

Old St. Joseph's Cemetery

A Dahlin/Spaeth Family Perspective



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Summary

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Swedish immigrant Carl Reinhold Dahlin and American -born Grace C. Spaeth were married in Syracuse NY April 4 ,1921. In 1925 they moved into a brand- new home at 146 Culbert St.[see 1925 photo below].The crucifix on the cover page could be seen from the back yard. St. Joseph's cemetery, opened in 1859 and had over 6000 burials that contained remains of my mother, Grace [Spaeth] Dahlin's sister, grandparents, five of her father's siblings and direct relatives from the Markert, Muhhauser and Schmuckmeier families. In 1965-1966, individual remains were disinterred with all but a few moved to a mass grave in Assumption cemetery. - This 47-page document includes photos, commentary and genealogical records about the Spaeth family and direct relatives. Further, detailed information about the cemetery and the reinternment process is provided.

Acknowledgements

Mary "Pat" Markert 1913-2008 Was a relative of my grandmother Matilda [Markert] Spaeth. Pat spent countless hours documenting St. Joseph's burial records., These burial records and her cemetery history are currently on file at the Onondaga County Library Local History/Genealogy Center. In 2003, she gave me copies of Markert Family Trees that are part of this document. She also gave me some of her original 3X5 inch index cards used for her cemetery effort. Reduced copies of these cards show up in this text. Her obituary and a brief biography are on Page 17

Francis "Dick" Barr 1935-2019 Spent countless hours transcribing Assumption Church 1844-1900 Marriages and 1844 -1870 Baptisms. His work was published by the Central New York Genealogy Society in 2006 and 2007. Dick also provided me with digital copies of these files that I turned over to Assumption church and the main library. Excerpts from his records show up many times in this document. His obituary is on Page 34.

Trisha [Rathbun] Di Bella 1953 -2011 Her grandmother, Bernice "Bunnie" [Spaeth] Rathbun was my mother's younger sister. Trisha's 283-page work "Spaeth Family History 1852-2005" is on file at the Onondaga Public Library and was a source for photos and other family information used. Her funeral card is on Page 34.

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Old St. Joseph's Cemetery-- Family Memories and Perspectives

Overview : St Joseph's Cemetery long gone as a Syracuse, NY landmark, remains a sad testimony to the City's history. It was established in 1859 by the German parish of Assumption Church on the hillside of Pond and First North Street as a sacred burial ground. Early "Northside" immigrants that included both German and Irish Roman Catholics took great pride in this cemetery. Most important, often with limited finances, they paid for perpetual care of their departed loved-ones. In short, these proud and highly religious folks understood that family gravesites and tombstones would be maintained for perpetuity. The last burial was on February 25, 1953.



Unfortunately, by the early 1960's the cemetery was overgrown with brush and weeds intermingled with toppled tombstones. Apparently, City planners and church officials at the time agreed that this eyesore and neighborhood hazard needed to be removed. The result supported by genealogist Pat Markert is that during 1965-1966 individual remains were disinterred with all but a few moved to a mass grave at Assumption Cemetery. According to the field notes of Herbert N. Lozzot who had the primary responsibility, or contract, 6567 graves were reinterred. This included approximately 180 graves and headstones, paid for family members that were moved to the traditional Assumption Cemetery complex.

One can only imagine the despair of those old German and Irish immigrants if they knew that their family members would be later dug up and buried in a common grave. Further, their highly-respected tombstones would be used for landfill.

To underscore the reburial options at the time it is worth retelling the comments by my mother's brother George Spaeth. Per my recollections, my Uncle George was given the opportunity to have family remains reburied at Assumption Cemetery for \$400 each. I do not know if that included moving the tombstone. However, recognizing what \$400 meant in 1960 dollars, I remember how furious he was with this option particularly when the family paid for perpetual care. Consequently, my Mother's sister, grandparents, great grandfather and four siblings of her father, Frank A Spaeth, are now buried in the mass grave.

To respond to my Uncles dismay, it is important to understand the economic dilemma all the Syracuse area Catholic churches were having at that time. That is, parishioners were flocking to the suburbs taking away crucial financial resources. Assumption had additional considerations. The cemetery was a financial and social liability and they had an opportunity to sell the property thereby obtaining an important new revenue. Further, one must underscore that this was not unique. USA cities during and prior to that time period did the same.

The following narrative is from the viewpoint of the Carl and Grace [Spaeth] Dahlin family that lived next to the cemetery. It entails photos and commentary of family members buried in the cemetery that include the Spaeth's plus relatives from the Markert, Muhlhauser and Schmuckmeier families. Two overlay maps showing the old cemetery as it relates to the present along with reburial history are also included. Further, photos of the existing reburial site at the Syracuse NY Assumption Cemetery and the certified reburial survey for this effort are provided. Finally, pertinent records and family trees are included in an Appendix.

My older brother Dick Dahlin was an amateur photographer. He had several decent cameras and his own darkroom at our family home. The attached photo is of the old Cross that sat on the hilltop of the cemetery. This photo was taken by my brother about 1939. In my biased viewpoint, it shows pretty decent artistic photography for a teenager. From my thinking, it serves as a metaphor for the old cemetery. This black&white photo shows Christ nailed to an old weather beaten cross but his face is hidden in silhouette. The Cross is bracketed with old dying Lombardy Popular trees backed by weather threatening clouds.

Family History as it relates to the old cemetery

Parents: Carl Dahlin and Grace Spaeth were married in the Assumption Church April 4, 1921. They moved into their newly built house at 146 Culbert St. in 1925. They had four children Dick in 1922, Gordon in 1924, Vivian in 1927 and Roger in 1937. Carl emigrated from Sweden in 1910. Growing up I knew he had some relatives in Sweden but to my knowledge none in the USA. Consequently, my family exposure was maternal and tied to the Spaeth Family. My Mother's paternal grandparents were both born in Germany.



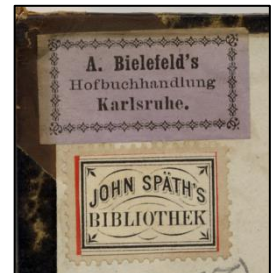
Culbert St. 1925 Note Cemetery Trees in back

John Spaeth Family Patriarch : John and his father came alone to Syracuse in 1852. The family name originally had the German spelling Spath or Spat with an umlaut over the "a" [See the attached book marker]; however, it was later anglicized to Spaeth. According to family legend John was studying to be priest and was headed for a Franciscan based seminary in Buffalo NY. However, he stopped off in Syracuse to visit family or friends and met Crescentia Muhlhauser. They married April 4, 1857 and had ten children



John worked for most of his adult life as the principal bookkeeper for the William C. Gere Company that had a large wholesale business on the Erie Canal. John owned a nice home on Carbon St. with a back lot that extended to the street below where he raised a variety of fruit trees and grapes. John also had an aviary with a wide variety of live birds. During the 1880's he also had a business on the Erie Canal

selling live birds. His hobbies also included raising hybrid plants and making furniture. He also had a small library that included books in both German and English. In addition to hobbies and raising a large family he was very active in the Assumption Church where he reportedly served as treasurer an officer in the St Joseph's Society. During the Civil War he served in the Home Guard. John's son Frank A. Spaeth was a lifetime usher at Assumption Church.



Bookkeeper Inkwell

Crescentia Muhlhauser Wife of John Spaeth Crescentia's obituary states that she was born in Germany and came to Syracuse when she was eight years old. The obituary further states that funeral services will be held at her 611 Carbon St, home and later at Assumption Church followed by burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery.



Crescentia Muhlhauser and husband John Spaeth

I have several copies of 4X6 inch index cards that Pat Markert used to record St. Joseph burials, that includes Crescentia and her parents. I assume the others are relatives. – Syracuse City Directories from 1862 to 1900 show William Muhlhauser and offspring owning a grocery store and Mathias Muhlhauser with a meat market. William and Mathias could be brothers. William was Crescentia's father.

My mother's sister Bernice [Spaeth] Rathun ,who was a nurse, told me an interesting story about Crescentia. The story came from her Aunt Frances Gamerdinger daughter of John and Crescentia. Frances stated that Crescentia's mother also named Crescentia was a midwife and helped deliver most of the "Northside" Germans born at the time.

St Joseph's Cemetery Childhood Recreational Source

All the kids who lived on Culbert Street used the cemetery as a source of recreation. Photos to support this are shown. In my case, growing up in the 1940's there was rarely any auto traffic; consequently, most of our play time was devoted to the street on top of the hill. Heavy brush and poison ivy generally limited our cemetery activities until the winter. However, most of us took advantage of the flowers growing wild there that we would give to our mothers for special occasions. My mother was particularly happy when I brought her a freshly picked bouquet of Sweet Peas or Lilacs.

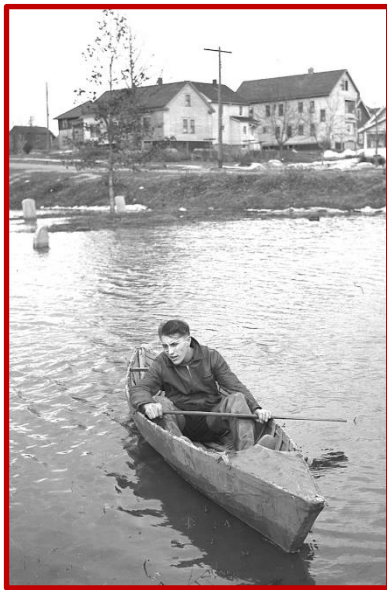
My next-door neighbor, Bob Sabella, recently reminded me that neighborhood kids would periodically visit to the old Cross via the First North Street entrance. My niece Linda [Dahlin] Valette who attended Assumption School also mentioned visiting the Cross and picking flowers to drop off there.



Dick&Gordon backyard 1926 Note Gravestones below



Dick Dahlin Skiing among gravestones



Gordon Dahlin with his homebuilt kayak paddling among gravestones in the flooded cemetery about 1938. The photo looking toward Pond Street is where the present Vinette Towers Apartment parking lot currently exists. The photo to the right was taken February 2017 facing the same direction and shows some of the same buildings



Dahlin Grandkids winter 1966 after cemetery clearance. Current Vinette Towers is at bottom

Culbert Street Hill Urchins about 1946.

Photo ID left to right is as follows.: Top Row :-?,Bob Sabella,DickFenocchi, Roger Dahlin,Philomena Vollmer and ,Karen Gibson -Middle row: Joyce Yehle, Dick Fenocchi,Bob Cornelliuss, &Joe Vollmer -Lower Row :Peggy Vollmer holding doll,?, Bob Hueber and ?



Spaeth Family Members Buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery



Parents John Spaeth 1835-1894
Crescentia Spaeth 1840-1923



Anna Wilhelmina Spaeth
1897-1910 [Granddaughter]

Anna was born Sept 13, 1897 and died July 18, 1910. She was the oldest daughter who often took care of her younger siblings. Anna told my mother "There cannot be any babies in heaven because they are always sick or crying."

The death of Miss Anna N. Spaeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spaeth of No. 733 North Alvord street, occurred yesterday at St. Josephs Hospital. She was 13 years old. The funeral will be held at 8.30 o'clock to-morrow morning from the house and at 9 o'clock at the Church of the Assumption. Interment will be at St. Josephs Cemetery.

Anna's Obituary



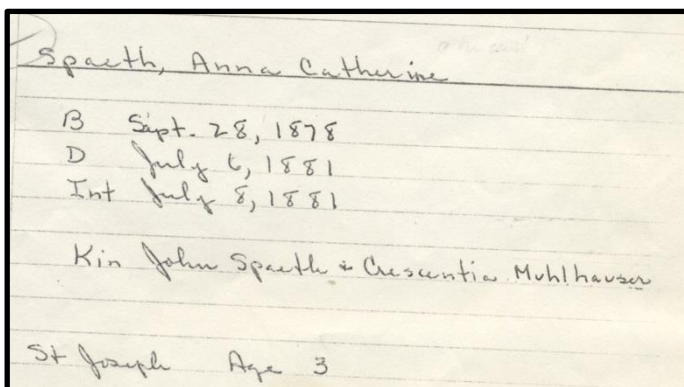
Matilda C Spaeth 1858-1882



John Spaeth Jr. 1861 -1880



Joseph Spaeth 1868-1936 Died in 611 Carbon St. house fire. Best man at Brother Frank's wedding



Anna Spaeth 1878-1881 No photo. Burial record from St Joseph's Cemetery is shown



John Spaeth Sr. Father of John 1793-1875
Photo is his family home in Wurttemberg

Previous St. Joseph's Cemetery, with overlay map showing original location



2017 Google map with overlay showing where the old cemetery previously existed. Note location of Tops Supermarket [previously Wegmans]. The entrance to the cemetery was on First North St. A wide path with Lombardy Popular trees on both sides of the path lead to the large Crucifix [Cross] at the peak of the hill. Spaeth graves were adjacent to the Lombardy Popular trees. There was a black wrought iron fence about three feet tall at the First North Street Entrance.



Summer 1966 photo taken from Dahlin backyard during final clearing of the cemetery. Lower Pond St. where Vinette Towers now exists is in view



2017 photo taken from the Vinette Towers parking lot. Previous Dahlin house is in center. Yellow house to Dahlin right was Sabella's

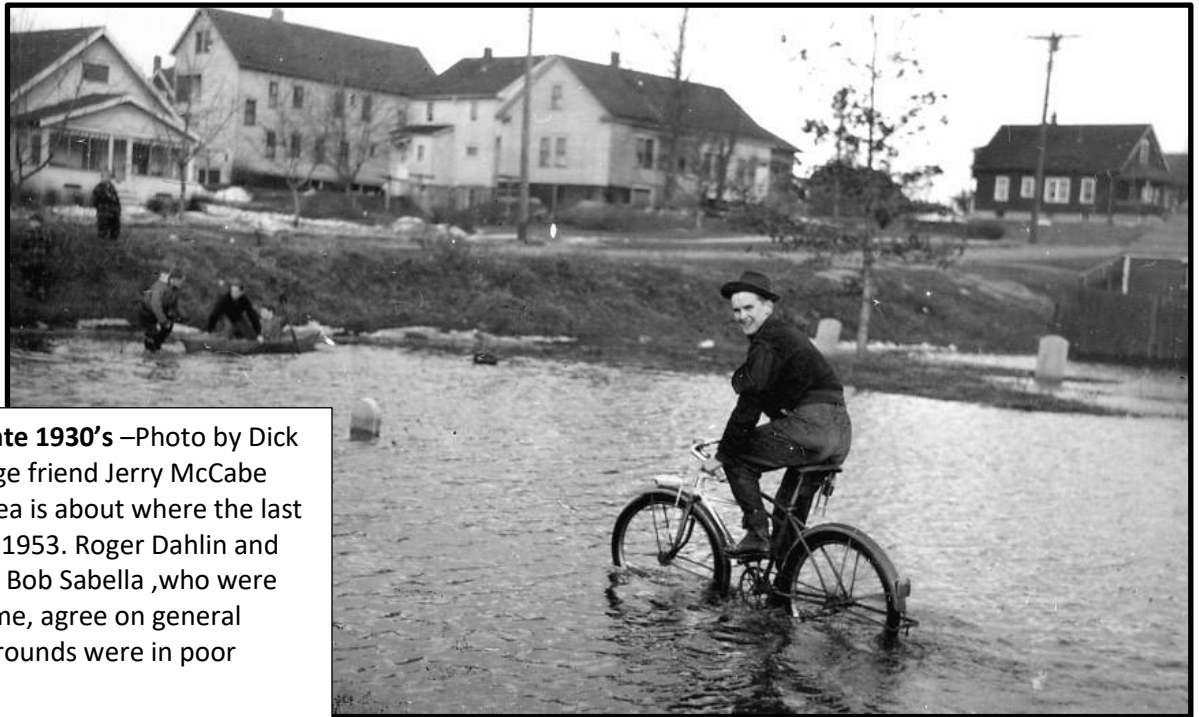


2017 photo of Tops Supermarket. Photo was taken from about where the entrance to cemetery previously existed. Top of Vinette Towers can be seen in back of supermarket.



Vinette Towers 2017 -. Lower Pond St.

Additional Photographs of St. Joseph's Cemetery

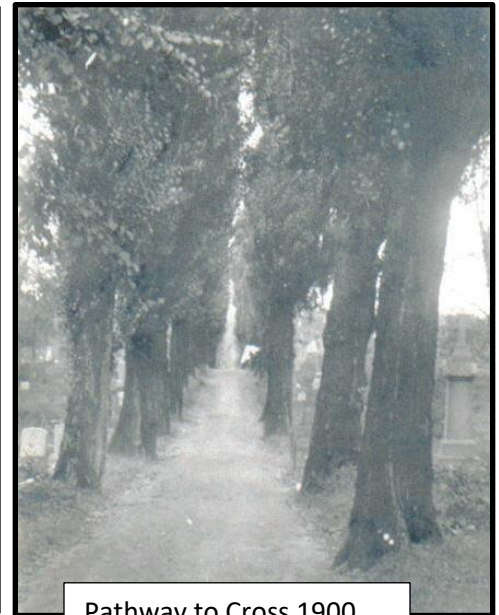


Lower Cemetery Late 1930's –Photo by Dick Dahlin of his teenage friend Jerry McCabe riding bike. This area is about where the last burial was made in 1953. Roger Dahlin and next door neighbor Bob Sabella ,who were teenagers at the time, agree on general location and that grounds were in poor shape at the time



Cross on hill about 1900

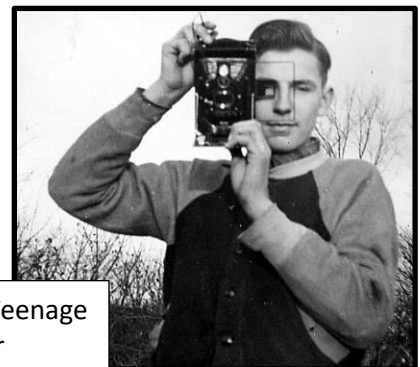
The adjacent photographs were downloaded from the internet, indicating that they were from the Onondaga Historical Association's archives. The Cross was erected in 1881 approximately 20 years after the cemetery opened. The photo on the right was taken from the entrance on First North Street. The Lombardy Popular trees that bracket the pathway were in decline by the late 1940's *Note: Trees behind cross can be seen in 1925 photo of 146 Culbert St. [See Page2]*



Pathway to Cross 1900



Wegmans Supermarket about 2000. [Tops in 2017] Internet photo likely taken by Norman Staub active in Cemetery history

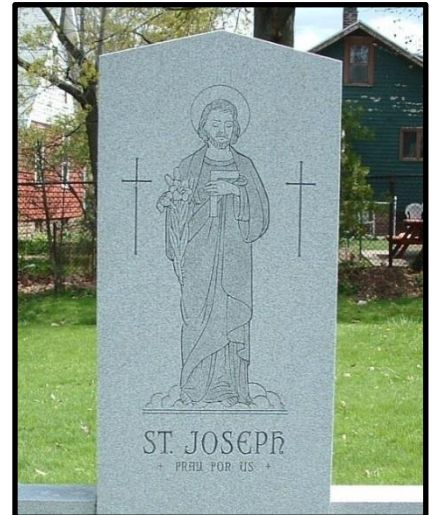


Dick Dahlin Teenage photographer

St. Joseph Reburial Site and Earliest Family Grave at Assumption Cemetery



Overall view of reburial site



Historical marker in front of reburial site



Gravestone Frank & Anna Markert



Four Generations Markert L to R : Matilda [Markert] Spaeth holding Gordon Dahlin, Anna Markert, Grace[Spaeth] Dahlin, Dick Standing -Culbert St.1926

Assumption Cemetery opened in 1894, My Grandmother Matilda [Markert] Spaeth's father Frank M. Market who died August 26, 1894 would have been one of the earliest burials at Assumption Cemetery

Photo of grandmother's parents Anna Markert 1851-1937 and Frank Markert 1851-1894 is at Right



St. Joseph's Cemetery Burial Records Sources Five sources follow:

Source #1 St Joseph's Cemetery, - German and Irish Burial- Lot Owners

Internet Document: Search- *St Joseph's Cemetery, Pond Street-German Lot owners*.. This multipage page document prepared by Norman Staub in 2003 gives credit to Pat Markert as the original handwritten source for this information. This can be a good starting place to find out if you have ancestors that may have been buried at the old St. Joseph Cemetery. The list is alphabetical and, in some cases, lists lot purchase dates. Staub's document can also be found on the *German Immigrant Ancestors in Syracuse and Onondaga County NY*, that is an excellent source for German ancestors in this area. [<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~mstone/genealogy/>]

Source #2 St Joseph's Cemetery- DEATH & BURIAL RECORDS Compiled by R."Pat" Markert *

-Pat Market's 203 page document is a terrific source for St Joseph's burial searches. The key element to Pat's work is that she assembles her data by sequential burial year. Further, she squeezes a great deal of information in tight handwritten form. Her lists start with the death date followed by internment date. She often lists kin and sometimes home. Her list shows age when person died and sometimes shows it by two methods. Most critical, Pat also identifies where the grave was removed to Assumption Cemetery. Finally, her entries from 1911 to 1953, shows what may be the old St Joseph lot location. For example, a family member, Joseph Spaeth who was buried in 1936 shows a data entry of 1-149, whereas, a 1934 burial shows 2-802. Pat's notes indicate there were 6567 removals of which 6348 she researched. My rough counting of Pat's records showed at least 216 persons were moved to Assumption and one to St. Agnes Cemetery. --A sample section from Page 125 for year 1892 is below that highlights John Markert; his grave photo is above.



3/11	3/14	Joseph A. Thoma	Joseph A. * Rose Meister	Canal St	5/3/75	16-10-8
3/12	3/14	George B. Look	Francis * Theresa Risagg	109 Mary Alley	1/6/91	1-2-6
→ 3/13	3/16	John A. Markert	Christina Hauser	Rem to Ass		42-11-0
3/13	3/16	Regina Young	Peter	1606 Lodi	Rem to Ass	60-1-28
3/15	3/18	John Schaal	Josephine Deininger	215 Douglas		46-10-10

Source #3 Burial Records from Old St. Joseph's Cemetery * Bound Publication transcribed from field notes kept by the contractor that was responsible for removal and reburial. Only 509 persons were identified within the 6567 removed. This document may be of limited value because entry names are not alphabetical and are keyed to location in the old cemetery where the bodies were removed. Further, in only a few places the date of initial burial is listed. However, within the 509 names identified the reinterned burial box at Assumption Cemetery reburial site is highlighted. *Details of the move with burial map, clips of field notes and comments follow.*

Source #4 Internet Sites for grave locations Sites for both Assumption and St Joseph's from Findagrave .com. They can be searched by family name that provides birth and death date with family links. In some cases grave photos and background information are included. Information and photos can be added by family members or volunteers. Entries are arbitrary and only include some portion of gravesites. For example, both my parents [Carl and Grace Dahlin], buried at Assumption, do not show up on this internet site. I also randomly checked 10 St. Joseph's reburials and only four showed up. *Findagrave.com is a for profit site owned and supported by Ancestry.com*

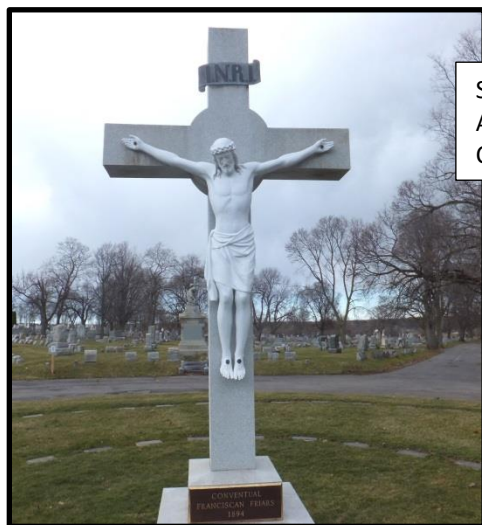
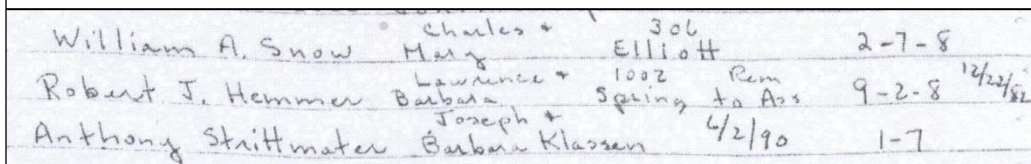
Source #5 Familysearch.com Free and extremely versatile internet site that allows you to search for family members and build a permanent family tree with attached documents ,photos and family stories

Four Phases of St. Joseph's Cemetery Reinternment to Assumption



PHASE #1 1958 Transfer of 31 Sisters of St Francis to Assumption Cemetery Sect E . Monument is behind gravestones of other Sisters buried between 1895 and 1948

PHASE # 2- 1965 Selected removal and reburial of approximately 180 graves paid for *by family members* .
Name selected from Pat Markert's notes--1892 Page 125
Note "Rem to Assum Comment"



Site at
Assumption
Cemetery

1892 Gravestone
may have been
newly purchased in
1965-- *Assumption
opened in 1894*



PHASE #3-Nov 1965,Oct1966

Reburial of the 6567 graves ;but, per my understanding, it does not include the approximately 180 graves previously reburied by family members. It does include 509 burials where people were identified. This Includes Joseph Spaeth [1868-1937] who was identified to be reburied in Box 58 . This elite 509 does not include eight other Spaeth Family members not identified...*The certified map to the left shows 416 3X8 foot burial box lots A blowup showing box 58 is overlaid*

[illegible]

PHASE # 4 TESTIMONIAL BURIAL

One of several testimonials for graves not formally reinterred to Family sites at Assumption Cemetery---. *From St Joseph Cemetery Flndagrave.com*

Joseph Markert, Jr

Birth:	Oct. 10, 1870 Syracuse Onondaga County New York, USA
Death:	Jan. 17, 1896 Syracuse Onondaga County New York, USA

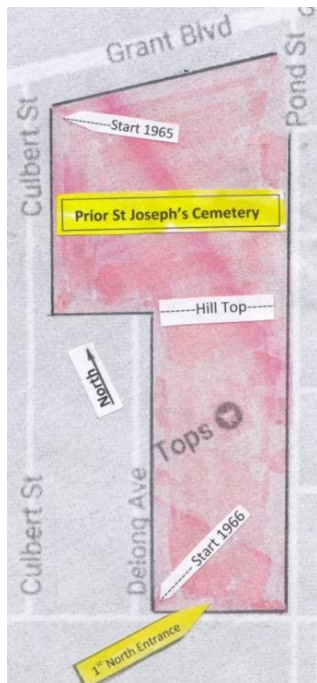
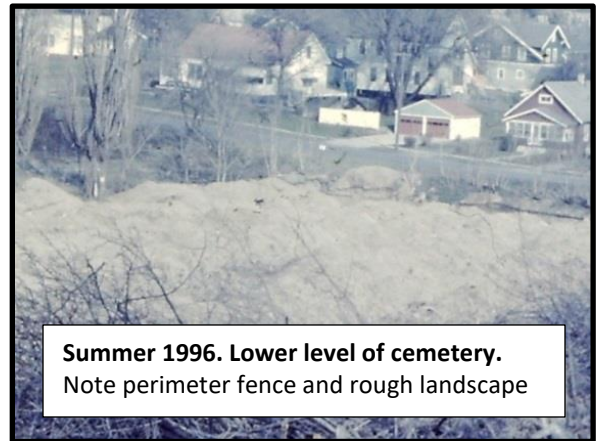
Son of Joseph Markert and Amelila Zimmer.
Married to Christina Louise Wagner on Apr 11,
1893 in Syracuse and had one daughter,
Amelia Josephine ("Millie") Markert
Steingraber

Burial:
Saint Josephs (German) Catholic Cemetery
Syracuse
Onondaga County
New York, USA

Grave Removal 1965-1966

Background Herbert N Lozzot owner of the Lozzot Funeral Home had the primary responsibility, or contact, for the removal of St Joseph Cemetery graves. His selection for this project was likely influenced by his 1958 experience in the reinternment of graves from the old St Mary's Cemetery on Renwick Road to the existing St Mary's cemetery in Dewitt. Burial records for both of these projects are on file at the Onondaga Co. Public Library Local History /Genealogy Center. The records for the St Joseph effort are in four parts. They include field notes, Supervisors hand written records enhancing the field notes, Supervisors notes typed and the final typed and bound record. This final document includes a forward that states "According to donor, son of Supervisor on this job, only 509 burials were identified out of 6567 removed ". A condensation of these four records focusing on family member Joseph Spaeth, who died in 1936, are shown on page 11.

Reinternment Speculation I have no first hand accounting of the complete reburial process but based upon review of the burial records and personal photos I took in 1966 consider the following:
1.The last burial was in 1953.2.Thirty one nuns were reinterned to Assumption Cemetery in 1958 . They are in a small common area with an appropriate testimonial headstone. Their St Joseph's headstones are not with them.**3. Site Preparation and removal of preselected graves.** Likely began in spring 1966. This required securing the area with fences, bringing in equipment



and reinterring selected graves and headstones, paid for by family members, to Assumption Cemetery. Attached photos taken in summer 1966 show perimeter fence, no evidence of gravestones and backhoe in place.... **4.Primary removal of the 6567 graves** The formal bound publication *Burials Removed from the old St Joseph's Cemetery* states that removals were supervised and recorded between November 1965 and October 1966. Field data with work dates and survey information indicate that the first placement of remains in boxes began 11/10/65 in the lower northwest corner[See map] Based upon the evidence suggested in the photos, the heavy- duty digging was performed by the backhoe using a small scoop with final work done by hand. In order to efficiently use the backhoe gravestones needed to be removed. Work was halted for the winter and continued in spring 1966. Field records show placement of remains in boxes began 5/7/66. And by 9/28/66 they had reached the top of the hill.... **5.Secondary activity summer 1966** A concurrent effort with a different grave identification numbering began 6/26/66 on the First North St. side [See Map]. This activity included the reburial of Joseph Spaeth who is referenced above. Field records show the last removal on 11/14/66. However, the published record shows work complete on October 29, 1966

Final Status The winter 1966-1967 photograph [See Page 3] shows the landscape generally leveled with trees, brush and gravestones removed

Field Burial Records for Joseph Spaeth One of 509 Burials Identified

BEGINNING - TRENCH - 1000			
IDENTIFIED			
NAME.	DATE.	BOX	GRAVE
ROSE FRITZ	NO DATE	13-1009A	10,230
"LITTLE" JOHN FRITZ	" "	13-1009A	10,230
JOHN FRITZ	" "	13-1010A	10,231
JOSEPH A. SPAETH	" "	13-1011A	10,250
FRANK LINDER	" "	13-1012A	10,252
NANCY LINDER	" "	13-1012A	10,253

Supervisors Hand Written Notes

LARGE. BOX X-2A CONTAINS THE UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS OF GRAVES 10,203 TO 10,284 EXCLUDING GRAVES 10,230, 10,231, 10,250, 10,252, 10,253, 10,254, 10,258, 10,277, 10,280

GRAVE 10,230 - ROSE FRITZ	NO DATE.	BOX 1009A	} SPECIAL FAMILY PLOT.
GRAVE 10,230 "LITTLE" JOHN FRITZ	" "	BOX 1009A	
GRAVE 10,231 JOHN FRITZ	" "	BOX 1010A	
GRAVE 10,250 JOSEPH A. SPAETH	" "	BOX 1011A	} SAME BOX
GRAVE 10,252 FRANK LINDER	" "	BOX 1012A	
GRAVE 10,253 NANCY LINDER	" "	BOX 1012A	

Supervisors Notes Typed

Box x2A Unidentified remains 10,203-10,284 excluding 10,230, 10,231, 10,250, 10,252, 10,253, 10,254, 10,258, 10,277, 10,280

Grave 10,230 Rose Fritz	Died no date	Box 1009 A	SPECIAL
Grave 10,230 "Little" John Fritz	Died no date	Box 1009 A	FAMILY.
Grave 10,231 John Fritz	Died no date	Box 1010 A	PLOT.
Grave 10,250 Joseph A. Spaeth	Died no date	Box 1011 A	
Grave 10,252 Frank Linder	Died no date	Box 1012 A	SAME
Grave 10,253 Nancy Linder	Died no date	Box 1012 A	BOX

Final Typed Version

Grave 10,230 Rose Fritz	Died no date	Box 1009A SPECIAL	# 1
Grave 10,230 "Little" John Fritz	Died no date	Box 1009A FAMILY	Section I
Grave 10,231 John Fritz	Died no date	Box 1010A PLOT	Lot 82
Grave 10,250 Joseph A. Spaeth	Died no date	Box 1011A Int. Grave	# 58
Grave 10,252 Frank Linder	Died no date	Box 1012A Int. Grave	# SAME 58.
Grave 10,253 Nancy Linder	Died no date	Box 1012A	BOX

Note: Supervisor's Notes Typed includes survey information for this First North St. activity shown above states the following : "Starting Southwest Cor. From curb to survey stake 20' north of steel stake. 1st trench starting with 1000 and grave #10,000 west line. Trench 1000 & 1001 "

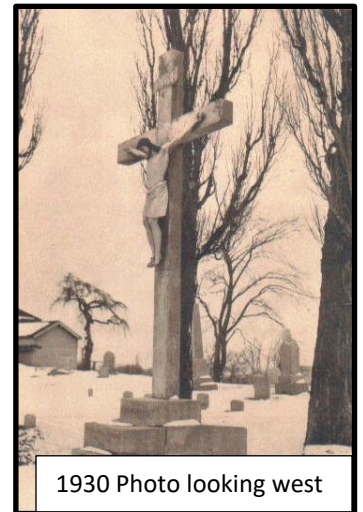
Reflections

Site Reworking for Commercial Use In order accommodate the new commercial real-estate a major portion of Pond Street Hill needed to be removed. Much of this material was used to fill the low spot at the bottom of the hill that now occupies Vinette Towers. To get a perspective how the land was changed, I am including two photos. To understand these photos one needs to stand in the open area between the Tops Supermarket's high retaining wall and the Vinnette Towers below. Looking toward the west you will see Delong Ave above. Following the Delong landscape north you will see and old windowless building [garage?] that is the last backyard building on the street. I am including a 1930 photo of the old Cross and a photo taken in winter 2017. The old building is in both pictures. Comparing the two photos you will note that the old building is slightly below the elevation of the old cross in the 1930 photo; whereas, in the 2017 photo the same building is considerable higher.



2017 Photo looking west

What Happened to the old Crucifix? Long time Syracuse Post Standard Columnist, Dick Case, made the same inquiry in a June 12, 2012 article. In this article Dick mentioned that he checked with Assumption Cemetery and the Syracuse Catholic Diocese that ended without any conclusion. Dick finished his column with an open mystery. ----- During April 2017 I contacted Dick Case by email asking if he had any follow up to his article. In my email, I sent him a cropping of my brother Dick's 1940 photo. I pointed out that the metal casting of Christ looked pretty good in 1940 and that I thought because of its religious connection and value the casting could have been refurbished, attached to a new wooden cross and reinstalled somewhere. ----- Dick responded that he recalled a phone call at the time that the crucifix may be in a cemetery in the Clayton area of northern New York . – I sent an email to the Clayton NY town clerk with Dick's article and pictures of the old crucifix. The clerk followed up with full court press to key contacts in the area. She did get a response from St. Mary's Clayton indicating their church and the Catholic Churches in Cape Vincent and Alex Bay did not recognize it; but the hunt would continue. Independent of outcome, I still like to think that the old St Joseph's Cemetery icon still exists somewhere.



1930 Photo looking west

Final Commentary When my brother died the priest at his gravesite stated something like the following: "When you die, you die three times. First, when you exhale your last breath of air; second, when you are lowered into the ground and finally when a person says your name for the last time."

My great grandfather was buried at St Joseph's Cemetery in 1894. I never met him. I cannot view is tombstone. But I can still call out his name **JOHN SPAETH!**



John Spaeth- 1894 Funeral display





Spaeth Family Overview showing three branches: Markert, Muhlhauser and Schmuckmeier

Crescentia ,Daughter of William & Crescentia [Linder] Muhlhauser



Spaeth Family

John Spaeth 1835-1894 with wife Crescentia [Muhlhauser] Spaeth 1840-1923



Schmuckmeier Family

Anna Schmuckmeier 1824-1909 wife of John Schmuckmeier 1819-1886



Markert Family

Frank Markert 1851-1894 with wife Anna [Schmuckmeier] Markert 1851-1937



Frank A. Spaeth 1870-1942 son of John Spaeth with wife Matilda [Markert] Spaeth 1873-1923 oldest daughter of Frank and Anna Markert Parents of Grace [Spaeth] Dahlin 1900-1985 wife of Carl Dahlin 1887-1960

Frank [Francis] Markert and Anna Schmuckmeier Family

Assumption church records show that Francis Markert son of Michael Markert and Margaret Schmidt [later Smith] married Anna Schmuckenmeyer [later Schmuckmeier] daughter of John Schmuckenmeyer and Anna Stiefberger on June 18, 1872. Assumption records show Anna's parents John and Anna were married June 14, 1849. Records indicate Frank's parents, like his wife's, were also from Bavaria and they both were buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery.



Frank worked as a cartman; that is, a person who drove a team of horses that pulled a cart, for most of his adult life. Family folklore was that he delivered most of the bricks used to build Assumption Church

My grandmother Matilda Seraphina Markert was born 6/30/1873. Apparently she had a brother Theodor born in 1883 and died as an infant. Two sisters followed Bertha 11/12/1880 and Eleanor 2/21/1885. During their early marriage years Frank and Anna lived at 32, 38 and 337 Alvord St. About 1900 they moved in to 739 N. Alvord St. Records on file at the City Court House suggest they took a mortgage on the property. The 1892 City directory shows Frank's brother Michael and grandmother Schmuckmeier living there.

1894 Time of Joy –Time of Sorrow My grandparents Frank a Spaeth and Matilda Market were married in Assumption Church June 5, 1894. Frank's brother Joseph was best man and Maria Markert, Anna's sister, was bridesmaid. ---Frank's father John Spaeth suffered from cancer and died on June 25 1894. Anna was pregnant at the time and shortly afterward her husband Frank was involved with a serious accident. Apparently he was delivering a piano and while trying to move it alone suffered internal injuries. He died 8/26/1894 at age 43 leaving a pregnant widow. Frank Markert Junior was born 10/17/1894. ---My grandparents first child Frank J Spaeth was born 11/12/95. Because of the closeness in age and the Spaeth's lived nearby both Franks were childhood playmates.

Anna Market lived with her daughter Bertha [Markert] Fredericks in her final years. William Frederick had a successful florist business in Schenectady that is still in business. *A family tree of the Michael Markert/Margaret Smith family along with family trees of the three Markert sisters is in the Appendix. City directories highlighting the Markerts and pertinent Assumption Church records are also shown.*



Three Markert Sisters ; L to R
Eleanor, Bertha and Matilda



Eleanor Markert



Bertha Markert

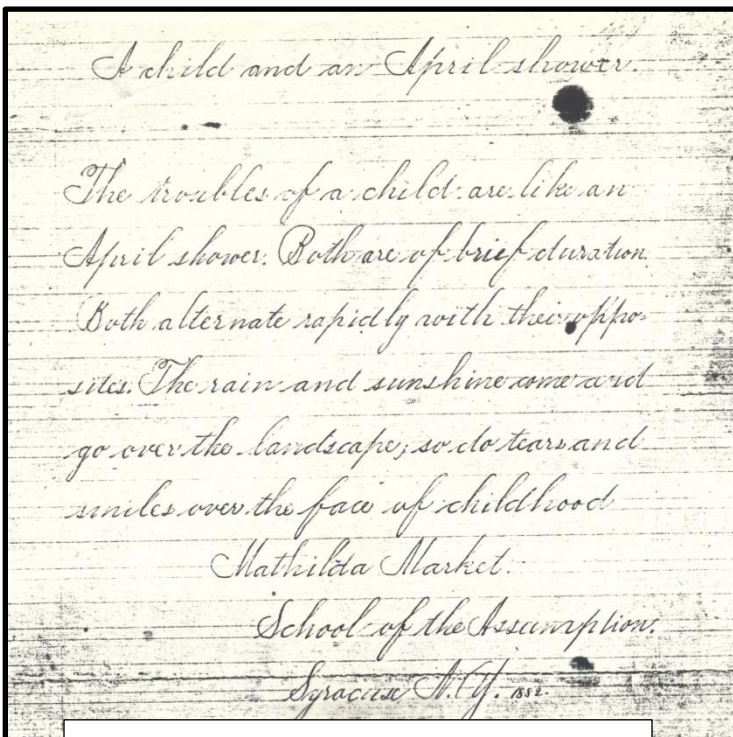
Matilda Seraphina Markert ---- Early Years

According to my mother, her mother Matilda [Markert] Spaeth ,born June 30,1873,was very religious and at one point planned to be a nun. My mother's youngest sister Bernice [Spaeth] had a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her Fairmount home, about 18 inches high, like the one shown. Bernice said it was her mothers and that Matilda was given it for some special recognition at Assumption school. The whereabouts of this statue are unknown. ---By age 18 her religious ambitions must have waned as evident in her attendance at the February 15, 15 ,1892 Masquerade Ball shown below. She married Frank Spaeth June 5,1894. Assumption Church Record is below.



Assumption Church About 1890

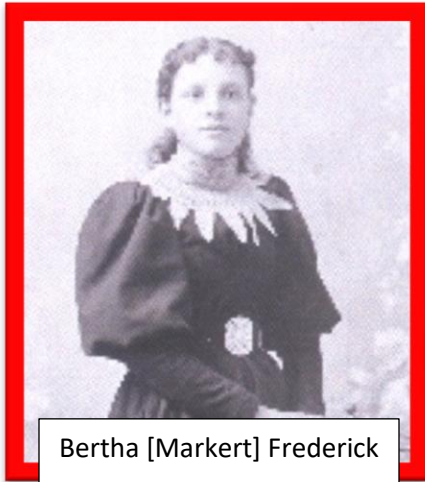
G room: Francis A. **SPAETH**, son of John **SPAETH**, deceased, and C rescentia **MUEHLHAUSER**. Married 5 June 1894. Rev. Bonaventure Zoller, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Matilda Seraphina **MARKERT**, daughter of Francis **MARKERT** and Anna **SCHMUCKMEIER**. Witnesses were Joseph Spaeth and Maria M arkert



Poem written by Matilda Markert Age 9

More on the Frank and Anna Markert Family

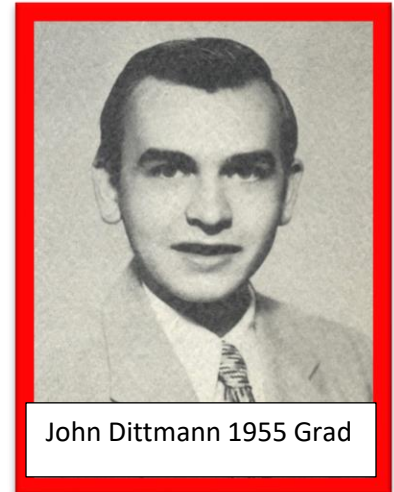
Bertha [Markert] Frederick Moved to Schenectady with her husband William. It is unlikely that I ever met her. My family knew her as Aunt Bert.--- **Eleanor [Markert] Dittmann** – My mother referred to her as Aunt Oll ; however, my recollections of her are vague. Her husband John Dittmann, handled a lot of the Spaeth Family Insurance business. John also signed as a witness for my father, Carl Dahlin's citizenship papers . Her grandson John Dittmann graduated from Smith Tech with me in 1955 ---**Frank C Markert Jr.** [No Photo] The 1900 census shows him living with his mother 739 N.Alvord; whereas, the 1910 Census below shows him with, Frank & Matilda Spaeth at 733 North Alvord St. His WWI Draft Registration shows him at age 22 married and working as a machinist at Oberdorfer Brass Co. ,



Bertha [Markert] Frederick



Eleanor [Markert] Dittmann



John Dittmann 1955 Grad

Frank C Markert
 1851-1894 • L5ZY-KRR

Anna Schmuckmeier Markert
 1851-1937 • L5ZY-P73

Children

Frank Adolph Spaeth
 1870-1942 • KJCK-DYB

Matilda Seraphina Markert
 1873-1933 • KVJP-P13

William J Frederick
 1882-1964 • L5ZY-J6S

Bertha Markert Frederick
 1880-1964 • L5ZY-F11

Theodor Markert
 1883-1883 • LRX9-Y5M

+ Add Wife

John A Dittmann
 1884-1948 • L5ZY-L1R

Eleanor A Markert Dittmann
 1885-1968 • L5ZY-Y7X

Frank C Markert Jr
 1894-1966 • L5ZY-T7D

Lucy C. O'Dwyer
 1893-1960 • L5ZB-HZ7

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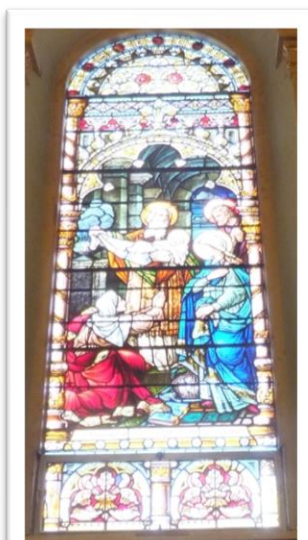
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Household	Role	Gender	Age
Frank A Spaeth	Head	M	40
Matilda S Spaeth	Wife	F	36
Frank J Spaeth	Son	M	14
Anna W Spaeth	Daughter	F	12
Grace M Spaeth	Daughter	F	9
George Spaeth	Son	M	5
Agnes Spaeth	Daughter	F	3
Beranidina Spaeth	Daughter	F	0
Frank Market	Brother-in-law	M	15

Markert Family Mysteries-

Growing up and through adulthood I had the understanding that three key, Syracuse based, Markerts had direct ties to my grandmother Matilda [Markert] Spaeth. However, recently through some research regarding the old St Joseph's Cemetery and in particular a family tree provided to me by the Onondaga Co. Public Library Local History/Genealogy center, I have determined this probably is not true. I have since found that there are at least two local Markert families. Two very condensed family trees are below. The three icons I referred to include: Radio personality Phil Markert of "Markert in the Morning", a near priceless stained glass window at Assumption church that reads "In Memory of Charles J. Markert and Family", and genealogist Pat Markert . It appears that these three icons tie to Henry[Heinrich] Market and not Michael Markert whose son was Frank Markert father of my maternal grandmother Matilda [Markert] Spaeth

Roger Dahlin March



Rose Mary P. "Pat" Markert

September 29, 2008

Rose Mary P. "Pat" Markert, 90, of Syracuse, passed away Monday, September 29, 2008. She was a



lifetime resident of Syracuse and a graduate of Assumption High School and Syracuse Normal School. During

World War II, Miss Markert served with the Air Force as a radio troubleshooter with the rank of sergeant. She was an engineering writer at General Electric Heavy Military Department for 27 years. After retirement she was a volunteer with the OHA (Onondaga Historical Association) and also a genealogist.

Survived by her sister, Mrs. Lee Donohue of Rochester, NY; two sisters-in-law, Ann and Amber Markert; numerous neices and nephews.

Funeral services are 11:30 a.m. FRIDAY at Keegan-Osbelt-Knight Funeral Home and noon at Assumption Church. Burial in Assumption Cemetery. Visitation is 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family wishes to thank all the staff and residents at Greenpoint Senior Living Community for all the kindness and concern that they showed Aunt Pat during her stay.

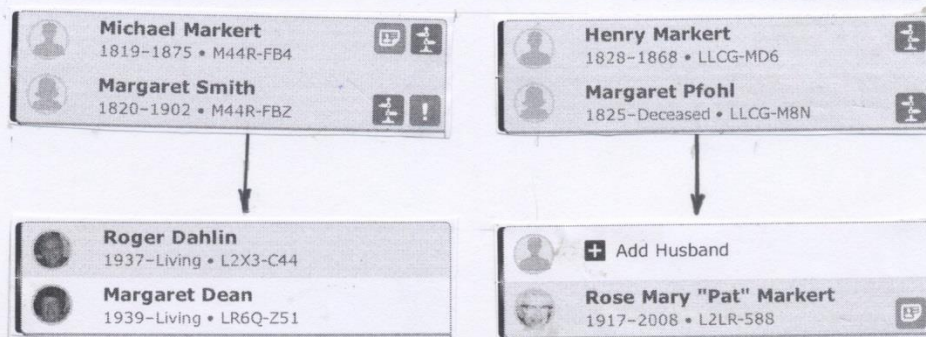
Contributions: Assumption Church, 812 North Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13208. Keegan-Osbelt-Knight Inc. 900 N. Salina Street



"Pat" Markert
grave marker
at Assumption
Cemetery
Section E



Two highly condensed Market Family Trees with offspring buried at St Joseph's Cemetery. Pat Markert's record show that both Michael Markert and Henry Markert were initially buried at St. Joseph and reinterred unidentified to the Assumption site . See pages 4&6 of her 203 page effort., *Note : the family tree icons are from Familysearch.com*



Crescentia [Muhlhauser] Spaeth --Family Lineage Puzzle

Spaeth family recollections about Crescentia ,wife of John Spaeth, is that she came to Syracuse from Germany as a very young girl. Further, she was an only child and her father was named William and her mother, like herself, was named for Saint Crescentia. Her 1923 obituary, below, states she was born in Germany in 1840 and came to Syracuse when she was eight years old. This 1840 birth date is consistent with her St. Joseph Cemetery burial record. However when reviewing various records associated with the Muhlhauser family connections become murky. What is known that is that her suggested parents William and Crescentia were married at least twice. For example, Assumption Church records show that William married Crescentia, widow of Renoit Propshle. October 21, 1849. Further, William's wife Crescentia died in 1865 and he married Josephine Schonmetzler in 1866. A Mathias Muhlhauser and his offspring also show up consistently who may have been a brother or close relative of William. One example that supports this thesis is an 1853 baptism of Mathias and his wife's son where a William Mulhauser is the godfather.



Note: Assumption Church Marriage and Baptismal records, St Joseph's burial records, census data and excerpts from Syracuse City directories as they relate to William and Mathias Muhlhauser is in the Appendix



Spaeth Four Generations 1 Crescentia, 2 Daughter Mary 3,Grandaughter Matilda Wolf, 4.Great.Granddaughter Marion Birchmeyer



611 Carbon St. LtoR Joe Spaeth,Crescentia. George Spaeth

DEATHS

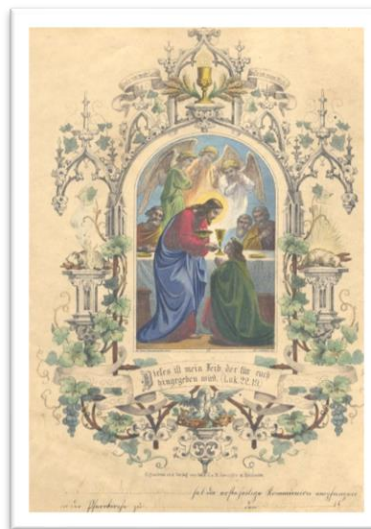
Mrs. Crescensia Spaeth, 83, widow of John Spaeth, one of the oldest residents of the Second Ward, and the second oldest communicant of the Church of the Assumption, died at 7 o'clock Tuesday night at her home, 611 Carbon st., after a long illness.

Mrs. Spaeth was born in Germany in 1840, and came to Syracuse when eight years old.

Surviving are four sons, Joseph, Frank, Charles and George Spaeth; a daughter, Mrs. Charles Gamberdinger; 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning at the home and at 10:30 o'clock in the Church of the Assumption. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

MRS. SPAETH.



Copies of 8X10 inch framed documents found in Spaeth attic -1st Communion record in German –St. Crescentia

Gemütlichkeit and the Schmuckmeier Brothers European Hotel

Anyone with German ancestors will enjoy reading “German-Americans in Onondaga County” by Martin S.Auer ¹. In this delightful little book Auer provides insight on the early Germans that settled in Onondaga County. More interestingly, he focuses on the German spirit of gemütlichkeit that is difficult to translate into English. Loosely, the term encompasses geniality, friendliness and the ability to enjoy life. However, Auser underscores this concept by contrasting the German approach to the Sabbath as a day of rest with the more traditional American response. Many puritanical Christians spent Sunday’s in silence and solemnity; whereas, German’s often followed Sunday worship with friendship, music and a little liquid refreshment.

Before explaining the Schmuckmier brothers, I need to introduce the players. My maternal great-grandfather Frank Markert married Anna Schmuckmeir at Assumption church June 18, 1872. Rev..Fidelis Dehm officiated. .Frank’s brother Charles and Anna’s sister Maria were witnesses. Charles Markert married Maria Schmuckmeier November 24, 1874 ;Rev. Fedelis Dehm officiated . Anna and Maria’s younger brothers, John E and Frank W. Schmuckmeier operated a saloon at 227 North Salina St. As evidenced in the 1885-1886 Syracuse City Directory they listed their business as the “ Schmuckmeier Brothers European Hotel” One can easily understand this as a source for gemütlichkeit.



Points of interest: John and Anna Schmuckmeier were from Bavaria. They were both buried in St Joseph Cemetery; however Anna who died in 1909 was one of the 509 burials identified. She is in box 201 at the Assumption site.-- The 1880 Census shows John and Anna living at 9 Douglas with son John ,age 21, working at a saloon When John senior died in 1886 they were at the same location. However, by 1900 the Syracuse City Directory shows Anna living with her daughter Anna [Schmuckmeir] Markert at 739 N. Alvord St. Anna lived in that location until her death. *City directories from 1865 to 1900 highlighting Schmuckmeier are in the Appendix. They show both John and Frank active in the saloon business.*

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	John Schmuckmeier 1819-1886 • L5ZY-NKD	
	Anna [Stiesberger] Schmuckmeier 1824-1909 • L5ZY-59J	
▼ Children		
	Frank C Markert 1851-1894 • L5ZY-KRR	
	Anna Schmuckmeier Markert 1851-1937 • L5ZY-P73	
	Charles M Markert 1854-1934 • L5ZY-XGB	
	Mary Schmuckmeier Markert 1854-1937 • L5ZY-P24	
	John E. Schmuckmeier 1858-1929 • L588-L7H	
	Gertrude Becker 1863-1944 • L5ZB-7Q3	
	Frank W Schmuckmeier 1862-1940 • L5ZB-3W8	
	Crescentia Hauman 1864-1949 • L5ZB-344	
	Godfried Weaver 1864-1935 • L5ZY-BPY	
	Margaret Schmuckmeier 1865-1910 • L5ZB-W24	

Grave markers for Frank& John Schmuckmeier at Assumption Cemetery and the Margaret [Schmuckmeier] Weaver Obituary



WEAVER, MARGARETH SCHMUCKMEIER - in this city, on the 5th inst., Margareth Schmuckmeier Weaver, aged 44 years. Besides her husband, Gottfried, she is survived by three daughters, Margareth, Marie and Genevieve Weaver; one son, Joseph Weaver; by two sisters, Mrs. Anna Markert and Mrs. Charles Markert; two brothers, John and Frank Schmuckmeier. Deceased was a member of Branch 16, L. C. B. A. Funeral will be held from her late home, 104 Herbert street, Friday at 8:30 a. m. and at Church of Assumption at 9 a. m. Members and friends invited. Burial in Assumption Cemetery.

John Spaeth- Family Patriarch

John Spaeth, age 17, and his father John Spaeth Senior, age 59, emigrated to the USA in 1852. This date can be confirmed from John Sr. death certificate and the fact that John rode in the July 20, 1892 Pioneer German's Association parade. He rode the wagon with the 1852 banner. Their home in Germany was in the little village of Scheer, located on the Danube river, in the then, separate state, of Württemberg. In 1951 Germany combined two states into Baden-Württemberg -- -This state in southern Germany is in the large forested mountain range known as the Black Forest---Family folklore indicated that John was an only child and had completed two years of seminary work and was headed to Buffalo to become a priest. Finally, John Sr. was a person of prominence in his community. None of this has been confirmed but supporting information follows. A Franciscan based Buffalo church, at the time, was recruiting young men to become priests to help control unruly German male youths. John ended up working as a bookkeeper for most of his adult life that would have required previous formal education. Germany was awash with military revolutions at the time so conscription was a real issue. John Sr. had a substantial home that was evident by a photograph proudly displayed in the Spaeth home on Pond Lane. --However, the only child thesis has proven to be faulty because records indicate that John was one of eleven children. The 1855 Syracuse Census below shows John and his father living with John's older sister Franzeska [Spaeth] Schmid in Syracuse. The 1855 City Directory shows Franzeska's husband Adolph Schmid, shoemaker, home as 346 Lodi. The directory also shows John Spath, shoemaker, 346 Lodi. Assumption church records, below, show Adolph a witness for John's wedding and baptism sponsor for John and Crescentia's first child.



New York State Census-1855		
Name:	Atolf Smith	
Birth Year:	abt 1818	
Age:	37	
Gender:	Male	
Relation to Head:	Head	
Residence:	Syracuse City, Ward 2,	
Household number:	369	
Line Number:	25	
	Name	Age
	<u>Atolf Smith</u>	37
	<u>Franciska Smith</u>	31
	<u>Mary Smith</u>	11
Household Members:	<u>Wm Mina Smith</u>	9
	<u>Leabold Smith</u>	6
	<u>Atolf Smith</u>	5
	<u>Johan Spate</u>	62
	<u>John Spate</u>	20

	Johann Baptist Spaeth 1793-1875 • KJCV-T3Q	
	Ursula [Will] Rothmund 1802- 1850	
Children		
	Adolph Julius Schmid 1818-1905 • KJCL-L16	
	Franzeska Spaeth 1824-1898 • KJCL-LY9	
	Johann Baptist John Spaeth 1835-1894 • L2KW-NHJ	
	Crescentia Mulhauser 1840-1923 • L5FL-GVM	

61. Groom: John SPÄT, son of John SPÄT, and Ursula, his wife, of Scheer, Württemberg. Married 27 April 1857. Rev. Joseph Lutz. officiated. Bride: Crescentia MÜHLHAUSER, daughter of William MÜHLHAUSER, and Crescentia, his wife, of Scheer, Württemberg. Witnesses were Adolph Schmid and Anthony Wild.

SPÄT, Mathilda Crescentia, daughter of John SPÄT and Crescentia, his wife, born 29 June 1858; baptized 25 July 1858. Rev. Joseph Lutz officiated. Sponsors: Adolf Schmid and Mathilda Gloger

John and Crescentia Spaeth Family

John and Crescentia, as shown on page 20, were married at Assumption Church April 1857. Record also shows that Crescentia, like John, was from Scheer Württemberg. Photos of family members not buried at St Joseph's Cemetery are shown.

Johann Baptist John Spaeth
1835-1894 • L2KW-NHJ

Crescentia Mulhauser
1840-1923 • L5FL-GVM

Children

+ Add Husband

Matilda Spaeth C.
1858-1882 • KJCK-DLV

John William Spaeth
1861-1880 • KJCK-DP7

+ Add Wife

Haag
Deceased • LRXY-BY5

Crescentia Spaeth
1863-1922 • KJCK-DS9

Ferdinand[Fred] Wolff
1863-Deceased • LRXP-PWY

Mary Ursula Spaeth
1865-1923 • KJCK-DRQ

Joseph A Spaeth
1868-1936 • KJCK-DTX

+ Add Wife

Frank Adolph Spaeth
1870-1942 • KJCK-DYB

Matilda Seraphina Markert
1873-1933 • KVJP-P13

Charles L Spaeth
1873-1929 • KJCK-DBT

Mary Thomasmeyer D
1875-1943 • LRXP-SLN

Charles Theodore Gamerdin...
1874-1933 • LL3G-3KQ

Francis Spaeth
1876-1956 • KJCK-6M4

+ Add Husband

Annie Catherine Spaeth
1878-1881 • LRXP-T95

George John Spaeth
1882-1965 • LR7S-36C

Lena Elizabeth Frances Goettel
1888-1958 • MJXH-W8N



Crescentia Spaeth



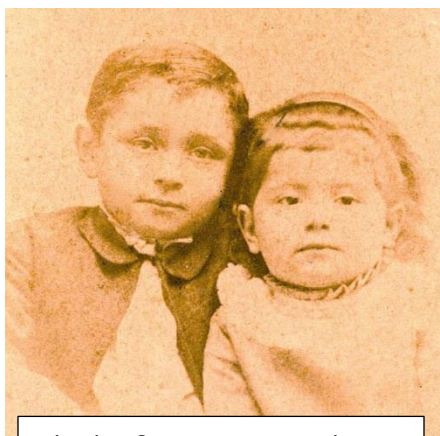
Frances Spaeth



Frank Adolph. Spaeth



Fred and Mary [Spaeth] Wolff



Charles & Frances Spaeth



George Spaeth

Frank and Matilda [Markert] Spaeth Family

G room: Francis A. **SPAETH**, son of John **SPAETH**, deceased, and C rescentia **MUEHLHAUSER**. Married 5 June 1894. Rev. Bonaventure Zoller, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Matilda Seraphina **MARKERT**, daughter of Francis **MARKERT** and Anna **SCHMUCKMEIER**. Witnesses were Joseph Spaeth and Maria M arkert

*Church of Assumption
Marriage Record*



Frank and Matilda Spaeth June 5, 1894 Marriage

	Frank Adolph Spaeth 1870-1942 • KJCK-DYB	
	Matilda Seraphina Markert 1873-1933 • KVJP-P13	
Children		
	Frank Joseph Spaeth 1895-1969 • LDD5-593	
	Hazel Stivers 1900-1992 • L5VT-XSV	
	Add Husband	
	Anna Wilhelmina Spaeth 1897-1910 • LDD5-5SF	
	Carl Dahlin R 1887-1960 • LRD5-3W7	
	Grace Spaeth 1900-1985 • LDD5-53Z	
	George William Spaeth 1904-1977 • L4WL-3K7	
	Marion Bessie Hawley 1906-2001 • KLGX-HY1	
	Francis James Carey 1903-1974 • L5GH-SXB	
	Agnes F. Spaeth 1907-1987 • LDD5-T37	
	Ray Baker Rathburn 1896-1963 • L5VT-X27	
	Beranidina Spaeth 1909-1989 • L5VT-FKH	

Frank& Matilda Spaeth
.....Family Tree.....



L to R : Grace, Frank, Anna
Holding Agnes, George,



L to R: Grace Holding
Bernice,George,Agnes



L to R: Bernice,Grace,George, Agnes



Matilda&Frank- Pond Lane

The Spaeth Family and the Candle Business

When approaching downtown Syracuse N.Y. on US Route 81 from the north you will see an old smoke stack with a large candlestick painted on it . This Syracuse landmark is the former site of the old Will & Baumer Candle Company built in 1912. According to previous Syracuse newspapers, Syracuse was once the candle capital of America and Will and Baumer was one of the largest individual candle businesses in the world.¹

Anton Will credited for starting the candle business in Syracuse came from Wurttemberg Germany in 1855 . He and his wife Rosina baptized their son Louis at the German-Catholic Church of the Assumption December 20,1857 . Louis Will would later serve as Syracuse Mayor 1914-1915 . Anton who was trained as a candle maker soon found out that there were no candle factories in the US at the time; further, religious candles had to be imported. To support his family, he initially worked as a carpenter building wooden vats for the Syracuse salt industry. However, working with his wife he parlayed his knowledge of candle making into a very profitable business.



Anton [Anthony] Will- Troubled Man By 1866 Will was a successful businessman and highly regarded by the German -American community. He was in his early 30's and, according to newspapers; he was convinced his wife was seeing another man. During the end of March he asked his physician, Dr. Proehler, what poison would destroy life with the least pain and was told morphine was best. -----Later with Proehler at his home. Will announced: "Doctor my life is ended, I have taken poison". The Doctor was arrested, but charges including he knew that Will intended to use morphine were dropped.²

John Spaeth and Anthony Will According to Spaeth Family folklore Will was a cousin of John Spaeth, and John helped Will come to this country. Furthermore, Will started his business in the Spaeth home that entailed making decorative wax inlays for expensive leather book covers. The 1855 census shows John and his father living with John's older sister Franzeska [Spaeth] Schmid on Lodi St. More important, Anthony Will served as a witness to John Spaeth's April 27, 1857 wedding to Crescentia Muhlhauser. Further, John Spaeth was a sponsor to the baptism of Anthony and Rosina Will's two children: Louis born November 13, 1857 and Emma born October 2, 1860.

The Spaeth's and the Will & Baumer Candle Company. After Will's suicide his widow Rosina continued the family business, She later married Christian Eckerman and her oldest son Louis Will took over the Eckerman & Will firm in 1875. Their main competitor at the time was Francis Baumer* who also was the organist at Assumption Church. The two competitors merged in 1896 and Louis Will was chosen president of Will & Baumer . **John Spaeth had to have known Baumer well because John was understood to be the church treasurer for many years. John worked as a bookkeeper for most of his adult life, which today, would be understood to be an accountant.*

The 1880 Census shows John's oldest son John Jr. age 19 working as a wax worker that could have been with either Will or with Francis Baumer. However John Jr. died August 3, 1880 leaving his younger brother Frank A. Spaeth to continue in the candle making business. The 1889 Syracuse Directory shows Frank, then age 19 , living with his parents at 611 Carbon St working as a wax candelmaker. Frank married Matilda Markert in 1894 and moved to 733 N. Alvord St. The Will & Baumer factory was at 811 N. Alvord at that time. Records also show that Frank's children worked in the candle business.



Frank A. Spaeth , second from left, working at Will & Baumer

1. Syracuse Herald Journal Jan, 22, 1967 "Candle Company born in Kitchen of Will Home"

2. Syracuse Post Standard Aug 31, 1992 " "Candle Makers Burn Family Image on Local History"

The Essex Candle Company

It is a real irony that Syracuse NY once known as the “Candle Making Capital of the USA”, and some say the world, has a living testimony of the industry in Essex Maryland. This testimony located in the Essex-Middle River Heritage Museum includes, the working content of an old handmade candle business. This business known as the Essex Candle Company was owned and operated by Frank Joseph Spaeth , grandson of John Spaeth . Frank J. Spaeth obtained a registered trademark for Essex Candle Co. on May 30,1930. He and his wife Hazel [Stivers] Spaeth ran the business for more than 40 years until Frank’s death in 1969. In 1975, Hazel Spaeth donated the entire candle making operation to the Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River. This operation is currently a focal point of their museum and includes not only a permanent display room but mock candle making demonstrations and hands- on programs for school children.

Frank J.Spaeth was born in Syracuse NY November 12,1895. Family members always referred to him by his nickname “Bude”. His nickname was understood to be firmed as a baseball player that was a common practice at the time. The 1910 Census shows “Bude” at age 14 working as an apprentice at a candle factory. One can assume this to be Will&Baumer because this is where he met his future wife Hazel Stivers.. Family stories indicated that he was promoted to foreman at Will & Baumer and subsequently assigned to manage a satellite plant in New Jersey. Details of this transition, that link to the Essex Candle Co., are picked up in a 1987 Essex newspaper article.³ This article includes direct input from Mrs. Spaeth who confirmed that Frank went to Newark NJ to start a candle company. Further, in 1926 Frank came to Baltimore to work for the A.Cross Candle Company. The newspaper stated that Hazel came to Baltimore that year and that is when they were married. Further that at the time of publication Mrs. Spaeth was living as a widow in the same house she and her husband purchased 40 years earlier.



Although the newspaper states that the business was started in1933, an existing letter suggests that it may have been in operation by 1928. This conclusion is based upon a letter sent to Frank’s younger brother George, issued on company letterhead, dated August 16, 1928. George also worked for Will&Baumer and records show he worked for Essex Candle between 1931 and 1934. Most important, the newspaper article introduces Fred Grupp who started working for the Spaeth’s when he was sixteen. This effort was afterschool and weekends. After Grupp married and was working full time at Bethlehem Steel he still continued working for the Spaeth’s on a part time basis. Grupp reported he worked for the Spaeth’s for almost 40 years and they treated him like a son.

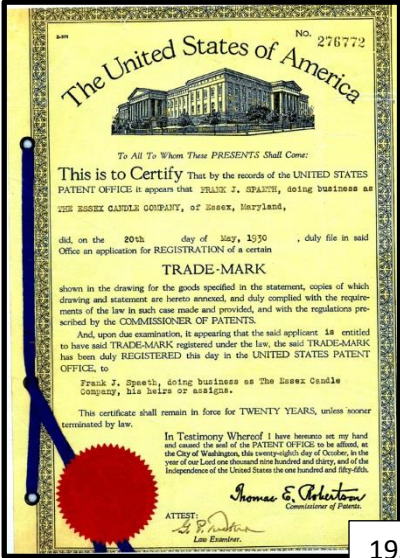
Details about the company with input from both Grupp and Hazel Spaeth include the following: It was a family-owned wholesale business that manufactured handmade dripless candles know as tapers. These tapered candles were available in sizes 6 to 24 inches and in several colors. Essex Candle’s clientele included department stores and hotels in Maryland, Virginia and Washington D.C. Although there were many Catholic churches in Baltimore, none were customers because the candles did not have sufficient beeswax to meet Catholic Church criteria. However, Essex Candle did sell to St.John’s Lutheran Church. The article also included considerable input by Grupp on the manufacturing process

Legacy Frank and Hazel Spaeth did not have any children but each year Spaeth family members looked forward at Christmas time to receiving collectable glass- framed Essex Candle Company calendars for the upcoming year. Some Spaeth family members’ still have them on display at their homes. The Essex Middle –River Heritage Museum also has some of these calendars. Most important, the old Essex Candle Co. exhibit at the museum will serve as a testimony for future generations ---- Frank and Hazel are buried in Syracuse’s Assumption Cemetery alongside Frank’s relatives



3. *The Avenue News, Essex Maryland, “ The Essex Candle Company: a proud tradition” December 3,1987 Page 2A*

Essex Candle Co. Exhibit Photos at the Essex- Middle River Museum



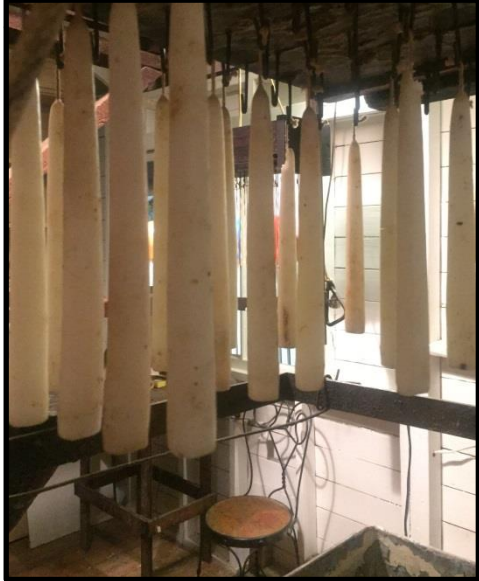
1930 Trademark



Museum Entrance



Promotional Calendar



1931 Sales

Aug 3	Jordan Stables	6.48
4	Hess	2.72
5	Hardy Line	2.70
7	Wright	3.60
7	O'Neil	76
7	Gray	2.72
8	Carver	5.37
11	Hardy Line	1.89
12	Eyer H. Co.	15.94
12	Eyer H.	3.40
12	Jordan Stables	21.36
12	Wright	5.15
12	Hess	1.65
12	Garrison, Md.	5.00
13	Miller	10.20
14	M. S. Dean	8.36
15	Hardy Line	11.15
15	Appleby	7.25
15	Jordan Stables	7.25

5.03
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1931 Sales Ledger and Final Packaging with scale in background

Spaeth Family photos tied to Will & Baumer and Essex Candle Companies



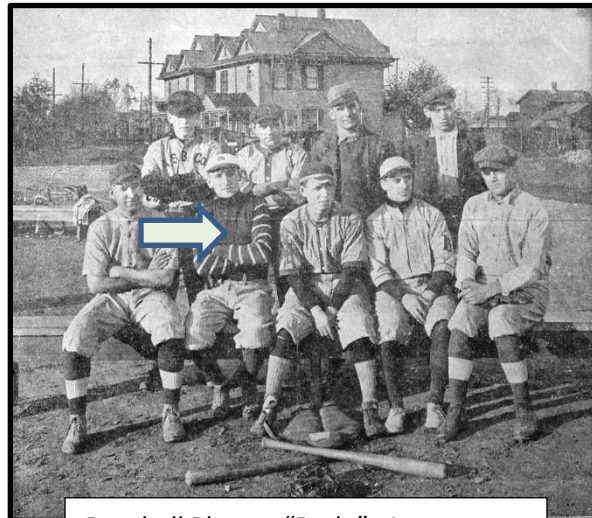
Newlyweds "Bude" & Hazel Spaeth



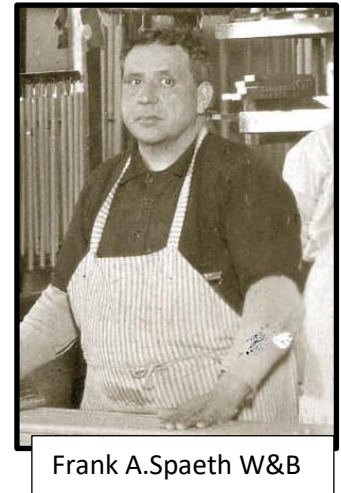
Will & Baumer N. Alvord St. Plant Aug 11, 1905 -Frank A Spaeth, Arrow



Hazel & "Bude's" Sister



Baseball Players "Bude", Arrow



Frank A. Spaeth W&B



LtoR Grace, Annie, Bude, Agnes & George



Grandparents John & Crescentia



Records related to Anthony [Andon] Will and his wife Rosina

Antoin Will

New York Passenger Lists

Name	Antoin Will
Event Type	Immigration
Event Date	1855
Event Place	New York City, New York, United States
Gender	Male
Age	24
Birth Year (Estimated)	1831
Birthplace	Wurtemberg
Ship Name	Wursch

Andon Will

United States Census, 1860

Name	Andon Will
Event Type	Census
Event Date	1860
Event Place	2th Ward Syracuse, Onondaga, New York, States
Gender	Male
Age	30
Race	White
Birth Year (Estimated)	1830
Birthplace	Wirtemberg

Household	Sex	Age	Birthplace
Andon Will	M	30	Wirtemberg
Rosina Will	F	27	Wirtemberg
Ludwick Will	M	2	New York
Heinrich Will	M	1	New York

Assumption Church Records

61. Groom: John SPÄT, son of John SPÄT, and Ursula, his wife, of Scheer, Württemberg.
Married 27 April 1857. Rev. Joseph Lutz officiated. Bride: Crescentia MÜHLHAUSER, daughter of William MÜHLHAUSER, and Crescentia, his wife, of Scheer, Württemberg. Witnesses were Adolph Schmid and Anthony Wild.

WILL, Louis, son of Anthony **WILL** and Rosina, his wife, born 13 November 1857; baptized 20 December 1857. Rev. Joseph Lutz officiated. Sponsors: John Spät and Mathilda Gluger.

WILL, Emma Mathilda, daughter of Anthony **WILL** and Rosina **SCHMÄLZEE**, born 2 October 1860; baptized 9 December 1860. Rev. Edmund M. DePauw, O.M.C. officiated. Sponsors: John Spät and Mathilda Gluger.

Groom: Christian ECKERMANN, widower of Eva HORNER.
"Dispensation from mixed religions granted." Married 6 June 1870. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Rosina **WILL**, widow of Anthony **WILL**. Witnesses were Caspar Hitterich and Maria Runkely.

Adolph Schmid's wife was John Spaeth's older sister

1859-1860 Syracuse City Directory

Wax Fruits, Flowers, &c.

Will Henry, Park & Jaycox

Syracuse

Will Henry, waxwork, Park cor Jaycox, h same
Will William, hairdresser, 173 N Salina, h do

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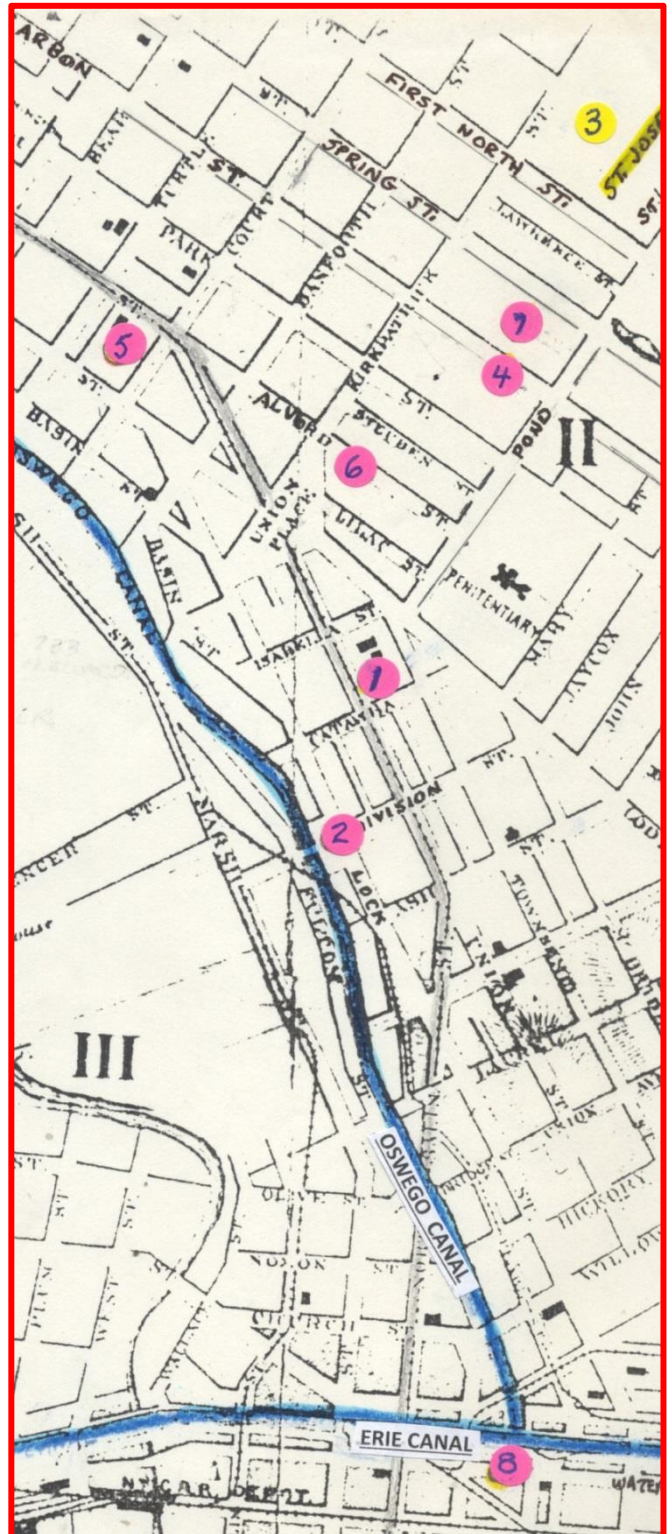
The four Markert Family trees shown in this appendix as well as the St. Joseph's burial cards were obtained from **Pat Markert** in 2003. It is not clear if the Family trees were developed by Pat or if she obtained them from someone else. The St Joseph cards shown in the Appendix and on previous pages were photo reduced from the original 4X5 inch index cards

The Assumption Church Nineteenth Century Marriage and Baptismal records shown in this Appendix and on earlier pages were provided by **F. Richard Barr**. I am also particularly grateful for the gracious support he provided me with other records and information directly related to the Spaeth Family

Roger Dahlin June 2017

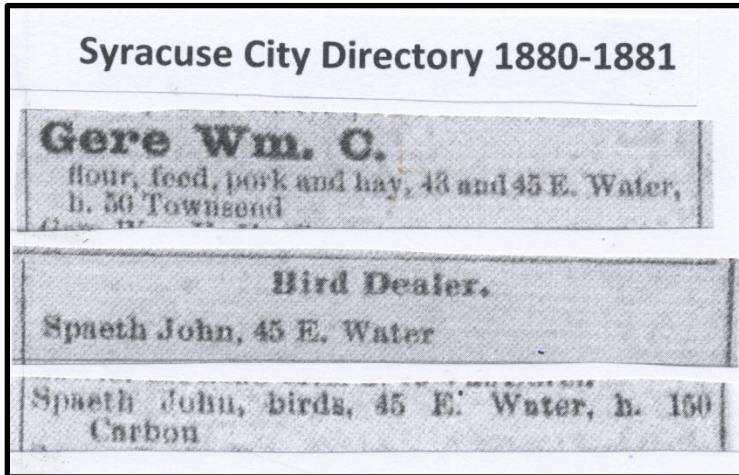
Syracuse Map 1873- Spaeth Family Points

KEY: 1. Assumption Church, 2. Muhlhauser Store, 3. St. Joseph Cemetery, 4. John Spaeth Carbon St. Home, 5. Will & Baumer, 6. Frank A. Spaeth N Alvord, 7. Frank A. Spaeth Pond Lane Home, 8. John Spaeth Bird Store.



More About John Spaeth

John Spaeth Birdman John worked for many years as a bookkeeper for William C Gear who had a wholesale business on the Erie Canal. This business at 43 & 45 East Water St. was about ½ blocks west of the present Erie Canal Museum. During the years 1879 through 1884 he had a business selling live birds from all over the world.[Entries from the 1880-1881 Syracuse City Directory are shown] Because his address was the same as Gear it can be assumed that he had some working arrangement with Gear. Family member indicated that he had an aviary in his home. John had at least three displays with stuffed birds. The attached photo of Snowbirds is one of these displays that was in the Lee Carey home in North Tonawanda NY



.Kitchen Table Autopsy According to John's daughter Frances [Spaeth] Gamerdinger, John suffered from stomach cancer in the last of his life. His son Joe carried him within their home, during his final days. John had had a personal German friend who was chief surgeon at St. Joseph's Hospital. Frances said when her father died the surgeon performed an autopsy on top of the 611 Carbon St. home kitchen table. Frances claimed she saw the tumor that was removed and it was the size of a grapefruit. This perhaps apocryphal story was told to me by my Aunt Bernice [Spaeth] Rathbun. Bernice told me her Aunt Frances Gamerdinger told her this story. Roger Dahlin May, 2017

Death Notice
From the
Syracuse Journal
Tuesday June 26,
1894-- Page 6

John Spaeth, one of the early settlers in Onondaga county, died at his residence, 611 Carbon-st., yesterday. He came to Syracuse from Wittenberg, Germany, 42 years ago, and has lived here since. For some time he has been with William C. Gere as a bookkeeper, and was very popular among those who knew him. He was 59 years old. He leaves a widow and five children, Mrs. Haag, Mrs. Fred Wolf, Joseph, Frank, Charles and George Spaeth.

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

A VERIFIED TRANSCRIPT FROM THE REGISTER OF DEATHS

Date of Death May 6, 1875 Registered No. A45

Place of Death 150 Carbon

Name of Deceased Jno Spaeth

Age 82 Years 11 Months --- Days ---

Sex Male Color or Race White

Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced ---

Full Name of Husband or Wife ---

Name of Informant ---

Date of Birth --- Birthplace Germany

Citizen of what Country ---

How Long a Resident: Here ---

In U.S. if foreign 23 years

Occupation --- S.S. No. ---

Father's Name not available

Father's Birthplace Germany

Mother's Maiden Name not available

Mother's Birthplace Germany

If Veteran, Name of War ---

Immediate Cause Old age

Cause of Death: Due to ---

Time Doctor in attendance till Death ---

Medical Attendant or other Attestant ---

Place of Burial St. Joseph Date ---

Undertaker Wenz & Traugott

I Hereby Solemnly Attest, that this is a true Transcript from the Register of Death as kept in the Bureau of Vital Statistics

County of Onondaga, State of New York. Dated at Syracuse, New York

The 11th. day of May 19 88

Signed: Mary Alice Bedworth for Official Title: Deputy Registrar

UNCERTIFIED COPY FOR
GENEALOGY PURPOSES ONLY

Frank A . Spaeth

Lifetime member
Church of Assumption
Ushers Association

Frank A. Spaeth, 142 Retired Candle Man, Succumbs at 72

Frank A. Spaeth, 72, a retired candlemaker, died Thursday at his home, 109 Pond Lane. He was a member of the Ushers' Association of Assumption Church.

Surviving are two sons, Frank J., Jr., of Baltimore and George of Syracuse; three daughters, Mrs. Carl Dahlin of Syracuse, Mrs. Ray Rathbun of Fairmount and Mrs. Lloyd Hilton of Bridgeport, Conn.; seven grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Camerdinger of Syracuse, and a brother, George Spaeth.

The funeral will be conducted at 8:30 A.M. Monday at the home and at 9 A.M. at Assumption Church. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery.

The Ushers' Association of the Church of the Assumption Syracuse, New York

In recognition of the faithful and loyal services of

Frank A. Spaeth

this Association, this eighteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-one,
by unanimous vote, grants him an

Honorary Life Membership

entitling him to all honors, rights and benefits of the Association.

Charles Koehke
Secretary

William J. Muench
President

Syracuse, N. Y., July 28, 1910.

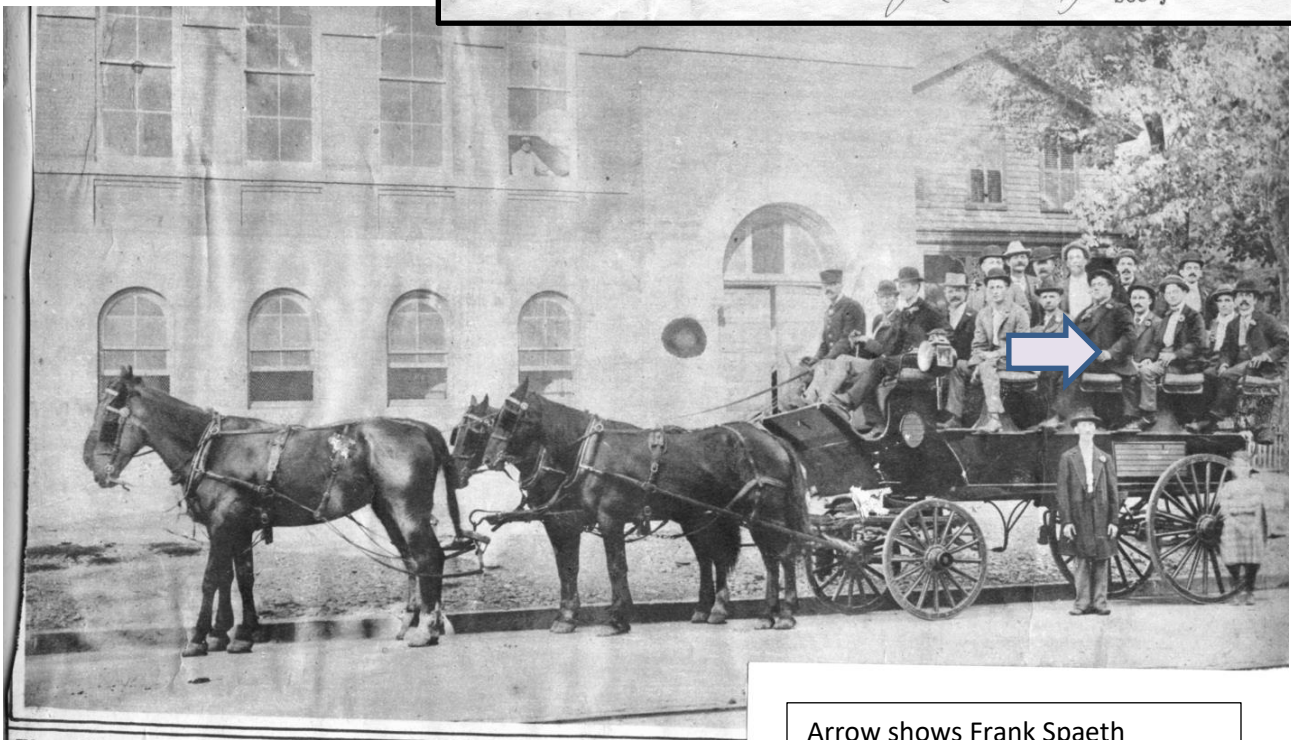
Mr. Frank Spaeth,
733 N. Alford St.,
City.

Dear Sir & Brother:

The Ushers' Association of the Church of the Assumption
extend to you their heartfelt sympathy on the death of your daughter.

Fraternally,

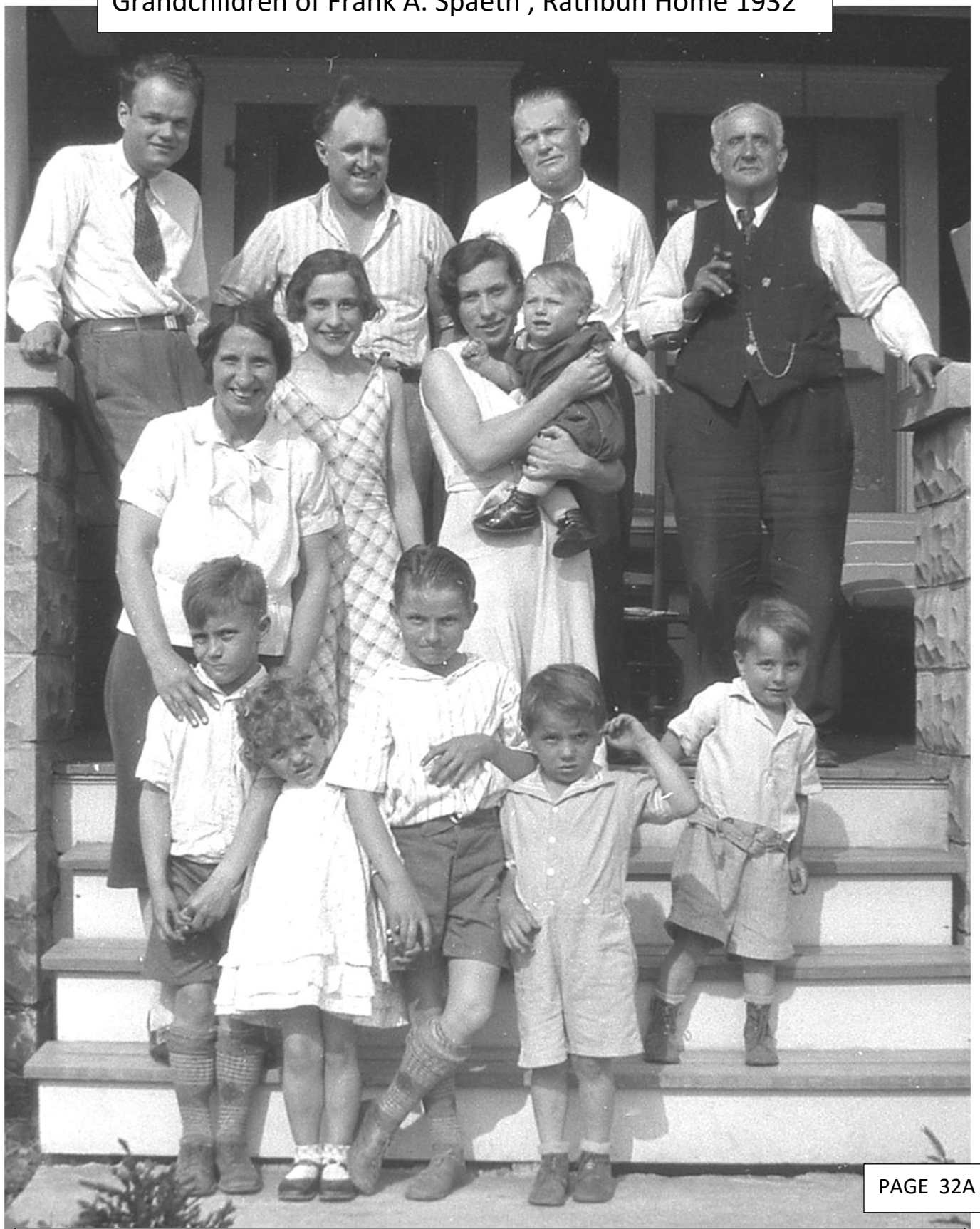
H. Lindemeyer
Sec'y



Three Rivers Bound—Thirty years ago the ushers and ticket sellers of Assumption Church started on an outing. They are N. Nickols, driver; Charles Thousand, Joseph Dockwiller, John Schoalder, John Schmidt, August Schlacter, Anthony Seifritz, Vincent Roch, Frank Wenz, Frank Spadt, Charles Mertens, Fred Foell, George Sax, Dr. William Muench, Eugene Bausinger, Jake Reidell and [unclear] standing.

Arrow shows Frank Spaeth

Grandchildren of Frank A. Spaeth , Rathbun Home 1932



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Top Row LtoR : Francis Carey, Ray Rathbun, Carl Dahlin & Frank A.Spaeth—Middle Row L to R : Grace [Spaeth] Dahlin, Agnes [Spaeth] Carey , Bernice [Spaeth] Rathbun holding son Neil – Bottom Row L to R : Gordon Dahlin, Vivian Dahlin, Dick Dahlin, Lee Carey & Michael Carey—*Not shown Roger Dahlin born 1937*

More Spaeth Family Photos



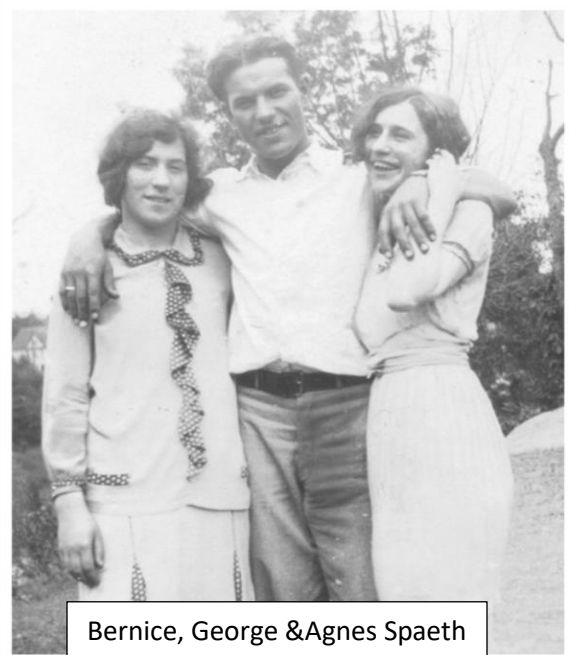
George Spaeth & Bessie Hawley



Bessie Hawley, Fair Haven, 1933



Grace, Matilda & Bernice Spaeth 1921



Bernice, George & Agnes Spaeth



Bill Halton & George Spaeth Swimming in the Erie Canal



Aunt Frances Gamerdinger's Big Car. L To R : Unknown, Frances, Nieces Grace & Bernice Spaeth, Unknown

Spaeth, Blind Smoke Victim, Succumbs

Taken From Blazing Home; Sister, 60, Recov- ering in Hospital

Joseph A. Spaeth, 69 years of age and blind, died at 8 o'clock Friday night in St. Joseph Hospital. Spaeth, who was rescued from a blazing bedroom in his second-floor apartment at 611 Carbon Street early Tuesday morning, was carried out of the burning structure by Fireman Ray Worth of Engine Company 2 and taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

SPAETH—Entered into rest, October 30, 1936. JOSEPH A. SPAETH. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Frances Gomerding; two brothers, Frank and George Spaeth. Services from the funeral home of John Gang & Son, 200 North Salina at Catawba Street, Monday at 2:30 A.M., and Church of Assumption at 9 A.M. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Patrolman Daniel Simons, who discovered the fire while cruising in a patrol car, telephoned the alarm, returned and broke down the front door of the house. Mrs. Charles Gomerding, 60, sister of Spaeth, who was nearly overcome by the smoke, was taken by Simons to a neighbors' home and then he learned that Spaeth still was in the house. Simons was driven from his second attempt to enter the house and Fireman Worth crawled along the floor, finally reaching the second floor. In a smoke-filled room and sitting on the edge of a bed, Spaeth was found.

Mrs. Gomerding was found in the hospital of smoke.

From Syracuse
Journal- October
31, 1936 Page 3

WEDDING HALTED AS BRIDEGROOM DEVELOPS POLIO

Francis Carey in Hospital on What Was to Have Been Nuptial Day.

Yesterday was to have been the happiest day in the life of Francis J. Carey. It was to have been his wedding day.

But infantile paralysis intervened, and instead of the tunes of the wedding march, the muffled footsteps of doctors and nurses came to him as he lay in a critical condition in the City Hospital.

While his life hangs in the balance, his bride-to-be, Miss A. Claire Spaeth, barred by the hospital quarantine from seeing him, prays for his speedy recovery.

"Mike," as he is known to friends, came to Syracuse several years ago from his home town, Upper Jay, N. Y.

Last Saturday he told friends of a slight illness, but continued with his plans for the wedding. Monday morning the infantile paralysis symptoms developed. He was unable to move. Physicians were summoned to his rooms and diagnosed the case. "Mike" was ordered immediately to the hospital.

IN HOSPITAL



Francis Carey married
Claire Spaeth-Daughter
of Frank A. Spaeth



In Loving Memory of
Trisha Di Bella

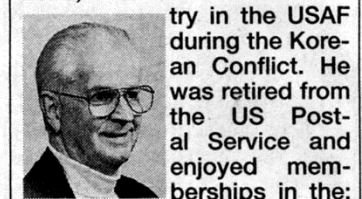
December 1, 1953
June 10, 2011

Francis Richard Barr

April 12, 2019

Francis Richard "Dick" Barr, 84, passed away at Loretto.

Raised in the Panama Canal Zone, Dick served his country in the USAF during the Korean Conflict. He was retired from the US Postal Service and enjoyed memberships in the: Sons of the American Revolution, Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.



His greatest passion in life was genealogy, he was always researching someone or wandering around a cemetery.

Dick is predeceased by brothers Tommy, John, Pete and his sister Betty.

Left to cherish his memory are his sister Barbara Francis Barr of the Maryknoll Sisters in Ossining, NY. Several nieces and nephews along with several cousins.

A Funeral Mass in Richards name will be 9 AM Friday May 3rd at St. Daniels Church 3004 Court St. in Syracuse.

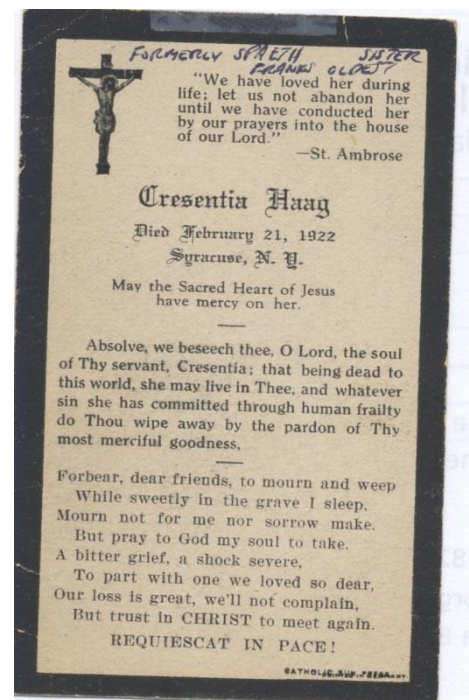
In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Maryknoll Sisters P.O. Box 311 Maryknoll, NY 10945-0311

No longer will we hear "did I wake you"

**Spaeth Family Death
Records Not
previously shown-**
Includes Reduced
copies of Pat Markert's
4X5 inch Index cards she
used to record St.
Joseph Cemetery Burials

Mrs. Mathilda Spaeth, 60, wife of Frank Spaeth and a life resident of the North Side, died last night at her home, 109 Pond Lane, after a brief illness. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Frank Spaeth, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., and George Spaeth of Syracuse; three daughters, Mrs. Carl Dahlin, Mrs. Raymond Rathbun and Mrs. Francis Carey of Syracuse; her mother, Mrs. Anna Markert of Schenectady; two sisters, Mrs. John Littman of Syracuse, and Mrs. William Fredericks of Schenectady; a brother, Frank Markert, and six grandchildren. The funeral will be conducted at 8:30 A. M. Thursday from the home and a mass of requiem will be celebrated a half hour later at the Church of the Assumption.

Mrs. Frances E. Mack, who died S



Spaeth, Joseph Anthony

B Jan. 4, 1868
D Oct 30, 1936 613 Carbon
Int Nov 2, 1936 1-149

Kin John Spaeth + Crescentia Muhlhausen

St Joseph Age 68-9-26

Spaeth, John

B
D June 25, 1894 611 Carbon
Int June 28, 1894

Kin John Spaeth + Ursula ←
married Crescentia Muhlhausen 4/27/57

St Joseph Age 59-0-4

Spaeth, John

B
D May 6, 1875
Int May 9, 1875

Kin married Ursula (probably died in Germany)

St Joseph Age 82

Spaeth, John W.

B April 6, 1861
D Aug 3, 1880
Int Aug 5, 1880

Kin John Spaeth + Crescentia Muhlhausen

St Joseph Age 19

Spaeth, Mathilda C

B June 29, 1858
D July 3, 1882
Int July 6, 1882

Kin John Spaeth + Crescentia Muhlhausen

St Joseph Age 24

Spaeth, Annam.

B Sept. 13, 1897 Sep
D July 15, 1910 733 N. Alford
Int July 21, 1910

Kin Frank Spaeth + Mathilda Markert

St Joseph Age 12-10-5

Assumption Church Marriage & Baptismal Records 1800's

Groom: Casper **DITTMANN**, son of Philip **DITTMANN** and Eva **SCHREIBER**. Married 1 May 1871. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Maria **GRIESER**, daughter of John **GRIESER** and Barbara **FREY**. Witnesses were Joseph Lindenmeyer and Margaret Müller.

Groom: Nicolas **MARKET**, son of George **MARKAT** and A. M. **HEIN**. Married 30 September 1849. Rev. Theodore Nothen officiated. Bride: Maria **FRITAG**, daughter of Jacob **FRITAG** and Ursula, his wife. Witnesses were J. Derschel and Eva Sile.

Groom: Nicolas **MARKET**, son of George **MARKAT** and A. M. **HEIN**. Married 30 September 1849. Rev. Theodore Nothen officiated. Bride: Maria **FRITAG**, daughter of Jacob **FRITAG** and Ursula, his wife. Witnesses were J. Derschel and Eva Sile.

G room: Henry **MARKET** of Bavaria, son of Charles **MARKET**, deceased, and Barbara **BISCHOFF**. Married 10 August 1869. Rev. Clement Luitz, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Wilhelmina **HERING** of Baden, daughter of George **HERING** and Margaret **BRENNEIS**. Witnesses were George Kleinhaus and Maria Schöththofer

Groom: Joseph **MARKERT**, son of Michael **MARKERT** and Margaret **SCHEID**, deceased. Married 30 September 1869. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Amelia **ZIMMER**, daughter of John **ZIMMER** and Susanna **DEMGEN**. Witnesses were Francis Markert and George Kleinhaus

Groom: John Adam **MARKERT**, son of Charles **MARKERT** and Barbara **BISCHOF**. Married 12 October 1871. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Maria **PILGER**, daughter of John **PILGER** and Susanna **METZGER**. Witnesses were Gregory Kleininger and Agnes Markert.

Groom: John **MARKERT**, widower of Hedwig **MARKERT**. Married 5 November 1871. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Helena **EGLE**, widow of Jacob **EGLE**. Witnesses were Michael Markert and Theresia Haas.

Groom: John **WILL**, son of Henry **WILL** and Barbara **MISSLIN**. Married 9 June 1874. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Agnes **MARKERT**, daughter of Charles **MARKERT** and Barbara **BISCHOF**. Witnesses were John Hemmer and Barbara Markert

Groom: Charles **MARKERT**, son of Michael **MARKERT** and Margaret **SCHMIDT**. Married 24 November 1874. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Maria **SCHMUCKENMEYER**, daughter of John **SCHMUCKENMEYER** and **STIEFBERGER**. Witnesses were Jacob Schmuckenmeyer and Frances Kraus.

Groom: Joseph **MARKERT**, widow of Emma **ZIMMER**. Married 26 October 1875. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Magdalena **WENDEL**, daughter of Anthony **WENDEL**, deceased, and V ictoria **HAUBER**. Witnesses were Francis Markert and Pauline Wendel

Groom: Henry **MARKERT**. "*Dispensation from mixed religions granted.*" Married 25 June 1876. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Catharine **INNG**. Witnesses were John Markert and Catharine Pertsche.

G room: John B. **MARKERT**, son of Henry **MARKERT**, deceased, and Margaret **VOLL**. Married 27 August 1877. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Magdalena **RAEDLE**, daughter of Francis **RAEDLE**, deceased, and Maria **BILIAM**. Witnesses were Theodore Witneben and Carolina Raedle.

Groom: Charles **MARKERT**, son of Charles **MARKERT**, deceased, and Barbara **BISCHOF**. Married 2 March 1878. Rev. Norbert Stoller, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Emilia **HORST**, recent convert, daughter of Frederick **HORST** and Maria **MAHLER**, deceased, non-Catholics. Witnesses were Engelbert Kuppel and Barbara Markert.

Groom: John **SCHMUCKENMEIER**, son of John **SCHMUCKENMEIER** of Bavaria. Married 14 June 1849. Rev. Theodore Nothen officiated. B ride: **STIEFBERGER** illegitimate daughter of Magdalena **STIEFBERGER**. Witnesses were Fr. Paumer and Catharine Krause.

Groom: Francis **MARKERT**, son of Michael **MARKERT** and Margaret **SCHMIDT**. Married 18 June 1872. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. B ride: **SCHMUCKENMEYER**, daughter of John **SCHMUCKENMEYER** and **STIEFBAER**. Witnesses were Charles Markert and Maria Schmuckenmeyer.

Groom: Charles **MARKERT**, son of Michael **MARKERT** and Margaret **SCHMIDT**. Married 24 November 1874. Rev. Fidelis Dehm, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Maria **SCHMUCKENMEYER**, daughter of John **SCHMUCKENMEYER** and **STIEFBERGER**. Witnesses were Jacob Schmuckenmeyer and Frances Kraus.

MARKET, Margaret, daughter of Nicolas **MARKET** and Maria, his wife, born 11 August 1853; baptized 21 August 1853. Rev. Joseph Raffainer officiated. Sponsors: Ignatius Fauth and Barbara Bix.

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MARKERT, Charles, son of Henry **MARKERT** and Margaret **VOLL**, born 16 August 1859; baptized 2 October 1859. Rev. Alphonse Zoeller, O.M.C. officiated. Sponsors: Charles Flack and Barbara Bex.

SPÄT, Mathilda Crescentia, daughter of John **SPÄT** and Crescentia, his wife, born 29 June 1858; baptized 25 July 1858. Rev. Joseph Lutz officiated. Sponsors: Adolf Schmid and Mathilda Gloger.

SPÄT, John William, son of John **SPÄT** and Crescentia **MUHLHÄUSER**, born 6 April 1861; baptized 21 April 1861. Rev. Edmund M. DePauw, O.M.C. officiated. Sponsor: Adolph Schmidt and Mathilda Gloger

SPÄT, Maria Crescentia, daughter of John **SPÄT** and Crescentia **MÜHLHAUSER**, born 16 March 1863; baptized 5 April 1863. Rev. Norbert Stoller, O.M.C. officiated. Sponsors: Adolph Schmidt and Mathilda Glocke

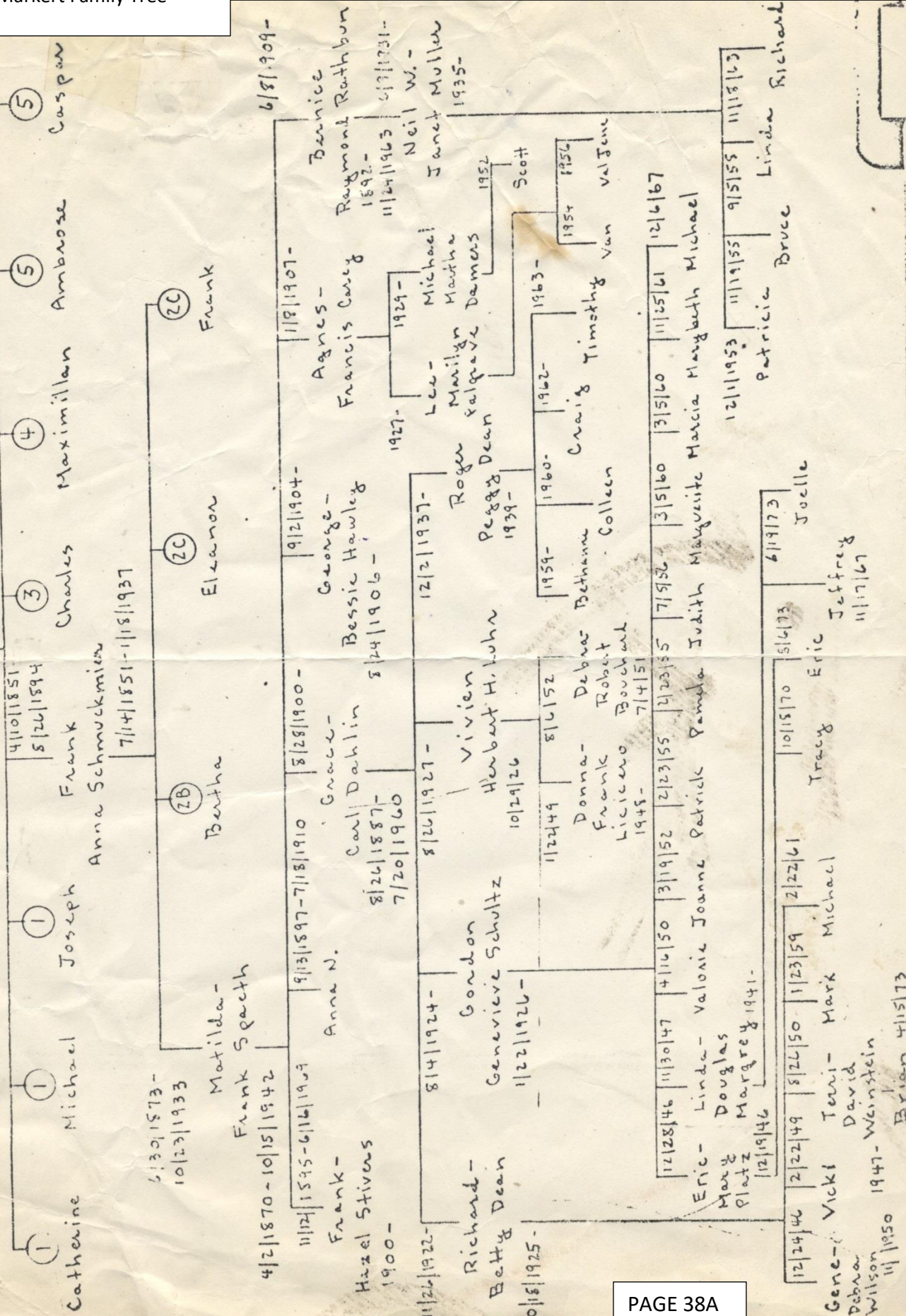
57. **SPÄTH**, Maria Ursula, daughter of John **SPÄTH** and Crescentia **MÜHLHAUSER**, born 3 April 1865; baptized 23 April 1865. Rev. Norbert Stoller, O.M.C. officiated. Sponsors: William Mühlhauser and Mathilda Glöger

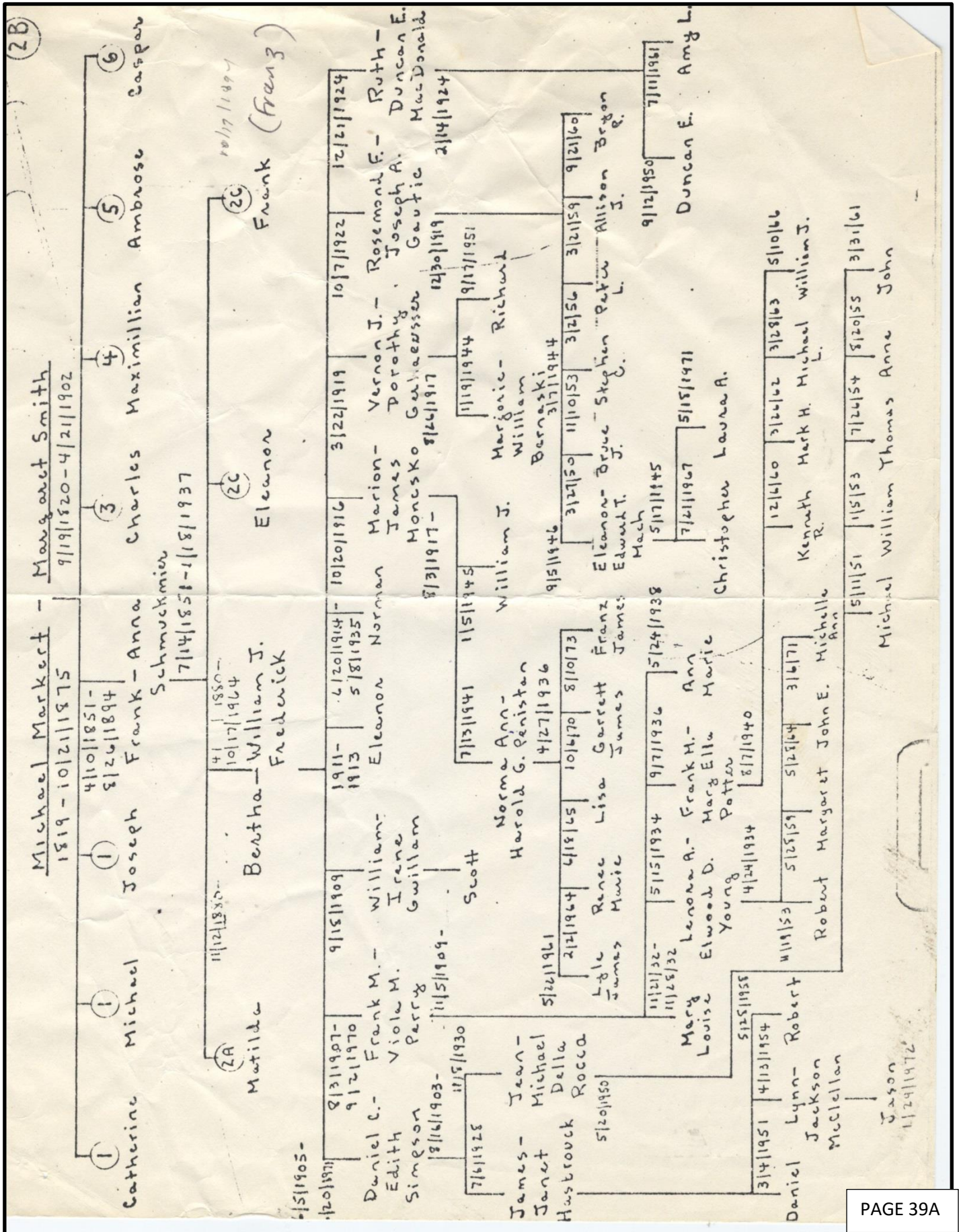
SPÄTH, Joseph Anthony, son of John **SPÄTH** and Crescentia **MÜHLHAUSER**, born 4 January 1868; baptized 9 February 1868. Rev. Norbert Stoller, O.M.C. officiated. Sponsors: John Chrysostom Schuffenecker and Mathilda Gloger.

SCHMUNCKEMEIER, Jacob, son of John **SCHMUNCKEMEIER** and Anna, his wife, born 15 July 1856; baptized 20 July 1856. Rev. Frederick Müller officiated. Sponsors: Jacob Kohlmeier and Margaret, his wife.

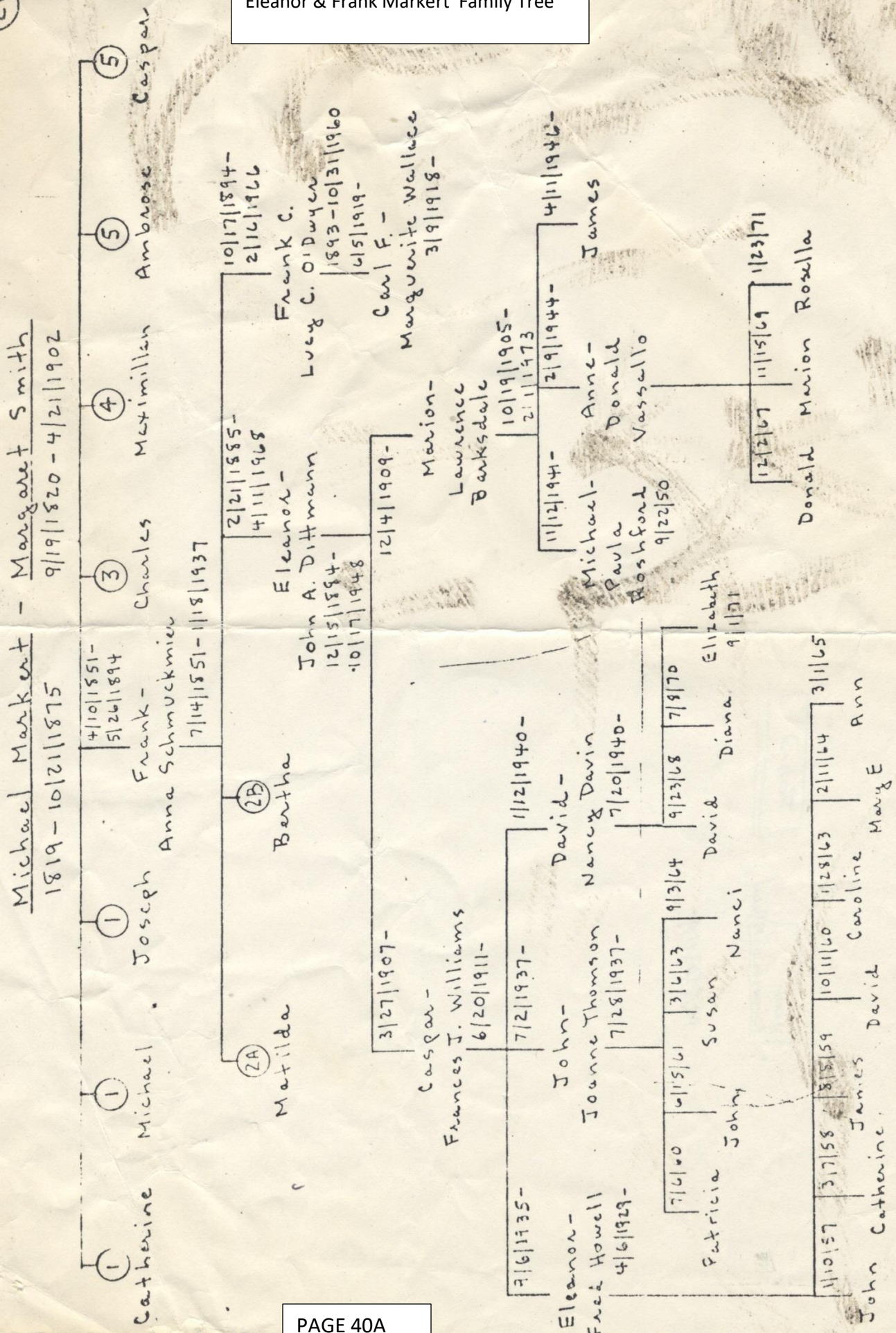
Michael Markert
1819 - 10/21/1875

Margaret Smith
9/19/1820 - 4/21/1902





Eleanor & Frank Markert Family Tree



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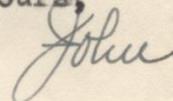
Dear Till;

Just to let you know that your mother is pretty sick and I thought maybe you would want to drive home that way and see her.

Bert phoned us Christmas night that she had been sick for a few days and last night I called up and she said the doctor said she was filled up but that he would do the best he could. Just what that means I do not know. Oll thinks she is going down to-morrow. She doesn't eat anything to speak of etc. Bert says she looks real bad.

Hope you had a pleasant Christmas as well as the rest of the family. Grace says you expected to come back this week.

Yours,



This letter was written regarding the serious health of Anna Schmuckmeier Markert mother of the three Markert sisters: , Matilda ,known as "Till" married to Frank A Spaeth , Eleanor known as "Oll" married to John A Dittmann , and Bertha known as "Bert" married to William Frederick . Grace mentioned in the letter is Grace [Spaeth] Dahlin married to Carl Dahlin . Grace's mother was Matilda and her Grandmother was Anna Schmuckmeier]

At the time of this letter Anna was living with her daughter Bertha [Markert] Frederick in Schenectady. Bertha's husband William J. Frederick owned and operated a very successful greenhouse/florist business at this period

The author of the letter John Dittmann was the husband of Eleanor Markert --

Muhlhauser Family Records as it relates to Crescentia [Muhlhauser] Spaeth

Spaeth, Crescentia Muhlhauser
 B (1840)
 D Aug 14, 1923 Ull Casken
 Int Aug 17, 1923 1-149
 Kin Married John Spaeth 4/11/51
 St Joseph Age 82-7-20

Parents William & Crescentia Muhlhauser

Muhlhauser, Crescentia Kinder
 B 1812 Baden
 D Oct 20, 1865
 Int Oct 22, 1865
 Kin Married William Muhlhauser 10/21/49
 St Joseph Age 53

Muhlhauser, William Sr.
 B 1816
 D Mar 17, 1878
 Int Mar 19, 1878
 Kin Joseph Muhlhauser & Theresa
 Muhlhauser (2nd WIFE)
 St Joseph Age 62

Groom: William MÜHLHAUSER, son of Joseph MÜHLHAUSER and Theresa BURGHARDT of Baden. Married 21 October 1849. Rev. Theodore Nothen officiated. Bride: Crescentia [], widow of Renoit PRÖPSHLE of Württemberg. Witnesses were Antonia Therre and Conrad Bender

William's Second Wife

Muhlhauser, Josephine Schönmetzler
 B 1820
 D Oct 23, 1874
 Int Oct 25, 1874
 Kin Married William Muhlhauser
 Andrew Noertz
 St Joseph Age 54

Groom: William MÜHLHAUSER of Baden, widower of Crescentia LINNDER. Married [] May 1866. Rev. Norbert Stoller, O.M.C. officiated. Bride: Josephine SCHÖNMETZLER, widow of Andrew NOERTZ of Württemberg. Witness was Conrad Schübel.
 17. Groom

Will Muhlhauser

United States Census, 1870

Name	Will Muhlhauser
Event Type	Census
Event Year	1870
Event Place	New York, United States
Gender	Male
Age	51
Race	White
Race (Original)	W
Birth Year (Estimated)	1818-1819
Birthplace	Baden

Household	Role	Gender	Age	Birthplace
Will Muhlhauser		M	51	Baden
Josephine Muhlhauser		F	48	Württemberg
Edward Muhlhauser		M	15	New York
Josephine Muhlhauser		F	15	New York

Edward Muhlhauser

New York State Census, 1875

Name	Edward Muhlhauser
Event Type	Census
Event Date	1875
Event Place	Syracuse, Onondaga, New York, States
Gender	Male
Age	20
Relationship to Head of Household	Brother
Birth Year (Estimated)	1855

Household	Role	Gender	Age
William Muhlhauser	Brother	M	32
Elizabeth Muhlhauser	Wife	F	28
Elizabeth Muhlhauser	Daughter	F	6
William Muhlhauser	Father	M	56
Edward Muhlhauser	Brother	M	20
Josephine Muhlhauser	Sister	F	19

Muhlhauser, Catharina
 B 1812
 D Dec 28, 1874
 Int Dec 30, 1874
 Kin William Muhlhauser & Elizabeth Schönmetzler
 St Joseph Age 1-7

Muhlhauser, Edward Robert
 B Sept. 10, 1856
 D June 17, 1892
 Int June 19, 1892
 Kin Edward Muhlhauser & Johanna Beckie
 St Joseph Age 5-8-22

Mathias Muhlhauser and son Joseph Muhlhauser Records --Includes Assumption Church Baptism Records, Census records and St Joseph Burial Records cards prepared by Pat Markert

Muhlhauser, Mathias
 B 1819
 D Mar 4, 1870
 Int Mar. 6, 1870
 Kin Married Josephine Schwantz
 St Joseph Age 51

Muhlhauser, Josephine Schwantz
 B (1822)
 D Dec 6, 1904 423 E. Division
 Int Dec 10, 1904
 Kin Married Mathias Muhlhauser
 St Joseph Age 81-9-12

Joseph Muhlhauser
 United States Census, 1870

Name	Joseph Muhlhauser
Event Type	Census
Event Year	1870
Event Place	New York, United States
Gender	Male
Age	45
Race	White
Race (Original)	W
Birth Year (Estimated)	1824-1825
Birthplace	Baden

Household	Gender	Age	Birthplace
Joseph Muhlhauser	M	45	Baden
Mary Muhlhauser	F	19	Baden
Joseph Muhlhauser	M	12	New York

MÜHLHAUSER, Ignatius Joseph, son of Mathias **MÜHLHAUSER** and Josepha, his wife, born 27 May 1858 (sic); baptized 20 May 1858 (sic). Rev. Joseph Lutz officiated. Sponsors: Ignatius Fauth and Crescentia Mulhauser.

MÜHLHAUSER, Albert Ignatius, son of Mathias **MÜHLHAUSER** and Josepha, his wife, born 30 April 1853; baptized 4 May 1853. Rev. Joseph Raffener officiated. Sponsors: William Muhlhauser and Magdalena Glover.

Joseph Muhlhauser
 United States Census, 1880

Name	Joseph Muhlhauser
Event Type	Census
Event Date	1880
Event Place	Syracuse, Onondaga, New York, United States
Gender	Male
Age	22
Marital Status	Single
Race	White
Race (Original)	W
Occupation	Butcher
Relationship to Head of Household	Son
Relationship to Head of Household (Original)	Son
Birth Year (Estimated)	1858
Birthplace	New York, United States
Father's Birthplace	Germany
Mother's Birthplace	Germany

Household	Role	Gender	Age	Birthplace
Josephine Muhlhauser	Self	F	57	Germany
Joseph Muhlhauser	Son	M	22	New York, United

MÜHLHAUSER, Barbara, daughter of Martell **MÜHLHAUSER** and Josepha, his wife, born 24 June 1855; baptized 6 July 1855. Rev. Frederick Müller officiated. Sponsors: Ignatius Fauth and Barbara Muhlhauser.

Muhlhauser, Charles
 B Dec. 17, 1860
 D Oct 2, 1861
 Int Oct 3, 1861
 Kin Mathias Muhlhauser + Josephine Schwantz
 St Joseph Age 0-9-16

Muhlhauser, John William
 B March 8, 1862
 D July 6, 1862
 Int July 7, 1862
 Kin Mathias Muhlhauser + Josephine Schwantz
 St Joseph Age 0-4

Muhlhauser, Edward
 B Sept. 12, 1855
 D Sept. 15, 1855
 Int Sept 17, 1855
 Kin Joseph Muhlhauser + Maria Young
 St Joseph Age 3-0-3

Syracuse City Directories 1862-1891 for William & Mathias Muhlhauser



1862-63

Muehlhauser, Charles, butcher, N. Y. St. h. 43 Cedar.
Muehlhauser, Matthias, meat market and h. cor. McBride and Divis-
Muehlhauser, William, baker, grocery and h. cor. Lock and Divis-

1864-65

Muehlhauser, Joseph, butcher, h. 163 Park.
Muehlhauser, Matthew, meat market and h
45 Division cor. McBride.

Oct, 20 1865 -Crescentia
Muhlhauser Age 53 Died..
Probable first wife William Sr.

1866-67

MUEHLHAUSER, JR., WILLIAM, grocery
and h 2 Division.
Muehlhauser, Sr., William, grocery and h 2
Division.
Muehlhauser, Matthew, meat market and h
cor Division and McBride.

1868-69

Muehlhauser Matthew, meat market, 49
Division, h. do.
Muehlhauser William, grocer, 3 Division, h.
do.

1870-71

Muehlhauser Josephine, dressmaker, bds. 2
Division.
Muehlhauser William, h. Division.
MUEHLHAUSER WILLIAM JR., grocer,
2 Division, h. do.

March 4, 1870 Mathias
Muhlhauser ,age 51 Died
Likely Brother William Sr.

1872-73

Muehlhauser Josephine, meat market 5 Di-
vision, h. do
Muehlhauser Josephine, dress maker, bds.
2 Lock
Muehlhauser William, grocer, 2 Division h.
do

1874-75

Muehlhauser Joseph, meat, 45 Division, h. do
Muehlhauser William, grocer, Lock c. Divis-
ion, h. do

Oct, 23, 1874 -Josephina
Muhlhauser Age 54 Died..
Probable second wife William

1876-77

Muehlhauser Edward, clerk, 29 Clinton, bds
2 Division
Muehlhauser Josephine, tailoress, bds. 2 Di-
vision
Muehlhauser William, bds. 2 Division
MUEHLHAUSER WILLIAM, Jr. groce-
ries and saloon, 2 Division, h. do

March 17, 1878 William
Sr. Muhlhauser ,age 62 Died
Likely Brother Mathias.

1880-81

Muehlhauser Edmund, salesman, Lodi, cor.
Pond, bds. Park, c. Danforth
Muehlhauser William,
grocer, Lock, c. Division
Muehlhauser Josephine, 110 N. Salina
MUEHLHAUSER JOSEPH, market, Mo-
Bride, c. Division, h. do
Muehlhauser Josephine, widow Mathias, bds.
McBride, c. Division
Muehlhauser Daniel R. clerk, bds. 4 Lodi

1890-91

Muehlhauser Edward, clerk, 2000 Lodi, h.
706 Laurel
MUEHLHAUSER, see also MUEHLHAUSER
Muehlhauser Jos. I. meat market, 423 Divi-
sion, h. do
Muehlhauser Josephine, wid. Mathias, bds.
423 Division
Muehlhauser Wm. confectioner, h. 1309 Park
MUEHLHAUSER, see also MUEHLHAUSER

Dec 6, 1904 Josephina
.Muhlhauser ,age 81 Died
Wife of Mathias.

Mrs. Ferdinand Wolff, 68, wife of Ferdinand Wolff, died Wednesday night at her home, No. 604 Pond street, after a brief illness. She was a member of Assumption church and the L. C. B. A., Branch No. 46. Surviving besides her husband are a daughter, Mrs. William Birchsinger; two sons, Norbert Wolff and Robert Wolff; her mother, Mrs. Crescentia Spaeth; a sister, Mrs. Charles Gamerdinger; four brothers, Joseph, Frank, Charles and George Spaeth, and three grandchildren. The funeral will be held from the home at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and at 10 o'clock in the Church of the Assumption. Burial will be in Assumption cemetery. *Feb. 1, 1923*



Wolff Family Obituaries

Photo is of Norbert & Robert Wolff sons of Mary [Spaeth] Wolff & Ferdinand/Fred Wolff. Norbert Wolff was an attendant at Grace [Spaeth] and Carl Dahlin's 1921 Assumption Church wedding

Mrs. Margaret Collins Wolff, 69, widow of Peter Wolff, died yesterday morning at her home, No. 607 Carbon street. She was a member of the Altar Society, English branch, of the Church of the Assumption. Mrs. Wolff is survived by two sons, Peter P. Wolff of Chicago and William J. Wolff of Buffalo; a daughter, Mrs. George Babcock, and two brothers, William and John R. Collins of this city. Funeral services will take place at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning at the home and at 10 o'clock in the Church of the Assumption. Burial will be in St. Josephs cemetery. *Nov. 14 1923*

Peter J. Wolff, 63, died at his home, No. 607 Carbon street, yesterday morning. Besides his wife, Mrs. Margaret Collins Wolff, he is survived by two sons, Peter P. and William J. Wolff, both of Chicago; one daughter, Mrs. George Babcock, Syracuse; three brothers, Joseph and Fred Wolff of Syracuse and Henry Wolff of Saranac; and seven grandchildren. He was a member of Carpenter's Union No. 192 and a well-known resident of the north side. Funeral services will be held at the home at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning and at 9 o'clock in the Church of the Assumption. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery. *Jan. 17 1922*

WOLFF—In this city, on the 7th inst., Anna Elizabeth Wolff, aged 30 years. She is survived by her parents, August and Mary Wolff; two brothers, John and Frank, and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Webber and Mrs. Emil Lang. Funeral from the family home, 117 Mary alley, Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. and Church of Assumption at 10 a. m. Friends invited. Burial in St. Josephs Cemetery.

WOLF—Suddenly, in this city, April 20, 1913, Jennie M., wife of the late Andrew J. Wolf, aged 69 years. Private funeral services at her home, No. 226 Cortland Ave., Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Friends who desire may call Tuesday morning.

WOLF—In this city, October 12th, 1915, REBECCA WOLF. She is survived by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Bertha Exsteln of Sherman, Tex., Miss Fannie Wolf of this city and James Wolf of Marshall, Tex. Funeral private at her late home, No. 401 East Anna street, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

WOLF—In this city, May 24th, 1916, ZELMA, daughter of Henry and Blanche Wolf, aged 9 years 8 months and 24 days. Besides her parents she is survived by four brothers, Harold, Henry, Hubert and Donald Wolf, and one sister, Geraldine Wolf. Funeral private at the family home, No. 1810 Walnut street, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends may view the remains Tuesday evening from 7 to 11 o'clock and Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 o'clock.

JOSEPH WOLFF, 33, POTTERY FOREMAN DIED SATURDAY

Apr 15, 1912



JOSEPH WOLFF.

The death of Joseph Wolff, aged 33, foreman at the Onondaga pottery, occurred Saturday at his home, 117 Mary alley. He had been a resident of Syracuse for 30 years, coming here from Germany. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World. Surviving are two daughters, Mary and Anna Wolff; one son, Joseph, Jr.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Wolff; two brothers, John and Frank Wolff, and three sisters, Mrs. Frank Weber, Mrs. Emil Lang and Miss Anna Wolff.

Funeral services will be held at the family home at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday and from the Church of the Assumption at 10.

Temporary Surrogate Sadler signed a decree authorizing Mrs. Sarah A. Wolfe, widow of Adelbert J. Wolfe, to settle her claim against the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company for the death of Mr. Wolfe for \$5,000.

Mr. Wolfe, whose home was in the town of Dewitt, was killed in a collision at East Rochester September 15. Mrs. Wolfe now lives at Savannah, Wayne county. She has two children, Evelyn F., 6, and Clark A., 3. Dorr & Seubert are her attorneys. *Dec. 1912*

Mrs. Anna F. Wolf. *May 18, 1915*
Mrs. Anna Frances Wolf, 50, wife of August Wolf, died this morning at her home, 602 Schuyler st., after an illness of one month. She came to this city with her parents from Germany when a child and had since resided in the West End and had become prominently known. She was actively identified with the Syracuse K. O. T. M., Ladies of the Maccabees. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Martha and Anna Wolf; four sons, Albert, John, Frank and Edward Wolf; two sisters in Germany and five grandchildren in this city. The funeral will be held from her late home Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and from St. Patricks Church at 9:30. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery.

WOLFF—At Saranac Lake, June 14th, 1915, BERNARD WOLFF, aged 34 years. He is survived by one son, Joseph B. Wolff; his mother, Regina Wolff, and one sister, Mrs. George Seltz of Ononda. Funeral private at the home of his cousin, William W. Roor, No. 514 Tenth avenue, Thursday morning at 9:15 o'clock and at the Church of the Assumption at 10. Friends may view the remains from 2 to 9 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and evening. The deceased was a member of Branch No. 36, C. M. B. A. Friends and members are invited to the church. Burial in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Elizabeth Wolf, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wolf, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the family home, No. 407 Elliott street, after a long illness. Besides her parents, she is survived by one brother, John F. Wolf, and one sister, Margaret Wolf. The funeral will be held Monday, but final arrangements have not been completed.

WOLF—In this city, May 24th, 1915, JOSEPHINE ZELMA, daughter of Henry and Blanche Wolf, aged 9 years 8 months and 24 days. Besides her parents she is survived by four brothers, Harold, Henry, Hubert and Donald Wolf, and one sister, Geraldine Wolf. Funeral private at the family home, No. 1810 Walnut street, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends may view the remains Tuesday evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock and Wednesday morning from 9 to 11. Burial in Woodlawn cemetery. Binghamton papers please note.