

# Meyerhoff Genealogical Records

A History of the Meyerhoff Family  
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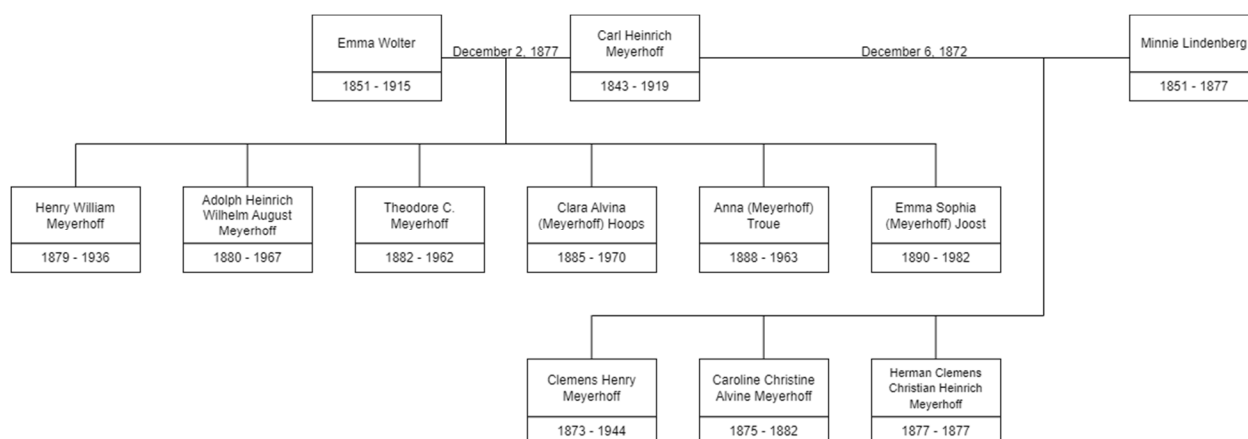
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## Chapter 1: Family of Carl Meyerhoff



Carl Heinrich Meyerhoff was born in Hanover on February 11, 1843. At the time, the kingdom of Hanover had recently broken their personal union with Great Britain, as the Hanoverian throne forbade women. As Carl turned five, the Revolutions of 1848 began to ravage Europe. In the German Confederation, they fought to unite Germany into one state under liberal ideals but were defeated by the neighboring Austrians and Prussians. For this reason and the promise of land and freedom, many Germans began moving to the United States. George V became the king of Hanover in 1851 when Carl was eight years old and ruled until the kingdom's submission into the greater kingdom of Prussia in 1866. According to the 1900 and 1910 U.S. censuses, it was at this time Carl and his family moved overseas to Southern Illinois.

The ancestry of Carl Meyerhoff has been disputed for years. We know that three Meyerhoff brothers moved to the Randolph County area, and one of them is likely to be Carl's father. In my personal tree, I listed Carl's parents as Katharine Knop (August 21, 1809 – November 6, 1876) and Johann Meyerhoff (May 3, 1811 – November 4, 1872), although there are no sources to confirm this info and I have since removed it. The

best lead on Carl's parents comes from the 1870 census, where Henry Meyerhoff (age 26, born approx. 1844) is listed as the son of Mary (c. 1809) and John C. Meyerhoff (c. 1809). This is the only evidence of Carl's parents to my knowledge, as I have no other reliable sources from his youth. Mary Meyerhoff lines up with Katharine's birthdate and suggested middle name, Margarethe, while John C. is a decent match with Johann Kasten Meyerhoff (an Anglicized version of the name). However, Johann would have been 58 or 59 when this census was taken, not 61 as stated by John. If this connection is to be believed, there are many church records in Germany that supposedly trace the Meyerhoff family's roots before their arrival to America.

According to these sources, Johann's parents are Ilsabe Cathrina Hohls (1765-1829) and Heinrich Dietrich Meyerhoff (March 13, 1763 – June 4, 1838). The Meyerhoff lineage continues a decent way from this point, with Heinrich the son of Christoph (July 28, 1721 – March 19, 1787), the son of Christopher (August 1, 1688 – December 1735), the son of Hanß (1654 – December 17, 1691), the son of Peter (1630 – May 23, 1678), the son of Hanß (1601 – March 14, 1695). This lineage is only backed by these supposed church records and is not one that I believe with much confidence.

On the next page I provide a chart showing one suggested ancestry of John C. Meyerhoff. This is entirely speculation but serves as a lead for future research into the Meyerhoffs from centuries ago, before they crossed the Atlantic. There is some confidence in Heinrich and Ilsabe being Carl's grandparents; however, beyond this point is mostly old sources and guesswork.



Carl and Minnie had three children in their five short years of marriage. Their firstborn was Clemens Henry Meyerhoff (October 2, 1873 – January 30, 1944), who would later make his home in Eden, Idaho. Their next two children died before adulthood: Caroline Christine Alvine Meyerhoff (February 20, 1875 – June 3, 1882) and Herman Clemens Christian Heinrich Meyerhoff (March 7, 1877 – April 4, 1877).

The winter of 1877 proved to be a rough one for the young Meyerhoff family. After giving birth to her third child, Minnie fell ill and passed away five days later of winter fever. Herman would not live much longer, succumbing to tuberculosis on April 4. They were buried in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Wine Hill, IL. In less than a month, Carl had lost his wife and youngest son.

After the devastating winter, the Meyerhoff family was down to Carl and his two oldest children, Clemens and Alvina. He remarried within the year, to Emma Walther (October 20, 1851 – November 6, 1915) on December 2, 1877, in St. Louis. Her ancestry remains fairly unknown, although her parents might be Mary Ann McCall (1831 – 1900) and William Walter (December 28, 1815 – September 29, 1886) (this is only speculation). William was an architect in the Cincinnati area, and his family is well-researched. The main issue with finding Emma's roots is her maiden name; I am unsure if it is spelled Walther, Walter, or Wolter. The name's spelling changes repeatedly as we look through Emma's records: her marriage records to Carl list her as Emma Walther; however, in later years her last name is consistently spelled as Walter.

The union of Carl and Emma bore six children in eleven years, all of whom survived to adulthood:

1. William Meyerhoff (January 4, 1879 – May 7, 1936)
2. Adolph Heinrich Wilhelm August Meyerhoff (December 21, 1880 – July 11, 1967)

3. Theodore C. Meyerhoff (December 14, 1882 – January 12, 1962)
4. Clara Alvina Meyerhoff (July 13, 1885 – November 2, 1970)
5. Anna Meyerhoff (June 28, 1888 – June 15, 1963)
6. Emma Sophia Meyerhoff (July 25, 1890 – December 15, 1982)

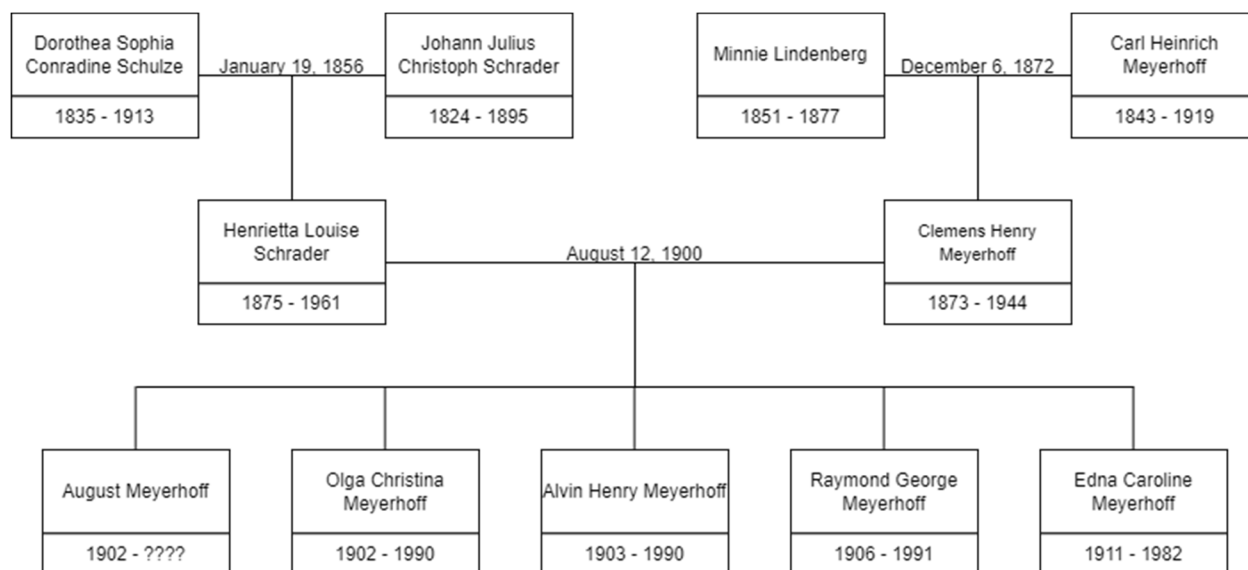
On June 3, 1882, the middle child of Carl and Minnie's marriage, Alvina, passed away from a combination of whooping cough and typhoid at the young age of seven. She was buried in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery. This marked the end of a five-year spell where Carl lost two children and his first wife. This was the end of Carl's torment for a time; however, heaven would call for seven of his grandchildren before they reached the age of 13, including five of Clara's eight children.

By tracing the family through the 1880, 1900, and 1910 censuses, we know that Carl and Emma lived out their lives in Wine Hill, and both passed away in the 1910s: Emma on November 6, 1915, at 64, and Carl on May 19, 1919, at 76. At the time of Carl's passing, he had seven surviving children and twelve grandchildren. Carl and Emma were both buried in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery.

Carl and his parents were the first of the Meyerhoffs to arrive in Randolph County. He was a farmer, and so were most of his children. Having lived over a century ago, he has many descendants alive today, and is an ancestor of the Hoops, Troue, and Joost families, among others.



## Chapter 3: Family of Clemens Meyerhoff



Clemens Henry Meyerhoff was the first son of Carl and Minnie Meyerhoff, born October 2, 1873, in Wine Hill. He was the only child of this union to survive to adulthood, as his two younger siblings died young: Alvina at age 7 from whooping cough and typhoid, and Herman at less than one month from tuberculosis. Clemens grew up alongside the children from his father's second marriage; he was 16 years old when his last sibling, Emma, was born in 1890.

He married Henrietta Louise Schrader (February 14, 1875 – January 13, 1961) on August 12, 1900, in Wine Hill. She was the daughter of Dorothea Sophia Conradine Schulze (September 21, 1835 – November 16, 1913) and Johann Julius Christoph Schrader (November 21, 1824 – November 1, 1895). The couple arrived in New Orleans in 1849 and moved to Southern Illinois shortly after. They were married on either January 17 or February 1, 1856, in Randolph County. They had many children together, with Henrietta being one of the younger siblings, born 21 years into their marriage.

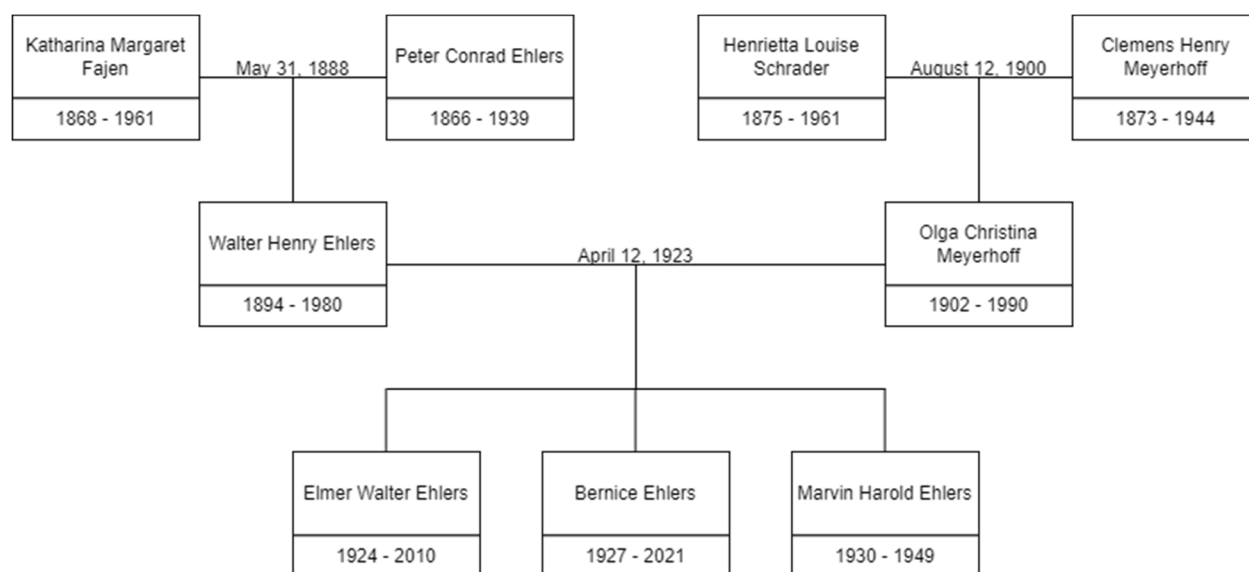
Clemens and Henrietta Meyerhoff had five children; of them, I have identified four:

1. Olga Christina Meyerhoff (February 20, 1902 – February 13, 1990)
2. Alvin Henry Meyerhoff (November 26, 1903 – May 31, 1990)
3. Raymond George Meyerhoff (August 26, 1906 – May 12, 1991)
4. Edna Caroline Meyerhoff (August 9, 1911 – April 11, 1982)

The 1910 census mentions an eight-year-old August Meyerhoff (born c. 1902 in Illinois), who would be the oldest child of the couple. However, I have not been able to identify this person in other sources; therefore, due to my limited knowledge I cannot go into detail about this person.

In 1914, several members of the Meyerhoff family moved to Eden, Idaho, among them being Clemens, his wife, and their children. While some returned to Randolph County either during their lifetime or to be buried, Clemens' family remained in Idaho, and they are all buried within Jerome County. Clemens passed away on January 30, 1944, at the age of 70. Henrietta followed him in death 17 years later on January 13, 1961, at the age of 85.

## Section 3.1: Family of Olga (Meyerhoff) Ehlers



The couple's oldest daughter, Olga, was born February 20, 1902, in Perry County, IL. She would live her first twelve years in Illinois before moving with her family to Eden, Idaho. Nine years later, she married Walter Henry Ehlers (February 15, 1894 – March 15, 1980) on April 12, 1923, in Twin Falls County, ID.

The Ehlers family had recently moved to the Eden area as well. Walter was the third of six children of Peter Conrad Ehlers (December 15, 1866 – June 30, 1939) and Katharina Margaret Fajen (September 11, 1868 – March 5, 1961). Both were of German descent, and were married on May 31, 1888, in Morgan County, Missouri. Sometime in the 1910s, the family moved to Idaho, where most of the children remained and raised families, including Walter.

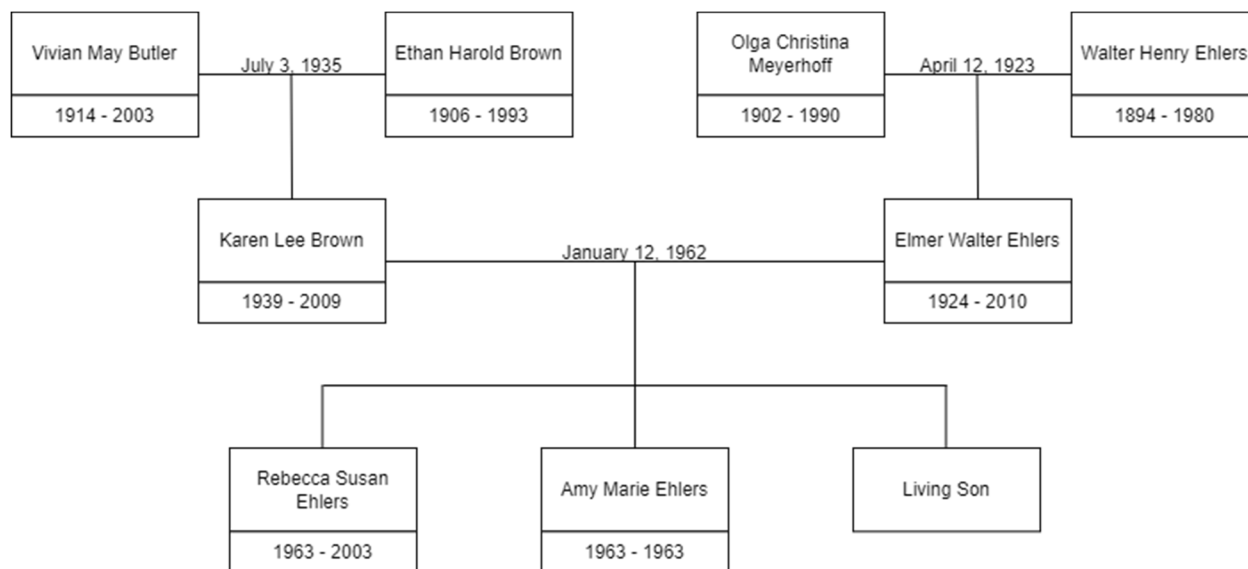
Together Walter and Olga had three children:

1. Elmer Walter (April 4, 1924 – November 3, 2010)
2. Bernice (February 22, 1927 – July 2021?)

### 3. Marvin Harold (November 12, 1930 – April 4, 1949)

After almost 57 years of marriage, Walter passed away on March 15, 1980, at the age of 86. Olga followed him in death ten years later on February 13, 1990, at the age of 87.

### Section 3.1.1: Family of Elmer Walter Ehlers



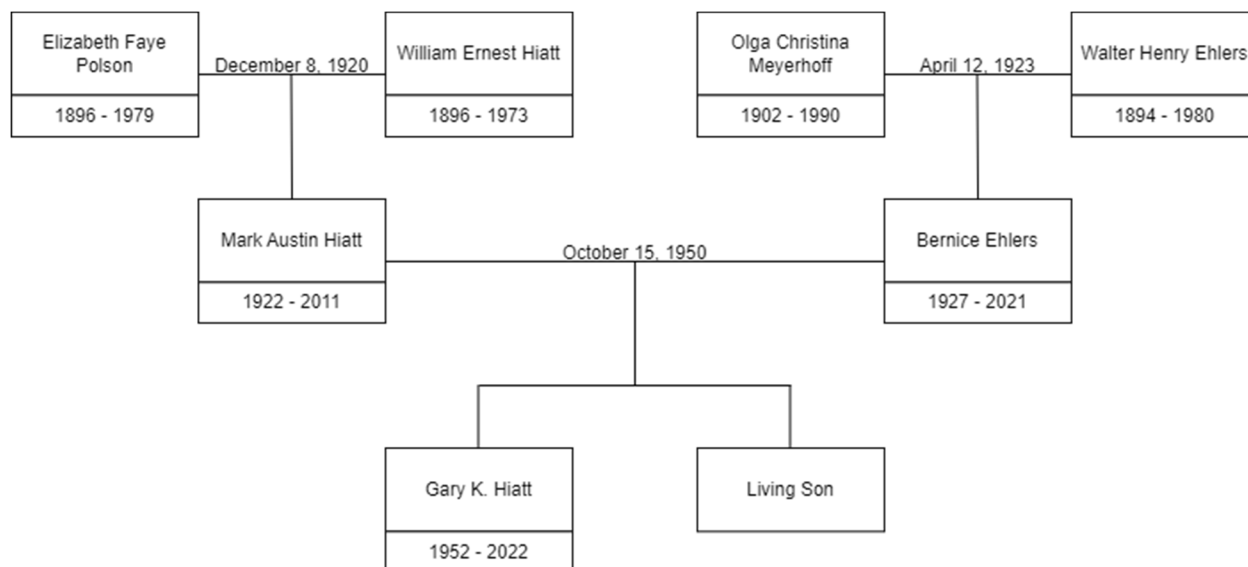
Olga's firstborn son, Elmer, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. 17 years after the war's conclusion, he married Karen Lee Brown (January 1, 1939 – December 27, 2009) on January 12, 1962, in Farmington, Michigan. A member of yet another family who moved to the Eden area, Karen was the daughter of Vivian May Butler (March 15, 1914 – April 8, 2003) and Ethan Harold Brown (June 4, 1906 – January 14, 1993). The Brown family moved to Eden from Cloquet, Minnesota, and had three children including Karen.

Elmer and Karen Ehlers also had three children together:

1. Rebecca Susan (February 9, 1963 – July 23, 2003)
2. Amy Marie (October 25, 1963 – October 26, 1963)
3. Living Son

Rebecca passed away at the young age of 40; Amy was born prematurely and passed a day later. Karen passed away December 27, 2009, in Eden, at the age of 70. Elmer followed her in death a year later on November 3, 2010, at the age of 86. All four were buried in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls.

## Section 3.1.2: Family of Bernice (Ehlers) Hiatt



Walter and Olga's second child was Bernice Ehlers, born February 22, 1927, in Eden, ID. She married Mark Austin Hiatt (May 2, 1922 – June 4, 2011) on October 15, 1950, in Twin Falls. Mark was the son of Elizabeth Faye Polson (August 9, 1896 – January 21, 1979) and William Ernest Hiatt (July 2, 1896 – January 10, 1973). William served in the U.S. Army in World War I, and on his return married Elizabeth on December 8, 1920. Together they had three kids, with Mark being the oldest.

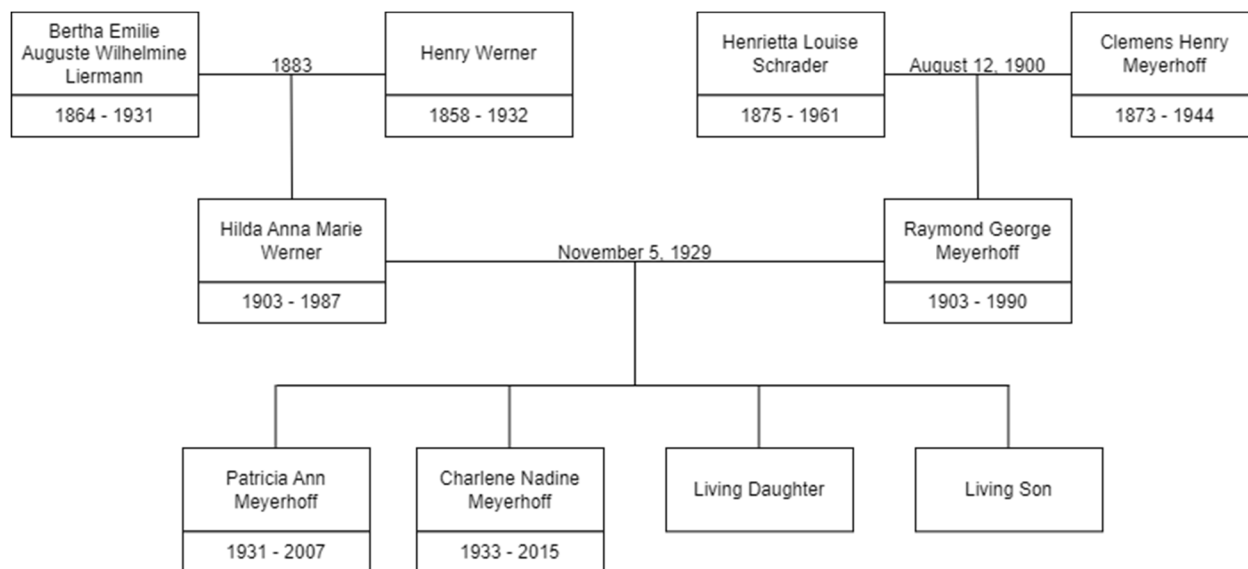
Mark and Bernice had two children together:

1. Gary K. (March 23, 1952 – September 23, 2022)
2. Living Son

The last of Walter and Olga's children was Marvin Harold, born November 12, 1930. On March 24, 1949, he attempted to climb a power tower to locate livestock. Unfortunately, he was electrocuted by the power line and passed away from his injuries 15 days later on April 4 at the age of 18. He was buried in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls on April 7.

Mark passed away June 4, 2011, in San Diego, CA, at the age of 89, and was buried in El Camino Memorial Park in San Diego. Bernice followed him in death ten years later in July 2021 at the age of 94. I do not have any burial record.

## Section 3.2: Family of Alvin Meyerhoff



Alvin Henry Meyerhoff was the third child of Clemens and Henrietta, born November 26, 1903, in Wine Hill. After moving to Idaho with his family in 1914, he married Hilda Anna Marie Werner (October 16, 1903 – February 15, 1987) on November 5, 1929, in Clover, ID. Hilda was the youngest of seven children of Bertha Emilie Auguste Wilhelmine Liermann (January 8, 1864 – May 13, 1931) and Henry Werner (December 12, 1858 – July 16, 1932). Bertha's family immigrated to America from Germany in 1865, and the Werner family moved to Idaho from Nebraska in the 1910s.

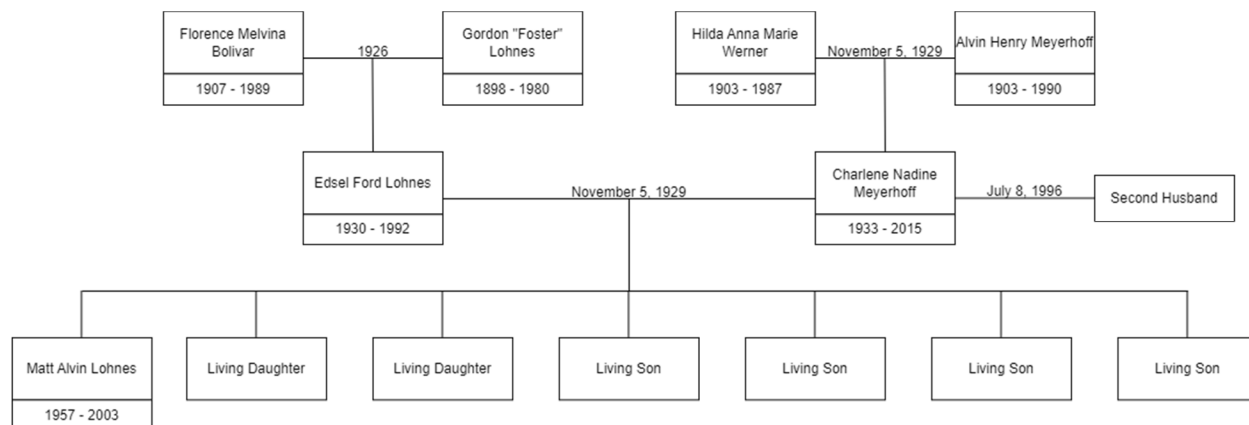
Together Alvin and Hilda had four children:

1. Patricia Ann (January 7, 1931 – April 14, 2007)
2. Charlene Nadine (March 31, 1933 – June 3, 2015)
3. Living Daughter
4. Living Son



After 57 years of marriage, Hilda passed away on February 15, 1987, at the age of 83. Alvin followed her in death three years later on May 31, 1990, at the age of 86. They were both buried in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

## Section 3.2.1: Family of Charlene (Meyerhoff) Lohnes



Patricia Ann Meyerhoff was born January 7, 1931, in Twin Falls. The first child of Alvin and Hilda, she never married and never had any children. She passed away on April 14, 2007, in Twin Falls, at the age of 76. She was buried in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

Charlene Nadine Meyerhoff was born March 31, 1933, in Twin Falls. She married twice: first to Edsel Ford Lohnes (September 4, 1930 – March 28, 1992) on December 18, 1955, in Twin Falls; after his death, she remarried on July 8, 1996, in Elko County, Nevada. Edsel was buried in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

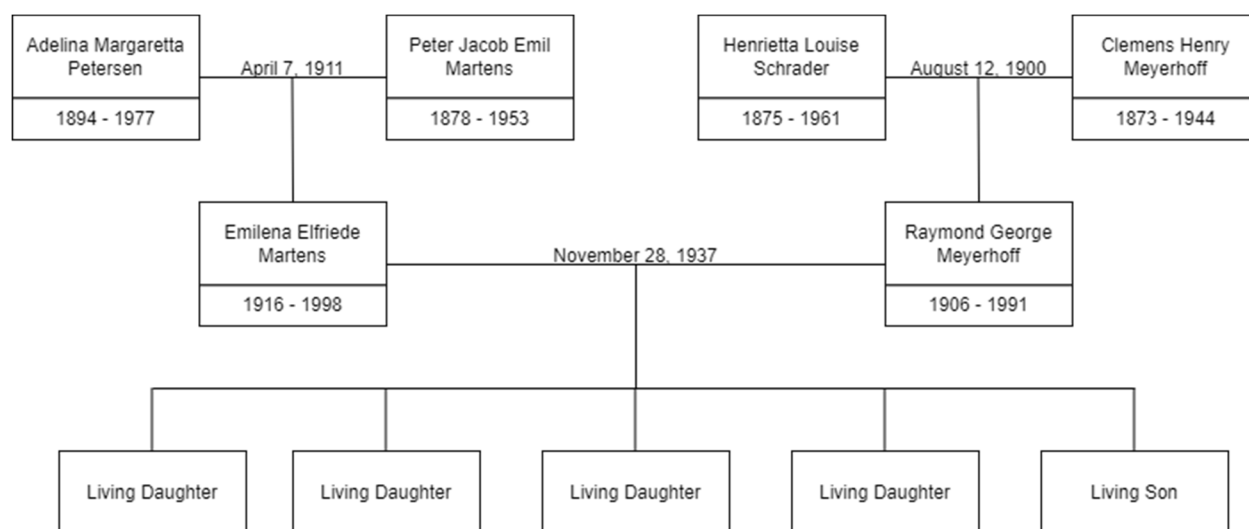
Edsel was the son of Florence Melvina Bolivar (April 9, 1907 – February 21, 1989) and Gordon “Foster” Lohnes (April 16, 1898 – January 20, 1980). He was one of seven siblings, and to my knowledge was the third child. The Lohnes family was originally from the Canadian province of Nova Scotia, located on the east coast of North America near Maine. Edsel moved to Twin Falls County, Idaho, when he married Charlene Meyerhoff in 1955. Together they had seven children:

1. Matt Alvin (March 12, 1957 – February 26, 2003)
2. Living Daughter
3. Living Daughter
4. Living Son
5. Living Son
6. Living Son
7. Living Son

Edsel and Charlene celebrated 36 years of marriage before Edsel's passing on March 28, 1992, in Twin Falls, at the age of 61. Charlene followed Edsel in death 23 years later on June 3, 2015, in Twin Falls, at the age of 82. They were buried in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls.

Matt passed away on February 26, 2003, at the age of 45. He is buried in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

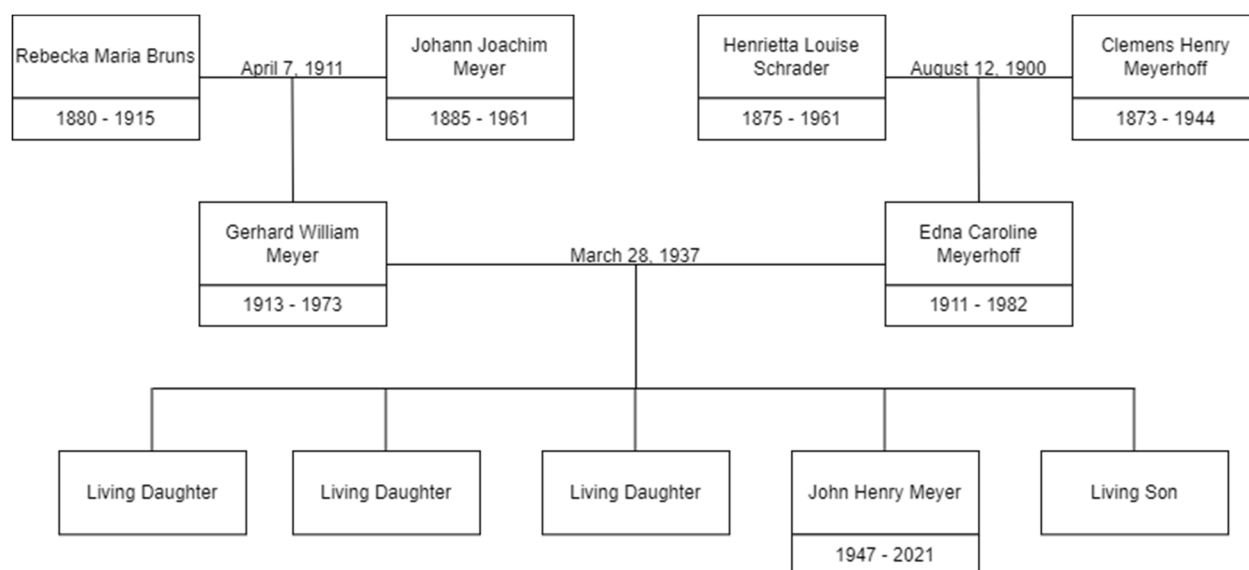
## Section 3.3: Family of Raymond Meyerhoff



The fourth child of Clemens and Henrietta Meyerhoff was Raymond George Meyerhoff, born August 26, 1906, in Welge, IL. He moved with his family to Idaho in 1914 and lived the rest of his life in Jerome County. On November 28, 1937, in Eden, ID, he married Emilena Elfriede Martens (January 8, 1916 – October 8, 1998), the daughter of Adelina Margaretha Petersen (March 22, 1894 – September 28, 1977) and Peter Jacob Emil Martens (September 28, 1878 – February 20, 1953). Adelina’s family came from Nebraska, while Peter’s immigrated from Germany to America in either 1901 or 1903. They married on April 7, 1911, in Avondale, CO, and moved to Twin Falls County, ID, to raise a family.

The couple celebrated 53 years of marriage and five children before Raymond passed away on May 12, 1991, at the age of 84. Emilena followed him in death seven years later on October 8, 1998, at the age of 82. According to her obituary, she was survived by all five of her children and eight grandchildren. They were buried in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

## Section 3.4: Family of Edna (Meyerhoff) Meyer



The last child of Clemens and Henrietta Meyerhoff was Edna Caroline Meyerhoff, born August 9, 1911, in Chester, IL. The family moved to Eden, ID, in 1914, when she was three years old. On March 28, 1937, in Eden, she married Gerhard William Meyer (April 7, 1913 – April 22, 1973). Gerhard was the son of Rebecka Maria Bruns (December 2, 1880 – January 28, 1915) and Johann Joachim Meyer (August 15, 1885 – December 13, 1961). The Meyer family had immigrated to America from Germany in 1929, four years before the rise of Hitler. Gerhard's brothers stayed overseas, and both lost their lives fighting under the Nazi regime in World War II.

They celebrated 36 years of marriage and five children before Gerhard passed away on April 22, 1973, in Eden, ID, at the age of 60. Edna followed him in death almost exactly nine years later on April 11, 1982, at the age of 70. They were buried in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

John Henry Meyer was the fourth child of Gerhard and Edna, born December 31, 1947, in Eden. As of this writing, he is the only one of

their children to have passed away, on October 17, 2021, in Twin Falls. He died unmarried, and to my knowledge had no children.

This is the end of my knowledge of the descendants of Clemens Henry Meyerhoff, Carl Heinrich's firstborn son. He had five children, 17 grandchildren, 12 listed great-grandchildren, and 12 listed great-great-grandchildren.

Clemens was one of three Meyerhoff children who moved to Idaho in the 1910s, along with his younger half-siblings William Meyerhoff and Clara (Meyerhoff) Hoops.

## Chapter 4: Alvina, Herman, and William Meyerhoff

Caroline Christine Alvine “Alvina” Meyerhoff was the second daughter of Carl and Wilhelmine Meyerhoff, born on February 20, 1875, in Wine Hill, IL. She lived until the age of seven, before passing away on June 3, 1882, from a combination of whooping cough and typhoid. She was buried in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Wine Hill.

Naturally, few records exist for an individual who died at the age of seven. Her gravestone is still present, and only lists her birth and death years, “1875 – 1882”. The 1880 census also lists Alvena in the household of Henry and her stepmother, Emma. She was five years old at the time of the census, but nothing is listed in the sickness column, implying her illnesses took a year or less to kill her.

The most detailed source of Alvina comes from her death record on page 126 of the records of Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Wine Hill. Her name is listed as Caroline Christine Alvine Meyerhoff, daughter of Carl Heinrich Meyerhoff and Minnie von Lindenberg. The scanned image available online is blurry; names can be transcribed, but most other details are too blurry to make out.

Herman Clemens Christian Heinrich Meyerhoff was the third and last child of Carl and Wilhelmine Meyerhoff, born on March 7, 1877, in Wine Hill. He lived less than a month, passing away on April 4, 1877, from consumption due to tuberculosis. Five days after his birth, his mother Minnie passed from winter fever, possibly exacerbated by the stresses of childbirth.

Even fewer sources exist for Herman. He did not live through a census, so there is no federal record of him. I have no picture of a gravestone, but he does have a profile on Find A Grave. I would assume he is buried next to Carl & Emma or next to his mother, Minnie. All of them are buried in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery, so it is likely that is his final resting place.

There are two Saint Paul Lutheran church records of Herman: one of his birth (pg. 30) and one of his death (pg. 123). It is through these records we know his full name, including his three middle names.



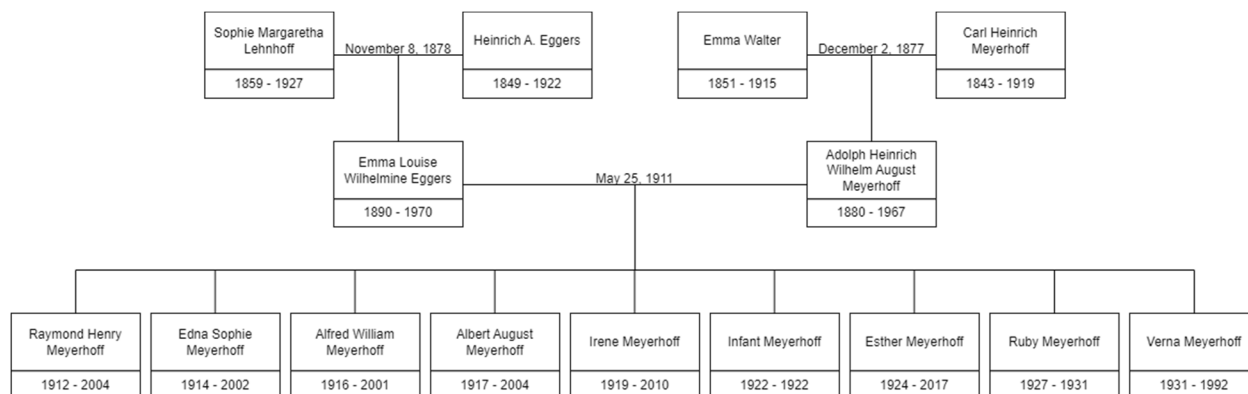
William Meyerhoff was the first child of Carl's second marriage to Emma (Walther?), born January 4, 1879, in Welge, IL. He was Carl's fourth child overall, and the second to survive to adulthood.

He moved to Idaho in the 1920s, farming in Jerome County near where his older half-brother Clemens lived. The 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920 censuses all list him as living in Wine Hill; in 1920 he was a lodger in the Bergmann household.

William never married; he passed away on May 7, 1936, in Fairfield, ID, at the age of 57. According to his obituary, he was in a wagon with former U.S. marshal LeRoy C. Jones when the wagon overturned. William was thrown onto a steep hillside, where his back was broken, instantly killing him. Jones survived the ordeal and was recovering from severe injuries at the time of the newspaper's publication. Apparently, the two were distributing rat poison at the time of the incident.

William was buried in Row 6 of Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Eden, Idaho. He is buried in the same town as his older half-brother, Clemens, across from Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery. He was a farmer and a laborer, as were most of his brothers, in Idaho and in Illinois.

## Chapter 5: Family of Adolph Meyerhoff



Adolph Heinrich Wilhelm August Meyerhoff was the second child of Carl's second marriage to Emma (Walther?), born December 21, 1880, in Percy, IL. He was a farmer alongside his father and several of his brothers.

He married Emma Louise Wilhelmine Eggers (May 22, 1890 – January 30, 1970) on May 25, 1911, in Jackson County, IL. Emma was the daughter of Sophia Margaretha Lehnhoff (September 13, 1859 – February 22, 1927) and Heinrich A. Eggers (December 24, 1849 – January 26, 1922). Both parents are of German descent; Heinrich himself is a German immigrant. Emma was the fourth of seven children of the couple, born between 1879 and 1902.

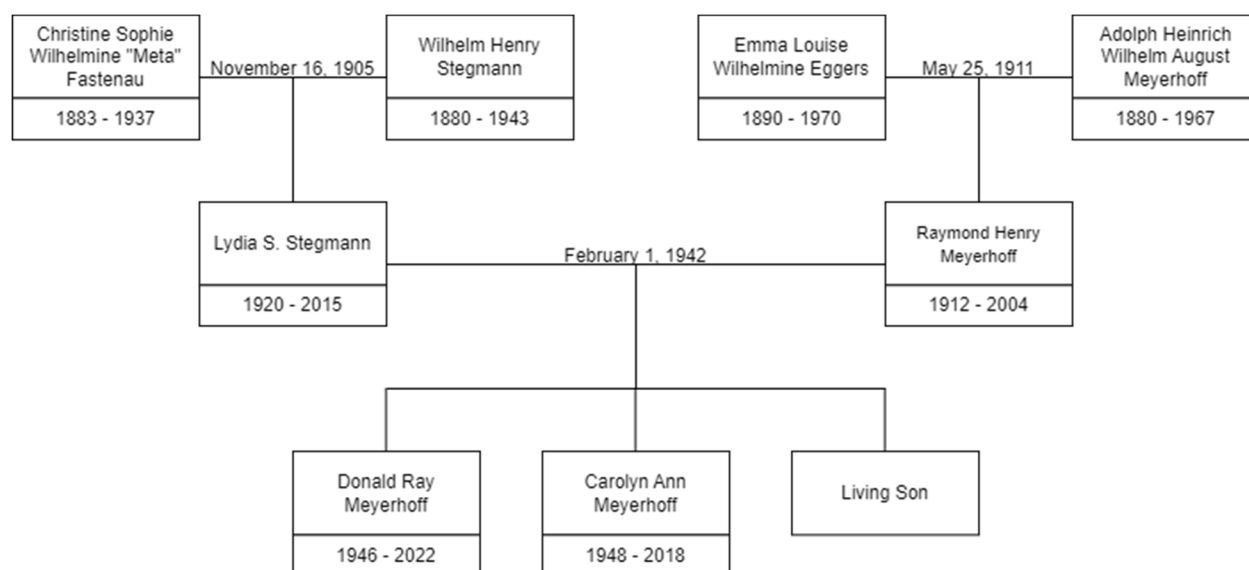
Adolph and Emma Meyerhoff had nine children together:

1. Raymond Henry (August 24, 1912 – January 1, 2004)
2. Edna Sophie (May 15, 1914 – August 15, 2002)
3. Alfred William (May 13, 1916 – April 21, 2001)
4. Albert August (December 3, 1917 – December 27, 2004)
5. Irene (November 22, 1919 – January 21, 2010)
6. Infant Son (born and died December 25, 1922)

7. Esther (May 16, 1924 – February 12, 2017)
8. Ruby (November 25, 1927 – March 15, 1931)
9. Verna (June 29, 1931 – May 15, 1992)

The couple celebrated 56 years of marriage before Adolph passed away on January 12, 1962, in Anna, IL, at the age of 86. Emma followed him in death two years later on January 30, 1970, in Wine Hill, at the age of 79. The two were buried in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Wine Hill.

## Section 5.1: Family of Raymond Meyerhoff



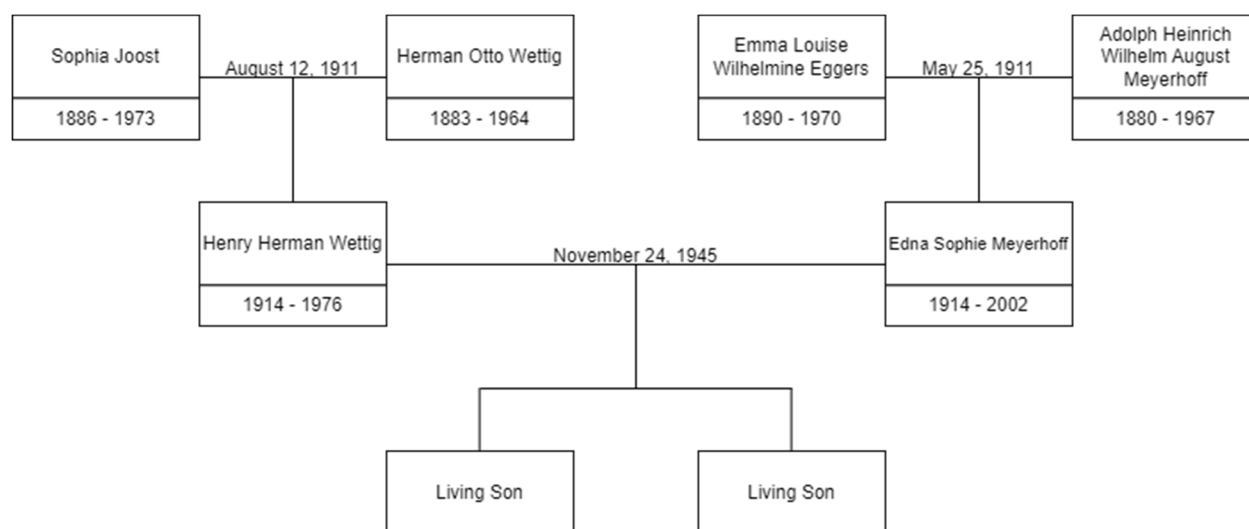
Raymond Henry Meyerhoff was the first child of Adolph and Emma, born August 24, 1912, in Percy, IL. He married Lydia S. Stegmann (January 1, 1920 – November 9, 2015) on February 1, 1942, in Perryville, MO. Lydia was the daughter of Christine Sophie Wilhelmine Fastenau (November 17, 1883 – November 10, 1937) and Wilhelm Henry Stegmann (December 1, 1880 – May 30, 1943). Lydia was the last of four siblings, born six years after her older brother Herbert.

After marrying Lydia, Raymond served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After returning from service, he and Lydia had three children:

1. Donald Ray (July 15, 1946 – October 1, 2022)
2. Carolyn Ann (June 16, 1948 – May 31, 2018)
3. Living Son

The two celebrated almost 62 years of marriage before Raymond passed away on January 1, 2004 (Lydia's 84<sup>th</sup> birthday), in Red Bud, at the age of 91. Lydia passed away 11 years later on November 9, 2015, at the age of 95. They were buried in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery.

## Section 5.2: Family of Edna (Meyerhoff) Wettig



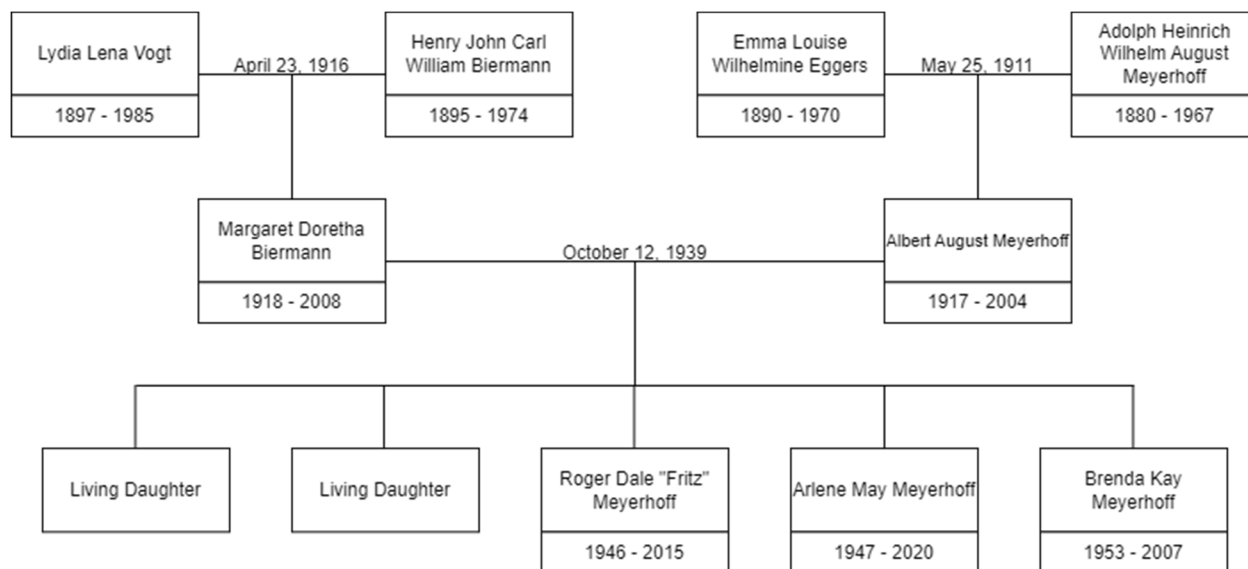
Edna Sophie Meyerhoff was the second child of Adolph and Emma, born May 15, 1914, in Wine Hill. She married Henry Herman Wettig (August 14, 1914 – May 26, 1976) on November 24, 1945, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wine Hill. Henry was the son of Sophia Joost (July 6, 1886 – April 9, 1973) and Otto Wettig (August 2, 1883 – February 1964). Otto immigrated from Germany in 1891 and the Joost family immigrated a generation earlier. Sophia's younger brother was Herman Joost, who married Edna's aunt, Emma Sophia Meyerhoff, in 1913 (discussed later). Edna and Henry have two sons together.

They celebrated 30 years of marriage before Henry passed away on May 26, 1976, in Percy, at the age of 61. Edna followed him in death 26 years later on August 15, 2002, in Chester, at the age of 88. They were buried in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery.

Alfred William Meyerhoff was the third child of Adolph and Emma, born May 13, 1916, in Wine Hill. I have no evidence that he married during his life and am fairly confident he did not.

He lived his entire life in Randolph County, primarily in Wine Hill and Percy. He passed away on April 21, 2001, in Percy, at the age of 84. He was buried in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery.

## Section 5.3: Family of Albert Meyerhoff



Albert August Meyerhoff was the fourth child of Adolph and Emma, born December 3, 1917, in Wine Hill. He married Margaret Doretha Biermann (October 30, 1918 – December 24, 2008) on October 12, 1939, in Perryville, MO. Margaret was the daughter of Lydia Lena Vogt (May 29, 1897 – July 2, 1985) and Henry John Carl William Biermann (March 9, 1895 – June 27, 1974). Margaret's great-grandparents, Heinrich and Sophie Biermann, immigrated to America from Germany in the 1840s, and her entire ancestry is German.

Albert and Margaret had five children together:

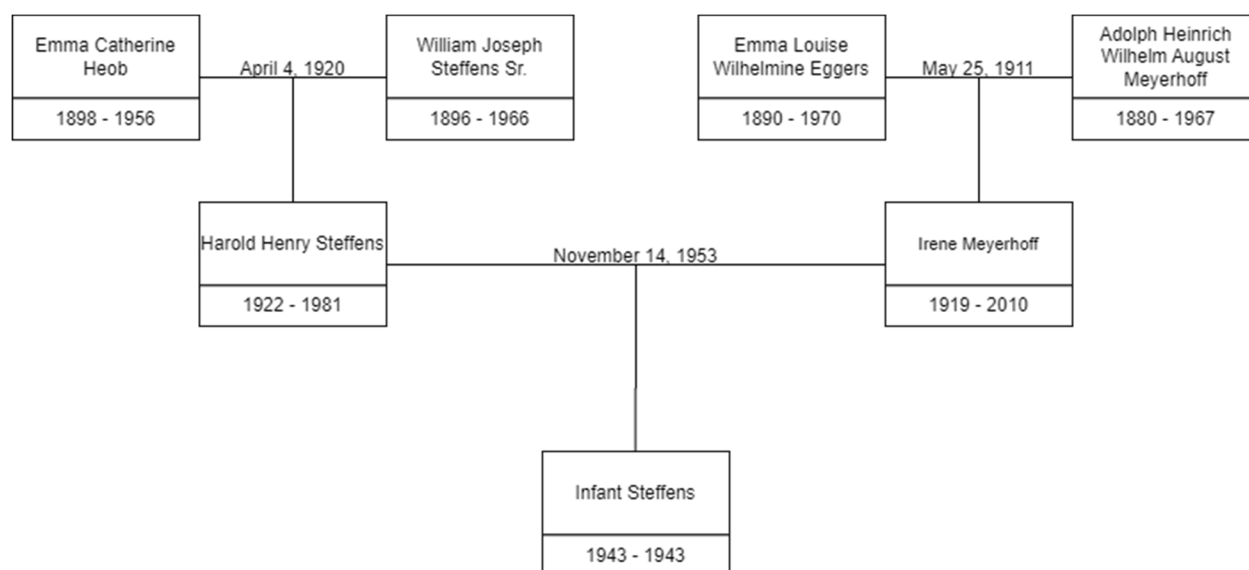
1. Living Daughter
2. Living Daughter
3. Roger Dale "Fritz" (May 7, 1946 – May 15, 2015)
4. Arlene May (October 28, 1947 – September 23, 2020)
5. Brenda Kay (December 20, 1953 – September 10, 2007)

The couple celebrated 65 years of marriage before Albert passed away on December 27, 2004, in Belleville, IL, at the age of 87. Margaret followed him in death four years later on December 24, 2008, in

Belleville, at the age of 90. They were buried in Paradise Cemetery in Bremen.



## Section 5.4: Family of Irene (Meyerhoff) Steffens



The fifth child of Adolph and Emma Meyerhoff was Irene Meyerhoff, born November 22, 1919, in Wine Hill. She married Harold Henry Steffens (September 21, 1922 – December 15, 1981) on November 14, 1953, in Wine Hill. Together they had one child, who died in infancy (born and died February 18, 1943).

Harold Steffens was the son of William Joseph Steffens, Sr. (January 16, 1896 – February 16, 1966) and Emma Catherine Heob (July 2, 1898 – October 15, 1956). The Steffens family had lived in Southern Illinois for three generations by the time Harold was born; his great-grandparents Otto and Marie Steffens immigrated from Germany about eighty years prior.

The two celebrated 28 years of marriage before Harold passed away on December 15, 1981, in Chester, at the age of 59. Irene followed him in death 28 years later on January 21, 2010, at the age of 90. They were buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Chester.

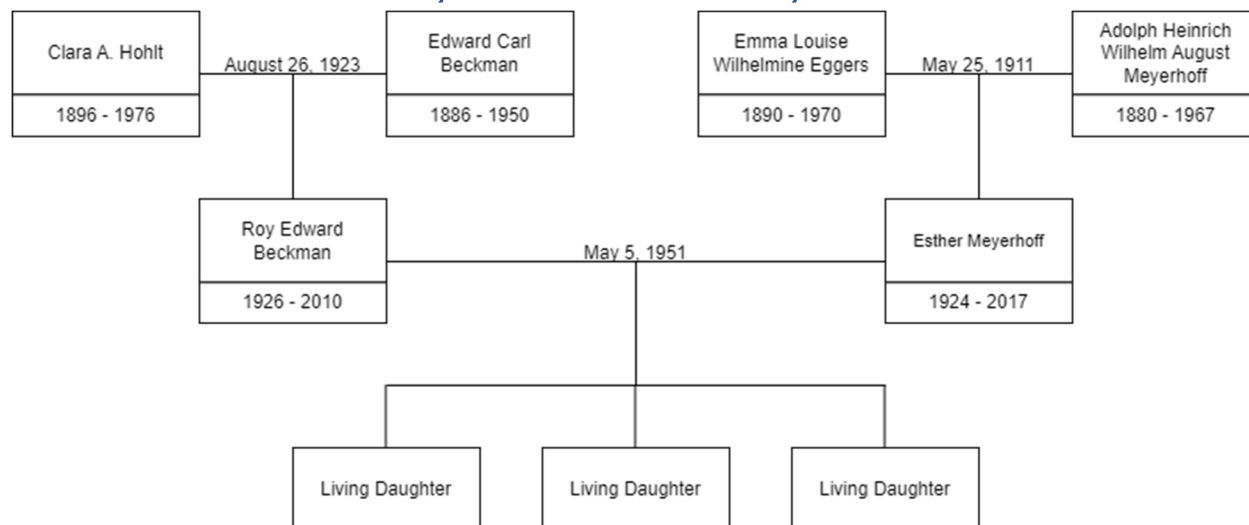
## Section 5.5: Infant Son of Adolph and Emma

Adolph and Emma's sixth child, a son, died in infancy on Christmas Day 1922. Little is known about this child; he is buried in Wine Hill, likely in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery.

He was the fourth son of the couple and the first of two children who did not survive to adulthood. Normally, there are some church records that highlight some information about an infant's life; however, this child has none that I know of.

If he is buried in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery, he is likely buried next to his parents.

## Section 5.6: Family of Esther (Meyerhoff) Beckman



Esther Meyerhoff was the seventh child of Adolph and Emma, born May 16, 1924, in Wine Hill. She married Roy Edward Beckman (April 19, 1926 – May 31, 2010) on May 5, 1951, at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Wine Hill. Roy was the son of Edward Carl Beckman (December 14, 1886 – March 21, 1950) and Clara A. Hohlt (March 22, 1896 – August 20, 1976). Together Esther and Roy Beckman have three daughters.

The couple celebrated 59 years of marriage before Roy passed away on May 31, 2010, in Waterloo, IL, at the age of 84. Esther passed away seven years later on February 12, 2017, in Columbia, IL, at the age of 92. They were buried in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in West Point, Jackson County, IL.

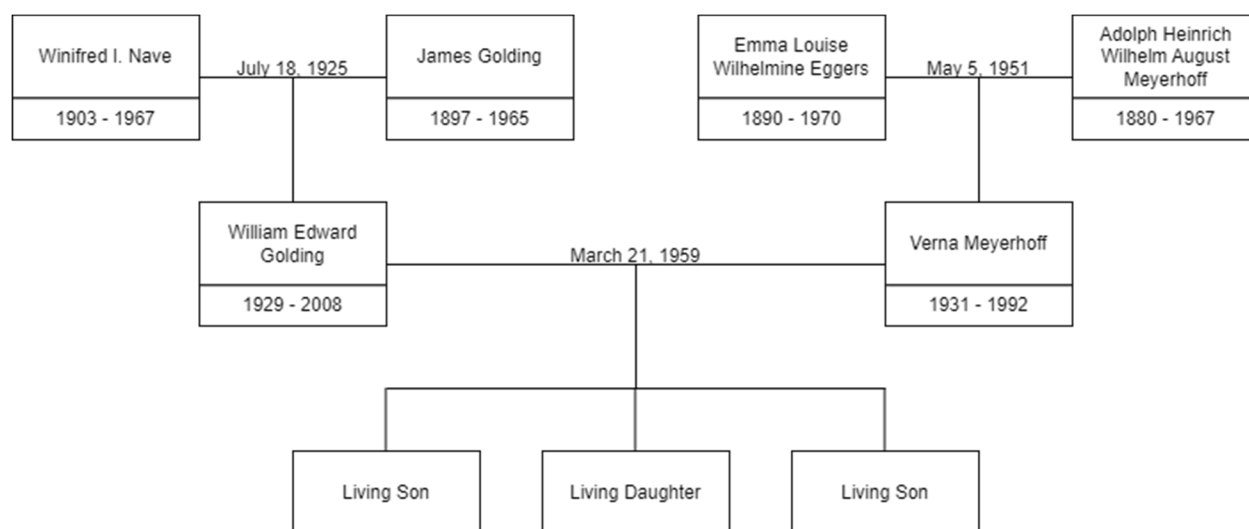
Esther was the last surviving child of Adolph and Emma, passing away in 2017, 106 years after their marriage.

## Section 5.7: Ruby Meyerhoff

Ruby Meyerhoff was Adolph and Emma's eighth child, born November 25, 1927, in Steeleville. She was the second of their children to die in childhood, passing away on March 15, 1931, in Wine Hill, at the age of three. According to relatives, she passed away from influenza.

Few records exist of Ruby; however, unlike her infant older brother, she has both a gravestone and a photograph. She was buried on March 17 in Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery near her parents.

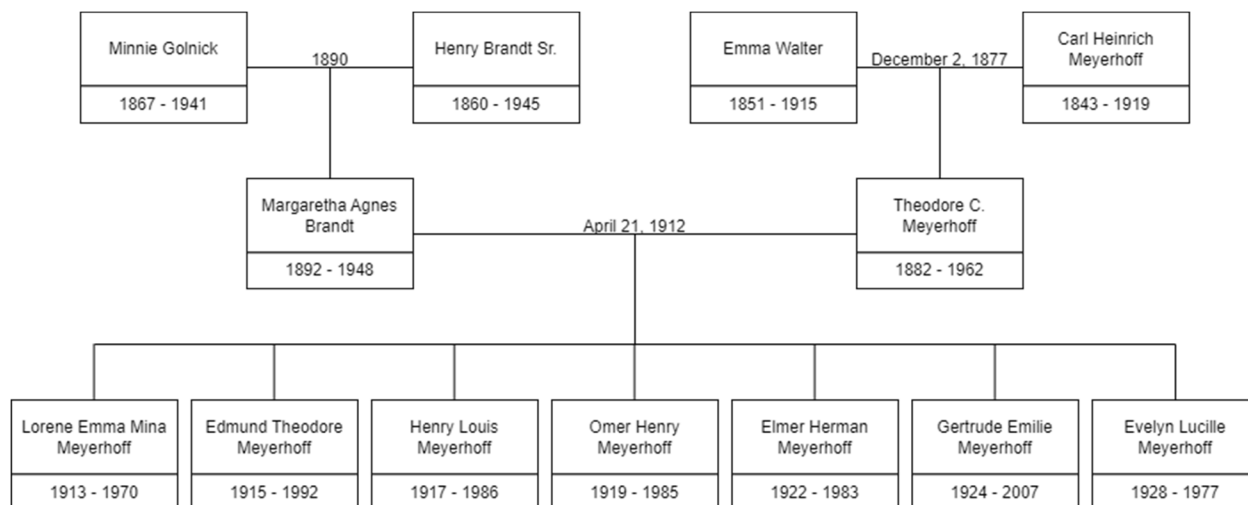
## Section 5.8: Family of Verna (Meyerhoff) Golding



Verna Meyerhoff was the ninth and last child of Adolph and Emma, born June 29, 1931, in Wine Hill. She married William Edward Golding (May 3, 1929 – March 19, 2008) on March 21, 1959, in Lakewood, CA. William was the son of James Golding (January 21, 1897 – February 11, 1965) and Winifred I. Nave (April 16, 1903 – May 10, 1967). Together the couple had three children.

Verna passed away on May 15, 1992, in Chester, IL, at the age of 60. William died 16 years later on March 19, 2008, in Chester, at the age of 78. They were buried in Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Bremen, IL.

## Chapter 6: Family of Theodore Meyerhoff



The third of Carl and Emma's children was Theodore C. Meyerhoff, born December 14, 1882, in Wine Hill. A farmer like his brothers, he chose to remain in Illinois and continued to live in the Randolph County area throughout his life, raising a family that has many descendants in the area.

On April 21, 1912, he married Margaretha Agnes Brandt (December 19, 1892 – October 4, 1948) in Campbell Hill. Margaretha was the daughter of Hinrich "Henry" Brandt, Sr. (September 24, 1860 – May 17, 1945) and Mina "Minnie" Golnick (June 17, 1867 – March 12, 1941) and was the second of nine children. The Brandt family immigrated to Southern Illinois from Germany in the late 1880s; initially separate, Henry and Minnie migrated with their own families before meeting and marrying a few years later in 1890.

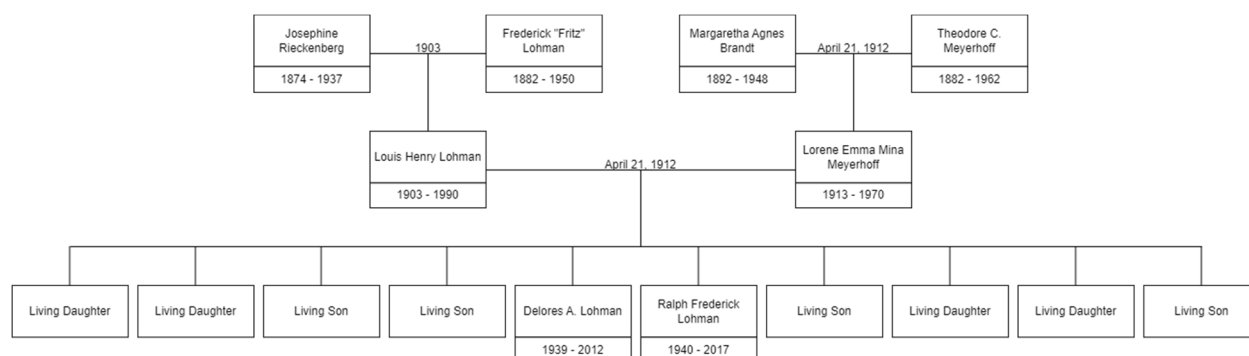
Together Theodore and Margaretha Meyerhoff had seven children:

1. Lorene Emma Mina (February 6, 1913 – January 26, 1970)
2. Edmund Theodore (February 12, 1915 – January 2, 1992)

3. Henry Louis (March 10, 1917 – January 31, 1986)
4. Omer Henry (November 6, 1919 – October 8, 1985)
5. Elmer Herman (March 12, 1922 – December 15, 1983)
6. Gertrude Emilie (September 4, 1924 – March 20, 2007)
7. Evelyn Lucille (July 3, 1928 – September 26, 1977)

The two were married for 36 years before Margaretha passed away on October 4, 1948, in Chester, at the age of 55. Theodore followed her in death 11 years later on January 12, 1962, in Campbell Hill, at the age of 79. They were buried in Saint Peter Lutheran Cemetery in Campbell Hill.

## Section 6.1: Family of Lorene (Meyerhoff) Lohman



Lorene Emma Mina Meyerhoff was the first child of Theodore and Margaretha Meyerhoff, born February 6, 1913, in Willisville. She married Louis Henry Lohman (August 4, 1903 – June 27, 1990) on December 21, 1932, in Campbell Hill. Together they had ten children:

1. Living Daughter
2. Living Daughter
3. Living Son
4. Living Son
5. Delores A. (February 18, 1939 – May 4, 2012)
6. Ralph Frederick (October 13, 1940 – February 4, 2017)
7. Living Son
8. Living Daughter
9. Living Daughter
10. Living Son

Lorene and Louis celebrated 37 years of marriage before Lorene passed away on January 26, 1970, in Chester, at the age of 56. Louis followed her in death 20 years later on June 27, 1990, in Chester, at the age of 86. They were buried in Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Chester.



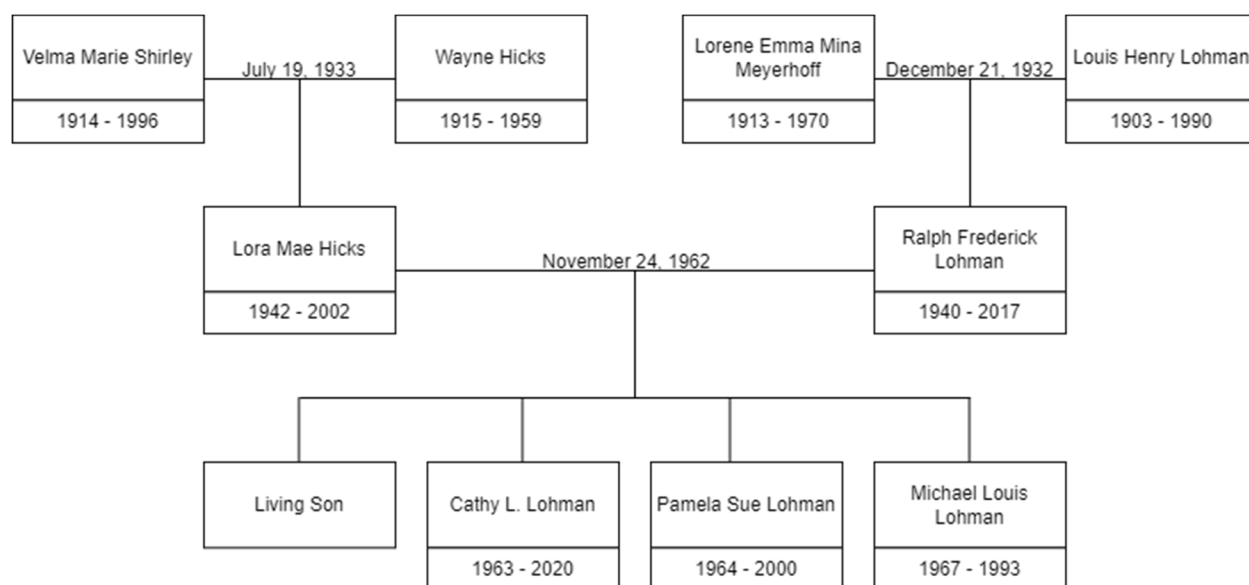
The fifth child of Lorene and Louis was Delores A. Lohman, born February 18, 1939, in Randolph County. She married Gale Thies Lohrding (February 4, 1940 – December 3, 2018) on October 17, 1964, in Chester. Gale was the son of Thies H. Lohrding (February 18, 1906 – October 10, 1994) and Alma Hulda Wiedner (November 6, 1909 – September 3, 1988).

Together Delores and Gale Lohrding had two children I know of:

1. David T. (born November 3, 1971)
2. Mark Gale (born April 12, 1973)

The two celebrated 47 years of marriage before Delores passed away on May 4, 2012, in Belleville, at the age of 73. Gale followed her in death six years later on December 3, 2018, in Fairview Heights, IL, at the age of 78. They were buried in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

## Section 6.1.1: Family of Ralph Lohman



Ralph Frederick Lohman was the sixth child of Lorene and Louis, born October 13, 1940, in Steeleville. He married Lora Mae Hicks (September 20, 1942 – February 10, 2002) on November 24, 1962, in Chester. Lora was the daughter of Wayne Hicks (February 4, 1915 – May 31, 1959) and Velma Marie Shirley (October 10, 1914 – November 16, 1996) and had a previous marriage to a Clifford Shrimp.

Together Ralph and Lora Lohman had four children:

1. Living Son
2. Cathy L. (July 13, 1963 – September 9, 2020)
3. Pamela Sue (June 23, 1964 – May 18, 2000)
4. Michael Louis (September 14, 1967 – October 3, 1993)

The two celebrated almost 40 years of marriage before Lora passed away on February 10, 2002, in St. Louis, at the age of 59. Ralph followed her in death almost exactly 15 years later on February 4, 2017, in Cape

Girardeau, MO, at the age of 76. They were buried in Union Cemetery in Sparta.

## Section 6.2: Edmund, Henry, & Omer Meyerhoff

After Lorene came a series of brothers who were buried together. Theodore and Margaretha Meyerhoff's next three sons were Edmund Theodore Meyerhoff, Henry Louis Meyerhoff, and Omer Henry Meyerhoff. They all share a headstone in Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Red Bud.

Edmund Theodore was born February 12, 1915, in Willisville. The second son of Theodore and Margaretha Meyerhoff, he worked as a farmer in Iowa for the Kueker family in Bremer, IA, and for his father in Willisville. He passed away on January 2, 1992, in St. Louis, at the age of 76.

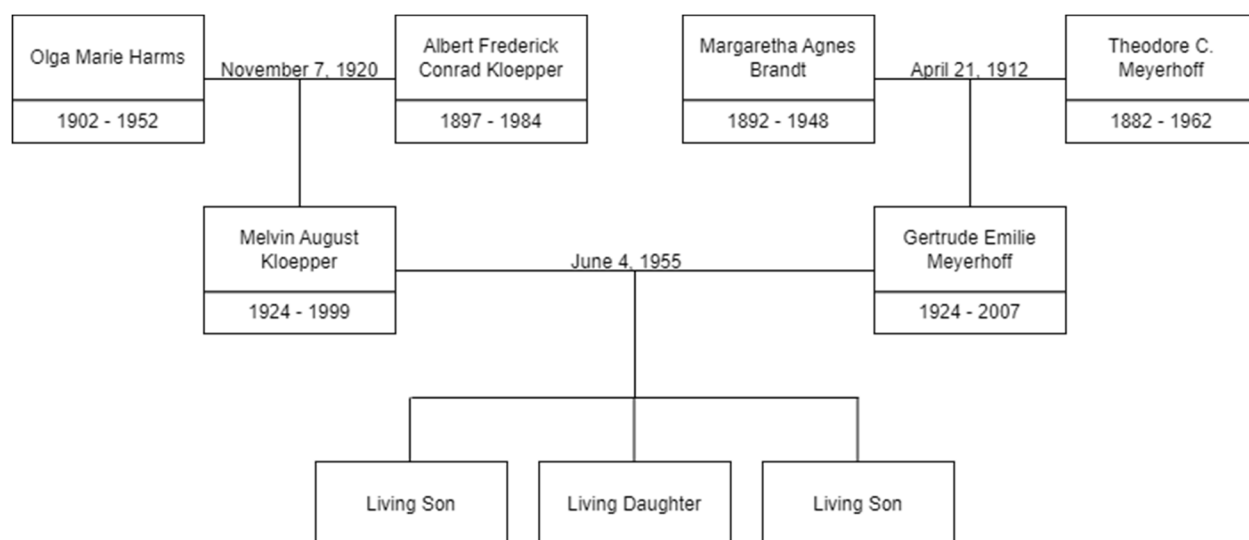
Henry Louis was born March 10, 1917, in Willisville. After working as a farm hand, he worked in a brick plant in the 1950 census. He married Catherine Foster (December 17, 1916 – unknown) on February 9, 1950, in Osceola, AR. He passed away on January 31, 1986, in Belleville, at the age of 68. He was buried alongside his brothers in Red Bud on February 3; there is no mention of his wife. They might have divorced sometime after 1950, or perhaps she was cremated. If they remained married until the end, it is odd that the brothers' gravestone makes no mention of her.

Omer Henry Meyerhoff was the fourth child of Theodore and Margaretha, born November 6, 1919, in Willisville. He worked as a farm hand in Bremer County, Iowa, (much like his older brother Henry) before presumably returning to Southern Illinois. He passed away on October 8, 1985, in Belleville, at the age of 65. He was buried alongside his brothers in Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Elmer Herman was the fifth child of Theodore and Margaretha, born March 12, 1922, in Willisville. He served in the U.S. Army during

World War II, and married Dorothy Mae Hornbostel (December 26, 1929 – March 26, 1999) five years after the war's conclusion. Dorothy was the daughter of William Edward Hornbostel (July 1, 1897 – April 26, 1976) and Estella Fedderke (July 20, 1899 – November 15, 1959). The couple had no known children; they celebrated 33 years of marriage before Elmer passed away on December 15, 1983, in Caseyville, IL, at the age of 61. Dorothy remarried to Robert Dale Stanka (another widow; June 23, 1937 – December 31, 2000), then followed Elmer in death 15 years later on March 26, 1999, at the age of 69. They were buried in Valhalla Gardens of Memory and Mausoleum in Belleville. Public records indicate the couple spent time in both East St. Louis, IL, and Caseyville.

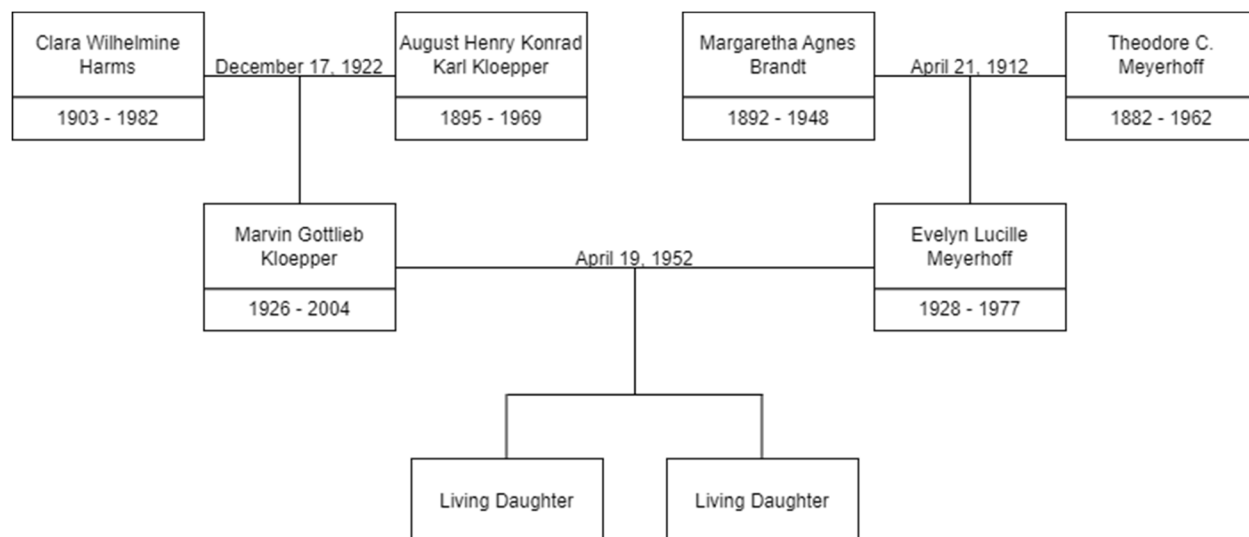
## Section 6.3: Family of Gertrude (Meyerhoff) Kloepper



Gertrude Emilie Meyerhoff was the sixth child of Theodore and Margaretha, born September 4, 1924, in Percy. She married Melvin August Kloepper (October 12, 1924 – June 14, 1999), on June 4, 1955, in Campbell Hill. Melvin was the son of Albert Frederick Conrad Kloepper (December 15, 1897 – September 15, 1984) and Olga Marie Harms (March 1, 1902 – October 19, 1952). Together Gertrude and Melvin have three children.

The two celebrated 44 years of marriage before Melvin passed away on June 14, 1999, in Red Bud, at the age of 74. Gertrude followed him in death eight years later on March 20, 2007, in Chester, at the age of 82. They were buried in Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery.

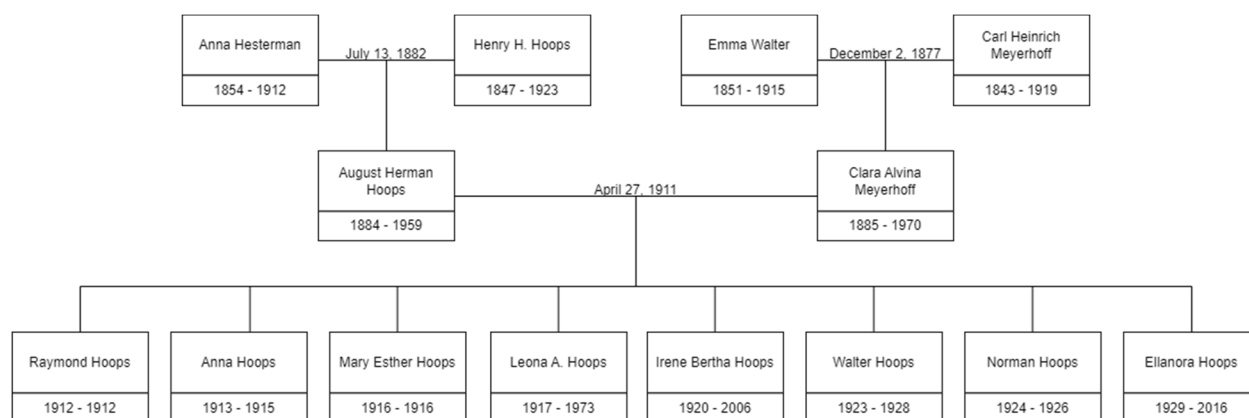
## Section 6.4: Family of Evelyn (Meyerhoff) Kloepper



Evelyn Lucille Meyerhoff was the seventh and last child of Theodore and Margaretha, born July 3, 1928, in Willisville. She married Marvin Gottlieb Kloepper (August 5, 1926 – April 8, 2004) on April 19, 1952, in Campbell Hill. Marvin was the son of August Henry Konrad Karl Kloepper (September 23, 1895 – February 9, 1969) and Clara Wilhelmine Harms (November 7, 1903 – May 5, 1982). Together Evelyn and Marvin Kloepper have two daughters.

The couple celebrated 25 years of marriage before Evelyn passed away on September 26, 1977, in Red Bud, at the age of 49. Marvin followed her in death 26 years later on April 8, 2004, at the age of 77. They were buried in Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery.

## Chapter 7: Family of Clara (Meyerhoff) Hoops



After Carl and Emma had three sons, they had their first daughter, Clara Alvina Meyerhoff, on July 13, 1885, in Wine Hill. After the death of Alvina three years prior, the Meyerhoffs finally had another girl in the family, one which would live to adulthood.

Clara married August Herman Hoops (December 16, 1884 – August 14, 1959) on April 27, 1911, in Wine Hill. August was the son of Anna Hesterman (February 18, 1854 – June 9, 1912) and Henry H. Hoops (August 25, 1847 – January 20, 1923). Together Clara and Herman had eight children:

1. Raymond (March 15, 1912 – June 28, 1912)
2. Anna (June 29, 1913 – July 9, 1915)
3. Mary Esther (June 22, 1916 – July 9, 1916)
4. Leona A. (June 21, 1917 – March 13, 1973)
5. Irene Bertha (June 2, 1920 – October 25, 2006)
6. Walter (March 2, 1923 – April 21, 1928)
7. Norman (April 6, 1924 – May 4, 1926)
8. Ellanora (December 22, 1929 – January 15, 2016)



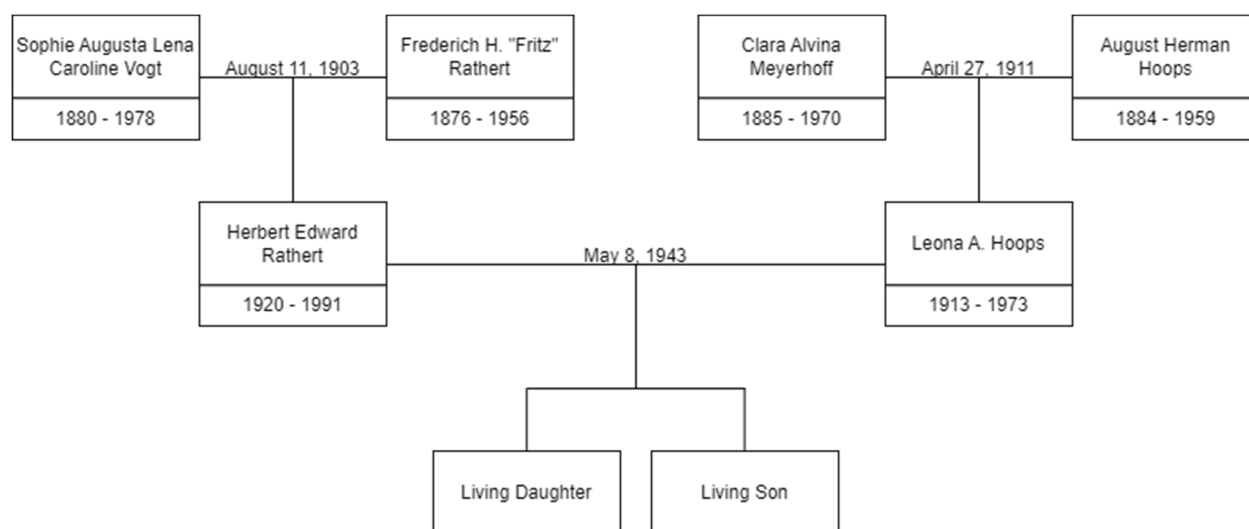
This union saw the most childhood deaths of any couple in the Meyerhoff family tree. Out of eight children, five would not live past the age of six. However, we have extensive records of the three who did survive to adulthood; all of them went on to marry and have children. Despite losing five of their eight children, Clara and August would have 15 grandchildren.

It was not until their fourth child that the new couple would get to raise a kid. Their first son was Raymond Hoops, who was born on March 15, 1912. Unfortunately, he passed away three months later on June 28, 1912. He was buried in Saint John Lutheran Cemetery in Campbell Hill.

Anna Hoops was the next child of the family. Born June 29, 1913, she only lived two years before perishing on July 9, 1915. She was subsequently buried in Saint John Lutheran Cemetery alongside her brother.

Mary Esther Hoops was the third child of Clara and August, born June 22, 1916. However, she was the unluckiest of the bunch, only living 17 days before passing away on July 9, 1916. She was buried in Saint John Lutheran Cemetery.

## Section 7.1: Family of Leona (Hoops) Rathert



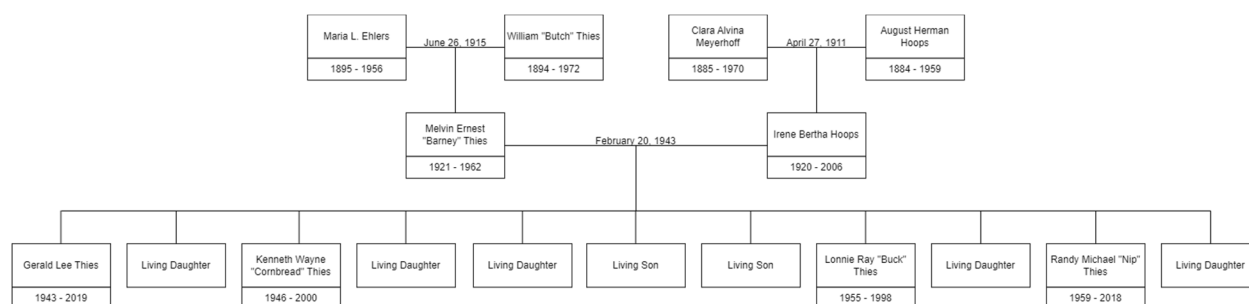
Leona A. Hoops was the fourth child of the snakebit couple, and the first to survive to adulthood. Born June 21, 1917, in Illinois, she had a short life in normal terms, living only 55 years. However, compared to her three older siblings, she was a supercentenarian. She married Herbert Edward Rathert (January 14, 1920 – September 8, 1991) on May 8, 1943, in Campbell Hill.

Herbert was the son of Frederich H. “Fritz” Rathert (May 7, 1876 – December 28, 1956) and Sophie Augusta Lena Caroline Vogt (August 23, 1880 – February 2, 1978). He was the youngest of nine siblings. Despite the losses in Leona’s family, the longevity of the Vogt family seems to have topped the misfortune of the Hoops family.

There is yet another interesting link between families here: Margaret Doretha Biermann’s (1918-2008, discussed in the previous section) mother was Lydia Lena Vogt, who happened to be the sister of Sophie. This means that Leona married the nephew of her cousin’s mother-in-law. While a distant connection compared to some of the others one found in Randolph County family trees, I find it interesting to note.

The couple celebrated almost 30 years of marriage and two children before Leona passed away on March 13, 1973, in Sparta, at the age of 55. Herbert remarried to Viola M. “Shorty” Westerman (October 13, 1922 – April 14, 2014), then followed Leona in death on September 8, 1991, in Chester, at the age of 71. The two were buried in Saint Peter Lutheran Cemetery in Campbell Hill.

## Section 7.2: Family of Irene (Hoops) Thies



Irene Bertha Hoops was the fifth child of Clara and August, born June 2, 1920, in Willisville. She was the second child to survive to adulthood and lived the longest life of her siblings, outliving her youngest sibling by a couple of months. She married Melvin Ernest “Barney” Thies (December 14, 1921 – September 26, 1962) on February 20, 1943, in Perryville, MO. Melvin was the son of Maria L. Ehlers (February 11, 1895 – August 3, 1956) and William “Butch” Thies (December 10, 1894 – December 3, 1972). Irene and Melvin had 11 children in 19 years:

1. Gerald Lee (March 9, 1943 – February 1, 2019)
2. Living Daughter
3. Kenneth Wayne (July 26, 1946 – February 1, 2000)
4. Living Daughter
5. Living Daughter
6. Living Son
7. Living Son
8. Lonnie Ray “Buck” (November 22, 1955 – March 13, 1998)
9. Living Daughter
10. Randy Michael “Nip” (January 3, 1959 – September 24, 2018)
11. Living Daughter

The couple celebrated 19 years of marriage before Melvin, Sr. died of a gunshot wound on September 26, 1962, at the age of 40. According to his obituary, he “may have tripped over a concrete block, causing the gun to discharge by accident.” Despite dying at a young age, the couple had 11 children and a whole host of grandchildren.

Irene passed away 44 years later on October 25, 2006, in Campbell Hill, at the age of 86. Together they were buried in Saint Peter Lutheran Cemetery in Campbell Hill.

## Section 7.2.1: Kenneth, Lonnie, & Randy Thies

Kenneth Wayne “Cornbread” Thies was the third child and second son of Irene and Melvin, born July 26, 1946, in Murphysboro, IL. I have no knowledge of any marriage or children; public records indicate he lived in multiple places, including Sparta, Willisville, and Steeleville. He passed away on February 1, 2000, in St. Louis, at the age of 53. He was buried in Saint Peter Lutheran Cemetery in Campbell Hill.

Lonnie Ray “Buck” Thies was the eighth child of Irene and Melvin, born November 22, 1955, in Sparta. He married Theresa G. Reeder (born September 20, 1963) on August 12, 1983, in Campbell Hill. Together they have one child I know of: Justin Cody (born February 1986). The two celebrated 14 years of marriage before Lonnie passed away on March 13, 1998, in St. Louis, at the young age of 42. He was buried in Saint Peter Lutheran Cemetery.

Public records indicate the couple spent most of their marriage in Willisville. Justin has also lived in Pinckneyville and De Soto, IL, but I have no other knowledge of his family.

Randy Michael “Nip” Thies was the tenth child of Irene and Melvin, born January 3, 1959, in Chester. He worked at the Gilster Mary Lee Cake Mix factory in Steeleville; to my knowledge he never married nor had children.

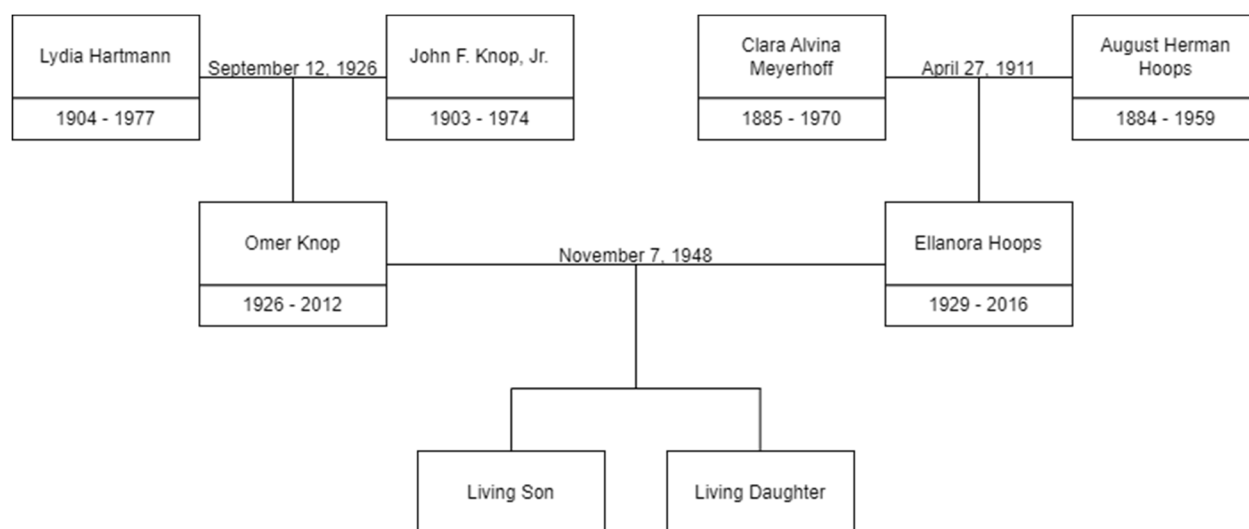
He passed away on September 24, 2018, in Pinckneyville, at the age of 59. He was buried on the 27<sup>th</sup> at Saint Peter Lutheran Cemetery in Campbell Hill.

## Section 7.3: Walter & Norman Hoops

Irene and Leona were the first two children of Clara and August Hoops who survived to adulthood. In total, there were three; however, two more young losses were suffered before the final surviving child. Walter Hoops was the first; born March 2, 1923, in Willisville, he passed away on April 21, 1928, at the age of five from pneumonia when the Hoops family was living in Eden, ID. It is for this reason he was buried in Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Eden, 1,500 miles away from the rest of his family. However, he is buried close to some extended family; Clara's older half-brother Clemens and brother William (discussed earlier) moved to Idaho and Clemens raised a family there. Perhaps it is a bit more comforting that Walter is at least close to some of his Meyerhoff relatives.

Norman Hoops suffered a similar fate. The seventh child of Clara and August, he was born April 6, 1924, in Willisville. He passed away before the family moved to Idaho, on May 4, 1926, at the age of two. He was buried in Saint John Lutheran Cemetery in Campbell Hill.

## Section 7.4: Family of Ellanora (Hoops) Knop



Ellanora Knop was the eighth and last child of Clara and August, born December 22, 1929, in Eden, ID. The only child born in Idaho, Clara was 44 and August was 45 when they had her. She married Omer Knop (October 23, 1926 – October 8, 2012) on November 7, 1948, in Campbell Hill. Omer was the son of Lydia Hartmann (July 16, 1904 – April 6, 1977) and John F. Knop, Jr. (May 22, 1903 – April 26, 1974). Together Ellanora and Omer have two children.

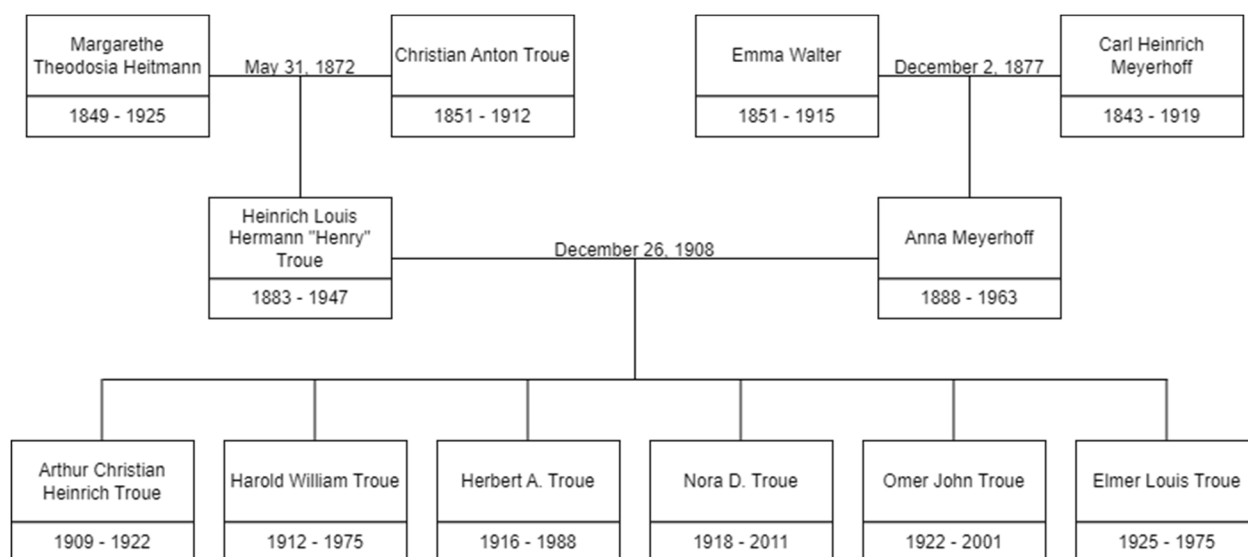
The couple celebrated 63 years of marriage before Omer passed away on October 8, 2012, in Red Bud, at the age of 85. Ellanora followed him in death three years later on January 15, 2016, in Chester, at the age of 86. They were buried in Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Chester.



That is all my knowledge of the family of Clara and August Hoops. Despite losing five of eight children early, three daughters survived to adulthood and raised 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. When Clara passed away on November 2, 1970, she was survived by three children, 15 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

The Hoops family also joined the other Meyerhoff brothers in moving to Idaho. They moved back to Randolph County during the Great Depression and lived the rest of their years in Percy.

## Chapter 8: Family of Anna (Meyerhoff) Troue



Anna Meyerhoff was the fifth child of Carl and Emma, born June 28, 1888, in Randolph County. She married Heinrich Louis Hermann "Henry" Troue (February 26, 1883 – August 5, 1947) on December 26, 1908, in Wine Hill. Henry was the son of Margarethe Theodosia Heitmann (February 24, 1849 – January 10, 1925) and Christian Anton Troue (November 5, 1851 – February 10, 1912). Together Anna and Henry Troue had six children:

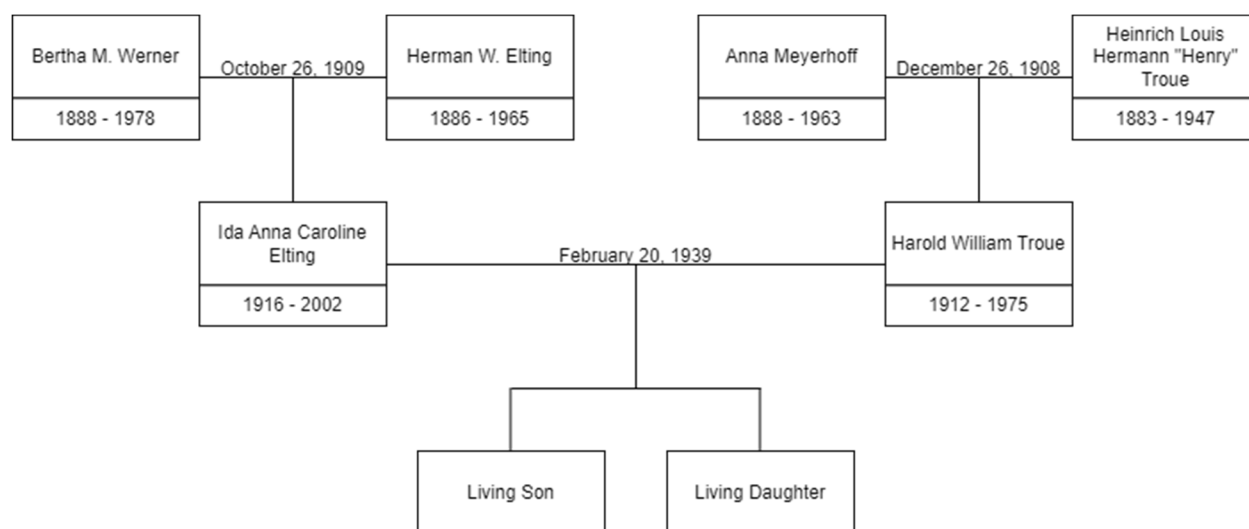
1. Arthur Christian Heinrich (October 15, 1909 – July 12, 1922)
2. Harold William (March 12, 1912 – January 24, 1975)
3. Herbert A. (October 17, 1916 – October 4, 1988)
4. Nora D. (September 10, 1918 – December 23, 2011)
5. Omer John (June 24, 1922 – June 7, 2001)
6. Elmer Louis (February 28, 1925 – June 25, 1975)

The couple celebrated 38 years of marriage before Henry passed away on August 5, 1947, in Union County, IL, at the age of 64. Anna followed him in death 16 years later on June 15, 1963, in Chester, at the

age of 74. They were buried in Saint Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Wine Hill.

The first child of Anna and Henry was Arthur Christian Heinrich Troue, born October 15, 1909, in Wine Hill. He would not live to see adulthood, however; he passed away on July 12, 1922, in Randolph County, at the young age of 12. He was buried in Saint Peter's Lutheran Cemetery.

## Section 8.1: Family of Harold Troue

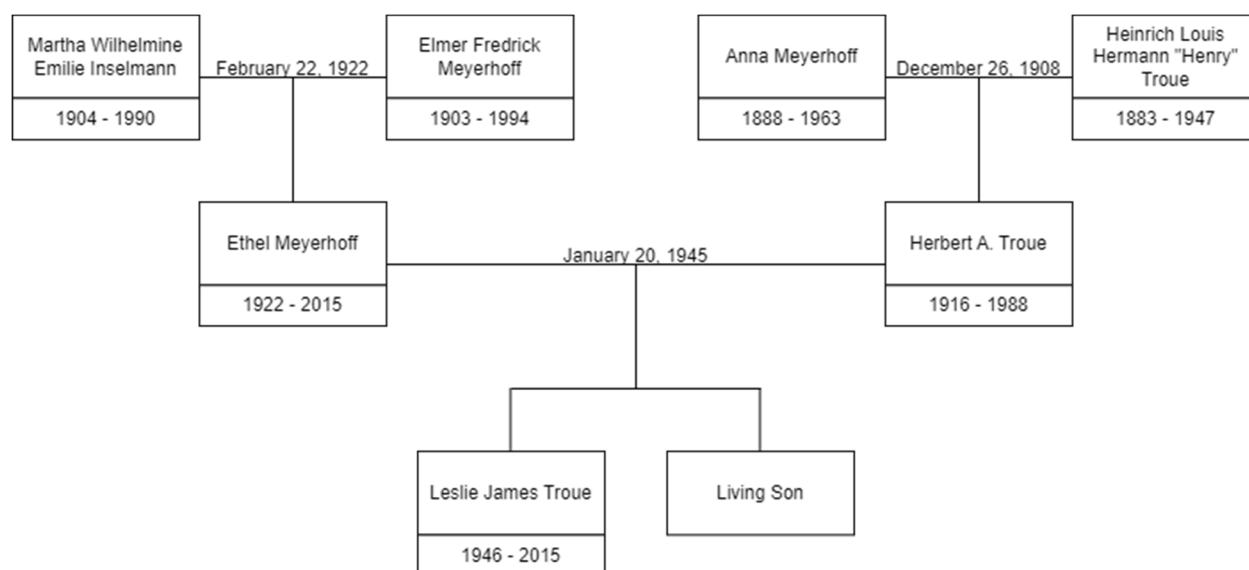


The couple's second child was Harold William Troue, born March 12, 1912, in Wine Hill. He married Ida Anna Caroline Elting (September 11, 1916 – July 16, 2002) on February 20, 1939, in Perryville. Ida was the daughter of Bertha M. Werner (September 10, 1888 – November 10, 1978) and Herman W. Elting (September 20, 1886 – October 14, 1965). Together Harold and Ida have two children.

The couple celebrated 36 years of marriage before Harold passed away on January 24, 1975, in Chester, at the age of 62. Ida followed him in death 27 years later on July 16, 2002, in Chester, at the age of 85. They were buried in Paradise Cemetery in Steeleville.

Ida Elting's mother was Bertha Werner, who was the sister of Hilda Werner. Hilda married Alvin Meyerhoff, the son of Clemens Meyerhoff. This makes the children of Ida and Harold first cousins once removed with the children of Alvin and Hilda on their mother's side, and second cousins on their father's side.

## Section 8.2: Family of Herbert Troue



Herbert A. Troue was the third son of Anna and Henry, born October 17, 1916, in Wine Hill. In his late twenties, he found himself in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. After his return, he married Ethel Meyerhoff (July 25, 1922 – March 16, 2015) on January 20, 1945. Ethel was the daughter of Martha Wilhelmine Emilie Inselmann (December 5, 1904 – August 21, 1990) and Elmer Fredrick Meyerhoff (January 10, 1903 – January 7, 1994). Together Herbert and Ethel Troue had two children:

1. Leslie James (November 26, 1946 – September 16, 2015)
2. Living Son

The couple celebrated 43 years of marriage before Herbert passed away on October 4, 1988, in Chester, at the age of 71. Ethel followed him in death 26 years later on March 16, 2015, in Chester, at the age of 92. They were buried in Paradise Cemetery.

Ethel's family also has the name Meyerhoff. However, I have not found any relation between Elmer Meyerhoff and Anna Meyerhoff. For a long time, it has been known that there are two separate Meyerhoff

families: one living around Steeleville and Wine Hill (being discussed in this book) and one in Jackson County, where Elmer's ancestry lies.

As I mentioned at the beginning, three Meyerhoff brothers arrived in Randolph County in the mid-1800s. I personally believe the two Meyerhoff families descend from this trio. However, since information surrounding the three is relatively nonexistent, it is difficult to find the exact relationship between the two families. It is possible that the common ancestor lived their entire life in Germany. I have noticed on several occasions German users of Ancestry having pieces of our Meyerhoff family on their trees, with the common ancestor typically being either Heinrich Dietrich Meyerhoff (1763-1838) or Christoph Meyerhoff (1721-1787). Although the information surrounding these individuals is equally as murky, it does provide some confidence in their existence and their relationship with us.

## Section 8.3: Nora, Omer, & Elmer Troue

Nora D. Troue was the fourth child and first daughter of Anna and Henry, born September 10, 1918, in Percy. She married Paul Louis Richelmann (April 29, 1919 – January 11, 2004) on May 20, 1944, at Saint Peter's Lutheran Church in Wine Hill. Paul was the son of Sophie C. Luehr (September 9, 1887 – January 16, 1954) and William Peter Henry Richelmann (September 13, 1880 – April 25, 1956). The couple had no known children.

Nora and Paul enjoyed almost 60 years of peaceful, childfree marriage before Paul passed away on January 11, 2004, in Chester, at the age of 84. Nora followed him in death seven years later on December 23, 2011, in Chester, at the age of 93. They were buried in Paradise Cemetery.

Omer John Troue was the fifth child of Anna and Henry, born June 24, 1922, in Percy. To my knowledge, he never married nor had children. He was a farmer like many of his Meyerhoff relatives.

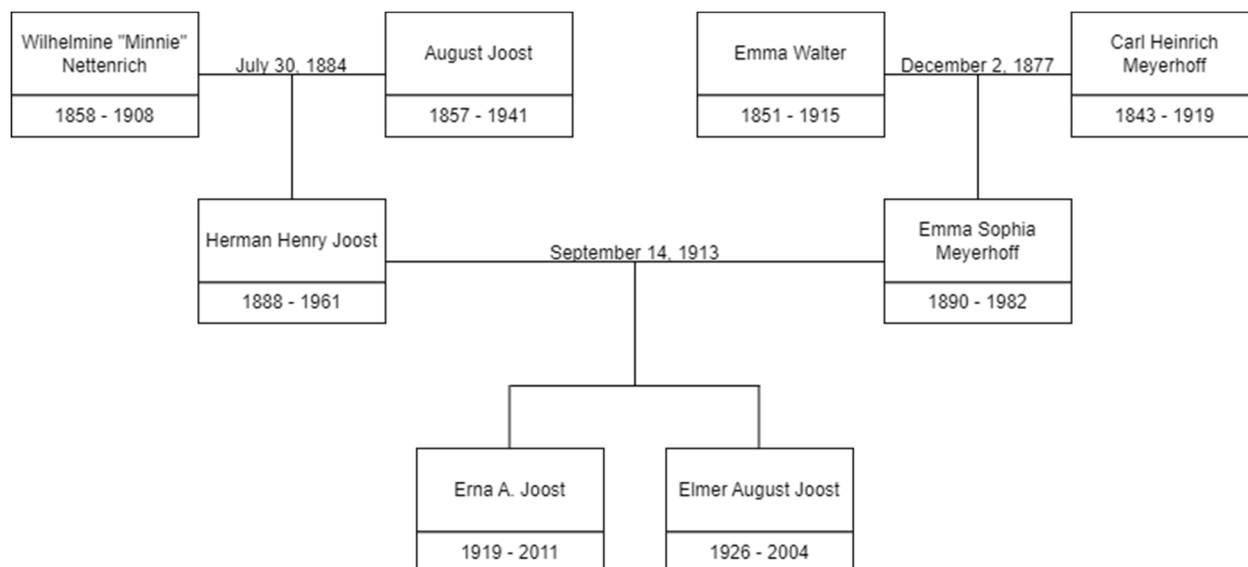
He passed away on June 7, 2001, in St. Louis, at the age of 78. He was buried three days later in Saint Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Wine Hill.

Elmer Louis Troue was the sixth and last child of Anna and Henry, born February 28, 1925, in Wine Hill. He passed away on June 25, 1975, in Percy, at the age of 50 after a month-long illness. He was buried in

Paradise Cemetery and is survived by a wife, two children, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



## Chapter 9: Family of Emma (Meyerhoff) Joost



The last child of Carl and Emma's second marriage was Emma Sophia Meyerhoff, born July 25, 1890, in Wine Hill. She married Herman Henry Joost (November 8, 1887 – January 2, 1961) on September 14, 1913, in Wine Hill. Herman was the son of Wilhelmine "Minnie" Nettenrich(?) (May 22, 1858 – January 8, 1908) and August Joost (December 21, 1857 – January 17, 1941). Together the couple had two children:

1. Erna A. (August 26, 1919 – May 24, 2011)
2. Elmer August (April 3, 1926 – July 13, 2004)

The couple celebrated 47 years of marriage before Herman passed away on January 2, 1961, in Steeleville, at the age of 73. Emma followed him in death 21 years later on December 15, 1982, in Percy, at the age of 92. They were buried in Saint Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Wine Hill.

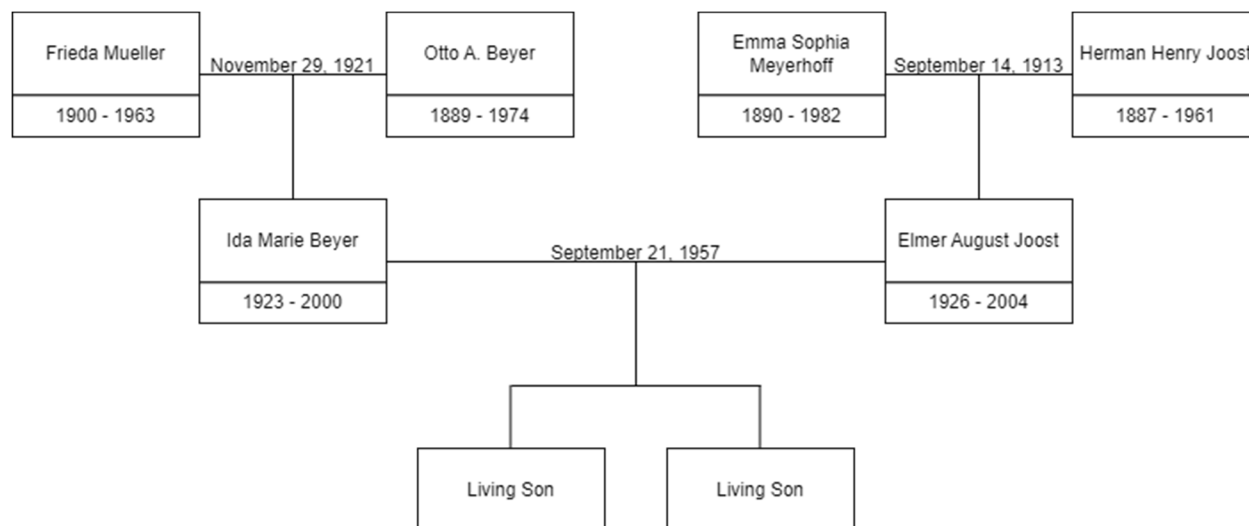
Herman Joost suffered an unfortunate death: According to his obituary, "Mr. Joost drowned in a well at his farm home southeast of

Steeleville Monday afternoon, apparently after falling into the open well while trying to use a rope and bucket to obtain water for stock.” An inquest concluded Herman was attempting to fix a faulty pump when he fell in.

Erna A. Joost was the first child of Emma and Herman, born August 26, 1919, in Wine Hill. I know very little about her; I have no knowledge of any marriages or children. I do not have a picture of her gravestone, but most of my information comes from a Social Security death record.

She passed away on May 24, 2011, in Sparta, IL, at the age of 91. She was buried in Saint Peter’s Lutheran Cemetery in Wine Hill.

## Section 9.1: Family of Elmer Joost



Elmer August Joost was the younger child of Emma and Herman, born April 3, 1926, in Percy. Looking strictly at relationships, Elmer was the youngest of the youngest, being the last child of Emma, who was the last child of Carl and Emma. However, he is not the youngest grandchild of Carl Meyerhoff; that distinction goes to Verna Meyerhoff (daughter of Adolph), born June 29, 1931, 12 years after Carl's death.

After serving in the U.S. Army in World War II, he married Ida Marie Beyer (April 11, 1923 – January 28, 2000) on September 21, 1957, in Wine Hill. Ida was the daughter of Frieda Mueller (January 7, 1900 – February 21, 1963) and Otto A. Beyer (March 25, 1889 – April 10, 1974). Together they have two sons.

The couple celebrated 42 years of marriage before Ida passed away on January 28, 2000, in Percy, at the age of 76. Elmer followed her in death four years later on July 13, 2004, in Percy, at the age of 78. They were buried in Saint Peter's Lutheran Cemetery.

## Chapter 10: Epilogue

The Meyerhoff family is of German origin, specifically from the Hanover region in what was then known as Prussia. When Carl and his family immigrated to the United States in 1866, they joined a massive wave of German immigration to America that was prevalent in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.

After settling in Randolph County, Carl Meyerhoff married twice; of his marriages, nine children were born. While Carl and Emma lived the rest of their lives in Wine Hill, several of their children migrated to Idaho in the 1910s and 1920s. Some remained in the West; Clemens and William Meyerhoff both lived out their lives in Jerome County. However, others who moved out to the area returned during the Great Depression.

Most of the Meyerhoff family remains in Southern Illinois. The descendants of Clemens still live in Idaho, but most of Carl's other children lived in Randolph County. While some of the newer generations have since moved out of the area, the majority still reside there. My family has lived in Randolph County for generations, and I imagine many will continue to do so.

Carl has many more descendants than what was covered in this book. This public draft has omitted all information that pertains to living people for privacy reasons.

Information is not evenly available for each family; there are ones with many more records online than others. This book was compiled using the sources I found on the genealogy sites Ancestry and FamilySearch.

As stated earlier, I do not plan to update this book. This is intended to be a "snapshot" of the Meyerhoff family as we exist in July

2023. I will continue to do genealogical research in the future, but this book is complete.

If you have reached this point in the book, I give you my thanks for reading the Meyerhoff family history. Through works like these, I hope to preserve these lineages for future generations, those who will be born long after me and the others in this writing have passed. If you are interested in furthering research into the Meyerhoff family, I hope this book will serve as a strong starting point in your journey.

Best regards,

Braden Meyerhoff