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A wedding dress from the 1950s becomes a priceless family heirloom, worn now by three generations of one proud family. Read the story of this cherished baptismal outfit in this issue.

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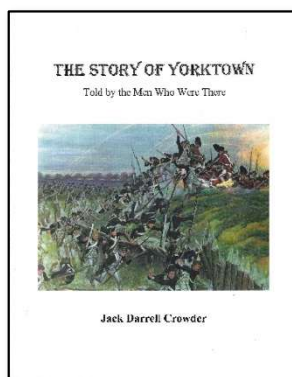
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The Story of Yorktown: Told by the Men Who Were There. By Jack Darrell Crowder. Baltimore, Maryland: Clearfield Company, 2023. 238 pages, illustrations, index, bibliography. Softcover. \$45.00.



As we prepare to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War this year, it might be helpful to take a look at the current array of published works available on the war. Jack Crowder is an author who has written several books on the subject, all published between 2018 and 2023. His style is down-to-earth and engaging. *The Story of Yorktown* is one of these books.

Crowder takes a chronological view of the Battle of Yorktown in this tome but begins by providing some context. The introduction focuses on the political and military environment that existed at the time of the engagement, and the first chapter describes the village of Yorktown and its military defenses prior to the clash.

Having set the stage, Crowder takes the reader day-by-day through the event. For each, he begins by listing the day of the week, the date, and a brief note on that day's weather. The rest of each chapter is composed of his narrative and relevant quotations from the men who experienced the action. Some of the excerpts are quite long, but they all

provide first-person accounts and include not only the activities but also the reactions of these men. Sketches, photographs, and maps of relevant people and events make up the balance of each chapter. The quotes are taken from diaries, letters, journals, and recorded proceedings of meetings.

The book is heavily footnoted with the endnotes taking up seventeen pages, not surprising given the focus on first-person narratives. This is followed by an extensive bibliography which would be useful to anyone interested in doing further research on the battle, individuals involved, or even the broader war itself.

If you plan to brush up on your American history in preparation for the 250th anniversary celebration this year, this would be a good monograph to include on your reading list.

Reviewed by Jane Theissen
StLGS Quarterly co-editor

Ortsfamilienbuch Gräfenhausen mit den Kirchspielorten Obernhausen, Ambach und Niebelsbach (Local family history book for Gräfenhausen, including the parishes of Obernhausen, Ambach, and Niebelsbach). Compiled and edited by Carolin Becker. Koblenz, Germany: Cardamina Verlag, 2023. 642 pages. Hardcover. Order from Cardamina Verlag, <https://www.cardamina.net>

Although one might assume from the long compound words of its title that this book is of practical utility only to readers of German, in fact something like the opposite is the case. One needs no German language skills to use

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this book. Knowing a few key words in German is sufficient. On the other hand, one needs the book in order to solve various problems of access to this treasure-trove of biographical information in the family registers of the *Kirchspiel*, or parish group, of Gräfenhausen in the former Kingdom of Württemberg.

While digital copies of these and other Württemberg church registers are available, they are difficult to utilize directly because of their use of *Kurrent* script, also known as *Kurrentschrift* “cursive script,” an old form of German handwriting used from late medieval times to the early twentieth century. These manuscript books were originally prepared and updated by the parish pastors, who used this German cursive handwriting and differing levels of script formality. The book under review resolves this and other problems of access by compiling the biographical information in the surviving Gräfenhausen family registers into small or nuclear-family units. Along with providing accurate transcriptions of names, dates, and other information from the registers, this organization also facilitates an analysis of the innumerable interfamilial relationships. The editor’s project was an ambitious one. There are more than 21,000 individual names and 4,861 family units detailed in this book.

In compiling the biographical information for these family units, the editor stays close to the model used by the pastor-scribes in the original registry books, drawing information from the registers for births and baptisms, marriages, and deaths. The summary tables identify parents, their children, and parents of the parents. Typically, the table occupies one side of a page in the manuscript. At the top left is a field titled *Hausvater* (male head of household), and on the right, *Hausmutter* (female head of household). In these two large fields were recorded dates and places of birth and death for each spouse, the date and place of their marriage, and often the occupation of the *Hausvater*. Just below these fields were the names and similar dates of the parents of each spouse. The birth family name was used for the wife rather than her married name. This

facilitated identification of the maternal-side relatives.

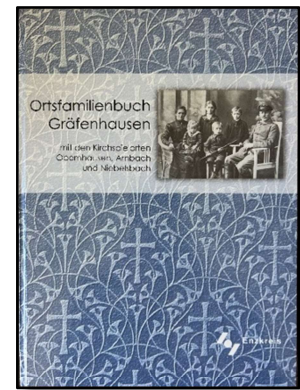
The lower area of the table was reserved for the children of this family, numbered in birth order, with columns for recording the life milestones of each (birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage[s], and death). If a child later married, the pastor-scribe entered a cross-reference to the new table that contained the documentation of the new local family, but if the child later left the parish permanently, no further vital statistics were entered, and instead, a note was made of where that person went.

An example from the Gräfenhausen book will show the editor’s model. The format for the family entries in the book is very similar to that of the family tables but is abbreviated. The compiler begins with the surname of the male head of household in capital letters at the left margin. For example, family group number 4608 begins:

“4608. WENZ, Johann Friedrich (ev)
Eltern: W[enz], Georg u. KRATZER, Elisabetha (4598.14)”

Read: “Family 4608, Johann Friedrich Wenz, a Lutheran (ev), whose parents (Eltern) are Georg W[enz] and Elisabetha Kratzer.”

The parents’ family unit, where J. Friedrich was a child, is referenced by its number and an extension: 4598.14. The number 4598 identifies the family, and the extension is the place number of J. Friedrich in the sequence of his siblings. He was the fourteenth child in this family. More information follows (as would be the case in the family tables): J. Friedrich Wenz was born in Gräfenhausen on 9 July 1775 and was married there on 27 November 1800, with his occupation listed as “master tailor.” The compilation adds a detail from the death register here, giving the cause of his death (*langwierige Auszehrung* or wasting syndrome).



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The entry for the female head of household is as follows:

“GORGUS, Juliana (ev). Eltern: G[orgus], Georg Friedrich and GUBLER, Anna Maria (1311.5)”

Read: “Juliana Gorgus, Lutheran, her parents: G[orgus], Georg Friedrich and GUBLER, Anna Maria.”

The cross-reference number is to the Gorgus family unit (1311.5). Juliana was the fifth of their children, born on 17 August 1782 in Gräfenhausen. One cannot help but give a sigh of relief seeing that she did not die in childbirth despite giving birth to twelve children. She lived until 1857.

While a numbered list of the children follows the information about parents and grandparents here, as it would in the original family table, the compilation omits some of the expected information. For example, the dates of each child’s baptism, confirmation, marriage, and death (column heads in the family tables) are omitted. Only the date and place of birth for each child are recorded, with a cross-reference by number to the family unit of which the child was later a part. Among the other information that is provided is a note for each of the three children that immigrated to America. The full text as usually seen in the family tables *Nach Amerika ausgewandert* does not appear; indeed, the date of emigration itself is not mentioned.

This comparison of the compilation to the original model in the family tables makes clear that some information from the original tables and registers is omitted in the compilation. It follows that a researcher with serious curiosity about a person named in the compilation will want to look at the original family tables and other registers. However, it is pretty clear that the quickest and most reliable route to that person, and that person’s relatives, will be through the compilation.

In sum, the *Ortsfamilienbuch Gräfenhausen* gives us ready access to the biographical information contained in the registers of the Gräfenhausen parishes. The editor is an

experienced expert with the scripts in these documents and transcribes or abbreviates accurately from the source documents. She also identifies the direct genealogical connections through many generations of a family. For the illuminating organization of her biographical data and especially the immense labor of reading and transcribing so much detail of the original manuscripts, the editor will surely receive the thanks of many family historians who find and use her fine piece of work.

The editor and compiler, Carolin Becker, has also produced the *Ortsfamilienbuch* for the neighboring parish district of Birkenfeld. These books may be ordered directly from the publisher’s website.

Note: The History and Genealogy Department of the St. Louis County Library has a complete set of *Ortssippenbücher/ Familienbücher*: (<https://www.slcl.org/research-learn/genealogy/german-genealogy/ortssippenbucher-familienbucher>).

Reviewed by David Anderson, Ph.D.

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Feature Articles from Other Publications

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Article subtitles are included where available. A note has been inserted in brackets in order to clarify the content of the article if not evident from the title. These periodicals are available for your use in the Emerson Genealogy Center, Clark Family Branch, 1640 S. Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63131.

American Ancestors (New England Historic Genealogical Society)

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- The Loyalist Experience During the American Revolution
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- The Revolutionary War’s Hard Winter
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- Three Cary Brothers, Three Ohio Counties: Part Two: Their Father’s Ancestry
- Earlier Migrations of Poverty: Verifying the Parentage of Asa Chamberlain, “Native of Southborough,” Massachusetts

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- From the Stacks: Research Center—Cape Girardeau
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St. Clair County Genealogical Society Quarterly (Illinois)

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- The Verniers: It All Began with Truck Farmers
- The Men of the Last Man’s Club: Schmidt to Whitlock
- St. Clair County Sunday School Association, 1891
- Marriage Index 1953 (Bride Surnames Griebel–Olsson)
- Oh Baby! St. Clair County Babies and Birth Records, 1880–1919
- Death Records 1924–1926 Zion Evangelical Church, Millstadt, Illinois
- 1844 School Land Sale Petition Near Mascoutah (T1S R6W)
- Chancery Case Files Index, 1870–1920, part fifteen

St. Louis City/County Biographies Project: Honoring St. Louisans

Do you have ancestors who are part of St. Louis history? Do you know of St. Louisans who deserve to be remembered for their contributions to St. Louis City or County? Whether they did something newsworthy or were little-known outside their neighborhood, they played an important part in making St. Louis what it is today. We would love to help you share their stories.

St. Louis Genealogical Society has a feature on its website called St. Louis City/County Biographies that links to 300 biographies (and counting) of local citizens from the 1700s to those recently deceased. Biographies are brief (500 words or less) and can include a copyright-free photo or two.

Our biographies honor men and women who are famous, such as architect William Bernoudy and poet Sara Teasdale, and include people you may recognize by name if you live in our area: Chouteau, Straub, Gannon, and Lackland. Most of our biographies, however, simply tell the stories of ordinary people who settled here and helped grow our community by working hard and raising families. Their descendants, or those who know about them, are ensuring their memories last.

On the St. Louis City/County Biographies page on our website <https://stlgs.org/research-2/community/st-louis-biographies>, you will find complete details on how and what to submit. Download a copy of the instruction flyer, and while you are there, take a few minutes to read about the lives of many other individuals who have called St. Louis home.

***"History is the essence of innumerable biographies."
Thomas Carlyle, 1838***



In 2026, the country will celebrate the 250th birthday of its founding.

Activities to commemorate this milestone will be taking place all around the country.

During 2026, the editors of the *Quarterly* would like to highlight the Patriot and Loyalist ancestors of our members.

We invite you to write a paragraph or two (or more!)
in answer to this question:

**What did your Revolutionary War ancestor do
to support their side of the conflict?**

They may have taken up arms, but there were so many other ways that they
could have championed the war effort, as well.

Please send your responses to quarterly@stlgs.org

Christian Friedrich Wilhelm Spilker, 1841–1904 & Karoline Louise Charlotte Krehmeier, 1842–1925

By Stephen H. Mayfield
for the St. Louis City/County Biographies Project

Born on 25 January 1841 in Rothenuffeln, no. 17, Westfalen, Christian Friedrich Wilhelm Spilker was the son of Karl Heinrich Wilhelm Spilker and Anne Marie Elisabeth (Euler) Spilker. Christian came to America on 11 July 1865 aboard the ship *Hansa*, landing in New York with his mother and brother, Ernst Heinrich Wilhelm Spilker.

Christian first settled in Washington County, Illinois, where his mother died on 21 September 1865. Christian married Karoline Louise Charlotte Krehmeier on 26 July 1866 in Washington County. She was born in Wulferdingsen, no. 8, Westfalen, on 20 October 1842, the daughter of Ernst Heinrich Gottlieb Krehmeier and Anne Marie Louise Karoline (Ahrensmeyer) Krehmeier. They both previously attended the Evangelical Church in Bergkirchen, Westfalen. Karoline arrived in New York on 25 October 1864 aboard the *Bremen* with many other families from the Bergkirchen area.

Christian and Karoline moved to St. Louis about 1868 and started a family. They lived at 1409 Benton Street where they are enumerated in subdivision 19, 11th ward of St. Louis, in the 1870 census. The Spilkers had five children, all born in St. Louis:

- Anna Christine Spilker, born on 17 July 1869, married Friedrich Wilhelm Ludwig Noel on 1 January 1886 in Cherokee County, Kansas. She died on 16 August 1941 in Vernon County, Missouri.
- Emma Friedericke Spilker was born on 1 February 1871 and died on 6 November 1876 in St. Louis.
- Marie Fredricke Caroline Spilker, born on 15 March 1873, married Wilhelm Heinrich Rittmann on 21 May 1891 in Arkansas County, Arkansas. She died on 20 January 1949 in Ulm, Prairie County, Arkansas.
- Heinrich Friedrich Wilhelm Spilker, born on 1 June 1875, married Maria

Catherine Kirchhoff on 9 December 1906 in Stuttgart, Arkansas County, Arkansas. He died on 10 September 1938 in Stuttgart.

- Heinrich Friedrich Ludwig Spilker was born on 7 July 1878 and died on 2 July 1894 in Ulm, Prairie County, Arkansas.

By the time of the 1880 census, the family lived in Ross Township, Cherokee County, Kansas, and they had another daughter, Emma Caroline Spilker, born on 17 October 1881. Christian Spilker died in Stuttgart, Arkansas County, Arkansas, on 15 October 1904. His daughter, Emma, married Charles William Friedrich Blohm on 6 February 1906 in Stuttgart. She died on 16 November 1957 in Stuttgart. Karoline (Krehmeier) Spilker died in 1925, also in Stuttgart.



Spilker-Krehmeier Family, circa 1900
Front, left to right: Friedrich Wilhelm Ludwig Noel; Christian Friedrich Wilhelm Spilker; Karoline Louise Charlotte Krehmeier Spilker; Wilhelm Heinrich Rittmann
Back, left to right: Anna Christine Spilker Noel; Emma Caroline Spilker Blohm; Charles William Friedrich Blohm; Heinrich Friedrich Wilhelm Spilker; Marie Fredricke Caroline Spilker Rittman
(Photo from Norman Noel of Bronaugh, Missouri. Used with permission)

Sleuthing Through Time

By J. A. Pipes

The Pipes Family Foundation was established in 2024 primarily as a philanthropic organization, but we also do quite a bit of genealogical research, and it is always fun when you can use your wits to force the past to give up its secrets. One of our ancestors named Henry Fedder was a baker, and in our archive, we have a few photographs of bakeries that he operated during the 1910s and 1920s. The photo below was taken around 1913, so everyone who is in the photo, or knew anything about it, has passed away. Our challenge was to find these buildings, which we knew were in the city of St. Louis somewhere, but the exact locations had been lost to time.

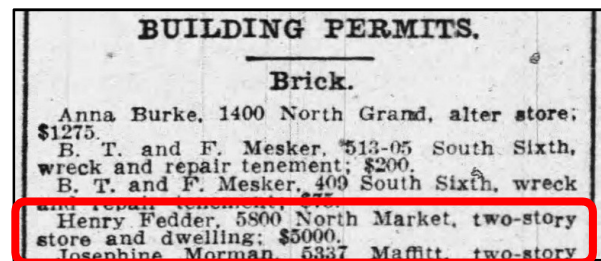


*Henry Fedder's first bakery;
photo in the author's possession*

This photo has been in our family for many years, and we believe it shows Henry's son and daughter, Eugene and Cora, standing in front of the bakery's original location. By zooming in on the photo, we were able to read the number 5800 above the front door. We made several brute-force attempts to simply search for 5800 in the St. Louis street address database¹ and Google Maps,² but this took quite a bit of time and in the end did not return any useful results. Since it was possible that the building no longer existed and the address

itself may have simply vanished, we knew we had to approach this problem from a different angle.

One of the tools that we are accustomed to using when we hit a dead end in our research is *Newspapers.com*.³ From the standpoint of a genealogist or a historian, there are few resources that are more valuable than the vast historical record contained in old newspapers. Simply searching for Henry's name yielded a large number of results, most of which were property transfer announcements when land or buildings were bought or sold because, as we learned, the Fedder family was heavily involved in real estate at this time and owned properties all over North St. Louis. But by adding the number 5800, we narrowed our search and found a single entry in the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* from 7 June 1912. It showed that Henry Fedder had paid for a building permit for a two-story store and dwelling at 5800 North Market Street. We later learned that the upstairs apartment at this address was the primary residence for Henry and his family.⁴



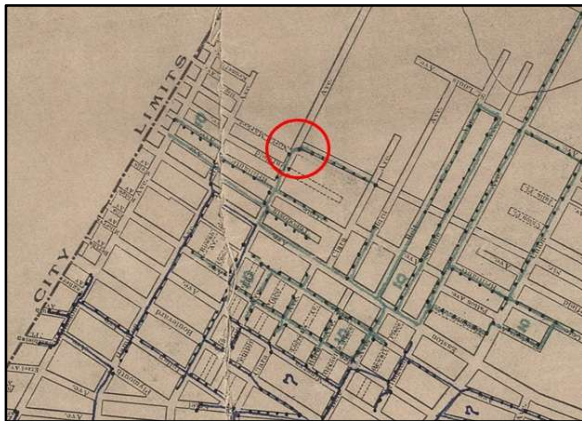
Building Permit from St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 7 June 1912, page 11

Now that we knew the address of the building, we were also able to find a description of the property in the newspaper: it was on the southwest corner of North Market Street and Goodfellow. This seemed to move us forward. However, in consulting Google Maps again, we discovered that this intersection no longer exists today. We needed to learn more about the way St. Louis streets were laid out at the turn of the twentieth century. The St. Louis region has a penchant for renaming streets (sometimes in the middle of their length, witness how many different

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ways we refer to Lindbergh Boulevard)⁵, so this was not going to be easy. But we started with simple internet searches for the name of the street, and we learned that North St. Louis was a village separate and distinct from the City of St. Louis until it was annexed in 1841.⁶ Also, North St. Louis had its own Market Street that once ran through town straight to the public wharf on the riverfront. This North Market Street still exists, but it is not as long as it used to be.

It was time to reference a collection of old street maps maintained by the St. Louis Public Library. Many of these maps are available on its website, including this one from 1896 which proved to be very helpful.⁷



Intersection of Wabada and Goodfellow from "Woodward's New Map of the City of St. Louis" (1896) [tear in original]

This map showed us the original path of North Market Street and confirmed that it did, in fact, intersect with Goodfellow. Further searches for the street name in other newspaper articles revealed that a portion of North Market Street was renamed Wabada Avenue around 1926. Once we had this bit of information, we could reconstruct what the intersection looked like in 1912, and it was relatively easy to find the plot of ground where the building once stood.

After a subsequent newspaper search for this new address—5800 Wabada Avenue—we discovered that the bakery was eventually

converted to a tavern and remained so for a few decades until the owner ran into tax problems in the 1960s. That was the last newspaper reference to this property, and sadly, it is a vacant lot today. At least the mystery of where the photo was taken had been solved to our satisfaction.

But we were not done! Henry Fedder had more than one bakery, and we had a photo of a second location also showing his wife, Clara, and his daughter, Ellen. The number on the door of this building is 2841, and we knew from some of our previous newspaper searches that the Fedder family owned several plots at the intersection of Union Boulevard and St. Louis Avenue. We started there and got lucky again, because this building appears to still be standing and in current use. We closely compared our photograph to a recent image of the building from Google Maps, and based on the strong similarities (including the second-floor facade which is identical), we believe that MILK A Private Event Venue at 2841 Union Blvd is the 100-year-old reincarnation of our ancestor's second bakery (with some minor modifications to the exterior of the first floor).



Henry Fedder's bakery, circa 1916, at 2841 Union Boulevard, and today, a private event venue; photos in the author's possession



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Our quest was difficult at times, but we were ultimately successful, which has inspired us to continue our sleuthing. We will dig into other properties that our ancestors owned in St. Louis (including what we believe was a third bakery location), using the powerful tools at our disposal—historical maps and newspaper databases—and we anticipate uncovering even more interesting family stories. We hope that this account has inspired you to take up the challenge of finding the locations of some of those family photos in your own collections.

End Notes

(NOTE: All URLs checked prior to publication.)

1. "St. Louis City Address and Property Search," *City of St. Louis, Missouri* (<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/data/address-search/>).
2. *Google Maps* (<https://www.google.com/maps>), 2025.
3. It should be noted that even though Newspapers.com is a subscription service, it can be accessed for free through the St. Louis County Library's website by anyone who has a library card (www.slcl.org/resources/newspapers-com).
4. "Births Recorded, Boys," *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, 2 February 1913, H. and C. Fedder, 5800 North Market, pg. 13, col. 4.
5. "Lindbergh Boulevard," 2025, *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lindbergh_Boulevard).
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Historic St. Louis Maps

During the past few years, St. Louis Genealogical Society has added a large collection of historic maps to our website, many of which have names and locations georeferenced, meaning you may be able to locate an ancestor's address, additional property, religious congregation, or burial site. Thanks to our resident map guru, Jim Bellenger, we can offer the following maps and/or links to maps on our website.

- St. Louis Online Atlas/Map List
<https://stlgs.org/research-2/community/maps/st-louis-online-atlas-map-list>
- 1804 Map of St. Louis
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- Pitzman's 1878 Atlas Georeferenced
<https://stlgs.org/research-2/community/maps/pitzmans-1878-atlas-georeferenced>
- St. Louis City Ward Boundaries
<https://stlgs.org/research-2/community/maps/st-louis-city-ward-boundaries#pagestart>
- St. Louis County Township Boundaries
<https://stlgs.org/research-2/community/maps/st-louis-county-township-boundaries#pagestart>
- St. Louis City Atlas, 1905
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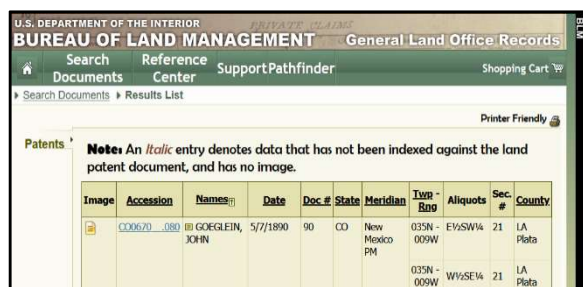
How I Found the Burial Location of My Third-Great-Grandmother

By Jim Bellenger

I knew my third-great-grandmother, Anna Margareta (Goeglein) Sauvage, had died in 1890 in Durango, Colorado, but I did not know where she was buried. I had checked with the City of Durango which maintains the local cemetery records, but her name was not listed there. I then came across a couple of web pages, "Stories Written by or About Daniel and Magdalena's Descendants"¹ and "WDC GenWeb-Descendants of Johann Goeglein,"² stating that she was buried in the "Old Goeglein Cemetery on the Mesa," although no record identified the exact location. The first of those pages mentioned that Anna's brother, John Goeglein, had also moved to Durango and that his wife, Barbara, was buried in the Old Goeglein Cemetery.

Checking Land Records

In an effort to locate this site, I first wanted to see if John Goeglein owned any land in this area. I searched the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) General Land Office (GLO) records.³ I found that, in 1890, he had received a public land grant in Durango in Section 21 of Town[ship] 35 North, Range 9 West of the New Mexico Prime Meridian (PM). In that section, he was given the east half of the southwest quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter.⁴



The screenshot shows the BLM General Land Office Records search results. The search criteria are: Accession 000670, Name GOEGLIN, JOHN, Date 5/7/1890, Doc # 90, State CO, Meridian New Mexico PM, Township 035N - E1/2SW1/4, Aliquots 009W, Section 21, and County LA. The results list shows a single entry for Section 21, LA County, with a note that the entry is italicized because it has not been indexed against the land patent document.

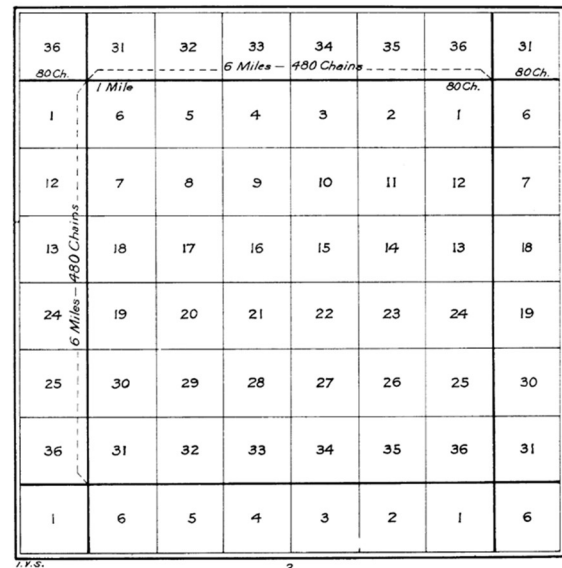
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BLM search results for John Goeglein's land in Durango

The Public Land Survey System (PLSS)⁵ is the method by which most of the land west of Ohio is subdivided and described. The PLSS

usually divides the land into six-mile-square blocks called townships. Townships are then divided into one-mile-square sections which are numbered 1–36. These are further subdivided into quarter sections.

THEORETICAL
TOWNSHIP DIAGRAM
SHOWING
METHOD OF NUMBERING SECTIONS
WITH ADJOINING SECTIONS



The diagram shows a 6x6 grid of sections, numbered 1 to 36 in a boustrophedon pattern. The grid is labeled with dimensions: 36 miles by 36 miles, 6 miles by 6 miles, and 36 sections by 36 sections. The sections are numbered 1 to 36 in a boustrophedon pattern: 1, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 6 in the first row; 12, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 7 in the second row; 13, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 18 in the third row; 24, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 19 in the fourth row; 25, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 30 in the fifth row; and 36, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 31 in the sixth row. The grid is also labeled with dimensions: 36 miles by 36 miles, 6 miles by 6 miles, and 36 sections by 36 sections.

Example of a township and range survey:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_Land_Survey_System

Determining the Location of John Goeglein's Land

Using the description of his land from the GLO records and several maps that provide different layers of information (Geographic Information System—GIS), I was able to plot the extent of John's land.

The maps I used included *Open Street Map*, one of the township/sections from BLM, and others that showed various land parcels and roads from the City of Durango. To chart them all on the same map, I used an open-source GIS software application (app) named Quantum GIS (QGIS).

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Finding Old Maps

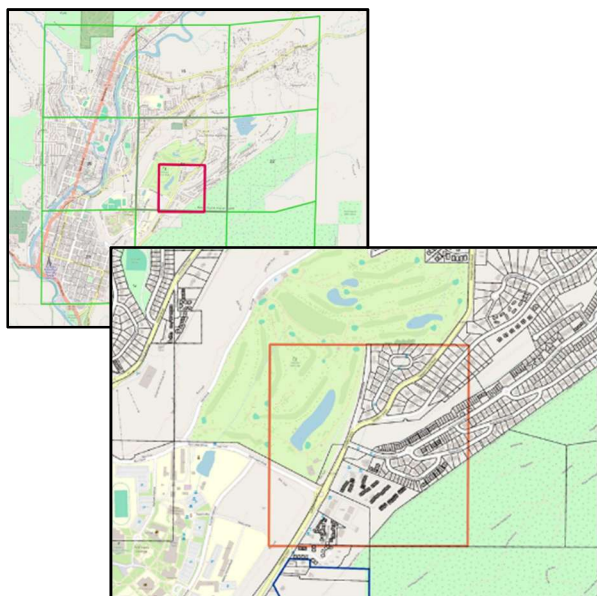
Next, it was necessary to find an old map of Durango so I could see what was known about John's land during his time there. I located an 1898 U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map online.⁶ Topographic maps show the natural and man-made features of an area, including elevations. This map of the area included a road named Goeglein Gulch Road and two buildings at that location. I chose the building closest to the road, assuming it was the house, as a possible location of the Old Goeglein cemetery.



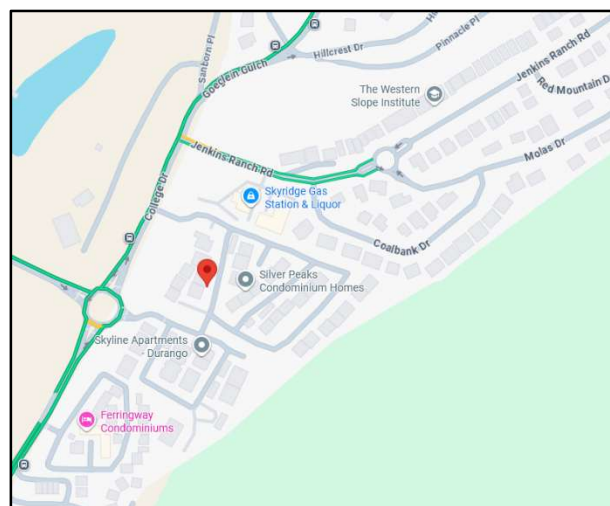
1898 USGS map of Durango, with graves marked

Building a Find a Grave Cemetery Page

Now that I had an approximate location of my third-great-grandmother's grave, I wanted to mark it so others could find it, as well. I created a *Find a Grave* cemetery page⁷ for this cemetery and added memorials for Anna, her sister-in-law, Barbara (Reuter) Goeglein, and for two of Barbara's granddaughters who died in infancy.



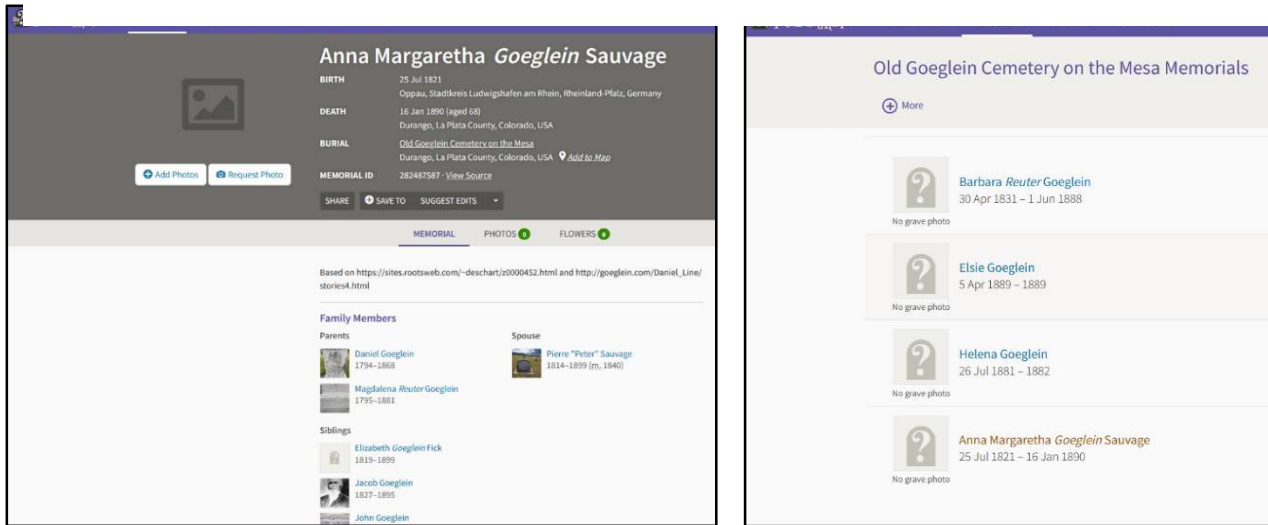
These maps are from the current Open Street Map layer and show the sections of the township and the red outline of the Goeglein land as described in the land patent records.



Current Google map of Durango, with graves marked

Using open-source GIS software with open data from the U.S. government and the City of Durango to find the location of my third great-grandmother's grave allowed me to get to the area of her grave and complete my collection of visits to all of my third-great or closer ancestors in the United States. I have created a map of my ancestors' graves that I have visited or still need to visit, and you can see it at http://www.tffl.info/Dailey/all_jrb_ancestors_map.htm. Knowing the location also allows the descendants of Margareta's brother, John Goeglein, to visit the area where John's wife, Barbara (Reuter) Goeglein, is buried.

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Find a Grave *page for the Goeglein family*

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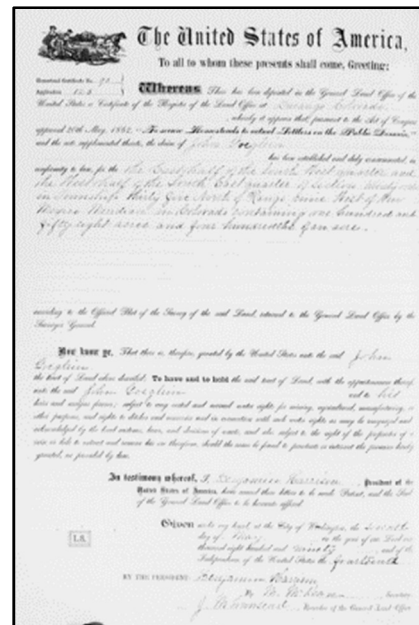
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John Goeglein's bounty land certificate, the start of the quest for the family graveyard

Reclaim the Records

By Deborah Benoit

Did you ever wonder how the records you use in your genealogical research get online? One way is through the efforts of an organization called Reclaim the Records, a not-for-profit group of genealogists, historians, journalists, and open government advocates committed to making genealogical data freely available to the public. The enterprise was started in 2015 by Brooke Schreier Ganz, a genealogist and computer programmer, out of her frustration with attempting to access historical marriage license indexes from the New York City Municipal Archives.¹

Brooke and her eight-member board of directors are all volunteers; they have no paid staff and rely on donations and collaborators to move forward. So far, they have managed to win access to millions of records despite massive pushback from government agencies. Reclaim the Records utilizes the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)² and state open-record laws to request that documents be made publicly available. If the government entity will not comply, they file a lawsuit to force compliance. The Freedom of Information Act is a federal law that gives any person the right to request access to records from U.S. Federal government agencies, unless the information is protected by one of the Act's nine exemptions. Like Missouri,³ all states have similar open records or "sunshine" laws that require public records and public meetings to be open and available to the public, with some exceptions. To date, Reclaim the Records has filed lawsuits in multiple states, including Connecticut, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Washington, and Wyoming,⁴ and it has won the majority of the court cases it has filed.

The website for the organization (<https://reclaimtherecords.org>) includes an explanation of its activities. In the "Records Requests" section are links to access the records that it has obtained as a result of its lawsuits. These records can be retrieved at no charge. The homepage of the website features a list of current lawsuits and record requests.

Each request explains what was asked for and the current state of the litigation. If your ancestors came from any states that are withholding access to records, the site invites you to take a records survey and let it know what records interest you. On the site, you can also sign up to receive its free newsletter so that you will know about current litigation and be alerted when new records come online.

On the homepage of the Reclaim the Records website, there is a list of each record request and its status. For records that have already been obtained, this includes what records were acquired and how to access them, whether at the Reclaim the Records website, at the Internet Archive website, or somewhere else, like *Ancestry* or *FamilySearch*. For a pending request, the status is provided.



Some of the records obtained by Reclaim the Records to-date include:

- New York City: marriage licenses 1908–1929, 1930–1995, 1996–2017
- New York City: list of registered voters, 1924
- New York City: geographic index to New York City births, late 19th to early 20th century
- New York: births (outside of New York City), 1881–1942
- New York: marriages (outside of New York City), 1881–1964
- New York: index to state deaths (outside of New York City), 1880–1956
- New York: index to deaths in Buffalo, New York, 1852–1944
- New Jersey: death index, 1904–2017

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- New Jersey: birth, marriage, and death indices, 1901–1903 and 1901–1914
- New Jersey: geographic birth index and delayed birth index, 1901–1929
- New Jersey: marriage index, 1901–2016
- Maryland: birth, death, marriage, and naturalization records from late 18th century to 2013
- Nebraska: death index, 1904–1968
- Connecticut: birth, death, marriage, and civil union records, 1897–2017
- Missouri: death index, 1968–2015
- Missouri: birth index, 1920–2015
- Mississippi: state death index, 1912–1943

One of their recent victories has been to obtain the index to veterans' benefits claims from the Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) Death File. This is the Veterans Benefit Administration database that provides information on deceased veterans, including name, birth and death dates, branch of service, and enlistment and release dates.

Litigation in Missouri

The saga of the Missouri litigation filed by Reclaim the Records to obtain Missouri birth and death listings from 1 January 1910 through 31 December 2015 is an interesting story. In February 2016, Brooke Ganz requested this information, on behalf of Reclaim the Records, from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). The request was for the index to the birth and death records and was not a request for any actual birth or death certificates.⁵

The Missouri Sunshine Law provides that each request shall be acted upon as soon as possible, but in no event later than the end of

the third business day following the date the request is received.⁶

Ms. Ganz was advised that the department (DHSS) was working on her request, but two months later she had not heard anything. In May 2016, Ms. Ganz was advised that the department (DHSS) was working on a cost estimate.⁷ The Missouri Sunshine Law provides that the state can charge copying fees for documents and the cost of staff time for preparing the documents requested.⁸ In June 2016, Ms. Ganz was notified that the cost estimate for her request was \$1.49 million. After seeing the exorbitant amount, Ms. Ganz hired legal counsel to represent Reclaim the Records to pursue this matter. The lawyer provided the department (DHSS) with an efficient method for accessing and providing the requested records, and in August 2016, the cost estimate was changed to \$5,174.⁹

While these communications were going on between Reclaim the Records and the DHSS, a secret plan was developed by DHSS to deny the records request completely and to submit a legislative request to rescind the particular statute involved. The DHSS then denied the records request, and in response, Reclaim the Records filed a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri, to force the DHSS to comply with the Missouri Sunshine Law and make the records available. Ultimately, the decision of that court was handed down on 15 April 2020, and Reclaim the Records was successful in obtaining the Missouri birth and death indices for a cost of \$2,657.30.

The court went on to enter a judgment in the amount of \$12,000 against the DHSS for its knowing violations of the Sunshine Law. The court also entered an order for the department to pay the attorney's fees for Reclaim the Records. DHSS appealed this decision to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, and on 30 March 2021, the court affirmed the decision of the Circuit Court of Cole County and awarded Reclaim the Records attorney's

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fees in the amount of \$137,655.02.¹⁰ These Missouri records are now available on the website of Reclaim the Records and on Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/>).¹¹

This hardworking group provides a great service for all genealogists in making information about our ancestors available. The efforts of Reclaim the Records are certainly appreciated by people searching for genealogy records, and we hope that they continue their excellent work.

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This mighty little non-profit has an amazing track record, and if you have never visited their website, you may want to, now that you have read Debbie's article. They continue to go to battle for us across the country, and we all are profiting from their refusal to back down to government officials. Their website asserts that they have reclaimed more than sixty million records as of December 2025.

The Missouri Birth Index runs from the 1920s through 2015 (<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/6/>), and the Missouri Death Index (<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/7/>) runs from 1968 through 2015. A search yields an exact date of birth or death, and, if the death is within Missouri privacy laws, there's a link to the online death certificate.

We have published several articles about Reclaim the Records in our weekly blog, *StLGS News Flash*. You can find the blog posts here:

- Introduction to Reclaim the Records
<http://stlgs.blogspot.com/2020/02/reclaim-records-genealogy-group-worth.html>
- More on the Missouri Birth and Death Indexes:
<https://stlgs.blogspot.com/2023/10/newly-revised-missouri-birth-and-death.html>
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<https://stlgs.blogspot.com/2023/09/another-victory-for-reclaim-records.html>
- New York State death index
<https://stlgs.blogspot.com/2025/12/kudos-to-reclaim-records-once-again-for.html>
- More on the Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem of the VA
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The Short Life of a Young Woman: Altie May (Remington) Kaufer

By Shirley Wadell

While glancing through some unclaimed photographs on the “Lost and Found” page of the St. Louis Genealogical Society’s (StLGS) website, I found one picture of particular interest. This portrait of Altie May Remington seems to have been colorized at one time. The photograph includes her name handwritten on the back of the image and a note that this photograph of Altie was a gift to W. H. Keehne in Shrewsbury, St. Louis County, Missouri, on 14 January 1899. The photography studio’s name is embossed at the bottom left-hand corner—Goldsmith Studio, located at 1012 Olive Street in St. Louis, Missouri. Altie appears to be about eighteen years old in this photo, meaning she was born around 1880 or 1881.

I was first interested in the recipient of this photograph. William Henry Keehne lived in Shrewsbury from 1880 to 1920 and married Mary Rose Delworth on 24 January 1905 in Shrewsbury.¹ Sometime after 1920, he and his family moved to Los Angeles, California, where he lived for the rest of his life. William is interred at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, California.² The backstory about William Keehne and Altie Remington is unknown.

Altie’s mother, Mary Remington, and her two children were enumerated in the 1900 U.S. census. Mary was listed as the head of the household. She was married, forty-two years old, born in Ohio in November 1837, and worked as a music teacher. Mary was listed with her two children: Arthur, age twenty-two, born in June 1874 in Texas, a carpenter by trade; and her daughter, Alice, age eighteen, born in July 1881 in Texas. Alice was working as a servant and had worked for half of the previous year. The family of three rented a unit in a multi-family dwelling at 6514 Broadway in St. Louis.³ Altie May Remington was listed on this census as Alice. Mary’s husband was not listed with them, and I was unable to locate him elsewhere that year.



Alice “Altie” May Remington, 1899

On a U.S. Social Security file for Altie’s older brother Arthur, their parents were listed as Charles H. Remington and Mary E. Hallam.⁴ The couple was enumerated on the 1880 U.S. census living in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. Charles, age thirty-two, worked as a carpenter and lived with his wife, Mary, age twenty-five. Their only child was listed as Martha, a daughter, age three.⁵ It appears that the enumerator misheard the name “Arthur” and wrote “Martha” instead. Twelve years later, a notice in the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* dated 19 May 1892 reported that Mary W. Remington filed for divorce from her husband, Charles H. Remington, charging him with desertion. They had married on 26 July 1876, and she lived with him until 3 July 1888.⁶

Altie’s wedding took place on 18 July 1900 in St. Louis. On her marriage certificate, Miss Altie May Remington is noted as being over the age of eighteen. She married Fred Kaufer, who stated that he was over the age of twenty-one.⁷ Fred was the son of William H. Kaufer and Josephine (Gaebel) Kaufer, and brother of Frank and Josephine Kaufer. No engagement or wedding announcement for the couple was found in the local newspapers.

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In September of the following year, Altie and Fred had a daughter whom they named Altie, after her mother.⁸ Unfortunately, Mrs. Altie Kaufer, the subject of the photograph, did not live much longer. She died on 9 September 1902 at the age of twenty-one after suffering with typhoid fever for six weeks.⁹ She was buried at St. Trinity Cemetery in south St. Louis, Missouri.¹⁰ No obituary could be found for her. Baby Altie turned one year old two weeks after her mother passed away.

On 13 July 1905, young Altie's father, Frederick "Fred" Kaufer, died. He was just twenty-nine years old. His funeral took place at the family residence, 7918 South Broadway in St. Louis.¹¹ No cause of death was listed in his obituary, and no death record was located. He was buried next to his wife, Alice "Altie" (Remington) Kaufer, at St. Trinity Cemetery. Their daughter Altie was not yet four years old.

Young Altie Grows Up

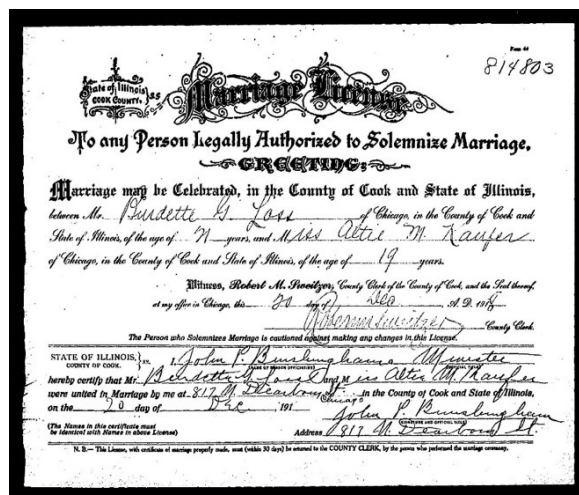
At the time of the 1910 census, young Altie was living with her grandmother, Mary W. Remington, and her uncle, Arthur Remington, and his family. Arthur and his wife, Mamie, had been married for seven years, and the couple had three children: Oliver, age eight, Arthur, age six, and Grace, age three. Altie M. Kaufer was eight years old and was listed with the surname of "Remington."¹² In the next few years, the Remington family moved to Cook County, Illinois, leaving young Altie behind in St. Louis. Her grandmother Mary died on 7 September 1913 at the age of fifty-eight.¹³ She was interred at Tinley Park in Illinois on 9 September 1913.

It seems that Altie moved in with her paternal uncle, Frank Kaufer, and his family when the Remingtons left for Chicago. A 1915 article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reported that thirteen-year-old Altie had run away, leaving a note that read, "I am going away. Please forgive me, but do not hunt for me."¹⁴

She returned home, either of her own accord or after being found by the police.

Sixteen months later, she again ran away, reportedly this time because her grandmother refused to let her go to the movies every day. When this news reached the paper, Altie had already been gone for a month. It was noted that "the police have been asked to look for the girl, and tell her that, if she will return home, she may go to all the shows she wants to."¹⁵ It is unknown whether Altie returned to her grandmother's home or not.

On 20 December 1918, Altie married Burdette Gorman Loss in Chicago, Illinois.¹⁶ The marriage record noted that Altie had been born in 1899 and was nineteen years old, and Burdette was twenty-one, born in 1897. Given that her real birth year was in 1901, she was actually seventeen at the time of this marriage. Altie and Burdette had one son, Wendell "Ted" Gorman Loss, who was born on 4 January 1920 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.¹⁷ This was Altie's only child. The marriage lasted just a short period of time before both young people moved on.

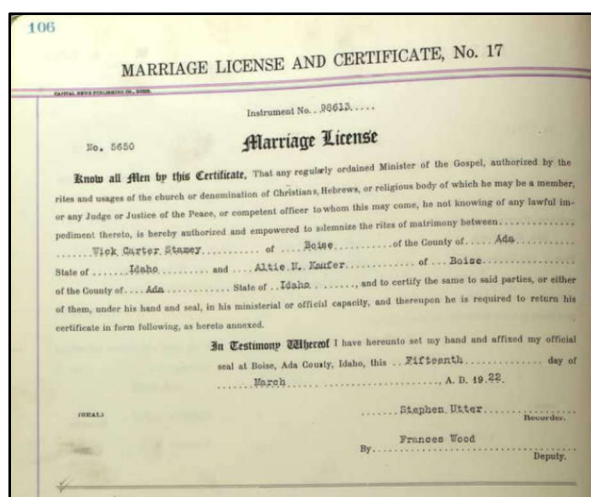


Marriage between Altie Kaufer and Burdette Gorman Loss

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Altie's second marriage was to Wick Carter Stamey on 15 March 1922 in Boise, Idaho.¹⁸ On the record she was listed by her maiden name, Altie M. Kaufer. This marriage was also short-lived, as Wick married Anne Elizabeth Melton in 1934.¹⁹

Altie's third marriage was to John Thomas McGarry on 22 August 1956 in Los Angeles, California.²⁰ At the time, Altie was fifty-three years old and John forty-four. She is listed in this record as both Altie Mae Kaufer and Altie Mae Meyer, a widow, although no record of her marriage to a Mr. Meyer was found. Her parents were recorded as Fred Kaufer and Altie Mary Remington.



Marriage between Altie Kaufer and Wick Carter Stamey

Altie Kaufer passed away on 5 December 1983 in Los Angeles, California.²¹

Altie's son, Wendell Loss

In 1930,²² Altie's son, ten-year-old Wendell Gorman Loss, was living with his father, Gorman Loss, age thirty-two, who was a commercial artist in advertising. Also in this household was Wendell's stepmother, Gorman's second wife, Glenn Loss, age twenty-



Death Certificate of Mrs. Altie Kaufer, 1902

six, and his half-brother, Murray, age three. The family rented an apartment at 3804 Bailey in Bronx, New York. Gorman Loss and Glenn Cobbs had married 5 November 1921 in The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon.²³

Wendell Loss was shown on the 1940 Bronx, New York, U.S. census, now twenty years old, employed as a clerk at an advertising store, having completed four years of high school. He was still living with his father, Gorman Loss, his stepmother, Glenn, and his half-brother, Murray. This family had moved to 3957 Gouverneur Avenue, an apartment building.²⁴

Wendell Gorman Loss was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. His military death file indicated that he had enlisted in Hartford, Connecticut, on 30 September 1941 and was discharged on

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14 January 1946. He re-enlisted on 6 February 1948 and was discharged 3 April 1953.²⁵ According to his draft card, he was five feet, nine inches tall, weighed 142 pounds, and possessed a light complexion, brown hair, and hazel eyes. His father, Gorman Loss was listed as his next of kin.²⁶ Wendell was discharged in April 1953 at Walter Reed Army Hospital with a diagnosis of arthritis and "rheumatoid of spine."²⁷ On 1 February 1997, "Ted" Wendell Gorman Loss died. On the U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, it lists his parents as Burdette G. Loss and Alta M. Kaufer.²⁸

If you are related to this family or know someone who might like Altie May's photograph, please contact the St. Louis Genealogical Society so we can re-home this photo.

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Creating a Family Heirloom: Wedding Dress to Baptismal Gown

By Jeani Schnabel Ward

In the summer of 1953, Mary Elizabeth “Dolly” Schnabel walked down the aisle of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio, to marry Donald Michael Gedeon. Her wedding dress was an elegant, flowing gown of Chantilly lace over satin, featuring a cathedral train, a fitted bodice, and a delicate Peter Pan collar embroidered with tiny seed pearls. Standing proudly by her side was her sister and matron of honor, Edith Hill.



*Mary Elizabeth “Dolly” Schnabel Gedeon
(Photo in the author’s possession; used with permission)*

Years later, that same wedding dress would take on new life and meaning. With love and creativity, Edith, the oldest of the Schnabel sisters, carefully cut and sewed Dolly’s cherished wedding dress into a baptismal gown complete with a slip and a bonnet. Thus began the life of a treasured family heirloom.

The first to wear the heirloom baptismal gown was Donald Kevin Gedeon, the son of Dolly and Don, baptized on 11 September 1955 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cleveland. Edith and her husband, John Hill, stood as his godparents. A special silk coat was added to the ensemble for the 1957 baptism of

Martin Gedeon, the second son of Dolly and Donald Gedeon, enhancing the set that would be worn by generations to come.

Since then, this baptismal gown has cradled fourteen babies across three generations, a testament to the enduring love and tradition of the Gedeon family. It is Dolly Gedeon’s heartfelt wish that the gown will continue to be used and passed down, preserving the bond and blessing it carries.

Now more than seventy years old, the gown is carefully preserved in a specially designed white archival box, using acid-free tissue. As current keeper of the heirloom, I lay it flat and place a layer of tissue inside the dress and in the sleeves, then fold the dress in half and add tissue so that material is not touching material. I also line the box with tissue and carefully lay the dress in the box, putting tissue between each folded area. After laying tissue over the top, I close the box.

Over time, it has been necessary to replace the box more than once. The gown has been dry-cleaned several times, and despite minor yellowing from age and a few spit-up stains, the gown remains in remarkably good condition as a tribute to the care it has received.



The author with the heirloom baptismal dress layered in its acid-free box. Alongside is a history of the dress and its matching coat with photos of some of the babies

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If you have such an heirloom in your family, I recommend using acid-free preservation kits for christening gowns; they can be found on Amazon, among other places. The kit usually comes with an archival box, acid-free tissue paper, and sometimes gloves to handle the clothing or document. We have learned from experience not to tape the box shut or wrap it in plastic because fabric needs to breathe. Ink from printed paper should never touch the gown or the tissue that protects it. If the dress ever gets damp, the ink from the paper could be transferred to the material and leave marks. It is important to use acid-free tissue paper for preservation and to keep the box in a dry room, not in the basement.

This Gedeon family tradition is not just about a gown. It is also about legacy, memory, and the bonds between generations. I, Jeani Margaret (Schnabel) Ward, a cousin, was the second baby baptized in this gown in 1956. My daughter Sarah Elizabeth (Ward) Mueller wore the same gown in 1991. And just recently, on 6 July 2025, my granddaughter Charlotte Orion Mueller became the first member of the third generation to wear this beloved family treasure for her baptism at Hope Episcopal Church.

Schnabel family cousins, all twenty-two of us, believe that tradition was important to the sisters. We have been brought up hearing family stories and seeing pictures of our older relatives. The Schnabel family lived in the same house in St. Joseph, Missouri, for sixty years. Edith, Mary, and the other sisters were instrumental in starting Schnabel family reunions. We have been getting together every five years since 1972. This keeps tradition, memories, and the bonds of connection alive.

My hope is that this baptismal gown continues to be used by future generations of Schnabel children and that they are taught to appreciate the family history that accompanies it.

The children baptized in the Gedeon gown span three generations and several U.S. states:

First Generation:

- Donald Kevin Gedeon: 11 September 1955, St. Boniface Catholic Church, Cleveland, Ohio
- Jeani Margaret (Schnabel) Ward: 9 September 1956, St. James Catholic Church, Lakewood, Ohio
- Martin Joseph Gedeon: 14 October 1957, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Cleveland, Ohio
- Katheryn Ann Schnabel: November 1958, Sts. Phillip and James Catholic Church, Cleveland, Ohio
- Michelle Marie (Gedeon) Vidulich: 24 May 1959, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Cleveland, Ohio
- John Frederick Schnabel: April 1960, Sts. Phillip and James Catholic Church, Cleveland, Ohio
- Laura Jeanne (Gedeon) Jenkins: 21 February 1961, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Galion, Ohio

Second Generation:

- Melanie Marie (Gedeon) Kyle: 26 July 1981, First Presbyterian Church, Ada, Ohio
- Donald Eugene Gedeon: 31 July 1983, First Presbyterian Church, Ada, Ohio
- Nathan Andrew Ward: 31 December 1989, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Manchester, Missouri
- Alisa Michele (Vidulich) Casavant: 10 May 1991, St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, Panama City Beach, Florida
- Sarah Elizabeth (Ward) Mueller: 24 December 1991, Church of the Transfiguration, Evergreen, Colorado
- Elizabeth Danielle Vidulich: 5 June 1993, St. John's Catholic Church, Panama City, Florida

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Third Generation:

- Charlotte Orion Mueller: 6 July 2025, Hope Episcopal Church, Town and Country, Missouri
- The newest family member to wear the baptismal dress is Adeline Marie Casavant. She is the great-granddaughter of Mary Elizabeth “Dolly” (Schnabel) Gedeon.

It is never too late to start a family tradition, and if you have one, be sure to keep it alive by passing it down to the next generation.

The St. Louis Genealogical Society has presented a class on the preservation of documents, and the recording can be found on the Recorded Classes page of the StLGS website: <https://stlgs.org/education/classes/recorded-stlgs-classes>.

Scroll down to January 2023 where you will find “Preserving Family Documents and Photos.” The handout for the class is also there. In addition, the society offers a free monograph for members entitled “How to Protect Valuable Family Treasures: Papers, Books, and Photographs.” StLGS members can find it as a free PDF on the “Monographs for Members” page: <https://stlgs.org/resources/on-this-site/monographs-for-members>

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*The Schnabel heirloom baptismal dress and matching coat
(Photos by Ilene Murray; used with permission)*

Another Photo That Needs a Home: Rose A. (Pickup) Heine

By Shirley Wadell

We are always trying to rehome photographs that have been languishing in the StLGS office. One that intrigued me was of a young woman with an unusual name. At the bottom of the photograph is written, "Oklahoma, Bartlesville, Rose Heine nee Pickup, school mate/neighbor." On the reverse, a label reads: "Daughter of James and Kate Pickup married Henry Heine 1898—to Bartlesville, OK." This provided some solid information on which to base research of Rose. As you can see, she appears to be in her late teens in this image.



On the 1880 St. Louis, Missouri, federal census dated 15 November, ten-year-old Rose was living with her parents, James W. Pickup, a forty-four-year-old glassblower, and Catharine Pickup, age forty, and Rose's siblings, Cora, age fourteen; Justin, age twelve; and Benjamin, age three. J. M. [Joseph] Vandyke, age twenty-one, was also in the household and was listed as a stepson to James. Joseph's occupation was "fish dealer." The family resided at 417 Sidney, and Rose and Justin attended school.¹ Rose's mother, Catherine (Parker) Pickup, had married Nonamous R. Vandyke on 3 December 1857

in St. Louis.² I believe that Joseph N. Vandyke was the son of this couple, born on 23 May 1859 in St. Louis, Missouri,³ but I did not find conclusive evidence of that.

In early June 1898, Henry J. Heine, living at 2320 Eugenia, and Rose A. Pickup of 3339 Michigan Avenue, filed for a marriage license.⁴ They were married at the Carondelet Methodist Episcopal Church on 2 June 1898 by the pastor, H. G. Mais.⁵ Two years later, twenty-nine-year-old Henry J. Heine, who worked as a clerk at a hardware store, was enumerated on the 1900 federal census along with his family. According to the record, he was born in July 1870 in Missouri and was living with his wife, Rose, age twenty-seven, born in October 1872, also in Missouri. Their son, Melvin, who was three months old, had been born in February 1900. Henry and Rose were renting a two-family flat at 3413 Oregon Avenue. Rose's sister, Cora, age thirty-four, was living upstairs with her husband, Jeremiah McAuliffe, a glassblower, and their sixteen-year-old son, Percy.⁶

By the time of the 1910 census, Henry had moved his family to Bartlesville in Washington County, Oklahoma, where he established a hardware store. He was living with his wife, Rose, their son, Melvin, and their adopted daughter, Rose. The couple had been married for twelve years. Their residence was recorded as 413 Seneca Avenue, which Henry owned. Two lodgers, Rue Crawford and Nelson Brinkerhof, lived with the family.⁷ Henry later became a retail merchant for a wallpaper company in Bartlesville.⁸

Henry Jacob Heine passed away on 7 February 1927 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He was fifty-six years old, and he died of chronic ulcerative colitis and peritonitis. At the time of his death, he was a merchant grocer in Bartlesville. His father was listed as Jacob Heine on his death certificate, and his mother was listed as "unknown." Henry's wife, Rose, provided this information.⁹

According to his obituary in the local Bartlesville newspaper, Henry died following

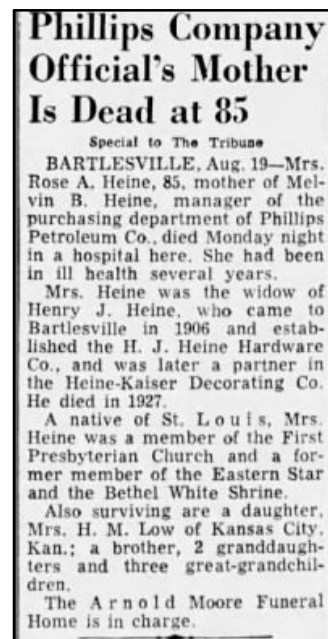
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an operation in St. Louis. He had been born on 10 July 1870 in St. Louis, where he resided for several years before moving to Bartlesville. He was a merchant, later associating himself with a home decorating company, and was survived by his wife, Rose; son, Melvin; daughter, Mrs. C. A. Roux; and sister, Mrs. M. Jacobs. Henry was the son of Jacob Heine, a Union Civil War veteran, and Julia (Arnold) Heine. He was buried on 10 February 1927 in Bartlesville.¹⁰ Rose remained in Bartlesville following her husband's death and in 1930 was living with her daughter, Rose, and Rose's husband, Chester A. Roux. The couple had an infant daughter named Roslie Ann.¹¹

Rose's name appears in the local Bartlesville newspaper several times in April 1939 as the owner of a home at 522 Delaware that had been burglarized by a couple of eighteen-year-old young men. Rose was one of several victims of their crime spree, and both men received prison sentences.¹² Rose lived alone in this house and remained there until her death in 1958. Her son, Melvin B. Heine, and his wife, Pauline, resided at 1523 S. Dewey Avenue, in Bartlesville. His occupation was listed as a purchasing agent for PP Company in the 1948 city directory.¹³

Rose (Pickup) Heine died on 19 August 1958 at the age of eighty-eight. She had been in the hospital for three weeks at the time of her death, but her health had been failing for several years. In her obituary, it was reported that she had been born in St. Louis, Missouri, where she married her husband, Henry. The couple left St. Louis for Bartlesville, Oklahoma, in 1906, opening H. J. Heine Hardware Company. Rose had been a former member of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 14, and the Bethel White Shrine. She left her son, Melvin Heine; her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Melvin Low; a brother, R. I. Pickup; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren. She was interred at White Rose Mausoleum next to her husband.¹⁴

Another report of Rose's death appeared in the *Tulsa Tribune* and noted that her son, Melvin B. Heine, was the manager of the purchasing department of Phillips Petroleum.¹⁵ A third obituary was published in the *Bartlesville Record* and reported that Rose was eighty-six years old at the time of her death.¹⁶ The fact that Rose's obituaries provided different ages at her time of death causes me to wonder about the sources of this information.



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