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with minor sketches on the Ott and
Catlow Families.

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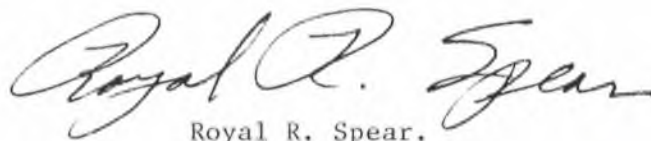
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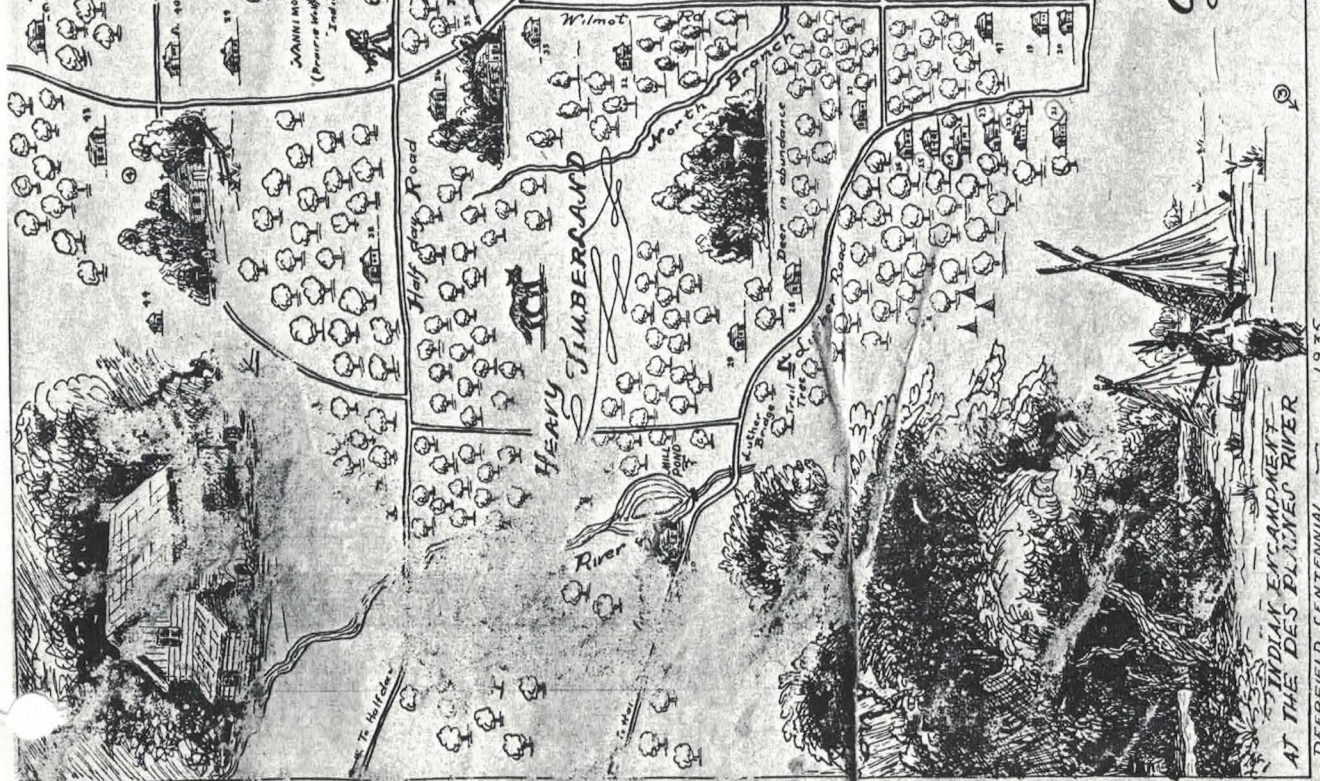
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AN HISTORICAL MAP OF THE TOWN NOW CALLED DEERFIELD ILLINOIS

As it appeared in the year **1845**
TEN YEARS AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST SETTLER

Prior to 1849 this river was called North Branch, the source of the Chicago River being here.



- Legend**
1. Deerfield Cemetery
 2. North Northfield Cemetery
 3. O'Plain Cemetery
 4. St. Patrick's Cemetery
 5. Jacob Cadwell's House (1835)
 6. First Village Store
 7. Frederick Muhlike Home (1837)
 8. Louis Gasfield Home (1842)
 9. John Millen Home (1839)
 11. & 12. Cadwell homes
 13. Cadwell School (1848)
 14. Alfred Parsons home (1843)
 15. Philip Vedder home (1844)
 16. Joh Galloway home (1840)
 17. Jesse Wilmut (1835)
 18. Lyman Wilmut (1837)
 19. Andrew Meier home (1842)
 20. Fred Fritsch home (1842)
 21. Jasper Ott
 22. Jacob Ott
 23. John Jacob Ott Sr.
 25. Jacob Luther (1835)
 26. Martin Luther (1835)
 27. Jennings' Homestead
 28. Stewart family
 29. Doss home
 30. Vincent's School (1847)
 31. Wilmut's School (1847)
 32. James Duffy (1844)
 33. Patrick Carolan (1841)
 34. Ludlow home
 35. Michael Meehan home (1835)
 36. James O'Connor home
 38. Dawson home
 39. Bartholamew Boylan
 40. Michael Dawson
 41. Michael Fagan
 42. Dennis Lancaster
 43. Michael Yore
 44. McIntyres & Trullys
 45. James Mooney
 46. Philip Ott home (1836)
 47. Roderbusch home
 48. St. Mary's of the Woods cemetery. Here, in 1874, Father Marquette erected a cross, preaching to the Indians.

DEERFIELD CENTENNIAL 1935

James L. Hinkle
Pere Marquette's Cross - Deerfield, Ill.

1850 Census.
for Lake Co., Illinois.

<u>Town of Vernon</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>m or f</u>	<u>occupation</u>	<u>real estate</u>	<u>birthplace</u>
<u>RIEDLINGER</u>					
(Reidlinger), Philip Ridley	63	m	farmer	\$600	Germany
(wife), Sally	60	f			Germany
Rogenbach					
(Rockenbach), George	43	m	farmer	\$300	Germany
(wife), Sally (Salome)	38	f			Germany
Philip	16	m	farmer		Germany
George	9	m			Germany
Sally (Salome)	7	f			Illinois
Roobabuck					
(Rockenbach), Frederick	3	m			Illinois
<u>Town of Deerfield</u>					
Ott, Casper	38	m	farmer	\$700	Germany
(wife), Elizabeth	34	f			Germany
Casper	14	m			Penn.
Louisa	12	f			Illinois
David	10	m			Illinois
Adam	7	m			Illinois
Sophia	5	f			Illinois
Rosina	3	f			Illinois
Henry	1	m			Illinois
Duer, Charlott	18	f			Germany
(living in same house, she may be a relative or a hired girl)					
Ott, Jacob II b1811	38	m	farmer	\$800	Germany
(Jacob is brother of Lorenz Ott)					
(wife), Emeline b1819	31	f			Germany
(she is listed as not being able to read or write, maybe this only means English, not German)					
George	11	m			Illinois
Daniel	10	m			Illinois
Lydia Ann	8	f			Illinois
Joseph	6	m			Illinois
John	4	m			Illinois
Eliza	3	f			Illinois
Jacob H.	6mos	m			Illinois
(six more children born after 1850)					
Ott, Jacob	66	m	farmer	\$800	Germany
(wife), Margaret	68	f			Germany

(newspaper clipping)

ACT TO RESTORE OLD CEMETERY NEAR WHEELING
Evangelical Fathers Will Save Crumbling Churchyard; Plan 1936 Centennial Rites
TOMBSTONES TOPPLING
Chickens Scratching in Abandoned Grounds; Sons of Pioneers Seek to Locate Lines

Au Plain, Cemetery at Dundee road, near Wheeling, site of the first Evangelical Church in the Middle West, will be rescued from its present station of a chicken yard and restored by 1936 for the centennial celebration of the original founding, it was decided at a meeting of church officials yesterday.

This meeting, attended by church leaders of the state, took place in North Northfield Church, directly across the road from the abandoned cemetery where chickens scratched among crumbling tombstones.

SONS OF PIONEERS ATTENDED.

A committee chosen during the state conference in Barrington and a score of descendants of pioneers buried in the lost cemetery attended the meeting. The Rev. John Schwab, superintendent of the Chicago Evangelical district, named himself, the Rev. W. J. Rilling, Joliet superintendent, and Ira Bubert, Wheeling, to a committee to seek the recovery of the graveyard.

Louis Reeb, present owner of the property, on which he operates a gas station, is said to have built outbuildings over some of the graves. According to church officials, the property was sold with the stipulation in the title that the graveyard should not be desecrated. No boundaries of the cemetery were set up in the title, it is understood, making legal recourse by the Evangelical Church doubtful.

ACT ON BOUNDARIES.

The first action of the new committee will be to determine the boundaries of the cemetery and to establish the rights of the church under the title given to Reeb.

Descendants of those buried in the Au Plain Cemetery still live in Wheeling and Deerfield, and are keenly interested in the restoration of the church yard. Few of the original grave markers remain and old records will have to be studied to locate the lost graves.

SERVICES HELD IN 1836.

First services in the Middle West were held in 1836 in the log cabin of Daniel Stanger, grandfather of Mrs. Ira Bubert, whose husband is on the restoration committee. The cabin was located on the banks of the Des Plaines River near the site of Dam No. 1.

Stanger, who walked from Warren, Pa., to establish a homestead in Illinois, encountered the Rev. Boas, Ohio missionary, as the latter rode in from his eastern parish on horseback, and together they established a place of worship.

The original parish was composed largely of immigrants from Alsace-Lorraine, a circumstance accounting for the French designation given the church.

D

First Settlers In The Towns North Of Chicago.
by Samuel Ott. (1926)

The first settlers in the Towns North of Chicago, say in Northfield, Wheeling and in Cook County and Deerfield, in Lake County Ill. were a class of young, single and married men, smart Americans from the Eastern and Southern States. They squatted on the unsurveyed lands and along the east and south sides of groves and of timber lands, not to plow the prairies, to farm land to make homes for themselves and their families, but to sell at their first chance, to the farmers and for all the money they had. Those people, who plowed the soil and improved the country, did the building, started schools and churches and after paying the government \$1.25 per acre for the land, and then only became the owners, received title to the lands, of them I will name in the three townships mentioned above.

In the year 1831 and 1832, the families of Martin and Jacob Esher, Daniel and Christian Stanger, Jacob Ott and five boys Lorenz, Jacob, Casper, Christian and Phillip and Magdalena and Saloma, these three families came from Baldenheim Elsass Loraine, France in the spring of 1832 in a sail boat to New York City and by canal boat to Buffalo, by ox-team from Buffalo to Warren, Warren Co. Pennsylvania in 1831(?). Four or five single boys of the above named family and one or two Luther boys, Jacob and Peter. They landed in Wheeling, Deerfield and Northfield, they came on rafts to Pittsburg on the Alleghany R. then by boat on the Ohio R., north on the Mississippi R. up the Illinois to LaSalle, Illinois and by foot from LaSalle to Chicago. They did not like Chicago, but the country north around Wheeling did appeal to them so they wrote to Warren Pa. for their folks to come at once to meet them early the next spring 1837(?).

Money was not plenty these times but the five families scraped up enough money to buy horses and wagons and they all came together, overland across Ohio, Indiana through Chicago to meet their sons in the new country at Wheeling, Northfield and Deerfield.

The boys had already bargained for claims for their folks, for teams and wagons and their money which was little or none. Their trip over-land, without roads or bridges, six weeks on the way, cannot be described. They landed and in passing through Chicago, my mother told me that they drove knee-deep in water from the loop to the sand ridge, Grayland Station, now on Milwaukee Avenue, from there on they followed the Indian trail along the divide, called the Continental Divide between the Atlantic and the Pacific Ocean, the water divide of North America. (the Continental Divide is the Rocky Mountains)

The first church was organized in 1838 by the Eshers, Stangers and Otts and a log church built on the high land, the north side of Dundee cement road, was soon too small to hold the many German people that came from different parts of America and Germany. With the increase of big families, the log church became too small, so the people decided in 1841, to move the church to the west street crossing, where they rebuilt another log church, double the size; but the increase of the people and the great interest they took in the church caused them in 1848, to build on the same ground another frame church, 40 by 50 feet. They also built the first school house in Northfield and Wheeling Township. In 1845, the first public school house, a log house, was built in Deerfield, the writer Samuel Ott remembers the first day in school, before the school was finished, and the teacher, Rosina Caldwell, a resident of Deerfield, Ill. The Caldwell's were early settlers in Deerfield; the school house one mile west was called Wilmot School house and at the present time, 1926, the people of the school district are building a brick

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school house, the fifth one on the same corner lot.

These early German settlers with a few Americans, in surprizingly quick time made comfortable homes, with churches and schools. As American loving citizens, they raised their children to be some of the best people living in Chicago and in the western states. Whenever you hear the names of Esher, Stanger, Hoffert, Ott, Wessling, Stryker, Brand, Wendling, Woolf, Rockenbach, Bach, Fritch, Miller, Weber, Boxman, Mulkey, Bubert, Kiest, Hess, Arnold, Trier, Henk, Riedlinger, Smith, Deily, Rebmann, Walter, Schnabele, and other descendants, you will find a good class of citizens, no devorces or criminals.

I think over my own families, the Otts, five brothers, two sisters, my uncles and aunts; of all living at present 1926, I, Samuel Ott, son of Lorenz Ott, oldest of the five Ott sons am the Oldest living born in Deerfield in 1841. Our family, after 240 died, still with the fifth generation, have about 250 living. I am proud of my Ott family as I know about all of them, about 500. I never heard of one criminal or drunkard; nearly all own their own homes and believe the 18th Amendment is a good law.

(signed) Samuel Ott
1851 Farragut Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Chicago Historical Society.
Copied from a letter of Samuel Ott.
G. Whisler.

F

The Des Plaines River Valley
A Challenge Then And - A Challenge Now!
by Irwin F. Plagge (1963).

- A Challenge Then -

Into the Indian country came the Pioneer, to live and work and worship near a most beautiful river, one that abounded in fish and could supply water power. Along its banks were the heavily wooded forests alive with wild game, fruits, and nuts. Nearby were the meadows where he could farm. This, surely, was God's country.

This story is of early pioneering - of settling along the Des Plaines River in Vernon and part of West Deerfield Townships, years of rugged living, extreme privation, long cold winters with illness, the clearing of the land for farming, the raising of food crops to sustain life, the construction of crude log cabins from green roughly-hewn logs held together by notching or with wooden pegs, the building of narrow mud roads where formerly only Indian trails existed through the thick forests, the erecting of a water dam across the Des Plaines River to supply water power to grind the grains and to operate the saw mill where lumber could be cut from hand-felled trees. All these were common experiences of those first pioneers who came to the southern end of Lake County. We shall never know the full story. Theirs was a great faith filled with hope and courage, which carried them through those difficult and adventurous pioneering days.

The small church on the brow of the hill along the Indian Trail where they worshipped on the Sabbath was their source of personal renewal, for their deep trust was in God. Until they could gather logs hewn from the forest to build their church, they held services under a huge oak tree on the East bank of the Des Plaines River. As the weather became bad, one of their homes was used for the Sunday service. This group of Alsatians built the 20' x 30' church along the Indian Trail on the brow of the hill at Dundee Road East of Sanders Road. For eight years they came together here for services, and then a larger church was built in 1847 at Dundee and Sanders Roads, on the northwest corner. They buried their dead west of their church at a presently neglected site. There lie a hundred or more members of those early pioneer families.

Early history of Lake County began when Indian tribes lived in the Southwest part of the County along the Des Plaines River. These Indians were known as the Potawatami, and Miami tribes. Here were the ideal camping places for them, as the wild game and fish gave them their food and the heavy forests gave shelter and protection. These Indians held possession of the land in Lake County until 1836, when the Indians ceded their land to the United States.

The Indians had made a well-beaten-down narrow trail that led from Chicago to Milwaukee and on. This trail followed the high land or ridges, and only crossed the rivers at shallow rocky bottoms known as fords. It is known that there were similar parallel trails which led to the same destinations, and those made connections at their camping sites.

Some of the early white pioneers made friendly arrangements with the Indians and were allowed to build log cabins on Indian-held property.

In the spring of 1833 Captain Daniel Wright came, the first known settler in Lake County. He went directly to the Indian Chief of the Potawatami, and they became good friends. The Indians even helped Captain Daniel Wright build his first log cabin. Evidently Captain Wright and his family lived with the Indians until his cabin had been built.

G

The Indian Camp, Mettawa's Village, was located at what is now known as Half Day, the oldest town in Lake County. Two Indian chiefs and other Indians were buried near this camp, but the exact locations have been forgotten.

The Daniel Wright log cabin was built in 1834 on the West bank of the Des Plaines River, near a rocky ford. The Indian trail became known as the Aptakistic Road and passed by and close to the Wright cabin at the River. That trail led to another trail, then known as the Great North Trail, now Milwaukee Avenue. With the aid of the Indians, the cabin was built of green-hewn logs. It was a 20' x 20' one-room building. It withstood a prairie fire during the first year the Wrights occupied it. The family, with their animals, took refuge behind the high river bank and were saved from the fire. Both the shed and the hay burned, but the green timbered cabin was saved.

Daniel Wright was married. His wife and son died in 1834, during that first year in the cabin, the first pioneers to die in Lake County. When Wright came to our county, he brought with him a cow and two oxen, and, as was customary, tools used in building cabins. An older daughter married a neighboring pioneer's son, William Whigham. This marriage ceremony was the first to be conducted in Lake County. It was performed at the Kennicott Store and Mill. Captain Wright died in 1873 at the age of 95 years, and is buried in Half Day.

A new pioneer family coming to this area was that of Hiram Langdon Kennicott, a young lawyer, who had been admitted to the Bar of New York State at the age of 21. He later became the first Justice of the Peace in Lake County, and tried the first law case at his store. Hiram and a brother, sons of the Jonathan Kennicott family, had preceded the rest of the family to Mettawa's Village. Captain Wright had built his cabin to the left, after crossing the ford from the East; the Kennicotts built their cabins on the West bank of the River and to the right of the ford.

The Kennicott family arrived in Chicago in 1834. The rest of that family of 16 soon followed their sons to the log cabin at the River. No doubt Captain Wright, with the aid of the friendly Indians, built the Kennicott's first cabins and the store in 1835. Later, here at the store, the first election in Lake County was held.

The Kennicott family was well educated and talented. They early realized the need of water power, and a dam was constructed across the Des Plaines River. It was located on a solid rocky ford, which gave a good foundation. Casual observations now reveal that from an engineering standpoint the selection of the site for the dam was good. A lake formed behind the dam, which became about one hundred acres in size. It must have been a tremendous task to construct such a large dam, requiring as it did the moving of many large rocks from the bottom of the river and placing and fitting them into a solid holding wall.

Large tree trunks were used for bracing and to reinforce the walls. Although the oxen aided much in the construction of the dam, much labor must have been hand labor. There was no method for driving piling in those early pioneering days. This came much later when the dam had to be rebuilt. Some Indians may have aided in the construction of the dam; however, the Indians had no love for this type of work. It is known that the dam was rebuilt on three different sites. The first may have been built further north and up the river from the present ruins. Old mill stones were found on the island, which is slightly north of the last dam constructed. Perhaps the island served as part of the anchor for the dam. On the West end of the dam was a long deep sluiceway, which conveyed the water from the lake to a water wheel. The water falling over the wheel caused the wheel to turn, giving necessary power to turn the grinding stones of the grist mill.

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In 1835 the saw mill was built on the East end of the dam.

The water collected above the dam formed the mill pond. The force of the water coming over the dam deepened the river below the dam and made an excellent fishing spot. There followed the building of the first wooden bridge across the River. The bridge was located at the ford, close by Captain Wright's cabin. Two trails led from this ford or bridge to the west; one to the southwest, now known as the Aptakisic Road, and the other to the northwest. This second trail, Mauck-Suck, the present Riverwoods Road, led to Milwaukee Avenue, then an Indian trail.

The first wooden bridge was known as the Luther bridge. The road following an old Indian trail from the east to the bridge was known as the Luther Road. It was well marked by an old Indian trail-marking-tree, which still stands along the south side of Riverwoods Road. The Luther Road began at Sanders and Deerfield Roads.

In 1836, the first Post Office and Public School were established in Lake County at Half Day. A new settlement of Alsatian pioneers arrived in covered wagons drawn by oxen. They had followed the Indian trail from Chicago. After living in Warren, Pennsylvania, several years, they travelled westward, following the Indian trails along the Great Lakes from Buffalo, N.Y., to Chicago. The men walked, and their women and families rode in the covered wagons. Their domestic animals followed behind.

The first roads followed the Indian trails and were just wide enough for a pair of oxen. The roads were black dirt, and when two wagons met it was necessary for one to pull off the road to allow the other to pass. In the spring, these mud roads were almost impassable. Only oxen could walk in the soft mud, because their claw-like feet caused no suction when withdrawn from the soft earth. There is no record on the construction of the grist mill, of where the first machinery was obtained, or how the mill stones were transported to the mill site.

The first blacksmith located near Half Day, and later spent part of the week in a neighboring town. The blacksmith attached metal pads or shoes to the oxen's feet to prevent excessive wear.

In 1843, the Kennicott families moved to a farm in Wheeling Township. The Mill became known as Vincent's Mill, and later as Struckman's Mill.

While these early pioneers were settling along the Des Plaines River, more and more Alsatians were arriving in their covered wagons. The settlement was in West Deerfield, Wheeling, and Northfield Townships, and the settlers became closely associated with the families along the Des Plaines River. They brought seeds, cloth, guns, ammunition, fruit trees, carpenter's tools, some crude farming tools, and spinning wheels, as well as cows, sheep, a hog or two, and some chickens.

Open log sheds were first built as shelters for their animals; then followed low log barns, giving better protection.

At Chicago the settlers arranged for the purchase of land or for land grants. The first to build a log cabin at Deerfield and Sanders Roads was Martin Luther, who arrived in 1835. Ten families built their cabins in a row, each helping the others. The cabins were at the edge of the heavy woods, and to the East were meadow lands with scattered shrubbery. The working of virgin soil was very difficult. The pioneers chose the high land for their homes, but near enough to the river to have good water for their cattle and sheep.

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The Martin Luther family arrived in 1835; then followed the arrival of the four Ott families, the Jennings, Stewarts, Dose, and Duffy families. More families followed, and settled along the West bank of the Des Plaines River. Many of these families in Vernon Township, and many living further south, along the River in Wheeling and Northfield Townships, were related to the families in West Deerfield and Vernon Township.

The Indian Trails were widened for easy passage toward the south and to make connections with Milwaukee Avenue, then only an Indian trail that led to Chicago. The early pioneers took grain and other products to Chicago, buying there the needed supplies for their homes.

There was always a most friendly cooperation among all these pioneer families in building the first mud roads, the wooden bridge across the Des Plaines River, the dam, and in providing the most necessary things to sustain the lives of all of their families.

We may well wonder how they lived and survived through those first cold winters; raised their crops and animals; spun wool from their sheep for socks, mittens and large shawls to keep them warm; cooked or baked their food in crude fireplaces or in large out-of-doors bake ovens; made candles to light their homes; and made soap of waste fats and lye from wood ashes.

Here they raised their families, mothers giving birth to their children in little cabins, mostly alone, or, at best, with some kindly neighbor wife to help. Families built their cabins close together during those early pioneer days, so that they could help each other when in need. As facilities for travel were improved, the families spread out, taking on larger farms.

After the Indian trail became a road good enough for travel, a stage coach carrying passengers and mail would pass through the river ford at Daniel Wright's cabin.

In 1843 Hiram Kennicott bought a farm, and the Kennicott family moved to their son's new home, known as "The Groves" near Milwaukee Avenue between Glenview and Des Plaines.

John Kennicott's son became the first country doctor. Doctor Kennicott visited his patients by riding horseback over a circuit of about seventy-five miles, carrying with him such medicines as were available or of his own compounding.

It is written of Doctor John Kennicott: "... even in the lowest hovel, amid squalor and suffering, he was the same considerate polished gentleman, striving with all his might and skill to allay pain and holding out the hand of Hope, ready to cheer and help the weary and broken hearted. And God knows that at times there was need of just such a ministering Angel." Doctor Kennicott was also interested in the forests and growing shrubs. He often was seen riding horseback, holding some young trees or shrubs, taking them home to plant in "The Grove." He had a keen interest in the great out-of-doors, with its interesting trees, plants, and flowers, and always looked for the unusual, or a new variety which might be of great value.

The Kennicott family was well-educated in the fields of the sciences, law, and agriculture. That good training accounts for the early construction of the first dam across the River, and the building of the first grist mill and saw mill, all in about two year's time. Many pioneers who came early were skilled as shoe makers, tailors, carpenters, blacksmiths, wagon makers, and some as school masters. The country school house also served as a singing school and as a place to practice penmanship. The beautiful flowing hand of some pioneers was the result of after-

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working-hours application.

And so a heritage was left for us in Vernon and West Deerfield Townships.

The Des Plaines River Valley
- A Challenge Now -

Would it not be proper and right that we, the descendants and friends of those early pioneers, preserve and conserve what is left of these historical landmarks and lands along the Des Plaines River, including especially the contingent forests and meadows?

As the wealthiest nation on earth, will we find funds to rebuild the old dam and "the mill that stood by it," the country store, and the saw mill? Will we rebuild the Luther Bridge, now condemned, and open again the Luther Road that followed the Indian trail to the ford across the River and to the store and mill? Will we rebuild Captain Daniel Wright's log cabin as a memorial to the first white pioneer to live in Lake County? And can we muster the energy now to save the oldest remaining building in Lake County - the historic Half Day Inn, built in 1843 by John F. Myrtle?

We should give thanks for, and not forget the "Good Earth," which gave those early pioneers good crops of grain, fruits, and vegetables for man and beast. We should cherish the bountiful forests and all that grows and lives therein, that gave the pioneers and Indians alike food and shelter for their families and inspiration for their souls. And above all, we should purify and restore the Des Plaines River, which gave them pure water to drink and fish to eat, the power to grind their grains, ice in the winter for their ice houses, a place to wash the wool of the sheep in the spring before the shearing, and a spot to take a swim and bathe in the summer. I will never forget what Mother would say after a hard week of labor on the farm during those hot summer days: "Tomorrow let's fill a big basket of lunch and go to the River and sit on the bank of the River, in the shade of that big oak tree. There we will rest and enjoy our picnic lunch." This was their heritage, will it be ours? Even today, as rushed as we are, picnicking remains the most popular family recreational activity.

The early pioneers had a definite philosophy of life. They believed in God. The church and its teachings was a part of each life. One often heard them say during their conversations in their homes, or with their neighbors: "We are so thankful to God for what we have, for the food, and His loving care," or "Our good God," an expression heard so often. They were satisfied with the little they had and tried to get along with it. They worked hard long hours to save and protect the fruits of their labors. They looked toward the future, and failure of their crops did not defeat them; they would try again. Life's goal was to be happy, kindly, and helpful to all, and especially to those in dire need and to those to whom illness had come; to be honest and truthful in their dealings with all their neighbors, and to raise their children in these same basic principles of the good life, in the love of God and of country.

Now, a hundred and thirty years later, the Pioneer is gone, and many others have followed him. Our Des Plaines River is badly polluted. Captain Wright's cabin, the dam, and the grist and saw mills have disappeared. The iron bridge is rusty and unsafe for heavy passage. The forests have been ravaged of their trees and wild life. Only small wooded areas remain, and these we urgently seek to preserve through our new Forest Preserve District.

The pollution of the River must be stopped and the River cleaned of debris, and our boys and young men can do the job with guidance from their elders. We can

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beautify, reforest, restore these once beautiful areas, and cease all wanton destruction by protecting the trees and wild life.

If we do not meet "The Challenge Now," we will have a scorched eroded earth; our lovely river of the plains, Aux Plaines, will grow more foul-smelling and filthy until we have no more than an open sewer where once a beautiful and bountiful river flowed.

We can, but will we, preserve our heritage for ourselves now and for our posterity?

Lake County Historical Society,
and The Community Conservation Council Of Deerfield.
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[A brief history of Lake County and Deerfield.]

"Material used in this compilation has been from Notes on the History of Highland Park by Eva Egan Truax, a Brief History of Lake County for Pupils of Schools by T. Arthur Simpson, County Superintendent of Schools; E. M. Haines' Historical and Statistical Sketches of Lake County, published in 1852; Dr. John J. Halsey's History of Lake County, published in 1912; Portrait Biographical Album of Lake City Publishing Company in 1891, by a corp of writers who are individually given no credit for their flowery biographies; an Atlas of Lake County, Illinois, published by the Geo. A. Ogle and Company, Chicago, in 1907; reminiscences of old settlers, the most far reaching of which were those of George Rockenbach [III], Mrs. Henry Wessling, Samuel Ott, Mrs. Eliza Jane Shepard Wilson and Mrs. Redmond.

The French explorers, beginning with Joliet and Marquette in 1674, passed up and down the Lake [Michigan] Shore in canoes and while they must have spent, at different times, several nights here, yet they left so little and so indefinite a description of this locality, that not much about this country, at that time, is known.

Lake County was separated from McHenry County by an act of the General Assembly, approved March 1, 1819.

Pottawatomie and Illinois tribes of Indians held possession of the land in Lake County until 1836. Before that time no whites were permitted to settle without consent of the Indians. A Pottawatomie village was located on the Fred Clavey farm on the Clavey Road, and there were Indian settlements on both sides of the Skokie. Skokie is the Indian word for marsh. The extensive swamp lying two or three miles from the lake westward, and extending north and south from Highland to Chicago, is a source of the north branch of the Chicago River.

John K. Clark is reputed to be the first white trader and trapper to be identified with Deerfield township. He is known to have been in the locality in 1818 and 1820, but the record of his permanent settlement here is given as 1836, when he located on the farm that later became the property of Dr. Samuel Galloway and later of William Werhane.

The northern part of West Deerfield was settled by Irish who came to Chicago from the Eastern States to work on the drainage canal. Sweeney, Conley, McConnel, Mooney, Maloney, and Melody, are names of some of the early settlers who bought the cheap swamp land in Lake County near Deerfield, Highland Park and Lake Forest, according to Harry Beardsley's article in the Chicago Daily News on the suburban development.

Haines, in his history of Lake County, published in 1852, says, "Deerfield is a fractional township and lies in the south east corner of the county, and is bounded on the north by Shields, on the east by Lake Michigan, on the south by Cook County, and on the west by Vernon. This township is mostly timbered land, having no Prairies, except a skirt of the Grand Prairie, extending up a short distance into the south west portion of it." (This was where the Ott families settled.) "There are some two or three sluggish streams passing through this town, flowing southward, and ultimately forming the north branch of the Chicago River."

Land bordering on the lake and with the deep ravines was considered of no value, so the prairies were selected for farming purposes. Heavy groves, mostly of beautiful oak trees, covered the land from the River Woods to Highland Park, and when the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway was built through here, in 1871, a dense forest had to be traversed, and all trees were hewn down, and stumps were all "grubbed" out by hand.

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The written history of Lake County begins in 1673. The mound builder, the Indian, the Jesuit missionary, the fur trader, the explorer, and finally the early settlers made history, recorded and unrecorded.

The history of Lake County is similar to that of other localities where the western empire was developed.

Dr. Halsey says: "Chicago was as important a point to the Indian as it has since been to the white man, partly on account of the portage leading to the Des Plaines River, and as the lake was the great water highway, so also was its western shore an important highway for these Indian tribes when they traveled by foot." The ridge of land through Deerfield was the favorite Indian trail to Milwaukee.

"Vandalism, unpremeditated, destroyed the work of the mound builders, the true history of whom is shrouded in mystery, but they were an agricultural people. The most extensive mounds are near Pistakee Lake, one-half mile in length. The bodies show indication of wholesale slaughter and bloody massacre. Another at Indian Hill, and one southwest of the Ravinia station was partially excavated by Mrs. Kenneth R. Smoot of Highland Park, and found ashes which indicated a sepulchre where cremation was practiced. Another mound is in Highland Park on Laurel Avenue between Linden and Dale Avenues. It is about ten feet in diameter and circular in form.

The Indian arrows and spear heads found in this vicinity were made on the shore of Lake Michigan where chipping stations were still revealed in 1909 by the 'rejects' and chippings found in the original quarries, and more perfect forms have been found farther from the lake, where they were used."

Indian villages stood on both sides of the Skokie. Trail trees are still in existence near Everett, and one is on the Huehl farm, and some are on the Parsons-Jordan farm.

The last Indian treaty was made in Chicago, September 26, 1833, when the Pottawatomies ceded to the United States their lands in Illinois, including all of Lake County. It was in this transaction that John K. Clark's Indian children received four hundred dollars from the Government according to Frank R. Grover, of the Evanston Historical Society.

"Father Marquette spent a night at Gross Point. There was a Miami Indian village where the north branch of the Chicago River joins the Skokie.

The Mission of the Guardian Angel in 1696 when St. Cosine visited it was either on Indian Hill or Glen View, as Miami villages were in both places. Preponderance of evidence gives credulity to the claims of the former place, because of the large number of arrow and spear heads, and stone hammers that were found there and are on exhibition in the Indian Hill Golf Club." From Early History of Skokie Valley and its Neighbors, by Harriet Joy Scheidenhelm.

That Deerfield was a hunting ground is evidenced by the fact that arrow heads in such abundance were in the fields that an occasional one is even now plowed out of the Gardens.

Different types of flint and various forms of construction were used, indicating different tribes, locality of their manufacture, and animals for which they were utilized.

The first clergyman to locate in Lake County was Rev. Samuel Hurlbutt of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who came in 1837, and remained for a time north of Libertyville, and taught school in Half Day, took a claim and built a home on Section 23 in Fremont.

The first physician was Dr. Jesse H. Foster, who came to Libertyville in 1837. He practiced medicine, kept a tavern, carried on a farm, and was an active and public spirited citizen.

The first school was taught in the fall of 1836, by Miss Laura B. Sprague in Half Day.

The first post office was established in Half Day, August 22, 1836. Seth Washburn was the first postmaster. The second post office was opened November 4, 1836, near

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the bank of the Des Plaines River, a few rods south of Saugatuck bridge. Samuel Brooks was the postmaster.

The first church organization in Lake County was formed in the log house of Alfred Payne in Fremont, February 20, 1838. Rev. John Blatchford came from Chicago to serve as moderator and assist in organizing.

The first school house built was in Independence Grove (Libertyville) in the autumn of 1836. "It was made of hewed logs and was mainly constructed through the voluntary efforts of the young bachelors of the neighborhood."

The first blacksmith was a Mr. Morse, who, after working a few months near Half Day, located in Libertyville in 1835. Mathias Mason was the second blacksmith.

The first murder occurred in the old Goodman tavern stand in September 1847. The victim was a peddler, Silas Marble. "The suspect, who was tried for the crime, was acquitted by jurors."

The first church building was a Catholic one of logs, near Highland Park, and known as St. Mary's according to Partridge, but Halsey states that the church in Meehan's settlement, north of Deerfield village, built in 1844, was first.

"The first legal proceeding held in Lake County arose over a dispute regarding the occupancy of a claim near Gurnee, in January 1836, Ezekial Boyland occupied the land, and a Mr. Blaisdell ineffectually sought to displace him in January 1836."

"The first entry on the docket of the Lake County Circuit Court is entitled Samuel Hurlbutt vs. William Easton. A school had been taught in Half Day by Rev. Samuel Hurlbutt, the teacher's compensation being provided for by circulating a subscription paper. The defendant had subscribed ten dollars which he neglected or refused to pay. The records show judgment for the Plaintiff."

The first telegraph line in Lake County was erected in January, 1858. The wires ran from Milwaukee to Chicago.

The first mail passed through the county on May 29, 1836, en route from Milwaukee to Chicago. Prior to that "runners" had made the trip on infrequent occasions, but this was the first regular service.

Half Day is the oldest village in the county.

Among the early births recorded in Lake County is that of Jane Delanty in 1836, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Delanty of Deerfield Township.

The first store was opened by Hiram Kennicott, near the old mill, a mile south of Half Day, in 1835. This merchant was also a Justice of the Peace and the first contested law suit was tried before him.

The first couple married were William Whigham Sr., and Miss Caroline Wright, daughter of Daniel Wright, the first settler. Esquire Kennicott performed the ceremony in January 1836.

William Easton opened a store in Half Day in a log building in 1838, which was still standing in 1902.

The first election at which Lake County pioneers were allowed to vote was in October 1835. The polling place was six miles south of Wheeling and but thirty-two votes were cast. This was while Cook County was comprised of all of North Eastern Illinois, "but it was fully understood that one half of the voters of the precinct were from north of the present county line. The territory embraced all of Lake County and a considerable portion of Cook County and was called Lake precinct. Under the state constitution of 1818, a residence of only six months was required, and all who came prior to 1835 had the right to vote."

"The first water power saw mills in the county were started simultaneously in 1835, one by Jacob Miller, east of Milburn, the other by Hiram Kennicott, south of Half Day.

The first steam saw mill was that of Seth Paine started in 1843 at Lake Zurich."

The first land entries were made June 18, 1840 by Mark Bangs, Mark Bangs Jr., Daniel Hubbard and Elisha Hubbard and covered 50 acres in Section 21, and half of Section 26 in Township 44 North, Range 9 East, where the village of Wauconda is located. The first assessment of taxable property was made in June, 1838.

The first white settler in Lake County was Daniel Wright, who came from Rutland, Vermont, where he was born in 1778. He served in the War of 1812. He came to Chicago in 1833 and then went to the Indian village of Half Day.

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Townships in Lake County were laid off by commissioners appointed for the task. Sometime between March 1849 and April 1850, a meeting was held at the home of Michael Meahan, in the northern part of the township to select the name. Philemon Cadwell and Michael Yore were judges and Edwin Cadwell the Clerk. "Deerfield" was proposed by John Millen, who was born in Deerfield, Connecticut, and he suggested this name because of the large number of deer in this vicinity. "Erin" was the name chosen by the early Irish immigrants in the township. Seventeen votes were cast for Deerfield and thirteen for Erin, so Deerfield was the name of the township

Horace Lamb, and Jacob Cadwell and his sons, Madison, Philemon, Caleb, Hiram and Edwin, who emigrated from Norfolk, New York, in 1835, were the first settlers in the village of Deerfield. The Cadwell homestead, on an Indian trail which is now the Waukegan Road, is at present occupied by Miss Loretta Heman.

Jesse Wilmot, who Married Elizabeth Luther, came up the north branch of the Chicago River in 1834 and spent the winter alone where the village now is. In 1837, his brother, Lyman, came and in 1840 Lyman brought his wife, Clarissa Dwight, to the 240 acres of "wild land" in the vicinity of the Wilmot school.

Until 1843, Horace Lamb's land was to the south, and the Vedder farm, now George Truitt's home, and the Parsons' farms were Lamb's. Lewis Gastfield and James Hamilton held land to the east and it was sold to Lewis Gastfield. Cadwell's land extended west to Holcomb's (now Hood's) and east to Lewis Gastfield's, south to the Lamb farms.

The first meeting to suggest the incorporation of Deerfield as a village was held at the home of John C. Ender on Waukegan Road. Those who were called into the conference were: J. C. Ender, George Rockenbach, J. P. Schneider, Philip Rommel, J. Leonard Vetter, C. W. Pettis, E. H. Willman.

The village of Deerfield was incorporated at an election held in April, 1903, in the town hall. The first president was John C. Ender. The minutes of June 1, 1903, in the book which was donated to the village by R. B. Chase, the following list of trustees is recorded: P. L. Jorgenson, George Rockenbach, Philip Rommel, John P. Schneider, J. Leonard Vetter, and E. H. Willman. The clerk was Albert C. Antes.

To demonstrate how slowly improvements came in the period from 1903 to 1913, because of the extreme frugality of the village board, the following items have been taken from the minutes. When a couple of boards across a muddy crossing had to be voted upon in a village meeting, the comparison of that and the building of several miles of concrete road in the last few years shows a striking note of progress and larger population.

George Rockenbach and William Plagge gave a deed for a strip of land 60 feet wide for the extension of West Railroad Avenue from the present location south 256 feet, the same width as previous record for street purposes. This opened up a piece of property for a road known variously as Railroad Avenue and Grand Avenue to the south of the Osterman Avenue crossing.

In 1907 George A. Ogle & Company's atlas of Lake County gives the boundary lines of Deerfield as Greenwood Avenue on the north, on the east, the John C. Ender property, the Knickerbocker and Cost stock farm, the Tutz mill and the D. N. Lidgerwood farm. This brought the east town line west of the Deerfield school and placed the school outside the village limits. On the south were the F. Plagge, George Rockenbach, Julius Johnson and D. M. Erskine property facing on Hall Avenue. On the north was Potomac Avenue on which was the property of L. Dreher, who kept a greenhouse on Greenwood and Potomac, John Knecht, E. Osterman and F. Plagge.

For some reason the map is incomplete, for the J. Leonard Vetter, Lewis P. Todd, John Selig, Lydia Phelps Hoyt, Matthias Horenberger names are omitted, although their property boundary lines are indicated in the center of town.

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The first trail was Green Bay Road. Green Bay was the oldest settlement in this territory. A French trading station and mission were established there about 1670, and one in Milwaukee in 1785. Chicago was the gateway to the Mississippi country. Green Bay Road was surveyed in 1833, and rough puncheon and log bridges were placed over the creeks and streams that could not be forded, and cutting out the trees to a width of two rods. No grading was done for years afterwards.

The other big road ran west through Deerfield corners, and was known as Milwaukee Plank Road. This went from Chicago through Half Day, Libertyville (then Independence Grove) to Milwaukee. In June, 1836, a stage route was established on this road which was a common lumber wagon which carried both passengers and mail. It was drawn by four horses and the driver was William Lovejoy.

The Corduroy or Telegraph Road, which ran through Deerfield, with corduroy bridges, was used before 1841.

"Telegraph" or "Corduroy" Road was not named because the entire road was "corduroyed," but on account of the "short bridges, which were built corduroy fashion, that is two long logs for stringers, and short ones athwart, filled in with stones, or brush or earth, to make the bumps easier." A short stretch of such a road is still in existence on the old Duffy farm off of Wilmot road to the west, at the end of the lane that passes the Adolph Goelitz lodge.

Plank road activities began in the late eighteen forties and early fifties. Lake County oak from Port Clinton was used on the old "Plank Road" running north from Clark Street and North Avenue in Chicago.

The Deerfield Road west from Wilmot Corners was not opened until 1850. People that came across the Wilmot farm (which was west and east of the road) opened gates to go where they wished.

Samuel and Eli Ott did the first grading on the west part of the road.

Toll gates were near the Lauer place, at the Wheeling gate, at Niles, Jefferson and Irving Park, and two were on the Lowe road. The charges were forty-five cents at Wheeling, thirty-five cents at Niles, twenty-five cents at Jefferson, and ten or fifteen cents at the last two places.

"Mudsill" bridges were made by taking the heaviest logs that could be cut, boring holes in them and laying them in the mud. A frame would then be laid on these to bridge the rivers. There was a good bridge across the DesPlaines River at Wheeling, and on the east and west slough in Deerfield, which are the north branches of the Chicago River.

The first post office in Deerfield Township was in the Meehan settlement, under the name of Emmett, in 1846. The second was established on January 13, 1849, in St. Johns, which name was changed to Port Clinton on March 19, 1850. The first post office in Highland Park proper was established on December 14, 1861. St. Johns was situated on a bluff on both sides of the first ravine that is crossed on entering Fort Sheridan reservation at the main south gate. It was named for John Peterman and John Hettinger, Germans, who laid out the town and incorporated it under their Christian names.

The first post office in Deerfield was located where Lidgerwoods formerly lived and Miss Heman now lives. It was established May 4, 1850, and the first postmaster appointed was Caleb Cadwell. He served until 1854, and was assisted by his daughter, Rosella. Cadwell owned houses on both sides of Waukegan Road.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway bought the right of way through Deerfield in 1870. The road was graded in 1871, and the tracks were laid in 1872. The first road foreman was James Ryan, who lives on Grand Avenue. The first station on the C. M. and St. P. was in a box car near Hall Avenue, and the station agent was George Pratt, whose wife was Lillian, a daughter of Simeon and Lydia Tupper, early settlers. The second station was built in 1872 at the corner of Hall Avenue, sometimes called Central Avenue, and is now a freight house. The third station was built in 1900 through the efforts of Mrs. J. P. Schneider, who circulated a petition to have a new station nearer the center of population, and this was erected near the

Deerfield road crossing on land bought of Mrs. Philip Hole.

Many of the old German families, devout and thrifty, who helped to develop the farming community, and whose descendants are merchants in Deerfield or engaged in business in Chicago, are buried in the Northfield Cemetery. Until two years ago the cemetery was inclosed with a wooden fence, and turnstile steps were the foot entrance to it. Since so few cows are left in the vicinity and none are at large, the fence was taken down and a hedge planted.

Neglected graves where tombstones were tottering were put in order, and a system of weekly care for the entire burial ground was established with a regular caretaker.

The Deerfield Cemetery, located at the corner of Waukegan road and Central Ave., is on land bought of Philemon Cadwell in April, 1858. The location on the map of the cemetery is described as the N. W. Quarter of the N. W. Quarter of Section 33, Township 43, Range 12.

A cemetery association was organized in 1858 and lots sold for \$5, with individual care, or neglect. In October, 1883, the price was raised to \$10. In 1909 one lot that was bought for \$5 was sold for \$50.

The oldest dates on a tombstone in the Deerfield Cemetery are 1848 and 1851; graves of an infant daughter unnamed, and Polly, another daughter of Isaac Galloway.

These children were undoubtedly buried on the Galloway farm until the cemetery was established, and then the bodies were moved to a permanent resting place.

Two children of M. and M. Russell, an infant that died in 1859 and Albert, who passed away in 1861, are some of the next oldest graves that have tombstones. M. Russell was born in 1787, died in 1863, at 75 years.

There are many unmarked graves in the cemetery, and several whole lots with either one or no graves at all apparent, the owners of which have moved or passed away, and no burials made in them for over half a century. The whereabouts of many of the decedents are also unknown.

Church services were held in homes whenever any itinerant minister came, in the early days of Illinois, later the school house was used as a place of worship.

In Chicago the pioneer religious denomination was the Methodist, which came in 1831. Philo Carpenter started the first Sunday School in Chicago in 1831.

In Deerfield Sunday School services were held in both the Wilmot and the Cadwell one-room schools, in the eighteen fifties and sixties.

The Methodist Theological Seminary in Evanston sent students quite regularly in the eighteen sixties and seventies, consequently church services in Deerfield were held in the English language before the German families took possession of most of the land formerly owned by New England and English settlers.

The nearest organized church was a Calvinist or Reformed Lutheran one built in 1845 on Dundee road. The first minister who lived in Lake County was Rev. Hurlbutt, who went to Libertyville in 1837. The first church organization was in Fremont in 1838. None of the first American families have left any record of early services in English in this vicinity, but those in German were conducted by ministers from the O'Plain Church.

"The Presbyterian Church at Deerfield corners was organized May, 1876, by the Rev. E. S. Hurd, D. D. The first members were Lyman and Clarissa Wilmot, Lyman Wilmot, Jr., Philip and Adelia Hodgkins Gutzler, Louis and Caroline Galloway Todd, Mrs. Lizzie Hall, and Mrs. Mary S. Muhlke."

The oldest Protestant Church in this part of the state was the German Evangelical Calvinist or Reformed United Lutheran Church, which was built on the south side of Dundee road in Northfield on land given by Lorenz Koeblin for both church and Cemetery in 1845. In the latter many of the ancestors of Deerfield families are buried.

Time and weather has effaced their record, for no stones or markers are over many of the graves.

Lutheran Families in Deerfield who sent their children long distances to the parochial school connected with the church were the Horenbergers and Huehls. In Northfield seventy five years ago the children of Christian Ott, Christian Meier, IEHL John Eihl, Philip Railstob, Jacob Meintzer and Lorenz Koeblin, were taught by Rev. Whitebrook, whose name was undoubtedly Weisbach in German.

Appears to have flourished until 1875 or a little later. About that time the church seems to have broken up as records do not show any activity, only necessary action to maintain property.

In 1863 the name of the congregation was changed to St. Peter's Evangelical Church, and the same year a new church was built south of Northfield. After that services were still held on Sunday afternoons for some of the Deerfield people in the little church, but many of the first congregation joined the Presbyterian Church in Wheeling.

Fifty-two years ago [1875] a church was built in Deerfield called the First United German Evangelical St. Paulus Society, which is now St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church was called into existence in 1875, when 23 families organized a church. The land was donated by one of the charter members, Mr. William Osterman, and the church was completed for dedication in November. The church with the parochial school house and the parsonage, that was built for the third minister, in 1893, are located at the corner of Waukegan Road and Osterman Avenue.

The first Evangelical Church in Illinois was organized in the Stanger Grove, the home of Martin Stanger, father of George Stanger of Deerfield. The other families who joined the Stangers were the Luther, Jacob Ott, Jacob J. Escher, and Countryman families. The first minister was Rev. Hoess, who came on horseback from Pennsylvania to preach. Three churches in succession were built near the Northfield Cemetery. The first church was a crude log one built in 1847 on a hill west of the cemetery on the land of Mike Schoelle. The second was on the Nicholas Miller farm, where the parsonage now stands, and was later sold to John Forke, who tore it down and moved it to his farm in Wheeling. Forty-five years ago [1882] the third one was built on the southwest corner of John Streicher's land given for the purpose.

The last Northfield Evangelical Association Church called the O'Plain Church, on the southwest corner of Dundee and Saunders Roads, was built in 1880. The United Evangelical Church across the road was built in 1890.

In October, 1861, the first meetings of the Deerfield Evangelical Association Church were held in the home of Frederick Muhlke on the Deerfield-Highland Park Road, east of the Deerfield corners. Rev. Isaac Hoeffert of the Northfield Church, conducted the services in addition to those in his own church. Those who pledged money on the subscription list were Victor Jonas, Jacob Jahn, J. Leonard Vetter, Peter Zahn, Henry Kock, Frederick and David Fritsch, George and Sarah Ott Rockenbach. Later the Deerfield school was their meeting place, then in 1868 they built a church that stood where Knaak's garage is now located, on Waukegan Road, on land given by Frederick Muhlke from his farm. The survey was made by Havelia Whitney, 1868.

The "Corduroy" Church - St. Patricks. Halsey's History of Lake County says, "The earliest place of worship for the Catholics in the southern part of Shields was the log church which was built on the land of Michael Yore on the west side of the Telegraph Road in the southeast quarter of Section 7 in Deerfield. This, St. Michael's Church, was built in 1844, by the neighbors, on land given by Yore. It was forty feet long and thirty wide. It was the common place of meeting for Deerfield and Shields until 1855, and the faithful frequently came in from the four adjacent townships. In the course of ten years the movement of population created a new central location and it was decided to move the congregation and the worship two miles northward into Shields. The log church was sold to Michael Vaughn, who removed it to his land, half a mile south on the same road, and made a dwelling of it for his family. It continued in this use until 1905 when it was taken down to make room for a more modern dwelling."

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In 1840 the average days of schooling in the life of a child was 208 altogether. In 1870 he received an education of an average of 582 days in his life. In 1890, 770 days were the number enjoyed by the majority of children, and in 1925, 1,200 days are the average length of five hour days spent in the pursuit of knowledge.

Before 1840 there were no real public schools in the United States and none in Illinois until 1856.

The ones started in and around Deerfield in the eighteen forties were not in the same sense public as they are today for they were supported by those who had children in them, not by public or general taxation. Those who had no children paid no school taxes.

The first schools were conducted in the log homes by the parents who desired education for their children. Young men, sometimes ministers and elders, and young women, who were deemed capable, were the teachers. The books used were those brought from the eastern homes of the settlers, beginning with The New England Primer.

The first school in the village of Deerfield, called the Cadwell school, which was made of logs, was located on section thirty-three, near the county line on the Cadwell farm, afterwards Alfred Parsons' and then C. B. Easton's, and the first teacher was Rosilla Cadwell, who taught in 1848. As it was the only one in the township, pupils came to it from Highland Park as well as from Deerfield, but on account of the impassable roads in the spring, and the work necessary to be done on the farms in three seasons, pupils attended it only in the winter. How long this school was used no one living can tell, but a later Cadwell school was built on the southwest corner of Cadwell's Corners, and as late as 1868 was referred to as the Cadwell school in the Cemetery Association records. It is known that Hall and Parsons children attended it. Halsey's history records the erection of the 1848 one.

The Wilmot School. The first township school was built at the corner of Wilmot Road and Deerfield Road, on property donated by Lyman Wilmot, for whom the school was named in 1847. It was called District Three.

In this school, as in others, the patrons built the school, by combining their labor or money. The teacher was paid by those who had children in the school. Those who had none paid nothing, and if the teacher's home was not near, she "boarded around" in the homes of her pupils. In one room cabins, this housing of a teacher, in families of from eight to ten, must have been something of a problem.

Early schools were all log huts. The logs were hewn and notched, because there were no nails to use in the construction of them. The roofs were made of slabs. The buildings were neither rain nor snow proof, and the children were often wet and cold in these crude halls of learning. The floors were of dirt and the snakes and lizards and mice crawled around on them. The benches of slabs were arranged around the sides of the building in the form of a quadrangle, with a square, wood burning stove in the center. The rod and the dunce cap played a prominent part in the punishment of unruly pupils, especially when the teachers were men.

Rough board schools superseded the log ones, and were surely less artistic in construction.

As late as forty years ago [1887], one form of punishment was to compel a child to stand on empty chalk boxes and keep his balance. A long heavy black walnut ruler was used to chastise the pupils.

The third school was a wooden one, built 69 years ago, in 1858, and it faced south. It was burned before it was occupied - supposedly by a tramp who sought shelter. The next one was built on the same foundation and also faced south. During its construction, pupils attended the school in Deerfield at the corner where the bank is now. The fourth Wilmot school was moved east of its original site in 1907, and is part of the Trute house. The fifth was built in 1906 - a one room school, recognized as a Standard School, with its metal sign over the door. George Gutzler and Orman I. Rockenbach were on the board, and Oscar Miller of Northbrook was the contractor. This was improved from time to time for eighteen years, until it no

longer met the requirements of the district.

A few of the many early teachers at the Wilmot school were: Clare Whitney, who married Joseph Catlow; Mary Whitney, who married Orman I. Rockenbach; Alice Ott; Josephine Catlow (Loomis) taught one year; Ruth Catlow (Whitcomb) taught two years; Almira Rockenbach (Heybeck) taught three years.

A few of the directors of the Wilmot school before 1913 were: Henry Plagge; George Rockenbach; Samuel Ott; John Ott. Orman I. Rockenbach was elected in the years 1916, 1919, and 1922.

There are no soldiers of the Revolutionary War buried in the Deerfield Cemetery, but there are two in a cemetery in Lake County near Milburn, the graves of which the DAR intend to mark with the regulation markers.

Those who remain in Deerfield who were living at the time of the Civil War refer to it as "The War of the Rebellion." Many of the men from Deerfield enlisted at Camp Fry, with Chicago men.

Dr. Halsey states that on April 29, 1861, ninety volunteers arrived in Waukegan from Libertyville, Vernon, Fremont, Wauconda and Deerfield. Joseph J. Jones was captain, George C. Rogers, first lieutenant, J. S. Pratt, second lieutenant, and J. Norton, brevet second lieutenant.

The Gazette of April 20, 1861, announced that Captain McCauls Shields' Guards would join an Irish regiment in Chicago.

May 4 the Gazette announced that the Union Rifle Guards had eleven from Libertyville, eleven from Wauconda, fifteen from Fremont, fourteen from Vernon, five from Warren, five from Waukegan, one each from Shields, Newport, Avon, McHenry and fourteen from Wheeling (in Cook County).

At a meeting of supervisors, June 6, 1861, the board appropriated five thousand dollars for bounties to encourage enlistments for the war, and laid a tax of two and a half mills on the dollar for the purpose.

Two more companies were organized during the summer in Lake County with Eugene B. Payne and Erwin B. Messer as captains. These companies reported at Camp Fry in August, and were assigned to Companies C and F of the Thirty-seventh Illinois Infantry.

Recruiting began in 1862 after the harvest, for many men were still needed on the farms. In June the supervisors appropriated two thousand dollars to take care of the families of the men at the front, and in July they appropriated an additional ten thousand dollars for bounties and aid to families.

In December, 1863, the Board of Supervisors voted a bounty of two hundred dollars to every actual resident of the county who had enlisted, or would enlist, under the May call of the government for 300,000 additional men.

In September, 1864 the Supervisors offered an additional bounty of two hundred dollars to each man who aided in filling the quota of Lake County, now under the exactions of the draft, which began September 29, 1864.

Fifty-eight men were taken from Deerfield in this forced enlistment, the largest number from any township in the county.

The reason for paying bounties to men to enlist in the Civil War is explained by a survivor of that period, who says that many men refused to risk their lives to "save a nigger." Sixteen hundred dollars apiece was paid the last four men who were substitutes for Deerfield men needed on farms. Mr. Partridge, in his History of Lake County, said: "As a rule the drafted men from Lake County accepted the situation gracefully and made excellent soldiers."

From April, 1861, to April, 1865, Lake County furnished two thousand men for the various branches of service, sixteen hundred of whom were volunteers. Many enlisted in Chicago and were credited to Cook County, where large bounties were offered.

The aggregate loss of life was three hundred.

Other young men who went from this vicinity in the Civil War were Ed Ott, son of Philip Ott, and Dan Ott, a son of Jacob Ott.

Eight-five men from West Deerfield Twp., during WW1, two were: Auston and Harold Plagge.

In 1860 in Chicago, The Chicago Daily Times, a democratic paper with John W. Sheahan as editor-in-chief and Col. F. A. Eastman as first assistant, circulated here. This was first published July 19, 1847, with James J. Kelly, John E. Wheeler and J. C. K. Forest as sponsors.

The Press and Tribune had the largest circulation. It was Republican and Joseph Medill was one of the six editors.

The Daily Democrat was owned by John Wentworth.

The Chicago Daily Evening Journal, the only afternoon paper, had Charles L. Wilson as editor and owner. It was first published April 9, 1839, by William Stewart.

The Chicago Daily Herald was the organ of the administration. Messrs. L. S. Everett and Field were the editors.

The Staats Zeitung was the German paper of the Republicans, with Hoffmann and Schneider proprietors.

The Democratic German paper was The National Demokrat. Frederick Becker was proprietor.

The Chicago Times was established in 1854 by Senator Stephen A. Douglas and in 1861 became the property of Wilbur F. Storey.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean was issued first March 25, 1872, by J. Young Scamman. It was later merged with the Record-Herald.

The Little Fort Porcupine was the first newspaper published in Lake County. It made its appearance in 1845 in Waukegan.

The Lake County Herald came next in Oct. 9, 1845, and ceased publication one year later.

April 20, 1847, The Lake County Visitor came out and lived until May 1867,

The Chicago Express, a Whig journal, was published in the eighteen forties.

The Waukegan Gazette began its existence in 1850 and has continued 77 years. Since Oct. 13, 1916, it has been known as the Lake County Register.

When Deerfield Township was one township, until 1889, the supervisors were chosen from what is now West Deerfield from 1850 to 1876, when men from Highland Park began to be elected. George Rockenbach served as supervisor of West Deerfield from 1913 to 1917.

The first physicians in this vicinity, whose practice extended from Arlington Heights, Barrington, Wheeling, and Deerfield, and as far as Highland Park, were Dr. John Kennicott, Dr. Poorman, and Mr. Mergeler of the Wheeling locality, Dr. Rice, Dr. Burritt, and Dr. Moffett of Half Day, and Dr. Knodnadel of W. Northfield. Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Meyers, who were sisters, received their training in mid-wifery in Germany, also followed a general practice in Highland Park and Deerfield. Dr. Burritt's family came from Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York. Dr. Jahn and Dr. Best of Arlington Heights came frequently. Dr. Peter Mowers of Highland Park was an herb doctor and carried his remedies in a paper bag. To tell the nature of the contents he always smelt the packages before delivering them to his patients, whose families were expected to brew the healing "teas" from the herbs.

Dr. John Kennicott, sometimes called "Kenniger" by the German families, was a familiar figure as he went about on horseback with his saddle bags containing his medicine and instruments. His brother, Dr. William, was a dentist in Chicago, and Dr. Philip Kennicott, a grandson of Dr. John, practiced in Deerfield in the eighteen seventies to nineties.

Herman Stuechel, who lived at the corner of Osterman Avenue and Railroad Avenue, pulled teeth and gave massage treatments, reciting an incantation over the patients attempting to banish pain, in the eighteen seventies.

Dr. Bond of Libertyville was a surgeon who practiced here forty-six years ago [1881]. Once when he was lying in his home with a broken leg, patients went from here to consult him.

Dr. Benz of Wheeling had a practice here in 1872, and Dr. Weston of Highland Park was called frequently. Dr. Milton Baker, who came from Roxana, Eaton County, Michigan, and settled in Highland Park in 1868, had a large practice in Deerfield. His daughters, Bertha and Della, taught in the Wilmot and Deerfield schools.

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In. 1900 a Dr. Brown who lived near Barrington, and a Dr. Boess, earlier than these, are remembered.

Dr. Lloyd M. Bergen, was born in Birmingham, Van Buren County, Iowa, in 1865, and after spending a short time in practice at Lake Forest, he located in Highland Park. He pursued his profession in this vicinity until his death a few years ago.

In 1909 one of the resident physicians in Deerfield was Dr. T. L. Knaak, who was born June 4, 1843, in Corline, Prussia, Germany. He came to Illinois in 1862, and in 1863 enlisted in the Civil War. He moved to Deerfield in 1882, and in 1883 started in the drug business, in which business he was until a year before his death.

Mrs. Lymon Wilmot, the elder, was a practical nurse and her ministrations were also those of a country physician. All who remember her recall her "water cure" treatments in the years from 1840 to 1880. She always wore a black lace cap, and used a large doctor's book for diagnosis. Her tall, slender figure appearing at a home meant comfort to the stricken, and ease of mind to worried parent. Mrs. Lange, and Mrs. Lewis Todd, and Mrs. Wilmot were the women who assisted at the arrival of infants, when physicians, graduate nurses, and anaesthetics were not considered necessities.

In the Illinois Centennial Year 1917-1918, a list of names was prepared of people who had resided in Illinois for over 50 years. A few of the names that appeared on the list were: Mrs. Henry Plagge, Mr. and Mrs. Will Plagge, George Rockenbach, Philip Rockenbach, John Ott, and William Plagge among others.

Miss Irene Rockenbach served as Corresponding Secretary for the Presbyterian Church in Deerfield in 1903.

The Amity Club was organized in 1900 by Misses Jennie Karch, Jennie Vetter and Irene Rockenbach on their trips back and forth to the city where they were employed. Expressing a desire for more cultural social life among the young women of the village, they decided to organize a literary club. The first meeting was held at the home of Miss Mayme Vetter.

The first officers were: President, Irene Rockenbach; Secretary, Una Plagge; Librarians, Mollie Carolan and Hazel Vant.

A picnic was given to raise money to buy books, and a library was started in the dressmaking shop of the Carolan girls on Waukegan Road, a little building that belonged to C. W. Pettis, that is now part of the Peter Juhrend house. Afterwards the bookcase was moved to James Fritsch's home and his daughter, Edna, served as librarian for the village.

This was the first circulating library. The club existed for four years, then disbanded. The book case was sold, and the books distributed among the thirty-one members, among whom were, Viola and Irene Rockenbach.

An auxiliary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized in the early days of Deerfield, but it disbanded after some years of good work. Mrs. L. C. Hole is the only member of this auxiliary now living in Deerfield [1927].

Miss Viola Rockenbach served as Treasurer in 1922, and as Vice President in 1925.

On July 15, 1920, a petition asking for permission to organize a bank in Deerfield was sent to Honorable Andrew Russell, Auditor of Public Accounts, Springfield, Ill. This petition was signed by Peter J. Duffy, George Rockenbach and James E. O'Connor of Deerfield and Harry Paul of Highland Park.

In response to the application to organize, the Auditor of Public Accounts under date of August 19, 1920, issued to the petitioners a permit to organize a bank to be known as "Deerfield State Bank" with a capital stock of \$25,000.

The entire capital stock was sold by August 30, 1920, to eighty-five subscribers.

The first stockholders meeting was held September 2, 1920, at which meeting the following seven men were elected as directors: William Bubert, Theo J. Knaak, L. D. Kellogg, James E. O'Connor, Rudolph Lauer, Harry Paul and George Rockenbach.

The bank opened for business in the Stryker Building on December 4, 1920.

The directors for 1927 are: George Rockenbach, James E. O'Connor, Arthur Ender, and Albert Easton.

Miss Irene Rockenbach donated her books to Deerfield's first Public Library, which open on January 1, 1927, in a new east wing in the Deerfield School, which was completed just in time for the opening. Mrs. Sam Rockenbach also chaperoned at the library.

Underground Railroad activities. The first real information of Andrew Jackson, the runaway slave, Samuel Ott imparts to this generation. In the winter of 1858 a mulatto, about 28 years of age, came to the home of Lyman Wilmot, the Abolitionist, at night via the Underground Railway, from Mississippi. The lake was frozen, so the blackman could not be sent across to Canada, therefore he had been taken to Deerfield. Mr. Wilmot brought the slave to the Lorenz Ott home [later the Orman Rockenbach home] to do the chores so that the children could go to school.

Keeping a runaway slave was against the law, but the Abolitionists felt that they were in the right by disobeying an unjust law. Andrew Jackson's father was a white man, and he worked on his father's plantation where he saw his white sisters. The plantation owner was more lenient to his son than to his other slaves, and Andrew learned more than his companions, therefore the desire to be free so overcame the lad that it led him to attempt to escape, but bloodhounds tracked him, and he was brought back. In his second attempt at freedom he was successful, and he crossed the Ohio River, where he was sent on his journey north.

The man was a good worker, kept the horses clean (he had been a yardman on the plantation) and "made a nice gate of stout wood" which he said would last till the slaves were freed. When that occurred he requested Mr. Ott to destroy the gate which sentimental resquest was not heeded by the thrifty farmer. When spring came, and the roads were muddy, Andrew Jackson prepared to leave. Lorenz Ott made him a new suit, and gave him money for boat fare, and Lyman Wilmot took him to Chicago, where he escaped to Canada. After reaching the slaves' haven, Andrew wrote to his benefactors who had taught him to read and write, of his safe arrival, and that was the last that they ever heard of him. Samuel Ott was fourteen years of age at the time, and he recalls much that the negro did while here.

From another source it is learned that the slave, Andrew Jackson's escape was planned because he had been sold. "My kind master found it necessary to sell me. None of the slaves were given any education as our masters thought that we would rebel or outwit them. But a friend told me that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west and that as one goes further south it gets warmer, and going north it gets colder. With this information only, I decided to run away. I was soon captured for my master had discovered my absence soon after I left, and had sent bloodhounds after me. When taking me back to the plantation my captor tied my arms with a rope, which was fastened to the horse, and made me walk in front of him, while he rode. I loosened the rope and walked along as if I were not trying to escape. Soon I noticed that my master was sleeping, so I dropped the rope, and jumped into the woods. Most of the time I hid during the day, and often my pursuers were so close to my hiding place that I could hear my master giving directions to them.

Several times I was without food for a number of days. Many times I ate raw corn taken from a field when I passed through it. One time I fell in a barrel when I was looking for food, and even though I hurt my hip severely, I managed to limp back into the woods. One day I came to a hut and asked a girl, who was alone, for some bread, which I could see was freshly baked. The child refused to give it to me so I grabbed a few loaves and ran, and when safely hidden, ate them. These are but a few of my hardships, but I am glad to be with friends now".

A group of Abolitionists lived in Highland Park, and would often come to Deerfield if they knew that the farmers were bringing their crops to town. Often many hot debates took place on what is now known as Antes' Corner.

A great many negroes passed through Deerfield, but nobody remembers a direct route which they used when they traveled through this part of the country, according

to the little history of Deerfield prepared by the pupils in the grammar school in 1918, under the direction of Clifford Huffmaster, the World War invalid principal.

Of the pioneer mother little is known except tradition, but that she bore and reared children under incredible conditions and hardships, that she was a homemaker and housekeeper with no labor saving devices, and few conveniences, and that every step in garment making and food production was her job, is well known. Large families were common before the days of Margaret Sanger's doctrine, and the ingenuity of the mother kept them clothed and fed in spite of drouth, flood, army worm, and hail that destroyed their crops. Cornmeal mush was the daily diet. Milk was used for making cottage cheese, but the cream was reserved for butter making, and this product so rich in vitamins, (not known before this generation) was sold to buy sugar. One neighbor was selected to go to Chicago to make purchases for the entire community. Ox teams were used sometimes, and at others the packsaddle of a horse was utilized. It is told that the first James Duffy walked to Chicago to buy a bag of flour and carried it home on his back. Buckwheat cakes with sorghum were a luxury, and quail, prairie chickens, and partridges were had so often that they were not the luxury that they are to this generation. A cheese similar to Limburger was made by the Germans by forming cottage cheese into little balls, placing them in a crock and allowing them to ripen. The fluid that formed around the balls was poured off frequently and the cheese washed with fresh milk. Fish, principally suckers $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet long were in all of the streams. Water for household purposes was dipped out of the ponds on the land with buckets. Flies and mosquitoes tormented the people and spread disease, malaria, ague, and typhoid. Screens or netting on windows were unknown. Wells dug were six feet deep.

Candles made by the women from mutton tallow and cotton wicking dipped, and also made in molds, were the lights used. Later a two wick lamp, without a chimney, in which raccoon and lard, or camphene oil was burned made a two candle power light. These lamps were on metal standards with glass bowls. The third era was the kerosene lamp of tin, painted green, with a polished tin movable reflector, which hung on the door frames. Glass hanging lamps with glass prisms or gaily painted decorations were later parlor luxuries. "Student lamps" of metal with a tall slender chimney on each side, with two bowls of oil and circular wicks were a great improvement for the sight. A Chicago directory of 1860 advertises lard oil, lunar oil, kerosene binnacle oil, Mayville coal oil, alcohol, camphene, and burning fluid.

Clothes were made for the men by the women of the family after they had been cut by the tailor, Lawrence Ott. In this vicinity the cloth was not woven for the men's suits but was bought in Chicago, and sewed by hand with a very heavy black thread. The women did the sewing after the children were in bed. The spinning wheels which the German and Alsatian settlers brought from Germany and Alsace were used to make the yarn for stockings, mittens, and large scarfs which took the place of overcoats. Mr. George Rockenbach has one that his mother knitted.

After the log house era frame houses were erected. These were very simple structures, built on the ground without cellars under them, but with board instead of dirt floors. A few had vegetable cellars. The first frame house at the west end of the township that was at all pretentious was the one built by Christian Schwingel, now owned by Mr. Kellogg, of the Kellogg Switchboard Company, known as the Grove Farm, and occupied by E. L. Vinyard. It had a pantry, a cistern, and a pump on the porch, which was the height of luxury. Good houses began to be built in 1850, and many are still in use.

Courtship in the early days of our township was conducted under difficulties. In a one room log cabin that contained the beds of the parents and seven or more children, the stove and other household furniture, there was little privacy, so courting days were short. The young people usually took walks in the woods. The amusements were few. Sliding on the ice in winter, attending spelling, writing and singing schools, and among the young men engaging in feats to show strength such as lifting barrels of flour, and wrestling were among their pastimes. Fist fights sometimes decorated their drab, dull lives, as when the boys of the east and of the west prairies met in swimming in the DesPlaines River seventy years ago [1857], and

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forty years ago [1887] when the Everett gang met the Deerfield one.

One pioneer said, "When I was young we folk held our dancing parties in any house that had three rooms, and if there was but one room we moved the stove and bed out of doors, brought our fiddler and had our dance. When it was over we moved the stove and bed back in place and returned home in one sleigh loaded with plenty of straw."

A spectacular figure in pioneer days was "Indian Clark" or John K. Clark. His life experiences rival those of the heroes of the novels of James Fennimore Cooper. In a terrible Shawnee Indian massacre in Virginia at the close of the eighteenth century, a whole family, with the exception of two sisters and their father, was killed by the tomahawks of the Indians. These sisters, six and eight years of age, were carried away to an Indian village in Fort Wayne, Indiana. One of these sisters, Elizabeth, became the wife of an English officer, John Clark, and their son was John Kinzie Clark, who was born in 1784 in an Indian wigwam at Fort Wayne. Elizabeth had three children, and with two of them returned to Virginia on horseback. Her husband and her oldest child, William, remained with the Indians. Afterwards she married Jonas Clybourn, a Chicago pioneer. Her sister, who was also released by the Indians, became the first wife of John Kinzie, another noted pioneer of Chicago.

John K. Clark went first to Fort Dearborn, in 1818, and soon returned to Chicago in 1824, where he was employed as an expressman between Fort Dearborn and Fort Wayne, and Chicago and Milwaukee, by saddle conveyance, bringing flour and sugar to the settlers in exchange for produce.

He was a noted hunter and trapper, and was so strong that he could carry a deer on his back, and carried a heavy stick with him to sling it comfortably. Sometimes he left a deer at the home of a settler until he would call for it, and often shared part of it with his accommodating friends.

His first wife was an Indian squaw, whom he deserted in Wisconsin. His Indian children received \$400 in 1833, when Lake County was ceded to the United States by the Indians. He was Chicago coroner in 1831-33.

His first white wife was Parmelia Scott, of De Kalb County, who is buried beside him in the Deerfield cemetery. Two of their daughters married Deerfield men, Walter H. Millen and Hobart J. Millen, both of whom were Deerfield postmasters. - the latter from 1859 to 1861, and the former from 1886 to 1889. Hobart married Elizabeth Clark and Walter married Hadassoh.

John K. Clark had a farm near Northfield, which was later the Dr. Samuel Galloway farm, but he was not a successful farmer, for he preferred to hunt and live as the Indians did. The Indians named Clark, Nannimoa, or Prairie Wolf, and they spent weeks camping on his land with him. In 1864, he moved to the village, where the Peter Duffy home is now located. After his death in September, 1865, at the age of 81 years, this property became the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hobart Millen.

John K. Clark served in the Civil War.

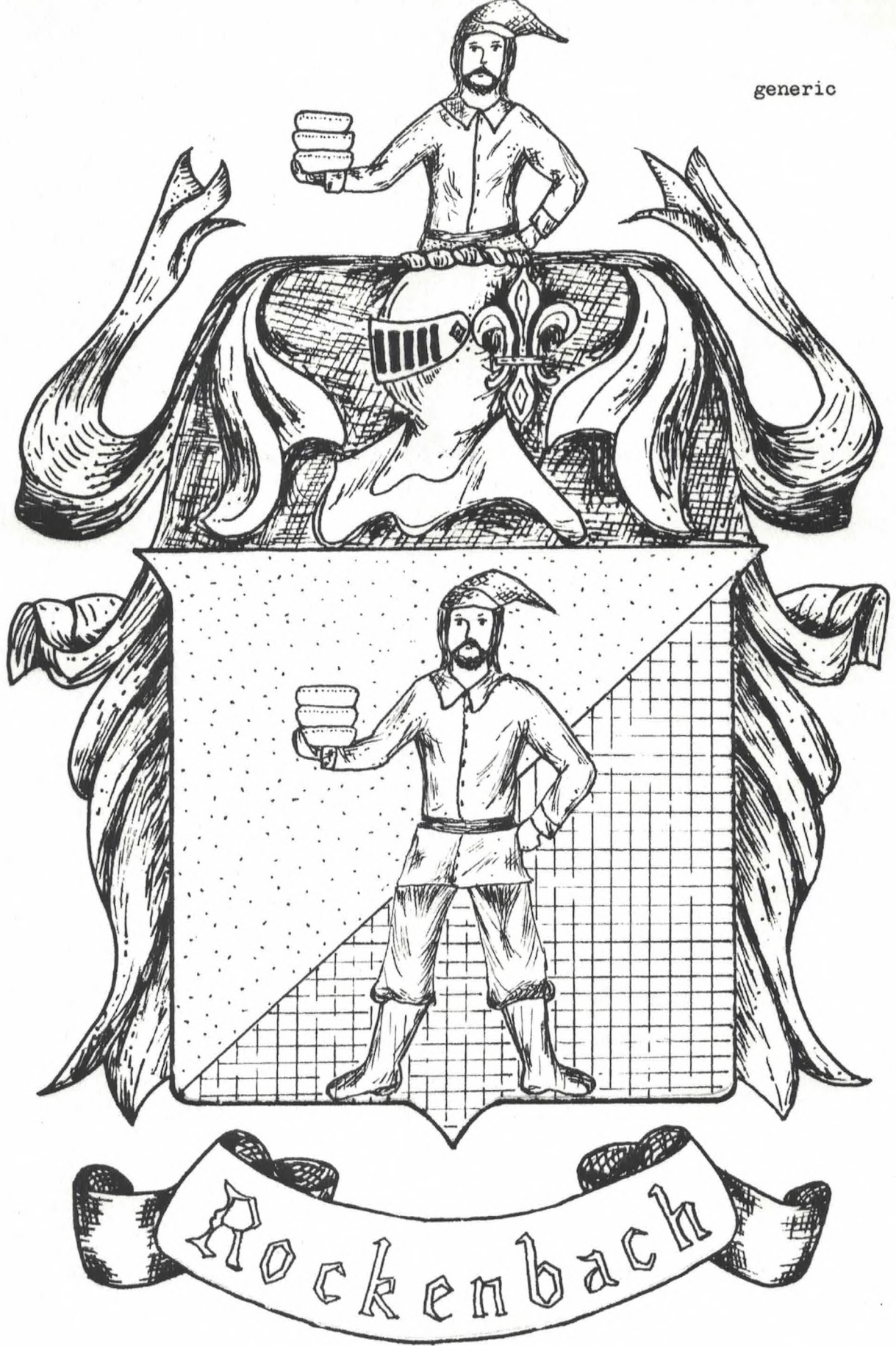
A newspaper article from July, 1927, "In the Wake of the News":

" 'Indian' Clark (John K. Clark) came to Deerfield in 1837. His mother, a sister, and brother were stolen and raised by the Indians, and because he lived among them and preferred their ways to the customs of the white men he gained that nickname.

Clark conducted a pony express from Fort Dearborn (Chicago) to Milwaukee, traveling an old Indian trail now known as Waukegan road, and bringing flour and sugar in exchange for garden produce. Clark did not make his trips very often and sometimes our early settlers walked to Chicago, a distance of twenty-four miles, and carried the flour home on their backs.

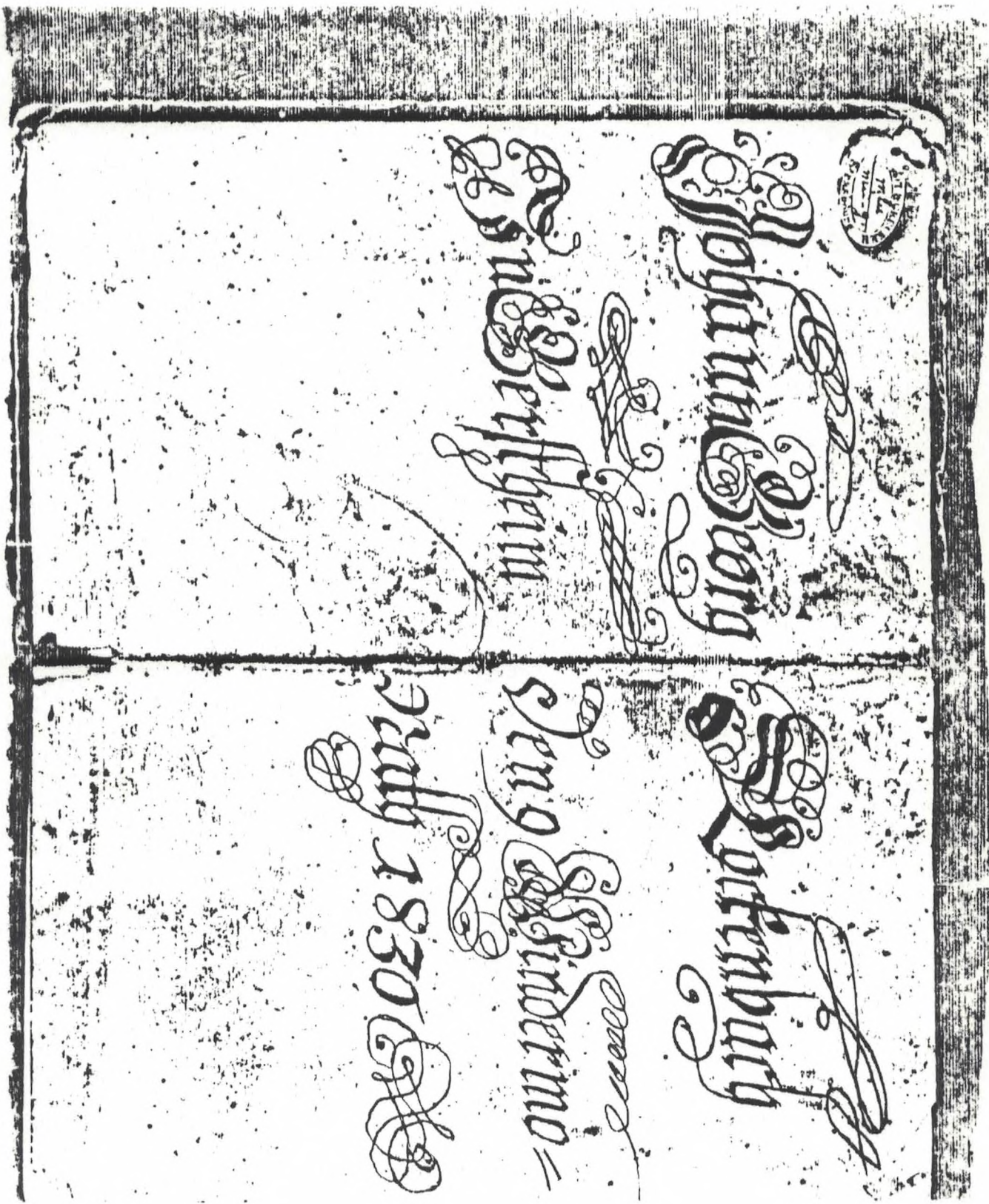
'Indian' Clark is buried in the Deerfield Cemetery."

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The surname Rockenbach appears to be locational in origin, and associated with the Germans, meaning, One who came from Rockenbach. Another translation, rogen bachen, rye baker.

Brought from Alsace Lorraine, France, front-page from an old religious book,
owned by Philip Rockenbach Jr. of Wisconsin.
Johann Georg Rockenbach
from Gerstheim
the ninth month of Winter 1830



THE ROCKENBACH FAMILY [1927]

To few men is given the privilege of long outliving the biblical span of life of "three score years and ten," to be able at the age of 87 to have possession of all of his faculties, lead an active civic life, and have a memory so keen as to be historical.

Such a man is our Mr. George Rockenbach, third of the family to bear the name, the oldest man in the vicinity, and who has lived in this locality since four months of age.

In April, 1841, at the age of two months, with his brother Philip, his father George Rockenbach, Jr., and his mother who was Salome Reidlinger, his grandfather Philip Re@dlinger, and an uncle Christian Re@dlinger, and other families, those of Philip Wolf, George Iehl, Philip Gutzler and George Lehman. They left Gerstheim, near Strassburg in Alsace, to escape the crowded condition of their village, and to avoid military service in Germany. Their sailing vessel, the Deutschland, took thirty-five days in crossing. Their journey from New York was by canal to Buffalo, then by ox teams to Chicago. After arriving in Chicago they remained for a week to rest at the home of Jacob Rehm, who lived near the waterworks and who had come to America with Andrew Meyer, who settled on section 31 in Deerfield township on government land in 1839. Jacob Rehm's wagon carried the women and children of the Rockenbach pioneer party from Chicago to Lake County. The men walked all of the way. The western and southern boundaries of Deerfield township were selected as farms.

From Judge Bradley, George Rockenbach, the father, bought a farm on Milwaukee Avenue, near Wheeling, for which Bradley paid the government \$1.25 per acre, and sold for \$4.00 per acre. A crude log house on the farm housed part of the pioneers, and another on the Job W. Tripp farm held the young Rockenbach family. The children attended the Tripp school. Jacob Ott and his five sons, Jacob Jr. Lawrence, Casper, John and Philip, and his two daughters, Salome, who became Mrs. Philip Brand, and Magdalena, who married George Escher, married and lived within a short distance of each other. The Casper Ott farm now belongs to Frank Siljestrom.

On September 3, 1864, George Rockenbach, the third, married Sarah Ott, daughter of Lorenz and Ursula Rieg Ott. The George Rockenbachs had eight children, all but one of whom are living [1927]. Ella, Adelaide, Orman, Almon, Samuel, Viola, Preston and Irene Rockenbach.

Ella married William F. Plagge and had six children: Irwin, Margareth, Auston, Harold, Vera and Vida (twins).

Orman married Mary Whitney and had six children: Almira, Whitney, Lillian, Alice, Helen and Lydia.

Almon married Elizabeth Catlow and had fourteen children: Esther, Robert, Ruth, Elizabeth, George, Joseph, Shirley, Raymond, Lyle, Mary, Rodney, Sarah, Dorothy and Philip.

Samuel married Emma Rosenow.

Preston married Lida Landau and has one child, Vernon.

Misses Viola and Irene Rockenbach did not marry.

George Rockenbach has twenty-seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. In the last group are Frank Heybeck, son of Almira Rockenbach Heybeck; Marlyn and Jack Gagne, children of Vera Plagge Gagne; Dorothy Jacobson, daughter of Vida Plagge Jacobson; Shirley, Charles and Nancy Mills, children of Esther Rockenbach Mills; Lorraine Plagge, daughter of Auston Plagge; Elaine, Leland and Betty June and Raymond Plagge, children of Harold Plagge; and Marie Rockenbach, daughter of Whitney Rockenbach.

To walk from the DesPlaines river to Highland Park to pick berries, and to see "Indian Clark," the John K. Clark in our Deerfield cemetery, carry a deer, are remembrances of George Rockenbach's youth.

A red letter day in his life was Monday, October 10, 1871, when he started toward Chicago, with a wagon full of oats, potatoes, butter and eggs. When he reached Niles he began to meet excited people driving away from the city who called out, "Farmer go back. You cannot sell anything in Chicago, the whole town is burning." Mr. Rockenbach decided to proceed, for he figured that food was necessary when stores

were burned. At Holstein, then the name of the North Avenue district, he found the street blockaded, so he went west to Erie street to a tavern, conducted by Martin Stanger, of Wheeling, where George's brother, Fred Rockenbach, was employed. Both men were absent fighting the fire. The Chicago Avenue bridge then started to burn, so George unloaded his produce and put it in a butcher shop, and with the help of Mrs. Stanger loaded all of her furniture into the wagon. In the evening Fred and George Rockenbach began the journey to the home of Daniel Stanger in Wheeling, with Mrs. Martin Stanger.

Most of the trip was on the railroad tracks, and so brilliant was the illumination from the doomed city, that a newspaper could be read in Wheeling and Deerfield at midnight by members of the families who were eagerly awaiting the return of their relatives.

In the George Rockenbach home are many mementoes of past generations. Arrowheads used by the Indians, an ox shoe, a large mahogany Waterbury clock 90 years old, and Sander's Fourth Readers used 80 years ago [1847]. These books contain such stories and poems as "Sorrow for the Dead," "How Dreadful Is This Place For God Is Here," "Reflections on Early Death," etc.

The Vernon Ridge Golf Club is now [on] the Ott and Rockenbach farms. The barn has been rebuilt as a charming home, and what was once a cowstable is now a beautiful sun parlor.

George Rockenbach assisted in building the now vacant Northfield Evangelical Church at the southwest corner of the Northfield corners. He was a director in the Wilmot School for fifteen years, and was a member from Deerfield of the first board of education of the Deerfield Township High School. He helped finance the Evangelical Association Church which met at the home of Charles G. Muhlke, now Briergate Golf Club. He has been a member of the Northfield Township Farmers Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Company for 63 years, a director for 26 years, and president for 8 years.

He was appointed by Governors Altgeld and Deneen, as delegate from Illinois to the Farmer's National Congress in Oklahoma City in 1907; in Madison, Wis., in 1908; in Lincoln, Neb., in 1910 and in Plano, Ill., in 1913. He was supervisor for Deerfield Township from 1913 to 1917, and for seventeen years was highway commissioner. He is a director in the Deerfield State Bank, and president of the North Northfield Cemetery Association.

When 24 years of age Mr. Rockenbach moved to the Lawrence Ott farm in Deerfield Township. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in the old Carolan School, which was the polling place for entire Deerfield Township. With the exception of the spring of 1925 when he was in California with his son Preston, he has never missed voting at any election in Deerfield Township, and at one time the polling place was in Highland Park, and later at Blodgett.

In 1897 the George Rockenbach family bought a small farm of the Hall family, and lived in the house until a new one was built in 1907.

Mrs. Rockenbach died in 1899. Miss Viola Rockenbach has kept house for her father ever since.

Miss Irene Rockenbach has been superintendent of the Children's Division of the Michigan Council of Religious education for five years. She resigned in June [1927] because of illness, and is spending the summer at her cottage at Turk Lake, where her father and sister visited her.

Orman Rockenbach lived on the farm that had been in the possession of members of the Ott family since 1836, until he moved to Lake Zurich.

George Rockenbach at 87 years of age, drives his own automobile.

Philip Rockenbach was the son of George and Ursula Rieg, Riek, Eckerch or Ekerick as the name has been variously spelled. The address of a relative, Peter Urban a' Ekerick, was written also Eckerch. Peter lived in Canton St. Marie aux Mines Department du Hout Rhein a' France.

Philip Rockenbach was born March 9, 1834, in Gerstheim, Alsace, and came to Lake County when he was seven years of age. In Northfield he married Mary Schmidt, daughter of Johannes Schmidt, born May 12, 1812, and died September 10, 1895, and his wife, Katarena, who was born June 5, 1813, and died July 10, 1898.

The Schmidt lot is in the Northfield Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rockenbach had five children who attended the Tripp School that was built in 1840 and named for Job Tripp, who gave the land. The Rockenbach children were Julia, Ida, Albert and William (twins) and Laura. William died at five years of age.

Ida Rockenbach married George Stanger, son of Daniel and Mary Escher Stanger, and had three children, Floyd, Edna and Lester. Floyd Stanger married Una Plagge, daughter of Henry and Sarah Fritsch Plagge, and has two sons, Clifford and George the second. Edna Stanger married Rev. Charles K. Orsborn, son of Rev. Albert and Jean Orsborn of Toronto, Canada. Lester Stanger married Ethel McBride, daughter of Thomas and Phidelia McBride of Area, and has one daughter, Bonita Besse Stanger.

Julia Rockenbach married Daniel Wessling, son of Henry and Elseben Plagge Wessling, and had six children, Clarence, Della, Mayme, Raymond, Gladys and Homer Wessling. Clarence Wessling married Sadie - and had two children. Della Wessling married Allen Hilman, and has five children. Mayme Wessling married Dr. George Kester, and has two children. Gladys Wessling married Glen Stewart and has three children (including twins).

Raymond Wessling married Cora Thompson and has two children.

Albert Rockenbach married Joanna Stryker, daughter of George and Salome Arnold Stryker and had five children, Belle, Ora, Roger, May and Melvina Rockenbach.

Laura Rockenbach married Edwin Plagge and has one child, Grace Plagge, who married Vinton Thompson and has two children, Betty Jane and Vinton Thompson, Jr.

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Folks I Have Known
Personally and otherwise, by
James M. Woodman

[written sometime after 1941]

George Rockenbach.

Along the old Northwest Trail, which later became known as Milwaukee Ave., many of Lake county's early settlers traveled, after having arrived overland at the primitive unattractive village of Chicago. Among those who made the trip in April 1841, at the age of two months, was the subject of this brief outline of a very active and useful life - George Rockenbach.

He was born in Gerstheim, Alsace Lorraine, France, Feb. 2, 1841, the son of George and Salome (Röedlinger) Rockenbach and was the third to bear the family name. Soon after his birth, his parents started for America, the journey ending some two months later, as stated above.

The courageous pioneer family settled on a farm in Vernon township, a short distance south of Half Day. There George Rockenbach grew to manhood, gaining the limited education available in those days, in the Tripp district school. That knowledge, coupled with sterling lessons taught within his home, developed a character that became a positive force for good throughout the long years that followed.

On Sept. 3, 1864, George Rockenbach and Miss Sarah Ott, daughter of Lorenz Ott, were married at the home of the bride's sister, at Kankakee, Il. They continued to live on the Ott farm, two miles west of the village of Deerfield, and became the parents of eight children, of which the following six are still living: Ella C. Plagge, Samuel, Viola and Irene, of Deerfield; Almon of Crystal Lake, Il., and Preston of Los Angeles, Calif.

In October, 1898, the family moved to the village of Deerfield and established a home. Mrs. Rockenbach lived less than one year after the change in place of residence and been made, passing away on Aug. 18, 1899.

George Rockenbach, despite the many personal duties that confronted him at all times, never shirked his public responsibilities. He was active in the affairs of the Northfield Township Mutual Fire Insurance Co. He served the organization as director for 23 years and during the last 16 years of his lifetime, occupied the position of president. He was one of the organizers of the Deerfield State Bank and for 15 years was a member of the board of directors. As one of the first trustees of the Deerfield-Shields Township High School, he rendered valuable service.

He was an ardent Republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, for President. He never sought political office, but for many years he was chosen by his townsmen to serve as highway commissioner and later as township supervisor. After filling the latter position for two terms, he retired from active service for the party of which he had so long been a most valuable member.

The advice of George Rockenbach was often asked for by those who desired unbiased and honest information relative to property values in southern Lake county. Those interested in matters of early history of the county, found him a ready source of information. He retained a most remarkable memory and could relate many tales of the privations of the pioneers and their experiences with the Indians that were numerous in the territory where he spent his boyhood.

One of the thrilling stories that remained vivid in his mind was the Chicago fire in 1871. He had taken a load of grain from his father's farm to Chicago and after disposing of it, used his team and wagon to help move household goods of those whose houses were destroyed. At the age of 76 he learned to drive an automobile and continued to do so until shortly before the time of his death, May 16, 1936, at the age of 95 years and three months. He was an admirable, refreshing, and inspiring character.

News & Views.
Irene Rockenbach, room 325. by
Aileen Heimerdinger.

[written about 1967]

Miss Irene Rockenbach served 22 years as town clerk of West Deerfield Township in Lake County, Illinois, and when she retired in 1958, she was given a testimonial dinner and presented with a watch, a typewriter, a huge bouquet of American Beauty roses, and a plaque attesting to her outstanding community service. This was a fine tribute to a fellow citizen whose roots go deep into the history of Deerfield. I like to think that the friendly ghosts of her ancestors were also present on that occasion - beaming with pride and wishing her well!

"My mother's sister," she said, "was the first white girl born in Lake County; and believe me," she added with a smile, "I have more nieces and nephews than I can count. I never know when a cousin of some distant relative may turn up from somewhere!" Her great-grandfather on her mother's side, John Jacob Ott, was the first of her ancestors to come with his family to America. They came from Alsace Lorraine in 1830 and settled in a Pennsylvania Dutch settlement near Warren, Pennsylvania, where they had friends. They finally came to the Midwest in 1836. Her great-uncle, Jacob Ott, walking most of the way, explored parts of the Midwest, and eventually found his way to "North Branch", which the Deerfield area was then called. He became one of the first four settlers there in 1835, and sent for the rest of his family.

"Great-grandfather Rockenbach," said Miss Irene, "also came from Alsace Lorraine. He and his family, along with a few friends, sailed from Le Havre, France, in 1841 and landed at New York, but so far as I know," she added, "the two families did not know each other until they had all settled in North Branch." Her Great-grandfather Rockenbach had a friend living at Fort Dearborn, as Chicago was then called; and so family and friends made their way by covered wagon (as had the Otts) to the shores of Lake Michigan.

The Fort Dearborn friend, who was both prosperous and hospitable, told the little group, "If it is good farming land you want, I will drive you over the northwest trail. If you like it there, I'm sure the government will sell you some good sections of land." That was quite a distance from Chicago in those days. The women rode in the covered wagons and the men walked. When they finally came to the Des Plaines River just north of the Wheeling settlement, the women begged to stop, for they were tired of traveling. The river ran through the area, clear and sparkling, and it reminded them of their beloved Rhine. The men viewed the surroundings with favor. The east side of the river was heavily wooded - the forests would provide logs for their houses and game for their tables; and the west side of the river was clear prairie land - a fine place to start a new life!

"My mother was born in Deerfield," said Miss Irene, "my father, George Rockenbach, was six weeks old when his family left Alsace Lorraine, and he lived to be 95 years old. He was at one time supervisor of Deerfield Township, and it was through him that I was able to piece together so much of our family history. It was always his proud boast that he had cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln." She warmed to her subject, and it was fascinating to hear about those stalwart early pioneers, but I also wanted to learn about Miss Rockenbach herself.

"I was one of eight children," she told me. "Both the Otts and the Rockenbachs had large families, I went to the Wilmot school, which was organized in 1848 and named after a family of old settlers. I attended the Metropolitan Business College in Chicago, then I worked for a telegraph company for six years, and as secretary in the general office of the Milwaukee Railroad for seven years. However, I wanted to spread my wings a little. I loved the Midwest, but decided to explore another part of our great country, so I attended Boston University, where I specialized in religious education and social service."

Miss Rockenbach worked in the field of religious education for ten years and taught in leadership training schools in Michigan, Illinois, and California. When the depression came along, she returned to her home in Deerfield and continued her

work in religious education in various churches. Later she was approached by friends and asked to run for town clerk of her home township. "It was a challenge," she explained with a smile, "and I decided to run. I loved Deerfield and had many friends there. Much to my surprise I won, but I hardly expected to hold the office for 22 years! It was a wonderful experience."

She has a brother, aged 94, still living in Deerfield, and another brother, aged 88, living in California. She also has a sister living here in the Infirmary, to whom she is devoted and whom she faithfully visits every day. "My sister," she said, "is quite feeble and sometimes lives in a dream world of her own. Occasionally she has lucid moments; then we talk about the years when she was a Sunday School superintendent in Deerfield and I was a Sunday School teacher. We talk about family and friends, and it all makes her very happy." Last December Miss Rockenbach gave a birthday party for her sister's 90th birthday, and several nieces and grandnieces came to help celebrate the occasion.

Miss Irene came to Geneva Place in 1964. She is a lively, friendly women, bubbling over with memories of the past, but she is also vitally interested in the complexities of the present-day world, and still enjoys watching the political situations of Deerfield. She has inherited the indomitable spirit of her pioneer ancestors and has, in her own way, contributed much to the spiritual faith of her country and to the growth and development of her community.

George Rockenbach Dies;
First Vote for Abraham Lincoln, [1936]

George Rockenbach, the "grand old old man of Deerfield," who was an actual witness during the years of Chicago's Century of Progress, died on May 16 at his home, 550 Elm street, Deerfield after a short illness. He was 95 years old.

White bearded, jaunty, erect of carriage, and still able to drive his own automobile until a few days before his death, Rockenbach maintained a close interest in all contemporary affairs. On the occasion of his 95th birthday last Feb. 1 [2], he commented on the political situation.

"My parents brought me here at the age of 2 months from Alsace Lorraine," he said, "to escape European dictators and enjoy democracy. But it seems to me that if this socalled New Deal continues we will have a dictator here. I cast my first vote for Abe Lincoln, and I think the only hope for the country is to restore a Republican administration."

Rockenbach was a baby in his mother's arms when his parents and four other families from the old country journeyed northwest from Chicago in search of farm lands. The wooded valley of the Des Plaines river in the Deerfield district attracted them and they settled there.

"My earliest recollections were of Indians and log cabins," said the pioneer. "There is an old oak tree in Deerfield that means more to me than to most folks. As a boy I stood under it while an Indian brave asked me to watch him shoot a bird in the tree. He missed.

"Chicago streets were nothing but mudholes then. Our farm wagons were always getting stuck, which meant a lot of tiring labor, particularly after the six hour drive to town."

How different would his life have been had he remained in Chicago, Rockenbach reflected. But he remained in Deerfield and found life pleasant. He knew every one and every one knew him.

For seventeen years he was highway commissioner of Deerfield township. He was a member of the first board of trustees of the Deerfield-Shields high school and a director of the Deerfield State Bank until last year.

When A Century of Progress opened in 1933, Rockenbach was one of the first visitors. He drove into Chicago, looked around the town, and paused to make a few reflections.

"A ride on Milwaukee avenue was certainly a revelation," he said. "It was out the old Milwaukee avenue trail that my parents moved in their search for farm land."

"Newcomers will be able to sense what A Century of Progress means - the changes that have taken place since the days of the Indians, and the mudhole on the lake front and the log cabins and the stage coaches. I've seen most of those changes as they unfolded."

Rockenbach was unable to join the union army in the civil war because of family responsibilities. But one of his closest friends was Valentine Hess, the last veteran in the neighborhood, who died in 1934 at the age of 93.

Mr. Rockenbach's wife died 38 years ago. He is survived by seven children, twenty-six grandchildren, and twenty-four great grandchildren.

The children are Mrs. Ella Plagge, Viola, Irene, Orman, Almon of Crystal Lake, Samuel and Preston.

[obit, Philip Rockenbach, 1921]

Philip Rockenbach was born March 9, 1834, Gerstheim, Alsace, and died Monday, January 10, 1921, at the age of 86 years and 10 months. He moved to Lake county with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rockenbach in 1841, when only seven years old. He resided in Vernon township until twelve years ago. On December 8, 1858, he was married to Miss Mary Schmidt of Northfield. She was a sister of Mrs Jacob Wolf of Wheeling. To this union five children were born - Mrs. George Stanger of Deerfield, Mrs. Edwin Plagge of Rogers Park, Albert Rockenbach of Wheeling, Mrs. Julia Wessling, who died several years ago at Grand Junction, Iowa, and William, who died when seven years of age.

Mrs. Rockenbach died December 18, 1908, just three months after their removal from their farm to the George Stanger home.

He is survived by three children fourteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, two brothers - Fred Rockenbach of St. Paul, Minn., and George Rockenbach of Deerfield, one sister, Salome R. Meyer, who died several years ago.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the George Stanger home, where Mr. Rockenbach has lived for the past twelve years. Rev. Barth of Norwood Park, an old friend of the family, officiated. He was laid to rest in the Northfield cemetery.

(obit, Sarah Rockenbach, 1899)

Sarah Rockenbach, nee Ott, was born in Deerfield, March 17, 1839, and died at her late home in Deerfield August 18, 1899, aged 60 years and 5 months.

Deceased was the only member remaining near the old homes of the six Ott families who were among the early settlers of Deerfield township. Others moved away and still others have gone to the eternal home.

She was united in marriage to George Rockenbach, who survives her. Eight children blessed this union, four sons and four daughters, all of whom are living but one daughter.

She spent nearly sixty years of her life at her birthplace. The last nine months of her life were spent in her new home in Deerfield village.

She was a good wife, a kind and affectionate mother, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. Her illness continued about two months. At the time of and sometime previous to death she testified that she had peace with God and no fear as to her future.

Funeral services were held Aug. 21st, at North Northfield Evangelical church and the interment took place at North Northfield cemetery.

(obit, Elizabeth Mae Rockenbach, 1950)

Mrs. Elizabeth Rockenbach
Crystal Lake.

Mrs. Elizabeth Catlow Rockenbach, 70, wife of A. O. Rockenbach of Crystal Lake, died yesterday in Sherman hospital. A resident of Crystal Lake for 23 years, she was active in the Woman's club and a member of First Congregational church and the Ladies' Aid society of the church. The former Elizabeth Catlow, her marriage to Mr. Rockenbach took place Feb. 14, 1899 and they celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary last February. She was born in Palatine July 1, 1879.

Surviving besides the widower are 13 children: Mrs. Esther Mills of Libertyville, Mrs. Ruth Taylor of Crystal Lake, Mrs. Elizabeth Tigerman of Chicago, Mrs. Shirley Spear of Elgin, Miss Mary Rockenbach of Crystal Lake, Mrs. Sarah Belcher of Woodstock, Mrs. Dorothy Martin of Mandan, N. D., George of Grayslake, Joseph of Rochester, Minn., Raymond of Grayslake and Lyle of Detroit, Mich., Rodney of Grayslake and Philip of Richland, Wash.; 31 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Chester Catlow of Saint Lucia Island, British West Indies, and Wright Catlow of Barrington, and two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Whitcomb of Barrington and Mrs. Josephine Loomis of Wauconda.

A brother, two sisters and a son Robert, preceded her in death.

Friends may call Monday and Tuesday at the Warner funeral home, Crystal Lake, and from 10 Wednesday morning until 3 p. m. at First Congregational church. The service, for relatives only, will be conducted in the church at 3:30 p. m. by the Rev. M. J. A. Dalrymple. Burial will be in McHenry county Memorial park cemetery.

(obit, Almon O. Rockenbach, 1958)

Crystal Lake.

Almon O. Rockenbach, 86, of Virginia Street, Crystal Lake, died today in Bowes Nursing Home in Dundee after a short illness. He was born Oct. 23, 1871 in Deerfield and had farmed in the Wheeling and Half Day area until moving to Crystal Lake 30 years ago.

On Feb. 14, 1899 he was married to the former Elizabeth Catlow who died in 1950. Surviving are seven daughters, Mrs. Shirley Spear of Elgin, Mrs. Esther Mills of Libertyville, Mrs. Ruth Taylor of Crystal Lake, Mrs. Elizabeth Tigerman of Felton, Calif., Mrs. Mary Knox of Montara, Calif., Mrs. Sarah Belcher of Woodstock and Mrs. Dorothy Martin of Bismarck, N. D.; six sons, George, Raymond and Rodney, all of Grayslake, Joseph of Rockester, Minn., Lyle of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Philip of Crystal Lake; 41 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, three sisters and a brother in Deerfield, Mrs. Ella Plagge and Miss Irene, Miss Viola and Samuel Rockenbach, and a brother, Preston of Los Angeles, Calif. Besides his wife, one son preceded him in death.

Mr. Rockenbach. was a trustee emeritis of the First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake where funeral services will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in McHenry County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may begin calling at noon Friday in the Warner Funeral Home in Crystal Lake and from 10 a.m. Saturday until time of services in the church.

We Hear Tell;

That a neighbor boy named Harold, dared Aunt Elizabeth to put her tongue on a metal hand railing in the dead of winter. It took off a bit of skin, but appears not to have hampered her speach any nowadays.

That Aunt Shirley won the healthiest baby contest at the Lake County Fair. She is still wondering whatever happened to the prize money.

That Grandpa and Grandma also won a prize at the Lake County Fair for having the largest family. Wonder if they entered every year with their "sure thing".

That Grandpa decided to take down the chicken coop, about the mid 1950's. Gathered for the occasion were Grandpa, some uncles, and a few of the cousins. After the structure came down, the concrete foundation remained. Grandpa said, "ya know whats under thar? - Rats". A few of the hardier, took turns breaking up the foundation with a maul. And we still have fond memories of cousin Seth, with a coal shovel raised above his head, running wildly about, trying to crown the vermin when they scurried out.

That the teacher at school thought a member of the family had died, the day Lucy the cow passed on.

That Grandpa and Grandma got a telephone before they got electricity to the farm.

That one stormy night Uncle George decided to stand on top of a metal radiator and place his hands on the wire terminals of the hand crank telephone. He's gone far since that electrifying experience.

That Aunt Mary could never stand chickens, chicken coops, or would she hunt eggs. One time, she and Cousin Margie took a bicycle trip up to Wisconsin. The first place that they stayed at for the night was a renovated chicken house.

That Aunt Shirley had unknowingly beaten the shot-put record while in high school. She didn't find out till after she was married, when a newspaper artical appeared saying that her record had been broken by another girl. Bet Uncle Spear had second thoughts about talkin' back to her from thereafter.

That just about every year, Grandpa would decide to burn the field, and that Grandma would be out there serving coffee and doughnuts to the firemen that had to be called when the fire got out of control and approached a neighbors house or field, which it always did. Also, on occasions, she would run and hide with any mention of Grandpa starting to burn off the field. She would come out once she heard the fire whistle go off. It appears that Grandpa and a neighbor would take turns doing this.

That Grandpa put his faith in two good horses named Cyclone and Plowharder rather than a tractor.

That Uncle Ray, Uncle Lyle, Aunt Mary and Aunt Shirley would sit at the top of the stairs and try and get a listen in on what was going on down stairs when Aunt Esther and her husband to be, Lewis, thought they were alone. To liven things up a bit, the three older children, would give Mary a shove and send her tumbling head over heels down the stairs.

That this same bunch of Aunts and Uncles would hide some things of Lewis's when he came over to visit Esther, such as his hat or his car.

That Grandpa bought a seven passenger touring car, and managed to get the whole family in it.

That one fourth of July the whole family got fancied up to go to a picnic in Wheeling. Grandpa went out to start the car but it wouldn't turn over. Come to find out, that someone had stollen the battery. So they had to sit home and eat their own potato salad.

RIVERWOODS

That there was an old friend of Grandpa's that lived up in ~~the~~ River Woods. Now this old guy liked to drink, so he'd take his horse and wagon from the River Woods up Milwaukee Ave., get a snoot full and come back again. One night, Grandpa came from the barn after milking, and was walking to the house when he triped over a body. It was dark and he got kind of scared, so he went in the house and got a lantern. He came out and rolled the fellow over to get a look at him. He then recognized his friend, but wondered how he had gotten there, so he went out looking for this fellows horse. He found the horse leaning up next to the barn, waiting. Grandpa put the fellow and his horse in the barn for the night to let them sleep it off.

That Cousin Virginia was not afforded the accommodations due a lady, when she would visit her brother Seth's apartment when he was in college. She asked Seth where the toilet paper was, and he replied that there was a bucket and sponge under the sink. Try the gas station down the street, Virginia.

That Grandpa killed Cousin Royal's pet chicken, and Aunt Ruth served it for dinner. Royal stayed out in the field that evening refusing to eat.

That Cousin Terry uses a baseball bat to get his cattle to come around to his way of thinking.

That Great Aunt Irene once had a boy friend named Roy Rockenbach (her cousin). She climbed out a second story window to go to a dance with him one night.

That there was a Grand Niece of Grandpa's, named Melvina. The family didn't bother to name Melvina until she started school, always called her Baby. This same family didn't believe in Santa Claus, and Melvina would cry and say, "why does Santa come to Almon's family and not to ours."

That Grandpa and Grandma were going on vacation with the Barrets and Aunt Shirley decided she wanted to go along, so she hid inside the spare tire on the back of the car. Someone spotted her a few yards down the road and ended her career as a stowaway.

That on the Crystal Lake farm, a number of large porcelain urns were kept in the attic, which was converted to sleeping quarters, for lack of any plumbing.

That when Great Uncle Orman was going with May, he hid a box of candy that he bought for her in a locked trunk. Grandpa took the hinges off the trunk and made off with the candy.

That Uncle George convinced Grandpa that he could drive the old car to haul milk cans. He started the car put it in gear and proceeded across the road and through a neighbors fence.

That one winter night the Uncles were taking a group of people on a sleigh ride and the horse got it's hoof stuck in the railroad tracks, and with an approaching train, things got pretty tense. The train passed on an adjoining track. They had to call Grandpa to get the horse loose.

That the Uncles would come home from basketball practice, and would have their grip bags stuffed full of toilet paper, for use on the farm.

That Grandma would put her old tissue dress paterns to good use, See above.

That Uncle Bob was pitching manure one day and tried to change Aunt Shirley's looks with a misguided pitchfork.

That Cousin Pam was deathly afraid of box elder bugs, so to keep her in bed at night, Uncle Ray use to place raisens on the floor around her bed. He must have convinced her that they were bugs, 'cause she didn't jump out of bed the rest of the night.

"The Rockenbachs and Success Go Hand in Hand

14 Children Never Caused Parents Trouble; Phil, the Youngest, to Be Graduated

When a hobby show was held last week by the Crystal Lake Woman's club, many members brought in parts of the hobbies they have followed throughout the years.

Mrs. A. O. Rockenbach, always willing to do her part in organizations, found herself somewhat perplexed as to a hobby. Fact is, she had never given much time to any particular hobby. But rather than go to the meeting empty handed, she picked up a picture of herself, husband and their fourteen children, depositing this on the table with the explanation to friends that "perhaps these persons have constituted my hobby." The picture proved one of the most interesting objects on the exhibit as Mr. and Mrs. Rockenbach and their 14 children comprise the largest family, and without doubt one of the most successful in Crystal Lake.

Mrs. Rockenbach was born in Palatine and Mr. Rockenbach in Deerfield. After marriage, they went on a farm near Prairie View where they resided for 27 years. Then they moved to their beautiful home on Virginia street where they have since resided. There were nine acres of land with this place and this proved sufficient to keep Mr. Rockenbach busy with farm endeavors to which he had been accustomed. Ideal it was for their large family.

Success and Rockenbachs go hand in hand. Of the 14 children, all are outstanding in business and school work. Ten of the number are distinguished graduates of the Crystal Lake Community High school where they carved well known names for themselves in their studies, athletics and school activities in general.

To ask Mr. and Mrs. Rockenbach what each of their children is doing is to hear a story of 14 children who are proving most successful and real citizens. Questioning further, one will find that Mr. and Mrs. Rockenbach are rightfully happy and thankful that none of the 14 ever caused a bit of trouble but instead brought cheer and comfort to them.

Here is a brief synopsis of the Rockenbach children, starting with the oldest, and what they are doing:

Esther is now Mrs. Mills. She resides in Mundelien and has six children, her husband being a farmer, locker plant operator and having other business connections.

Robert operates a garage at Grayslake, being married and the father of three children.

Ruth is married to L. A. Taylor of Crystal Lake and is the mother of four children. Mr. Taylor is in the multigraph business in Chicago.

Elizabeth is a registered nurse and assistant supervisor at Grant Park hospital.

George, who married the former Martha Woodbury, lives at Grayslake and is employed in his brother's garage.

Joe is coach and mathematics teacher at Roodhouse, Ill.

Shirley is a graduate nurse at Sherman hospital.

Ray is construction foreman for the Cyclone fence company and travels widely.

Lyle, nationally-known football hero at Michigan State, will be graduated in June and will go to Howell, Mich., this fall to coach and teach biology.

Mary, graduate at Ottawa University, is secretary, director of girls physical education and substitute teacher at the grade schools.

Rodney is bookkeeper at his brother's garage in Grayslake.

Sarah is a telephone operator for the Illinois Bell Telephone company.

Dorothy is a student at Michigan State university.

Phil is a senior at the Community High school where he has excelled in his studies, starred in athletics and has been an outstanding leader in school activities "It will seem funny not to have a Rockenbach on the team," said Mr. Rockenbach as the list drew to a close.

Success. That word is most descriptive of the Rockenbachs."

Rocky's Achievements Came One Step At A Time.

Drawn in part from an article by Irenne Gable, Lakeland Newspapers, 9-20-1979.

"Grayslake Fire Chief Rodney (Jim) Rockenbach is at the top of the ladder. On Sept. 16 in Kansas City he was made president of the International Assn. of Fire Chiefs.

One step at a time, since 1945, when he became a member of the local department, he has been climbing the rungs of the fire fighting ladder.

It was one year before joining the Grayslake Fire Dept., after the death of his brother, Robert, that Rodney, (or Jim as most of his friends and relatives call him), another brother George and their nephew bought the Rockenbach Chevrolet Sales. He started as parts manager and bookkeeper.

Jim sold his share of the business in 1974 to his nephew Douglas Rockenbach, who is now sole owner. With his retirement from business, "Grayslake got a full time fire chief," according to Lillian, his wife and number one fan.

This is only the second time in the 106 year history of the international organization that a fire chief from a volunteer fire department has held the position of president. Usually the honor goes to men from large, paid, professional city fire departments.

Never in his wildest dreams, when joining the volunteer fire department, did Rockenbach ever think he would be president of the most important and influential fire fighting organization in the world.

When asked if he thought he'd ever hold this position he answered an emphatic and brief, "No."

His speech is identical to his character; businesslike, brief and to the point. He talks in a rapid fire, no nonsense manner. His actions are similar.

It is an excellent quality for a person whose goals are to fight fires and protect lives.

Perhaps his early life was instrumental to this practice. Rodney Swift Rockenbach was born June 5, 1917 in Prairie View. He was the 11th child of Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Rockenbach. He had six brothers and seven sisters.

Strange as it may seem, only two people in his life have called Rockenbach by his given name, Rodney; two very important people, his mother and his wife. Now the Grayslake Fire Chief is also known in different fire fighting organizations as "Rocky."

His parents were farmers and started him at the Tripp School on Milwaukee Ave., between Wheeling and Half Day. They retired in Crystal Lake when Rodney was in fourth grade. He attended Crystal Lake grammar school and graduated from Crystal Lake High School.

He received higher education at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb and attended night school in Elgin and Waukegan. He's also been a student at the College of Lake County.

Working, attending school while participating in parental and civic duties, was all accomplished in a one step at a time climb.

Practicing this one day at a time philosophy the new international fire chief received the president's gavel and made his acceptance speech before family members and 3,000 fire chiefs and their guests.

Members of his family who attended the H. Roe Bartle Convention Center were sisters Mary Knox of California, Shirley Spear of Elgin, Sarah Belcher of Woodstock and brothers Lyle of New York and George and Ray of Grayslake. Another almost brother; long time friend and former Assistant Grayslake Fire Chief Clarence Collins was present to witness the event.

At this momentous occasion Rockenbach's bride of 39 years, the former Lillian Jelinek of Algonquin, beamed her approval throughout the important weekend. She was Jim's high school sweetheart."

What's in a name? Say Rockenbach and you're talking Grayslake.

By Diana Kuyper, News-Sun, Jul. 8, 1986.

"Anyone who knows anything about Grayslake, knows the name Rockenbach. For 60 years, members of that family have been contributing in a myriad of ways to the village.

"I guess our family has been involved in just about everything at one time or another," said Doug Rockenbach, owner of Rockenbach Chevrolet on Route 120 in Grayslake.

Although there has never been a Rockenbach mayor, members of the family have been village trustees and one, Jim Rockenbach, is the current fire chief. There was a Rockenbach Hardware Store and there continues to be Rockenbach Real Estate and Rockenbach Plumbing. Every civic organization has had a Rockenbach as a member at one time or another.

It all began in 1926 when Doug's father, Bob, started the Chevrolet dealership on Route 120.

"Our family came originally from Prairie View, and then the family moved to Crystal Lake," Doug explained. "My father was one of 14 children, and when he moved to Grayslake in 1926, it seemed logical that some of his brothers would follow, since he was the oldest boy."

Brothers George and Jim worked for Bob and another brother, Ray, later moved to Grayslake and owned a hardware store.

"Rockenbachs moved here, started families and just became involved naturally," Doug said.

After Doug's dad started the car dealership, he expanded with a bus and trucking service. One of his jobs was to plow the Grayslake streets. On one of those plow jobs, he got into an accident with a front-end loader and was killed.

"It was 1944 and I was in the Army," Doug recalled. "After I was discharged, my mother, who is 86 now and lives in California, sold the car business to me and my two uncles, Jim and George."

Jim and Doug bought out George in 1957, and George formed Rockenbach Real Estate. In poor health for several years, George died last year.

Doug then bought out Jim in 1974. Jim is still the village's fire chief, a position he has held for 32 years.

Other Rockenbachs continue to be involved in the car business, however.

"My brother Bob works for me in the parts department and my son Gregg manages a car wash on Route 83 I recently opened," Doug Said.

Doug who has been active in the American Legion and is past president of the Lake County Easter Seals Society, now devotes himself primarily to his car business.

Gearing up for a 60th anniversary celebration later this year, the present showroom is undergoing a \$250,000 expansion. "We've probably tripled in size since 1926," Doug Said.

"In 1926, my dad sold 25 cars," he continued. "Now, we sell about 1,600 new and used cars a year and have 65 employees."

As Rockenbach Chevrolet has expanded, there's never been a serious thought given to moving out of Grayslake.

"Some of the dealerships closer to Chicago do a lot more business than we do, but this is a good and affluent area to be in, too, and Grayslake is my home," Doug said. "I've lived here since 1926."

Doug added that in the customer satisfaction survey that Chevrolet conducts, Rockenbach's rating is one of the highest in the Chicago area. "That means more to us than rating highest in sales volume," he said.

Not content to just run his business (in true Rockenbach style), Doug is past president of the Chicago and Northwestern Indiana Chevrolet Dealers Association, and is on its board. He is also on the executive board of the Illinois New Car and Truck Dealers Association. He helped start the apprentice mechanics vocational training program in Lake County, as well.

Although car sales are good right now, it wasn't always that way, according to Doug. "When times were tough," he said, "we started some sales incentive programs that Chevrolet adopted nationwide."

Doug Rockenbach has been married to his wife, Bonnie, for 39 years and the couple has three children. Gregg, 36, lives in Grayslake; Gail, 34, in Lake Zurich, and Gary, 32, in San Francisco.

Although many Rockenbach children have left Grayslake, "I for one plan to stay here forever," Doug said. "We'll do bigger and better things, just like the village. We've grown with Grayslake. I think the Rockenbach name will be associated with Grayslake for a lot more years to come.""

Drawn from the "Round Robin's" Remember When.

REMEMBER WHEN?

Mom made beans in a three gallon pressure cooker.
 Hot bricks and irons were put into sled, touring cars and in bed.
 Philip, Dory and Sarah hiding in farm bathroom cupboard for two hours, after they had gone into freshly plowed field after their Saturday bath.
 Spring floods in the back-forty of farm, floating around the fields on big planks.
 Dad and Shirley wallpapering a ceiling with a special double sized paper. Dad on top of ladder, left holding a patch of paper under one hand with the rest of the soggy mess torn and draped around him. Anyone whoever wallpapered a room with Dad, had their own special memories.
 The cookstove in Crystal Lake, being moved in our kitchen each winter and spring, along with soot flying from collapsed chimneys.
 Dory's remembrance of that toasted bread in the Country School furnace.
 Jim was going to marry Miss Shilstra, our teacher. He told Mom, after she asked him where he sat the first day of school. "Oh, the teacher said that I could sit anywhere I wanted, so I moved right into the second grade."
 Sneaking upstairs at Aunt Viola and Aunt Irene's with the pretext of going to the bathroom, but really to give the spinning wheel a few good twirls. The days when they would still let us prowl around in their attic.
 When we went to Country School, the one who had morning recess went home for lunch, which Mom packed in a market basket.
 Trying out George's cigarettes when Mom and Dad were gone.
 The boys playing basketball in the dining room, also when folks were gone.
 Making clay dishes from a ditch dug for a dead horse or cow.
 Virginia Taylor was coming over, we'd lock the henhouse door and quick hide the salt crock; so Virginia wouldn't let the chickens out and so she wouldn't consume handfuls of salt.
 Mary was leaning out the window on a Saturday morning, shaking the dust rag and singing. The mailman drove in and said, "if your singing to me, you can stop any time now."
 When we lived on the farm and went swimming in the Des Plaines River, wearing a wierd assortment of swim gear, such as overalls, old dresses sewed together at the bottom, etc., and cows were also in the murky water close by.
 Mom insisting we had to rinse clothes three times, then finally in very cold water. Wonder if that is a cause for arthritic condition?
 The time we almost lost Dory's bean-hole-beans to the cows. Guess they smelled them through all the layers of hot coals, stones and dirt.
 At least twelve kids trying to listen to the old battery radio with one set of earphones.
 Pop telling us we had to quit calling each other by our crazy nicknames when we moved to Crystal Lake.
 When we used mason jars of hot water to keep our feet warm in bed, and they would leak.
 The boys plus the Malones and the Rydquists were fixing something out in the garage and they needed a part, so they sent Shirley downtown for some "brass buttonholes".
 The noise and sticky candy canes stuck in oranges at Christmas breakfast.
 Oyster stew on Christmas Eve.
 At Christmas, the whooping, running children making the continuous circle from the dining room-bedroom-bathroom-kitchen-dining room-etc.
 The Santa Clauses, Phil and Frank, collecting kisses in exchange for presents.
 The out-of-town cousins would be put to bed upstairs in the attic at the farm.
 Sneaking from bed to bed, we would slip the heavy, white, cold chamber pot cover in under the sheets. The one awakening with it in the morning, was the loser.
 Sarah pulled a thread on Mom's winter coat, the one she wore for about ten winters, during church and it was a chainstitch and the whole lining almost fell out.

Aunt Irene and Aunt Viola.

by Sarah (Rockenbach) Belcher, 1982.

"My Grandma Sarah Rockenbach died 19 years before I arrived. My Mother asked Grandpa George Rockenbach what shall we name this one? He said, "you have no Sarah. Why not name her after Grandma Sarah?"

Aunt Irene and Aunt Viola took the place of Grandma Sarah.

Aunt Irene was the one who brought in the bacon. She worked as Town Clerk in Deerfield. She drove the 1954 Chevrolet. She kept all the ancestors alive in our hearts. She kept all the many many nieces and nephews in front of us.

They had a two story old house next to the railroad tracks in Deerfield.

Aunt Irene told us about the Otts, who went to California in the gold rush. Jacob (a cousin) never came back. He contacted yellow fever and was buried at sea.

Irene kept the family together as no one else did. Every Christmas and on Grandpa's birthday (Groundhog Day 1841), she and Viola would contact Mom and Dad and they would go to Deerfield for the day.

Aunt Irene and Viola gave every niece and nephew a wedding gift and a gift when babies arrived. Our wedding gift was two pillows made from a goose down feather bed in the attic. The goose down mattress was made by Grandma Sarah, when they lived on Saunders Road and had their family.

Irene compiled the family tree. She wrote to a cousin in France for years.

We loved to visit their house in Deerfield. The first thing we'd do was run upstairs and use the bathroom, then sneak up in the attic to look at old trunks etc.

Aunt Viola was short and cute and loving. She had a dowager hump. Must be hereitary, I have one. As she grew old, the hump became very large and she stooped over in her wheelchair, until she became a little curl of loving humanity.

Aunt Viola did the cooking, cleaning and caring for eleven cats. She waited on Grandpa George, did the washing and kept the family intact by making their home a fun place to go to.

We'd go for lunch and a visit, then run across the vacant lot to see Aunt Ella Plagge, but she never gave us cookies.

Every Christmas was time to renew on old European custom. Using a tulip cookie pattern that Grandma Sarah's parents brought from Alsace, she made a big tulip sugar cookie and gave it to my Dad. If Dad didn't get there, they mailed it to him. We still make tulip cookies for Christmas breakfast and add an orange and a candy cane. Suck the juice through the candy cane (a Catlow, English custom). This later custom, of oranges and candy canes, was brought here by Grandpa Joseph Catlow's parents from Burnley, England."

Drawn from "A Sum of Remembrance"
by R. R. Spear. 1985.

After the death of my Grandma Rockenbach, Grandpa continued to live on the farm in Crystal Lake. I think in the mid 1950's, Aunt Ruth and Uncle Phil took over the farm, although there wasn't any farming going on by Grandpa, it was a lot to keep up.

I would spend parts of each summer up there through grade school.

Aunt Ruth had a rug loom in the cellar. What a contraption, with shuttles and wire racks for the threads, but she could make that thing sing, or clatter, and turn a pile of old rags into a beautiful rug. I would help her by sorting the rags and cutting them into strips, then loading the shuttles, while she ran the hand and foot powered loom.

Grandpa kept a vegetable garden and chickens. I would have to collect the eggs in the morning and I never seemed to get away without being pecked or chased by the hens. Grandpa would say, "No, no boy, your doin' it all wrong. Ya gotta sneak up on 'em." I would go into the coup with him and he'd press the hay down, put his hand under the hen and retrieve an egg and the chicken would never even wake up. I did a little better at it after that. Previous to that, I thought you were just supposed to tip the chicken over, grab an egg, then run for cover, wait awhile for things to settle down, then go in for another egg. No wonder it took me an hour to gather seven eggs.

Grandpa would always keep his eye out for any hen that wasn't laying. Now, if I was a chicken and knew what was in store for me, I'd be stealing eggs from the hen next to me. He'd say, "C'mon boy, we're gonna have us a chicken dinner." He'd go into the coup, grab the non-producing offender by the neck and take it into the shed behind the barn with me trailing behind. He'd close the door, grab an axe and in one swing, off the hen's head would fly. I asked him why he didn't do this outside, where it wouldn't be such a mess to clean up. He replied, "Boy, I'm too old ta be chasin' this bird halfway 'cross Crystal Lake, he won't go far in 'ere." Sure enough, this hen was racing around inside the shed. After the chicken dropped, he'd pick it up and say, "Fetch the head boy an' follow me ta the garden." I guess city folks would hang the chicken by it's feet from a clothesline and wait. Not Grandpa, he'd stand out in the garden and swing the hen round and round, saying, "Step back boy, I don't wanna get any blood on ya." "What do I do with the head, Grandpa?" "Throw it o'er there boy, the rats 'ul take care 'a it." Somehow, I lost my taste for chicken for awhile.

I can't ever remember my Grandfather calling me by name, but then, he did have somewhere about forty five grandchildren. He would just say, "Oh yah, yer Shirley's boy, ain't ya?"

My place to sleep at night was in the attic, two stories above the main floor of the house. There was a winding staircase and a long section of attic that could only be illuminated from the first floor. Although, there was a small reading lamp next to my bed and three windows at the peaks of the attic, they shed no light down the longest section. On either side of the long section of attic, were the accumulations of thirty years and fourteen children, so you had to walk carefully even with light. Aunt Ruth would send me up to bed at night, with a hug, saying, "Yell down when you have your light on up there." It's going to take more than a hug to save me from this night. I would wait the longest time before finally saying, "Ok", and relinquishing my only way back to civilization. Once your up there, your up there and there ain't nobody that's going to hear you. "Good night, Roy." "Good night, Aunt Ruth." The hall light is turned off and the door is closed at the bottom. Now what? I'm not tired. There's a small book case next to the bed. I'm ten, I can read. What do we have here? College English, no. A couple of novels, naw, big words and too long. Biology, yuk! (Remembering the fate of the chicken). Short Stories by Edgar Allen Poe, never heard of him. Ghost Stories by Alfred Hitchcock, ya, I've seen his show on television. This book looks like a good one and I've always been partial to spooky tails. The first story leaves me with a tingling spine. Well, there's no way that I can sleep now, might as well read another. That did it! Enough for tonight, got to get some sleep. Light off. The farm house sits just back from U.S. 14 and the lights from passing autos, throw shadows through bare windows, right onto the wall in front of me. Light on. Maybe a little more reading. I'll try the

other book of short stories by Poe. This man is mad! He's trying to scare me to death. Ok, I'll leave the light on and try to sleep. I keep opening my eyes to see if anything has moved. No, everything is where it should be. Wait a minute, those were just stories, pretending stories, they didn't happen. I grabbed the Hitchcock book and thumbed through the front. Here it is. Here's the word, fiction, it didn't happen. Good, good, now the Poe book. Where is the word? It doesn't say fiction. Did these stories really happen? Wait, he died in the 1800's. So it happened a long time ago. Maybe it won't happen again. Can't chance it. Got to sleep with the lights on and I'll pull the covers over my head. No good, it won't work, I only lasted five seconds with my head covered that time. I can't stay up here, I've got to make my way back down stairs. Getting out of bed, I walked to the opening of the long section of attic. Strange shapes, did something move? Back onto the bed I jumped. Five minutes. Have to try again. If I run fast, I might make it, but what if I trip and should fall? To horrid a thought. I walked as far as I dared into the darkness and softly cried and called for help, not daring to disturb whatever might be lurking behind the boxes, but no one answered or came. I spent the remainder of the night walking, patrolling the lighted portion of the attic. Even at daybreak, there was not enough light, that I could allow myself to go back down the stairs. Finally, Aunt Ruth, thinking me to be a sleepy head, turned on the lights and called for me to get up, for we had things to do. I came down, but did not impart to her my fears. After chores, I napped in the shade on the side of the barn. The fear of the attic became less and less, along with a change of reading material.

In later years, I learned not to fear the dark but only my imagination and on occasion, I still pull the blankets 'round my ears, lest they be gnawed off in the night. I can't say I've missed that attic one bit.

The barn, like the attic, was a storehouse of forgotten things. In the loft, which was completely floored over and had a staircase, there was a basketball hoop. You could sense the excitement of a long past game between the members of the family. But, the clutter of items now closed off most of the open floor. An old baby carriage, picture frames, clothes, books and a hall tree. I often wonder who became heir to it all. On the east side of the loft, was a door that could be opened, offering a view of the field from high up. Opening the door and brightening the loft, I would daydream. Alone up there, it seemed sad to me, that life had passed from this place. Once noisy, busy, productive, it now serves no other purpose, than to collect one's discarded forgotten things and cast a shadow on the field. Imagined voices are only stirring pigeons in the rafters and mice that scurry back into hiding.

In 1957, Grandpa's health began failing and like his farm, that had once seen life, his shadow fades. He passed away on January 9th, 1958.

The barn was destroyed by fire in late 1972, and the farm house is now remodeled beyond recognition of it's former quaintness, but I wonder what's in the attic?

RECIPES AND REMEDIES.

Drawn in part from Elizabeth (Catlow) Rockenbach's cookbook. Every-Day Cook-Book, Encyclopedia Of Practical Recipes by Miss E. Neil, Regan Printing House, Chicago, Ill. 1892. Some of the more unusual entries that you may not see in today's modern cookbooks.

"Collared Eels. One large eel, peppered and salted to taste; two blades of mace, two cloves, a little allspice very finely pounded, six leaves of sage, and a small bunch of herbs minced very small. Bone the eel and skin it; split it, and sprinkle it over with the ingredients, taking care that the spices are very finely pounded, and the herbs chopped very small. Roll it up and bind with a broad piece of tape, and boil it in water, mixed with a little salt and vinegar, till tender. It may either be served whole or cut in slices; and when cold, the eel should be kept in the liquor it is boiled in but with a little more vinegar put to it.

Mice. Pumpkin seeds are very attractive to mice, and traps baited with them will soon destroy this little pest.

Lunar Caustic. Lunar caustic, carefully applied so as not to touch the skin, will destroy warts.

Fever And Ague. Four ounces galangal-root in a quart of gin, steep in a warm place; take often.

Ox-Tail Soup. Take two ox tails and two whole onions, two carrots, a small turnip two tablespoonfuls of flour, and a little white pepper, add a gallon of water, let all boil for two hours; then take out the tails and cut the meat into small pieces, return the bones to the pot, for a short time, boil for another hour, then strain the soup, and rinse two spoonfuls of arrowroot to add to it with the meat cut from the bones, and let it boil for a quarter of an hour.

A Good Cure For Colds. Boil two ounces of flaxseed in one quart of water; strain and add two ounces of rock candy, one-half pint of honey, juice of three lemons; mix, and let all boil well; let cool, and bottle. Dose: One cupful on going to bed, one-half cupful before meals. The hotter you drink it the better.

Pounded Glass. Pounded glass, mixed with dry corn-meal, and placed within the reach of rats, it is said, will banish them from the premises; or sprinkle Cayenne pepper in their holes.

Asthma. A lady writes that sufferers from asthma should get a muskrat skin and wear it over their lungs, with the fur side next to the body. It will bring certain relief.

Game Soup. Two grouse or partridges, or if you have neither, use a pair of rabbits; half a pound of lean ham; two medium-sized onions; one pound of lean beef; fried bread; butter for frying; pepper, salt, and two stalks of white celery, cut into inch lengths; three quarts of water. Joint your game neatly; cut the ham and onions into small pieces, and fry all in butter to a light brown. Put into a soup-pot with the beef, cut into strips, and a little pepper. Pour on the water, heat slowly, and stew gently two hours. Take out the pieces of bird, and cover in a bowl; cook the soup an hour longer; strain, cool, drop in the celery, and simmer ten minutes. Pour upon fried bread in the tureen.

To Sweeten Meat. A little charcoal thrown into the pot will sweeten meat that is a little old. Not if it is anyway tainted - it is then not fit to eat - but only if kept a little longer than makes it quite fresh.

Tape-Worms. Tape-worms are said to be removed by refraining from supper and breakfast, and at eight o'clock taking one-third part of two hundred minced pumpkin seeds, the shells of which have been removed by hot water; at nine take another third, at ten the remainder, and follow it at eleven with a strong dose of castor oil.

Bites Of Dogs. The only safe remedy in case of a bite from a dog suspected of madness, is to burn out the wound thoroughly with red-hot iron, or with lunar caustic, for fully eight seconds, so as to destroy the entire surface of the wound. Do this as soon as possible, for no time is to be lost. Of course it will be expected that the parts touched with the caustic will turn black.

Boiled Calf Head (without the skin). Calf's head, water, a little salt, four tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one tablespoonful of minced parsley, pepper and salt to taste, one tablespoonful of lemon juice. After the head has been thoroughly cleaned, and the brains removed, soak it in warm water to blanch it. Lay the brains also into warm water to soak, and let them remain for about an hour. Put the head into a stewpan, with sufficient cold water to cover it, and when it boils, add a little salt; take off every particle of scum as it rises, and boil the head until perfectly tender. Boil the brains, chop them, and mix with lemon juice in the above proportion. Take up the head, skin the tongue, and put it on a small dish with the brains round it. Have ready some parsley and butter, smother the head with it, and the remainder send to the table in a tureen. Bacon, ham, pickled pork, or a pig's cheek are indispensable with calf's head. The brains are sometimes chopped with hard-boiled eggs.

To Keep Off Mosquitoes. Rub exposed parts with Kerosene. The odor is not noticed after a few minutes, and children especially are much relieved by its use.

Cold On The Chest. A flannel dipped in boiling water, and sprinkled with turpentine, laid on the chest as quickly as possible, will relieve the most severe cold or hoarseness.

To Restore From Stroke Of Lightning. Shower with cold water for two hours; if the patient does not show signs of life, put salt in the water, and continue to shower an hour longer.

Mock-Turtle Soup. Clean and wash a calf's head. split it in two, save the brains, boil the head until it is tender in plenty of water; put a slice of fat ham, a bunch of parsley cut small; a sprig of thyme, two leeks cut small, six cloves; a teaspoonful of pepper, and three ounces butter, into a stewpan, and fry them a nice brown; then add the water in which the head was boiled, cut the meat from the head in square pieces, and put them to the soup; add a pint of Madeira and one lemon sliced thin, and Cayenne pepper and salt to taste; let it simmer gently for two hours, then skim it clear and serve. Make a forcemeat of the brains as follows: Put them in a stewpan, pour hot water over, and set it over the fire for a few minutes, then take up; chop them small, with a sprig of parsley, a saltspoonful of salt and pepper each, a tablespoonful of wheat flour, the same of butter, and one well-beaten egg; make in small balls, and drop them in the soup fifteen minutes before it is taken from the fire; in making the balls, a little flour may be necessary. Egg-balls may also be added."

Drawn from the "Round Robin's" Remember When.

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At Tyler Creek picnics, the boys dammed up the creek and the farmer was furious because his stock wasn't getting any water.

Shortly after Mom died, Dad and Mary took a drive to the farm etc. Dad said let's stop and see the Redlingers on Milwaukee Ave. Dad probably hadn't seen them since he left the farm. There were two sisters and one brother probably in their seventies who had never married. The sisters were so gracious. They immediately took off their aprons, you could see the exact outlines on the faded gingham dress. They served tea in the spotless parlor. The silent brother came in with his gun. Dad said he never remembered seeing him without it - shooting rabbits and doves etc. The walls of the parlor were hung with stuffed animals.

Terry was four or five and would follow his grandpa all around the nine acres. What Terry remembered most was when grandpa would cut the chicken's head off and it would go jumping down the grape rows.

Always offering company that came to dinner the glass with a hole in it.

Lyle putting string in the pancakes as he cooked them.

Sending Shirley to town for a left handed screw driver.

Pushing the butter into a new comer's thumb at the dinner table.

Terry gathering eggs and putting them in his pockets. One borke and he told grandma it was her fault for sending him.

Making ice cream after church on Sunday. One time used sugar from bag on back stairway instead of salt and didn't have dessert that day.

Elizabeth substituting a well used round pot holder for a pancake.

Remembering A Friend,
 On the Square, by Don Peasley, Community Northwest Herald, Dec. 15, 1988.
 Quoted in part.

"As soon as we began talking with Alan Belcher about his father, a sad smile slowly turned to a pleasant memory of Melvin Belcher. For Alan first recalled boyhood memories of stories his father told him about his father, a businessman with a variety store on Main Street in Woodstock.

"Dad told us how his father would work late on Friday and Saturday nights. On occasion, he'd pick up some ice cream on the way home, and wake up the children for a treat."

Alan contemplated my question about Mel's community involvement, a major commitment to the schools and city government by a man with his own business. "Dad recognized the importance of his roots. He was born in the hospital when it was located on Clay Street. He believed in the importance of taking part in community affairs."

That's the sentiment I heard frequently following Mel's death on Dec 7 - he took his responsibility seriously. Rev. Eustice Kirkpatrick was pastor at the Free Methodist Church in the late 1950s when the Belchers joined. He remembers Mel's work as a member of the building committee which decided to leave the building at Six Corners to construct a new edifice on Illinois Route 47. That was in 1959. He served as a trustee for many years.

He was a member of the school board which helped bring about the consolidation of District 72 (grade school) and 152 (high school) into our present district 200. A relatively new member of the Kiwanis Club, Mel moved into action, becoming chairman of the house committee and a member of the membership committee. I also remember Mel as a craftsman in the floor covering business he owned for many years. Once again Woodstock will be poorer with the death of a respected citizen."

Board Remembers Belcher,
 by Angela Burden, Herald staff writer, Community Northwest Herald.
 Quoted in part.

"Woodstock - Melvin Belcher was a longtime businessman in Woodstock, where he also served the community on the city council and school boards.

Belcher died Wednesday at the age of 71 years. His fellow school board members remember him well.

"Melvin was the first School District 200 president during the early formation of the new unit district. He had already served two or three terms on the High School District 152 board," said Richard Thompson of Woodstock, who served on the board with Belcher.

"I respected him very much," he added. "He was a super board member. He always researched a matter before making a decision."

"I'd known him since I was a little kid. When his father had the flooring store on Main Street, my dad rented half the store for our business," Thompson said.

"He was a fine school board president. Melvin was the most diplomatic guy in his position as president. He did an excellent job and handled the public in a special manner. I remember him well," said Dr. Robert Simpson, a former school board member.

"He ran a tight ship and took his presidency seriously. Melvin was primarily concerned about the students. He was a good guy. I liked working with him," said Woodstock lawyer Louis Aiello.

District 200 Assistant Superintendent John Radka said he served on the high school administration when it changed from a high school district to a unit district about 20 years ago and worked closely with Belcher.

"He kept active in school affairs even after he retired from the board. He would often call me for information on a special issue. He showed a great deal of interest, especially in the programs and the budget."

Belcher was a partner with his father in the Belcher and Sons flooring firm between 1939 and 1945 and in 1945 he and his brother, the late Edwin Belcher, became partners in the firm.

He served as an alderman on the city council and three terms on the school board. Belcher had been a member of the Free Methodist for more than 30 years, serving on several committees as he did during his membership of the Kiwanis group."

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LILLIAN A. ROCKENBACH

Lillian was born on June 2, 1918, in Algonquin to Frank and Mae Jelinek. She was raised on a farm in Fox River Grove, Il, and grew up with two sisters, Helen and Gladys. She attended the Wienke School, a one room school house (1-8th grades), located on Haegers Bend Road in Algonquin. She attended the Crystal Lake High School where she met the 13 brothers and sisters of Rodney.

Lillian and Rodney met in 1936. It was a blind date arranged by Rodney's sister. It took her 4 years to make up her mind and they were married for over 51 years. They were married at the First Congregational Church in Crystal Lake, Il, on May 18, 1940. She always called him Rodney. She was dedicated to their home.

Lillian and Rodney had two children, Cynthia and Wayne and a daughter-in-law Karen. Cynthia has three children, Kathryn, Jeffrey and Bryan, and a grandson Michael. Wayne and Karen have three children, Kristin, Carolyn and Kenneth.

When her husband was elected President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in 1979, they were well known as "Rocky and Lillian". Rocky was one of the only Chiefs of a volunteer fire department ever to achieve this honor. We will never forget the town of Grayslake for the honor of having "Chief Rockenbach Day" Sunday September 23, 1979.

She attended many local, state and national fire conferences with her husband for many years. Lillian met a new fire chiefs' wife on a ladies tour at a fire conference. This lady mentioned to "Rocky", that she fell in love with Lillian the first time she met Lillian because of her friendly, smiling nature.

On many nightly meetings of the Grayslake Fire Department, Lillian would send one of her specialties, cookies, cake, or coffee cakes for the members to enjoy after the meeting.

She would take her vacuum and cleaning supplies to the station and clean the Chief's office area so it would smell nice!

Many years ago after the annual St. Patrick's Dance held at Fire Station, Lillian would serve a home made breakfast from 1:00 A. M. to 5:00 A. M. to at least 80 people. Several helped with the cooking and serving of bacon, eggs, toast, coffee cakes, and plenty of coffee. Imagine how many fuses were blown as all of the electrical appliances were in operation! She did this for 15 to 20 years.

For 41 years Lillian and Rodney hosted the annual Rockenbach clan for Christmas Dinner. Everyone knew it was the first Saturday after Christmas. At least 30 to 80 could be expected to enjoy the fellowship and dinner of roast beef, garlic bread and all the dishes that were brought by the family members.

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When Rodney was one of the owners of Rockenbach Chevrolet, Lillian would host a Christmas Dinner for 40 to 50 of the employees. A full meal with Christmas cookies too. She did this from 1944 to 1974.

Many family dinners were served with the fire alarm going off during the middle of the meal. Rodney left and dinner would continue.

Her hobbies were varied with needlework, a spoon collection, gardening, her Circle church activities and her grandchildren. Her garden was her pride and joy, flowers for every season and everyday. She still has the yellow roses from Rodney's mother. She kept up a family tree for the entire Rockenbach family. She has photo books of the grandchildren, 19 books in all and every picture dated.

The grandchildren always enjoyed spending time at Grandma's and Grandpa's. They not only always got their way, but more importantly received a lot of love. Some of the grandchildren's fondest memories are ---

Grandma always let us do things our mom's wouldn't allow, such as, play in the laundry shoot, dump a new box cereal in a huge bowl- just to get the prize out, and eat more cookie dough than cookies. Not to forget Grandma's world famous ice cream cones which consisted of a little ice cream, then a little chocolate sauce, a little ice cream, a little sauce, etc.

Grandma would serve lunches for at least 4 years for Jeff. He would arrive at 11:30, so he could watch the "Young and the Restless" with Grandma. (Gramps has renamed the show to the "Dumb and the Hopeless")! She would make his lunch at the same time as Gramps because he arrived at 12:00 for lunch. Then Bryan would drift in at 12:30, and then came baby Michael. At least 4 different meals could be expected to be served.

She is world famous for her Chocolate Chip Cookies. When all the grandkids came home from school she would make dozens of cookies which they would then sell (share) with their friends. She would also make a batch of oatmeal/raisin cookies for Gramps.

She would always give the grand-kids checks for special holidays, valentines day, easter, etc. She used to get mad because many times others would hold or lose those checks, but not Jeff, he always needed the money!

Jeff can never go through another toll gate without thinking about Gram. When he was returning from a Cubs game in her car he broke a toll gate. Although gram never knew he thought she would get arrested for his mistake in her car.

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We all remember posing on holidays so Grandma could take an updated holiday picture. Then, always seeing them later with people's heads cut off. We would kid her to take a class or to adjust the camera!

She loved taking care of her Special Great Grandson, Michael. Due to her rheumatoid arthritis she would lift Michael by one shoulder and one leg and then say Ouch! She always thought he would learn to call her Grandma Ouch!

When we had our floors refinished in Libertyville and Carrie need to get her parakeet out of the house. Grandma agreed to keep it. By the time Carrie finally got around to picking it up Grandma grew attached to it and wanted to keep it. Gram treated it as good as she treated Grandpa, cleaning its cage everyday, special treats, etc.

We would come over to visit Grandma and got a room by room tour of her house to see what she's changed and what is new.

If you ever needed a car - she had one available. If we needed a ride to football, basketball practice or to and from school she was always there for us. She came to all our games, but she never liked football!.

All the kids loved her homemade fudge. It was remembered that she sent fudge to Ken who attended Tabor Academy in Massachusetts. It arrived on a rather warm day and had melted into a large chunk.

Jeff and Bryan were always generous to wash her car, when they found free coupons for "Three Roads Car Wash" on the front seat of her car.

Our Mom, Cynthia worked and she did not have time to do all the mending, but Grandma had lots of time. She did all of the alterations on our jeans, dress pants and pressed everything. She never complained and always wanted us to look nice. She took care of us too and all of our playmates after school.

While taking care of Michael, Great-Grandma would put him in his walker and rolled him down the blacktop hill. Great-Grandma would rock Michael in her rocking chair and sing him to sleep. As Michael continued to grow she would comment her lap was getting smaller, but she still to continue to rock.

The greatest gift she gave to Kathy was to go forth into life with the knowledge that if she needed support, an emotional band-aid or a smile of encouragement, Gram would be there, no matter where Kathy was living at the time. Heaven knows the paths Kathy went down weren't always smooth, but Gram was there to stretch out a helping hand or if she needed a good reprimand; either one was welcome and usually needed. Gram taught Kathy to have confidence in herself and that she was special.

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When Kathy's son Michael was born with Downs Syndrome Kathy worried that Grandma's reaction would be that he wasn't the perfect great-grandson. But the disappointment Kathy felt was only her own reaction. Once again, Grandma can through and helped Kathy to see the perfection in her son. "He is one of God's children, therefore he is special too."

Kristin sums up all of our thoughts. We all loved her very much and she will always be a part of our daily thoughts.

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The Ott families came from Baldenheim Alsace in 1832 and settled in Warren Penn. Their sailing vessel took 40 days in crossing, and their hay wagon and rack, which was ballast on the boat, was used as a moving wagon when they moved to the bank of the Alleghany River. After four years' residence in Warren, Jacob Ott, the oldest son, came west with the Luther family, and married Magdalena Luther and settled on Saunders Road.

In the following year the entire Ott family came to Deerfield, where they founded a strong family clan of loyal, dependable Illinois citizens. Lorenz Ott had the first stove, first kerosene oil lamp, and first crude wooden washing machine (made in Libertyville), in the colony. Previous to stoves, cooking was done in the fire place. A big iron kettle about six inches deep and eight inches across was placed on coals made of hickory wood, and bread was baked in the kettle. A black iron "spider" was placed on an iron sawbuck in the fireplace and cornbread, and meat, were also cooked in that manner.

In 1836 and 1837 ten log houses stood in a row on the edge of the natural timber on a road two miles west of Deerfield Corners. This road was then unnamed, but later was called Saunders Road, for a man in Cook Co. In the group of houses were the homes of the families of the Duffy, Dose, Stewart, Martin Luther, Jacob Luther, Lorenz Ott, John Jacob Ott, John Jacob Ott Jr., and Casper Ott, and that of a bachelor named Jennings.

Samuel Ott attended the Wilmot School the first day that it was opened in the summer of 1847. The ringing of the school bell frightened the cattle that ran wild over the prairies, and when they rushed toward the school, the children were alarmed. Rosilla Cadwell was the first teacher, and the only book that was used was her testament. School was opened with prayer, and the twenty-five pupils of all ages learned the alphabet, and to read from the testament. The teacher for the winter term was a Mr. Chapman, from Michigan, and he had men pupils older than he.

Samuel Ott went to Naperville College in 1861. His father was one of the first organizers of this Evangelical Association church school. Samuel possesses a perpetual scholarship in the college, and can name any young person he wishes to attend it.

In the Wilmot School, at twenty-one years of age Samuel Ott cast his first vote and his father vouched for his age. At twenty-one he was made a director of the Wilmot School and was secretary for two years.

Early marriages were common in this vicinity. Often the girls were wives at sixteen, and the majority of them old women at forty. If a man could raise five dollars, and had a dollar and a half for a license, he married and prospered. If a man with \$50 came from a different locality, at least a dozen girls were ready to marry him.

The women knitted day and night to provide stockings and mittens for their families. The wool came from the sheep raised on the farms. The wool was taken to Elgin to a carding machine, and after being carded was spun by the women in their homes. Sarah Ott could spin a pound of wool in a day. She was an expert spinner. She would spin and walk and sing.

Elgin was the grinding place for Illinois. Farmers from this vicinity also went to Naperville to have their grain ground.

Mr. Ott remembers the log house of his father and of his grandfather, as a two room structure, the upper room a sleeping room for the older boys. In one corner of the downstairs room a portion was boarded off in which the spare bed was made. A one-legged bed with the two walls supporting the sides. This was for the visiting minister, or school teacher. In another corner the bed for the parents was curtained off in a section reserved for sleeping purposes, and under that bed were shoved the trundle beds of the children, in the day time. Ropes were used instead of springs.

Johann Jacob Ott, ancestor of half a thousand descendants in a century, was born November 6, 1784, and died May 16, 1865. He married Maria Magdalena [Urban], born November 6, 1782, in Baldenheim, Alsace, and died December 8, 1867, in Deerfield. They had two daughters and five sons, Magdalena, Salome, Lorenz, Jacob, Casper,

Christian and Philip. Magdalena married George Escher. Salome married Philip Brand and had eight children.

Jacob Ott married Magdalena Luther and had twelve children. This Jacob was the pioneer who led his parents and relatives to Deerfield. Casper Ott married Catherine Trier and had seven children.

Christian Ott married Christina Miller and had five children. Christian died of smallpox in the Civil War.

Philip Ott married Elizabeth Hertzell in Pennsylvania and had twelve children. His youngest son, Benjamin lives in Wilmette. Eli died there in October.

Born in Baldenheim Alsace, on October 24, 1808 [Oct. 23, 1807], Lorenz Ott married Maria Ursula Rieg, born May 18, 1811, whose mother's maiden name was Peters. Lorenz Ott died February 8, 1863, and his wife died September 18, 1887 [Sep. 13, 1887]. The Lorenz Otts had seven children, Jacob, Mary, Magdalena, Sarah, Clara, Samuel and Eli. Clara died at thirteen. Jacob was born in Baldenheim in 1831. The others were all born in the United States.

In 1849, Jacob Ott with his uncles, Philip and Jacob, went to California in the gold rush. On the trip by water, Jacob, son of Lorenz, contracted Panama, or yellow fever, and was buried at sea.

Mary Ott married Lawrence Offerle in Warren, Pa. When they moved to Illinois, they had a store near the Northfield Church, then moved to Geneseo, Illinois, and then finally to Kansas, where the town Offerle was named for them. The Offerles had six children, Abner, Minerva, Oscar, Edwin, Russell and Amanda, who are scattered over the Pacific slope.

Eli Ott went to Ashland, Wis., after marrying Carrie of Chicago, and had one daughter, who married John Beck. Eli Ott died two years ago, in May, 1925.

Magdalena Ott was born in Deerfield Township in August, 1837, probably the first white child born in the vicinity. Magdalena married Rev. Christian Ott and had six children, three of whom, Elma, Ida and Hedwig, are now living [1927].

Sarah Ott married George Rockenbach and had eight children, Ella, Adelaide, Ormon, Almon, Samuel, Viola, Preston and Irene. Ella married William Plagge, Ormon married Mary Whitney, Almon married Elizabeth Catlow. Adelaide died in 1895. Samuel married Emma Rosenow. Preston married Lida Landau. Viola and Irene are not married.

Samuel Ott, the fifth child of Lorenz and Ursula Rieg Ott, was born May 19, 1841, on the Ott farm that was later sold to George Rockenbach, who married Sarah Ott, after Samuel had lived there for twenty-five years. In 1865 Samuel moved to Geneseo, Illinois, and a year later he built and furnished a home and married Mary Kiest, the daughter of Henry and Mary Kiest of Northfield. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ott had five children, Alice, Flora, Olive, Arthur and Elmer.

The beautiful serenity of old age, from a life of right living is seen in the face of Samuel Ott. His grandfather, Jacob Ott, has 500 descendants and Samuel Ott is the oldest of those living, 250 are dead, and as many are living and scattered over the United States."

Drawn in part from The Ott Book, by Elzora Ott

"The Johann Jacob Ott family came to the United States in 1832, having sailed for 40 days to reach their new home. In the writings of Quinten Nolte, he says that young Jacob and Christian were stowaways to avoid military service and had come a year or two earlier. He also had a Gotleib Ott as father of these men, but we could not trace this.

The decendants of Lorenz Ott at Deerfield had a story that we thought worth recording. Three Spanish girls had escaped from a convent and lived for a time in the Ott home (that of Johann's grandparents). Two of them later returned to the convent, and the third married an Ott son; she later died leaving him with several small children, one of them being Johann Jacob born in 1784. Such quotes as "That's what you inherit from your Spanish grandmother" were often repeated. Sarah Ott Rockenbach was one source of this story, referring to her great-grandmother as being the Spanish girl. We have not been able to trace back to that generation, but thought it well worth recording for the interest of the reader.

On arrival in this new land; the Ott's went to Warren, Pennsylvania along with friends. There were most likely earlier immigrants of acquaintance living there as the name is common in Pennsylvania much earlier than the 1830's. It was in 1836-37 that some of the young men went to Fort Dearborn, Cook County, Ill. and further north into Lake County to seek out a new home. They returned to Warren County to make plans for the move: and in the old history it was John Jacob Ott the "Pioneer" who led his parents and brothers to this new venture in early 1837, coming by prairie schooner. They built their cabins in a row on what became known as Luther Road. The settlement was called "Au Plain" later referred to as Deerfield, a vote was taken in 1849 to settle on the name of the town. The suggestion of Erin and North Branch were also on the ballot, as they were located on the north branch of the Chicago River. Lorenz Ott had the first Kerosene lamp and first crude washing machine in the colony. One story of the arrival said that Jacob Ott had come with the Luther family and met them in Hickory Grove to then lead them up to Deerfield. Mary Salome Ott Brand told to the author of the Deerfield History in her elderly years of living first in the cabin of an Irishman and that it was large enough to hold twenty-one people."

(obit. Johan Jacob Ott, 1865)

as translated from old German as it was reported in "Der Christliche Botschafter"
The Christian Messenger, dated June 9, 1865.

Father Ott is no more! He was born in 1784 at Baldenheim, Alsace. Even in the Fatherland, he distinguished himself by his strong moral and religious life-style. In 1832, he emigrated with his family and other friends to America and settled in Warren, Penn., where he was thoroughly converted and since then, he led a devout life. He had a strong feeling for his own family and he devoted all his energy in leading them to Jesus, which God let him be successful in. But his heart beat warmly for everyone, and his wish was that all would get to know the Lord and become devout; and for this goal, he worked diligently. In 1837, Brother Ott, with other brothers, moved to the state of Illinois, and he settled in the northern part of Lake County. He was a man of faith and prayer. He was faithful in attendance at church services, a generally well-thought-of and beloved member of the church, and he was blessed child of God. Last winter his strenght failed rapidly and he rejoiced that soon he could go home to the Lord. His wish is now fulfilled. On the 16 of May, in the evening, God took him at the age of 80 years, 6 months and 10 days. He leaves behind a grieving wife, children and many friends.

THE CATLOW FAMILY

[From the Catlow Book, and also drawn from conversation with Marian Bauer]

John Edward Catlow Sr. was born on Dec. 10, 1822 in Burnley, Lancashire, England and died Mar. 2, 1905 in Barrington, Il. He was married on Mar. 7, 1843 in England to Elizabeth Kitson, born Dec. 7, 1823 in England and died Apr. 2, 1897. Both buried at Cady Cem., Palatine, Il. John E. Sr. was the son of Edward and Anne Catlow of England. Elizabeth was the daughter of Wright and Elizabeth (Greenhalf) Kitson of England. They had the following children: Elizabeth Ann born Aug. 26, 1844 and died Oct. 12, 1861 in Palatine, Il.; Wright born Dec. 18, 1846 and died Jan. 20, 1860 in Palatine, Il.; James born Nov. 28, 1851 and died Feb. 2, 1920 in Barrington, Il.; Joseph Goodman born May 8, 1853 and died Dec. 23, 1926 in Barrington, Il.; Daniel born Nov. 8, 1857 and died Mar. 31, 1934 in Portland, Ore.; and John Edward Jr. born Sep. 26, 1861 and died Mar. 17, 1934 in Barrington, Il. The first five children were born in Burnley, Lancashire, England. John E. Jr. possibly born in Barrington area.

Joseph Goodman Catlow, was married to Mary ^{TRIEBEL} ~~Triebel~~ on Nov. 3, 1878. She was the daughter of Frederick ~~Triebel~~ and his ^{first} ~~third~~ wife. She was born on Jan. 15, 1853 in Cleveland, Oh. and died on Mar. 5, 1890 in Barrington, Il. They had the following three children: Elizabeth ^{MAE} ~~May~~ born Jul. 1, 1879 in Palatine, Il. and died Jun. 25, 1950. She was married to Almon Rockenbach on Feb. 14, 1899; Cora Belle born Apr. 7, 1881 in Palatine, Il. and died Sep. 7, 1920. She was married to John C. Brasel on May 17, 1899; and Chester James born Nov. 7, 1885 in Barrington, Il. and died Dec. 22, 1974. He was married to Maude Vandevent.

Joseph Goodman Catlow, was married a second time, to Clarissa Permelia (Clara) Whitney on Jan. 28, 1891. Clara was the daughter of Joseph C. and Mary J. (Delano) Whitney. She was born Mar. 2, 1862 in Lake Zurich, Il. and died Mar. 14, 1925. They had the following five children: Josephine Adell born Jul. 1, 1892 and died Jul. 29, 1979; Ruth Mae born Oct. 17, 1893 and died Jul. 11, 1958; Mary May born Oct. 27, 1895 and died Jan. 6, 1918; John Harvey born Feb. 13, 1897 and died Jun. 1, 1944; and Wright Raymond born May 28, 1901 and died in 1983. All children were born in Barrington, Il.

One of Elizabeth Kitson's brothers had come over to America, and wrote and told Elizabeth and John E. Sr. about it. The John E. Sr. family followed to America in 1860. It appears that the family came straight through to the Barrington Palatine area, for no other records were found, stating that they had lived in any other part of America.

The first home of the family was in a log cabin, which is now located on a farm in Palatine, Il. Then John Sr. built a log cabin on the County Line and Ela Roads, and later on, built a house on the property which is still there today on the corners of the two roads. John Sr. farmed the land for a while, and when he quit farming he moved into Barrington. At that time, he gave all of the farm to his son John Edward Jr. Joseph Catlow approached his brother John Jr., and asked if he thought it was fair that he should have all the land, and the rest of the family nothing. So John Jr. gave Joseph part of the land. Another brother, Daniel Catlow moved out to Iowa for a time, was married there, then returned to Barrington and lived awhile. He then asked his father John Sr. for his share of the estate. From Barrington, Daniel and his wife moved out to Oregon, where they remained.

Joseph G. Catlow remembers coming over to America, at the time he was seven years old, his hat blew off and was lost in the ocean. Joseph farmed for a time on the property he recieved from his father. Then when he moved into Barrington, he and his brother John Jr. and his son Wright, were in the ice business, delivering ice from Lake Zurich to the Barrington area. Joseph built the first theater in Barrington, located on Station St. When theater operations ceased there, the building was sold to the Harvey Hamper Co. The building has since been torn down.

In 1928, Wright built the second Catlow theater, which is still in existance. At the time the second theater was built, Wright had only enough money to purchase the land. A man from Chicago heard of Wright's dream of building a theater, and

offered Wright the money to build the structure. When the building was finished, Wright approached the man and said that the theater would not be opened. The building was complete, but Wright had run out of money to furnish the inside with seats, etc. So, the man handed him his check book, and said, write yourself what you need to finish the theater. The moneys given to Wright, were eventually paid back through the proceeds from the theater. Wright sold the theater to a man in Mundelein about 1973, and the building is now in the Historical Register.

Along with the ice business in the winter, Joseph would go from farm to farm in the summer and thresh grain. He also herded sheep to Chicago, and would come home with a big sack on his back with things that could not be purchased in Barrington.

Joseph would hold dances on the upper floor of the original theater building, and his wife Clara would make sandwiches that were sold at the dance. The upstairs was also used as a meeting hall. In the basement of the same building, the Catlows had public hot showers, mostly for men. The travelers and boarders in the area could have this convenience for only .25¢, including a clean towel passed out by Clara Catlow.

Joseph had a fondness for gambling, mostly at cards, and when he would take the train into Chicago to sell something, Clara would never know whether he would come home with anything in his pockets or not. When he built the first theater, the money used in the construction, was from his wife Clara's inheritance, from her father Joseph Whitney. So when tickets were sold at the theater, Clara would go in with her great big black purse, and take care of the proceeds. She would tell Joseph, that's my money and you keep your hands off of it, I'll use it to pay the taxes or to pay for this building, but you'll not use it for your gambling.

Joseph had also encouraged his daughter Josephine and her husband Leroy Loomis to purchase a grocery store in Barrington from John and Cora Belle Brasil. Josephine said that if my sugar was .02¢ more a pound than any other place, Joseph would go to the other place to buy it.

The Whitney Saga.

"The story of the Whitney clan is a fascinating one - particularly since so many of their descendants still live in Lake Zurich.

The Heybecks, the Loomises, and Snetsingers, the Grassos - these are but a few.

The story begins with Levy and Permelia Chase Whitney, two of Lake Zurich's earliest settlers.

The Whitneys moved to Illinois from Mexico, New York, in the spring of 1839. They journeyed by boat to Chicago, but they found the land too marshy. They then took a covered wagon to Waukegan, the center of all trade in the area. Levi heard about Lake Zurich from some friends and bought several tracts of land from the government. The deed was signed by President John Tyler.

Levi built a log cabin on Lake Zurich's southwest shores for his wife and twelve children. Soon it was replaced by one of Lake County's first frame homes.

In 1853 when his youngest child, Joseph C., was 21, Levi died. His widow lived with Joseph on the homestead until her death at the age of eighty-six.

Joseph C. Whitney met Mary Delano through friends in Waukegan and married her in 1860.

In that year a receipt from the collector's office showed that their real estate tax bill for 120 of their 160 acres was only \$11.43. The personal property tax was \$2.28.

The Whitneys had six children: May, Lillian, Clarissa, Lydia, Cora, and Edith.

After their first child, Clarissa, was born Joseph volunteered and served for three years and three months in the Civil War.

He was a member of the 96th Illinois Infantry and served under General Rosecrans.

A cache of letters between J. C. and his wife during his long war years away from Lake Zurich are being preserved in an ancient trunk by the Snetsinger brothers. They are being reproduced this Centennial year in the Frontier Enterprise.

J. C. was a deacon of the First Baptist Church in Barrington for many years and director and treasurer of the historic Ela Mutual Insurance Co. He was a member of Lounsbury Lodge 751, A.F. and A.M., and Barrington Post Grand Army of the Republic, "an order which he dearly loved," ancestors recall, "for no one was more proud than he when they marched down the street following the old flag to the tune of the fife and drum. He was a fine figure of manhood with spirited eyes."

The pews of the Baptist church were given by him.

J. C. Whitney died in 1914 at the age of 81. He was survived by his wife, Mary J. Whitney; Mrs. J. G. Catlow of Barrington; Mrs. O. I. Rockenbach of Deerfield; and Mrs. James Snetsinger of Lake Zurich.

According to her Great Grandson Henry J. Lageschulte, who wrote a voluminous family history when he was a high school freshman, Mary Whitney "was a loving mother and a religious person. She wasn't as strong a character as Grandfather Whitney."

"My grandmother told my mother about pretty bonnets that great grandmother Whitney wore - creations of purple violets with a satin or silk ribbon bow tied under her chin.

"Shortly after her husband died, Mary died. She was of 'poor spirit' and could not survive without her husband's boundless cheer and good spirit.

"Her body rests in Evergreen Cemetery, Barrington, Ill."

May Whitney, for whom one of Lake Zurich's grade schools was named, was born Nov. 7, 1870, at the Whitney farm.

She attended Lake Zurich school at Ela Town Hall and was in the first graduating class of Barrington's two-year high school in 1888. After finishing two summers at Chicago Teacher's College, May taught in a log school in the Honey Lake district, at Wilmot school in Deerfield and later, the two-room school in Lake Zurich.

On June 17, 1897, she married Orman Rockenbach and bore him six children: Almira, Whitney, Lillian, Alice, Helen, and Lydia. At one time Orman, a retired farmer,

operated Reynold Park in Lake Zurich.

Relatives recall that May was gifted with a fine sense of humor and had an unshakable faith in love and it's power. In times of trouble she was as "staunch as the Rock of Gibraltar."

May Rockenbach died on July 5, 1949 five days after the death of her daughter, Almira Rockenbach Heybeck.

Her great grandson, Ryan Heybeck, was born the morning of her death.

The children of May and Orman Rockenbach have married and are still living except for Almira who had married Albert Heybeck of Lake Zurich. Whitney married Aune Lemppainen and lives in Cuba, Mo.; Lillian married Jack Warner, Delavan, Wisc.; Lydia married Charles Bobinette, Arlington Heights; Alice married Vernon Lageschulte of Barrington; Helen married William Brandenburg, Western Springs."

THE LOVE LETTERS.

From Almon Rockenbach and Elizabeth Catlow.

[Spelling and word usage are as they appear. Some punctuation and words in brackets were added for clarity]

Deerfield Ill
Aug 22th 97

Lizzie

I recved you letter, and think it is verry kind of you to think of me. The roods wer good, I got home about One Oc. I wasend of [off] my wheel from the time i left B. untill I got home. It was a lonly ride. I havend forgotten last Sundy night, and wished i could see you to night. The first Sundy it looks like rain, I am coming to see you. Wright soon.

yours truly
Almon.

Deerfield Ill.
Sep. 12th 97

Lizzie

I thought i let you now [know] that I got home save [safe] last Sundy night, but then moon light rids don't agree with me. I wished i could be with you to day I am geting lonesome. We are going to the Fair Friday and hope you will be there. Ormon and May are going with us. I was hauling sand and brick all wheek for our house and ditent have time to think ore i would have written before this.

I dident go to the picnic last night, my best girl give me the G.B. so I hat to stay home. I soppose you and Mr. S. hat a good time. I gess i must close you wil get of [off] redding all this.

*[I GESS I MUST CLOSE OR YOU WILL NOT
GET OFF READING ALL THIS TONIGHT]*

yours truly
Almon.

Deerfield Ill.
sep. 29 97

Lizzie

I recieved your letter and was glad to here from you. I cant come over next Sunday. I wish i could, it is a long time since I saw you. I will be over a wheek from Sunday Oct. 10. I am hauling gravel all wheek, there is about four in. dust, we cant see the horses some times. Ormon and I are going to Libertyvill next Sunday. May is coming out Friday to hunt nuts so thay got something to give next winter. I must close.

Almon

Deerfield Ill.
Oct. 18th 97

Dear friend Lizzie

I tought I wright and let you now [know] that i got home save and sound. It seams as if luck was with me when I come to see you, only the nights are to short, I tought on the way home of what i sead [said] to you, and am verry-very sorry. I hope you dont think for an instant that i ment it, you wont will you? I was husking corn all wheek and my fingers feel as big as a post. Preston sed if we two have to husk it alone we wont get thrugh till next spring.

Our house is about halve finished and it looks fine.

I am going to see the Everets and Deerfield play Base Ball to day, thay say it going to be a hot game.

I wish you wer going with me. Ill think of you jest the same. I must close.

Almon

Deerfield Ill.
Oct 31 - 97

Lizzie

I recieved your letter and am always glad to here from you. I suppose you wer looking for me to day, I was ready to start but the weather looked so threating, I was afraid to start, you now [know] it is so far. I wish I could be with you to night, it seams a long time sense i saw you. I will come next Sunday if the roads are not to bad.

We almost smother over here with smoak, the tinber is on fire for miles, it does lots of damage. Ormon got the contract to build the school house at Deerfield, it was let by seled bids, he got it by one dollar, he thinks he is the hole think [thing] now.

I gues i must close, it is geting late, I got another for you.

yours truly
Almon

Deerfield Ill.
Nov. 14 - 97

Miss Lizzie

I recivied your letter, and as I can not come to see you, i tought i let you now [know] that ive not forgotten you. I could not have come last Sunday if the weather was nice, for i had two teeth pulled and had an abscess on another, i had to much cheek to sell. I dont now [know] when i can come, i dont think i can come on my wheel any more this year, I have to try somthing diferent next time, i hope you are not looking fore me to day, i gess you got tired of looking for me, I am sorry i disipointed you, i wont next time.

I wished i could be with you to night, it makes me feel lonesome when i think of the nights we have pased together, thare must be some more like them, let me now [know] if thare is, but dont name to menny, oil is to expensive.

A load of us went to Wheeling last night to a dance, we had a fine time, I wished you wer with us, it didnt do a think [thing] but rain, when we went home, We finished husking corn Friday, i am glad we are trough, I am going to work for Mr. Easton to morow.

Viola, Irene and Preston went to Avendale yesterday, and are coming home to night. Ormon went home Saturday night with a basket of lunch fore them.

Sam shoat a wild goose Thursday, it was a big one, but we didnt do a thing to it at the dinner table, the cats got sick when thay saw ous, thay new thare part was small. I am wound up to day. I think you better come and see me, i think it must be leap year.

yuares truly
Almon

Deerfield Ill.
Nov. 28 - 97

Dear Lizzie

I recieved your letter and was verry glad to here from you, it made me feel verry bad that you think I dont want to come, i now [know] it is a long time sense I saw you, but it is not my fault, I would of come if i could, you dont now [know] how much i like to see you if i only could with you a nother night, if i could only see you once a wheek. I was thinking of you all wheek. I am very sorry I disipointed you, dont find to much fault, you now i would of come if i could. I got over half way last, but the roads wer so bad, i had to go turn back. I dont now when i can come. I wished i could be with you to night. O how i wished i could see you.

yours truly
Almon

Barrington, Ill.
Dec. 2, '97.

Dear Almon-;

I am going to Waukegan tomorrow morning, so I thought I would write you a short letter before I go.

I guess I will stay a week if the ice business don't commence before then, I am going to help Grandma Whitney when it does.

I am going to visit Aunt Lilly, 417 Ash St., 'am going to take Josephine with me. I expect to have a good time, wished you lived in Waukegan next week, so I could see you.

Almon will you forgive me for writing as [I] did before, I am very sorry you felt badly about it, please don't, for I ought to have known better.

If I can't see you it is a great pleasure to get your letters.

Belle has gone to the city to stay all winter I guess. It seems awful lonesome without her.

Please excuse lead pensel every one has gone to bed and I cant get the pen and ink.

Must close yours in haste.

Lizzie

P.S. Are you coming to Lake Zurich to work on the ice this winter?

Deerfield Ill.
Dec. 12 - 97

Dear Lizzie

I recivied your letter and was glad to hear from you, I hope you had a good time at Waukegan, i wished i could have ben with you, it is awful lonesome over here. I dont think I be lonesome if i could be with you to night, it is so long sence i saw you, but i gess it is all my fault that i didnt see you for so long, I gess thare will be a time some day. I gess i will be over tow [two] wheecks from to day, Dec. 26th. I will let you now if i am comming.

yours truly
Almon

Barrington, Ill.
Dec. 19, '97

Dear Almon. I am awful glad you are comeing next Sunday, I was wondering if I was ever going to see you again.

I think you will be surprised to hear that I am back at Grandpas', his house-keeper left and he was taken sick and sent for me, so the very day I came from Waukegan I had to come up here, I didn't want to come.

Can you come and spend Christmas with us, we are going to have Xmas dinner at our place and I wish you would come and stay all night, then you could be here Sun. Dec. 26, too.

Belle is comeing home, and I think Aunt May and Orman are comeing too.

I shall be very much dissapointed if you don't come this time.

Don't forget to let me know if you are comeing or not.

Yours Cordially
Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.
Jan. 2 - 98

Dear Lizzie

I tought i let you now that i got home save, i only had to wate five minuits at Mayfair, the Barrington train was ten minuits late, i tought i would be to late but the Deerfield train was late to. I enoyed myself at B., i always do when i come to see you, only the time was to short, the nights are not long

enough when i come to see you. I wished i could be with you to day, i am so lonesome without you, it will be so long before i see you agan, i gess i will have to look for that young lady that you was telling me i was ingaged to, dont be suprised if you get an invitation to the wedding. I was glad she didnt see us last Christmas night, i think i to have got the bounce, dont you think so, if you dont i dont now who should. I was invited to three surprise parties, T. F. and Saterday night, but i only went saterday night. I didnt have a very good time, i was thinking about you, i always do you now. Viola was to all three parties, she thinks she is the hole think [thing]. Did you halve any more Sleigh rides since i was with you, i enjoyed the ride if thare was no snow.

How is your Grandpa getting along, i hope he is well by this time, it must be tiresome for you to stay thare alone, you must get that Waukegan friend to stay with you some nights, did you get the ticket. I must close.

yours truly
Almon

Deerfield Ill.
Jan 19 98

Dear Lizzie

You must forgive me not writting before this, for i have ben sick for almost a wheek with the grib, and am not well yet. I wished i could see you now, i would feel much better, but you are so far away, i cant do no better - than wright to you. I now you would like to see me, you always do, i now. I am sorry i cant tell you you [your] wish for i have forgotten it, i never tought about it untill i recieved your letter, when i come to see you i will wish it on agan, if you will let me, i try and not to forget it.

yours as ever
Almon

Barrington
Jan 23, '98

Dear Almon.,

I am so sorry you have been sick and I do hope you will be well by this time. I couldn't imagine why I didn't get a letter from you the first of the week. I surely thought you had found "her" you know, but I felt real sorry for you when I learned you were ill.

I have lost my job again. What do you think about me? Grandpa got well so fast that he wanted a change of house keepers, and of course I didn't object. So one came Wednesday night and I came home Friday.

Belle came out to a dance last Fri night and stayed until Sunday night. I am going in to see her and Aunt May soon.

I am going to a basket social at Lake Zurich, given by the Sunday school, next Sat night, if nothing happens to prevent. I wish I was going to see you then, it seems an age since Xmas to me.

I am making that tie I promised you when you were here.

The lamp is going out so I must close, hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain as ever
Lizzie.

Lake Zurie Ill.
Feb 3 - 98

Dear Lizzie

I tought i let you now that i got home all right last saterday night, i was verry tirid when i got home, i walked to grayland, thare were no cars running, but i didnt care as long as i saw you, you was so kind to me, i wished you was here now, i dont have as good times as last winter, but i didnt come to have a

good time, i come to work, the house is packed full of peeples, thay got me in the cottage, thay are nicer men then last winter, it is very cold out here, but i dont mind it much, i working in the house it is not so cold thare. I come over Sunday the roads were verry bad, we droye [drove] in the felds most of the time. We had a tumble in a big snow bank, we went in head first, my helt is verry good cence i ame here, i wished i could see you now, cant you come out here, i wished you would, let me now when you are comming, i always think about you wen i am lonesome and some time when i am not lonesome, i ges i must close for i must go to work to night at seven oclock, we are going to work all night, i worked till five to day, you must excuse bad writting for i had to write in a hurry.

yours as ever
Almon

Avondale, Ill.
Feb. 7, '98.

Dear Almon-;

I was so pleased to get your letter I could have hugged the mail-man for bringing it, (but I didnt). I am glad to hear you are feeling better, I was so sorry your head ached so while you were here.

I don't think I will be out home while the ice weather lasts. I am going to stay with Aunt May until Orman comes home.

When the ice business is over can't you come home by way of Avondale, I wish you could.

Belle was here yesterday afternoon, she said John Brasil is seriously ill, he has stomache trouble, he had to give up his work, he can't leave the house. I feel so sorry for Belle, she feels so badly about him.

Belle and the boys came over after me the other evening and we went to the theatre, it was a splendid play, and I enjoyed it ever so much, only I should have enjoyed it much more if you had been with me instead of someone else, but then you know, you said you didn't care if I did go with someone else.

I wish I was at Lake Zurich this winter, like I was last winter, but then I am having a real snap in here, there is hardly anything to do.

O say that box of candy was just fine, only I would have enjoyed it ever so much more if you had only been with me to help me eat it.

I am glad you have work in the house when it isnt so cold, do be careful and don't get hurt.

If I do happen to come out there while you are there, I will let you know.

I am going over to see Belle some afternoon this week, I think.

Please write as soon as you find time I like to get your letters.

I am sorry you have to work at nights too. Well good bye.

Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.
Feb. 13 - 98

Dear Lizzie

As i did not come to see you Sunday, i tought i would wright and let you now i have not forgotten you, only the time is so short when i come to see you, but it is better short then never, i gess you are glad you got your mortgage payed off, i think that was cheep for half the monney, mabe you dont think so. I come to see you some time if i havend got any mortgage, i am always happy when i am with you, i wished i could be with you to night, but that other gentleman will entertain you wile i am gone, i hope his mortgage is not as large as mine was, ore you would not have any more for me, i hope you dont think i am rude, the roads are very bad out here, the sleighing is all gone, thare is lots of water, i wished it would freze so i could goe skating with my best girl.

i am working hard cence i came home, Preston and i got work till spring, we got another job to cut wood, we have got eighty cords to cut, i must close.

yours as ever
Almon.

Deerfield Ill.
Feb 28th 98

Dear Lizzie

I recieved your letter and was verry glad to here from you, I didnt think you was going to write any more, it was so long sense I got a letter from you, three wheeks just think off [of] it.

I tought about you all the time. I tought you must be sick, that you didnt write, ore got on the track of some one else. I wished I could see you to day, it would be so much better then writting. I cant tell you half by writting. We had such a good time the last time we were together, I wished thay would come oftner. I could stay up all night with you and would not get tired if had another - to day I feel contended for this wheek, I mabe down to see you next Sunday night, it I can get leve, I dont now if I will find the place, I never was out that way. We have lots of snow out here, we have got the best sleighing we have had for years. I went to a dance last night, we had fifteen on our sleigh. I got home at four oc this morning, it was a hard croud at the dance, I am ashamed to say I was one of them. I wished you could half ben with ous to engoy the sleighride, but it would not ben any credit to you to have ben to the dance, dont think I was one of the toughs.

Mr. Eli Ott and bride have left for thare home in Can. he is the happiest man in Can.

he was to our home before he was married but I wasent home, he sed he was comming to say good bye but it stormed so after the wed. I didnt get to see him. I dont think he will goe to Barrington on his wheel any more.

Sam is gon tow [two] wheeks, we didnt here from him yet, gess he is got home sick by this [time].

Ed Ott and another jum [chum] of mine are going to leve for Iowa to morow, thay are all leving this part of the country. I will be the only one left. I dont now what I do if I would not have you to wright to. we are making wood every day, but we drive to the woods so we have a nice cutter ride every day, it is about two miles. I wished you would not have to work so hard, dont wate so long before you write next time.

yours as ever
Almon

Deerfield Ill.
Mar. 13 - 98

Dear Lizzie

As I can not come to see you today, I will write and let you now I not forgotten you. I wished I could be with you today, it seams a long time sense last Sunday. I always have a good time when i am with you, only the time is so short, I could have stayed a little longer with you last Sunday night, I had to wate forthy min for my train, but it didnt take long to get to Deerfield. I slected most of the way, if the train wood half went trough I gess I went to Mil.

Did you see that other fellow sense I saw you, I ges he thinks his six wheeks are almos up, I dont blame him, he dont want to whare out his shoes for nothing, I hope he will get left, think off me when his time is up.

The roads are awful bad out here, we cant hardly get trough, it snowed last night. did you here that Harris and Fooley failed fore \$50,000, I dont now if Ormon got all his monney, I dont think he did. I didnt get mine, I got a check but I dont think it is any good, I worked for charity.

I am yours as ever
Almon

Chicago, Ill.
Mar. 16. '98

Dear Almon;

I will answer your letter tonight, for if you are as glad to get my letters, as I am to get yours', I am sure this one will be welcome.

I am sorry you had to wait so long for that train, I am sure the time would have passed quicker if you had waited here. don't you think it would? but I am glad the train did stop at Deerfield, and didn't take you to Milwaukee, for if it had I am afraid you wouldn't have come back.

Yes, I have seen "that other fellow" three times since you were here, he says the time is up a week from next Sun. Mar 27, can't you come to see me that Sun, and then it wouldn't make any difference if his time was up, for you have first claim and if you don't come I don't know what I will do. I guess I will go to see Aunt May then, I won't be at home when he comes, but do come if you possibly can for I would like to see you, for it does seem a long time since I saw you.

I have been over to see "the baby" twice, "it's a peach", the first time I went there Orman was down on his knees scrubbing the kitchen floor, he knows how to scrub alright.

Ma and Pa were in the city this week, I was surprised to see them. Mamma is at Aunt Mays now but Papa went home yesterday.

Belle was up to the Lake helping Aunt Lydia keep ice boarders for a while but she is home now, I got a letter from her the other day, she says she is married, but I guess she is fooling. She said all the people in Barrington were congratulating John, guess I will have to wait for futher particulars.

It is getting very late, I waited for all the children to go to bed before I started to write, so I wouldn't be bothered. Ma told me H. & F. failed, papa lost \$13.00 I think, I am sorry you didn't get your check cashed before he failed.

Do be a "good boy" and write me next Sun, say you will come to see me the 26th, wont you please!

Must close I remain as ever yours
Lizzie

P.S. I got a letter from Gertrude & she says' she is going to be a nurse if there is war. You'll come and say good bye before you go to war won't you?

Deerfield Ill.
Sun. March 27 - 98

Dear Lizzie

I recived your letter and was verry glad to get it, I wished I get one every day, thay are always welcome. you must excuse me for not writing before this, I suppose you will be looking for me to day, I wished I could have come, I like to see you very much, you sed it was my first chance, I wished I could have come and clamed it. I dont think the other fellow wood have got a chance [to] claim his, as long as I was with you, bute you are your one [own] judge, you mabe woodent ask my advice, but I now you will be a good girl. it makes me feel very bad that I could not come to see you, I now you will be looking fore me, you always do. you now I am not boss and thare is lots to do on Sundays to, if i am gone, I now you would not want me to lose my gob [job], but I would do anything for you if i could. It is only three wheeks sence I saw you, it semes about six. I congradlate you on your new brother in law, I gess thay are over thare honey moon by this time, dont you wish it was yours, thay dont have to write any more letters. I gess you will be the next in the famley, dont for get and send me an invitation, you wont will you.

I gess I go to war before mine comes off, so dont be suprised. I will come and tell you all about it before I go. I think Sam must have went, for we havend herd from him yet, I gess he eloped with some girl. I must close. dont wait as long as I did before you write. so good bye.

yours as ever
Almon

Barrington
Apr 3 98.

You are cordially invited to attend a birthday party on Belle Catlow on Thursday evening Apr 7th at her home.

Mrs. J. G. Catlow

Chicago Ill.
Apr 4.

Dear Almon.

I didn't write to you last night but I thought of you just the same, I hope you won't think I have forgotten you if you don't get this letter in time.

I wish today was last Monday so I could see you again.

Aunt Em & Uncle Ted celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding day, tonight, and the house was full of people, I tell you I have been busy getting ready for them. I even worked on Sunday, but I don't care, I am going out home Thursday night for a visit and I hope I'll see you at the party. Ma and pa were in to night they went home on the midnight train.

I think as long as you didn't go until the midnight last Mon. night you might have come over here and spent the evening with me. I wish you had. I would have liked to had you come.

That box of "Lenox soap" is fine. I wish you were here to enjoy it too, I should like it much better if you were, I am sure it would be sweeter.

Have you heard from Foley yet? I hope you will get it O.K.

I must close it is after midnight and I must get up early tomorrow and wash and get the house in order so I can go home.

I couldn't find my pen tonight. I guess one of the children borrowed it, so please excuse pensil.

Is your mother feeling better I hope she is.

I am sleepy so good night. I will write better next time.

yours lovingly
Lizzie 321 Flournoy

Hope the roads will be [good] so you can come to Belles' party, I should like to see you.

I guess I won't send you a stamp this time, will wait until I see you.

Deerfield Ill.
April 10 - 98

Dear Lizzie

I got home all right last Thursday night, it wasend very cold, I wished you were with me. I think you would enoyed the ride. I now I would if you were with me, but I didnt get verry lonesome, I am getting used to going alone, I always must you now.

I got home at three oclock. I didnt get verry much sleep but I didnt care, as long as I saw you, only the time was to short. I suppose you had a good time after I was gone.

Ma. and pa. went to Chi. yesterday and are to Ormans to day, so I am the boss but only over my self, I ges every one is boss. Sam came home today, he ses he got a good place, he dont do anything but chars, he is going back to night. We havend don any sawing yet, it is to wet, it rained all Friday night till Sat. noon. Bell party was just in time, it was a splendid night. I dont think I could go now the roads are so bad but you wod not care if I came ore not, thare were so many other yong men thare. you didnt have a good time as long as I was thare, you had to take care of me, the others were all your old frends. I wished I could be with you tonight. I didnt hardly get a chance to talk to you thursday night, I cand hardly wait till I can see you, I coming as soon as I can get off. I let you now wen I am coming.

the boys out here say thay got thair cow bells and tin boilers redy fore me,

I told them thair boilers would fall to pecies with rust before thay would get a chance to use them, dont you think so. I think I will wait for some old maid. I must close.

yours as ever
Good by dear
Almon

Chicago Ill.
April 17, 98

My Dear Almon;

I started a letter to you three or four nights ago but didn't finish it, I intended to answer your letter before this. I was very glad to get it, I was not expecting it because I thought you wouldn't write until this Sun. but I am awful glad you didnt wait.

I am afraid you didn't enjoy yourself at the party. I am so sorry you didn't, I will tell you, what a "good time" I had, after you left, I wished you could have stayed all night, yes I am sure I would have enjoyed the ride home with you.

I just got back from Aunt Mays a few minutes ago. Orman and Mr. Vocal went to Lincoln Park on their wheels this afternoon and Mr. Vocal broke down, his foot slipped and broke the spokes in the front wheel, he was a little mad I guess.

It seems a long time since I have had a good visit with you. I wish I could see you next Sunday. I know you will come if you can get off. I will stay home and look for you anyway. I will think of you if you don't come.

I am sure I would not have enjoyed myself at the party at all if you hadn't come.

I came back Sat. morning, I got a new pen and thought I would use it to night but when I got the ink bottle I found that one of the kids had filled it up with water so of course I couldnt use it. I am writing with a short pensil, I think, you will have to guess, at what you cant read of this and I will tell you the rest when I see you. I must close and write a letter to mother and Belle, they will be looking for one and I havn't written since I came back.

Try and come Sun. please for I am anxious to see you.

Yours as ever
Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.
April 24 - 98.

Dear Lizzie

I recived your letter and am always glad to here from you, I now you will be looking for me to day. I wished I could have come I like to see you again. I think I could pass another night with you, it is so long that we had a good time together.

I never get tired off seeing you if it was every day. I think off you every day and am sorry I could not come to see you to day. I tell you all about it, why I did not come to see you to day next time I see you.

The war has begon, I am ready to goe if thay can make use of me, but the folks dont want to let me goe. I didnt here nothing else but war the last wheek, its war in the morning when I get up and war when I goe to bed, but I always think of you dear. I come and say good bye before I goe.

I comming to see you next Sunday, I wished I was with you to day instead of writting this letter.

I remain yours as ever
Almon

Barrington
May 13 98

Dear Almon;

I came home with Belle last night. I thought I would write and tell you so you would not write to 321 Flournoy. I am awful glad I am home.

I left Uncle Teds Tues. and Belle and I had a good time visiting until Thur. We went to Lincoln Park yesterday.

John Brasil was at the train to meet Belle last night and he took us to a show that happened to be in Barrington.

I hope you didn't miss your train last Sunday night, you didn't come back so I guess you got there in time, I hope you did.

I must close I am writing this in a hurry. I hope I will hear from you soon.
Yours Lizzie

P.S. I guess Orman and Aunt May are coming out to the Lake Sunday. I wish I could have a good visit with you again.

good bye dear

Deerfield Ill.
May 17 - 98

Dear Lizzie

your letter arived last Friday, but I didnt get it till monday, than forgot to give it to me. I wrote to 321 Flournoy last Sunday and was just going to mail it when I got your letter. I ges you think I am not going to write. I got home all right, when I was to see you, I had a verry nice time, I wished I could see you agan. I cant hardly wate till I see you again. I did not think you would goe home so soon, I dont blame you, I woodend off stayed my self. I got a letter from Mr Foley, he sed he never got my check. I think he is telling me a big lie.

Viola went to Ormans on Tuesday and is not home yet. From your Loving Almon

P.S. Excuse bad writting I was in a hurry.

Barrington Ill.
May 22, '98

Dear Almon;

I was very much pleased to get your letter yesterday, I was just beginning to think I would have to send you a stamp.

I am glad you didn't send that letter to 321.

Mamma and two of the children have gone to Waukegan to visit Aunt Lilly, and Belle and I are keeping house, gardening and tending to the chickens and ducks etc. We have lots of fun cooking, we tried all of the reciepts [recipes] in the cook book, except some we didn't.

John B. and Belle were out rideing this evening, they are sitting in the parlor now.

John wanted me to write you and ask you if you could come here decoration day, May 30, and the four of us, Belle, John you and I would go to Dundee, Elgin or some place like that, in a two seater. I think we would have a good time if you could only come. I do wish you could, if you can will you please write right away so John can speak for the livery rig before hand, because it is hard to get one if you dont engage it.

He said we would start about 9:30 A.M. or maybe not until ten so you would have plenty of time to get here, wouldn't you?

Papa went to the city Sat. morning and he bought a heavy bay team to go with the threshing machine this fall, he started to ride one out but it tired him so he hired a boy to ride them the rest of the way, at Edison Park and he took the train. The team just got here, it is eight o'clock, he left the city sometime this morning. I don't know what time, the boy that rode them wasn't as big as Chester.

Well I must close, hoping you will get this before you plan to go some place

else on May 30.

Besure and write as soon as you possibley can whether you are comeing or not, try and mail it so it will get here Wed. or Thur. night.

I do hope you can come, I know you will if you can.

Believe me your loving
Lizzie

P.S. When I finished this letter I laid my head down on the table and went to sleep. Belle & John came out of the other room and took this letter and hid it, wasn't they mean, but they said they didn't read a thing but "Dear Almon" so I forgave them, but I wont goto sleep next time.

Yours
Lizzie.

Deerfield Ill.
May 24 - 98

Dear Lizzie

I recivied your letter to day and was very glad to here from you. I thank you and Mr. B. ever so much for you invitation, and am verry sorry I can not come. I like to see [you] again, it is so long sense the last time.

I think the four off ous could have a splended time together. but you now how I got it. we got so much milking now, I can not leve. I now you will be disipointed wen you get this, but I cant help it, it makes me feel awfull bad that I cant leve, you mabe can have a good time without me.

I am hauling hay every day. I was to Ft. Sharidon to day, and am going to Hiland Park tomorow.

Sam was home Sunday, he sed he was on the end of the world.

Be a good girl Dear and dont get mad at me becous I am not comming, you now I wood do anything if I could see you.

I must close it is getting late.

I remain yours as ever
Almon

Barrington
June 1, '98

Dear Almon;

Are you looking for a letter from me?

I know I ought to have written before this but I have neglected it. I thought of you just the same.

I wish you were with me now. I could tell you what I cannot write.

I was dissappointed when I recieved your letter but I am not angry with you dear, because you did not come, I know you would if it were possible.

Belle went with John to B. and the horse they had tried to run away with them, he took them up an embankment 2½ feet high across two sidewalks and a vacant lot, but they came home a live.

I guess I will go to the Lake this summer and help Grandma Whitney, she told mamma Mon. that she wanted me if I would come the first of June, so I think I will go soon. Ma is up there today.

I haven't been any place since I came home except once, I went to the city last Thur.

I must close or I wont get a chance to send this with Chester.

Yours lovingly
Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.

June 14 - 98

Dear Lizzie

I recieved your letter and was very glad to here from you. I suppose you were looking for a letter long before this, I dont now why I didnt write. you will forgive me wont you dear. I tought of you every day.

I would like to see you very much, it is so long sence I saw you, I dont believe I now you any more.

Orman and May were here Sunday. thay went back Sunday night. it takes the two of them to take care of the Baby.

I was to Rockford a wheek agoe las Thursday, I wished you could have went with me. I think youed engoyed it. I dont now if you are at home ore at Lake Z. I think you will get this all wright. I hope it will be welcome. I must close.

good bye dear

I remain yours as ever
Almon

Lake Zurich

June 19, '98

Dear Almon;

I am going to write you, but you don't deserve a letter one bit, I think you are just a little mean for dissappointing me for a whole week. I looked for a letter from you every day, it was three weeks and I never heard a word from you, I feel like scolding you, if you were here I would, I suppose you are glad you are not here. I guess you are tired of writing to me, and don't want to see me either for I don't know how long it is since I saw you, it will soon be a year I think.

I thought you would surely come today, it is such a lovely day and there is Camp Meeting too, but I didn't go, I am up to the Lake now. I came, the 17th, do you remember the 17th of last June?

There is going to be Camp Meeting next Sun. too.

I went to the Ball Game between the Everetts and Unions the other Sunday with Belle and John, I was glad the Everetts won the game. I looked for you that Sunday because I thought the ball game might have an attraction for you if nothing else would.

I must hurry and close because it is supper time. I hope you will not wait as long as you did before, that is if you want to write to me, if you don't, let me know and I won't look for any more letters from you.

Yours Truely.
Lizzie Catlow

Deerfield Ill.

June 23th 98

Dear Lizzie

I recieved your letter, but it was not the kind I was looking for, you could have saved part of them pet words. I now I ought not to have waited soe long before I wrote. But I dont think it is have as bad as wen you stayed down at 321 Flournoy and went out with another fellow, wen you new I was comming, and you now I never sed a word about it.

I tought to much of you, to hurt your feeling.

please Lizzie dont carry this any farther, I think it will be all right when we see each other again. I am comming to see you a wheek from Sunday July 3 and mabe the 4 if I am welcome, if not I can goe home again.

I must close for it is getting late.

Yours truly
Almon

Lake Zurich
June 26 '98

Dear Almon;

I got your letter this afternoon and you don't know how glad I was to get it, I have been sorry all the week for writing to you the way I did, you wrote a better letter than I expected or deserved. I am always saying something mean to you and you are always so good not to get angry with me, maybe you are through now, but I don't blame you if you are.

Aunt May and Orman came out Sat. night & Orman is going home in morning but May is going to stay a few days.

John and Belle drove up here this after noon they are going to camp meeting to-night.

John wants the four of us to go some place together the fourth, if you would like to, I would enjoy it ever so much, he said he would speak for a two seater, and if you are going to be here the 3rd. then he would come up and we could make arrangements for the fourth then.

I have lots to tell you when I see you so I guess I won't write any more.

I hope you will for give me. I know I was bad for writing what I did but I felt so lonesome and wanted to see you so, and well, I don't know as there is any use in trying to smooth it over, I wish you would burn the letter. don't dissappoint me next Sunday, for I want to see you and tell you all I cant write.

With love. From your bad girl
Lizzie

Lake Zurich
July 17 '98

Dearest Almon;

I was glad you reached home safely after the fourth, I was so sorry your head ached so badly that night, your ride home must have been lone some, or did you have enough to think of to keep you from being lonesome. I hope so.

I suppose you are working hard every day.

It keeps us busy here, we had fifteen boarders here today, had ice cream for supper, I ate a dish for you. I wish you were here to enjoyed it.

It seems like an awful [long] time since I saw you. I wish I could see you next Sunday or if you can't come then I wish you would come a week from Sun, can't you.

You must be getting good to go to Church Sun. mornings, that is right, be a good boy dear.

Aunt Mays baby is sick, they are going to see the doctor today.

I suppose Orman got over there alright yesterday.

I am writing this letter five o'clock Mon. morning. I started it last night, but didn't finish it.

I must hurry and close and get to work or they will discharge me, and then where will I go?

If you don't come next Sunday, I'll look for a letter saying you'll be here the next Sunday.

You want to see me as badly as I want to see you, don't you.

Bye bye dear
With love
Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.
July 24 98

Dearest Lizzie

As I can not come to see you today, I tought I write to you, and let you now I have not forgotten you. I like to see you ever so much, it seams about two months sense I saw you. I will come to see you next Sunday, if the weather and roads are

not to bad so I can come on my wheel.

We finished haying yesterday and I am not a bit sorry.

I got hurt a wheek agoe Sat. and am not all right yet. I fell trough the hay rack and hurt my side. I could not do an any heavy work all wheek. I think I would not mind it if I could be with you mon, I am so lonesome to day I dont now what to do. I almost came to see you to day, but my side hurt soe, if I ever got thare, I dont believe I got back for a feuw days. I must close.

from your loveing
Almon

Lake Zurich
Aug 3, '98

My Dear Almon:

I am going to write you a short letter as I said I would, although I really haven't much to tell you, it is such a short time since I saw you, yet it seems long.

I hope you got home safely, I am so sorry you have such long, lonesome rides to take, but then it is pleasant to think you are taking them for my sake: we had a good visit Sunday night didn't we, I guess Belle and John did too, because Orman said John just had time to change his clothes, they got up a quarter after two, and it was after midnight when John left Belle, so you wasn't the only night hawk.

Aunt May asked me if I would like to drive over to Deerfield with Orman, and her when they go, so may be I'll come if nothing happens, so you be sure and be home, don't go to see your other girl, let her wait untill some Sunday when I am not there.

Orman just got home tonight, it rained so they couldn't thresh, and they all came home, may be John and Belle will go to Devel's Lake tomorrow on that excursion.

I must hurry and finish this letter it is getting late.

How did you feel Monday? was the stack crooked? I felt O.K.

I hope you will be carefull and not try to break any more hay racks, Orman may need them when he goes on the farm.

I hope your side is better and do be careful and not hurt your self again, for my sake dear.

I think I have written a long letter and I will look for a nice long one from you soon, so don't for get me.

Bye bye Dear
your loveing
Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.
Aug 7th 98

Dearest Lizzie

I recivied your letter and was verry glad to here from you, I wished I could be with you, I wished I could be with you instetd of writting this letter today but I am awfull glad you are comming next Sunday. but I am sorry I have to disipoint that other girl, but never mind, it will be all wright. I wished you were here to day.

I got home all right Sunday night ore monday morning, it only took me about an hour to ride home.

I was to a funeral to day but I was glad when I got home, it was soe warm I almost smothered. we were trashing [threshing] yesterday but didnt finished yet. I started this letter Sunday but didend finish it. I tought I finish it to day, monday noon, we just got trough trashing, and I must hurry, for I havend much time.

I must close, hopeing to see you next Sunday.

Good bye Dear
from your Loving
Almon

Lake Zurich
Aug 10 '98

My Dear Almon;

I recieved you letter this noon, was delighted to hear from you.

I really havn't much to write you to night, but I thought I would let you know that I am not comeing next Sunday. Aunt May and Orman are planning to go to the wedding Wednesday, so of course they wont come Sunday.

I would like to see you but I'll have to wait until you come to see me, which I hope will be soon.

We have twenty seven people here now, it keeps us busy. I must close and go to bed so I won't be so sleepy in the morning.

I suppose you will go to the wedding and dance with all the girls there, and kiss the bride, alright, kiss her for me. Well good night dear and pleasant dreams, don't forget to write to me Sunday, will you, I'll look for a letter from you so don't dissappoint me.

John and Belle drove up last Sunday and took me to the picnic at the village, wasn't they good, only I wished you were with us.

I must close for this time, I remain as ever.

Yours
Lizzie

Hope you'll have a lovely time at the wedding, just think of me while your there won't you.

Loveingly Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.

Dear Lizzie

I recieved your letter and was disipointed that you could not come to see me to day, I like to see you verry much, if it would not be for that wedding, you be here by this time. Viola and I are going to the wedding. I wished you were with us, I think we wood have a splended time, dont you think soe. dont you wish it was your wedding, I now i do. we would not have to was [waste] so much time writting, but it is a plesure for me to write to you, but I lik to be with you all the time.

I am thasing [thresing] almost every day and am getting tired of the job. I was staking oats for Mr. Easton three day last wheek.

I must close for I here the wedding bells ringing. I will kiss the bride for you, but I rather kiss you.

good by Dear
Loving
Almon

Lake Zurich
Aug. 18 '98

My Dear Almon;

Are you looking for a letter? I was going to write you last night but it was so late that I went to bed, I thought you would be to the wedding and wouldn't care whether I wrote or not; But I was thinking of you until I went to sleep.

It seems an awful long time since I saw you. I want to see you real bad, but I suppose you will be over as soon as you can for I know you want to see me too. Nearly all of the boarders are going to leave Sat. and there won't be many here Sun. I wished you were comeing Sun instead of a week from Sun, be cause I would have more time to visit with you, but if you don't come I'll know you must have a good reason.

One of our boarders walked up the road toward Spunners[?] today to shoot pigeons and he fired a shot and George S. rushed out and pitched onto hime & cut his head open with a club & he broke the gun over Geo S's neck then Bill came & they both pitched onto him the boarder & grandma ran down the road and stopped them, if she hadn't, they would have surely killed him, his face is all black and

blue. I saw the fight and it nearly made me sick, the sight of blood did any way.

He got a warrant & are going to have him arrested tomorrow morning.

May & Orman got home about 3:30 A.M. Orman never went to bed at all, poor fellow, I bet he is tired today. May took a nap this afternoon and she feels too funny for any thing tonight, she has been trying to read this letter, I guess she couldn't, it is such poor writing, I guess you'll have to bring it over and let me read it for you, won't you?

Did you have a good time at the wedding?

Good night with love & kisses.

Ever Yours
Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.
Aug. 21th 98

Dearest Lizzie

I recieved your letter yesterday, and was verry glad to here from you. I wished I could be with you to day, it seams a time that I saw you.

I try and come next Sunday if I can, I would feal contended if I could be with you all the time, and I think you would too, would you not Dear. but our time will come some time, and then we will make up for lost time but John and Bell will make up for ous dount you think soe.

I had a fine time at the wedding kissing all the girls, but thay were no kissis like I get from you. we got home at four Oc. A.M. I didnt get much sleep. Mother went to Chicago Saturday and is going to stay a fuew day.

I am going to play Ball at Half day to day, and it is almost time for me to start, so I must close for this time. good bye Dear sweet hart.

with kises and love
Almon

Lake Zurich
Aug. 24, '98

My Dear Almon,

I recieved your loveing letter this noon and of course I was very much pleased to get it.

We haven't any boarders this week and didn't have any last Sunday. I went home Sat. night and stayed there until Sun night, when Belle and John took me back, it was a lovely drive, I wished you were with us. John wanted to know if you were comeing next Sunday. I told hime I thought you were, so he said if I was sure, he would speak for a two seater buggy and we would all go for a drive Sunday afternoon, wouldn't that be fine, so you must be sure to come, I am sure you ought to come, it is so long since I saw you, it is the longest month I have ever passed, has it seemed long to you?

I am glad you enjoyed yourself at the wedding. I am sure you are mean to kiss all the girls, and I havent had a chance to kiss a single boy, but just wait until I do, I won't refuse like I did the other time when I was in the city. I have a chance soon, next Sunday won't I, that is if you come, if you don't come I won't kiss you when you do come, so there, I know you will surely come now.

I was thinking of you all day Sunday and was glad you didn't come over, it was such an awful hot day but when I got your letter and you said you were going to play ball, I thought you liked to play ball better that [then] comeing to see me but never mind dear, let the ball go next Sunday and come to see me and I will for give you, don't think I am scolding, for I know it is a long way over here, I wish we were not so far apart.

It is ten o'clock dear, so I must close, will tell you the rest Sunday.

I remain as ever
your darling

P.S. I guess John wants to start between one and two so come earlier than you did last Sun you came. Bye Bye dear.

Lake Zurich
Sept 4, '98

My Dearest Almon:

It is just a week ago today since I saw you and I haven't written to you yet, I started a letter but didn't finish it last week.

Did you get home safely? I am so sorry you have such long rides to take and yet I want you to come, if I didn't, you wouldn't have to take them, would you?

We had a house full to day but they are all gone except those five boys that were here last Sunday, they are going to stay until Tuesday morning.

Belle and John are going on an excursion to Devils Lake next Sunday and I guess mother and father will go to and I am going home and take care of the children so I'll be home all day alone Sunday. I wish you were going to spend the day with me, don't you. It won't be long before we will spend our Sundays together will it dear.

We miss that little baby and Aunt May too. Orman said that some one was going to bring Aunt May home Sun. I hope you will be the one to bring her.

We went to see the threshers last Friday and had a lovely drive and stole some apples on the way home. I suppose Orman told you about the fire and all the other news, so I guess I had better close.

Grandpa got home this morning, he brought some cake, it was fine, it was better than [than] the cake Aunt May brought from the Ott wedding.

I am so sleepy that I just dropped my pen, so don't you think it is time I went to bed. I may write to you again this week and I may not. Bye Bye darling, with love and kisses, until we meet again.

yours with love
Lizzie

Does the baby cry much? I hope she dont.

Deerfield Ill.
Sep 7th 98

Dearest Lizzie

I recieved your letter and was verry glad to here from you, I tought you never was going to write, it seamed so long to wait, but it is better late then never.

I reached home all right Sunday, when I was to see you. Mother sed it was day brake wen I got home, bet [but] it was not so bad.

I am going to work the farm next year, and it will be room for you to dear, soe I wont have to take them long rides many more times, are you not glad.

I am going to start to plow as soon as we got the corn cut off. the folks talk about moveing in about two ore three wheeks, I dont now whare I am going to stay then.

I like to see you verry much, I have so much to tell you, if you are going to be home next S. I mabe come to see you if I can, but dont be shure.

from your loveing
Almon
Good bye dear with kisses

Lake Zurich
Sept. 9, '98

Dear Almon;

I recieved your letter this noon. I thought you was going to write Sunday, so I have been looking for a letter from you all the week.

I don't know whether you will get this letter before Sunday or not but I thought I would write and tell you that I intend to go to the city Monday to work for a lady in there and I do not know how long it will be before I will have a chance to see you again, The place it [is] out to Oak Park, it is one of the ladies who was out here this summer, and she wrote for me to come in the first of this week, but I wanted to wait until after Sun. thinking perhaps I could see you before I went in, but I didn't like to write and ask you to come because you say I am

always teasing you to come, so when I got your letter to day saying you might come, I thought if I wrote you about going away you would surely come. I am going home tomorrow and will spend Sunday at home so if you come you will know where to find me.

I am baking bread tonight, wish you were here to help watch it.

Grandma has been teaching me how to make button holes to night, just think of it, what a know nothing I am, but never mind dear I will learn, and we will get along alright, won't we.

You will try and come to see me Sunday, I know if you possibly can, we will have lots to tell each other.

If you don't come Sun. I will write to you when I get to the city and let you know how I am getting along.

My address will be 318 Washington Blvd, Oak Park. To. Pitts.

I must close, the bread is most done, so bye bye dearest with a good night kiss.

I remain as ever yours only

Lizzie Catlow

Oak Park

Sept. 12, '98.

My Dear Almon

I came to the city this morning, it takes an hour to come from the north western depot.

I looked for you all day Sunday and was so disappointed. I don't know how I can see you again for a while, although I want to see you as much as I ever did, if there is no other way I can go to Aunt Lilly at Avondale and meet you there.

O I will be so glad when we have a home of our own and then I won't have to work out. I am so home sick this afternoon, I don't know what to do. I cried part of the time, just think of it dear, I tried to think of every thing [thing] pleasant, all the happy hours we have spent together but it only made me feel worse, so I just gave up. Papa didn't want me to come but I thought I would have more money to get things with when we needed them, so I came, it isn't a hard place and maybe I won't be home sick long. Write to me right away, won't you darling and tell me all about how you are getting along.

I won't be so home sick when I get a letter from you, so write as soon as you get this. I am longing to see you dearest, but I don't know how I can, so bye bye with much love from your Lizzie.

318 Washington Blvd. Oak Park. to B. Pitts. ans soon.

Deerfield Ill.

Sep 13th 98

My Dearest Lizzie

I received both of your letters to day, but I new you were in Chicago some where, it is hard for me to keep track of you. I wished I could have seen you before you left. I would have come S. but I hurt my eye Sat. while cutting corn, and am lucky that I saved my eye. you would not have nowen me Sunday if I came to see you, it was all swelled shut, it is all black and blue now, but is getting better. I guess it will be all right soe I can goe to the fair Friday. I tought I see you thare, if I didnt see you Sunday. I dont now wen I can come to se you, it would take me all day to get to Oak P and back again, the time you get trough with your work, I would have to leve. I would not hardly get time to give you a kiss. but never mind Dear, be a good girl, and I will always think of you, and it will not be long before you can be with me all the time.

Ormon and May went to F. Y. S. night, thay will soon be liveing at D. and digging at the earth. we will finish cutting corn this wheek and then I am going to plow for my self. I wished you were going to be here the first day I start and see our beginning, but not our finish. I bought a new harness yesterday but havent got any horses yet. I guess I am going to put one on my self.

I must close, hoping to see you soon. good bye dear with kisses

from your Loveing

Almon

Oak Park
Sept 18, '98

Dearest Almon;

I recieved both of your letters and may be I wasn't glad to get them, you are a darling to try to cheer me up. I felt so much better after I got you last letter. I'll try not to get home sick any more.

I like my place ever so much. I am sure I couldn't find a better one, except with you dear, and then that will be home sweet home. I am trying to make some little things to make our future home pleasant and pretty.

Yes I do wish I could be there to see you start.

I am so sorry you hurt your eye. I do hope it will get better soon. I am sure you will need both of them, I don't see what you wanted to get rid of one of them for.

I have Thursday and Sunday afternoons to go where I please, so I will go to Aunt Lilly's next Sunday to meet you, if you can come let me know as soon as you get this, if you will be there and then I will write her, to let her know I am comeing, so she will be at home. I think I can get there about four o'clock in the afternoon. if you can't come I won't go. I'll wait until you can come so write and let me know.

Clara Meade came over to see me to day, was awful glad to see her, I tell you.

I guess I'll close, hopeing you eye will be alright dear and remember I am always thinking of you. write soon.

with love & kisses
Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.
Sep 22th 98

Dearest Lizzie

I recieved your letter and would not care if I get one every day. I am so glad you like your place, it will meake the time seam shorter. I suppose you have all your oll fellows come to see you by this time.

I try and be one of them next Sunday Sep 25 if I dont get hurt, I will meet you at avondale, so be shure and be thare, for I want to see you verry much: I have lots to tell you.

I am plowing every day. I came home tonight for the first time this week. I am bording with the folks that live on the farm and am going back in the morning for the rest of the week.

If you dont get this in tim to write to your aunt Lilly, come any way.

I must close for it getting late. from your loveing Almon good bye Dear with kisses.

Oak Park
Oct 2, '98

My Darling Almon.

Perhaps you think I am never going to write you again, but I have thought of you all the time and would have written before but I did not know where I would be, so I waited until I got a place. Well I've got one now. I tell you, I came here this morning.

Sunday morning a poor day to start on but they came after me Sat night about seven and wanted me to come. It is at a boarding house not far from the other place I was at, I get four dollars the first week and 5 after wards but I tell you, I have to work to get it too, but if I can stand it, I won't care, for it won't be long that I'll have to work so hard, will it dear. I am anxious to be with you always, I know we will be happy, don't you, I won't have any time to do any sewing here, it is so late before I can get through, I don't have to wash or iron. I am glad of that for the washings would be so large here.

I don't know when I can see you again dear. I have Sunday afternoons, but it is four or five before I can get through with the work, I dont have to be back for

supper though, so may be we can manage some way to see each other.

It is late & I am tired, so I must close. write me a nice long letter sweet heart and remember I am always thinking of you and our plans for the future.

How are you getting along with the plowing? did your father care because you stayed alnight, well I must close and write to Belle. I do wish I could see you oftener but I'll have to wait patiently. I suppose you want to see me as badly as I do you but "there will come a time some day".

Your loveing Lizzie

with a good night kiss. my address is 113 Home Ave Oak Park Ill, To Rogers. now write soon because it is so long since I heard from [you].

Deerfield Ill.
Oct. 9th 98

My Dearest Lizzie

I recivied your letter and was verry glad to here from you. you will be getting tired waiting for my letter, but I codent write before this. I onely came home once last wheek and then it was late. I onely had time to read your letter. I wished I had one to read to day from my darling. I wished you would not have to work so hard. five D. a wheek is big pay, but I now you will have to work for it, dont you think it is to hard for you.

Ormon moved out here yesterday and May is comming tonight. I was unloding furniture almost all day. the folks are going to move on Wednesday. I wished I was going to but I have to stay here and take care off the horses and cows. I am going to buy som of the cows, so I got something to do next winter. I will finish plowing this wheek and I am [not] one bit sorry.

It dont seam like home as long as you are not thare. I now I will be happy wen you are with me. and I will try and make you happy. can you not com out here some time wen May lives here, and I will show you the place where Our future home, it is a fine place, and i think you will like it. We will have a place that we can call home. wont that be fine. I wished I could see you oftner, so we could make our plans. thare will be so much to get ready but it is lots of time yet. I dont now wen I can come to see you. it is so far out of the way and I cant stay over night for I will have to be home in the morning to do the chors, for Orman is going to buld a barn for our folks, and he got to leve early in the morning. any time you can come out he let me now and I will send you a ticket. you will try and come once before we are married wont you dear sweetheart, it wood please me vearly much.

I must close for this time. with much love for now and the future.

from your loveing sweetheart
Almon

Oak Park
[?] Aug 98

Dearest Almon;

Have you forgotten me entirely, or what is the reason you don't write me. I have been looking for a letter and I am so dissappointed each day.

If you only know how badly I want to hear from you I know you would write.

I like my place and I guess I will stay, it is just a couple of blocks from the Oak Park depot.

It will soon be three weeks since I saw you and I haven't heard from you in all that time, just think of it dear.

Papa was in to see me last Friday night and I was awful glad so [to] see him, I do get so home sick and long to see some one I love, if we wasn't so far a part.

I guess Belle is comeing in, to work, next Sunday and I am going to meet her at Aunt Lilly's but I am not sure yet.

How is Aunt May and the baby. what have they named it.

I must hurry because I am writing this in the morning, and I ought to be at work.

How are you getting along with your work now, be sure and answer right away, or I'll think you have found some one else to go to keeping house with you in the spring and then I would have to look up another job.

I dreamed that something happened that we didn't get married, that you said you liked some one else better, but I dont believe in dreams, do you dear.

Well bye bye darling, hope you are well and happy.

with love
Lizzie
115 Home Ave
Oak Park

now do please write just a little letter so Ill know every thing is alright.

with kisses
Liz.

Deerfield Ill.
Oct 14th 98

Dearest Dearest Lizzie

I recivied your letter and you dont now how glad I was to get it. I think it is real mean you did not get a letter from me before this. I wrote to you last Sunday and went on purpis Sunday night to mail it but the post office was closed, and monday morning I went off real early and forgot to give it to some one to mail. you dont now how it worried me to think of you down thair all alone and not a word from me in three wheeks. But dont be angry with me dear. I will try and do better after this. I finished plowing to day and came home to husk corn. the folks all left to day. it was hard for Mother to leve. she cried almost all day. Preston and I are staying here. I am awfull lonesome, to night I feel like last. I wished you were here with me to night. it would seam like home if you wer here. but we will soon have a home of our verry own and then we wont have to write any more and we wont worry about one another. wat does your Papa sa about ous getting married, does he aprove of it. I Love you dearly. I think I can support you, and I think we will live hapely together. it seams so hard that we cant see each [other] oftner. there is so much to plan and get ready, whare two would be better then one.

Dont you think the place is to hard for you, you ought to get some easer place. But you now your business best.

May is got lots to do and the baby is not verry well, it is getting teeth thay say. it is no fun to move and every think is up side down yet.

I must close fore it is getting late. excuse me fore writeing with ledpencil, there is no ink ore pen in the house.

From Loveing sweethart with a good night kiss.

Almon

P.S. in one letter you got 113 and in one 115 for Di. I dont now wich.

Oak Park
Oct. 27, '98

My Darling Almon;

I guess you think I have forgot all about you, but I haven't, I have thought of you all the time and it has made me feel badly all the week to think I neglected writing to you, but it has been half past ten and eleven every night for the last two weeks before I could get to my room and then I am so tired I just tumble into bed and think I'll write to you the next night & so I have put it off. I know you'll forgive [me] if I promised not to do so again, well I am going to leave as soon as possible.

I went down town to day and spent all my money, wasn't I a peach.

Well I have good news for you, or at least I think so. I am comeing out to see you next Friday night, if possible, Nov 4.

Edna Prusia is comeing out with me. she wanted to come out, so I am going to manage to come the same time and I am just dyeing to see you dearest and I could

have a nice long visit with you if I came Friday night & stay until Sunday.

If you will send me a time table so I'll know what time to take the train. I will go to Gray land and can you meet me at the train dear, if you can let me know.

If I have time I'll write to Aunt May & tell her we are coming, for she wouldn't like it if she didn't know it, but I wish you would be sure to meet me. and if nothing happens to prevent, I'll be sure to be there and then you send the ticket and time table, send it to 318 Washington Boul'd, for I want to leave here Sat. night if I possibly can.

I must close, it is so late, will tell you all the news when I see you, I am happy thinking I'll see you soon.

Belle is in city, John & her are engaged, I am so glad for she feels happier now, have lots to tell you when I see you darling. with lots & lots of love from one who will always be true to you.

Lizzie

you had better tell Aunt May we are coming for I may not have time to write, but may be Aunt Lilly will write, I didn't think of that.

Bye Bye dearie
with kisses
Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.
Oct. 29th 98

Dearest Lizzie

I got tired waiting for a letter, so I tought I write one my self. what is the matter dearest, dont you love me any more. if you new how I am waiting for a letter, I now you would write to me. it almost brakes my heart to wait any longer. I was thinking about you so much the last wheek, I just gave up last night and cried, because I could not see you for so long. is thare not some way that I can see you again before we are married, it is not long and we ought to make some arrangements, dont you think so dearest.

I hope you are well, and dont woark to hard dear and tire your self out. you must be getting lonesome out thare all alone, ore have you got some one else. but you would not goe back on me woould you dear, you loved me so much.

we got lots of work now but we dont do much, it rain almost every day. Ormon and I bought all the corn, so we got lots to do. we bought a carlod of heifers at the stock yards last wheek, 38 head, we have got 50 head together now. it takes lots of work to take care of them.

May and the baby are well. you ought to see the baby now, you would not now her any more, she is so big and fat, she laughs all day.

Can you not come out here and stay a wheek ore two, that I could see you every day. I woould be contented if I could see you every day. it wont be long before we will have a home of ower verry one, and then we wont have to worry for we will see one another every day.

If you can come out here, let me now and I will send you a ticket. If not let me now whare I can meet you and when.

Our uncle Offerle came to see us Sunday from Offerle Cansas.

I must close fore it is getting late.

Good bye Dearest with love and love kisses and more when we are married.

Good bye Dear
From your Loveing Sweet heart
Almon

Oak Park
Nov. 2, '98

Dearest Almon;

Did you get the letter I wrote you last week, I gave it to a man to mail and I was afraid he forgot to mail it and you didn't get it. I wrote and told you I

was coming out there Friday night Nov 4. if you could meet me and send me a time tables or tell me what train to come on, and what time it leaves Gray land.

Edna Prusia is coming with me.

I have left the boarding house and am staying with Mrs Pitts this week.

I got your last letter and was awful glad to get it. I am sorry you had to wait so long for a letter, but we will make up for all delayed letters when we see each other, won't we dear, besure and tell Aunt May we are coming won't you dear. I can hardly wait until I see you, it seems so long since I saw you. if you haven't sent the ticket by the time you get this letter you had better send it to 85 Woodard St. because I will be there Friday. with love & kisses until I see you darling.

Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.
Nov. 2th 98

Dearest Lizzie

I recieved your letter to day, it was a long time comming. I suppose you will be watting for the ticket. you can get a train at Grayland at four oc clock, it get to Deerfield four fifty, and one at 5-20 at Grayland. Ormon will be thare to met you. he is working for my Father at Der, if he is not thare Viola will be thare to met you. I am well, hoping you are the same.

Your Loveing
Almon

Deerfield Illinois
Nov. 2th - 98

Dearest Lizzie

I send the ticket to Oak Park to day. But maybe you left before it got thare. I didnt now whare to send it, I did the best I could. I tought I write to Avondale, that if you left Oak Park before the ticket got thare, that you mabe could get the ticket before you came out here, as the ticket dont belonge to me. Ormon and I just got home from putting up Auction Bills, we are going to sell the heifers next Monday.

Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Jair came to see May yesterday and stayed all night.

you can get a train at Grayland at 4-5 Oc. in the evening ore one at 5-35, but you better come on the first one if you can. Ormon works at D. and he will be thare to met you.

I wished I could come to meet you but we have so much work we cant both of us leve.

I will tell you the rest.

I must close, it is getting late. Good bye Dearest.

from your Loveing
Almon

Oak Park
Nov. 7, '98

My address is #107 Maple Ave. Oak Park.

My Darling Almon

Per haps you will be a little surprised to get a letter so soon, but I know it will be welcome just the same.

I got here safely and am in my new place now. I know I shall like it for they try to make it pleasant and home like for me and if you were only nearer, I would be perfectly content, but I know it wont be long and you will be as glad as I, when we can be together, wont you darling.

I was so happy when I was out there because I could see you, and your folk were very nice and treated me splended, I hope all will be well.

I sent the ticket to Viola this morning, let me know if they got it, when you write next time. How did the sale turn out? was papa there? and did you sell them

all, your interest is mine too, isn't it darling, and I am anxious to hear how my future pardner prospers.

I wish I was out on the back porch playing "post office" as Viola calls it, even if it was a little cold, those were the best "stamps" I ever got.

I am awful glad I came out there, I had such a lovely visit with you, and every one else. I am sure I will like it over there. I would like it any place with you dearest. lets us write to each other real often, for I love to get letters from you dear, and I have more time now. I get through real early in the eveing now, and I'll write you a lot of letters. I am going to try and do some sewing in the eveings now. I have no more room to write and I am awful sleepy too, so Good night mine own and pleasant dreams with a whole lot of love.

Lizzie.

Deerfield Ill
Nov 13 / 98

My Dearest Lizzie

I recivied your letter and was verry glad to get one so soon.

I now you will be watting for this letter. I was so tired, I cept putting it of every night, till today, I had a little time. but I never forgot you one minmit, I always think off you when I get tired ore lonesome. I am so glad you engoyed yourself wen you were over here. it would be so nise if I could see you every day, and I now you would not care if I could be with you all the time.

May sed ower trouble will begin wen we are married, but we have troubles now, and we are not married. it would be better if we could share them together. we will be happy wen [we] live together. we love each other so dearley, we cant help but be happy.

I am home all alone to day and I am awful lonesome. I wished you were here now. it would seam like home then. it is not long to wait and then we will have a home of ower verry one.

Ower sale touned out as good as we exspected, we sold 25 head, we cleared \$92, on the 25 head, and we got the best heifers left.

Ormon and I were to the Stock yards Friday to buy another car load of cattle, but we could not get what we wanted, so we didnt buy. One of ous are going down Tuesday.

the baby is getting fatter every day. she missed Edna the next day. we got the ticket all right. wen should I send it again. we had such a splended time together, mabe you will want to come again soon.

It is so hard for me to get off, I dont now wen I can come to see you, but dont think I dont want to come, for you now I never hapiet then wen I am with you. I cant play Post office to night. I must close for this time.

Good [bye] Dearest with Love Kisses, From your Loveing

Almon

Oak Park
Nov. 21, '98

My Darling Almon;

I suppose you have looked for a letter before this, and I know I ought to have written but I thought I would wait.

I hate to tell you what I am going to write, I dont know what you will think of me, any way I guess you will think I am of not much account, well I have lost my other place, it wasn't really my fault though I hadnt been there a day and a half, when another girl came, an old friend of theirs I guess, and wanted the place, so I stayed the week out and they hired the other girl, but I don't care, I have another place now and I am going to try and stay until Xmas, they do not know I am going to leave so soon though.

John was in to see Belle yesterday, I wish you could have been here too, I want to see you so badly. I do wish we could see each other oftener, but I'll try and be

content for a while longer.

Just think, Thursday is Thanksgiving, Belle and I are not going home, it will be the first time in my life that I have been away from home, and I hope the last time too for next year we'll have a home, won't we darling.

I am glad the sale turned out well, isn't this bad weather to husk corn. Hope Aunt May and Baby are well, give my love to them, all that you don't want. I am going to write to you real often, I said I was before but I havent yet have I, wont you write to me Thanksgiving and tell me all the news. wish I was going to be with you dear. write soon.

with love
Lizzie

My address is 204 Clinton Ave. Oak Park, Ill.

Deerfield Ill
Nov 27 -/ 98

Dearest Lizzie

I recivied your letter and was verry glad to here from you. I now you were looking for a letter befor this.

we wer so bussy, I didnt get time to write before to day. we got ower corn all home but not all husked. we got another car load of cattel. we got 57 head. we didnt have ower stabels ready wen the cold weather came. we worked about 18 houers a day the last wheek. I am comming down to the citty, as soon as we can take care of the cattel alone. Cant you meet me when I come down. I dont [know] what to do that I cant see you to day. It is so lonesome here. Preston left last Monday, I wished I could leve soon. I am getting tired of watting. I was thinking of ower wedding the other day and how much trouble it is to your mother. dont you think it is, would be just as well not to have any wedding. But you can suit you self about it, you now best about it.

I was to Deerfield last Sunday and my Mother told me that May told her that I got to Pay 1/3 of the store[?] Bill for my Board, and it mad [made] them awful mad. she told me we better get married as soon as the peepke move out. I havend got much Monney and May wants to get that if she can. I tell you more if I could say. Dont let now one see this. Mother sed I should not tell any one. I must close. I must goe to work. My Love to you. Good bye Dearest with a Loveing kiss.

Your Loveing
Almon

Deerfield Ill
Dec 7th 1898

Derest Lizzie

You will be looking for a letter long be [before] this, but it is better late then never. it is so cold I am hugging the stove every night. I havend any thing else to hug.

I suppose you cant hardly wait till you can goe home.

You will soon have a home of your own, wont that be fine. I will get a chance to see you then, wont I dear. I think I can meet you Dec 20 down town, tell me wat time and whare.

My Sister Mrs Plagge sed I could invite you to a Xmas Dinner at her house and she would like to have you come if you could. May is talking of going to Lake Z. Xmas. if thay leve Xmas, I cant come to Barrington. I try to come if I can.

I went home Sunday. I dont now witch to call home. we will soon have a home of ower verry own, it will be fine wen we dont have to write any more. I didnt think Belle would get married so soon. we might just as well get married the same time and call it a double header.

Ma has ben quit sick but is getting better.

the Baby is well and makes lots of noise. May think she can talk, I gess it must be French. we sold a heifer Monday, it cost ous \$26 and we sold it for \$40. it taks

lots of work to tend them all.

I must close for this time. I remain yours as ever, from your Loveing
Almon

Good night with a Loveing kiss

Oak Park
Dec 13, '98

Dearest Almon;

I recieved your letter last Sat, of course I was glad to hear from you. I
always am, I looked for a letter before but I knew you were busy.

I am sorry your mother is sick, hope she will be well by this [time].

I am sorry you can't come Xmas. I have planned on your being there all a long,
may be something will happen so you can come.

You may thank your sister for her kind invitation but you know dear I couldn't
leave home this Xmas, it will be the last one I will have at home.

Belle is comeing out and I guess John will be there too. I do wish you could.

I wrote to Clara and asked her to come but she hasn't answered yet.

I am going to Aunt Lilly's next Monday, after I leave here, and I think the
best way would be for you to call for me there next Tuesday, don't you? and then
we could go down town together, because I know of no good place to meet you and
we might not find each other. come in the morning if you can, because I want to get
back in time to catch a train home, for the folks are going to meet me Tues night.

If this plan suits you or if it dont, write right away and let me know, so I'll
know what to do, and what time you will be there, so I'll be ready.

I must close. I am writing before breakfast. bye bye darling.

with love and kisses
yours forever
Lizzie

Barrington
Dec 21 '98

Dearest Almon;

Did you get home alright. I did but I was awful tired.

I am not going to the lake before Xmas so I'll be home Sat night and I'll
look for you. I told Belle you were going to meet her on that train if you could.

Chester is helping up to the lake and he said Orman was comeing home last of
this week so if he does I'll expect you Sat night and some one will be there to
meet you, and if you don't come on that train I'll look for you Sun. morning on
the 10:30.

Mamma wants me to stay home and help her until Xmas & I don't know what I'll
do after [that].

Little Mary is quite sick to night, I hope she'll be better in the morning.

Well dear I am awful sleepy and I hope to see you so soon that I wont write any
more. with love and kisses, till we meet.

yours forever
Lizzie

Lake Zurich
Dec. 28, '98

My Darling Almon;

I'll just write a little letter to you to let you know where I am, I suppose
you can guess where I am.

you had not been gone but a few minites when James came and wanted me to get
ready and go right up with him so of course I went "to make my fortune" as Belle
and you say. O well it wont be long and they needed some one awful bad to help
them.

There are 29 boarders. some sleep on the floor. there are 37 of us all, and

only three wemon folks but we get along splended. I only wish you were here as you were two years ago.

I don't know how long I'll stay, but it won't be more than two weeks, I think.

I really ought to be getting my sewing done now but I'll have to hurry up when I get started.

I've got something to tell you when I see you. I don't think I'd better write it, it isn't very important so it'll keep alright until I see you. Orman and Preston got here alright and seem to be happy. How is Aunt May? Orman said she didn't feel very well. Tell her James killed Jack, the dog, and skinned him.

I must close for it is late. I wrote this letter in ten minites. I am awful tired and sleepy too. I guess I'll never make up for all that sleep I lost, hope you have, I was afraid you would miss your train. write soon won't you dearest. I'll save some kisses for you.

with lots of love
Lizzie

Lake Zurich
Jan. 1 '99

Dearest Almon;

This is New Years night and I am going to start out good, by writing a letter to my sweet heart, I wish I could see you instead.

I have been nearly sick all day. I have taken cold and my head aches, I wish you were here to kiss it away darling, it seems so long since I saw you but it's only a week. Mother and father came up here today and they said grand pa told them yesterday that they would have to leave the farm by March 1. Uncle Ted is comeing on only two months notice, just think of it, they don't know where they will go yet but I guess they will move up here and live in the cottage until they can get a house built. papa has so much to do in the next 2 months.

We couldn't have a wedding now if we wanted one, so I think the best way will be, to just get married and I'll come over and stay at Aunt Mays as you want me to, until we get settled. I will be awful busy until then because mamma will be getting ready to move and there is all of my serving to do, but then we'll get along alright. Belle had to leave her place. she started the washing and couldn't finish. she is going to Aunt Lillies'. I don't know how long she will stay there, the doctor said she must have perfect rest for a few weeks. I am so sorry for her. I wish it was so she could come and stay with us now, don't you, dear.

Orman is working hard and is tired. he said I should tell you and Aunt May that he was alive and kicking and that he thought he would be home next Saturday, whether the ice business was over or not. they say it will take two weeks to fill the ice house. just think of it, if I stay up here two weeks longer that will only leave a month before we are married.

Preston was sick the other night but he is all right now I guess. He works right alone. James has the tooth ache and his face is all swollen up. Grandpa came home sick last night but is better now. I'll write all the news so you can tell Aunt May, I know she will want to know, and every one is so busy they have no time.

Grandma is awfull tired, well I am too, so I must close with lots and lots of love for you my precious. hope I get a nice long letter from you soon. think of me darling and remember I am always thinking of you. you may tell Aunt May the news but dont tell her all I have written. wish you a happy happy new year with kisses, I remain yours forever

Lizzie

Deerfield Ill.
Jan 1th 1899

Dearest Lizzie

I recieved [your letter] and you dont now how glad I was to here from you. I wish you a happy new year. I was working all day and didnt get time to think of the new year. I suppose you had to work all day, but never mind, you will soon be yourr boos [boss].

I got home all right. I run allmost all the way to Barrington last Monday morning. I had to wait about five minites but the train was late. I wished I was at L.Z. making ice, that I could see you.

It is awful lonesome here. I dont get a chanse to goe any place, thare is so much to do, I cant leve the place.

May and I watched the old year out and the new year in.

EDNA PRUSIA ~~Enda~~ Prussia was here all week, and is going home tomorow.

I wished I could be with you to day instead of writting this letter. I am comming to see you before ower wedding day, but I dont now wen I can come. I will let you now wen I can come. dont work to hard Dear.

I must close for this time. Good bye Dearest with Love and Love kisses.

Your Loveing
Almon

Lake Zurich
Jan 4 '99

My Dearest Almon;

I recieved your ever welcome letter and of course you may know I was glad to get it, I wish I could get one every day, and I know you like to hear from me so I am going to write you a little letter tonight, but I guess it is your turn to write but that dosen't make any difference.

I am so sorry you had to walk to Barrington that morning, next time I'll try and take you up, if I can.

You had better wait until I go home befor you come over, I'll let you know when I go, and if you come on the train, I'll meet you or papa will.

I have not heard from Belle this week.

John asked papa's consent Christmas day, for Belle. I wished you had asked him, he would like it so much better if you would, if I am not even worth asking for I am surely not worth haveing. I wish you would ask just to please me darling if nothing more. Mamma says she is saveing a bag of flour for us and papa says he has plenty of potatoes, so we can have something to eat any [way].

Nearly all of the new [boarders] left to day, there are about eleven left, we had 27 this morning. Orman went to get his due bill and Bruce told him to go back to work, he would tell him when he wanted him to quit so he killed time all day, but he says he is going to put in his time just the same, he is tired, he has worked several nights, he has taken cold I guess, he is lyeing on the floor now, he don't feel very well tonight, Aunt Lydia gave him some hot lemonade.

Aunt Lydia has been sick all day and grandpa felt so mean he didn't go to the city, guess he will go in the morning. Preston went home today, I guess the poor fellow was home sick or something, so many of the men have had the "grips".

I suppose Preston will have told you all the news before you get this.

I wrote all I could think of about Orman, so be sure to tell Aunt May, because he hasn't written home and I am sure she will like to hear any thing about him, he often says he wishes he could see the baby and wonders how she is, I hope she is well. Orman helps us fine when ever he is around.

Well I have written a long letter but there isn't much in it after all. I wish you would write to me real often for I love to get your letters, it don't take long to write a letter. I've only got one stamp left, I'll have to send home & get some money before I can write again, so you'll know the reason if you don't get a letter soon. well good night darling with all my love and a kiss to you dear.

Loveinly yours
Lizzie

Friday Morning.

Dearest Almon

I forgot to send this letter yesterday.

Orman was sick all day yesterday, he didn't work, he feels a little better today, he has the "grip", he say maybe he will be home tomorrow or next day. Clarence was sick all last night. Aunt Lydia never went to sleep until after two this morning. I wish the ice "biz" was over, am tired of it.

Deerfield Ill.

Jan 8th 1899

Dearest Lizzie

I recivied both of your letters, and you dont now how glad I was to get them, thay would be welcome every day. you mabe will be looking for one before you wrote the last letter, but I now this one will be welcome, wont it Dear.

We wont have to write much longer to each other only five wheeks more, until I can call you my very own, wont that be fine, but I must ask your pa. I ought to have asked him before this. I will ask your papa to please you and to please him, next time I come to see you.

I sorry Belle had to work. I wished we were married that she could come and stay with ous. it makes her feal so bad to be sick, she is so tender hearded, but she will soon be married then she wont have to work hard. the baby is feeling well and is dooing lots of crowing to day. Ormon got home last night and is quite sick to day. I had to do all the work alone to day, and am not feeling well eather. I am getting tired and discouraged the way things are going, but I have to keep ploding on to the weary end. I am thinking of you every day and it makes time pass much quicker, and I now you are dooing the same. if could only see you to day, and you would now the rest.

I must goe to work, so I must close for this time, my Dear Loveing sweet heart with a good bye kiss.

From your loveing
Almon

Deerfield Ill.

Jan. 15th 1899

Dearest Lizzie

I was wating for a letter from you before this, but never mind Dear, I own you a letter, and it wouldnt make any diferece if I didnt, I write to you any way. I never get tired of writing to you my Dear sweetheart. I suppose you are home by this time and are glad of it. I wished I could [be] with you to night. It is so long that I saw you. I am thinking of you all the time. it wont be long till we can do ower thinking together. we will have lots to think about till we got ower home fixed up and get settled down. I was to ower future home Friday and asked the people wen thay were going to move. Thay sed thay would move by the middle of Febuary. I was to Deerfield this afternoon to see Mother, she is sick and is verry low. You wood be surprised if you saw her. But we hope for the best.

She sed she was getting a bed ready for you but she cant finish it now, she tought you would have to do the rest. It makes me cry to write this.

My uncle Mr Myer is verry sick and dont expect him to live.

It is only four wheeks more until we are married, and we have lots to get ready til then, you wont have much time to get ready, but we will get married just the same. If your Papa will let me have you for my Wife, do you think he will.

I had an invitation to a party last night ant I went. I got tired of staying at home. I danced all night and danced home sweet home at two Oc this morning. Dont get mad at me Dear, I got tired and lonesome staying at home and didnt now what to do. I tought of you all the evening.

It is getting late and I must get up early.

I must close for this time. I am well hoping you are the same.

From your Dear Loveing Almon
with a good night kiss

Barrington Illinois

Jan. 15 '99

My Darling Almon have you been looking for a letter. I know I ought to have written before but I have had my hands full for the last week. I came home Tuesday eveing and Ma went to the city Wed. morning and left all of the children home and she stayed at Aunt Lillie's until Saturday night. I told her I could manage the babies alright, but the very day she left, John took sick and I had all I could do to take care of him and before Sat. night, everyone of them were sick, pa and all, and there were two hired men to cook for. I tell you I was glad when she got home. Johnnie is quite sick yet. I am going in the city Wed. I guess, to do my shopping, and comeing out Sat night on the same train Belle and you came out on Xmas. couldn't you meet me Sat night at Mayfair and come out here and spend Sunday with me dear. I want to see you. I'll have lots to tell you.

Papa got a postal card from Uncle Ted asking him if he would stay on the farm another year because the man he sold his milk route to, backed out and he couldn't leave of course pa will stay as it is almost impossible for him to move in two months the way he has things arranged.

I am sorry darling you are discouraged, hope things will run smoothly and you will feel better.

I will have to hurry with my sewing, time is flying, and I haven't started yet.

I have thirty dollars to do my buying with. Aunt May paid nearly that much for one dress so you see, I'll have to make my money go a long way as it will have to buy all my things, sheets and pillows cases too, but then I'll manage alright and we will be just as happy too, won't we darling. I hope we will be happier.

O what do you think, Mr Chase wants to come and board with us, when we are married, I told hime he would have to ask you, he won't stay at the Lake any longer. I guess he is comeing here this week to stay a while. he says he will go south in the spring if we won't board him. I'll tell you all when I see you.

Papa is on jury, he has to go in tomorrow morning, I dont know how long he will have to stay but he thinks he can come out nights.

If any thing should happen so that I could not come out on that train Sat. night, you look for papa, and you can come on his ticket, but I think I'll be on the train.

You had better write to Avondale for I will be there after Wed. and I would like to hear from you this week. I do not know whether I'll write again or not, but please let me know if you are comeing or not.

Well I must close it is late. I have written several letters this eveing and am sleepy.

Hope Orman and May and baby are well and you too dear.

Belle isn't working now she is visiting. She wrote and asked me if I would like to have her help me with my sewing, I told her of course I would but I don't know what she will do, she is better and thinks she will find another place.

Well my dearest bye bye with love and kisses until we see each other, which I hope will be soon.

ever yours
Lizzie Catlow

Deerfield Ill.
Jan 19th 1899

Dearest Lizzie

I recivied your letter and was glad to here from you. I think [I] can meet you Sat. eve at Mayfair, if nothing gets in the way.

Mother is a little better today. I gess she will get along all right.

I will tell you the rest wen I see you. I must close.

From your Loveing
Almon

Barrington Ill
Jan 26 99

My Dearest Almon;

I got home O.K. about 10:30 A.M. I have been busy ever since.

How is your mother dear? I hope she is better. I have been looking for a letter from you.

I'll send you the ticket so you will be sure to come.

Gertrude is here sewing now, she is makeing the wedding dress now, it is very pretty. I know you'll like it.

I must hurry and close for I want to write to Belle and I'll see you next Sunday, so I won't need to write any more this time. with all my love to you darling.

from your loveing
Lizzie

Deerfield Ill
Jan 26 1899

Dearest Lizzie

I did not get a chance to mail my letter to day. Mother is verry low and May is going to D. to stay all night with her to night. if M. dont get any better, I wont come Sat. night. Mabe you would better come out here if you can. if you come, try and get to Deerfield before my train leves. my train leves at six Oc.

I must hurry for May is wating.

I must close.

with love
Almon

Barrington
Feb. 6 99

My Darling Almon;

I know you will be looking for a letter from me so I will try and write you a short one.

Nearly every body is sick here, Papa was sick all last week, but is better now. Josie and Ruth are both very sick. we sat up all Sat. night with them, they are a little better this morning.

I was so sick all day yesterday that I couldn't set up, but I feel better this morning, the folks say the thoughts of getting married makes me sick but I know better.

Gertrude left Sat morning. my sewing is nearly all done. I can finish the rest after we are married.

Belle is comeing out next Sunday morning.

Well I must close and get to work, there is so much to do that I'll have to work sick or well.

I recieved Viola's card ok. I hope your mother is still improveing.

Did you get home alright with all those bundles?

How about the stove pipe damper?

Well I must close for papa is going to town and I haven't ate my breakfast yet. I was so sick, I couldn't write yesterday. well bye bye dear, I know if you were here to give me one of your loveing kisses, I would feel better, with all my love and kisses for you my darling until I see you again.

Write and tell me when you are comeing and how, if you come on the train, be sure and let me know which one, so some one can meet you. If you go in the city Monday, will you bring me some roses, some white ones.

Were the invitations alright? must close, write soon.

Your "valentine"
Lizzie

Barrington Ill
Feb. 9, 1899

My Darling Almon

I recieved your letter O.K., you didn't ask for a ticket but I am going to send you one just the same. I do wish you would let me know what train you are comeing on, it is so far and you will have your things to carry too.

I sent papa's ticket to Belle.

Every one of the children are sick. Chester and ma don't feel well either. I guess they all have the "grip".

Nelson was sick here three days and then he left.

Mary Patten was up to the Lake last Sunday with her new beau, she is engaged to him, I don't know when the wedding will be.

must close, with love.

P.S. We recieved Aunt Mays acceptance a few day ago. I am very sorry you mother can't [come]. dear, I should like to have her here ever so much, but I am glad she is getting better.

Papa got some corn near Barrington Centre the other day.

Bye Bye my dearest, will see you soon and let me know what train you'll come on wont you dear.

with a loveing kiss
yours Lizzie Catlow

Saturday Evening.
Deerfield, Ill.
Feb. 6, 1898

Brother Almon & Ormon:

I suppose you have had several ice water batles by this time. Sam had enough ice making and sleigh riding untill he got home Sunday, it was 7 o clock when he got home.

Sam & Pres started to make wood in Pifferville yesterday; about the fifth stroke Pres made with the ax he cut in his boot, and lucky that he did not cut his foot, but he cut a big hole in his leather boot, so today Pa had to take it to the shoe maker; but they went again, they are cutting down trees now and making it in cord wood.

That cold night Sam went of and when he came home he left the door open and Pa & Ma thought it must be about 30 below zero, they almost froze, so they got up early and when Pa got in the kitchen the door was open, all our flowers froze, even the roots in the ground, the ice hung on the flower pots, everything in the room froze, even the bread in the bread box was frozen.

Did you get a invitation to Eli Ott's wedding. Ma & Pa got an invitation. He is going to get married the seventeenth (17) of Feb. at six o clock. I do not know whether they are going to have a large wedding or not. Eli is going to get married in quite high style, Bishop Esher is going to marry them.

I am going down to the city Tuesday and stay a few days.

Almost every body enjoys a tip over in the snow. John Haage tipped over right in front of our little gate with a big load of wood. Fred, Willie & Johnie Haage and Sam were all on the load when it went over. Lange's tipped over last Sunday with all the women on.

I dont suppose you have time to write home, for you are making ice day and night, Sunday included. I must close for I must get supper as I suppose the boys will be home soon and I want Sam to take this letter over to Deerfield tonight.

Your Sister.
Viola.

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DIARY OF
ELIZABETH MAE (CATLOW) ROCKENBACH

*courtesy of
Sarah Belcher*
*some punctuation
added for clarity*

1935

Dec. 25 - 1935

Dec. 25 Christmas day - every one home except Bob and Elizabeth, Jean and children drove over. Elizabeth had to work, has charge of 2nd floor, is very busy. She sent a postal telegram Xmas morning sending Xmas greetings to all. Had a nice dinner and Santa Claus came after dinner - we all got such nice presents - Ray and Rodney had a present for every one and they bot and trimmed the tree with Philips help. Mary came home Sat. Dec. 21 - Joe the 20 - Lyle the 24. Lewis took the children to see "In old Kentucky" Will Rogers. Esther stayed here with me. Phil took Ruth to hospital in Elgin - got there about six PM, John arrived about 8:30, weighed 7½ lbs, looks like Virginia. Shirley is going to take care of Ruths family while she is gone. Pretty cold today. Shirley and Chuck Mills stayed here.

Dec. 26 - Cleaned up the usual Xmas wrappings - ironed and mended - Phil drove to Elgin to see Ruth. I went with him - she is fine. It was pretty cold today, 10° below zero, and a cold wind - Chuck + Philip and Rodney went skating - there is quite a lot of snow. Joe drove to DeKalb. He had an invitation to a dinner dance at Baker Hotel, St. Charles tonite. Got a letter from Dorothy Vandewert today. *side note* Went to see Ruth at Elgin with Phil, baby looks like Virginia.

Dec. 27 - It was 16° below zero last nite at mid nite - 10° below this morning - but warmed up today to 16 above - Called on Mrs E Fleming - I took care of her from Dec 16 to 23, Pneumonia - young folks all went tobogganing at the Lake. Shirley Mills is staying at Ruths with Shirley R. We all went to Alumni game with C.L. - twelve of us went, boys and girls stayed to dance afterwards.

Sat. Jan. *Dec.* 28. Baked 6 loaves bread. Mary finished ironing - kids all went skating + playing hockey + tobogganing in after noon, I sewed on my quilt in eveing - about midnite the phone rang and "the Lady across the street" told dad she was getting very sick and wanted some one to come over. She was unconcious when I got there. She had taken poison. Took her to hospital. Sent Elizabeth a dollar for her birthday.

Sun. Dec 29. Went to church after being at neighbors all morning - Bob + family were here in afternoon + eveing. Sarah went home with them + Douglas stayed here with Chuck.

Mon. Washed baked etc - kids all went to Lake skating. Went to see Ruth at nite. She is fine - Mrs Dalyrimple went too. Mrs Delcado home from hospital, is O.K.

Tues. Dec. 31 - Esthers aneversery, bot her a green tea pot - drove over - took Chuck + Douglas home. Went to Deerfield, grandpa is fine. Irene not so well, is going to hospital soon - went to Bobs - brot Sarah home - Marjorie came back with us. Sarah not so well, her face all broken out. Mr + Mrs Ewing were visiting at Bobs. Sarah went to city with Jean + bot goods for a dress. We got home about 6 P.M. All the young folks went out for New Years eve. Joe has a friend to stay all nite.

Wednesday, January 1, clear.

New Years day - a lovely day - Shirley brot Virginia and Seth here - young folks all went to Walkups hill to toboggan. Phil went to Niles to meet Elizabeth and Ceil - they got here about 4:30, we had dinner about 5. Martha Woodbury was here and Joe's friend, Mary Stecklac, Phil + family, Nancy, Jean + Shirley Mills + Marjorie McFarlane - after dinner Phil, Elizabeth, Geo + Martha went to see Ruth, she is fine - Sarah is pretty sick.

Breakfast 14

Dinner 24

Thursday, January 2, snow.

Elizabeth left on the 7:32 - lots of snow - Sarah pretty sick all nite. Dr. came, he called it a erysipelas streptococcus infection. He came twice + I had to send for him at 3 AM again - he gave her antitoxin serum - was very sick all day - her leg was pretty stiff by nite. Lyle left for camp this afternoon - we sent Nancy + Jean to Ruths to stay - because of infection.

Sat. January 4, clear.

Mary left this Morning, took train to city and then bus to Ottawa - It is a lovely day - Sarah is better but the eruption still is spreading - baked bread and Rodney + Dorothy cleaned. Philip played basket ball in morning, C.L. played Waukegan. Dad, Shirley M. + Marjorie went to see game in afternoon. Dad took all the grand children home. Phil brot Ruth and John, Philip home. Dad + I went down in eveing to see baby, he is so nice - Virginia is quite excited about him.

Sunday, January 5, snow.

Lots of snow this morning - Sarah some better, slept better. Dad and Ray went to church - Joe went back to DeKalb in after noon - Philip went to Freddie Marsh in afternoon - Esther called up to ask about Sarah. Kept pretty busy nearly all day. Have to disenfect every thing used around Sarah.

Monday, January 6, snow.

Still snowing, not very cold - done a big washing with Dad + Rodney's help - Sarah better, sat in chair a while - Dorothy + Philip went back to school - got a tin box of English toffey from Mary Stecklac (Joe's girl friend) in mail today, and a letter too - I wrote to Dorothy Vandewert, Elizabeth + a thankyou note to Mary S.

Tuesday- January 7, clear.

A lovely day - baked 6 loaves bread - took care of Sarah - cleaned kitchen etc. Sarah better but her face still looks bad. Went garden club at Mrs Armstrongs. Dr. Pfleuger here wanted me to nurse a pneumonia case - my knee is pretty lame. Rodney took his model T ford over to Bobs - traded it in on a Studebaker, we are going to have. *correct*

Wednesday, January 8.

Went to Dr Hensley about my knee, am to keep off it for a while and use a light on it. Dad went to P.T.A., they appointed me refreshment chairman - started to read Honey in the Horn.

Thursday, January 9.

Shirley came home and done the ironing. Knee no better.

Friday, January 10.

Still laying around. Dad went to annual church meeting. Shirley + Hazel went to movies with Ray, he won \$5 and Hazel \$1 - screeno.

Saturday, January 11.

Shirley came home from Ruths and done Sat. work. Dorothy went to Ruths. Sarah is getting much better.

Sunday, January 12.

Dad, Dorothy + Philip went to church. Sarah broke out with hives last nite - effects of serum. Read Exile by Pearl Buck, very good, much better than "Good Earth."

Monday, January 13.

Sarah went back to school - lots of work to make up - knee not much better, still using the light. Dad drove to farm today to see about barn they are repairing. Mr + Mrs Keldar + Sammy called this eveing. Elizabeth send a white turtle neck sweater to Shirley - that she made for her Xmas present - it lovely.

Tuesday, January 14.

Went to Dr. again, made adjustment on my spine, told me keep on useing light - Shirley came home and Rodney helped her do washing - it was a lovely day. Womans Club Day but didnt go - Ruth went, said it was very good - started to do some mending, it's about time, when I get that done am going to finish rug & quilt.

Wednesday, January 15.

Shirley will be at home now - just helps Ruth to wash and clean - Rodney is sawing wood at Wallaces. Ruth came home and brot the children - baby is so nice, (first time she was home since Xmas), and he is so good - Virginia stayed to supper - Seth is beginning to talk - I wrote a long letter to Mary - and got one from her. She is fine - weather like spring there. Esther called - Lewis went to Farm + Home week for 2 days - Esther + family all fine.

Thursday, January 16.

Got a card from Viola - Irene to be operated on for gall stones at St Luke this morning - Eliz telephoned Phil at eveing. She was as good as you would expect - Eliz was with her all day and eveing - Bob was home - stayed to supper, brot his Boston Bull - Jean could not come - Got a letter from Joe - he is busy since he went back - had a cold too.

Friday, January 17, snow.

Lots of snow and windy. Am feeling better, went to Dr. this afternoon - in eveing Shirley + Ray went show. Shirley won a dollar - all the rest went to H.S. basket ball game. I was alone all eveing, which was unusual. I popped corn + listened to radio + sewed.

Saturday, January 18, snow.

Sarah, Dorothy + Rod went to a high school party, a leap year party. Philip went skeing in afternoon. Shirley helped Ruth. Rudyard Kipling died today.

Sunday, January 19.

Went to church, read and popped corn. Went to church in eveing to a meeting, the deacon called to organize a fellow ship committe. Rodney + Philip drove to DeKalb to take Sanford Walkup back. Saw Joe, he is fine - may come home next Sun, we sent hime bread, coffee cake, jam + vegetables.

Monday, January 20, cold - 6° below.

Shirley + Rodney washed - Esther + Carol Lou came about ten - stayed to lunch. Went to see Ruth. First time Esther had seen John Philip - Carol Lou is very shy and is afraid of us. She is so sweet - got a letter from Mary - King George of England died today.

Tuesday, January 21, snow.

Dad was at Roberts today watching the foxes until they have a sale - Rodney went rabbit hunting - am finishing a rug, I started for Esther last year - lots of snow - snow plows are clearing roads - Rodney went to Woodstock to sign up for work on a new highway. Shirley played basket ball tonite in C.L.

Wednesday, January 22.

Very cold - and a blizzard - kept getting worse all day - Rodney went to Roberts - roads blocked so he staid all nite - Howard Roberts + Warren Moffett stayed here all nite - Ray stayed in Woodstock. Worst storm in years. Teacher saw that all the children had a way to get home - no grade school the rest of week, no high school tomarrow.

Thursday, January 23.

26° below this morning - no school - Sarah went to Ruths, cut out a dress and helped Ruth - snow plows have been clearing roads all day, bitter cold. Boys stayed all nite again. Seth had a convulsion about 8 P.M. I went down - had to call Geo from Marthas - He thot it was something he ate on his teeth. **?

Friday, January 24.

Still cold and a strong wind blowing - Seth pretty weak and pale, staid in bed all day. Sarah, Dorothy + boys that stayed here went to H.S. All went to basket ball at nite - C.L. won. Rodney came home from Roberts.

Saturday, January 25, snow.

Dad went to city - went to see Irene. She is fine - going home Sunday - Hazel and Austin have a 9½ lb boy, Friday nite Jan 24. Roads are open, but not many people are out.

Sunday, January 26.

Shirley's birthday - still very cold - but sunshine every day - went to church - quite a few out - a good sermon - Phil and Ruth took Dad + me to show at El Fovar - "Muntiny on the Bounty" - Shirley went to Lake Geneva with Kings to see ice boats - Boys played out in snow until they froze - Freddie Marsh froze the backs of his hand, Richard Speaker his ears and Philip his cheeks and ear + Rod his ears - they were making tunnels in the snow banks.

Monday, January 27.

Still 10° below zero - worked on my rug - in eveing Shirley + boys played cards and popped corn - got a letter from Mary. She said it was 10° below in Kansas one day. Virginia calls us on the phone every day. She can tell us all the news. Seth is feeling better but pretty weak.

Tuesday, January 28, clear.

Shirley + Rod are washing. Dad had to go to city again - Rodney took children to school. The sun is shining but it's pretty cold - Womans Club at Mrs Keldars - Mrs R. ?Work - gave a book review it was my meeting.

Thursday, January 30.

Ray layed off for a half day - All went to Woodstock to basket ball except Dad + I.

Friday, January 31.

Lyle came home. Ray worked half a day.

Saturday, February 1.

Clows house burned this morning around chimney - It is still very cold - Dad and boys all down there helping get things out etc - All went to basket ball at nite except myself - Elizabeth came home this after noon. She is through with her three years training - begins for herself Monday - will work for hospital for a while - gets 40 per month and board, room + laundry - Ruth drove to Deerfield took Virginia + John - all the great grand children were to come, the day before his birthday, were all there except Seth (he staid with us) - and Hazels new baby. She named him Wm Geo.

Sunday, February 2.

We went to Church - 106 there - hurried home - got dinner - and all drove to Deerfield. Stopped at Esthers on way over - children all excited to see Eliz. Martha went with Geo. It was a lovely day not as cold. Irene was able to be down stairs and grandpa is fine. Over seventy people called there that day on his 95th birthday - his picture was in Chi. Tribune. He is much thinner than usual. We had such a nice visit with every one - left about 7 P.M. stopped at Barrington to see show.

Monday, February 3, rain.

Much warmer today - rained and at nite turned to snow and wind - and much colder. Young folks planned a toboggan party + candy pull at church after - they went in all the snow - but it wasnt so cold - Philip went skeing with Davis - came home late, pretty tired - Dad went to trustee meeting.

Tuesday, February 4, snow.

Lots of snow, roads blocked - snow plows going all morning - it keeps drifting in as fast as they clear it - no school in grade school. Philip sick all day, a tem of 99° - and pain in stomach, he got too tired the nite before. Ray went to Woodstock to play basket ball with 5 other boys - it drifted so they couldnt get home, so stayed all nite in Woodstock - Finished the rug I started for Esthers birthday - we were to go to Mrs Duffs garden club meeting but it was postponed, all the country roads are blocked.

Wednesday, February 5, 20° below.

Very cold this morning but wind has gone down, snow banks six feet high along the highways - Philip is better. Dorothy went to a sleighing party + supper afterwards at H.S. It was a Orange + Black Staff party. She brot a girl home with her to stay all nite. Rodney shoveled snow yesterday + today for the railroad. Shirley at Ruths all day. I baked, made cheese + butter + cleaned kitchen - worked on my quilt.

Thursday, February 6, 12° below, clear.

Still plenty cold - Shirley is at Ruths takeing care of children, Ruth went to meeting at Mrs C. Miller. Dad was pall bearer this after noon for Miss Laura Fitch - she died Mon. nite - she was 80 - born on this place in a log cabin. Called at Ruths in eveing - baby is growing so nice.

Friday, February 7, 18° below.

It warned up a lot over nite - nice this morning - went to a card party and desert luncheon at Mrs C. Millers - Ruth took me. Virginia came home with us for supper.

Saturday, February 8, snow.

It cold again - began to snow, and blow about 3:30 PM, it got so dark you couldnt see the road, it lasted about 15 or 20 minites and it snowed and wind blowed all nite. Radio says it the worst on record.

Sunday, February 9.

No church or S.S. today, still blowing and snowing - roads all blocked - cars stalled all the way to Woodstock, people having to stay at farm houses - Set a hem today.

Monday, February 10.

No school - Ray could not get to work at Woodstock - he and Rodney shoveled snow on highway all day.

Tuesday, February 11.

Two truck drivers stayed here all nite - boys worked on highway shoveling - snow banks as high as cars all along the road to Woodstock.

Wednesday, February 12.

Got road open to Woodstock - boys worked nearly all nite - got home at 3:45 - P.M. had lunch with Mrs Rigby, Mrs Keldar, Mrs Speaker and myself - pretty cold and still drifting - they postponed P.T.A.

Thursday, February 13.

Esthers birthday - sent her a card. Have her rug all finished and pressed for her.

Friday, February 14.

Lyle came home - it was too cold to celebrate our anniversary - got cards from Joe, Elizabeth, Mary, Lewis + Esther, Bob and Jean - the boys + girls at home gave a two pound box of candy - Ruth gave me pair of pillow cases - I gave Ruth a desk blotter.

Saturday, February 15.

Went to card party at Becketts, had a nice time, there were 12 tables - pretty cold nite, roads are still blocked.

Sunday, February 16.

Went to church, not quite so cold.

Monday, February 17.

Made a cake or rather 2 cakes and mailed to Joe - his birthday is the 19th - Ruth sent him a box of candy and a cake too - Shirley and dad washed.

Wednesday, February 19.

Mens banquet tonite for Mothers and daughters - it was certainly fine - they asked me to give toast to daughters - I took Shirley, Dorothy and Sarah - Ruth took Virginia. They served a hundred all seated at once and everything was cooked and served so nicely - had colored waiters wearing white coats + caps - + cooks wore caps + aprons.

Thursday, February 20.

I went to Ladies Aid - first time for a year or more.

Friday, February 21.

Lewis called this morning - they have a boy - nine pounds - named James Henry.

Saturday, February 22.

Lewis brot Carol Lou to stay with us, Shirley, Chuck, Nancy + Jean came with them - I went to Jennie Fords, it was her birthday and she was receiving callers.

Sunday, February 23.

A lot warmer, thawed all day - went to church, Dad, Shirley, Ray and I, Ruth and family drove to Woodstock to see the snow drifts - still have to go to

McHenry, when you go north - they called here and stayed a while - Carol Lou is afraid of everyone but me.

Monday, February 24.

Still much warmer, snow is going.

Tuesday, February 25.

Still thawing, lots of water everywhere. Went to Womans Club at Mrs Alford's - after meeting, Ruth + I called on Mrs Blakeley, she was celebrating her 100th birthday. She is a frail sweet little lady, looks about 80. She is so bright and *end of entry*

Wednesday, February 26.

Snowed last nite but thawing a lot today - baked bread - took care of Carol Lou - she still is afraid of the boys. Went to Literary Club at Mrs Gold's - Mrs. Yompolsky talked on the life of Franz Schubert - and sang several of his songs in German. Dad + I went to P.T.A. in eveing, had a nice meeting. Not so many there, it was so icy and windy - about 30 there.

Thursday, February 27.

Went to Womans Club Card Party at Mrs Vial's - took Mrs Brawner - had a nice time.

Saturday, February 29.

Shirley made candy and I bot candy and a tie clasp for Lyle - Ray bot a tie and I mailed it to Lyle for his birthday. Dad and I drove to Libertyville through Grayslake, saw Bob + Jean - then went to see Esther and new baby at hospital - she is fine now and is going home tomarrow. I left Carol Lou home with Shirley + the rest. She is getting used to them all now. Got a letter from Chester, he is in San Lucia, comeing home April 6. We went to see Grandpa + the girls - Irene is feeling pretty strong after her operation and Viola and Grandpa are fine.

Sunday, March 1.

Nice day today - all went to church except Rodney + Philip, they took care of Carol Lou - read and popped corn and played bridge. Have 10 little chickens - going to keep them in basement until it gets warmer.

Monday, March 2.

Went with Ruth to look at a house on Douglas Ave. They talk of moveing to a larger place May 1. Dad + Rodney cleaned stove pipes and then Rod cleaned kitchen for me. Shirley took care of Ruth's children while she went to Elgin. I made Carol Lou 2 petticoats - she is so cute and feels more at home. Ray had to be at work at 6 this morning on account of Eastern Standard time. Dad went to trustees meeting at the parsonage, hurried home and took me to second show. It was "Magnificent Obsession", very good, I read the book.

Tuesday, March 3.

Went to Garden Club at Mrs Dolles. Nice spring day. Lots of snow yet.

Wednesday, March 4.

Drove to Esthers, took Carol Lou. She didnt remember her mother. Esther not so well - has to stay in bed for a week - got home about 5:30, put Carol Lou to bed and went to Lenten service at church. We had covered dish supper and services after wards.

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Thursday, March 5.

Went to Mrs Brawners for lunch. Carol Lou stays with her grandpa - she loves to go out doors. Sarah has been elected to the Honor Society - we are all very proud of her. Sent Mary a birthday box, her birthday is the 6th.

Saturday, March 7.

Elizabeth came home in after noon. Phil brot her - she is fine - in eveing the young folks went to Ruths to play Monopoly - Shirley is going in training at Elgin Hospital April 6 - She was at the hospital today with Hazel K. There is such a nice picture in the Sat. Daily News of the old barn on the Rockenbach farm showing how the Davis's remodeled it.

Sunday, March 8.

We all went to church except Rodney and Philip - they took care of Carol Lou. In after noon we drove to Esthers. She is up now but dont look so well - Carol Lou liked the children and walked all around for them - but was glad to go home with us. We took Elizabeth to station at Barrington. Lewis gave us half a pig - we brot it home.

Monday, March 9.

Shirley + Rod washed in morning - in after noon Shirley worked at Malletts - Sarah very busy with her extra work for Honor S. Has to write her autobiography, trace her family tree and write several articles and learn the constitution of Society.

Tuesday, March 10.

Went to Womans Club at Music Room in High School - Ruth took me. Shirley stayed with her children - still lots of snow in our yard and on the road - the caterpillar snow plow cleared the road for two way traffic in front of our place today. It was a nice spring day, south wind - Virginia went about a block from home, took her shoes + stockings off + went wadeing in some puddles - I guess her feet got pretty cold - Shirley saw a robin.

Wednesday, March 11.

Dad has a very bad cold. Shirley + I went to covered dish supper and Lenten services at church.

Thursday, March 12.

Colder and snowing today - Dad feels better - Shirley went to dentist and ?later baked a big batch of bread - Carol Lou likes every one now. She is a very good baby, walks all over and wants to talk on telephone. Dad and I went to card party at Mrs Washburns - Ladies Aid sponsored it - Geo went too - we all won a prize - guess it's the first time I ever won a prize - it was stationary.

Saturday, March 14.

Virginias birthday.

Sunday, March 15.

Carol Lou has a bad cold - so sorry because she has been so well all the time - all went to church except Dorothy, Rod + Philip - a good sermon. Joe came home last nite - first time since Xmas, is fine - he was wrestling at Wheaton + had a chance to come home with R. ?Nueman - he is going to Chi. next Sun. to Armour Relays- He likes school, gets good grades - he has a chance to ride back with Mrs King early Mon. morning - Esther and family drove over in afternoon - all glad to see Carol Lou + she was glad to see them - Esther feels better, not so strong. Ruth, Virginia + Seth came down too. Seth has a swollen gland. Boys popped corn + they stayed until dark.

Monday, March 16.

Shirley + Rodney washed - I baked 6 loaves bread, churned etc. Rodney went to work for Read at noon + Shirley went to Ruths while she went to dentist. It seems so lonesome without Carol Lou. We saw four blue birds, lots of robins. Roadmen cut down two dead trees on Mrs Brushs side of road. Dad is going to make fire wood. It stays pretty cold.

Tuesday, March 17.

Done some mending - Shirley went to dentist. I went to Garden Club at Mrs Alford's - in eveing Dad + I took Mrs Nickleson to Mrs Kelloggs and we played bridge, while we were there, Jack was roller skating and fell + broke his leg.

Wednesday, March 18.

Mr Dolle called me this morning, he wanted me to stay with Mrs Dolle a few days. She was sick all nite - I went and Shirley went to city with Hazel. Corin took them in - She bot her shoes, stockings etc. She telephoned Elizabeth she was takeing her state exams for R.N. Went to Lenten services in eveing.

Thursday, March 19.

Mrs Dolle feels better. Helen came out to stay with her over nite.

Friday, March 20.

I mended things for Mrs D. and in afternoon we took a drive to end of Lake. She is much better. In eveing went to show with Shirley + Dorothy - Lily Pons in "I dream too much" rest of family went to Cary to B.B game. Lyle came home - I telephoned Miss H ?Vetttime to be sure she would be here next Tues.

Saturday, March 21, snow.

Ruth + I drove to a sale, we saw advertised for antiques - but things did not look so good, so we came back + went shopping. It was a lovely spring day - in eveing Dad + I went to Ruths, played bridge + had lunch.

Sunday, March 22, rain.

A raw day - still snow banks in our back yard and along the highway - went to church - Ruth, Carl + Donald drove here from Barrington - Bob and family came too - Shirley Mills was with them - they are all fine - Jean + Bob have adopted the children, and they have taken Bobs name. She makes Bob a wonderful wife and the children are grand - we popped corn and passed cookies - and they all copied Sarahs family tree, that is the children did - In eveing, went to church to hear Dr. Johnston of Oak Park, who spoke here. It raining about 9:30 P.M. Wrote Mary a letter.

Monday, March 23.

Didnt rain so much - washed etc. First time we put it out doors to dry. It rained at nite quite a bit.

Tuesday, March 24.

Shirley started to clean house - cleaned her room - Ruth and I went to Womans Club at Mrs Vials. Harriet ?Vetttime was speaker, very good - Dad and Rodney finished making the wood across the street - and hauled it home on Geo. old truck. Snow is all gone in our yard now - terrible windy, could see dust in the air from the west.

Wednesday, March 25.

A beautiful day - Esther called in morning - we went to lunch at Harriet Heths in Lake Bluff - they have a large place 4 blocks from the Lake, and a large yard. Geo + Elma are staying with them for a few weeks - Grace Ott, Viola + Irene were there too - Harriet had such a nice lunch - we stopped for Esther. Carol Lou knew us and would like to go home with us. Shirley cleaned the north bed room and took care of Ruths boys. We took Virginia along. Went to P.T.A. at H.S. in eveing. Mrs Keldar, Mrs Bogee + two teachers helped me serve. Rodney went to work at Terra Cotta at noon.

Thursday, March 26.

Very windy. Shirley cleaned front hall - Ruth + I went to card party at Mrs Bocks.

Friday, March 27.

Colder this morning - awful windy. Shirley cleaned upstairs bathroom. I cleaned dressers in boys room - in afternoon I called on Mrs Dolle. Shirley called on Hazel. We stopped at Ruths - she is making Shirley pajamas.

Saturday, March 28.

Dad got Mr Malone's horses and plowed the pasture - (the base ball field).

Sunday, March 29.

Went to church in morning - Mrs King telephoned that Mr H. Dean, Sup. of schools died last nite. Has been sick a long time. In afternoon Shirley, Hazel, Dad + I drove to Elgin to see about rating of Elgin hospital. In eveing went to church to hear Dr Gammon. Mrs Brush + Mr Dipple called here in afternoon - sorry I was not at home.

Monday, March 30.

Washed - so cold, hung it in attic.

Tuesday, March 31.

Went to Mr Deans funeral - held at High School - very impressive. Ceil called here in afternoon. Mr Keldar drove in for her. Shirley went in with him, she had a visit with Eliz. Ceil is going to nurse in Kenosha in a general hospital - real excited about it.

Sunday, April 5.

Snowed and blew all day - a nasty day - birds all came around the house, we kept putting feed out for them - We went to Ruths for supper, Philip, Dorothy, Dad + I. I stayed with children while they went to church to hear Harry Maw, a chinese talk. Mr Keldar took Ceil to Kenosha today. She is going to work in hospital there. Elizabeth rode up with them + stopped at Esthers on way home. She made a lovely robe for Shirley - a rose pink with blue. She sent Dory + I each stockings. She may go to Kenosha too.

Monday, April 6.

Shirley and Hazel went to Elgin to Sherman hospital this morning. Dad + I washed. Then went to Mrs Bessey - bot a daded \$3.00, dishes 3.00, silver 1.00 and a chair .50¢ + rug (1.00, not much good).

Tuesday, April 7.

Went to Garden Club at Mrs Duffs, we all went in the bus - so much snow on the roads. While I was gone, boys put rug down in dining room and Ray fixed a chair + the daded - It was Belle's birthday - wished I might have gone to cemetary. Ruth + I went to Mrs Davis to Literary Meeting. Mrs Henniga talked on her trip to Ireland - very good - took Mrs Marsh + Mrs McLaughin.

Wednesday, April 8.
Quarterly meeting.

Thursday, April 9.
Last Lenten service - Candle lighting service, a good attendance.

Friday, April 10.
Esther drove over with Shirley, Chuck, Nancy, Jean and Carol Lou - stayed for dinner, it was good to see them all. Chuck and Nancy both have glasses - Carol Lou remembers me. She is a sweet baby. Ruth came here in afternoon - children had a good time together. Shirley came home in after noon. She lost four lbs, she likes it pretty well. Not much to do so far. Sarah got a pr. white shoes. She fixed Shirleys yellow dress to wear to alumni. Esther gave me three dollars for Easter. I gave Nancy + Jean some little cups that were in dishes I bot.

Saturday, April 11.
Joe came home for a few days. Voted school etc. Mrs Kellogg invited Dad + me to dinner. Mr + Mrs Barnbridge there too - had such a time, only hated to be away from home when the bunch were getting ready to go to alumni dance, which is always exciting. The boys have ordered corsages for their ladys, gardenias + sweet peas - Al Levy took Shirley - Geo took Martha, Ray took Hazel, Rodney took Michaels - and _____ took Sarah. They plan to go to a breakfast at Algonquin. Sarah + Dorothy cleaned the living room.

Sunday, April 12.
A lovely Easter - all went to church except Rodney - he had to work at Terra Cotta. Philip joined church with others. Ruth had her children christened, I held John Philip - The church looked so nice with so many flowers. 235 there. Elizabeth came home on 3 PM train, looks fine and is well - she had to go back early - She likes her work there but may go to another hospital. She gave Philip a monopoly board for his birthday. Shirley, Sarah + Dorothy went to sunrise Easter service at Algonquin.

Monday, April 13.
No school today - girls helped me. Wash dried nicely out doors and got most of it ironed and put away. Sarah cut out a blouse - Dad made garden - Joe took Hazel and Shirley to Elgin - he had dinner with Al Pinnow.

Tues. April 14.
Voted + shopped in morning. Went to Womans Club at Mrs Roberts - Dad hauled voters for Mr Lumley. Katherine King went with him - Ceil was home, likes her place very much.

Wednesday, April 15.
Baked etc. Dad, Dorothy + I drove to DeKalb to take Joe + Sanford Walkup back to school. Mrs Dolle brot me some blue violet plants - I dyed the chair + daded covers - look fairly good. It blew a perfect gale this afternoon - Am reading "Gorgeous Husey" by Adams.

Thursday, April 16.
The bees died in one of the hives, so dad brot in the honey - all the boys + Dad went to Fathers and Sons banquet at church - about 100 there. Sarah staid at Ruths, so Dorothy + I were alone for supper.

Friday, April 17.

Rodney extracted the honey this morning and Ruth + I baked quarts of beans and sold them for church - we looked at Miss Geers house but Ruth didnt like it so well - Lyle came home - went to see Melvin Nelson at Woodstock Hospital. I wrote a long letter to Mary - Phil said Elizabeth was at his office and she is pretty sure she will go to Rock Island as nurse in a Sash + Door Factory.

Saturday, April 18.

Ray went to city - is going to see if he can get work as a gardener or care taker.

Saturday, April 25.

Dad had to go to Wheeling so I rode along and stayed at Esthers - all are well and Carol Lou still knows me, she is so sweet. I had dinner there and we went to Bobs in after noon, stayed there for supper. Jean feels better, Bob has an awful cold - the children are O.K., they are having their yard fixed and planted some shrubbery - we got home about 7 P.M. Dorothy had done all the house work nicely. Sarah had field day at High School, so wasnt home - Joe came home and Shirley too. They all went to a dance at Recreation Bldg. that Georges club gave - Shirley went with Milton.

Sunday, April 26.

Shirley + Hazel had to be at work at seven so they drove Rays car back to Elgin in morning + then came home again in afternoon, they are both pretty tired, are working on the floor now and have 3 classes - Sarah baked pies + I fixed vegetables + lamb roast - then we all went to church - Ray Stevenson brot his father and mother + grandpa Taylor to Phils today - grandpa Taylor went right to bed, the trip was pretty much for him - he fell sick before he left home. Blanche and Loren came too, so Ruth had a big dinner to get.

Monday, April 27.

It was Rainy this morning so didnt try to wash.

Tuesday, April 28.

Washed and went to Womans Club at Mrs Hulings - Mr Huling talked - an interesting meeting. Mrs Keldar went with me. It rained a little and was warm in afternoon. Have had very little warm weather. Went to Open House at High School - over a thousand people there and it lasted until eleven o'clock. A very good program but awfully long. Dorothy was in a play, it took the place of the regular PTA meeting.

Wednesday, April 29.

Elizabeth came home this morning, she is going to Rock Island tomorrow morning to be an industrial nurse in Sash + Door Factory, it is a new set up, and she is to organize it. She will get \$125 a month and will have to do some clerical work too. She made herself a rust colored suit and bot a nice coat, she looks real nice - Ruth called here in afternoon. Geo went to a Standard Oil banquet in Rockford - Martha went with him to visit her friend. Ray took Eliz, Sarah + Doro to Elgin to see Shirley - She is OK. Philip took care of children across the street. Alice + her husband called here to see *if any* of the girls wanted to work there this summer.

Thursday, April 30.

Its Dorothys birthday - Elizabeth gave her a nice sweater - I made her a cake and gave her a dollar. I hoed in the flower beds a while - tulips have buds and every thing looks pretty - had a little rain Mon + Tues and every thing grew

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after that. Dad planted some sweet corn today. Philip ditched school today with Mason + Etling. I couldnt believe it, I havent said much to him, he said he was tired of school - he came home about 4.

no further entries till Christmas

Christmas 1936 -

Everyone home - Grandpa Taylor with us, which made 30. Had a wonderful day. Phil arranged a clever program and Rod was Santa. Ray was refreshment chairman, so we had ice cream + cake. Everyone helped bring the dinner. The family gave Dad a nice overcoat + I got a lovely print dress. Eliz gave me such a nice leather bag. John Taylor + Jimmie Mills enjoyed their first Xmas. Jean gave me an afgan she made, I shall enjoy it so much. Boys gave us a electric coffee drip. Shirley Mills + Marjorie R. stayed for the vacation. Mary came home Dec 20, Rod + Lyle 18 - Joe the 24, Eliz Xmas eve. It was grand to have them all home.

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Thurs. Jan. 1.

Just our family home for New Years. Miss Wallace had a stroke Mon nite and am going there every morning - started yesterday - she is perfectly helpless. Am to stay there all the time beginning next Monday - was at Miss Bennetts Tues. and Wed. She has the flu and Miss Grove, lumbago - Was at Horns every day for a month - to bath + get her in wheel chair.

Saturday, Jan. 3 - 37.

Mary left this afternoon, went back on train - this is her last year - start practise teaching the first of Feb.

Sunday, Jan. 4.

George took Joe + Rod back to DeKalb, he had a car full - S. Walkup + W. Lorimer went with them and Martha rode along - her folks left for California to nite, so they hurried back to see them off - Boys took all the eats they could - Lorimer is with them now.

Mon. Jan. 5.

Dorothy + Philip back to school. I went to Miss W. at 7:45 - she is about same, needs a good deal of care and lots of washing to do - Lyle left early this morning - went back on bus - (he is at Michigan State - E. Lansing). (I am so sorry I quit writing in this diary - so many things have happened - I'll try this year to keep it up).

Tues. Jan. 6.

Sarah got letter from Eliz - her room mate left + she wants Sarah to come and do some sewing for her - So Sarah + Dad washed and she plans to leave Friday - Went to first of series of Literary Club - Mrs. Philips of Woodstock reviewed "Man the Unknown", "Live alone + like it" and Gone with the Wind". Phil bot "Gone with the Wind" and every one is reading it - thats the most talked of book this year. Sarah, Dad + Philip went to a B.B. game.

Sun. Jan. 11.

Shirley came home, said Herman Koppen died this morning.

Tues. Jan. 13.

Called at Heislars to see Betty Koppen.

Sun. Jan. 24.

Went to church - Geo. got Shirley - roads are still icy - Sarah, Doro + Shirley went to show in afternoon - Philip spent afternoon + evening with Freddie. Dad, Geo + I popped corn + read - Geo took Shirley back and drove to Hebron to get Martha.

Monday, Jan. 25.

Sarah went to work at Telephone Co. this morning - Miss Wallace pretty sick - invited to a luncheon + shower for Crystal Scoville, Fri.

Tues. Jan. 26, 1937.

Shirley's birthday, had Mrs Miller take her a cake + D. Alford took it to her, gave her \$5 - Ruth went to club meeting at Mrs Dolles - bot C.S. a bridge cloth + napkins - am piecing a quilt - want to make two for Sarah + Dorothy for their twin beds - Dad + I spent evening with Mrs Kellogg. She was planning to go to Florida but roads and bridges are closed on account of floods along Ohio - river is rising every day.

Wed. Jan. 27, 1937.

Miss Wallace better - pretty busy today - Geo, Martha and Doro + Phil all went B.B. tournament at H.S. - got a card from Lyle.

no further entries

(Letter from Irene and Preston Rockenbach)

Los Angeles, Calif., June 17, 1929.

To all who are gathered together for the first Reunion of the Rockenbach family, at Renard Park, Lake Zurich, Illinois,

We send you greetings from the shores of the blue Pacific, in far-away California.

How much we would like to be with you today, and look into your faces, instead of sending a written message. The Rockenbach family tree has sent forth many branches, and has become a good sized plant by this time, but let us hope that there never will be anything "shady" about this tree.

Because we are descended from pioneer stock, some of us have followed the example of our forefathers and foremothers, who traveled West to a far country, a hundred years ago. But always Illinois is home, sweet home.

We hope you are having fine weather, with sunny skies overhead, like those above us here, and that you are having a happy day, boating, bathing and swimming. We can see the groups of people in Renard Park, and the(we) hear the stories that are being retold, and the reminiscences. But don't eat too much, - remember the Rockenbach's have always been a temperate people! It must be a wonderfully inspiring occasion, to see assembled together for the first time so many of the same family. You may be sure we are thinking of you today, and that we are with you in spirit, if not in person.

God bless you, dear folks, old and young, big and little, at this reunion time, and may the future bring to the state and nation, through the Rockenbach's, a blessing and an uplift, that comes from good, true, honest and worthy living.

From two of the clan,

(signed) Irene Rockenbach
Preston Rockenbach

Sam Rockenbach, 90,
Recalls First 'Long' Day At School.
(from the Deerfield Review 9,19,63)

It was a beautiful day when Sam Rockenbach went off to school for the first time. Eighty-six years ago, even the four-year-olds were expected to stay all day in school. After the freedom of summer, confinement at a desk made the day a lifetime.

When he finally got home, he looked all around the house. It seemed like years since he had seen it, instead of a day. He turned to his mother in amazement. "Well", he said, "I see you still have the same old dog."

Sam was born on the Rockenbach's Sanders Road farm 90 years ago last Saturday, and went to Tripp School on Milwaukee Avenue. The area around here was so sparsely settled that he was taught to address envelopes using the meridian lines.

Wild pigs roamed in the woods around Sanders Road and the children were forbidden to go near, for the pigs were mean. But Sam was busy shooting rabbits for hasenpfeffer and pigeons for pigeon pie, and collecting arrowheads, which are now in the Lake County Museum.

Sam was a hot-shot pitcher on the local baseball team. He gets a chuckle from recalling that his home at 1022 Springfield Avenue, was built in the center field of the old baseball diamond. Sam liked many of the old Pittsburgh Pirates players, but his favorite team now is the Cubs.

After his father, George Rockenbach, moved to the Deerfield farm home at Central and Elm, Sam took a job as telegraph operator at the depot, which was just across the tracks where the lumber yard is now.

When the brickyards opened, offering better wages, Sam went there to work. When he retired, after 50 years, Sam was in charge of the machine shop.

In 1914 Sam married Emma Rose White, a widow with two children, Ben and Will. And in 1921 they moved into their home on Springfield Avenue. Sam has lived alone for five years now. He does his own cooking and laundry and keeps the house very neat, although, he says, no one can keep a house like a woman.

"There's one thing," Sam says, "I'd like to remind the town of. The first two teachers here were Jesse Wilmot and Minnie Cadwell. The town hasn't named anything after Minnie Cadwell - not a school, not a street, not a corner, not even a mudhole. Would be nice if they would."

Talking with Sam Rockenbach was so fascinating that the standard reporter question of 'to what do you attribute your longevity?' was never asked. Somehow it didn't seem important.

DIARY OF
ELIZABETH MAE (CATLOW) ROCKENBACH

64-17
*courtesy of
Ray Rockenbach*
*some punctuation
added for clarity*

1941

Wed. Jan. 1, 1941.

A windy rainy day - rained all day + nite - Mrs. Edwards + I poured for Mrs. Dolle's open house, it was her 75th birthday - and New Years - a great many guests - a nice affair. Shirley and Roy were home - plans for wedding.

Thur. Jan. 2.

Got ready for wedding - pop collected table, chairs, dishes. Mary Lou + Joe came home - they bôt dishes for S. present. Mary Lou made a cake - Ruth made two - Mrs. Woodbury sent a cake - Esther made wedding cake - Sarah a cake.

Fri. Jan. 3.

Shirley + Roy were married at home 8 P.M. 43 guests. A stormy nite when they left at 10 P.M.

Sat. Jan. 4.

Cold - 2 above 0. Mary Lou + Joe left for DeKalb - returned borrowed property - rec'd letter from Barbara - Elma H., Dorothy Vandever.

Sun. Jan 5.

2 above 0. Went to DeKalb to Kientz for dinner, nice sunny day - Roy + Shirley home to get their wedding presents.

Mon. Jan. 6.

We done a big washing - Sarah came home P.M. Mary took her home - girls went skating - Dad went to Trustees Meeting in eve and I went Deacon's M. at Woodburys - took moving pictures of the group.

Wed. Jan. 8.

Cloudy. Went to Book Review - "The Family" by Fordorova at church - Mrs. Philips gave review. Dad took care of Susan + John. Rec'd a card for Mary Lou.

Thur. Jan. 9.

Cloudy - not so cold. Baked - ironed - sent a loaf to Kings + to Sarah.

Fri. Jan. 10.

Sun shone - Dad made wood for S. Lanphear - went to Woodstock in P.M. bôt wall paper + stayed to dinner with Sarah + Melvin - got letter from Dorothy - wrote to Dorothy - Mrs. Cook - Geo + Elma - Philip came home from Joliet.

Sat. Jan. 11.

Nice day - sun shone - Went to Barrington with Dad in morning - visited Ruth Whitcomb - called on Helen Catlow and Alice Lageschult - Ruth Brasel.

Sun. Jan. 12.

Went to depot to see Orman + May - they went to Mayo's to see if Orman can get help - went to church in P.M. Virginia called, Ray is in Davenport. Roy + Shir - Geo + M. - Rod + Lil - Esther + Lewis + family all came home in eve - Nellie Rose + Ardith here to supper - a grand day - Virge brot wedding pictures, very good.

Mon. Jan 13.

Prepared to serve at Woman's C. Started to paper south room upstairs - in eveing Sarah + Melvin came home. Carl + Ruth Brasel + John B. called. Got letter from Frank Miller.

Tues. Jan. 14.

Served at W's Club. Didn't get much of meeting. ?Alana Kirchberg helped - Ralph Boyle came for family photo - wants to put it in C.L. Herald. Snowing - 26 above.

Wed. Jan. 15.

Dad varnished room - Philip came home from Joliet - he played B.B. - went to annual Church Meeting - Mary was home with sore throat - Mrs. Dolle took me to Marengo to see Mr. + Mrs. Scoville ill in a home there. I took a basket of fruit. Not very cold - rainy.

Thur. Jan. 16.

Prepared part of room.

Fri. Jan. 17.

Finished papering + varnished floor - papered attic hallway - Mary went back to school - Jean took her mother to St. Therese hospital today. Snowed all day.

Sat. Jan. 18.

Colder - 10 above - Philip went to Waukegan for his trailer - Sarah came home in afternoon, went skating. Melvin came for her in evening - we played bridge. Shirley Mills came from Elgin. Philip went to Northwestern B.B. game

Sun. Jan. 19.

Sunday - went to church - Rod + Lill were here in eve.

Mon. Jan. 20.

Dad + I done a big washing - in P.M. went to slides + lecture on Natches Miss - got a letter from Doro. A lovely sunny day.

Tues. Jan. 21.

Got letter from Eliz - Mrs. Spear - Mary Lou - May + Orman is still at clinic - wrote Mary Lou + Joe. Loraine Swabe + Nelle Rose Hazelton (teachers) were here to dinner - played bridge in eve.

Wed. Jan 22.

Stormy - rain then snow. Philip came home at noon - Martha telephoned that they took Bobby to hospital last nite - B. pneumonia. Got letter from Ray + Vir. - I wrote Mrs. Spear, Eliz, Ray + V, Shirley + Roy - also business letter for Dad - so didn't do much work. Wrote Lyle + Bar - Dorothy - and a note to Jeanette Starrett - her baby died this morning, card to Scovilles.

Thur. Jan. 23.

Wrapped + sent our photo to Elma + Geo.

Fri. Jan 24.

Took care of Susan + Johnnie - Ruth went to Home B. meeting - Susan is so cute and she loves her grand pa - Ruth caned a chair for Sarah - The Taylors went to Sarahs for dinner + Virginia stayed for week end with them.

Sat. Jan. 25.

Elizabeth came home in evening, Martha + Geo came in eve too, said Bobby was much better. Virginia + her mother here in P.M. Ray worked in Davenport.

Sun. Jan 26.

Went to church Sun. Mary took Phil's S.S. class - they went to Glenn Ellyn + it snowed so hard they stayed over - snowed hard all day - Shirley + Roy, Melvin + S., Esther + family, they went tobogganing in afternoon - Ruth + family were here to supper - Eliz went home at 8 P.M.

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Mon. Jan. 27.

A big washing - went to Johanna Keldars for afternoon - called on Gustofson's in eveing - Got a letter from Elma + Geo - Mary is planning a toboggan party tomorrow nite - there is lots of snow.

Tues. Jan 28.

Nice day - air is frosty - Went to Woman's Club. Served for Red C. at Mrs. Dolle's - Got letter from Dorothy. Geo + Martha came eveing. 25 came here after tobogganing for lunch + cards - Böt 2 cemetery lots between C.L. and Woodstock - \$200.

Wed. Jan 29.

12 above - trees are frosty. Bob called - Jean is sick + they are bringing Bobby home from hospital, wants me to come for a few days, so Dad will take me over this P.M. Wrote Dorothy this A.M.

Sun. Mar. 23.

Eliz + Dorothy came home in A.M. Shirl + Roy here for dinner. Mills' + Harry Brazel came for supper.

Mon. Mar. 24.

Eliz went back this A.M. Cleaned for reading club. Mary bowled - Dorothy went to Ruth's.

Tues. Mar. 25.

Big washing. Went to Woman's Club. Eliz + Frank drove out. F. going South for health - leaving car here. E - F + D. went to Sarah's in P.M. Dorothy going to "Dor" "Carpenter" for supper. Mary had bridge club. Loraine Schawbe's announcement party. George + Ruth Whitcomb + boys + Olive dropped in.

Wed. Mar. 26.

Sarah came early. Melvin + Ed here for lunch. S + D cut out dress. D. baked bread. Went to Claude Miller's for dessert lunch. Shirley + Roy came. Eva + Sarah + Mary + Dor went to potluck at Church + gym later - Frolicateers.

Thur. Mar. 27.

Ruth + Susan + Dor + I went the round today. Started at 9 - Viola - Esther's for lunch + Grayslake + home by 6. Dad took Frank's car to garage + he + Johnny came home with us. Esther is remodelling kitchen. Grandma Ewing is home.

Fri. Mar. 28.

Dorothy cleaned + baked - met Harvey in Woodstock - she was so excited.

Sat. Mar. 29.

Mary + Doro + Harvey went on 1st picnic of the year with Taylors to Walkup woods - It was pretty cold + windy - D. + H. took car in P.M. went to H.P. + out to dinner - Philip spent week end with Joe + Mary Lou in Roodhouse. Mary + I went to Oak P. to a tea at L. Swabe's home - very nice affair.

Sun. Mar. 30.

We all went church in morning. Doro + H. took train to city + bus back to M.S.C. Shirley M. came here. Mary + Eva took her home at nite.

Tues. Apr. 1.

A lovely day - Dad + I drove to Deerfield - Election - Irene was reelected town clerk, big majority - they were both so excited about it all. Viola is fine after her operation for gall stones - we went to Geo + M's for supper, then I went to Dr. Anderson's to see about my leg which has bothered me all winter - am to put hot dressing on + stay off my feet for a while - he put a pressure dressing on it.

Fri. Apr. 4.
Philip came home.

Sat. Apr. 5.
My leg no better, called Dr. - am to go to bed + have hot dressing and leeches - Shirley R. called, said she will bring home a cradle to keep dressings hot.

The remainder of diary is being kept by someone other than Elizabeth

Sat. Oct. 11.
Drove to DeKalb to meet Marjorie who came home with Joe + Mary Lou from McMurray College and Roodhouse - Marj. so excited about school. Likes it very much.

Sun. Oct. 12.
Mom + Pop went to Kientz for dinner. Mary Lou, J. + M. went back at 3:30.

Mon. Oct. 13.
Mom went Elgin with Mrs. Rigby. Got Philip's mocassins. Sarah + Melvin's anniversary.

Tues. Oct. 14.
Mom went to first Woman's Club meeting of the season. At evening to meeting at Church - officers meeting. Mary + Lor. Schwabe went to Y. People's at Palos Park.

Wed. Oct. 15.
Mom went Literary meeting in afternoon. Lor. Schwabe here for supper. Bridge club in evening.

Thur. Oct. 16.
Pop is making sign for Mr. Dolle's birthday. Similar to the Rockenbach sign we have. Men's Club at church at nite. Homecoming parade at 3:00. Snake dance + bon fire in evening. Coaches Skinner + Metcalf gave talks.

Fri. Oct. 17.
Mom + Pop went to Grayslake. Mom went to book review in Waukegan with Jean + Martha. I.E.A. meeting in Joliet all day. Pop + Mary went to homecoming game at high school. C.L. defeated Libertyville 9-6. Rained off + on all nite + during game.

Sat. Oct. 18.
Another rainy day. Pop put up Mr. Dolle's sign.

Sun. Oct. 19.
Mom + Pop went to Pot Luck at Barrington - Ruth Whitcomb's birthday. Took pictures at church for Centennial booklet. Mary went to M. + Sarah's for dinner. They are building fire place on new lot.

Wed. Oct. 22.
Phil came home from Hibbing. First time since Sept or before - Eliz came home also - good seeing them.

Thur. Oct. 23.
Sarah came home to do her ironing. Pop's birthday - so had family house-opening. Showed the movies. Everyone home but Ray + Virg; Lyle + Barb; + Joe + Mary Lou + Doug. Pop rec'd many nice gifts. Served coffee + cake.

Fri. Oct. 24.
Mr. Rigby had a stroke today. Quite bad.

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Sat. Oct. 25.

Went to Schwabe's in Oak Park for week-end. Hayrack party. Mr. Rigby died this morn.

Mon. Oct. 27.

Make-up class in Red Cross. Florence Cowan, Eva + I go. About 60 in class.

Tues. Oct. 28.

Had our first frost today - Had party for S. School class, 9 here. The "ghost" on front caught fire. Exciting time.

Wed. Oct. 29.

Church dinner. Pop carved the meat. Teachers party at Prickett's. Mrs. Rigby's mother's funeral.

Thur. Oct. 30.

Mom in bed.

Sun. Nov. 2.

Hazel, Austin, Robert + Marilyn over for supper. I went to bear + venison meal put on by Sportsman Club.

Mon. Nov. 3.

Sarah came home + did the washing. I took her back to Woodstock in evening.

Tues. Nov. 4.

Mom back in bed again - but feeling better. Frolicateers at Church in evening.

Wed. Nov. 5.

Red Cross class - worked on artificial resperation. Had lecture on snake bites.

Thur. Nov. 6.

Mom up.

Fri. Nov. 7.

Woke up to find it had snowed during the nite. Snowed during entire day. The Taylors in bed with the "flu".

No further entries

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Wednesday Evening, June 17th, 8 o'clock.

St. Paul Church, Burlington,

your presence at their Commencement Exercises at the

The Class of '96 of the Burlington High School requests

"To the Stars Through Difficulties."



PROGRAM

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|--|----------------------------|--|--|
| 1. March, - - - - - | MR. C. A. ALBERDING | 10. Essay, "Our Nation," | |
| 2. Prayer, - - - - - | REV. THEO. SUHR | | CORA A. PALMER. |
| 3. Quartet, "Old Black Joe," - - - - - | Foster | 11. Duet, "Good Bye, Good Bye, Ye Roses Fair," | Holmes |
| | F. E. LINES, J. C. PLAGGE, | | MISSES CARRIE KINGSLEY AND ANNA KRAHN. |
| | J. E. HEISE, FRED PLAGGE. | 12. *Honorary Essay with Valedictory, | |
| 4. *Honorary Essay with Salutatory, | | "The Thoughts of Men Have Widened | |
| "The Unseen Architect," | | with the Process of the Sun." | |
| | LIZZIE M. CATLOW. | | DELIA V. GLEASON. |
| 5. Essay, "Home," | | 13. Presentation of 8th Grade Diplomas, | |
| | ESTHER A. LAGESCHULTE. | | REV. T. E. REAM. |
| 6. Recitation, "Aylmer's Field," | | 14. Presentation of 10th Grade Diplomas, | |
| | MISS GENEVIEVE KITSON. | | MR. A. J. REDMOND. |
| 7. Solo, - - - - - | Selected | 15. Recitation, - - - - - | Selected |
| | DR. C. H. KENDALL. | | MISS GENEVIEVE KITSON. |
| 8. *Honorary Essay, "Success In Life," | | 16. Quartet, "The Old Chimney Corner," | Rieger |
| | MAUDE E. OSGOOD. | | F. E. LINES, J. C. PLAGGE, |
| 9. Solo, "I Heard a Song," - - - - - | Robson | | J. E. HEISE, FRED PLAGGE. |
| | MISS CARRIE KINGSLEY. | | |

*Equal honors. Valedictory and Salutatory assigned by lot.

Honorary Essay with
Salutatory by
Elizabeth M. Catlow.

Musem Archited.

Nearly throughout this broad land of ours, in (almost) nearly every village and city occur events, similar to that of ours tonight.

Thousands assemble and are welcomed to the closing exercises of another school year by another class.

The happy duty and privilege of that pleasant task, tonight in our own fair village has fallen to me. With great pleasure I extend greetings to you, and in behalf of the class of '16 I give you a hearty welcome to our exercises. The way may not be as good you have heard, but we trust that our efforts will merit some commendation from you and repay you for coming. We ask your charitable criticism, remembering that they are our own first public efforts, and our best endeavors.

On the ladder of knowledge we have not yet reached the round of oratory, we

human mind that can fathom the vastness of the universe!

The Almighty sustains ^{and} conducts the universe. It was He who separated the jarring elements; It was He who hung up the world in empty space; It is He who preserves them in their orbits and impels them in their course.

Indeed we cannot go to the other worlds to admire ^{and} wonder, but ^{we} must be content to stay on our own beautiful planet, and discover the beauties and wonders here, which are so copiously lavished upon ^{us} every hand; for instance, the caves, grottos, grand mountains, fertile valleys, dense forests, broad rivers ^{and} the peculiar mixtures of land and water. As we contemplate these beauties and wonders of nature, we are instinctively impelled to ask, who fashioned this green earth, with its wide expanses of fertile lands and its perpetual rolling waters? Who

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 has completed the Course of Study in the Common Branches required by Law for admission to
 any High School in the County, viz:

ORTHOGRAPHY, READING, WRITING, ARITHMETIC, ENGLISH GRAMMAR,
 GEOGRAPHY, PHYSIOLOGY, AND UNITED STATES HISTORY

Witness our Signatures:

Given at *Barrington, Ill.*, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois,
 this *Twenty-third* day of *June* A. D. 18*94*

J. E. Smith

Principal.

Orville T. Bright

County Superintendent of Schools.

F. E. Hawley

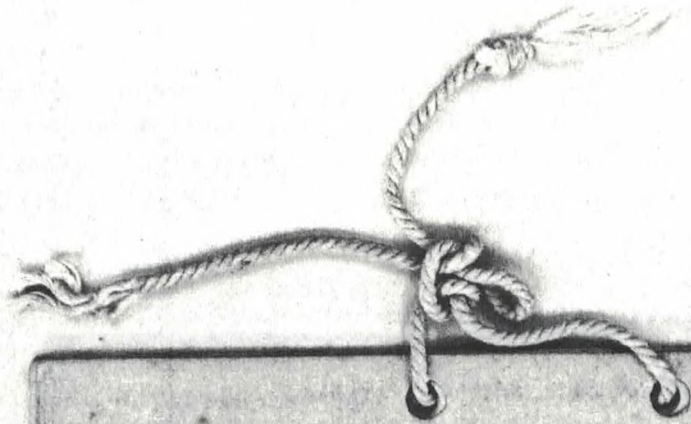
President Board of Directors.

District Superintendent.



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MARRIAGE **C**ERTIFICATE

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Herefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.—Matt. 19:6.



Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord.—Prov. 18:22.



Let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.—Eph. 5:33.



Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them, according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel and as being heirs together of the grace of life.—1 Pet. 3:7.



For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?—1 Cor. 7:16.

Adelaide Elmira Rockenbach

Gertrude Kitson.

Estella Catlow

Ethel Kitson.

George Prussia.

Lloyd Kitson.

Chester Catlow.

James H. Metzinger

Emma Catlow

John C. Catlow

Clara P. Catlow.

Joseph G. Catlow

Mary Marguerite Rockenbach Mar. 6, 1916
Rodney S. Rockenbach June 5, 1917
Sarah Louise Rockenbach Nov 30, 1918
Dorothy Lucille Rockenbach Apr 30, 1920
Philip John Rockenbach Apr 19, 1922

Im Namen des Herrn Amen

Anna Sophia

Irena Azalia ein Kind
von Georg Roggenbach und seiner Gattin
Sahra wurde geboren am 20^{ten} Jan 1883
zu N. Northfield im Amtsgau

HEILIGE TAUFE

am 13 Jan 1884 von Pastor J. F. Fockel

J. F. Fockel

Prediger.

Zeugen.

N. Northfield Jan. 1884

Wartet die Kindlein
zumir kommen.

chart 1

JOHANN GEORG
ROCKENBACH I

M.
?
PHILIP RIDLEY
RIEDLINGER
B. DEC. 18, 1788
D. APR. 18, 1859
M.
MARIA SALOME (SALLY)
B. 1791
D. JUN. 7, 1861

GEORGE ROCKENBACH II
B. MAR. 6, 1806
D. 1877
M.

SALOME RIEDLINGER
B. JAN. 7, 1812
D. JUL. 2, 1851

GEORGE ROCKENBACH III
B. FEB. 2, 1841
D. MAY 16, 1936

M. SEP. 3, 1864

ALMON ORSON ROCKENBACH
B. OCT. 23, 1871
D. JAN. 9, 1958

TO CHART 2

LAURENT OTT III
B. OCT. 24, 1807/08
D. FEB. 8, 1863

M. FEB. 1, 1831
BALDENHEIM, ALSACE

SARAH OTT
B. MAR. 17, 1839
D. AUG. 18, 1899

TO CHART 3

MARIA URSULA RIEG
B. MAY 18, 1811
D. SEP. 13, 1887

M. FEB. 14, 1899

EDWARD CATLOWE
M.
ANNE

JOHN EDWARD CATLOWE
B. DEC. 10, 1822
D. MAR. 2, 1905

M. MAR. 7, 1843
ELIZABETH KITSON
B. DEC. 7, 1823
D. APR. 2, 1897

JOSEPH GOODMAN CATLOW
B. MAY 6, 1853
D. DEC. 23, 1926

M. (1) NOV. 3, 1878
M. (2) JAN. 28, 1891

ELIZABETH MAE CATLOW
B. JUL. 1, 1879
D. JUN. 25, 1950

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- ESTHER BETZLE
- ROBERT GEORGE
- RUTH IRENE
- ELIZABETH MAY
- GEORGE IV
- JOSEPH ALMON
- SHIRLEY ANN
- RAYMOND
- LYLE JAMES
- MARY MARGUERITE
- RODNEY SWIFT
- SARAH LOUISE
- DOROTHY LUCILLE
- PHILIP JOHN

ROCKENBACH

FREDERICK TRIEBEL
B. 3.2.1825
+ 10.6.1894

M. MARY TRIEBEL
B. JAN. 15, 1853
D. MAR. 5, 1890
2. CLARISSA P. WHITNEY
B. MAR. 2, 1862
D. MAR. 14, 1925

M.
1st Anna Maria Layer
B. 8.8.1826
2nd WIFE + 22.2.1855
X 20.5.1841

* PROBABLY SPELLED GREENHALGH.

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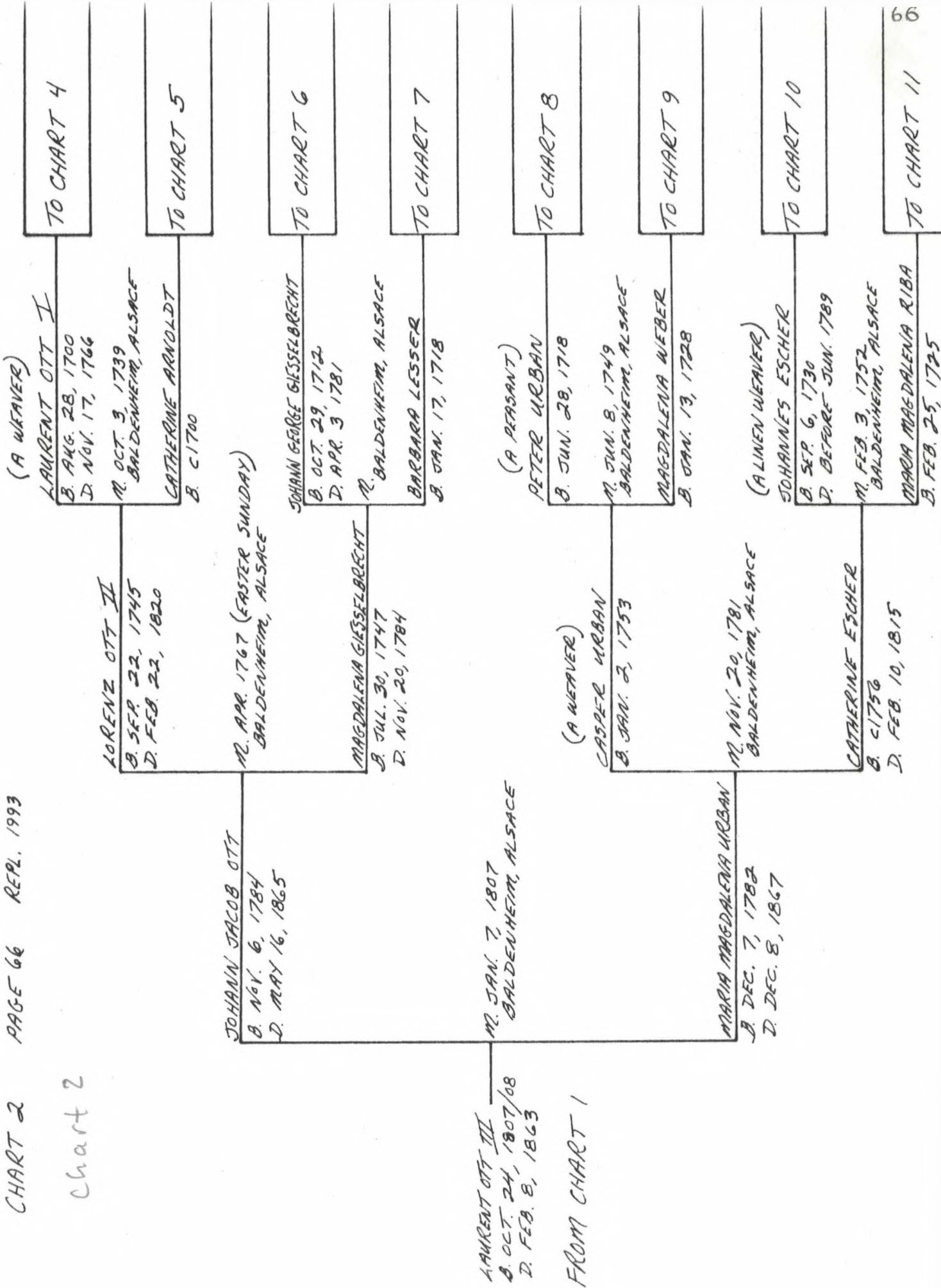


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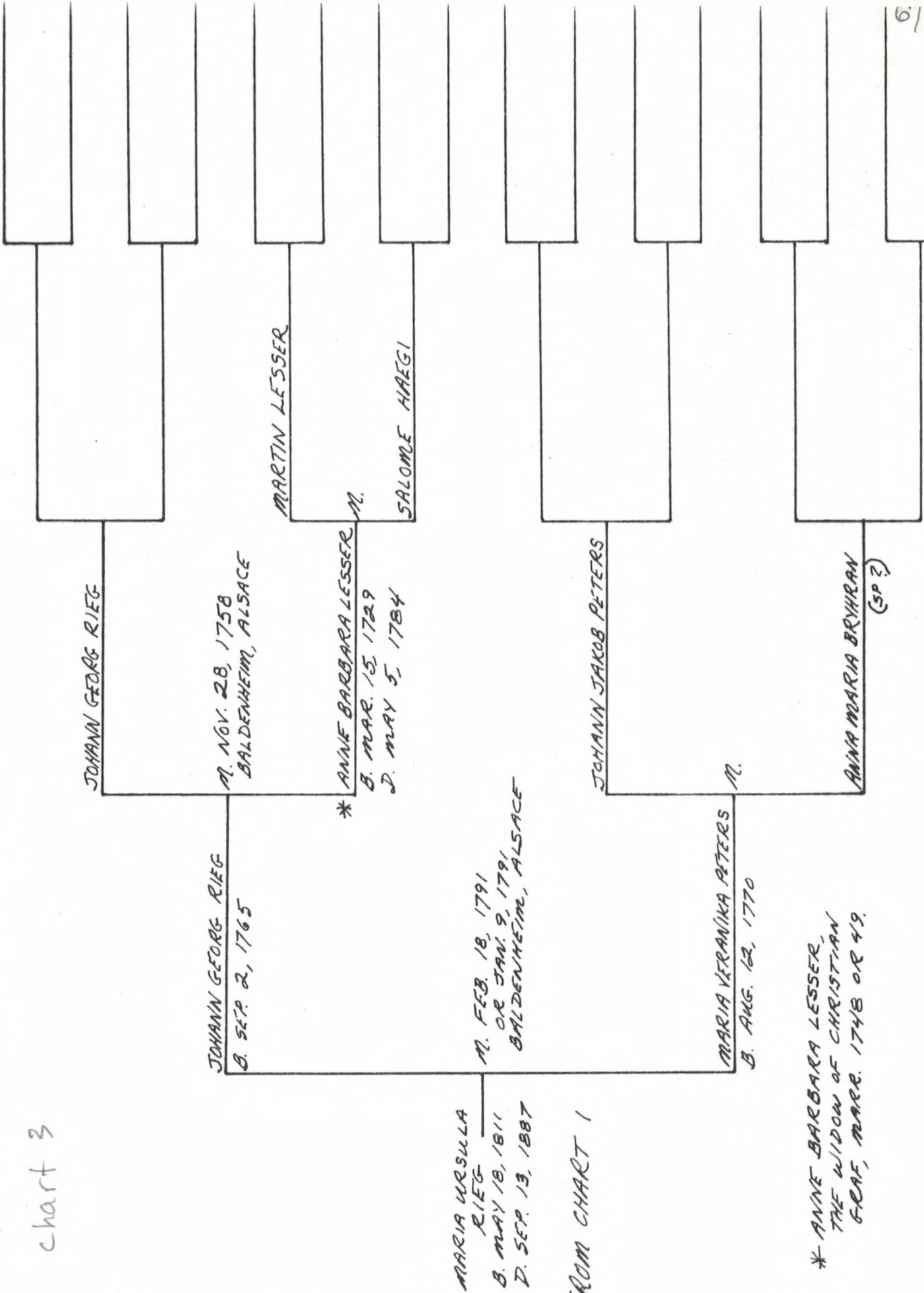


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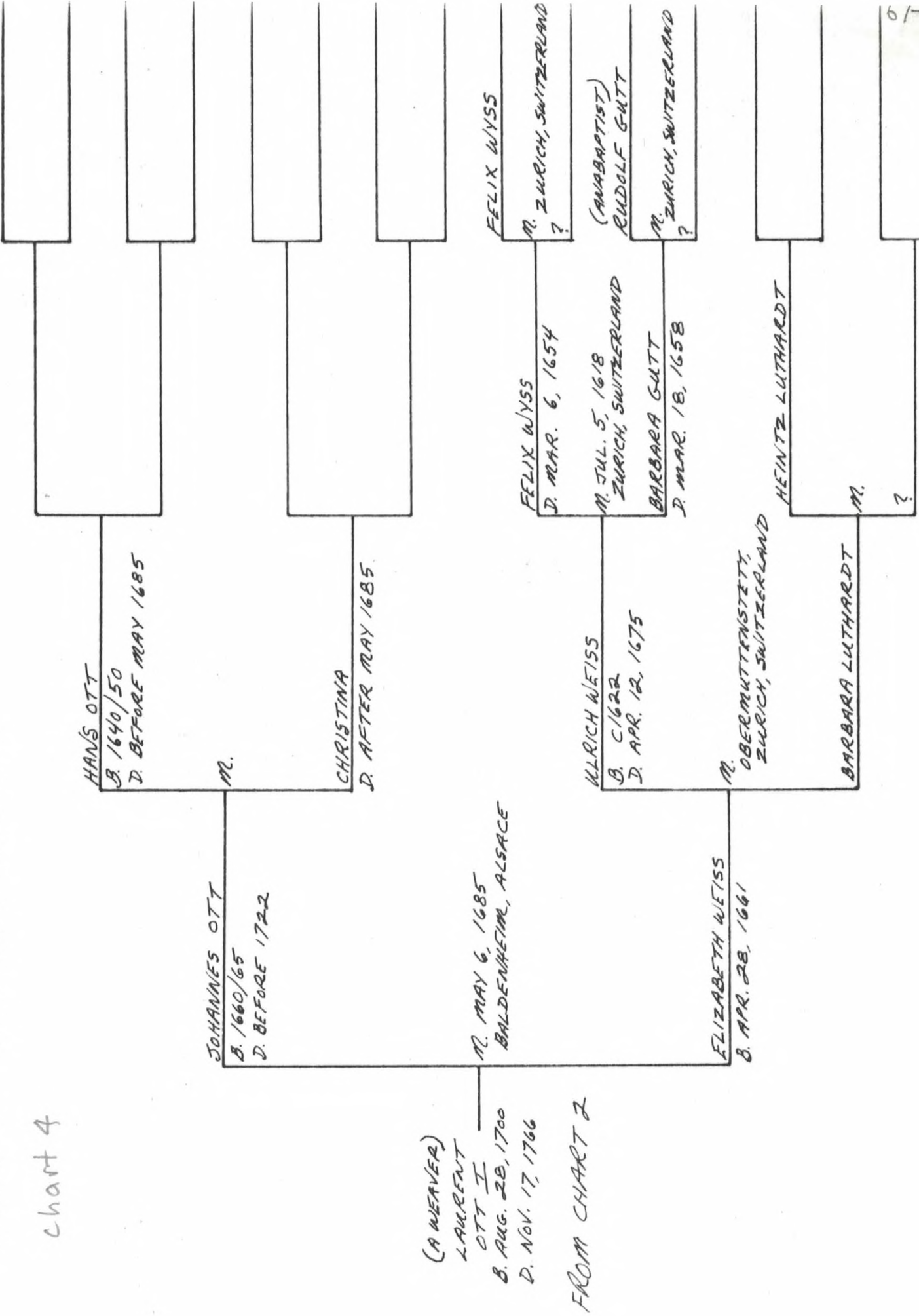


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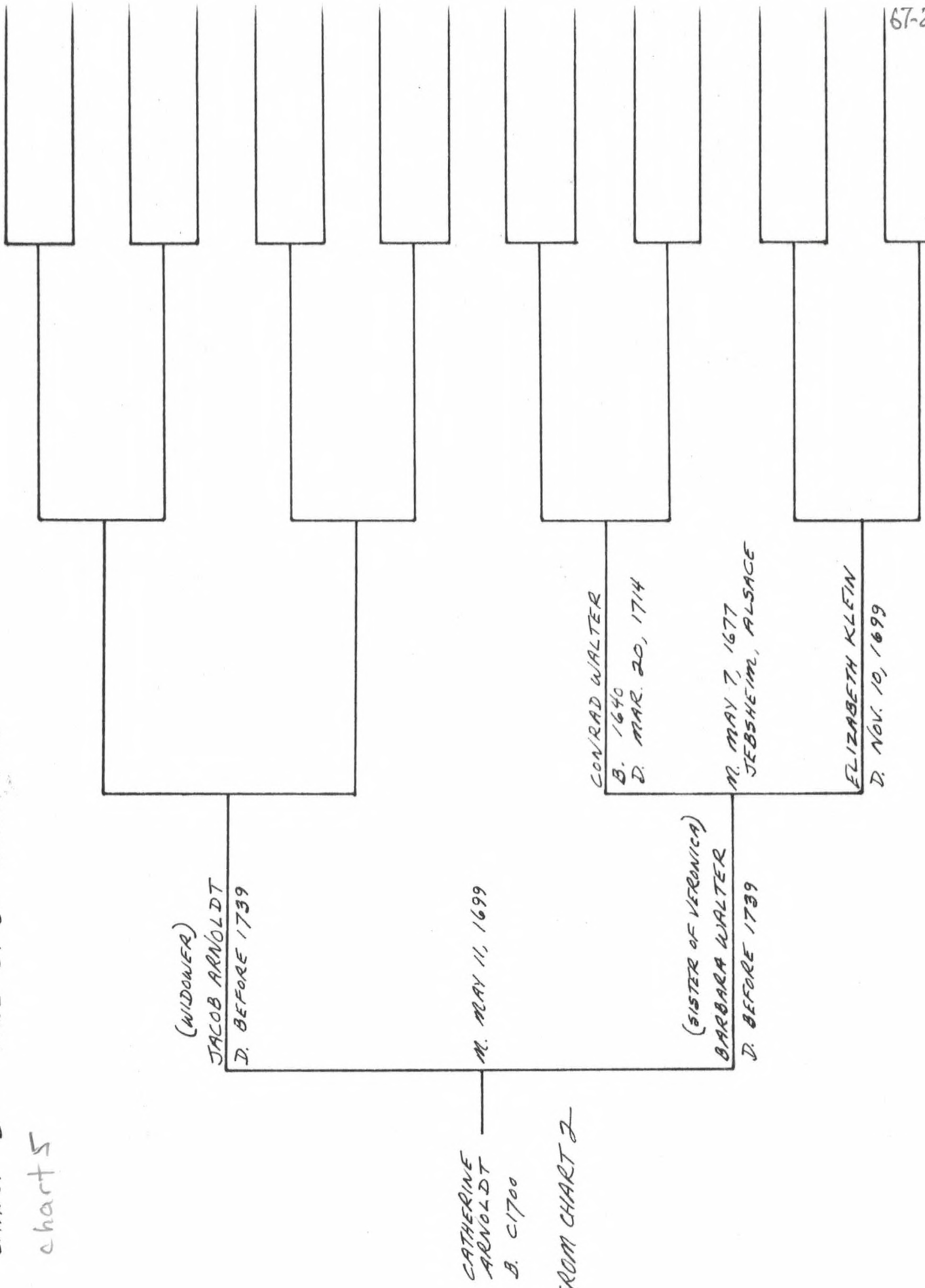


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X Chart 6

JOHANN JACOB GIESSELBRECHT
 B. AUG. 23, 1682
 D. SEP. 23, 1753

* JOHANN GEORGE GIESSELBRECHT
 B. 1656
 D. NOV. 17 1715

M. JUL. 12, 1675
 BALDENHEIM, ALSACE

MARIA MARGARETHA SCHMUTZ
 D. OCT. 22, 1692

JOHANN GIESSELBRECHT

M.

?

TO CHART 12

(LUTHERAN PASTOR)

CHRISTIAN SCHMUTZ
 B. SEP. 2, 1628
 D. FEB. 19, 1681

M. MAY 10, 1653
 STRASSBURG, ALSACE
 (1ST OF 3 WIVES)

MARIA MARGARETHA BURCKHARDT
 D. JUL. 17, 1666

JOHANN GEORGE
 GIESSELBRECHT
 B. OCT. 29, 1712
 D. APR. 3, 1781

M. MAY 8, 1707
 BALDENHEIM, ALSACE

FROM CHART 2

GREGORIUS GROPP
 B. C/1660

MARGARETHA GROBB
 B. C/1687

M. C 1680
 BALDENHEIM, ALSACE

* JOHANN GEORGE GIESSELBRECHT,
 (B. 1656) MARR. AGAIN ON JUL. 4,
 1700 TO ANNA MARIA BALTZINGER,
 DAU. OF CLAUS AND CHRISTINA.

(EXILED ANABAPTISTS)

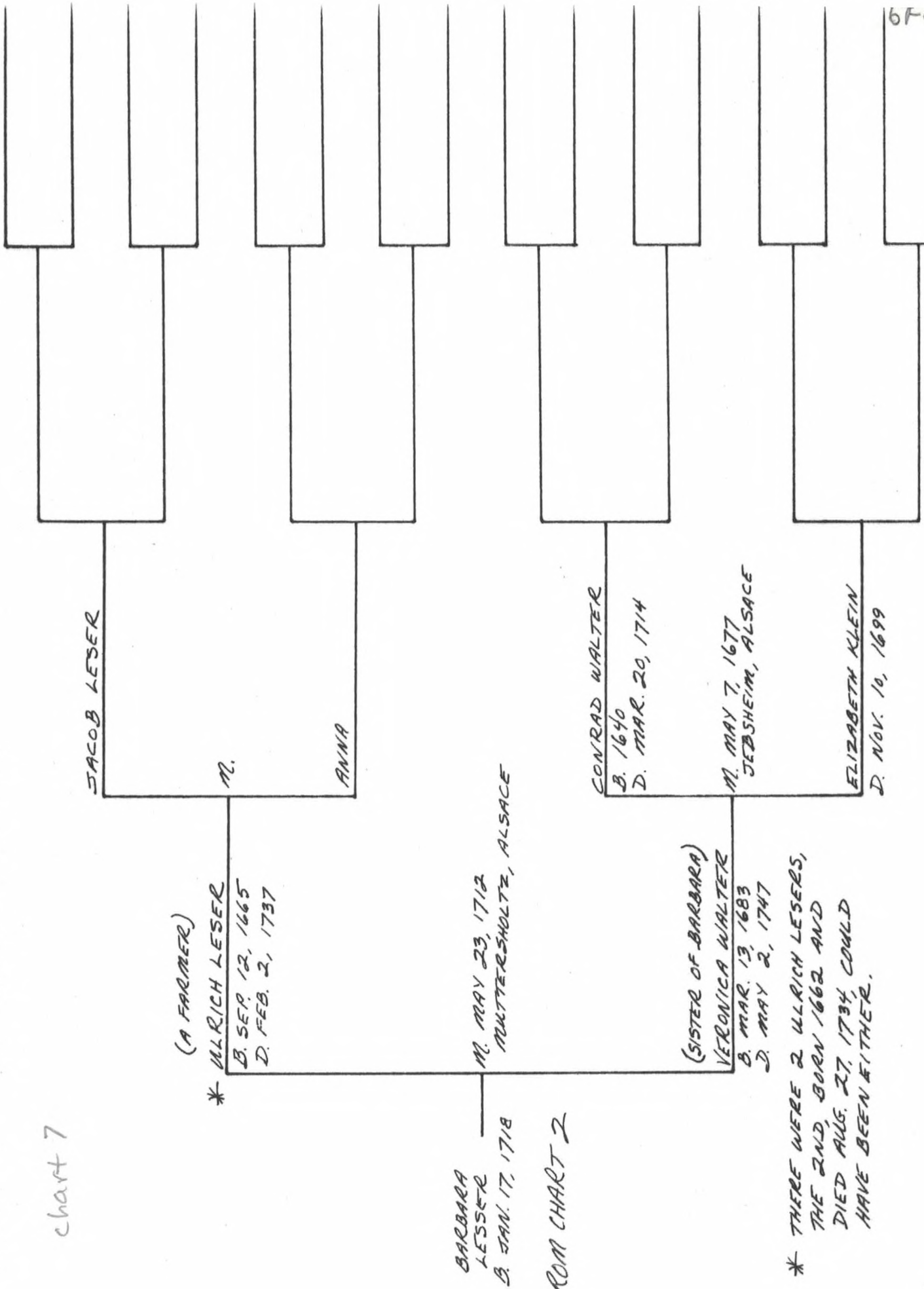
JACOB SCHNABELE
 B. C/1590
 D. 1660

M. C 1621
 SWITZERLAND

ANNA MELCHIOR
 B. C/1595 - D. C/1679

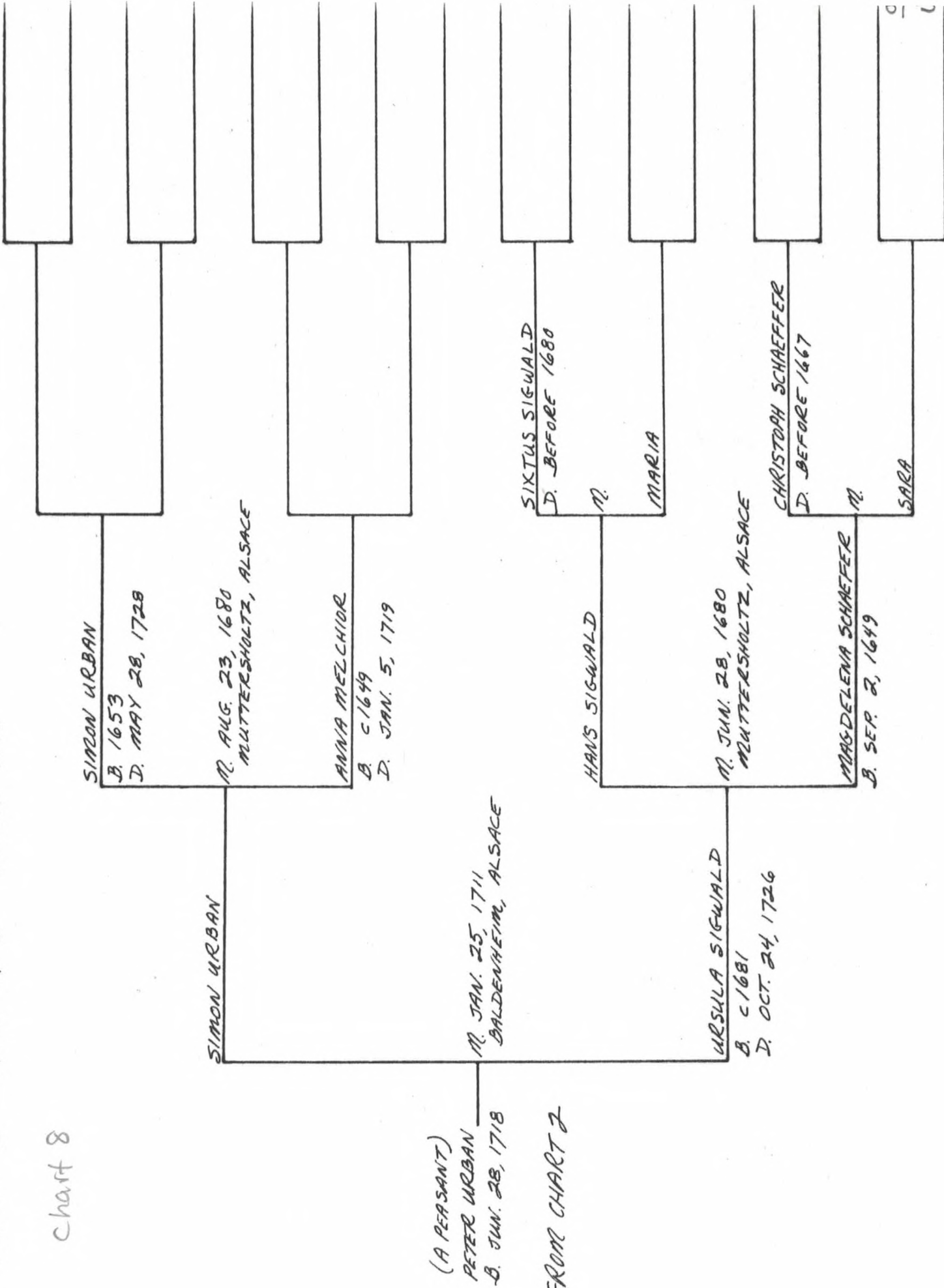
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* THERE WERE 2 ULRICH LESERS, THE 2ND, BORN 1662 AND DIED AUG. 27, 1734, COULD HAVE BEEN EITHER.

Chart 8



(A PEASANT)

PETER URBAN

B. JUN. 28, 1718

FROM CHART 2

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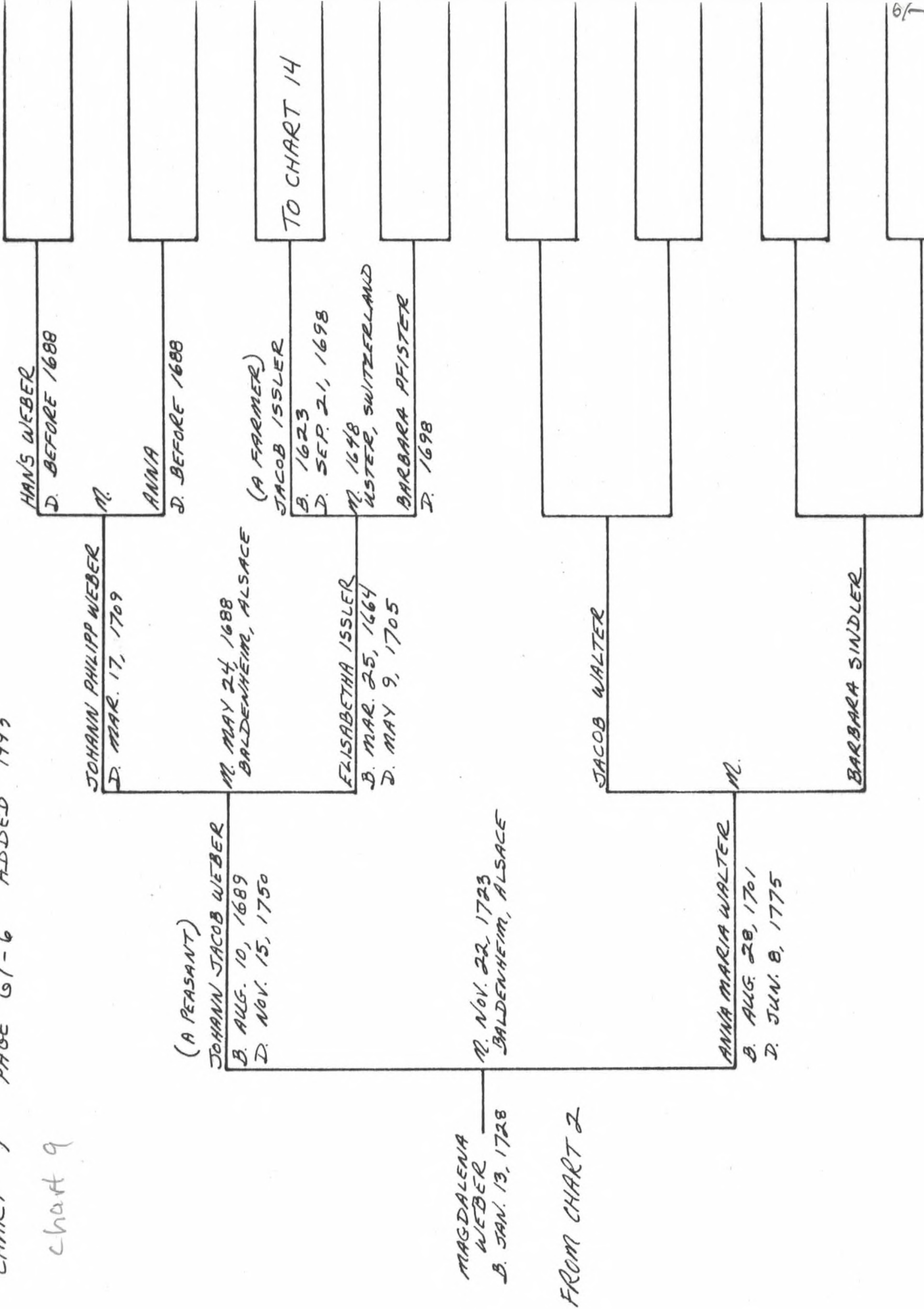


chart 10

(A WEAVER)
HANS ESCHER
B. JUN. 15, 1671
D. DEC. 20, 1742

(A CARTWRIGHT/LABOURER)
HANS ESCHER
D. NOV. 7, 1703

M.
?

(A WEAVER)
HANS ESCHER
B. JUN. 15, 1671
D. DEC. 20, 1742

M. NOV. 12, 1696
MUTTERSCHOLTZ, ALSACE

M. AUG. 29, 1670
BALDENHEIM, ALSACE

ANNA WEISSIN

HEINRICH WEISSIN
D. BEFORE 1670

M.
?

HANS ESCHER
B. APR. 28, 1705
D. NOV. 15, 1751

M. NOV. 12, 1696
MUTTERSCHOLTZ, ALSACE

ULRICH ZIMMERLIN

VERONICA ZIMMERLIN

B. JUL. 25, 1666
D. BEFORE 1713

M.

ANNA GASSER

LORENTZ GASSER

M.

MARGARETH

(A LINEN WEAVER)
JOHANNES
ESCHER
B. SEP. 6, 1730
D. BEFORE JUN. 1789

M. OCT. 25, 1729
BALDENHEIM, ALSACE

FROM CHART 2

MARTIN LAUFFENBURGER

ANNA MADELENA
LAUFFENBURGER
B. MAR. 1699
D. NOV. 30, 1752

M.
GERSTHEIM, ALSACE

BARBARA

B. 1658
D. SEP. 9, 1710
(NEITHER VERIFIED)

Chart 11

NICHOLAS RIBA
B. DEC. 1669/73
D. JUN. 21, 1737

MARIA MAGDALENA
RIBA
B. FEB. 25, 1735

M. DEC. 4, 1719
BOOFZHEIM, ALSACE

FROM CHART 2

(3RD WIFE)
CATHERINA STAHL
B. MAR. 11, 1695
D. NOV. 25, 1790

HANS STAHL
B. C 1670
D. DEC. 18, 1733

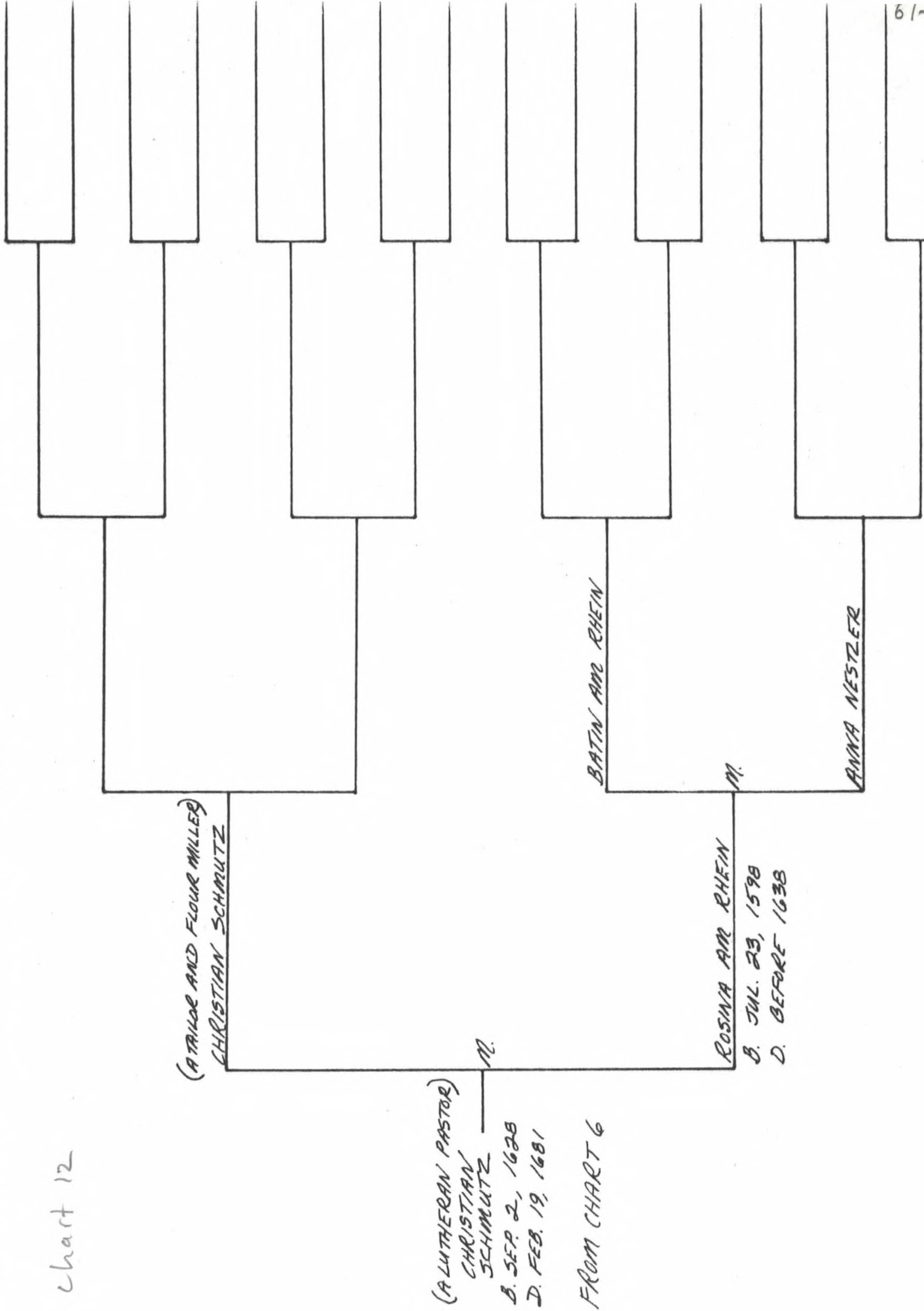
M. SEP. 21, 1693
BOOFZHEIM, ALSACE

ANNA MARIA BLAHI
B. C 1674
D. OCT. 14, 1714

(A TAILOR AND WARDEN)
MICHEL BLEHLI

M.
EVA

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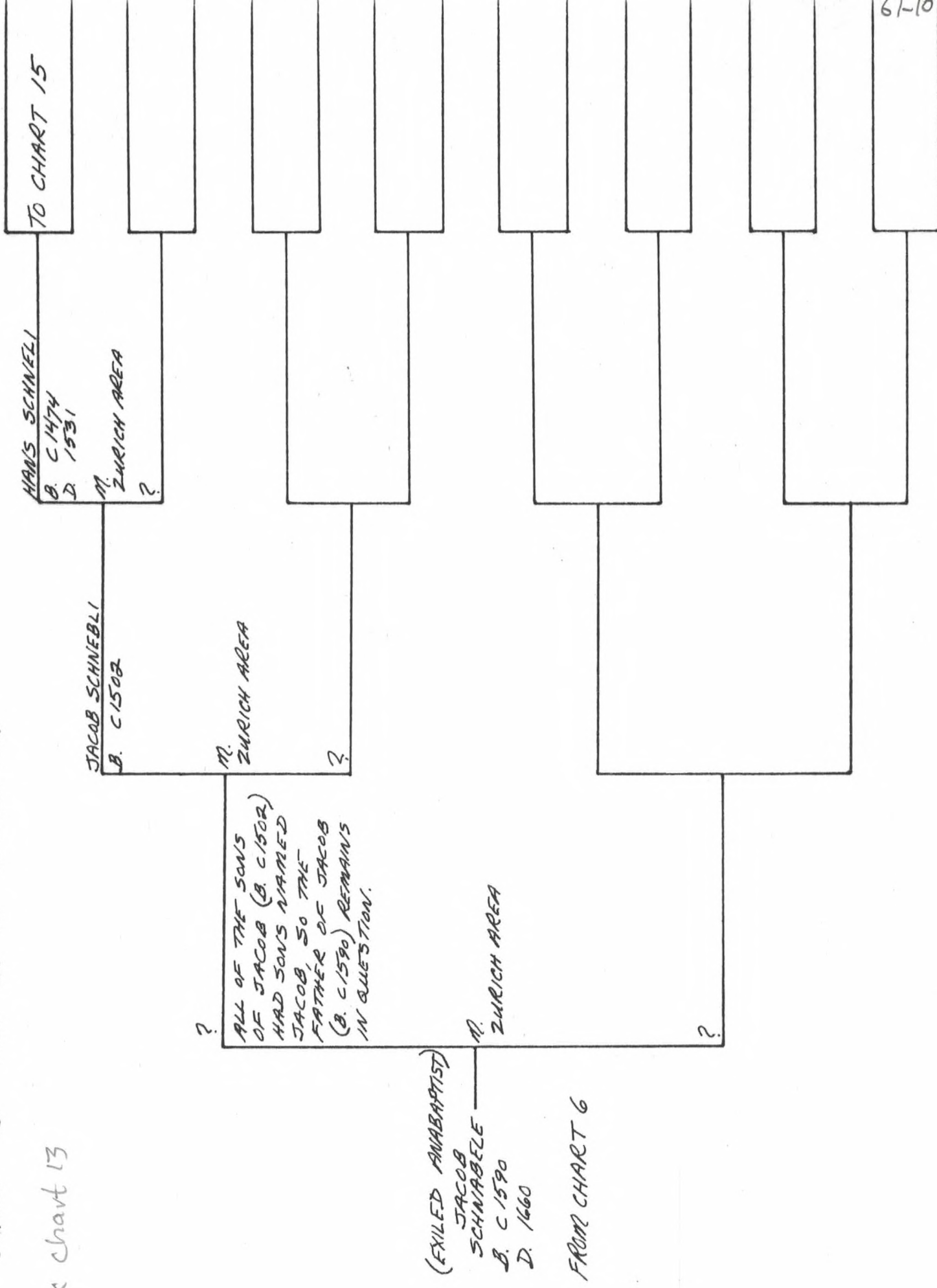
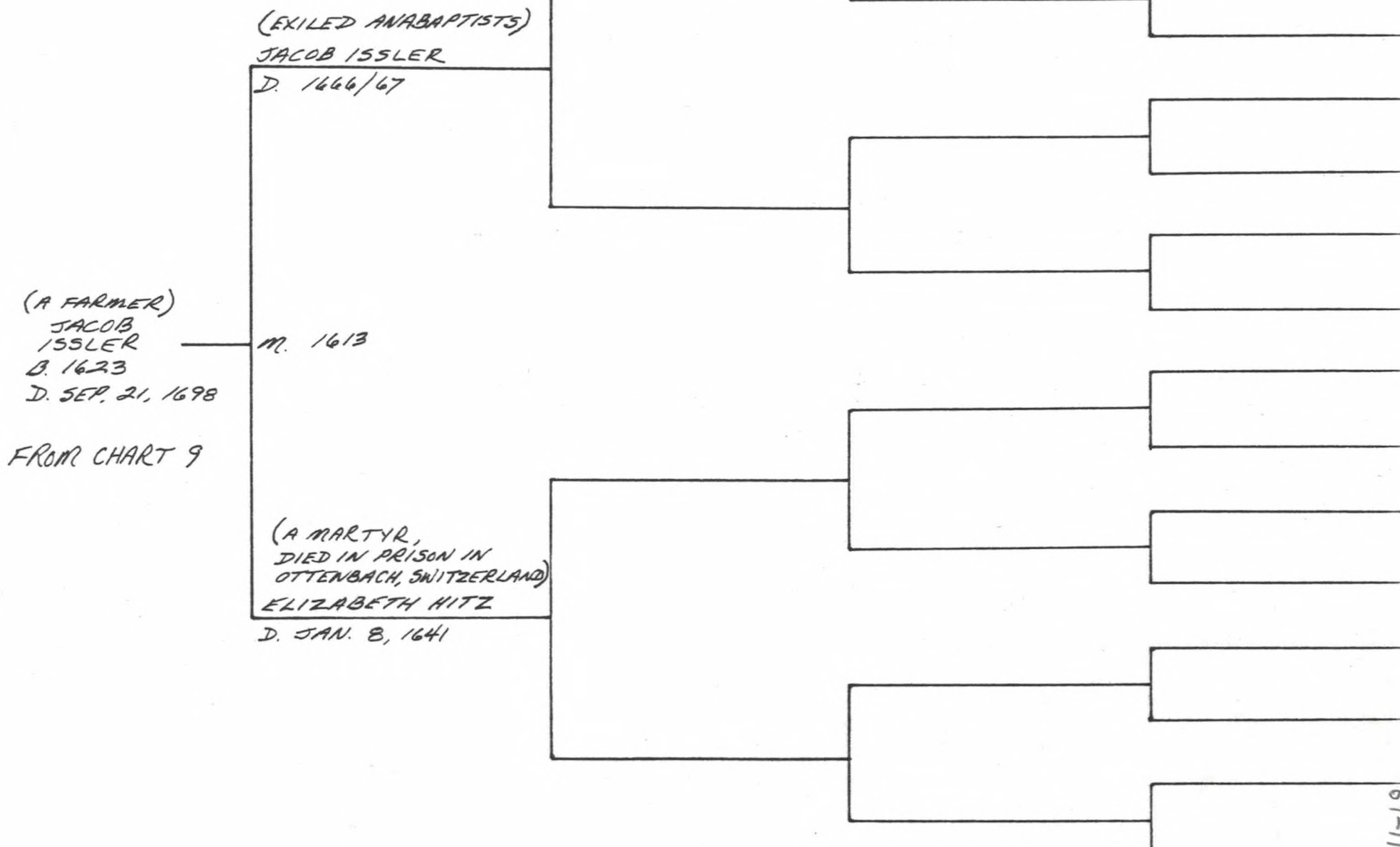
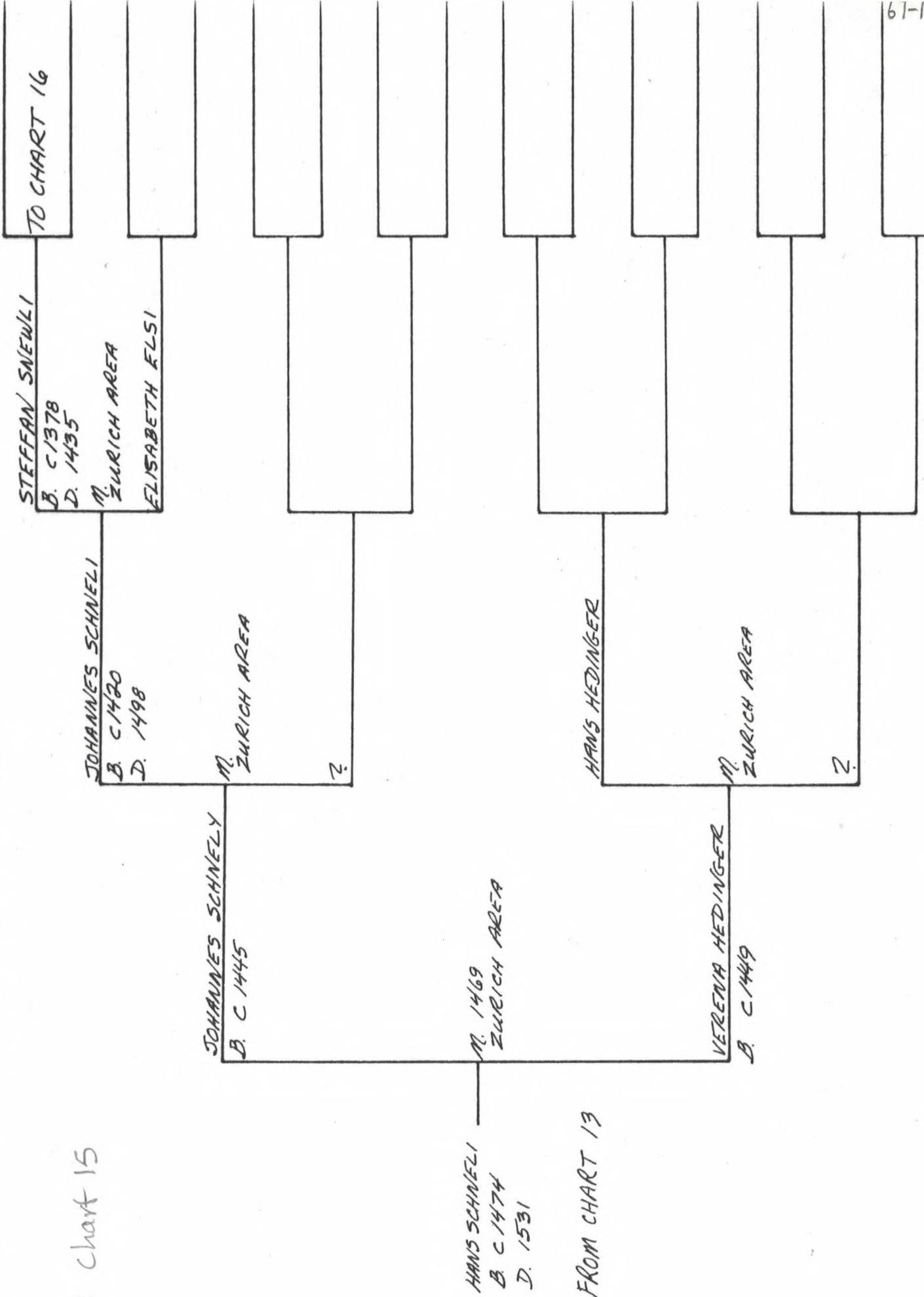


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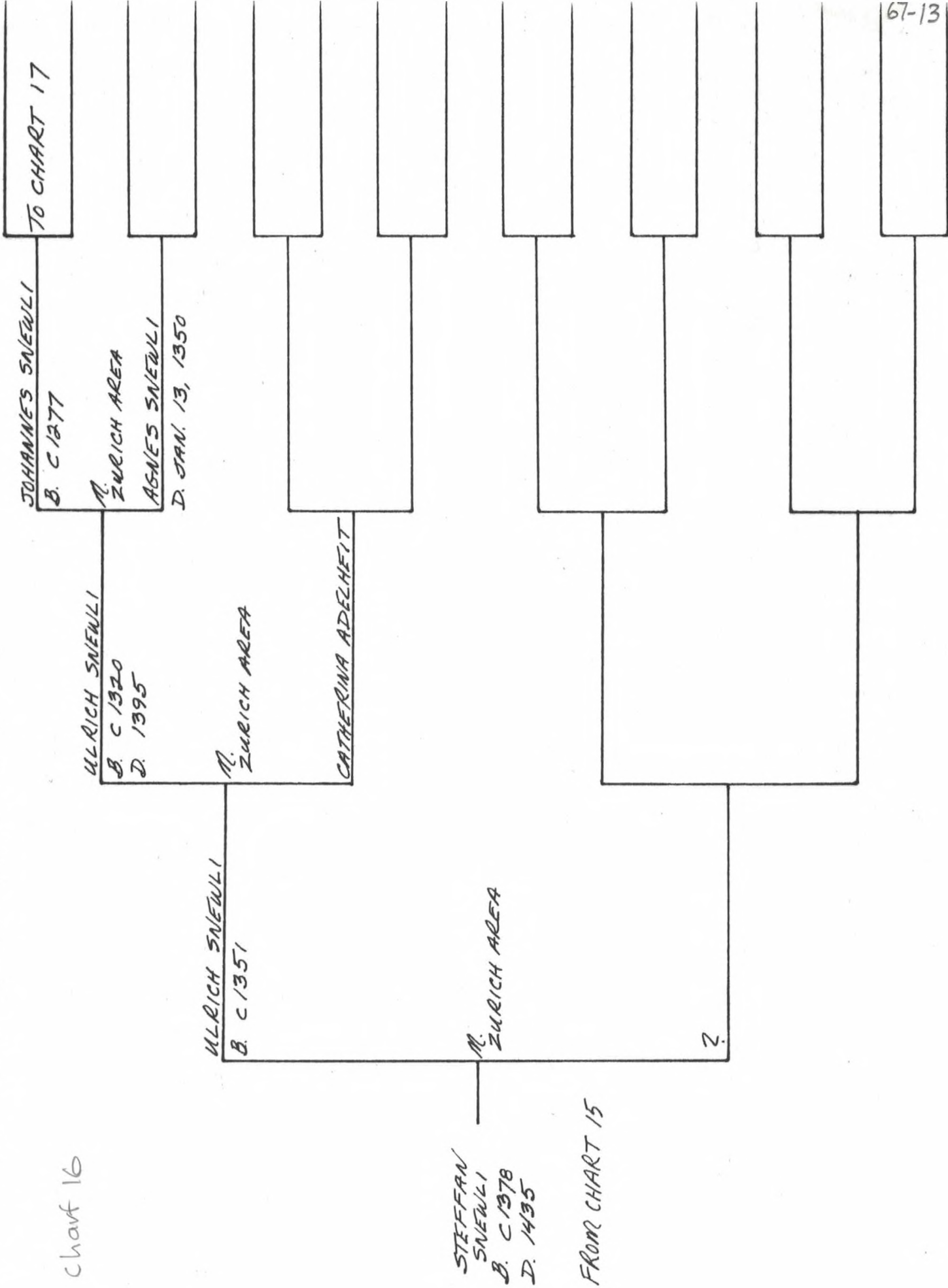
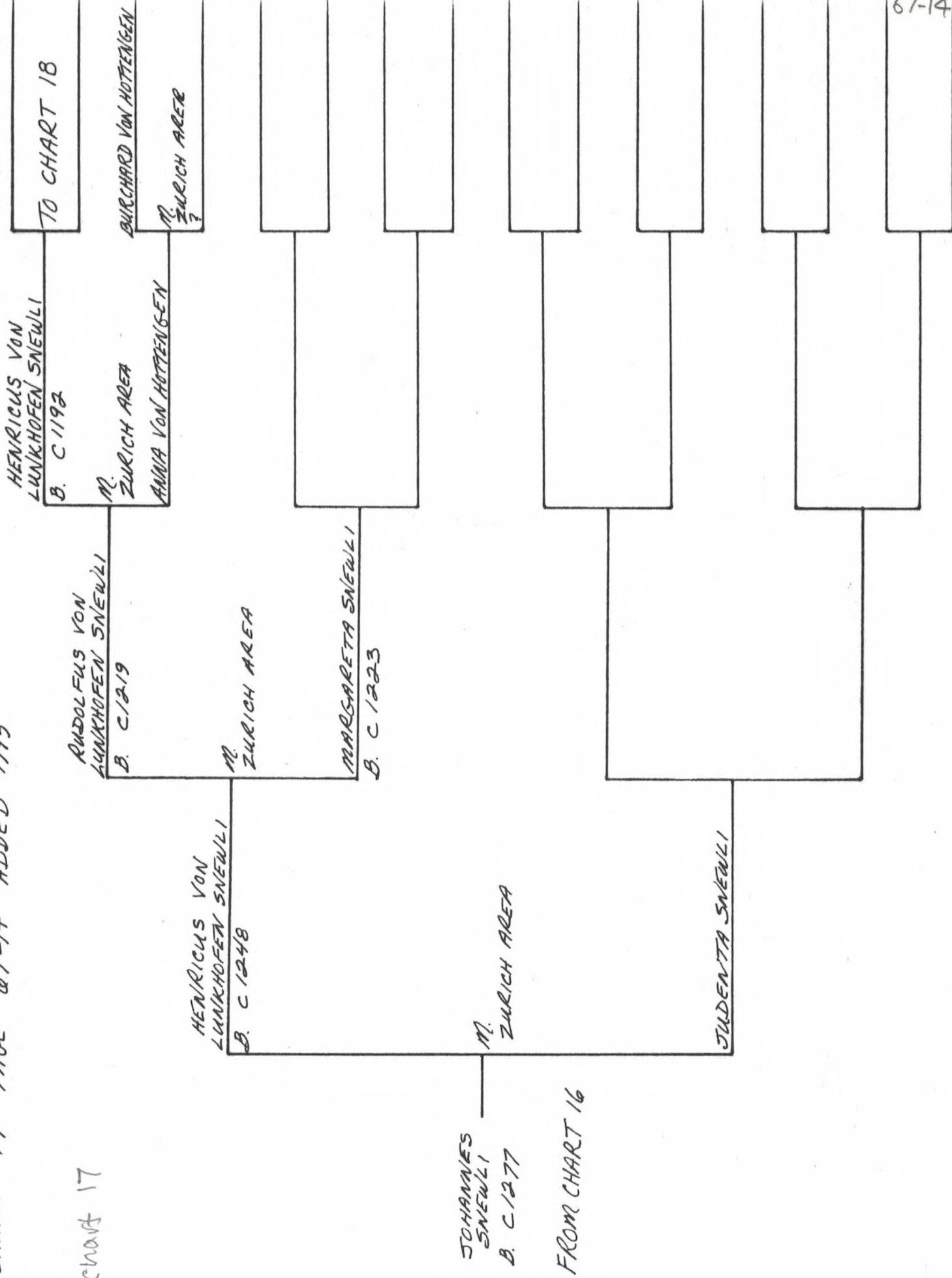
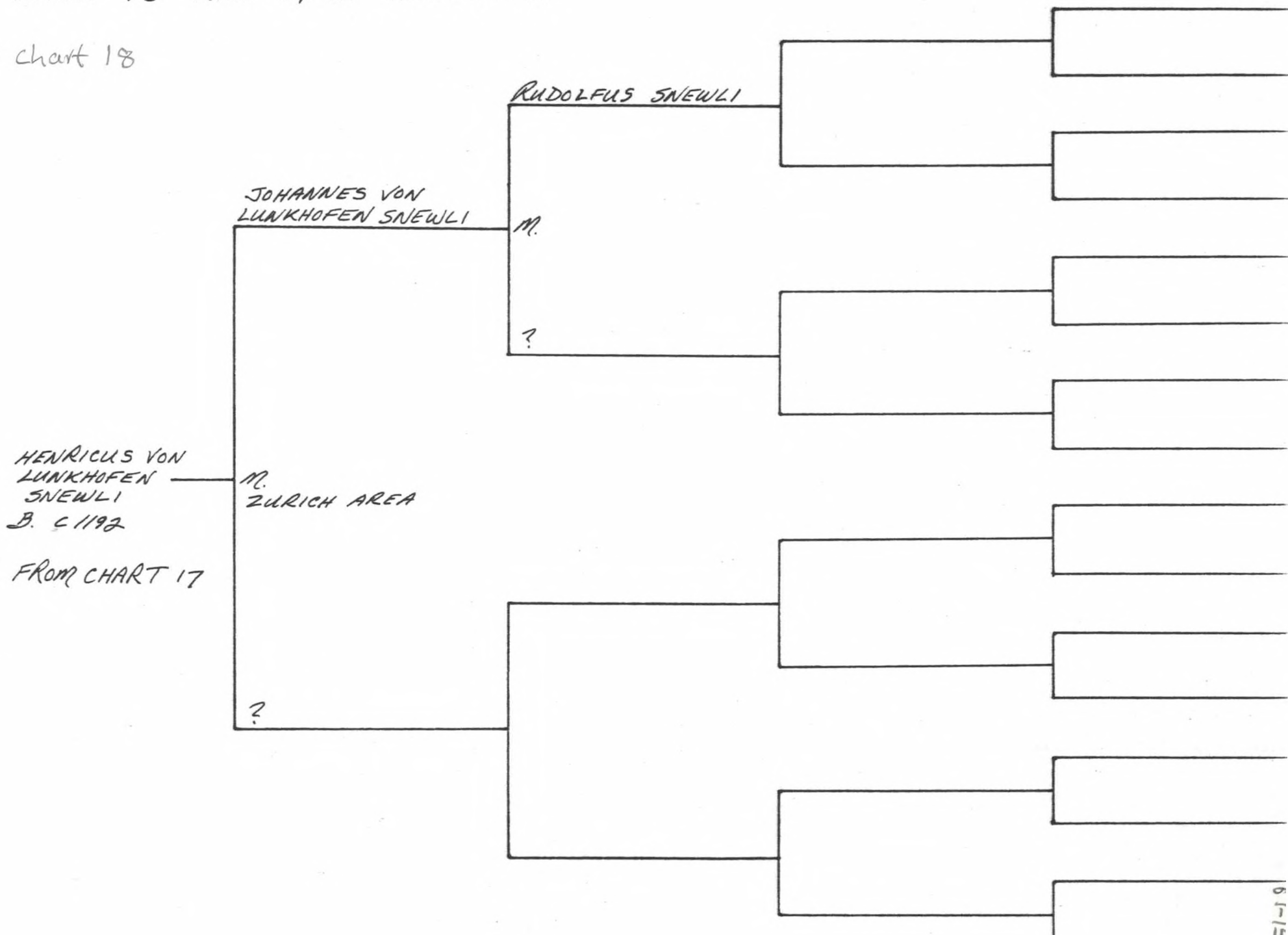


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X chart 18



first generation

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JOHANN GEORG (George I) ROCKENBACH

b. Aug. 18, 1774

m.

?

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Johann Georg, lived in ^{Gerstheim}~~Colmar~~ in the former province of Alsace, France. Now located in the Dept. of Haut-Rhin, France.

children of Johann Georg (George I)
Rockenbach from 68

second generation

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GEORGE ROCKENBACH II

~~Mar. 6, 1806-1877~~ b. Mar. 3 1807 Gerstheim
m. d. Jan. 13 1877 Deerfield

Salome Riedlinger
Jan. 7, 1812-Jul. 2, 1851

to 70
Feb. 7

JOHN CHRISTIAN ROCKENBACH

Feb. 26, 1815-May 11, 1897
m. 19 1907

Katherine Hilger
Sep. 3, 1826-Jul. 2, 1906

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Gerstheim
George, born in ~~Colmar~~ in the former Province of Alsace, France. Now located in the Dept. of Haut-Rhin, France. He is buried in the North Northfield Cem., Northbrook, Cook Co., Il.

John, born in Colmar. He lived in Hooppole, Il. on 85 acres in sect. 80 of Yorktown twp. He shows in the 1870 census as age 55. He is buried at Hooppole, Il.

John sailed to America in 1839 on the ship IOWA.

George & John sailed to America on board the sailing ship, the "ONEIDA", in the spring of 1841. With ~~them~~ *George* were the Philip R. & Christian Riedlinger families and the families of Philip Wolf, George Iehl, ~~Philip Gutzler~~ & George Lehman. They arrived in New York and came by way of canal to Buffalo, N.Y., then by ox teams to Chicago, Il. A short time later, George purchased a farm from Judge Bradley on Milwaukee Ave. near Wheeling, Il.

Gerstheim
Salome Riedlinger, born in ~~Colmar~~. She is the dau. of Philip Ridley Riedlinger (Dec. 18, 1788-Apr. 18, 1859) & Maria Salome (Sally) (1791-Jun. 7, 1861). She is buried in the North Northfield Cem., Northbrook, Cook Co., Il. Philip R. Riedlinger was born in Colmar & is buried in the Wheeling Cem., Wheeling, Cook Co., Il.

Katherine Hilger, arrived in America in 1858 from Hassen Darmstadt, Germany.

Philip Gutzler *Maria Gutzler*

children of George Rockenbach II,
& Salome Riedlinger. from 69

third generation

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REPLACED SET. 88.

		(Sally)	(Fred)
<u>PHILIP ROCKENBACH</u>	<u>GEORGE ROCKENBACH III</u>	<u>MARY SALOME ROCKENBACH</u>	<u>JOHN FREDERICK ROCKENBACH</u>
✓ Mar. 9, 1834-Jan. 10, 1921	✓ Feb. 2, 1841-May 16, 1936	✓ Jun. 5, 1843-Oct. 22, 1907	✓ Oct. 18, 1846-Mar. 21, 1921
✓ m. Dec. 8, 1858	✓ m. Sep. 3, 1864	m. 2	m. Mar. 5, 1872
✓ Mary Schmidt	Sarah Ott	Henry Mayer	Hannah Victoria Gutzler
✓ Dec. 6, 1839-Dec. 15, 1908	✓ Mar. 17, 1839-Aug. 18, 1899	✓ Feb. 14, 1840-Jan. 7, 1905	✓ Jul. 16, 1854-Nov. 22, 1940
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Philip, born in Gerstheim in the former Province of Alsace, France. Now located in the Dept. of Bas-Rhin, France.

He was the 1st. director of the Tripp School & lived on the Ward farm on Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, Il. He is buried at the North Northfield Cem., Northbrook, Cook Co., Il.

George, born in Gerstheim. In the spring of 1841, he and his parents came to America on board the sailing ship, the "Deutschland". With them on the crossing were the families of Philip Wolf, George Iehl, Philip Gutzler, George Lehman and Philip R. & Christian Riedlinger, George's grandfather & uncle. George was married in Kankakee, Il., at the home of Sarah Ott's sister. George & Sarah purchased the Lorenz Ott farm on Saunders Rd. in 1866. George is buried at the North Northfield Cem.

Mary Salome, born in Deerfield, Il. She is buried at the North Northfield Cem.

John Frederick, born in Deerfield, Il. He is buried at the Maple Lawn Cem., Faribault, Mn.

Mary Schmidt, is the dau of Johannes, May 12, 1812-Sep. 10, 1895 & Katarena Schmidt, Jun. 5, 1813-Jul. 10, 1898.

She is buried at the North Northfield Cem.

Sarah Ott, born in Deerfield, Il. She is the dau of Lorenz & Ursula (Rieg) Ott. She is buried at the North Northfield Cem.

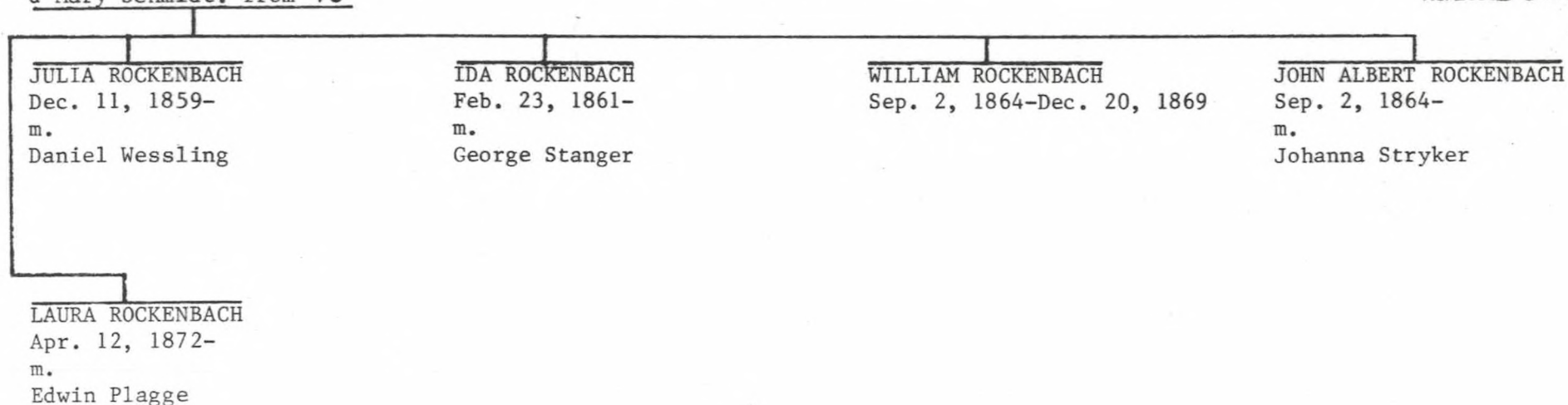
Henry Mayer, is buried at the North Northfield Cem.

Hannah Victoria, born in Deerfield, Il. She is the dau of Jacob Jr., Nov. 23, 1799-Feb. 24, 1866 & Barbara (Schnaebele) Gutzler. The family came from Alsace, France in 1839. Hannah is buried at the Maple Lawn Cem., Faribault, Mn.

children of Philip Rockenbach,
& Mary Schmidt. from 70

fourth generation

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William, buried at North Northfield Cem., Northbrook, Cook Co., Il.

Daniel Wessling, son of Henry & Elseben (Plagge) Wessling.

George Stanger, son of Daniel & Mary (Escher) Stanger.

Johanna Stryker, dau of George & Salome (Arnold) Stryker. The name Stryker was spelled Streicher before 1870.

children of George Rockenbach III,
& Sarah Ott. from 70

fourth generation

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REPLACED SEP. 89.

ELLA CLARRISA ROCKENBACH
Jun. 30, 1865-Sep. 4, 1962
m. Mar. 26, 1891
William Fredrick Plagge
Sep. 6, 1862-Mar. 25, 1934

ADELAIDE ALMIRA (Addie) ROCKENBACH
Jul. 15, 1867-Jul. 13, 1895
not married

ORMAN IRVING ROCKENBACH
Sep. 14, 1870-May 29, 1941
m Jun. 17, 1897
Mary Etta (May) Whitney
Nov. 7, 1870-Jul. 5, 1949

ALMON ORSON ROCKENBACH
Oct. 23, 1871-Jan. 9, 1958
m. Feb. 14, 1899
Elizabeth Mae (Lizzie) Catlow
Jul. 1, 1879-Jun. 25, 1950

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SAMUEL LINKOLU ROCKENBACH
Sep. 14, 1873-Jun. 26, 1969
m. 1914
Emma White (Rosenow)

VIOLA VENETTA ROCKENBACH
Dec. 15, 1876-May 23, 1967
not married

PRESTON GARFIELD ROCKENBACH
Jan. 16, 1879-Aug. 13, 1969
m.
Lida Landau
Sep. 19, 1883-Apr. 6, 1965

IRENE AZALIA ROCKENBACH
Jan. 20, 1883-Jul. 10, 1973
not married

Ella, born Chicago, Il. Buried, N. Northfield Cem., Cook Co., Il. She was born on Chicago Ave., 2 blocks west of the 1st water tower near Clark St. Then the family moved 2 miles west of Deerfield to join other friends & relatives who emigrated from Alsace.

Adelaide, born Deerfield, Il. Buried, N. Northfield Cem.

Orman, born Deerfield, Il. Buried, Evergreen Cem., Barrington, Il.

Almon, born Deerfield, Il. Married, Barrington, Il. Buried, McHenry Co. Memorial Cem., Woodstock, Il.

Samuel, born Deerfield, Il.

Viola, born Deerfield, Il. Buried, N. Northfield Cem. She was the first girl to graduate from the Highland School, Deerfield Township in 1893, age 17.

Preston, born Deerfield, Il. Buried, California.

Irene, born Deerfield, Il. Buried, N. Northfield Cem.

William Plagge, born Northfield, Il. Buried, N. Northfield Cem. Son of George Ludwig Fredrick & Margaret (Jacobs) Plagge.

Mary Whitney, was a sister to Clarissa Permelia (Clara) Whitney. They were the daus of Joseph Chase & Mary Jane (Delano) Whitney, & g daus of Levi & Permelia (Chase) Whitney. Clarissa P. Whitney was the 2nd wife of Joseph Goodman Catlow, who was the father of Elizabeth Mae (Lizzie) Catlow. There was some hint of Mary Jane (Delano) Whitney being related to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, but no direct relationship has been established. The Whitney School in Lake Zurich, Il. was named after Mary Etta (May) Whitney.

Elizabeth Catlow, born Palatine, Il. Buried, McHenry Co. Memorial Cem., Woodstock, Il. Dau of Joseph Goodman & Mary (Triebel) Catlow.

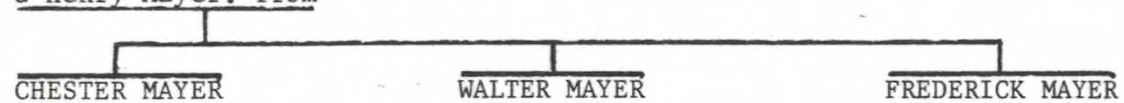
George Ludwig Fredrick Plagge 1827-1893, Margaret Jacobs 1826-1883.

Joseph Chase Whitney Jun. 8, 1833-Feb. 12, 1914, Mary Jane Delano Sep. 20, 1842-Jul. 11, 1914.

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children of Mary Salome (Sally) Rockenbach,
& Henry Mayer. from

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& Elizabeth Mae Catlow. from 72

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ESTHER BELLE ROCKENBACH
Feb. 13, 1900-Mar. 16, 1983
m. Dec. 31, 1921
Lewis Austin Mills
Sep. 4, 1894-May 14, 1986
to 76

ROBERT GEORGE ROCKENBACH
May 7, 1901-Feb. 13, 1944
m. Aug. 14, 1934
Jean C. McFarlane (Ewing)
Sep. 23, 1900-SEPT 2, 1994
C BRUCE CA
to 77

RUTH IRENE ROCKENBACH
Feb. 14, 1905-Jul. 17, 1975
m. Jun. 14, 1930
Lester Aaron (Phil) Taylor
Sep. 3, 1894-May 11, 1972
m. Aug. 19, 1972
Leonard Hare
Feb. 11, 1903-Feb. 1992
to 78

ELIZABETH MAY ROCKENBACH
Dec. 29, 1906-Jul. 22, 2000
m. Nov. 5, 1949
Francine H. (Frank) Tigerman
Dec. 31, 1899-Aug. 1, 1973
m. Nov. 15, 1975
Walter Wayne Wolf
Jan. 3, 1910-Aug. 13, 1980
no issue

GEORGE ROCKENBACH Jr. IV
Mar. 3, 1909-Oct. 28, 1985
m. Jun. 11, 1938
Martha Sarah Woodbury
Jan. 4, 1906-Feb. 23, 1988
div. Dec. 1971
m. Dec. 25, 1971
Jean Marie Solberg
Feb. 9, 1925-
to 79

JOSEPH ALMON ROCKENBACH
Feb. 19, 1911-Feb. 21, 1969
m. Aug. 10, 1940
Frances Mary Louise Kientz
Jun. 26, 1915-Oct. 11, 1976
to 80

SHIRLEY ANN ROCKENBACH
Jan. 26, 1913-
m. Jan. 3, 1941
Royal Shier Spear
Jul. 13, 1914-Jan. 18, 1976
to 81

RAYMOND ROCKENBACH
Feb. 15, 1914-
m. Nov. 9, 1940
Virginia Rose Stiller
Feb. 9, 1917-Dec. 1, 1975
m. May 14, 1976
Charlene Louise Behrensmeier
(Wray)
Aug. 19, 1926-
to 82

LYLE JAMES (Ike) ROCKENBACH
Mar. 1, 1915-
m. Nov. 20, 1940
Barbara Jean Booth
Jul. 17, 1920-Oct. 24, 1988
to 83

MARY MARGUERITE ROCKENBACH
Mar. 6, 1916-
m. Jul. 14, 1951
Laurance Charles (Larry) Knox
Nov. 18, 1916-
1996
to 84

RODNEY SWIFT (Jim) ROCKENBACH
Jun. 5, 1917-
m. May 18, 1940
Lillian Albina Jelinek
Jun. 2, 1918-Jan. 8, 1992
m. May 21, 1993
Doris I. Bluhm
to 85

SARAH LOUISE ROCKENBACH
Nov. 30, 1918-
m. Oct. 13, 1940
Melvin Thomas Belcher
Jul. 18, 1917-Dec. 7, 1988
to 86

DOROTHY LUCILLE (Dory) ROCKENBACH
Apr. 30, 1920-
m. Dec. 23, 1945
Norman Martin
Mar. 21, 1917-Feb. 8, 1985
m. Oct. 12, 1985
Ralph Willard Forsythe
Jul. 11, 1910-NOV 6, 1994
CARRIZO, NM
to 87

PHILIP JOHN ROCKENBACH I
Apr. 19, 1922-
m. Dec. 21, 1946
Yvonne Annette Roop (Luft)
Nov. 18, 1922-
to 88

Esther, born at home, Prairie View, Il. Mar. Wheeling Ch., Wheeling, Il. Buried, Diamond Lake Cem., Mundelein, Il.
Robert, born Prairie View, Il. Mar. Westminster Presbyterian Ch., Chicago, Il. Buried, Avon Center Cem., Grayslake, Il.
Ruth, born Prairie View, Il. Mar. 1, Congregational Ch., Crystal Lake, Il. Buried McHenry Co. Mem. Park, Woodstock, Il.
Elizabeth, born Prairie View, Il. Mar. 1, Court House, Chicago, Il.
George, born Prairie View, Il. Mar. 1, A.O. Rockenbach res., Crystal Lake, Il. Mar. 2, Park Ridge, Il. Died, Kimberling City, Mo. Cremated.
Joseph, born Prairie View, Il. Mar. DeKalb, Il. Buried, St. John's Cem., Rochester, Minn.
Shirley, born Prairie View, Il. Mar. A.O. Rockenbach res., Crystal Lake, Il.
Raymond, born Prairie View, Il. Mar. 1, Congregational Ch., Crystal Lake, Il. Mar. 2, United Prot. Ch., Grayslake, Il.
Lyle, born Prairie View, Il. Mar. Methodist Ch., Ferndale, Mich.
Mary, born Prairie View, Il. Mar. St. Thomas Ch., Crystal Lake, Il.
Rodney, born Prairie View, Il. Mar. Congregational Ch., Crystal Lake, Il. Mar. 2, Grace Lutheran Ch., Richmond, Il.
Sarah, born at Mrs. Smith's home, Libertyville, Il. Mar. Congregational Ch., Crystal Lake, Il.
Dorothy, born at John & Belle Brasel's home, Evanston, Il. Mar. 1, Congregational Ch., Crystal Lake, Il. Mar. 2, at res. in N. Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Philip, born Deerfield, Il. Mar. Congregational Ch., Crystal Lake, Il.

Lewis Mills, born Diamond Lake, Il. Son of Henry Austin & Emma Margaret (Albrecht) Mills. Buried, Diamond Lake Cem., Mundelein, Il.
Jean McFarlane, born Chicago, Il. Dau. of David & Jane Dura (Lowe) Ewing. Il.
Phil Taylor, born Lester, Iowa. Son of Aaron Michael & Esther Lophelia (Burns) Taylor. Buried, McHenry Co. Mem. Park, Woodstock, Il.
Frank Tigerman, born in Hungary. Son of Michael & Hermine (Gutlohn) Tigerman. Cremated, San Jose, Cal.
Martha Woodbury, born Beloit, Wis. Dau. of Elbert Henry & Ella Zena (Monahan) Woodbury. Died, Brandon, Fla. Cremated.
Mary Lou Kientz, born Clare, Il.(?). Dau. of Joseph & Frances Louise (Sullivan) Kientz. Buried, St. John's Cem., Rochester, MN.
Royal Spear, born Elgin, Il. Son of Royal Otto & Rebecca Anna (Shier) Spear. Buried, Lakewood Mem., Elgin, Il.
Virginia Stiller, born Chicago, Il. Dau. of Henry Richard & Rose Barbara (Cinkel) Stiller. Buried, McHenry Co. Mem Park, Woodstock, Il.
Barbara Booth, born Ann Arbor, Mich. Dau. of Hugh St. Leger & Lola (Brownell) Booth. Died Green Cove, Fla.
Laurance Knox, born San Francisco, Cal. Son of Thomas & Emma Catherine (Plutt) Knox.
Lillian Jelinek, born Algonquin, Il. Dau. of Frank John & Marie Anna (Matys) Jelinek. Bur. Avon Center Cem., Grayslake, Il.
Melvin Belcher, born Woodstock, Il. Son of William David & Hazel Arlene (Thomas) Belcher. Buried Mem Park Woodstock, Il.
Norman Martin, born Bismarck, N.D. Son of Ben & Celia (Smith) Martin. Died, Alamagordo, N.M. Cremated & buried on R. C. Barham's
Yvonne Roop, born Fox River Grove, Il. Dau. of Rheinhold Harry & Anna Zdenka (Forest) Luft. Mill Iron Lazy 3 Ranch.

Leonard Hare, born
Wayne Wolf, born Johnstown Pa. Son of Robert Francis & Annie (Kephart) Wolf. Buried, Mt. Auburn Cem., Berwyn, Il.
Jean Solberg, born Oak Park, Il. Dau. of Fred & Andree' (Jensen) Solberg.
Charlene Behrensmeier, born Waukegan, Il. Dau. of Charles William & Irene Amelia (Bacigalupo) Wray.
Ralph Forsythe, born Ft. Collins, Col. Son of William H. & Myrtle (Hagenbuck) Forsythe.

children of Edwin Leroy Rockenbach,
& Margaret C. Shanley. from 73

fifth generation

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RALPH VINCENT ROCKENBACH
Sep. 1, 1909-Jan. 26, 1978
m. Sep. 9, 1934
Mary Ann O'Conner

EDWIN JOSEPH ROCKENBACH
Jun. 20, 1910-Apr. 24, 1980
m. Oct. 1929
Ethel Pauline Hughes

JOHN HARVEY ROCKENBACH
Nov. 9, 1914-Nov. 11, 1964
m. Nov. 1934
Evelyn Duesing

THOMAS AQUINAS ROCKENBACH
Apr. 18, 1917-Apr. 29, 1980
m. May 16, 1937
Marietta Josephine Boyden

ROBERT ALLEN ROCKENBACH Sr.
Oct. 5, 1920-
m. Nov. 1938
Bonnie Louisa Kelton

to 88-5

Ralph, born Chicago, Il. Buried, Resurrection Cem., S. San Gabriel, Ca.
Edwin, " " " " " " " " " "
John, " " " " " " " " " "
Thomas, " " " " " " " " " "
Robert, born Chicago, Il.

children of Esther Belle Rockenbach,
& Lewis Austin Mills. from 74

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SHIRLEY LIBBIE MILLS

Nov. 15, 1922-
m. Dec. 31, 1942
Frank Mead Owen
Jun. 9, 1920-

to 89

CHARLES AUSTIN MILLS

Jun. 3, 1924- Dec 21, 1999
m. Feb. 17, 1950
Carolyn DeBartola
Nov. 27, 1922-

to 90

NANCY ELIZABETH MILLS

Apr. 6, 1927-
m. Sep. 11, 1948
Eugene Carl Grauberger
Feb. 24, 1921-

to 91

JEANNE LUCILLE MILLS

Jun. 1, 1929-
m. Aug. 30, 1952
Richard Frank Cook
Aug. 10, 1927-Nov. 14, 1976

to 92

CAROL LOU MILLS

Dec. 23, 1934-
m. Jul. 18, 1953
John Willis Manning
Nov. 17, 1932-
div. 1960
m. Jan. 14, 1961
Marvin Robert Laycock Sr.
-1978

div. 1966
m. Jan. 5, 1969
Albert Taylor
Dec. 17, 1901-May 30, 1975
m. Oct. 1988
Eugene Heskin
to 93

Shirley, born Deerfield, Il. Married Diamond Lake Church, Diamond Lake, Il.
Charles, born Diamond Lake, Il., on the Mills farm. Married Winnetka, Il.
Nancy, born Highland Park, Il. Married Diamond Lake Church, Diamond Lake, Il.
Jeanne, born Libertyville, Il. Married Diamond Lake Church, Diamond Lake, Il.
Carol Lou, born Libertyville, Il. Mar. 1, Diamond Lake, Il. Mar. 3, Methodist Church Hawthorn, Los Angeles, Cal.
James, born Libertyville, Il. Married, First United Methodist Church, Pineville, La.

Frank Owen, born Bedford, Ind. Son of Henry C. & Maude Ethel (Mead) Owen.
Carolyn DeBartola, born Highland Park, Il. Dau of Alex Gasper & Gina (Leonardi) DeBartola.
Eugene Grauberger, born Sterling, Col. Son of Fred Carl & Harriet Hazel (Berkstresser) Grauberger.
Richard Cook, born Milwaukee, Wis. Son of Charles Ray & Maurine (Firestone) Cook.
John Manning, born Park Ridge, Il. Son of Willis L. & Violet Manning.
Lavon Hudson, born Winnfield, La. Dau of Corbett Larance & Frankie Inez (Nalley) Hudson.

Marvin Laycock, born Libertyville, Il. Son of James Laycock.
Albert Taylor, born in Canada.

children of Robert George Rockenbach,
& Jean Christina McFarland. from 74

sixth generation

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McFARLANE

JEAN MARJORIE (McFarland) ROCKENBACH adopt.
Jan. 14, 1923- McFARLANE
m. Aug. 30, 1947
Carlyle Joseph Rasmussen
Oct. 25, 1923-

to 95

DOUGLAS ALEXANDER (McFarland) ROCKENBACH adopt.
Mar. 28, 1925- McFARLANE
m. Jun. 28, 1947
Bonnie Lou Winters
Jun. 7, 1928-

to 96

BARBARA ROCKENBACH
1936-1936

ROBERT DAVID ROCKENBACH adopt.
Aug. 27, 1939-
m. Apr. 23, 1960
Willine (Becky) Chambers
Jul. 19, 1941-

to 97

Marjorie, born Chicago, Il. Married, Methodist Church, Grayslake, Il.

Doug, born Chicago, Il. Married, Methodist Church, Grayslake, Il.

Barbara, born Waukegan, Il.

Bob, born Waukegan, Il. Married, United Protestant Church, Grayslake, Il.

Carlyle Rasmussen, born Waukegan, Il. Son of Carl Edward & Lucille Mary (Barkoski) Rasmussen. Lucille born Marvarro, adopt.

Bonnie Winters, born Chicago, Il. Dau of Rudolph & Madge Edith (Buchanan) Winters.

Becky Chambers, born McCaskill, Ark. Dau of Willie Taylor & Gladys Christine (Mims) Chambers.

children of Ruth Irene Rockenbach,
& Lester Aaron (Phil) Taylor. from 74

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VIRGINIA RUTH TAYLOR
Mar. 14, 1932-
m. Jan. 26, 1951
Warren Frederick Turner
Jul. 18, 1932-
div. 1968
m. Feb. 15, 1969
Christopher Schroeder
div. 1982
m. Dec. 6, 1986
Fred Clarke
Jun. 28, 1931- APR. 3, 2000
to 98

SETH AARON TAYLOR
Jul. 21, 1934-
m. May 4, 1963
Mary Lou Landwehr
Sep. 15, 1943-
to 99

JOHN PHILIP TAYLOR
Dec. 25, 1935-
m. Jun. 15, 1958
Mary Alice Harrington
Nov. 2, 1935-
to 100

SUSAN LOUISE TAYLOR
Mar. 1, 1939-
m. Jun. 15, 1963
Charles Jerome Nelson
Jul. 27, 1939-
to 101

Virginia, born Wheaton, Il. Married 1, Crystal Lake, Il. Married 3, at her residence, Crystal Lake, Il. by Judge James Franz.

Seth, born Cryatal Lake, Il. Married, Bethal Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Il.

John, born Elgin, Il. Married, First Congregational Church, Oshkosh, Wis.

Susan, born Elgin, Il. Married, First Congregational Church, Crystal Lake, Il.

Warren Turner, born McHenry Co., Il. Son of Warren Clarence & Erma Estelle (Bristol) Turner.

Mary Lou Landwehr, born Peoria, Il. Dau of Lenord Harold & Betty Leah (Lambert) Landwehr.

Mary Harrington, born Oshkosh, Wis. Dau of Harold Ray & Gertrude Alice (Redford) Harrington.

Chuch Nelson, born Rio, Wis. Son of Olai Manfred & Mildred Jenlene (Hendrickson) Nelson.

Chris Schroeder, born

Fred Clarke, son of Walter & Lillian (Wilbur) Clarke.

children of George Rockenbach Jr. IV,
& Martha Sarah Woodbury. from 74

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Twin Girls
Jul. 5, 1940-Jul. 8, 1940

GEORGIANN ROCKENBACH adopt.
Oct. 25, 1941-
m. Jun. 18, 1966
Albert Charles (Mac) McVicker
Mar. 24, 1938-

to 102

RICHARD GEORGE ROCKENBACH adopt.
Oct. 18, 1944-
m. Apr. 15, 1972
Diane Baum

div. Jan. 1974
m. Mar. 9, 1974
Carolyn Bourcki
Oct. 13, - -

to 103

Georgiann, born Waukegan, Il. Married, Grayslake, Il.
Dick, born Waukegan, Il.

Mac McVicker, born Pittsburg, Penn. Son of Albert H. & Elsie (Knell) McVicker.
Diane Baum, born

Carolyn Bourcki, born Chicago, Il. Dau of Chester & Jean (Laga) Bourcki.

MARY JOSEPHINE ROCKENBACH
1941 stillborn

DONALD (Tidgwell) ROCKENBACH adopt.
Jun. 24, 1943-
m. Nov. 10, 1962
Peggy Jean Fromdahl
May 29, 1943-
div.
m. Feb. 14, 1976
Janna Lee Jones
Feb. 10, 1946-

FRANCES KATHRYN (Tidgwell) ROCKENBACH adopt.
May 2, 1944-
m. May 8, 1965
Norman Bruce White
Dec. 5, 1941-

to 104

to 105

CHERYL ROCKENBACH
Dec. 20, 1955-
m. Apr. 4, 1975
Gary Masloski
Aug. 10, 1952-
div. Jul. 31, 1984
to 106

Mary, born Roodhouse, Il. Buried, Il(?).

Donald, born Bagley, Minn. Mar. 1, Rochester, Minn. Mar. 2, Nissau(?), Iowa. Adopted 1948. Son of Kenneth Edward Sr. & Rosella Sylvia (Ondrasek) Tidgwell.

Frances, born Boston, Mass. Married, Rochester, Minn. Adopted 1948. Dau of Kenneth Edward Sr. & Rosella Sylvia (Ondrasek) Tidgwell. Legal name changed from Frances Kathryn White to Fran Rockenbach White, Apr. 11, 1985. Nicollet

Cheryl, born Rochester, Minn. Married, Watertown, S.D. Cheryl has taken back her maiden name of Rockenbach. Co. Mn.

Peggy Fromdahl, born Rochester, Minn. Dau of Benard & Helen (Owens) Fromdahl.

Norman White, born Minneapolis, Minn. Son of Edward Joseph & Genevieve Victoria (Konkol) White.

Gary Masloski, born St. Paul, Minn. Son of Raymond & Mary (Schommer) Masloski.

Janna Jones, born Rochester, Minn. Dau of Kenneth Paul & Beatrice Luella (McColley) Jones.

child of Shirley Ann Rockenbach,
& Royal Shier Spear. from 74

sixth generation

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ROYAL ROCKENBACH SPEAR

May 1, 1945-

m. Jun. 10, 1972

Marilyn Joy Mehnert

Jul. 2, 1949-

to 107

Royal, born Elgin, Il. Married, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, W. Dundee, Il.

Marilyn Mehnert, born Elgin, Il. Dau of John Ernst Mehnert & Emily (Holzer) Mehnert.

children of Raymond Rockenbach,
& Virginia Rose Stiller. from 74

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TERRY LEE ROCKENBACH

May 31, 1943-
m. Apr. 8, 1966
Patricia Graham
Jul. 29, 1949-
div. 1983
m. Aug. 8, 1987
Margaret Amanda Wellens (Peters)
Oct. 23, 1945-

to 108

PAMELA ROSE ROCKENBACH

Jun. 10, 1945-
m. Jan. 29, 1966
Charles Elmore Relitz
Nov. 21, 1941-

to 109

DENNIS RAYMOND ROCKENBACH

Sep. 11, 1948-
m. Oct. 14, 1972
Jean Marie Raymond
Mar. 23, 1951-

to 110

Terry, born in Elgin, Ill. Married 1st., Community Ch., Marshall, N.C. Married 2nd., Lake Co., Ill.
Pam, born in Milwaukee, Wis. Married, United Protestant Ch., Grayslake, Ill.
Denny, Born Elgin, Ill. Married, Grayslake, Ill.

Patti Graham, born Lexington, Ky. Dau. of J. Douglas & Laura (Brewer) Graham.
Chuck Relitz, born Evanston, Ill. Son of Elmore Moritz & Emilie Helen (Bejcek) Relitz.
Jean Raymond, born Edgerton, Wis. Dau. of Joseph Stephan & Margaret Ann (Halmos) Raymond.
Marge Wellens, born Cook Co., Ill. Dau. of Herman & Dorothy (Bjur) Peters.

children of Lyle James (Ike) Rockenbach,
& Barbara Jean Booth. from 74

sixth generation

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JAMES LYLE ROCKENBACH

Jan. 30, 1942-
m. Aug. 21, 1966
Ellen Gay MacCullough

div. 1974
m. Feb. 22, 1975
Marguerite Kathleen Mann
Mar. 20, 1950-

to ///

JILL ANN ROCKENBACH

Nov. 3, 1944-
m. Aug. 26, 1965
William Russell Jack Jr.

Nov. 3, 1941-
div. Apr. 1, 1975

to //

JEFFREY BOOTH ROCKENBACH

Mar. 9, 1948-
m. Mar. 23, 1967
Chrystene Emelee Lynd
Nov. 14, 1947-

to //

Jim, born Ferndale, Mich. Married 2, Nashville, Tenn.

Jill, born Ferndale, Mich. Married, Bay Village United Methodist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Jeff, born Ferndale, Mich. Married, Trinity on the Green Church, New Haven, Conn.

Ellen MacCullough, Dau of Robert & Verla (Fredrick) MacCullough.

William Jack, born Cleveland, Ohio. Son of William Russell Sr. & Paula (Gerstenberger) Jack.

Chrystene Lynd, born Queens, Long Island, New York. Dau of Henry A. & Stephanie (Stohre) Lynd.

Marguerite Mann, born Toronto, Canada. Dau of Charles G. & Phyllis (MacPherson) Mann.

children of Mary Marguerite Rockenbach,
& Laurance Charles Knox. from 74

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JAMES THOMAS KNOX
died at birth
Aug. 27, 1952

THOMAS MICHAEL KNOX
Dec. 11, 1953-
m. Nov. 5, 1976
Yoko Matsuya
Sep. 19, 1950-

ELIZABETH BELLE KNOX
Apr. 3, 1955-
m. Nov. 17, 1974
William Donald Swanton
Nov. 17, 1952-
div. Apr. 4, 1976
m. Dec. 21, 1978
Richard Hayden Everett Jr.
Jan. 6, 1954-
DIV. MARCH 2000
to 114

EMILY CATHERINE KNOX
Oct. 18, 1956-
m. Jun. 9, 1979
Edward Michael Wilmes

div. 1980
m. Jun. 18, 1983
Roger Ray Yokley
Oct. 14, 1953-
div Sep. 30, 1988
m MAY 27, 1994
PAUL SANTEL APR 8, 1957
div.

LAURANCE ALMON KNOX
Mar. 12, 1958-
m. Feb. 23, 1980
Kathryn Lynn Peterson KATHLEEN
Jul. 28, 1958-

to 115

James, born Oakland, Cal. Buried, Colma, Cal. Holy Cross Cem.

Tom, born Redwood City, Cal. Married at Court House, Eureka, Cal.

Elizabeth, born Redwood City, Cal. Married 2nd, Montara, Cal.

Emily, born Redwood City, Cal. Married 1st, Our Lady of Angels Church, Burlingame, Cal. Married 2nd, Dist. Delien, Suffolk Co., England. After her div, Emily has taken back her maiden name of Knox.

Larry, born Redwood City, Cal. Married, St. Stephen's Church, San Francisco, Cal.

Yoko Matsuya, born Hokkaido, Japan. Dau of Tomezo & Sasaka (Chufu) Matsuya.

William Swanton, born

Edward Wilmes, born

Kathryn Peterson, born San Francisco Co., Cal. Dau of Harold Marvin & Helen Margaret (Waters) Peterson.

Richard Everett, born San Francisco, Cal. Son of Richard Sr. & Sarah (Andes) Everett. Richard Sr., born Richard Joseph Hayden.

Roger Yokley, born Son of Sam A. Yokley.

children of Rodney Swift (Jim) Rockenbach,
& Lillian Albina Jelinek. from 74

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CYNTHIA ELIZABETH ROCKENBACH

Apr. 15, 1941-
m. Jun. 11, 1960
Neil Jess Lee
Jun. 28, 1938-
div. Jan. 14, 1970

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WAYNE RODNEY ROCKENBACH

Sep. 1, 1943-
m. Feb. 5, 1966
Karen Lee Hance
Jun. 11, 1943-

to 117

Cynthia, born Waukegan, Il. Married Grayslake, Il.

Wayne, born Waukegan, Il. Married, United Protestant Church, Grayslake, Il.

Neil Lee, born Merrill, Wis. Son of Jess Neil & Laura (Zellner) Lee.

Karen Hance, born Chicago, Il. Dau of Carl Austin & Veda Maxine (Carter) Hance.

children of Sarah Louise Rockenbach,
& Melvin Thomas Belcher. from 74

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ALAN DALE BELCHER
Apr. 4, 1947-
m. Aug. 14, 1970
Gay Diane McFarlen
Jan. 10, 1949-

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LYNN THOMAS BELCHER
Jul. 12, 1949-
m. Jul. 28, 1973
Paula Elaine Hawbecker
Jul. 5, 1950-

to 119

DENA ARLENE BELCHER
Sep. 27, 1952-
m. Oct. 10, 1970
Lawrence Duane Gibbs
Dec. 10, 1947-
div. Apr. 6, 1987
to 120

Alan, born Woodstock, Il. Married, Service Memorial Methodist Church, Waco, Tx.

Lynn, born Harvard, Il. Married, in the Hawbecker home, Fort Worth, Tx.

Dena, born Harvard, Il. Married, St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, Il.

Gay McFarlen, born Waco, Tx. Dau of Carl Lendal & Christine (Turner) McFarlen.

Paula Hawbecker, born Aurora, Il. Dau of Daniel Dean & Dorothy Berdean (Johnson) Hawbecker.

Larry Gibbs, born Woodstock, Il. Son of Leonard Dale & Mildred L. (Wiseman) Gibbs.

children of Dorothy Lucille Rockenbach,
& Norman Martin. from 74

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ROBERT LEE MARTIN adopt.

Aug. 18, 1949-
m. Jun. 3, 1972
Karen Boschee
div. 1976
m. Dec. 24, 1980
Holly Hansen
Dec. 25, 1960-
div. Aug. 12, 1986
m. Jun. 23, 1989
JoAnne Iverson
Feb. 23, 1951-
to 121

CORRIE BEN MARTIN

Mar. 13, 1955-

GARY ALMON MARTIN

Mar. 14, 1956-
m. Jul. 26, 1980
Moira Elizabeth Hurd
Nov. 4, 1955-

JOHN ALAN MARTIN

Dec. 27, 1957-
m. Sep. 30, 1978
Ana-Paula Little
Sep. 30, 1956-
div. Feb. 1987
m. Jul. 3, 1993
Ann Theresa Rooney

to 122

Robert, born Valley City, N.D. Adopted 1953. Married 2nd, Phenix, Ariz.

Corrie, born Bismarck, N.D.

Gary, born Bismarck, N.D. Married, Harare, Zimbabwe.

John, born Bismarck, N.D. Married, Anglican Church, Selukwe, Zimbabwe. Mar. 2, at his parents house, Albuquerque, N.M.

Karen Boschee, born Dau of Milbert Boschee.

Moira Hurd, born London, England. Dau of John & May Hurd.

Ana-Paula Little, born Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Dau of Harry E. & Jo (de Brito) Little.

Holly Hansen, born Phenix, Ariz. Dau of Howard & Ann (Spracali) Hansen.

JoAnne Iverson, born Santa Cruz, Cal. Dau of Robert & Marian (Umsted) Iverson. JoAnne has a dau, Caroline Iverson
born Sep. 1, 1981 in Phoenix, Ariz.

children of Philip John Rockenbach,
& Yvonne Annette Roop. from 74

sixth generation

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LESLIE ANN ROCKENBACH

Oct. 29, 1947-
m. Feb. 28, 1970
Richard Dale Green
Jan. 10, 1947-

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PHILIP CATLOW ROCKENBACH

Dec. 7, 1948-
m. Jun. 24, 1972
Pamela Ann Thorsen
Sep. 4, 1949-

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JOHN FOREST ROCKENBACH

Dec. 7, 1948-
m. Mar. 26, 1983
Barbara Jean Brooks
Sep. 20, 1950-

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PETER GEORGE ROCKENBACH

Sep. 16, 1955-Nov. 30, 1987
m. Mar. 3, 1978
Susan Kay Bartman
Jun. 16, 1957-

to 124-2

Leslie, born Lansing, Mich. Married, Crystal Lake, Il.

Philip, born Richland, Wash. Married, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rockford, Il.

John, born Richland, Wash. Sun Prairie, Wis., married.

Peter, born Elgin, Il. Married, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Otisville, Mich. Died, Leila Hosp., Battle Creek, Mich.
Cremated.

Richard Green, born Elgin, Il. Son of Roy John & Alma B. (Hanson) Green.

Pamela Thorsen, born Evanston, Il. Dau of Harold David & Shirley Jane (Gustafson) Thorsen.

Barbara Brooks, born Madison, Wis. Dau of Lewis P. & Elaine Mae (Bartz) Brooks.

Susan Bartman, born Flint, Mich. Dau of John & Marie Gertrude (Simmitch) Bartman.

children of Robert Allen Rockenbach Sr.,
& Bonnie L. Kelton. from **75-3**

sixth generation

LOUISA ROSE ROCKENBACH
Jul. 14, 1939-

ROBERT ALLEN ROCKENBACH Jr.
Dec. 15, 1942-

ELIZABETH ROCKENBACH
Oct. 4, 1947-

ANN FRANCES ROCKENBACH
Nov. 29, 1949-

Louisa, born Los Angeles, Ca.
Robert, " " " "
Frederick, " " " "
Elizabeth, " " " "
Ann, " " " "

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FREDERICK LEROY ROCKENBACH
May 16, 1944-

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children of Shirley Libbie Mills,
& Frank Mead Owen. from 76

seventh generation

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HOWARD HENRY OWEN

Nov. 16, 1947-

m. Aug. 30, 1970

Karen Anne Bellinger

Jun. 11, 1946-

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MARK MILLS OWEN

Jan. 28, 1952-

m. Aug. 23, 1975

Elizabeth Louise McConnaughey

Dec. 19, 1947-

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FRAN OWEN

Jul. 1, 1958-

m. Jul. 3, 1981

Larry Edward Bond

Jul. 2, 1951-

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Howard, born Elkhorn, Wis. Married, Catholic Church, Creve Coeur, Missouri.

Mark, born Crawfordsville, Ind. Married Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington, Columbus, Ohio.

Fran, born Bedford, Ind. Married First Presbyterian Church, Bedford, Ind.

Karen Bellinger, born Chicago, Il. Dau of John & Patricia Bellinger.

Elizabeth McConnaughey, born Columbus, Ohio. Dau of George Carleton & Carolyn Louise (Schlieper) McConnaughey.

Larry Bond, born Bedford, Ind. Son of Marion Edward & Maggie Maxine (Brown) Bond.

children of Charles Austin Mills,
& Carolyn DeBartola. from 76

seventh generation

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CHARLENE GINA MILLS
Nov. 3, 1950-

CHRISTINE ESTHER MILLS
Nov. 8, 1952-
m. Jan. 1, 1977
Timothy John O'Brien
Feb. 9, 1947-

to 127

CORINNE LOUISE MILLS
Aug. 11, 1956-
m. Jun. 21, 1980
Jerome Louis Herro
Oct. 25, 1956-

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EUGENE AUSTIN MILLS
May 25, 1960-
m. Jun. 21, 1986
Mary Beth Squire
Oct. 25, 1960-

to 128-1

Charlene, born Highland Park, Il.

Christine, born Racine, Wis. Married, Milwaukee, Wis.

Corinne, born Racine, Wis. Married, St. Mary's Dover Church, Kansasville, Wis.

Eugene, born Racine, Wis. Married, English Settlement United Meth. Ch., Burlington, Wis.

Timothy O'Brien, born Marquette, Mich. Son of John & Dorthea O'Brien.

Jerome Herro, born Milwaukee, Wis. Son of Herbert & Clare (Kais) Herro.

Mary Squire, born Burlington, Wis. Dau. of Everett & Grace (Stephson) Squire.

children of Nancy Elizabeth Mills,
& Eugene Carl Grauberger. from 76

seventh generation

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FRED CARL GRAUBERGER
May 19, 1950-

STEPHEN LEWIS GRAUBERGER
Oct. 27, 1952-

LESLIE ELIZABETH GRAUBERGER
Feb. 24, 1955-
m. Sep. 10, 1983
John Martin Cohen
Aug. 31, 1953-

Fred, born Hayden, Col.

Stephen, born Jonesboro, Ark.

Leslie, born Jonesboro, Ark. Leslie is retaining her maiden name.

John Cohen, born Denver, Col. Son of Melvin Harold & Edith Jaunice (Baskett) Cohen.

children of Jeanne Lucille Mills,
& Richard Frank Cook. from 76

seventh generation

SUZANNE COOK
Jul. 10, 1953-
m. Sep. 4, 1982

STEVEN RAY COOK
Sep. 26, 1956-

Charles Wong BORN AUG 11, 1953
MEN

Suzanne, born Milwaukee, Wis. Married,
Steven, born Milwaukee, Wis.

Charles Wong, born AUG 11, 1953

MEN TO 128-5
DORTLAND, DRE OF PAUL & SUE (LEE) WONG

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children of Carol Lou Mills,
& John Willis Manning. from 76

seventh generation

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DEBORAH ANN MANNING
May 29, 1954-
m. Jun. 15, 1974
Tom Aldridge

TAMARA LYNN MANNING
Aug. 5, 1957-
m. Oct. 23, 1983
Hamilton

div. 1978
m. Dec. 10, 1982
Robert Gore

div.
to 129-1

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Deborah, born Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Married, Carmel, Cal.
Tamara, born Libertyville, Il. Married in Sherman Oaks, Los Angeles, Cal.

Tom Aldridge, born
Robert Gore, born

children of Carol Lou Mills,
& Marvin Robert Laycock Sr. from 76

MARVIN ROBERT LAYCOCK Jr.
Aug. 15, 1962-

KAREN BERNICE LAYCOCK
Mar. 18, 1964-
m. Aug. 11, 1990
Daniel James Garske

Laycock children use the name of Taylor, from third marriage of Carol Lou Mills.

Marvin, born Los Angeles, Cal.
Karen, born Los Angeles, Cal. Marr. St. Augustines Cath. Ch. Pleasanton, Ca.

Daniel J. Garske, son of John D. Garske.

children of James Henry Mills,
& Lavon Cleo Hudson. from 76

seventh generation

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LAURA ELIZABETH MILLS

Apr. 21, 1967

m. Jul. 6, 1985

Sandy Dean French

May 4, 1966

div. Sep. 1986

m. Sep. 8, 1990

Matthew John Naiser

LYNETTE SUZANNE MILLS

Jan. 29, 1971

m AUG 24, 1996

DEREK KYLE WINKLER

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Laura, born Alexandria, La. Married, Round Rock, Tx.

Lynette, born Alexandria, La.

Sandy Dean French, born in Paris, France. Son of William & Janet French.

children of Jean Marjorie Rockenbach,
& Carlyle Joseph Rasmussen. from 77

seventh generation

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HOLLY JEAN RASMUSSEN adopt.
Feb. 27, 1955-
m. Nov. 6, 1976
Richard Donald Hamilton
May 24, 1958-

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DAVID CARLYLE RASMUSSEN adopt.
Apr. 10, 1957-
m. Mar. 13, 1982
Suzanne Kim (Von Esch)
div.

JEFFREY MICHAEL RASMUSSEN adopt.
Jun. 7, 1962-
m. Oct. 6, 1984
Kathryn Louise Matt
DIV JUNE 29, 1994
RE: M. JAN 9, 1998

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CHRISTOPHER ANAST foster.
Oct. 29, 1943-
m. Oct. 21, 1967
Patricia Hallas
Oct. 20, 1944- Dec 4, 2000

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Holly, born Libertyville, Il. Married, St. Angela's, La Habra, Cal.

David, born Waukegan, Il. Married,

Jeffrey, born Waukegan, Il. Married, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Christopher, born Chicago, Il. Married, First Methodist Church, Waukegan, Il. Christopher has a twin.

Richard Hamilton, born Houston, Tx. Son of Robert & Doris (Miller) Hamilton.

Suzanne Kim, born

Kathryn Matt, born

Patricia Hallas, born

. Dau of James R. & Jean (Burch) Matt.

. Dau of Rudolph Hallas.

children of Douglas Alexander Rockenbach,
& Bonnie Lou Winters. from 77

seventh generation

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GREGG DOUGLAS ROCKENBACH

May 30, 1950-
m. May 18, 1974
Louise Charlene Gould
Jun. 25, 1955-
div. Feb. 14, 1980
m. Sep. 15, 1984
Margaret Rose Best
annulled May, 1985
m. Oct. 1, 1988
Barbara Ann Green
Nov. 28, 1963-
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GAIL JO ROCKENBACH

Aug. 26, 1952-
m. May 17, 1975
John Vitols
Sep. 9, 1950-

GARY ROBERT ROCKENBACH

Mar. 23, 1954-

Gregg, born Waukegan, Il. Married 1, Episcopal Church, Grayslake, Il. Married 2, United Protestant Church, Grayslake, Il.
Gail, born Waukegan, Il. Married, Willow Pond Country Club, Libertyville, Il. SURNAME CHANGED TO ROCKENBACH 1995
Gary, Born Waukegan, Il.

Louise Gould, born Waukegan, Il. Dau of Norman Charles & Shirley Caroline (Becker) Gould.
John Vitols, born Norridge, Il. Son of Villas Vitols.
Margaret Best,
Barbara Green, dau of Fred & Irene Green.

child of Robert David Rockenbach,
& Willine (Becky) Chambers. from 77

seventh generation

ROBERT LYLE ROCKENBACH
Dec. 31, 1963-

Robert, born Waukegan, Il.

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children of Virginia Ruth Taylor,
& Warren Frederick Turner, from 78

seventh generation

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DAVID WARREN TURNER

Jan. 3, 1953-
m. Jul. 9, 1977
Irene Maria Lojko
Jan. 8, 1958-

JOHN FREDERICK TURNER

Nov. 20, 1956-
m Jul. 14, 1979
Chrisa Gwen Worthington
Nov. 18, 1958-
DIV 1999

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MARK ALLEN TURNER

Jan. 8, 1958-
m. Apr. 30, 1983
Julie Ann Mueller
Mar. 23, 1961-
div. May 21, 1987

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JAMES PHILIP TURNER

Nov. 26, 1960-
m. Dec. 19, 1987
Wanda Sue Landis (Kendrick)
Jul. 21, 1962-

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CAROLYN RUTH TURNER

Jun. 24, 1964-
m. Jul. 6, 1991
James Peter Carras
Jun. 5, 1964-

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David, born in Washington, D.C. Married in Woodstock, Ill.

John, born in Champaign, Ill. Civil marriage, Jul. 14, 1979 at the McHenry Co. Court House. Church marriage, Aug. 25, 1979 at the 1st. Congregational Ch., Crystal Lake, Il.

Mark, born in Oak Park, Ill. Married at the 1st. Congregational Ch., Crystal Lake, Ill.

James, born in Paola, Kan. Civil marriage, Dec. 19, 1987 at the McHenry Co. Court House. Church marriage, Apr. 7, 1988 at the 1st. Congregational Ch., Crystal Lake, Ill.

Carolyn, born in Harvard, Ill. Married at St. Sophia's Ch., Elgin, Il.

Irene Lojko, born in Chicago, Ill. Dau. of Bronislaw Paul & Marie (Budiselic) Lojko.

Chrisa Worthington, born in Port Lauety, Morocco, North Africa. Dau. of Charles Arthur & Marilyn Gwen (Vaden) Worthington.

Julie Mueller, born in Waukegan, Ill. Dau. of Roland George Jr., & Georgia Ann (Hanks) Mueller.

Wanda Landis, born in Sherman Hosp., Elgin, Ill. Dau. of Raymond Lewis & Doris Fay (Seals) Kendrick. Children by a previous marriage to Richard Dwayne Landis: Elizabeth Ann Landis, Aug. 10, 1981 & Jacqlyn Renee Landis, Jul. 16, 1984.

Elizabeth Ann born in Elgin, Il. Jacqlyn Renee born at Good Shepherd Hosp, Barrington, Il.

James Carras, born in Chelsea, Mass., son of George William Carras & Hope Irene Moschi.

children of Seth Aaron Taylor,
& Mary Lou Landwehr. from 78

seventh generation

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JANET LYNNE TAYLOR
Jan. 27, 1964
m. Nov. 27, 1993
Jerry Scott Harris
Aug. 27, 1964

DOUGLAS AARON TAYLOR
Jun. 15, 1967
m. Sep. 4, 1992
Mary Davis Waller
Nov. 13, 1967

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Janet, born Peoria, Ill. Marr. in Mesa, Ariz.

Douglas, born Peoria, Ill. Marr. at his parent's res., Oak Run, Dahinda, Ill.

Jerry Scott Harris, born Chandler, Ariz., son of Billy Ray & Bettie Jean (Chapman) Harris.

Mary Davis Waller, born Milwaukee, Wis., dau. of Robert & Joan (Davis) Slantz.

children of John Philip Taylor,
& Mary Alice Harrington. from 78

seventh generation

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MICHAEL JOHN TAYLOR
Aug. 3, 1961-

KATHRYN MARIE TAYLOR
Nov. 11, 1962-
m. May 30, 1982
Gordon Andrew Sheridan
Oct. 12, 1962-

DIANE LOUISE TAYLOR
Nov. 11, 1962-
m. May 18, 1986
Donald Kenneth Bigler Jr.
Nov. 8, 1963-

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Michael, born Duluth, Minn.

Kathryn, born Wausau, Wis. Married,

Diane, born Wausau, Wis. Married, Desert Garden U.C.C., Sun City West, Az.

Gordon Sheridan, born Normal, Il. Son of Phillip Allen & Esther Innes (McKenzie) Sheridan.

Donald Bigler, born Scottsdale, Az. Son of Donald Kenneth Sr. & Billie Ann (Bokamper) Bigler.

children of Susan Louise Taylor,
& Charles Jerome Nelson. from 78

seventh generation

CHRISTINE LOUISE NELSON
Jun. 8, 1966-

JEFFREY CHARLES NELSON
Mar. 8, 1968-

Christine, born Elgin, Il
Jeffrey, born Elgin, Il.

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children of Georgiann Rockenbach,
& Albert Charles McVicker. from 79

seventh generation

PATRICK SHAWN McVICKER
Feb. 9, 1968-

MICHAEL SHANNON McVICKER
Jun. 29, 1970-

Patrick, born Abington, Penn.

Michael, born Abington, Penn.

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children of Richard George Rockenbach,
& Carolyn Bourcki. from 79

seventh generation

JASON JEFFREY ROCKENBACH
Jan. 12, 1975-

DANA MICHELLE ROCKENBACH
Dec. 3, 1978-

Jason, born Waukegan, Il.
Dana, born Waukegan, Il.
Jeffery, born Brandon, Fl.

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JEFFERY ALEXANDER ROCKENBACH
Mar. 7, 1989-

children of Donald Rockenbach,
& Peggy Jean Fromdahl. from 80

seventh generation

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DION JOSEPH (Rockenbach) HILLE
Jun. 7, 1963-

JODY MARIE (Rockenbach) HILLE
Sep. 15, 1966-

Roger Hille, second husband of Peggy Fromdahl, adopted Dion & Jody. The name Hille possibly spelled Helle.
Dion, born Rochester, Minn.
Jody, born Rochester, Minn.

child of Donald Rockenbach,
& Janna Lee Jones. from 80

TAMMI LYNN ROCKENBACH adopt.
May 13, 1966-

Tammi, born St. Cloud, Minn. Adopted, Jan. 2, 1979.

children of Frances Kathryn Rockenbach,
& Norman Bruce White. from 80

seventh generation

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THERESA JOANN WHITE adopt
Jun. 6, 1968

THOMAS JOSEPH WHITE adopt
Feb. 27, 1970

TRACY JEAN WHITE
Aug. 11, 1973

Terrence William Walsh

Nels Edward Olsen Jr.

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TRICIA JENEL WHITE
Mar. 26, 1975

Theresa, born Minneapolis, Minn.

Thomas, born Denver, Col.

Tracy, born Mankato, Minn.

Tricia, born Mankato, Minn.

children of Cheryl Rockenbach,
& Gary Masloski. from 80

seventh generation

KARIN MASLOSKI
Aug. 20, 1975-

REBECCA JOY MASLOSKI
Oct. 20, 1978-

Karin, born St. Paul, Minn.

Rebecca, born, St. Paul, Minn.

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child of Royal Rockenbach Spear,
& Marilyn Joy Mehnert. from 81

seventh generation

ROYAL MEHNERT SPEAR

Jul. 15, 1977-

Royal, born Elgin, Il.

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children of Terry Lee Rockenbach,
& Patricia Graham. from *82*

seventh generation

RUSSELL RAYMOND ROCKENBACH
Nov. 22, 1967-

PAIGE RENEE ROCKENBACH
Nov. 10, 1969-

Russell, born Waukegan, Il.

Paige, born Waukegan, Il.

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children of Pamela Rose Rockenbach,
& Charles Elmore Relitz. from 82

seventh generation

MICHELLE DENISE RELITZ
May 19, 1967-

JACQUELINE MARIE RELITZ
Apr. 22, 1969-

Michelle, born Decatur, Al.
Jacqueline, born Warwick, R.I.

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children of Dennis Raymond Rockenbach,
& Jean Marie Raymond. from 82

seventh generation

JORRIE JEAN ROCKENBACH
Oct. 2, 1974-

CARRIE DENNISE ROCKENBACH
Apr. 15, 1976-

Jorrie, born Libertyville, Il
Carrie, born Lake Forest, Il.
Margaret, born Lake Forest, Il.

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MARGARET VIRGINIA ROCKENBACH
Jun. 14, 1978-

children of James Lyle Rockenbach,
& Ellen Gay MacCullough. from 83

seventh generation

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BARBARA PAIGE ROCKENBACH

Jan. 26, 1967-

m. Jun. 18, 1988

Mark Maurice Zander

JAMES LYLE ROCKENBACH Jr.

Aug. 1, 1969-

Barbara, born Columbus, Ind. Married, Brentwood United Meth. Ch., Brentwood, Tn.
James, born Jacksonville, Fl.

Mark Zander, son of William & Lany Kay (Jenkins) Zander.

children of Jill Ann Rockenbach,
& William Russell Jack Jr. from 83

seventh generation

WENDY PAULA JACK
Jan. 16, 1970-

CYNTHIA LYNN JACK
Sep. 14, 1971-

Wendy, born Cleveland, Ohio.
Cynthia, born Cleveland, Ohio.

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children of Jeffrey Booth Rockenbach,
& Chrystene Emelee Lynd. from 83

seventh generation

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JEFFREY ROCKENBACH
Sep. 24, 1967-

STACEY ROCKENBACH
Aug. 1, 1969-

JENNIFER ROCKENBACH
Aug. 1, 1969-

Jeffrey, born Evanston, Il.
Stacey, born Evanston, Il.
Jennifer, born Evanston, Il.

child of Elizabeth Belle Knox,
& William Donald Swanton. from 84

seventh generation

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TERRANCE DAVID (Swanton) EVERETT

May 4, 1974-

m JULY 10, 1999

JAMILYN ABRAHAMSON

JAN 30, 1976

Richard Sr. & Sarah Everett, parents of Richard Hayden Everett Jr., second husband of Elizabeth Knox, adopted Terrance.
Terrance, born Redwood City, Cal. Oct. 1977.

children of Elizabeth Belle Knox,
& Richard Hayden Everett Jr. from 84

RIKKI MARIE EVERETT

Dec. 4, 1984-

HAYDEN

ELRIC RICHARD EVERETT

Aug. 25, 1987-

Rikki, born Tonasket, Wash.

Elric, born Tonasket, Wash.

~~KATHLEEN~~
children of Laurance Almon Knox,
& Kathryn Lynn Peterson. from 84

seventh generation

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THOMAS LAURANCE KNOX
Jun. 26, 1982-

GREGORY ANDREW KNOX
Feb. 5, 1985-

JESSICA KATHLEEN KNOX
Aug. 2, 1988-

Thomas, born San Francisco Co., Cal.

Gregory, born San Francisco, Cal.

Jessica, born at Childrens Hosp, San Francisco, Cal.

children of Cynthia Elizabeth Rockenbach, seventh generation
& Neil Jess Lee. from 85

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KATHRYN MARIE LEE

Oct. 7, 1961-

m. Jan. 13, 1985

Robert Norman Flament

Sep. 26, 1961-

div. Jan. 1, 1988

m. Jan. 7, 1989

Larry Reece Knight

Sep. 12, 1950-

m. JAMES JOHNSON

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JEFFREY ALLEN LEE

Aug. 6, 1963-

BRYAN JAMES LEE

Feb. 12, 1967-

Kathryn, born Waukegan, Il. Mar 1, Congregational Church, Ivanhoe, Il. Mar 2, -
Between marriages, Kathryn took back her maiden name of Lee.

Jeffrey, born Waukegan, Il.

Bryan, born Waukegan, Il.

Robert Flament, born Waukegan, Il. Son of Norman & Gladys (Shirling) Flament.

Larry Knight, born Valdosta, Ga. Son of Theo & Ruth (Parker) Knight. Larry's children by a previous marriage;
Tracey Elizabeth, born Jun. 8, 1972 in Thomasville, Ga. & Toni Denise, born Apr. 28, 1974 in Thomasville, Ga.

children of Wayne Rodney Rockenbach,
& Karen Lee Hance. from 85

seventh generation

KRISTIN LEE ROCKENBACH

Oct. 8, 1966-

M DEC 2, 1995 TIMOTHY J. MAHONEY

CAROLYN DAWN ROCKENBACH

Sep. 20, 1968-

Kristin, born Waukegan, Il.

Carolyn, born Waukegan, Il.

Kenneth, born Waukegan, Il.

KENNETH WAYNE ROCKENBACH
Jul. 22, 1972-

children of Alan Dale Belcher,
& Gay Diane McFarlen. from 86

seventh generation

PHAEDRA CHRISTINE BELCHER

Jun. 4, 1972-

m ~~GETS~~, MAR 11, 1995

ARIC GREGORY MORGAN
OCT 8 1970 -

AARON THOMAS BELCHER

Aug. 6, 1977-

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Phaedra, born Waco, Tx.

Aaron, born Woodstock, Il.

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children of Lynn Thomas Belcher,
& Paula Elaine Hawbecker. from 86

seventh generation

ADAIR ELAINE BELCHER

Jun. 25, 1977-

MAY 10, 1996

HEATH LEE BLACKMON

OCT 30, 1974-

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STEPHEN THOMAS BELCHER

Apr. 28, 1980-

Adair, born Fort Worth, Tx.

Stephen, born Fort Worth, Tx.

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children of Dena Arlene Belcher,
& Lawrence Duane Gibbs. from 86

seventh generation

SHANE ANTHONY GIBBS
Jul. 9, 1971-

DANIELLE ELIZABETH GIBBS
Aug. 28, 1973-

Shane, born Woodstock, Il
Danielle, born Woodstock, Il.

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child of Robert Lee Martin,
& Karen Boschee. from 87

seventh generation

MICHAEL JAMES (Martin) PICKELL
Feb. 6, 1974-

Steven Pickell, second husband of Karen Boschee, adopted Michael.
Michael Pickell, born Sturgis, Mich.

children of Robert Lee Martin,
& Holly Hansen. from 87

MATTHEW GREGORY MARTIN
May 22, 1982-May 22, 1982

DOLLY ANN MARTIN
Jul. 12, 1984-

Dolly Ann, born Mesa, Ariz.

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child of John Alan Martin,
& Ana-Paula Little. from 87

seventh generation

SARAH JANE MARTIN

Nov. 23, 1978-

Sarah, born in Zimbabwe.

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children of Leslie Ann Rockenbach,
& Richard Dale Green. from 88

seventh generation

STACY ANN GREEN

Oct. 6, 1972-

m MAY 29, 1999

TIMOTHY JOHN McCAFFREY

MAR 13, 1970-

AMY ELIZABETH GREEN

Jun. 15, 1975-

m JUNE 16, 2001

Stacy, born Travis AFB, Cal.

Amy, born Wausau, Wis.

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children of Philip Catlow Rockenbach,
& Pamela Ann Thorsen. from 88

seventh generation

BARBARA ANN ROCKENBACH
Jan. 31, 1974-

ELIZABETH JANE ROCKENBACH
Jul. 26, 1976-

Barbara, born Denver, Col.
Elizabeth, born Denver, Col.

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child of John Forest Rockenbach,
& Barbara Jean Brooks. from 88

seventh generation

DANIEL BROOKS ROCKENBACH
Jun. 28, 1986-

TAYLOR ANNE ROCKENBACH
Aug. 1, 1990

Daniel, born St. Mary's Hosp., Madison, Wis.
Taylor, born St. Mary's Hosp., Madison, Wis.

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children of Peter George Rockenbach,
& Susan Kay Bartman. from 88

seventh generation

PHILIP JOHN ROCKENBACH II
Feb. 22, 1984-

COURTNEY MARIE ROCKENBACH
Mar. 5, 1986-

Philip, born Kansas City, Kansas.
Courtney, born Kalamazoo, Mich.

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children of Howard Henry Owen,
& Karen Anne Bellinger. from 89

eighth generation

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JEFFREY SCOTT OWEN
Jul. 13, 1976-

STEPHEN CRAIG OWEN
Aug. 23, 1979-

SCOTT BRADLEY OWEN
Jun. 21, 1982-

BLAKE ANDREW OWEN
Jan. 9, 1986-

TIFFANY MICHELLE OWEN adopt.
May 27, 1984-

Jeffrey, born in Austin, Tx.
Stephen, born in Austin, Tx.
Scott, born in Austin, Tx.
Blake, born in Austin, Tx.
Tiffany, adopted Jul. 1987.

children of Mark Mills Owen,
& Elizabeth Louise McConnaughey. from 89

eighth generation

KATHERINE ELIZABETH OWEN

Jul. 4, 1979-

LISA CARLETON OWEN

Mar. 4, 1981-

Katherine, born Columbus, Ohio.

Lisa, born Columbus, Ohio.

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child of Fran Owen,
& Larry Edward Bond. from 89

eighth generation

MAGGIE MICHELE BOND
Jan. 17, 1985-

MOLLIE MARIE BOND
SEPT 4, 1994

Maggie, born Bedford, In.

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children of Christine Esther Mills,
& Timothy John O'Brien. from 90

eighth generation

COLIN MILLS O'BRIEN
Nov. 28, 1981-

CONOR KENT O'BRIEN
Jun. 28, 1985-

Colin, born Los Angeles, Cal.

Conor, born in Presbyterian Hosp., Los Angeles, Cal.

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children of Corinne Louise Mills,
& Jerome Louis Herro. from 90

eighth generation

LUKE ALEXANDER HERRO
Aug. 4, 1982-

JAMES HERBERT HERRO
Sep. 25, 1984-

Luke, born Appleton, Wis.

James, born Burlington Hosp., Appleton, Wis.

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REPLACED SEP. 1986.

children of Eugene Austin Mills,
& Mary Beth Squire. from 90

eighth generation

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SETH AUSTIN MILLS
Apr. 25, 1988

KELSEY GRACE MILLS
Sep. 2, 1990

Kelsey Grace Mills, born at St. Luke's Hosp., Racine, Wisc.

child of Suzanne Cook,
& Charles Men Wong. from 92

eighth generation

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REPLACED SEP. 86.

KATHRYN MAURINE WONG
Nov. 17, 1983-

child of Deborah Ann Manning,
& Tom Aldridge. from **93**

eighth generation

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REPLACED SEP. 88.

ERIC EVAN (ALDRIDGE) GORE
Aug. 3, 1977-

Eric will use the name Gore, from second marriage of Deborah Ann Manning to Robert Gore.
Eric, born Seaside, Cal.

children of Deborah Ann Manning,
& Robert Gore. from **93**

NICHOLAS GERALD GORE
Dec. 13, 1985-

MELISSA ESTHER GORE
Apr. 19, 1988-

Nicholas, born at Monterey Hosp., Monterey, Cal.
Melissa, born at Monterey Hosp., Monterey, Cal.

child of Tamara Lynn Manning. from 93

MATTHEW AUSTIN HAMILTON
Jun. 25, 1988-

eighth generation

CHILD OF LAURA MILLS & MATHEW NAISER FROM 94

AUSTIN JAMES NAISER
Nov. 6, 1998-

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ADDED SEP. 88.

CHILDREN OF LYNETTE MILLS & DEREK WINKLER
FROM 94

DELANEY ELAINE WINKLER
BLAKE RYAN WINKLER
NOV 18, 1999 -
NOV 18, 1999

Matthew, born at Mission Valley Hosp., Cal.

children of Holly Jean Rasmussen,
& Richard Donald Hamilton. from 95

eighth generation

SHANNON MARIE HAMILTON

Aug. 20, 1977-

m OCT. 20, 2000

BRIAN PARMELEE

BRANDON MICHAEL HAMILTON

Dec. 16, 1983-

Shannon, born Fullerton, Cal.

Brandon, born Fullerton, Cal.

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REPLACED SEP. 1985

JEREMY ROBT. CARLYLE ~~RASS~~ HAMILTON
MAR 30 1994

child of Jeffrey Michael Rasmussen,
& Kathryn Louise Matt. from 95

eighth generation

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add 1992

KRISTINE AMBER RASMUSSEN
Aug. 13, 1991

MICHAEL JAMES RASMUSSEN
FEB 18, 1996

children of Christopher Anast,
& Patricia Hallas. from 95

eighth generation

ROBERT ANAST
Sep. 23, 1970-

DEBORAH ANAST
Sep. 3, 1972-

Robert, born WAUKEGAN, IL
Deborah, born WAUKEGAN, IL

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child of Gregg Douglas Rockenbach,
& Louise Charlene Gould. from 96

eighth generation

STEPHANIE LYNN ROCKENBACH
Feb. 28, 1979-

Stephanie, born Libertyville, Il.

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children of John Frederick Turner,
& Chrisa Gwen Worthington. from 98

eighth generation

JESSICA GWEN TURNER
Feb. 18, 1980-

JEREMY ALAN TURNER
Sep. 16, 1981-

Jessica, born McHenry, Il.

Jeremy, born McHenry, Il.

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child of Mark Allen Turner,
& Julie Mueller. from 98

eighth generation

NICHOLAS ALLEN TURNER
Oct. 31, 1983-

BRADLEY RYAN TURNER
Jul. 28, 1986-

Nicholas, born Woodstock, Il.

Bradley, born Good Shepperd Hosp., Barrington, Il.

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child of James Philip Turner,
& Wanda Landis. from 98

eighth generation

MATTHEW WARREN TURNER
Feb. 9, 1988-

Matthew, born at Good Shepherd Hosp, Barrington, Il.

CAROLYN RUTH JURNER
& JAMES PETER CARRAS FROM 98

ALYSSA TAYLOR CARRAS
AUG 28, 1994

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REPLACED SEP, 89

child of Douglas Aaron Taylor,
& Mary Davis Waller. from 99

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SETH AARON TAYLOR, II
Mar. 6, 1993

|

eighth generation

CHILD OF KATHRYN TAYLOR & GORDON SHERIDAN

|

JEFFRY PHILIP TAYLOR SHERIDAN
OCT 25, 1995-

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added 1995

Seth, born Peoria, Ill.

child of Kathryn M. Lee,
& Larry R. Knight. from 116

eighth generation

MICHAEL SCOTT KNIGHT
Dec. 30, 1989

Michael, born Snellville, Ga.

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REPL. SEP 90.

child of Theresa Joann White,
& Terrence William Walsh. from 105

eighth generation

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MELANIE ANN WHITE
Feb. 22, 1987

child of Theresa Joann White,
& Nels Edward Olsen Jr. from 105

BRANDON MICHAEL WHITE
Apr. 3, 1990

Melanie, born St. Joseph's Hosp. N. Mankato, Minn.
Brandon, born St. Joseph's Hosp. N. Mankato, Minn.

generation additions

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CHILD OF PNAEDRA BELCHER & ARIC MORGAN FROM Pg 118

HANNA CHRISTINE MORGAN
FEB 18, 1997

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generation additions

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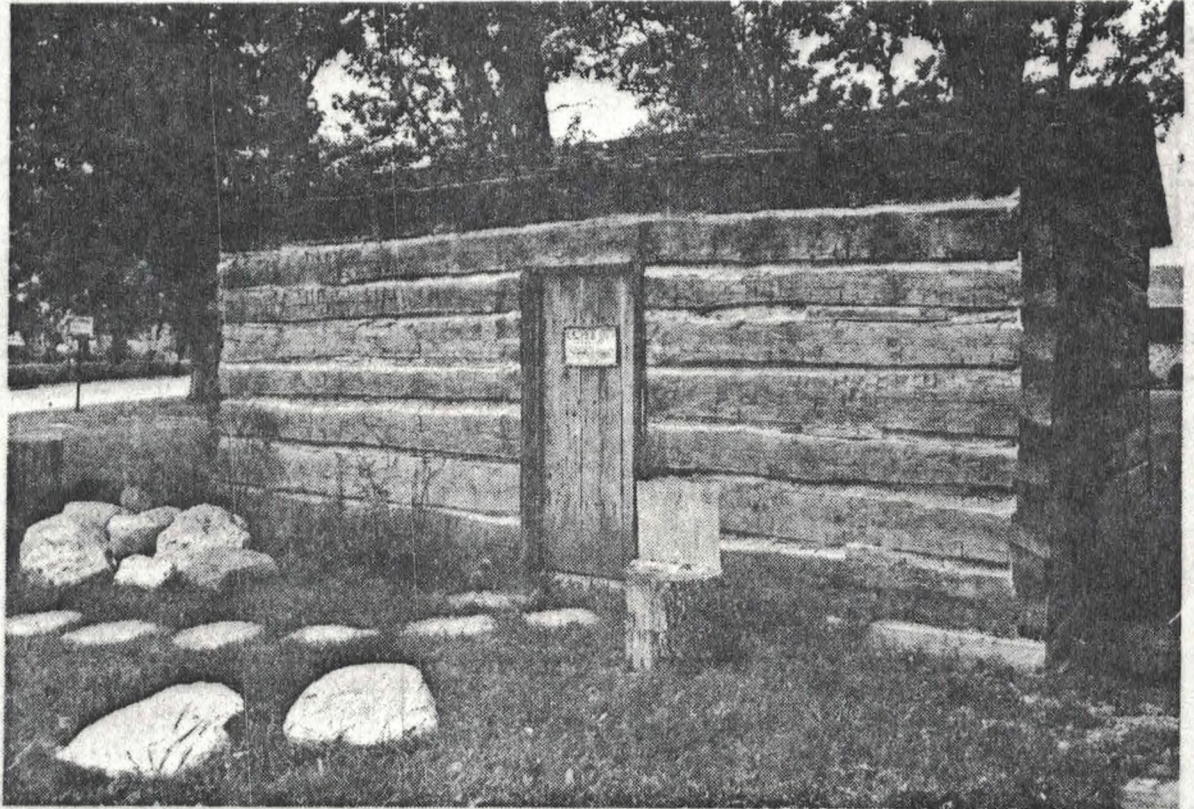
It has been suggested that the pictures in the book have some reference back to the people in the family charts. Listed below, are the pictures in the order that I have them in (that may differ from yours), the year the picture was released and the page number in the text that the pictures are in reference to.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REFER TO PAGE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1983	74	Rockenbach Farm on Virginia Street.
1985	none	Tripp School, now located in Wheeling, Il.
1985	none	Tripp School, Wheeling, Il.
1987	none	General Store, Half Day, Il.
1985	none	Washburn Congregational Church, Half Day, Il.
1985	none	Feed Mill, Prairie View, Il.
1983	none	First Congregational Church, Crystal Lake, Il.
1983	68	George Rockenbach II.
1984	65 REMOVE	(?) Philip Riedlinger. Father of Salome, etc.
1987	70	Philip, Fred & George Rockenbach.
1983	70	Philip Rockenbach.
1983	70	George Rockenbach III.
1986	70	George Rockenbach III. Taken at his home in Deerfield.
1984	28 & 65	Maria Ursula (Rieg) Ott, wife. Clara Anna Ott. Died 1865, dau. Lorenz Ott. c. 1860.
1987	65	Maria Ursula (Rieg) Ott.
1986	28 & 65	Children of Lorenz & Ursula (Rieg) Ott. etc.
1983	70	Sarah (Ott) Rockenbach.
1983	70	Sarah (Ott) Rockenbach, 1891.
1983	72	George Rockenbach III Family, 1881. etc.
1983	72	Adelaide Rockenbach.
1987	72	May (Whitney) and Orman Rockenbach - 1898.
1983	72	Almon Rockenbach.
1983	72	Sam & Emma Rockenbach, Deerfield, Il.
1983	72	Viola Rockenbach, 17 years old, 1893.
1983	72	Viola Rockenbach.
1983	72	Preston Rockenbach.
1983	72	Irene Rockenbach. (seated)
1983	72	Irene Rockenbach.
1984	30, 31 & 65	John Edward Catlow Sr. Cabin, Palatine, Il.
1986	30 & 31	Catlow Auditorium on Station St. etc.
1986	65	John Edward Catlow.
1986	65	Elizabeth (Kitson) Catlow.
1984	65	Joseph Goodman Catlow.
1986	65	Mary Triebel's Mother, third wife of Frederick Triebel.
1984	65	Mary (Triebel) Catlow.
1987	30	Chester Catlow, brother of Eliz. Mae (Catlow) Rockenbach.
1984	30 & 65	Elizabeth & Belle Catlow.
1983	65 & 74	Elizabeth (Catlow) Rockenbach.
1984	74	Elizabeth (Catlow) Rockenbach & Esther. 1900.
1985	74	Bob & Esther Rockenbach, 1901. 1904
1983	74	Almon Rockenbach, Esther, Robert, Elizabeth (Catlow) Rock
1983	65, 74 & 76	Elizabeth (Catlow) Rockenbach, Joseph Catlow, Shirley Mills, Esther (Rockenbach) Mills, 1923, 4 generations.
1985	74	(group picture of Almon Rockenbach family)
1983	74	Almon Rockenbach Family, 1935.
1983	74	Elizabeth and Almon Rockenbach.
1983	74	Elizabeth and Almon Rockenbach, Golden Anniversary, 1949 inlaws.

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A sesquicentennial feature of The News-Sun



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Still standing

The Casper Ott cabin, built in 1837 along Saunders Road, is one of the oldest buildings still standing in Lake County. The rough-hewn cabin, now part of Deerfield's Historic Village on Kipling Court, was slated

for demolition in 1970 but was rescued by residents who wanted to save the cabin. When built, the one-room cabin housed the Pennsylvania native, his wife and their seven children.



Emma Alice (Hilton) & Rev. John George Rockenbach.

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Vernon Rockenbach
on tricycle.
Son of Preston
Rockenbach.

George

Joseph

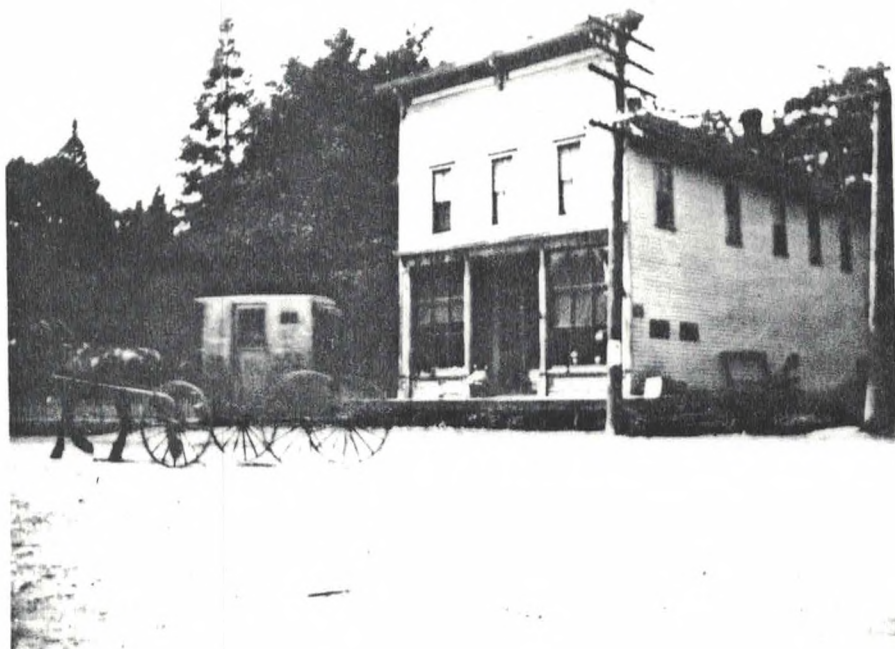
Ruth

Shirley

Raymond

& Lyle Rockenbach

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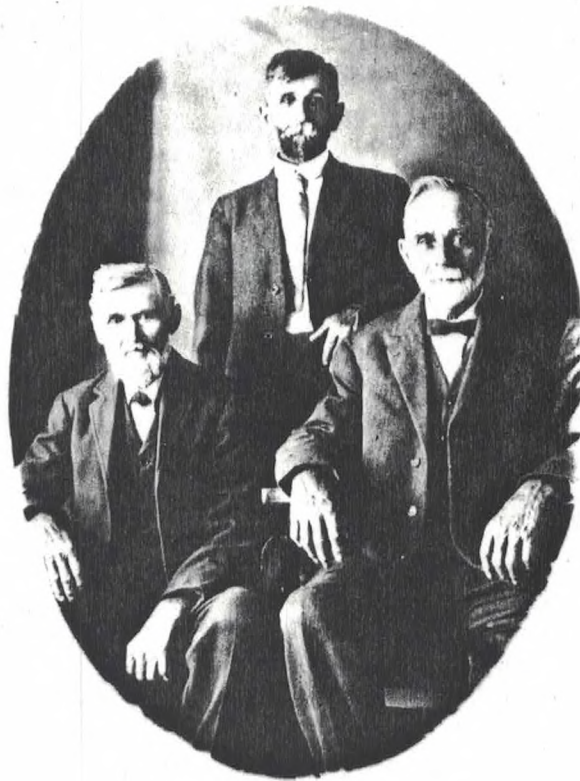


General Store,
Half Day, Illinois.



Maria Ursula (Rieg) Ott.

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Philip, Fred & George Rockenbach

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Chester Catlow,

brother of Elizabeth Mae (Catlow) Rockenbach.

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May (Whitney) and Orman Rockenbach - 1898

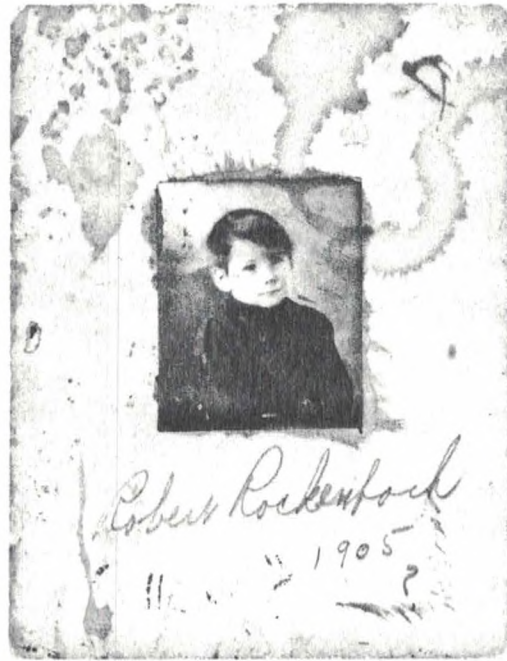
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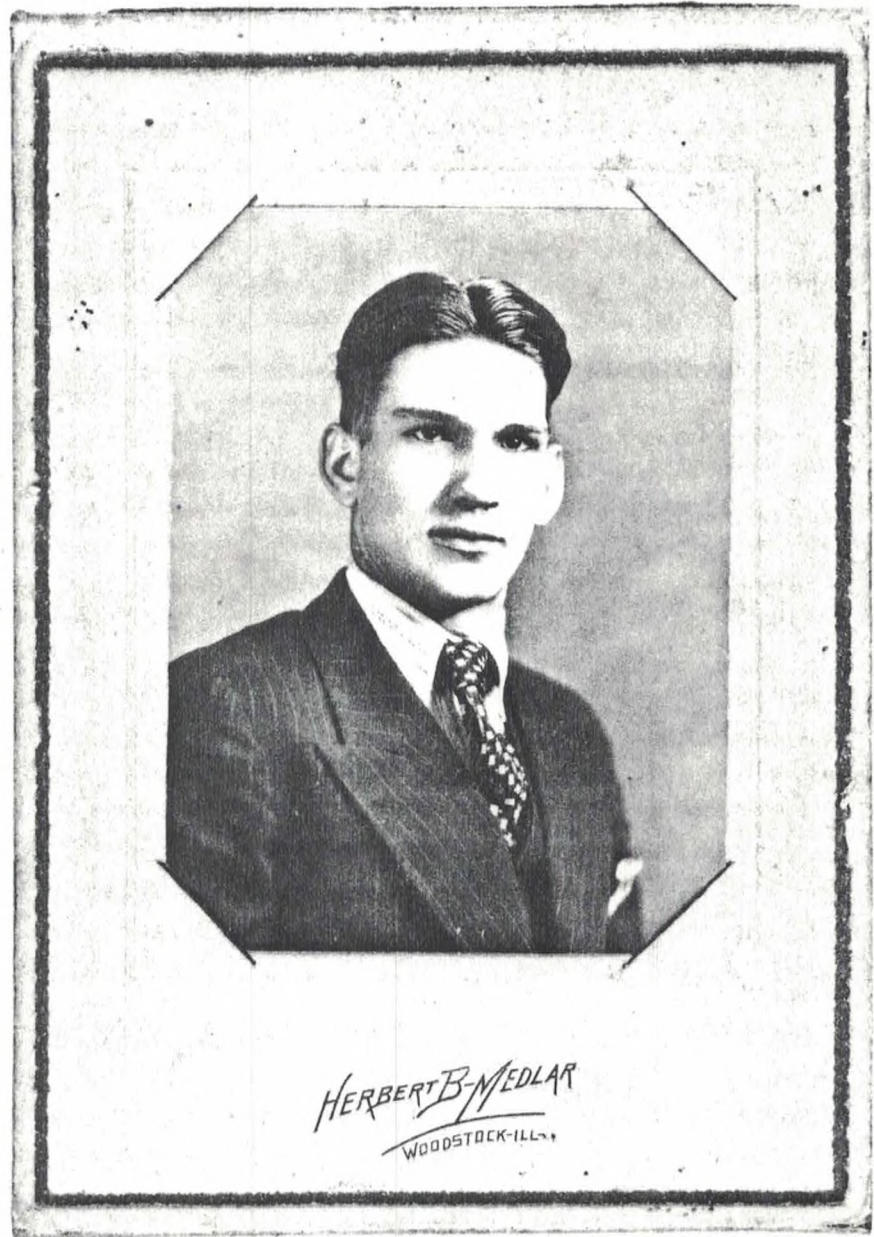
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AKRON OHIO
JAN 19 1944

Esther (Rockenbach) Mills



Robert George Rockenbach.

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Joseph Rockenbach
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North Northfield Cemetery, near Wheeling, Il.



Here Lies
JOHAN JACOB OTT
born
on 6 Nov 1784
died
on 16 May 1865

North Northfield Cemetery, near Wheeling, Ill.



Here Lies
MARIA MAGDALENA
Wife of
Johan Jacob Ott

Elsass
Born on 6 Nov 1782
Died on 8 Dec 1867

North Northfield Cemetery, near Wheeling, W. Va.



LAWRENCE OTT
Oct 24 1808
Feb 8 1863
MARIA URSULA OTT
May 18 1811
Sep 13 1887

North Northfield Cemetery, near Wheeling, Il.



GEO ROCKENBACH
1807 - 1877
SALOME His Wife
1812 - 1851
(back of stone)
Age 39 Years _ Months



PHILIP ROCKENBACH
Born Mar 9, 1834 Died Jan 10, 1921
MARY ROCKENBACH
Born Dec 6, 1838 Died Dec 15, 1908
WILLIE
1864-1869

North Northfield Cemetery, near Wheeling, Il.



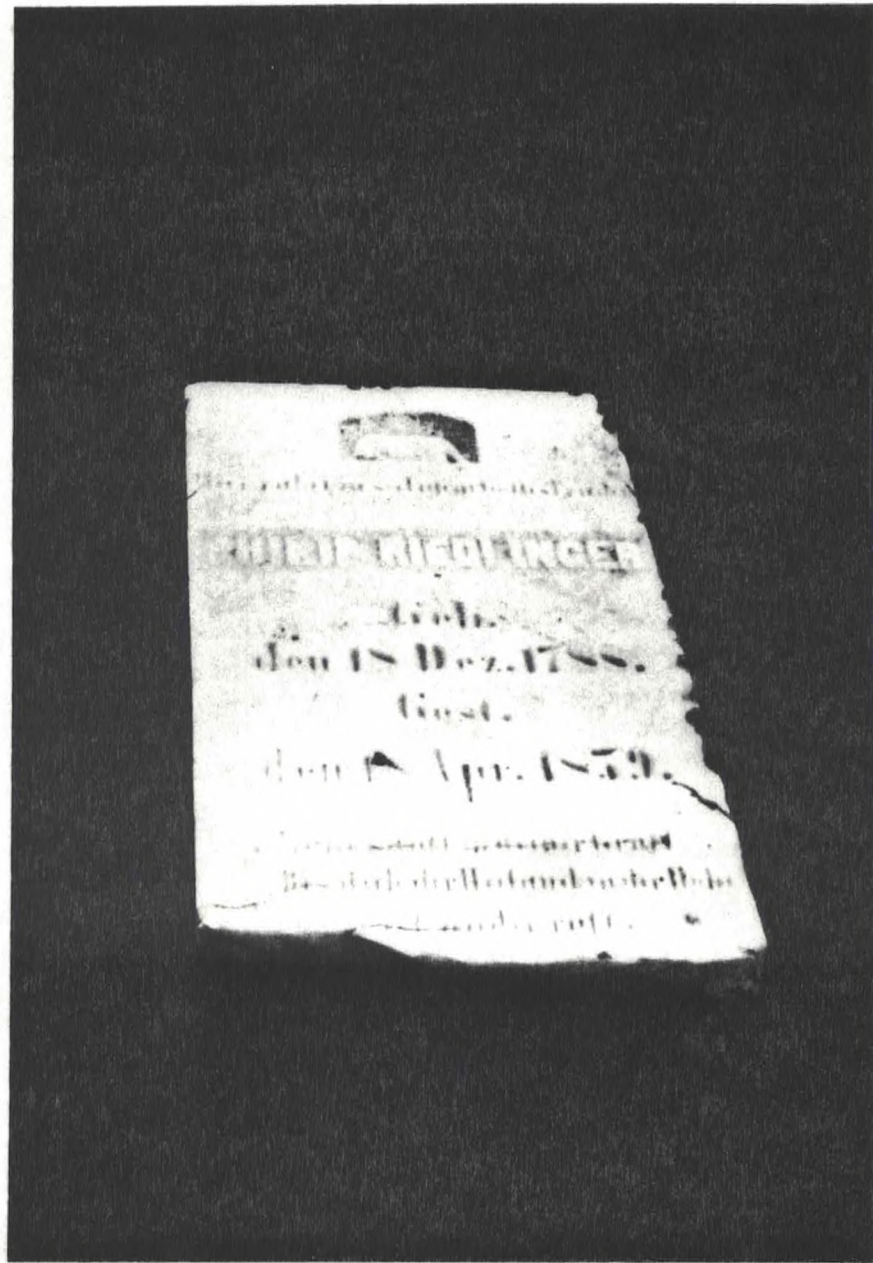
SARAH ROCKENBACH
Mar 17, 1839 - Aug 18 1899
GEORGE ROCKENBACH
Feb 2, 1841 - May 16, 1936
Born In Alsace France

McHenry Co. Memorial Cemetery, Woodstock, Il.



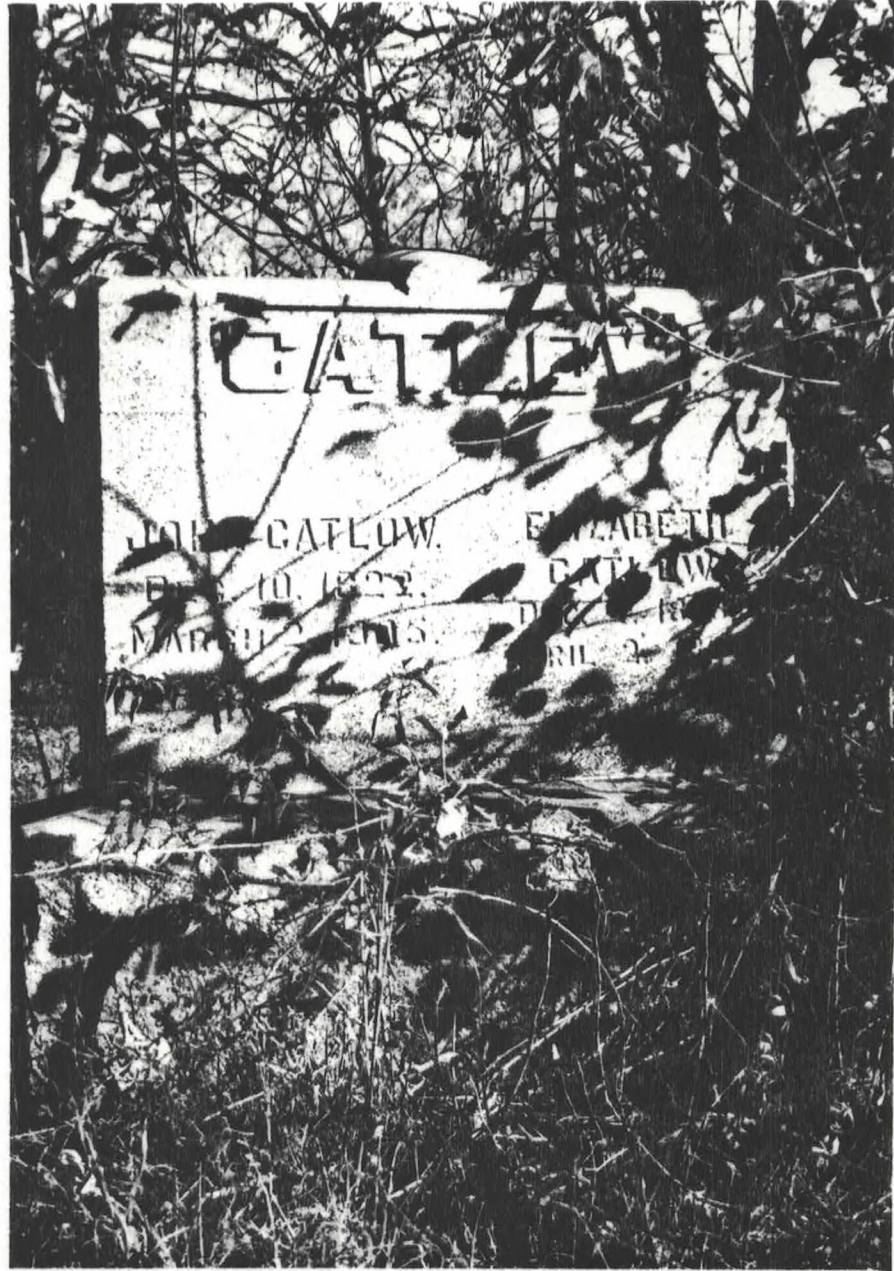
ALMON O ROCKENBACH
Oct 23 1871
Jan 9 1958

ELIZABETH M ROCKENBACH
Jul 1 1879
Jun 25 1950



PHILIP RIEDLINGER
born
on 18 Dec 1788
died
on 18 Apr 1859

Cady Cemetery, Palatine, Il.



John Catlow
Dec. 10, 1822
Mar. 2, 1905

Elizabeth Catlow
Dec. 7, 1823
Apr. 2, 1897

Wheeling Cemetery, Wheeling, Il.



(front stone)
Here Lies
MARIA SALOME
Wife of
Ph Riedlinger
Died on 7 Jun
1861
Age _ 70 Years

(back stone)
Here Lies
MARIA SALOME
RIEDLINGER
born
on 27 Mar 1840
died
on 24 Jul 1856
(a dau of Christian
Riedlinger)

Evergreen Cemetery on Dundee Av., Barrington, Ill.



JOSEPH G.
son of
John Catlow
May 8 1853
Dec 23 1926

MARY CATLOW
daughter of
F. Triebel
Jan 15 1853
Mar 5 1890



(REIG)
Maria Ursula (Reig) Ott. wife
Clara Anna Ott. Died 1865. dau
Lorenz Ott.
c. 1860



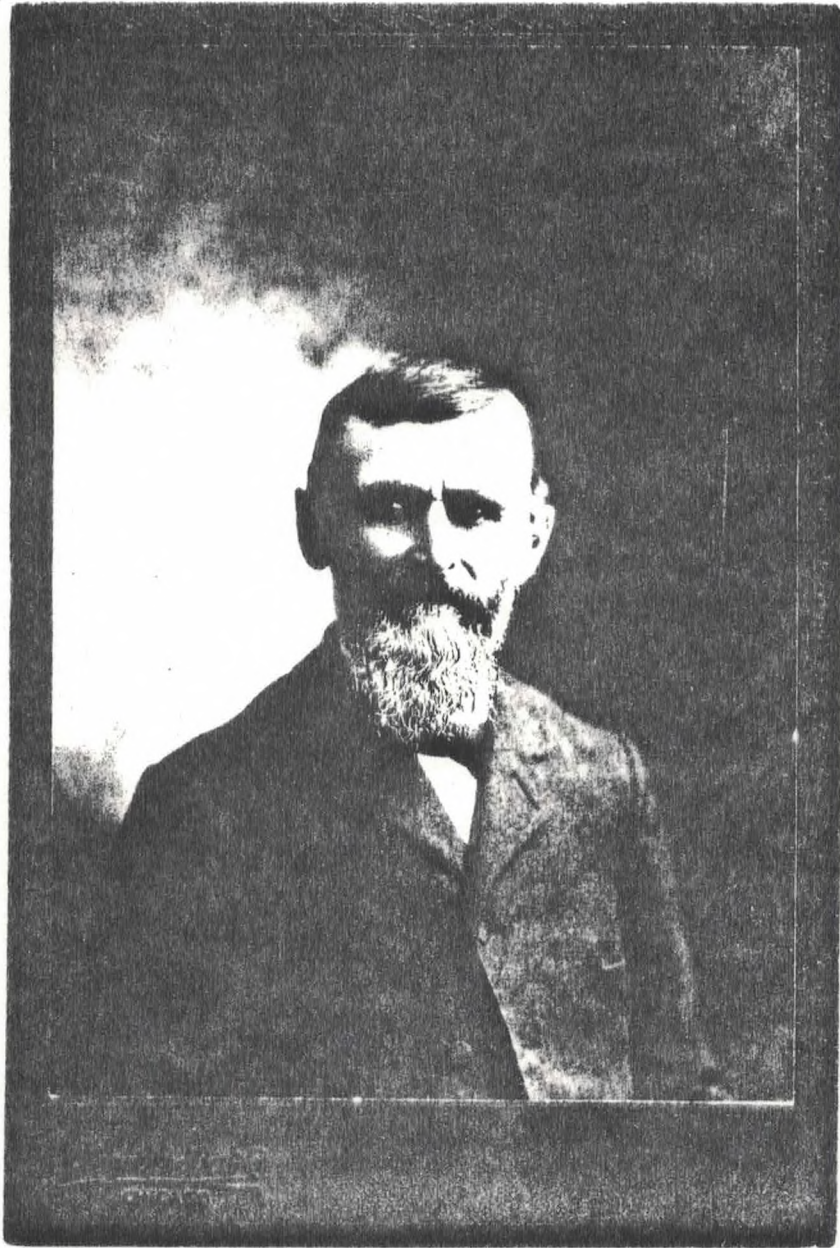
(REIG)

Children of Lorenz & Ursula (Rieg) Ott.

L to R. Mary, Magdalena, Sarah,
Samuel & Eli Ott.



George Rockenbach II



Philip Rockenbach



RIEDLINGER
Philip Reidlinger. Father of
Salome, who was the wife of
George Rockenbach II.

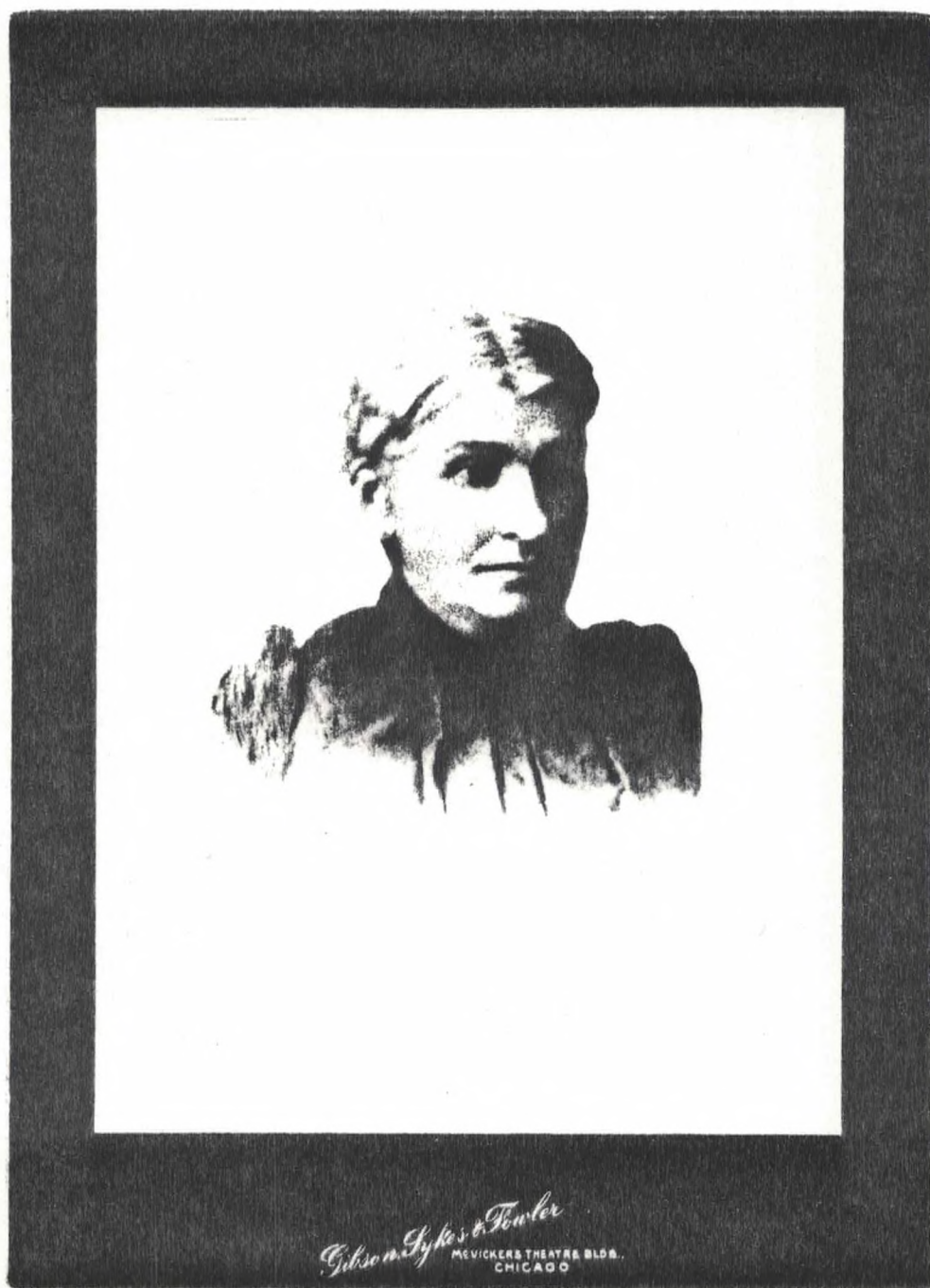
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George Rockenbach III.
Taken at his home in
Deerfield, Il.



Sarah (Ott) Rockenbach



Sarah (Ott) Rockenbach, 1891



George Rockenbach III Family 1881. Back: Addie, Orman, Ella, Almon, Samuel. Front: Mother Sarah, Preston, Father George, Viola.



Adelaide Rockenbach



Almon Rockenbach



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121-123 W. MADISON ST.
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Sam & Emma Rockbach
Deerfield - Ill



Viola Rockenbach, 11 Years Old.



Viola Rockenbach



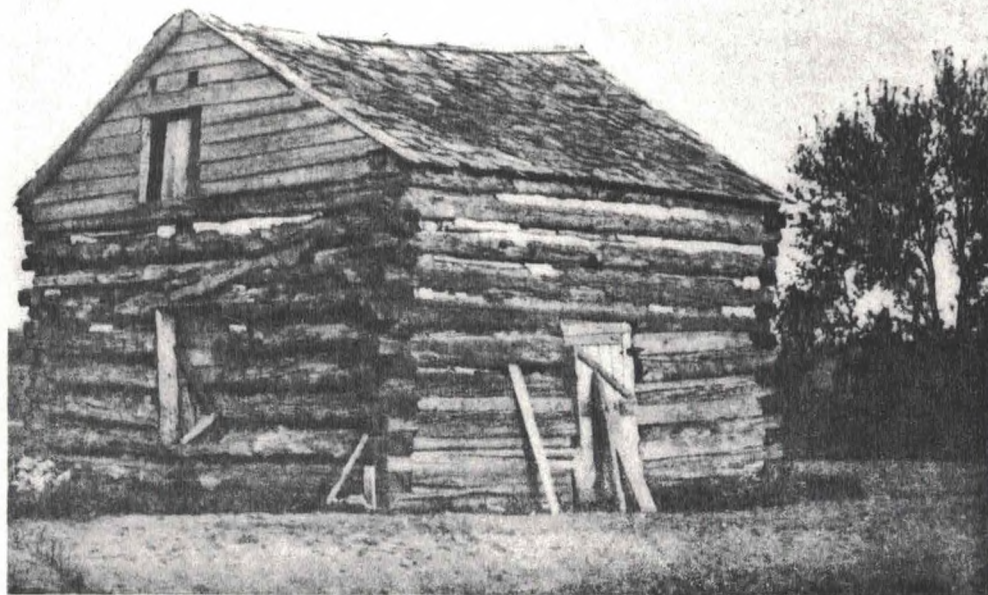
Preston Rockenbach



Irene Rockenbach



Irene Rockenbach



John Edward Catlow Sr. Cabin, Palatine, Il.



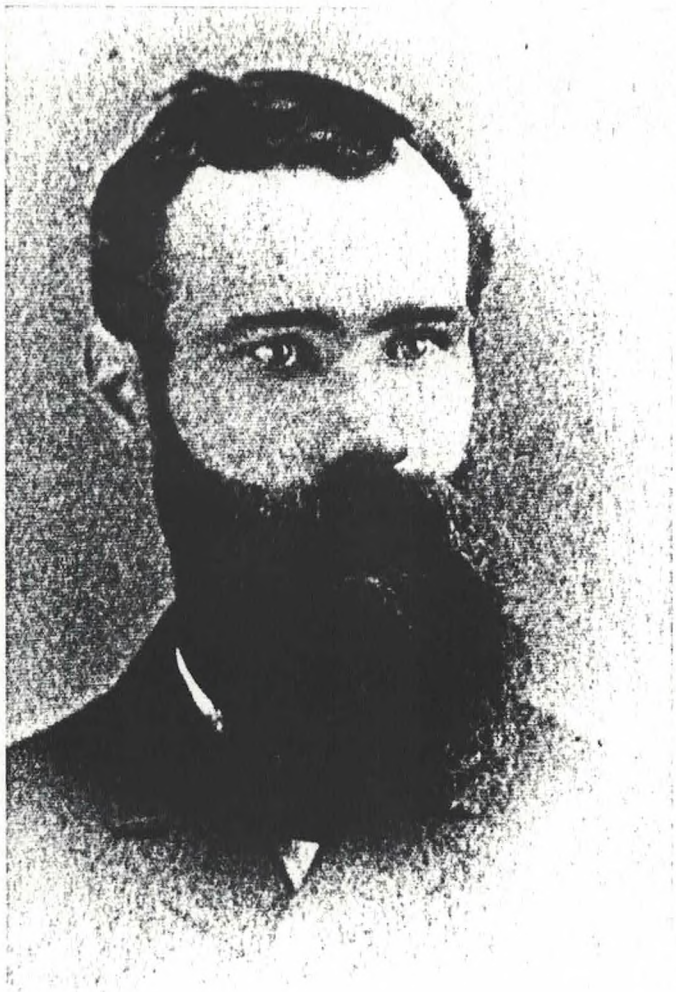
John Edward Catlow



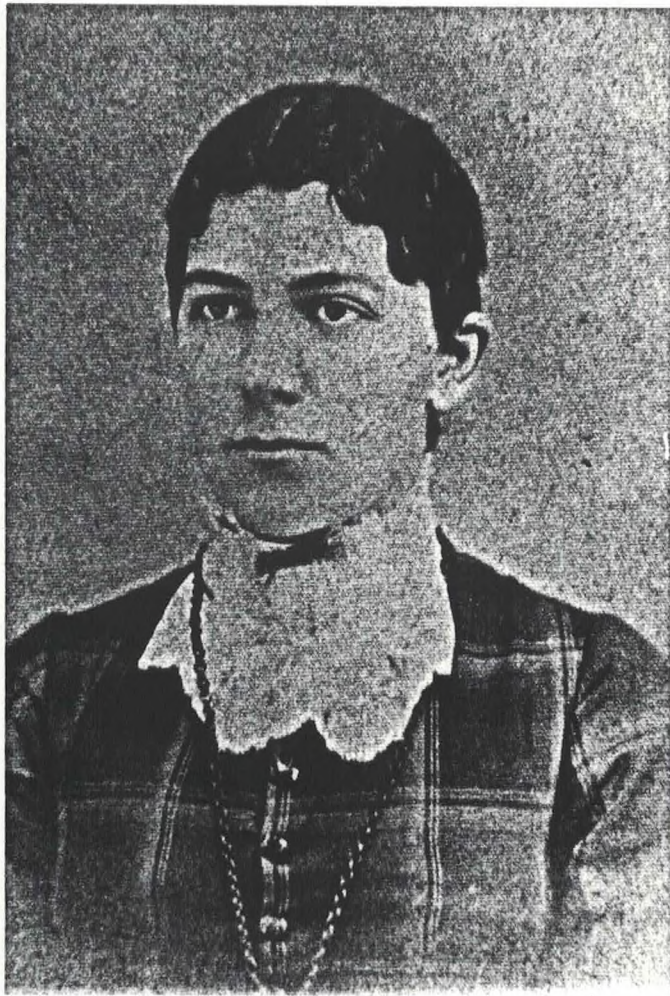
Elizabeth (Kitson) Catlow



Mary Triebel's mother,
third wife of Frederick Triebel



Joseph Goodman Catlow.



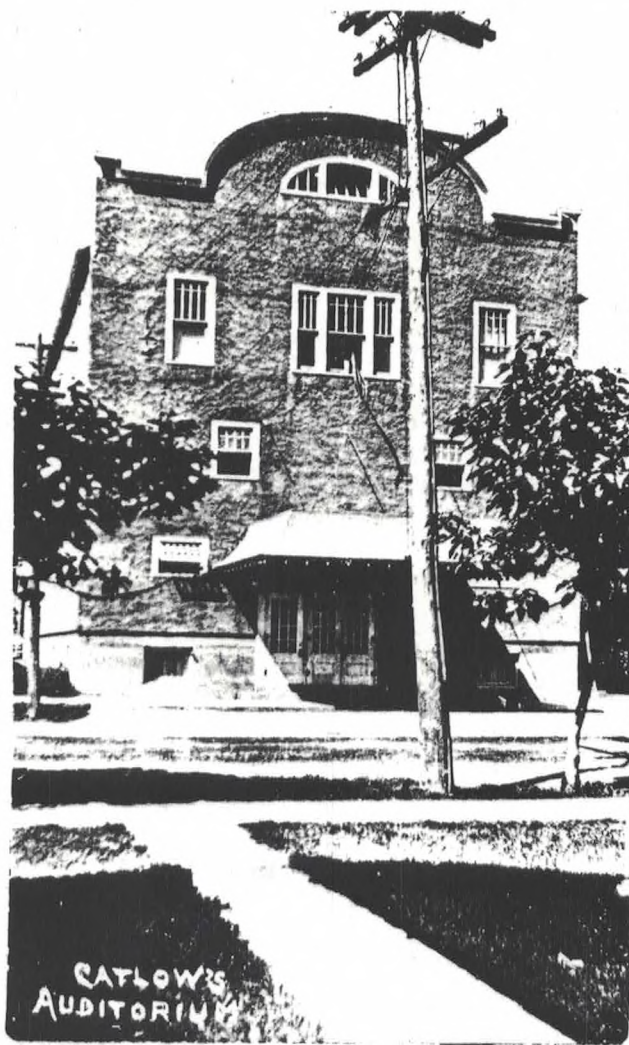
Mary (Triebel) Catlow.



Elizabeth (Catlow) Rockenbach



Elizabeth & Belle Catlow

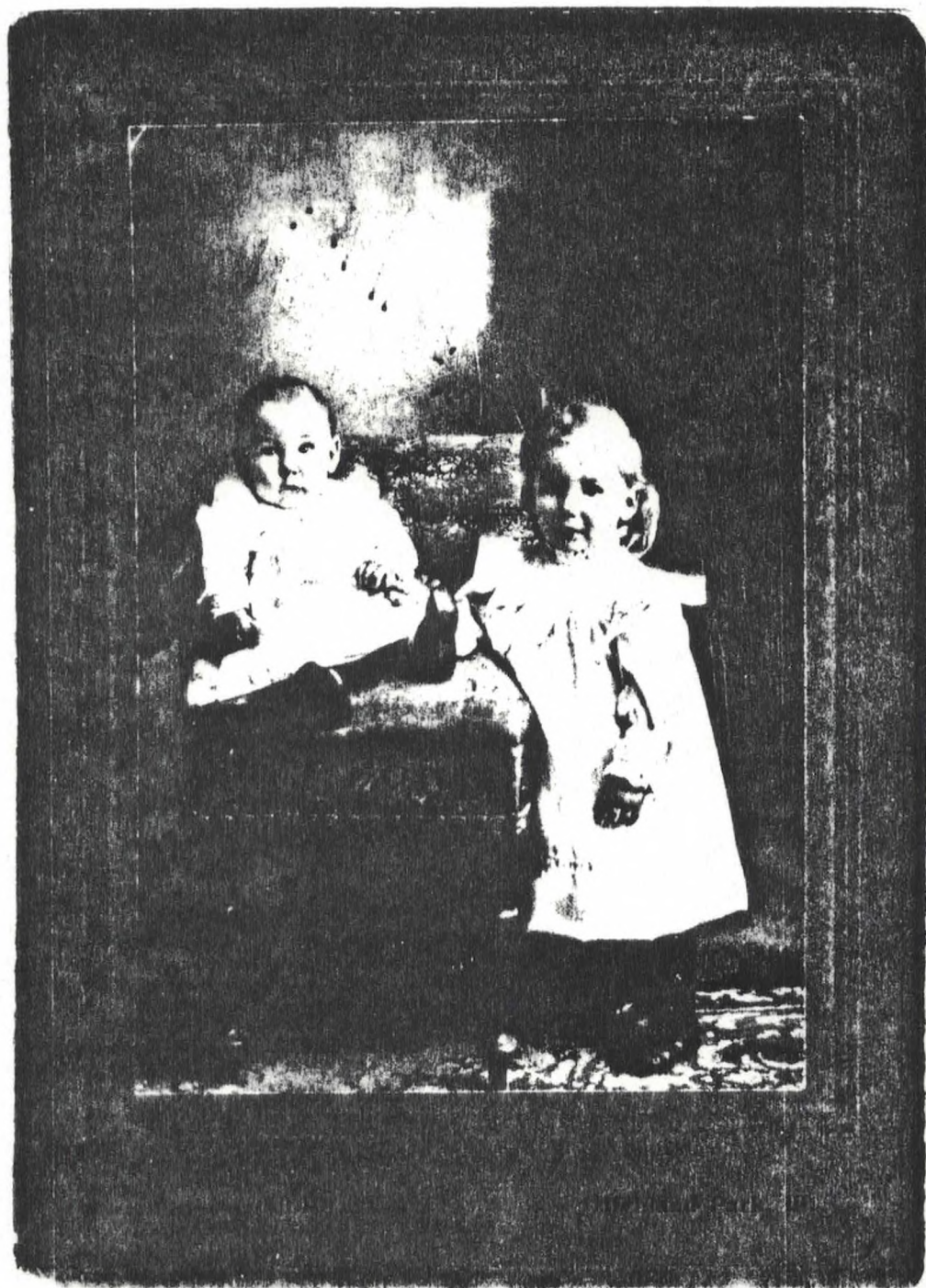


Catlow Auditorium
on Station St.
Barrington, Il.
built 1915

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph G. Catlow
requests your presence
at the marriage ceremony
of their daughter

Lizzie Mae,

to
Mr. Amos Rockenbach,
Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1899,
High noon,
Darrington, Illinois.



Bob & Esther Rockenbach, 1901.



Almon Rockenbach, Esther, Robert, Elizabeth (Catlow) Rockenbach
1904



Elizabeth and Almon Rockenbach

R. Rockenbach



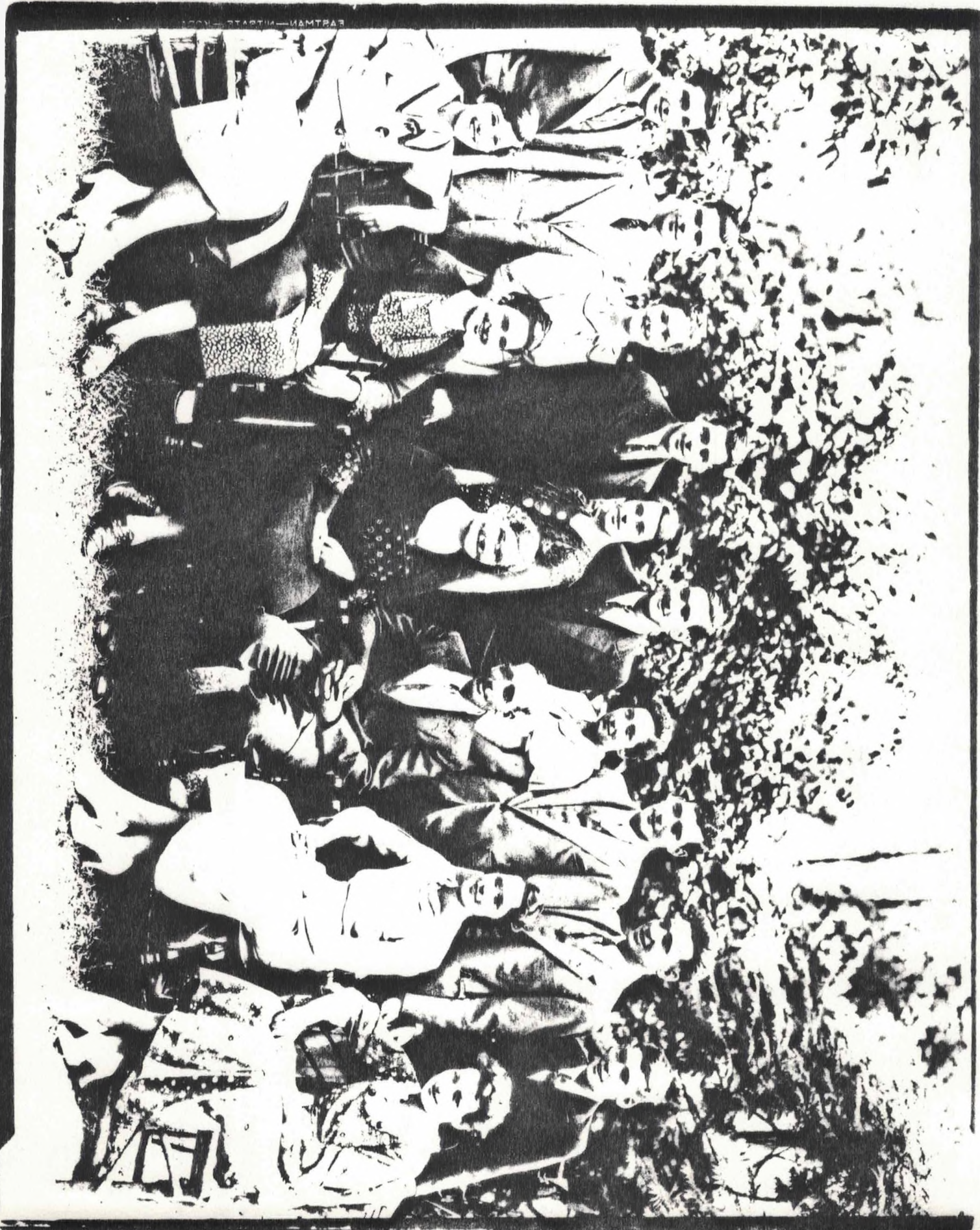
1. Mary. 2. Jim. 3. Almon Rockenbach. 4. Elizabeth Rockenbach. 5. Sarah. 6. Esther. 7. Bob.
8. Ruth. 9. Elizabeth. 10. George. 11. Joe. 12. Shirley. 13. Ray. 14. Lyle.



Elizabeth (Catlow) Rockenbach, Joseph Catlow, Shirley Mills, Esther (Rockenbach) Mills.
1923, Four Generations.

Almon Rockenbach Family, 1935.

Back: Lyle, Rodney, Mary, Ray, Ruth, Joe, Sarah, George, Robert, Philip
Front: Dory, Esther, Mother Elizabeth, Father Almon, Elizabeth, Shirley.





Elizabeth and Almon Rockenbach
Golden Anniversary 1945. 1949

Inlaws

B: Sarah, Lyle, Rodney, Raymond, George, Joseph, Ruth.

F: Elizabeth, Dory, Mother Elizabeth, Father Almon, Esther, Mary, Shirley.



Elizabeth and Almon Rockenbach
Golden Anniversary 1945. 1949

Outlaws

B: Lillian R., Phil Taylor, Frank Owens, Royal Spear, Melvin Belcher, Lewis Mills, Virginia

F: Barb R., Jean R., Mother Elizabeth, Father Almon, Mary Lou R., Martha R., Bonnie R.



1949.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Don Rockenbach | 13. Almon Rockenbach |
| 2. Frances Rockenbach | 14. Susan Taylor |
| 3. Wayne Rockenbach | 15. Cynthia Rockenbach |
| 4. Dick Rockenbach | 16. Georgiann Rockenbach |
| 5. Terry Rockenbach | 17. Bob Rockenbach |
| 6. Pam Rockenbach | 18. Virginia Taylor |
| 7. Royal Spear | 19. Howard Owen |
| 8. Dennis Rockenbach | 20. Shirley (Mills) Owen |
| 9. Jill Rockenbach | 21. John Taylor |
| 10. Jim Mills | 22. Seth Taylor |
| 11. Nancy Mills | 23. Chuck Mills |
| 12. Elizabeth Rockenbach | 24. Doug Rockenbach |



Sallman Studio
5146 N. CLARK ST.
CHICAGO

Robert Rockenbach, 1940



*Merrison, Photographer
Champion Building
111 Co. State St. Madison, Wis. Chicago*

Ruth Rockenbach, 1917.



1935.

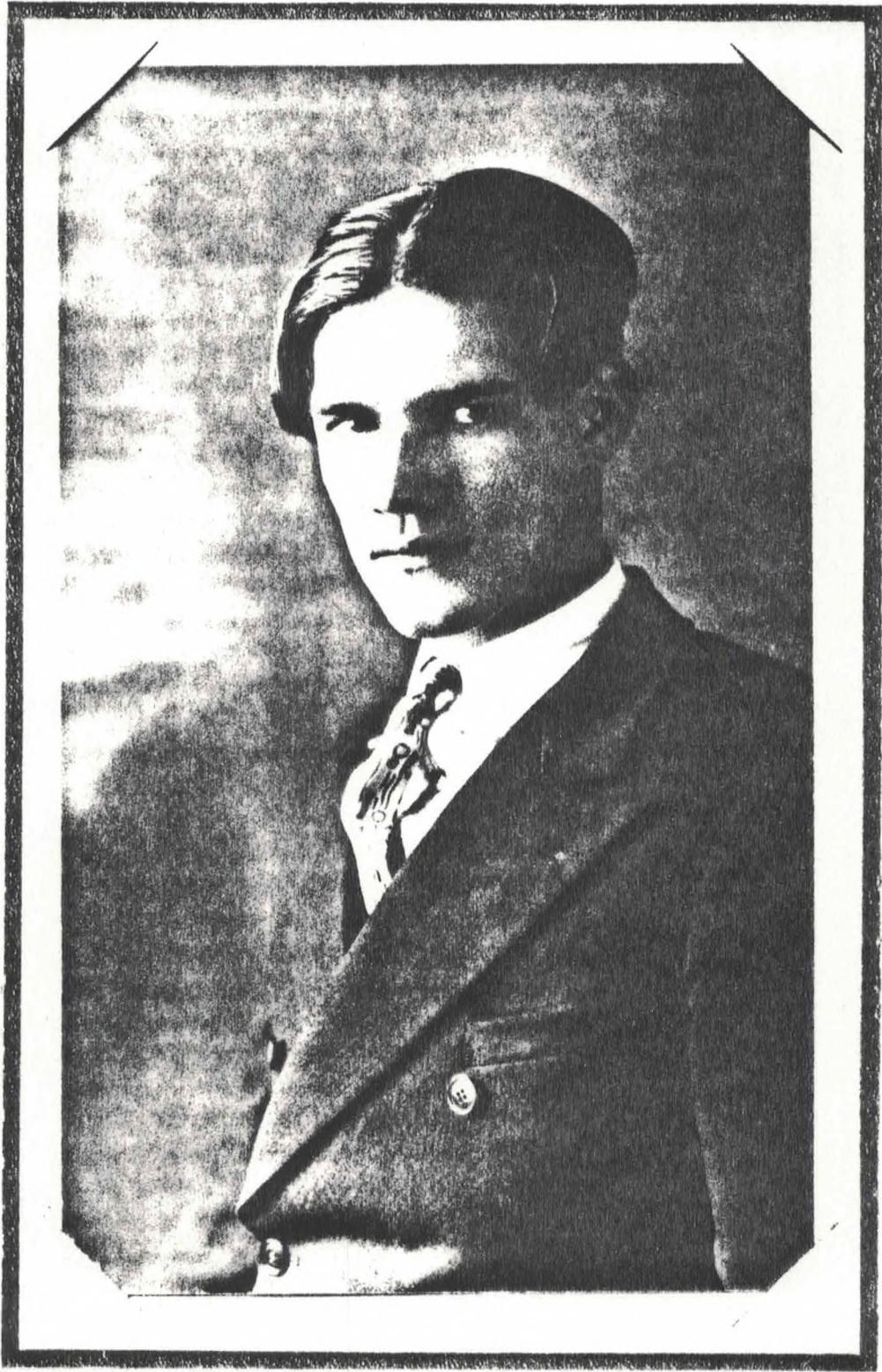
Seth, Mother Ruth (Rockenbach) Taylor, Virginia, Father L. A. Phil Taylor
HARE



Elizabeth (Rockenbach) Tigerman
WOLF



Elizabeth (Rockenbach) Tigerman, 18 Years Old.
WOLF



The Bernie Studio

Evanston, Ill.

George Rockenbach IV.



Joseph Rockenbach



Shirley Ann (Rockenbach) Spear



Shirley Ann (Rockenbach) Spear

Raymond
Rockenbach
1932



CLASS
1932

HERBERT B. MEDLAR
WOODSTOCK - ILL.



Lyle Rockenbach



K. H. DEN K. V. Z. J. INC.
N. Y.

Mary (Rockenbach) Knox

Rodney
Rockenbach



*Rodney
Rockenbach*



Sarah (Rockenbach) Belcher. 1944.



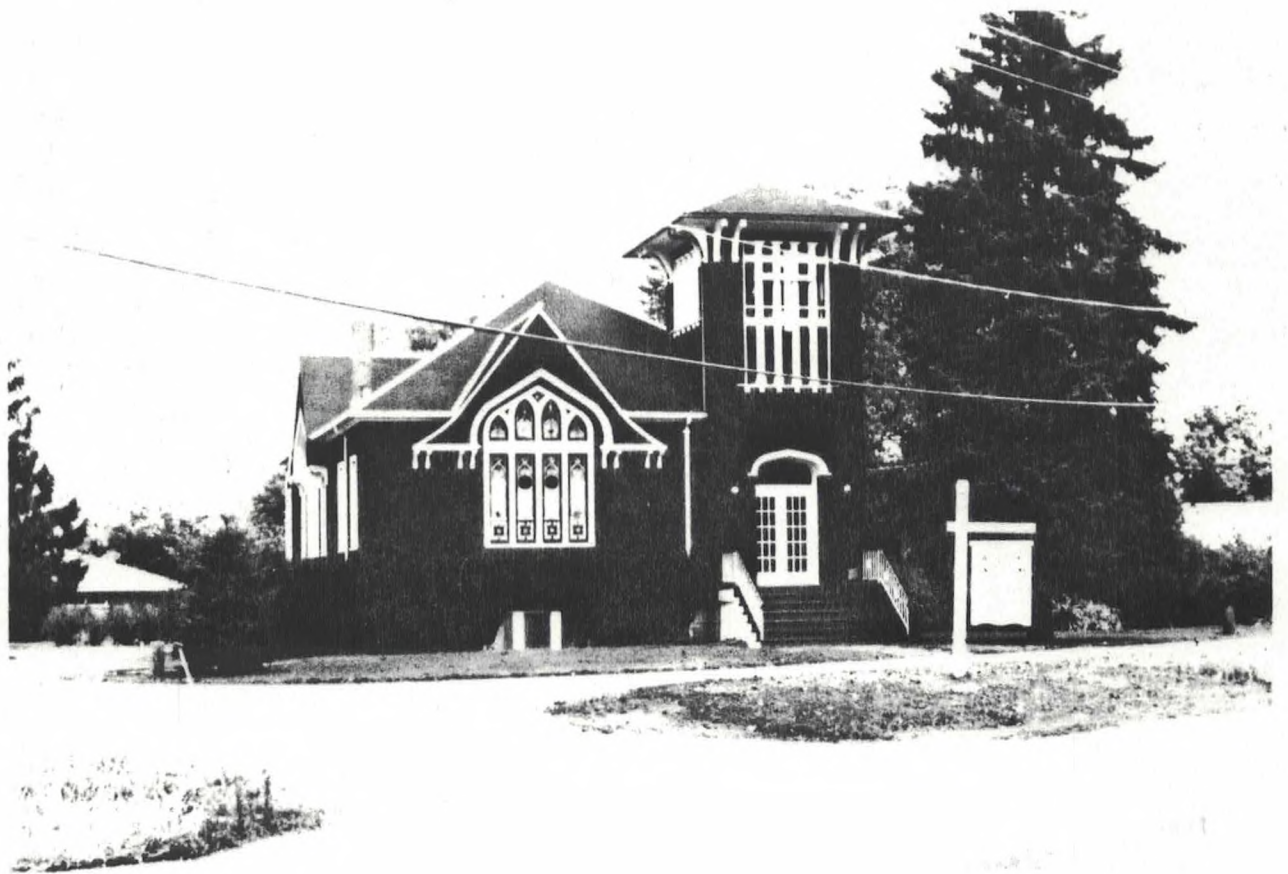
Philip Rockenbach



Tripp School, now located in Wheeling, Il.

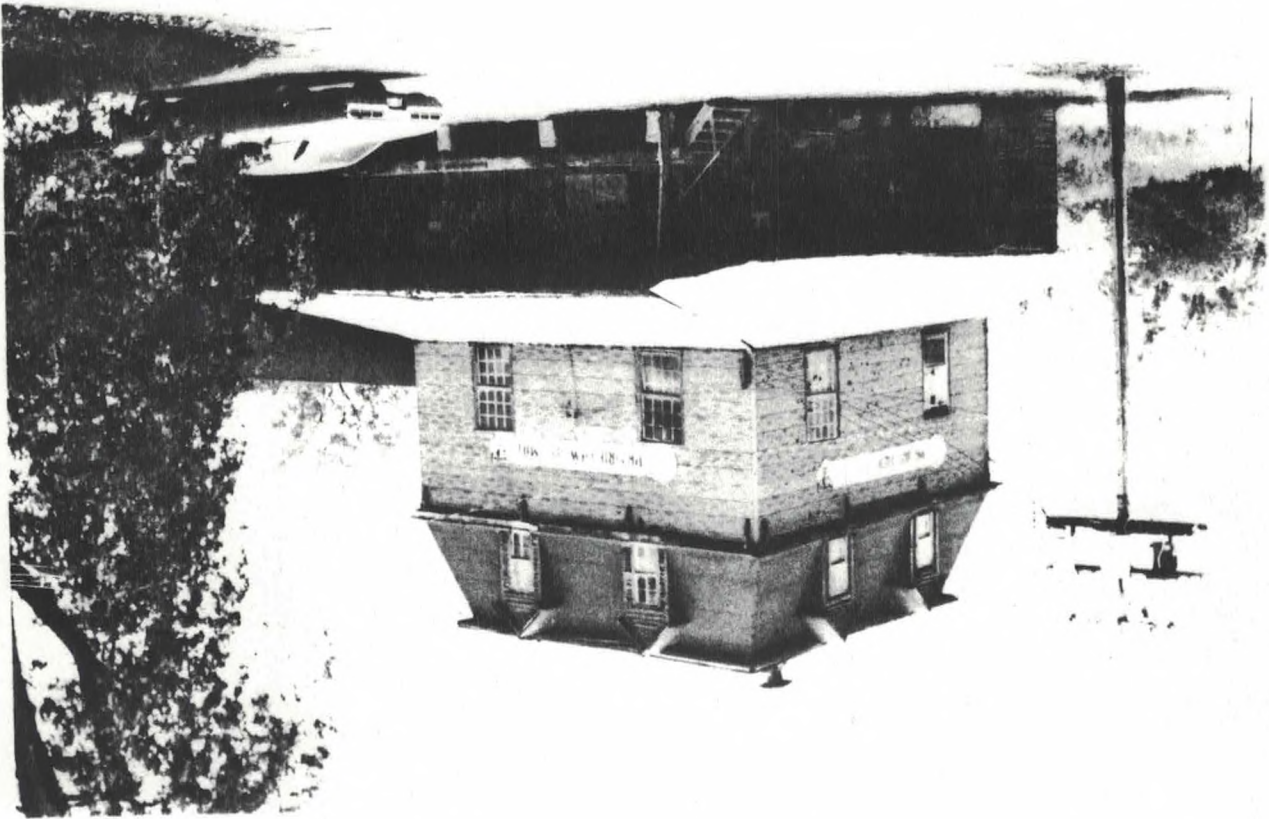


Tripp School, Wheeling, Il.



Washburn Congregational Church, Half Day, II.

Feed Mill, Prairie View, II.





Rockenbach Farm on Virginia Street (Rt 14) Crystal Lake, Ill.

CONG CHURCH
CRYSTAL LAKE ILL
1880



First Congregational Church.
Crystal Lake, Ill.