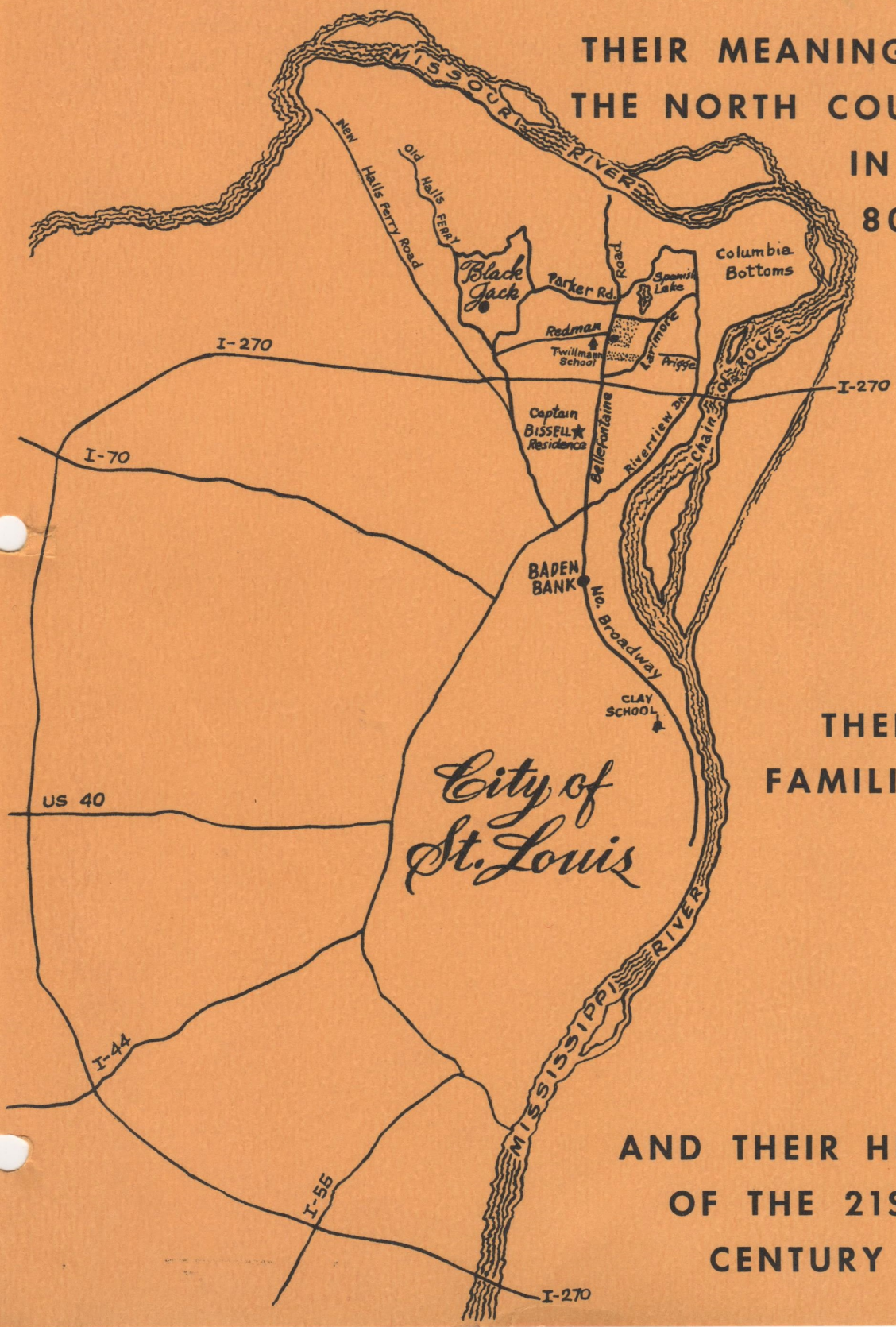


THE FAMILY....

THEIR MEANING TO
THE NORTH COUNTY
IN THE
80'S...



THEIR
FAMILIES...

AND THEIR HEIRS
OF THE 21ST
CENTURY

TWELLMAN

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FOREWORD

As with typical large families, accurate knowledge of relationships past the memories of known contemporary cousins and perhaps their respective grandparents, if and when living, becomes sparse and vague indeed in the minds and memories of most loved ones. Priceless recollections are therefore frequently lost to the ages when in reality third and fourth generations would cherish the excitement and romance of many family incidents and the forebears involved.

Such incidents and recorded achievements vary from dramatic and humorous to tragic and lamentable but all pieced together they have a way of providing unique traits or individualistic character of a given family tree, as well as charting certain trends in related communities and affecting neighbors, friends and descendants of the both of them.

Such is the story represented herein based on the family Twillmann known widely in North St. Louis County as well as Cooper County, Missouri and dating back almost two centuries when the first Twillmann (then Twellmann) immigrant to the USA family head was born in the area of Bielefeld, Germany from which his wife also came. From this paternal family patriarch has been wedded together and procreated a known total (as of 1980) of hundreds of persons most of whom are among the living as this story goes to press.

The name Twillmann is on an elementary school, a suburban street in North County and the athletic field of a city park in Booneville, Missouri among other landmarks in addition to being the name of the first president of Baden Bank. A review of these pages to follow will doubtless bring to the mind of many readers some equally nostalgic anecdotes. As one of those readers, we hope you thoroughly enjoy the contents put together over the past 12 years (1968-1980) by the "Twillmann Cousins", descendants of Frederick H. Twillmann (1851-1922 and Francisca Prigge Twillmann his wife (1856-1928) of their marriage in 1876. Though as of publication date only one of the aunts and uncles generation survives, four others were among the living when the project got underway in 1968 and all of them contributed greatly to the validity of many Twillmann family recollections and discoveries.

RECOGNITION CREDITS

Twelve years of semi-annual Cousin get-togethers have preceded the graphic accumulation herein represented. During that time Ilda and Frank both expired this temporal life to begin their heavenly eternity, as did Cousins' chairman Alvin and Marvin and "senior" cousins Oscar and Norma whose memory will be ever vivid in those of us, their contemporaries.

Special tribute is due the wife of Marvin Twillman, Kay (Kathleen) nee Purdy for her tenacious pursuit of historic data over the years, ably assisted by Kathleen Twillmann Brinker (Mrs. Bill) who was Club secretary for recording all pertinent details and keeping minutes of the group progress.

In the home stretch of translating the entire findings to paper and ink, the production committee consisting of Melva Ollinger, Evelyn and Milton Renkel, Dorothy and Livy Burmeister (Mrs. Charles) and Charles Burmeister joined the two previous Kathleens in finalizing what is herein contained after historic input by at least one representative of each family. The technical photography and picture reproduction (halftoning) was handled by Ron Zyk, son-in-law of Alvin Burmeister (Jane's husband) whereas plating and printing of certain pages other than professionally handled were made possible through Milton Renkel, Evelyn's husband, at his printing facility. The production committee at the finish line assembled and bound the pages into the covers,

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Special thanks to Warren Spiller of The Homestead Restaurant for his cooperation in sharing data and photographs of the former John Henry Twillmann homestead, still a landmark in North St. Louis County.

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Here in Bielefeld, Germany, on January 22, 1798, was born a Friedrich Wilhelm Twellmann, who was married on April 18, 1821 to one Dorothea Henrietta Brinker, who had been born on March 7, 1795 in the same general area of Bielefeld, Germany.

Kirchengemeinde, Bielefeld, W. Germany. Note similar Tower design of St. Peter's, on Page 37, built one hundred years later.

TWILLMAN ROOTS

FAMILY GROUP

TWELLMANN

No. _____ SURNAME

| | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------|------|---|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Husband's Full Name: FRIEDERICH WILHELM | | | | | | |
| Vital Data | Day | Mo. | Year | Town | County | State or Country |
| Birth | 22 | Jan. | 1798 | | | GERMANY |
| Christen. | | | | | | |
| Marriage | 18 | April | 1821 | Church Wedding Ev. Reformierten Kirche Bielefeld | | |
| Death | 27 | Sept. | 1853 | Cause: | | |
| Burial | | | | Cemetery: Pohlmann | | |
| Father's Full Name | | | | Mother's Maiden Name | | |
| Other wives: Remarks: | | | | | | |
| Wife's Full Maiden Name: DOROTHEA HENRIETTA BRINKER | | | | | | |
| Vital Data | Day | Mo. | Year | Town | County | State or Country |
| Birth | 7 | March | 1795 | Bielefeld | | GERMANY |
| Christen. | 15 | March | 1795 | Bielefeld | | GERMANY |
| Death | 11 | June | 1853 | | | |
| Burial | | | | Pohlmann Cemetery | | |
| Father's Full Name: Johann Heinrich Brinker | | | | Mother's Maiden Name: Henriette Dorothee Hofmeister | | |
| Other husbands: Remarks: | | | | | | |
| CHILDREN | | | | | | |
| Sex | Full Name | | | Vital Data | Date | Place |
| M | 1 Friederich Hermann Albrecht | | | Birth | 13 Nov. 1825 | Bielefeld, Germany |
| | | | | Death | 18 Feb. 1826 | Bielefeld, Germany |
| | | | | Marr. | | To: |
| M | 2 Johann Heinrich | | | Birth | 24 May 1827 | Bielefeld, Germany |
| | | | | Death | 20 Aug. 1882 | Black Jack, Missouri |
| | | | | Marr. | 5 Dec. 1850 | To: Louisa Noltman |
| M | 3 Friederich Wilhelm August | | | Birth | 13 Dec. 1829 | Bielefeld, Germany |
| | | | | Death | 11 Mar. 1888 | Black Jack, Missouri |
| | | | | Marr. | 3 June 1853 | To: Carolina Maria Pohlmann |
| F | 4 Amalie Dorothee Henriette | | | Birth | 3 Nov. 1831 | Bielefeld, Germany |
| | | | | Death | | |
| | | | | Marr. | | To: |
| F | 5 Matilde Auguste Dorothee | | | Birth | 21 July 1833 | Bielefeld, Germany |
| | | | | Death | 10 Dec. 1894 | Black Jack, Missouri |
| | | | | Marr. | 4 June 1855 | To: Henry Pohlmann |
| F | 6 Pauline Bertha | | | Birth | 19 Feb. 1836 | Bielefeld, Germany |
| | | | | Death | 31 Jan. 1909 | |
| | | | | Marr. | 20 Mar. 1869 | To: Franz Herman Pelke |
| M | 7 Frederich Herman | | | Birth | 17 Mar. 1839 | St. Louis, Missouri |
| | | | | Death | 12 June 1912 | |
| | | | | Marr. | 8 Jan. 1862 | To: Maria Sattler |
| | 8 | | | Birth | | |
| | | | | Death | | |
| | | | | Marr. | | To: |
| | 9 | | | Birth | | |
| | | | | Death | | |
| | | | | Marr. | | To: |
| | 10 | | | Birth | | |
| | | | | Death | | |
| | | | | Marr. | | To: |

Note: Concerning the 4th child, it is presumed she may have died during the ocean voyage since no death record appears in Bielefeld, but neither is there any record of her admittance through the New Orleans Port Authority.

TWILLMANN ROOTS

Friederich Wilhelm Twellmann was born in north central Germany in the general area surrounding the city of Bielefeld, on January 22, 1798.¹

A search was made at the Evangelical Reformed Church in Bielefeld, Germany and also in surrounding villages of Bielefeld, searching for the actual birth place of Friederich Wilhelm Twellmann. These villages were: Hereford, Detmold and Baden Baden. The search gave no further information except that Bielefeld is located in what is today called Western Germany about 80 miles due south of Bremen and 125 miles due north of Frankfurt and approximately 150 miles due east of Amsterdam, Holland.

Friederich Wilhelm Twellmann and Dorothea Henrietta Brinker were married in the Evangelical Church of the Reformation in Bielefeld, Germany, April 18, 1821.² Bielefeld, Germany, was an industrial city then specializing in the art and manufacture of weaving. It is assumed that this is how the Twellmann name originated as it means a weaverman. ^{4,5}

Their first child Friedrich Hermann Albrecht was born November 13, 1825 but died in infancy on February 18 of the following year. Their second child Johann Heinrich was born on May 24, 1827 and was the line of descent on which this Family Twillmann history is based. His brother Friedrich Wilhelm was born December 13, 1829 and was to also move to America some seven years later along with the fourth offspring Amalie Dorothee Henrietta, born November 3 in 1831 and Mathilda Dorothee, born July 21, 1833 and Pauline Bertha, born February 18, 1836. Mrs. F. W. Twellmann was pregnant with their seventh and last child, Frederick Herman Lebrecht, during the Atlantic crossing who was born in St. Louis, Missouri on March 17, 1839. Since the fourth child and their first daughter was recorded as born in Bielefeld, Germany, but no record of her is given thereafter, it is presumed that she may have died enroute to America since the voyage took almost twice the normal time, some 4 months and 4 days, and peril and health problems were common in ocean crossings of that day.

According to an authentic military document, Friederich Wilhelm Twellmann had departed Germany on August 29, 1838 from the northern port of Bremen. He arrived at the USA Port of New Orleans on the ship "Bark Johanna Bremen", January 2, 1839.³ The precise reasons for his leaving Germany are not known but in 1838 many German immigrants came to the United States. In fact, it was precisely at this time in the early months of 1839 that the Saxon Lutheran immigrants also landed at the Port of New Orleans and came to St. Louis (Old Trinity Lutheran Church, 8th & Soulard Sts.) many of whom moved on to Wittenberg and Altenburg, Missouri, 100 miles south of St. Louis. All of these ship's passenger lists are available for validation in New Orleans. Concerning the family possessions of Friederich Wilhelm Twellmann, it is interesting to note that the official passenger list at the time of his arrival at New Orleans in January, 1839 listed his official possessions as 7 boxes and 1 cask. Some ten years later, the 1850 Census showed \$3,000.00 in real property in his name.⁹

Since the only mode of transportation was by horse and/or boats, they no doubt had a slow and perilous experience coming up-stream on the Mississippi River to St. Louis which took approximately 5 days.⁶ Friederich Wilhelm Twellmann arrived in St. Louis with his wife Henrietta and their children. Their last child Frederick Herman Lebrecht was born in the United States on March 17, 1839.⁷ Johann Heinrich was about 12 years old at the time.

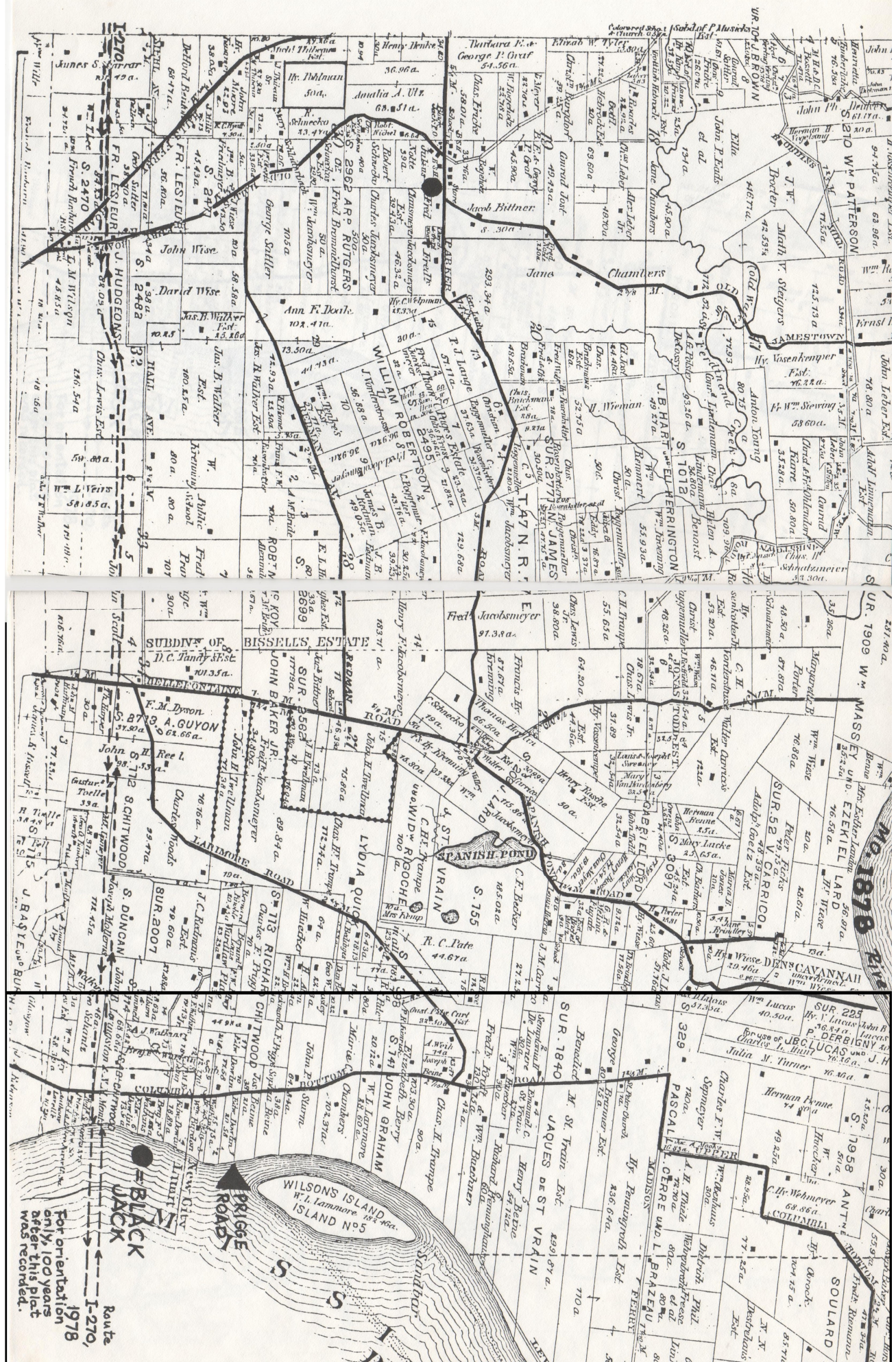
Family traditional stories have it that when Friederich Wilhelm Twellmann arrived at St. Louis, Missouri with his family and pregnant wife he decided to locate beyond the city limits and explored the area north of St. Louis in what is now north county. Packing up and traveling north, (see map on cover of book) clearing the trail as he went, he is known to have slept on the ground, often hearing baying wolves nearby. He followed the west bank of the river to what today is known as Prigge Road and moved 4 or 5 miles inward, eventually settling in New Bielefeld (in 1842)⁸ which has since been renamed Black Jack, near Florissant, Missouri.

In the year 1840, at the age of 42, Friederich Wilhelm Twellmann filed his intention to become a citizen of the United States. This same Friederich Wilhelm Twellmann is listed in the records of Salem Lutheran Church of Black Jack (New Bielefeld) as one of the six founders or charter members of the church in November of 1849. After an almost endless searching of all records available, no exact date of death can be established for Friederich Wilhelm Twellmann. But family searching of such records available, both of the family and of the County, it was determined that September 27, 1853 was as close to accurate that family records reveal with his burial as having been in the Pohlmann Family Plot adjacent to his daughter Mathilda and Henry Pohlmann's farm in Florissant Commons (what is now reportedly at Dunn Road and W. Florissant Ave. just west of Venture department store). Friederich W. Twellmann did not leave a will, but at the St. Louis Probate Court there is an inventory of his estate, No. 4053.

Administrators Notice - The Daily Missouri Democrat newspaper records that "Letters of administration bearing date of the 27th day of September, 1853 upon the estate of Frederick W. Twillman have been granted by the Probate Court to the undersigned administrator". - Ruben Musick, Administrator.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 *Application for permission to leave Germany*
- 2 *Marriage Record 1821*
- 3 *Passenger list St. Louis Public Library Archives*
- 4 *Ev. Reformed Church in Bielefeld, Germany*
- 5 *Pordar's "Modern Guides 'Germany'"--Bielefeld, Industrial nature, symbolized by the pipe smoking figure of the Linen Weaver's Fountain, with Sparrenberg Castle, as well as several interesting buildings in the old town section*
- 6 *Houck History "Missouri" Volume II*
- 7 *Baptismal record 6/9/1839, Holy Ghost Ev. Church, St. Louis, MO.*
- 8 *Wm. L. Thomas - History St. Louis County - Volume II - 1911*
- 9 *Census of 1850, St. Louis Public Library*



For orientation
 only, 100 years
 after this plot
 was recorded.

BLACK JACK

Route
 I-270

BRIDGE
 ROAD

WILSON'S ISLAND
 W. I. Lamore 152.46 a.
 ISLAND N°5

SOUTHERN

ANTIWE
 COLUMBIA

SOULARD

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No 1878

MASS EY UNO.

JOHN LEHER, JR.

JOHN PATTERSON

JOHN PATTERSON

TWILLMANN ROOTS

FAMILY GROUP

TWELLMANN

No. _____ SURNAME

| Husband's Full Name: JOHANN HEINRICH | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--|-------|--|---------|------------------|---|
| Vital Data | Day | Mo. | Year | Town | County | State or Country | |
| Birth | 24 | May | 1827 | Bielefeld | Prussia | Germany | |
| Christen. | 3 | June | 1827 | Bielefeld | | Germany | |
| Marriage | 5 | Dec. | 1850 | Evangelic Protestant Church of St. Louis, Mo. | | | |
| Death | 20 | Aug. | 1882 | Cause: | | | |
| Burial | 22 | Aug. | 1882 | Cemetery: Salem Lutheran | | | |
| Father's Full Name: Friederick Wilhelm | | | | Mother's Maiden Name: Dorothee Henrietta Brinker | | | |
| Other wives: Fredericka Kaune Born 5 June 1834 Died 1 Oct. 1917 Buried Salem | | | | | | | |
| Remarks: Married 25 Aug. 1855 by Justice of Peace Thomas Swanson | | | | | | | |
| Wife's Full Maiden Name: Louisa Noltmann | | | | | | | |
| Vital Date | Day | Mo. | Year | Town | County | State or Country | |
| Birth | 6 | June | 1835 | | | Germany | |
| Christen. | | | | | | | |
| Death | 12 | Jan. | 1855 | | | | |
| Burial | | | | Pohlmann Cemetery | | | |
| Father's Full Name: | | | | Mother's Maiden Name: | | | |
| Other husbands: | | | | | | | |
| Remarks: | | | | | | | |
| CHILDREN | | | | | | | |
| Sex | Full Name | | | Vital Data | | Date | Place |
| M | 1 | Frederick Herman | Birth | 6 | Oct. | 1851 | St. Louis County, Mo. |
| | | | Death | 6 | Sept. | 1922 | St. Louis County, Mo. |
| | | | Marr. | 2 | Mar. | 1876 | To: Franciska Prigge |
| M | 2 | William Henry | Birth | 23 | Apr. | 1853 | St. Louis County, Mo. |
| | | | Death | 1 | Apr. | 1927 | Lone Elm, Mo. |
| | | | Marr. | | | | To: Wilhemina E. King |
| F | 3 | Caroline Louise | Birth | 27 | Dec. | 1854 | St. Louis County, Mo. |
| | | | Death | 17 | Mar. | 1855 | Baptized 11 Feb. 1855 (Salem Lutheran Church) |
| | | | Marr. | | | | To: |
| M | 4 | George | Birth | 2 | Apr. | 1856 | |
| | | | Death | 4 | Apr. | 1856 | |
| | | | Marr. | | | | To: |
| F | 5 | Josephine Caroline Baptized at Salem Nov. 1857 | Birth | 6 | Aug. | 1857 | St. Louis County, Mo. |
| | | | Death | 7 | Feb. | 1860 | St. Louis County, Mo. |
| | | | Marr. | | | | To: |
| M | 6 | Henry Herman | Birth | 15 | Oct. | 1859 | St. Louis County, Mo. |
| | | | Death | 3 | Aug. | 1918 | |
| | | | Marr. | 24 | Apr. | 1883 | To: Louisa Miller |
| F | 7 | Mary Josephine Matilda Baptized at Salem 25 Dec. 1862 | Birth | 1 | Dec. | 1862 | St. Louis County, Mo. |
| | | | Death | 21 | Apr. | 1951 | Buried 25 Apr. 1951 |
| | | | Marr. | 12 | May | 1883 | To: Henry G. Mueller |
| M | 8 | Edward Johann | Birth | 26 | Mar. | 1866 | Baptized 18 Nov. 1866 |
| | | | Death | 28 | June | 1938 | |
| | | | Marr. | 1 | May | 1890 | To: Anna Schnuck |
| M | 9 | John Charles | Birth | 28 | Feb. | 1868 | Eolia, Mo. |
| | | | Death | 22 | May | 1942 | St. Louis County, Mo. Buried 25 May |
| | | | Marr. | 4 | Feb. | 1889 | To: Anna Friedmeyer |
| M | 10 | Louis Henry | Birth | 26 | Apr. | 1871 | St. Louis County, Mo. |
| | | | Death | 6 | May | 1952 | St. Louis, Mo. Buried 9 May |
| | | | Marr. | 12 | Dec. | 1894 | To: Elizabeth Wiese |

JOHANN HEINRICH TWELLMANN
(JOHN HENRY TWILLMAN)

Johann Heinrich Twellmann, a native of Germany, was born May 24, 1827 in or near Bielefeld, Prussia, baptized June 3, 1827 in Bielefeld.¹ He immigrated to the United States with his parents when a lad of eleven years and lived with his parents who had settled in Black Jack, Mo. After a period of time they moved to the City of St. Louis, near Clay School on North 14th St. and after four years, returned to the county in the eastern part of St. Ferdinand Township and still later back to a smaller farm between Black Jack and Florissant, presently the area incorporating the intersection of New Halls Ferry and Parker Roads.



Johann Heinrich Twellmann
1827-1882

Johann Heinrich Twellmann was married on ^{Oct} ~~December~~ 5, 1850² to Louisa Nolte at the Evangelical Protestant Church of St. Louis, MO. He and his wife Louisa located on a farm on Bellefontaine Rd., a mile south of Spanish Lake. There were three children born to this marriage, Frederick Herman, William Henry and Caroline Louise. Caroline Louise was born December 27, 1854³ and her mother Louisa Nolte Twellmann passed away shortly thereafter on January 12, 1855 and was buried in the Pohlmann family plot near her father-in-law and his wife who died in 1853. Louisa Nolte Twellmann was a native St. Louisan.

Due to Louisa Nolte Twellmann's early death, Johann Heinrich Twellmann was married twice. His second wife was Fredericka Kaune from Cooper County, Mo. but also a native of Germany.⁴ They were married on August 25, 1855 by Justice of the Peace Thomas Swanson, St. Ferdinand Township, St. Louis, Mo.⁵ Seven children were born to this marriage; they were George, Josephine Caroline, Henry Herman, Mary Josephine Matilda, Edward Johann, John Charles, and Louis Henry. Two of these, thought to be George and Mary Matilda apparently died in infancy.

Johann Heinrich Twellmann built a mansion, "The Homestead", on the 190 acre farm on Bellefontaine Rd. in Spanish Lake in 1869. The brick used in the structure was made at a brick yard just south of Spanish Lake owned by Charles Linnemann. This Twellmann residence was a large old-fashioned brick structure and in 1911 was known



as one of the most imposing and beautiful country homes in that section of the county.⁴ This home still stands today and is presently called "The Homestead" Restaurant, located on the southeast corner of Bellefontaine Road and Redman Avenue.

An outstanding monument and namesake of the family is the Twillman School. The first school was a building made of logs located on the Bittner Farm, just west of Johann Heinrich Twellmann's residence and was called the Bellefontaine School. A few years later, this building was abandoned and Mr. Bittner donated two acres at the corner of Bellefontaine and Redman on which was built a one room brick school building. This building was called Twillman School in honor of John Henry Twillman. (By this time Johann Heinrich Twellmann was known as John Henry Twillman). Stories tell us one of the reasons for the school's name change was that John Henry Twillman paid the teacher's salary for one year in order to keep the school from closing. John Henry Twillman was one of the first directors on the board together with Mr. Bittner and Mr. Price. He also served on the Boards of Black Jack and Prigge Schools. The one-room brick school building was used until replaced during the year 1928 when a more modern three room building was erected on the same site. At the present time, the school has been greatly expanded into a large elementary school on Redman Avenue just west of Bellefontaine Road.

In addition to the 370 acres of property acquired in North St. Louis County, John Henry Twillman owned a 600 acre tract of land in Stuttgart, Arkansas.⁶

John Henry Twillman died at age 55 on August 20, 1882 and was buried in Salem Ev. Lutheran Cemetery in Black Jack, Mo. His second wife, Fredericka Kaune Twillman, died October 1, 1917 and was also buried in Salem Ev. Lutheran Cemetery. The youngest brother of John Henry, who was born in the county shortly after his parents arrival from Germany, also farmed in north county and this Frederick H. Twellmann was



*Fredericka Kaune Twillmann
1834-1917*

married in 1862 to Mary Sattler, daughter of George Sattler who came to this country also from Germany in the year 1837. Ten children were born to this union of whom seven survived at the turn of the century. They were Henry R.; Sophia V., who married William H. Mueller, also a resident of St. Ferdinand township; George L.; Rosa, who married Charles Vahrenhold, of Greenville, Illinois; Katie, who married John Vahrenhold, of St. Louis; Gustav A., of St. Louis; and Arthur, also of St. Louis. As of the time of the World's Fair of 1904, Mr. F. H. Twellman and his wife were living on north Twentieth Street in north St. Louis.



*THE HOMESTEAD
as it was in 1936 before World War II*

- 1 *Ev. Reformed Church - Bielefeld, Germany*
- 2 *Volume 5, Page 107, St. Louis marriage records*
- 3 *Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Black Jack*
- 4 *Wm. L. Thomas - History St. Louis County - Volume II - 1911*
- 5 *St. Louis Marriage Records*
- 6 *Last Will and Testament of John Henry Twillman - Probate Court, Clayton, Mo. File 257*

OLD TWILLMANN HOMESTEAD STILL PROMINENT LANDMARK

Back in the days of the Civil War it was customary in both the north and south to have large farms identified by the size and quality of the owners home as a status level of achievement. Frequently an owner would build or have built several homes on a large farm as his family or status or both increased during a lifetime.

The John Henry Twillmann (or Twellmann) homestead was one of these evolutionary historical sites and the final brick mansion by standards of that day built thereon is still standing and serving the community of miles around as a charming family style restaurant named appropriately The Old Homestead Restaurant with a present day address of 11840 Bellefontaine Road at the intersection with Redman Avenue.



As it looked before remodeling 50 years ago



As it appears today from the intersection

The building is made of handmade red clay brick produced by the old Charles Linnemann Brick Yard located just south of Spanish Lake in the middle of the nineteenth century. Handmade square nails, still visible in the attic today, were used to nail planks, beams and joists together in the massive house and a walk through the basement reveals river limestone foundation walls. Barred windows in the basement suggests that post Civil War slaves may have been given protection or asylum in the cellar which was not uncommon in the years following the war for states in borderline areas separating Union and Confederate sympathies. No documentation can be found on this matter however.

Following the death of John Henry in 1882, the home was occupied by members of his family, particularly his youngest son Louis Henry Twellmann

who was born just eleven years earlier in 1871 and died at the age of 81 in 1952. Another son, John, the next to the youngest, died in 1942 at the age of 74 years.



*Standing
Louie-L.
John-R.*

*The photo to the right was
in 1933 at an anniversary
celebration and reunion of
Twillmann School students*

The Twillmann homestead was acquired in 1945 by Carl and Sally Plitt who started a restaurant in the building known as the Meadowlark which continued until 1960 during which time (1954 approximately) Mary Spiller was a waitress in the establishment. Mr. John Saffo took over the operation of the Meadowlark from 1960 until 1974 at which time Mrs. Spiller and her husband John established The Old Homestead as it is known today (1980). Warren Spiller, their son, serves as general manager of the operation and has been doing further restoration of the building and premises. He is also pursuing historic data and events relating to the properties and its previous owners through the 125 years or more of existence.



Twillmann School 50 years ago

The Twillmann School in 1980 is quite a contrast to the "institution" pictured here. Rambling and modern in every respect after several major building phases over the past 50 years, the school today is a part of the Hazelwood School District of St. Louis County and has thousands of graduates to its credit.

The younger brother of Frederick H. Twillmann was William Henry Twillmann, who while yet in his teens moved to Cooper County, Missouri and began farming. Since his residence in the Lone Elm, Missouri area had such an influence on the sons of Frederick Herman, the lineage of William Henry's family is set forth herein.

No. _____ TWILLMANN
SURNAME

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------|------|--|-----------|------------------|
| Husband's Full Name: WILLIAM HENRY | | | | | | |
| Vital Data | Day | Mo. | Year | Town | County | State or Country |
| Birth | 23 | April | 1853 | | St. Louis | Missouri |
| Christen. | | | | | | |
| Marriage | 24 | Feb. | 1879 | | | |
| Death | 1 | April | 1927 | Cause: | | |
| Burial | 3 | April | 1927 | Cemetery: Zion Lutheran, Lone Elm, Mo. | | |

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|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Father's Full Name | Johann Heinrich Twillmann | Mother's Maiden Name | Louisa Noltman |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------|

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Wife's Full (Whilmena) | |
| Maiden Name: WILHEMINA E. KING | |

| | | | | | | |
|------------|-----|-------|------|------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Vital Date | Day | Mo. | Year | Town | County | State or Country |
| Birth | 29 | May | 1859 | Lone Elm | Cooper | Missouri |
| Christen. | | | | | | |
| Death | 18 | March | 1944 | Lone Elm | | |
| Burial | 20 | March | 1944 | Zion Lutheran, Lone Elm, Mo. | | |

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Father's Full Name | John King | Mother's Maiden Name | Sophia Friedmeyer |
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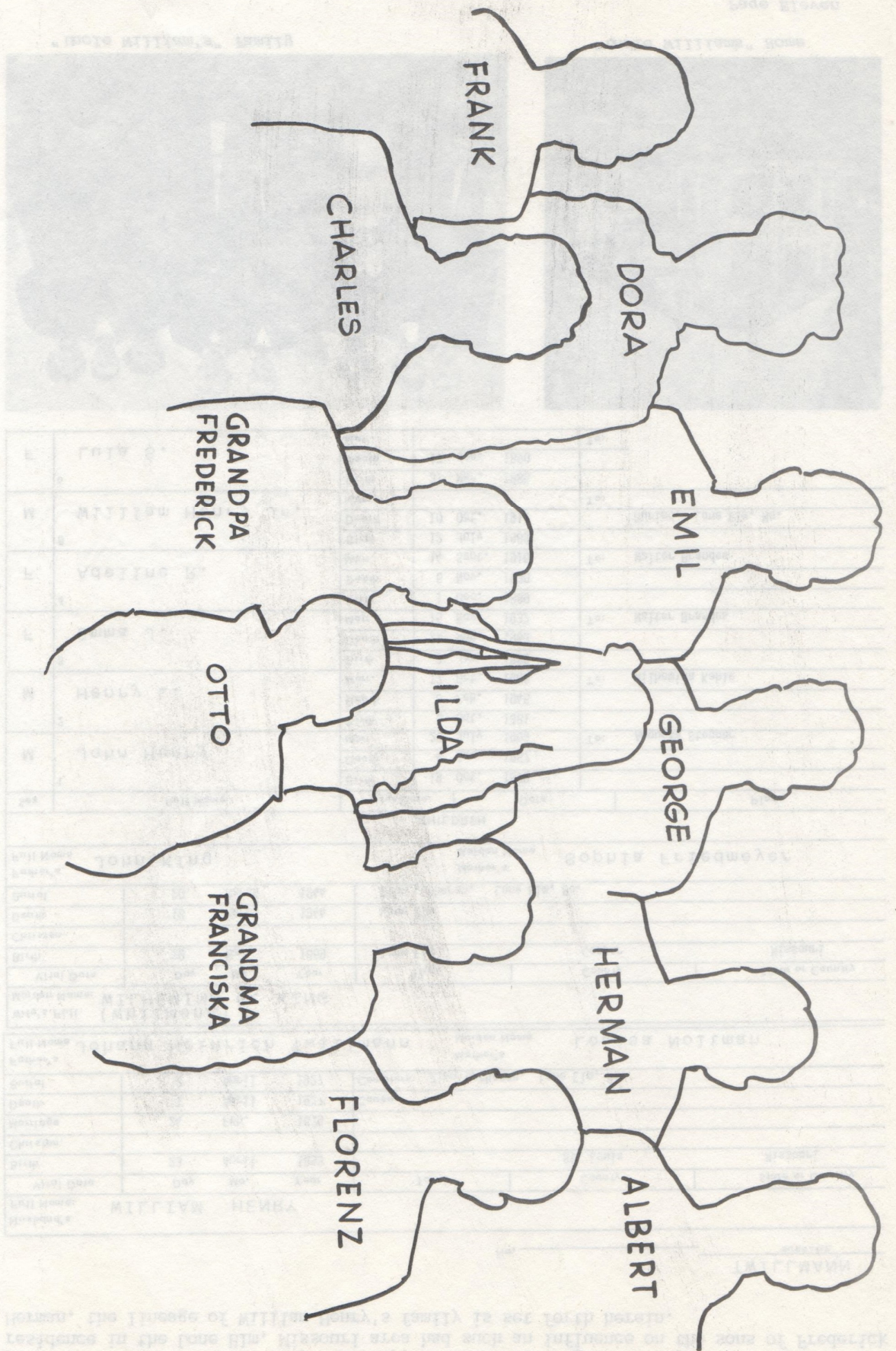
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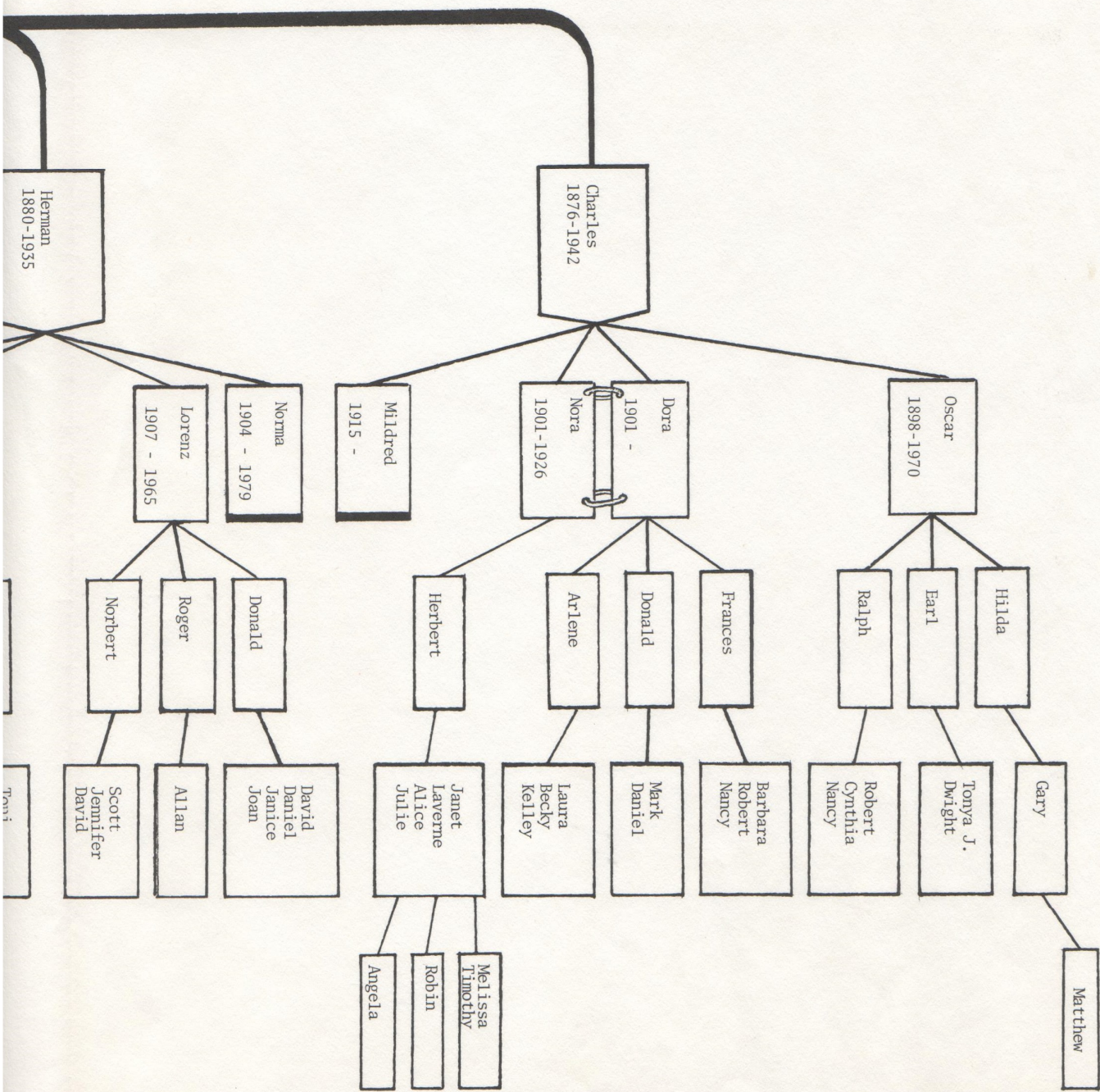
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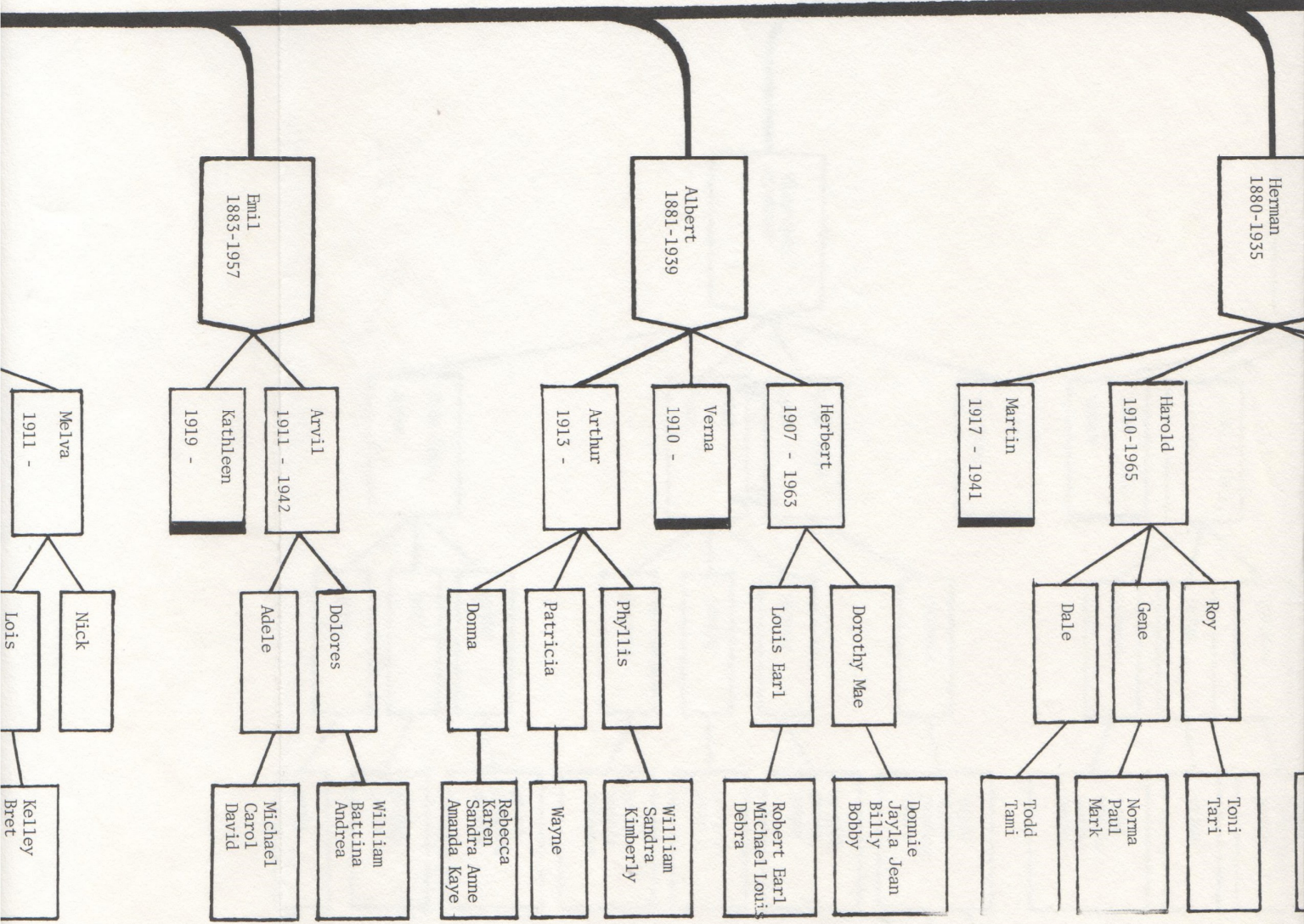


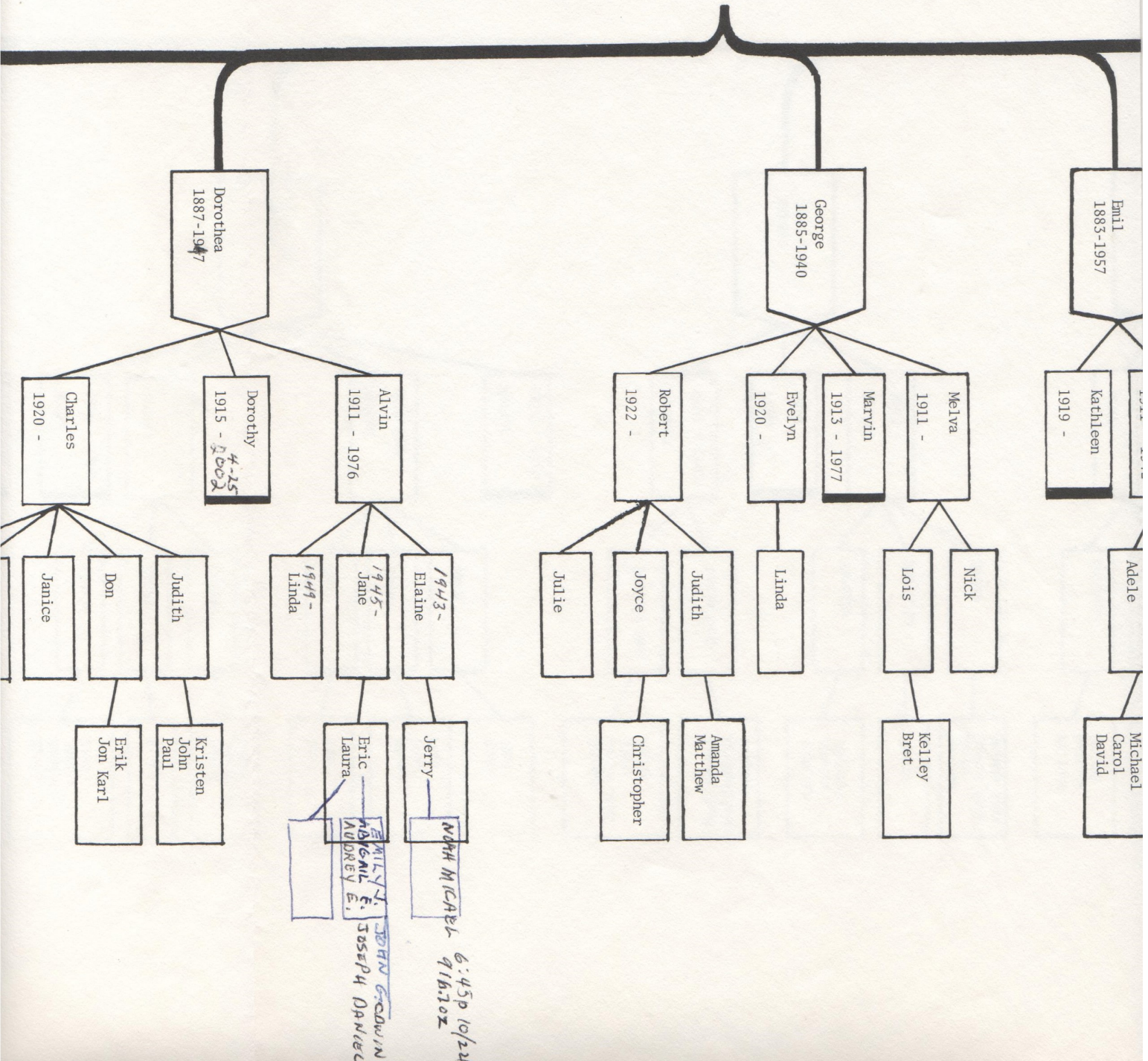
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Dorothea
1887-1947

1915 - 4-25
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Charles
1920 -

Judith

Kristen
John
Paul

Don

Erik
Jon Karl

Janice

Dean

Jill

Florenz
1889-1949

Margaret
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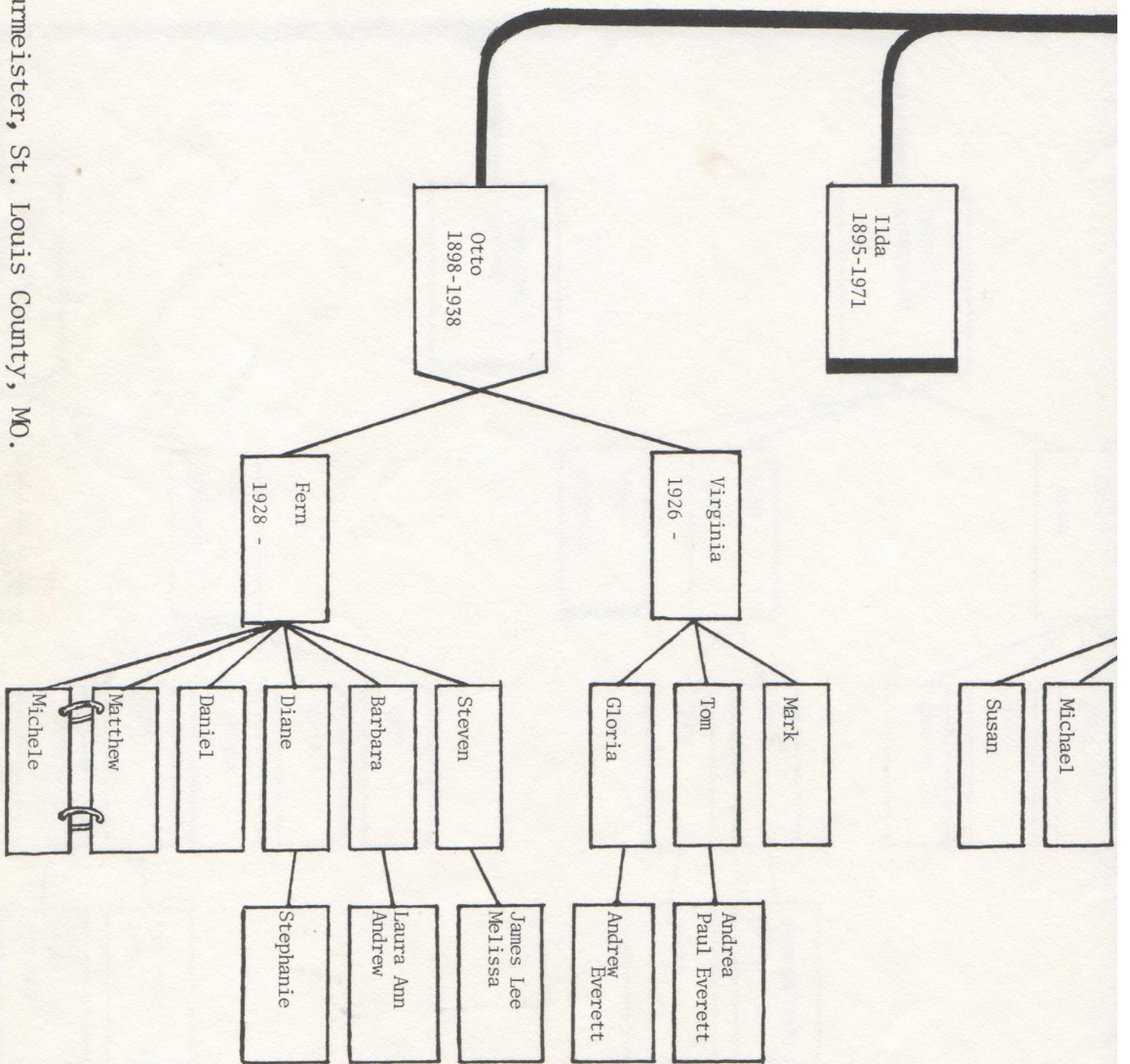
Curt

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Ilda
1895-1971

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FREDERICK HERMAN TWILLMANN

Frederick Herman Twillmann, eldest son of John Henry and Louisa Nolte Twillmann, was born October 6, 1851 in North St. Louis County, and was reared at the homestead of his parents. He was educated in the district schools of the vicinity and the Clay High School near the Hyde Park area of north St. Louis, which at that time was rated as one of the best in the city. He remained a member of the parental household until the time of his marriage in 1876.



He was married to Christine Franciska Prigge (daughter of Charles and Christine Prigge) on March 2, 1876 at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms. Twelve children were born to this marriage, two of them* dying at birth. They were: Carl (Charles) Frederick, Herman Heinrich, Richard Franz Albert, Emil Heinrich Elias, George Friederick Christian, Josephine Elise Dorothea, Florenz Henry Daniel, Franzicus Christian Edward, *Marie, Anna Caroline Ilda, *Matilda and Edward Otto Heinrich John.

When first married in 1876, Frederick Herman Twillmann and his wife lived as renters on part of his father's farm facing Bellefontaine Road, living in the so-called "old house". He met with such excellent success during this period that in about 1881 he and his family moved to a farm he bought known as the Redmond Place. (Today known as Duberry Hill, located at Duberry Lane and Lilac Drive). Their son Emil was the only child born at this home. In 1884, two years after his father's death, he moved back to the portion of John Henry Twillman's known as the 70 acre Larimore Tract, then inherited by him and his brother William.^{1,2,3} During that same year (1884), he built a house on this land facing Bellefontaine Road, and it is still standing in 1980, with an address on Claudine Drive. George was the first child born in this home in 1885.

In 1889 Frederick Herman Twillman also purchased a farm in Cooper County, near Bunceton, Mo. and his sons Charles and Albert left St. Louis to work and live on this farm. (See family section for their history). His brother William had also moved to Cooper County and established a farm and his family there. (See picture page following).

During his younger days Frederick Herman Twillmann served as Justice of the Peace for two years and during this time had the privilege of uniting one couple in marriage.⁴ He also served as Notary Public during the years 1888-1889. While acting in this capacity he was asked many times to write wills for residents of the County. He was a member of the Board of Twillman School for 25 years, serving as its clerk for most of that time.

He joined St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, located in Columbia Bottoms near the junction of Larimore Road and Riverview Drive, at the time of his marriage and was its organist for 25 years. On this 25th anniversary, the congregation presented a dinner set to him and his wife.

He retired from farming in 1909. Most gratifying success attended the efforts of Frederick Herman Twillmann, who, in addition to his valuable 350 acres of farm realty holdings, was one of the largest stockholders of the early Baden Bank, of which he was known to be one of the active organizers. He was its first president, and remained on the Board as late as 1920.^{2,3,5} In honor of his services to the Baden Bank, the Bank presented him with a handsome gold watch.

At the age of 71 years he died September 6, 1922 at his home on Bellefontaine Road, having suffered a stroke about a week before. Funeral services were held at St. Peter's Church and burial took place at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church Cemetery, Black Jack. Rev. Richard Jahn was the officiating Pastor. Surviving him by almost six years, his widow also died July 21, 1928, in the City of St. Louis, having left their homestead on Bellefontaine Road in the year 1924, to make her residence on North Florissant Avenue and Penrose Street respectively, in north St. Louis.

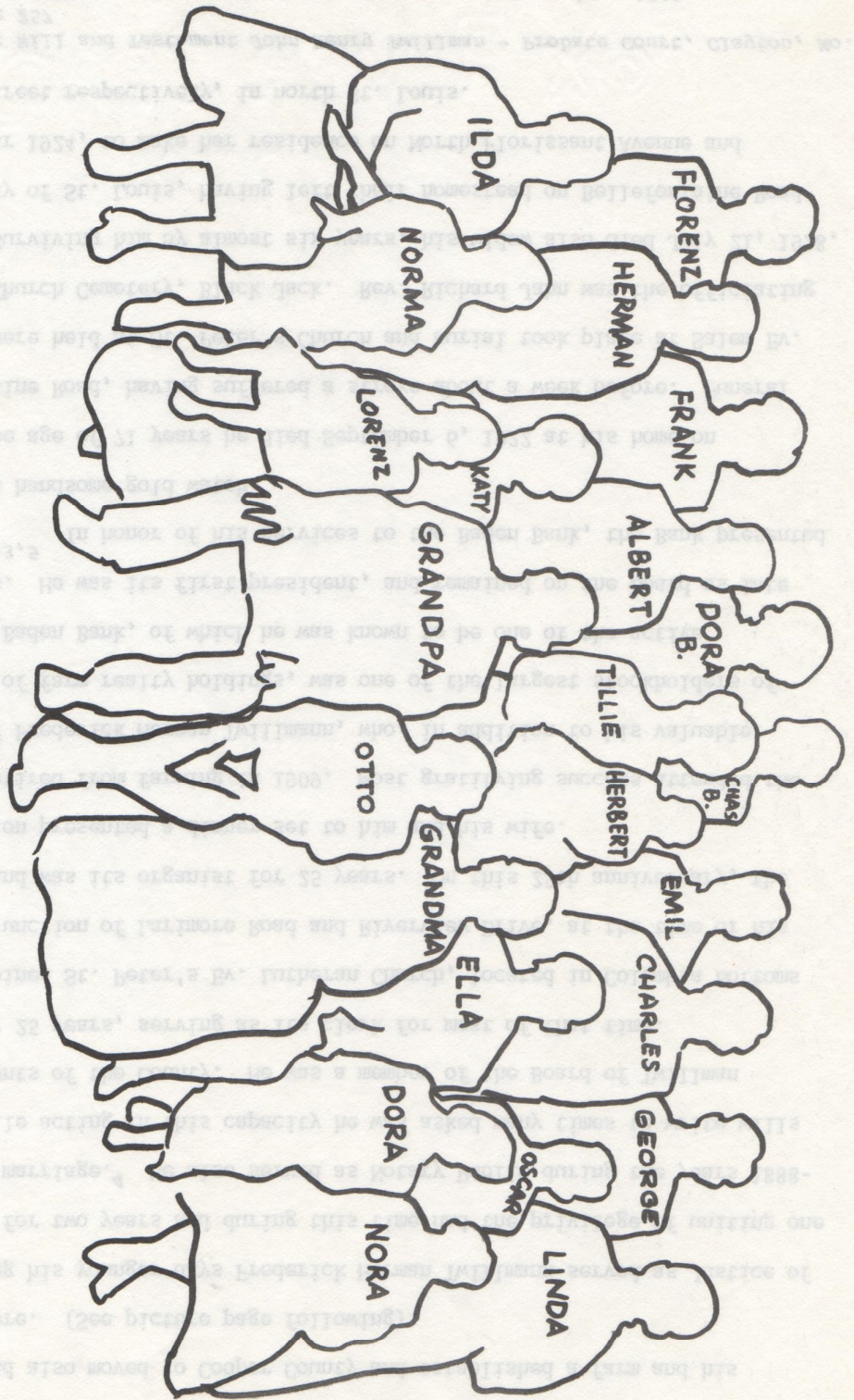
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3 *Scharff's St. Louis County History*

4 *Marriage Certificate*

5 *Watchman Advocate History of St. Louis County - 1920*







Dora and Ilda with Charley on his birthday



Itz as a teenager



Grandpa relaxing in yard around World's Fair time

*(411 North 21st Street)
Carrie, Grandma T. and
Herbert at Dora's St. Louis home*



The Twillmann Prize-Baby-Picture of all time. He's elsewhere on this page



Itz and Clara Huecker at Moscow Mills picnic



Alvin and Arvie are buddies here at Grandpas



Otto's first Ford at top. Otto is driving the family Chevy with his parents in bottom picture about 1921



Can you guess who this might be? If you know for sure, please tell us.



Half-Way Picnic - Moscow Mills - 1933



Initial Cousins Club Mtg. Moscow Mills - 1933



Last photo taken together of "The Ten"



"The Nine" Inlaws, Moscow Mills - 1933



First Half-Way Picnic, Danville - 1928



Grandma and Ilda at FHT homestead



The Cousins at the Meadowlark in 1946



The Twillmann Roundup at Meadowlark

The Family of
CHARLES F. TWILLMAN
Buncelton, Mo.

THE CHARLES F. TWILLMAN FAMILY

December 19, 1876 to February 16, 1942

Charles F. Twillman was the first child and the oldest son born to Frederick and Franciska Twillmann, in St. Louis County, Missouri, the same year of their marriage. He was baptized Carl Frederick Wilhelm on January 28, 1877 at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms (now Spanish Lake), and confirmed in the same Church in 1890.



He received his schooling in St. Louis County and St. Louis City, and spent his early adult years helping on the large family farm in St. Louis County. His father Frederick's brother, William, had been established in the area of Lone Elm, Cooper County, Mo. and so Frederick also purchased a farm there. When Charles was 21 his father sent him, along with Albert, then 16, to work the farm. This was about the time that Zion Lutheran Church was organized in Lone Elm and he became one of the first members.

On November 4, 1897 he married Earladene (Ella) King at Lone Elm, Missouri. They had four children - Oscar, born in 1898, twins Nora and Dora, born in 1901 and Mildred, born in 1915.

In 1902, Charles and Ella bought the Lone Elm Store across from the Zion Lutheran Church. The store was later sold to Mr. Ed Fricke in 1918 and the Charles F. Twillman family built a home on the farm ground left to Ella by the King family, and Charles returned to farming.

He died at the age of 65 and was buried at Lone Elm, Missouri. Ella King Twillman survived her husband by 27 years, passing away on October 14, 1969 at the age of 97.

Their descendants numbered, in addition to four children, seven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES AND ELLA KING TWILLMAN

Oscar Twillman (John Herman Oscar)

October 1, 1898 to July 6, 1970

The oldest child and only son of Charles and Ella Twillman was born on the Floyd farm near Bunceton, Missouri, where they had lived for the first five years of their married life. He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church, where he was confirmed on March 16, 1913.

While his parents had operated the Lone Elm Store Oscar had helped them there, as well as with their farming later, which he supplemented by general carpentry work.

He met Caroline Liekweg of St. Louis, Missouri, while she was working for Ed Fricke at the store, and they were married January 30, 1922 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Boonville. Oscar varied his working experience during the 18 years they lived in Lone Elm, including feed-grinding, horse-shoeing, and 20 years as custodian for his church.

The happiest years of his life came in the late '40's, when he worked at Harley Park in Boonville, later becoming Park Superintendent. He supervised all the activities - baseball, softball, tennis; built shelters, shower houses, and grandstand; and laid out new and better ballfields. He had five age groups in baseball with two groups in the Babe Ruth League, a National organization. Subsequently he was made Commissioner for the State of Missouri which belonged to the Midwest Region of the Babe Ruth League.

The park became his second home, and in addition to the love and affection of the children in and outside of Boonville, he received many awards and trophies, including entry into the Babe Ruth League Hall of Fame and a scroll from the Missouri State Senate. There was to be a Babe Ruth League Midwest Regional Tournament in August of 1970. Oscar Twillman passed away on July 6, 1970, and at the tournament one month later the main ballfield was dedicated to him and named the Oscar Twillman Field.

Oscar and Carrie had three children. Hilda was born October 24, 1923, was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church on March 31, 1937, and married Norbert Naumann on April 14, 1945. They had one son, Gary Wayne, born in 1951.

Earl was born on September 7, 1931, confirmed March 25, 1945, and was married on May 31, 1951 to Jeanette Kirchner. They are parents of a daughter, Tonya Jean and a son, Dwight Earl (1968).

Son Ralph was born January 27, 1937, confirmed at Immanuel, Boonville April 2, 1950, and married on January 12, 1957 to Doris Loesing. Their three children are Robert Keith, Cynthia Louise and Nancy Kay.

Oscar's wife Caroline survives him and lives in Boonville near the homes of their three children and six grandchildren.



Oscar and Carrie in '66



The Twins
with big brother

THE) Dora Twillman - August 9, 1901 to present
)
 TWINS) Nora Twillman - August 9, 1901 to May, 1926

Twin daughters were born to Charles and Ella Twillman at the Floyd Place near Bunceton and were baptized September 8, 1901 at Zion Lutheran Church in Lone Elm, Mo.

The twins were married in a double ceremony on February 20, 1924, at the Parsonage of Zion Lutheran Church in Lone Elm, Missouri, where they had been confirmed and attended school.

Dora Twillman married Herman Schlueter and settled down on a farm near Lone Elm, where they have spent 48 years of their married life. In 1972 they sold the farm and purchased a home in Bunceton, Missouri, where they reside at present.

Three children were born to Herman and Dora Twillman Schlueter. Frances Laverne, born March 6, 1927, married Glenn Friday and resides in Mexico, Missouri with their three children, Barbara Jo (1956), Robert Lyle (1957) and Nancy Ellen (1964). Their first child died at birth.

Son Donald was born July 10, 1940. He married Gail Forger and lives in

Jacksonville, Florida. Donald was a civilian employee for the government at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Their children are Mark (1969) and Daniel (1971).

Dorothy Arlene was born on May 15, 1942. She is married to William Snow and they are the parents of three daughters, Laura Beth (1960), Becky Lynn (1962) and Kelly Sue (1964). They reside in Bunceton, Missouri.

Twin Nora Twillman married William Toellner in the double couple ceremony on February 20, 1924. Their son Herbert was born April 6, 1925 and was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Lone Elm. After his mother's death (of tuberculosis) when he was two years old, Herbert made his home with his grandparents, Charles and Ella Twillman, where he has lived ever since - buying the home farm and following the family farming tradition.

On October 25, 1947 he was married to Dorothy Kirchner of Boonville, Missouri. To them were born four daughters: Janet Kay (Widner) in 1949; Nora Laverne (McKee) in 1951; Alice Marlene (Simmons) in 1958, and Julia Ann (1960).

Mildred Twillman (Niemand)
October 17, 1915 to present

*Wedding
Bells
1957*



Mildred, youngest child of Charles and Ella Twillman, was born and baptized in the home that still stands next to the Lone Elm Store, which they owned and operated at that time. Like her brother and sisters she attended Zion Lutheran Church and School in Lone Elm, where she was confirmed on March 24, 1929.

She remained at home with her parents and helped on the farm until she married Ed Niemand. Ed had been born and raised in Chambers, Nebraska. He moved to Missouri in 1954, bought a farm, met and married Mildred on September 21, 1957.

In 1964 they sold the farm and moved to Columbia, Missouri, where Ed does carpenter work and Mildred keeps busy baby-sitting and making a "home away from home" for the Missouri University students who share their home, in addition to being active in a new mission congregation recently begun in this university community.

No children were born to this marriage.

The Family of
HERMAN H. TWILLMANN
St. Louis County, Mo.

HERMAN HENRY TWILLMANN FAMILY

February 27, 1880 to February 23, 1935

The second son of Frederick Herman and Frances Prigge Twillmann was born in St. Louis County, baptized April 11, 1880 and confirmed March 18, 1894, at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms, Missouri. Like the other sons, he helped his father with the family farm work. He went to Lone Elm for a time, working for his uncle, Henry Huecker, but chose to make his future in St. Louis.

On November 25, 1903 he was married to Catherine Blome at St. Peters Church in Columbia Bottoms. To the rest of the Twillman clan she became "Uncle Herman's Katie". They built a home on his father's land adjoining the homestead on Bellefontaine Road, midway between it and Larimore Road on a lane which today is called Senate Drive. Later his father was to deed this property to Herman as he divided the original farm - running from Bellefontaine Road to Larimore Road - among his children. Herman bought the acreage



deeded to his sister Dora, adding it to his farm. The lane connecting these farms was later to figure in a very real tragedy for all the Twillman family.



For eight years, from 1925 to 1933, Herman was Road Overseer for most of North St. Louis County, from what is now Highway 367 to the Mississippi River.

Herman passed away suddenly following a heart attack on February 23, 1935, the first of the ten children to break the family circle. Catherine passed away October 12, 1959, having survived a harrowing ordeal that would have put a less sturdy women in her grave.

Four children were born to Herman and Catherine Blome Twillman - Norma, Lorenz, Harold and Martin. Their descendants numbered four children, six grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

DESCENDANTS OF HERMAN AND CATHERINE BLOME TWILLMANN

Norma Twillmann Moellering

August 21, 1904 to January 11, 1979

The first child, and only daughter, of Herman and Catherine Blome Twillmann was born in St. Louis County on August 21, 1904. She was baptized September 25, 1904 and confirmed April 1, 1917 in St. Peters Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms.

She received her education at the Twillmann Elementary School, except for one year when she attended St. Peters Lutheran School prior to her confirmation.

Following in the footsteps - and at the suggestion - of her aunt, Ilda Twillmann who was the first woman employed by the St. Louis Rose Company, Norma went to work there in October, 1922. In 1958 the company was bought by Mr. Duval Ernst of Muncie, Indiana but she continued to work there until her marriage on March 16, 1963 to Mr. William Moellering, a retired gardener. Mr. Moellering passed away on April 6, 1968..

She lived on Claudine Drive near the place where she was born and raised, and where she saw tragedy and sorrow strike her family. Norma died of a heart attack on January 11, 1979 and was buried on January 15, 1979 at Salem Black Jack, Cemetery.

Lorenz Twillmann

February 28, 1907 to December 28, 1965

Lorenz Twillmann, second and oldest son of Herman and Catherine Blome Twillmann, was born and raised on the family farm in St. Louis County, Missouri. He was baptized on April 14, 1907 and confirmed May 16, 1920 at St. Peters Lutheran Church.

After graduating from Twillmann School in 1920, Lorenz attended Speedway Business School in St. Louis City. He finished his course there and went to work for an attorney, Albert Engel. Later he was offered a job as a salesman for the Holland Furnace Company and worked for that company for five years.

On November 24, 1927 Lorenz was married to Esther Kammeier at Grace Lutheran Church, Wellston, Missouri and they made their home in Wellston, buying a home there and continuing as members of Grace Lutheran Church, later known as Grace-Pagedale.

Their address at 6459 Hobart was also the headquarters for his own meat business established in 1931, which he ultimately turned over to his sons.

Three sons were born to Lorenz and Esther Kammeier Twillmann: Donald Earl on July 4, 1929; Roger Lorenz on March 27, 1934; and Norbert Stanley on September 13, 1943.

Donald married Grace Kuethe on August 14, 1954. They had four children: David Walter (1955); Daniel Donald (1956); and twin daughters, Joan Esther and Janice Louise (1961).

Roger married Carol Fransos on June 29, 1963. They had one son, Alan Lorenz (1966).

Norbert married Beverly Reeves Rebrovich on April 27, 1975. Beverly had a child by a previous marriage, Scott, whom Norbert adopted. Scott Lorenz was born November 25, 1971, and they had a child of their own, Jennifer Lynn, born October 24, 1976.

In 1947 Donald went into the meat business and is a distributor for R. B. Rice Sausage Company. Roger is part owner of a Marina at Piasa Harbor in Illinois. Norbert took over his father's meat route which he ran for a short time until he became a distributor for Pepperidge Farm Bread Company.

Lorenz's wife, Esther, passed away suddenly on July 2, 1952. She was buried at Lutheran Gardens in Laurel Hill Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. Lorenz later remarried Ella Smith.

Lorenz passed away suddenly December 28, 1965 and was buried in Lutheran Gardens in Laurel Hill Cemetery, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Harold Twillmann

February 8, 1910 to March 30, 1965

Harold, the third child of Herman and Catherine Twillmann, was born on February 8, 1910 at the family farmhouse on the Twillmann property located between Bellefontaine and Larimore Roads in North St. Louis County, Missouri. (Later the address was known as Senate Drive. In 1960 when the homestead

was sold, the property on which the farm stood became Claudine Drive).

Harold was baptized on March 13, 1910 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Columbia Bottoms, St. Louis County, Missouri, and confirmed there on April 5, 1923. When Harold began his formal schooling in 1916, he was the third grandchild of the Frederick Herman Twillmann family to attend the old Twillmann School. For one year he attended school at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

After his graduation he worked on the family farm and also with his father on the St. Louis County road crew. Then in the winter of 1930, he began work for the McAllister Oil Company, delivering gasoline and fuel oil. This meant hand loading the fuel by five-gallon cans into fifty-gallon drums. This was the beginning of Harold's career in the gasoline and fuel oil business.

On June 2, 1934 Harold was married to Helen Finke. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Arthur M. Kuehnert at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Baden. Three sons were born to Harold and Helen Twillmann: Roy Allen on November 8, 1935; Gene Harold, on April 5, 1938, and Dale Martin on December 8, 1944.

In 1938 the family purchased a home at 8724 Clifton, in Jennings, Missouri. About the same time Harold went to work for Henry Moore in St. Charles, delivering Texaco products with one of Mr. Moore's trucks, which later was turned over to Harold. In 1949 the family moved to 10406 Bellefontaine Road.

Having his own truck, Harold built up his business and sometime in the 1950's went back to work with McAllister Oil. This is when he began his own fuel oil route. In December, 1953 the opportunity arose to purchase a gasoline and fuel oil business in East St. Louis, Illinois. He became owner of Consolidated Gasoline Company, located at 7600 State Street. At this time, his son Roy took over the fuel oil route, leaving Harold free to operate the newly-acquired business. Roy joined his father at Consolidated Gasoline Company two years later. Gene joined the company on a full-time basis after his graduation in 1956. Dale joined the business firm in 1963.

The three sons worked together with their father, building up the business, until Harold's death on March 30, 1965, at the age of 55. The

boys continue to operate the business together. His wife, Helen, survives him.

Roy married Patricia Lee Meagher on October 12, 1957. Roy and Pat have two daughters: Tonie Lynn (1963) and Tari Ann (1967).

Gene married Dorothy Mae Moritz, April 12, 1958. They have a daughter and two sons. Norma Kay, the first female born to the Herman Twillmann family in 55 years was born in 1959. Paul Martin was born in 1960 and Mark Edward in 1963.

Dale married Karen Lee Weiss on September 10, 1966. They have a son and a daughter: Todd Louis (1970) and Tami Ann (1972).



Herman's home on "Senate" at about time of Harold's confirmation



The family Ford with Lorenz and Harold behind it and Martin on running board

Martin Twillmann

November 30, 1917 to September 30, 1941

The youngest son of Herman and Catherine Blome Twillmann was born in Spanish Lake, where he attended and graduated from the Twillmann elementary school. He received confirmation instructions and was confirmed at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in 1932.

He took up architectural drawing at Beaumont High School in St. Louis until the death of his father, when he had to take over the farm work. In addition to working the farm Martin worked at various jobs, including the County Conservation Land Project.

Martin's tragic death at 23 cut short a promising life before he could realize any hopes and dreams he might have had. It was primarily the Herman Twillmann family's tragedy, but it affected the entire Twillman clan and its repercussions were felt throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan area,

because it came at a point in time when racial tensions were at a critical stage. Because almost all the Twillman families in St. Louis were involved we set down the details here.

Martin and his mother were returning home after being fitted for the suit he would wear as an attendant at his cousin Charles' wedding three weeks later. They had turned off Larimore Road, where Mrs. George Twillmann was tending the family store, into Twillmann Lane on the way to their home.

In the meantime, four young black men had approached Marvin Twillmann on his farm adjoining that of Martin and his mother, had commandeered his truck and taken Marvin hostage. (Marvin's wife Kay had driven out with the family car a short time before).

On Twillmann Lane they ran the truck into a ditch about the time Martin's car approached them near the railroad tracks that bi-sected the Lane. They ordered Martin and his mother out of their car, and when they complied they shot Martin in the chest and back, and as his mother ran to him they shot her as well. Catherine Twillmann ran a half mile across a stubbled cornfield to the Twillmann store, pouring out the story before she collapsed. She told them Martin was dead and Marvin had been kidnapped, and she had drawn on all her strength and courage to reach the store so someone would know what had happened.

She was taken next door to the home of Florenz and Selma Twillmann to await an ambulance, the arrival of daughter Norma and the stunned brothers, as well as the gathering relatives, including Charles and Dora Burmeister "from town".

During this time they knew only that Marvin had been taken along by the four gunmen. They learned later that the four had also ditched Martin's car and were walking with Marvin toward Bellefontaine Road, where they were hailed by Frank Twillman and his son Victor. When they threatened to shoot Frank, Marvin called that he was taking them to the bus. They walked along Bellefontaine until a farmer in the vicinity of Bellefontaine and Church Roads ordered them off his property. Frightened of his dogs, the gunmen ran, but Marvin had the presence of mind to run toward the farmer, and ultimate safety.

It was a night of terror and tragedy, during which the aroused countryside saw its men out scouring the roads and lanes. Ignoring County lines, twenty-three cars with a complement of around 70 police officers and detectives joined twenty County officers in the search, which did not end till the next afternoon when three were taken into custody in St. Louis and confessed to the slaying or participation therein. All had long records of arrests, violence and detentions.

These were years of continued ordeals for Catherine, Martin's mother and his cousin Marvin, who repeatedly were called to testify and retestify during the four trials and the appeals filed by the two men sentenced to death. Not until four years later when the two died in the gas chamber at Jefferson City did this tragic chapter close, and the scars were allowed to begin healing. But the happenings of that night will never be forgotten by the Twillmann family members.



*Herman as
a wee lad
(about 1882)*



*Martin, as groomsman, 7 months
before his untimely death in
Sept. '41.*

The Family of
R. F. ALBERT TWILLMAN
Boonville, Mo.

THE ALBERT TWILLMAN FAMILY

April 29, 1881 - January 20, 1939

The third son of Frederick Herman and Frances Prigge Twillmann was born in St. Louis County and baptized Richard Franz Albert at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms on June 5, 1881. He was confirmed there also.

Albert went to Cooper County in 1897 at the age of 16, with his elder brother Charles. They lived on a farm that their father had located for them about two miles east of Bunceton, Missouri.

After farming and "batching" for eight years, at the age of 24 he married Mathilda Fricke on February 12, 1905 at Zion Lutheran Church, Lone Elm, Missouri. To the union of Albert and Mathilda Fricke Twillman three children were born: Herbert, Verna and Arthur.



The family moved from the farm near Bunceton to Boonville, Missouri in 1929. Albert died suddenly on January 20, 1939 at Boonville at the age of 57. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ludwig of Immanuel, Boonville, and Rev. Schoech, Zion Lone Elm. Mathilda Fricke Twillman survived him until 1975, when she passed away at age 90.

Their descendants number three children, five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

DESCENDANTS OF ALBERT AND MATHILDA FRICKE TWILLMAN

Herbert Twillman

January 7, 1907 - March 25, 1963

Their oldest son was born at the farm home near Bunceton, Missouri, and was baptized and confirmed at age 14 at Zion Lutheran Church, Lone Elm, Missouri (see Page 31) where the family attended regularly and where he attended the Lutheran School.

During the years on the farm Herbert helped with corn, wheat, oats and clover hay, the main crops raised during the 1920's. In winter he worked with his father and brother Arthur cutting timber into firewood, which was sold for heating homes.

When he was 19 the family moved to Boonville, Missouri and Herbert worked on a river boat on the Missouri, which paid well but was hard and dangerous work.

He was married to Margaret Harris at Bunceton, Missouri on April 1, 1930. They had two children: Dorothy Mae, born April 13, 1931 and married to Garland Rieves on November 20, 1949. To them were born Donnie (1951); Gayle Jean (1954); Billy (1958) and Bobbye (1960). Herbert and Margaret's son Louis Earl was born on December 6, 1935 and was married to Sharon Welsh in 1960. Their children are Robert Earl (1962) and Michael Louis (1966).

After operating a filling station and a grocery store Herbert moved with his family to Lakewood, California in the 1950's, where he worked as a crane operator until his sudden death, attributed to heart failure, on December 24, 1963. He was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Whittier, California.

Verna Twillman (Roepe/Kempf)

June 13, 1910 to present

The second child of Albert and Mathilda was born at the farm home near Bunceton, Missouri and was baptized and confirmed at age 14 at Zion Lutheran



*Herbert and his trusty Jeep
in France, World War II*



*Verna and John Kempf at his
salesroom in Fayette, Mo.*

Church, Lone Elm. She had the pleasure of assisting the teacher in the Zion Lutheran School, which still stands and serves the area children (1978).

Verna was 17 when the family moved to Boonville, Missouri where they joined Immanuel Lutheran Church and she was active in the church and youth activities. She worked as a saleswoman until her marriage.

On August 20, 1939 Verna was married to Raymond Roepe at Concordia, Missouri. They made their home at the Hotel Frederick where Ray was Assistant Manager, and Verna began her association with J. C. Penney Company. They lived at the hotel the next 15 years, broken only by 2-1/2 years when Raymond served at camps in Texas and California during World War II. In 1955 they built a new home with an apartment for her widowed mother. Raymond accepted a position as Secretary-Manager of the Boonville Chamber of Commerce, where he remained from 1962 until his death in 1974.

Verna had retired fully vested in Penco Savings from J. C. Penney in 1970, after 27 years of service. After her mother's death in 1975 she travelled to various places including England, Scotland and Ireland.

On October 11, 1977 Verna Twillman Roepe was married to John Kempf at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Boonville, and moved to his home near Fayette, Missouri, where they presently reside.

Arthur Albert Twillman

May 4, 1913 to Present

Like his brother and sister, Arthur was born on the farm near Bunceton, was baptized and later confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Lone Elm, and attended the parochial school as well as the Lone Grove Public School.

In 1928 he went to live in Boonville and joined his brother working at jobs on the Missouri River for a year. He then went to Hamilton Brown Shoe Company as an outsole cutter, furthering his education by taking an International Correspondence Course in Diesel Engineering.

Arthur became a locomotive fireman with Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad in 1945, progressing to locomotive engineer, road foreman of engines, and

assistant Superintendent of the Sedalia Sub-Division. Arthur was elected by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to serve as their local chairman and Legislative Representative, positions he held for 21 years. He retired from MKT Railroad in April, 1975 with 33 years continuous service.

After leaving Lone Elm, he became an active and working member of Immanuel in Boonville.

On Christmas Eve, 1937 he was married to Marjorie Helen Brommer in Immanuel Lutheran Church. Helen was also an employee in the business office at Hamilton Brown Shoe Company, later becoming PBX operator and receptionist at Kemper Military School and College.

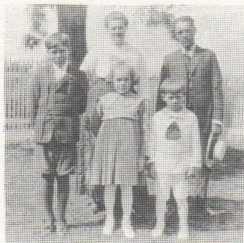
Three daughters were born to Arthur and Helen. Phyllis Ann was born on June 27, 1939 and was married to Herman J. Hilden on April 22, 1957, a surveyor for the Missouri State Highway Department. Their children are William Dale (1959); Sondra Gayle (1962); and Kimberly Ann (1967).

Patricia Kay, their second daughter, was born November 1, 1945 and married Leslie Harris in 1965. They had one son, Michael Wayne (1966). Tragedy struck the Arthur Twillman family with Patricia's sudden death on August 31, 1967.

The youngest daughter, Donna Jean was born January 6, 1948 and married Roy Lee Cary on July 4, 1964. They have four daughters, Rebecca Lynn, Karen Diane and twin daughters, Sandra and Amanda.



*Al and Tillie take Verna and Arthur
for a spin*



*The
Whole
Family*

*Zion Luth. Church
Lone Elm, Mo.*



The Family of
EMIL H. TWILLMANN
St. Louis County, Mo.

THE EMIL TWILLMANN FAMILY

March 7, 1883 to Feb. 1, 1957

The fourth son of Frederick Herman and Franciska Prigge Twillmann was baptized Emil Heinrich Elias Twillmann on April 8, 1883 at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms. He was the only child born while the parents lived on Dewberry Hill near Coalbank Road.

He graduated from Twillmann School in 1896 and was confirmed at Bethlehem Church in North St. Louis, having boarded with the Kroemeke family of the Kroemeke Furniture Co.

On May 3, 1910 he was united in marriage with Katharine Kummer at Salem Lutheran Church, Black Jack. Katharine, from then on affectionately known as "Emil's Katie" to distinguish her from "Herman's Katie", had been baptized and confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church.

Emil and Katie lived on the North side of Grandpa Twillmann's homestead for 11-1/2 years where their two children Arvil and Kathleen were born. They then moved to a farm purchased from Aunt Josephine Twillmann Mueller on Trampe Lane.

Emil was always a farmer and truck gardener, had large fruit orchards, and was known in the area for his fancy fruits and berries.

Emil was always close to his sister Dora, both in age and as a musical duo, and many were the dances in the county and "in town" where Emil's expert fiddling and Dora at the piano were always in demand.

When the Parents Teachers Association was organized at Twillmann School in 1922, only women were members. Katie was elected to be the first treasurer. Three years later men joined and Emil was elected the first male President and served 7 years. Emil was a delegate from Salem to the



Lutheran Altenheim in Baden for 12 years. He served on the Salem Lutheran Cemetery Board for 15 years. He was Vice-President of Salem Lutheran Church in 1934 when their 85th anniversary was observed; his picture appears in the program. He was a clerk on the election board of St. Ferdinand Township for over 35 years.

Emil passed away on February 1, 1957, was buried from Salem Lutheran Church and laid to rest in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Black Jack. Katie continued to live in their home on Trampe Lane until 1968 when she became crippled with arthritis and went to live with her daughter Kathleen. She was with her six years before entering the Lutheran Nursing Home in Baden, where she passed away May 2, 1976. She was buried from Salem Lutheran Church May 5, 1976 and laid to rest in Salem Lutheran Cemetery.

DESCENDANTS OF EMIL AND KATHARINA KUMMER TWILLMANN

Arvil William Herman Twillmann

April 14, 1911 to October 5, 1942

Arvil, the oldest child of Emil and Katharina Kummer Twillmann, was born on Good Friday, April 14, 1911 and baptized at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms on May 10, 1911.

He registered at Twillmann School at the age of 5 years and was graduated from Twillmann School. He and his cousin, Harold Twillmann, were confirmed in the same class at St. Peters Lutheran Church.



*Kathleen and Big Brother
on His Confirmation Day*

When Arvil was nearly 8 years old, he wrote a letter to his Uncle Florey announcing the good news that he at last had a baby sister. Uncle Florey received that letter while he was serving in the U.S. Army in Europe, kept that letter with him, and when the war was over and he returned home he gave that letter back to Arvil and the family still has it.

Arvil attended Riverview High School one year, but preferred to farm with his father. He was united in marriage with Eleanor Rosenkoetter on

May 12, 1934 at Salem Lutheran Church. Arvil and Eleanor became the parents of three daughters, Dolores Eleanor, Ellen Flora and Adele Margaret Flora.

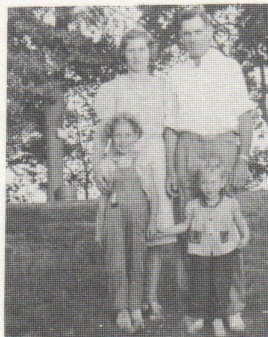
Arvil and Eleanor lived in the homestead on Trampe Lane and continued to farm until his death on October 5, 1942 after bravely fighting a long but losing battle against Hodgkin's disease. He was buried from Salem Lutheran Church on October 8, 1942 and laid to rest in Salem Lutheran Cemetery.

Eleanor and her two little girls, 6 and 3 years old, went to live with her parents in Cross Keys. The girls have very happy memories of living with their loving and devoted grandparents. Eleanor passed away on August 13, 1966. She was buried from Salem Lutheran Church on August 17, 1966 and laid to rest in Salem Lutheran Cemetery.

Dolores Eleanor Twillmann was born June 11, 1936 and was baptized July 12, 1936 at Salem Lutheran Church. She graduated from Ferguson High School and Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing where she won a scholarship to Washington University. She was married June 21, 1958 to William George Roundey at Salem Lutheran Church. They are the parents of three children namely: William George Roundey IV born in Detroit, Michigan September 10, 1959, Bettina Katherine born in Detroit, Michigan September 3, 1961 and Andrea Dolores born in Seward, Nebraska July 4, 1965.

Ellen Flora Twillmann was born June 8, 1938, died June 16, 1938 and was buried in Salem Lutheran Cemetery June 18, 1938.

Adele Margaret Flora Twillmann was born July 12, 1939, was christened August 13, 1939 in Salem Lutheran Church. She graduated from Ferguson High School and Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois. She was married to Ronald Charles Trampe on June 18, 1961 in Salem Lutheran Church. They are the parents of three children, namely: Michael Ronald Trampe born March 16, 1962 in Austin, Texas, Carol Adele Trampe born July 15, 1964 in Austin, Texas and David Michael Trampe born March 20, 1973 in Austin, Texas.



Kathleen & Bill
Brinker
ON SWINGING
BRIDGE IN
Dakville



Arvil's Wedding Day

Kathleen Marie Ilda Twillmann

January 18, 1919 to present

Kathleen, the youngest child of Emil and Katharina Kummer Twillmann was born on her Uncle Charles Burmeister's birthday. She was christened in Grandpa Twillmann's Homestead on February 16, 1919 by Rev. Richard Jahn, pastor of St. Peters Lutheran Church.

When she was 2-1/2 years old her parents moved to the farm on Trampe Lane. She was enrolled in Twillmann School at the age of 5 years because this was her brother Arvil's last year in grade school, and they walked to school together. Kathleen started taking piano lessons at the age of 7-1/2 years. The Twillmann three room School was built and dedicated in 1927, and Kathleen played the piano for the singing and the program at the dedication. She was 8 years old and in the third grade at the time. Her father enjoyed playing the violin and it was a joy to him to have his little girl accompany him on the piano. Kathleen enjoyed practicing the piano whenever it was time to dry the dishes. Kathleen graduated from Twillmann School in 1932, and then attended the Salem Lutheran School for one year while she attended confirmation. She was confirmed in 1933 at Salem.

She then enrolled at Riverview High School and she and her cousin Evelyn spent four hilarious years together, graduating in 1937. After graduation she attended Underwood-Elliott-Fischer Bookkeeping School and worked for three years before her marriage.

A Brinker and a Twillmann had married in 1821 in Germany and history repeated itself when Kathleen and William Brinker, Jr. were married on October 9, 1940 at Salem Lutheran Church.

Bill began selling automobiles when he was 18 years old and continued selling cars and also sold the first Ford Tractor in St. Louis County in 1939. He opened his own tractor business in 1941 and has operated the business for more than 36 years with the exception of 3 years spent in World War II.

Kathleen always acknowledged her gratitude for having been raised in a happy, Christian home which had a tremendous influence on her life.

The Family of
GEORGE F. TWILLMAN
St. Louis County, Mo.

THE GEORGE F. TWILLMANN FAMILY

September 9, 1885 to October 14, 1940

The fifth son was born to Frederick Herman and Franciska Prigge Twillmann at St. Louis County (Spanish Lake), Mo. and was christened George Friedrich Christian Twillmann on October 11, 1885 at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms. He was confirmed there on March 26, 1899.

George attended and graduated from the Twillman elementary school on Bellefontaine Rd. As a teenager he worked in Lone Elm, Cooper County, Mo. on the Henry Huecker farm. When he returned from Lone Elm he worked as a laborer on the St. Louis County roads for Louis Poggemoeller, County Road Supervisor. He also helped with farm work in the community and on his father's farm.

He was married to Anna Elisabeth Olinda Wehmeier on June 3, 1908 at St. Peters Church by Rev. C. E. Hoeh. At the time of his marriage he was renting and farming his Uncle's farm, the John C. Twillman farm, on Bellefontaine Rd. He continued farming there until 1913 when he and his wife Olinda built a new home on a portion of his father's farm, the Frederick Herman Twillman farm known as the (70 acre) Larimore Tract fronting on Bellefontaine Rd. and running east to Larimore Rd. This portion was later deeded to him by his parents.



In 1920 he added to his farm by purchasing a joining 12 acre tract from his brother Emil east of the Burlington Railroad to Larimore Road. He farmed these tracts until the time of his death.

In 1931 he built and operated a grocery store located on his property at the Northwest corner of Larimore and Coal Bank Roads. The family operated or rented out the store until 1942.

He was on the School Board (Prigge District now part of the Hazelwood District) for many years. He was instrumental in purchasing the land where the present Larimore (formerly Prigge) School now stands. This, by the way, was opposed by many people with less foresight. He started the first Sunday School at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms and served as its first superintendent. He was Secretary of the Church for about 30 years.

For several years he was an insurance writer for the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co. of Black Jack, Mo. This company insured dwellings, farm buildings and equipment. No life insurance as that was forbidden by the church.

As a young man George was athletically inclined. He and his brother Emil played on a baseball team sponsored by Wehmeier General Merchandise Store. Some years later he played against his son, Marvin, at father and son ball games at the St. Peter's Lutheran Church picnics.

He played the guitar and had a talent for music as he would tell other musicians what chords to play "by ear". Many good times were had in Lone Elm and St. Louis as he and his brother Emil, who played the violin, made the music for home gatherings and dances. Henry and Minnie, Albert and Tillie, Charles and Ella, George and Linda - all Twillmans - often made up the most popular "square" at the square dances in Lone Elm.

George died suddenly on October 14, 1940. The services were held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms, Mo. with interment at Salem Cemetery, Black Jack, Mo. His widow Linda passed away August 3, 1979.

Their descendants include 5 children (the first child, a daughter, lived only 2 weeks) and six grandchildren.



*St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Columbia Bottoms, MO*

*Note the
similarity
in the
design
of the
tower
on iii*



*George While
in Cooper County
In His Late Teens*

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE AND OLINDA WEHMEIER TWILLMAN

Melva Twillman (Ollinger)

January 1, 1911 to present

Melva Twillman (Ollinger), a daughter of George Friederich and Olinda (Wehmeier) Twillman, was born January 1, 1911 at home which was the John Twillman farm located on Bellefontaine Road, St. Louis County.

She was baptized on January 28, 1911 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms, St. Louis Co. Mo.; confirmed at the same church May 17, 1925; started teaching Sunday School there immediately and continued to do so until her marriage (1933).

She graduated from Twillman elementary school in 1923 and Ferguson High School, Ferguson, Mo. in 1927.

In March 1927 she took the state teachers examination at Clayton, Mo. and was one of seven from the group who was granted a teacher's certificate qualifying her to teach in the public schools of Missouri.

She attended Harris Teachers College, St. Louis, the summer of 1927 and Southeast Missouri State at Cape Girardeau, Mo. the summer of 1928.

She began her teaching career at the Vossenkemper School, St. Louis Co. in September 1927 and taught there until May 1933.

On May 20, 1933 she was married to Henry Nikolaus Ollinger, an electrician for Anheuser-Busch. They were married at Ebenezer Lutheran Church and both were active members there during their married life.

In 1942 Melva started teaching Religious Release Time classes and continued over a period of six years for public school children in St. Louis. In 1956 and 1957 she taught kindergarten at Ebenezer Lutheran School. In March 1961 she accepted the position of First Grade teacher at Atonement Lutheran School, Florissant, Mo. and is still holding that position for the school year of 1979 and 1980.

In 1963 she decided to continue her education and attended Harris Teacher's College, St. Louis and Maryville College of the Sacred Heart, St. Louis, transferring to the University of Missouri when it opened its campus in St. Louis.

Henry Ollinger passed away on January 27, 1964 after a long illness. He is buried in Bethlehem Cemetery, St. Louis Co., Mo.

This marriage was blessed with two children: Nickolaus John II who was born May 1, 1934, St. Louis, Mo. and departed this life suddenly on July 23, 1956. Interment was at Bethlehem Cemetery, St. Louis Co., Mo. Nick graduated from Baden elementary school, St. Louis, Lutheran High School Central, St. Louis, was a Senior at Washington University at the time of his death, and a baseball player highly rated by professional scouts.

Lois Ann was born November 10, 1935 in St. Louis, Mo. She graduated from Baden elementary school, St. Louis, Lutheran High School Central, St. Louis, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana and Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. She taught high school physical education and health education on the college level. Lois married Gerald H. Wiechmann on August 23, 1958. They have two children: Kelley Kay born in Valparaiso, Ind. on February 9, 1961 and Bret Nickolaus born in Carbondale, Ill. Sept. 7, 1963. The Wiechmann's begin the decade of the 80's as residents of Florida.

Marvin F. Twillman

October 26, 1913 to February 29, 1976

Son of George Ferdinand Christian and Olinda Elizabeth Wehmeier born October 26, 1913 at the family home, located in St. Louis Co. off Larimore Road. He was christened at St. Peters Ev. Lutheran Church Nov. 23, 1913, located at that time at Columbia Bottoms, St. Louis Co., Mo. He was confirmed at the same church November 27, 1928.

He attended Prigge and Twillman grade schools and graduated from Riverview Gardens high school in June 1931. This was the first graduating class of Riverview High School. He took an apprenticeship with Heintz Packing Co. for the next year and a half. The early years of his life were spent in assisting his father on the family farm.

On January 9, 1939 at age of 26 he married Kathleen Ann Purdy. When first married he operated a country general store and lived above it for a

short time. His father passed away October 14, 1940 at which time Marvin took over family home with mother and brother.

Tragedy struck September 30, 1941 when he was kidnapped, held hostage and witnessed the murder of his cousin. Later testified at the trial; end result was the conviction and execution of two gunmen and life imprisonment of their accomplices.

During World War II Marvin was inducted into the U.S. Army in the fall of 1943 and spent following year in Washington, D.C. at Fort Belvoir.

The years after World War II were spent in gainful employment and business ventures as self-employed. Marvin and Kay purchased their own home in May, 1943 and after living at that address for 14 years, purchased a new home at 11710 Larimore Rd. in 1957. Marvin passed away suddenly of a heart attack on February 29, 1976 at their Larimore Road home. No children were born to this marriage.



*Kay and Marvin at
the old homeplace.*

Evelyn Twillman (Renkel)

July 26, 1920 to present

Evelyn Twillman (Renkel) was born on July 26, 1920 in St. Louis County, Missouri to George F. Twillman and Olinda Wehmeier Twillman. She was baptized on August 22, 1920 at St. Peter's Columbia Bottoms Ev. Lutheran Church.



Evelyn confirmed, with Meta

Evelyn went to St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms, with her parents. She was confirmed at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Black Jack on May 20, 1934 after two years of instruction there. After confirmation she returned to St. Peter's Church and taught Sunday School until she married.

She attended Prigge Elementary Public School on Larimore Rd. graduating in 1933. She went to Riverview Gardens High School graduating in June, 1937. Immediately after high school she continued her education at Sanford Brown Business College for one year, receiving a Secretary Diploma. It was difficult to get jobs in 1938 but she was fortunate and worked as a secretary.

In 1937 she met Milton Renkel and they were married at Pilgrim Ev. Lutheran Church on February 22, 1941 where Milton's parents and sister were members and his father a charter member.

Milton served 30 months in World War II, returning home in April 1946. During this time Evelyn continued working. In 1944 Milton and Evelyn purchased some land from Evelyn's mother just west of Larimore Rd. which was part of her parent's farm. They started building on this ground in 1946 and moved into the garage portion becoming the first residents on Coal Bank Ct. They built the house themselves, sub-contracting some of the work and completing it in 1950.

Milton and Evelyn attended Pilgrim Ev. Lutheran Church after their marriage and transferred to St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Northdale (formerly Columbia Bottoms) after they built their home. Evelyn again taught Sunday School at St. Peter's Church. When Pilgrim Church began Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church in the community, they transferred to that congregation as charter members.

After World War II, Milton had a St. Louis Globe Democrat newspaper delivery route for 15 years. Milton was a printer by trade and before World War II, had his own printing business which he gave up upon entering the military. Following a heart attack in 1959, Milton sold his newspaper route in 1961 and returned to his printing trade.

On October 2, 1952 they were most happy as God gave them a 6 month old baby girl to adopt and "bring up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." They named her Linda Marie Renkel after her two new Grandmothers. Linda was born on March 31, 1952 and was christened on October 19, 1952 at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Northdale. She was confirmed at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran on May 1, 1966, a member of the first confirmation class of that new church.

Linda was always a most active and talented girl. She went to Larimore Elementary School and graduated from Lutheran High School North in June, 1970. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Southeast Missouri State University and is presently Health Education Director of the YWCA in Alton, Illinois.

Linda joined Camp Fire Girls when she was in Second Grade and stayed with it through the whole program which was through twelfth grade. During this time, both Milton and Evelyn participated actively with Camp Fire Girls. Evelyn served as Group Leader for 10 years, Group Organization Chairman of District II for 3 years and Chairman of District II for 1 year. Linda participated in many service projects through this organization. After Linda went to college, Evelyn went back to the work force as a dental assistant which she is still doing at this time.

Robert George Twillman

September 26, 1922 to present

The youngest of four children of George and Olinda Wehmeier was born at the family homestead in St. Louis County, Mo. Robert was baptized in October at old St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Columbia Bottoms, Missouri and confirmed in 1936 at Salem Lutheran Church in Black Jack, Missouri. Formal education began in September, 1928 at Prigge School, a one room school house and continued until graduation from Riverview Gardens High School in 1939 in a class of 48 pupils.

Robert was an accomplished athlete though physically not large of stature as one might note from his 1936 class confirmation picture where he stood on a box so that he would be as tall as his classmates. During his first time at bat for the Riverview High School Baseball Team, for which he



Milton and Evelyn, left and Marvin on the right, flank Bob and Eleanor and attendants.



← Prize-winning Baby picture

Melva and Marvin in 1915.

played four years, the opposing outfielders, seeing his short stature, moved closer to the infield at which time they were promptly embarrassed as a routine flyball became a homerun. Additionally in high school as well as participating on the basketball team for two years, his volleyball team won the St. Louis County League Championship in 1938 and was runnerup in 1939. Robert participated in operettas and minstrels as well as the debate and speech teams and held the one mile run track record at Riverview High School for a good number of years. His track practice was done by running to and from school counting telephone poles to measure distances and not on the school's track, as spring was a busy time on a farm requiring his presence assisting his Dad.

Remaining active in sports after graduation, Robert played baseball, basketball, softball and corkball for Spanish Lake, Missouri teams with a highlight of bagging a 190 pound, 12 point buck while deer hunting in 1975.

After a short stint working on the farm for his father, Robert worked in the family grocery store with his older brother Marvin. He then owned a newspaper distributing route as well as working at different times as a milk and 7-Up delivery truck driver until he purchased a bowling alley in Spanish Lake, Missouri in 1954. Maple Bowl was expanded until its sale in 1976. Robert as a bowler himself bowled three perfect 300 games.

Eleanor Ann Rottman met Robert at a mutual friend's party in the summer of 1940 and they were married on August 21, 1943. Robert and his family attended church at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spanish Lake, Missouri after its move from Columbia Bottoms where Robert served as a S.S. teacher for six years, as Sunday School Superintendant for four years and congregational president for four years. In 1973, the family membership was transferred to Grace Lutheran Chapel in Bellefontaine Neighbors, where Robert presently serves as Church elder.

On February 6, 1948, Judith Ann was born to Robert and Eleanor. She was baptized at Salem Lutheran Church in Black Jack, Missouri and was confirmed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spanish Lake. She attended Larimore Elementary School, Hazelwood Senior High School and received a degree in education from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville,

Missouri where she was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She taught physical education in Riverview and Hazelwood School Districts in St. Louis County and in San Diego, California. She married Jerry L. Lybarger on June 19, 1971, a lawyer in St. Louis, Mo.

A second daughter, Joyce Diane was born May 28, 1951. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spanish Lake, Missouri where she served as organist from June 1967 to September 1970, the same position her great grandfather, Frederick Twillman, filled. Joyce also attended Larimore Elementary School and Hazelwood Senior High School and was graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Illinois. She is presently a Computer Programmer and Systems Analyst in St. Louis, Mo. where she resides with her husband Carl Sattovia, a graphic artist. They were married April 20, 1974.

On December 19, 1965 Julie Lynn was born, the caboose of the family. She was baptized at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spanish Lake, Missouri and presently attends Grace Chapel Lutheran Day School. Julie, an aspiring young dancer, is a member of the Virginia James Dancers.

Robert and Eleanor have three grandchildren - Amanda Lee Lybarger and Matthew Robert Lybarger (the long awaited male addition to the clan) born to their daughter Judith and Christopher born to Joyce.

In 1948 Robert and Eleanor purchased a part of his boyhood home site, a lot from his mother then having view of his boyhood homestead. There in 1949 Robert and Eleanor built the home where they presently reside at 1219 Coal Bank Court, Spanish Lake, Missouri.



Melva and the '27 Pontiac



Robert & Eleanor, '43



Melva, Evelyn & Marvin

The Family of
DORA TWILLMANN
BURMEISTER
St. Louis, Mo.

THE DORA TWILLMANN (BURMEISTER) FAMILY

March 1, 1887 to March 3, 19⁴57

Dora Twillmann Burmeister was the sixth child - and first daughter - born to Frederick Herman and Frances Twillmann. At her baptism on March 20, 1887 she was named Josephine Elise Dorothea. In the family Bible almost all the children's names were recorded with the sponsors' names first.



She was first registered in school in 1893 at the age of six, and was confirmed on March 20, 1899 at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms.

Dora was something of a tomboy and an active child until one day, after an especially strenuous jumping-rope session, she found she could not walk or stand without support. In those pre-therapy days the only solution was high shoes, but since they were the fashion then this did not prove to be a cross until the era of low shoes, which she could never wear. They were to be her identifying mark especially for the grandchildren later, who loved her "boots".

In those days when parties and socials were the main activity, and entertainment was self-furnished, she and brother Emil became a twosome, Dora at the piano and Emil playing the fiddle. At such a party at the Pohlman's house "in town" she met Charles M. Burmeister, whose brothers John and Will were also part of the group. After that it was cut and dried as to who she would marry, with Charlie riding the train out to Larimore Station and, when Grandpa was in a good mood, with Dora driving the buggy in to



Baden for Charlie's Waterworks streetcar trip home to Bremen Avenue in St. Louis. They were married on June 2, 1909 at St. Peters Lutheran Church north of Chain of Rocks Park at Columbia Bottoms. Since this was the first wedding reception they had to give for their first six offspring, Grandpa and Grandma Twillmann made it an "all-out" occasion, with more than 300 guests invited to the homestead on Bellefontaine Road.

Charlie and Dora lived first in a flat in the 1400 block on Ferry Street, a few doors away from Louis and Sophie Prigge, and daughter Louise. Later they moved to an upper flat next door to Markus Church at 4028 No. 22nd Street. Although Charlie was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Salisbury Street and had been confirmed there, they joined the fledgling Markus Church which had "spun-off" from Bethlehem about five or six years earlier.

Their lives were always centered in and around the Church, locally and at large, from the early days of their marriage when their home was a Sunday home for Concordia Seminary students (a favorite quartet named their daughter) to later years when both were active in St. Louis Mission boards and Charlie served on the Lutheran Hospital Board (late 1930's) in South St. Louis.

During the first decade of marriage Charlie continued in his composing room job with the Old Republic and later the Star-Times newspapers, but his eye was on the burgeoning automobile industry. With their savings, and \$2,000 Dora received from brother Herman for her acreage in the county, they bought a quarter of a block site on the corner of 21st and Angelica Streets. They first built a Service Station in 1919, becoming the first Texaco dealer in North St. Louis. Two years later a 50 car garage was built (1921) and in early 1924 a Pontiac-Oakland automobile agency was incorporated into it. Two years after the garage was opened and about the time the sales agency was begun, they built a home on Twenty-first Street adjacent to the Service Station where they were to live the rest of their lives, though all along Dora was drawing the plans for a home to be built on her remaining acre of

ground, in "home" country, on Larimore Road. They prayed over each step and they prospered. But the depression which followed the stock market crash in 1929 and the beginning of World War II for the U.S. in 1941 affected their lives sadly, as it did so many others. During these times Charlie had also served as President of Markus Lutheran Congregation.

Three children were born to them: Alvin in 1911; Dorothy in 1915; and Charles in 1920. Eight grandchildren also followed but Charlie and Dora were only permitted to know of three of them.

In his mid-50's while employed as the No. 1674th employee of McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, Charlie developed a heart condition which was to cause his death on January 25, 1946, a week after his 59th birthday, when his first grandson Don was just two months old. Death occurred at their home at 4111 North Twenty-first Street. By coincidence, that same day had seen the death of Pastor Henry Maack who had been his Pastor most of his life at Markus Church. Pastor Maack was lying in state at Markus Church at 22nd & Angelica St., with Mr. Burmeister at the Beiderwieden Chapel at 20th and St. Louis Ave. and Markus members and many from the county went from one to the other in a steady stream. Charlie was buried on January 29th from Markus Church, with the interment at the family plot in Bethlehem Cemetery on Bellefontaine Road.

A few months later Dr. Knight confirmed what Dora had suspected, that she had leukemia, more correctly Hodgkin's disease. Thirteen months after her husband's death - and two days after her 60th birthday - Dora joined him in Heaven. It was her wish to hold open house for her birthday as she had done most of her life, and all the relatives came. As each one left she told them she would see them in Heaven. She died peacefully the next morning in an ambulance on the way to Park Lane Hospital, on March 3, 1947. She, too, was buried from Markus Church on March 6, 1947, and was interred with her husband in Bethlehem cemetery.

In addition to the three children and eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren were born to this union to date (1980).

DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES AND DORA TWILLMANN BURMEISTER

Alvin Burmeister

June 15, 1911 to October 22, 1976

Alvin was the oldest child of Charles M. Burmeister and Dora Twillmann Burmeister, and the only one born while they lived on Ferry Street. He was baptized July 9, 1911 at Markus Lutheran Church, where he attended school and was confirmed on April 13, 1924.

From the day he was born it was planned that he should enter the ministry. During his school days, however, he preferred the Tarzan of the Apes books to thoughts of the ministry, and could be found up in the trees surrounding Markus School.

After graduation from Markus School, at age 13, Alvin went away from home to attend Concordia College prep school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was just beginning his sixth year when a severe problem with one eye caused the doctor to suggest to his parents that he discontinue studies for the ministry and concentrate on outside work of some kind. This condition later kept him out of the military service as well. He returned home at 19 to work for his father in the Service Station business during the depression years.

At college Al was active in basketball, baseball, tennis and ice-skating. He played football until that caused a back injury that he kept all his life. His hobby had always been music, and while at college he took up banjo playing. His mother had had him take piano lessons, but he was not particularly fond of practicing at that time. Later he regretted this and managed to teach himself to play the piano and the organ. He was also fortunate that Concordia College, Milwaukee had an excellent music director, and he learned much about choral directing and development during his college years, which he put to good use for the church later.

On May 22, 1937 he was married to Ellen Fedder, also of Markus Church. They were married at St. Paul's Church, however, Markus having received serious fire and smoke damage a few weeks before their wedding. Three

daughters were born to them: Elaine, Jane and Linda.

Before and after his marriage, Al organized and conducted the Markus Male Chorus, composed of young men from Markus who loved to sing, and among some of their accomplishments was to be asked to help out and sing on the Lutheran Hour, at the time the late Dr. Walter A. Maier was the speaker. They even learned to sing in Portuguese, in order to record some hymns to be used by the Lutheran Hour broadcasts into Argentina and South Africa.

After leaving the service station business, Al became involved in hospital purchasing, having worked at Jewish Hospital, where he also directed the Jewish Hospital Nurses' Choirs from 1955 through 1965. He also worked at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, and then went to St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis, Illinois, serving as Materials Manager from which he retired just a few months before his death in 1976.

When their daughters married they transferred to St. Matthews Lutheran Church Walnut Park and still later, after moving to north county, to Grace Lutheran Chapel on Chambers Road and Highway 367.

After apparently recovering successfully from spinal surgery and a cataract operation in the summer of 1976, Alvin passed away suddenly of a heart attack on October 22, 1976, in the kitchen of their home in Florissant, Missouri. He was buried from Grace Lutheran Chapel on October 25th. At the services as many of the former Markus Male Chorus who could attend sang the song with which they had always closed their rehearsals - "Now the Day is Over". He was buried in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Elaine, the oldest daughter of Alvin and Ellen Burmeister, was married on October 1, 1966 to Larry Pipes. Larry is general manager of the automotive Diagnostic Clinic and other technical services conducted by the Automobile Club of Missouri in St. Louis. They have one son, Jerry Allen, born July 10, 1968, and live in Florissant, Missouri.

The second daughter, Jane Ellen, was married on May 14, 1966 to Ronald Zyk, at Markus Lutheran Church. Ron is a Lithography Graphics Technician and account executive. They have a son, Eric born on July 16, 1968 and a daughter, Laura Jane born September 13, 1976, five weeks before her grandfather's death.

The third daughter, Linda, lives at home with her mother.



Alvin, Charles & Dorothy, 1922
Dorothy Burmeister

April 18, 1915 to Present



Alvin, Dorothy & Parents
Uncle William's Farm
Lone Elm, MO 1918

The second child and only daughter of Charles and Dora Twillmann Burmeister was born at home, on 22nd Street. Although her birth certificate read "Josephine", she was baptized Dorothy Ilda at the new Markus Church sanctuary dedicated the previous year and confirmed there in 1928.

She attended Markus Elementary School and Central High School, graduating in 1932 as the top girl in a class of 129, which did not do much for her morale, since the top eight were boys. These were not only depression years, but her parents did not believe in college for girls, who were supposed to marry college-bred boys. They goofed on that prediction, as she won the dubious distinction of being the only one of the Twillmann progeny to remain single. She enrolled at Rubicam Business College, completing a secretarial bookkeeping course there.

Of the many jobs she has held over the years the happiest time was oddly enough during the war years, when she worked as a Radiotelephone Operator and secretary for the test pilots at Curtiss-Wright Corporation at Lambert Field. She doled out their pills, assigned their flights, took their dictation over the air, saw that their parachutes were repacked, put up with their teasing and heckling on rainy days, and prayed when they were in trouble in the air. The Flight Tese Family was a special group, and they still keep in touch with each other.

The low point in Dorothy's life was the year following her father's death, knowing it was also the last year with her mother. Because Dora so calmly and bravely accepted her impending death they could talk of many things that less fortunate people never get a chance to say. Dora and Charlie gave their children not only a faith and an example to live by, but taught them how to die.

Dorothy took a leave from her job at Brayton Flying Service at Lambert Field to spend the last months at home with her mother. After that came the task of breaking up her parents' home with an accumulation of almost 40 years. It was an accepted fact that she and Dora's sister, Ilda, would share a home, an arrangement which lasted 25 years through many moves and changes.

In 1950 she became very ill with a kidney condition that was at first diagnosed as Bright's disease, and the edema that resulted from this made it impossible for her to work for several years, years that were broken up with numerous trips to St. Mary's Hospital while young Dr. Wm. Knight used his skill as a researcher and used her as a guinea pig. At that time Dr. Wm. Knight, Sr. told her brothers that with care she could live to be 50. The doctors were never sure which of the treatments caused a remission, but it happened, and she went back to work on a part-time basis, gradually building up to full time.

Those years had rewards, too, not only in sharing a lovely single flat near Fairgrounds Park with Charles and Livy, but in being close and a part of things as their children were born and grew up during the eight years she and Ilda lived there. It was a close and loving arrangement that lasted through the years, as did the ties with Alvin's children.

1964 was a good year for Dorothy and Ilda. Tired of moving from flat to flat they bought a home in South Saint Louis at 5712 Bancroft Avenue, close to a shopping center and public transportation. The house had a beautiful yard for roses and trees, a laundry next to the kitchen, two inside walls for organ and piano, and no steps, and the seven years they shared together there were good years. After Ilda's death in 1971 Dorothy continued to live there.

In spite of numerous illnesses, a bad fall which resulted in a fractured pelvis, and cataract operations on both eyes, she has been fortunate to be able to work full time and to enjoy her home, her family, countless friends and good neighbors. The faith of her fathers always strengthened her in the bad times, and made her grateful to God for the good.

For the past 19 years she has worked for the City of St. Louis, as secretary to one or another of the heads of the six major departments. She has just this past year retired as the secretary to the Director of Public Safety.

Charles H. Burmeister

April 24, 1920 to present

On the fourth Saturday night in April, 1920, less than a year after Charley Burmeister's new Texaco Filling Station opened on 21st and Angelica Streets in north St. Louis, the third offspring of Charley and Dora Twillmann Burmeister showed up and became the bouncing "Bouie" member of the Burmeister family. A wheels oriented lad he was from infancy on 22nd Street and even more so in the new family bungalow adjacent to the filling station on 21st St.

After eight years of parochial school at Markus Lutheran Church, right next to the house in which he was born on North 22nd Street, he was confirmed, graduated and wished on to teachers at Central High School from which he was graduated as the treasurer of his class in June, 1937.

"Bouie" got serious about and, in 1941, married Olivia, the oldest daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Arthur M. Kuehnert, at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Baden.

Six weeks after their marriage, the attack on Pearl Harbor and declaration of war with Japan brought about Bouie's reporting for duty on October 7, 1942 in the Naval Air Training Command, which he served for 3 years, 2 months, 7 days and 20 minutes during World War II. Their first daughter Judy had been born in 1942 and when she was nineteen months old, Livi and she moved with Bouie to Mainside NAS, Pensacola, Florida where he served most of his Navy experience. Three weeks after his military discharge in November of

1945, Don Alan was born as the first grandson to Dora and Charley, a proud but suffering grandfather, who had resigned from his expediter position, at McDonnell Aircraft in May of 1945. Equally proud grandmother Dora followed Charley's entry into heavenly mansions just three months before No. 3 offspring for Bouie and Livy made her debut in the person of Janice Lee. Dean Charles Martin Burmeister, No. 2 son but No. 4 heir reported in for this life on September 9, 1950 and was the youngest of the family when they moved from their North St. Louis Sacramento Avenue home in the Fairground Park area to Glenview, a north shore suburb of Chicago in 1955. In March 1956, Jill Lynn swiped this title as youngest heir, the only Chicago birth statistic which made it a permanent full-house family of three girls and two boys.

Their return to St. Louis was brought about when Charles left the secular business world, where he had spent 18 years with the John S. Swift Co., Lithographers, to become director of the Lutheran Hour Domestic Operations for the Lutheran Laymen's League. After three years he resigned and became a financier of churches and church-related institutions as manager of the bond department of a New York Stock Exchange firm in St. Louis known as Yates, Heitner & Woods. Three years later he became a founder and incorporator of The Heitner Corporation with Mr. Norman E. Heitner of St. Louis, a general securities firm to be aligned with the Midwest Stock Exchange. In 1967 he succeeded Mr. Heitner in extra-curricular church endeavor by accepting the office of Treasurer of the International Lutheran Laymen's League (Lutheran Hour Broadcast) which also included production of This is the Life Television, which he relinquished in 1971. In 1969 he was nominated from the floor of, and also elected by, the Denver Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to be a member of the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

As a member and treasurer of that Board, Charles was later to be identified as one of the six members used by the Lord to change the course of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in supporting the inerrancy of the Bible issues. In 1974 and 1975, the national media labeled the controversy

and walkout by 45 faculty members and 500 students the top religious news story in the nation for both years since it was the first instance in centuries of any major church body majority returning to a conservative position from a trend towards liberalization and doctrinal leniency. While such an extraordinary course of action is never a joy to perform, such a serious responsibility and obligation to serve the Lord above all other obligations thus becomes a rare experience when effecting the spiritual lives of so many contemporary persons as well as the yet unborn. It should be stated, too, in this particular publication, that the Twillmann "clan" herein represented, vigorously supported the same position.

Obviously the youngest of the three offsprings of Dora Twillmann Burmeister never really planned it this way, but he probably perpetuates the fiduciary interests of Grandpa Frederick H. Twillmann's banking enthusiasm more closely than any of the other kids and cousins of the abundant family tree represented in these biographies to date. For it was in 1972 that as an investment banker of 10 years experience, he incorporated his own business firm as a consultant-financier for hospitals, nursing homes, retirement centers and churches planning major building-expansion programs, under the name of Communication Consultants, Inc. located on the 33rd floor of the Mercantile Center overlooking the St. Louis Arch and Riverfront.

Charles and Livy have lived in South County's Sunset Hills since returning to St. Louis from Chicagoland in 1959. He is still, and always will be, an avid automobile buff even though his time restrictions permit his only sparetime activity to be singing at the Missouri Athletic Club where he has been a member for about 15 years.

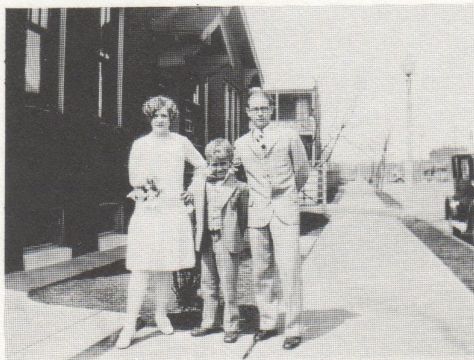
In the meantime, Judy is married to Rev. Harvey Hanneman who has a dual-parish in Atwood, Kansas. They have 3 children, Kristen, John and Paul, ages 14, 12 and 10. Judy fills a need for Registered Nurses at both the Hospital and Good Samaritan Nursing Center in Atwood and Rev. Hanneman, in addition to his parish duties, is editor of the Kansas Cistrict Lutheran Witness supplement.

Don has become a Field Salesmanager for the Container Corporation of America in Seattle, Washington following his 5 year experience as a US Marine Corps jet pilot (1968-1973) and MBA graduate studies at the University of Oregon. He is married to Janet Lieske and they have two sons, Erik 6 and Jon Karl, 4 years of age.

Janice Lee, career-girl daughter No. 2 has settled down from traveling with Disney On-Parade from California and musical show public relations, to being a private secretary to a staff White House person in Washington, D.C. though she lives in Arlington, Virginia. She is a C.P.S.

Dean Charles has chosen the field of education for his action arena and is in his seventh year of teaching all facets of math to Benton High School students in St. Joseph, Mo. Bachelor Dean also coaches football and wrestling as extra-curricular duty and has become a computer-scoreboard expert in the sports activities of High Schools in St. Joseph.

Jill Lynn, summa cum laude Home Economist graduate from University of Missouri, Columbia a year ago, is presently living in Parma, Ohio where she works as a food technician for Durkee Foods Division of the SCM Corporation in Strongsville, Ohio. She completes the trio of singles amongst her brothers and sisters, for the time being, of course.



Dorothy, Charles & Al in 1928 at home on 21st St. on her confirmation



Dorothy, Charles & Alvin in 1921

The Family of
FLORENZ TWILLMANN
St. Louis County, Mo.

FLORENZ TWILLMANN

June 17, 1889 to February 20, 1949

Florenz Twillmann was the sixth son born to Frederick and Franciska Twillmann in St. Louis County, Missouri. He was baptized Florenz Henry Daniel Twillmann on July 14, 1889 and confirmed on April 5, 1903 at St. Peters Church, Columbia Bottoms by Rev. Adolph Poppe. He attended Twillmann School and St. Peters Church School.

He was drafted into the Army in World War I, entered service at Ferguson, Missouri on June 24, 1918. He served with Casual Co., 52 A from June 24, 1918 until September 20, 1918. He was with Co. B 128th Infantry from September 20, 1918 until June 3, 1919. He left the United States to serve overseas on August 6, 1918. He fought in the battle of the Argonne Forest, Meuse, France. He went over the top three times and was never wounded. After the termination of the war on November 11, 1918 he was moved into Germany with the Army of Occupation. Before leaving France, the entire company was requested to write relatives, the letters were given to their captain, and not one of these letters was received by the relatives, and from November 11, 1918 until his arrival back in the United States on April 20, 1919 relatives knew nothing of his whereabouts. He was discharged from the Army on June 3, 1919.



About two years after his discharge from the Army he contracted tuberculosis which Dr. William A. Knight, Sr. diagnosed as having been caused by inhalation of poison gas while in service. For several years he spent time in and out of Government Hospitals, his longest stay being at a Government Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky.

"Flory" was married on April 20, 1924 to Johanna Maria Selma Vogelsang born April 1, 1889, baptized May 12, 1889 and for a year or two they lived in the City of St. Louis. Later he built a home on Larimore Road at Coal Bank Road where he and Selma lived and raised poultry until the time of his death. The marriage took place in the parsonage of St. Paul's Church, Des Peres, Mo. and was performed by Rev. C. E. Hoeh, former pastor of St. Peters Church of Columbia Bottoms.

In February of 1949 he became seriously ill and died on February 20, 1949 in the ambulance while enroute to Park Lane Hospital, having reached the age of 59 years, 8 months and three days. Funeral service "for Flory" was held on February 23, 1949 at St. Peters Lutheran Church. His wife, Selma, died on April 2, 1964 with her funeral service conducted also from St. Peters Lutheran Church, Northdale. Both are buried at Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Black Jack, Missouri.

No children were born to their marriage.



← Not
Uncle
Flory



The Family of
FRANK E. TWILLMANN
St. Louis County, Mo.

THE FRANK TWILLMANN FAMILY

July 18, 1891 to October 28, 1972

The seventh son of Frederick Herman and Frances Prigge Twillmann was born in St. Louis County, and baptized Franziscus Edward Christian on August 16, 1891 in St. Peters Church, Columbia Bottoms, Missouri. He was confirmed there in 1904.

He graduated from Twillmann School in 1908 at the age of 17. There were three in the class, all Twillmanns - Frank, Clara and Elmer.

Frank was united in marriage with Flossie Porter of Centralia, Illinois on May 11, 1916 at the home of Rev. Buenger in Baden. They lived on Bittner Street in Baden and Frank worked at the St. Louis Car Shop. At the time their first child was born a year later, Frank was very ill and the doctor advised moving to the county. They moved to Spanish Lake and he found work at the Industrial School at the end of Bellefontaine Road, now known as Missouri Hills. In 1918 they were able to rent a farm from Richard Twellmann, located at Pohlman and New Halls Ferry Roads.



Their second child, a son, was born on January 25, 1919 and lived only a short time. He was baptized Roland by Grandma Twillmann, and Grandpa Twillmann made the little bed in which he was laid to rest.

After the death of his father in 1922, Frank and his family moved to the Twillmann homestead on Bellefontaine Road in 1923. In later years they converted the acreage into lots and built a home close to Bellefontaine Road, renting out the old homestead.

In addition to the child who died in infancy, Frank and Flossie Porter Twillmann had three children - Margaret, Meta and Victor.

Flossie Twillmann passed away on May 28, 1970. Frank continued to live in the home on Bellefontaine Road until his death on October 28, 1972. They were buried in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, St. Louis County.

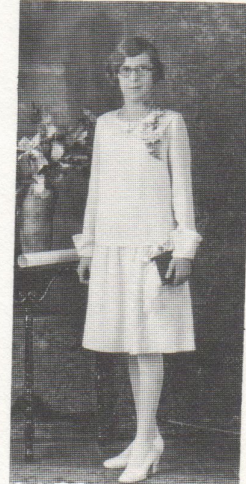
They were the only descendants of Frederick Herman and Frances Twillmann who were privileged to celebrate a Golden Wedding Anniversary. It was at that Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1966 that the idea of the Twillmann Cousins Club was born, which was to meet semi-annually in the ensuing years, and out of which came the idea for and ultimately the completion of this family record.

DESCENDANTS OF FRANK AND FLOSSIE PORTER TWILLMANN

Margaret Twillmann (Schladerbach)

June 24, 1917 to Present

*Margaret at
time of her 1930
confirmation at
Salem, Black Jack*



Margaret Frances Twillmann was born while the family resided in Baden, Missouri. She was baptized on July 15, 1917.

Soon after her birth the family moved to Spanish Lake, and Margaret attended Twillmann School until the 7th grade, transferring to Salem Lutheran School in Black Jack, Missouri to be confirmed. She was confirmed April 13, 1930 at Salem Lutheran Church, after which she returned to Twillmann School to finish the 8th grade and graduate. She attended River-view Gardens High School, graduating in 1935.

On November 9, 1935 Margaret was married to Ferdinand Schladerbach at Salem Lutheran Church, where they both are still active participants in church affairs. After truck farming for some years, Ferd operated his own Standard Service Station located at New Halls Ferry and Dunn Roads for eighteen years. Margaret did the bookkeeping and assisted him with the business. For the past nine years he has been associated with the Math. Herman & Son Funeral Home in North St. Louis County.

They had no children.

April 2, 1920 to Present

A second daughter was born to Frank and Flossie Twillmann on Good Friday, 1920. Meta was baptized and later confirmed in May of 1934 at Salem Lutheran Church. She attended Twillman School and Riverview Gardens High School.

On April 9, 1941 Meta was married to Walter Hilleman. They had two children. Joan Margaret was born August 14, 1942, graduated from Lutheran High School Central, and attended Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She was married to Wayne Brocato October 17, 1964. They have a son, David Wayne (1967).

Nancy Jane, second daughter of Meta and Walter Hilleman, was born July 29, 1950. She graduated from Lutheran High North and attended Southeast Missouri State University at Cape Girardeau for two years. She was married to Michael Holdenried on November 6, 1971. They have a daughter, Lisa Michelle (1975).

Victor Twillmann

January 21, 1924 to Present

Victor was born at the home place on Bellefontaine Road. He was baptized on February 18, 1924 and confirmed June 5, 1938, both at Salem Lutheran Church, Black Jack, Missouri.

He was a farmer until 1970, when he sold part of his farm in Centralia, Missouri and went to work as an engineer for Ellis Fischel State Cancer Hospital



*Frank and Flossie about 1925
with Margaret, Meta and Victor*

in Columbia, Missouri. He was married to Vernice Falkenburg of Baden, Missouri on November 3, 1951, at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. To this union five children were born.

Pamela Ann was born March 25, 1952. She attended Centralia Public Schools and graduated from Centralia High School in May of 1970. She is employed at the Missouri Crippled Children's Service at Columbia, Missouri.

Mark Alan was born October 31, 1953. Educated at Centralia Public School and High School, graduating in May, 1972. He works for Sun Food Orlando Kennel Club in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Kurt Edward was born March 5, 1955. Graduated from Centralia High School in May of 1973. He works for Columbia Supply, Columbia, Missouri.

Michael William was born February 7, 1958. Following graduation from Centralia High School in May of 1977 he attends college at William Penn, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Susan Elaine was born April 24, 1960 and was graduated from Centralia High School on May 17, 1978.

THE OLD FREDERICK TWILLMANN HOMEPLACE, ONCE SETBACK ABOUT 100 YARDS FROM BELLEFONTAINE ROAD, NOW HAS AN ADDRESS JUST EAST OF THAT ROAD ON CLAUDINE DRIVE.



The Frank Twillmann home after 1923 and into the 1950's



The Frederick H. and Frank Twillmann homestead as it appeared March 3, 1980

The Story of
ILDA TWILLMANN
St. Louis, Mo.

ILDA TWILLMANN

August 23, 1895 to September 6, 1971

The second surviving daughter of Frederick Herman and Franciska Twillmann was born in the family home on Bellefontaine Road. She was baptized Anna Caroline Ilda on October 6, 1895 at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Columbia Bottoms.

Ilda finished her 8th grade education in Bellefontaine School, now known as Twillman School, in June of 1907. She attended St. Peters Lutheran School for two years and was confirmed on April 4, 1909.

After her father's death on September 6, 1922 she lived in the homestead until April of 1924, when she moved with her mother to the City of St. Louis, and located in a flat at 4031 North Florissant Avenue, where she lived with her mother and brother Otto until his marriage.



After Otto's marriage she and her mother moved in temporarily with her sister, Dora Burmeister, on 21st Street and later moved to a flat close to Dora's home, at 2106 Penrose. They were residing there when the severe tornado of September 29, 1927 hit St. Louis and the front wall of their flat was blown off. Her mother suffered her first blackout the next day and was not well again for the 10 months preceding her death in July of 1928.

On October 1st of that year Ilda went to live at the Walther League Hospice Home at 3001 Rauschenbach Avenue and remained there for 16 happy years. It was a lovely old home across from St. Louis Park where she could play tennis, and she made lasting career girl friendships there.

In 1945 when it was evident the Hospice Home would have to close, Ilda went to live with her sister and brother-in-law, Dora and Charlie, at the 21st Street address which was six months before Charlie died. When Dora, too,

passed away a year later in March, 1947, she left the furnishings to Dorothy to make a home for her and Ilda, and they lived together for 25 years. They moved into an upstairs flat which she and Charles purchased on Sacramento Avenue, and lived upstairs from Charles and Livy for eight years, enjoying the closeness to Charles and Livy's growing family.

When Charles was transferred by his firm to Chicago, Illinois with his family they sold the flat on Sacramento. Ilda and Dorothy moved back to the home on 21st Street, vacant since Alvin and Ellen had moved to a new address. Ilda and Dorothy lived there for three years until it, too, was sold, moving once again to a flat on Queens Avenue near West Florissant Avenue. Six years later they bought a home in South St. Louis at 5712 Bancroft Avenue, where the Twillmann "Cousins" had their first meeting together in 1966 and she lived with Dorothy there until her death. The home and the yard were lovely, they were close to shopping facilities, and Ilda enjoyed her house and neighbors.

At the time she and her mother first moved to the City, Ilda attended Speedway Business School on North Grand Avenue at Hebert Street in North St. Louis, and was then employed by the firm of Bruce & Sauerbrunn, a lingerie company. After completing her business course she went to work for the jewelry firm of Goldman and Cuquet in the downtown Arcade Building. After her mother's death she registered with an Employment Service with the intention of changing jobs. As she was leaving the office, Mr. Robert Jones of the Robert McKittrick Jones Company saw her, inquired about her, and hired her. She worked for them for 30 years at which time the firm was liquidated.



'27 Tornado removes front wall of flat minutes after Ilda's Mom leaves room



Ilda and big sister Dora near the end of the Nineteenth Century (1898)

During her early retirement she worked at several temporary jobs but in the spring of 1961 she became very ill and had serious surgery, from which she recovered completely, and was able to enjoy her retirement.

Ilda had joined Markus Lutheran Church in 1924 and remained a member there all the rest of her life, even after the move to South St. Louis. Her chief interest otherwise was the Lutheran Business Women's Organization, of which she was a charter member. During her thirty or more years with that organization she served as its Vice-President and Membership Chairman, and worked extensively with the Lutheran Community Center connected with, and supported by, the Business Women. She handled all the purchasing which involved everything from household supplies to office supplies and recreational supplies, including the renovating of buildings occupied by the Center.

On Labor Day, 1971 after doing little chores around the house, Dorothy found her dead of a heart attack. She had expired quickly and painlessly from her normal active days to join her family and friends in Heaven. She was buried on September 9, 1971. Interment was in the family plot with her parents in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Black Jack, Missouri.

Ilda never married, but she was a great favorite with all the Twillmann nieces and nephews, and was godmother to seven. To the descendants of her dead sister Dora she became a surrogate mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, most of whom affectionately think of her as having no other name except "Itzie".



Ilda and Jane frolic in park



Ilda, Dora, Otto & parents lunch (about 1912)

The Family of
OTTO H. TWILLMANN
St. Louis, Mo.

THE OTTO TWILLMANN FAMILY

September 30, 1898 to November 30, 1938

The tenth son and the last child born to Frederick Herman and Frances Prigge Twillmann was born the day before his nephew - and their first grandson - Oscar Twillmann was born at Lone Elm, Missouri. He was baptized Edward Otto Heinrich John Twillmann at St. Peters Church, Columbia Bottoms, Missouri on October 23, 1898.

He attended Twillman School. Schooling was especially difficult for him, because he had been crippled in infancy, as a result of what was later known as polio. His brother Frank would pull him to school in a little wagon.

His confirmation did not take place till later years, when he was confirmed at Markus Lutheran Church by Pastor Hallerberg, having taken instruction one year in German and one in English. When he first moved to St. Louis Otto rented a room near his sister Dora. This must have been prior to 1920 as Alvin went to stay with him the night Charles was born.

Because of his crippled leg Otto could not farm as the rest of his brothers did, so he attended Walther College learning bookkeeping skills that took him to International Shoe Company's accounting department. He was a faithful worker there until his death.

On June 3, 1925 Otto was married to Fae Evelyn Davis at her home in St. Louis by Pastor Maack of Markus Church. Fae was confirmed at Bethlehem Church but later joined Markus where she was a member of the choir and first met Otto.

Their first home was a flat on Angelica Street near 25th Street and later on Vest Avenue in North St. Louis. IN 1930 Otto sold the land he had inherited from his father and they moved



*Fae, Otto with Ilda & Vern Davis
their Maid of Honor & Best Man*

to a new home at 886 Wall Street in Baden, transferring their church membership to Ebenezer Lutheran Church.

Although the heavy brace he wore was there it was hardly noticed, because of his cheerful nature and courageous way of coping with it. He had a special way of locking and unlocking the knee to negotiate steps which his little girls found fascinating. He drove a car, of which he was so proud, with the assistance of a hand brake. Every time he obtained a driver's license they would insist on a road test to see how well he manipulated his special device.

Otto was very active in church work at Ebenezer Lutheran Church and spent a lot of time on the finance board. He sometimes played a violin as a hobby, but most of all he liked to hunt with his old red-boned hound. He owned several shotguns and enjoyed tramping around the farms of his brothers shooting rabbits and squirrels and even frogs.

In 1938 he underwent surgery for an emergency appendectomy. The effect of the heavy brace on one leg had altered his inner anatomy and made normal surgery difficult. After peritonitis had set in he fought a losing battle, and he died on November 30, 1938 at DePaul Hospital on North Kingshighway.

He was buried from Ebenezer Lutheran Church on December 3, 1938 and is interred in Salem Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, Black Jack.

Virginia was twelve years old and Fern not quite eleven when Otto died. These were trying times for his widow Fae, but she faced them head-on, going to work almost immediately at Wilhelm's Dry Goods Store in Baden, and raising the girls. Her sense of humor never failed her as she met the challenge of those years. Both girls were pleased when their mother found love and companionship in her senior years and married Theodore Hellmann in September of 1952.

In addition to the two daughters, nine grandchildren were born to Otto and Fae Davis Twillmann.

DESCENDANTS OF OTTO AND FAE DAVIS TWILLMANN

Both Fern and Virginia attended Baden Public School Kindergarten and then Ebenezer Lutheran School, through graduation. They had been baptized at Markus Lutheran Church in St. Louis before the family moved to Baden. The

good musical direction at Ebenezer School and Church encouraged the love of music and singing in both girls, which was to continue in their children. Both girls took their High School instruction at Hadley Technical School on Grand Avenue near Page Blvd. in St. Louis, taking courses that prepared them for the business world.



Virginia Twillmann (Bird)

Fae & Virginia

November 21, 1926 to the Present

At the end of Virginia's sophomore year she obtained a summer job at the Baden Bank of St. Louis where Grandfather Twillmann presided over the first Board of Directors. The gold watch he received at retirement was in the possession of Virginia Bird until she presented it to Mark Bird, her son for safekeeping. At the end of the summer Virginia chose to stay on at the Bank. During the next two years she took several courses at night school to better equip her for the bookkeeping and banking business.

Virginia met a seminary student from Concordia - Ralph Everett Bird of Fort Smith, Arkansas, at a Walther League Valentine Party. Two days after his graduation from the Seminary they were married, on June 8, 1947. When Rev. Gerecke of KFUO fame left St. Louis to accept the task of ministering to the German prisoners of war at the Nuremberg trials, Rev. Bird stepped in to fill this vacancy, becoming missionary at the St. Louis City Hospitals. His first call away from St. Louis was to Cleveland, Ohio.

Three children came to bless this marriage, each born in a different state. Mark Edward Bird was born in St. Louis on March 23, 1948. Thomas Paul Bird was born in Cleveland, Ohio June 1, 1950, and Gloria Renee Bird in Bedford, Indiana January 25, 1954. In addition to these states they served churches of the Missouri Synod in Texas and Arkansas, where Ralph presently ministers to the Cherokee Village, Arkansas area and Virginia continues her activities as a Pastor's helpmeet.

Mark Bird graduated from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas, majoring in Sports Broadcasting, his present field of endeavor.

Thomas Paul received a four-year track scholarship and then studied for the ministry, graduating from Concordia, Springfield in 1976. He is the only descendant of Frederick and Frances Twillmann to enter the holy ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He presently serves congregations in West Memphis, Arkansas. Tom was married on August 21, 1971 to Sandra Springer. They have a daughter, Andrea, born in 1977.

Gloria was married on August 17, 1973 to Steven Lawrence. Their son Andrew was also born in 1977.



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Fern Twillmann (Torrence)

January 8, 1928 to the Present

While at Hadley Technical school Fern enjoyed participating in the Hadley band. She became a flag twirler and then a full fledged majorette with the marching group. After graduation she acquired a position with the International Shoe Company, the same corporation for which her Dad had worked for 22 years.

A co-worker at International Shoe Company introduced Fern to a nice young man who then had just recently been discharged from the service, Richard C. Torrence. He was the second of two boys in his family and Fern the second of two girls. Fern found that this was not the only thing they had in common, and on August 28, 1948 they were married at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. Her Uncle Florenz Twillmann gave her in marriage, an honor which delighted him since he had no children of his own.

Fern and Richard first lived in South St. Louis to be near his work, the Lee-Tex Auto Accessory business, in which he was a partner. As Richard's

business prospered and their family grew they moved to larger homes, and presently reside in South St. Louis County. Since Fern was the baby of the Twillmann Cousins she was always something of a special darling, and they shared this feeling for Richard.

Six children were born to Fern and Richard: Steven Lee on November 28, 1950; Barbara Ann on February 2, 1952; Diane Evelyn on August 16, 1953; Daniel Richard on April 7, 1958; and to everyone's delight twins Matthew Bennett and Michele Fern on July 19, 1967.

Steve Torrence attended college in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and took the Journeyman's Course at Nordmann Printing Company, where he is a printer. He was married to Mary Patricia Callahan on April 8, 1972 and they have a son, James Steven (1976).

After graduating from Lutheran High South, Barbara attended Southwest State at Springfield, Missouri, receiving her degree as a Medical Technologist after completing her last year at St. John's Mercy Hospital. She was married on July 13, 1974 to John Stephen Silvey. They have a daughter, Laura Ann (1976).

Diane also graduated from Lutheran High South, and received her degree in Accounting from Missouri University, Columbia, Missouri. An accomplished pianist, she was blessed with a beautiful singing voice as well. She was married on May 24, 1975 to Thomas Thomsen. Their daughter Stephanie was born in 1978.

Danny presently attends Meramec Junior College and the twins Matthew and Michele attend grade school in South St. Louis County.



Fae and Ginger



Fern Confirmation Day

TO THE GENERATIONS TO COME - HERE'S THE BATON!

As we bring approximately twelve years of research in family heritage to the end of what we think might be an initial phase, we point with pride at the bounty of values passed upward to us by our forebears discussed herein. We pray God that those of you in the family's younger generation, of which we are equally very proud, who feel a similar responsibility for passing the baton in turn to your offspring will supplement these contents from time to time. For that reason, as an example, the paper on which this is lithographed has been chosen for maximum longevity, strength and lasting whiteness, all of which average papers lose with age.

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We also pray that the next century of this tree's growth, if our Maker tolerates this world that long, will provide the joys, the family togetherness and the myriad of Christ's incomprehensible blessings that have encompassed our peers and their families to date. May that prayer be the baton we now pass to each of you sons and daughters and their loved ones.

The Twillmann Cousins Club