YORK.

I, Henry Manning Master of the Steam Ship "City of Cork" do solemnly, sincerely, and truly swear that the following List or Manifest, subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of New York, is a full and perfect List of all the Passengers taken on board the said "City of Cork" at Liverpool & Larnadoo from which port(s) the said "City of Cork" has now arrived; and that on said List is truly designated the age, the sex, and the occupation of each of said passengers, the part of the voyage intended by each during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an Inhabitant; and that said List truly sets forth the number of said Passengers who have died on said Voyage, and the names and ages of those who died.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Subscribed and sworn to by Henry Manning Master of the Steam Ship "City of Cork" at Liverpool on June 18 1867.

NAME	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	The country to which they are bound	The country to which they intend to become inhabitants	Part of the voyage intended by each passenger during the passage
Mary Abbott	30	Female	Wife	do		
Eliza Hughes	28	do	Wife	do		
Chas. Bennett	29	Male	Miner	do		
Ann do	25	Female	Wife	do		
Thos. Molloy	44	Male	Smith	do		
Wm. do	32	Male	Wife	do		
Rich. do	19	Male	Miner	do		
Ann do	18	Female	Wife	do		
Rich. do	18	Male	Child	do		
Thos. do	6	Male	do	do		
Thos. McGillicuddy	30	do	Wife	do		
Henry do	21	do	Wife	do		
Bern. Halfpenny	16	Male	Smith	do		
Pat. Handbury	50	do	Miner	do		
Ann. Brown	44	Female	Wife	do		
Adolph. do	38	Male	Labourer	do		
Irish do	7	do	Child	do		
Rich. do	9	Female	do	do		

Frank McEwen	21	Male	Miner	do		
James Haley	21	do	do	do		
David Brown	1	do	Infant	do		
James Hansen	21	do	Labourer	Germany		
Willibald Voss	23	do	Farmer	Germany		
John. do	23	do	do	do		
John. do	25	do	do	do		

Willibald Voss, age 23, Male, Farmer, Germany

Thos. Wajner	31	do	do	do		
Madhona do	34	Female	Wife	do		
Rich. do	2	Male	Child	do		
Frederick do	1	do	Infant	do		
John. Belmont	24	do	Labourer	France		
Thos. Kelly	22	Female	Wife	West. Ireland		
Pat. Keane	50	Male	Labourer	do		
Carl. Carey	22	Female	Wife	do		
Susan Cassidy	19	do	do	do		
Wm. Smith	24	Male	Labourer	do		
Alfred do	24	Female	Wife	do		
Rich. Brown	41	Male	Labourer	do		
Carl. Gray	25	Female	Wife	do		

Passenger List for the Steam Ship City of Cork, Departing Liverpool England and Queensland, Ireland, Arriving in New York, USA on June 18, 1867.

Grand Rapids Businessman . . .

Voss & Co., (Willebald Voss and Ferdinand Eikhoff,) harness manufacturers, w s Canal nr Bridge.

Voss Willebald, (Voss & Co.,) bds Bridge nr Turner w s.

1868-69 Grand Rapids City Directory

GRAND RAPIDS CITY DIRECTORY.

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EIKHOFF & VOSS,
Manufacturers and Dealers in
HARNESSES,

Saddles, Bridles, Collars, Whips, &c.
All kinds of Repairing done on short notice.

111 CANAL STREET,
Grand Rapids, - -



Michigan.

1873-74 Grand
Rapids City
Directory

GRAND RAPIDS DIRECTORY.

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W. VOSS,

Manufacturer of and Dealer in

Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Collars,

Whips, Robes, Blankets, Harness Oils, Brushes, Curry Combs, Fly-Nets, &c.,
139 Canal St., Branch 14 Bronson St., - Grand Rapids, Mich.
REPAIRS NEATLY AND PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO!

1875-76 Grand Rapids City Directory

**Voss Willibald, harnessmaker and wood dealer 123 Canal, res 15 W
Broadway, w s.**

1879 Grand Rapids City Directory

WILLIBALD VOSS,
Quarry, Field, and Holland
Sandstone, Water Table,
Window Caps and Sills,
Promiscuous Blocks, Pav-
ing Stone, Gravel, and Sand
of all Kinds. Phone 103.
143 Canal

1896 Business and Professional
Directory, Kent County

*Willibald Voss, President
Moon Lake Ice Company
Grand Rapids, Michigan*



Panoramic view of Moon Lake Ice Company.

Photo courtesy of Carol Voss. She shares... The car in this picture was identified by several people as being a Model T. Evidently the car used by the Moon Lake Ice Company was modified to include a pulley system designed to hoist large blocks of ice onto the top of commercial-sized ice boxes used in grocery stores. Some of the wagons carry the notation "W. Voss Ice Co." or "Moon Lake Ice Co."



Published in the
Grand Rapids Press,
May 1, 1911

MOON LAKE ICE CO, Willibald Voss
Pres, Joseph J Voss Vice-Pres
and Genl Mgr, Wm A Voss Sec
and Treas, 15 Winter, Tels: Citz
1030, Mich M 140.

Grand Rapids City Directory 1911



Moon Lake Ice House
Site of Moon Lake Ice War

*Willibald Voss, Manager
Harrison Land Company
Grand Rapids, Michigan*



Harrison Land Company

Grand Rapids City Directory
1911

*Voss Willibald, pres Moon Lake Ice Co,
mgr Harrison Land Co, h 19 W
Broadway.*



**Leonard
Cleanable
Porcelain
Lined**

Refrigerators

Made in Grand Rapids---\$7.50 to \$75.00

If you expect to buy a refrigerator this spring we want a chance to show you the good points of a LEONARD. There are new features about this make that no other possesses—the insulation is different, the circulation is different and the construction is different. Fact is, there's no use trying to tell you. We want to show you and it will pay you. The Flint Spring Water Company notified us Tuesday morning that they would deliver ice FREE OF CHARGE for one month to every person buying a new refrigerator, and we want this ice kept in a LEONARD, and, it will keep it.

*Willibald Voss, Vice President
Flint Spring Water Company
Flint, Michigan*

Published in the
Flint Journal
April 17, 1913

Death Records . . .

PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF MICHIGAN	
County	Kent	Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics	
Township or Village or City	Grand Rapids	TRANSCRIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
Registered No. 105		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)	
FULL NAME Willibald Voss		No. 343 National St.; 8 Ward	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
SEX	Male	DATE OF DEATH	Jan 18, 1916
COLOR OR RACE	White	I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Dec 20, 1915, to Jan 18, 1916, that I last saw him alive on Jan 17, 1916, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8 p.m.	
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	Widower	The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Myocarditis	
DATE OF BIRTH	July 7, 1841	(Duration) yrs. 2 mos. 18 ds.	
AGE	74 yrs. 6 mos. 14 ds.	Contributory Paralysis Agitans	
OCCUPATION	Mgr. Land Co.	(Signed) J. C. Irwin, M. D.	
BIRTHPLACE	Germany	Jan 19, 1916 (Address) Oakstone Bldg.	
NAME OF FATHER	Joseph Voss	* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.	
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	Germany	13 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)	
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	Frances Knoche	At place of death: yrs. mos. ds. In the State: yrs. mos. ds.	
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	Germany	Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?	
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE	Informant: Jos. J. Voss	Former or usual residence	
(Address)	345 National	14 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL	
Date	Jan 21, 1916	Mt Calvary Cem	
Registrar	Albert J. Alt	DATE OF BURIAL	
		Jan 21, 1916	
		ADDRESS	
		City	

Death Certificate

Willibald Voss

January 18, 1916

Kent County
Grand Rapids, Michigan

WILLIBALD VOSS DIES AT AGE OF 74

—
**WAS ACTIVE IN MANY ENTER-
PRISES AND PIONEER IN
GRAND RAPIDS.**
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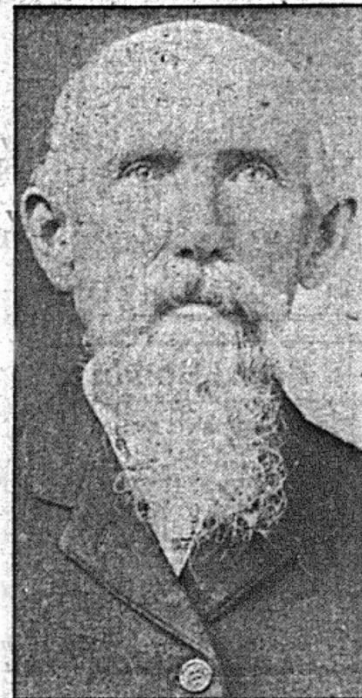
Willibald Voss, 74 years old, for years prominent in the ice industry of Grand Rapids, died Tuesday night at his residence, 342 National avenue, N. W. Mr. Voss became ill four weeks ago.

He was born in Altenilpe, Westphalia, Germany, in 1841, coming to Grand Rapids in 1867. He conducted one of the first harness and saddlery establishments in Grand Rapids, near the Grand Opera house block on Monroe avenue, N. W. He was president

of the Moon Lake Ice company of Grand Rapids, vice-president of the Flint Spring Water Ice company of Flint, Michigan, and general manager of the Harrison Land company of Grand Rapids, at the time of his death. Mr. Voss was one of the first members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church in Grand Rapids.

He leaves five sons, Joseph J., Will A., Edward J., Louis C., and Fred A. Voss, and two daughters, Lois M. Voss and Mrs. James C. Quinlan, all of Grand Rapids.

The funeral will be held from St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock Friday morning.



WILLIBALD VOSS.

Published in the
Grand Rapids Herald
Grand Rapids, Michigan
January 19, 1916

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics

TRANSCRIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH
County Kent
Towaship _____
or _____
Village _____
City Grand Rapids (No. 343 National Ave. St. 8 Ward) Registered No. 1325

FULL NAME Elizabeth Voss (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME (number of street and number))

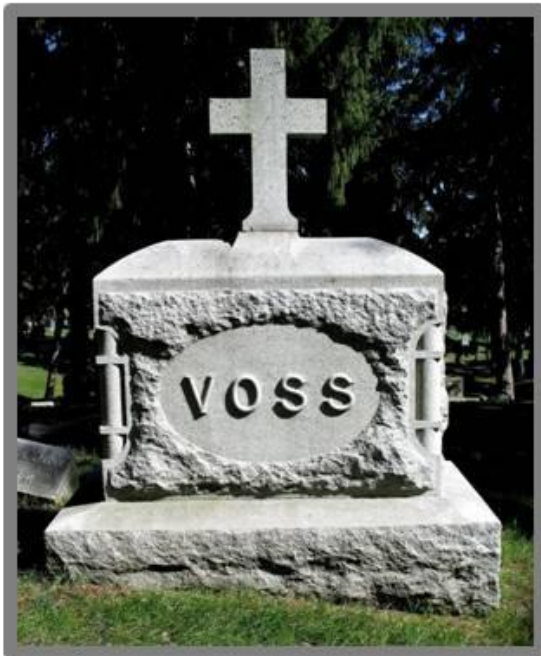
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	3 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) <u>Married</u>	10 DATE OF DEATH <u>Oct 7</u> 19 <u>13</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
2 DATE OF BIRTH <u>Feb 27</u> 18 <u>50</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			11 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Aug 16</u> 19 <u>13</u> to <u>Oct 7</u> 19 <u>13</u> that I last saw her alive on <u>6</u> 19 <u>13</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>8:45</u> The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows: <u>Multiple Sclerosis</u> <u>Paralysis of Heart</u> (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.	
5 AGE <u>63</u> yrs. <u>7</u> mos. <u>10</u> ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. min.			Contributory (BELLICANT) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds. (Signed) <u>G. G. McPherson</u> M. D. <u>Oct 9</u> 19 <u>13</u> (Address) <u>Widdow's Bld</u>	
6 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>Housewife</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)			* State (the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or if death from VIOLENT CAUSE, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.	
7 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Michigan</u>			12 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS) At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence _____	
PARENTS	10 NAME OF FATHER <u>John Phdemacher</u>		13 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>St. Calvary Cem</u> Date of Burial <u>Oct 10</u> 19 <u>13</u>	
	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Germany</u>		14 UNDERTAKER <u>Albert J. Galt</u> <u>Grand Rapids</u>	
	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Theresa Platte</u>			
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>Germany</u>				
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Interment) <u>Willibald Voss</u> (Address) <u>343 National Ave</u> <u>Oct 9</u> 19 <u>13</u> <u>Chas Capen</u> Registrar				

ELIZABETH VOSS, LONG A RESIDENT OF CITY, DIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Voss, wife of Willibald Voss, who had been a resident of this city forty-three years, died Tuesday morning at the family home, 343 National avenue, N. W. Mrs. Voss was born in Alpine and was sixty-three years old. She had been a member of St. Mary's church forty-three years. She is survived by a husband and seven children, Will A. Voss of Flint, Mich.; Mrs. James C. Quinlan, Joseph J., Edward J., Louis C., Frederick A. and Miss Lois M. Voss.

Elizabeth Voss died
October 7, 1913
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Published in the
Grand Rapids Press
Grand Rapids, Michigan
October 7, 1913



Willibald and Elizabeth (Rademacher) Voss
were laid to rest in Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Sources for Johann Willibald Voss_-

- Business and Professional Directory, Kent County, Michigan 1896
- Descendants and Ancestors of Johannes Willibald Voss and Elizabeth Rademacher by Carol A. Voss, 2000
- Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898 – Johann Willibald Voss Birth
- Grand Rapids City Directory, 1868-69, 1873-74, 1875, 1879, 1880-81, 1883, 1911
- Justa US Supreme Court - <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/113/213/>
- Michigan, Death Records, 1897-1920 for Willibald Voss and Elizabeth (Rademacher) Voss
- Michigan Gazetteer and Business Directory 1891-1892, 1903
- Michigan Marriage Records, 1867 – 1952 – Voss/Rademacher Marriage
- New York Passenger List, 1820-1857
- *The Grand Rapids Press*, Grand Rapids, Mich., Wed., Jan. 19, 1916, Pg. 12, Col. 3, Art. 2 – Obituary courtesy of Mike Cronk
- U.S. Federal Census, 1870, 1880, 1900 and 1910
- U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current - Find A Grave Memorial # 113350890

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- Mt. Calvary marker photos by Mike Cronk, Find a Grave Contributor

Anton Voss (1855- 1896)
Son of Joseph and Maria Franzisca (Knoche) Voss
Married Amelia Sailor
Maternal Uncle to Francis “Frank” Knoche

Anton was the youngest of at least twelve known siblings. He undoubtedly heard the stories of his aunts and cousins traveling to America and his family certainly must have received letters from his brother, Willibald, who left for America in 1867 when Anton was only twelve years old. It is possible that Willibald encouraged Anton to join him in Grand Rapids where there were opportunities for work and many freedoms that the German population did not enjoy.

At the age of 25, Anton made the decision to immigrate to the United States. He boarded the ship *S.S. General Werder* in Bremen, Germany and docked in New York on August 31, 1880. The destination point listed on the ship manifest was Detroit for several of the passengers listed close to Anton's name. Perhaps they were from the same area and were traveling as a group. In Detroit, Anton, surely was welcomed by his aunt and uncle, John and Mary Ann (Knoche) Wiethoff and their children.

It is not known how long Anton stayed in Detroit, but by 1883, the Grand Rapids City Directory lists Anton as a teamster and after this occupation is “W Voss.” It seems that this would mean Anton is working for his brother, Willibald. In the 1880's a teamster was one who drove a team of horses, oxen or mules to pull a wagon of freight. It was during the 1880's that Willibald owned a wood yard. So it is possible Anton did deliveries for his brother's business. By 1889, Anton is working as a teamster for a business named Star Roller Mills.

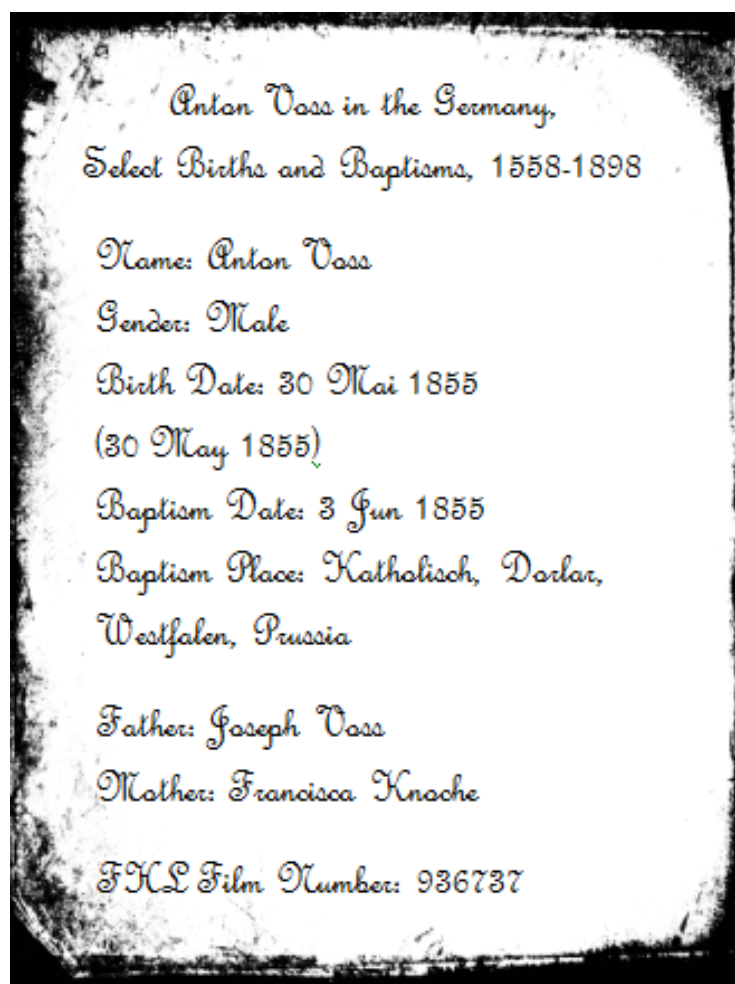
Sometime in the early 1880's, Anton married Amelia Sailor who was an immigrant from Vienna, Austria. They had one known child, a daughter, Florence “Flora”, who was born May 1, 1885 in Grand Rapids.

Anton had been in the United States only sixteen years, earning a living as a teamster, when he succumbed to death at the young age of 41 years. The cause of death was paralysis. Thirty-seven years later Amelia passed away. Both Anton and Amelia, along with their daughter, Flora, are buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Voss Family

*Anton "Anthony" Voss (1855-1896) married Amelia Sailor (1856-1934)
about 1884 probably in Kent County*

Daughter, Florence "Flora" (1885-1956) married Francis Robert Kelly



Voss Anton, teamster W Voss, bds 19 W Broadway, w s.

Voss Leone, bds 45 W Bridge.

Voss Willibald, Harness Mnfr 123 Canal and Wood Dealer
19 W Broadway, res 19 W Broadway, w s.

1883 Grand Rapids City Directory

Voss Anton, teamster Star Roller Mills, res 11 N Front.

1890 Grand Rapids City Directory

Voss Anton, teamster C G A Voigt & Co, h 138 Broadway

1895 Grand Rapids City Directory

I, O. H. Christoffers, Master of the S. S. Hanky Gordon, do solemnly, sincerely and truly disclose that the following List or Lists, subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of New York, is a full and perfect list of all the passengers taken on board of the said vessel at Bremen has now arrived; and that on said list is truly designated the age, the sex, and the occupation of each of said passengers, the port of the vessel occupied by each during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant: so that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the Names of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who died.

Seems to be

Before me

List or Manifest OF ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the

is Master, from *Cambridge*

Further Reading

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Anton Voss, age 25, male occupation is unreadable, country of origin, Germany, destination, Detroit

Passenger List for the Steam Ship General Werder, departing Bremen and arriving in New York, August 31, 1880.

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To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:

Return of Deaths in the County of Kent 29

Index Number	DATE OF DEATH			FULL NAME OF THE DECEASED	SEX Male or Female	WIFE, BORN, MARRIED, OR WIDOWED	AGE			PLACE OF DEATH	
	Month	Day	Year				Years	Months	Days		
3511	Dec	16	1896	Anton Voss	✓	Male	Married	41	5	16	Grand Rapids

for the Year Ending December 31, A. D. 1896.

DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION	PARENTS		DATE OF RECORD
			Name	Residence	
Paresis	Germany	Farmer	Unknown	Unknown	June 8, 1896

Anton Voss died December 16, 1896 in Grand Rapids

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State Office No. **14122212**
Register No. **870**

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Kent
Township _____
Village _____
City Grand Rapids (No. St. Mary's Hospital)
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2. FULL NAME Mrs. Amelia Voss
(a) Residence No. 1839 Buchanan St. Ward _____
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and state)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. da. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Female
4. Color or Race White
5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (WRITE the Widowed)
6. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Anthony Voss
7. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) Mar. 22, 1856
AGE Years 17 Months 6 Days 25 If LESS than 1 day ____ hrs. OR ____ min.
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Housewife
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. _____
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Vienna
13. NAME Joseph Sailer
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Austria
15. MAIDEN NAME Magdalen Warschusz
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Austria
17. INFORMANT Mrs. Flora Kelly (Address) 1839 Buchanan St.
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place St. Mary's Date 6/20, 1934
19. UNDERTAKER Albert J. Res & Sons (Address) 1836 S. 5th Ave
20. FILED 6/20, 1934 A. Edwards Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) June 17, 1934
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from June 1, 1934 to June 17, 1934
I last saw him alive on June 17, 1934 death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 3 P. m.
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:
Arterial Hypertension
Arteriosclerosis
Duration _____
Other contributory causes of importance: _____
If operation, date of _____
Condition for which performed _____
Organ or part affected _____
Was there laboratory test? _____ Autopsy? _____
In case of violence state if accident, homicide or suicide _____
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city, county or state)
Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? _____
Signed John W. Wright M. D.
Address 1936 S. 5th Ave

Amelia Voss died June 17, 1934 in Grand Rapids



Anton and Amelia (Sailor) Voss
were laid to rest in Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Sources for Anton Voss –

- Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898 – Anton Voss Birth
- Grand Rapids City Directory, 1883, 1886 and 1889-90
- Michigan Births and Christenings, 1775-1995," database, FamilySearch – Flora Voss Birth
- Michigan Deaths, 1867-1897," database, FamilySearch for Anton Voss
- Michigan Marriages, 1868-1925," database, FamilySearch – Flora Voss Marriage
- New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 Ship General Werder arriving in New York August, 31, 1880
- U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current - Find A Grave Memorial # 114561567

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Johan “Joseph” Knoche or Volmer (Born 1833-1898)
son of Johan Knoche or Volmer and Maria Franzisca Tillmann or
Toennesmann
&
Elisabeth Voss (1844-1919)
daughter of Joseph Voss and Maria Franzisca Knoche
Parents of Francis “Frank” Knoche

The Knoche and Voss families in Altenilpe, Germany have ties that go back hundreds of years. The inheritance laws where the oldest child inherited the homestead assured that these families would have a presence in the little farming village for generations.

In Frank Knoche’s family tree, there is evidence of Knoche relatives on both the maternal and paternal sides of his family. There is most likely some relationship between these two Knoche families given the uniqueness of the name. However, at this time, records have not surfaced to show where that connection originated. Any connection may go back decades and may only be found in church records, if they are available.

It was in 1833 that Joseph Knoche was born to Johan Knoche or Volmer and Maria Franzisca (Tillmann or Toennesmann) and eleven years later, in 1844, Elisabeth was born to parents, Joseph Voss and Franzisca (Knoche). Joseph and Elisabeth were united in marriage on August 30, 1864 at St. Hubert Catholic Church in the nearby village of Dorlar. They were blessed with at least nine known children and of these nine children, six immigrated to the United States. Maria Theresa and Anton Joseph remained in Germany to marry and raise their families and young Franz died before two years of age. One by one, Wilhelmina “Minnie,” Elisabeth “Bertha,” Frances, John, Frank and Henry made their way to America and settled in Detroit, Michigan.

Elisabeth made one trip to America to visit her children. She arrived in New York one day before her son, Henry’s arrival. The day of arrival was September 3, 1907 for “Mrs. Knoche” on board the *S.S. Kroonland* and Heinrich Knoche arrived on September 4th on the *S.S. Kronprinz Wilhelm*. Both ship records state Elisabeth and Henry came from Fredeburg which is less than three miles from Altenilpe.

It was after the death of Wilhelmina's husband, Anthony Schulte, that Elisabeth made the trip. Marianna Kopacz wrote the following story about Elisabeth's visit.

"A couple of years after her widowed daughter, Minnie, moved her large family to a farm in Detroit, Elisabeth worried that Wilhelmina would need help and decided to visit them. Back when Minnie was about 17, Elisabeth encouraged her daughter to seize the opportunity to emigrate to the United States, hoping she would have a better life there. Elisabeth stayed with the family for a time, but tended to get on everyone's nerves. She would complain about the boys and want to get out of the house, but then feel she should be back helping. Life was just too unsettling and different for her on the Schulte farm."

Elisabeth returned to Germany, but not before posing with her six children, leaving a cherished photo of her and her children who made America their new home.

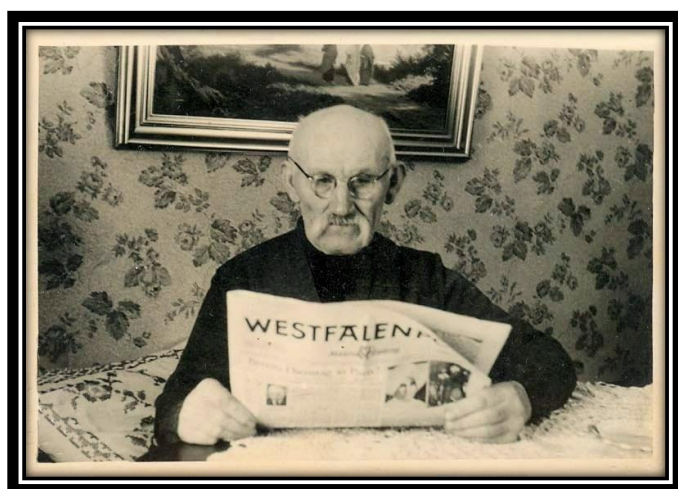
Many family trees have Joseph's death date as 1899. However, his son, Frank's Baptism record of July 1881, states his father is deceased. That would mean Joseph died in late 1880 or early to mid-1881. Family lore tells of Frank sharing stories about his father. If Frank remembers his father, then his Baptism record stating his father is deceased is incorrect and the death date of 1899 is most likely accurate. A response to a letter sent to St. Hubert Church in Dorlar stated they do not have the record books for that time period. Family trees indicate Elizabeth died on November 18, 1918, perhaps of the world-wide influenza epidemic.

Because of state and local laws governing cemeteries, there is most likely no marker for Joseph and Elisabeth and most likely their original grave sites have been turned into the earth to make room for new burials. Due to land shortages, grave sites are rented by the family for a period of perhaps 15-30 years. Sometimes the rental may be renewed, one or more times, or not at all. Thus far, there is no known cemetery or church record indicating the burial location of Joseph and Elisabeth.

Elisabeth (Voss) Knoche and Family



Left to Right ~ Standing ~ Elisabeth “Bertha,” and Frank
Sitting ~ John, Wilhelmina “Minnie,” Elisabeth, Henry and Frances
The photo was taken in Detroit, Michigan during Elisabeth’s visit, circa 1907-08.



Pictured to the left is Anton
“Joseph” Knoche, son of
Joseph and Elisabeth.

Family members not pictured
are father, Joseph and
children, Theresa and young
Franz.

The Knoche Family

Johan "Joseph" Knoche or Volmer (b. 1833)

&

Elisabeth Voss (1844-1918)

married August 30, 1864 in

Dorlar, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

The Knoche Children

Maria Theresia (1868-1953) married Albert Schulte

Wilhelmina "Minnie" (1869-1935) married Anthony Schulte

"Johann" Anton (1871-1941) married Elizabeth "Bertha" Hesse

Anton "Joseph" (1873-1954) married Theresa Marie Becker

Elizabeth "Bertha" (1876-1960) married Frederick "Fritz" Mues

Henry (1877-1914) married Anna (Braun) Schultz

Franz (1878-1879)

Frances (1880-1959) married Anthony Fuerst

Francis "Frank" (1881-1973) married Mary Ann Lange

Note – There is a possibility of two more sons, Frederick (b.1883) and Anton (b. 1884)

Johann Joseph Knocke
in the Germany, Select Births and Baptisms,
1558-1898

Name: Johann Joseph Knocke
Gender: Male

Birth Date: 23 Jul 1833
Baptism Date: 24 Jul 1833

Baptism Place: Katholisch, Dorlar,
Westfalen, Prussia

Father: Johann Knocke
Mother: Franzisca Tillmann

FHL Film Number: 936737

Elisabeth Voss in the
Germany, Select Births and Baptisms,
1558-1898

Name: Elisabeth Voss
Gender: Female

Birth Date: 1 Jun 1844
Baptism Date: 3 Jun 1844

Baptism Place: Katholisch, Dorlar,
Westfalen, Prussia

Father: Joseph Voss
Mother: Franzisca Knocke

FHL Film Number: 936737

Elisabeth Voss
in the Germany, Select Marriages,
1558-1929

Name: Elisabeth Voss
Gender: Female

Marriage Date: 30 Aug 1864

Marriage Place: Katholisch, Dorlar,
Westfalen, Prussia

Father: Joseph Voss

Spouse: Johann Knoche Or Valmer

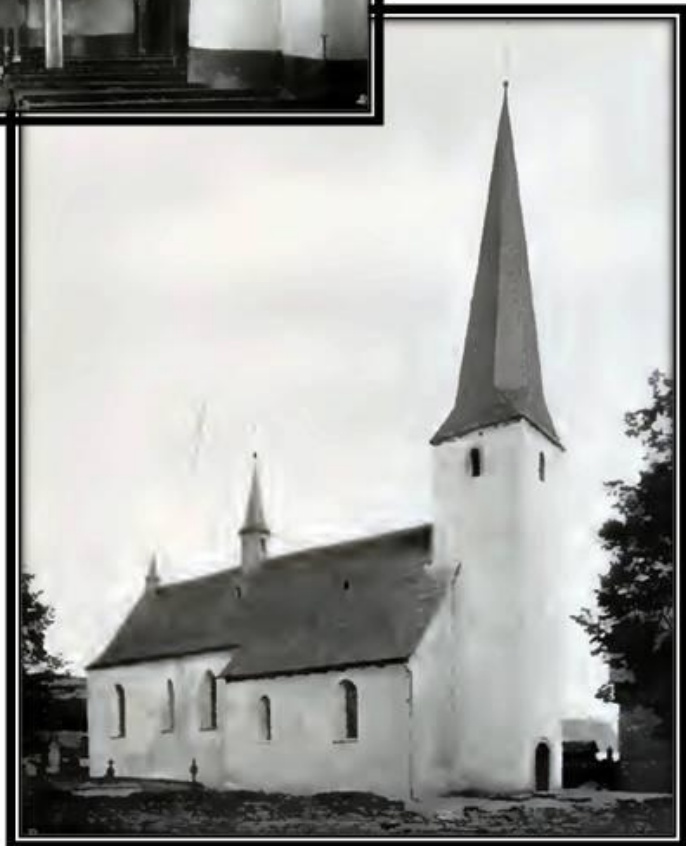
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*St. Hubert
Catholic Church*

Dorlar, Germany

St. Hubert Catholic church was built in 1358. For centuries, it was the place of worship for the Knoche and Voss families. This church building was replaced in 1913, retaining the tower and parts of the aisle from the original building.



Photos of the interior and exterior of the church were taken before 1908.

The Village of Altenilpe . . .



Altenilpe in 2009



The Knoche Homestead in Altenilpe

The Voss Homestead in Altenilpe . . .



The inheritance laws kept the Voss home in the family for decades. The homestead was sold in 1978 to the Heuel Family. Today, visitors are welcomed for a holiday stay, while enjoying the farm and surrounding activities.

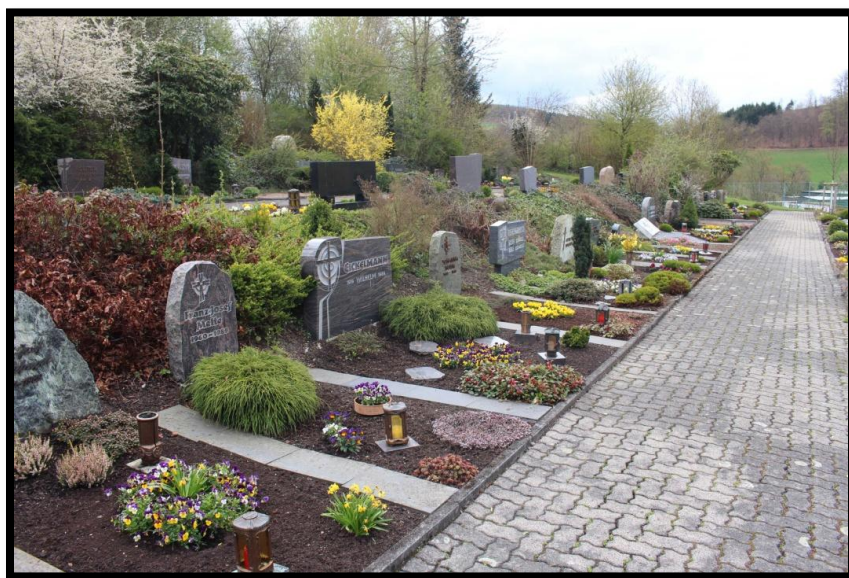


A view of the countryside with the Voss Homestead on the right.

<i>S.S. Kroonland</i>	
Departure: Antwerp on August 24, 1907	
Port of Arrival: New York on September 3, 1907	
Line Number: 29	Ever in US before? No
Name: Mrs. Knoche	Joining a Relative or Friend? John, Fritz,
Age: 60Years	Detroit, Michigan
Sex: Female	Ever in Prison or asylum? No
Married/Single: Widow	A Polygamist? No
Calling/Occupation: None	An Anarchist? No
Able to Read and Write: Yes	Mental and Physical Health: Good
Nationality: German	Deformed/Crippled? No
Race/People: German	Height: 5' 1"
Last Residence: Fredeburg, Germany	Complexion: Light
Destination: New York	Hair: Gray
Ticket to Final Destination: Yes	Eyes: Blue
Who Paid Passage? Self	Marks or Identification: No
Have \$50 or more? If not how much?	Place of Birth: Germany
Unreadable	

Elisabeth sailed on the S.S. Kroonland when she visited Detroit.

Cemetery in Dorlar . . .



Families rent a grave site for up to 30 years.
Once the rent agreement expires, the grave is prepared for a new burial.

Sources for Johan “Joseph” and Elisabeth (Voss) Knoche or Volmer -

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Wilhelmina “Minnie” (Knoche) Schulte (1869-1935)
Daughter of Johann Joseph and Elisabeth (Voss) Knoche or Volmer
Married Anthony Schulte in Detroit, Michigan
Sister to Francis “Frank” Knoche

Although she was given the name Wilhelmine at birth, throughout her life, family and friends called her Minnie. Much of what we know about Minnie’s personal life comes from the writings of her great-granddaughter, Mariana Kopacz. There are also a few records that help tell Minnie’s story.



Minnie was born on August 9, 1869 in the little village of Altenilpe and was baptized three days later at St. Hubert Catholic Church in Dorlar, Germany. Minnie was the second oldest of nine known children and surely was expected to help with household chores and child care as her other siblings arrived.

In 1887, when Minnie was just 17 years old, she set out on a journey that would change her life forever. Mariana Kopacz writes the following about Minnie’s trip and eventual settling in Detroit, Michigan.

“Minnie came to Grand Rapids, MI, when she was 17 having departed from Bremen, arriving in New York 14 Feb 1887 on N.G. Lloyd S.S. Ems. This was at the request of a maternal uncle who had visited Minnie’s parents in Germany, and wanted her to cook for his family. Minnie’s mother thought this would be a chance for her daughter to have a better life and encouraged her to go. By the time Minnie arrived in the United States, after being sick on the voyage, this tiny 5 ft woman only weighed about 80 lbs.

Wilhelmina discovered her uncle’s wife "was an ugly terrible person" who, among other demands, wanted breakfast ready every day at 6 a.m. A maternal cousin in nearby Westphalia, MI, at the urging of Elizabeth, went to check up on Minnie who pleaded with the cousin to take her away. Not wanting to cause trouble, the cousin advised Minnie to wait a few weeks until the farmers from Westphalia went on their usual first Thursday mill run to get wheat. But the very next Thursday, off Minnie went to the mill with all her things in a bundle. In German, she asked everyone she came across

about her cousin and finally found her. The cousin proceeded to get Minnie well and fatten her up again. From there she went on to Detroit to cook for a French family. The love of her life, her Tony, was a grocer in that city. Wilhelmina married Anthony Schulte, son of Anton Schulte and Margaretha Noellecke, in 1890 in Detroit. They had nine sons and two daughters, the youngest born in 1906.”

The uncle that employed Minnie in Grand Rapids was Willibald Voss and his wife, Elizabeth. Willibald was seeking someone to help his wife with their five young children. Elizabeth suffered from a terrible goiter problem. This enlargement of the thyroid gland can lead to coughing, hoarseness, and difficulty swallowing and breathing. It is possible that Elizabeth’s frustration of dealing with her medical condition and five young children led to the circumstances that caused Minnie to leave this job and seek employment in Detroit.

Minnie and Anthony lived at 949 Congress Street in the heart of the city. Not only was their house filled with the laughter and antics of 11 children, but there were also house guests. Minnie and Anthony welcomed Minnie’s sisters, Bertha and Frances, and brother, Frank, when they arrived from Germany. Close by on Congress Street, Anthony co-owned a grocery store called Schulte & Erdman Groceries and Liquor. According to Mariana Kopacz’s research, Anthony was the first grocer in the city to offer home delivery.

Minnie was just 38 years old, with her youngest child only one year old, when Anthony passed away from acute pneumonia. Devastated from the loss, Minnie moved her family out of the busy city to a small farm on Gratiot Avenue, close by the Assumption Grotto Church. Minnie found solace in her religious beliefs. She was an involved and dedicated church member. Mariana Kopacz writes –

“Minnie became an active member of Assumption Grotto parish. She owned one of the first baby grand pianos sold at J. L. Hudson’s and the choir would practice at her home. Minnie and many other parish ladies made quilts for the church bazaars. Every morning she attended Mass and the Stations of the Cross in the afternoon. She looked out for the Sisters [nuns]. Each Saturday Minnie would make sure to pick out a chicken from her farm for them; and she insisted her boys be available to hitch up the family wagon to drive the

Sisters to the convent in Center Line for visits. One German Sister who cooked for the convent liked to stand on the opposite side of the county ditch and chat with Minnie in their native tongue.”

For Minnie, living on the farm offered the opportunity for her to support her family. The 1910 U. S. Federal Census states that Minnie was a truck farmer, owning her own business. According to Mariana, Minnie owned a couple of cows for milk and home-made butter. She had chickens, fruit trees, and a garden. She most likely preserved what she could and sold the rest for needed income. The 1920 census shows six of Minnie’s sons now in their twenties and each gainfully employed. Undoubtedly, they all contributed to support the household. Minnie is no longer listed as a truck farmer on this census.

Minnie left Germany at the age of 17, full of hopes and dreams. When the position with her uncle did not work out, Minnie had the determination and courage to eke out employment in a new city. When her beloved husband passed away, leaving Minnie with eleven children, she showed perseverance knowing her children would look to her for strength. On May 5, 1935, Minnie died from a bout with pneumonia. She is buried in an unmarked grave site next to her beloved Anthony in Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.

Wilhelmina "Minnie" (Knoche) Schulte and Family



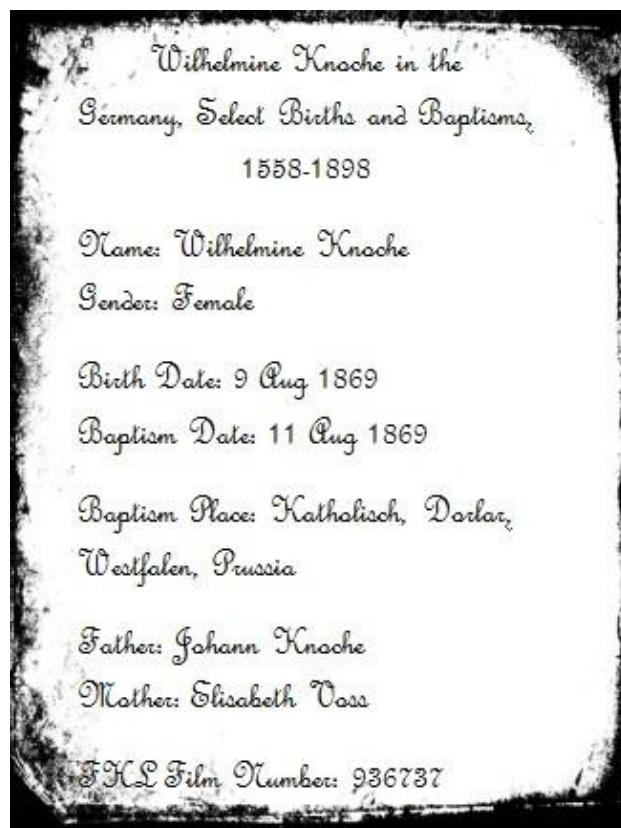
Left to Right, Standing ~ Elmer, Aloysius, Frank, Edwin "Jesse," Albert, Anthony and Joseph Sitting ~ William, Lidwina, Minnie, Mary and Arthur

The Schulte Family
Wilhelmina "Minnie" Knoche (1869-1935) &
Anton "Anthony" Schulte (1857-1907)
married April 23, 1890 in Detroit, Michigan

The Schulte Children
William (1891-1969) married (1st) Edith Maddelein and (2nd) Caroline Morris
Aloysius (1892-1945) married Norma Schlosser
Frank (1893-1971) married Sylvia Claeys
Joseph (1894-1974) married Sadie Trombly
Anthony 1896-1940)
Albert 1897-1953 married Adrienne Deriemaeker
Elmer (1899-1978) married Marie Maddelein
Edwin "Jesse" (1901-1944) married
(1st) Florence Trombly and (2nd) Marie Stark
Lidwina (1902-2004) married Edward Geiger
Arthur (1904-1963) married Nathalie Nuytten
Mary (1906-1972) married Joseph Koenig

Note: Edith Maddelein and Marie Maddelein are sisters.

Birth Records . . .



District of the City of New York, Port of New York.

I, *Theodor Junges* Master of the *N.G. Lloyd S.S. Ems*, do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear that the following List or Manifest, subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of New York, is a true and perfect list of all the passengers taken on board of the said steamship *Ems* at *Bremen*, Germany, from which port and *Germany* has now arrived; and that on said list is truly designated the age, the sex, and the calling of each of said passengers, the location of the compartment or space occupied by each during the passage, the country of origin of each, and also the destination or location intended by each; and that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the date and the names and ages of those who died, also the places of baggage of each; also a true statement, so far as can be ascertained, with reference to the intention of each alien passenger to be a contracted seaman in this country.

Theodor Junges
Master of the *N.G. Lloyd S.S. Ems*
List or Manifest of the passengers taken on board of the *N.G. Lloyd S.S. Ems* at *Bremen* for *New York*

NAME	AGE	SEX	CALLING	The country of which they are citizens	Intended destination or location	Number of pieces of baggage	Whether or not he is a contracted seaman
1. <i>Enriquez, Isidoro</i>	31	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
2. <i>Jose, Henrique</i>	32	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
3. <i>Antonio, Antonio</i>	48	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
4. <i>Thede, Thede</i>	38	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
5. <i>August, August</i>	35	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
6. <i>Louis, Louis</i>	42	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
7. <i>Alise, Alise</i>	38	f	none	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
8. <i>Coetz, Coetz</i>	31	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
9. <i>Julius, Julius</i>	25	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
10. <i>Julius, Julius</i>	44	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
11. <i>John, John</i>	42	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
12. <i>Julius, Julius</i>	38	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
13. <i>Alfred, Alfred</i>	38	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
14. <i>William, William</i>	32	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
15. <i>John, John</i>	32	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
16. <i>John, John</i>	34	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
17. <i>John, John</i>	45	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
18. <i>John, John</i>	28	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
19. <i>John, John</i>	32	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
20. <i>John, John</i>	44	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient

Passenger List for the N.G. Lloyd S.S. Ems, Departing Bremen and arriving in New York on February 14, 1887.

1. <i>Alfred, Alfred</i>	40	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	4	Transient
2. <i>Louis, Louis</i>	40	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	2	Transient
3. <i>Samuel, Samuel</i>	44	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	2	Transient
4. <i>John, John</i>	30	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	2	Transient
5. <i>Richard, Richard</i>	36	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	3	Transient
6. <i>James, James</i>	32	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	2	Transient
7. <i>Adam, Adam</i>	45	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
8. <i>William, William</i>	37	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
9. <i>John, John</i>	39	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	2	Transient
10. <i>Louis, Louis</i>	32	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	4	Transient
11. <i>John, John</i>	34	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	3	Transient
12. <i>John, John</i>	44	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	2	Transient
13. <i>John, John</i>	32	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	3	Transient
14. <i>John, John</i>	38	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	2	Transient
15. <i>John, John</i>	42	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	2	Transient
16. <i>John, John</i>	44	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	3	Transient
17. <i>John, John</i>	34	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	3	Transient
18. <i>John, John</i>	32	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	4	Transient
19. <i>John, John</i>	44	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	3	Transient
20. <i>John, John</i>	31	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	3	Transient
21. <i>John, John</i>	44	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	8	Transient
22. <i>John, John</i>	38	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	2	Transient
23. <i>John, John</i>	28	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	3	Transient
24. <i>John, John</i>	42	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	3	Transient
25. <i>John, John</i>	38	m	merchant	America	U.S. of Am.	4	Transient

52. Minnie Knoche, age 17, female, no occupation, destination US of America, Second Cabin, One Bag, Transient – Willibald Voss's name on the next page.

52. <i>Minnie Knoche</i>	17	f	none	America	U.S. of Am.	1	Transient
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Schulte Adam, ins, 31 Croghan, h same.
" Adam, lab, bds n s Mack rd near Connor's Creek.
" Albert, finisher E A Armstrong, bds 433 Riopelle.
" Albert, lab, bds 407 Calhoun.
" Albert M, bkkpr L A St Aubin, bds 418 St Aubin.
" Miss Angie W, capmkr, bds 174 Champlain.
" Anthony (aged 71), died Dec 19, 1889.
✓ " Anthony (Schulte & Erdman), h 922 Congress e.
" Anthony, carp, h 39 Waterloo.
" Anthony, lab, bds 313 Division.
" Anthony, lab, bds 550 Orleans.
" Anthony, painter, bds 302 St Antoine.
" Anthony jr, bkkpr N Hardoin & Co, bds 39 Waterloo.
" Anthony, tailor, h 196 Champlain.

U.S. Detroit City Directory, 1890

Marriage Record . . .

465 TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF MICHIGAN:										
Return of Marriages in the County of <u>Wayne</u>										
RECORD NUMBER	DATE OF LICENSE			FULL NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM AND MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE IF A WIDOW	AGE OF EACH IN YEARS	WHITE, BLACK, MULLATON, ETC.	RESIDENCE OF EACH	BIRTHPLACE OF EACH	OCCUPATION OF EACH	NAME OF FATHER OF EACH
	MON.	DAY	YEAR							
5891	Apr	23	1890	Anthony Schulte Minnie Puchy	32 21	white	Detroit Mich	Germany	Grocer	Anthony Schulte
							Detroit Mich	Germany	Domestic	Unknown
for the quarter ending <u>June 30</u> A. D. 18 <u>90</u>										
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF EACH	TIED PREVIOUSLY MARRIED	DATE OF MARRIAGE			PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE			
		MON.	DAY	YEAR			NAMES	RESIDENCES		
Margaret Healy Unknown		Apr	23	1890	Detroit	V. Valensinski Rector	Michael Geck Elizabeth Wiethoff	Detroit Mich Detroit Mich		

Minnie and Anthony were married on April 23, 1890 in Detroit, Michigan.
Witnesses, Michael Geck and Elizabeth Wiethoff

Wedding Day . . .



ANTHONY SCHULTE DEAD

Had Conducted Grocery at Congress and Leib Streets 20 years.

After rallying from an illness which caused him to spend the winter at Asheville, Anthony Schulte had a relapse and died yesterday at his home, 949 Congress street east. He seemed much improved when he returned six weeks ago, but began to fail early this month.

For over twenty years Mr. Schulte had conducted a grocery at the corner of Congress and Leib streets under the firm name Schulte & Erdman. Born in Westphalia,

Germany, forty-nine years ago, he had spent most of his life in this city. He was a brother of Ald. Schulte and is survived by the widow, nine sons and two daughters.

Mr. Schulte was a member of the C. M. B. A., Westphalia Shooting club and several other organizations. Funeral services will be held from the family residence, 949 Congress street east, to Our Lady of Help church on Monday morning and interment will take place in Mt. Elliott cemetery.



ANTHONY SCHULTE.

Published in the
Detroit Free Press
May 17, 1907

118 PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF MICHIGAN
 Department of State--Division of Vital Statistics
 TRANSCRIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

County of _____
 Township of _____
 or
 Village of _____
 or
 City of _____ (No. 949 Congress St. 13 Ward) Registered No. 2702

FULL NAME Anthony Schulte

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX male COLOR _____
 DATE OF BIRTH (Month) (Day) (Year) July 9 1857
 AGE 49 YEARS 9 MONTHS 7 DAYS
 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED M
 AGE AT MARRIAGE, NUMBER OF CHILDREN { If married, age at (first) marriage 33 years
 Parent of 11 children, of whom 11 are living
 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Ger.
 NAME OF FATHER Anthony Schulte
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Ger.
 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Wilhelmina
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) "
 OCCUPATION Gracer

THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF
 (Informant) August Schulte
 (Address) Detroit

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) 5 16 1907
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 5/6 1907, to 5/16 1907, that I saw h alive on 5/16 1907 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 29 M
 The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
acute lobar pneumonia
93 (DURATION) 16 DAYS
 Contributory _____ (DURATION) _____ DAYS
 (Signed) J. A. Dewar M. D.
5/16 1907 (Address) Detroit
 SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents:
 Former or usual residence _____ How long at place of death? _____ Days
 Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____
 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL St. Elliott DATE OF BURIAL 5/20 1907
 UNDERTAKER A. Schulte ADDRESS Detroit
 Filed 5/18 1907 A TRUE COPY

Anthony Schulte died May 16, 1907 in Detroit, Michigan

SCHULTE—May 16. Anthony, aged 49 years, beloved husband of Wilhelmina Schulte. Funeral from residence, 949 Congress east, Monday at 8 o'clock, and from Lady of Help church at 8:30.

Published in the *Detroit Free Press*, May 18, 1907

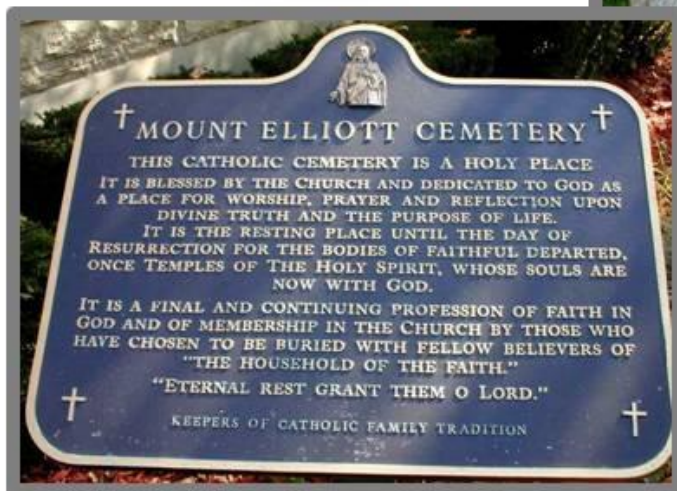
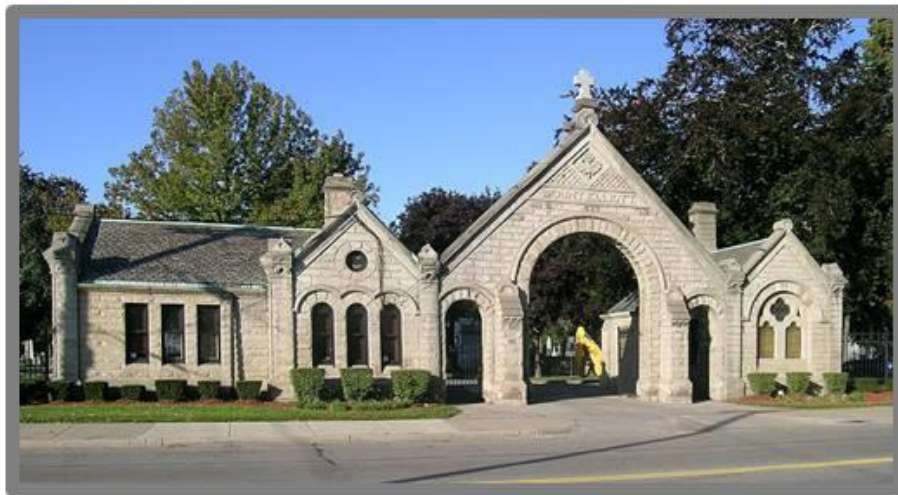
1. PLACE OF DEATH		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Division of Vital Statistics CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State Officer No. 196340
County Wayne				Register No. 5488
Township _____				
Village _____				
City Detroit		(No. St Joseph Mercy Hosp St. _____ Ward _____) (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)		
2. FULL NAME Wilhelmina Schulte				
(a) Residence No. 13870 Gratiot		St., Ward _____		
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 60 yrs. mos. da. (If non-resident give city or town and state) How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? 60 yrs. mos. da.				
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				
3. SEX Female	4. Color or Race White	5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (WRITE the word) Widowed		
6a. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Anthony Schulte				
6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) Aug 10 1869				
7. AGE 65	Years 8	Months 25	IF LESS than 1 day hrs. OR min.	
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Housewife				
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.				
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)				
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation				
12. BIRTH PLACE (city or town) Unknown (State or country) Germany				
13. NAME John Knoche				
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Unknown (State or country) Germany				
15. MAIDEN NAME Theresa Voss				
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Unknown (State or country) Germany				
17. INFORMANT Jos. Schulte (Address) 13870 Gratiot				
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place Mt. Elliot Date 5/8/35 , 19				
19. UNDERTAKER H F Weitenberger (Address) 13877 Gratiot				
20. FILED MAY 8 1935 Registrar.				
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH				
21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) May 5th 1935				
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from May 1st , 1935, to May 5 , 1935				
I last saw him alive on May 4 , 1935, death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 1:30 P. M				
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: Broncho-Pneumonia				
Other contributory causes of importance: Diabetes mellitus Chronic Endo Carditis				
If operation, date of _____				
Condition for which performed _____				
Organ or part affected _____				
Was there laboratory test? No Autopsy? Yes				
In case of violence state if accident, homicide or suicide _____				
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city, county or state)				
In industry, home or public place? _____				
Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? No				
Signed August L. M. W. M. D.				
Address _____				

Death Certificate

Wilhelmina (Knoche) Schulte

May 5, 1935

Wayne County
Detroit, Michigan



Anthony and Wilhelmina (Knoche) Schulte
were laid to rest in Mt. Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.

Sources for Wilhelmina (Knoche) Schulte -

- *Detroit Free Press*, May 17, 1907, Obituary, Anthony Schulte
- Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898
- Michigan Death Records, 1867-1950
- Michigan Marriage Records, 1867-1952
- Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association
- New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957
- Rosie's Genealogy World, Website by Mariana Kopacz
- U. S. Federal Census 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930

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John Anton Knoche (1871-1941)
Son of Johann Joseph and Elisabeth (Voss) Knoche or Volmer
Married Elizabeth “Bertha” Hesse in Detroit, Michigan
Brother to Francis “Frank” Knoche

John was the third child and the first born son of Joseph and Elisabeth Knoche. His arrival in the little German village of Altenilpe was on May 17, 1871. One day later he was baptized in St. Hubert Catholic Church in Dorlar. Little is known about John's early life. On the 1940 U. S. Federal Census, John states that he completed the 8th grade, so he most likely received his schooling in the little village. It is not known if he entered the military and served for five years as required of many young German men. Nor is it known if the inheritance laws that the oldest son inherits the family property were still in effect when John reached adulthood.

What is known is that John, at the age of 30 years, decided to immigrate to the United States and join his sisters, Minnie, Bertha and Frances in Detroit, Michigan. He sailed on the *S. S. Barbarossa* and arrived in New York on July 31, 1901. From there he traveled to Detroit where he would make that city his lifelong home.

In the ship record, John states that his relative in the United States is his brother-in-law, Anton Schulte. It is reasonable to assume John stayed with the Schultes until he found work and lodging. The 1910 and 1920 U. S. Federal Census indicate John is self-employed and working in the saloon and restaurant industry.

On April 10, 1907, John married German immigrant, Elizabeth “Bertha” Hesse, daughter of Frank and Franciska (Winter) Hesse. The ceremony took place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Detroit. Together, they would have ten children. Two of them, Eleanora and Joseph, died at a young age and William was killed in World War II. The other children include Olga, Frederick, Elizabeth, Leo, John, Raymond and Constance.

John and several of his relatives were members of the Westphalian Schuetzenbund Shooting Club. Competitions were held regularly with scores printed in the *Detroit Free Press*. In December 1916, John and his brother-in-law, Fritz Mues, were elected Trustees of the Club.

John's desire to become a U.S. citizen became a reality on December 2, 1912. He began the citizenship process on July 20, 1909 by signing a Declaration of Intention at the Wayne County Circuit Court in Detroit, Michigan. Obtaining U.S. citizenship may have been beneficial in his line of work.

Before 1920, it appears that John's livelihood came from the sale of liquor. That is his occupation listed on the census records and the Detroit city directories. The directories indicate an address of 164 Hastings Street; however, early records for the liquor license or tax payment indicate Frank Knoche as payer at that address. Since John's brother, Frank, received his U.S. citizenship in 1909, one can wonder if he was the eligible one to take out the license. By 1913, John is a U.S. citizen and he is listed as paying for the liquor license at the Hastings Street address.

Also noticeable in the directories is John changing from a liquor business to soft drink sales. In 1916, Michigan voters approved a prohibition amendment to the State Constitution. The law went into effect on May 1, 1917. By 1919, the passage of the 18th Amendment started the nationwide "Prohibition Era" that lasted until repeal in 1933. During this time, the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors was prohibited.

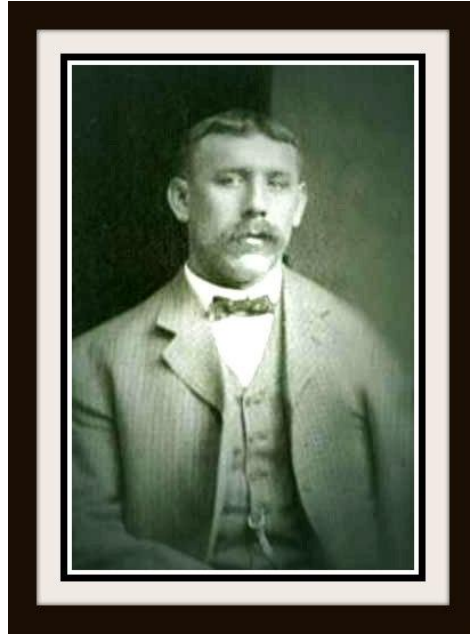
For John, the soft drink business did not last long, possibly because of the changing environment in Detroit. The honest businessman strictly selling soft drinks had to compete with the after hour speakeasies and the drug stores that were allowed to sell wine for "religious purposes" and "medicinal whiskey" for various ailments.

For over a decade, John lived in a city that became known for its bootlegging and smuggling. Liquor was smuggled in from Canada and sold to speakeasies in the Detroit area and to underground suppliers across the country. Another unintended consequence of prohibition was rise of gang violence. The Purple Gang was one of the notorious gangs in Detroit involved in underground activities such as gambling and liquor and drug sales.

During the prohibition era, John took on various jobs as a laborer including employment in an auto plant. It was also during this time that John lost his beloved wife Bertha. On October 10, 1932, at the age of 50 years, Bertha died from cancer.

John eventually retired. In 1940, he is living on Glenwood Avenue. Also, living in the household are his brother-in-law William Hesse and his daughter, Olga and her family. Nine years after Bertha's death, John tragically met his death in an auto accident on August 17, 1941. Both John and Bertha were laid to rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.

John Knoche



The Knoche Family

*John Knoche (1871-1941) & Elizabeth "Bertha" Hesse (1882--1932)
married on April 10, 1907 in Detroit, Michigan*

The Knoche Children

Olga (1908-1968)

Frederick (1909-1974) married Helen Mullens (1913-1972)

Eleanora (1911-1913)

William (1912-1942)

Elizabeth (1914-2006) married Arthur Lenhard (1915-1982)

Leo (1915-2008) married Florine Mullins (1916-2001)

Joseph (1917-1920)

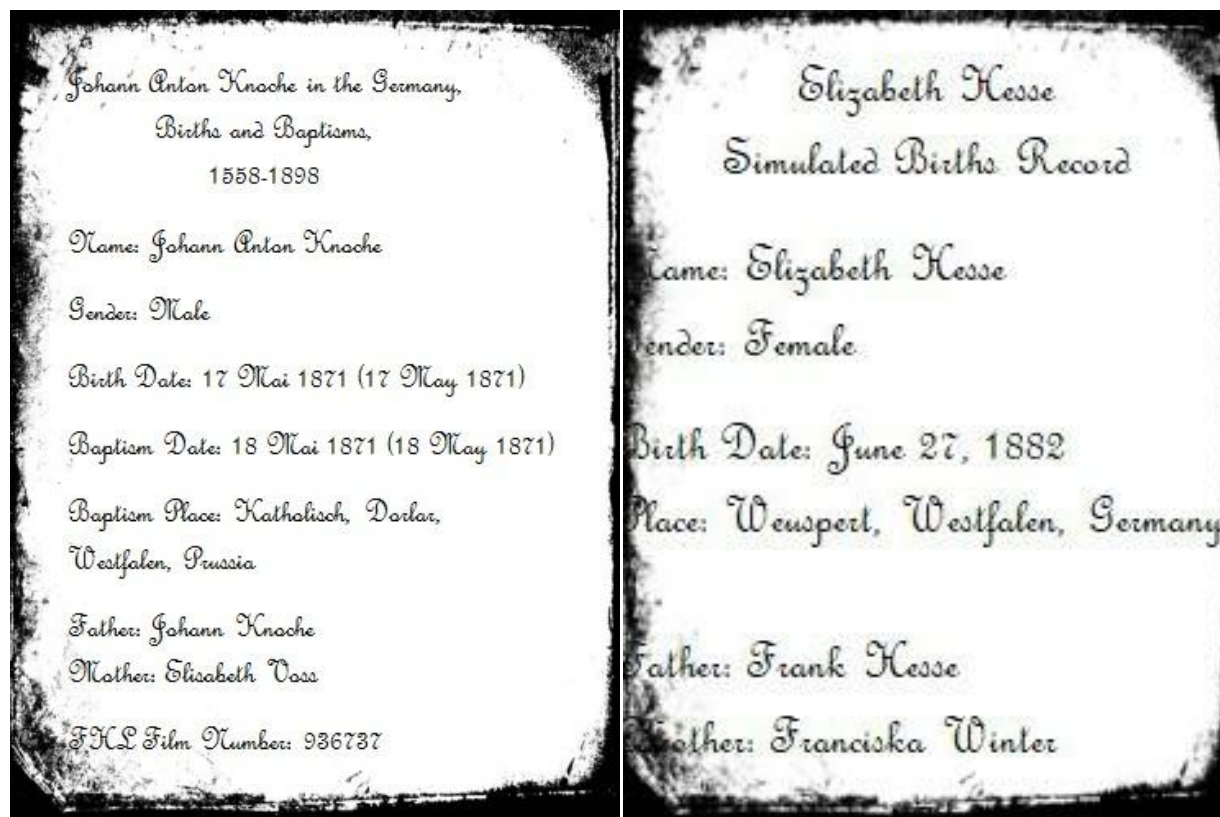
John (1919-) married Margaret Bauer (1922-1984)

Raymond (1920-2017) married Doris Pirsig (1928-)

Constance (1925-2008) married Russell Hartway (1921-2004)

Note: Helen and Florine Mullins are sisters.

Birth Records . . .



Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen
LIST OF PASSENGERS OF THE S.S. BARBAROSSA

Subject: In compliance of the Statute of the Society of the United States under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1906, in its application to the Steamship Company of Bremen by the Steamship Company of Bremen.

ALL PASSENGERS MUST BE REGISTERED AT THE OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE, NEW YORK CITY, PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

No.	NAME OF PASSENGER	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Place of Birth	Profession	Final Destination	Purchased Own Ticket	Possesses U.S. Money	Never to U.S.	Joining Relative	Contract	Mental Health	Physical Health	Deformed or Crippled	Color	Parents Tongue
1	Adolf Knoche	30	Male	Single	Germany	Engineer	Detroit	Yes	\$1.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
2	Anton Schulte	35	Male	Married	Germany	Farmer	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
3	Anna Schulte	32	Female	Married	Germany	Homemaker	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
4	Paula Schulte	10	Female	Married	Germany	Schoolchild	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
5	Ernst Schulte	8	Male	Married	Germany	Schoolchild	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
6	Carl Schulte	5	Male	Married	Germany	Schoolchild	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
7	Helene Schulte	4	Female	Married	Germany	Schoolchild	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
8	Adolf Knoche	30	Male	Single	Germany	Engineer	Detroit	Yes	\$1.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
9	Anton Schulte	35	Male	Married	Germany	Farmer	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
10	Anna Schulte	32	Female	Married	Germany	Homemaker	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
11	Paula Schulte	10	Female	Married	Germany	Schoolchild	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
12	Ernst Schulte	8	Male	Married	Germany	Schoolchild	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
13	Carl Schulte	5	Male	Married	Germany	Schoolchild	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German
14	Helene Schulte	4	Female	Married	Germany	Schoolchild	Detroit	Yes	\$2.00	No	Brother-in-Law	No	Good	Good	No	White	German

Passenger List for the S.S. Barbarossa
Departing Bremen July 20th and Arriving in New York on July 31, 1901

Form 161--4-07-1 500										
To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:										
Return of Marriages in the County of _____										
Record Number.	Date of License.			Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride, and Maiden Name of Bride if a Widow.	Age of Each in Years.	White, Black, Mexican, Etc.	Residence of Each.	Birthplace of Each.	Occupation of Each.	Name of Father of Each.
	Month.	Day.	Year.							
54808	Apr	9	"	John Kroche Bertha Hesse	35 25	White "	Detroit Mich " "	Germany Germany	Laborer	John
for the Quarter Ending _____ A. D. 190__										
Maiden Name of Mother of Each.	Time Previously Married.	Date of Marriage.			Place of Marriage.	Name and Official Station of Person by Whom Married.	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE.			
		Month.	Day.	Year.			Names.		Residences.	
Elizabeth	No	Apr	10	"	Detroit Mich	P. Zell Pastor	Fred Deimel Minnie Droste		Detroit Mich " "	

**Nearly Fifty Marksmen Take Part
In Big Shooting Competition. F.
V. Petz and B. Wurzbürger Make
Good Scores in Union Match.**

At the annual meet of the Westphalia Schuetzenbund held last Sunday, Ald. August Schulte wrested the honors of marksmanship from all competitors and was declared king for the ensuing year to succeed Charles Molitor. Following are the prize winners and the scores made by each in the big union shot which followed the competition for the society's highest honors:

The scores:

KING.			
Aug. Schulte	23	23	20-66
UNION.			
F. X. Petz.....	22	22	25-69
B. Wurzbürger	24	23	22-69
A. F. Kaiser Sr.....	22	20	25-67
W. F. Cramer Jr.....	20	22	23-65
Jos. Molitor	22	22	20-64
Jos. Erdmann	21	24	19-64
Anth. J. Schulte.....	14	25	24-63
Aug. Schulte	23	19	20-62
Jos. Droste	22	18	21-61
J. J. Schulte.....	15	23	22-60
Anton Dunneback	29	19	26-59
Dr. Jos. Schulte.....	24	14	20-58
Frank Piscopink	19	13	25-57
L. Pfeffer	20	14	23-57
Wm. Rabe	25	11	20-56
Jos. A. Schrage.....	22	18	16-56
Jos. Aiple	21	13	19-53
Jos. Lingemann	24	12	17-53
Jos. Goedeke	17	18	17-52
Jos. Goedde	19	12	19-50
Jos. Kaufmann	18	15	17-50
A. Lingemann	12	23	15-50
John Droste	13	22	15-50
Rich Dwyer	23	10	16-49
Jos. Kremer	6	17	25-48
Arthur Schrage	10	17	19-46
Anth. Piscopink	13	16	16-45
Al. Dunneback	23	—	21-44
John Kaiser	18	15	10-43
Chas. Molitor	20	22	..-42
Anth. Kaiser Jr.....	24	2	13-39
John Blankert	13	20	6-39
Jos. Muer .....	..	19	19-38
F. X. Hillebrand.....	..	25	8-33
Chas. Padberg	11	1	19-32
Frank Linto	17	5	10-32
Fritz Mues .....	..	22	7-29
Anton Wiese	17	10	2-29
Anth. Raths	22	..	..-22
John Knoche .....	..	15	..-15
D. T. Murray.....	..	..	8-8
Dr. E. B. Smith.....	..	6	2-8
Wm. Heimbrich .....	..	..	..-..

This is one of many articles published in the newspaper about the Westphalia Schuetzenbund. John is listed among several relatives and friends who participated in the shooting competition.

Published in the *Detroit News*,
Sunday, July 7, 1907

OFFICE OF THE Treasurer of Wayne County.

I hereby certify that the following is a full and complete report of monies for liquor licenses received in my office in the matter of selling or having for sale or the manufacturing of distilled, brewed or malt liquors, during the year ending December 5, 1910.

WM. F. MOELLER,
Wayne County Treasurer.

SPIRITUOUS OR INTOXICATING OR MIXED LIQUORS BY RETAIL		
Apr. 25, 1910.	Knodel, Frederick, 667 Kercheval.....	500 00
Apr. 25, 1910.	Kleffman, Leo, 188-190 St. Antoine.....	500 00
Apr. 25, 1910.	Kuhn, Adelbert J., 18 Michigan.....	500 00
Apr. 25, 1910.	Kaufmann, Martin J., 303 Woodward.....	500 00
Apr. 25, 1910.	Klein, Aaron, 194 Gratiot.....	500 00
Apr. 25, 1910.	Klein, Aaron, 832-836 Gratiot.....	500 00
Apr. 25, 1910.	Klee, John B., 211 Hastings.....	500 00
Apr. 25, 1910.	Klein, Aaron, 103 Michigan.....	500 00
Apr. 25, 1910.	Klein, Aaron, 2245 Jefferson W.....	500 00
Apr. 25, 1910.	Kaufmann, Abraham B., 290 Woodward.....	500 00
Apr. 25, 1910.	Kramer, Frank M., 382 St. Paul.....	500 00
Apr. 25, 1910.	Knoche, Frank, 164 Hastings St.....	500 00

Published in the *Detroit Free Press* on December 5, 1910
is Frank Knoche listed as paying for a liquor license.

May 2	Kosebutzki, Joseph, 404 Ash St.....	500 00
May 2	Knoche, John A., 164 Hastings St.....	500 00
May 2	Klein, Samuel, 2245 Jefferson Ave. W.....	500 00

John, now a U.S. citizen, is paying for the liquor license.

Published in the *Detroit Free Press*, December 2, 1913



John transitioned from selling liquor to soft drinks after passage of the Michigan State Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the sale of alcohol.



Prohibition in Detroit

John is forced out of business due to the prohibition laws, but underground liquor sales continue in Detroit.



Raid on an Illegal Distillery



A break through in the ice in an attempted smuggling of liquor across Lake St. Clair from Ontario to Detroit.



Beer Parade in Detroit 1932

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
John Knoche
 TO BE ADMITTED A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Filed _____, 19____

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to *William II* the _____ of *German Empire* of whom I have heretofore been a subject (and that I further renounce the title of _____, an order of nobility, which I have heretofore held); that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

John Knoche

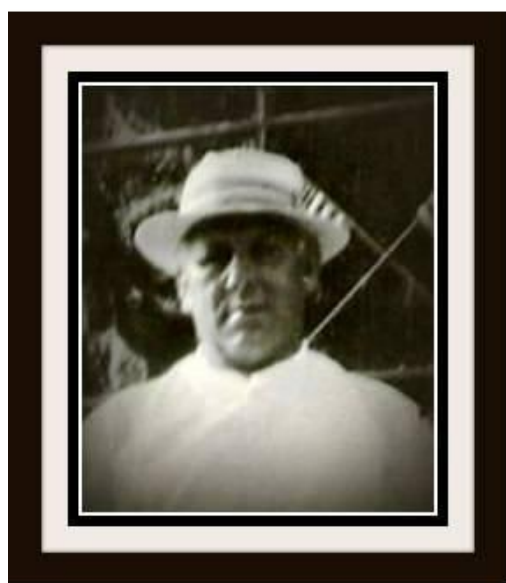
Subscribed and sworn to before me, in open Court, this *2* day of *Dec*, A. D. 19*12*

Geo. H. H. H., Clerk.

[SEAL.]

John signs the Oath of Allegiance to become a U. S. Citizen on December 2, 1912.

Later Years . . .



John Knoche

PEDESTRIAN, 70, KILLED
 John Knoche, 70 years old, of 14061 Glenwood, was dead on admittance to Saratoga General Hospital of injuries received when he was hit by a car driven by Harlow Chaplin, of 1630 W. Hancock, at 5:33 p. m. Saturday. Chaplin was released after making statement.

*Detroit Free Press, Detroit Michigan,
 Sunday, August 17, 1941*

1 PLACE OF DEATH		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		State Office No.	
		Division of Vital Statistics		162668	
		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
County <u>Wayne</u>		City <u>Detroit Mich</u>			
Township _____		Village _____			
City <u>Detroit Mich</u>		(Name of hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number) <u>Saratoga General Hospital</u>			
3 FULL NAME <u>Elizabeth Knoche</u>		Register No. <u>10796</u>			
(a) Residence No. <u>14061 Glenwood</u>		St. Ward _____			
(Usual place of abode)		(If non-resident give city or town and state)			
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred <u>35</u> yrs. mos. ds.		How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? <u>35</u> yrs. mos. ds.			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 Color or Race <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (WRITE the word) <u>Married</u>	21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>10-10, 1932</u>		
6a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>John C. Knoche</u>			22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>11-10-31</u> to <u>10-10</u> , 19 <u>32</u> , to <u>10-10</u> , 19 <u>32</u>		
6 DATE OF BIRTH Month, day and year <u>June 27-1882</u>			I last saw her alive on <u>10-10</u> , 19 <u>32</u> ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>4:50 A. M.</u>		
7 AGE Years <u>50</u> Months <u>3</u> Days <u>13</u>	If LESS than 1 day ____ hrs. OR ____ min.		The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: <u>Carcinoma of sigmoid</u>		
OCCUPATION	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as engineer, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Housewife</u>		DURATION		
	9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <u>At Home</u>				
	10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>Oct 5, 1932</u>				
	11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>25 years</u>				
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Frankfurt Germany</u>			Other contributory causes of importance:		
MOTHER FATHER	13. NAME <u>Frank Hesse</u>			If operation, date of <u>11-10-31</u>	
	14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Frankfurt Germany</u>			Condition for which performed <u>Obstruction</u>	
	15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Therese Winter</u>			Organ or part affected <u>Large intestine</u>	
	16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Frankfurt Germany</u>			Was there laboratory test? <u>Yes</u> Autopsy? <u>No</u>	
	17. INFORMANT <u>John C. Knoche</u>			In case of violence state if accident, homicide or suicide _____	
(Address) <u>14061 Glenwood</u>			Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city, county or state)		
18. BURLI, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Home</u> Date <u>Oct 13, 1932</u>			In industry, home or public place? _____		
19. UNDERTAKER <u>C. G. Brinkman</u>			Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? _____		
(Address) <u>8131 Mack Ave</u>			Signed <u>J. M. Passie</u> M. D.		
20. FILED? _____ 19 _____			Address <u>14061 Saratoga Ave</u>		
Registrar					

Death Certificate

Elizabeth "Bertha" (Hesse) Knoche

October 10, 1932

Wayne County
Detroit, Michigan

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No.	
If veteran, name war		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		282199	
Bureau of Records and Statistics				Local File No. 9389	
FULL NAME <u>John Knoche</u>					
PLACE OF DEATH:			USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:		
County <u>Wayne</u>			State <u>Michigan</u> County <u>Wayne</u>		
Township			Township		
City or village <u>Detroit</u>			City or village <u>Detroit</u>		
Name of hospital			Street no. <u>14061 Glenwood Ave.</u>		
(If not in hospital, give street address.)			Citizen of foreign country? <u>no</u>		
Length of stay: In hospital			If yes, name country		
In this community <u>6 days</u>					
Sex	Color or Race	Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION	
<u>Male</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Widowed</u>		AUG 17 1941	
NAME OF HUSBAND or WIFE				Date of death	
Name <u>Elizabeth</u> Age, if alive				19 <u>41</u>	
Birth date of deceased <u>May 16th 1861</u> 19				I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from	
Age: Years Months Days If less than one day				19 to 19 I last saw him alive on	
<u>70</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u> hrs. min.				, 19. Death is said to have occurred on the	
Birthplace <u>Westphalia Germany</u>				date stated above at M. Duration	
Usual occupation <u>Ret. Saloon Keeper</u>				Immediate cause of death	
Industry or business				<u>Thamotic cerebral hemorrhage following fractured skull</u>	
Father (Name <u>Unknown</u> Birthplace <u>Germany</u>)				Other contributory causes of importance	
Mother (Maiden name <u>Josephine Unknown</u> Birthplace <u>Germany</u>)				Major findings and dates: Of operations	
Informant <u>Miss Olga Knoche</u>				Of autopsy <u>Yes</u>	
Address <u>14061 Glenwood</u>				Increase of violence, state if accident, homicide or suicide <u>Acc</u>	
Burial, cremation or removal (Circle the word which applies)				<u>Struck by Auto</u> Date <u>8-16</u> 19 <u>41</u>	
Place <u>Detroit, Michigan</u>				Where did injury occur? <u>Detroit</u> (Specify city, county, or state)	
Cemetery <u>Mt. Olivet</u> Date <u>8/21/41</u>				In industry, home or public place? <u>Public</u>	
Funeral director's signature <u>A. J. Weitenberger</u>				Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased?	
Address <u>13841 Gratiot Ave.</u>				Signature <u>Hughes, M. J.</u>	
Filed <u>AUG 19 1941</u> <u>B. H. Dwyer</u> Local Registrar				Address	
				Coroner <u>A. S.</u>	

Death Certificate

John Knoche

August 17, 1941

Wayne County
Detroit, Michigan



John and Elizabeth "Bertha" (Hesse) Knoche
were laid to rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery
Detroit, Michigan

Sources for John Knoche -

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- encyclopedia.com/topic/prohibition
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Elisabeth “Bertha” Knoche (About 1876-1960)
Daughter of Johann Joseph and Elisabeth (Voss) Knoche or Volmer
Married Frederick “Fritz” Mues in Detroit, Michigan
Sister to Francis “Frank” Knoche

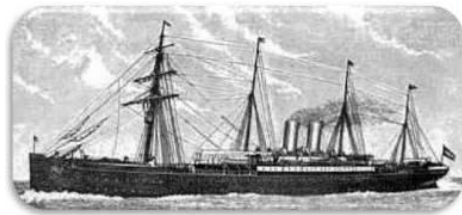
Nieces and nephews always called her Aunt Bertha; however, her given name was Elisabeth. A birth record or other document specifically identifying Bertha’s birth date has not been discovered. Various documents and family trees indicate a date of January 17, 1876 or 1877. Family trees and documents have her younger brother, Henry born in July 1877, so 1876 is most likely the birth year for Bertha.



Bertha

There is no family story to suggest why Bertha decided to immigrate to the United States at the young age of sixteen. Five years after her sister, Minnie, immigrated to the U. S., Bertha made the trip across the Atlantic Ocean on the *S.S. Aller*. She was escorted by Minnie’s husband Anton Schulte, his brother, August and their sister-in-law (and cousin) Mrs. Josephine (Schulte) Nagel.

Bertha docked in New York on July 15, 1892. It was in January of that year that the new immigration center at Ellis Island opened. Bertha was the first of the



S.S. Aller

Knoche immigrants to be processed at this new facility. Mainly, there was a medical examination to determine if the passenger was free of contagious diseases and a legal examination to determine if the passenger was likely to become dependent on the public taxes or be an illegal contract worker. Once the inspections were finished, the immigrants boarded a boat to New York City.

The first record of Bertha living in Detroit is the 1900 U.S. Federal Census. She is living at 949 Congress Street with Minnie and Anton, along with their children. Also, living in the household is Bertha’s sister, Frances, who had recently joined the family from Germany. On February 8, 1905, Bertha married Frederick “Fritz” Mues at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Detroit. Her brother John and his wife to be, Elizabeth “Bertha” Hesse, were witnesses.

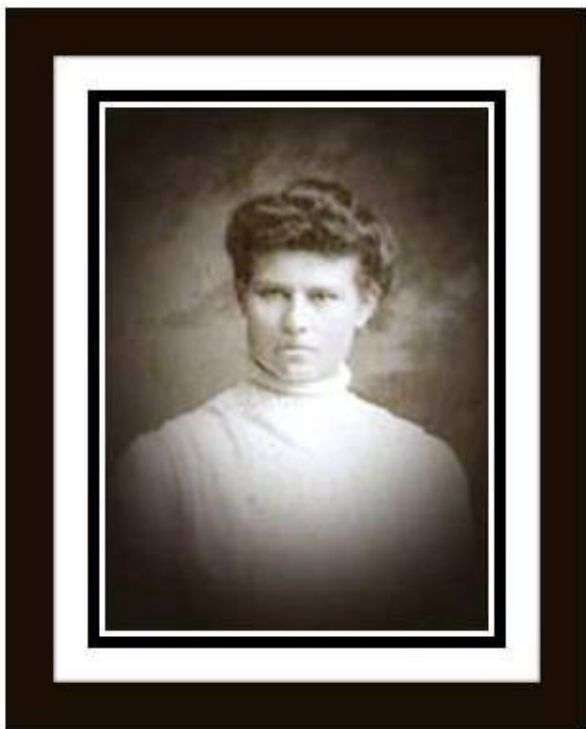
It is not known how or when Bertha and Fritz met. It is possible the Knoche and Mues families knew each other in Germany since Fritz also sailed on the S.S. Aller along with Bertha in 1892. Fritz's parents are Franz Anton and Theresa (Schulte) Mues. It is not known if Theresa Schulte is part of Anton Schulte's family, but most likely there is some relationship. Unbeknownst, to Bertha and Fritz, there is also another unique relationship between the Muse and Lange family. Fritz's grandmother, Walburger (Grobber) Mues, is also a second great aunt to Bertha's future sister-in-law, Mary (Lange) Knoche.

In 1910, Bertha and Fritz are living at 223 Leib Street in Detroit. Also living in the household are Bertha's brother, Henry, and her nephew, William Schulte. Both Fritz and Henry are listed as laborers in the tunnel industry. They are most likely working on the railroad tunnel between Detroit and Windsor, Canada.

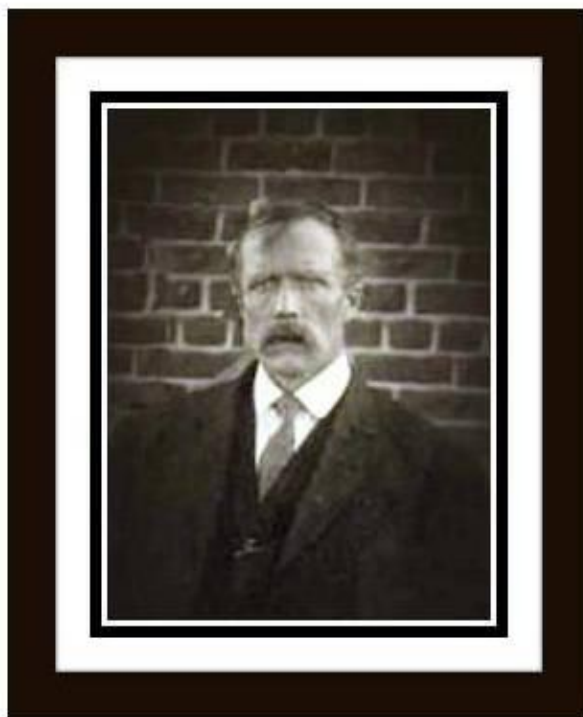
On August 30, 1917, Bertha and Fritz's first and only known child was born. He was named Joseph. Unfortunately, Joseph only lived thirteen days. He died on September 11th at Providence Hospital of an intestinal obstruction. On the 14th of September, Joseph was laid to rest in Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit.

Bertha and Fritz continued to live in the house on Leib Street according to the 1920 U.S. Federal Census. The census indicates they both became naturalized citizens in 1898. Fritz is working as a foreman in a coal yard. By 1930, Bertha and Fritz are living on Cedargrove Street with a border named, John Edwards. In 1940 the house on Cedargrove Street is now occupied by Edwards and his family and the whereabouts of Fritz and Bertha's residence is not known since no 1940 U.S. Federal Census has been found for them.

On October 22, 1942 Fritz passed away. According to Mariana Kopacz's family research, Bertha lived with her niece, Lidwina (Schulte) Geiger, after Fritz's death until her own death on February 18, 1960. Bertha and Fritz were laid to rest in unmarked gravesites at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.



Bertha and Fritz



The Mues Family

*Elisabeth "Bertha" Knoche (1876-1960) and
Frederick "Fritz" Mues (1865-1942)
married February 8, 1905 in Detroit, Michigan*

Son, Joseph, born and died 1917

District of the City of New York, Port of New York.

1. *H. Christoffersen* *Inspector* *S.S. Office*
Collector of Customs, Port of New York
 do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear that the following List or Manifest, subscribed by me,
 and now delivered by me to the *Collector of Customs, Port of New York*, is a full and perfect list of all the Passengers taken on board said vessel at *Paterson, N. J.* on the *24th* day of *August*, 1882, from which port or ports the said vessel has now arrived, and that on said List is truly designated the age, sex, calling, ability to read and write, country of citizenship, native country, last residence, whether citizens of the United States or not, and the location of emigration or their respective intended destination or location, State or Territory, the number of pieces of baggage, and the date and cause of death of any such passengers who may have died on the voyage, also the port of embarkation, and a statement as far as it can be ascertained with reference to the intention of each immigrant passenger as to a permanent sojourn in this Country, as required by the Passenger Act 1882 and Regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury. So help me God.

* To be used for investigations of Penicillium other than *fulvum*

[illegible]

1	Miss Sara Stiller	16	f.	born	Germany	1		
2	Miss Emma P. Lang	37	"	"	W. H. John	69	1	
3	Miss Ida J. J. J.	35	"	"	Germany	1		
4	Miss Emma J. J.	30	"	"	W. H. John	65	2	
5	Mr. Aug. Schulz	35	m.	mathematic	"	6	1	
6	" "	35	"	"	"	7	1	
7	Emma Schmitt	30	"	"	"	18	1	

7	Mrs. F. von Pöhlmann	58	m.	<i>Kurlat</i>	H. Leipzig	69	-	+	-
8	Mrs. Math. Lammert	34	m.	<i>Lammert</i>	Alexander		Darmstadt	1	-
9	Mrs. ...	30	f.	<i>... ..</i>	"	1-3	"	1	-
10	Mrs. Frz. Schwenker	28	m.	<i>Schwenker</i>	H. Leipzig	70	-	-	-
11	Mrs. Vera Wiese	25	f.	<i>Wiese</i>	Berlin		Darmstadt	2	-
12	Mrs. Ed. Wiese	24	m.	<i>Wiese</i>	"		-	-	-
13	V. v. Krichbaum	35	-	<i>Krichbaum</i>	H. St. d. Elbe	71	-	1	Frankfurt am Main
14	Friedr. Albin Knoche	30	f.	<i>Knoche</i>	Berlin		Darmstadt	1	Frankfurt am Main

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Note – Frederick Mues is listed on a different page.

Ellis Island . . .



At the young age of 16 years,
Bertha was one of over 12
million immigrants to process
through Ellis Island between
1892 and 1954.



Immigrants await
numerous screenings
in the “Great Hall”
while others enjoy a
meal offered by the
U.S. government.

Form 141-2 10-1-1905

167 To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:
Return of Marriages in the County of Wayne

Record Number	Date of License			Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride, and Maiden Name of Bride if a Widow	Age of Each in Years	Widow, Once, or Never	Residence of Each	Birthplace of Each	Occupation of Each	Name of Father of Each
	Month	Day	Year							
45018	"	7	"	Hyndrick Mues Reggie Knoche	37 30		Detroit	Germany	Machinist Domestic	Anthony John

21 for the Quarter Ending March 31st A. D. 1905

Maiden Name of Mother of Each	Time Previously Married	Date of Marriage			Place of Marriage	Name and Official Station of Person by Whom Married	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE	
		Month	Day	Year				
Hazel Schutte Reggie Voss	200 "	Feb	8	"	St Mary's Ch. Detroit	Rev P. Zell and Pastor	John Knoche Elizabeth Hesse	Detroit Mich

Fritz and Bertha's civil marriage record in Wayne County, Michigan

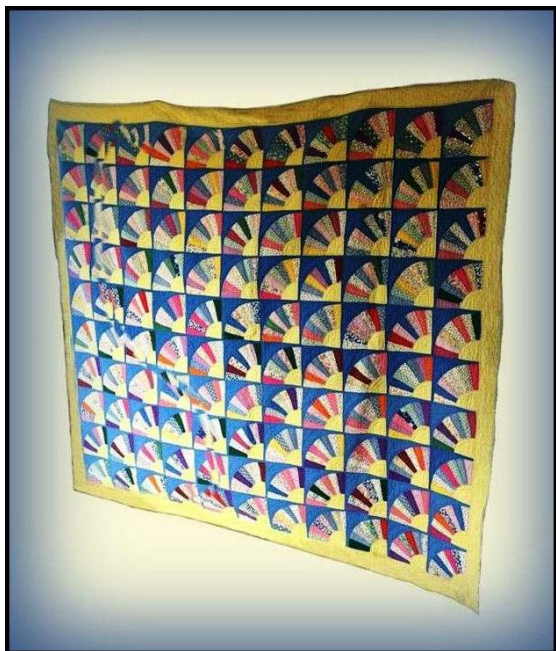
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Feb. 8, 1905.

NOM.	PROCL.	DIES MATRIMONII.	NOMEN SPONSI		AETAS.	PARENTES SPONSI.		NOMEN SPONSAE	
			LOCUS.	PATRIA NATIVITATIS.		LOCUS.	PATRIA NATIVITATIS.	LOCUS.	PATRIA NATIVITATIS.
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			Reggie Voss	"		Francisca Schutte	"	"	"

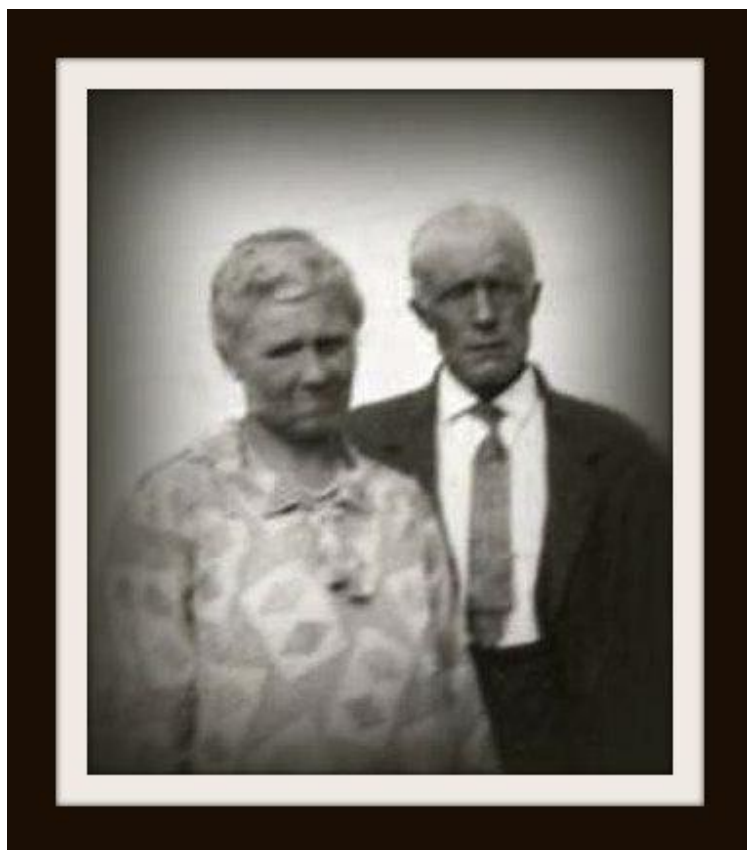
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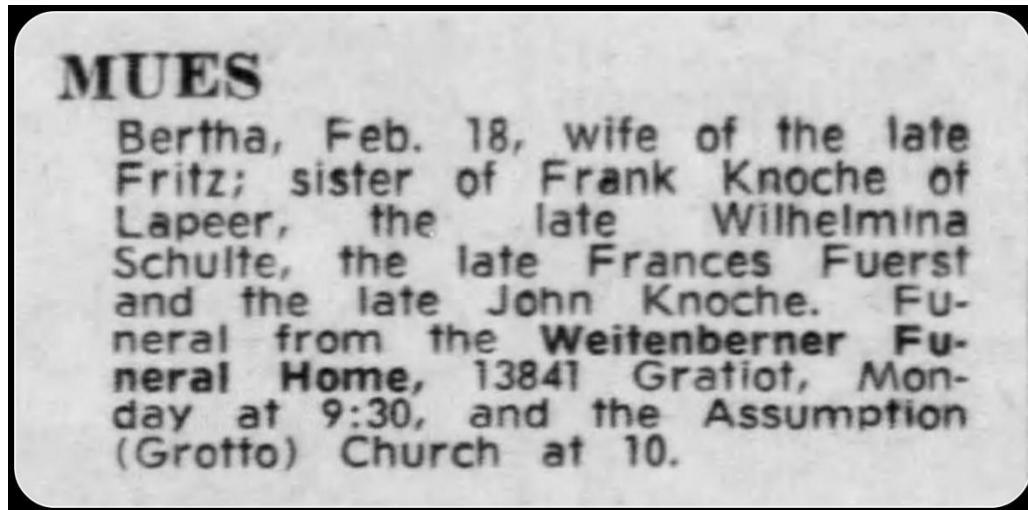
Fritz and Bertha's marriage record from Old St. Mary's Church, Detroit, Michigan.
They were married on February 8, 1905 with
John Knoche and Elizabeth Hesse as witnesses.



Bertha, a skilled seamstress,
made this quilt for a wedding
gift for her niece, Margery
Knoche and her husband,
Frank Bruman.
Possibly, Bertha's sister,
Frances, also helped.

Later Years . . .

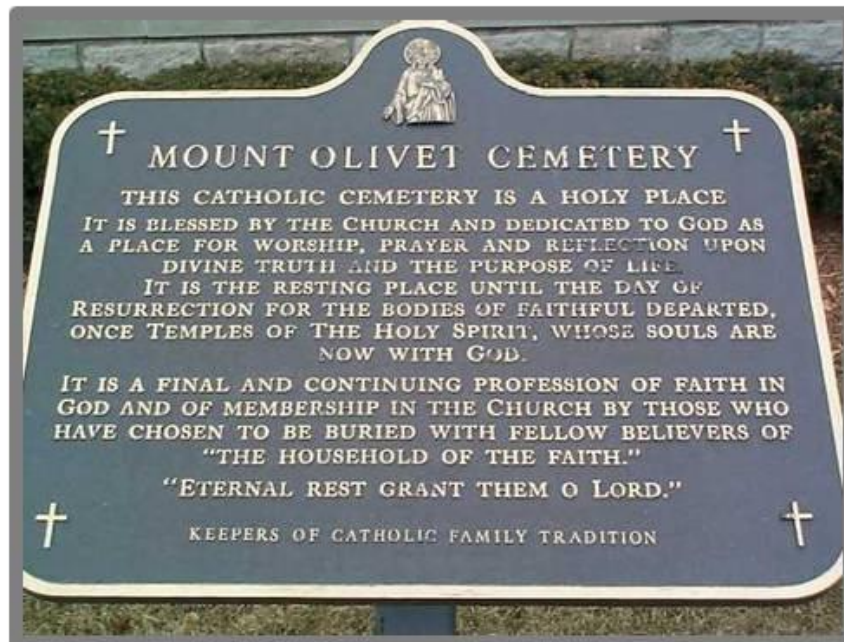




Detroit Free Press, Detroit, Michigan, Saturday, February 20, 1960



Prayer Cards



Frederick and Elizabeth "Bertha" (Knoche) Mues
were laid to rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery
Detroit, Michigan

Sources for Elizabeth “Bertha” (Knoche) Mues -

- Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898 birth for Frederick Mues
- Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950 for Frederick Mues
- Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952
- Michigan, Death Record, 1867-1950 for Joseph Mues (transcription of record is Joseph Wuest, a distortion of the name Muess)
- Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association
- Rosie's Genealogy World, Website by Mariana Kopacz
- Prayer Cards from the Margery (Knoche) Bruman Collection
- New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957, Ancestry.com
- Ship S.S. Aller image, www.norwayheritage.com/p_ship.asp?sh=aller
- www.libertyellisfoundation.org/ellis-island-history#Policy
- Ellis Island, www.history.com
- The Immigrant's Journey Through Ellis Island in 30 Stunning Photos by Ash M. Richter, allday.com
- U.S. Federal Census, 1910, 1920, 1930, and 1940

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Henry Knoche (1876-1914)
Son of Johann Joseph and Elisabeth (Voss) Knoche or Volmer
Married Anna Braun in Detroit, Michigan
Brother to Francis “Frank” Knoche

Henry was the last of the Knoche siblings to immigrate and settle in Detroit, Michigan. Sadly, seven short years after his arrival, Henry passed away under mysterious circumstances. His siblings had their suspicions as to the cause of his



Henry

death, but those suspicions were never proven in the court of law. Exactly what Henry’s siblings knew is not known, but the belief that Henry was poisoned by his wife, Anna, was a story that was passed on to their children and grandchildren.

Henry was born in the little village of Altenilpe and like his siblings, he was most likely baptized at St. Hubert Catholic Church in nearby Dorlar. Documents extracting his date of birth are his ship and death records. His brother, John, stated on the death certificate that Henry’s birth date was July 22, 1876.

Henry’s ship record reveals some personal information. As an adult, he was five foot five inches tall, fair skinned, black hair, blue eyes and he could read and write. He worked as a shepherd until he decided to move to the United States and make his home in Detroit, at the age of 31 years.

On August 27, 1907, the *S.S. Kronprinz Wilhelm* departed Bremen, Germany with Henry on board. His trip across the Atlantic was considerably shorter than many of his relatives who sailed before him. He arrived in the New York harbor on September 4th. Also, arriving in the New York harbor on the previous day was Henry’s mother, Elisabeth. She sailed on the ship, *S.S. Kroonland*. Most likely they traveled together to meet their relatives in Detroit.

Henry’s ship record stated that Detroit was his final destination and he was joining his brother Jos. Knoche at 223 Leib Street. This information is somewhat distorted in that Jos. probably refers to brother, John, and the address on Leib Street is the residence of his sister and brother-in-law, Bertha and Fritz Mues. The 1910 U.S. Federal Census states that Henry is living with Bertha and Fritz and he is a laborer

in the tunnel industry, which is the same occupation as Fritz. They are most likely working on building the railroad tunnel from Detroit to Canada.

On August 30, 1911, Henry exchanged wedding vows with Anna Braun at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church in Detroit. Henry's brother, Frank, and his cousin, Anna Schulte, were witnesses. Anna brings to this marriage her daughter, Josephine (Schmied) Petsch, along with her husband William and children, Eleanor and Florence and by 1913, son, George, was born. Henry and Anna first made their home at 627 Chene and then moved to 644 St. Aubin Avenue in Detroit. Prior to their marriage, Henry found new work in the automobile industry working as a machinist.

It was just three years into the marriage that the family heard the shocking news that Henry was dead. He was only 38 years old. The Wayne County coroner's office received word of Henry's death and opened an investigation. On November 3, the day of Henry's funeral, coroner, Jacomb W. Rotharcher, ordered the body to be placed in a temporary vault at Mt. Elliott Cemetery. An autopsy followed with a complete chemical analysis of the stomach and other organs. The autopsy results indicated there were no traces of poison. Henry was laid to rest on November 10th in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

During the last few days of Henry's life, he was not feeling well. On October 23, 1914, Dr. Ulbrich began treating Henry for medical problems. By 6:00 PM, October 30, Henry had died. Dr. Ulbrich stated on the death certificate that the cause of death was paresis which is, generally speaking, a weakness or impairment of movement, though not total paralysis. The weakness could be in the limbs, eye movement or stomach muscles. No contributing factors were listed.

Prior to this writing, little was known about Henry's wife, Anna. Only the information given on her and Henry's marriage record provided details about her past. Her name was listed as Anna Schultz, age 46, born in Germany, with parents, George and Catherine Martin. Also one prior marriage was indicated. Given this information, one would think Anna was born in 1865, her maiden name was Martin and she was once married to a Schultz. Using this information, one should be able to find census records and other documents on this family.

All research avenues lead to a dead end; nothing could be discovered about Anna, her parents, or her marriage to a Schultz. The reason for the unsuccessful research results is the information on the marriage record was erroneous. What is now known is that Anna was born in 1859 to parents, George and Catherine Braun (often Brown in records). Yes, she was married to Emil Schultz, but he was her fifth husband out of five prior marriages, rather than just one marriage stated on the marriage record.

The shake-up in this research came after retrieving Henry and Anna's marriage record from St. Mary's Church in Detroit. This record listed Anna's mother's maiden name as Rhein. In addition, the burial card listing all those buried with Henry at Mt. Olivet was used. With these new hints and the help of fellow researchers, Mariana Kopacz and Carol Voss, the story of Anna evolved.

From records, it appears that Anna was born in Germany and she immigrated to the United States around 1860 with her family. In the 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Anna is found living with her family in Detroit. The entire family is listed with the last name of Martin since Anna's mother remarried Frank Martin after the death of her first husband, George Braun, in 1874.

Thus far, records show Anna had eight husbands. The research is challenging since different names are used on the documents. Records show Anna's names as Anna Braun, Annie Beniteau, Anna Shultz, Annie Smith, Annie Brown, Anna Martin, Anna Zschoegner, Anna Schultz, Anna Schmied, Anna Knoche, Anna Kramb, Emma Schultz, Emma Brown, and Emma Berger. Although, all the marriage records have not been discovered, a rough sketch and timeline was developed from available documents and news articles. The first four marriages took place during the 1880's. Anna/Emma's husbands are as follows per the information on the marriage records or gleaned from news articles –

- 1) Eugene Beniteau married Annie Brown on December 15, 1880. A divorce was granted on May 1, 1884, Detroit, Michigan. Anna and Eugene separated a few months after the marriage, with Anna moving to Frazier, Michigan and Eugene moving to Canada for work.

- 2) Thomas Shultz, Frazier, Michigan, died after a short marriage. No marriage record was found, but the name Thomas Shultz was found in a news article. The

article suggests Anna married Shultz around May 5, 1882 and lived with him until his death on October 3, 1882.

3) Frederick Schmied, (Jul 1858 - 8 Jan 1888), son of John and Caroline Schmied, married Anna on August 30, 1884. He died at the age of 29 years of paralysis of the heart. Note: A police inquiry followed Frederick's death.

4) John Zschoegner, (pronounced Jeckner) (31 Jan 1859 - 28 Sep 1906), son of John and Johanna (Zimmerman) Zschoegner, born in Pennsylvania, married June 27, 1888 to Annie (Smith) Brown, daughter of Herman Brown and unknown mother. John reported no previous marriage and Annie reported one. John died from nephritis and alcoholism. Note: When John's mother and sister, Emma, visited Detroit from Pennsylvania in March 1889, they were poisoned with arsenic. The mother survived, but 20 year old Emma died. The police investigated Emma's death.

5) Emil Schultz (25 Dec 1869-1 Nov 1909) married Annie Scheckner, daughter of George and Katherine, on February 12, 1908 in Detroit. Reportedly, this is the first marriage for Emil and the second marriage for Annie. At the age of 39 years, Emil died from diabetes mellitus.

6) Henry Knoche married Anna Schultz, daughter of George and Catherine Martin on August 30, 1911. He died October 30, 1914 of paresis.

7) George Kramb (born 1856) married Anna Schultz age 49, daughter of George and Kathrina, on November 10, 1915. On January 24, 1916, George filed for divorce with charges of cruelty and drunkenness. The divorce was contested, but finally granted on April 14, 1917. Per the marriage record, this was a second marriage for George and Anna.

8) Emil Berger (26 Jan-1875-17 Dec 1939) married Emma (Brown) Schultz, age 49, daughter of George and mother's maiden name Ryan, on March 31, 1921 in Detroit. Both Emil and Emma declared they had one prior marriage. This marriage was dissolved when Anna died in 1926.

While Henry became a step-father to Anna's daughter, Josephine (Schmied) Petsch, there are records and a news article that indicates Anna may have given birth to four more children. The death certificate of her fourth husband, John

Zschoegner, states that he was the father to three children, but none of the children were living. In the news article about Anna's third husband's death, it states that Anna is in a "delicate condition." No birth or death record of this child has been found. The 1900 U.S. Federal Census states that Anna gave birth to two children and one was living. The living child was Josephine though she was not living with her parents at the time of the census.

It appears the coroner's report was not a satisfactory resolution or explanation to Henry's death. A woman, about forty years old, of medium height and dark hair still felt strongly about a role that Anna played in Henry's demise and felt there should be some type of retribution. This mysterious woman placed a notice in the *Detroit Free Press* that Anna Knoche had died. It appeared in the death notice column in the January 8, 1915 edition. Upon hearing this news, Anna declared that she was alive and intended to learn the identity of the person who put the death notice in the newspaper. No further articles surfaced, so it is not known if Anna ever learned the identity of the mystery lady.

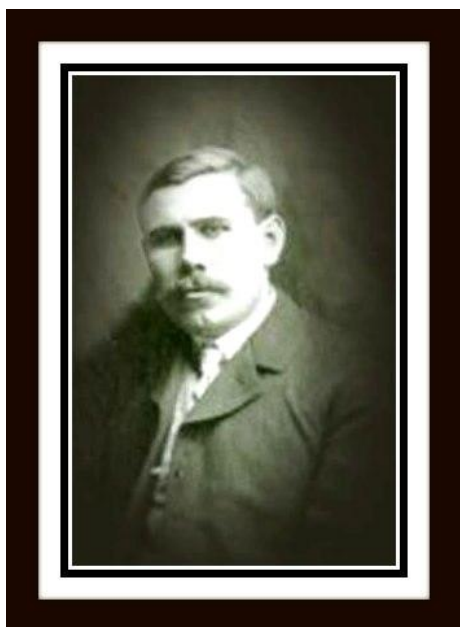
On March 11, 1926 Anna became ill and was hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit. She had an acute intestinal obstruction and underwent surgery on March 14. On March 15, Anna passed away with the doctor giving the cause of death as acute gangrenous appendicitis. The death certificate and burial records are under the name Emma Berger.

Despite the controversy surrounding the death of Anna's third husband, Frederick Schmied and her sister-in-law, Emma Zschoegner, Anna was declared innocent and Henry's autopsy did not merit further investigation. Now over 100 years later, Henry's family can read the news articles and decide if it is time to put the lingering family rumor about Henry's death to rest.

Henry and Anna/Emma were laid to rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Their grave sites are not marked.

Note: A special thank-you to Mariana Kopacz and Carol Voss for their research and contributions in piecing together Henry and Anna's story.

Henry



The Knoche Family
 Heinrich Knoche (1876-1914) and
 Anna Braun (1859-1926)
 married August 30, 1911 in Detroit
 Michigan

Step-daughter, Josephine Schmied (1885-
 1972)
 married William Petsch

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SALOON, CABIN, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY MANIFESTED.

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered

10. *S. S. Kronprinz Wilhelm* sailing from *Bremen* August 27th, 1907.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
No. of List	NAME IN FULL	Age	Sex	*Calling or Occupation	Able to—	Nationality	Place or People	Last Permanent Residence	The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came.	Final Destination	
	Family Name	Given Name	Yrs. Res.	Prof. or Eng.	Read, Write	(Country of which citizen or subject.)		Country	City or Town		State
22	<i>Knoche Heinrich</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>Westphalia</i>	<i>Fredeburg</i>	<i>Fredeburg</i>	<i>Detroit</i>	<i>Michigan</i>

22. Knoche, Heinrich, age 31, male, single, occupation, shepherd, able to read and write, citizen of Germany, Residence, Westphalia, Fredeburg, Destination, Detroit, Michigan

THIS SHEET IS FOR STEERAGE PASSENGERS.

STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL.

to the United States Immigration Officer by the Commanding Officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

Arriving at Port of *New York* September 4th, 1907

13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25				26	27	28	29
No. of List	Whether using a label to mark final destination	By whom passage paid?	Whether ever before in the United States, and if so, when and where?	If Yes—	Whether going to join a relative or friend, and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address.	Whether a Passenger	Whether in Steerage	Condition of Health, Mental and Physical	Deformed or Crippled	Height	Color of—	Complexion	Build	Eyes	Color of—	Color of—	Color of—	Color of—	Color of—
			Yes	No															
22	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Self</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>5 ft. 5 in.</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Slender</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>

Yes, ticket to final destination, passage paid by self, Never been to U.S., joining relative, Jos. Knoche, 223 Leib St. Detroit, Mich., never in prison or institutionalized, not a polygamist or anarchist, good physical and mental health, not crippled or deformed, 5ft. 5in., fair complex, black hair, blue eyes, no identifying marks

Henry sailed on the Ship S.S. Kronprinz Wilhelm,
 The ship docked in New York on September 4, 1907

Knoche Frank, wheelwright, h 334 Catherine.
 Frank J, saloon 164 Hastings, h do.
 " Henry, mach, bds 223 Leib.

Henry is living with his sister and brother-in-law, Bertha and Fritz Mues
 and working as a machinist in Detroit, 1911.

Form 141-2-00-1000

To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:
 481 Return of Marriages in the County of

Record Number	Date of License			Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride, and Maiden Name of Bride if a Widow	Age of Each in Years	White, Black, Mexican, Etc.	Residence of Each	Birthplace of Each	Occupation of Each	Name of Father of Each
	Month	Day	Year							
79783	"	"	"	Heinrich Knoche Anna Schultzy	35 46		Detroit Mich	Germany Michigan	Auto wkr.	John George Martin

for the Quarter Ending A. D. 190 481

Maiden Name of Mother of Each	Times Previously Married	Date of Marriage			Place of Marriage	Name and Official Station of Person by Whom Married	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE	
		Month	Day	Year			Names	Residences
Elisabeth Catherine	200 one	Aug	30	1911	Detroit Mich	Jos Wuest Pastor	Frank Knoche Anna Schultze	Detroit Mich "

Henry and Anna's Marriage Civil Record from Wayne County, Michigan

21 30 Aug. Heinrich Knoche 35 Germania
 Elisabeth Voss Germania

46 Anna Martin Francisca Knoche
 Anna Rhein Wilhelmina Schultzy

30 Sept 1911 dispensatio a bannis ab ordinario obtenta

Henry and Anna's record from Old St. Mary's Catholic Church, Detroit, Michigan

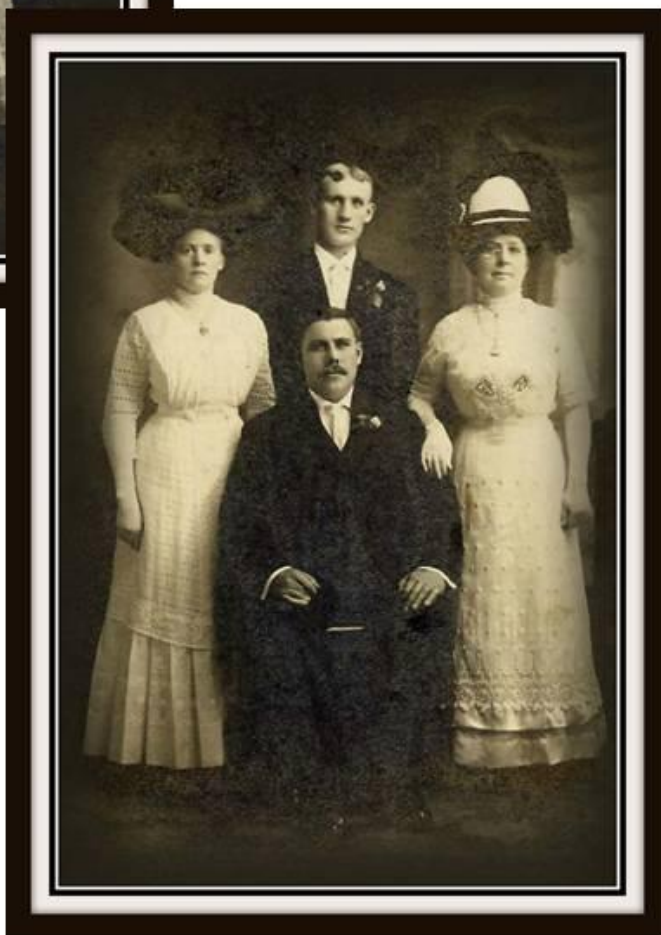
Translation: August 30, Henry Knoche, age 35, Germany, Son of John Knoche and Elisabeth Voss & Anna Schultz., Germany, age 46, daughter of ...nnes Martin and Catherina Rhein, Witnesses Frank Knoche and Wilhelmina Schultz, Pastor Jos. Wuest. Notation translated by James R. Linck, "dispensatio a bannis ab ordinario obtenta" or "dispensation from banns obtained from the ordinary (or bishop)".



The Wedding Day

Henry and Anna
were united in marriage at
St. Mary's Catholic Church on
August 30, 1911.

Witnesses were
Henry's brother, Frank,
and his cousin, Anna Schulte.



MATRIMONIAL INFELICITY.

Eugene A. Beniteau began suit in the Superior Court yesterday for divorce from his wife Annie Beniteau. The couple were married December 17, 1880, and separated June 15, 1883. He charges that February 6, 1881, within two months from her marriage his wife left his home, and May 5th went to Frazer, Macomb County and representing herself to be a single woman went through the form of being engaged to and marrying Thomas Shultz, and lived with him until his death, October 3, 1882. That while he, plaintiff, was at work in Amherstburg, Ont., she returned to him about November 28, 1882, and remained until May 24, 1883. That at that time she came to Detroit, remaining until June 8, when she returned with a female child of fifteen days old, which she claimed was the legitimate child of the plaintiff. That his suspicions were aroused, and upon investigating he found she had obtained the child from the Home for the Friendless in this city, and that its mother was still there.

Published in the *Detroit Free Press*, January 24, 1884

This article provides details about Anna's first marriage to Eugene Beniteau and her second marriage to Thomas Shultz.

The inquest into the death of Frederick Schmied, Anna's Third husband

Published in the *Detroit Free Press*, Detroit, Michigan, Jan 13, 1888

STILL UNEXPLAINED

Nothing As Yet Developed by the Schmied Inquest

THE SUSPICION OF FOUL PLAY AS YET UNSUSTAINED

The inquest in the case of Fred Schmied, who died suddenly last Sunday afternoon at his residence, 210 Waterloo St., was begun before Coroner Lansing yesterday morning. The investigation was set on foot by relatives of the deceased. Mrs. Schmied, who is in a delicate condition, was present, attire in deep mourning. During the taking of testimony she became suddenly ill and was conducted from the room. It is argued that the condition of the woman is strong ground against the theory that she administered poison to her husband.

Dr. G. H. Sherman, the first witness, testified that he was called to see Schmied, but had no suspicions in regard to poisoning. Louis Hammel, the undertaker who embalmed the body, testified as to injecting arsenical fluid into the stomach of the deceased. No one told him to put the fluid into the body. He did so because he thought it was necessary. Portions of the body were badly discolored.

Dr. Geo. D. Stewart, who made the post-mortem examination, on January 9, found discolorations about the face. One of the valves of the heart was slightly thickened. The membranes of the stomach were intensely inflamed and the stomach was about one-third full of bloody liquid. The smaller intestines were much inflamed, but the other organs seemed to be in natural condition. It was his opinion death was caused by the introduction into the stomach of some irritating poison. The poison must have been introduced shortly before death.

Dr. John E. Clark called on Schmied on the evening of January 5 and diagnosed the case as malarial fever. There was increased temperature and accelerated pulse, pain in the head and back. He prescribed for the patient and told him he would be all right in a day or two. Called again on the 6th and found the man better, and again on the 7th, when the patient appeared to be still gaining, with normal temperature and pulse. The witness noticed a jaundiced appearance of the eye.

Sunday morning he called and found the pulse and temperature normal. He joked the patient and told him he could get up in a day or two. Prescribed for the jaundiced condition. At 3 in the afternoon was hurriedly called to see him. Didn't get there until about 4. Found him in a state of complete collapse and dying. The extremities were cold, and he was vomiting freely. His wife said he had a burning pain in the stomach, and the patient as well said so. He said: "Well, doctor. I guess I'm gone up."

The witness went out into the kitchen and asked Mrs. Schmied what she had given him. She said some oatmeal, which was then cooking on the stove. Told her to give him no more. Left to attend another patient and was back inside of an hour. When he returned found Schmied sitting in a chair in an adjoining room dead. Cause of death was paralysis of the heart. Many of the symptoms pointed to death by poison. Before the man died the conditions indicated poison. The witness questioned himself as to whether he had made a mistake in the prescription. He went to the druggist and satisfied himself there was no mistake. Said to the druggist that he thought it was a case of arsenical poisoning. He made a chemical test and found arsenic in the stomach. Analyzed embalming fluid and also found arsenic in that. In conversation with Dr. Sherman, witness said he did not know what the cause of death was, but had his suspicions. Both agreed that the symptoms were those of poisoning. Reyer, the druggist, had told him that Mrs. Schmied had come to the store and bought Rough on Rats. Had asked Mrs. Schmied if any of the oatmeal cooked for her husband was left. She had replied it had been thrown away. T. A. Reyer, druggist, doing business at the corner of St. Aubin Avenue and Maple Street, testified that he had told several persons that Mrs. Schmied had come to his store and got a bag of poison. Couldn't swear that Mrs. Schmied was the person who bought the poison. Thought so at first, but had come to the conclusion he was mistaken. In fact, he was positive now it was not Mrs. Schmied. The person who got the poison was taller than Mrs. Schmied. The woman came in one day to get rough on rats but had only five cents. Came back next day and bought a box of poison. Thought the woman's hair was dark but couldn't tell what color Mrs. Schmied's hair was.

At this point Mrs. Annie Schmied was called to the stand and testified that on the Wednesday or Thursday previous to her husband's death, she had, at his request, given him some German tea. She had given no other medicine except that

prescribed by the physicians. The witness, who was evidently suffering mentally and physically trembled so that she could not sign her testimony.

The inquest was then adjourned until next Thursday morning at 8:30, when Dr. Clark will have completed his chemical analysis of the stomach.

Results of the inquest into Frederick Schmied's Death

Published in the *Detroit News*, Detroit, Michigan, January 20, 1888

The jury in the case of Frederick Schmied returned a verdict yesterday morning of death from paralysis of the heart. The jury stated that they were unable to determine what induced the disease of the organ, owing to the premature embalming of the body, and condemned the practice of embalming before the cause of death is positively known.

Emma Zscheogner's Death

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WAS IT POISON?

The Case of Miss Emma Zechner, Who Died a Week Ago

A week ago to-day Emma Zechner, aged 20, whose home is in Allegheny City, Pa., and who has been visiting her brother, at 210 Kentucky Street, for the last three weeks, was taken sick. Not getting any better on Saturday Dr. E. B. Smith was called to attend her. Dr. Smith, becoming apprehensive that her case might take a fatal turn, called Dr. Mulheron in consultation, but despite the physicians' efforts the young woman grew rapidly worse and died at ___ o'clock Tuesday night. From the continuous vomiting and other symptoms manifested by the patient, Dr. Smith suspected arsenical poison, and hence Coroner Brown was notified, and at his instance [sic] Dr. Mulheron yesterday removed Miss Zechner's stomach and it was turned over to Dr. W. I. Hamlin, who will make a chemical analysis in order to determine whether there are traces of poison or not.

The mother of Miss Zechner and her sister-in-law and little child have also been sick, and what may prove to be a significant fact is that on the day she died, the young woman was first taken sick after she ate creamed corn. As soon as Dr. Hamlin has finished his analysis of the stomach, the coroner will hold an inquest."

Inquest into the death of Miss Emma Zschoegner, Anna's sister-in-law

Published in the *Detroit News*, Detroit, Michigan
Wednesday March 27, 1889, Page 3

THE ZSCHOEGNER INQUEST

**The Examination into this Much Discussed Case Brings Out Suspicious Facts
Experts Declare that Emma Zschoegner's Death was Caused by Poison**

**THE NEXT THING TO PROVE WILL BE
BY WHOM THE POISON WAS ADMINISTERED**

The inquest in the alleged poisoning case of Miss Emma Zschoegner, the young girl of 20 who, with her mother, came from Alleghany City, Pa., about three weeks ago on a visit to a brother, Mr. John Zschoegner, was held last night in the market building. Coroner Brown sat in the chair, while Prosecuting Attorney Willcox conducted the investigation for the people. The little audience room was packed to its utmost capacity.

Dr. Mulheron being sworn, said that the body presented a healthy appearance. The stomach was congested and gorged. In his opinion this was brought about by some poison, and in his mind it appeared as arsenicous. A small ovarian tumor was discovered in the abdomen. This, however, could not have caused death. There was no inflammation. The day of Emma's death he was called in for consultation by Dr. E. B. Smith. Dr. Mulheron verified the diagnosis of Emma's death as given by Dr. Smith.

Dr. E. B. Smith being sworn, said: That he first visited the deceased March 9. The patient was found in pain. She was vomiting. When first seen he thought the case one of nothing more than ordinary interest. Considered the patient a strong, healthy woman of about 20 years of age. The mother, likewise, was vomiting.

The prescription was one suited to cases of vomiting. Dr. Smith attended again on the 10th, the 11th twice, and the 12th four times. On the second day saw reason for believing this a serious case, and not, as he had first believed, (lead poison from canned fruit), so prescribed for arsenical poison. She died on the 12th. The wife did not require so much attention as the rest of the patients. The mother vomited continually. From symptoms and post-mortem, the doctor gave it as his opinion that death had been caused by poisoning.

Dr. Hamlin being sworn, declared that he had been called upon to analyze the stomach. This he found to be much congested walls of a peculiar rosy tinge. A section of the liver showed distinct traces of arsenical poisoning. The gentleman estimated the amount of arsenic at one and one-half grains, which was sufficient to have caused death.

Mrs. Anna Newton being sworn, declared that she lived at 664 Russell, opposite the place where deceased had met her death. The girl, when she first arrived in Detroit, had appeared strong and healthy. Miss Emma Newton visited the deceased repeatedly. On Tuesday, being called over, the patient was found too weak to speak. The mother was vomiting. When Emma first came she looked strong and healthy.

J. H. Sanderson, a medical student, accompanied Dr. Smith to Emma's home. On the afternoon of the 12th saw Emma; felt of her pulse; found it weak, some of the vomit contained arsenic. This test, however, the witness did not consider final.

Miss Emma Newton, being recalled, said that she had a conversation with Mrs. Zschoegner the day after Emma's death. Miss Newton was informed that Emma, the deceased, had asked for a purge, and was given black coffee and whisky.

At this point the proceedings were deferred until Monday evening next. Some dispute having arisen over the settlement of the funeral expenses of the poisoned girl, Emma Zschoegner, the interested firm, Delore & Hesse, 530 Gratiot Avenue, has retained Charles S. Chase as their attorney.

Louis Schmied, a carpenter in the employ of Talbert & Pierce, is a young man of perhaps 22. He is a very bright and earnest young man. It was his brother Frederick who became Anna Zschoegner's third husband. After a brief and

unsatisfactory period of wedding life Frederick died, presumably under very suspicious circumstances. Said Louis to THE FREE PRESS: "My brother first met Anna Brown at a dance. She seemed very nice. She was a fine dresser. I believe, when first introduced at our house, she wore lace and satin. At this time she was doing housework for a living. After a three months' courtship my brother married. This was in August 30, 1884. After marriage, the young couple lived at 15 Preston Street. Soon the new wife began to show a very sour temper. Her outbreaks were very numerous. Soon after, the couple moved in their own house. At this time my brother, ambitious to get ahead, was working at his trade (blacksmithing) five hours overtime daily and Saturdays all night. What became of his earnings is a mystery. She squandered right and left. She was flashy and paraded the streets continually. On one occasion my brother gave her \$35 to buy a stove. She paid \$10 on a range and then had it sent to some strange address under an assumed name. The rest of the money was squandered. This is merely an illustration of her high-handed and defiant way.

Nor was this all. On Christmas, 1884, when my mother went to their home to offer a few simple presents, the wife became furious. She went at mother with a broom. She ordered mother out of the house. Mother went and never returned again till she stood beside her son's deathbed. All this while my poor brother was supporting his wife, her two sisters and her brother.

A week before Frederick died I met him at our home. "Frederick", said I. "You are sick!" "What makes you think so?" "You used to be so haughty in your manner; you carried your head high, and when you walked you moved like one familiar with his strength" "Well?" said the reporter. Louis paused; his voice was choked with emotion. "Frederick never said a word. But his wife, who was standing near, changed color and left the room" "Was that all?" "Three days later Frederick was taken sick." "Yes" "And two days later, January 8, my brother died." "Why did you not hold a post mortem?" "We wanted to, but before the body was cold, even before some of us brothers could gather round the bed, the corpse was packed off somewhere to be embalmed. Of course the stomach was gone and no post mortem was possible."

The jurors in the Emma Zschoegner case are: R. L. Miller, Henry Krause, Martin Selack, John Rann, Peter Dodenhoff and S. J. Rossler.

**Anna and John accompany Mrs. Zschoegner back to Pennsylvania
following the death of Emma**

Published in the *Pittsburgh Daily Post*,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1889, Page 2

GONE TO FACE THEM

**Mrs. Zschoegner Threatens to Make it Warm for Her Accusers.
She and Her Husband Leave for Detroit to Answer the Charges**

Tuesday's Post published the story of the death of a young woman of Allegheny, Emma Zschoegner [pronounced Jeckner]. With her mother they were visiting their brother, who is married and a resident of Detroit. During their stay Emma and the mother were seized with a sudden illness of an alarming character, all the symptoms indicating arsenical poisoning. The mother recovered, but Emma died in great agony. The corner had the contents of the stomach analyzed and the quantity of arsenic found was more than sufficient to have caused death. The remains were brought to Allegheny for interment. They were accompanied by the mother, the brother and his wife. The latter is charged in Detroit with having tried to poison her mother-in-law and sister-in-law in order to secure their property, a great part of which would fall to her husband.

The woman was seen at the residence of the mother-in-law, and denied point blank that she could be guilty of the crime. She averred that she, too, had been taken sick at the same time as the deceased and from similar symptoms. She claimed to have only been married once before she took her present husband. Her maiden name was Anna Brown, and her last husband was Frederick Schmidt. The latter's life was insured for \$2,000, which she obtained at his death.

Her husband and mother-in-law refuse to believe that she was the author of Emma's death. John Zschoegner and his left for Chicago on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Zschoegner asserted that she would make some one suffer for this awful accusation. She is a woman of about thirty-five years, of medium height and rather good looking.

Reporter tires to interview the Zschoegners

Published in the *Detroit Free Press*, Friday, March 29, 1889, Page 5

An Unsatisfactory Interview The Result of an Attempt to Talk with Mr. and Mrs. Zschoegner

A reported of the the *Free Press* called at 210 Kentucky Street, the home of Mr. John Zschoegner, to obtain a statement as to the cause of Miss Emma Zschoegner's death. Mr. and Mrs. Zschoegner has recently returned from the east.

After beating a tremendous tattoo someone from within opened the door about three inches. A woman with a thin face, high cheek bones, blue eyes and high forehead, peered out of the crack.

"Is this Mrs. Zschoegner?"

"Yes, what do you want?"

"Have you anything to ---"

"No! You are a reporter, I know you, I have nothing to say, Not a word." And the door was slammed in the scribe's face.

More pounding.

This time a fierce-looking fat-faced German answered the call. He was a man about 5 feet 8 in height, broad shoulders, round-headed, with sharp eyes and fierce mustache. It would have been plain to the most uninitiated that the man was angry.

"Is this Mr. John Zschoegner?"

"What did you want of my wife?"

"Then you are Mr. John Zschoegner?"

"Well, suppose I am, what then?"

"You have just returned from Pittsburg?"

"Yes, and some of the newspapers said I ran away. Here I am, do you see me?"

"Will you tell me---"

"Not one word! I have nothing to say. Not one word! Don't try to pump me. Just get right out! I'm sick of this infernal racket."

“But you may have been misrepresented. What will your friends say?”

“I don’t care what my friends say.”

“But I am here to give you a fair and square opportunity to right yourself before the public.”

“What do I care for the public, for you, for anything you may say? I tell you get out of this place at once?”

Mr. Zschoegner seemed on the point of inflicting bodily damage, and so the reporter hastily left.

Results of the inquest in the death of Emma Zschoegner

Published in the *Detroit Free Press*, Detroit, Michigan, Thursday, April 4, 1889,
Page 5

THE CLOSE OF THE ZSCHOEGNER INQUEST

The Zschoegner inquest was resumed in Coroner Brown’s office in the market building yesterday afternoon, another large crowd of interested spectators being present. E. S. Grece conducted the examination for the Zschoegners. Some little delay was caused by Juror Dr. Dodenhoff not appearing on time. After a few minutes’ waiting the tardy juror arrived.

The witnesses examined were Dr. J. J. Mulheron, Dr. E. J. Clark, John Zschoegner, brother of the deceased Emma Zschoegner, and Mrs. John Zschoegner, his wife. The testimony was the same nature as that brought out at the previous meetings. About five o’clock, after Lawyer Grece and Prosecuting Attorney Willcox had completed their examination, the case was given to the jury after lawyers Greco and Willcox had made addresses to that body of men.

After being out about half an hour they returned a verdict that Emma Zschoegner came to her death from arsenical poison, administered by some person or persons unknown, or possibly by her own hand.

Second Article on the results of the inquest in the death of Emma Zschoegner

Published in the *Pittsburgh Daily Post*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
Thursday, April 4, 1889, Page 1

Due to Arsenic.

Finding of the Jury in the Case of Miss Emma Zschoegner She was Poisoned, but her Sister-in-law is not Held Responsible

Detroit, April 3, - Corner Brown today completed the inquest on the remains of Miss Emma Zschoegner, of Allegheny City, Pa., whose death from arsenical poisoning, while on a visit with her mother to her brother, John Zschoegner, here, has already been published. Yesterday the attorney for John Zschoegner and his wife stated that he had advised them not to give any evidence. Today he examined Dr. Smith, who attended the young lady and Dr. Hamlin who made an analysis of her stomach. Nothing was elicited other than that arsenic killed the girl.

Mrs. Anna Zschoegner, the sister-in-law, who was suspected of the poisoning, was on the stand this afternoon, but nothing could be elicited from her. There is no evidence to justify the suspicion that she is guilty of the crime.

The verdict is that Miss Zschoegner came to her death by arsenical poisoning, the arsenic being administered by some unknown person, possibly herself.

At the examination this morning Dr. Hamlin stated that he found a grain and a half of arsenic in the liver and stomach, though but little in the latter and its inflammation was caused by the arsenic having been there some days before. He also stated that a cystic tumor weighing three pounds was found at the post mortem examination. It was large enough to create the suspicion that the young woman was in disgrace, but had nothing to do with her death.

Mr. Suesse and the Messrs. Hegler, relatives from Pittsburgh, and a large number of the relatives of Mrs. John Zschoegner's three former husbands are in the city.

Mrs. Zschoegner unhappy with the verdict in the death of her daughter

Published in the *Detroit Free Press*, Detroit, Michigan, April 16, 1889

THE ZSCHOEGNER CASE.

The Mother of Emma Zschoegner Desires the Case to be Thoroughly Investigated.

At the coroner's inquest in the case of Emma Zschoegner, her sister-in-law, Anna, testified that she never gave Emma medicine or anything else during her illness.

In the light of this testimony a letter recently received by Dr. E. B. Smith from Mrs. Johanna Zschoegner, of Alleghany City, Pa., the dead girl's mother, is of special interest. In substance the letter says that the writer was very much surprised at the verdict in the case. Mrs. Zschoegner states that Anna gave Emma five cups of tea before she was aware what was going on and that Emma complained to her that Anna had compelled her to drink the five cups of tea, after drinking which she invariably felt worse. Mrs. Zschoegner also denies that Emma ever threatened to take poison herself, and insists that her daughter was received in good society, and had always had a happy, contented life.

E. L. Suess, of Alleghany City, has written a letter to Detectives Uebelhoer and Cotton in which he promises sworn statements from Emma's mother and others, if desired.

The Alleghany City friends and relatives of the deceased girl all seem anxious to have the cause of her mysterious death thoroughly and exhaustively investigated.

Diamond Tea Company Brings Law Suit

Published in the *Detroit Free Press*, Detroit, Michigan, May 10, 1889

The Diamond Tea Defamation Suit.

The Garfield Tea Company, which is run by Jay Baker and Homer Pennock, is located on State street, as is also the Diamond Tea Company. On April 19, so it is charged by the Diamond Company, the Garfield Company caused to be circulated a circular intended to injure the business of the Diamond Company. The circular contained the medical testimony in the Emma Zschoegner murder trial, in which it was stated the deceased had taken Diamond tea. The latter company applied to Judge Reilly and secured an injunction to prevent the distribution of the circular. Judge Reilly referred the case to Circuit Court Commissioner Watson to take testimony. The case was in progress all day yesterday and will continue to-day.

News articles about the Zschoegner case

Articles about the Zschoegner Case appeared in several newspapers across the country. Each article had a little variation of the details. The following articles provide further insight into the story; however some of the information may be rumored, speculation or confusion about the facts.

ARSENIC IN HER STOMACH.

DETROIT, Mich., March 26.—A few weeks ago a Mrs. Johanna Zschoegner and daughter, Emma, a handsome young woman about 22 years of age, arrived in this city from Allegheny City on a visit to a son, John Zschoegner. On February 28 they both were taken suddenly ill and four days later the daughter died. Mrs. Zschoegner recovered. The police heard of the young woman's death, and knowing of similar cases having occurred in the family had the stomach removed and analyzed. Zschoegner and his wife on promising to return in time for the inquest were allowed to take the body to Allegheny City for burial, but up to date nothing has been heard from them. The coroner's inquest was begun to-night, and the testimony of the physician who made the analysis showed that the stomach contained large quantities of arsenic. Anna Zschoegner, wife of John, is 30 years of age. She had two husbands previous to Zschoegner, two of whom died under peculiar circumstances. The motive advanced by the authorities, who claim that there has been a murder and an attempted murder, is that the young woman, knowing that old Mrs. Zschoegner was wealthy, administered the poison to her and to Miss Emma which would result in the property being inherited by her husband.

Edited versions of this article appeared in the following newspapers- -

New York Times
March 27, 1889
"A Case of Poisoning."

Albany Times
Albany, New York
March 27, 1889

St. Paul Daily Globe
St. Paul, Minnesota
March 27, 1889
"Administered Arsenic"

Atchison Daily Champion
Atchison, Kansas
March 27, 1889
"Dosed with Arsenic"

The article to the left appeared in the *Daily Inner Ocean* Chicago, Illinois

News article compares Anna to Sarah Whiteling who was executed for the murder of her husband, son and daughter by arsenic poisoning.

Published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monday, April 1, 1889 Page: 6

DETROIT'S WHITELING CASE

Four Deaths by Poisoning of Persons near Hear and Another Dying.

Special to the Inquirer. Detroit, March 31. [1889]--A Western Sarah Whiteling has come to light here. Her name is now Mrs. Anna Zschoegner. She has been married four times. Two of her husbands died in a most mysterious ways[sic], one secured a divorce on allegations that she attempted to poison him and a fourth is now lying at the point of death, supposably [sic] at her hands. She has a mania for securing life insurance policies and has twice mulcted [deprive someone of (money or possessions) by fraudulent means] the companies. A few weeks ago the woman's husband told her that her [sic] mother and sister, who were wealthy and lived in Allegheny City, would visit them. They did so and a few days afterward both were taken violently ill. When a physician was summoned Mrs. Zschoegner gave it as her opinion that canned corn, which they had eaten, had caused the sickness. The mother was given an emetic and grew better, but two days later the daughter died. Immediately after she expired, and before the breath was hardly out of her body, Mrs. Zschoegner rushed for an embalmer, in which process quantities of arsenic are used, and it would be difficult in a post mortem examination to determine whether poison had been administered before or after death. But the detectives, knowing the woman's previous history, stepped in and prevented embalming. A post-mortem was held, when large quantities of arsenic were found in her stomach, and the vital organs were saturated. While the detectives were trying to trace her agency in the matter her husband was also taken sick, with symptoms of arsenical poisoning, and now lies at the point of death. Her arrest has not virtually been made, but she is not permitted to leave the house, being under constant surveillance. She has a dark history. She tried to palm off another's infant on her first husband as her own, and when he discovered the fraud, after insuring his life for \$2,000, he died suddenly, the physician declared, by poison. She next married a

man named Schultz. He lived only a few months after and died in terrible agony, but as the embalmers were on hand at the instant of his death no examination was made, though every fact pointed to poison. Her next husband was Frederick Schmid, who had insurance in some society for \$2,000. He died in less than a year after his marriage. He was taken suddenly ill, and the first his friends knew of his sickness was when his parents were informed after death. She secured this money and disappeared for some time, until she came back recently as Mrs. Zschoegner.

Note: There is no evidence that Anna's husband, John Zschoegner, was poisoned at the time of his death nor at the same time his sister and mother were poisoned.

Mrs. Johanna Zschoegner and her daughter Emma, who arrived in Detroit from Allegheny, are supposed to have been poisoned by the wife of John Zschoegner, Mrs. Zschoegner's son. Emma died.

Published in the *Daily Bulletin*, Maysville, Kentucky

THAT DETROIT POISONING.

Reports of Murder Are Emphatically Denied by Friends.

John Zschoegner and wife, of Detroit, who came to Allegheny a couple of weeks ago to bury Miss Emma Zschoegner, returned to their home in Detroit yesterday. They were very indignant over the report that they had poisoned the girl, and went back to disprove the charges. It was alleged several days ago and published in this paper that Mrs. Zschoegner, accompanied by her daughter Emma, went to Detroit to visit her son John. While there they were poisoned, as was Mrs. John Zschoegner. Miss Emma died and the body was brought home for interment. It was claimed at the time that the poisoning was caused by eating canned fruit, but afterward it was claimed that an attempt had been made to murder the elder Mrs. Zschoegner in order to secure her property.

Edward L. Sues, a butcher doing business on Spring Garden avenue, Allegheny, is a brother-in-law of the dead girl. He was very indignant over the report of murder, and says the matter will be thoroughly investigated. Mr. and Mrs. John Zschoegner left on Monday night for Detroit to contradict the report.

It is said that Mrs. Zschoegner was married four times, and two of her husbands died under very mysterious circumstances.

Death Records . . .

PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF MICHIGAN	
County		Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics	
Township		TRANSCRIPT & CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
Village		Registered No. 7887	
City		[If death occurred in a hospital or institution give the NAME, location of street and number.]	
City		(No. 544 St Aubin St., 9 Ward)	
FULL NAME Henry Knoche			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			
1 SEX	2 COLOR OR RACE	3 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word)	4 DATE OF DEATH
Male	White	Married	Oct 30, 14, 191
5 DATE OF BIRTH			6 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from
July 22, 1876, 1			Oct 23, 14, 191 to Oct 30, 14, 191
(Month) (Day) (Year)			that I last saw him alive on Oct 30, 14, 191
7 AGE			and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6 pm
38 yrs 3 mos 9 d. or less?			The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
8 OCCUPATION			Paresis
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work			
Machinist			
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)			
Automobile			
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country)			Contributory (Secondary)
Germany			(Duration) yrs. mos. d.
10 NAME OF FATHER			(Signed) H. L. Ulbrich, M. D.
John Knoche			Nov 2, 14, 191 (Address) 630 McDougall
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country)			* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or if death from VIOLENT CAUSE, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.
Germany			12 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)
13 MOTHER NAME OF FATHER			At place of death yrs. mos. d. State yrs. mos. d.
Elizabeth Voss			Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
14 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country)			Former or usual residence
Germany			15 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL
15 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE			DATE OF BURIAL
John Knoche, (Informant)			Nov 3, 14, 191
Detroit, Mich (Address)			16 UNDERTAKER
16			C. Schulte & Son, ADDRESS
Filed			Detroit, Mich

Death Certificate for Henry Knoche, October 30, 1914

Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan

KNOCHE--Henry, aged 37 years, beloved husband of Anna and dear brother of Mrs. A. Schulte, John Knoche, Mrs. P. Mues, Mrs. Frances Fuerst and Frank Knoche. Funeral from residence, 544 St. Aubin avenue, Tuesday morning at 8:15. to St. Mary's church at 9.

Detroit Free Press, November 2, 1914

Anna is declared Dead

Detroit Free Press, Saturday, January 9, 1915

DEATH NOTICE FOR WOMAN NOT DEAD MAKES HER ANGRY

Mrs. Henry Knoche Lays Newspaper Reports to Relative's Spite

PAID ADVERTISEMENT FILED AT DRUG STORE

Victim Proves She is Very Much Alive; Will Probe and Go To Law

Though the announcement of her death was spread broadcast through the medium of daily newspaper obituary notices, Mrs. Henry Knoche of 644 St. Aubin Avenue is very much alive. As in the case of Mark Twain, when news of his sudden demise was once heralded to the world, Mrs. Knoche says the reports of her death are greatly exaggerated.

They have caused her great distress, she says, and she is naturally anxious to learn the authorship of the death notice, copies of which appeared in the evening papers of Thursday and the morning papers of Friday. The announcements which were quite brief, were all worded similarly. That in Friday's Free Press ran as follows. Here is the notice -

'KNOCHE --Jan. 6, 1915. Mrs. Henry, widow of the late Henry Knoche, at residence, 644 St. Aubin Avenue. Funeral notice later.'

The Free Press notice was received at the drug store of J. C. Moeller, 594 Gratiot Avenue, and sent by him to the business office. Mr. Moeller states that a woman about 40 years old, of medium height and dark hair, handed in the notice and paid for it. She wore a shawl about her shoulders and said she was a near relative of the "dead" woman, who, she declared, had passed away about 45 minutes previous to her appearance at the drug store.

In response to the doorbell at 644 St. Aubin Avenue, Friday night, a robust-looking woman of about 65 years appeared. "Does Mrs. Knoche live here?" she was asked. "Yes, I am Mrs. Knoche, though the papers say I am dead."

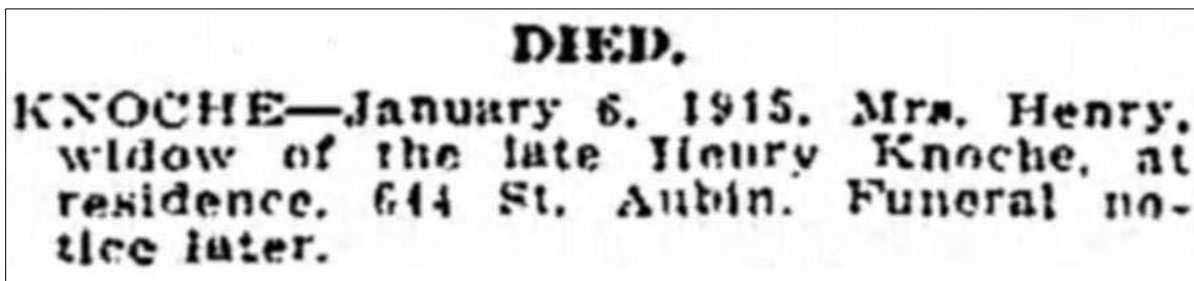
Recalls Husband's Death-

Mrs. Knoche at first said she couldn't imagine who had inserted the notice, but later she was very decided in the expression of her belief that it was done by a woman relative with whom she has had serious differences for some time.

Mrs. Knoche's husband, Henry Knoche, died about three months ago. Owing to stories that were circulated after his death, Coroner Rothacher was called into the case on the day of the funeral, and the body was temporarily placed in a vault in Mt. Elliott cemetery. An autopsy was held and the stomach and other organs were sent to County Chemist Clark for analysis. No traces of poison were found, and the body was then buried in the lot reserved for it.

Mrs. Knoche, who has been thrice widowed, says several of her friends have called since the announcement of her death, and she intends to try to prove the identity of the person who authorized it, in which case she will seek whatever redress the law allows.

The False Death Notice published
Detroit Free Press, Thursday and Friday, January 7 and 8, 1915



DIED.
KNOCHE—January 6, 1915. Mrs. Henry,
widow of the late Henry Knoche, at
residence, 644 St. Aubin. Funeral no-
tice later.

The following is a copy of the above article as it appeared in the newspaper.
Detroit Free Press, Saturday January 9, 1915

DEATH NOTICE FOR WOMAN NOT DEAD MAKES HER ANGRY

**Mrs. Henry Knoche Lays
Newspaper Reports to
Relative's Spite.**

**PAID ADVERTISÉMENT
FILED AT DRUG STORE**

**Victim Proves She is Very Much
Alive; Will Probe and Go
to Law, She Says.**

Though the announcement of her death was spread broadcast through the medium of daily newspaper obituary notices, Mrs. Henry Knoche, of 644 St. Aubin avenue, is very much alive. As in the case of Mark Twain, when news of his sudden demise was once heralded to the world, Mrs. Knoche says the reports of her death are greatly exaggerated.

They have caused her great distress, she says, and she is naturally anxious to learn the authorship of the death notice, copies of which appeared in the evening papers of Thursday and the morning papers of Friday. The announcements, which were quite brief, were all worded similarly. That in Friday's Free Press ran as follows.

Here is the Notice.

KNOCHE--Jan. 6, 1915. Mrs. Henry, widow of the late Henry Knoche, at residence, 644 St. Aubin avenue. Funeral notice later.

The Free Press notice was received at the drug store of J. C. Moeller, 594 "Circulator" avenue, and sent by him to the business office. Mr. Moeller states that a woman about 40 years old, of medium height and dark hair, handed in the notice and paid for it. She wore a shawl about her shoulders and said she was a near relative of the "dead" woman, who, she declared, had passed away about 45 minutes previous to her appearance at the drug store.

In response to the doorbell at 644 St. Aubin avenue, Friday night, a robust-looking woman of about 65 years appeared.

"Does Mrs. Knoche live here?" she was asked.

"Yes, I am Mrs. Knoche, though the papers say I am dead."

Recalls Husband's Death.

Mrs. Knoche at first said she couldn't imagine who had inserted the notice, but later she was very decided in the expression of her belief that it was done by a woman relative with whom she has had serious differences for some time.

Mrs. Knoche's husband, Henry Knoche, died about three months ago. Owing to stories that were circulated after his death, Coroner Rothacher was called into the case on the day of the funeral, and the body was temporarily placed in a vault in Mt. Elliott cemetery. An autopsy was held and the stomach and other organs were sent to County Chemist Clark for analysis. No traces of poison were found, and the body was then buried in the lot reserved for it.

Mrs. Knoche, who has been three widowed, says several of her friends have called since the announcement of her death, and she intends to try to prove the identity of the person who authorized it, in which case she will seek whatever redress the law allows.

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1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Wayne MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Vital Statistics

Township
Village Notre
City St Marys Hosp Register No. 4007

2 FULL NAME Emma Berger
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

a) Residence No. 1877 Division St St. Ward
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and state)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 60 yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? 60 yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 Color or Race <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word) <u>Married</u>			16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) <u>3-15-1926</u>	17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>3-11-1926</u> to <u>3-15-1926</u> , that I last saw her alive on <u>3-15-1926</u> and that death occurred on the date stated above at <u>11:17</u> a.m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Acute sanguinous</u> <u>Appendicitis</u> (duration) <u>118</u> hrs. mos. ds. CONTRIBUTORY <u>Acute Intestinal Distention</u> (duration) <u>2</u> yrs. mos. ds.
5a If married, widowed or divorced <u>Married</u> (or) <u>Berger</u>				18 Where was disease contracted If not at place of death? <u>✓</u>		
6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) <u>6-23-1859</u>				Did an operation precede death? <u>yes</u> Date of <u>3-14-26</u>		
7 AGE Years <u>66</u> Months <u>8</u> Days <u>20</u>	8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>Housewife</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer.			Was there an autopsy? <u>no</u> What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>clinical</u>		
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Douthane</u> (state or country) <u>Ger</u>				(Signed) <u>W. E. Henderson</u> M. D. <u>3-16-1926</u> Address <u>2803 Hudson Ave.</u>		
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>George Brown</u>				*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for further instructions.) <u>2572</u>		
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) <u>Hesse Darmstadt</u> (state or country) <u>Ger</u>				19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL <u>St. Marys Hosp</u> Date of Burial <u>3-18-26</u>		
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Catherine Rein</u>				20 UNDERTAKER <u>J. Delors Son</u> <u>Detroit</u>		
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) <u>Hesse Darmstadt</u> (state or country) <u>Ger</u>						
14 Informant <u>Josephine Petsch</u> (Address) <u>4179 Helen Ave</u>						
15 Filed <u>MAR 17 1926</u> Registrar.						

Death Certificate for Anna (Braun) Berger died March 15, 1926
Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan

The informant on the death certificate is Josephine (Schmied) Petsch, Anna's daughter from her third marriage. Josephine identifies Anna's husband, her birthdate and place of birth. She also identifies Anna's parents and their birthplaces (Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany). With the exception of the first name Emma, this document most likely has accurate information about Anna.

26	153	S. 12½ x 15	
Section	Lot	Number of Graves or Part of Lot	Sold By
Lot Owner	Joseph Brown	Address	Phone
Lot Owner		Address	Phone
Lot Owner		Address	Phone
Relative		Address	Phone
Number & Purchase Date	#291	July, 1903	Price \$56.25
Remarks:	(1,2), from Mt. Elliott		
	(3), from Germ. Lutheran.		

Gr.	Name of Deceased	A G E	Date of Interment
1	Martin, Catherin	(1)	8-19-03
2	Brown, George	(2)	8-19-03
3	Szhigner, John	(3)	1-18-07
4	Braun, Joseph		1-29-08
5	Knoche, Harry		11-10-14
6	Berger, Emma		3-18-26
7	Martin, Josephine		10-8-49
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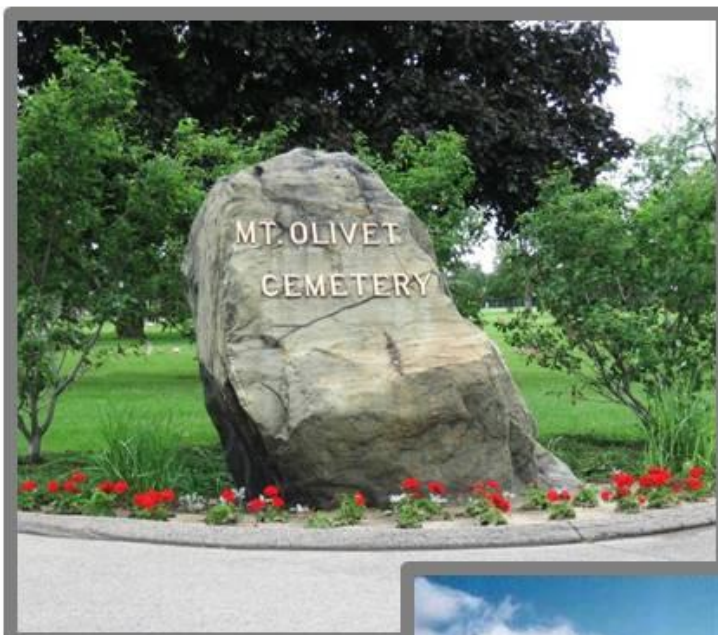
This is the Mt. Olivet Cemetery plot purchased by Anna's brother, Joseph in July 1903 for \$56.25.

One month after the plot purchase, Anna's parents George Braun/Brown and Catherine (Rhein) Braun/Brown Martin were moved from Mt. Elliott Cemetery and re-interred in grave sites one and two. George's death date is 1874 and Catherine died in 1901.

Anna's fourth husband, John Zschoegner died in September 1906 and was buried in the German Lutheran Cemetery. On January 18, 1907, he was re-interred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, grave three.

Grave four is Joseph Braun, Anna's brother and grave five is Henry's burial site.

Anna, who changed her first name to Emma, is buried in grave six and it is believed grave seven is that of Anna's sister Josephine (Braun) Martin.



Henry Knoche and Anna/Emma (Braun) Berger
were laid to rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery
Detroit, Michigan
Their grave sites on the Braun Family plot are not marked.

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Frances Knoche (1880-1914)
Daughter of Johann Joseph and Elisabeth (Voss) Knoche or Volmer
Married Anthony “Tony” Fuerst in Detroit, Michigan
Sister to Francis “Frank” Knoche

The story of Frances living in the United States begins in the early months of 1900. Although a ship record was not found, Frances states on both the 1900 and 1910 U.S. Federal Census that she immigrated in 1900. These two censuses also indicate that she was born in Germany in 1880, with the 1900 census specifically stating a birth date of February 1880.



Frances

Upon her arrival, Frances took up residence with her sister, Minnie at 949 Congress Street in Detroit. It would have been a lively household since Minnie and her husband, Anthony had seven children between the ages of one and nine years old. Also, living with the family was her sister, Bertha.

The 1900 Detroit City Directory had Frances listed at the Congress Street address and doing domestic work. Frances may have been working in another household doing child care or housekeeping. By 1903, Frances is living at 413 Monroe Avenue and working as a clerk.

On April 9, 1907 Frances exchanged wedding vows with Anthony “Tony” Fuerst. The witnesses at the marriage ceremony were Mary Lange and Frances’s brother, Frank Knoche.

According to most of the census records, Anthony was born in Germany in 1885. The 1920 census states that he is from Austria and the World War II draft registration card states his birth country is Hungary. The varied reporting of his birth country could depend upon the boundaries of his homeland country at the time he was answering this question. Anthony immigrated to the United States about 1902 and by all indications, he worked as a baker, eventually owning his own bakery shop. Both Anthony and Frances became naturalized citizens in 1914.

Frances and Anthony’s only child, Joseph, was born on February 13, 1908. He

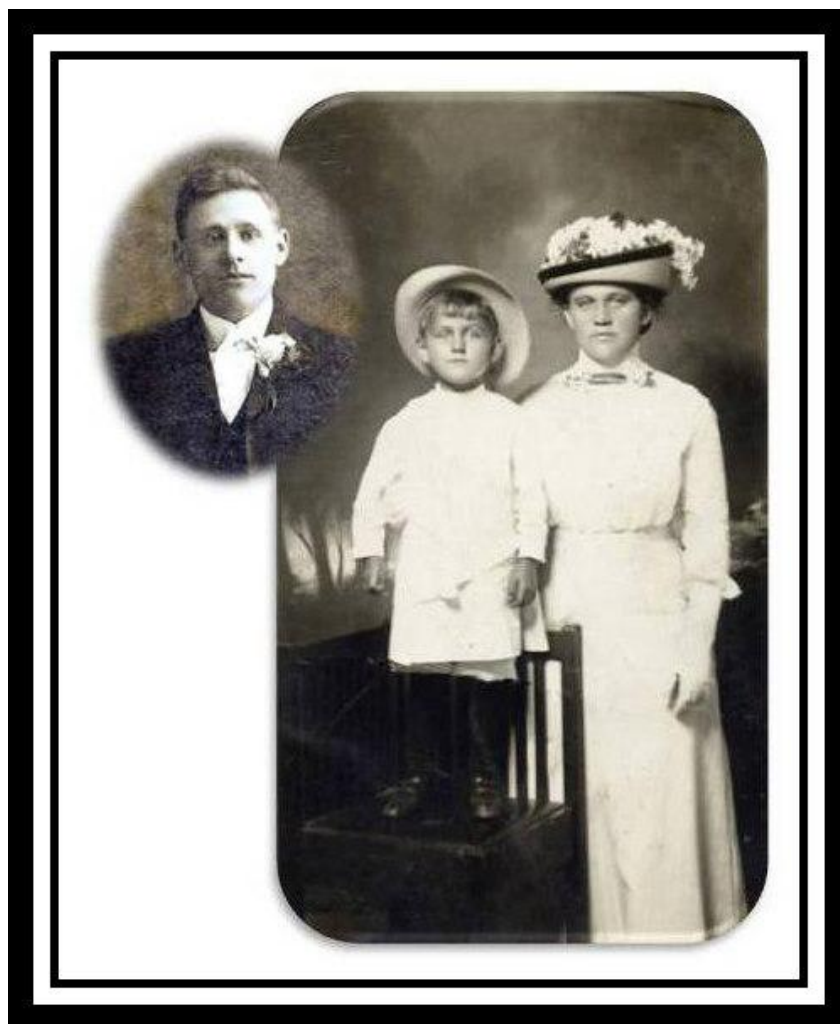
lived with his parents until 1942 when he married Martha Eder and started his own family. Joseph graduated from high school and worked in the automotive industry.

Over the years Anthony and Frances worked tirelessly in the Bakery Shop, each working as much as 99 hours a week. After Joseph and Martha married, Anthony and Frances took on the new role as grandparents as they were blessed with eight grandchildren.

Also, over the years, one other interesting fact changed throughout Frances' life and that is her birth year changed on the records. As stated earlier, the 1900 and 1910 U.S. Federal census indicated an 1880 birth year. Her marriage record in 1907 states she was 25 years old. This would mean a birth year of 1882. The 1882 date is on her funeral prayer card. The 1920 through the 1940 U.S. Federal Census stated a birth year of about 1885. And lastly, Frances' grave marker has her birth year as 1885. So either the earlier censuses were incorrect or Frances edged her birth year closer to that of her husband, Anthony.

Early in February 1954, Anthony passed away and Frances followed five years later on December 1, 1959. They were laid to rest in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan which is also the resting place for their son, Joseph.

The Fuerst Family



Anthony, Frances and son, Joseph

Frances Knoche (1880-1959) & Anthony "Tony" Fuerst (1885-1954)

married April 9, 1907 in Detroit, Michigan

Son, Joseph (1908-1973) married Martha Eder (1920-1984)

Wedding Day . . .



Frances and Anthony's marriage was on April 9, 1907
Maid of Honor and Best Man are Mary Lange and Frank Knoche

Working in Detroit

Knoch, see also Knaack, Knack and Noch.
" Annie (wid John), h 152 Hunt.
" August, lab. bds 152 Hunt.
" Elizabeth, domestic, 949 Congress e.
" Ernest F, engr, h 25 Chipman pl.
" Frances. domestic 949 Congress e.

1900 Detroit City Directory ~ Frances and her sister Elizabeth "Bertha"
doing Domestic Work

Knoche Frances, clk, bds 413 Monroe av.

1903 Detroit City Directory ~ Frances Working as a Clerk



The Fuerst Bakery

Fuerst, see also Furst
" Anthony, lab. h 1757 St Aubin av
" Anthony J, baker, h 1450 Wabash av

1913 Detroit City Directory ~ Anthony Working as a Baker

REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER **5326** ORDER NUMBER **046**

1 *Anthony Joseph Furst*

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: *576 Delaware Ave Detroit Wayne Mich*

Age in Years **33** Date of Birth *March 12th 1885*

RACE

White ☒ Negres ☐ Oriental ☐ Indian ☐ Citizen ☐ Non-citizen ☐

U. S. CITIZEN **ALIEN**

Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☒ Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority ☐ Declarant ☐ Non-declarant ☐

15 I am a citizen of the U. S. of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

16 PRESENT OCCUPATION *Baker* 17 EMPLOYER'S NAME *Detroit Baking Co*

18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: *1 Fabross St Detroit Wayne Mich*

19 NEAREST RELATIVE Name *Francis Furst* Address *576 Delaware Ave Detroit Wayne Mich*

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

P. M. G. O. *Anthony Joseph Furst*

Form No. 1 (Red)

U. S. Military
Draft Registration Cards

Left is the World War I
Draft Registration Card 1918

Below is the World War II
Draft Registration Card 1942

C 21-1-9 REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21	22 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23	24	25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26	Blue	Brown

29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)

30 I certify that my answers had read to him his own answers and that all of his answers of which I am registrar are true

M. J. ...

Date of Registration **SEP 12 1918**

LOCAL BOARD No. 9,
VERMONT HALL
60. RIVER & TRUMBULL AVE.
DETROIT, MICH.
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER **3046** ORDER NUMBER

1 NAME (Print) *ANTHONY FURST*

2 PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) *7737 LINWOOD AVE DETROIT WAYNE MICH*

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3 MAILING ADDRESS *SAME*

4 TELEPHONE *NONE*

5 AGE IN YEARS *57* DATE OF BIRTH *MARCH 12 1885*

6 PLACE OF BIRTH *HUNGARY*

7 NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS *FRANCIS FURST 7737 LINWOOD AVE DETROIT WAYNE MICH*

8 EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS *SELF 7737 LINWOOD AVE*

9 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

D. R. S. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42)

Anthony Joseph Furst

(OVER)

Frances and Family...



Anthony Sitting
on the Running Board

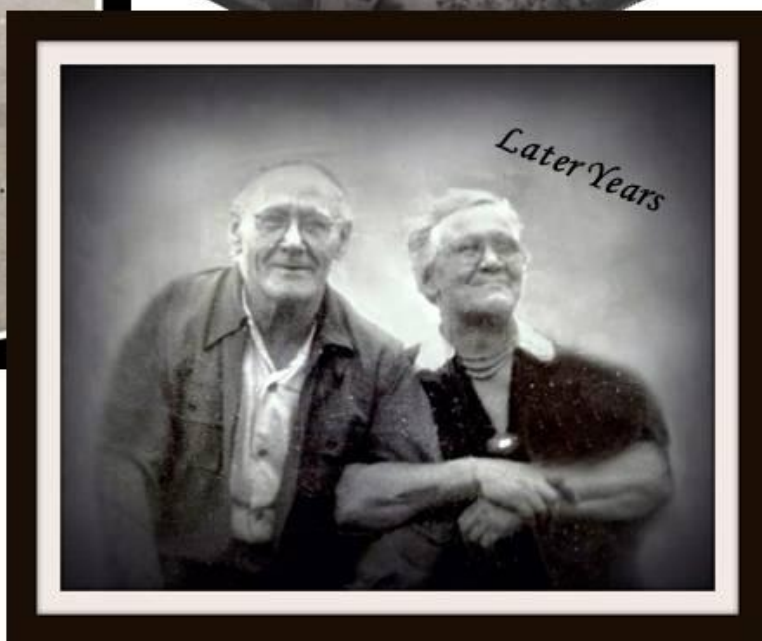
Frances with her Pets



Son Joe with wife, Martha



Frances and Anthony
visiting Five Lakes.



MRS. FRANCES FUERST—

A requiem mass will be said at 9 a. m. Friday at St. Agnes Church, LaSalle and Twelfth, for Mrs. Fuerst, who, with her late husband, Anthony J., operated a nearby bakery for 37 years.

Mrs. Fuerst, a native of Germany and a Detroit resident since 1900, died Tuesday at her home, 14509 Marlowe, after a long illness. She was 77.

Survivors include a son, Joseph J.; eight grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Bertha Muese, and a brother, Frank Koch.

Rosary will be at 8:30 p. m. Thursday at Hilliker's Funeral Home, 2449 W. Grand Blvd. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Published in the
Detroit News

December 3, 1959

"We have loved them during life,
let us not abandon them until we have
conducted them, by our prayers, into
the house of the Lord."

FRANCES FUERST

Born in Westphalia, Germany

February 15, 1882

Passed away in Detroit, Mich.

December 1, 1959

Funeral Mass

Friday morning, December 4, 1959

St. Agnes Church

Final Resting Place

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Oakland County, Mich.

P R A Y E R

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus ever
present in the Blessed Sacrament,
ever consumed with burning love for
the poor captives in purgatory have
mercy on the soul of Thy departed
servant — do Thou O Merciful Saviour
send Thy servants to a place of re-
freshment, light and peace.—Amen

May the soul and the souls of all
the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God rest in peace.—Amen

Jesus, meek and humble of heart
make my heart like unto Thee.

7053 Hilliker's Funeral Home IN ITALY

Prayer Card





Anthony and Frances (Knoche) Fuerst
were laid to rest in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
Southfield, Michigan

Sources for Frances (Knoche) Fuerst –

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- U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
- U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942
- U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014

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Part III

Mary Ann (Lange) Knoche's Family Coming to America

Like Frank's ancestors, Mary's ancestors also came to America with the German heritage. Although the Langes, Hufnagels, Grobbels, and Goebels may not have known the Knoche and Voss families, they all hailed from the Sauerland region in Westphalia, each living in different small villages.

Their journeys across the Atlantic Ocean started in the 1850's and ended in 1872. Each family found their way from Germany to Michigan settling in the Detroit and Center Line area, and finally Mary's father settling in the small community of Five Lakes in Lapeer County. The following are biographies about Mary's relatives.

Mary A. Lange Family Tree

Mary Ann Lange <hr/> 1886 ~ 1930	Franz "Frank" Clemens Lange <hr/> 1850 ~ 1927	Joan Bernard Lange <hr/> 1818 ~	<u>Joan Heinrich Lange ~ Son of Joan & Catherine Lange</u> <hr/> Born About 1789
		Maria Catharina Hufnagel <hr/> 1815 ~	<u>Agnes Maag ~ Daughter of Herman Maag & Elisabeth Barouth</u> <hr/> Born About 1787
		Franz Anton "Anthony" Grobbel <hr/> 1819 ~ 1900	<u>Joan Peter Hufnagel</u> <hr/> Born ~ Died
		Elizabeth Göbel <hr/> 1829 ~ 1917	<u>Maria Gertrud Krabbe ~ Daughter of Bernd Krabbe & Gertrud Zuck</u> <hr/> 1780 ~
	Maria Elizabeth "Mary" Grobbel <hr/> 1859 ~ 1888		<u>Johannes Röttger Grobbel ~ Son of Johann Heinrich Grobbel & Anna Brigitta Sellmann</u> <hr/> 1731 ~ 1838
			<u>Anna Maria Catharina Eickhoff or Spott ~ Daughter of Joannes Eickhoff & Maria Katharina Meister</u> <hr/> 1793 ~
			Frank Göbel <hr/> Born ~ Died
			Unknown <hr/> Born ~ Died



Note: Those ancestors who have two surnames separated by an "or" indicate that in their history a female inherited the family farm and her subsequent husband/children carried her maiden name/name of the farm for identification purposes. The "or" surname name (Hof name) was used informally by their neighbors and friends. They still used their father's surname for legal purposes.

Franz Anton “Anthony” Grobbel (1819-1900)
son of Johannes Roetger and Maria Catharnia (Eickhoff or Spott) Grobbel
married Elizabeth Göbel/Goebel (1829-1917), daughter of Frank Göbel
Maternal Grandparents to Mary (Lange) Knoche

Anthony, as he became known after his arrival in America, can lay claim to a long family history in the Sauerland region of North Rhine-Westphalia. His father was raised in the little village of Obringhausen on what was known as the Grobbel Hof, with hof meaning farm. Records from the Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Wormbach, which is about three-quarters of a mile from Obringhausen, list a Grobbel, though the name was not spelled as we know it today. Remarkably, this record dates back to the year 1398. In addition, tax assessment records from this time period list "der schwarze Gobelen von Obringhausen" as the owner of one of the six farms in Obringhausen. In keeping with the inheritance laws, the Grobbel Hof was passed on to the oldest child in the Grobbel family for centuries.

Although there is this long family history of the Grobbels in Obringhausen, Anthony and his siblings were born in Cobbenrode, a village about ten miles away. As the family story goes, Anthony's father, Roetger, was not the oldest in the family and did not inherit the Grobbel Hof, but rather it went to his older brother, Everhard. At the age of 34 years, Roetger married Maria Catharina Eickhoff or Spott on November 28, 1815. Catharina was heir to the Meister Hof in Cobbenrode, the farm that was passed to her through her mother's family with the last name of Meister.

After the marriage, Roetger moved to the Meister Hof where he and Catharina raised their seven children, Johnannes Franzciskus Josephus, Franz Anton "Anthony," Johannas Casper Anton, Joannes "John," Josephina "Josephine," Maria Anna, and Daniel. All the children lived to adulthood except Maria Anna who died at one year old. Of the remaining six children, four of them immigrated to the United States.

Anthony was the first of the Grobbel children to leave the German homeland. He sailed on the Ship *Magnet* and arrived in New York on May 22, 1849. He was followed by his two brothers, John and Daniel for they disembarked the Ship *Roger Stewart* on May 30, 1853 in the New York harbor. All three brothers made

their way to Michigan to make their homes in either Detroit or Warren Township in Macomb County. In the 1870's, sister, Josephine and her family, immigrated and settled in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Anthony, coming from a family of farmers, also made his living as a farmer in Michigan. Shortly after his May 1849 arrival, he purchased land. In an 1875 publication, Anthony Grobbel is listed as a farmer having settled in Section 17, in 1849, in Warren Township, Macomb County. His 80 acre farm, which was eventually divided in half, was located at what is now the Eleven Mile and Mound Road vicinity.

In the mid-1850's Anthony married Elizabeth Goebel (German spelling is Göbel). No marriage record has been found, but it is possible the marriage took place in the newly built St. Clement Catholic Church which was about two miles from the Grobbel farm. St. Clement, which was built in 1854, was instrumental in Anthony and Elizabeth's lives since it was the site of the baptisms and marriages for several of their children.

Little is known about Elizabeth Goebel. The story passed down through the years was that she came from a very poor family in Germany. Out of desperation, her parents sent her to America with strangers when she was about twelve years old. Although elements of this story may be true, on the 1900 and the 1910 U.S. Federal Census, it states that Elizabeth came to America in 1853. That would make her 24 years old.

One ship record was found bearing the name "Eliz Goble." This young woman, age 24, came from Germany and sailed on the Bark Ship *Maria Thersia*. She disembarked in New York on April 27, 1853. Also on board this ship is the Phillip and Anna Wiegand family who eventually settled in the Grosse Pointe area of Wayne County, Michigan. The Wiegands were from Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. Since there are no concrete documents as to Elizabeth's German origin and that she was connected with the Wiegand family, it is only speculation that the *Maria Thersia* brought Elizabeth to America.

Elizabeth's death record states Frank Goebel is her father. There is also the baptism record for Elizabeth and Anthony's daughter, Catherine, which states

Franz Goebel is a godparent. It is possible that Elizabeth had other relatives who immigrated to the Detroit area.

After their marriage, Anthony and Elizabeth settled on the farm in Warren Township. Anthony worked the land and Elizabeth was busy with household responsibilities, as well as being a mother to a large and growing family. Anthony and Elizabeth's first child was born in 1856. She was named Elizabeth. Brothers and sisters who followed her birth were another daughter named Elizabeth who did not survive even one day, Marie Elizabeth "Mary," Catherine, Maria Theresa, Anthony, Bernard, Frances, and Joseph.

During the winter of 1865-66, Anthony and his brother, John, interrupted their farming work and moved their families to Hancock in Houghton County, Michigan. Hancock, located on the Northwest side of the Michigan Upper Peninsula (UP), was known for its rich copper mines. Iron and copper mining had become a lucrative business in the UP due to the demand for supplies for the Union Army during the Civil War.

The stay in Hancock was short lived, perhaps a year. Little is known about this adventure, except that John's wife, Mary, was home sick and their young daughter was in ill health. While in Hancock, Mary gave birth to her son, Ferdinand, in March 1866. For Anthony and John and their families, making this well over 500 mile trip in 1865 would have been a life-long memory.

Anthony lived out his remaining years on his farm. He and Elizabeth sent their children to school and surely taught them the basics in farming and housekeeping. They saw their children marry and start their own families. Three of their daughters, Elizabeth Schlaud, Mary Lange and Catherine Snoblen left Warren Township and moved to the small Five Lakes Community in Lapeer County. The others stayed in the Warren or Detroit area.

Anthony and Elizabeth knew the heartbreak of losing a child; Elizabeth who was stillborn in 1857 and Maria Theresa's death in 1864 at the tender age of 15 months. Once again in March 1888, they would feel the deep sorrow of loss. News came from Five Lakes that their daughter, Mary, passed away one week after giving birth to her fifth child, Clementine Lange. Despite this sorrow, Anthony and Elizabeth undoubtedly took pride in watching their family grow and prosper.

With three daughters residing in Lapeer County, well over fifty miles away, Anthony and Elizabeth had little opportunity to visit. A family story passed down through the generations was that Elizabeth did travel and visit her family in the Five Lakes community. Michael Grobbel describes her trip by train taking her to the Kings Mill depot, which was about three miles from family farms -

“Oral family history says that Elizabeth (Goebel) Grobbel would occasionally travel alone to visit her daughters and their families in Lapeer County. From looking at a 1917 railroad map, it appears that she would board a Michigan Central RR train at Warren Village which would take her through Imlay City and Lum. From there she traveled to the Kings Mill Station on Lake Pleasant Road, where she would be met by her family and transported by wagon the remainder of the way to their homes.”

At the age of 80 years, Anthony died from dropsy, a swelling often caused by kidney or heart failure. The year of his death was 1900 and Elizabeth was 71 years old. She continued to live on the farm with her son, Joseph. Other family members lived close by. Her nephew, Ferdinand, and his family lived on forty acres of the original 80 acre Grobbel farm.

Elizabeth was almost 88 years old when she succumbed to death, after suffering from senility. She was laid to rest next to her beloved Anthony in St. Clement Cemetery, Center Line, Michigan.

Note: A special acknowledgement is offered for the extraordinary research work on the Grobbel family by Anthony and Elizabeth's great-great grandson, Michael Grobbel. He has generously shared his writings and photos.

*The Grobbel
Family*



Elizabeth -
Husband,
Anthony not
pictured



Elizabeth



Frances



Joseph



Catherine

Children not pictured
are infant daughter,
Elizabeth, Mary, Maria
Theresa and Bernard



Anthony

The Grobbel Family

*Franz Anton "Anthony" Grobbel (1819-1900) & Elizabeth Goebel (1829-1917)
were married about 1855, probably in Macomb County, Michigan*

The Grobbel Children

Elizabeth (1856-1934) married Jacob Schlaud

Elizabeth (1857-1857)

Marie Elizabeth "Mary" (1859-1888) married Frank Lange

Catherine Mary (1860-1930) married Bernard Snoblen

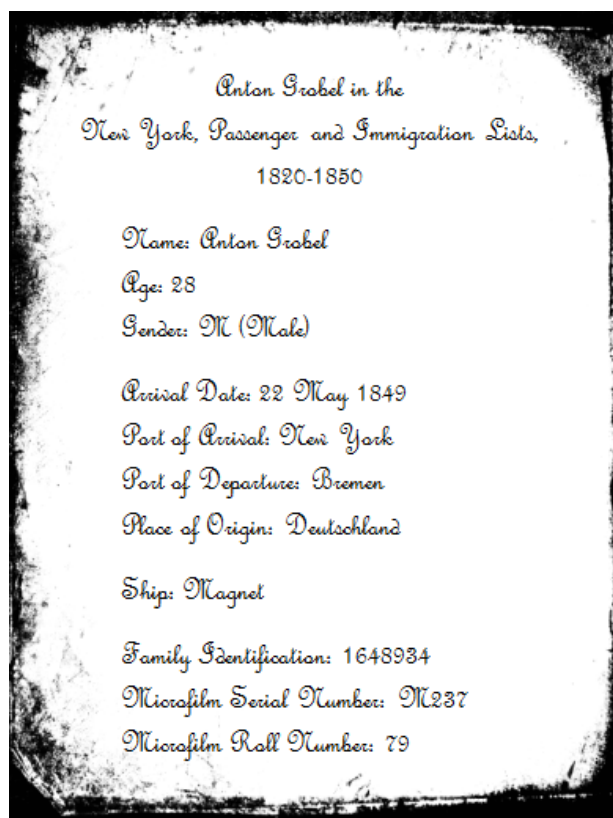
Maria Theresa (1863-1864)

Anthony John (1865-1942) married Mary Minick

Bernard John (1867-1954) married Catherine Ohlert

Frances Mathilda (1869-1909) married Anthony Minick

Joseph Frances Grobbel (1873-1954)



The Grobbel Hof, Obringhausen, Germany
Home of Anthony Grobbel's Ancestors



From Michael Grobbel's Writings ~ The village of Obringhausen as seen from the southwest; the roof of the Grobbel Hof is visible off in the distance beyond and slightly above the village. The origins of the Grobbel surname come from two Low German words, ("Groite Boill" which roughly translates as "major bump"), that were used to identify the family based on the description of their farm's location on the hillside overlooking the village.



Michael Grobbel Writes ~ The Grobbel Hof is located on what used to be the ancestral Grobbel family farm, near the village of Obringhausen. The land and structures on it were inherited by successive generations of Grobbel family members from prior to 1398 until 1987. The portion of the house closest to the camera in the picture to the left was built about 1729 to replace an older structure. The house was further enlarged in 1824 by Johannes Everhard and Maria Walburga (Eickhoff) Grobbel. The dormer and extension on the far front was added in 1987-88 by the current owners.

Cobbenrode, Germany 1890 and Today
Birthplace of Anthony Grobbel



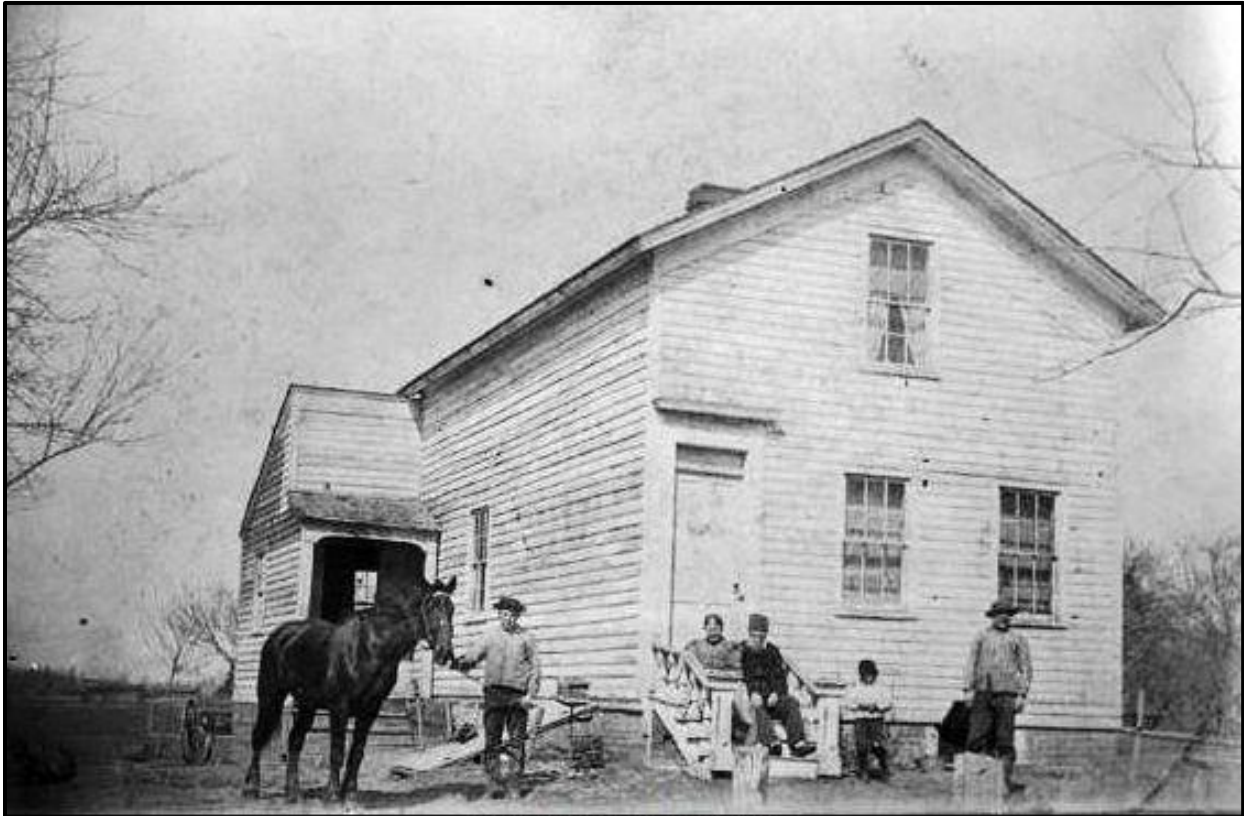
From Michael Grobbel's writing ~ In this photo, the Grobbel-Meister Hof is the building with the lightest colored roof in the upper center of the picture, just in front of and to the left of the Church. Photograph and information ~ courtesy of Reinhard Grobbel, Oberlandenbeck, NRW, Germany.



From Michael Grobbel's Writing ~ This is the birthplace of Franz Anton (1819), John (1825) Josephina (1828) and Daniel Grobbel (1836). Their father, Johannes Rottger Grobbel, moved here from Obringhausen when he married M. C. Eickhoff gt. Spott in 1815. This was the birthplace of all of their children, the 3 sons

listed above emigrated to the U.S.A. around 1850. In the late 1950s, the Grobbel-Meister Hof was combined with an adjoining house (at the left edge of the picture) and converted into the Hotel Henneman. (Photo taken on 22 April 2000)

The Grobbel Farm in Warren Township . . .1



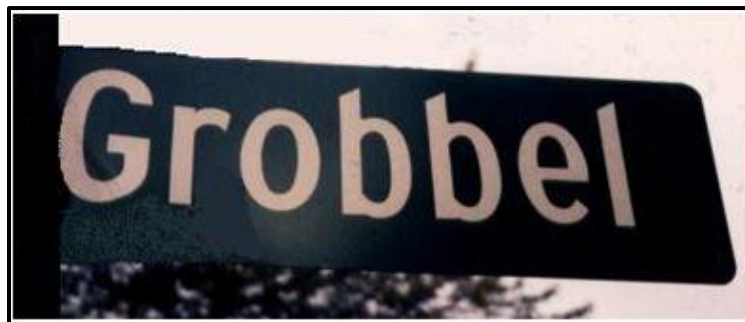
(photo courtesy of Clark Heath)

The Anton Grobbel farmhouse on 11 Mile Road (ca. 1885-1887).

Left to right: son Ben, wife Elizabeth, Anton, (unknown), son Anthony.

Anton was born on Nov. 4, 1819 in Cobbenrode, Westphalia, Prussia and emigrated from there in about 1849.

During the winter of 1865-66, Anton and his brother John worked in the copper mines near Houghton, Michigan. Anton returned to his farm in Warren Twp. where he died on March 24, 1900.



The farmland remained in the Grobbel family for over 100 years. The farmhouse was eventually demolished in the 1980's and the land was subdivided into single family lots. One street name stands out in the subdivision as a reminder of the place where Anthony and Elizabeth lived, worked and raised their family Grobbel Drive.



*Saint Clement Church
Center Line, Michigan*

Church records, from Germany and from St. Clement Church, support Anthony's religious commitment to the Catholic faith. When he first moved to Warren Township in Macomb County, the closest Catholic Church was in the Detroit area. As the population grew, a mission church was built in Center Line in 1854. This church, named St. Clement, became a significant part of the Grobbel family life. Baptisms, marriages, and other services brought many Catholic families in the community together.



In 1881, a new St. Clement Church was dedicated. Above is the interior of the new church. Most likely funeral services honoring the lives of Anthony and Elizabeth took place in this church.

Note: A third church was built in 1961.

Photos of Anthony and Elizabeth's Children and Grandchildren . . .

Two of Anthony and Elizabeth's children, Anthony and Frances, married two Minick siblings. Mary and Anthony Minick's parents are John and Mary Ann (Gansen).



Anthony Grobbel
&
Mary Minick
married June 27, 1894
St. Clement Church.



Anthony Minick
&
Francis Grobbel
married May 14, 1895
St. Clement Church

Anthony and Elizabeth's three daughters, Elizabeth, Mary and Catherine made the Five Lakes community in Lapeer County their lifelong home. Although there is no known photo for Mary (Grobbe) Lange, there are photos for Elizabeth and Catherine and their families.

Bernard and Catherine (Grobbe) Snoblen and Family, 1907



Standing, left to right ~ Anna, Elizabeth, Anthony, Margaret
Sitting, left to right ~ Catherine, Rosella, Bernard, Louise

Anthony married Anna Swoish
Elizabeth married Fred Dupee
Louise married George Dellies
Margaret married Anthony Schimmel
Anna married Peter Swoish
Rosella married Loyola Rivard

Jacob and Elizabeth (Grobbe) Schlaud, 1910



Back starting left- Elizabeth, Susan, Edward, John Jacob, Bernard, Anthony, Henry & Joseph Front- Lena, Mary, Elizabeth, Loretta, Jacob, George, Grace & Gertrude

Note: Mary, Lena and Gertrude's mother is Catherine Rotarius, Jacob's first wife

Elizabeth married Michael Robinet

Anthony married Clementine Robinet

Bernard "Ben" married Martha Swoish, sister to Leona

Susan married Louis Parsch

Jacob "Jake" married Ina Pierson, sister of Florence

Henry married Leona Swoish, sister to Martha

Joseph married Florence Pierson, sister of Ina

Edward married Catherine Lange and Marie Havers

Grace married Clarence Jenkinson

George never married

Loretta married Lawrence Lange, brother to Catherine

Mary married John Jasper

Lena married Elmer Moses

Gertrude married John Vielhaber

Death Records . . .

County Macomb
 Township Warren
 Village _____
 City _____

Location in City _____ Ward; No. _____ St. _____

MICHIGAN
 DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 LANSING
 VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION
 CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF DEATH

[The Registrar should number each certificate received as once, in space below, beginning with "1" for each year.]

REGISTERED NO. 605
4

Full Name Anthony Grobbel Date of Death 3 24 1900

Hospital, Institution or Transient _____ How long an Inmate or Resident 44 years Sex male Color white
 Late or home Residence Warren Single, married, widowed or divorced married

If married, age at (first) marriage many years 46 Age 80
 Parent of 4 children, of whom 6 are living. Date of Birth 1 8 19

Occupation, if over 10 years of age farmer Birthplace (State or country) Germany
 Name of father unknown Birthplace of father (State or country) Germany
 Maiden name of mother unknown Birthplace of mother (State or country) Germany

Date of burial March 24 1900 Place of burial St. Charles cemetery
 Signature of undertaker J. W. C. Wright Address of undertaker Warren Mich

Certificate of Reporter.
 The personal and family particulars herein given relative to deceased are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 (Signed) Carthage Smith (Address) Five Lakes, Mich

Medical Certificate of Cause of Death.
 I hereby certify that I attended deceased from March 24 1900 to March 24 1900
 that I last saw him alive on 24 March 1900, that he died on 24 March 1900
 about 4 o'clock, am M., and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the CAUSE OF DEATH was as hereunder written:
 DISEASE CAUSING DEATH* Dropsy 1550
 Immediate cause of death human
 Contributory causes or complications, if any none
 Post-mortem _____

*In case of a Violent Death, state (1) mode of injury and whether accidental, suicidal or homicidal; (2) what was the nature of the injury and the immediate cause of death; (3) contributory causes or conditions, e. g., septicemia. Also whether operation was performed, etc.
 In deaths from tuberculosis, cancer, etc., always specify what organ or part of the body was affected. In septicemia, give cause, especially if puerperal.

Witness my hand this 24 day of March 1900
 Signature of physician, health officer or coroner Dr. E. Labadie
 (Address) Warren Mich

Death Certificate

Anthony Grobbel

March 24, 1900

Macomb County

Warren, Michigan

PLACE OF DEATH
County Macomb
Township Warren
or
Village
or
City (No. 11 Mile Road St.; Ward) 216

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH APR 6 1917

FULL NAME Elizabeth Grobbel

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Female **COLOR OR RACE** White **SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED** Unmarried

DATE OF BIRTH Apr 8, 1829
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 87 yrs. 11 mos. 17 ds. 22 min. 7 sec.

OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work Housewife
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer) at home

BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Germany

PARENTS

NAME OF FATHER Frank Grobbel
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Germany
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Unknown
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Unknown

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Joseph Grobbel
(Address) Warren Mich

FILED Mar 24, 1917 John H. Beecher - REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH March 21, 1917
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Mar 7, 1917, to March 21, 1917
that I last saw her alive on Mar 21, 1917
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11 P.M.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Senility 154
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

Contributory (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.
(Signed) Elv Laban M.D.
Mar 13, 1917 (Address) Warren Mich

***State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, if it is death from VIOLENT CAUSE, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.**

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OR RECENT RESIDENTS)
At place of death: yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Former or usual residence

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL St Clements Church **DATE OF BURIAL** Mar. 24, 1917
UNDERTAKER Anthony Brinkman **ADDRESS** Gratiot Det.

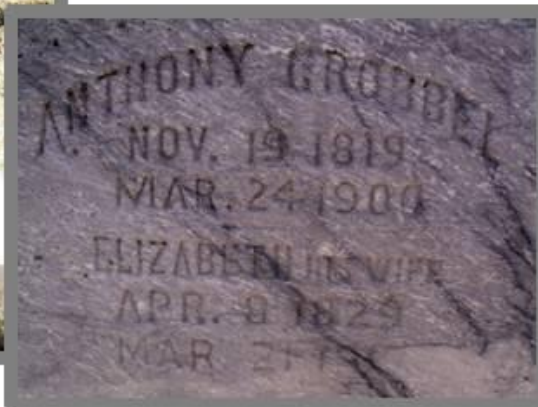
Death Certificate

Elizabeth Grobbel

March 21, 1917

Macomb County

Warren, Michigan



Anthony and Elizabeth (Goebel) Grobbel
were laid to rest in St. Clement Cemetery
Center Line, Michigan

Sources for Franz Anton and Elizabeth (Goebel) Grobbel –

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- Photos of St. Clement Cemetery by Louise (Bruman) Dice

Joannes “John” Grobbel (1825-1870)
son of Johannes Roetger and Maria Catharnia (Eickhoff or Spott) Grobbel
married Mary Ann Warner (1844-1916)
Maternal Great Uncle to Mary (Lange) Knoche

John, along with his young brother Daniel, boarded the ship *Roger Stewart* in the spring of 1853. They departed from Antwerp, Belgium and arrived in New York on May 30. John and Daniel made their way to Michigan where they were welcomed by their older brother, Anthony.

Daniel opted to move to the City of Detroit, whereas, John decided to join Anthony in the rural farming area of Macomb County, about twelve miles north of the city. John worked on clearing some of the acreage Anthony had purchased in Section 17 of Warren Township.

On January 28, 1864, John married Mary Ann Warner, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Metter) Warner. Together they had four children, Anna, Ferdinand, John and Josephine. All the children were born in Warren Township, except for Ferdinand. He was born on March 13, 1866 in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, in the little town of Hancock.

Months before Ferdinand’s birth, John and Mary ventured to Hancock in Houghton County. Joining them were John’s brother, Anthony, and his family. John and Anthony sought out jobs working in the copper and iron mines. There is no family story that tells us why they decided to leave their farms and work in a potentially dangerous environment, as miners.

John and Anthony worked in the mines for about a year, and then decided to return to their farms in Warren Township. The family story passed along was that young Anna was in ill health and Mary was homesick. There were probably other deciding factors. Though we do not know what initially prompted John and Anthony’s move to Hancock, perhaps spending day after day in a mine was not as rewarding as working in the fields as farmers, a livelihood they had known from childhood.

In January of 1870, tragedy struck the young Grobbel family. The following is a paragraph from Michael Grobbel’s writings –

“In January 1870, John was clearing his land of timber and hauling the cordwood into Detroit to be sold for fuel. At the intersection of Harper and St. Cyril, the wood extending out from his wagon became entangled with a hay wagon driven by a man named Engleman from Center Line, MI, and John was killed in the resulting crash...Mary was left with four small children and a farm with only a small portion of the wooded acreage cleared. There was no way for her to earn a living, especially with four babies to care for. The only thing a woman in her situation could do was to marry again, which she did within a year. On 09 June 1871, she married Joseph Rinke, a bachelor six years younger than herself. Although the marriage proved congenial, she felt that it had been wrong to load her troubles onto so young a man, and this bothered her all the rest of her life.”

Joseph Rinke was known to Mary's family since his brother, Andrew, was married to Mary's sister Magdaline. Both families lived in Warren Township, Macomb County.

After her marriage to Joseph, Mary received a settlement from Mr. Engleman. Family stories have differed on the amount of the settlement, some say five hundred dollars, others say two thousand dollars. Either amount would have been a welcome relief, since Mary and Joseph added at least nine children to the family.

John, along with his wife, Mary, and her second husband, Joseph, were laid to rest in St. Clement Cemetery, Center Line, Michigan.

The Grobbel Family

John Grobbel (1825-1870) & Mary Ann Warner (1844-1916)
married January 28, 1864 in Center Line, Michigan

The Grobbel Children

Anna Victoria (1864-1955) married William DeGrandchamp
Ferdinand (1866-1919) married Appollinia Wiegand
John Anthony (1867-1911) married Elizabeth Elliot
Josephine (1870-1925) married Frank Linto

Records . . .

Joannes Grobbel in the
Germany, Select Births and Baptisms,
1558-1898

Name: Joannes Grobbel
Gender: Male

Birth Date: 21 Okt 1825 (21 Oct 1825)
Baptism Date: 23 Okt 1825 (23 Oct 1825)

Baptism Place: Katholisch, Kobbenrade,
Westfalen, Prussia

Father: Roelger Grobbel
Mother: Maria Catharina Spott

FHL Film Number: 936719

DISTRICT OF NEW YORK—PORT OF NEW YORK.

I, *A. M. Hoffman*, do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear that the following List or Manifest of passengers by name, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs for the District of New York, contains, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a full and true account of all the Passengers received on board the *American Ship Roget Stewart*, whereof I am Master, from *American* to the place of destination.

Sworn to this *10th* day of *May* 1853
Before me
A. M. Hoffman
Notary Public for the District of New York.

That a Manifest of ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the *American Ship Roget Stewart* is Master from *Amsterdam* to the place of destination.

NAME	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	The money he paid for passage	The money he paid for freight
<i>John</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Seaman</i>	<i>10 00</i>	<i>00 00</i>

John is listed on the ship manifest for the *Roget Stewart*.

From Farmer to Miner . . .



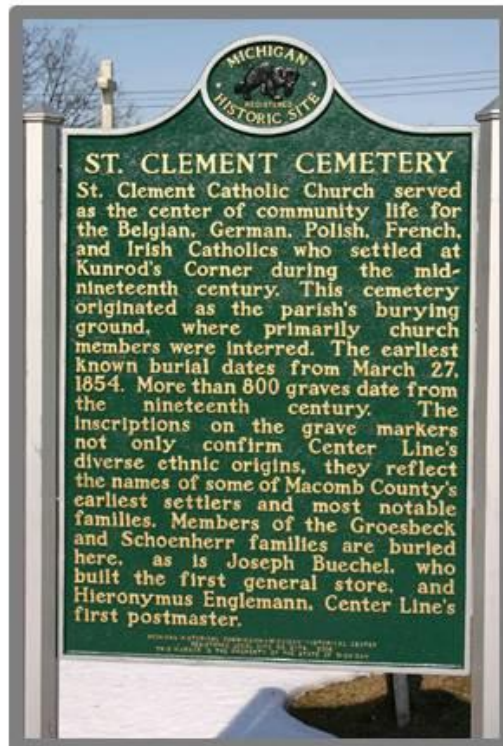
The town of Clifton and Cliff Mine in Keweenaw County in the late 1800s.

John and his family lived for about one year in a similar mining town in neighboring Houghton County.



This 1875 photograph shows a team of three miners drills holes in the rock by hand.

For John and his brother, Anthony, work in the mines was very different from work on the farm.



John and Mary (Warner) Grobbel
were laid to rest in St. Clement Cemetery
Center Line, Michigan

Sources for John Grobbel—

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Daniel Grobbel (1836-1924)
son of Johannes Roetger and Maria Catharnia (Eickhoff or Spott) Grobbel
married Elizabeth Trinkaus (1842-1924)
Maternal Great Uncle to Mary (Lange) Knoche

When Daniel crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 1853 with his brother, John, he was only sixteen years old. Upon arriving in Michigan, Daniel decided he would make his living in the growing City of Detroit rather than take up farming like his two brothers. Initially, Daniel used skills that he learned on the Grobbel Hof to make wagons. By 1874, he had a grocery store on the south west corner of Chene and Jay Streets in Detroit. Daniel worked in the grocery business for 33 years.

On September 2, 1862, Daniel married Elizabeth Trinkaus, daughter of German immigrants, Phillip and Elizabeth (Kiegler) Trinkaus. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Detroit. Over the years, Daniel and Elizabeth saw the happiness and sadness of raising a family. Elizabeth gave birth to fifteen known children. Five of the children lived to adulthood; however, son, John, was killed in a railroad accident at the age of 25 years.

Of the ten young children who died, some lived only days, others, a few years. Early death records are sketchy, often not giving the cause of death. However, some records give causes such as "Summer Complaint" (diarrhea caused by spoiled milk), cholera, and then there was seven year-old, Mathilda, who died of heart failure.

The only child who married was Daniel, but he had no offspring, so this branch of the Grobbel family ended with Daniel and Elizabeth's children. It was passed along in the family history that Daniel regretted not having any grandchildren.

Daniel and Elizabeth enjoyed about 25 years of retirement before they succumbed to death. On January 18, 1924, Elizabeth passed away from a heart block and Bulbar paralysis. Just a few months later, at the age of 88 years, Daniel died on November 12, 1924. They, along with most of their children, were laid to rest in Mt. Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.

The Grobbel Family

*Daniel Grobbel (1836-1924) and
Elizabeth Trinkaus (1842--1924)
married September 2, 1862 in Detroit, Michigan*

The Grobbel Children

*Margaret (1863-1932)
Phillip Richard (1865-1866)
Elizabeth Josephine (1867-1869)
John ((1869-1869)
George Daniel (1870-1870)
Daniel Cornelius (1872-1951) married Annie Wolvertton (1873-1960)
William (1874-1899)
Sylvester (1876-1876)
John Edward (1877-)
Elisabeth Cecelia (1879-1923)
Clara Grobbel (1880-1881)
Rosalia Frances (1882-1882) (twin)
Phillip Franz (1882—1882) (twin)
Henry Raymond (1885-1885)
Mathilda (1888-1895)*

Records . . .

Daniel Grobbel Or Kester in the
Germany, Select Births and Baptisms,
1558-1898

Name: Daniel Grobbel Or Kester
Gender: Male

Birth Date: 3 Dez 1836 (3 Dec 1836)
Baptism Date: 5 Dez 1836 (5 Dec 1836)

Baptism Place: Katholisch, Kobbenrode,
Westfalen, Prussia

Father: Roeltger Grobbel Or Kester
Mother: Catharina Eichhoff

FHL Film Number: 936719

DISTRICT OF NEW YORK—PORT OF NEW YORK.

I, *A. Skelpton* do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear that the following List or Manifest of Passengers, and of all the Passengers received on board the *American Ship Roger Stewart* arrived at New York, from *Antwerp* on the 30th day of May 1853.

Sworn to this *30th* day of *May* 1853.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *30th* day of *May* 1853.

A. Skelpton
Notary Public for the District of New York.

Witness my hand and seal this *30th* day of *May* 1853.

NAME	Age	Sex	OCCUPATION	The country to which they intend to depart	The country to which they intend to return	Place of birth
<i>Daniel Grobbel</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Prussia</i>	<i>Antwerp</i>	<i>Prussia</i>

Daniel is listed on the ship manifest for the *Roger Stewart*.
The ship departed Antwerp, Belgium and arrived in New York on May 30, 1853.

City Directories and News Articles . . .

Grobbel Daniel, wagonmaker, h 369 Antietam.

1871 City of Detroit Directory

Grobbel Daniel, grocer, s w cor Chene and Jay, h same.

1874 City of Detroit Directory

CRUSHED TO DEATH

WILLIAM S. GROBBEL, FORMER DETROIT BOY.

WAS THROWN BENEATH AN ELEVATOR AT CLEVELAND.

He Was the Son of David Grobbel, of This City.

William S. Grobbel, son of Daniel Grobbel, of this city, met sudden death at Cleveland Friday. While engaged with some men at an elevator in the Cleveland & Pittsburg Holsting Co. plant, where he had been employed for one year, he became entangled in a rope and was thrown beneath the car, being crushed to death.

He was 21 years of age and single. The body will arrive in this city to-day, on the Lake Shore, for interment.

With only 5 of their 15 children living to adulthood,
Daniel and Elizabeth grieved the death of William.

Detroit Free Press December 10, 1899

COUPLE MARRIED HALF CENTURY

**Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Grobbel
Will Celebrate Golden Wed-
ding September 2.**

Fifty years ago Monday, September 2, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Grobbel, 206 Jay street, were married in the old St. Joseph's church, Jay and Orleans streets. The celebration will be a quiet affair.

Mr. Grobbel was born in Westphalia, Germany, 75 years ago, and came to Detroit 65 years ago. Mrs. Grobbel was born in New York state in 1843, but has lived in this city about as long as her husband. The four children of the aged couple were never married and are all living with their parents on Jay street.

These children are: Margaret, who keeps house for the family; Elizabeth, a teacher in the Bishop school; John, office manager for W. E. Hesanson, and D. C. Grobbel, cashier in the office of the Detroit water board.

Their father retired from business a number of years ago. For 33 years he conducted a grocery store on Chene street.

1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County of WAYNE
 City of DETROIT

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 Department of Health—Division of Vital Statistics
 Transcript of CERTIFICATE OF DEATH—*58245789*

Registered No. *12523*

(No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

2 FULL NAME *Daniel Grobbel*

3a Residence No. *270 Chalmers* St. Ward _____
 (Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and state)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred *60* yrs. mos. d. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. d.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
4 SEX <i>M</i>	5 Color or Race <i>W.</i>	6 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word) <i>Single</i>	16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) <i>11-12 1924</i>			
7a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of _____			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <i>10-31 1924</i> to <i>11-12 1924</i> that I last saw <i>deceased</i> on <i>11-11 1924</i> and that death occurred on the date stated above at <i>8302</i>			
8 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) <i>Oct 6-1835</i>			The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <i>164</i>			
9 AGE Year <i>89</i> Months <i>1</i> Days <i>6</i>	10 LESS than 1 day.....hr. OR.....min.		Anterior Sclerosis and general atrophy, in advanced stage.			
11 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <i>Merchant</i>			CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) _____			
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employee) <i>retired 25 yrs</i>			(duration).....yrs.....mos.....d.			
(c) Name of employer _____			18 Where was disease contracted If not at place of death?.....			
12 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (state or country) <i>Germany</i>			Did an operation precede death? <i>No</i> Date of.....			
13 NAME OF FATHER <i>Richard Grobbel</i>			Was there an autopsy? <i>No</i>			
14 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (state or country) <i>Germany</i>			What test confirmed diagnosis? <i>S. S.</i>			
15 MARRIAGE NAME OF MOTHER <i>Inf</i>			Signed <i>John H. Morgan</i> M.D. <i>11-14 1924</i> Address <i>557 10th Ave</i>			
16 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (state or country) <i>Inf</i>			*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Manner and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.			
17 Informant <i>John Grobbel</i> (Address) <i>270 Chalmers</i>			19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL <i>St. Elliott</i>		Date of Burial <i>11-15 24</i>	
18 Date <i>Nov 15 1924</i>			20 UNDERTAKER <i>E. J. Griffith</i>		Address <i>City</i>	

Death Certificate

Daniel Grobbel
 November 12 1924

Wayne County
 Detroit, Michigan

1. PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF MICHIGAN Department of Health—Division of Vital Statistics	
County of WAYNE		58235130	
City of DETROIT		Registered No. 653	
2 FULL NAME Elizabeth Grobbel		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)	
(a) Residence No. 270		Ward	
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred		How long in U. S. if of foreign birth	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			
3 SEX	4 Color or Race	5 Mar. Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word)	
Female	White	Married	
6a If married, widowed or divorced, HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Daniel			
6 DATE OF BIRTH Oct 2 - 1842			
7 AGE	Years	Months	Days
81	3	15	15
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED			
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work Nurse			
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)			
(c) Name of employer			
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (state or country) D. C. City			
10 NAME OF FATHER Philip Trinkaus			
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (state or country) Germany			
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Marie Kuesche			
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (state or country) Germany			
14 Informant Daniel Grobbel			
(Address) 270			
JAN. 19 1924			
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) 1-18 1924			
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 1-18-24 to 1-18-24, 1924			
that I last saw her alive on 1-17, 1924			
that death occurred on the date stated above at 12:00			
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:			
Heart Block 73			
Bulbar Paralysis 5			
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Not any			
18 Where was disease contracted			
If not at place of death?			
Did an operation precede death? No Date of			
Was there an autopsy? No			
What test confirmed diagnosis? Chm			
(Signed) John H. Shinn M. D.			
18-182 Address 557 D. Whitney			
*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.			
19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL			
McElliot			
20 UNDERTAKER			
E. G. Grobbel City			

Death Certificate

Elizabeth (Trinkaus) Grobbel

January 18, 1924

Wayne County
Detroit, Michigan



Daniel and Elizabeth (Trinkaus) Grobbel,
along with several of their children, were laid to rest in
Mt. Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.

Sources for Daniel Grobbel –

- "The Grobbel Family History" by Michael Vincent Grobbel © 1999 and the Grobbel Family Web Site at genealogy.grobbel.com and grobbel.org
- *Detroit Free Press* December 10, 1899 and September 1, 1912, death and anniversary articles
- Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898
- Detroit, Michigan, City Directory, 1871 and 1874
- Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950
- New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957
- U. S. Federal Census, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920
- U.S. Find a Grave Index, 1600's-Current, Memorial # 87238621 and # 87236325

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Josephine Grobbel (1828-)
daughter of Johannes Roetger and
Maria Catharnia (Eickhoff or Spott) Grobbel
married Franz Heinrich Schulte gt. Nenhauser (1828-1894)
Maternal Great Aunt to Mary (Lange) Knoche

Early records that tell Josephine's story are her birth/baptism record and her marriage record. She was born June 6, 1828 in Cobbenrode, Germany and the following day she was baptized. Josephine grew up in a family with five brothers. Her only sister, Maria Anna, died at one year old.

When Josephine was 22 years old, she married Henrich Schulte, son of Johannes Schulte and Elisabeth Geueke. The exchange of vows took place on September 19, 1850. Between the years 1852 and 1866 Josephine and Henrich welcomed seven children into their family, most of whom would one day make America their home.

The family migration started in 1872. Josephine and Henry's, oldest daughter, Adolphine, married Anton Brogger on May 2, 1872 and by May 28, they were docking in the New York harbor. Also on board the ship, named the *S. S. Hanover*, were Adolphine's brother, Henry and Anton's siblings and parents, Bernard and Gertrud Brogger. For unknown reasons, the family decided to make Grand Rapids, Michigan their home rather than the Detroit area as did Josephine's brothers, Anthony, John and Daniel.

Six years later, Josephine's husband, Henry, and their children, Mary Ann, Joseph and Elizabeth "Bertha" sailed on the *S. S. Donau* and arrived in New York on June 8, 1878. Also on board was their daughter Christina "Mary" who had just married Johann Witt a few days before their departure from Germany. They all joined Adolphine and her family in Grand Rapids.

It is noted in Ludwig Brogger's research from Germany that both Josephine and her son, Augustin, died in the United States. Thus far no ship record for neither of them has been located and efforts in finding any record of them living in Michigan has been unsuccessful. A German death record for August Schulte, son of Heinrich Schulte, was found. However, without further verification, it is not certain that this August is the son of Josephine.

Besides the ship record, the only U.S. record for Henry is a death record. An 1880 U.S. Federal Census cannot be found for Henry and several of his children. And finally, there is neither a funeral service record from St. Mary's Church or burial records at Mt. Calvary Cemetery for Henry and Josephine, the final resting place for six of their seven children.

Henry died on May 12, 1894 in Walker Township, Kent County, Michigan. The record noted that he was a widower and a farmer and that he died of heart failure.

Josephine's immigration to the United States remains a mystery. Did she migrate with her son, Augustin or did he pass away as an infant? Did Josephine make the journey alone? Until more documents surface, these questions remain unanswered.

The Schulte Family

Josephine Grobbel (1828-) &

Henry Schulte (1828--1894)

married September 19, 1850 in Oedingen, Westfalen, Prussia

The Schulte Children

Adolphine Schulte (1852-1926) married Anthony Brogger (1840-1918)

Henry Schulte (1854-1929) married Katherine Hahn (1859-1933)

Augustin (1856-1857?)

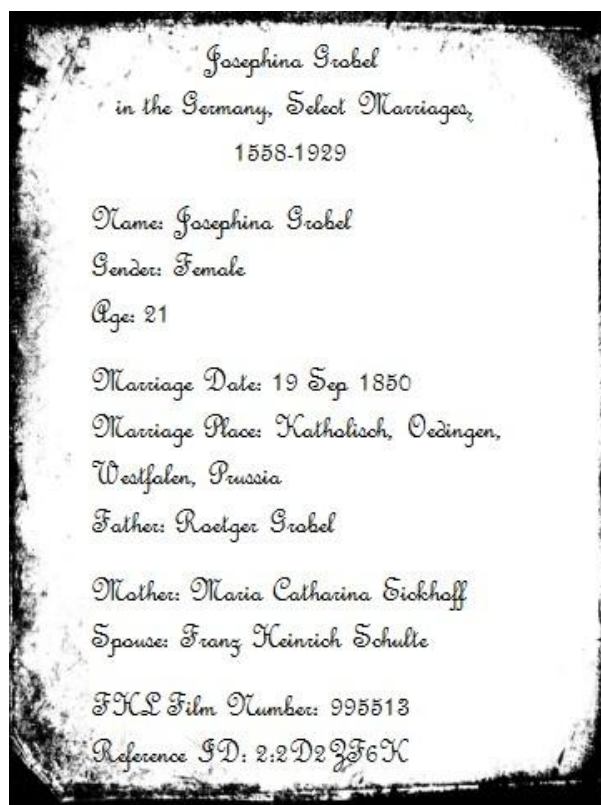
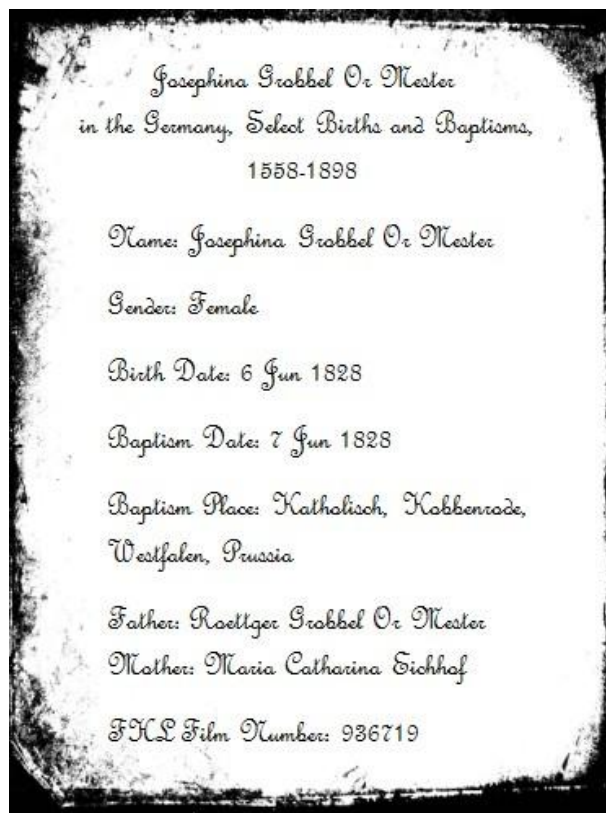
Maria Christina "Mary" (1858-1942) married John Witte (1879-1961)

Mary Ann (1861-1919)

Joseph Schulte (1864-1922) married Mary Mais (1869-1942)

Maria Elisabeth "Bertha" (1866-1923) married Anthony Brockheim (1857-1925)

Records . . .



DISTRICT OF NEW-YORK — PORT OF NEW-YORK.

I, *R. Dussine* Master of the *S. S. Donau* do solemnly, sincerely and truly *swear*
that the following List or Manifest, submitted by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of New-York, is a full and perfect list of
all the passengers taken on board of the said *vessel* *at Bremen* *Germany* which *port*
has now arrived; and that on said list is truly designated the age, the sex, and the occupation of each of said passengers, the part of
the vessel occupied by each during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant; so that said List or
Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who died.

Sworn to this

So help me God.

Before me

List or Manifest of ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the

S. S. Donau

Master, from

whereof

NAMES	Age		SEX	OCCUPATION	The country to which they usually belong	The country to which they intend to become inhabitants	Died on the voyage	Part of the vessel occupied by each passenger during the voyage
	Years	Months						
Steerage.								
390 Andros Schara	45		m	artisan	Poland	N. I. A.		
391 Anna	41		f	wife	Poland	N. I. A.		
392 Anna	43		f	child	Poland	N. I. A.		
393 Georg Brandt	30		m	householder	Poland	N. I. A.		
394 Catharina	29		f	wife	Poland	N. I. A.		
395 Anna	5		f	child	Poland	N. I. A.		
396 Maria	3		f	child	Poland	N. I. A.		
397 Catharina			f	infant	Poland	N. I. A.		
398 Marius Brandt	36		m	farmer	Poland	N. I. A.		
399 Josef	2		m	child	Poland	N. I. A.		
400 Frieda	11		f	maid	Poland	N. I. A.		
401 Adolf Grosse	6		m	merchant	Germany	N. I. A.		
402 Frau Hermann	4		f	farmer	Germany	N. I. A.		
403 Frau Hermann	34		f	farmer	Germany	N. I. A.		
404 Frau Hermann	18		f	merchant	Germany	N. I. A.		
405 Frau Fritsch	18		f	merchant	Germany	N. I. A.		
406 Fr. J. Spindler	21		m	farmer	Germany	N. I. A.		
407 Carl Meyer	17		m	farmer	Germany	N. I. A.		
408 Anna Schwarze	26		f	maid	Germany	N. I. A.		
409 Frau Bogdan	16		f	maid	Germany	N. I. A.		
410 Maria Chubawa	22		f	maid	Poland	N. I. A.		
411 Anna	23		f	maid	Poland	N. I. A.		
412 Margarethe Hubler	24		f	maid	Germany	N. I. A.		
413 Heinrich	50		m	farmer	Germany	N. I. A.		
414 Heinrich	50		m	farmer	Germany	N. I. A.		
415 Josef	17		m	maid	Germany	N. I. A.		
416 Bertha	9		f	child	Germany	N. I. A.		
417 Heinrich	33		m	farmer	Germany	N. I. A.		
418 Josef	4		m	child	Germany	N. I. A.		

Steerage Passengers -

Heinr Schulte, 50, Male, Farmer

Mariann, 11, Female

Josef, 17, Male

Bertha [Elizabeth], 9, female

412 Frieda	17		f	maid	Germany	N. I. A.		
413 Anna	8		f	maid	Germany	N. I. A.		
414 Anna	9		f	child	Germany	N. I. A.		

Passenger List for the S. S. Donau, departing Bremen, Germany and arriving in New York on June 8, 1878.

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To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:
Return of Deaths in the County of Kent

RECORD NUMBER	DATE OF DEATH			FULL NAME OF THE DECEASED	SEX MALE OR FEMALE	RACE WHITE OR COLOR ETC.	MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOW, OR WIDOWER	AGE			PLACE OF DEATH	
	MONTH	DAY	YEAR					YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS		
3551	May	12	1894	Henry Schulte	✓	U	W	Widower	66			Walker

for the Year Ending December 31, A. D. 1894

DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION	PARENTS		DATE OF RECORD
			NAME	RESIDENCE	
Heart Failure	Germany	Farmer	Unknown	Germany	May 31 1895

Death Record, Henry Schulte, May 12, 1894, Walker, Kent County, Michigan

Sources for Josephine (Grobbel) Schulte –

- Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898
- Germany, Select Marriages, 1558-1929
- "The Grobbel Family History" by Michael Vincent Grobbel © 1999 and the Grobbel Family Web Site at genealogy.grobbel.com and grobbel.org
- Ludwig Broegger: Database/Elisabeth Grobbel Outline descendant Tree
- New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957
- Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950

**Joan Bernhard Lange (born 1818) and
Maria Catharina Hufnagel (born 1815)
Paternal Grandparents to Mary (Lange) Knoche**

In the late 1800s there were residents in the Detroit area with the last name of Lange/Lang and Hufnagel. However, there are no concrete records tying these families together. The first U. S. record linking Mary (Lange) Knoche's ancestors to America starts with the S.S. *Smidt* ship record. On October 16, 1872, the steamboat, S.S. *Smidt* docked at Castle Gardens in New York, and on board were Bernhardt and Catharina (Hufnagel) Lange and their children, Elizabeth, Louise, Franz, Theresia, and Joseph.

Both Bernhard Lange and Catharina Hufnagel were born in the little village of Schoenholthausen, Westphalia, Germany. Bernhard was born to parents Joan Henrich and Agnes (Maag) Lange on April 6, 1818. He was the oldest of eight known children and was given the name Joan Bernhard on the day of his birth. By the year, 1835, the other seven siblings were born and given the names, Maria Elisabeth, Anton, Maria Luise, Anna Maria, Maria Francisca, Joannes Josephus, and Maria Christina.

Joan Peter and Maria Gertrud (Krabbe) Hufnagel welcomed Maria Catharina into their family on September 30, 1815. Two days later, on October 2nd, she was baptized at the Catholic Church in Schoenholthausen. Maria Catharina was in the middle of the sibling line-up with three older sisters, Maria Elisabeth, Agnes and an infant girl who died at birth and two younger brothers, Wulibald and Anton.

Bernhard and Catharina were married August 21, 1841 in Stockum, Balve, Westfalia, Prussia. Their marriage records reveal that Bernhard's father was working as a miner in Oberfalls, Endorf and Catharina's father was a day worker in Fretter. The record also stated that both Bernhard and Catharina had a previous marriage, but at this time those marriage records have not been located, nor is there information on how those first marriages were dissolved. After their marriage, Bernhard and Catharina settled in the Stockum Balve area where Bernhard took up farming. It was in this rural area where all their children were born between 1842 and 1859, Louise Frances, Josephina, Maria Elisabeth, Franz "Frank" Clemens, Theresa, Maria Catherine, and Johannes Joseph in that order.

There is no family lore to suggest the reasons why Bernhard and Catharina decided to uproot their family and move to America. Most likely, they were seeking out opportunities like other German immigrants who left their homeland county . . . fleeing from a repressive government, forced military conscription, religious persecution or economic hardships.

In the late summer or fall of 1872 Bernhard and Catharina and most of their children made the decision to depart from Germany, leaving two daughters behind. Daughter, Maria Catherine was born in 1857 and nothing more is known about her. Possibly, she died young since she would have been fifteen years old in 1872 and would most likely have stayed with her parents and journeyed to America.

By 1872, Bernhard and Catharina second oldest daughter, Josephina, had an established family life in Germany. She married Anton Vielhaber in 1867 and by March of 1872 she and Anton were parents of three children, John, Angela Elisabeth and Joseph. Josephina was also step-mother to Anton three children (Anton, Anna Maria and Franz Anton) from his first marriage to Mary Simon.

Bernhard and Catharina and their five children bade their good-byes to family and friends, never to see them again. They traveled over 150 miles to their port of departure in Bremen, Germany. After purchasing their passage, the Lange family waited for their ship, the *S.S. Smidt* to depart. The ship did not sail until all the cargo bins were filled and maximum number of passenger tickets were sold. The date the *S.S. Smidt* left the port of Bremen in Germany is unknown since many records from that port of departure were destroyed. The *S.S. Smidt* held over 700 passengers, most of them not having cabin accommodations during the trip, as was the case with the Lange family. During this time period, a voyage from Germany to New York on a steamship took about eleven days. The *S.S. Smidt* docked in New York City on October 16, 1872. As was customary, the passengers proceeded through Castle Gardens for processing before their release for further travels in America.

It is not known how Bernhard and his family traveled from New York City to Detroit; most likely by train or making their way to the Erie Canal, then on to Detroit by boat. Why did Bernhard and Carharina choose Detroit as their final destination? Were they greeted by established Lange and Hufnagel residents who

could possibly be cousins? Were they enticed by stories they heard about the German settlements in the Detroit area? Another possibility is a connection between the Lange and Droelle families who lived in the Stockum Balve area of Germany. Records show the Droelle family immigrated to Detroit in the late 1850s. A member of the Droelle family eventually married Bernhard's and Catharina's daughter, Louise.

The first record documenting Bernhard's residence in Detroit is a city directory dated 1874. Bernhard is listed as a laborer, living on Scott Street, between Joseph Compau Avenue and Chene Street. Also boarding at this address are Frank, a carpenter and Joseph, a painter. On the 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Bernhard and Catharina are listed as living at 291 Scott Street, with Bernhard's occupation as laborer. The census indicates that neither Bernhard nor Catharina can read or write. The last Detroit Directory that lists Bernhard Lange at the Scott Street address is dated 1882. Unfortunately, Catharina is not listed in any of the directories, only the U.S. census.

The lives of Bernhard and Catharina's children took different directions. Louise settled in Detroit and Frank and Joseph moved to the rural community of Five Lakes in Lapeer County. It is believed that Theresa moved to Westphalia, Michigan and nothing more is known about Elizabeth. No record, such as a marriage or death record was found bearing her name and that of her parents.

Bernhard and Catharina fulfilled their dream of coming to America and offering their children opportunities not available to them in Germany. They settled in a little German community in Detroit and most likely worshiped at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Although a death or burial record for Bernhard and Catharina has not been found at this time, they probably passed away sometime in the 1880s

The Lange Family

*Bernhard Lange (b. 1818) & Catharina Hufnagel (b. 1815)
were married August 21, 1841 in Stockum, Balve, Westfalen, Germany*

The Lange Children

Louise (1842-1914) married John Droelle (1825-1895)

Josephina (1845-1883) married Anton Vielhaber (1835-)

Marie Elizabeth (1848-)

*Franz "Frank" Clemens (1850-1927) married (1st) Mary Grobbel (1859-1888)
and (2nd) Agnes Sieke (1860-1940)*

Maria Theresa (1853-1929) married Philip Gaedert (1845-1914)

Maria Catherine (1857-)

Johannes Joseph (1859-1934)

Records . . .

<p>Joan Bernard Lange in the Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898</p> <p>Name: Joan Bernard Lange Gender: Male</p> <p>Birth Date: 6 Apr 1818 Baptism Date: 7 Apr 1818</p> <p>Baptism Place: Katholisch, Schoenholtshausen, Westfalen, Prussia</p> <p>Father: Joan Heinrich Lange Mother: Agnes Maag</p> <p>FHL Film Number: 995707</p>	<p>Maria Catharina Kufnagel in the Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898</p> <p>Name: Maria Catharina Kufnagel Gender: Female</p> <p>Birth Date: 30 Sep 1815 Baptism Date: 2 Okt 1815 (2 Oct 1815)</p> <p>Baptism Place: Katholisch, Schoenholtshausen, Westfalen, Prussia</p> <p>Father: Joan Peter Kufnagel Mother: Maria Gertrud Krabbe</p> <p>FHL Film Number: 995707</p>
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<p>Maria Catharina Kufnagel in the Germany, Select Marriages, 1558-1929</p> <p>Name: Maria Catharina Kufnagel Gender: Female</p> <p>Marriage Date: 26 Aug 1841</p> <p>Marriage Place: Roemisch-Katholische, Stadum Balie, Westfalen, Prussia</p> <p>Spouse: Joh. Bernard Lange</p> <p>FHL Film Number: 998405</p>

[illegible]

The above record is record translated by James R. Linck –

Publications and Marriages in the Month of August, 1841

Name of groom, first and last: Johan Bernhard Lange

Profession and residence of parents of groom: Son of Johan Heinrich Lange & Agnes Mag, presently miners in Oberfalls, Endorf

Age of groom: 24

Did groom's parent give consent to the marriage? Father consented verbally

Was the Groom Ever married/divorced before? One previous marriage

Day of marriage, using numbers and writing: The twenty-first, 21st of August [1841]

Name of bride, first and last: Maria Catharina Hufnagel

Profession and residence of parents of bride: Daughter of Peter Hufnagel & Maria Gertrud Krabbe, day workers in Fretter

Age of bride: 26

Did bride's parents give consent to the marriage? Father consented verbally

Was the bride ever married/divorced before? Ditto [unsuccessful marriage]

Names of pastor and witnesses: Pastor, EB. Schulte, Witnesses: Adolph Hoffman, Rohrspringer, & Justen Bernzollner in Stockam

District of New York - Port of New York.

I, *Wm. W. Smith* Master of the *S.S. Smidt* do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear that the following List or Manifest, submitted by me, and approved by me to the Collector of the Customs for the District of New York, is a full and perfect list of all the passengers from which port said ship has now arrived; and that on said list is truly designated the age, the sex and the occupation of each of said passengers, the part of the vessel occupied by each, during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant, and that said list or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who died.

Sworn to, this *16* day of *Oct* 187*2*

Before me, *Wm. W. Smith* Master of the *S.S. Smidt* from *Bremen* *1796* *9th* class

Wm. W. Smith Master of the *S.S. Smidt* from *Bremen* *1796* *9th* class

NAME	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	The country to which they actually belong	The country to which they intend to become inhabitants	Died on the voyage	Part of the vessel occupied by each passenger during the voyage
<i>Edward Kocus</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>carpenter</i>	<i>Prussia</i>			
<i>Haria do</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>female</i>		<i>do</i>			
<i>Brutka do</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>do</i>		<i>do</i>			
<i>Willelm do</i>	<i>9 1/4</i>	<i>male</i>		<i>do</i>			
<i>Friedrich do</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>do</i>		<i>do</i>			
<i>Alb. do</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>do</i>		<i>do</i>			
<i>Albert Schmidt</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>do</i>		<i>do</i>			
<i>Gustav Kellge</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>locksmith</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Emilie do</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>female</i>		<i>do</i>			
<i>Max do</i>	<i>9 1/2</i>	<i>male</i>		<i>do</i>			
<i>Edone do</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>female</i>		<i>do</i>			
<i>Max do</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>male</i>		<i>do</i>			
<i>Kurmann Fritsch</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>farmer</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>August do</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>saddler</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Carl do</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>farmer</i>	<i>do</i>			

Bernhard Lange, age 55, male, farmer, from Germany, Destination, United States
 Catharina Lange, age 56, female, from Germany, Destination, United States
 Louise Lange, age 28, female, from Germany, Destination, United States
 Elizabeth Lange, age 24, female, from Germany, Destination, United States
 Theresia Lange, age 22, female, from Germany, Destination, United States
 Franz Lange, age 20, male, from Germany, Destination, United States
 Josef Lange, age 9 1/2, male, from Germany, Destination, United States

<i>Max Lange</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Bernhard Lange</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>farmer</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Catharina do</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Louise do</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Elizabeth do</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Franz do</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Theresia do</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Josef do</i>	<i>9 1/2</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Math. Meyer</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>farmer</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Josef Meyer</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>August Fuch</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>teger</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Louise do</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			
<i>Paul do</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>			

Passenger List for the S.S. Smidt departing Bremen, Germany and arriving in New York, USA on October 16, 1872

<i>Rudolf do</i>	<i>4 1/2</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>30-11-14</i>	<i>do</i>			
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The Lange Residence at 291 Scott Street, Detroit
Detroit City Directory

Lange Bernhardt, lab, h n s Scott, bet Jos
 Campau ave and Chene.
 Lange Charles E, gardener, h e s Williams
 ave above Butternut.
 Lange Frank, carpenter, bds n s Scott bet
 Jos Campau ave and Chene.
 Lange Joseph, painter, bds n s Scott bet
 Jos Campau ave and Chene.

1874

1881

Lange Bernhardt, h 291 Scott.
 Lange Charles, lab M C R R, h 694 Michi-
 gan ave.
 Lange Christina (wid Wm), h 457 Mullett.
 Lange Christopher, lab, bds 457 Mullett.
 Lange Franz, truckmkr Peninsular Car
 Wks, h 291 Scott.

Lange Bernard, lab, bds 291 Scott.
 Lange Charles, lab, h rear 372 16th.
 Lange Ernst, lab, bds 774 15th.
 Lange Ernestina (wid Wm), bds 471 Wil-
 kins.
 Lange Frank, cabinetmkr, h 410 Clinton.
 Lange Frank C, carp Peninsular Car Wks,
 h 291 Scott.

1882

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Supervisor's Dist. No. 1

Enumeration Dist. No. 316

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1870, and ends May 31, 1880.

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.

Note C.—Questions Nos. 10, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in City of Detroit, in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan,
enumerated by me on the Third day of June, 1880.

John Vogt

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Sources for Bernhard and Catharina (Hufnagel) Lange –

- Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898
- Germany, Select Marriages, 1558-1929
- J.W. Weeks & Co.'s Annual Directory of Detroit for 1875-76
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- U.S. City Directories, 1877, 1881 and 1882
- U.S. Federal Census, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930
- U.S. Find a Grave Index, 1600's-Current

Louise Lange (1842-1914)
daughter of Joan Bernhard and Maria Catharnia (Hufnagel) Lange
married John Droelle (1825-1895)
Paternal Aunt to Mary (Lange) Knoche

There are two documents that tie the oldest daughter, Louise, to the Bernhard Lange family. First is the death certificate for Louise Droelle listing her father as Bernard Lang, born in Germany. The second document is the marriage record for her brother, Frank, and his wife, Mary Grobbel. Christina and George Droelle, stepchildren to Louise, are listed as witnesses.

Louise was 30 years old when she sailed with her family to America and settled in Detroit. In late 1873 or early 1874, she married John Droelle. This was the second marriage for John. He was born in Germany about 1825 and immigrated to Detroit in the late 1850s. He married Magdalen Doering on October 28, 1858. Magdalen died at the young age of 39 years, leaving John to care for their three young children, Christina, George and John. John and Magdalen had three other children who died young, Franz Joseph, Louis and Franz Anton.

Louise's marriage to John meant caring for his young children as well as giving birth to six children of her own. Sadly, four of her children, Josephine, Louisa, Elizabeth and William, died young, with William not yet reaching the age of five. Louise's two other children, John and Anne, lived to adulthood.

After John settled in Detroit, he worked at various jobs. In 1868, he was working as a drayman, hauling goods on a low, heavy cart without sides. In 1877, John is listed under the "Saloons" heading in the Detroit Business Directory. By 1883, John was in the grocery business, the occupation he kept for the rest of his life. The grocery store was located at 498 Orleans Street which was also the family residence.

After John's death in 1895, Louise continued to live at the Orleans Street address with her children and step-daughter, Christina, and her family living next door. By 1910, she is living with her daughter, Anna, on Beals Street.

Nineteen years after John's death, Louise passed away in 1914 with the cause of death being acute bronchitis. They were both laid to rest in the family plot at Mt.

Elliott Cemetery in Detroit. Louise's death certificate incorrectly identifies the burial site as Mt. Olivet. Several of Louise and John's children are also buried on the family plot.

The Droelle Family

*Louise Lange (1842-1914) & John Droelle (1825-1895)
were married about 1873 in Detroit, Michigan*

The Droelle Children

Frank (1874-1921) married Bertha Bishop (1886-1867)

Josephine (1876-1877)

Louisa (1877-1881)

Elizabeth (1879-1881)

Anna (1882-1932) married Antoino Fachie (1882-1945)

William (1885-1890)

Step-Children

*Christina (1859-1945) married (1st) Louis Breyerman (b. 1863-)
and (2nd) John Fasbender (1849-1916)*

George (1862-1890)

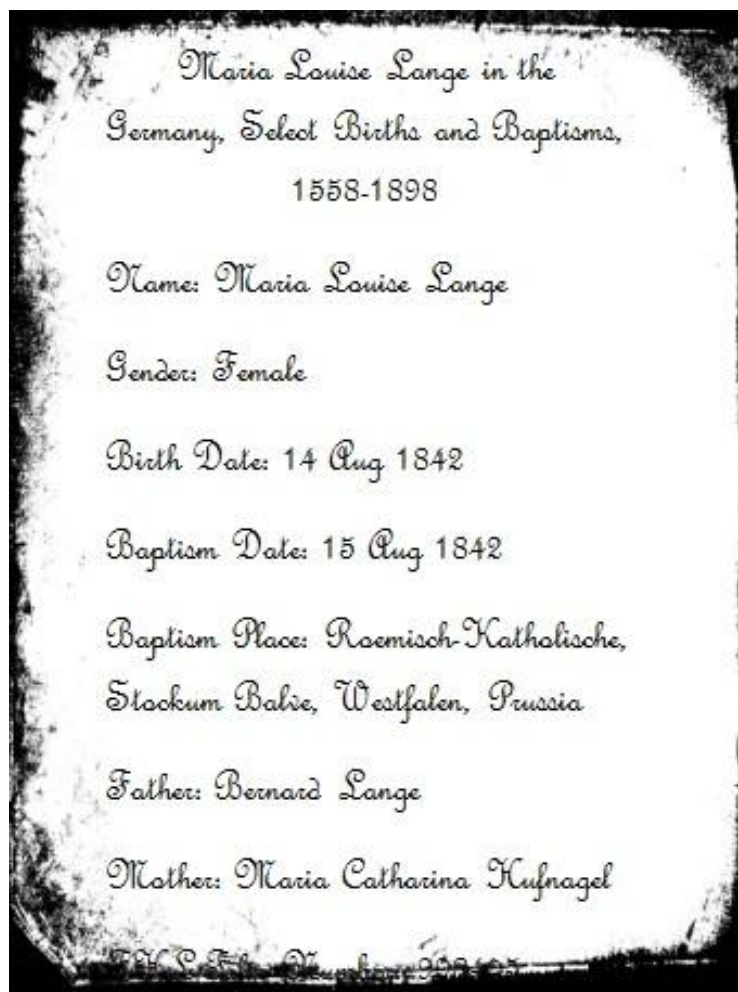
John (1863-1926) married Nettie Crake

Franz Joseph (1866-1869)

Louis (1869-1869)

Anthony (1869-1870)

Birth Record . . .



Louise Danella

Working and Living in Detroit . . .

**Droelle, John, drayman, h. cor. Orleans and
Bronson.**



In 1868, John worked as a
drayman, delivering goods
carried on a low flat wagon.

**Droelle Frank, clk Farrand, Williams &
Co, bds 205 Calhoun.
Droelle George, mach hand, h 595 Gratiot
ave.
Droelle George, mach Peninsular Car
Wks, bds 504 Orleans.
Droelle John, grocer 498 Orleans, h same.
Droelle John jr, clk, bds 498 Orleans.
Droelle Wm, cutter Selling Bros & Sinn,
h 205 Calhoun.**

1883

**Droelle Edward J, painter, bds 653 Rivard.
" Frank W, cigarmkr, bds 498 Orleans.
" Frank W, drugs, 271 Gratiot av, bds 653
Rivard. Tel 2105.
" John (aged 70), died July 25, 1895.
" Louis A, uphlstr, h 1035 Forest av e.
" Louisa (wid John), h 498 Orleans.
" Otto C, lab, bds 653 Rivard.
" Peter E, brewer, h 498 Alfred.
" Wm, tailor, 657 Rivard, h 653 same.**

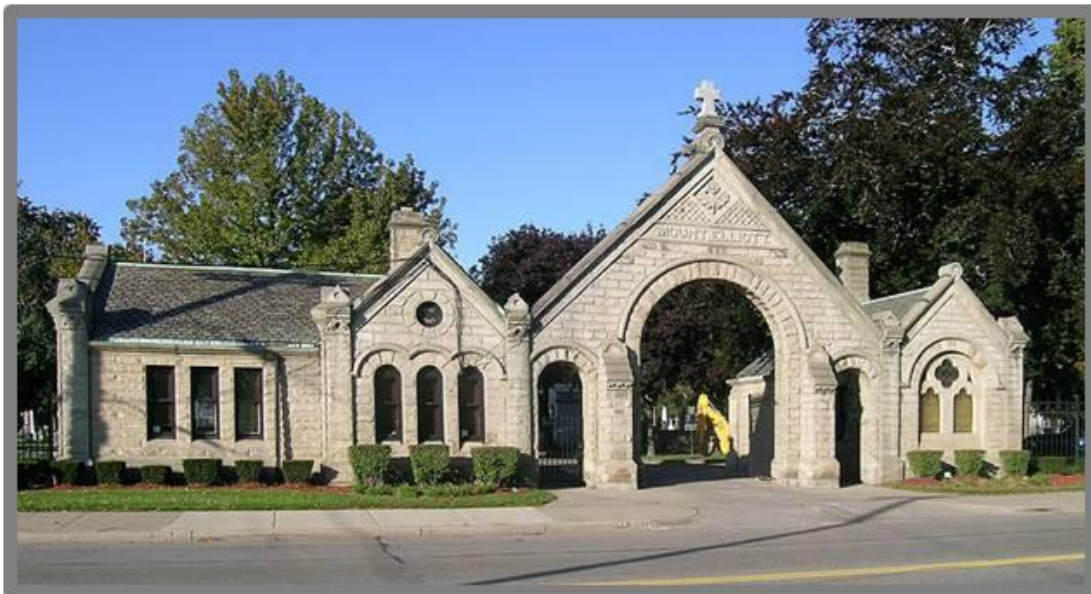
1896

PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF MICHIGAN	
County		Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics	
Township or Village or City	Det	TRANSCRIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
	(No. 1305 Fisher St.; 17 Ward)	Registered No. 8277	
FULL NAME Louise Frances Droelle			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1 SEX Female	2 COLOR OR RACE White	3 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Widowed	
4 DATE OF BIRTH August 15, 1846		5 DATE OF DEATH Nov 18, 14, 191	
6 AGE 68 yrs. 3 mos. 3 ds.		7 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Nov 13, 14, 191, to Nov 18, 14, 191, that I last saw her alive on Nov 17, 14, 191, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7:15 PM	
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)		9 THE CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: Acute Bronchitis	
10 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Germany		11 CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.	
12 NAME OF FATHER Bernard Lang		13 (Signed) Arthur J. Jones, M. D.	
14 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Germany		15 Nov 18, 14, 191 (Address) 440 Crane	
16 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Unknown		17 *State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.	
18 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Germany		19 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS) At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.	
19 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Anna Fachie (Address) 1305 Fischer		20 Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence	
21		22 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Mt Olivet	
23		24 DATE OF BURIAL Nov 21, 14, 191	
25		26 UNDERTAKER F. M. Eppens, 1273 Drexels	

Louise (Lange) Droelle died November 14, 1914 in Detroit, Michigan

John Droelle, a well-known German citizen, died at his late residence, 498 Orleans street, Thursday afternoon at the age of 69 years. He was born in Westphalia, and came to Detroit in 1854. For many years he carried on a grocery business at the place mentioned. He left a widow and four children. The funeral will take place from St. Joseph's church at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Published in the *Detroit Free Press*, Saturday, July 27, 1895



John and Louise (Lange) Droelle
were laid to rest in Mt. Elliott Cemetery
Detroit, Michigan.

Sources for Louise (Lange) Droelle –

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- New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1857
- U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995
- U.S. Federal Census, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910
- U.S. Find a Grave Index, 1600's-Current, Find A Grave Memorial # 65885708 and # 93592783

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Theresa Lange (1853-1929)
daughter of Joan Bernhard and Maria Catharnia (Hufnagel) Lange
married Philip Gaedert (1845-1914)
Paternal Aunt to Mary (Lange) Knoche

Theresa was the fifth born child of Bernhard and Catharina Lange. Her birth name is Maria Theresa, but as is customary, she was called Theresa or sometimes Tressie.

Records suggest Theresa did not stay in Detroit with her family after their journey across the Atlantic Ocean, in 1872, on the *S.S. Smidt*. A Clinton County civil marriage record for Theresa Lange and Phillip Gaedert states they were married on August 31, 1875. This record also states their residence is Westphalia, Clinton County, Michigan and Philip is working as a farmer. Theresa and Phillip were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Westphalia. The church record shows Theresa is from Detroit and her parents are from Arnsburg which is the county where Stockum and Balve, Germany are located.

Phillip immigrated from Germany in 1870, two years before Theresa. It is possible Phillip headed directly to Westphalia, Michigan and settled among many other German immigrants who found rich farmland in this central Michigan settlement. Westphalia was named after the homeland from where many German pioneers hailed. It is located about 25 miles northwest of Lansing and about 135 miles from Detroit.

With the marriage taking place in Westphalia, it seems that Phillip and Theresa met in that small community rather than in Detroit. Without any family lore, there is only speculation as to how and why Theresa moved over 100 miles away from her family. One person that may be the connecting factor is German immigrant, Anthony Hufnagel, also a Westphalian settler. Like Theresa's mother, Catharina, Anthony was also born in Schoenholthausen, Westphalia, Germany. At this point, the German records are insufficient to positively link Anthony to Catharina; however, with the same last name, it seems the families are connected, at least as cousins. If Anthony is a relative, Theresa may have moved to Westphalia, perhaps to do domestic work.

After their marriage Theresa and Phillip continued to live in Westphalia for several years. They eventually moved a few miles away to the neighboring county of Ionia. Together, Theresa and Phillip raised seven children while Phillip worked as a farmer.

Phillip passed away in 1914 and Theresa followed in 1929. They were laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westphalia, Michigan.

The Gaedert Family

*Theresa Lange (1853-1929) & Phillip Gaedert (1845-1914)
were married August 31, 1875 in Westphalia, Clinton County, Michigan*

The Gaedert Children

*Elisabeth (1878-1956) married (1st) Lawrence Zimmer (1855-1919) and
(2nd) Peter Fandel (1874-1953)*

Barbara (1880-1939) married Harry Mason (1878-1947)

*Anna (1882-1983) married (1st) John Simon (1877-1904)
and (2nd) Lawrence Zimmer (1876-1936)*

Catherine (1884-)

Nora Ella (1886-1960) married Joseph Bedenbender (1875-1961)

Joseph (1889-1948) married / divorced Elizabeth Schafer (1898-)

*John (1891-1984) married (1st) Gertrude Knowles (1894-)
and (2nd) Leona Neff (1903-1958)*

Henry (1893-1985) married Armella Zimmer (1900-1989)

Marriage Records . . .

113							
STATE OF MICHIGAN.							
RECORD OF							
No.	DATE OF MARRIAGE.			PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	FULL NAME (AND COLOR) OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	Age of Each
	Month.	Day.	Year.				
1695	Aug	31	1875	Westphalia Mich	Philip Goeddert	Westphalia Mich	28
					Theressa Lange	" "	22

113					
COUNTY OF Clinton STATE					
MARRIAGES.					
BIRTH-PLACE OF EACH.	OCCUPATION OF BRIDEGROOM.	NAME AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE.		Date of Record.
			Names.	Residences.	
Prussia	Farmer	John Ed. Reiffert	Thomas Bangel	Westphalia Mich	Sept 2 - 1875
"		Minister of the Gospel Cath. C. Bangel	"	"	

Civil Marriage Record from the County of Clinton

Marriage Record St. Mary Parish Westphalia, Michigan

On August 31, 1875, I presided over the marriage of
Phillip Goeddert, 28, whose parents are from
Nauenhein/Coblenz, Germany and Theresia Lang, 22,
Detroit, whose parents are from Arnsburg, Germany.

Best man is Thomas Bengel and Maid of Honor is
Catholic Cecilia Bengel,

Father John E. Reiffert

Simulated Marriage Record ~ Information from the Register at St. Mary Parish

Death Records . . .

1 PLACE OF DEATH		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		Division of Vital Statistics	
County <u>Ionia</u>		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		34	2851
Twp. <u>Portland</u>				Register No. <u>17</u>	
City <u>Portland</u>				Date of Death <u>Dec 25 1929</u>	
2 FULL NAME <u>Tressie Gaedert</u>		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)			
3 Residence No. <u>13</u>		St. Ward		(If non-residents give city or town and state)	
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred		Sex <u>Female</u>		Age <u>76</u> yrs. <u>6</u> mos. <u>13</u> days	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					
4 Color or Race <u>White</u>		5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced <u>Widow</u>		6 DATE OF DEATH <u>Dec 25 1929</u>	
7 If married, widowed or divorced, name of spouse <u>Phillip Gaedert</u>		8 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from <u>June 1st 1929</u> to <u>Dec 25 1929</u>			
9 DATE OF BIRTH <u>June 12 1853</u>		10 I last saw her alive on <u>Dec 24 1929</u> and that death occurred on the date stated above at <u>3 P. M.</u>			
11 AGE <u>76</u> yrs. <u>6</u> mos. <u>13</u> days		12 CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Diabetes Mell.</u>			
13 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED <u>At home</u>		14 Where was death contracted <u>At home</u>			
15 PLACE OF BIRTH (city or town, State or country) <u>Germany</u>		16 Where was death contracted <u>At home</u>			
16 NAME OF FATHER <u>Lange</u>		17 If not at place of death?			
17 PLACE OF FATHER (city or town, State or country) <u>Germany</u>		18 Did an operation precede death? <u>No</u> Date of <u>none</u>			
18 MARRIAGE NAME OF MOTHER <u>Unknown</u>		19 Was there an autopsy? <u>No</u>			
19 PLACE OF MOTHER (city or town, State or country) <u>Germany</u>		20 What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>None</u>			
20 NAME OF DECEASED <u>Henry Gaedert</u>		21 (Signed) <u>R. H. Allen</u> M. D.			
21 NAME OF DECEASED <u>Theresa (Lange) Gaedert</u>		22 12-26-1929. Address <u>Portland Mich</u>			
22 NAME OF DECEASED <u>Theresa (Lange) Gaedert</u>		23 (State the manner causing death, or its death from, United States, State (1) Name and position of father, and (2) whether Alcoholic, Bacterial, or Rheumatic)			
23 NAME OF DECEASED <u>Theresa (Lange) Gaedert</u>		24 (Show complete title for further instructions)			
24 NAME OF DECEASED <u>Theresa (Lange) Gaedert</u>		25 PLACE OF DEATH, CREMATION, OR BURIAL <u>Westphalia</u>		26 Date of Burial <u>Dec 25 1929</u>	
25 NAME OF DECEASED <u>Theresa (Lange) Gaedert</u>		27 (Signature)		28 (Signature)	

Death Certificate

Theresa (Lange) Gaedert

December 25, 1929

Ionia County
Portland, Michigan

PLACE OF DEATH
County Ionia
Township or Village or City Lyons
No. 131
St. _____ Ward _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Department of State--Division of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
Registered No. 6
[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME, location of street and number.]

FULL NAME Philipp Gaedert

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
SEX male COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) married
DATE OF BIRTH Sept. 12, 1847
AGE 69 yrs. 11 mos. 2 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hr. _____ min. _____
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work Farmer (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) U.S.
BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Germany
NAME OF FATHER Jacob Gaedert
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Germany
MARRIED NAME OF MOTHER Anna M. Ring
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Germany
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Katrine Gaedert
(Address) Lyons
Date Aug 29, 1914 Registrar V. J. Lepton

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
DATE OF DEATH Aug. 24, 1914
I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from Aug 20, 1914 to Aug 24, 1914
that I last saw him alive on Aug 23, 1914
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4 a.m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Dilatation of Heart
(Duration) 5 perhaps
Contributory (SECONDARY) R. H. Alton
(Signed) R. H. Alton M. D.
(Address) Portland, Me.
* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in death from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.
10 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, etc.)
At place of death yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Former or usual residence _____
10 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Westphalia
DATE OF BURIAL Aug 26, 1914
10 UNDERSTAND John Gross & Sons Westphalia
ADDRESS _____

Death Certificate

Phillip Gaedert

August 24, 1914

Ionia County
Lyons, Michigan



Phillip and Theresa (Lange) Gaedert,
along with several of their children, were laid to rest in
St. Mary Cemetery, Westphalia, Michigan.

Sources for Theresa (Lange) Gaedert –

- Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898
- Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950
- Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952
- New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957
- St. Mary's Centennial, Westphalia, Michigan, 1836-1936, compiled by parish members
- U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current
- U.S. Federal Census 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930

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Joseph Lange (1859-1934)
son of Joan Bernhard and Maria Catharnia (Hufnagel) Lange
Uncle to Mary (Lange) Knoche

Bernhard and Catharina's youngest son, Joseph, was born June 10, 1859 and he was baptized a few days later on June 15. Joseph was a young boy of 13 years when his parents and siblings decided to leave Germany. They set sail on the *S.S. Smidt*, traveling to America to start a new life in Detroit, Michigan.

Joseph began working at a young age. He is listed as a painter in the Detroit City Directory in 1874 and as a blacksmith in 1879. Joseph continued to work as a blacksmith after he moved to the little Five Lakes community in Lapeer County. According to family stories, Joseph did blacksmith work on his brother, Frank's, farm. By 1910, he owns his own shop in Kings Mill which was about three miles away. It appears Joseph also owned about 37 acres on Five Lakes Road. His name is on a plot of land in the 1893 North Branch Township map.

On May 1, 1888, Joseph signed a "Declaration of Intention." This document signified the first of three steps to become a naturalized U.S. citizen. Although immigrants could work, own property and enjoy many freedoms offered in this country, there were some drawbacks to not being a U.S. citizen. Voting, holding public office, and purchasing property from the federal government are a few of the advantages for those immigrants who became naturalized citizens.

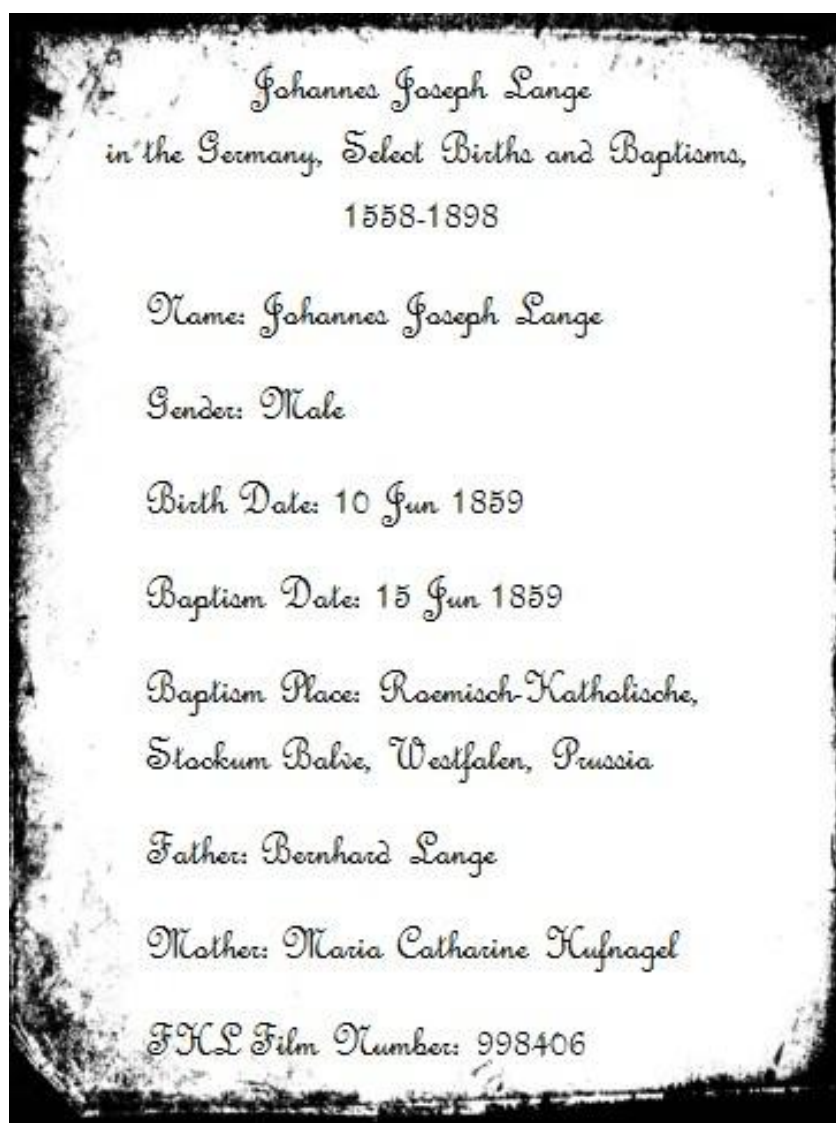
It is not clear whether Joseph completed step two in filing a petition for naturalization at the Lapeer County court house. There is no record of this paperwork at the Michigan State Archives and the 1920 U. S. Federal Census information for Joseph states "PA" which means First papers filed (declaration of intent). However, the 1900 and 1910 census states that Joseph is a naturalized citizen.

Joseph never married. He lived with his brother, Frank, on his farm in Five Lakes and he was known to board with the Frederick and Lena Schwerin family in Kings Mill.

By 1930, Joseph is living at the Bertha Fisher Home for the Aged Poor in Detroit. The care was provided by the Catholic order, Little Sisters of the Poor. On March

27, 1934, at the age of 83 years, Joseph passed away at the home. A contributing factor to his death was senility. The informant identified on, the death certificate is The Little Sisters of the Poor. Joseph was buried in Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan on March 28, 1934. The grave site is not marked.

Birth Record...



DECLARATION OF INTENTION.
COPY.

State of Michigan, } ss. THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAID COUNTY, TO-WIT:

County of Lapeer, }

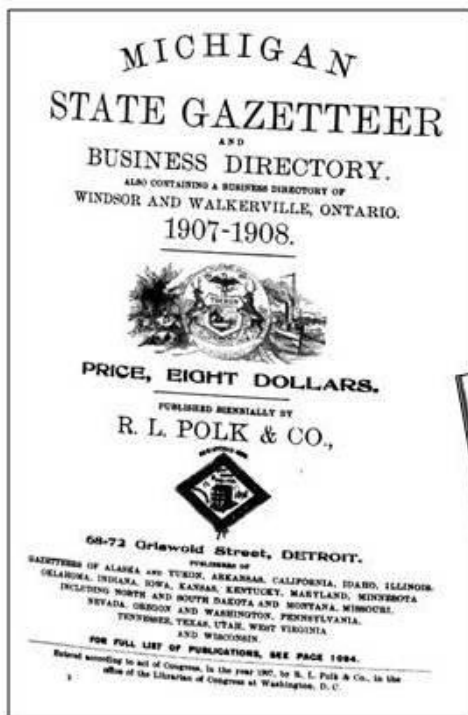
I, Joseph Lang, solemnly swear that it is bona-fide my intention to become a *Citizen of the United States*, and to *Renounce Forever* all Allegiance and Fidelity to each and every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly the Emperor of Germany of whom I have been a subject.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Lapeer this 1st day of May A. D. 1888.

(Signed,) Joseph Lang

James Hamilton Clerk.

Joseph signs the Declaration of Intention
to become a naturalized citizen



Joseph is listed in the
business directory of the
Michigan State Gazetteer.



1 PLACE OF DEATH		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Division of Vital Statistics		State Office No. 181410	
County <u>Wayne</u>		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Register No. <u>3537</u>	
Township _____		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)		St. _____ Ward _____	
Village _____					
City <u>Little Sisters of Poor</u>					
2 FULL NAME <u>Joseph Lange</u>					
(a) Residence No. <u>12550 Southfield</u>		St., Ward _____		(If non-resident give city or town and state)	
(Usual place of abode)					
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.		How long in U. S., if of foreign birth _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					
3 SEX <u>Male</u>		4 Color or Race <u>White</u>		5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (WRITE the word) <u>Single</u>	
6a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of _____					
6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) <u>May 15, 1850</u>					
7 AGE		Years <u>83</u>	Months <u>10</u>	Days <u>9</u>	If LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. OR _____ min.
OCCUPATION	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Retired</u>				
	9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. _____				
	10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____		11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____		
FATHER	12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Germany</u>				
	13. NAME <u>Bernard Lange</u>				
	14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Germany</u>				
	15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Kate Hugmach</u>				
MOTHER	16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Germany</u>				
	17. INFORMANT <u>Little Sisters of Poor</u> (Address) <u>17550 Southfield Rd.</u>				
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Holy Sepulchre</u> Date <u>Mar. 28, 1934</u>					
19. UNDERTAKEN <u>John J. Hallinan</u> (Address) <u>2812 E. 14th St. Detroit</u>					
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH					
21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>3/27/1934</u>					
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____.					
I last saw him alive on <u>3/25/1934</u> . Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>3 P.</u> m.					
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:					
<u>Acute Bronchitis</u>					DURATION _____
Other contributory causes of importance: <u>Smoking</u>					
If operation, date of _____					
Condition for which performed _____					
Organ or part affected _____					
Was there laboratory test? _____ Autopsy? _____					
In case of violence state if accident, homicide or suicide _____					
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city, county or state)					
In industry, home or public place? _____					
Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? _____					
Signed _____ M. D.					
Address <u>147</u>					

Death Certificate

Joseph Lange

March 27, 1934

Wayne County, Michigan



Joseph Lange
was laid to rest in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
Southfield, Michigan

Sources for Joseph Lange –

- Atlas and Directory Lapeer County, Michigan by F. A. Dunham, C. E., 1893
- Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898
- www.immigration.findlaw.com/citizenship/u-s-citizenship-naturalization-overview.html
- www.genealogy.about.com/od/us_census/f/abbreviations.htm
- Find A Grave Memorial # 173124264
- Michigan State Gazetteer, Business Directory by R. L. Polk and Co., 1907-1908
- New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957
- State of Michigan Archives records on naturalization
- U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995
- U.S. Federal Census, 1900, 1910, 1920 and 19930

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Franz “Frank” Clemens Lange (1850-1927)
son of Joan Bernhard and Maria Catharnia (Hufnagel) Lange
married Marie Elizabeth “Mary” Grobbel (1859-1888)
daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth (Goebel)
Parents of Mary (Lange) Knoche

Agnes Sieke, Frank’s second wife was Mary’s Step-Mother

Frank was born in the Sauerland region of Westphalia, Germany in an area called Stockum Balve. He was only one day old when he was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church on November 15, 1850. He grew up in a house full of sisters until his only brother, Joseph, was born when he was nine years old. Undoubtedly, Frank worked alongside his father learning about the seasonal and daily demands of farming in rural Germany.

When he was about one month shy of his 21st birthday, Frank and his family sailed on the *S.S. Smidt* to start a new life in the United States of America. It is not known why the family decided on Detroit, Michigan for their new home. There were Langes and Hufnagels who lived in the area, but thus far family connections are not known.

Frank and his family settled in a home at 291 Scott Street which was in a neighborhood known for its German settlers. Being of the Catholic faith, the family could worship at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church which was about a mile away.

For several years, Frank worked for Peninsula Car Works as a carpenter. Frank’s employer was one of about four manufacturers of railroad cars in Detroit. Detroiters working in such jobs earned about \$1.00 a day. They worked ten hour days, six days a week. It is possible Frank walked to work every day, about a two and one-half mile stretch. It is also possible he caught one of the horse-drawn streetcars to shorten his walk. A streetcar ride would be particularly attractive in rainy weather and on freezing cold days. In the winter, the floors of the cars were covered with straw to help keep the passengers’ feet warm. The fare to ride the horse-drawn car was five cents or you could purchase 25 tickets for a dollar.

While Frank was living at the Scott Street address, a young lady, named Mary Grobbel, moved into the residence at 87 [renumbered to 261] Edmund Place in the upscale Brush Park neighborhood of Detroit. Mary, the daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth (Goebel) Grobbel, was born on May 31, 1859 on the family farm in Warren Township in Macomb County. She was baptized at St. Clement Catholic Church as Marie Elizabeth on June 2nd with godparents, Daniel Grobbel and Elizabeth Albis, at her side. Father Meuffels presided.

As a young adult, Mary took a position as a live-in servant working for Mr. and Mrs. John P. Fiske. Mr. Fiske was a Detroit merchant who was in the china and crockery business. In 1876, he and his wife, Lucy, built a Victorian home in the Brush Park neighborhood. According to the 1880 U.S. Federal Census, the Fiske family was one of many families in the area with one or more servants living at their residence.

With Mary and Frank living just over a mile from each other, there is some speculation as to how they met. Since they were both from Catholic families, their meeting could have been at St. Joseph's Catholic Church which was about a mile from each of their homes. Perhaps there was a match-maker that introduced them. One person that both Mary and Frank could have in common would be Daniel Grobbel, owner of a grocery store in the neighborhood. Daniel was Mary's uncle and it is possible Frank was a customer at the Grobbel store.

On January 28, 1881, Frank and Mary were married. An extremely faded church record from St. Joseph's Church was found in the Burton Collection at the Detroit Public Library. The marriage record states Father John Friedland performed the marriage nuptials with witnesses Joseph Lange, George and Christine Driolle [Droelle], Anthony Vielhaber, Anna Grobel and M. Grobel present.

After the marriage ceremony, many changes took place in Frank and Mary's life. Their first child, Louise, was born in Detroit and soon after her birth Frank and Mary moved to the small rural community of Five Lakes in Lapeer County. Although Frank enjoyed steady employment in the City of Detroit, there may have been a yearning for both Mary and Frank to return to a more familiar life as farmers and living in quiet country surroundings.

In the early 1880s, Five Lakes was at its peak in the logging industry. Land had been stripped of the tall white pines and rich fertile soil was left to be purchased by ambitious farmers. Five Lakes had a post office, store, grain elevator, a railway to Lapeer and a school.

Mary's sister, Elizabeth, and her husband, Jacob Schlaud, had already selected Five Lakes as their new home. Soon after their marriage, they purchased farm land and while their home was being built, they took up residence in a lumbering camp. Another Grobbel sister, Catherine, also moved to Five Lakes after her 1884 marriage to Bernard Snoblen. Other families from the Warren Township area moved to Five Lakes. The Robinet and Smith families, who were both known to the Grobbels, bought farmland close by Frank and Mary.

Frank also had relatives who made Five Lakes their home. His brother Joseph purchased some acreage on neighboring Five Lakes Road. It does not appear that Joseph farmed the land, but rather worked as a blacksmith. Also, close to the Joseph Lange's property lived John Vielhaber. John is Joseph and Frank's, nephew, son of their sister, Josephine, who stayed in Germany when the family immigrated in 1872. John emigrated from Germany in 1883, moved to Five Lakes and married Gertrude Schlaud, daughter of Jacob and his first wife, Catherine Rotarius.

On April 16, 1883, George Wilcox signed a deed, selling forty acres of land, which included a farmhouse, stables and all the out buildings, to Frank Lange. The purchase price was \$400. This property, located on Jones Road between Kings Mill and Snoblen Roads in North Branch Township, bordered the Jacob Schlaud farm in Arcadia Township and just around the corner on Snoblen Road was the future site of the Bernard Snoblen farm.

Shortly after moving to the newly purchased farm, Frank and Mary's family quickly grew. Second daughter, Elizabeth, was born, followed by son, Frank and third daughter, Mary. On March 9, 1888, their fifth child, Clementine "Tina" was born; however, tragedy followed her birth. Mary died one week later on March 16. Since there is no death certificate, the cause of death is not known. It could have been from complications of childbirth or another ailment such as the influenza or pneumonia.

Mary's death left Frank devastated. He was left to care for an infant and four children under the age of eight years, as well as take care of his farming responsibilities. The family story passed down to grandchildren was that Frank left his children in the care of his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Schlaud, and traveled to Detroit. There he met with a priest and told him he needed a wife to care for his five children. The priest responded that he knew just the woman. Frank and Agnes Sieke were married three weeks later.

Like Frank, Agnes was a German immigrant. She arrived in New York on June 28, 1884, disembarking the *S.S. Elbe*. Also on board the *Elbe* was Theresa Sieke, who may be Agnes' sister or at least a cousin. They were one year apart in age. Agnes and Theresa found their way to Detroit and sought out domestic work. The 1885 Detroit City Directory lists Agnes as living at 173 E. Columbia Street, which was a walking distance to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Since Frank's first marriage was at St. Joseph's, it seems that he would return to the familiar setting to seek help from the priest who eventually became the matchmaker.

Agnes's ship companion, Theresa, married Joseph Kranz and they had seven children. They lived in Hamtramck and Detroit. Theresa died in 1933 and on the death certificate, Casper Sieke and Catherine Hucker are listed as parents. They may be Agnes's parents, as well; however, German birth records are needed to verify this theory.

Several years after Agnes and Theresa arrived in Detroit, another Sieke relative immigrated in 1895. Her name was Katherine and she eventually married Laurence Einheuser in 1898. Katherine's ship record states her destination was Lapeer. Shortly after her arrival, she was the godmother for Agnes and Frank's, new born daughter, Catherine. Katherine's husband was the godfather for Agnes and Frank's son, Lawrence born in 1899. Katherine's marriage record states her father was Casper, so it seems quite certain that she and Theresa were sisters. Most likely, Agnes is a sister, but that is not yet proven with some type of document or even a family story.

Thus far, neither a civil or church marriage record has surfaced for Frank and Agnes. The only marriage date on record is on the 1900 U.S. Federal Census and it states a marriage year of 1889. The family story passed along to Agnes and

Frank's daughter, Alma, then onto to her descendents, was that Agnes, who spoke only German, took a train from Detroit to the Kings Mill depot and upon departure, married Frank. Since there was a resident justice of the peace in Five Lakes, it is possible they were married by him. Another possibility is that they were married by the priest at St. Mary's Catholic Church; however, this event is not recorded in the church records.

For Agnes, this marriage meant that she was the instant mother of five young children and the wife of a farmer which usually meant plenty of outside chores, along with the household responsibilities. Agnes was also faced with the challenge of learning English, the spoken language of the children and other relatives and neighbors.

Frank and Agnes's family continued to grow. By 1903, eight more children were welcomed into the Lange home, Susan, Alma, Henry, Catherine, Bernard, Lawrence, John and Herman. The older children, no doubt, helped with the little ones and helped with chores on the farm. The children also attended Five Lakes School, the little white wood frame school house, which was over a mile walk from the farm. Soon after the last son, Herman, was born, the older children began leaving home; some to get married, some moving to Detroit or neighboring counties to seek out work.

In May of 1911, Frank and Agnes found their house under an ordered quarantine by the county health officer. To the family's disbelief, they learned young Theresa Jasper, daughter of John and Mary (Schlaud), died from diphtheria. She and the Lange children had attended school together just the day before her death. It is not known how long the Lange home was under quarantine, but the Five Lakes School was closed for ten days.

For Frank, and both his wives, their Catholic faith was important. Mary worshiped with her family at St. Clement Church in Center Line and Frank was affiliated with St. Joseph Church in Detroit. After moving to Five Lakes, there was no church close by for attending weekly Sunday Mass. Church records show some of the children were baptized, confirmed, or received their first Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church in North Branch Township, which was about ten miles away. In the early 1900s, Father Helton, the resident priest from St. Mary's, occasionally

visited Five Lakes to say Mass. His hope was to establish a parish in the area. Eventually, Saints Peter & Paul parish was established in the village of North Branch. This new parish, about seven miles from the Lange homestead, was dedicated in 1907. Following in 1911, the church cemetery was founded. This is the final resting place for many Lange, Schlaud and Snoblen family members.

Frank had been living in the United States for sixteen years when he decided to take the first step toward becoming a U.S. citizen. He and his brother, Joseph, traveled to the Lapeer County courthouse and they both signed the Declaration of Intention on May 1, 1888. Signing this document not only meant Frank's intention to become a U.S. citizen, it was also a renouncement of all foreign allegiances, especially to the Emperor of Germany.

In 1914, Frank filed a petition for naturalization and in 1919, he continued with the naturalization process and became a U.S. citizen that year. Frank now had the privilege of voting in the elections. Later, Agnes became a naturalized citizen since she reported that information on the 1930 U.S. Federal Census.

Frank and Agnes enjoyed the arrival of new grandchildren, many living in the Five Lakes and Kings Mill area. Along with this joy, also came the sadness of losing their daughter, Catherine, on February 20, 1920. Catherine had just given birth to her third child, Mary, when she was overcome by the 1920 influenza outbreak. For Frank, it must have been a time when he reflected back on losing his wife, Mary, after the birth of Clementine. He saw his son-in-law, Ed Schlaud, left with a baby and two young children while working a farm...a situation he knew too well.

Over the years, Frank and Agnes welcomed visitors from near and far. Agnes was known to all the children as "Grandma Lange," even the neighborhood kids. Next door neighbor, Trudy (Schlaud) Donato recalls going to "Grandma Lange's" house to sell the Easter Seals she received from school. Not only did she make a sale, but also received a big delicious molasses cookie. Agnes and Frank were known for their generosity...whenever you came to visit, you always went home with something, often some homemade German sausage.

On September 5, 1927, Frank passed away at the age of 77 years. His death certificate states the cause of death was apoplexy which is an old term that can refer to a stroke or some type of internal hemorrhaging. Agnes remained on the

farm with her son, Herman at her side. Over the years, Agnes saw the passing of three more of her children. Step-daughter, Mary, and daughter Alma both passed away from cancer in 1930 and 1936, respectively. Then about two months before Agnes died, Henry met an accidental death.

Agnes was a few days short of celebrating her 80th birthday when she succumbed to death on November 8, 1940. She had several medical problems, including bronchitis and edema of the lungs.

Agnes was a woman of great courage, with a reputation of kindness that was well known by family and friends. At the young age of 23 years, she left her homeland, Germany to settle in the little German community in Detroit. She trusted the suggestion of a priest and once again left familiar surroundings to marry a man who was virtually a stranger. Agnes's instincts led her to rural Five Lakes where she enjoyed raising her family and was a contributing member of the community.

Frank's journey across the ocean in 1872 was, for him, the beginning of a new life in a new country. Frank endured the hardship of losing his wife, Mary, when she was just 29 years old. At the same time, he took great pride in working on his farm and raising 13 children with his new wife, Agnes, at his side. He showed his love of country by becoming a U.S. citizen. Frank and Agnes showed a commitment to each other and to their children. They leave a legacy of a family with strong moral values, accented by an excellent work ethic.

Frank and Agnes were laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, North Branch, Michigan. Mary's final resting place is unknown.



The Lange Family

Frank is surrounded by his
children, Louise, Elizabeth,
Frank, Mary and
Clementine. First wife,
Mary, is not pictured.

Below are Frank and Agnes
with their family.



Susan, Alma, Henry, Catherine, Bernard, Lawrence, John and Herman

The Lange Family

Frank Lange (1850-1927) & Mary Grobbel (1859-1888)
were married January 28, 1881 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan

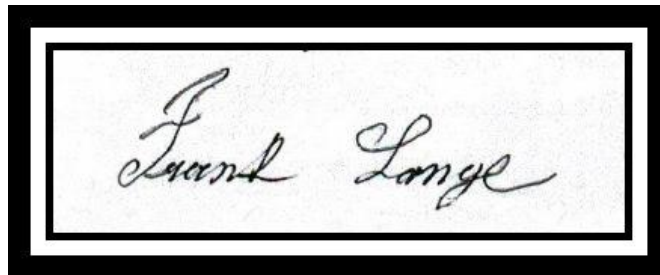
The Lange Children

Louise (1881/2-1948) married Albert Jasper (1872-1945)
Elizabeth (1883-1963) married Anthony Parsch (1876-1949)
Frank (1885-1973) married Edith DeGroff (1886-1975)
Mary Ann (1886-1930) married Frank Knoche (1881-1973)
Clementine (1888-1981) married John Brinker (1888-1952)

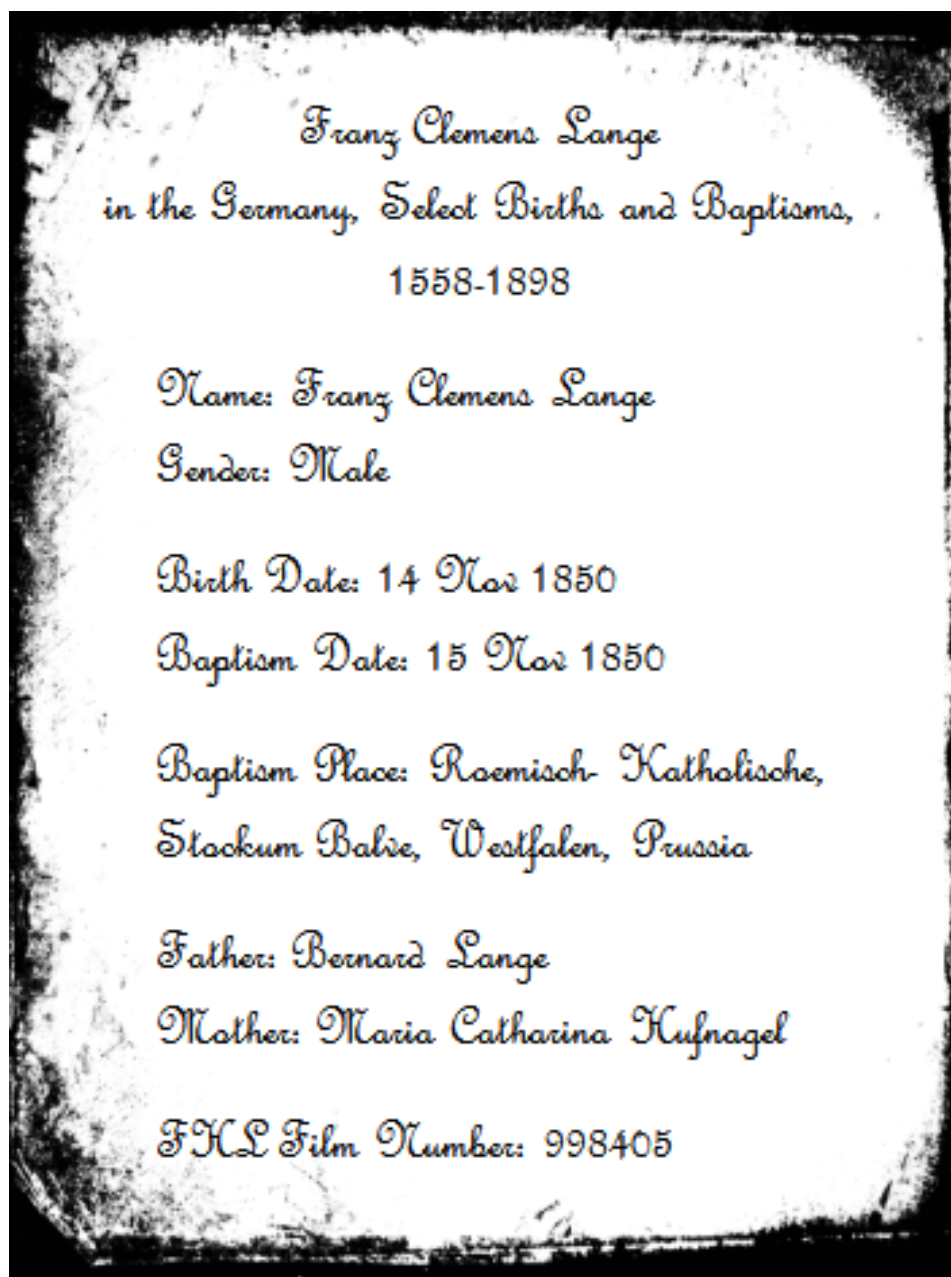
Frank Lange married Agnes Sieke (1860-1940) in 1889

The Lange Children

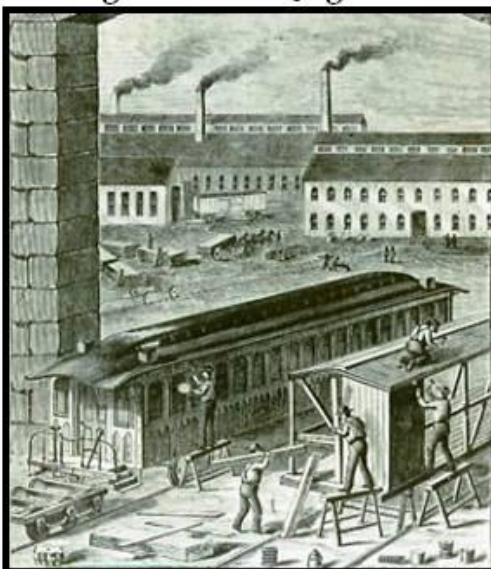
Susan (1890-1970) married George Medbery (1890-1952)
Alma (1892-1936) married Louis Allen (1887-1957)
Henry (1894-1940) never married
Catherine (1894-1920) married Edward Schlaud (1894-1984)
Bernard (1897-1979) married (1st) Marie Grace Conklin
(1910-1971) and (2nd) Sudia Hendrix (1912-)
Lawrence (1899-1932) married Loretta Schlaud (1902-1978)
John (1901-1989) married Elizabeth Klsner (1911-1998)
Herman (1903-1944) never married



Birth Record...



Living and Working in Detroit...



Frank worked as a carpenter for Peninsula Car Works making railroad cars.



In 1880, a ride on the horse-drawn street car cost five cents.



Picture depicting life in Detroit in 1880.



Brush Park Today
261 Edmund Place

The house on the far left, in the photo, was built by John and Lucy Fiske in 1876. Per the 1880 U.S. Census below, Mary Grobbel lived and worked as a servant in this home.

Edmund Place	87 370 411	Brown Thomas	15 M 28	servant	1	servant
		Fiske John P.	W M 47			Stock merchant
		Lucy	W F 44	wife	1	Keeping home
		Wilcox Angie	W F 46	sister-in-law	1	at home
		Grobbel Mary	W F 21	servant	1	servant
85 371 412		Ganigh John J.	W M 29		1	Deputy clk. Superior Court
		Christina	W F 28	wife	1	Keeping home



City of Detroit Map ~ 1895 Rendition

Since this date, many street changes have occurred in this downtown area.
This includes the renumbering of Detroit City addresses in 1921.

- 1) 261 (was 87) Edmund Place is the home of John Fiske where Mary lived and worked as a servant.
- 2) Believed to be the site of Peninsular Car Works
- 3) St. Joseph Catholic Church at Jay and Orleans Streets
- 4) Daniel Grobbel's Grocery Store at Jay and Chene Street
- 5) The Lange residence at 291 Scott Street
- 6) Agnes Sieke's residence at 173 E. Columbia

Marriage Record . . .

Frank Lange and Mary Grobbel Marriage Record



Above is a copy of the church record made from the microfilm housed at the Burton Collection at the Detroit Public Library. Since very little is readable, a transcription of the Latin record was written directly from viewing an enlarged copy of the record. Below is the translation of the record by James R. Linck.

A.D. 1881, die 28 januarii in matrimonio unit Franciscus Lange (28 anno natus), filius legitimus Bernardi Lange et Catherinae Hufnagel, cum Maria Grobel (21 anno nata, Centerline), filia legitima Antonii Grobel et Elisabethae Goebel, annorum octum nobis cogniti. Ita testor. Testes: Josephus Lange, Georgius Driolle, Antonius Vielhaber, M. Grobel, Christina Driolle et Anna Grobel.

Fr. John F. Friedland.

Marriage Record St. Joseph Catholic Church Detroit, Michigan

A.D. 1881, on the 28th of January
Franz Lange (28 years old), legitimate son of Bernard Lange
and Catherine Hufnagel, united in marriage with
Maria Grobel (21 years old, born in Centerline), legitimate
daughter of Antonius Grobel and Elisabeth Goebel,
known to us for eight years. Thus do I testify.
Witnesses: Joseph Lange, George Driolle,
Anthony Vielhaber, M. Grobel,
Christina Driolle and Anna Grobel.

Fr. John F. Friedland

Ship Record . . .

S.S. Elbe
Departure: Bremen
Port of Arrival: New York, USA
Name: Agnes Sieke
Event Type: Immigration
Event Date: 28 Jun 1884
Event Place: New York, New York, USA
Gender: Female, Age: 23, Literacy: Unknown
Birthplace: Germany, Occupation: Farmer
Ship Name: Elbe
Birth Year (Estimated): 1861
Destination Place: USA
Transit or Travel Compartment:
Staying in the USA [Transit]; Steerage [Travel]
Affiliate Manifest ID: 00037805
Affiliate ARC Identifier: 1746067

The original ship manifest is in poor condition, but Agnes's name is readable and under her name is listed Theresa Sieke, possibly a sister or cousin.

Seake Agnes, domestic 173 Columbia e.

Agnes is listed in the Detroit City Directory, 1885

Deed to the Lange Farm in Five Lakes...

George A Wilcox
War Deed LV
Frank Lange

Recorded May 14th A.D. 1883 @ 12-16
E J Woodruff, Register.

This Indenture made the sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Eighty three, between George A Wilcox of the City of Detroit State of Michigan of the first part, and Frank Lange of Lapeer County in said State of the second part, Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.) to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part at or before the enrolling and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold aliened remised released and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant bargain sell alien remise release and confirm, unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns All that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of North Branch County of Lapeer and State of Michigan known and described as the South East Quarter of the South West Quarter of Section Thirty One (31) in Town Nine (9) North of Range Eleven (11) East. containing Forty (40) acres more or less according to the United States Survey. Together with all and singular, the houses, out-houses edifices buildings stables yards, gardens liberties privileges easements, commodities, emoluments, hereditaments rights, members and appurtenances whatsoever therunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining: And the reversion and reversions remainder & remainders rents issues and profits: And all the estate right title interest property & possession claim and demand whatsoever, in law or in equity of the said party of the first part, of in or to the same, or any part or parcel thereof, with the appurtenances. To have and to hold the said above described land and all and singular, other the premises hereby granted, bargained sold aliened and confirmed, with the hereditaments

and appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns to the only use and behoof of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever, and to and for no other use intent or purpose whatever. And lastly, the said party of the first part and his heirs, the said above described land and premises unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns against said party of the first part his heirs, and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend by the presents in witness whereof. The said party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us George A. Wilcox (L.S.)
 James Ward, Emile Newman, Notary Public, Chatham County, Georgia.

State of Georgia
 Chatham County, ss.

On this 16th day of April A.D. 1883 before me a Notary Public in and for said County personally appeared George A. Wilcox to me known to be the person whose signature is appended to and who executed the foregoing instrument & acknowledges the same to be his free act and deed.

Emile Newman, Notary Public
 Chatham County, Georgia.

The Lange
 Homestead in
 Five Lakes



The Lange Farm was located on Jones Road in North Branch Township. The north side of the farm bordered Arcadia Township.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION.
COPY.

State of Michigan,
County of Lapeer,

ss. THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAID COUNTY, TO-WIT:

I, Franklin Lange, solemnly swear that it is bona-fide
my intention to become a *Citizen of the United States*, and to *Renounce Forever* all Allegiance and Fidelity to each and every
Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly the Emperor of
Germany of whom I have been a subject.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Lapeer
this 15th day of May. (Signed,) Frank Lange
A. D. 1888. Wm B Hamilton Clerk.

Frank signs the Declaration of Intention
as the first step toward becoming a naturalized citizen.

Twelve men obtained their naturalization papers in court this week. They are: August Rathsburg, William F. Wagonshutz, Frank Lange, William F. Botcher, Adolph B. Zastrow, Robert Joseph Knox, William Henry McNally, William Thomas Oke, Joseph John Range and James Foguo.

Published in the *Flint Journal*
December 12, 1919

No. 119Department of Commerce and Labor
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

To the Honorable the Circuit Court of Lapeer County Lapeer Michigan
 The petition of Frank Lange hereby filed, respectfully sheweth:
 First. My place of residence is North Branch Mich
 Second. My occupation is Farmer
 Third. I was born on the 14 day of March anno Domini 1857 at St. Ann, Germany
 Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from St. Ann, Germany on or about the 27 day of Sept
 anno Domini 1872, and arrived in the United States, at the port of St. Louis on the 28 day of Oct
 anno Domini 1872, on the vessel Smith
 (If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.)

Fifth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the 1 day of March anno Domini 1873
 at St. Louis under provisions of the Act of March 3rd 1875 Court of Subdivision of the Act of May 9th 1890
 Sixth. I am married. My wife's name is Agnes She was born in
Angström Germany and now resides at North Branch Mich
 I have 3 children, and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows:
Laura born Jan 21 1873 at St. Ann, Germany, resides at North Branch Mich.
Agnes born Sept 15 1873 at North Branch Mich, resides at Warren Mich.
Frank born Jan 24 1875 at North Branch Mich, resides at North Branch Mich.
My wife born Nov 8 1876 at North Branch Mich, resides at North Branch Mich.
Elephantine born Mar 9 1878 at North Branch Mich, resides at Warren Mich.
Susan born June 19 1879 at North Branch Mich, resides at Lapeer Mich.
 Seventh. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to William II German Emperor of whom at this time I am a subject, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.

Eighth. I am able to speak the English language.
 Ninth. I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least, immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the 28 day of Oct anno Domini 1872 and in the State of Michigan continuously next preceding the date of this petition, since the 28 day of Oct anno Domini 1872, being a residence within this State of at least one year next preceding the date of this petition.

Tenth. I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship to any court. (I made petition for citizenship to the Court of
at on the day of anno Domini 1 and the said petition was denied by the said Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit, and the cause of such denial has since been cured or removed.)

Attached hereto and made a part of this petition are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and the certificate from the Department of Commerce and Labor, together with my affidavit and the affidavits of the two qualifying witnesses thereto, required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

Frank Lange
 (Complete and true signature of petitioner.)
 Declaration of Intention and Certificate of Arrival No. omitted under the provisions of the fourth subdivision of the act of May 9th 1918
 from Department of Commerce and Labor filed this day of May 1918

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES.

State of Michigan
County of Lapeer
 The aforesaid petitioner being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above-entitled proceedings; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the said petition is signed with his full, true name; that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Frank Lange
 (Complete and true signature of petitioner.)
 and James J. Vincent occupation Druggist residing at Lapeer, Michigan
 and Henry George occupation Farmer residing at North Branch Michigan
 each being severally duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known the petitioner above mentioned, to have resided in the United States continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the 1st day of January anno Domini 1914 and in the State in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the 1st day of February anno Domini 1914; and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

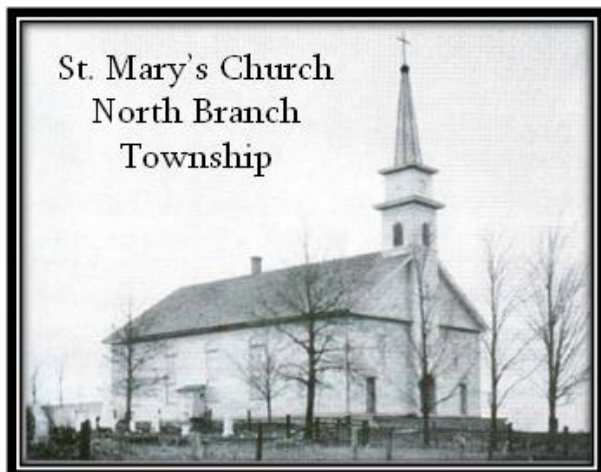
James J. Vincent
 (Signature of witness.)
Henry George
 (Signature of witness.)
 Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses this 25 day of February
 Notarial Seal

[SEAL.]

Special Places of Worship...



Frank and Mary were married at St. Joseph's Church in 1881. Their grandchildren, Henry and Agnes Knoche, were baptized at St. Joseph's in 1909 and 1912.



St. Mary's Church
North Branch
Township

Several Lange children received sacraments at the St. Mary's Church, located next to the cemetery. The church is now located across the road from the cemetery in Burnside Township.

This is the first Saints Peter and Paul Church in North Branch that was dedicated in 1907. A new church was built in 1979. →



Frank & Agnes at the Lange Reunion . . .



Below, L-R, Alma Allen, Agnes, Mary Knoche, Clementine Brinker and Edith Lang ~ Bottom Picture, Standing, Frank Lang, Frank Knoche, John Lange, George Medbery and Henry Lange ~ Sitting, John Brinker, Herman, Frank and Bernard Lange



Mary (Grobbe) Lange Passed Away . . .

Five Lakes.
Revival meetings continue.
John Anable has moved to Burton.
Good bye.
Mrs. Thos. Hibard is home from
Grand Rapids.
Ed. Evans intends building on his
farm this spring.
Wm. Colida and wife, of Piper, are
visiting friends here.
George Davis, of Clifford, was here
on business last week.
Mrs. Asabel Armstrong and son,
Roy, are here once again.
Moses Boney and Doc Taylor have
gone north for the summer.
Mrs. Frank Lang died on Friday,
the 16th, leaving a young babe.
E. P. Miller, of Pontiac, was here
last week looking after his farm.
Willard Degraff is limping about.
A bad in the heel is worth two in
the head.
Some talk of a wedding, but Joe
keeps right on chopping on his new
farm just the same.
Lewis Ward will move to St. Helen
next month. He has a job of making
7,000 ties for R. Rood.
Young man, return the over-shoes
to the lady, and don't yell when you
come along here any more.
Mrs. M. Downs and infant child
died recently and were buried in the
same grave at Burnside the 13th.

Published in the *Lapeer Democratic*

March 24, 1888

The Five Lakes column announces the death of Mary (Grobbe) Lange. Thus far, this is the only piece of documentation that provides Mary's death date.

The burial location for Mary is not known. A strong possibility is that she is buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in North Branch Township. Although there are no church or cemetery records for a funeral or burial, there are records indicating the family worshiped at St. Mary's Church.

County Lapeer Department of State - Division of Vital Statistics
Township North Branch CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
Village _____ Registered No. 44 2084
City _____ (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)
(if death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)
2. FULL NAME Frank Lange
(a) Residence No. _____ St. Ward _____
(Usual place of abode.) (If non-resident give city or town and state.)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX male 4. Color or Race white 5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced married
(Write the word.)
6. If married, widowed, or divorced, HUSBAND of _____ WIFE of Agnes Seike
7. DATE OF BIRTH Nov 14 1851
(Month, day and year.)
8. AGE Years 75 Months 9 Days 22 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. 124 OR min. _____
9. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
(c) Name of employer

10. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Germany
11. NAME OF FATHER Vernand Lange
12. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country) Germany
13. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Unknown
14. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or country) Germany

15. Informant Mrs Frank Lange
(Address) North Branch
Filed 9/12 1927 J. A. Baldwin Registrar.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 1927
16. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) Sept 5 1927
17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug 27, 1927, to Sept 5, 1927, that I last saw him alive on Sept 4, 1927, and that death occurred on the date stated above at 7 a. m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Apoplexy
(duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. 3 yrs.
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Chronic Sinter Suppuration
Prostate (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
18. Where was disease contracted _____
If not at place of death?
Did an operation precede death? no Date of _____
Was there an autopsy? no
What test confirmed diagnosis? Clinical
(Signed) J. A. Baldwin, M. D.
Sept 7, 1927. Address Lapeer
State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS and NATURE of INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for further instructions.)
19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Date of Burial 9/8 1927
St. Peter & Paul Cemetery
20. UNDERTAKER Ed. Blackburn Address North Branch

Death Certificate

Frank Lange

September 5, 1927

Lapeer County
North Branch, Michigan

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No.	
If veteran, name war		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		41 5623	
		Bureau of Records and Statistics			
FULL NAME		Agnes Sieke Lange		Local File No. 7	
PLACE OF DEATH:		Lapeer		USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:	
County		North Branch		State Mich. County Lapeer	
Township				Township North Branch	
City or Village				City or Village	
Name of hospital		(If not in hospital, give street address.)		Street No.	
Length of stay: In hospital		In this community 50 years		If foreign born, how long in U. S. A. About 50 years	
Sex Female		Color White		Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Widowed	
NAME OF HUSBAND or WIFE		Frank Lange		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION	
Name		Age, if alive 1880		Date of death 11/8/40	
Birth date of deceased		Nov. 24th 1880		I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 11/5/40	
Age: Years 79 Months 11 Days 16		If less than one day hrs. min.		19 to 11/8/40 19 I last saw him alive on 11/8/40	
Birthplace Germany		Housewife		Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at 7 A. M.	
Usual occupation				Duration	
Industry or business		(Unknown) Sieke		Immediate cause of death	
Name		Germany		General cerebral sclerosis	
Birthplace				Acute Bronchitis	
Maiden Name Unknown				Dedema of lungs	
Birthplace Unknown				Other contributory causes of importance	
Informant Mrs. Geo Meddabury				Major findings and dates:	
Address 66 The Hudson Sales - Saginaw Mich				Of operations	
Burial, cremation or removal (Circle the word which applies)				Of autopsy	
Place Sts. Peter & Pauls		Date 11/11/40		In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or suicide	
Cemetery				Date 19	
Funeral director's signature Stanley D. Blackburn		Address North Branch, Michigan.		Where did injury occur? (Specify city, county, or state)	
Filed 11-17-1940		Local Registrar		In industry, home or public place? No	
				Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? No	
				Signature J. D. Thuman	
				Address North Branch	

Death Certificate
 Agnes (Sieke) Lange
 November 8, 1940
 Lapeer County,
 North Branch, Michigan



Agnes Lange



"We have loved her during life
let us not abandon her, until we
have conducted her by our prayers
into the house of the lord."

OF YOUR CHARITY

Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Agnes Sieke Lange

Born in Germany, Nov. 24, 1860

Died North Branch, Mich.

Nov. 8, 1940

PRAYER

O gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever
present in the Blessed Sacrament
ever consumed with burning love for
poor captive souls in Purgatory,
have mercy on the soul of Thy
departed servant.

Be not severe in Thy judgment,
but let some drops of Thy Precious
Blood fall upon the devouring flames
and do Thou, O merciful Savior,
send Thy angels to conduct her to a
place of refreshment, light and
peace. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto her O
Lord, and let perpetual light shine
on her.

Sacred heart of Jesus, have mercy
upon her.

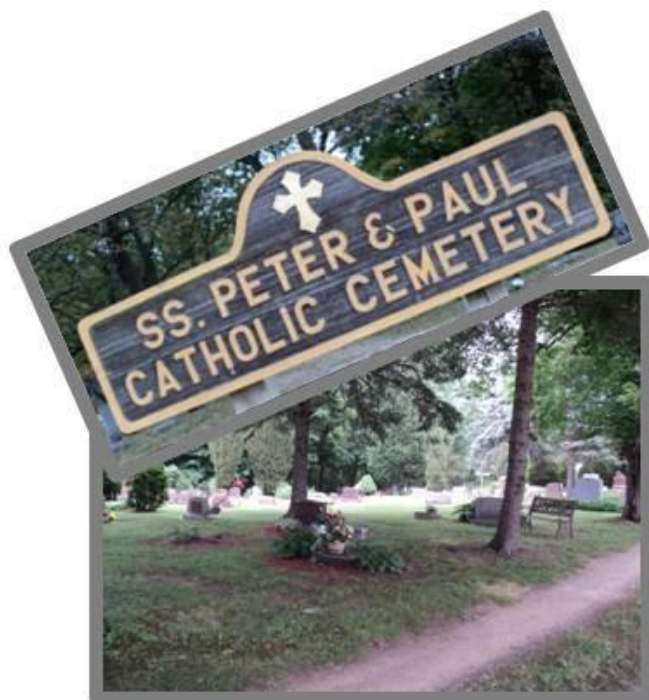
(100 days for each aspiration.)

S. D. BLACKBURN

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

North Branch, Mich.

Prayer Card



Frank and Agnes (Sieke) Lange were laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, North Branch, Michigan.

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- Photo of Frank Lange with his sons and sons-in-law provided by Lois (McMullen) Kallgren
- Photo of Agnes (Sieke) Lange provided by Patty (Medbery) Myers
- Photo of Agnes's signature provided by Becky Allen Baize
- Photo of Agnes Lange with daughters and daughter-in-law and Sts. Peter and Paul Church from Margery (Knoche) Bruman's photo collection
- Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery photos by Louise (Bruman) Dice

Louise (Lange) Jasper (1881/2-1948)
daughter of Frank and Marie Elizabeth “Mary” (Grobbel) Lange
married Albert Jasper (1872-1945)
Sister to Mary (Lange) Knoche

Louise is the oldest child of Frank and Mary Lange and the only one of their children who was born in Detroit. Before her sister, Elizabeth, was born in 1883, the family had moved to Five Lakes in Lapeer County, Michigan where the rest of



Louise

Louise's siblings were born. There is a bit of confusion surrounding the birth year for Louise. It seems that she was born on her parent's wedding anniversary date of January 28; however, various records cite either the year 1881 or 1882.

The State of Michigan birth register for Wayne County states Louise was born in 1881. The recording of this record was made on May 6, 1882. Beginning in 1867, the clerks of each Michigan County recorded births that were reported by parents, midwives or doctors. The county clerk then sent the birth information to the Secretary of State's office where a register was created. There is a word of caution when using this register...it may contain errors and it is advised to obtain an additional source to confirm information.

January 28, 1881 is the date Louise's parents exchanged wedding vows at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Detroit. It seems if Louise were born on this date, there would be a baptism record since a church marriage record exists. There is no baptism record for Louise at St. Joseph's Church or St. Clement Church in Center Line where the Grobbel family resided. It is possible she was baptized by a visiting mission priest at St. Mary's Church in Burnside, but recordkeeping for baptisms was sporadic and did not officially begin until 1887.

When Louise's father filed his petition for naturalization, he listed Louise and her birth date as January 28, 1882 and the 1900 U.S. Federal Census has her birth date as January 1882. When it comes to Louise providing birth information she has a tendency to state her birth year as 1881 and that is the year that is on her grave marker.

With the move to the Five Lakes farm, Louise could freely play inside and out with her siblings, Elizabeth, Frank, and Mary. In 1888, Louise faced the tragedy of losing her mother one week after she gave birth to her new sister, Clementine, often called Tina. Though the birth of Clementine must have been exciting to a young child, there was also the emptiness of losing the love and care from her mother.

About a year after her mother's death, Louise's father remarried, bringing home a new step-mother to take on the household and child care responsibilities. Louise watched her family grow in size as eight new siblings were added over the years, Susan, Alma, Henry, Catherine, Bernard, Lawrence, John and Herman. Surely, Louise helped with household chores and with the care for her younger siblings. She also attended the Five Lakes School which was just over a mile walk from home. Louise reports on the 1940 U.S. Federal Census that she completed the seventh grade.

On January 10, 1905, Louise exchanged wedding vows with Albert Jasper. The ceremony took place at St. Mary's Church with Father Helton performing the nuptials. This is in accordance with church records. The civil record states the marriage took place in North Branch with Father Esper presiding. Louise's sister, Elizabeth, and John Smith from Kings Mill were witnesses.

Louise and Albert were Five Lakes neighbors; however, it is quite possible the Lange and Jasper families first met in the City of Detroit, right around the time of Louise's birth. Being German natives, the Joseph and Theresa (Grothoff) "Jesper" family immigrated to the United States on the *S. S. City of Montreal* and arrived in New York on October 29, 1880 with Albert being a young eight years old. The 1882 Detroit City Directory lists Albert's father and older brothers as living at 263 Jay Street which is less than a mile from the Lange residence on Scott Street. St. Joseph Catholic Church, also on Jay Street, may be the place of worship both families have in common.

It is not known exactly when the Jasper family moved to Five Lakes. The 1886 Detroit City Directory has Albert and brother, John, living at 449 Dequindre, which is not far from the Jay Street address. Albert is listed as a painter. The 1894 Michigan State Census has Albert living on the family farm in Five Lakes with his

parents and siblings, John and Anna. There is evidence that Joseph Jasper's children took up residence in various locations... Henry, Anna Voss and Mary Drager stayed in Detroit, Joseph moved to Munising in Alger County and Frederick moved to California. John stayed in Five Lakes and married Mary Schlaud, the oldest daughter of Jacob Schlaud and his first wife, Catherine Rotarius.

After Louise and Albert were married, they joined Albert's brother, Joseph, in Munising, which was a quiet, small town on the southern shore of Lake Superior. There is no known family story as to why Joseph decided to move to Munising. According to records at the Alger County Historical Society, he moved to Munising from Cheboygan about 1896, He is listed on the 1900 U.S. Federal Census as a contractor. He may have moved there to be part of the development of this newly settled village which was incorporated in 1896. Eventually, Joseph operated a bus line between Munising and the Train Depot at Wetmore, a few miles away.

For Louise and Albert, travel to Munising must have been an adventurous trip, over 350 miles from the Jasper and Lange farms in Five Lakes. Did they travel by horse and carriage or train? Whatever their mode of transportation, they had to cross the straits of Mackinaw, the five mile stretch of water between Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas. At that time, there was a railcar ferry and other ferries for transportation across the straits.

The 1910 U.S. Federal Census shows Louise and Albert, along with brother, Joseph and his wife, Ellen, living in Munising Township, working as farmers. By 1920, both families are living in the City of Munising, about one mile from each other. Another big change on the 1920 U.S. Federal Census is the addition of Louise and Albert's son, Paul Leo, who was usually called Leo. Sometime after 1910, Louise and Albert adopted Leo who was born in New York on September 22, 1908.

Louise and Albert continued to live in Munising until the late 1920s, when they decided to move to Lapeer. While living in Munising, Albert worked as a carpenter and in some capacity as an engineer. He was the janitor at Mather High School from 1922-1928 He was the Munising Police Chief and a Commissioner

for many years. In addition, Louise and Albert took in boarders who were the neighborhood school teachers.

Leo was a young adult when his parents moved. He opted to move to Saginaw, where he lived with his Aunt Sue and Uncle George Medbery. Eventually, he married Doris Gerow in 1931.

During their stay in Lapeer, Louise saw the passing of her father and step-mother, Agnes; sisters, Mary and Alma and brothers, Henry and Herman. Louise helped care for her sister, Mary, as she struggled for three years with the diagnosis of cancer. Louise also worked as an attendant at the Lapeer State Home and Training School, a residential facility for the mentally challenged. Albert took on a job as the janitor at the City Library.

In 1942, Louise took steps to assure her U.S. citizenship. Between the years 1907 and 1922, any woman marrying an alien automatically lost her citizenship and took on the nationality of her husband. This would mean, in the eyes of the U.S. government, Louise renounced her U.S. citizenship and acquired an allegiance to Germany, Albert's native country. Although their marriage took place in 1905, there was ambiguity regarding the law. For clarity, Louise signed an Oath of Allegiance to the United States on April 21, 1942. On the application, Louise attests that she believes she lost citizenship based solely on her marriage to Albert Jasper, who was then an alien, citizen or sect of Germany.

In 1944, Louise and Albert moved back to Munising. Albert's health was declining, treating for prostate and pelvic lymph gland cancer. They were back in Munising only a few months when Albert died on February 11, 1945. Louise continued to live in Munising. Family stories say she treated for leukemia. On June 4, 1948, Louise was visiting family in Five Lakes when she suffered a stroke, resulting in her death.

Most of what we know about Louise comes from records and documents. However, one person who made a personal testament to Louise's attributes was her niece, Margery (Knoche) Bruman. Marge recalled Louise as a very loving lady who helped care for her mother (Louise's sister, Mary), while she was ill with cancer from 1927 to 1930. Louise's virtues left a lasting impression on Marge while she was just a young teenager. After Louise's passing in June 1948, Marge

paid a tribute to her by naming her third daughter “Louise,” when she was born just two months later.

Louise and Albert divided their married years between living in Munising and living in Lapeer where they were close to family in the Five Lakes area. Those first years in Munising must have instilled a deep love for the quaint little city along the Lake Superior shore for they decided to return there to spend their remaining days. Louise and Albert’s final resting place is in Maple Grove Cemetery, Munising, Michigan.

The Jasper Family



Albert and Louise with son, Paul Leo

*Louise Lange (1881/2-1948) & Albert Jasper (1872-1945)
were married January 10, 1905 in
North Branch, Lapeer County, Michigan
Son, Paul Leo (1908-1967) married Doris Gerow (1910-1987)*

Birth Records . . .

127 TO THE HON. SECRETARY OF STATE OF MICHIGAN.										83
Return of Births in the County of <i>Wayne</i>										
CHILD										
RECORD NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH			SURNAME	MALE OR FEMALE	WHITE, BLACK, OR OTHER	STILL-BORN, ALIVE, OR DEAD	BIRTHPLACE		
1238	Jan	28	1881	Louise	Female	White	Leg	Detroit		
127 for the year ending December 31st, A. D. 1881										
PARENTS.										
FULL NAME OF EACH		RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE OF EACH	OCCUPATION OF FATHER	DATE OF RECORD					
Frank Lange		Detroit	Germany	Laborer	May 6, 1882					
Mary Lange		Detroit	Michigan							

Joseph Albert Jesper

in the Germany, Select Births and Baptisms,
1558-1898

Name: Joseph Albert Jesper

Gender: Male

Birth Date: 15 Mrg 1872 (15 Mar 1872)

Baptism Date: 17 Mrg 1872 (17 Mar 1872)

Baptism Place: Katholisch, Plettenberg,
Westfalen, Prussia

Father: Joseph Jesper Or Spielmann

Mother: Theresia Grothoff

FHL Film Number: 995541

**DISTRICT OF NEW YORK,
PORT OF NEW YORK.**

I, *Henry Coman* Master of the *SS City of Montreal* do solemnly, sincerely, and truly *swear* that all the passengers taken on board the said *City of Montreal* at *Liverpool* his now arrived; and that on said List is truly designated the age, the sex, and the occupation of each of said Passengers, the port of the vessel occupied by each during the passage, the Country to which each belongs, and also the Country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant; and that the said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said Passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who died.

Sworn to this *29 Oct* 188*0*

Henry Coman Master of the *SS City of Montreal* at *Liverpool* , burden *2938* *Henry Coman* So HELP US God.

1 John	11				
1 Mary	10				
1 Louis McIntosh	35	Male	Miner		
2 John	27				
2 Mary Mitchell	29		Farmer		
1 Lee Hill	32				
1 John Turnbull	38		Carpenter		
2 Freds Minnie	38				
3 John McDonald	40	Male	Wife		
4 Peter Gorman	23	Male	Lab		
5 Ch. Billewae	25				
6 Aug. Suman	21				
7 Phil. Loran	27				
8 Anna McIntosh	24	Female	Wife		
9 Mils. Person	49	Male	Lab		
10 Geo. Carlson	25		Miner		
11 Fred	25	Male	Wife		
12 Carl	1		High		
13 Ann Olsen	38	Male	Farmer		

Steerage Passengers ~

Josh Jesper, 46, Male, Farmer, Germany, Destination U.S.

Anna, 46, Female, Wife

Joseph, 19, Male, Farmer

Johann 17, Male, Farmer

Fredr, 11, Male Child

Henn, 10, Male Child

Albert, 8, Male Child

Marie, 3, Female Child

Anna, 1, Female Child

14 Fred	4		Child		
15 John	2				
16 John	2		Wife		
17 Josh Jesper	46	Male	Farmer		
18 Anna	46	Female	Wife		
19 Joseph	19	Male	Farmer		
20 John	17				
21 Fredr	11		Child		
22 Henn	10				
23 Albert	8				
24 Marie	3				
25 Anna	1				
26 John	46	Male	Farmer		

**Passenger List for the S. S. City of Montreal, departing Liverpool,
England and arriving in New York on October 29, 1880.**

The Detroit Connection . . .

Jesper, *see also Jasper.*
Jesper Frederick, barber, bds 263 Jay.
Jesper John, lab, bds 263 Jay.
Jesper Joseph, lab, Detroit Safe Co, h 263 Jay.
Jesper Joseph jr, lab, bds 263 Jay.

Albert's father and older brothers are listed in the
Detroit City Directory, 1882

Jasper Albert, painter, bds 449 Dequindre.
Jasper Frederick, carp, bds 320 Brewster.
Jasper John, molder Mich Stove Co, bds 449 Dequindre.

Albert and his brothers listed in the Detroit City Directory, 1886

The Munising Connection . . .



Joseph Jasper first settled in Munising and Louise and Albert followed after their marriage in 1905.

Photo ~ Munising, Circa 1905

The Marriage Vows . . .

Form 141-2 1-1-1905

227 To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:
Return of Marriages in the County of Lapeer

Record Number	Date of License			Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride, and Maiden Name of Bride if a Widow	Age of Each in Years	White, Black, Mexican, Etc.	Residence of Each	Birthplace of Each	Occupation of Each	Name of Father of Each
	Month	Day	Year							
3591	Jan	6	1905	Albert J. Jasper Louise Lange	31 23	W W	Live Lakes Live Lakes	Hermant Mich	Engineer Helper	Joseph Jasper Frank Lange

for the Quarter Ending March 31st A. D. 1905 Feb

Maiden Name of Mother of Each	Times Previously Married	Date of Marriage			Place of Marriage	Name and Official Station of Person by Whom Married	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE	
		Month	Day	Year			Names	Residences
Frances M. Grothoff	N.	Jan	10	1905	North Branch	P. Ecker Catholic	John B. Smith Elizabeth Lange	Kings Mills Live Lake
Mary Groble	N.							

Louise and Albert's Marriage Record ~ November 10, 1905

Marriage Record
St. Mary's Catholic Church
North Branch, Michigan
 AD 1905 on [10] January
 Albert, Jasper, son of
 Joseph and Frances M. Jasper [Groth]off
 and Louisa Lange legitimate daughter of
 Francis and Mary Lange Groble
 [were united in marriage].
 Witnesses... John B. Smith and
 Elizabeth Lange
 by Pastor
John P. Helten

Above is the translation of the church record found at St. Mary's Church

A.D. 1905 die ??? Januarii Albertus Jasper filius Josephis Jasper et Franciscæ M.
 ???off et Louisa Lange filia legitima Francisci Lange et Mariae Groble
testes... John B Smith et Elisabeth Lange by John P Helten

REGISTRATION CARD									
SERIAL NUMBER		401		ORDER NUMBER		1026			
<i>Albert Joseph Jasper</i> <small>(Last name) (Middle name) (First name)</small>									
2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS:									
<i>Manising Mich</i> <small>(City or town) (County) (State)</small>									
Age in Years		Date of Birth							
45		<i>March 15 1873</i> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>							
RACE									
White	Negro	Oriental	Chinese	Indian	Hawaiian				
1	2	3	4	5	6				
1	2	3	4	5	6				
U. S. CITIZEN									
ALIEN									
Native Born		Naturalized		Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority		Declarant		Non-declarant	
10	11	12	13	14	15				
10	11	12	13	14	15				
16 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?									
PRESENT OCCUPATION					EMPLOYER'S NAME				
<i>Stationary Engineer</i> <small>(Occupation)</small>					<i>Geo Coates</i> <small>(Name)</small>				
18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS									
<i>Manising Mich</i> <small>(City or town) (County) (State)</small>									
NEAREST RELATIVE									
Name		Address							
<i>Louise Jasper (wife)</i> <small>(Name)</small>		<i>Manising Mich</i> <small>(City or town) (County) (State)</small>							
19 I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE									
P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Rev. 1918)									

U. S. Military
Draft Registration

World War I
Draft Registration Card
1918

REGISTRAR'S REPORT									
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT									
HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES		COLOR OF HAIR	
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout				
21	22	23	24	25	26				
21	22	23	24	25	26	<i>Brown</i> <small>(Color)</small>		<i>Dark</i> <small>(Color)</small>	
27 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)									
<i>No</i> <small>(Specify)</small>									
30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:									
<i>G. A. Baldwin</i> <small>(Signature of Registrar)</small>									
Date of Registration: <i>Sept 7, 1918</i>									
Local Board for the County of Alger State of Michigan Manising, Mich. (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)									
<small>(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)</small>									

Form N-415
(Old 2234)
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
(EDITION OF 1-13-41)

Form N-415
(Old 2234)
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
(EDITION OF 1-13-41)

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ORIGINAL
(To be retained as court record)

APPLICATION TO TAKE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 25, 1936, AS AMENDED, AND FORM OF SUCH OATH

Honorable, the Circuit Court of Lapeer County
Application, hereby made and filed, respectfully shows:
My full, true, and correct name is Louise Jasper
(Full, true name, without abbreviation, and any other name which has been used, must appear here)
My present place of residence is 446 Lincoln Lapeer Lapeer Michigan
(Number and street) (City or town) (County) (State)
My occupation is Housewife
I am 61 years old. (5) I was born on Jan. 28, 1881 in Detroit, Mich.
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town)
Michigan
(County, district, province, or state) (Country)
My personal description is as follows: Sex Female; color White, complexion Med.,
eyes Brown, color of hair Gray-Bro., height 5 feet inches, weight 150 pounds;
distinctive marks Mole right nostril
I am not married; the name of my husband is Albert Joseph Jasper; we were married
Jan. 10, 1905 at North Branch, Mich.
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town) (State) (Country)
he was born Germany on Mar. 15, 1873; and now resides
(Country) (Month) (Day) (Year)
with me
(Number and street) (City or town) (State) (Country)
I do not, or believe that I lost, United States citizenship solely by reason of my marriage on Jan. 10, 1905
(Month) (Day) (Year)
I am Albert Joseph Jasper then an alien, a citizen or subject of Germany
My marital status with such person was not terminated on
(Month) (Day) (Year)
(State by what means marital status terminated)

I have not resided continuously in the United States since the date of my marriage shown in paragraph 8 hereof,
since birth
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I hereby apply to take the oath of renunciation and allegiance as prescribed in Section 335 (b) of the Nationality Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1157) to become repatriated and obtain the rights of a citizen of the United States.
I subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, in the office of the clerk of said court at Lapeer Mich. this 21st day of April, 1942
Anne Domini 19 42

Louise Jasper
State of Michigan
County of Lapeer

John G. Conley
Clerk.
By Alvin Conn [SEAL]
Deputy Clerk.

ss: In the Circuit Court of Lapeer County
Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the above application be granted; that the applicant named therein be repatriated as a citizen of the United States, upon taking the oath of renunciation and allegiance to the United States; and that the clerk of this court enter these proceedings of record.

By the Court: George W. Hojard
Judge.

OATH OF RENUNCIATION AND ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign potentate, state or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: SO HELP ME GOD. In acknowledgment whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

Louise Jasper
(Full, true, and correct signature of applicant, without abbreviation)
I am going oath was administered to the petitioner in open court this 21st day of April, 1942
[SEAL]
Clerk of Court: No fee is to be collected in connection with the filing of this application. The applicant, upon being sworn, should be furnished with the original copy, duly certified, for which a fee in excess of \$1 may be collected.
John G. Conley
Clerk.
By Alvin Conn
Deputy Clerk.

Over the Years . . .



Louise Jasper



*Young
Louise & Albert*



Albert J. Jasper



Cousins . . .

Son, Leo is in the center with cousins, Ralph Medbery, on the left, and Henry Knoche, on the right. The young boy behind Henry is Art Knoche. The background is Frank Knoche's General Store in Five Lakes.



"A Barrel Full of Fun" and "Seeing Detroit" look like fun photos while visiting Detroit. Barrel Photo, starting left is Mary (Lange) Knoche, Albert, Louise and unknown men. Mary and Albert are in the wheelbarrow photo.



Albert and Louise, with her father, Frank Lange, on a sled in Munising.



Louise

Sisters
Sue Medbery on left,
Louise and Tina
Brinker



Former City Official Dies.

Munising—Albert Jasper, 72, passed away at his home on W. Munising Ave., Sunday afternoon Feb. 11, at 1:40 p. m. He had been in ill health for the past three years and his condition had been serious the past two weeks.

He was born in Germany March 15, 1873 and made his home in **Munising** for a number of years before moving to Lapeer 18 years ago. He returned to Munising about seven months ago.

When he made his home here before moving to Lapeer he served as chief of police, city commissioner, and was janitor of the William G. Mather high school for a short while when the school was first opened.

Published in the
Ironwood Daily Globe

February 15, 1945

MRS. JASPER DIES

Munising—Funeral services will be held at 9 a. m. Tuesday in the Sacred Heart church for Mrs. Louise Jasper, who died Friday while visiting in Five Lakes, Mich. The rites will be conducted by the Rev. Gerald F. Harrington, assisted by the Rev. James McNaughton and the Rev. Emil Beyers. Burial will be in Maple Grove cemetery.

Published in the
Escanaba Daily Press

June 7, 1948

Mrs. Louise Jasper Of Munising Dies After Long Illness

Munising, June 5—Mrs. Louise Jasper, 67, a resident of Munising for many years, died at 1 p. m. Friday at Five Lakes, Mich., after a long illness. Mrs. Jasper, who had been ailing for about eight years, resided at 817 West Munising avenue.

Born Jan. 23, 1881, in Detroit, she came to Munising in 1905 and left here in 1926 for Lapeer, Mich., where she resided until she returned to Munising in 1944. She is a member of the Sacred Heart parish. Her husband died Feb. 11, 1945.

Mrs. Jasper leaves a son, Paul Leo, of Munising; four brothers, Bernard and John Lange, of North Branch; Lawrence, Pontiac, and Frank jr., of Lapeer; three sisters, Mrs. Sue Medberg, of Five Lakes; Mrs. Teny Brinker, of Warren, Mich., and Mrs. Elizabeth Parck, of Centerline, Mich., and one daughter.

The body was to be brought today to Beaulieu's funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 9 a. m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart church. The solemn requiem mass service will be conducted by the Rev. Fr. Gerald Harrington, assisted by the Reverend Fathers James MacNaughton and Emil Beyers.

Burial will be in Maple Grove cemetery. The rosary will be recited at 8 Monday evening. Friends may call after 7 p. m. Sunday.

Published in the
Escanaba Daily Press

June 5, 1948



Albert and Louise (Lange) Jasper, along with their son and daughter-in-law, Paul Leo and Doris, were laid to rest in Maple Grove Cemetery, Munising, Michigan.

Sources for Louise (Lange) Jasper –

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- New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957
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- Michigan, County Marriages, 1822-1940
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- U.S. Federal Census, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1940
- U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

Photo Sources –

- Photos of Young Louise and “Seeing Detroit” from Margery (Knoche) Bruman's Photo Collection
- Photo of “Barrel of Fun” from Sue (Marshall) Bennett
- Photo of Older Louise and the sled from Austin Searfoss
- Photos of Young Albert from Becky Allen Baize
- Three Sisters Photo from Tom Knoche
- Photo of Jasper cemetery markers by Find a Grave Contributor, Leanne Walter Walling
- Photos of Jasper cemetery plot by Paul Jasper
- www.algercourthouse.com/History.html for photo of Munising circa 1905

Elizabeth (Lange) Parsch (1883-1962)
daughter of Frank and Marie Elizabeth “Mary” (Grobbe) Lange
married Anthony Parsch (1876-1949)
Sister to Mary (Lange) Knoche

Elizabeth, the second born daughter of Frank and Mary Lange, was born on September 15, 1883, in North Branch, according to her birth record housed at the Lapeer County courthouse in Lapeer, Michigan. The record with the last name spelled as Laing was recorded on June 5, 1884. In the early days, it was up to the parents to register the birth of their children at the county clerk's office. Other records have different variations of her birth; this includes her grave marker which states September 10, 1882.



Elizabeth Several months before her birth, Elizabeth's parents, along with her sister, Louise, had moved from Detroit to the little logging community of Five Lakes. They purchased the Lange farm, located in North Branch Township, in April 1883. This is most likely where Elizabeth was born the following September. There is no baptism record at St. Mary's Catholic Church in North Branch Township, a parish where several of Elizabeth's siblings were baptized. Although there was a church building next to St. Mary's Cemetery, there was no resident priest until 1885. A traveling priest, who visited several churches in the county, made stops at St. Mary's, when possible. Most likely, a baptism did take place at this church, but most baptism records were not recorded until after 1887.

In growing up, Elizabeth had several siblings along with Schlaud and Snoblen cousins for playmates. As youngsters, Elizabeth and her siblings, Louise, Frank and Mary suffered the loss of their mother, just one week after their sister, Clementine, was born. About one year after her mother's death, Elizabeth welcomed her new mother, Agnes, who raised her and the new siblings that were born to the family . . . Susan, Alma, Henry, Catherine, Bernard, Lawrence, John and Herman.

Elizabeth attended the neighborhood Five Lakes School and finished the eighth grade. She, decidedly, left home at a young age and moved to Detroit. On the

1900 U.S. Federal Census Elizabeth is living at a residence on Montcalm Street, working as a servant. The Montcalm street location is in the vicinity where both her parents lived before their move to Five Lakes.

When Elizabeth was 26 years old, she exchanged wedding vows with Anthony Parsch who lived in Warren Township, Macomb County. Elizabeth's sister, Clementine, and her husband to be, John Brinker, were witnesses. The marriage took place at St. Clement Catholic Church in Center Line with Father John Kramer presiding.

Most likely, the relationship between the Lange, Grobbel and Parsch families goes back several years. Elizabeth's mother's family, the Grobbels, and the Parsch family lived a short distance from each other in Warren Township. Both families worshiped at St. Clement Church. Elizabeth's first cousin and next-door neighbor in Five Lakes married Louis Parish, Anthony's brother. Her name was Susan, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Grobbel) Schlaud...again a Grobbel Parsch connection. Susan and Louis were married August 25, 1908 in Detroit and Elizabeth Lange and Anthony Parsch were witnesses. After their marriage, Susan and Louis moved to Five Lakes, where they raised their family.

Anthony was born in Warren Township to parents, Peter and Anna (Kaltz) Parsch, both German immigrants. Anthony, growing up on his parent's farm, learned about farming, a livelihood that sustained him his entire life. For a period of time after his marriage, Anthony and Elizabeth lived on the family farm with his widowed mother, Anna. Eventually, they moved to another farm in Warren Township. In the 1940 U.S. Census, Anthony is listed as a gardener on his own farm, working 72 hours per week and Elizabeth was listed as doing housework.

Elizabeth and Anthony lived their married lives on a farm in Warren Township, not far from where Elizabeth's mother, Mary Grobbel, was born. They worshiped at St. Clement Church, the parish where Mary was baptized and the church where Elizabeth's grandparents, Anthony and Elizabeth Grobbel were blessed with a Requiem Mass before their burial. Although Elizabeth never returned to live in Five Lakes, she always lived close to the roots of her Grobbel family.

Anthony passed away on May 8, 1949 and Elizabeth followed several years later on December 13, 1962. They were laid to rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.

Elizabeth



The Parsch Family

Elizabeth Lange (1883-1962) & Anthony Parsch (1876-1949)
were married October 5, 1909 in
Center Line, Macomb County, Michigan
No known children were born to this union.

Records . . .



Simulated Birth Record

The information was taken from the original record on file at the Lapeer County clerk's office, Lapeer, Michigan.

20 To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:										
Return of Marriages in the County of <u>MACOMB</u>										
Record Number	Date of License			Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride, and Maiden Name of Bride if a Widow	Age of Each in Years	White, Black, Mexican, Etc.	Residence of Each	Birthplace of Each	Occupation of Each	Name of Father of Each
	Month	Day	Year							
5430	Oct	2	1909	Anthony Parsch	30	white	Warren, Tp, Mich	Warren Twp.	Farmer	Peter Parsch
				Elizabeth Lang	25	white	Lapeer, Mich	North Branch, M	at home	Frank Lang
for the Quarter Ending <u>December</u> A. D. 190 <u>9</u>										
Maiden Name of Mother of Each	Time Previously Married	Date of Marriage			Place of Marriage	Name and Official Station of Person by Whom Married	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE			
		Month	Day	Year			Names	Residences		
Anna Kalts	no	Oct	5	1909	Centerline	Rev Jno F. Kramer	John Brinker	Warren, Mich		
Mary Drobek	no				Macomb Co Mich	Pastor St Clements Church	Clementine Lang	Detroit, Mich		

Marriage Record for Anthony and Elizabeth
 Father John Kramer presided over the ceremony at St. Clement Church.
 John Brinker and Clementine Lange were witnesses.

REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER	3938	ORDER NUMBER	992
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1 **Anthony Parsch**
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: **Warren Macomb Mich**
(City or town) (County) (State)

Age in Years **43** Date of Birth **July 23 1876**
(Month) (Day) (Year)

RACE				
White	Negro	Oriental	Indian	
5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	7	8 Citizen	9 Non-citizen

U. S. CITIZEN			ALIEN	
Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority	Declarant	Non-declarant
10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	12	13	14

15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

16 PRESENT OCCUPATION **Farmer** 17 EMPLOYER'S NAME **Anthony Parsch**

18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: **Warren Macomb Mich**
(City or town) (County) (State)

19 NEAREST RELATIVE Name **Elizabeth Parsch**
Address **Warren Macomb Mich**
(City or town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

P. M. G. O. **Anthony Parsch**
Form No. 1 (ited) (Signature of registrant) (OVER)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT C 21-2-5

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21	22 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23	24	25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26	27 Brown	28 Brown

29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.) **no**

30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Ferdinand Grobbel
(Signature of Registrar)

Date of Registration **Sep 12 - 1918**

LOCAL BOARD FOR
MACOMB COUNTY, MICH.
MT. CLEMENS, MICH.
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

62-6171 (OVER)

Anthony's World War I draft registration card was signed by
Elizabeth's cousin, Ferdinand Grobbel.

Anthony Parsch

Funeral services for Anthony Parsch, of 26229 Burg road Warren township, were held in Sperlich funeral chapel at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday and then at 9 a. m. in St. Clements Church with the Rev. A. J. Mayer officiating.

Mr. Parsch, who died May 8, was 73 years old. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth, and one sister, Mrs. Josephine Schlaf. Burial was in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Published in the
South Macomb News

Thursday
May 12, 1949

Prayer Card . . .



We have loved them during life, let us not forget them until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord. — St. Ambrose

✝

My Jesus have mercy on the soul of

Elizabeth Harsch

DATE OF BIRTH

September 10, 1881

DATE OF DEATH

December 13, 1962

O gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment, but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou, O Merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

May this soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. — Amen.

Jesus meek and humble of heart make my heart like unto Thine. (300 days indulgence.)

LYLE ELLIOTT FUNERAL HOME



Anthony and Elizabeth (Lange) Parsch
were laid to rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery
Detroit, Michigan

Sources for Elizabeth (Lange) Parsch –

- Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950
- Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952
- Birth Record located at the Lapeer County Courthouse, Lapeer, Michigan, recorded under the last name Laing
- South Macomb News, Thursday, May 12. 1949
- St. Mary's Burnside Sesquicentennial (150 years) 1855-2005
- Web: Michigan, Find A Grave Index, 1805-2012 Memorials #81796387 and #81796490
- Web: Macomb County, Michigan, Death Index, 1945-2012
- U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
- U.S. Federal Census, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1940

Photo Sources –

- Mt. Olivet Entrance Photo by Steve Martin, Find a Grave Contributor
- Mt. Olivet Cemetery markers by Claudia Kelsay Gabriel, Find a Grave Contributor
- Photo of Elizabeth from Margery (Knoche) Bruman's Photo Collection
- Prayer Card from Margery (Knoche) Bruman's Collection

Frank Lang (1885-1973)
son of Frank and Marie Elizabeth “Mary” (Grobbel) Lange
married Edith DeGroff (1886-1975)
Brother to Mary (Lange) Knoche

On January 24, 1885, Frank and Mary Lange welcomed their third child and first son into their family. With great pride, he was named Frank, after his father. Young Frank was also welcomed by his older sisters, Louise and Elizabeth. He was not quite two years old when his sister, Mary, was born in 1886. The Lange family continued to grow when Clementine was born in 1888. However, one week after her birth, the family was shocked when Frank’s mother passed away.



Frank

Although Frank was just three years old and most likely never remembered his mother, there is still a void for a young child who suffers such a loss. The following year, that void was filled, for Frank’s father remarried a lady named Agnes. She became a new mother to Frank and his siblings. Over the years, Frank saw eight more siblings added to the family, Susan, Alma, Henry, Catherine, Bernard, Lawrence, John and Herman.

As a young boy, Frank surely worked with his father on the farm. He attended Five Lakes School and completed seven grades. He also participated in the Catholic religion instruction classes and was a member of the 1900 Confirmation class at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. It appears Frank chose Philip to be his confirmation name. It was tradition for confirmation candidates to choose the name of a saint who was an inspiration and who would be a model for spiritual living.

By the time Frank reached young adulthood, he had learned how to be a farmer and worked as a farm laborer according to the 1900 U.S. Federal Census. However, there was a sense of adventure in Frank at this young age. A family story tells of Frank being a logger. The logging industry, which was once a viable business in Five Lakes had come to a close, but there were still pockets of forest to be stripped of their white pines in the northern woods. This is most likely where Frank traveled and found work while staying in logging camps. With the logging industry winding down in the early 1900s, Frank returned home.

Although specific circumstances are not known, Frank met a young lady named Edith DeGroff. There is only speculation that they met through two of the Lange neighbors in Five Lakes. Edith, who was the daughter of Henry and Alma (Wright) DeGroff, was born in Shelby Township, Macomb County. She had two siblings who lived in Five Lakes. Her sister, Rosmond, married Henry Ruby and her brother, Henry, married Mary Klauka, a Five Lakes native. These two families lived in close proximity to the Lange family.

Frank and Edith were married on September 2, 1909, in New Haven, Macomb County. Although the marriage took place in Macomb County, the license was filed in Oakland County. According to the marriage record, both Frank and Edith were living in Pontiac, Oakland County, where Frank was working as a farmer.

After Frank and Edith were married, they moved to Macomb Township in Macomb County. According to the 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Frank was working as a laborer on a farm. On August 21st of that year, their daughter, Nella “Nellie” was born. Three years later, their son, Howard, arrived on October 10, 1913.

By 1920, the family moved to Five Lakes, living close to the Lange homestead. By this date, Edith’s brother and sister, Rosmond and Henry, had passed away. However, her niece, Alma, daughter of Henry and Mary, was living with them. With two Frank Langes living in Five Lakes and on the same mail route, there was confusion in receiving the correct mail. The family story is that Frank and Edith dropped the “e” off the end of Lange and they used that spelling of their name for the rest of their lives. According to the census, Frank was working as a farmer on his own account, therefore, no longer a laborer working as a wage employee. Frank and Edith later moved to the Kings Mill area where the children attended the little one room school called Kings Mill School.

For Edith, living on a farm was nothing new since her father was a farmer. She was well versed in raising chickens to the point of slaughtering, defeathering and preparing a delicious chicken dinner. Chickens were not the only type of bird of which Edith had great knowledge. She raised and sold canaries. There were several bird cages throughout the Lang household. She would feed the babies pabulum with a tooth pick. Once they started singing, she could identify whether they were male or female.

Edith also had several other interests and talents. She loved flowers, real and artificial. She made fans by placing a table knife between two pieces of cardboard, then sewing them together. Edith also played the piano and with her harmonica, she became a “One Woman Show.” Edith had, what was called, a harmonica holder which was a device worn around her neck holding the harmonica in place for “hands free” playing. Edith, with a piano and her harmonica, performed at dinners and parties in residential homes.

When Frank and Edith married, it was not in a Catholic Church with a priest offering the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Frank, being raised a Catholic, wanted to renew his spiritual beliefs and Edith decided she wanted to become a Catholic. Steps were taken and Edith, along with Nellie and Howard, as young teens, were baptized. Not long after this commitment, Frank and Edith renewed their vows in the Catholic Church.

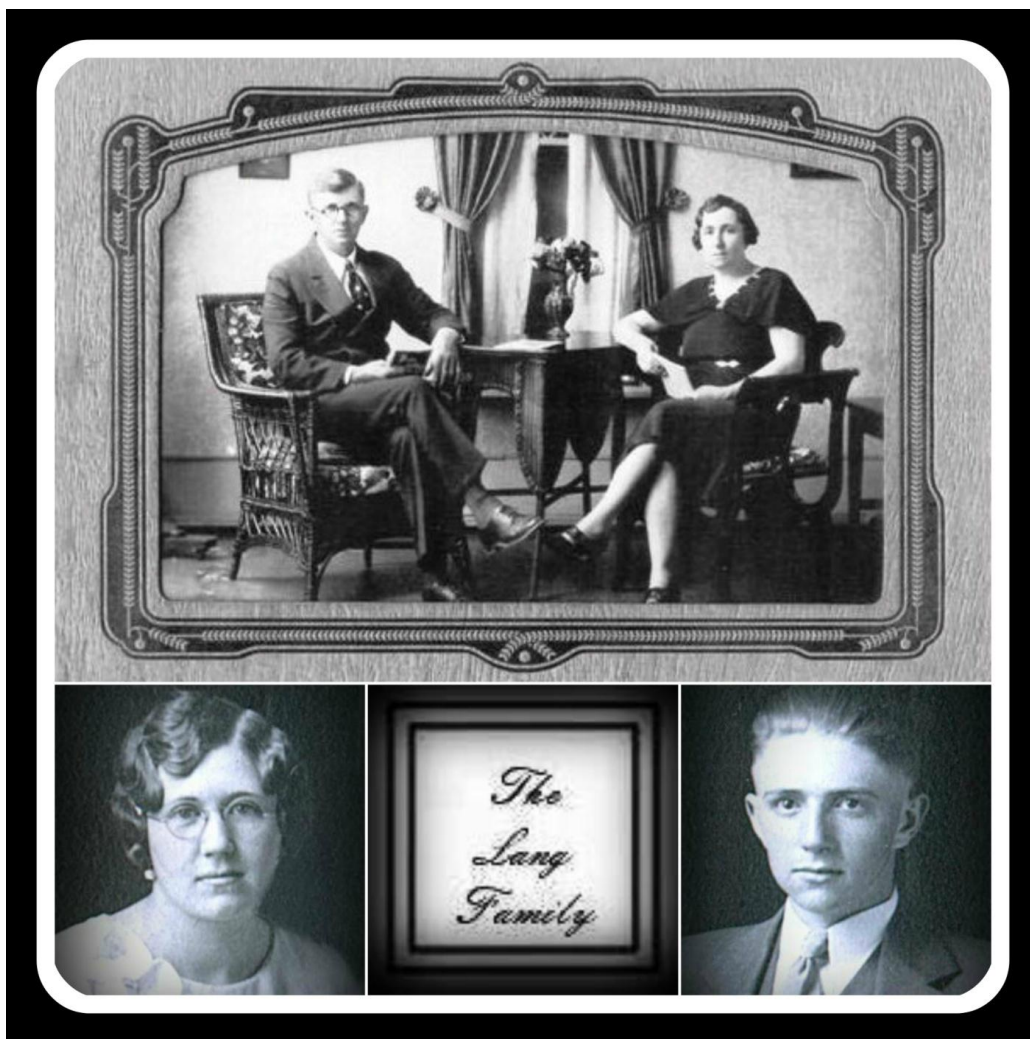
By 1930, Frank and Edith decided to depart farm living. They moved to the City of Lapeer, living on Clay Street, then later on Monroe and Howard Streets. Frank was employed by the Lapeer County Road Commission for several years.

Over time, Frank and Edith saw their two children marry and they watched their families grow. Spending time with the grandchildren was special. They took them fishing at the Mill Pond in Lapeer. Frank displayed his characteristic trait of patience as he taught the grandchildren how to fish, and of course, he was a model for remaining quiet and calm while waiting for the fish to bite. For Edith, she always made sure there were sugar cookies in the cupboard when the grandkids came for a visit.

Besides enjoying the grandchildren, Frank and Edith were avid Detroit Tigers fans. They always listened to the ballgames on the radio or watched them on TV. They enjoyed visits from family and friends and, as always, Edith enjoyed cooking up a great meal for the welcome company.

In the last days of their lives, both Frank and Edith lived in the Fisher Convalescent Home in Mayville. Frank passed away on March 29, 1973 and Edith followed two years later on March 1, 1975. Together, Frank and Edith lived a fulfilling life, dedicated to their religion and to their family. They were laid to rest at Mount Loretto Cemetery, Lapeer, Michigan.

The Lang Family



Frank and Edith with Daughter, Nella and Son, Howard

*Frank John Lang (1885-1973) & Edith Alma DeGroff (1886-1975)
were married September 2, 1909 in New Haven, Macomb County, Michigan*

The Lang Children

*Nella "Nellie" (1910-2000) married (1st) Henry Stratton (1907-1951)
and (2nd) Clarence McMullen (1903-1994)
Howard (1913-1978) married Arlene Seib (1914-2006)*

Records...

127 TO THE HON. SECRETARY OF STATE OF MICHIGAN: 29									
Return of Births in the County of <u>Macomb</u>									
CHILD.									
RECORD NUMBER.	DATE OF BIRTH.			SURNAME, AND CHRISTIAN NAME, IF ONE BE GIVEN.	SEX, MALE OR FEMALE.	HAIR, EYES, COMPLEXION, ETC.	STILL-BORN, OR ABORTED, TWINS, ETC.	BIRTHPLACE.	FILED BY ()
	MONTH.	DAY.	YEAR.						
433	May	28	1886	Edith DeGroff	Female	White	1	Shelby	
for the Year ending December 31st, A. D. 1886. 127									
PARENTS.									
FULL NAME OF EACH.		RESIDENCE.		BIRTHPLACE OF EACH.		OCCUPATION OF FATHER.		DATE OF RECORD.	
Henry DeGroff		Shelby		Michigan		Farmer		June 24 1887	
Edith DeGroff				Michigan					

Edith DeGroff's birth record, May 28, 1886
Shelby Township, Macomb County, Michigan

6-1900	Confirmation Class May 9 - 1900
	Frank K. Pettis Lang

Frank is listed in the confirmation class at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Burnside.

25 To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:									
Return of Marriages in the County of <u>Oakland</u>									
Record Number.	Date of Marriage.			Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride, and Maiden Name of Bride if a Widow.	Age of Each in Years.	Where Married.	Residence of Each.	Occupation of Each.	Name of Father of Each.
	Month.	Day.	Year.						
232	Sept.	1	1909	Frank Lang & Edith Crissman	24 & 23	✓	Pontiac	Ruth French Farmer. Macomb. At Home	Frank Lang Henry DeGroff
for the Quarter Ending <u>Sept. 30</u> A. D. 1909									
Maiden Name of Mother of Each.	Type of Marriage.	Date of Marriage.			Place of Marriage.	Name and Official Station of Person by Whom Married.	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE.		
		Month.	Day.	Year.			Name.	Residence.	
Mary Greaser Alice Wright	No Once				New Haven	A. J. Holmes Minister	Alice Greaser Mrs. A. J. Holmes	New Haven	

Frank and Edith's Marriage Record ~ September 2, 1909, New Haven, Michigan
Note: Edith's last name is listed as Crissman since she had a previous marriage.

REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER	2143	ORDER NUMBER	450
1 Frank Lang			
2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: North Branch Lapeer Mich			
3 Age in Years 33 4 Date of Birth Jan 24 1885			
RACE			
White	Negro	Oriental	Indian
5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	7	8
U. S. CITIZEN		ALIEN	
Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority	Declarant
10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	12	13
14			
15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?			
PRESENT OCCUPATION		EMPLOYER'S NAME	
16 Farmer		17 Himself	
18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: North Branch Lapeer Mich			
19 Mrs Edith Lang (Wife)			
20 North Branch Lapeer Mich			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE			
P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Rev. 1918)			

U. S. Military
Draft Registration Cards

Left is the World War I
Draft Registration Card 1918

Below is the World War II
Draft Registration Card 1942

REGISTRAR'S REPORT C 21-23

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT					
HEIGHT			BUILD		
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout
21	22 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23	24	25	26
27 Blue & Brown					
28 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified (Specify.)					
29 No					
30 I certify that my answers are true; that I had read to him his own answers; that and that all of his answers of which I have read to him are true.					
Date of Registration Sept 12, 1918					
Local Board for the County of Lapeer State of Michigan Lapeer, Mich. (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)					

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 22, 1897 and on or before February 16, 1907)

SERIAL NUMBER	710	ORDER NUMBER	
1 NAME (Print) FRANK LANG			
2 PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 442 Monroest Lapeer Mich			
3 PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION, LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL			
4 MAILING ADDRESS			
5 AGE IN YEARS 37			
6 DATE OF BIRTH Jan 24 1885			
7 PLACE OF BIRTH Lapeer Co Mich			
8 NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Frank Lang			
9 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Lapeer Co Road Commission			
10 COUNTY AND STATE Lapeer Mich			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE			
D. R. R. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)			

Frank & Edith and Family...



Left ~ Nella with her husband, Clarence
Right ~ Howard with his wife, Arlene

FRANK LANG

Services for Frank J. Lang, 88, of 130 Howard St, Lapeer, were held Saturday at Muir Bros Funeral Home, Lapeer. Mr Lang died Thursday, March 29. He was born in North Branch Twp Jan 24, 1885, the son of Frank and Mary Lang. On Sept. 2, 1909, he was married to Edith DeGroff.

Mr Lang was a retired employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission and a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Surviving are his wife, Edith; a daughter, Nella McMullen of Mayville; a son, Howard Lang of Imlay City; 2 brothers, John of North Branch and Ben of Garden City; a sister, Mrs Tina Brinker of Warren; 5 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

The Rev Fr Charles Goentges conducted the services. Burial was in Mt Loretto Cemetery. †

Published in the *Lapeer County Press*

April 4, 1973

EDITH LANG

Mrs Frank (Edith A.) Lang, 88, formerly of 130 Howard St., Lapeer, died March 1 at the Fisher Convalescent Home after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday from the Muir Bros Funeral Home, Lapeer, with Rev Fr Charles Goeniges officiating. Burial was in Mt Loretto Cemetery. Rosary devotions were recited Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs Lang was born May 19, 1886, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry DeGross. She married Frank Lang Sept 2, 1909, in Macomb County, and he died March 29, 1973. She was a member of the Church of Immaculate Conception.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs Clarence (Nella) McMullin of Mayville, and one son, Howard of Inlay City; 5 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Published in the *Lapeer County Press*

March 5, 1975



Frank and Edith (DeGroff) Lang were laid to rest in
Mount Loretto Cemetery, Lapeer, Michigan.

Sources for Frank Lang –

- Confirmation Record from St. Mary's Catholic Church, Burnside, Michigan
- Lang Family Research and remembrances by Lois (McMullen) Kallgren
- Lang Family Research and remembrances by Pat (Lang) Brown
- Michigan, Births and Christenings Index, 1867-1911
- Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952
- Michigan, County Marriages, 1822-1940
- Michigan, Death Index, 1971-1996
- Lapeer County Press, April 4, 1973 and March 5, 1975
- <http://www.aboutcatholics.com/beliefs/catholic-confirmation-explained/>
- U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
- U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942
- U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014
- U.S. Federal Census – 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940

Photo Credits -

- Photos of young Frank and Edith and family from Pat (Lang) Brown
- Photos of older Frank and Edith from Lois Killgren
- Mt. Loretto Cemetery Photos by Louise (Bruman) Dice

Clementine “Tina” (Lange) Brinker (1888-1981)
daughter of Frank and Marie Elizabeth “Mary” (Grobbel) Lange
married John Brinker (1888-1952)
Sister to Mary (Lange) Knoche

March 8, 1888 was a joyous day in the Lange household. Baby Clementine was welcomed into the world by her parents, Frank and Mary and her siblings, Louise, Elizabeth, Frank Jr. and Mary. However, the joy turned to sadness when



Clementine’s mother passed away just one week after her birth. Surely, Clementine’s nearby aunts, Elizabeth (Grobbel) Schlaud and Catherine (Grobbel) Snoblen, stepped in and helped with the child care while Clementine’s father tended to his farm.

Clementine On Sunday, July 8th, four-month old Clementine was baptized. The record at St. Mary’s Catholic Church states her godparents were Christian Schmitt and Bernard Grobbel, although they were not present, but rather represented by Henry Jasper. Bernard is Clementine’s uncle and Christian Schmitt, though not a direct line relative, was known to the Grobbel family in Center Line. Also, Christian’s son, Jacob Smith and his wife Clementine Robinet, owned the farm across the road from the Lange homestead in Five Lakes.

Clementine would have no memory of this event, but sometime in the year following her birth, Clementine’s father surprised the family with a new wife, named Agnes. He left Aunt Elizabeth in charge of the children and traveled to Detroit to seek help from a priest. He was in a desperate need of a wife and mother for his five children. The priest knew a young single lady named Agnes Sieke. Three weeks later Frank and Agnes were married.

Agnes was the only mother that Clementine knew. Clementine surely felt the love and security that was offered by her through the care she provided for her and her siblings. Clementine also saw the family grow in size as siblings, Susan, Alma, Henry, Catherine, Bernard, Lawrence, John and Herman, arrived over the years.

In 1900, Clementine was attending Five Lakes School with four of her siblings. Most likely her Schlaud and Snoblen cousins were also in attendance. It was about a one mile walk to the one-room school house located in the heart of Five Lakes. It is not known if Clementine finished the 8th grade. The question, “Highest Grade

Completed,” is asked on the 1940 U.S. Federal Census. Unfortunately, a census for that year was not found for Clementine.

As a young adult, Clementine moved to Detroit to work as domestic help. This was a move her older sisters, Elizabeth and Mary, did, as well. In 1908, Clementine was living at 375 Hunt Street and in 1910 her address is 1010 Joseph Compau. These residences are in the same area of Detroit where the Lange family settled when they arrived from Germany.

While living in Detroit, Clementine met John Brinker who eventually became her husband. Although there is no specific story about how they met, there is a bit of evidence that John lived close to Clementine’s sister, Mary, on Bellevue Street. In 1909, John was living at 283 Bellevue and Mary’s address was 222 on the same street. There is also the possibility Clementine and John, both of the Catholic faith, met at either St. Joseph Catholic Church or Old St. Mary’s Church on Monroe Street in what is now Greektown in Detroit. Both of these churches, not far from one another, were located in communities settled by German immigrants.

Like Clementine’s ancestors, John’s family also hailed from Germany. His grandfather George Henry Brinker immigrated to the United States with his family in 1836 when he was six years old. By the time of his passing in 1920, he left such a large family of Brinkers, that a news article headlined his legacy — “Dies at 91, Has 102 Survivors...G.H. Brinker, Oldest Warren Resident Was Father of 25; 18 Living.”

John’s father, Amadaus, was the son of George and his second wife Julia Trombley. He married Mary Elliott and together they had eight children with John’s birth on June 17, 1888 in Detroit. John grew up in Warren Township, Macomb County, a place where many of his Brinker relatives lived. In 1900, John was attending school and a few years later, he was working in Detroit as a machine operator in a business that made lozenges such as candies.

On October 25, 1910, Clementine and John exchanged wedding vows at Old St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Father Joseph Wuerst performed the ceremony. Clementine’s sister, Susan, and John’s brother, Charles, were the witnesses. After their marriage, Clementine and John lived at 715 Champlain Street and by 1917

they were living in Warren. John worked at various jobs, as farmer, a laborer in the well drilling industry and he was also known to be an excellent carpenter.

Over the years, Clementine and John welcomed five children into their family. First born was Walter, followed by Harold “Bud,” Veronica, Roy and Ralph. The family lived in the Warren / Center Line area. All the children attended school and the family attended St. Clement Catholic Church.

Clementine worked tirelessly at raising her children and being a devout Catholic, she dedicated many hours of volunteer time at the church. According to her granddaughter, Bonnie, “Clementine was an amazing cook. She could take the smallest amount of food and make a feast out of it.” She could also bake anything, a trait that seems to run in the Lange family.

As the 1940s approached, there were feelings of discontent around the world. Initially, the United States tried to remain neutral from foreign conflict as she strived to recover from the Great Depression. However, the bombing of Pearl Harbor thrust the United States into a war that personally impacted families nationwide. John and Clementine saw two of their sons, Bud and Roy, enter the service. At that time, those who were drafted were in for the duration of the war.

Most of what we know about Roy’s service comes from letters written by Clementine’s nephew, Henry Knoche. Henry, who was stationed in Europe, writes that he hoped to see Roy one day since he was stationed in Europe, as well. As with the Knoche relatives, Clementine surely had contact with Roy that included the exchange of letters and sending care packages.

Bud’s time in the service was very different from Roy’s. It was almost one year after he entered the army that Bud was taken prisoner by the Japanese army on the Island of Java. He was a member of the 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery, 36th Infantry Division. Days after the Japanese sank the U.S.S. Houston in the Java Sea, Bud’s Battalion was captured. They became known as the “Lost Battalion” since their whereabouts was unknown. However, by the end of 1943, the U. S. War Department began to release names of soldiers who were confirmed to be Japanese prisoners of war. Bud’s name was among those listed. This may be the first time since that fateful battle on March 8, 1942, that Clementine received word that her son was alive.

Bud told his daughter, Bonnie, that he was forced at gun point to fill out a post card and check a box indicating “I am well.” This may well be a piece of correspondence Clementine received after his capture. However, this small note of encouragement certainly could not alleviate all the worry and anxiety Clementine must have experienced during Bud’s time of captivity.

The war ended in 1945. It was October before Bud made his way home to see his family. Granddaughter, Bonnie, describes the homecoming –

“On the day he was to arrive home, grandma waited out in front of the house. When she saw him walking down her street she took off running. She fell once because she was running so hard and was crying the entire way. She threw her arms around dad and wouldn’t let go for the longest time.”

For Clementine and John, their family and especially Bud, the long nightmare was over. It was a joyous celebration. That night it rained hard, but that did not stop family and friends from stopping by to welcome Bud home. The house was filled with a steady stream of well-wishers . . . coming in the front door and going out the back.

Over the years, Clementine and John saw their children marry and prosper; Walter was a carpenter, like his father, Bud was a part owner in a plumbing and heating supply store, and Roy and Ralph were plumbers. Ralph also served in the Army from 1951 to 1953. Veronica continued to live in the Warren area while Roy and Ralph eventually moved to Texas. One by one, grand children and great-grandchildren were welcomed into the family.

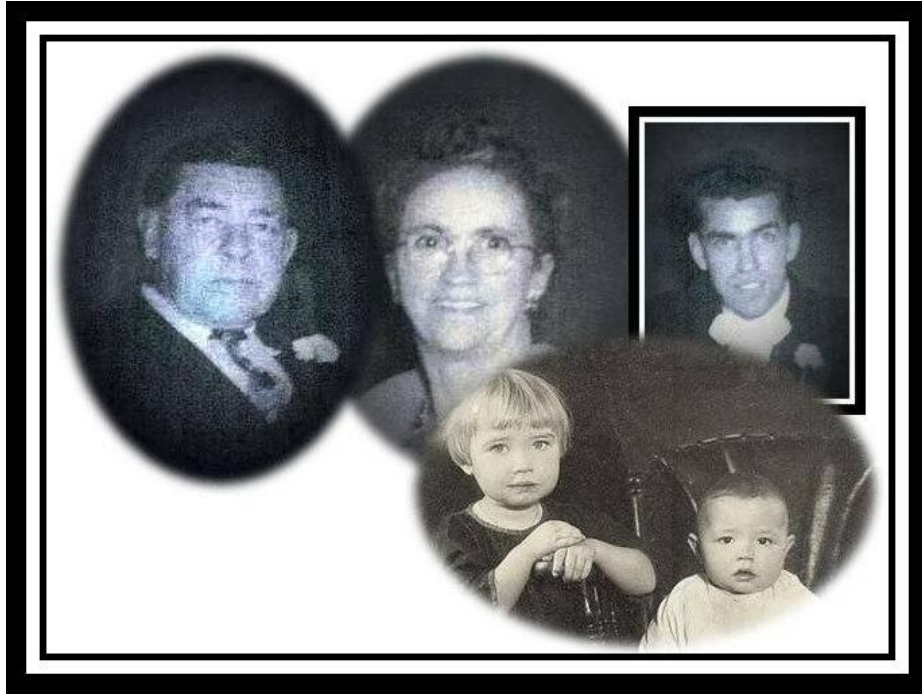
On November 23, 1952, John passed away. Clementine was left with a large five bedroom home which eventually became a good source for income for her since she rented to borders to make ends meet.

For the next 28 years, Clementine enjoyed her family and friends and remained dedicated to her Catholic faith. She continued to volunteer her time at St. Anne’s Church. According her granddaughter, Bonnie, “Gramma Brinker, was a wonderful person. She was quiet, thoughtful, loving and good natured. She had the

cutest little laugh when something struck her funny.” Clementine’s dedication to her family and her courage during the wartime years is to be admired.

Clementine died on January 21, 1981 at the age of 92 years. She and John were laid to rest in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan.

The Brinker Family



John and Clementine with Bud, Veronica and baby Roy
Not pictured are Walter and Ralph

*John Brinker (1888-1952) & Clementine Lange (1888-1981)
were married October 25, 1910 in Detroit, Michigan*

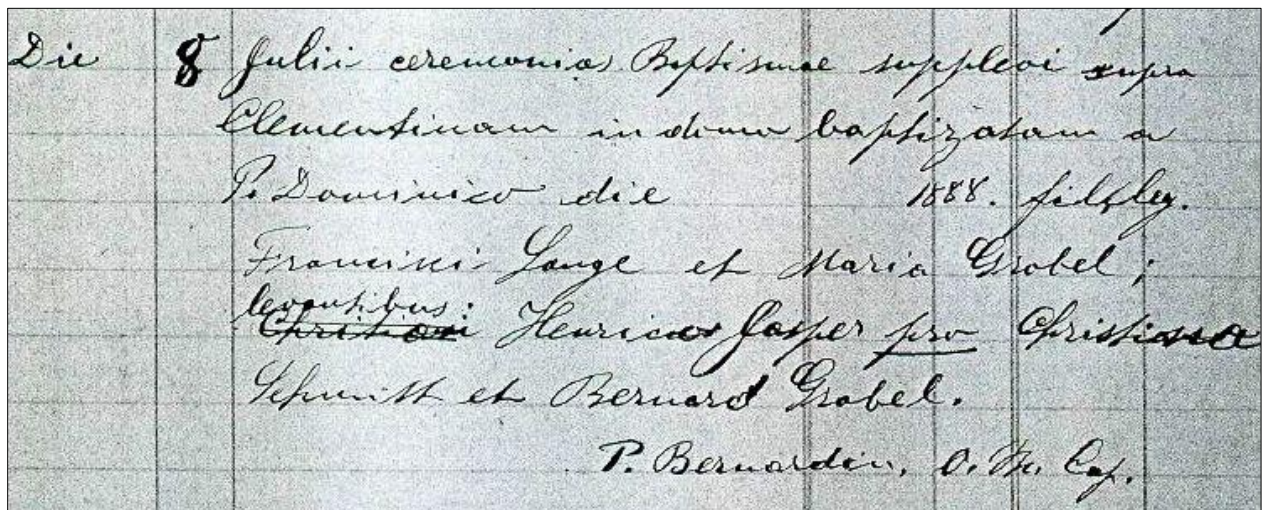
The Brinker Children

*Walter (1912-1999) married Gertrude Schrotzberger (1915-1999)
Harold “Bud” (1916-2005) married Iola Rowoldt (1920-2010)
Veronica (1921-2014) married Edwin Boettcher (1920-1989)
Roy (1923-1999) married Alice Waterman (1929-2004)
Ralph (1929-2013) married (1st) Helen Melina (1930-1990)
and (2nd) Teresa Trotter (1944-2014)*

Baptism Record . . .

*Baptismal Record
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Burnside, Michigan
On the 8th day of July,
I performed/completed the ceremony[ies] of baptism
for/over/about Clementine in the house baptized
by P. Dominicus. On the day [of birth] ... 1888.
Legitimate daughter of Frank Lange and Mary Grobel.
Godparents: Henry Jasper on behalf of
Christian Schmitt and Bernard Grobbel.
P. Bernardin, O.M. Cap.*

A translation of the Latin church record. Based on the wording of the written record, it is uncertain as to who actually performed the baptism, P. Dominicus or P. Bernardin, both who served at St. Mary's Church, Burnside. "In the house" could mean "in the parents' house", but it could also mean "in the parish house or church." This phrase is not usually used in baptism records, but maybe it is used here because this is one of the very first baptisms in the newly started parish at St. Mary's. Since about 1865 St. Mary's had been a mission church serviced by the church in Lapeer. Translation and information provided by James R. Linck.



Die 8^{ta} Julii ceremonie Baptismæ supplicat supra
Clementinam in domo baptizatum a
P. Dominico die 1888. Julij.
Francisci Lange et Maria Grobel;
legantibus: Henrico Jasper pro Christiano
Schmitt et Bernardo Grobel.
P. Bernardin, O.M. Cap.

Working in Detroit . . .

Lange Chas J, polisher, h 68 Brandon av.
 " Clara, clk Mich State Tel Co, bds 1262
 Fort w.
 " Clementine, dom 375 Hunt.

1908

Brinker Anthony, motorman, h 568 Milwaukee av w.
 " B Thos, stmstr, h 508 Chene.
 " Clarence, litho, bds 508 Chene.
 " Frank, carp, bds 392 Division.
 " Fredk C, asst baggageman Detroit &
 Cleveland Navigation Co, bds 517 McClellan av.
 " Geo, mover, h 1125 Theodore.
 " Harrison A, plumber, bds 651 Clark av.
 " Helen M, dom 25 Rowena.
 " Henry, appr, bds 568 Milwaukee av w.
 " Herman, lab, h 639 Russell.
 " Herman F, motorman, h 517 McClellan av
 " John, lab, bds 283 Bellevue av.

1909

Lange, see also Laing, Lang and Long.
 " Adolph, printer, bds 25 Hartford av.
 " Albert C, bkpr Wolverine News Co, h 729
 Erskine.
 " Ambrose, lab, bds 1135 Chene.
 " Anthony, fireman, h 280 Brady.
 " Anthony H, student, bds 321 E Grand blvd.
 " Anton, carp, h 321 E Grand blvd.
 " Arthur H, clk, bds 336 Lincoln av.
 " August, mach, h 501 Morrell.
 " Boleslav, lab, bds 1135 Chene.
 " Chas, h 124 Frederick av.
 " Chas, beltmkr, h 190 Berlin.
 " Chas, condr, h 29 Park av.
 " Chas, mach, h 25 B.
 " Chas, tmstr, h 121 18th.
 " Chas E (aged 68), died Mar 17, 1910.
 " Chas F, police, h 531 W Grand blvd.
 " Chas J, plumber, h 68 Brandon av.
 " Clara, clk Mich State Tel Co, bds 25 Hartford av.
 " Clementine, dom 1010 Jos Campau av.

1910

Brinker Frank, clk Detroit Store Fixture Co, h
 501 Adelaide.
 " Frank J, blksmith, h 144 Moran.
 " Geo, tmstr, h 1125 Theodore.
 " Hy J, mach, bds 568 Milwaukee av w.
 " Jno, lozengemkr, h 715 Champlain.

1912

Excerpts from the Detroit City Directories

Marriage Records . . .

STATE OF MICHIGAN										
HUSBAND NUMBER	DATE OF LICENSE			FULL NAME OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE IF A WIDOW	AGE OF EACH IN YEARS	WHITE OR NEGRO	RESIDENCE OF EACH	BIRTHPLACE OF EACH	OCCUPATION OF EACH	NAME OF FATHER OF EACH
	Month	Day	Year							
74200	Oct.	22	1910	John Brinker	22	White	Detroit Mich	Wisconsin	Lozenge Maker	Amundson
				Clementine Lange	22	White	Detroit Mich	Wisconsin	Domestic	Frank

COUNTY OF WAYNE

MOTHER'S NAME OF MOTHER OF EACH	TIMES PRE- VIOUSLY MARRIED	DATE OF MARRIAGE			PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND OFFICIAL STATUS OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE	
		Month	Day	Year			NAME	RESIDENCE
Mary Elliott	no	Oct.	25	1910	Detroit Mich	Jos. West	Charles Brinker	Walter Mich
Mary Grobner	no					Priest	Lusie Long	Detroit Mich

The marriage license request was made on October 22nd with the marriage performed on October 25, 1910. The record shows John was working as a lozenge maker and Clementine was doing domestic work. Both were living in Detroit.

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St. D. M. D.

NUM.	PROCL.	DIES MATRIMONII.	NOMEN SPONSI LOCUS, PATRIA NATIVITATIS.	ACTAS.	PARENTES SPONSI	NOMEN SPONSAE LOCUS, PATRIA NATIVITATIS.
22	3	15. Oct.	Joannes Brinker Detroit	22	Amundus Brinker Marie Elliot	Clementine Long Detroit

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PARENTES SPONSAE	TESTES	DOMICILIUM TESTIUM.	MINISTER MATRIMONII.	OBSERVAND.
Lusie Long	Carolus Brinker	Walter, Mich.	Jos. West	Coy
Mary Grobner	Susanne Long	Detroit		

The Old St. Mary's Catholic Church record is written in Latin.
The church is located at 646 Monroe Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Form 1 1679 REGISTRATION CARD 444 No. 187

1 Name in full: John Brinker Age in yrs. 28

2 Home address: Warren, Mich. R.F.D. No. 1

3 Date of birth: June 17 1888

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural Born

5 Where were you born? Deport, Mich. U.S.A.

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Farming

8 By whom employed? Jacob Hobbey

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? Wife & Two Children

10 Married or single (which)? Married Race (specify which)? Caucasian

11 What military service have you had? Rank no; branch no; years no; Nation or State no

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? no

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

6 John Brinker (Signature of registrant)

U. S. Military Draft Registration Cards

Left is the World War I
Draft Registration Card 1917

Below is the World War II
Draft Registration Card 1942

A 21-2-5
REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? Medium Slender, medium, or stout (which)? Stout

2 Color of eyes? Blue Color of hair? Light Brown

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? no

I certify that my answers are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have witnessed his signature and that he has signed his name to the foregoing answers, except as follows:

Precinct Warren

City or County Warren

State Mich.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1917 and on or before February 16, 1937)

SERIAL NUMBER U 2729 1. NAME (Print) JOHN BRINKER ORDER NUMBER

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 25620 VAN DYKE CENTERLINE MICH. 3. MAILING ADDRESS SAME - Box 641 4. PLACE OF BIRTH WAYNE MICHIGAN

5. AGE IN YEARS 33 6. DATE OF BIRTH 6-17-1888

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ADVISE YOU OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ADDRESS EDWARD BRINKER 844 LILLIAN CENTERLINE, MICH.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS CARPENTER

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS John Brinker

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. R. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)

Prisoners Of War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—The war department today made public the names of 244 United States soldiers who are prisoners of war held by Japan. The following from Michigan were included:

Pvt. Arthur H. Bigger. Mrs. Elsie Bigger, mother, 3201 Holly avenue, Flint.

Pvt. Harold A. Brinker. Mrs. Clementine Brinker, mother, Warren.

Sgt. Victor A. Falk. Gustave Falk, father, Saginaw.

Wise County Lost Batallion Heard From

Reports from Wise County's Lost Batallion continues to come in this week to a number of parents, lifting the heavy burden to some extent, that has almost been too heavy to bear for the past two years.

Many of these parents have prayed night after night, that news from their sons would come by Christmas, 1943, and that prayer has been answered. M. W. Badger, Jr., son of

Published in the
Lansing State Journal

December 1, 1943

Through the eyes of other parents, this articles and the article on the next page provides a glimpse into what John and Clementine experienced while Bud was held captive.

Published in the
Wise County Messenger
Decatur, Texas.

Thursday
Dec 23, 1943
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Parents Hear From 3 Lost Battalion Men in Jap Prison

Three more members of the 131st field artillery, the Lost Battalion of Java, were heard from Saturday.

Mrs. M. M. Smelling, 1433 North Fifth, received a typewritten card from her son, Marvin M. Smelling Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Cook, 1526 North Sixth heard from their son, Robert G. Cook; and Mrs. Sadie Gilliam, 2702 Pine, received a message from her son, Sgt. Farris F. Gilliam.

All are prisoners of war in Kukuoka, camp two, Japan.

The first message from Smelling since a cablegram Feb. 15, 1942, the card said he was in good health, mentioned the names of his family and was signed by him.

The card from Cook, typed and signed by him, said he was feeling well, was in good spirits and working every day for pay. The last letter received from him was Jan. 23, 1942. His parents heard him over a shortwave broadcast in Feb. 1943.

Sergeant Gilliam said he was in excellent health, working and urged his mother not to lose faith that all would be well. He was last heard from over the February broadcast from Java.

Published in the
Abilene Reporter-News
Abilene, Texas

Saturday
October 30, 1943
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Postcards from Bud. . .

NOTHING is to be written on this side except the date of writing and the signature of the sender. Sentences not required should be crossed out by sender. IF ANYTHING ELSE IS ADDED, THE POST CARD WILL BE DESTROYED.

I am well. ~~(sick)~~ - ~~(serious)~~
~~I have been admitted into hospital as~~ (wounded) - (not serious)
 Am getting on well. Hope to return to duty soon.

(Letter, date
 I have received your (Telegram, date
 (Parcel of
 Letter follows at first opportunity.
 I have received no letter from you (for a long time
 (lately
 (Signature only) *Harold (Bud) Brinker*
 Date *DECEMBER 14 - 1941*



Information released from the Japanese War Camps was very controlled. Prisoners were held by gun point and forced to fill out the cards relaying a positive message.

Left is a photo of Bud after basic training.

IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY.

I am still in a P. O. W. Camp near Moulmein, Burma, There are 20,000 Prisoners, being Australian, Dutch, English, and American. There are several camps of 2/3000 prisoners who work at settled labour daily.

We are quartered in very plain huts. The climate is good. Our life is now easier with regard to food, medicine and clothes. The Japanese Commander sincerely endeavours to treat prisoners kindly.

Officers' salary is based on salary of Japanese Officers of the same rank and every prisoner who performs labour or duty is given daily wages from 25 cents (minimum) to 45 cents, according to rank and work.

Canteens are established where we can buy some extra foods and smokes. By courtesy of the Japanese Commander we conduct concerts in the camps, and a limited number go to a picture show about once per month.

HELLO FOLKS, FEELING FINE MY
REGARDS TO MY FRIENDS YOUR SON

PRIVATE HAROLD BRINKER
A.S.N. 36105684

DEAREST MOTHER

AM PRISONER OF WAR. AM IN
GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS.
HOPE ALL ARE WELL AT
HOME. LOVE AND KISSES

BUD

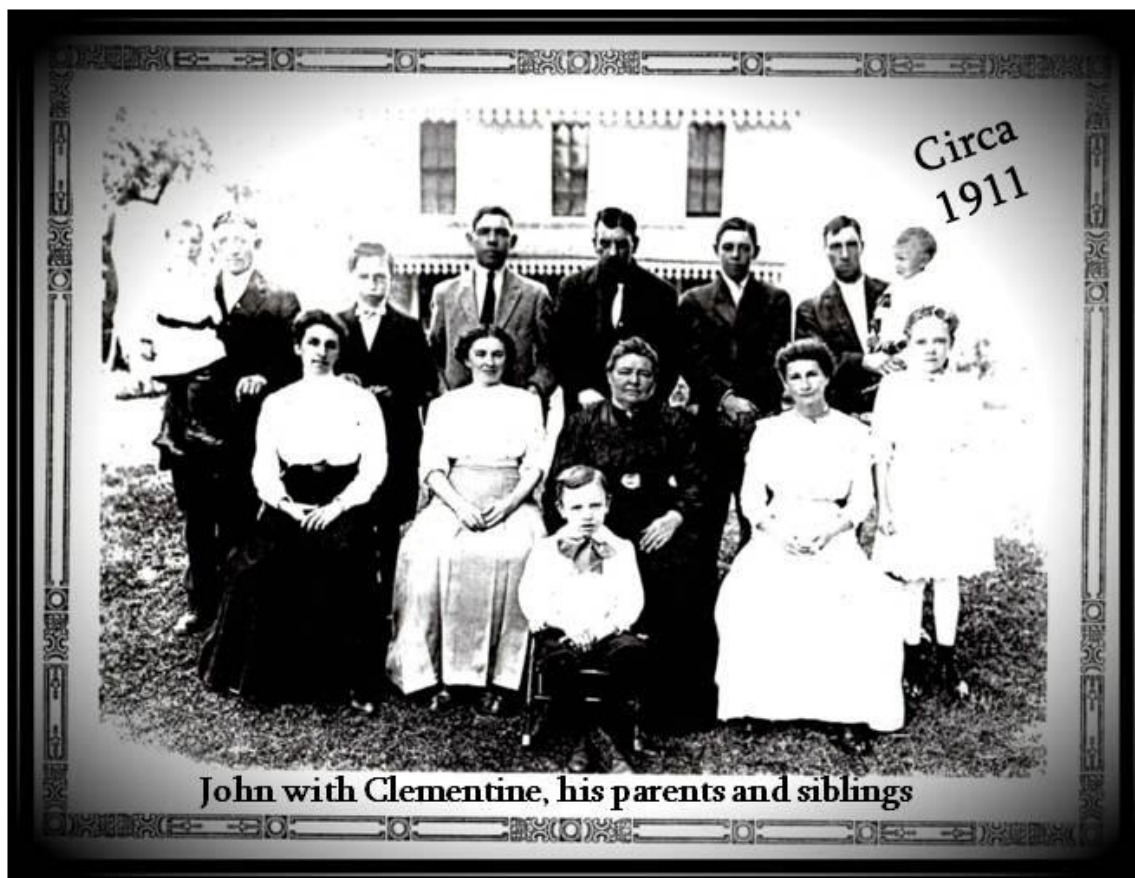


Clementine and Family. . .

Clementine as Maid of Honor
for her sister, Mary, when she
married Frank Knoche on
February 17, 1909. —→



Clementine with
her sister, Susan



Standing, Joseph, & baby, Arthur, John, Amadaus, Charles, Edward, & baby
and Mabel ~ Sitting, Mary, Clementine, Raymond, Mary, & Minnie



Daughter, Veronica with her husband, Edwin Boettcher on their wedding day. On their left is Edwin's sister Evelyn and her husband, Bill Ziehm. On the right is Betty (Medbery) Ohlert and Richard Lange



Veronica and Edwin



Clementine is the lady in the dark dress, cooking for an event in the basement of St. Anne's church.



Son, Harold, "Bud"

Prayer Cards . . .



Published in the
Macomb Daily
January 29, 1981



Clementine A. Brinker

WARREN — Clementine A. Brinker, 92, died Tuesday at the Father Murray Nursing Home, Center Line.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edwin (Veronica) Boettcher of Warren; sons, Walter of Attica, Harold (Budd) of Oscoda, and Roy and Ralph of Texas; brother, John Lange of North Branch; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Lyle Elliott Funeral Home, 31730 Mound, Warren, and 11 a.m. at St. Anne Church, Warren. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township. A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

†
Clementine A. Brinker
March 9, 1888
January 27, 1981

"LORD make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

— St. Francis of Assisi

Arrangements by
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John and Clementine (Lange) Brinker
were laid to rest in Resurrection Cemetery
Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan

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Susan “Sue” (Lange) Medbery (1890-1970)
daughter of Frank and Agnes (Sieke) Lange
married George Medbery (1890-1952)
Half-Sister to Mary (Lange) Knoche



Susan

Frank Lange and Agnes Sieke had been married about one year when their first daughter, Susan, was born on June 18, 1890. She was always called Sue by her family and friends. Her middle name appears to be Josephine, but that name is not on her birth or baptism records. Being a second marriage for Frank, the Lange household was already inhabited by several young children from his first marriage to Mary Grobbel, who died in 1888. Louise, Elizabeth, Frank Jr., Mary and Clementine were Sue's half-siblings. Their father's second marriage meant the beginning of a second family and Sue was the oldest of seven more siblings to arrive . . . Alma, Henry, Catherine, Bernard, Lawrence, John and Herman.

Sue was baptized on August 2nd at St. Mary's Catholic Church in North Branch Township. Her godparents were her Uncle Joseph and Susan Robinet. She attended the Five Lakes country school where, at the time, one year of high school was offered. Sue took advantage of that opportunity and studied one year beyond the usual 8th grade education.

While growing up in a large family and living on a farm, Sue most likely had her share of chores in helping with cleaning, laundry, cooking and other household chores. She used that knowledge acquired over the years to obtain employment as domestic help in Detroit. Several of Sue's sisters, accepted employment in the city and Sue followed, as well. In 1907, she was living at 75 Chestnut Street, an area where her father lived before he moved to Five Lakes. In 1910, Sue was living with her sister, Mary, and her husband, Frank Knoche, on Catherine Street. She was working as a stenographer for a plumbing supply company.

There is no known family story that tells how Sue met her husband to be, George Clark Medbery. All that is known is that both Sue and George were living in Detroit and they exchanged wedding vows in that city on June 19, 1911. After their marriage, Sue and George took up residency in Detroit until 1918.

It appears that George, as a teenager, moved to Detroit to seek employment in the lucrative automotive industry. George was born January 23, 1890 in Elkhorn, Wisconsin to parents Leander and Carrie (Eastman) Medbery. In the mid-1900s, George's father, who was a disabled Civil War Veteran, was in ill health and it was thought that a milder climate may be beneficial. George's parents, along with several of his siblings, made the move to South Carolina. All of George's siblings eventually left Wisconsin and scattered to various states.

Although the exact year that George moved to Detroit is not known, a news article states that he was working for E. R. Thomas-Detroit in 1907, at the age of 17 years. This company was making autos in Buffalo, New York. Over the next few years, George worked for several companies who were competing to sell their newly designed motor cars that would eventually replace horses on the roadways. By 1912, George was working for Hudson Motor Car Company. His responsibilities included being a test driver and the final mechanical inspector. He later became a state service representative for Bemb-Robinson Company, a Hudson Distributor. In this position, he visited cities through Michigan where he worked on difficult mechanical problems.

In 1918, the manager of the Sutton Sales Company in Saginaw offered George the position of superintendent in their service department. George accepted the offer and he and Sue moved about 100 miles north of Detroit and made Saginaw their new home. Also moving with them were the two new additions to their family, Ralph George, often called George, born in 1913 and Lucille born in 1915.

The move to Saginaw proved to be a wise choice for the Medbery family. George enjoyed steady employment with Sutton Sales for 27 years. Their family continued to grow, with the arrival of Betty in 1923 and James "Jim" in 1930. Initially, the Medbery family lived on Washington Avenue and around 1924 they moved to a home on Porter Street.

In 1944, George retired from Sutton Sales. He and Sue decided to move to Five Lakes, the small rural community where Sue was born and raised. They purchased the Five Lakes Grocery Store from Sue's niece and nephew, Frank and Margery (Knoche) Bruman. They made their new home in the house behind the store; the house that was once owned by Sue's sister, Mary and her husband.

The store kept Sue and George busy. In keeping with the traditional store hours, they most likely had it open seven days a week with shorter hours on Sunday to allow for attending church.

While making the move from Saginaw to Five Lakes, Sue and George also saw changes in their family. One by one, their children married and started their own family. That is all except Lucille, who remained single. Sue and George immensely enjoyed their new role as grandparents.

The late 1940s and early years of the 1950s were particularly difficult times for Sue and George. They learned their two sons, Ralph and Jim, were diagnosed with tuberculosis, usually called TB. The prognosis for this contagious lung disease was not promising. At that time, part of the treatment for TB was an impatient stay in a hospital or sanatorium, complete bed rest, a nutritious diet and plenty of fresh air. Jim was hospitalized just under a year and was able to recover from the disease. Ralph was hospitalized for one year, but never recovered. He died on August 29, 1951.

Ralph's death was not the end of the emotional distress Sue experienced during this time. Still grieving the loss of her first born son, she learned her beloved husband, George had colon cancer. Six months after Ralph's death, George died on February 10, 1952. Also, in 1952, Sue's little grandson passed away. He was Jim's infant son. Sue, being a very religious person, surely relied on her faith to help her through this difficult time of grief.

Shortly after George's death, Sue sold the Five Lakes Grocery Store and moved to Grand Rapids to live with Lucille. Neither Sue nor Lucille were licensed drivers, so they either walked, took a bus, train or taxi for their transportation. They lived three blocks from a Catholic Church so Sue was able to independently walk to church services. After her move to Grand Rapids, Sue accepted a position working for a local business. She was able to work out of her home doing such jobs as typing business letters.

At Christmas time, Sue visited her children, spending a week or two at Betty's home, then traveling to Jim's house. It was a memorable time for the grandchildren to have their "sweet" grandmother visit. When the holiday season

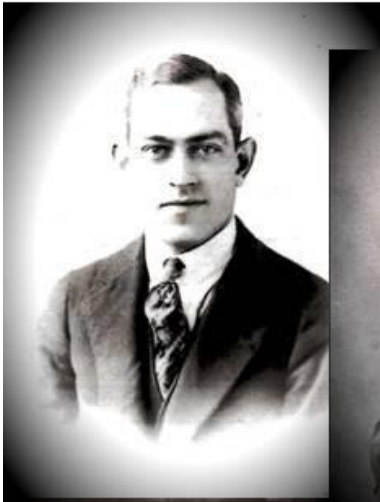
was over, Jim dropped Sue off at the train depot in Flint and she traveled back to Grand Rapids.

In the later years of Sue's life, her health began to decline. She moved to Sterling Heights and stayed with Betty and her family. After an extended illness, Sue passed away on July 17, 1970 at Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Sue was an exemplary role model for her family and the community. Her kind demeanor and responsible work ethic were always on display. Her religious convictions were a daily influence in her life. After her death, Sue received the full funeral rites from the Catholic Church. She was laid to rest next to George, her son, Ralph, and grandson, Jim, in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in North Branch, Michigan.

The Medbery Family

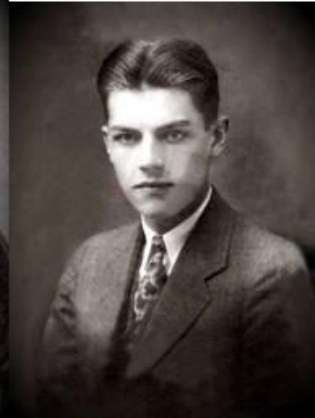
George



Sue



Ralph "George"



Betty

James "Jim"

Lucille

*George Clark Medbery (1890-1952) & Susan Lange (1890-1970)
were married June 19, 1911 in Detroit, Michigan*

The Medbery Children

*Ralph George (1913-1951) married Helen Opdyke (1916-2000)
Lucille (1915-1993) never married
Betty (1923-1989) married Lambert Ohlert (1921-2007)
James (1930-2007) married (1st) Billie Castle (1934-)
and (2nd) Alta Nowlin (1939-2005)*

Birth and Baptism Record . . .

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of the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:

Return of Births in the County of Lapeer

5 CHILD.

DATE OF BIRTH	SURNAME AND CHRISTIAN NAME, IF ONE BE GIVEN.	SEX OR STATUS	MARRIAGE RELATION Etc.	STILL-BORN, ILL-DRAWN, TWIN, ETC.	BIRTHPLACE
June 18	Susie Lange	F	"	"	"

for the Year Ending December 31, A. D. 1890.

PARENTS.

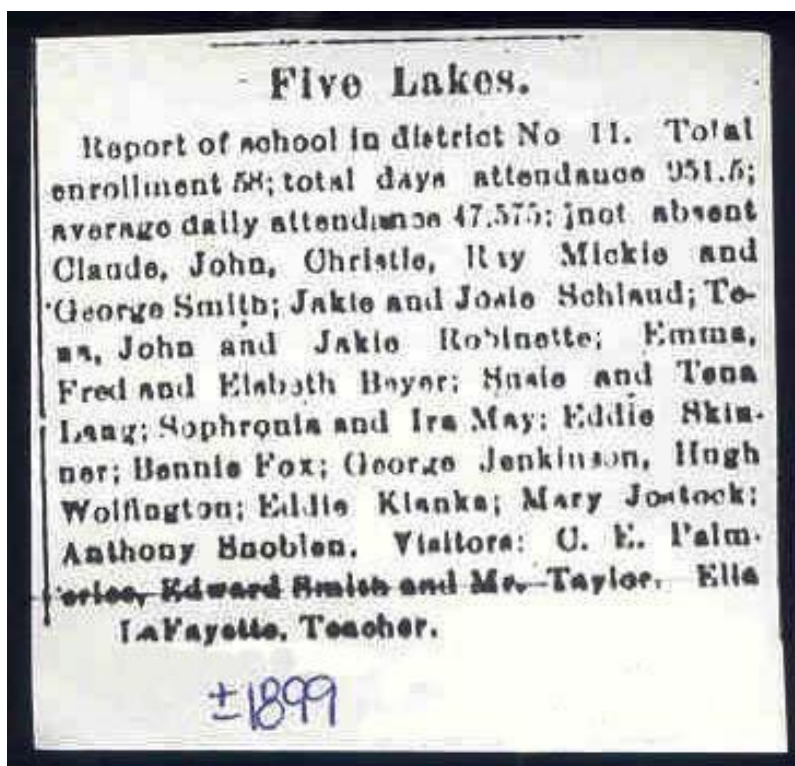
FULL NAME OF EACH	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE OF EACH	OCCUPATION OF FATHER	DATE OF RECORD
Frank Lange Agnes	"	Germany + Mich	"	"

Baptismal Record
St. Mary's Catholic Church
North Branch, Michigan
 On the 2nd day of August,
 I baptized Susan Catherine, the daughter of
 Frank Lange and Agnes [Sieke] born on June 19.
 Godparents: Joseph Lange and Susan Robinet.
P. Jos. Ebert
[1890]

Translation of the following baptism record . . .

Die 2 Augusti baptizavi Susannam Catherinam filiam Francisci Lange et Agnetis
 Regen [Sieke], natam die 19 Junii. Patrini: Joseph Lange et Susannae Robinet
 P. Jos. Ebert

School Days . . .



Sue and her sister, Clementine "Tina," had perfect attendance.

Marriage Record . . .

STATE OF MICHIGAN										
MARRIAGE NUMBER	DATE OF LICENSE			FULL NAME OF BRIDEGROOM AND MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE IF A WIDOW	AGE OF EACH IN YEARS	WEDDING PLACE	RESIDENCE OF EACH	BIRTHPLACE OF EACH	OCCUPATION OF EACH	NAME OF FATHER OF EACH
	Month	Day	Year							
78129	June	14	1911	George L. Needham	22	White	Detroit, Mich.	Wisconsin	Auto Work	Leander
78129				Emma Lange	20	White	Kingsville, Mich.	Mich. Jan.		Frank

COUNTY OF WAYNE									
MAIDEN NAME OF SISTER OF EACH	TAKEN PREVIOUSLY MARRIED	DATE OF MARRIAGE			PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND OFFICIAL STATUS OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE		
		Month	Day	Year			NAME	RESIDENCE	
Emma	no	Jun	12	1912	White, Mich.	H. J. Green	Eleanore Lateris	Detroit, Mich.	
Anna	no					Paster	Mary Verminlan	Detroit, Mich.	

The year of marriage (1912) is most likely an error. The license was obtained in 1911. All the other marriage records listed on this page in the record book have a marriage year of 1911. The witnesses were Eleanore Lateris and Mary Verminlan.

Working in Detroit . . .

Lange Maximilian A, furrier, h 177 Linwood.
 " Mildred, clk, bds 75 Macomb.
 " Rudolph, lab, h 121 Kanter av.
 " Rudolph J, roofer, h 11 Mohawk.
 " Susie, dom 76 Chestnut.

Mecorney Henry W, mach, h 25 Duncan av
 Medbery Geo C, autowkr, h 853 Lemay av
 Medborough Apartments, 125 Medbury av
 Medbury Annex, 985-7 John R

CHALMERS-DETROIT LEAGUE

STANDING.

	W	L	Pc.		W	L	Pc.
Testers...	18	9	.667	Assem'rs.	15	12	.556
Traffic....	17	10	.630	Sales.....	7	20	.259
Rep.Order	17	10	.630	Paint.....	7	20	.259

Last week's bowling in this league produced but little change in the standings of the various teams. The Testers, by losing two games to the Assemblers, are drawn down a little closer to the teams next to them and but one game separates them from the Traffic and Repair Order departments. The latter team, by taking two games from the Traffic, is now tied for second place. High scores for the week: Nicholson 222, Cornell 212.

The scores:

TESTERS.			ASSEMBLERS.		
1	2	3	1	2	3
Read....	139	138	114	Sbanahan	151 142 157
Goodwell	126	124	132	F. Roth.	153 168 158
Rector...	115	125	131	Miller....	136 155 174
Hardoin.	142	135	121	Medbery.	112 143 162
Cornell..	179	164	212	Carey....	133 154 124
Totals..	701	686	710	Totals..	685 762 785
TRAFFIC.			REPAIR ORDER.		
1	2	3	1	2	3
Rueger..	125	156	157	G. Roth..	175 121 179
Main.....	113	176	120	Bamford.	118 131 156
Gee.....	190	118	168	MacRae.	132 181 129
Moule....	136	173	174	Alfes.....	144 156 152
Sub.....	116	156	139	Sub.....	115 150 147
Totals..	675	779	759	Totals..	684 739 762
PAINT.			SALES.		
1	2	3	1	2	3
Kasper...	137	140	103	Jackson..	110 104 126
Smith....	170	173	149	Deering..	141 150 111
Marleau.	140	156	157	Rockey...	149 121 117
Nicholson	112	130	222	Ripley...	119 156 154
Lovelace.	93	145	107	Otten.....	142 131 196
Totals..	652	744	735	Totals..	661 682 674

Sue is doing domestic work
in 1907.

George is working in the
automotive industry in 1915.

In 1909,
George was a member
of the Assemblers Bowling
Team and played in the
Chalmers-Detroit League.

George initially worked for E.R. Thomas-Detroit, which merged with Chalmers-Detroit in 1908. He did mechanical work on cars like the one pictured in the New York ad. George eventually took a position with the Hudson Motor Company in Detroit.

The Chalmers-Detroit "Forty" is recognized as the STANDARD American "Forty"---ask any dealer in large cars.

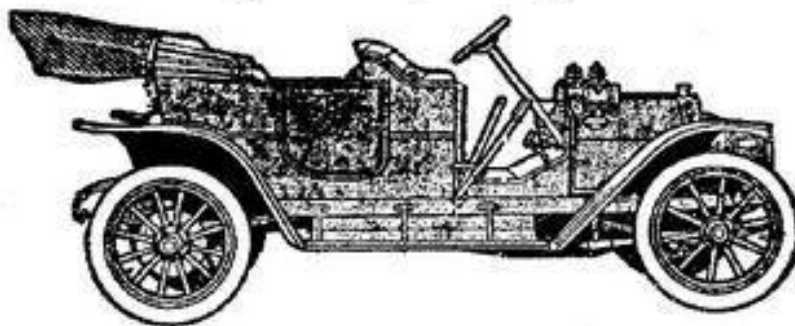
With YOU it is a case of either a Chalmers-Detroit "Forty," a five-passenger car selling at \$2,750, or a 50 or 60 H. P. seven-passenger car selling at \$4,200 and upwards.

Nearly a year ago we wrote to 250 "Forty" owners in this territory saying that we wanted them to come to us in case of trouble—that we wanted to make right anything that might be wrong. Not one of those owners has been in to us for repairs or replacements. Nothing was wrong—nothing is wrong to-day. Their cars are in constant use, are giving perfect service and perfect satisfaction. That is a marvelous record.

To-day there are over 600 Chalmers-Detroit owners in this territory. Over 85% of them drive their own cars and do not employ chauffeurs. Not one of those cars has given trouble—every one of them is giving perfect satisfaction.

The Chalmers-Detroit Forty for \$2,750 gives you the best that money can buy in a five passenger car and we stand behind the car that *you* buy from us, ready to see that it gives you perfect service and perfect satisfaction.

Carl H. Page & Co., B'way at 50th St.



Living in Saginaw . . .

Medbery **George C (Susan)** dept mgr
Sutton Sales Co h 813 S Washington
av

1922 Saginaw City Directory

Medbery **Geo C (Sue J)** service mgr
Sutton Sales Co h614 S Porter

1924 Saginaw City Directory

Medbery Betty L clk r612 N Porter
—**Geo C (Susan J)** service mgr Sutton Sls Co
h612 N Porter
—Lucille K clk Standard Oil Co r612 N Porter
—Ralph G (Helen M) inspr r803 Millard

1942 Saginaw City Directory

Medbery **Geo C (Susan J)** service mgr Sutton
Sls h612 N Porter
—Lucille K mach opr Standard Oil r612 N Por-
ter
—Ralph G (Helen M) firemn r803 Millard

1943 Saginaw City Directory



The Medbery Home on Porter Street

Form 1 **1130** REGISTRATION CARD **2532** No. **540**

1 Name in full **George C. Medbery** Age in yrs. **27**

2 Home address **853 Lmoy St. CLARK HEIGHTS Mich.**

3 Date of birth **Jan 23 1890**

4 Are you (1) a native-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? **Natural Born**

5 Where were you born? **Elkhorn Wis.**

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? **Automobile Service**

8 By whom employed? **Brum, Robinson Co.**
Where employed? **Detroit Mich.**

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 17, or a sister or brother under 17, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? **Wife & two children**

10 Married or single (which)? **Married** Race (specify which) **Caucasian**

11 What military service have you had? Rank _____; branch _____; years _____; Nation or State _____

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? **Wife & children**

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

George C. Medbery
(Signature or mark)

(If person is of African descent, stamp here)

U. S. Military Draft Registration Cards

Left is the World War I
Draft Registration Card 1917

Below is the World War II
Draft Registration Card 1942

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tall, medium or short (specify which)? **Tall** Slender, medium, or stout (which)? **Medium**

2 Color of eyes? **Gray** Color of hair? **Dark** Build? **etc.**

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?

I certify that my answers are true, that the answers are true, that I have witnessed his signature, and that my knowledge are true, except as follows:

Wichita

Precinct **2 Precinct of Wayne County**

City or County **Wayne**

State **Michigan**

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1897 and on or before February 15, 1937)

SERIAL NUMBER **U 1401** NAME (Print) **GEORGE CLARK MEDBERY** ORDER NUMBER

2 PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) **612 N PORTER ST** (Town, township, county, or city)

3 MARITAL STATUS **same** (Indicate whether or other than above indicated on line 2. If none listed, write none)

4 TELEPHONE **6794** DATE OF BIRTH **Jan 23 1890** PLACE OF BIRTH **Elkhorn Wisconsin**

5 NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO ALWAYS KNOWS YOUR ADDRESS **Lucille Medbery 612 N. Porter St. Saginaw Mich.**

6 EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS **Alex Lewinson 900 E. Kenesee St. Saginaw Mich.**

7 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS **Sutton Sales 900 E. Kenesee St. Saginaw Mich.**

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

George Clark Medbery
(Signature)

D. S. S. Form 1
(Revised 4-1-42)

George & Sue and Family...



Standing on the left are Betty and
her husband, Lambert,
Jim and Sue are in the back and
George and Lucille are
in the front.



Young
Susan



Sue with Ralph, 1913



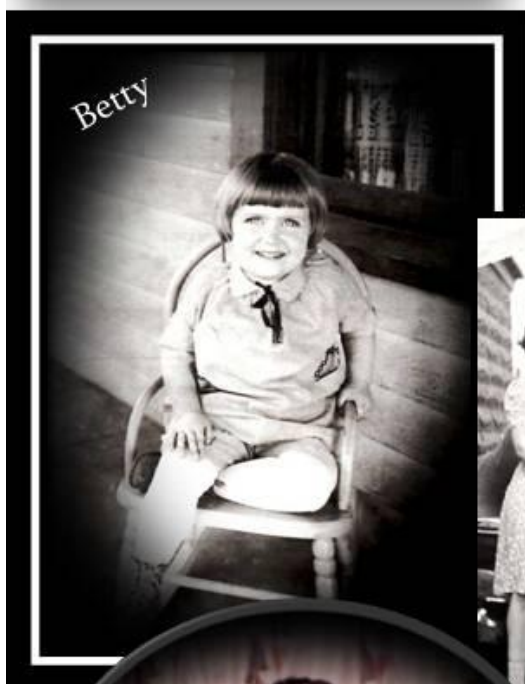
Ralph and his wife, Helen



Lucille



Lucille and Sue



Betty



Betty and her
husband,
Lambert



Jim and his wife
Alta, "Buzz"



Jim

Photos from Five Lakes...



The house was modernized with the addition of a kitchen on the east end of the house and a bathroom on the west side. An entrance covering the front door was built and the house was re-sided.

The Medbery's residence on Kings Mill Road in Five Lakes. The house was located behind the store.



Sue at the back entrance to the Five Lakes Grocery Store located at 2929 Kings Mill Road.

Sue with her sisters, Louise Jasper in the middle and Clementine Brinker on the right.



Sue with her brother-in-law, Frank Knoche, daughter, Betty and daughter-in-law, Helen in back.



George C. Medbery Succumbs at 62

George Clark Medbery, 62, Five Lakes, passed away at 9 o'clock Sunday morning in the Marlette hospital after a brief illness. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 9 a. m. at St. Paul's and St. Peter's church at North Branch, the Rev. Fr. Thomas A. Curran officiating.

Mr Medbery was born to Leander and Carrie E. Medbery at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, June 23, 1890. On Jan. 19, 1911, at Detroit, he was married to Susan J. Lange. For 27 years, until 1944, when he bought the grocery store at Five Lakes, he was employed by the Sutton Sales Company at Saginaw.

Surviving besides the widow are: two daughters, Lucille of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Lambert Ohler of Warren, Mich. One son, James Medbery of North Branch. Another son, Ralph George Medbery, died last August. He leaves one brother, Harold Medbery, of Charlotte, North Carolina, and one sister, Mrs. Estelle E. Mors of Berkley, California. Also, nine grandchildren.

Susan J. Medbery

STERLING HEIGHTS
SUSAN J. Medbery, 80, of Grand Rapids, died Friday at Ford Hospital in Detroit after a long illness.

Mrs. Medbery was born on June 19, 1890 in Northbranch, Mich.

She is survived by two daughters, Miss Lucille

Medbery of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Lambert Ohlert of Sterling Heights one son, James of Fostoria, Mich.; one sister, Mrs. John Brinker of Warren; three brothers, Frank Lange of Lapeer, Bernard of Garden City and John of Northbranch, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday at the Lyle Elliott Funeral Home, 31730 Mound, Warren, and 10 a.m. at St. Blase of Sterling Heights.

Burial will be in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Northbranch, Mich. A rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Published in the *Macomb Daily*, July 20, 1970

Prayer Cards . . .

**In Loving
Memory
of
George Clark
Medbery**



*In
Remembrance*

Gentlest Heart of Jesus
ever present in the
Blessed Sacrament: ever
consumed with burning love for the
poor captive souls in
Purgatory have mercy on the soul
of Thy departed servant.
Be not severe in Thy judgment
but let some drops of
Thy Precious Blood
fall upon the devouring flames,
and do
Thou O merciful Saviour
send Thy angels to conduct
Thy departed servant to a place
of refreshment;
light and peace. Amen.
May the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen.

George Clark Medbery

Born

Elkhorn, Wisconsin

January 23, 1890

Passed Away

Marlette, Michigan

February 10, 1952

Service From

St. Peter and Paul Church
9:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb 13

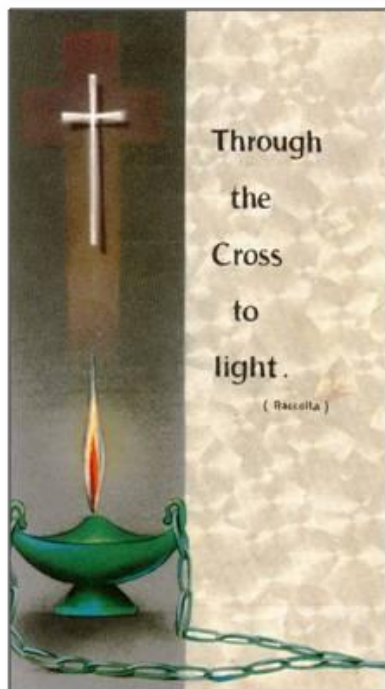
Final Resting Place

St. Peter and Paul Cemetery
North Branch, Michigan

Officiating

Rev. Thomas A. Curran

Blackburn's Funeral Home
NORTH BRANCH, MICHIGAN



Through
the
Cross
to
light.

(Racolta)

†
In Loving Memory of
SUSAN J. MEDBERY
Date of Birth
June 19, 1890
Date of Death
July 17, 1970

O gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present
in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed
with burning love for the poor captive
souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the
soul of Thy departed servant. Be not
severe in Thy judgment, but let some
drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon
the devouring flames, and do Thou, O
merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to con-
duct Thy departed servant to a place of
refreshment, light and peace. Amen.
May this soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God rest in peace. Amen.
Jesus meek and humble of heart make
my heart like unto Thine.
(300 days indulgence)

LYLE ELLIOTT FUNERAL HOME





George and Susan (Lange) Medbery
were laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery
North Branch, Michigan.

Sources for Susan (Lange) Medbery –

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Alma (Lange) Allen (1892-1936)
daughter of Frank and Agnes (Sieke) Lange
married Louis Allen (1887-1957)
Half-Sister to Mary (Lange) Knoche

In the middle of the winter season, Alma was born on January 12, 1892 on the Lange farm in Five Lakes. She was right in the center of the family line-up of thirteen children. Her older siblings were Louise, Elizabeth, Frank Jr., Mary, Clementine, and Susan. Alma's younger siblings were Henry, Catherine, Bernard, Lawrence, John and Herman. Six months after her birth, Alma traveled with her family to St. Mary's Catholic Church in North Branch Township where she received the sacrament of baptism on June 6. Her godparents were Bernard and Mary Stork.

Like her brothers and sisters, Alma attended Five Lakes School. It was about a one mile walk from the Lange farm. She also attended St. Mary's Church and was a member of the 1904 First Communion class. At home, Alma learned the basics of housekeeping and cooking, two skills that would serve her well when she reached young adulthood. By the time Alma was 18 years old, she was employed by Samuel and Dollie Cragg, who lived at 148 Rivard Street in Detroit. She was living and working as a servant in their home. Some of Alma's older sisters were also working in the Detroit area around this same time.

A few of Alma's sisters met and married their husband while living in Detroit. This was not the case for Alma. Though she was working in Detroit in April of 1910, by October 26th, Alma returned home and married long-time family friend, Louis Allen from Kings Mill. The wedding took place at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in North Branch with Alma's sister, Susan, as maid of honor and cousin, Gilbert Borio, as best man. Gilbert's mother, Louise (Allen) Borio and Louis's father, James, were siblings.

James Allen, along with his family, emigrated from Canada in 1862 and settled in the Ecorse area of Wayne County. For unknown reasons, James moved from Ecorse to Kings Mill sometime between 1870 and 1879. He married Pauline Flora "Polly" Revoir in 1879 and together they had three sons. Louis was the youngest

son who was born on January 8, 1887. He was seven years younger than his brother Alex and six years younger than James.

Louis's parents, being of the Catholic faith, attended St. Mary's Church, like the Lange family. It was there that Louis was baptized on September 11, 1887. He was a member of the 1900 First Communion and Confirmation classes. On the church records, his given name was Frank Louis Allen, but he always was known as Louis.

Louis and his brothers attended the one-room school house in Kings Mill. The school was about one-half mile from the Allen homestead. After completing the 8th grade, Louis worked on the family farm.

With Five Lakes and Kings Mill about three miles apart, the Allen and Lange families would have opportunities to meet. Alma's Uncle Joe, who was a blacksmith, worked both in Five Lakes and in Kings Mill. As some of the businesses in Five Lakes died out at the end of the logging era, Kings Mill was prospering. There was a grist mill, lumber mill, store, post office, telegraph station and a train depot. Most likely Alma and her sisters boarded the train at this depot and traveled to Detroit. The interaction between the Allen and Lange families in Kings Mill, along with both families attending St. Mary's Catholic Church certainly led to the courtship of Alma and Louis.

After the October 26th wedding in 1910, Louis and Alma moved to the Allen farm on Kings Mill Road. By 1920, the U. S. Federal Census shows Louis as a partner in farming, most likely with his father. The household is comprised of James and Polly Allen, Louis and Alma, and their three children, Pauline, Leo and Aileen. Over the next eight years, Elizabeth "Betty" and Edward were born. All the children attended the Kings Mill country school and most likely helped with the farm and household chores.

The decade of the 1920s was a busy time for Alma. As the wife of a farmer, she was busy with chores inside and outside the house and busy with her five children. Her life was very much like that of her mother. Louis continued with farming, but in the school year 1922-1923, he is listed as the teacher at Kings Mill School according to the book, *Country Schools Around North Branch*. This book also lists Louis as the School Board Treasurer from 1936-1939.

Alma saw the passing of two of her sisters who lived Five Lakes. First, Catherine died from the influenza in 1920. Later, Mary, who suffered from cancer, died in 1930.

Unfortunately, Alma suffered the same fate as Mary . . . a diagnosis of cancer. Alma went to the hospital in Ann Arbor for a left breast mastectomy; however, the cancer continued to spread throughout her body. She succumbed to death on September 6, 1936 at the young age of 44 years.

During this time, Louis, not only suffered the loss of Alma, but he also saw his mother's passing in 1935 and his father died just two months after losing Alma. At the time of Alma's death, Louis still had two young children to raise, Betty was eleven and Edward was eight years old. Pauline and Leo were married and Aileen married shortly after her mother's death.

Aileen and her new husband, Orville Ford, moved into the Allen farm house. According to Alma's granddaughter, Becky Allen Baize, Aileen took on the role as mother for Betty and Edward. Edward fondly remembers the love and care provided by her. It was a family support that lasted on into his adulthood while he was stationed in Korea during his military service. He never failed to remember his sister with letters, souvenirs and postcards.

Twenty-one years after Alma's death, Louis died on September 3, 1957. He and Alma lived their entire lives in the small communities of Kings Mill and Five Lakes, surrounded by family, friends and good neighbors. They both lived lives very similar to their parents, being farmers, dedicated to their family and faithful to their religious upbringing.

Alma and Louis were laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, a final resting place just a few miles from the Lange and Allen farms.

The Allen Family



Louis and Alma in the center with children,
starting left, Leo, Pauline, Aileen, Betty and Edward.

Louis Allen (1887-1957) & Alma Lange (1892-1936)
were married October 26, 1910 in North Branch, Lapeer County, Michigan

The Allen Children

Pauline (1912-2003) married Arthur Silkowski (1911-1995)
Leo (1913-1980) married Viola Cichoracki (1920-1972)
Aileen (1915-2012) married Orville Ford (1917-1966)
Margaret "Betty" (1925-1990) married Charles Williams (1918-2002)
Edward (1928-2001) married Norene Raymond (1934-)

Church Records . . .

Baptismal Record St. Mary's Catholic Church North Branch, Michigan

Frank Louis Allen
born on the 8th day in the month of January 1887
in Kings Mill was baptized on the
11th day of September 1887
in St. Mary Church, North Branch.
Parents: James Allen and Pauline Revoir.
Godparent: Frank Revoir
P. Dominicus O.M. Cap.

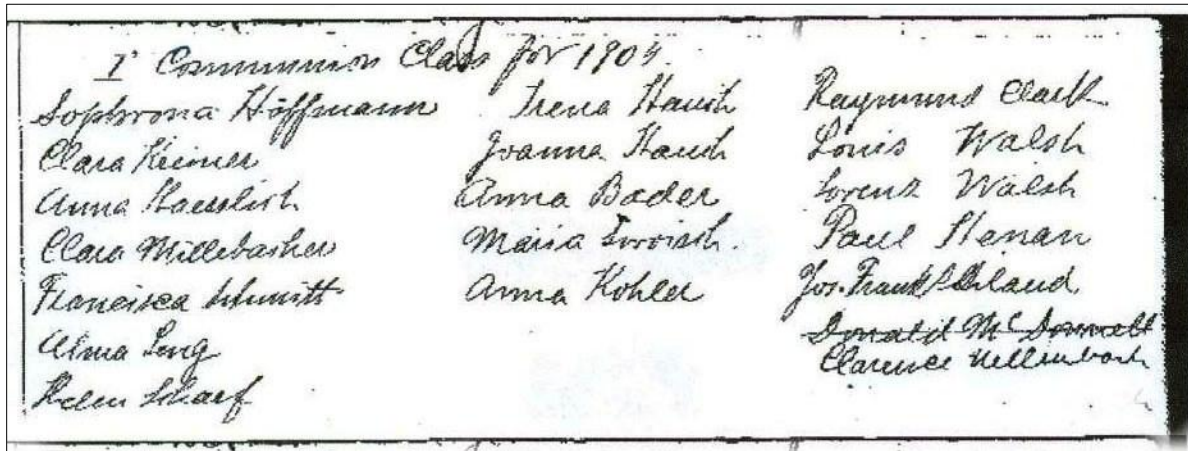
Baptismal Record St. Mary's Catholic Church North Branch, Michigan

Alma Mary
born on the 12th day in the month of January 1892
in Five Lakes was baptized on the
6th day in the month of June 1892
in St. Mary Church, North Branch.
Parents: Frank Lange and Agnes Sieke.
Godparents: Bernard Stork and Maria Stork
P. Jos. Ebert C.P.P.S.

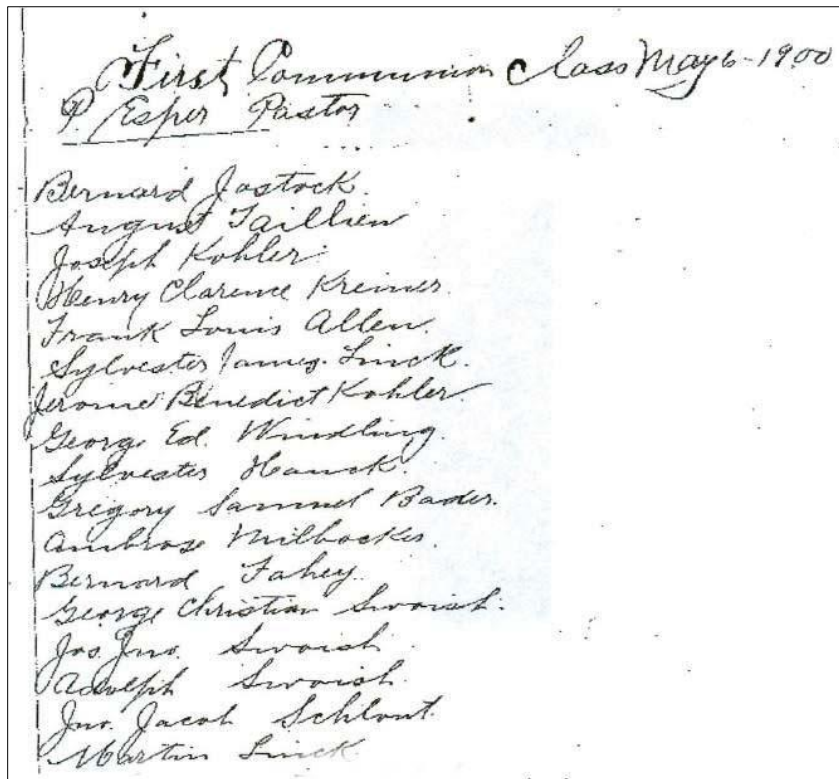
Franciscus Louis Allen	natus die 8. mens Jan. 1887 in Kings Mill baptizatus die 11. Sept. 1887 in eccia St. Mariae North Branch. Parentes: Jacob Allen & Pauline Revoir. Patini: Franciscus Revoir P. Dominicus O.M. Cap.
Maria Amanda	nata die 12. mens Jan. 1892 in Five Lakes baptizata die 6. mens Jun. 1892 in eccia St. Mariae North Branch. Parentes: Franciscus Lange & Agnes Sieke. Patini: Bernhard Stork & Maria Stork. Pro Jos. Ebert C.P.P.S.

The above are
translations
of the Latin
baptism records.

More Church Records . . .

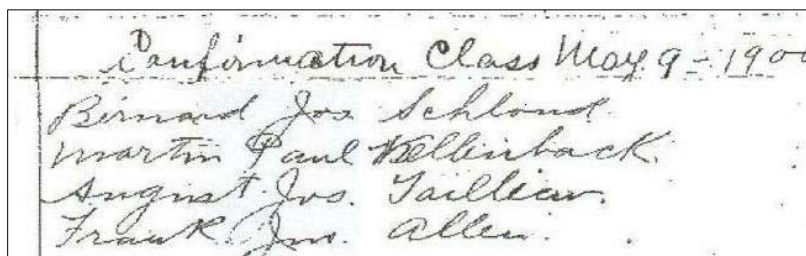


Alma is listed in the First Communion Class for 1904



Louis was a member of the 1900 First Communion and Confirmation classes at St. Mary's Church.

Louis chose Jno [St. John] for his confirmation name. In the Catholic tradition, confirmation candidates select a saint who would be a role model for spiritual living.



Wedding Day . . .



Louis and Alma were married at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
in North Branch.

Susan Lange and Gilbert Borio were witnesses.

Marriage Records . . .

Form 141-3-28-908

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To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:
Return of Marriages in the County of Isapeur

Record Number	Date of License			Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride, and Maiden Name of Bride if a Widow	Age of Each in Years	White, Black, Mexican, Etc.	Residence of Each	Birthplace of Each	Occupation of Each	Name of Father of Each
	Month	Day	Year							
800	Oct	7	1910	Frank L. Allen	23	W	Kings Mills	Kings Mills	Farmer	James Allen
				Alma McNamee	18	W	Kings Mills	Kings Mills	Housekeeper	Frank McNamee

for the Quarter Ending December 31st A. D. 1900

Maiden Name of Mother of Each	Times Previously Married	Date of Marriage			Place of Marriage	Name and Official Station of Person by Whom Married	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE	
		Month	Day	Year			Names	Residences
Betty Revin	No.	Oct	26	1910	North Branch	G. W. Witteman	Gilbert Borio	Wyandotte
Agnes Zilke	No.					Pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church	Susan Lange	North Branch

Louis and Alma's Civil Marriage Record.

The license date is October 7, 1910 with the marriage on October 26, 1910.

Married on October 26
1910. to Mary Aman-
da Langie ^{North Branch}
by Rev. George Witteman
by note of Nov. 4, 1910
Married on Octob. 26. an
1910 to Frank Louis Allen
at North Branch by
Rev George Witteman
Note of Nov. 4. 1910.
in St Peter and Paul Church
Witnesses were Gilbert Bo-
rio of Wyandotte and Sus-
Lange of North Branch.

St. Mary's Church Record ~

Next to the entry of Louis and Alma's baptism record is a written note about their marriage. Next to Louis' record, it reads "Marriage on October 26, 1910 to Mary Amanda Lang at North Branch by Rev George Witteman by note of Nov. 4, 1910."

Next to Alma's record, it reads, "Married on October 26 and 1910 to Frank Louis Allen at North Branch by Rev. George Witteman. Note of November 4, 1910 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Witnesses are Gilbert Borio of Wyandotte and Sus. Lange of North Branch.



The Allen Homestead . . .

After their marriage, Alma and

Louis moved into this farmhouse, owned by Louis's parents, James and Polly Allen.

All of Alma and Louis's children were born in this house. It is also the house where Alma passed away.



Kings Mill Village . . .

Alma and Louis lived about one-half mile from the small village that offered a store,

grist mill, a post office, telegraph station and train depot. Kings Mill is located on Lake Pleasant Road at the east end of Kings Mill Road. Picture Postcard circa

1914



Kings Mill School . . .

The Kings Mill School was built in the mid 1870s. This picture was taken in 1902.

Although, Louis was attending the school at this time, he is not in the picture. Louis and Alma's children and some of their grandchildren attended this school.

Form 1 **98 REGISTRATION CARD** 943 | No. 150

1 Name in full Frank Louis Allen Age, in yrs 30
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address Kings Mills, Mich
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth Jan 8 1887
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural born

5 Where were you born? Areadia Mich U.S.A.
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Farmer

8 By whom employed? my self
Where employed? Kings Mills

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? Wife & 3 children

10 Married or single (which)? Married Race (specify which) Caucasian

11 What military service have you had? Rank no branch no
years no Nation or State no

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? sole support of wife
I certify that I have verified above answers and that they are true.
Frank Louis Allen
(Signature or mark)

If person is alien, draw of card of this color

U. S. Military Draft Registration Cards

Left is the World War I
Draft Registration Card 1917

Below is the World War II
Draft Registration Card 1942

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1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? Medium Stature, medium, or stout (which)? Medium

2 Color of eyes? Brown Color of hair? Brown Bald? no

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? no

I certify that my answers are true, that the answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and knowledge are true, except as follows:

Precinct areadia
City or County areadia
State Michigan

Frank Allen
(Signature)

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U-242 1 NAME (Print) Frank Allen ORDER NUMBER Mich
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2 PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) North Branch 3 AGE IN YEARS 55 4 DATE OF BIRTH Jan 8 1887
(Town, township, village, or city) (Year, month, day) (Year)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

5 MAILING ADDRESS Same 6 PLACE OF BIRTH Lapeer Co. Michigan
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same) (Town or county) (State or territory)

7 NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Leo Allen North Branch, Mich
(Exchange) (Town)

8 EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Self 9 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS North Branch
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town)

10 I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.
Frank Allen
(Signature)

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over)

Over the Years . . .



Alma, Louis, Pauline with husband Art
and in front Ed and Betty



Pauline



Edward and Norene



Betty and Ed



Louis



Betty and Charles



Aileen Ford

Death Record...

1. PLACE OF DEATH		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		State Office No.	
County <u>Lapeer</u>		Division of Vital Statistics		44 4441	
Township <u>Arcadia</u>		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Register No. <u>11</u>	
City _____		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)			
2 FULL NAME <u>Alma Lange Allen</u>					
(a) Residence No. _____		St., Ward _____		(If non-resident give city or town and state)	
(Usual place of abode)		Length of residence in city or town where death occurred <u>44</u> yrs. <u>7</u> mos. <u>24</u> ds.		How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 Color or Race <u>white</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (WRITE) <u>Married</u>		21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>9-6-1936</u>	
6a If married, widowed or divorced		6b (or) WIFE of <u>Louis Allen</u>		22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Aug 2</u> 1936, to <u>Aug 25</u> 1936.	
6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) <u>Jan 12, 1892</u>		7 AGE Years <u>44</u> Months <u>7</u> Days <u>24</u>		I last saw h. & r. alive on <u>Aug 25</u> 1936. Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>2304</u> 9/6/36	
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, weaver, bookkeeper, etc.		9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.		The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:	
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)		11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation		Cancer of uterus	
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Lapeer County</u>		13. NAME <u>Frank Lange</u>		Primary to Cancer of St. Breast	
(State or country) <u>Mich</u>		14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Germany</u>		Other contributory causes of importance:	
15. MARRIAGE NAME <u>Agnes (Kubacki)</u>		16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Germany</u>		Cachexia	
(State or country)		17. INFORMANT <u>Louis Allen</u>		If operation, date of <u>May 1936</u> and	
18. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>North Branch, Mich</u>		19. UNDERTAKER <u>William J. Smith</u>		Condition for which performed <u>Cancer</u>	
(Address) <u>North Branch, Mich 13122</u>		20. FILED <u>Sept 11, 1936</u>		Organ or part affected <u>St. Breast</u>	
21. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Germany</u>		22. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Germany</u>		Was there laboratory test? <u>Antepoxy? No</u>	
(State or country)		23. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Germany</u>		Is case of violence state if accident, homicide or suicide <u>No</u>	
(State or country)		24. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Germany</u>		Where did injury occur? <u>None</u>	
(State or country)		25. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Germany</u>		(Specify city, county or state)	
(State or country)		26. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Germany</u>		In industry, home or public place? <u>No</u>	
(State or country)		27. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Germany</u>		Was disease or injury related to occupation or profession? <u>No</u>	
(State or country)		28. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Germany</u>		Signed <u>H. H. Haggard</u> M. D.	
(State or country)		29. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Germany</u>		Address <u>Mar. 1936</u>	

Alma died at her home in Kings Mill

Arcadia Township
Lapeer County, Michigan

September 6, 1936

Funeral Services Held for Mrs. Lewis Allen

After a long illness, Mrs. Lewis Allen died at her home west of Kings Mills at 8:20 a. m. Sunday last week, at the age of 44 years.

Funeral took place Wednesday forenoon at SS. Peter and Paul's Church at North Branch, conducted by the Rev. Fr. J. H. Koelzer. Interment was in SS. Peter and Paul's cemetery, south of the village.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis Allen, and three daughters and two sons, Mrs. Arthur Silkowski of Detroit, the Misses Aileen and Betty Allen and Leo and Edward, all at home, six brothers, Frank Lange of Lapeer, Lawrence Lange of Pontiac and John, Bernard and Herman, all of North Branch township; four sisters, Mrs. Albert Jasper of Lapeer, Mrs. Anthony Parsh and Mrs. John Brinker of Centerline and Mrs. George Medbury of Saginaw; her mother, Mrs. Frank Lange of Five Lakes. She also leaves one grandson.

Alma Lange was born at Five Lakes on January 12, 1892. In the fall of 1910 she became the bride of Lewis Allen and since her marriage had lived at the farm home where her death occurred.

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September 16, 1936

North Branch

Rites Held for Louis F. Allen

Service for Louis F. Allen, 70, was held at SS Peter and Paul's Church, North Branch Friday.

The Rev Edward Sobczak officiated and interment was in SS Peter and Paul's Cemetery, North Branch. He died Tuesday evening at his home at 4179 Kings Mill Road, Arcadia Township.

He leaves three daughters, and two sons.

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September 12, 1957





Louis and Alma (Lange) Allen
were laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery
North Branch, Michigan.

Sources for Alma (Lange) Allen —

- Becky (Allen) Baize provided family information
- Lapeer County Press, Lapeer, Michigan, September 16, 1936, page 8 for Alma Allen Obituary and September 12, 1957 page 27 for Louis Allen Obituary
- *Country Schools around North Branch* by Karen Collier Curell
- Michigan, County Marriages, 1822-1940 and 1867-1952 , Ancestry.com
- Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950
- *Pioneer Families and History of Lapeer County*, Michigan by J. Dee Ellis, compiler 1978, Kings Mill Information
- St. Mary Catholic Church, Burnside, Michigan, Church Records
- U.S. Federal Census, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, and 1940
- U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
- U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942
- U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

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Henry Lange (1894-1940)
son of Frank and Agnes (Sieke) Lange
Half-Brother to Mary (Lange) Knoche

Although we do not know the traditions of celebrating Valentine's Day in the Lange family, one special February 14th stands out. It was the year of 1894 when Henry was born. The Lange household was filled with young children who would certainly be excited at the arrival of a new baby. There was Louise, Elizabeth, Frank Jr., Mary, Clementine, Susan and Alma who would all find this Valentine's Day memorable. Following Henry's birth, several more Lange siblings were added to the family. . . Catherine, Bernard, Lawrence, John and Herman.

By the age of six, Henry is walking to school with his siblings Alma, Susan, Clementine and Mary. He finished the eighth grade at the neighborhood Five Lakes country school. Henry also attended religion classes at St. Mary's church and was a member of the 1906 First Communion class. After completing his schooling, Henry worked as a farmer, first on his father's farm and later in 1920, he and his brother, Bernard, are working independently as farmers.

In May 1917, the U.S. Congress passed the Selective Service Act and it was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson. With the passage of this law, Henry, at the age of 23, was required to register for the draft in order to expand the list of eligible men to serve in the army. Henry became one of 24 million men who registered, as required, during the years of 1917 and 1918. With the United States involved in the conflict that became known as World War I, 2.8 million men were drafted. There is no document that shows Henry was selected to serve during this time.

On February 28, 1919, Henry signed an affidavit which became part of the paperwork required for his father to become a U.S. citizen. Henry attested that his father had resided in the United States since January 1, 1914, that he is of good moral character, that he is attached to the principles of the U.S. Constitution, and that he is qualified (in his opinion) to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

Over the years, Henry saw the death of three of his sisters. Catherine passed away in 1920 of the influenza, Mary died in 1930 and Alma in 1936, both of cancer. The death of his father in 1927 most likely brought Henry back home to help

support his mother. In 1930, Henry is living with his mother and brother, Herman, and working on the Lange family farm.

About 1937, Henry moved to Zilwaukee, where he accepted employment at the Stork Cattle Ranch, owned and operated by Fred W. Stork. The 1940 U.S. Federal Census shows Henry living close by the Stork family. On October 16, 1940, Henry met his untimely death on the ranch when he was dragged beneath a binder by a runaway team. His sister, Susan, who lived close by in Saginaw provided the information on his death certificate.

Henry, who never married, lived close by his family his entire life. Even when he moved to Zilwaukee, his sister was not far away. He earned his living as a farmer, a trade he learned from his father at a very young age. Being a member of the Catholic faith, Henry received the full funeral rites at Saints Peter and Paul Church in North Branch, with burial in the church cemetery on October 19th.

Henry



1 Communion Class 1906 August 16.

Peter Irvio	Oliver Kremer
Ed Haub	Donald McDonnell
Henry Lenz	Leo Irvio
George Wilfred Kelpin	Clarence Kremer
Gregory Irvio	George Beiringer
William Irvio	Gusty Harp
Leo Pal Walsh	
Milt Robinet	
Margaret Kramlin	Rose Christ. Chalk
Lucy Bader	Olive Kremer
Barbara Smith	Susanna Beiringer
Anna Nolan	
Rev. John P. Keltner Pastor.	

The 1906 First Communion Class at St. Mary's Church
in North Branch Township.



On the left is Henry with his brothers, John, Herman and Bernard.

Form 1		1306 REGISTRATION CARD 724 No. 8	
1	Name in full <u>Henry Lange</u>	Age in yrs. <u>23</u>	
2	Home address <u>Kings Millch</u>	<u>Mich</u>	
3	Date of birth <u>July 14 1894</u>		
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Natural Born</u>		
5	Where were you born? <u>North Branch, Mich</u>		
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?		
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Farming</u>		
8	By whom employed? <u>Frank Lange</u>		
9	Where employed? <u>North Branch Twp. Mich</u>		
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>No</u>		
11	Married or single (which)? <u>Single</u> Race (specify which)? <u>Caucasian</u>		
12	What military service have you had? Rank <u>No</u> ; branch <u></u> ; years <u></u> ; Nation or State <u></u>		
13	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u></u>		
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
<u>Henry Lange</u> (Signature of registrant)			

REGISTRAR'S REPORT A 21-2-3	
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Tall</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Medium</u>
2	Color of eyes? <u>Blue</u> Color of hair? <u>Black</u> Bald? <u>No</u>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u></u>
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
<u>Adam Winger</u> (Signature of registrar)	
Precinct <u>North Branch</u>	
City or County <u>Lapeer</u>	
State <u>Mich</u>	
<u>June 5-1917</u> (Date of registration)	

World War I
Draft Registration Card 1917

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES.

State of Michigan
County of Lapeer

The aforesaid petitioner being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above-entitled proceedings; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the said petition is signed with his full, true name; that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Henry Lange occupation Druggist residing at Lapeer, Michigan
and Frank Lange occupation Farming residing at North Branch, Michigan
each being severally duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the 1st day of January anno Domini 1914, and in the State in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the 1st day of January anno Domini 1914; and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

James T. Vincent
(Signature of witness)

Henry Lange
(Signature of witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses this 25 day of February

[Seal.]

Henry attests to his father's character to become a U.S. Citizen.

FARM HAND KILLED

SAGINAW—(P)—Henry Lange, 46,
a farm hand, was killed Wednesday
in Zilwaukee township when he was
dragged beneath a binder for more
than a half mile by a runaway team.

Battle Creek Enquirer, Battle Creek, Michigan, October 17, 1940

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No.
If veteran, name war		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		73 7263
Bureau of Records and Statistics				Local File No.
Henry Lange				
PLACE OF DEATH:		USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:		
County	Saginaw	State	Michigan	County
Township	Zilwaukee	Township	Zilwaukee	
City or Village		City or Village		
Name of hospital	Carrollton Rd.	Street No.	Carrollton Road.	
Length of stay: In hospital		If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.?		
In this community	3 yrs.			
Sex	male	MEDICAL CERTIFICATION		
Color or Race	White	Date of death	10 - 16 -	19 40
Single, Married, or Divorced	Single	I hereby certify that I viewed the deceased from 19 OF to CORONER 19 . I last saw h alive on		
NAME OF HUSBAND or WIFE		19 . Death is said to have occurred on the		
Name		date stated above at 2:30 P. M.		
Age: Years	46	Immediate cause of death		
Months	8	Multiple Puncture of Lungs		
Days	2	with hemorrhage into		
If less than one day		left Pleural cavity		
hrs.		Crushed Chest		
min.		Other contributory causes of importance		
Birthplace	North Branch	Major findings and dates:		
Usual occupation	Farm Hand	Of operations		
Industry or business	Stark Farm	Of autopsy		
Father { Name	Frank Lange	Dr Oliver Loh.		
Birthplace	Germany	In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or suicide		
Mother { Maiden Name	Anna Sieke	FARM		
Birthplace	Germany	Date 10 - 16 - 19 40		
Informant	Miss Geo Medbury	Where did injury occur?		
Address	612 N. Porter St Saginaw	SAGINAW COUNTY		
(Circle the word which applies)		(Specify city, county, or state)		
Place	North Branch	FARM		
Cemetery	ST. PETER & PAULS	Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased?		
Date	10 - 19 - 19 40	YES		
Funeral director's signature	Richard F Engel	Signature Richard F Engel, Coroner		
Address	Saginaw Mich	Address Saginaw, County, Saginaw, Mich.		
Filed	Nov 2nd, 1940	Local Registrar		

Henry Lange died October 16, 1940 ~ Zilwaukee, Saginaw County, Michigan

Last Rites Held for Henry Lange, 46

Funeral rites were held at SS Peter and Paul's church at 10 a. m. Saturday, Oct 19, for the late Henry Lange, 46, former resident of North Branch township, who was killed by a runaway team at 4 p. m. the previous Wednesday, while working at his place of employment on a stork ranch near Saginaw. The Rev Lee Laige officiated at the services and burial was at SS Peter and Paul's cemetery south of this village.

Surviving him the his mother, Mrs Frank Lange, of North Branch township; five brothers, Frank of Lapeer, Bernard at home, Lawrence of Pontiac, John of North Branch township, and Herman at home; four sisters, Mrs Albert Jasper of Lapeer, Mrs Anthony Parsch and Mrs John Brinker of Centerline and Mrs George Medbury of Saginaw.

Mr Lange, who was unmarried, was born February 14, 1894, in North Branch township, where he had lived until the last three years, during which time he was employed on the stork ranch near Saginaw until his death occurred.

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October 23, 1940



Henry Lange
was laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery
North Branch, Michigan.

Sources for Henry Lange —

- Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950
- www.findagrave.com Find A Grave Memorial# 46247904 for Fred W. Stork Jr., owner of Stork Cattle Ranch
- Michigan State Archives, Naturalization Papers
- St. Mary's Catholic Church Records
- U.S. Federal Census, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940
- U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
- *Lapeer County Press*, Lapeer, Michigan, October 23, 1940
- *Battle Creek Enquirer*, Battle Creek, Michigan, October 17, 1940
- www.history.com/this-day-in-history/u-s-congress-passes-selective-service-act

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Catherine (Lange) Schlaud (1895-1920)
daughter of Frank and Agnes (Sieke) Lange
married Edward Schlaud (1894-1984)
Half-Sister to Mary (Lange) Knoche

On October 11, 1895, Frank and Agnes Lange welcomed a new daughter into their family. She was given the name Catherine, but was often called Kate according to records. The other Lange siblings also welcomed Catherine, who was the ninth child in the family. Her older siblings were Louise, Elizabeth, Frank Jr., Mary, Clementine, Susan, Alma, and Henry. Following Catherine's birth, four more siblings arrived, Bernard, Lawrence, John and Herman.

Two months after Catherine's birth, she was baptized by Father Koenig at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The exact date was December 15. Katherine Sieke and Joseph Lange were her godparents.

Catherine was never at a loss for playmates, with several siblings and her "step-cousins" living in the neighborhood. Catherine's step-mother, Mary Grobbel, who died in 1888, had two sisters living close by. . . Catherine Grobbel who married Bernard Snoblen and her sister, Elizabeth, married Jacob Schlaud. The Schlaud family lived on the farm adjacent to the Lange property. Like the Lange family, the Schlaud family raised several children, with one son named Edward. Little did Catherine know, as a youngster, that one day she and Edward would marry.

Both Catherine and Edward attended the neighborhood Five Lakes School and received an 8th graded education. Catherine was a member of the first communion class of 1908 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was also a member of the Scapular Confraternity which was the acceptance of wearing a "Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel" in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On October 20, 1915, Catherine and Edward exchanged marriage vows at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Father G.A. Witteman presided over the ceremony. Witnesses were Catherine's brother, Henry, and Edward's sister, Loretta. After the marriage, the couple resided at the Schlaud home where Edward continued working the farm along with his father, Jacob.

The 1920 U.S. Federal Census lists Edward and Catherine, along with two children, Dorothy born in 1916 and Ernie born in 1918. They are living with Edward's parents, Jacob and Elizabeth and his sister, Loretta. This census was conducted in the month of January. Had the census been conducted one month later, it would have shown a drastic change in the household members.

It was February 1920 and Catherine was expecting her third child. She contracted the dreaded influenza virus that had killed an estimated 50 million people worldwide. For two years, the world was plagued with a flu outbreak that took the lives of many young adults rather than the vulnerable children and older adults. The Lange and Schlaud families surely heard about the deaths of their Grobbel cousins, Frank and Mary Grobbel and their four children. They all died of influenza and pneumonia within days of each other in January 1919.

Unfortunately, Catherine became victim of the deadly virus, just as the final outbreak of the disease spread in the early months of 1920. Not only was Catherine's life at risk, but so was the life of her unborn child. According to Catherine's grandson, Leonard Bruman, the family story is that Catherine gave birth to a little preemie daughter on February 16th. She was so small that she fit in a bread pan. She was placed close to the wood stove to keep warm. It is not known if Catherine ever knew her new daughter, who was named Mary, was born. According to church records, on February 17th, the priest from Saints Peter and Paul Church came to the Schlaud home and baptized Mary. He surely prayed for Catherine's recovery and administered the sacrament of Extreme Unction, meaning last anointing. Tragically, Catherine passed away on Friday, February 20th at the young age of 24 years. On Monday morning, a private service was held at the Schlaud home with burial later that day.

Edward continued to live on the family farm. Most likely his mother helped with the care of his three children. In 1925, he married Marie Havers and together they had eight children. While continuing to farm, Edward was also a school board member from 1921-1928. He was on the board when the Five Lakes School burned to the ground in 1927. He helped oversee the planning and rebuilding of the new Five Lakes School that opened in 1928.

By the 1940s, Edward saw his children leaving home. Dorothy married Myron Rowley and Mary exchanged vows with George Bruman. With World War II looming, Ernie enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 22, 1941. For the next four years, Edward watched his oldest son serve first in Alaska, then on the front line in Europe. With the war almost over, Ernest was killed by German artillery on April 9, 1945 at the age of 27 years. Edward could take pride in his son's service to his country for he received a letter from Ernest's commanding officer stating, "The men called him 'Smiling Ernie.' He often volunteered for dangerous duty in place of married men."

Edward lived his entire life in the Schlaud home, built by his father in the early 1880s. He passed away on October 24, 1984 and his wife, Marie, followed in 1999. Together they were laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, which is also, the final resting place for his first beloved wife, Catherine.



*Edward Schlaud (1894-1984) & Catherine Lange (1895-1920)
were married October 20, 1915 in North Branch, Lapeer County, Michigan*

The Schlaud Children

Dorothy (1916-2007) married Myron Rowley (1911-1993)

Ernest (1918-1945) never married

Mary (1920-2008) married George Bruman (1914-1966)

Edward Schlaud married Marie Havers (1899-1999) in 1925

Children

Christina (1926-2015) married (1st) Clarence Hensel (1927-1990),

(2nd) Floyd North (1925-2015) and (3rd) Frank VanAtta

William (1928-2014) married Mae Thompson (1935-)

John (1929-) married Jean Potter (1930-2010)

Cecelia (1932-) never married

Thomas (1934-2016) married Genevieve Lyszczał

Elizabeth (1936-2005) married Bernard Powers

Eugene (1938-) married Alyce Dalecki

Diantha (1941-) married Gerald Skwirski (1934-2014)

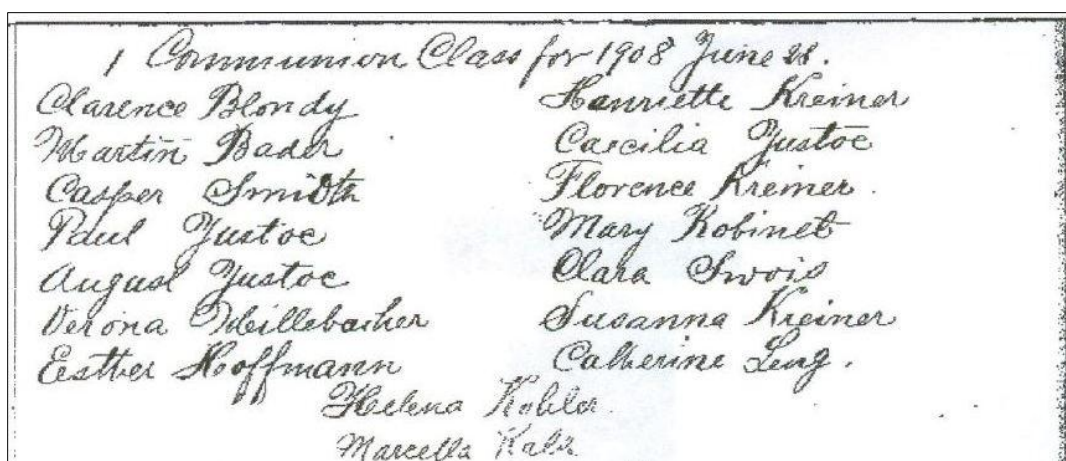
Baptism Record . . .



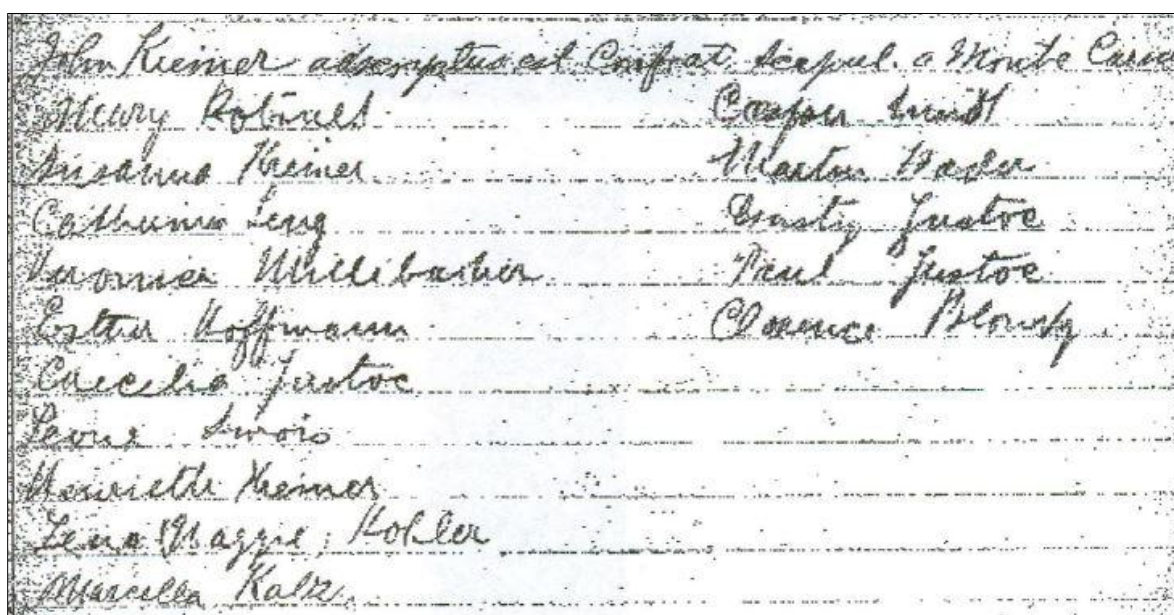
Above is the Baptism record translated from the Latin writings in
St. Mary's church log ~

1895 Die 15a mins Decembri Baptiz. Catherinam fil. legit. Francisi Lange et
Agnētis (natae Sieke) natam die 11a mins Octobris leg anni. suscipient:
Catherina Saeka et Joseph Lange -Heimeric C Koenig

Note: A baptism record for Edward Schlaud was not found in the St. Mary's
Church records.



Catherine is listed in the First Communion Class, 1908,
St. Mary's Catholic Church



Catherine is a member of the Brown Scapular Confraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The scapular is usually made of 100% wool. It is worn under one's clothes, with one square hanging on the chest and the other on the back.



Marriage Record . . .

To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:										
Return of Marriages in the County of <u>Lapeer</u>										
Record Number	Date of License			Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride, and Maiden Name of Bride if a Widow	Age of Each in Years	Race, Ethnicity, Etc.	Residence of Each	Birthplace of Each	Occupation of Each	Name of Father of Each
	Month	Day	Year							
1855	Oct	13	1915	Edward Schlaud 21 Catherine Lange 10	21 10	W W	Arcadia Twp. North Branch	Arcadia Twp. North Branch	Farmer At Home	Jacob Schlaud Frank Lange
for the Quarter Ending <u>December 31st</u> A. D. 19 <u>15</u> 296										
Maiden Name of Mother of Each	Time Previously Married	Date of Marriage			Place of Marriage	Name and Official Station of Person by Whom Married	WITNESSES TO MARRIAGE			
		Month	Day	Year			Name	Residence		
Ely. Grobhel Agnes Sueke	No No	Oct	20	1915	North Branch	G. A. Nilleman Pastor of S. S. Peter & St. Paul's Ch.	Henry Lange Loretta Schlaud	North Branch Arcadia Twp.		

Civil Marriage Record for Edward Schlaud and Catherine Lange, October 20, 1915

World War I Draft Registration Card 1917

Form 1 105 REGISTRATION CARD <u>761</u> No. <u>27</u>	
1	Name in full <u>Edward Schlaud</u> (Given name) <u>Schlau</u> (Family name) Age, in yrs. <u>23</u>
2	Home address (No.) <u>King's Mills</u> (City) <u>Mich.</u> (State)
3	Date of birth <u>Mar</u> (Month) <u>1</u> (Day) <u>1894</u> (Year)
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>natural-born</u>
5	Where were you born? <u>Arcadia, Mich.</u> (Town) <u>U. S.</u> (State) <u>U. S.</u> (Nation)
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Farming</u>
8	By whom employed? <u>Self</u>
9	Where employed? <u>Arcadia</u>
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>Father, Mother, Wife, child</u>
10	Married or single (which)? <u>married</u> Race (specify which)? <u>Caucasian</u>
11	What military service have you had? Rank _____; branch _____; years _____; Nation or State _____
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>Support of Family</u>
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>If person is of African descent, mark off this corner</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Edward Schlaud</u> (Signature or mark)</p> </div> </div>	

REGISTRAR'S REPORT A 21-23	
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>medium</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>medium</u>
2	Color of eyes? <u>Blue</u> Color of hair? <u>Brown</u> Bald? _____
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>no</u>
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Norm Goodrich</u> (Signature of registrar)</p>	
Precinct	<u>Arcadia</u>
City or County	<u>Lapeer</u>
State	<u>Michigan</u>
	<u>June 5 1917</u> (Date of registration)

The Schlaud Homestead. . .

This home was built
by Edward's father and it
became his lifelong residence.



Catherine's Family. . .



Edward



Dorothy & Myron
Rowley

Mary & George Bruman



Ernest



Death Records . . .

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registered No. 20

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Lapeer
Township Alceda
Village _____
City _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

2 FULL NAME Catherine Schland

(a) Residence, No. _____
(Usual place of abode.)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 25 yrs. mos. ds. (If non-resident give city or town and State.)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 Color or Race White 5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word.) Married

6a If married, widowed, or divorced (or) WIFE of Edward Schland

6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year.) Oct 11 1894

7 AGE Years 25 Months 4 Days 9 11 LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. OR min. _____

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. Housewife
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (if employer)
(c) Name of employer

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Michigan

10 NAME OF FATHER Frank Schland

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country) Germany

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Agnes Schland

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or country) Germany

14 Informant Charles Schland
(Address) St. Peter's St. Pauls.

15 Filed Jan 22, 1920 Milton Haines Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) 1 1 1920

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 1 1 1920, to 1 1 1920, and that I last saw him alive on 1 1 1920, and that death occurred on the date stated above at 2 P. m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Influenza 10

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Bronchitis - Pneumonia
(duration) _____ yrs. mos. ds. 3 ds.

18 Where was disease contracted? If not at place of death?
Did an operation precede death? _____ Date of _____
Was there an autopsy? _____
What test confirmed diagnosis? Wright's Test M. D.
(Signed) _____ Address _____

*State the Primary Cause Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for further instructions.)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL St. Peter's St. Pauls. Date of Burial Feb 23, 1920

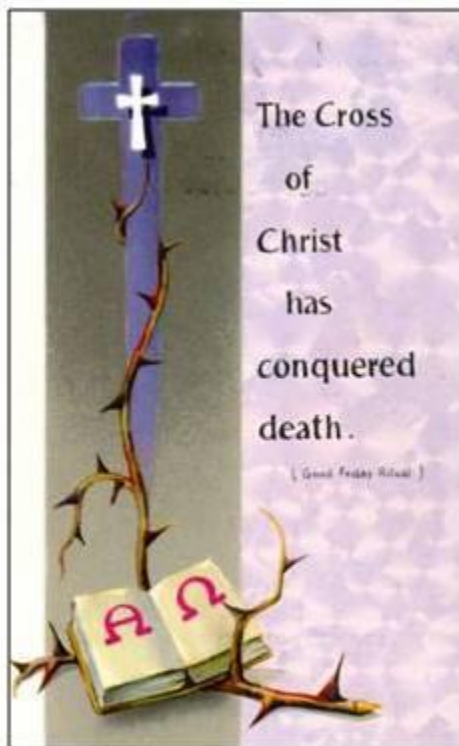
20 UNDERTAKER L. L. Blackburn Address North Branch

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

The death certificate has the incorrect death month of January. Church records and the obituary below corroborate that the correct death month is February. The cause of death was influenza with contributing factors of bronchitis, pneumonia, and a pregnancy of 8 months.

Mrs. Ed Schlaud passed away on Feb. 20 of pneumonia following the flu at the age of 24. She leaves a husband and three small children, one a babe of three days. Deceased was the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Frank Lange of this place. She also leaves to mourn her loss her parents, six sisters and five brothers. Private services were held from the home Monday morning. Interment in the North Branch Catholic cemetery.

Published in the *Lapeer County Press*, January 25, 1920



Prayer Card



EDWARD SCHLAUD

Edward J. Schlaud, 90, of North Branch, died Oct 23, 1984, at home.

Mr. Schlaud was born in March 1894, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Grobel) Schlaud. He was married Sept 9, 1925. He was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, North Branch.

Surviving is his wife Marie, 6 daughters, Dorothy Rowley of Imlay City, Mary Bruman of North Branch, Christina VanEtta of North Branch, Cecilia Schlaud of Flint, Elizabeth Powers of Lapeer, and Diantha Skwirsk of Florida, 4 sons, William of North Branch, and John, Thomas, and Eugene of Lapeer, 35 grandchildren, and 58 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Schlaud was preceded in death by his 1st wife Catherine, a son Ernest Schlaud and his grandson David Rowley.

Services will be held this Thursday at 11 a.m. from St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, North Branch. Burial will follow at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Blackburn Funeral Home, North Branch.

Published in the
Lapeer County Press

October 23, 1984



Catherine (Lange) Schlaud along with her husband, Edward, and his second wife, Marie Havers, were laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery North Branch, Michigan.

Sources for Catherine Lange -

- Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Records
- Leonard Bruman provided family information
- Lapeer County Press, February 25, 1920, page 7 and October 1984, Lapeer District Library
- Michigan County Marriages, 1822-1940
- Michigan Marriage Records, 1967-1952
- Brown Scapular information from <http://www.sistersofcarmel.com/faqs-the-brown-scapular/#brown-scapular-confraternity>
- <https://www.gotquestions.org/extreme-unction.html>
- Origins of the Spanish Influenza pandemic (1918–1920) and its relation to the First World War <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2805838/>
- www.archives.gov/exhibits/influenza-epidemic/
- U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014
- U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942
- U.S. Federal Census, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940

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- Family Photos and Prayer Card from the Collection of Margery (Knoche) Bruman
- Schlaud Homestead Photo from Ruth Hoffman
- Cemetery Photos by Louise (Bruman) Dice

Bernard Lange (1897-1979)
son of Frank and Agnes (Sieke) Lange
Half-Brother to Mary (Lange) Knoche

On August 27, 1897, Bernard Albert Lange was born. He was proudly named after his grandfather, Bernhard Lange, who immigrated from Germany in 1872. It was not unusual for him to be called Ben or Bernie by his many siblings, Louise, Elizabeth, Frank Jr., Mary, Clementine, Susan, Alma, Henry, Catherine, Lawrence, John and Herman.

In the fall of 1897, Bernard was baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Bernard and Abolonia Stork as his godparents. Father Peter Esper presided.

Bernard received an eighth grade education at Five Lakes School and he also helped with the chores on the farm. In 1918, he was required to register for the draft at the Lapeer County Draft Board, although he never served during World War I. By 1920, Bernard and his brother, Henry, are living on a farm and working as farmers, in North Branch Township. It is not known how many years Bernard stayed on this farm, but later in the 1920s he is working as a foreman on a sewer line.

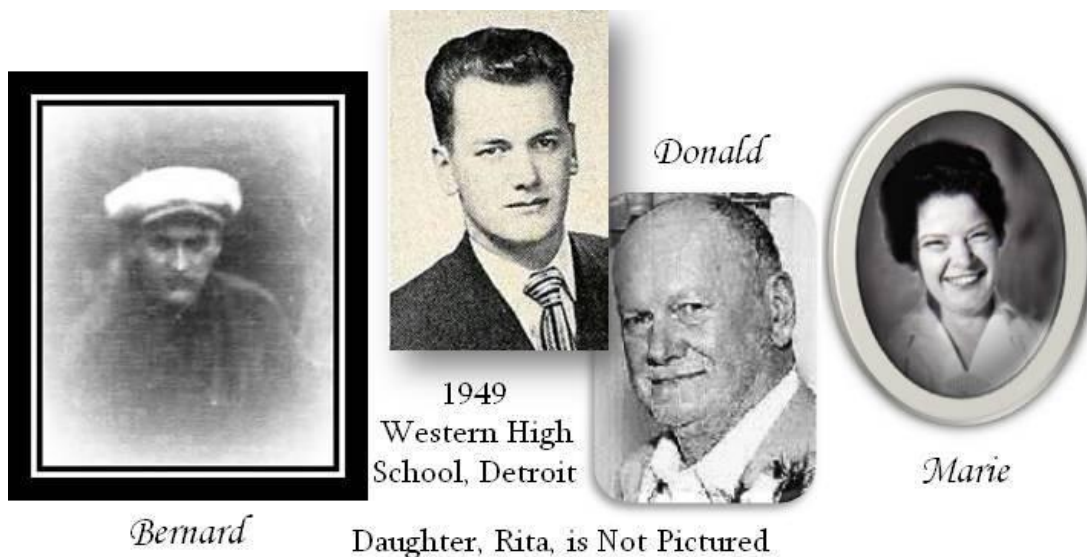
On June 5, 1928, Bernard married Marie Grace Conklin. Father John Burke presided over the ceremony that took place in North Branch, most likely at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Bernard's brother, John, and his wife, Elizabeth, were the witnesses.

Marie was the daughter of Frank and Adelle (Fisher) Conklin. She was also a first cousin to her new sister-in-law, Elizabeth, since Marie's mother and Elizabeth's mother were sisters. Marie was born and raised in Detroit and at the time of her marriage she was working as a switchboard operator.

After Bernard and Marie married, they lived in Detroit. Bernard worked as a metal finisher in the automotive industry. They had two children, Rita born in 1929 and Donald in 1932. After eleven years of marriage a divorce was granted to Bernard and Marie on October 25, 1939. Marie stayed in Detroit and married Harry Smith in 1940. Bernard returned to the Lange Farm in Five Lakes.

The 1940 U.S. Federal Census shows Bernard living with his mother, Agnes, and his brother, Herman, working as a farm laborer. It is possible Bernard stayed on the Lange farm until after the death of his brother, Herman in 1944. By 1948, Bernard is living in Pontiac where his brother, Lawrence and his family, lived close by. At first, Bernard worked for the city's public works department, then later he worked in the automotive industry as a metal finisher. In 1949, Bernard married for a second time to Sudia (Lauderdale) Hendrix. However, this marriage was rather short-lived and they were divorced three years later.

Bernard's years were divided between living on the family farm and living and working in the large cities of Detroit and Pontiac. After Bernard's death on May 27, 1979 in Wayne County, he returned home and was buried close to his parents and other family members in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, North Branch, Michigan.



The Lange Family

*Bernard married Marie Grace Conklin on June 5, 1928
in North Branch, Michigan*

The Lange Children

Rita (1929-) married Juan Chico Alcala (1920-)

Donald (1932-2010) married 1st Elaine and 2nd Patricia Barwick (1928-2013)

Bernard married 2nd Sudia Lauderdale (1912-).

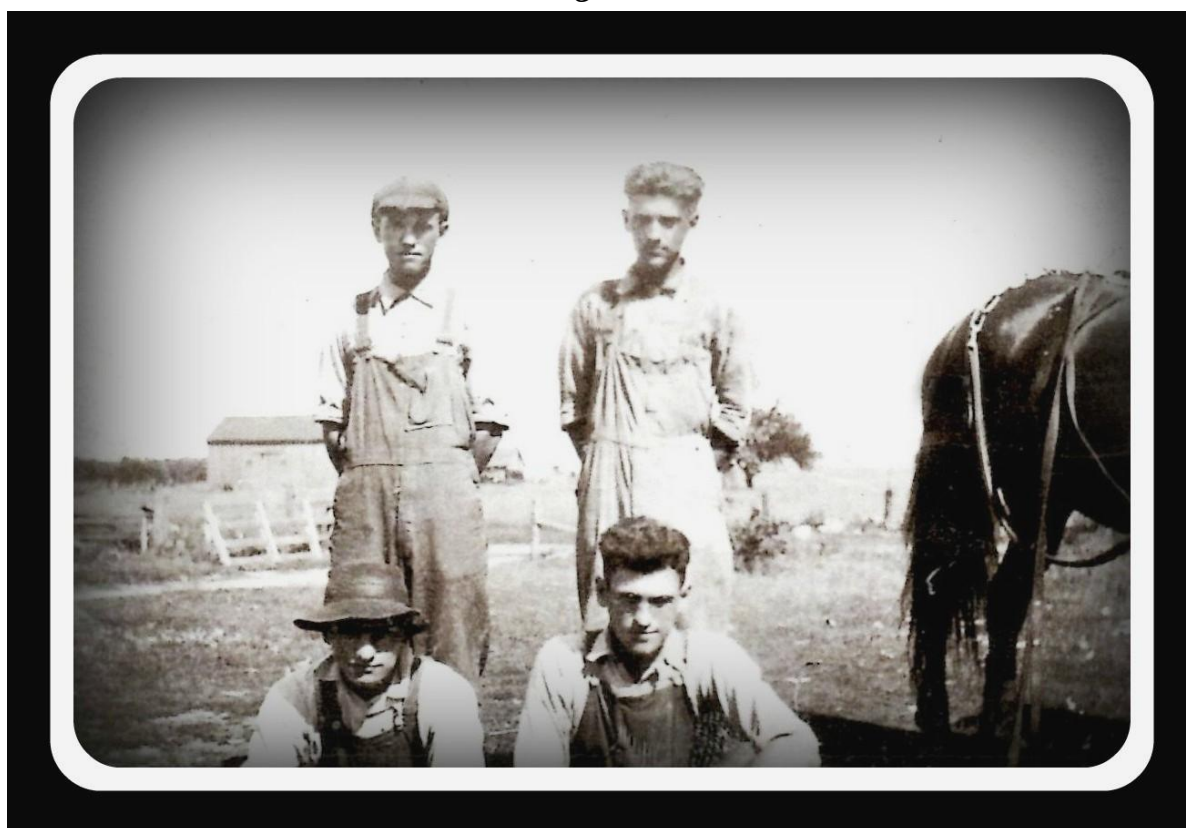
Baptism Record . . .



Above is the Baptism record translated from the Latin writings
in the St. Mary's church log ~

1897 Oct ego (in Burnside) aptiz Bernardum Lange fil leg Frank Lange et Agnes
Sieke Aug 25 Spons Bernard Stork et Abolonia Stock Priest Petrus Esper

The Lange Brothers



Standing are John on the left and Bernard ~ In front are Herman and Henry

REGISTRATION CARD									
SERIAL NUMBER	2102				ORDER NUMBER	2260			
1 <i>Bernard Albert Lange</i>									
2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: <i>R. 2, N. 1 Kings Mill Lapeer, Mich.</i>									
Age in Years	21		Date of Birth	<i>Aug 25</i>		1897			
RACE									
White	Negro	Oriental	Indian	Citizen	Non-citizen				
5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	7	8	9					
U. S. CITIZEN					ALIEN				
Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority	Declarant	Non-declarant					
10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	12	13	14					
15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?									
PRESENT OCCUPATION					EMPLOYER'S NAME				
16 <i>Farming</i>					17 <i>Frank Lange</i>				
18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: <i>R. 2, N. 1 Kings Mill Lapeer, Mich.</i>									
19 <i>Frank Lange</i>									
20 <i>R. 2, N. 1 Kings Mill Lapeer, Mich.</i>									
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE									
P. M. G. O. <i>Bernard Albert Lange</i>									
Form No. 1 (Rev. 12-11-17)									

REGISTRAR'S REPORT C 21-2-3									
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT									
HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES		COLOR OF HAIR	
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stocky	21 <i>Brown</i>	22 <i>Brown</i>		
21 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22	23	24	25	26				
23 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)									
<i>No.</i>									
30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:									
<i>M. R. Des</i>									
Date of Registration <i>Sept 12 - 1918</i>									
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Local Board for the County of Lapeer State of Michigan Lapeer, Mich. (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD) (The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.) </div>									
72-6171 (OVER)									

World War I ~ Draft Registration Card 1918

Lang see also Laing
 --Bernard mtl fnshr GM Truck h102½
 S Saginaw

Pontiac Directory, 1948

Lange Anthony meat ctr Wrigley's Stores
 Inc r RD 5 Milford
 --Bernard r3½ S Saginaw
 --Dorothy R Mrs bkpr Pearce Floral r825
 Tyrone av (WTwp)
 --Edith (wid Chas) h32 Crawford
 --Edw H (Leona M) mtcmn Pontiac Retail
 Store h665 Scottwood av
 --Emerson L (Dorothy R) USA h825 Tyrone
 av (WTwp)
 --Lawrence F (Loretta) die setter Fisher
 Body h40 Foster
 --Lorraine E ofc sec Walker & Co r32 Craw-
 ford
 --Patricia maid r40 Foster
 --Richd formn City Dept of Public Wks r134
 Dover rd
 --Richd J (Agnes) clk Wrigley's h624 S
 Squirrel rd (AH)
 --Sudie fcty wkr Pontiac Mtr h653 Kinney rd

Pontiac Directory, 1952

In Memory...

BERNARD LANGE

Services were held this Wednesday morning in North Branch for Bernard Lange, 81, of Belleville, who died Sunday in Detroit after a long illness.

Mr Lange was born in North Branch Aug 25, 1897, and lived in the area for many years. He was a retired auto factory metal finisher.

The Rev Charles Zeeb officiated at services in SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, North Branch. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Blackburn Funeral Home of North Branch.

Mr Lange leaves a sister, Mrs Clementine Brinker of Warren; a brother John of North Branch; 5 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. †



In Loving Memory of

BERNARD LANGE

AUGUST 25, 1897

MAY 27, 1979

© GENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy Judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames and do Thou O merciful Saviour send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Blackburn Funeral Home

Wilmer Fricke - Owner
North Branch, Michigan



Bernard Lange
was laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery
North Branch, Michigan.

Sources for Bernard Lange –

- Lapeer County Press, Lapeer, Michigan, May, 1979
- Michigan, County Marriages, 1822-1940, Ancestry.com
- Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952, Ancestry.com
- Michigan, Divorce Records, 1897-1952, Ancestry.com
- Michigan, Death Index, 1971-1996, Ancestry.com
- U.S., School Yearbooks, 1880-2012, Ancestry.com
- U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, Ancestry.com
- U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995
- U.S. Federal Census, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940
- U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014

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- Marie Conklin Photo Courtesy Rex Conklin
- Photo of Bernard from the picture of Frank Lange with his sons and sons-in-law provided by Lois (McMullen) Kallgren
- Lange Brothers Photo Courtesy Patty (Medbery) Myers
- Prayer Card and Five Lakes School Enrollment Card from the Margery (Knoche) Bruman Collection
- Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery photos by Louise (Bruman) Dice

Lawrence Frank Lange (1899-1962)
son of Frank and Agnes (Sieke) Lange
married Loretta Elizabeth Schlaud (1902-1978)
Half-Brother to Mary (Lange) Knoche

The sixth child born to Frank and Agnes (Sieke) Lange was named Loran. The German spelling of his name was found on early documents. However, in later years, his name was spelled Lawrence. He was born on June 14, 1899, most likely at the Lange farm house on Jones Road in Five Lakes. The Lange home was a lively setting with a large family welcoming a new born. Several of the older half-siblings, Louise, Elizabeth, Frank Jr., Mary and Clementin, were already (or all most) in their teenage years. The other siblings, Susan, Alma, Henry, Catherine and Bernard, welcomed Lawrence as the newest family member. By 1903, Lawrence saw two more brothers arrive, John and Herman.

On July 30, Frank and Agnes took Lawrence to St. Mary's Catholic Church where he was baptized. His godparents were Lorenz Einheuser, husband of Katherine Sieke, and Maria Stock.

As a young boy growing up on a farm in the early 1900s, Lawrence learned about taking care of the farm animals and working in the fields, sowing the seeds and harvesting the crops. He learned from his father and older brothers. There are two early records listing Lawrence as a farm laborer, his draft registration card dated 1917 and the 1920 U.S. Federal Census.

When Lawrence was 18 years old, he was required to register for the draft in accordance with the Selective Service Act passed in 1917. Though Lawrence saw his country engage in World War I, he was never selected by the lottery to serve. One interesting fact on Lawrence's registration is that he is working as a farmer and his employer is Jacob Schlaud.

The Schlaud and Lange families are connected from several different angles. They were neighbors as their farms shared east-west property lines. Jacob Schlaud's wife, Elizabeth Grobbel, was a sister to Lawrence's step-mother, Mary Grobbel, who died in 1888. Lawrence's older sister, Catherine, married Jacob and Elizabeth's son, Edward. And finally, Lawrence married, Jacob and Elizabeth's youngest daughter, Loretta who was born on January 12, 1902.

Lawrence and Loretta grew up as neighbors and as family. They both attended Five Lakes School and they each achieved an 8th grade education. Their families worshiped at St. Mary's Catholic Church until Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church was established in North Branch. They both came from families of 13 children and they were both acclimated to farm life. This life-long relationship eventually led to a marriage proposal and a wedding on May 4, 1921 in North Branch. Lawrence's brother, Henry, and Loretta's niece, Verena Robinet were witnesses.

After their marriage, Lawrence and Loretta made the decision that they would not follow the family tradition of making a living as farmers. Lawrence sought out employment in Pontiac and by 1925, he and Loretta and their two toddlers, William and Leo, moved to Sylvan Court. It is in the City of Pontiac where Lawrence and Loretta raised their family of seven children. Between the years of 1925 and 1936, Lawrence and Loretta saw the birth of Richard, Alta, Anthony, Patricia and Margaret.. The family eventually moved to Foster Street where they lived for many years.

Old directories for the City of Pontiac reveal a work history for Lawrence. In 1925, he was working as a truck driver. By 1929, he is an automotive worker. Lawrence accepted employment with the Fisher Body Division of General Motors and he worked there for 32 years. Various jobs at Fisher Body included machinist, drill operator and die setter.

The city directories listed Loretta's name, but never listed an occupation for her. In all likelihood, she was a homemaker and focused on raising her children. She volunteered at St. Michael's Catholic Church as a member of the Altar Society.

Loretta and Lawrence enjoyed fun times with their children. They both played musical instruments, Lawrence on the harmonica and Loretta on the piano. It was not unusual for the family to make trips back to Five Lakes for family reunions or for Lawrence to help on the farm during harvest time.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941, changed the lives of American families across the country. Lawrence and Loretta's family was no exception. As they saw Lawrence's brother, Herman, and several nephews leave to serve their country, they also saw two of their sons, William and Leo, leave for

active duty in the U.S. Army. By the time, William and Leo entered the army, the selective service laws had changed and a draft or enlistment in the armed services meant you were in for the duration of the war.

For over three long years, Lawrence and Loretta waited for the end of the world conflict. They surely supported their sons with care packages, letters and prayers for a safe return. Since communication from the soldiers to their families was censored, Lawrence and Loretta did not have detailed information about William and Leo's military campaigns.

It was in July of 1944 when William's wife, Loretta (Roach), received a telegram that William had been seriously wounded. It was not until later that Lawrence and Loretta learned that William was one of the first soldiers to land by parachute onto Omaha Beach on D-Day. Three days later he was hit by shrapnel from an explosion. William had such a serious injury to his leg that he was left with a partial amputation. Lawrence and Loretta also learned that Leo was wounded while in combat in the Mediterranean Theater. Both of their sons earned medals of distinction, including the Purple Heart.

Lawrence and Loretta saw all their children leave home, one by one, marry and start their own families. They took pride in the success of each family member and took pride in the patriotism expressed not only by themselves, but by their extended family during a world war that took the lives of two of their nephews, Louis Knoche and Ernest Schlaud. The safe return of William and Leo, surely left the family with a humble thankfulness.

Unfortunately, Lawrence's retirement years were cut short. Suffering from heart problems, he died on May 11, 1962 at the young age of 62 years. Loretta continued to live in Pontiac for 16 years. She passed away on June 14, 1978. Both Lawrence and Loretta received their final blessings from St. Michaels Catholic Church in requiem Masses. And they both returned to their childhood community for burial in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, just a few miles from the Lange and Schlaud homesteads.

The Lange Family



Left to right, front row, Lawrence, Loretta, Alta, Margaret and Pat
Back Row, Richard, Leo, William and Anthony

*Lawrence Frank Lange (1899-1962) & Loretta Elizabeth Schlaud (1902-1978)
were married May 4, 1921 in North Branch, Lapeer County, Michigan*

The Lange Children

*William (1922-2000) married (1st) Loretta Roach (1921-1971) and
married (2nd) Madelene Blonde*

Leo (1923-) married Violet Brinker (1925-)

Richard (1925-1986) married Agnes Kaczmarzyk (1926-2017)

Alta (1927-2004) married Robet Amstutz (1925-2002)

Anthony (1929-2002) married Nellie Dew (1931-2013)

Patricia (1931-2009) married Clifton Adler (1958-2001)

Margaret (1936-2012) married Carl Walker (1928-2014)

Birth and Baptism Records . . .

CHILD.								
Record Number.	DATE OF BIRTH.			SURNAME, and christian name, if one be given.	Male or Female.	White, Black, Mulatto, Etc.	Still Born, Illegitimate, Twins, Etc.	BIRTHPLACE.
	Month.	Day.	Year.					
	Jun	14	1899	Lorange Frank Lange	Male	White		North Branch Lapeer County, Mich.

PARENTS.					
	FULL NAME OF EACH.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE OF EACH.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.	DATE OF RECORD.
FATHER.	Frank Lange	North Branch	Germany	Farmer	Sep 16, 2017
MOTHER.	Agnes Sieke	North Branch	Germany		

Simulated birth record for Lawrence

Baptismal Record
St. Mary's Catholic Church
North Branch, Michigan
 On July 30, 1899,
 I baptized Lawrence Lange legitimate son of
 Frank Lange and Agnes Sieke, born June 14.
 Sponsors, Lawrence Einhauser and Mary Stock.
No Signature

Above is the Baptism record translated from the Latin writings in St. Mary's church log ~ 1899 Die 30 Julii ego bapt Laurintium Lange fil leg Frank Lange et Agnes Sieke nat 14 Junii Spso Laurentius Einhauser et Maria Stock

To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:
 Return of Births in the County of *Lapeer*

CHILD.								
Record Number.	DATE OF BIRTH.			SURNAME, and christian name, if one be given.	Male or Female.	White, Black, Mulatto, Etc.	Still Born, Illegitimate, Twins, Etc.	BIRTHPLACE.
	Month.	Day.	Year.					
11080	Jan	12	1901	Loretta Schlund	F	W	-	Arcadia

11 for the Year Ending December 31, A. D. 1901

PARENTS.					
	FULL NAME OF EACH.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE OF EACH.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.	DATE OF RECORD.
FATHER.	Jacob Schlund	Arcadia	Germany	Farmer	June 9, 1903
MOTHER.	Elizabeth Schlund	Arcadia	Mich		

Loretta's birth record filed at the
 Lapeer County Courthouse, Lapeer, Michigan.

Five Lakes School . . .



Loretta in front of Five Lakes School, 1914

Enrollment ~ 1911-1913

FIVE LAKES SCHOOL		PUPILS	
Fractional District No. 11			
Mayfield Township,		Fourth Grade	
Lapeer County, Mich.		Noble Jenkinson	Herman Lange
		Albert Janka	Elijah Northrop
		Rosalla Snoblen	Andrew Mahaffy
		Threasia Justock	Vera Levitt
		Third Grade	
		Edward Klauka	Francis Sheridan
		Gladys Klauka	
		Second Grade	
		Nellie McDonald	Vida Lynch
		Beulah Lynch	Juanita Taylor
		Mannie Justock	Irene Hollister
		Susan Justock	Louis Klauka
		Raymond Leach	
		First Grade	
		Florence Snoblen	Cyrilla Jasper
		Edwin Reed	Clayton Avis
		Primer	
		Thelma Sheridan	Leland Taylor
		Elfie Justock	Roy Hollister
		Wenonah Taylor	Arletta Larabell
		Harry Cooper	Harry Harsen
		Nellie Harsen	Glenn Chandler
		W. O. Moses, Director	
		Edward Avis, Moderator	
		William Jenkinson, Treasurer	

Lawrence and Loretta attend school with Bernard, John and Herman Lange

World War I Draft Registration Card ~ 1918...

REGISTRATION CARD		REGISTRAR'S REPORT C 21-2-3	
SERIAL NUMBER 2121	ORDER NUMBER 1948	DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT	
1. NAME Loranz Frank Lang		HEIGHT: Tall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Short <input type="checkbox"/> BUILD: Slender <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stout <input type="checkbox"/> COLOR OF EYES: blue COLOR OF HAIR: light brown	
2. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: RFD #1, Kings Mill, Lapeer, Mich		23. Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)	
3. Age in Years 19	4. Date of Birth June 14th 1899	24. I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
5. RACE: White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negro <input type="checkbox"/> Oriental <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Alien <input type="checkbox"/>		Signature of Registrar: <i>Mr. Pearson</i>	
6. U. S. CITIZEN: Native Born <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naturalized <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen by Father's Naturalization <input type="checkbox"/> Alien <input type="checkbox"/>		Date of Registration: Sept 12 - 1918	
7. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: RFD Columbus, Lapeer, Mich		Stamp of Local Board for the County of Lapeer, State of Michigan, Lapeer, Mich. (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)	
8. NEAREST RELATIVE: Name Frank Lang Address RFD #1, Kings Mill, Lapeer, Mich		(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)	
9. I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE. P. M. G. O. Loranz Frank Lang		(OVER)	

Marriage Record...

Form 101-9-28-20-0000

To the Honorable Secretary of State of Michigan:

Return of Marriages in the County of **Lapeer**

Record Number	Date of License	Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride, and Maiden Name of Bride, if a Widow	Age of Each in Years	White, Black, Mexican, etc.	Residence of Each	Birthplace of Each	Occupation of Each	Name of Father of Each
2917	Apr 30 1921	Lawrence F. Lang	21	W	Kings Mill	Kings Mill	Farming	Frank Lang
		Loretta Elizabeth Schell	19	W	Kings Mill	Kings Mill	At Home	John Schell

for the Quarter Ending **June 30th** A. D. **1921**

Maiden Name of Mother of Each	Time Previously	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Official Station of Person by Whom Married	WITNESS TO MARRIAGE
Loretta Schell	No	May 4 1921	North Branch	J. A. Wittenman	Henry Lang
Loretta Schell	No			Pastor Walter	John Schell

Lawrence and Loretta were married May 4, 1921

Pontiac City Directory Listings...

Lange Lawrence (Loretta) truck driver h41 Sylvan ct

~1925~

Lange Chas T (Edith) formn h32 Crawford
 " Clara waiter r32 Crawford
 " Clarence T (Velma) lab h rear 470 Franklin rd
 " Cora C office asst Dr Howard B Barker r4340 S Shore dr (Watkins Lake)
 " Edw clk Auburn-Perry Fruit Market r4 S Saginaw
 " Geo mech Asher's Garage r Lake Orion
 " Lawrence F (Loretta) press opr h40 Foster
 " Walter W (Marie) bkpr Pontiac State Hosp r Farmington

~1939~

Lange Alta M cash Don & John's Mkt r40 Foster
 " Anthony meatctr Packers Outlet r40 Foster
 " Chas T (Edith A) inspr Wilson Fndry h32 Crawford
 " Clarence F (Velma) lab Det Boiler Co h132 N Perry
 " E Lorraine opr TelCo r32 Crawford
 " Edith N ofc wkr TelCo r32 Crawford
 " Edw slsmn Paddock & Pike Fruit Mkt r141 Oakland av
 " Lawrence F (Loretta E) diestr Fisher Body h40 Foster
 " Richd auto mech City Dept Pub Wks r134 Dover
 " Richd (Agnes) meatctr Packers Outlet h183 Chandler av
 " Robt J stockmn TelCo r134 Dover rd
 " Walter W (Marie) h135 Oak Grove av

~1947~

LANGE
 --Edw clk Pike & Paddock Mkt r23 S Paddock
 --Edw H (Leona M) h665 Scottwood av
 --Emerson L (Dorothy R) mtcmn Fisher Body h825 Tyrone av (W Twp)
 --Evelyn tchr Lincoln Jr High r52 Oriole rd
 --Lawrence F (Loretta E) die str Fisher Body h40 Foster
 --Lorraine ofc sec Walker & Co r283 S Sanford
 --Marie (wid Wm) cook Casa Mia Restr h135 Draper av (W Twp)
 --Paul F (Margt; Harbor Bar) h1921 Beverly (SLC)
 --Richd J (Agnes E) asmbler GM Truck

~1956~

Lawrence & Loretta and Family...



Back are Bill and Leo with
Alta and Dick



Lawrence and Loretta are in the center
with children, Pat, Alta, Margaret and
Richard "Dick"



Son, Leo and Violet, over the years

Left is Son, William "Bill" and
first wife Loretta. The inset is
Bill with second wife,
Madelene.

Son, Richard



Daughter
Alta Amstutz



Daughter
Margaret
Walker



Daughter, Pat
and husband,
Cliff Adler



Lawrence & Loretta



Obituaries . . .

Lawrence F. Lange

Services for Lawrence F. Lange, 62 of 40 Foster St., Pontiac, were held Monday at St. Michael Catholic Church. His body was taken to North Branch for burial in the St. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

The Rosary was recited at 8 p.m., May 13, in the Huntington Funeral Home.

Mr. Lange died early May 11, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac of a heart ailment after a long illness.

He was a member of St. Michael Church, and an employee of Fisher Body Division for 32 years.

Surviving are his wife, Loretta; four sons, William of North Branch, Leo of Utica, Richard of Auburn Heights and Anthony of Pontiac; three daughters, Mrs. Alta Amstutz, Chelsea, Mrs. Patricia Adler and Mrs. Margaret Walker, both of Pontiac; and 30 grandchildren.

Also surviving are three brothers, Bernard of Pontiac, Frank of Lapeer and John of North Branch; three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Parsch of Centerline, Mrs. Sue Medberry of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Tena Brinker of Centerline.

Published in the
Lapeer County Press

May 24, 1962

LORETTA E LANGE

Loretta E Lange of Pontiac died there last Wednesday. She was the widow of Lawrence Lange.

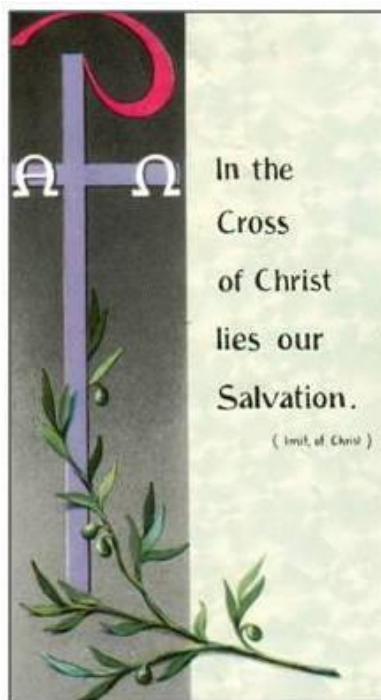
Mrs Lange was a member of St Michael Catholic Church of Pontiac and its Altar Society.

Rosary service was held Friday. Funeral mass was Saturday from St Michael Catholic Church. Burial was in SS Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, North Branch. Arrangements were by Huntoon Funeral Home, Pontiac.

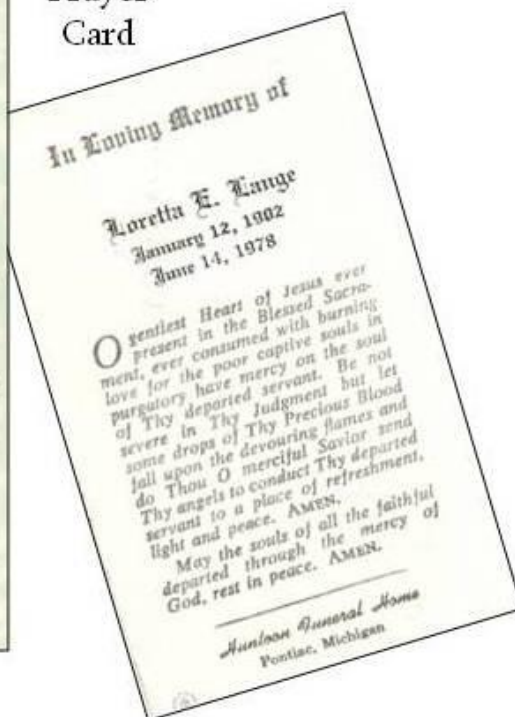
Surviving are 4 sons, William of North Branch; Leo of Romeo, Richard of Auburn Heights and Anthony of Waterford Twp; 3 daughters, Mrs Robert (Alta) Amstutz of North Dakota, Mrs Clifton (Trica) Adlar of North Branch, and Mrs Carl (Margaret) Walker, Pontiac; 39 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; a brother, Edward Schlaud of North Branch and a sister Mrs Grace Jenkinson of Ortonville.

Published in the
Lapeer County Press

June 21, 1978



Prayer
Card





Lawrence and Loretta (Schlaud) Lange
were laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery
North Branch, Michigan.

Sources for Lawrence Lange –

- Family memories from grandson, Bill Lange
- North Branch Veterans, Project coordinated *2007-2009) by David Castle
- Lawrence Lange Obituary, *Lapeer County Press* May 24, 1962
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- U.S. City Directories (Pontiac), Ancestry.com
- U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
- U.S. Federal Census, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940

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- Older Portrait Photo of Loretta Lange from Teresa Gormley
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John Lange (1901-1989)
son of Frank and Agnes (Sieke) Lange
married Elizabeth Klasner (1911-1998)
Half-Brother to Mary (Lange) Knoche

The Thanksgiving season was upon the Lange family when John was born on Thursday, November 21, 1901. One week later there was surely a big Thanksgiving dinner and a time to give thanks for their newborn son and thanks



John

for all the other Lange children, Louise, Elizabeth, Frank Jr., Mary, Clementine, Susan, Alma, Catherine, Henry, Bernard, and Lawrence. The youngest Lange child, Herman, was born two years later.

It was not until the new year that John was baptized at St. Mary's Church. According to Father Esper's entry in the church record, the event took place on January 20th with John Jasper and Gertrude Robinet as godparents.

Growing up in such a large family meant there would be time for fun and time for work. What John learned on the Lange farm from his father and his older brothers served him his entire life. John, himself, became a farmer, eventually working his own farm in Kings Mill. John's parents also instilled the importance of a good education. They made sure he attended the Five Lakes School attaining an 8th grade education. John with his siblings and neighbors walked over a mile every day to the little rural school.

In the early 1920s, John was working on the family farm while a young girl named Elizabeth, moved from Detroit to a farm on Clear Lake Road in the Kings Mill community. This lady eventually became John's wife. There is no family story that details how John and Elizabeth met, but there is speculation. They could have met at the Kings Mill dances or at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. They could have met through John's sister, Alma Allen, who was a Kings Mill resident. John and Elizabeth's courtship eventually led to the exchange of wedding vows on November 30, 1927. They were married at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in North Branch with witnesses, Bernard Lange and his future wife, Marie Conklin. Marie was also Elizabeth's first cousin.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Frank and Mary (Fisher) Kapernick. Frank died when Elizabeth was seven years old. Her mother remarried John Klaser who became a very loving father to Elizabeth. He legally adopted Elizabeth, thereby, changing her last name to Klaser. Elizabeth had one sister, Caroline, who died at five years of age.

After their marriage, Elizabeth was fondly called Aunt Bessie by the nieces and nephews on the Lange side of the family and called Aunt Elizabeth by relatives on the Klaser side. When the neighbors came for dinner on thrashing day, they tried to call her "Liz," but Elizabeth had a quick admonishment.

John and Elizabeth settled down on the Klaser farm on Clear Lake Road, just east of Lake Pleasant Road. It is on this farm where they raised their six children. The 1930 U.S. Census lists all the residents . . . John and Elizabeth and their one year old son, John, Elizabeth's parents, John and Mary Klaser and George and Barbara Conklin, ages nine and five, respectively. The Conklin children were Elizabeth's cousins who lived with the family. Unfortunately, young George died when he was nine years old, suffering from acute appendicitis. Barbara remained with the family and was raised as one of the children.

By 1940, the Lange family had grown. The children listed on the census were John, Marion, Lorraine, Delores, and Duane. Two years later Kenneth was born. Also, on the census are Barbara Conklin and Elizabeth's parents, John and Mary Klaser. The Klasers and the Lange family always lived together on the farm. John Klaser died in 1946 and his wife, Mary, died ten years later.

John and Elizabeth lived the typical farm life. Elizabeth was busy with the household chores, but she also took care of the baby chicks or any other farm animal that needed special care. She learned to drive a stick shift in just one lesson. In later years, she did all the driving. Elizabeth was known as the best cook in the neighborhood, but John out ranked her when it came to making raw-fried potatoes. He stood right there and watched them. The family loved them. John had his favorite pet names for the kids. He also told them special little stories like, the cows knelt down at midnight on Christmas Eve and on Easter Sunday, if you got up early enough, you could see the sun dance.

John and Elizabeth enjoyed visitors at the farm, whether they were neighbors or relatives traveling from afar. Nephew, Don Klaser shares the following memories when visiting the Lange farm –

“I have many fond memories of the farm, which is located on Clear Lake Rd in North Branch Twp. We would head up there on a Sunday in the summer and spend the whole day. Us kids would have a great time building forts using the straw bales in the barn, running through the fields. There always seemed to be kittens around and we would hold them against our shirts and the kittens would hang on them with their claws. The meals tasted great and the pop was kept in the milk cooler - the water was so cold you could hardly keep your hand in long enough to grab one. My dad's cousins would go there too, and it was a wonderful time. Uncle John and Aunt Elizabeth were always warm and welcoming. Uncle John used chewing tobacco and I thought it looked cool, so I asked him if I could have some (thinking it tasted like bubble gum); he wisely refused my request.”

On Sunday evening, May 15, 1955, John and Elizabeth received tragic news. Their twenty-four year old daughter, Marion, was killed in an auto accident in Midland where she was planning to attend a music recital with her friend. Marion's loss was not only felt by her family, but also the community for she was an active member in many organizations at Saints. Peter and Paul Church and had taught school for two years. John and Elizabeth made special arrangements for Marion which included her lying in state at the Lange homestead. Friends and relatives came to the Lange home to offer their condolences. On Wednesday evening there was a recitation of the rosary in Marion's honor. A funeral service was held at Saints. Peter and Paul Church on Friday, with burial in the church cemetery.

Over the years, John and Elizabeth saw all their children attend the little one room school house in Kings Mill, followed by graduating from North Branch High School. They married and started their own families. John and Elizabeth took great joy at the arrival of each grandchild. The grandchildren have wonderful memories of their grandpa and his bib overalls. They would crawl up on his lap and check out the pockets on the bib to find goodies like M & Ms.

In 1987, John and Elizabeth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by attending a special dinner in their honor. It was not just a celebration of 60 years of marriage but a tribute to John and Elizabeth for their life-long commitment to their family. Together, John and Elizabeth worked together and earned a living as farmers. They raised their family, passing along important values they received from their parents. In suffering the loss of their oldest daughter, they remained strong in their religious faith.

On May 25, 1989, John passed away and Elizabeth followed nine year later on January 22, 1998. They were laid to rest at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery.

The Lange Family



The farm on Clear Lake Road was home to John and Elizabeth, their children, Elizabeth's parents, John and Mary Klaser, and the Conklin children. Left to Right, Back Row ~ Elizabeth, John, Lorraine, Marion, Mary Klaser, John Jr. and inset, John Klaser ~ Front Row ~ Dolores, Duane and Kenneth Inset are Barbara Conklin and George Conklin who died at the age of nine.

The Lange Family

*John Lange (1901-1989) & Elizabeth Kfaser (1911-1998)
were married November 30, 1927 in North Branch, Lapeer County, Michigan*

The Lange Children

John Jr. (1929-) married Joy Skellenger (1932-2002)

Marion (1930-1955) never married

Lorraine (1933-) married Vern Schaub (1933-)

Dolores (1936-) married Ray Samul (1930-1997)

Duane (1938-) married Phyllis Hartgrove (1941-2016)

Kenneth (1942-2007) married Patricia Robinson (1946-)

Special Cousins

George Conklin (1921-1930)

Barbara Conklin (1924-2017) married Mark Berlinger (1924-1999)

The Lange Homestead . . .



The farm house was located
on Clear Lake Road, east of
Lake Pleasant Road in
Kings Mill.

Baptism Record . . .

Baptismal Record
St. Mary's Catholic Church
North Branch, Michigan
 On January 24, 1902
 I baptized John Joseph Lange son of
 Frank Lange and Agnes Sieke.
 Sponsors John Jasper and Gertrude Robinette
Father Peter Esper

Above is the Baptism record translated from the Latin writings in St. Mary's church log ~ 1902 Die 24 Jan ego bapt Johanen Joseph Lange fil Frank Lange et Agnes Sieke Spons John Jasper et Gertrude Robinette Priest Petrus Esper

Marriage Records . . .

STATE OF MICHIGAN,										
RECORD OF										
Index Number	Date of License			Full Name of Bridegroom and Bride and Maiden Name of Bride if a Widow	Age of Bride or Younger	Color, Race, Religion, etc.	Residence of Bride	Birthplace of Bride	Occupation of Bride	Name of Father of Bride
	Month	Day	Year							
4111	Nov	15	1927	John Joseph Lange & Elizabeth Margaret Waser	25 16	W	Kings Mill	Lapeer Co Farming	Frank Lange	John Rhee
COUNTY OF _____										
MARRIAGES.										
Name and Address of Bride	When Proposed	Date of Marriage			Place of Marriage	Name and Official Station of Person by whom Married	Witnesses to Marriage			
		Month	Day	Year			Name	Residence		
Agnes Sieke & Elizabeth Fisher	7/10	Nov	30	1927	North Branch	John M. Burke Catholic Priest	Benjamin Lange	Marie Conklin		

Note: Correction, witness name changed from Elizabeth Collins to Marie Conklin.

No. 111

Marriage License

1927

44 409

Lapeer County, Michigan

To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage.

Greeting:

Marriage May Be Solemnized Between

Mr. John Joseph Lange and Miss Elizabeth Margaret Klaser

affidavit having been filed in this office, as provided by Public Act No. 128, Laws of 1887, as amended, by which it appears that said

John Joseph Lange is 25 years of age, color is White, residence is Kings Mill, and birthplace was

Lapeer County, occupation is Farming, father's name Frank Lange, and mother's maiden name was Agnes Sieke

has been previously married No time; and that said Elizabeth Margaret Klaser

is 16 years of age, color is White, residence is Kings Mill, and birthplace was Detroit, Mich, occupation is At Home, father's name

John Klaser, and mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Fisher

and who has been previously married No time, and whose maiden name was

*** and whose Mothers consent, in case she Parent's or Guardian's

has not attained the age of eighteen years, has been filed in my office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and the

seal of Lapeer County, Michigan, this Twenty-First

day of November, A. D. 1927

Deputy

County Clerk.

L. S.

Certificate of Marriage

Between Mr. John Joseph Lange and Miss Elizabeth Margaret Klaser

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein mentioned were joined in marriage by me, at North Branch, County of Lapeer, Michigan, on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1927, in the presence

of Benjamin Lange, of Kings Mill,

and Elizabeth Collins, of Kings Mill,

as witnesses.

John M. Burke

Name of Magistrate or Clergyman.

Catholic Priest

Official Title.

This copy to be retained by the County Clerk until the original is returned; when it is to be completed by endorsement and forwarded at the first of the following month to the Michigan Department of Health.

This space reserved for binding



*John & Elizabeth
and Family*

John Jr. & Joy

Vern & Lorraine
Schaub



Duane & Phyllis



Ray & Dolores Samul



Kenneth & Patricia



John & Elizabeth
with children, Kenneth, Dolores,
John Jr., Lorraine and Duane



Back Row, Ken, Duane and Vern Schaub
Second Row, Ken's wife, Patricia, Dolores, Lorraine and John Jr.
Seated are Duane's wife, Phyllis, and Barbara (Conklin) Berlinger

Over the Years . . .



John, 1914



Left is John with brother, Herman
and Nephews, Art and Henry
Knoche. Circa 1925



Elizabeth & John, 1962



John and Mary Klaser on the right
with their grandchildren.

Back, Marion, John Jr. Lorraine,
Front, Kenneth, Duane and Dolores

Marion



Miss Marion Lange, 24, of North Branch, was fatally injured Sunday night in a two-car collision at a rural intersection three and a half miles northeast of Midland.

TEEN-AGERS HURT

Miss Lange, a school teacher at Lum in Lapeer county, was riding with her fiance, Leon H. Todd, 24, of Lum. Their car collided with one in which nine teen-agers were riding. Todd escaped, but four teen-agers were hospitalized.

Published in *Lansing State Journal*
Monday, May 16, 1955

John Joseph Lange Sr.

—*North Branch*

John Joseph Lange Sr., 87, of North Branch died May 25, 1989, at Lapeer Regional Hospital.

He was born in North Branch Township Nov. 21, 1901, the son of Frank and Agnes (Seika) Lange. He married Elizabeth Klaser Nov. 23, 1927, in North Branch.

Mr. Lange had lived in North Branch all his life. He was a farmer. He attended St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in North Branch.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; three sons, John Lange of Lapeer, Duane Lange of Lapeer, Kenneth Lange of North Branch; two daughters, Lorraine Schaub of North Branch, Dolores Samuel of Armada; 26 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Marion; five brothers; seven sisters.

Services were held Monday at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in North Branch. The Father Jude Ellinghausen officiated. Burial was in St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery.

Elizabeth M. Lange

North Branch

Elizabeth M. Lange, 86, of North Branch, died January 22, 1998, at Lapeer County Medical Care Facility.

She was born March 24, 1911, in Detroit, to Frank and Elizabeth (Fisher) Kapernick. Elizabeth married John Lange on November 23, 1927, in North Branch.

Mrs. Lange was a lifelong resident of North Branch, and a member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, North Branch. She belonged to Suncrest Auxiliary, National Council of Catholic Women, SS. Peters and Paul Altar Society, and Blue Star Mothers. Mrs. Lange had a catering business in the North Branch area.

Elizabeth is survived by son, John (and wife, Joy) Lange of Roscommon; daughters, Lorraine (and husband, Vern) Schaub of North Branch, and Dolores Samul of Armada; sons, Duane (and wife, Phyllis) Lange of Lapeer, and Kenneth (and wife, Patricia) Lange of North Branch; special sister, Barbara (and husband, Mark) Berlinger of Fort Gratiot; 26 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by husband, John; daughter, Marion; sister, Carolyn; son-in-law, Raymond; and a great-grandchild, Brian.

Memorial contributions may be made to the SS. Peter and Paul Altar Society.

Visitation will be held at 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., on Sunday (today), January 25, 1998 at Blackburn Chapel-Martin Funeral Home in North Branch, and at 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 26, 1998, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in North Branch.

A rosary will be prayed at 7:30 P.M., Sunday, January 25, 1998, at Blackburn Chapel, North Branch.

A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, January 26, 1998, at 11:00 A.M., at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in North Branch. Father Jude Ellinghausen will officiate. Burial will be in SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, North Branch.

Arrangements by Blackburn Chapel-Martin Funeral Home, North Branch.

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Lapeer County Press

January 1998

Prayer Cards . . .



IN MEMORY OF
John J. Lange sr.

DATE OF BIRTH
November 21, 1901

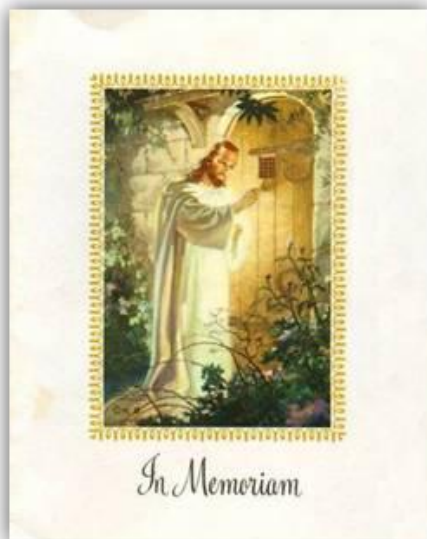
DATE OF DEATH
May 25, 1989

SERVICES
11:00 a.m. Monday
May 29, 1989
Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church

OFFICIANT
Fr. Ellinghausen

INTERMENT
Ss Peter & Paul Cemetery

ARRANGEMENTS By
Blackburn Funeral Home
North Branch, Michigan



In Memory Of
Elizabeth M. Lange

Date of Birth
March 24, 1911

Date of Death
January 22, 1996

Services
January 26, 1996
11:00 a.m.
SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Officiating
Fr. Jude Ellinghausen

Interment
SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery

Arrangements By
Blackburn Chapel
Martin Funeral Home



John and Elizabeth (Klaser) Lange
were laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery
North Branch, Michigan.

Sources for John Lange -

- Family information from Lorraine (Lange) Schaub and Don Klaser
- *Lapeer County Press*, May 1989 and January 1998, Obituaries for John and Elizabeth Lange
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- *Lansing State Journal* (Lansing, Michigan) · Monday, May 16, 1955, Page 8
- Death Index, 1971-1996, Ancestry.com
- U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014
- U.S. Federal Census, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940

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- Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery photos by Louise (Bruman) Dice

Herman Lange (1903-1944)
son of Frank and Agnes (Sieke) Lange
Half-Brother to Mary (Lange) Knoche

Herman was the youngest child in the long line of Lange children. His siblings were born in three different decades. In the 1880s, Louise, Elizabeth, Frank Jr.,



Herman

Mary and Clementine were born to Herman's step-mother, Mary Grobbel, who died in 1888. By 1890, Herman's father remarried, and his wife, Agnes, gave birth to Susan, Alma, Henry, Catherine, Bernard, and Lawrence. The 1900s brought the birth of John and Herman on July 4, 1903.

Herman followed many of the family traditions. He received an 8th grade education at the rural Five Lakes School. He also learned about farming from his father and older brothers. Thus far, all the records show Herman always lived on the Lange farm, except during the time he spent in the U.S. Army. In 1940, Herman was working for the Yellow Cab Company, later named Yellow Truck and Coach. Eventually, this company became General Motors Truck and Coach in Pontiac. It is not known if Herman ever moved to Pontiac or drove the 40 miles each day to work.

On August 15, 1942, Herman entered the U.S. Army. Very little is known about his military service. Herman's nephew, Louis Knoche, writes to his sister, Agnes, that he visited with Herman twice while he was stationed at Camp Roberts in California. Louis writes that Herman initially hated the army, but later indicates that he was doing well. He writes that Herman states, "If only I could be back in Five Lakes." Later, Louis writes in a letter dated November 15, 1942 . . . "I saw Herman yesterday for the last time. We had a long talk and he expects to move in a few weeks. He likes the army a little better." On May 29, 1943, Herman was transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps. It appears that he returned home and returned to his job at Yellow Truck and Coach.

In December of 1943, Herman was in an auto accident and sustained a head injury. Two months later on February 7, 1944, he passed away. No one could have guessed that at the time he died, he was suffering from the after effects of his brain injury. As the family story goes . . . Herman, upon leaving a doctor appointment,

entered a stranger's car and passed out. The owner of the car discovered Herman and called the police. Herman was arrested and jailed for intoxication. When the officers checked on him the next morning, he was found dead in his cell. According to the coroner's report, Herman died from a cerebral hemorrhage stemming from an old fracture of the skull. It's possible the hemorrhage caused the disorientation and mimicked the intoxication.

Herman, who was a life-long bachelor, remained close to his family. This was especially true after the death of his father in 1927. He stayed and worked on the family farm while providing support for his mother. He served his country during a time when the world was at war. He was rightfully honored with a granite military marker for his grave site. He is also honored at the World War II memorial in Washington D.C. by being listed among those soldiers who contributed to the war effort.

After a funeral service at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in North Branch, Herman was laid to rest in the church cemetery on February 10, 1944.

Herman



1914



*Army
Days*



Herman with his nephew,
Louis Knoche, at Camp
Roberts, California.

Herman G Lange Dies Suddenly

Published in the
Lapeer County Press
February 9, 1944

Herman George Lange, 40, died Monday in North Branch. Death was due to a cerebral hemorrhage, according to the findings of the coroner's inquest. Mr Lange was in an auto accident about eight weeks ago and had never fully recovered. He was born in North Branch township July 4, 1903, the son of Frank and Agnes Lange. He had always lived in North Branch. Mr. Lange had served in the Hdq. Battery, 219th Field Artillery, from August 15, 1942 to May 29, 1943, when he was transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

He is survived by four sisters, Mrs Albert Jasper, Lapeer; Mrs Anthony Parsch, Centerline; Mrs. John Brinker, Warren; Mrs George Medbury, Saginaw; four brothers, Frank, Lapeer; Lawrence and Bernard, Pontiac; John of North Branch, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday, Feb. 10 at 10 a. m., slow time, at SS Peter and Paul church in North Branch. Mr Lange was a member of this church. The Rev Fr Mark Gallagher will officiate. Burial will be in SS Peter and Paul cemetery.

GRANITE MARKER

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED
(See instructions attached)

☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE
☐ UPRIGHT GRANITE HEADSTONE
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER
☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER
☐ BRONZE MARKER

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Enlistment dates Aug. 15, 1942
 Discharge dates MAY 29, 1943
 Pension number _____
 Serial number 36518104

ORIGINAL

First Name LAST
HERMAN G. LANGE

Rank PVT Company 219 FA BN U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel _____ Date of Death FEB. 7-1944

Name of Cemetery STS. PETER AND PAULS Located in or near—
 City NORTH BRANCH State MICH

If World War Veteran Division WORLD WAR II State MICH EMBLEM
 Christian None
 Hebrew None
 None None

To be shipped to GEORGE MEDBERY (Name of consignee)
 Whose post-office address is NORTH BRANCH LAFAYETTE CO. MICH. at NORTH BRANCH MICH. (Give R. R., NAME OF TOWN, county, and State)
GRAND TRUNK R.R.

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JUN 27 1944 WEST CHELMSFORD
 Ordered 3429479
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WAR DEPARTMENT
 O. G. M. G. FORM No. 623
 Approved Aug. 12, 1913;
 May 18, 1931; Feb. 16,
 1937; May 1, 1939; July 1,
 1940


This application is for a headstone or marker for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. It is understood the Government STONE will be furnished and shipped freight prepaid at Government expense to you direct, where "Delivery Service" by the railroad is in effect; otherwise to the nearest railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated. The BRONZE marker will be shipped at Government expense by parcel post to consignee direct. I hereby agree to accept promptly the headstone or marker at destination, remove it, and properly place it at decedent's grave at my expense.

George Medbery Applicant.
 (Signature of Applicant)
 Address North Branch Mich Date 26-10-44



IMPORTANT—COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE


16-11453 GPO

Herman's brother-in-law, George Medbery, applied for Herman's military marker.



World War II Honoree


 World War II Veteran 

 **Herman G. Lange**

BRANCH OF SERVICE
U.S. Army

HOMETOWN
North Branch, MI

HONORED BY
Louise Dice, Niece



ACTIVITY DURING WWII
219TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION.

Herman is honored for his military service through the Registry of Remembrances at the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.



Herman Lange
was laid to rest in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery
North Branch, Michigan.

Sources for Herman Lange –

- *Lapeer County Press*, February 9, 1944, page 5, Obituary
- Family information from Darlene (Bruman) Holden and Lorraine (Lange) Schaub
- U.S. Federal Census, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940
- Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950
- U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963
- www.wwiimemorial.com/

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