

## Book 1 – The Family of John & Marceline Lauzon

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## **LUCILLE LAUZON & ROBERT KITTSON**

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### **EARLY LIFE OF LUCILLE**

Lucille Marie Lauzon was the second born child of John B and Marceline Cholette Lauzon (see Chapter 1). She was on April 17, 1908, 17 months after her older sister, Blanche, was born. Like all the offspring of John and Marceline, Lucille had a heritage of 100% French Canadian. The family lived in the small, rural community of Schaffer in Bark River Township of Delta Co, Michigan, which was also the home of Marceline's older brothers and sister. The Lauzon family finally ended up with 10 children over a period of 15 years.













Lucille, circa 1910

### **CHILD BIRTH RESPONSIBILITIES**

Blanche and Lucille were the two oldest children in the family. They were required to get their younger siblings out of the house whenever their mother was due to give birth to another child. They would take the kids to Uncle Dr. Clement Cholette's house, which was within

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walking distance, and stay there for a few days. This is where the older girls learned “the facts of life”, since their own mother would never talk about such things. It was a sin to think or talk about things like that. [9]

## LUCILLE’S CHILDHOOD

The family lived in Shaffer until about 1909. Briefly, the family moved to Northland, Michigan, where two more children were born.

Lucille Lauzon-School Attendance  
Escanaba Daily Press, Sep 30, 1919

### **St. Anne's Pupils Show Splendidly In Attendance**

The following list of pupils of St. Anne's school, who have been neither absent nor tardy during the month of September has been prepared by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The record is regarded as being extremely good for the first month of the semester.

**SEVENTH GRADE**—Olive Beaumier, Ruth Boisvert, Alfred Charbonneau, Agnes Dart, Roland Deault, Melba Giguire, William Gabourie, Aurelia Joint, Lucille Lauzon, Edith L'Heureux, Alfred Labranche, Florence Plante, Cecile Pepin, Lucille Perrow, Evaline Trudeau, Leona Leduc, Cecile Dart.

Lucille, at age 16, was old enough to work. Her first job was in her Uncle Victor's millinery store with her older sister, Blanche [5]. In about 1926 her Pa was sick of working for his brother-in-law and the family returned to Escanaba, Michigan to look for work.

In March, 1928 Lucille had an attack of appendicitis and was hospitalized in Escanaba.

The 1910 US Census recorded that the family lived in Escanaba, Michigan, probably because of her dad's work. Lucille was 2 years old. In 1920 the family still lived in Escanaba and Lucille at age 11, was in school.



Lucille, circa 1920

The family moved to Canada in June 1924 so Lucille's Dad could work for her Uncle Victor Cholette in Ottawa.



Lucille, Circa 1923

## STRONG-WILLED LUCILLE

As a child, her sisters learned to respect Lucille's temper. You'd get out of her way or you'd get it. Irene remembers being smacked with a book many times [5]. Her sisters did not admire her temper, but did look up to her for her determination [4]

1924  
Canadian Immigration Service  
FORM 30

1. NAME **LIAUZON LUCILLE** Age **16**  
(Print name in block letters, family name first.)

2. Last permanent address **46 13th St. Escanaba, Mich**  
(Street and No.)

3. Sex **Female** Are you married, single, widowed or divorced? **Single**  
If married are you accompanied by husband or wife? If so give name of husband or wife

4. Birthplace **Shafter Mich** Citizenship **U.S.A** Race or people **French**  
(Country and P.O.)

5. Nat. Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Court \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Attest \_\_\_\_\_

6. Object in coming to Canada **With parents** Occupation **Student**  
(Intended)

7. Able to read **Yes** Language **English** Religion **Roman Catholic**  
(State Denomination)

8. Ever lived in Canada? **Yes** Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Entered previously at \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Left Canada at \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

9. Why left Canada? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Ever refused entry to or deported from Canada? **No** Where? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Money in possession belonging to passenger \$ \_\_\_\_\_ If settler \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Value of effects)

12. DESTINED TO (Relative, Friend or Employer) (Relationship)  
Name **Alma**  
Address **Out-**  
(Passenger must give full address.)

13. R.R. Ticket issue **C.P.R.** No. **79144** Form **Card**  
From **Soo. Mich** To **Soo. Ont.**

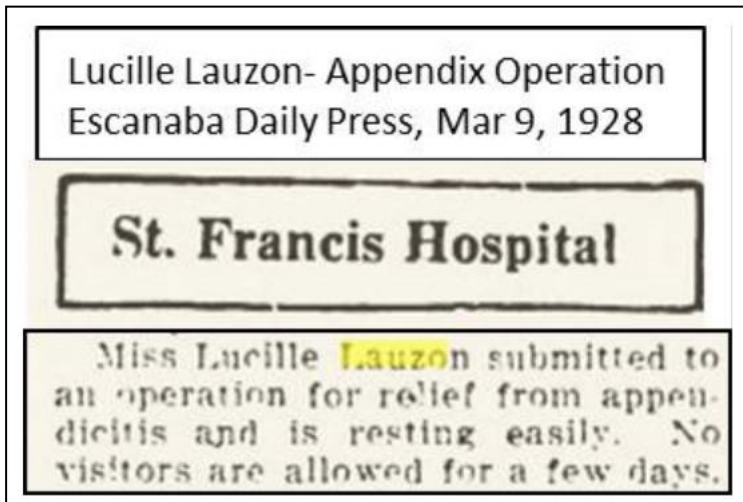
14. Port of last arrival in the United States **First time in Canada**  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ S.S. \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

15. Are you or any of your family mentally defective? **no**  
Tubercular? **no** Physically defective? **no**  
Otherwise debarred under Canadian Immigration Law? **no**

16. Apparent condition of health **Good**

17. ACTION TAKEN **Admitted** IS CAUSE \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Appeal Taken **No**

Notes—When answers are printed, strike out alternative word or words.



Lucille had a mouth like her father, more than any of the other daughters. People could tell that she was John's daughter. Joan, Lucille's daughter, would tell her that she took after her father, and Lucille would get very upset with her [3].

Even in her late teens, Lucille had the ambition to always want to make something of herself [3]. She was going to go to school by hook or by crook, no matter who told her she couldn't! [3]. She was probably a better than average student [3]. Lucille was an intelligent

woman [4].

Lucille was a strong willed lady, very aggressive. She said she would not be a failure. She tried to impose her will on everybody. People soon learned that Lucille wanted to run the show. She didn't allow anyone to step on her toes. Small and mighty is best. Lucille was very feisty [4]. Her personality was similar to her younger sister, Yvonne, but even feistier [5]. If there were such thing as a female BULL, that would be the best characterization of Lucille. She'd knock everybody down that got in her way [3].

### **LUCILLE'S APPEARANCE**

Lucille was attractive looking [4]. She was short, but petite [5]. She was probably the shortest one in the Lauzon family [3].

She liked to wear fashionable clothes. She never had enough clothes. She did a lot of her own sewing; she made about 80% of her clothes. She had a wardrobe that was unbelievable! [3]. Both she and sister Yvonne knew how to dress. Yvonne didn't have the money, but Lucille did [5].

In 1927 Lucille worked as a cashier, per the Escanaba City Directory. In 1929 she worked at the McLellan Store at 1008 Ludington in Escanaba.

### **WORK IN RACINE**

In 1929 Lucille earned her money by working as a cashier at the local SS Kresge Store at 430 S Main in Racine. The 21 year old Lucille lived with her parents at 1643 Phillips Ave in Racine, WI. The next year she moved with the family to 212 Flett Ave and continued to work at Kresge. In 1931 she lived at 1302 Grand Ave. You can view the homes of John and Marceline Lauzon in Chapter 1.



## ROBERT ARTHUR KITTSON

Robert Kittson was the love of Lucille's life. He was only about 1 year younger than his future wife, and while they didn't always get along, they were always in love.

Robert (Bob) Arthur Ronald Kittson was born on July 22, 1909 at the farm of Arthur and Irene (Carlson) Kittson. Bob was the oldest of their 5 children in the family. This family has been traced back to when the first Kittson came to America.

In 1920 the Kittson family lived into the City of Marinette and the 11 year old Robert attended the local school. In 1930 the Marinette City Directory showed that Bob worked as a laborer in the city and lived with his Mother, Irene, and siblings at 325 Hattie. His father was not listed at living in the home and his whereabouts has not been confirmed.

Irene Lauzon Seifert's recollection was that Lucille met her future husband at a dance, but didn't specify when or where it was [5].

However, the Escanaba Daily Press ran a story in September 1928 that gave insight into Robert Kittson presence at a dance in Escanaba.

Robert Kittson came from Marinette, WI to Escanaba to compete in a local dance marathon held. His partner dropped out after 27 hours of dancing, because she had a date later in the day. This upset Bob because he couldn't continue. Maybe Lucille provided consolation. This may have been the dance that set things in motion for Lucille and Bob.

The romance must have continued long distance after Lucille moved with her family to Racine in 1929.

The Escanaba Daily Press (Escanaba, Michig... • 18 Sep 1928, Tue

### **Eight Couples Remain in Marathon Dancing Contest at Coliseum**

Three couples dropped out of the \$2500 marathon dancing contest at the Coliseum over the week-end, leaving eight pairs of hoof-shakers still in the competition with the general public showing increased interest in the affair. The contest, which started at 11 o'clock Friday night, has attracted large crowds every night and even during the day.

Leg muscle strain suffered by the girl partners was responsible for the elimination of the three couples. **Robert Kittson**, Marinette, complained that his partner, Marcella Paler of Escanaba, was still in condition to go on with the dance but that she dropped

out in order to fill a Sunday evening engagement with a boy friend. They quit dancing Sunday morning after being 27 hours on the floor.

Marcella, however, maintains that she had forgotten the date when she signed up for the marathon, and when she realized that there was a conflict she just had to quit dancing, that was all there was to it.

"I never broke a date on a boy friend in my life, and I'm not going to do it now," Marcella asserted as she retired from the floor, despite the earnest pleadings of her partner to continue.

#### **Lauzon,-Kittson Marriage** Escanaba Daily Press, Nov 5, 1931

##### **Lauzon-Kittson**

Announcements were received here yesterday of the marriage of Miss Lucile Lauzon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lauzon, of Racine, former residents of this city and Robert Kittson of Marinette.

The marriage took place in Marinette on Labor Day. The bride was employed as cashier at the McLellan store until the family left for Racine two years ago.

The couple was married on Labor Day, September 7, 1931 at St Joseph Church in Bob's hometown of Marinette, Wisconsin.

Bob and  
grey boxed  
stories of  
the Kittson  
paternal  
and  
maternal  
family  
stories.



St. Joseph Catholic Church 1223 Carnev

Lucille's family story continues after the



## **BOB & LUCILLE KITTSON'S JOBS & HOMES**

Bob worked in a shoe store in Racine [5]. Bob was a very handsome man and very flirty. He was a good salesman since he knew how to talk to people. He could sell shoes to any of the girls that walked into the store [5].

The couple made their 1<sup>st</sup> home in Racine. The 1933 Racine City Directory listed Lucille Kittson's address as her parent's home at 1323 Center Street and worked as a cashier at SS Kresge, but there was no mention of Bob Kittson. It may have been an oversight, for something that indicated different living arrangements.

In 1934 Lucille and Bob lived in the Arden Hall Apartment Building at 1616 West Wisconsin Ave, #47 with his older sister, Peggy Kittson. Peggy was listed as a "hostess" in the City Directory and the previous year had lived at 1022 W Wells, Apt 14. Bob worked as a laborer at the Milwaukee Stockyards, which was located at 104 S Muskego Ave.



Bob Kittson, circa 1932

## JOAN KITTSON'S BIRTH

In 1934 the first and only child of the family was born. Joan Lucille Kittson was born on July 18, 1934 while the family was living in Milwaukee, WI.



Admiring Joan, Aug 1934

Lucille was a very loving mother, who showed much affection to Joan, her only daughter. Lucille, however, wasn't timid about using physical punishment [3]. Lucille loved her grandchildren and seemed to get much enjoyment from them [3].



Joan in walker, 3 months

### THE KITTSONS IN THE 1930s

In 1935, Bob was listed as living at 1321 N 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Milwaukee.

In 1936 Bob was a "yardman" at the Stockyards, and the couple lived back at 1616 W Wisconsin, but without Peggy. She may have moved to California where she died in 1944.



Joan at 3 months & Lucille, 1934



In 1939 Bob and Lucille lived at 1616 W Wisconsin, but in apartment 12.



[Dorothy, Joan, Lucille, 1935]



Lucille & Joan, 1938



Marceline, Lucille & Joan Kittson - outside at Victory Ave home, 1939

## **JOBS & HOMES IN THE 1940'S**

In May, 1940 the family still rented an apartment at 1616 Wisconsin Ave in Milwaukee. Bob worked as a laborer at the Milwaukee Stockyards. He earned \$1,458 and worked 51 weeks the previous year. This put him in the upper 2/3 of the wage earners who lived in the apartment building.

In Sept 1940, the family lived at 740 N 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Milwaukee and Bob continued working at the Milwaukee Stockyards. No residential records were found in the 1942-49 City Directories so their home during that period could not be confirmed.

Lucille worked most of her life, usually office type work. She was employed at a local dime store [3]. Most of the time she worked as a bookkeeper [5]. She always held good jobs. She was a very smart woman. She was proud that she had a good mind. [3]



At Lucille's Parents 40 Wedding Anniversary, 1946

## **HOME LIFE**

Lucille was not the big dessert eater that the rest of her family was. She enjoyed salads and loved soups. She also loved strawberries. They had their own garden and grew their own fruits and vegetables. As Lucille got older she liked sweets more. [3].

Lucille was a very fastidious housekeeper. Everything had to be in its proper place and clean. Everything had to be "just so" [3].

Her sisters admired her because she knew how to get around and get things done [6]. She always kept herself going [3].

She always presented herself in a manner that was outstanding [3].

Lucille enjoyed doing crossword puzzles [6].

Bob's October, 1940 registration for the WWII draft gave a physical description of 5'-10" tall, 178 pounds with brown hair, blue eyes, and dark complexion. He had a tattoo on his right arm and a tattooed dagger on his left arm.

## **CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS**

Sometime in the 1940's Bob & Lucille moved from Milwaukee to Illinois. Around this time Urban Wolters talked Bob into leaving his job at the Milwaukee Stockyards and work for Hotpoint in Illinois.



## DAV Gets Range From Hotpoint



Presentation of an electric range to the West Towns Chapter, Disabled American Veterans, was made last Saturday night during the telecast of the Chicago Relays. The range was presented by Hotpoint Inc., sponsors of the telecast. **Robert Kittson**, 8715 W. 44th pl., Lyons, president of the Sportsmen Club, representing 10,000 Hotpointers, made the presentation to Charles Surina, 5838 Cermak rd., ex-commander of the chapter, and Charles Cessena, of Hinsdale, state commander of the DAV. The announcer is WENR-TV's John Bryson. The range will be installed in the DAV clubhouse at 5204 W. 25th st.

## DAV Chapter Given New Hotpoint Range

Presentation of a pushbutton electric range to a west side chapter of the Disabled American Veterans was a highlight of the Chicago Daily News Relays television broadcast, sponsored by Hotpoint, Inc.

**Robert Kittson**, Sportsmen's Club president, represented the 10,000 Hotpointers. He said the modern electric range, just off the production lines, "honors all the employees who fought in the war and is presented in recognition of the outstanding work of the West Town chapter in the section of the city where five Hotpoint plants are located and a large majority of Hotpointers live."

## BERWYN WAS HOME

Bob worked for Hotpoint throughout the 1950's, 60's and into the 70's. He ended up being a supervisor in its manufacturing area.

## FIVE LOCALITES NAMED OFFICERS

### Head Hotpoint Golf Club This Year

Five Cicero and Berwyn residents were elected officers of the Hotpoint Golf club recently at the annual president's tournament held at Glen Eagles country club.

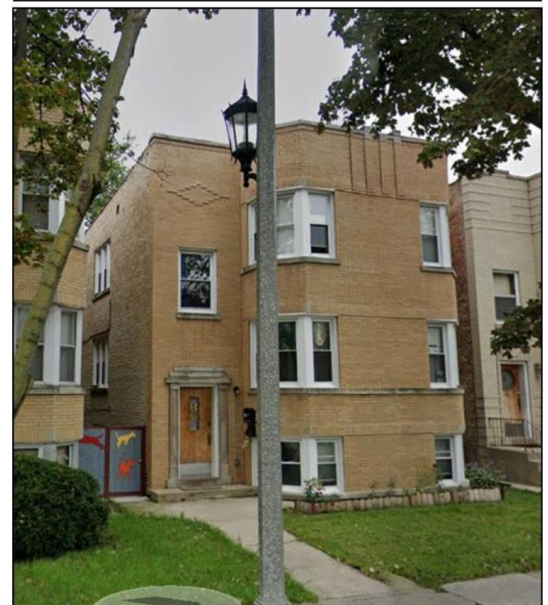
Newly elected officers are George Haremza, vice-president, 1312 S. 51st ave.; John Bunda, treasurer, 5102 W. 24th pl.; Henry Stocki, official starter, 3040 S. 48th ct.; E. R. Wach, official starter, 2835 48th ct., and **Robert Kittson**, handicapper, 2124 Elmwood ave.

In 1950 they lived at 8715 W 44<sup>th</sup> Place in Berwyn, Illinois.

Bob was a member of the "Hotpointers" organization, which donated Hotpoint products to civic organizations, including the DAV,

Bob was also the president of the local Sportsmen's Club.

1954, Kittson Residence, 1828 Oak Park Ave, Berwyn, Illinois



## MARITAL TROUBLES

Lucille seemed to be almost always mad at her husband. They would fight like cats and dogs. Bob would not really raise his voice to her but he'd find ways to antagonize her. He'd tease Lucille unmercifully. Then he'd walk away and laugh and watch her blow up. Her face would get red. Bob Kittson called her, Lu and sometimes Lulu [3].

Bob and Lucille were divorced in about 1952. [3].

Lucille Kittson lived in North Riverside, Illinois in 1956 [1].

In 1953 Bob became the golf score "Handicapper" for the Hotpoint Golf Club.

In 1953-57 he lived at 2124 Elmwood Ave in Berwyn.

When Joan got married in 1954 Bob & Lucille were listed in the wedding announcement as living at 1828 Oak Park Av. In Berwyn, IL.

## BACK TOGETHER

In 1955, Joan secretly got both her parents to jointly baby sat her first daughter (without each one of them knowing the other would be there).



Circa 1956

Before you know it, they got married again to each other. Then they just continued to argue. [3].

Lucille and Bob loved each other, although they bickered constantly. They were happy together to some extent. That was just their way of living together [3].

After their second marriage to each other they built a home in

Round Lake Park.

In Oct, 1959 Bob lived at 28 E Lakeshore in Round Lake, Illinois.

Lucille liked to have a good time and party. She'd have an occasional drink. She was very lively and good to be around. People would recognize her as the life of the party. [3]. Bob got to be quite a 'party animal' during this time and that upset Lucille [3].

They continued to live there for many years.

The Daily Herald (Chicago, Illinois) • 01 Oct 1959, Thu

September 21: Four motorists were taken to Elmhurst hospital for treatment following a three-car mishap at Illinois 53 and Nerge rd. three miles south of Illinois 72.

\* \* \*  
TAKEN TO the hospital were;

—Robert A. Kittson, 50, of 28 E. Lakeshore, Round Lake, who was charged with driving too fast for conditions after he ran into the rear of a car, forcing it into another while headed north on Illinois 53;



## BOB IN LOCAL POLITICS, 1963-1973

Bob Kittson was active in his local community. His involvement in local government started in 1963 with trying to win a seat as a village trustee in Round Lake Park as a candidate with the

Chicago Tribune (Chicago, Illinois) • 30 Jun 1963, Sun

### ASK RECOUNT OF ELECTION IN ROUND LAKE PK.

The Progressive People's party of Round Lake Park plans to file a petition in Lake county Circuit court for a recount of votes in the April 16 election, said Dulany Bennett, party chairman.

Two Progressive party candidates, **Robert Kittson** and John Meroni, lost seats by narrow margins in the village trustee election.

Progressive People's Party. . He narrowly lost the seat, and a recount gave the same result. He ran again in 1965 and was elected. He won subsequent elections in 1965 and 1973.

Robert Kittson was mayor of the town for a while. [3].

Chicago Tribune  
22 Dec 1963, Sun •

### RECOUNT FAILS TO UNSEAT 2

**Kittson, Meroni Lose**  
Ouster Bid

A recount of ballots cast in last April's Round Lake Park election has not unseated any present village board members.

The recount was held last week in the village hall. It was requested by two Progressive Peoples party candidates who lost seats by narrow margins.

In the April elections, the two successful candidates of the Good Neighbor party, Mrs. Francis Voldan and John Tobias, received 392 and 360 votes, respectively. These seats were challenged in the recount by **Robert Kittson** who had 358 votes and John Meroni with 352.

Chicago Tribune (Chicago, Illinois) • 18 Apr 1973, Wed

### Suburban elections

Round Lake Park  
President: Leslie "Bud" White. Clerk: Frank J. Bielaf. Trustees: **\*Robert Kittson**, Jack Haas, Don Bauer.

Chicago Tribune (Chicago, Illinois) • 21 Apr 1965, Wed

### *Results of Elections*

Round Lake Park — President: Walter Bengston, 573; \*Edward Zeller, 385. Clerk: \*Whipple O. Parrott, 617; Margaret Bergson, 337. Trustees [three elected]: George Scherer, 564; **Robert Kittson**, 498; Llewellyn Matthias, 527; \*Leighton Stone, 377; Webster Lott, 343; Arthur Hort, 319; Joseph Alserperger, 103; Abe Puzes, 91.



## MOVE TO MARINETTE, WIS



50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of Bob & Lucille, 1981

In 1970 she was living in Round Lake, Illinois [2].

The partying that comes with community politicking was taking a toll. By 1974, Lucille put her foot down. "That's it, we're moving!" She sold the house and they moved into a mobile home in Marinette, Wisconsin. [3]



Circa 1972

They lived in Marinette for about 8 years, until about 1983 [3]. Lucille's and Bob's relationship seemed to be going stronger at that time [6]. They traveled between Florida and Wisconsin. [3]. Lucille & Bob didn't travel extensively and didn't have many hobbies. [3]



Circa 1978



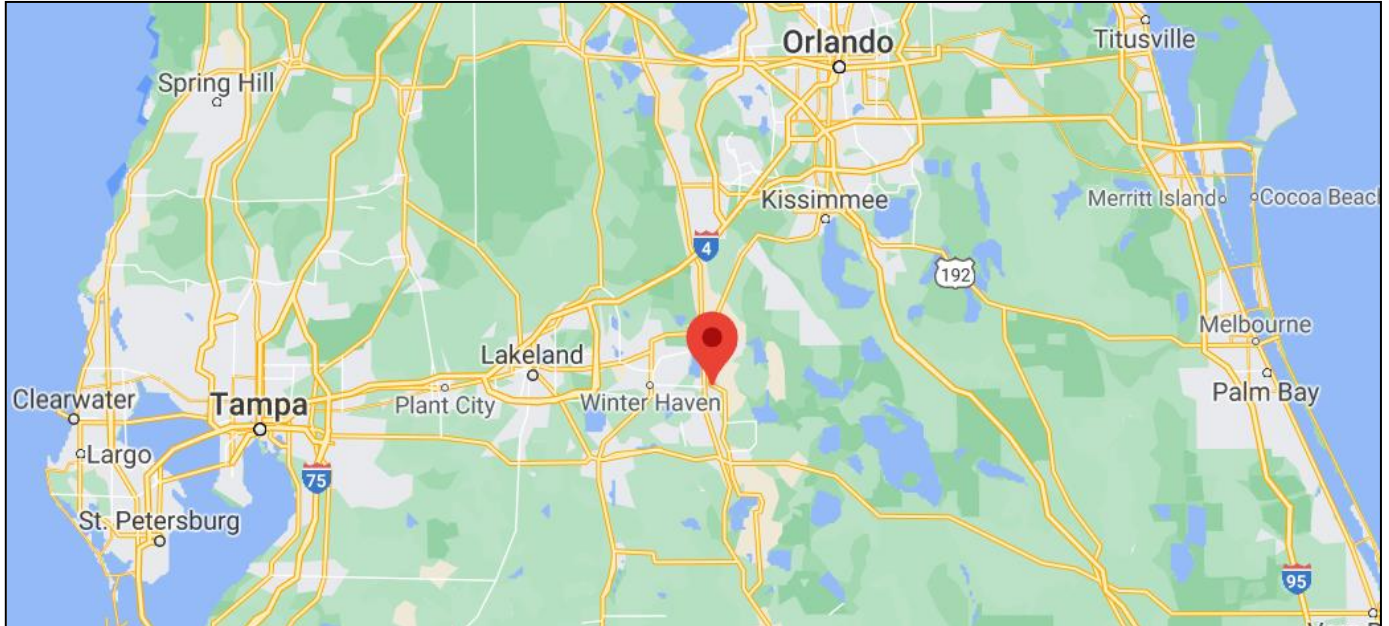
Circa 1980



Circa 1981

## MOVE TO FLORIDA

In about 1983 Bob and Lucille decided to move to central Florida, between Orlando and Tampa. They lived at Royal Oaks Park, PO Box 1799; Dundee, Florida [3].



## BOB'S DEATH

The couple enjoyed living in Florida for 9 years until Bob became sick and passed away in September 1992 in the Winter Haven Hospital, which is now part of the large Bay Care Health System.

Bob was buried in Auburndale, Florida at the Glen Abbey Memorial Gardens.



Tampa Tribune, Oct 1, 1992

**ROBERT ARTHUR KITTSON,** 83, of Dundee died Tuesday at Winter Haven Hospital. A native of Wisconsin, he moved to this area nine years ago from Marinette, Wis. He was a retired manufacturing supervisor. He is survived by his wife, Lucille; a daughter, Joan Slama of Lemont, Ill.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Glen Abbey Funeral Home, Auburndale.

## **BACK TO ILLINOIS**

Lucille moved back to Illinois after that and moved in with her daughter, Joan. They lived together for about a year, but it didn't work out [3]. Lucille and Joan, her daughter, got along well together, as long as they didn't have to live or work together [3].

Lucille then went to live with her granddaughter. After about four months that didn't work out, so Lucille went to live in a nursing home. [3]

At that time, Lucille's mental facilities were deteriorating. She didn't always know everybody she was talking to. The only illness that Lucille ever suffered from was osteoposis [3]. She didn't have high blood pressure or any heart problems. She didn't take any pills for anything.

## **LUCILLE'S PASSING**

In December 1995, Lucille lived in Lemont, DuPage County in Illinois. She passed away at age 87 from complications of pneumonia. At her age she couldn't fight off the progressive damages. [3] She was buried at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL (near Cicero).

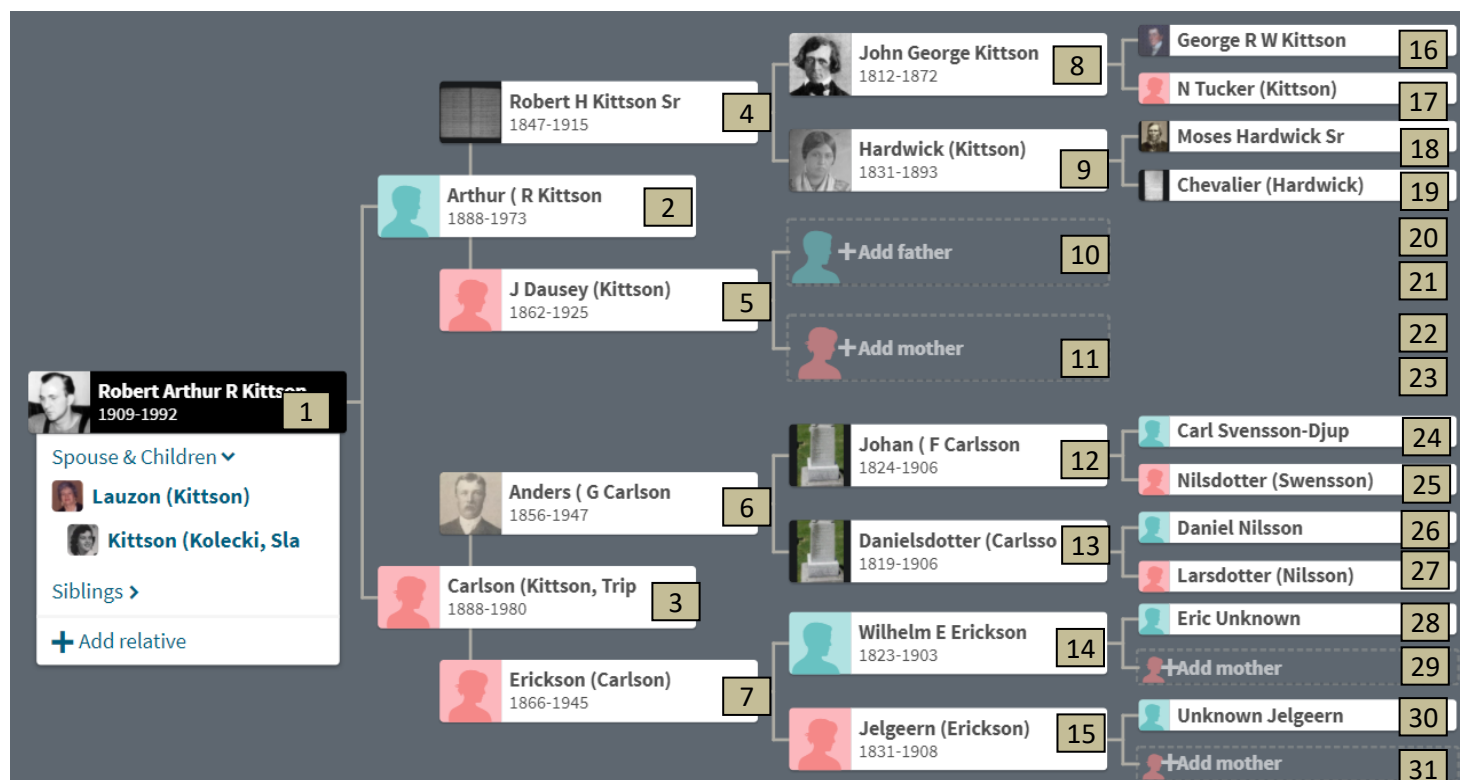
Chicago Tribune, Sat Dec 16, 1995

### **KITTSON**

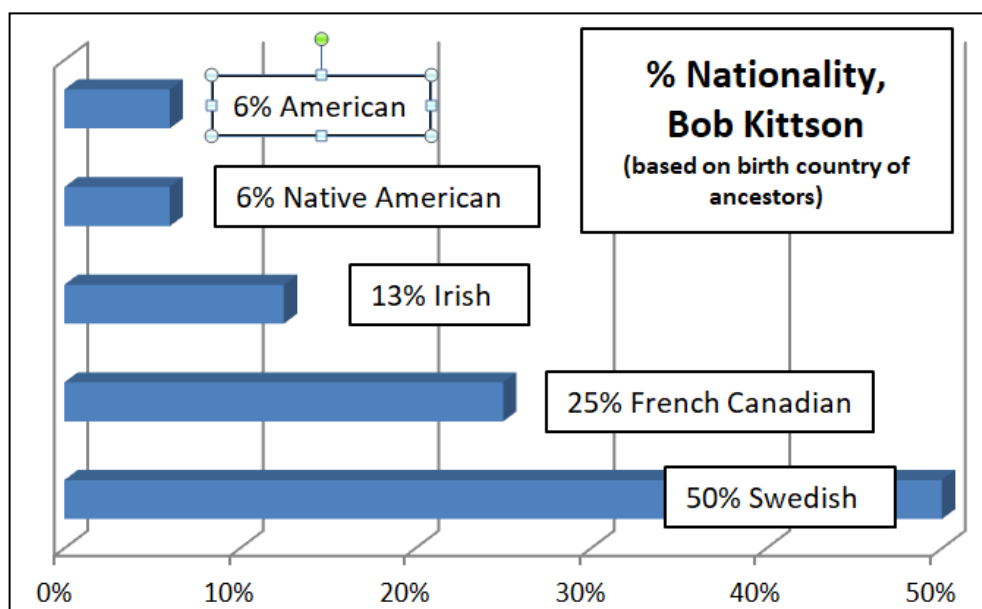
**Lucille** M. Kittson, nee **Lauson**, beloved wife of the late Robert; loving mother of Joan Slama; dear grandmother of Linda (Charles) Dicks, Debra (Craig) O'Malley, Karen (Michael) Ciolino and Steven Slama; fond great-grandmother of Brian, Megan, Ryan, Stephanie and Carly; sister of seven sisters and two brothers. Visitation Saturday 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 1 p.m. at **Hursen Funeral Home**, S.W. corner Roosevelt and Mannheim, Hillside/Westchester. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info tollfree 800-562-0082.



## Chapter 3A KITTSO ANCESTORS



Members of the Kittson family were pioneer settlers in the Michigan and Wisconsin areas. Please follow the above pedigree chart as we look at the life stories of Bob Kittson's ancestors.



# Kittson Ancestral Biographies

## Parents of Robert Kittson

### #2. Arthur Kittson &

### #3. Irene Carlson

(Robert Kittson's Parents)

Arthur was born on July 24, 1888 on the east, or Michigan side of the Menominee River, in the Town on Menominee. His parents were Robert and Josephine Kittson (persons #4 & 5). Arthur was also known as "Archie". Arthur's family moved to Porterfield Township in Marinette County in about 1897.

Eurene Andelia Carlson was born in Marinette, Wisconsin on September 17, 1888 in the Anders Carlson family (persons #4 & 5). She was usually called Irene. Her grandparents had always used the Swedish custom of using surnames based on the father's first name and the sex of the child. After they immigrated to America the practice was dropped and children were given the father's surname of Carlson. Thus, Irene was not named "Andersdotter".

Arthur and Irene were married on January 5, 1909, when they were both 20 years old. They lived in Porterfield Township in 1910, but not at his parent's farm.

The family raised 3 boys and 2 girls that were born between 1909 and 1918. Bob was the oldest.

Form 1  
147 REGISTRATION CARD, No. 8  
2658  
29

1	Name in full	Arthur Kittson	Age, in yrs.	29
2	Family name	Wagner	Place	Wis.
3	Date of birth	July 14 1888		
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	Natural Born		
5	Where were you born?	Menominee Mich. U. S. A.		
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?			
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	Day Laborer		
8	By whom employed?	no one at present		
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?	wife and four children		
10	Married or single (which)?	Married	Race (specify which)?	Caucasian
11	What military service have you had? Rank	None	branch	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?			

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Arthur Kittson  
(Signature or mark)

Arthur was described in his 1917 draft registration as being tall and stout, with black hair and dark brown eyes. His 1942 draft registration was more specific, and described his complexion as "ruddy" and his height at 5'-11-1/2" tall and weighed 204 pounds.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)?	Tall	Slender, medium, or stout (which)?	stout
2	Color of eyes	Dark Brown	Color of hair?	black
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?	no	Bald?	no

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

John Anderson  
(Signature of registrar)

City or County: Marinette  
State: Wisconsin  
Date: June 5-1917  
(Date of registration)

	<b>Robert Arthur Ronald Kittson</b> 1909-1992	Lucille's husband
	<b>Margarette ("Peggy") Mae Josephina Kittson</b> 1911-1944	
	<b>Lucille Irene Kittson</b> 1914-1987	
	<b>Arthur Archibald "Archie" Rueben Kittson Jr</b> 1915-1987	
	<b>Melwood William Kittson</b> 1918-1920	

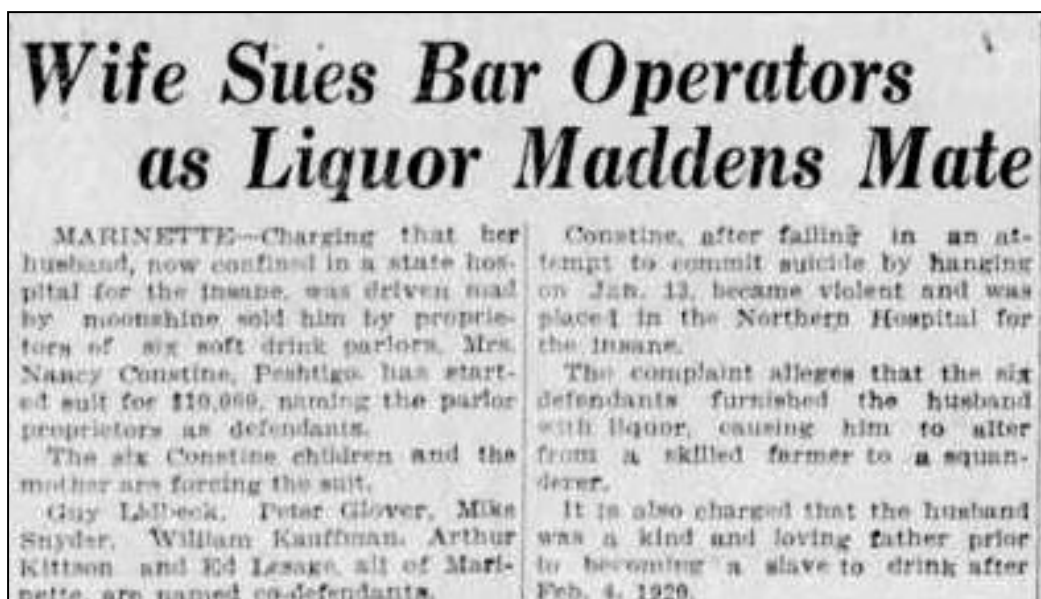
Arthur and Irene moved their family to the City of Marinette in 1920, and Arthur, known as Archie, worked as a policeman. Archie must have had a change of occupation in 1924 since the City Directory listed him as working in a restaurant.

The 1926 Directory did not show Archie anywhere in Marinette. It did show that Irene worked as a waitress in a restaurant. Indeed, Archie's whereabouts between 1925 and 1939 was unknown.

Some marital separation may have occurred, but no documentation has been found to explain the divergent lives that Irene and Archie took after 1924.

Liquor may have been involved. We know that Archie worked in a restaurant in 1924 and during this time of liquor prohibition bars were often called "restaurants".

A 1925 newspaper report may be an indication of their marital difficulties. It involved a lawsuit brought against tavern owners in Marinette, including Arthur Kittson.



Apparently, Irene and Archie were divorced in the early 1930s because Irene took as husband #2 a twice-widowed man on May 18, 1935. William Trippler was a boat builder, who lived in Peshtigo. At that time, Irene worked as a waitress and lived in Marinette. The couple had no children of their own. William died in 1955.



The next bit of information about Archie came in the 1939 Green Bay City Directory. It showed that Archie worked for Ray Kittson, his brother, as manager of Ray's bar. Irene was not listed with him. In 1941 and 1942 Archie was shown as self-employed at the "Hi-Ho Tavern" with Ray. Arthur's 1942 draft registration said he lived with his brother, Ray. After 1942, Arthur did not appear in the Green Bay City Directory, nor anywhere else.





At this time we don't know what Archie did during the last 30 years of his life between 1942, and 1973. Archie's obituary reported that he lived in the McVane Nursing home in Crivitz in Marinette County, WI when he died on August 1, 1973. He was 85 years old when he died. Archie was buried in the Kittson family plot at Riverside Cemetery in Menominee, Michigan

Irene lived until 1980 and her last days were in the Larson Memorial Home in Peshtigo. She became ill and was transported to the Marinette General Hospital, where she died on Dec 30. Irene was buried in Peshtigo at Riverside Cemetery next to her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband.

**PESHTIGO — Services for Mrs. Irene Trippler, 92, a resident of Larsen Memorial Home who died Tuesday at Marinette General Hospital, will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Berth and Rosenthal Funeral Home. The Rev. William Morton will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. Friends may call today from 6 to 9 p.m. and Thursday until time of services.**

Mrs. Tippler was born Sept. 17, 1888, in Marinette. She lived in this area most of her life. Her husband, William, died Aug. 24, 1955.

Surviving are a son, Robert Kittson of Marinette; a stepson, Russell Trippler of Marinette; a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Rautmann of Kiel; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Alice Peshek of Peshtigo and Mrs. Ethel Birch of Oconto; 17 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Three brothers and a sister died previously.

## **Grandparents of Robert Kittson**

### **#4. Robert Kittson &**

### **#5. Josephine Dausey** (Robert Kittson's Paternal Grandparents)

Robert Henry was the son of John George Kittson and Maggie Hardwick. (persons #8 & 9). Robert was born in 1847 on the Menominee Indian Reservation in Shawano, Wisconsin.

Josephine "Phene" Dausey was born in 1862, in Michigan, per the 1900 and subsequent US Census records. No records have been located about Josephine's youth other than her parents were born in French Canada. Research has been difficult because her surname has also been spelled, "Daze" and "Dowsey" on various documents.

For instance, Find-A-Grave records indicate that Josephine may have been a child of Edward and Zoe Dausey. However, that's not probable, since the parental birth and date information does not correspond with the facts we know about Josephine, such as:

- Both Edward and Zoe were born in the US rather than Canada.
- Edward and Zoe would have been 14 years old at the time of Josephine's birth, which is rather young, but possible
- Zoe immigrated to the US in 1865 so Josephine wouldn't have been born in the US in 1862.

It's possible that Edward was the father before he married Zoe, but in those days the father rarely accepted responsibility for children that were born out of wedlock. That was the mother's job. There was no record of an earlier marriage of Edward to anyone that might have produced

a child. If Josephine was Edward's child, why wasn't she listed in the 1870 Census for Edward as an 8 year old daughter?

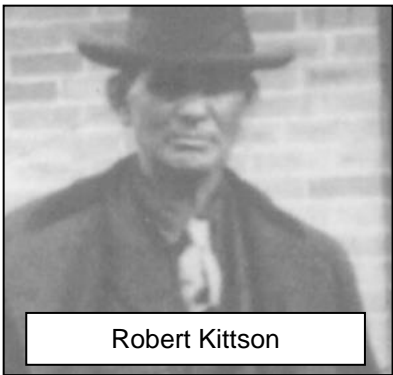
It is also possible that Josephine was descended from Frank and Marguerite Dausey. They had 5 children that were born in Canada before the family immigrated to the US. However, each of these children contain conflicts with being Josephine's parents. For instance:

- Oliver Francis is an unlikely parent because his wife was born in France and she lived and had children in California in 1860s.
- Catherine may be a possible mother; but, her location is unknown in 1862. She was married in 1867 and the 1870 Census did not show any children in her family.
- Joseph is an unlikely father because he was married in 1855 in Illinois, and his children were born in Muskegon. Josephine is not listed in the 1870 list of his children
- William is an unlikely parent because records show him born in New York City rather than Canada and his wife was born in Missouri.

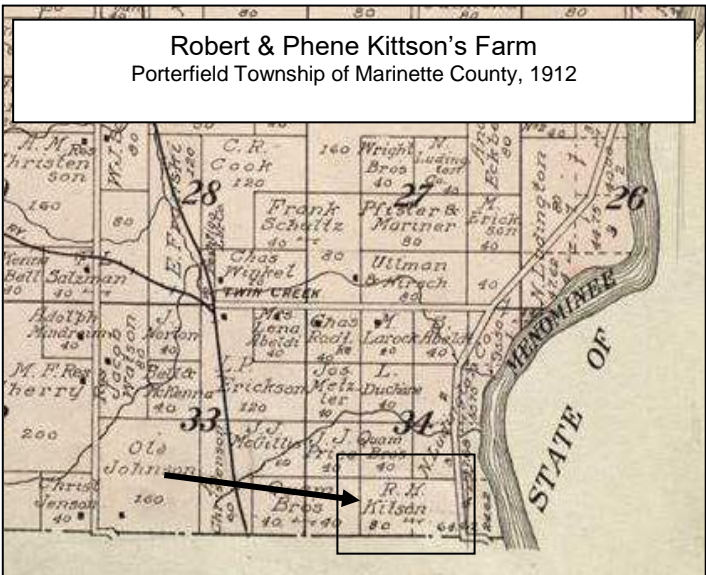
As a result of the confusion of Josephine's parentage, none are included on her pedigree.

On May 26, 1879, the 32 year old Robert Kittson married Josephine in Menominee, Michigan when she was 17.

















Robert and Josephine lived in Menominee County, Michigan until about 1897, when they purchased an 80 acre farm in section 34 in Porterfield Township (north of the City of Marinette) of Marinette County, Wisconsin.



Robert Kittson



The couple raised 16 children on the farm. Bob Kittson's father, Arthur (person #2) was the 7<sup>th</sup> child.

Children of Robert & Phene Kittson	
 <b>John H Kittson</b> 1880-1911	 <b>Mathilda Mae E Kittson (LsFond)</b> 1892-1950
 <b>Margaret (Margarette) "Maggie" J Kittson</b> 1882-	 <b>Harry G/J Kittson</b> 1893-1950
 <b>William M Kittson</b> 1883-1955	 <b>Raymond J/S Kittson</b> 1896-1966
 <b>Nancy S Kittson (Lachapelle)</b> 1883-1951	 <b>Marsella ("Stella") Kittson (Krueger)</b> 1898-1957
 <b>Robert L Kittson</b> 1886-1914	 <b>Emil Kittson</b> 1900-1919
 <b>George Kittson</b> 1886-1956	 <b>Abraham L Kittson</b> 1900-
 <b>Arthur ("Archie") Ronald Kittson</b> 1888-1973	 <b>Lillian ("Lillie") Kittson (Enderby)</b> 1902-1930
 <b>Charles Kittson</b> 1890-	 <b>Hazel Kittson (Ramy, Beland)</b> 1904-1955

In about 1915 Porterfield was split into two townships. The north portion where the Kittson family lived became the Town of Wagner and the south portion retained the Porterfield name.

At the age of 68 Robert died in Menominee, Michigan on Jan 20, 1915. He was buried in the Kittson family plot in Riverside Cemetery in Menminee..

After her husband died Josephine moved to Green Bay in 1918, and lived with 5 of her children. She died in 1925, 10 years after her husband, and was buried next to him. She was 63 years old.

PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF MICHIGAN	
Menominee		Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics	
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		153	
No. 508 NoLead		Registered No. 17	
FULL NAME Robert Kittson			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1. COLOR OR RACE	2. SEX	3. DATE OF DEATH	
White	Male	Jan 20, 1915	
4. AGE	5. MARRIAGE	6. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from	
67	Married	4:20, 1915 to 1:20, 1915	
7. OCCUPATION		8. I last saw him on 1/20, 1915	
Laborer		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8:20 a.m.	
9. PLACE OF BIRTH		10. CAUSE OF DEATH	
Wisconsin		apoplexy	
11. NAME OF FATHER		12. CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE	
John Kittson		apoplexy & paralysis	
13. PLACE OF DEATH		14. PLACE OF BIRTH	
Canada		Menominee	
15. NAME OF MOTHER		16. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE	
Marguerite Marawick		20 years	
17. PLACE OF BIRTH		18. PLACE OF DEATH	
Wisconsin		Riverside Cem.	
19. NAME OF DECEASED		20. NAME OF DECEASED	
Mrs. R. Kittson		Marinette Wis.	
21. NAME OF DECEASED		22. NAME OF DECEASED	
1/20, 1915		J.R. Molain	

## #6. Anders ("Andrew") Carlson &

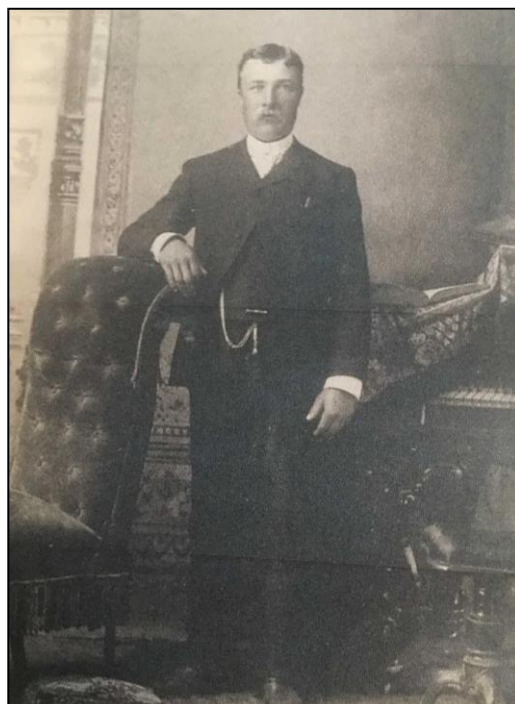
## #7. Anna Erickson

(Robert Kittson's Maternal Grandparents)

Anders Gustaf Carlson was born in 1856 in Sweden and immigrated to Ameica with his family in about 1875. Anders had attended school only up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. He lived in Bennington, Illinois for several years and then moved to Marinette, Wisconsin.

Anna Wihelmina Erickson was born in September 1856, in Torsakers, Sweden. Her family came to the U.S. in about 1883, and eventually moved to Marinette, Wisconsin.







In November 1887, Andrew married Anna in Marinette when he was 30 and she was 21. Andrew worked as a day laborer, probably on a nearby farm. In 1905 they owned a farm in Grover Township in Marinette.





The couple raised 6 children, the first of which was Bob Kittson's mother, Eurenne, or better known as Irene (person #3).

By 1830 the family had moved to the City of Green Bay, in Brown County, Wisconsin. They lived on a farm at 1709 W Mason Street with 3 of their children. Andrew was listed in the 1930 US Census as working as a full time farmer. They attended the Grace Presbyterian Church in Green Bay.

 <b>Eurene ("Irene") Andelia Carlson (Kittson, Trippler)</b> 1888-1980	 <b>Victor Ferdinand Carlson</b> 1892-1918
 <b>Rueben Carlson</b> 1890-	 <b>Nabert ("Norbert") Andrew Carlson</b> 1894-1979
 <b>Gustaf Reuben Carlson</b> 1890-1968	 <b>Selma Anna Elisabeth Carlson</b> 1896-1949

In 1935 they lived on a farm at 1169 West Mason Street in Green Bay. Living with them were their 2 youngest children, who were fully grown by this time. By 1940, Andrew was retired.

Anna died at age 79 in Green Bay in July, 1945, and was buried in the Fort Howard Memorial Park. Andrew lived until April, 1947, and died at the age of 90 years in Green Bay. He was buried next to his wife.

## Great-Grandparents of Robert Kittson

### #8. John George Kittson &

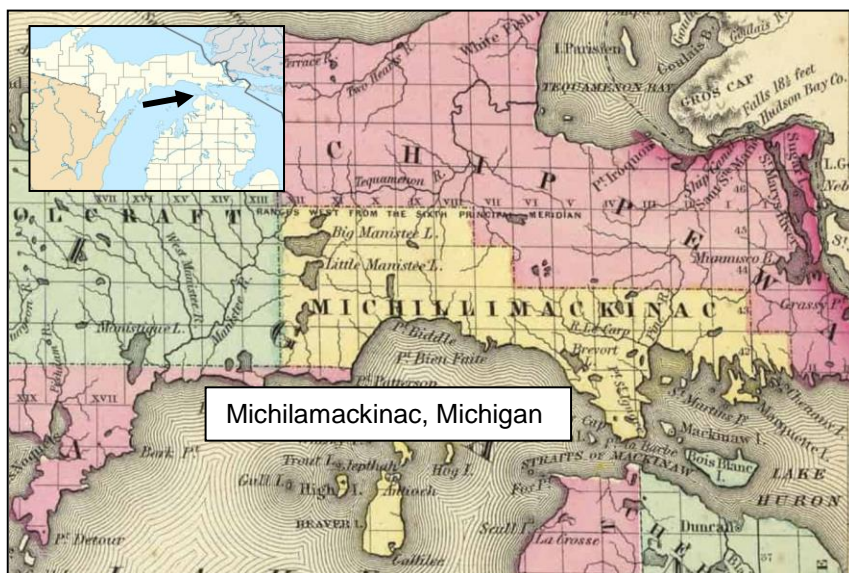
### #9. Marguerite Hardwick

(Robert Kittson's Paternal Great-Grandparents)

John George Kittson was 7<sup>th</sup> child in the George and Nancy Kittson family (persons #16 & 17), He was born on January 5, 1812 in Sorel, Quebec, Canada.

John George was a pioneer settler of Menominee County. In 1830 John lived in Michilamackinac, a French Fort that was turned over to the British and renamed Fort Mackinac. He came to Menominee about that same time for the American Fur Company. He was the 4<sup>th</sup> white man to live in the area and established a number of farms.

John was married multiple times, or at least he had children with multiple women. We have identified at least 4 such relationships.



The first was “Wabanometamo” or Margerite Stevens. John and Margerite got together in about 1891 when he was 19 and she was 15. They may have had 4 children.

John’s next “wife” was Angelica “ah ka wa tick”. She was associated with him for a short time, perhaps only in 1838 to 1839.

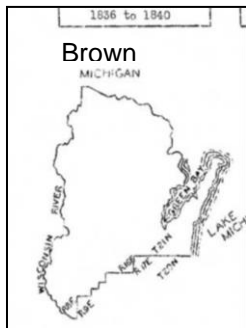
Then came “Makaynett Hau ka wau bie”, who had the Anglo name of Margaret Robinson. Margaret and John had several children. She was the daughter of Alexander Robinson, an Indian chief. Margaret was born around 1815, in the Chicago area. Dates are unclear because multiple records say different things.

Wives & Children of John George Kittson		
<p><b>Spouse &amp; Children</b></p> <div>Margerite (aka Wabanometamo) Stevens (Kittson) (W#1, 1831-37) 1815–1904</div> <div>Elizabeth Kittson (Dashner) 1830–1906</div> <div>Margaret Kittson (Gagnon) 1833–1888</div> <div>John B Kittson Jr 1837–1865</div> <div>Mariam "Mary Ann" Kittson (Wilber) 1839–1934</div> <p><b>Spouse</b></p> <div>Angelica Ah ka wa tick (W#2, 1838-39) 1813–1843</div>	<p><b>Spouse &amp; Children</b></p> <div>Margaret (Makaynett Hau ka wau bie) Robinson (Kittson) (W#3, 1839-42) 1815–1845</div> <div>George Henry Kittson 1841–1921</div> <div>Sarah Ann (Sah Nah / Mo-Wah-Sah) Kittson (Wilber) 1842–1925</div> <div>Alexander Kittson 1843–1908</div>	<p><b>Spouse &amp; Children</b></p> <div>Marguerite ("Maggie") Hardwick (W#4 , 1846-93) 1831–1893</div> <div>Joseph Kittson 1846–</div> <div>Robert Henry Kittson Sr 1847–1915</div> <div>Elizabeth ("Eliza") Kittson (Soman) #4 1852–1927</div> <div>Norman Wilfred Kittson 1853–1925</div> <div>Nancy (Anne) Kittson (McLeod) 1855–1895</div> <div>William ("Willie") M Kittson 1857–1881</div>

Margaret Robinson also lived with Norman W Kittson, John G’s younger brother, before Norman left for Minnesota to earn a fortune in furs. Due to his notoriety, some biographical information on Norman is included with the biographical sketches of his parents (persons #16 & 17)

Various family trees in Ancestry.com list Margaret as the mother of most of John’s children, including Robert Henry Kittson, Bob Kittson’s grandfather, For a while in the genealogical research it was believed that Margaret Robinson was his mother.

However, documentation was uncovered that put that in question, such as a record of John’s marriage on Jan 19, 1846 to Marguerite Hardwick in Brown County, which was before Robert’s birth in 1847. Thus, Marguerite was probably Robert Henry’s mother.



Please note that locations given in the 1800’s are frequently confusing. For instance, Brown County in 1840 was much larger than today. Brown County back then included half a dozen of today’s counties in NE Wisconsin.



John Kittson & one of his wives  
(Perhaps #1-Marguerite (Wabanometamo) Stevens, or #2-Margaret Hardwick)



The name, Marguerite Hardwick, sounds like she came from a French family, but she was actually a half-blooded Native American. Marguerite was also known as “Maggie”.

Maggie Hardwick was born in Wisconsin in 1831 to Moses and Angelique Hardwick (persons #18 & 19). Maggie was 15 years old when she married John G in 1846,

In 1850 they lived in Mackinac County. The US Census that year recorded that she was not able to read or write. In 1860 the couple was living in Delta Township of Delta County, Michigan. The U.S. Census listed her as a member of the Indian race. It also revealed that Maggie owned \$2,500 of real estate and \$400 personal estate, compared to John’s \$5,000 and \$1,500, respectively. She owned more than any other woman in the Township and more than most men.

John George Kittson always had great influence in the Indian Nation, and was at all times a friend to their interests. The Indians always spoke of him as "the writer," a name they gave him because he did all the writing for them in their various transactions with the Government.

John retained his health and activity up to the time of the huge Peshtigo fire in Oct 1871. His house burned in the fire and he and his family had to flee to the Peshtigo River to avoid burning. Unfortunately, he caught a cold during the ordeal and never fully recovered.

When John died on March 18, 1872 he was the oldest white man in Menominee County. Much more information about John G. is contained in the Lauzon Tree in Ancestry.com.

Memorial on Find-A-Grave-Riverside Cemetery, Menominee, Michigan		
John Kittson was a very prominent in general matters from the time of his arrival up to the time of his death. Agriculture, as we think of it today, began in the county with John Kittson, the fourth white man to locate on the Menominee River. He has the honor of clearing and working the first farm in the county, located at the site of his first trading post at Wausaukee bend, yet another farm at Chappee Rapids, near the old trading post where he resided many years before the great Peshtigo fire Oct 8, 1871. Kittson soon began operating a farm on the Menominee River, just above the trading post of Stanislaus Chappu, the first known white settler in this area. Here Kittson taught the Menominee improved ways of farming, and ran a very hospitable house and table. He established an Indian cemetery on part of his farm, and his friend, Chappu is buried there.	Kittson's second, and larger, farm was located at the Ox-bow of the Menominee River, at the Wausaukee flats area, opposite the mouth of the Wausaukee River. He also operated a trading post here to serve the Indian settlement. He built a large, two-story log house, and a huge two-story log barn which contained accommodations for horses at one end and cows at the other, with a threshing floor in the center; a haymow on the second floor covered the entire area. About a quarter of a mile downriver from his farm house, Kittson built a pelt storage house, octagonal in shape, also two-story log-hewed, over a large basement, the walls of which were lined with logs. The roof was covered with blue clay from the river. The hot summer sun dried the clay, and it became impregnable to water and the heat of the sun. The pelts were stored in the basement and first floor; the second floor was filled with ice in the late winter and early	spring, to preserve the pelts in good condition until they could be taken down to the American Fur Company office at Green Bay, after the ice melted on the Menominee River. He had great influence over the Indians, and was at all times a friend and looking out for their best interests. The Indians always spoke of John Kittson as "The Writer" a name he received because he would do all the writing for them in various transactions with the government. Judge Engalis said of him "He was a very intelligent and stirring man, and was all his life actively engaged in the fur trade and in farming. One son John, was killed in the Civil War in Sherman's march to the sea. In the 1860s, with the decline of the fur trade, Kittson returned to live at the smaller farm at Chappee Rapids, where he died early in 1872. His death is attributed to exhaustion and exposure while fighting the Peshtigo Fire of

The US Census of 1880 showed that Maggie lived in Menominee. She died in 1893 and was buried in the Riverside Cemetery in Menomonie.



Left to right: Robert, Mary, Sarah and David. Children of John G. Kittson.



## **#12. Johan Fredrik Carlsson & #13. Maria Sofia Danielsdotter**

(Robert Kittson's Maternal Great-Grandparents)

Johan Fredrik Carlsson was born in 1824 in Fliseryd, Sweden, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 boys, and the 6<sup>th</sup> overall. His parents were Carl Svensson and Ingabord Nilsson (persons #24 & 25)














Johan married Maria Sofia Danielsdotter in 1848 in Doderhult, Sweden. Maria was born in 1819, at Doderhult, Sweden to Daniel Nilsson and Maja Larsdotter (persons # 26 & 27).

Johan and Sofia gave birth to 13 children in Sweden. Anders (person #6) was their 7th child.

The Carlsson family immigrated to the United States in 1875. By 1880 the family settled in Bennington, Marshall County, Illinois, and began farming with their sons, Peter and Gustav. This community was located in central Illinois, just north of Peoria.

Johan took on the American name of John name and Sofia primarily went by Mary.

John and Mary both died at their home within a week of each other in January, 1906. John was 81 and Mary was 86. They were both buried in the First Lutheran Cemetery #1 in Varna, Illinois.

 <b>Peter August Carlson</b> 1848-1931	 <b>Anders ("Andrew") Gustaf Carlson</b> 1856-1947 <b>#6</b>
 <b>Maria Sofia Carlson</b> 1851-1925	 <b>Emma Mathilda Carlson</b> 1858-1924
 <b>Sophia Carlson</b> 1852-1923	 <b>Johanna Christina Johansdotter / Carlsson</b> 1861-1864
 <b>Marisophi Yohansdol Carlson</b> 1853-	 <b>Hohnna Carlson</b> 1862-1862
 <b>Carl (Charles) Johan Carlson (Never Married)</b> 1853-1935	 <b>Christina Carlson</b> 1874-1874
 <b>Nils Gustav Adolphus Carlson</b> 1856-1936	 <b>Christine Leidstrom Carlson</b> 1875-1965
	 <b>Ingeborg Carlsson (Holth)</b> 1903-1989

## **#14. Wilhelm Erickson & #15. Anna Jelgeern**











(Robert Kittson's Maternal Great-Grandparents)

Wilhelm Erickson was the second set of material great-grandparents in Robert Kittson's tree. Wilhelm was born in 1823 in Sweden. Anna Jelgeern, Wilhelm's future wife, was also born in Sweden in the early 1820s. We do not know anything about either set of parents.

Wilhelm married Anna in 1854 in Sweden and they raised 10 children in that country. Anna, was the 6<sup>th</sup> child (person #7).

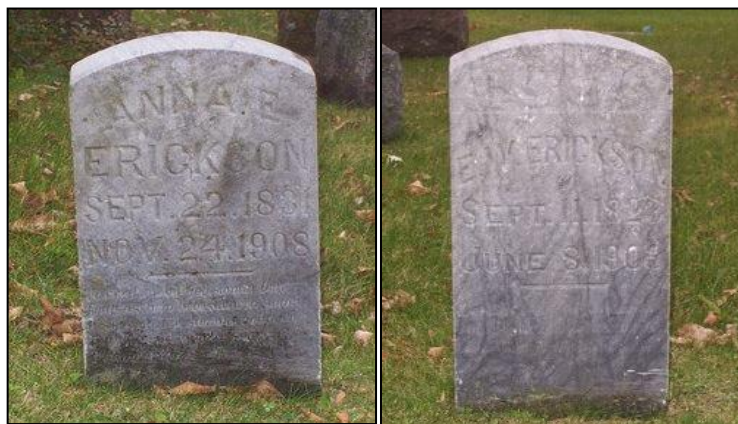
In 1883 the family immigrated to the United States, where Wilhelm became known as William. He became a naturalized American citizen in Pennsylvania.

In 1900 the family owned a farm in Stephenson Township in Menominee County, Michigan. The 1900 US Census recorded that neither parent had attended any school and could not read, write, or speak English.

 <b>August L. (Ericsson) Johnson</b> 1850-1938	 <b>Anna ("Annie") Wilhelmina Erickson (Carlson)</b> 1866-1945 <b>#7</b>
 <b>Emma Ericson</b> 1859-	 <b>Tilla Ericson</b> 1870-
 <b>Mary Ericson</b> 1862-	 <b>William H. Ericson</b> 1872-
 <b>Andrew V. Ericson</b> 1862-	 <b>Oscar Emil Erickson</b> 1873-1948
 <b>John Ericson</b> 1864-	 <b>Vicker Erickson</b> 1877-

Wilhelm died in 1903 when he was 79 years old. He was buried in the Bethesda Lutheran Church Cemetery in Daggett, Menominee County, Michigan.

After her husband died, Anna worked as a housekeeper. She died in 1908 at the age of 77 in Stephenson, in Menominee County and was buried next to her husband.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents of Robert Kittson

### #16. George Kittson &

### #17. Nancy Tucker

(Robert Kittson's Paternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)










George R W Kittson's family was full blooded Irish. He was born in County Cork in Ireland in 1779. His parents were John George Kittson and Julia Calcutt, who had just been married the previous year.

Sometime in the next 6 yrs, the Kittson family had relocated to England, where George's father, at age 45, died in 1785. His wife, Julia, must have relocated to Montreal, Canada because the next record we have is when she married Alexander Henry in 1785

Nancy Tucker was born 1781 in Quebec, Canada to Sargent John and Margaret (Lemoine) Tucker. John Tucker was in the Royal British Army that was stationed in the Canadian Colony. Keep in mind that the British had just decidedly defeated the French in 1763. France had just ceded all of their Canadian lands to England in the Treaty of Paris. The American Revolutionary War, which started in 1776, served as a refuge for Loyalists from the American colonies.

On Feb 23, 1801, George and Nancy were married in the Anglican Church in Sorel, Quebec. Nancy was 20 and George was 22. George and Nancy gave birth to 9 children in Canada, John George (person #8) was their 7<sup>th</sup> child.



 <b>Margaretta Kittson</b> 1801-1873	 <b>Elizabeth Ann Kittson (Morrison)</b> 1808-1864
 <b>Alexander Kittson</b> 1803-1871	 <b>William Henry Kittson</b> 1810-1882
 <b>James Hill Kittson</b> 1805-1809	 <b>John George Kittson</b> 1812-1872 <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">#8</span>
 <b>Jemima Julia Kittson</b> 1807-1855	 <b>Norman (Commodore) Wolfred Kittson</b> 1814-1888
	 <b>Robert Henry Kittson</b> 1817-1887

Little more is known of John and Norman's parents. George died at the age of 53 years in around 1832 and was buried in Montreal. Nancy died at 58 years in 1839 and was buried in Quebec

2 of the children of George and Nancy appear to have immigrated to the United States, John George (person #8) and his younger brother, Norman Kittson. Some information is known about John's other siblings, but is not provided here due to space. If desired, please consult the Lauzon Family Tree on Ancestry.com.

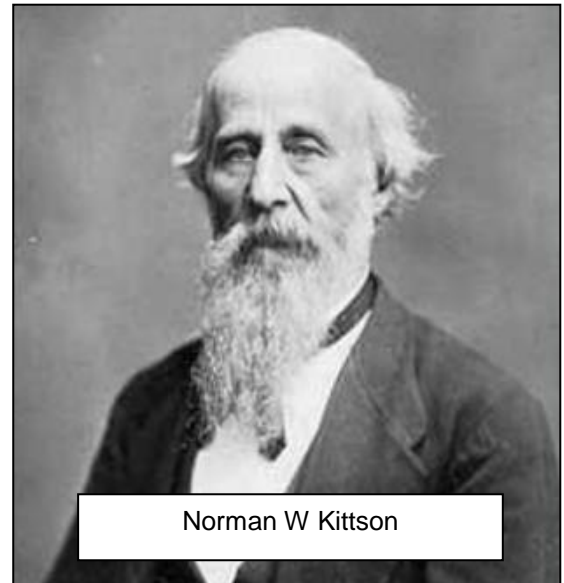
Included in this biographical sketch is a summary of the most famous child in George and Nancy's family, Norman Woldred Kittson.

Norman Kittson was born in Sorel, Quebec in 1814. He was the 8<sup>th</sup> of 9 children in the family. Norman became a rich fur-trader, merchant, steamship owner and entrepreneur. He made his fortune as a major competitor of the Hudson Bay Fur Company. Norman was headquartered in Pembina, ND, and operated in the Red River valley. He was married 3 times and had at least 11 children. In 1852-55 Norman was a member of the Minnesota Territorial Legislative Council. In 1858-59 he served as mayor of St. Paul. Norman was married in 1869. In 1872 he started a steamship line to improve transportation in the Red River area and into southern Manitoba, Canada. He became known as, "Commodore" Kittson. By 1879 Norman was in poor health, but bought and reorganized the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. In 1888 he died at the age of 74 in St Croix, Wisconsin while traveling between Chicago and St. Paul on the railroad.

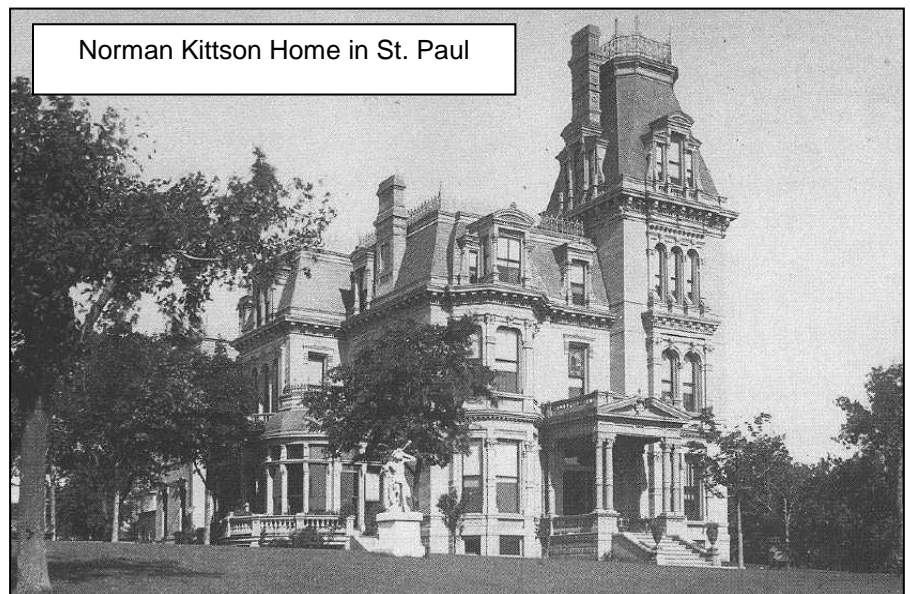
After Norman died there was a 12 year court battle over his \$4 million estate. An Indian woman came forward and claimed to wife. Margaret Robinson presented hearsay evidence and a marriage affidavit that she and Norman were married in May 1833. Her case wasn't helped by her living with Norman's older brother, John G (person #8), and mothered



George Kittson, date unknown



Norman W Kittson



Norman Kittson Home in St. Paul



# NO SHARE FOR HER

MARGARET KITTSON FAILS IN HER  
ACTION AGAINST THE  
HEIRS

OF COMMODORE N. W. KITTSON

JUDGE EGAN DECIDES THAT THE  
WOMAN'S CLAIM IS NOT  
VALID.

MEMORANDUM OF INTEREST.

Some Interesting History Brought  
Out in the Trial of the  
Case.

Commodore Kittson's alleged half-blood Indian wife, who calls herself Margaret Kittson, will not share in the distribution of his estate unless she succeeds in having Judge Egan's decision set aside by the supreme court. Judge Egan filed his decision in the case yesterday, the hearing having been had before him some time ago. In it he sustains the finding of the probate court, which denied the petition of the so-called wife for a share in the estate. The case contains many things of a sensational nature in connection with the early life of Norman W. Kittson. In the memorandum attached to his decision, the court goes into the history of the case to some extent, though not to the extent of making apparent all the sensational features of the case. Following is the memorandum.

"Norman W. Kittson was born in Sorel, province of Quebec, in the year 1814. He became employed by the American Fur company, engaged in the purchase of furs from Indians in the Northwest. He was sixteen years of age when he arrived at Mackinac, Mich., and engaged in the fur business.

"It is alleged that he was married to Margaret Robinson, the petitioner, a halfbreed, on May 15, 1833. The evidence disclosed some relations between the parties. The young woman to whom it was alleged he was married resided at the residence and cohabited with John G. Kittson, a brother of Norman W. Kittson, before the birth of the first child.

"The evidence in relation to the alleged marriage is as follows: A large number of witnesses—not speaking the English language, but testifying through interpreters—say that they saw Norman W. Kittson and heard him called 'Oh-ni-pe-he-kas-sah,' and some of them had seen him enter a church. Two witnesses testify as to the alleged marriage. All of the rest of the witnesses for the petitioner testify as to the names that Norman W. Kittson and the petitioner bore, and as to the facts and circumstances disclosed by the evidence.

several children with him. She claimed that Sarah and Alexander Kittson, who were raised by John G, were actually Norman's children. (see newspaper clipping below). A judge

finally ruled against Margaret, and she received none of the inheritance. Norman was such a large figure in Minnesota politics that when it became a state, Kittson County was named after him.

Please consult the Lauzon Family Tree on Ancestry.com for more information about Norman.

"Norman W. Kittson left the country of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers in 1832, and the petitioner some time later went to reside with John G. Kittson, a brother of Norman W. Kittson, and there resided until a child was born unto her. The child was known as Sarah Kittson. She resided with John G. Kittson for some two years, when another child was born to her while they so resided and cohabited together, whom they named Alex Kittson. Norman W. Kittson, the alleged husband, as made apparent by the testimony, arrived in Minnesota in 1833 or 1834, coming via Prairie du Chien up the Mississippi river to Fort Snelling, where he met H. H. Sibley.

"The age of the alleged petitioner is uncertain. After two children were born to Margaret Kittson, as aforesaid, while cohabiting with John G. Kittson, she lived with one Dixon, by whom she had two children. She subsequently separated with said Dixon and lived and cohabited with one Chauncey Baker, by whom she had one child. Then, separating from said Baker, she went to live with Norman Wilber, with whom she is now and for twenty years has been living. There is other testimony in the case relative to an alleged marriage with one Peepek subsequent to the alleged Kittson marriage.

Norman W. Kittson operated, the circumstances under which the alleged marriage is supposed to have taken place; the time of his arrival at Mendota, 1833 or 1834; the presumed age of the petitioner at that time—who was then and now is holding tribal relations with the Menominee Indians—leaving out certain testimony of other parties, which I deem unworthy to consider, to wit, the receiving of money by letter—the fact of the self-assumed and voluntary dissolution of whatever relation had existed between her and Norman W. Kittson; the birth of children by marital relations with others; the total severance of any tie between them subsequent to his arrival in Minnesota; the fact of his, Norman W. Kittson's, subsequent marriages; her alliances as heretofore alluded to, and the lapse of sixty-one years before her assertion of any claim to be the wife of Norman W. Kittson; coupled with the fact that the child Sarah, alleged to be the daughter of Norman W. Kittson, has always claimed and recognized said John G. Kittson to be her father, and the other fact that Norman W. Kittson, having resided in the state of Minnesota from 1834 to the time of his decease—which took place in 1888—had acquired large wealth; and at this late day this petitioner, now residing upon a reservation, for the first time in this long interval of years seeks to assert her rights as a wife, compel me to find, in view of the sacred relations of husband and wife, that there was no real marriage contract.

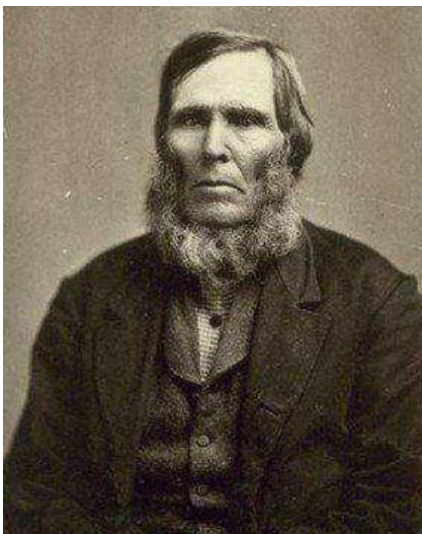
"At this late day, to recognize such a relation, contracted as stated aforesaid, taking into consideration the youth of the parties, the different races from which they sprung, and all the surroundings, and considering the highest morals—that should and ordinarily do—surround a marriage, the court holds that there was no marriage between the parties such as should be recognized in a court of justice.

"The world's history is full of temporary alliances, strange abodes, strange countries, and to call such relations as existed in this case a deliberate, intellectual contract between the parties, a marriage that is binding, especially in view of the fact that both parties, by their acts and conduct, severed the tie, if any ever existed, and disregarded the same—the petitioner contracting marriage and Norman W. Kittson, contracting marriage with others, both bearing children by such marriages—I hold that the alleged marriage between Norman W. Kittson and the petitioner was not such a marriage as is recognized by Christian nations."

## #18. Moses Hardwick & #19. Angelique Chevalier

(Robert Kittson's Paternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)

Moses Hardwick was born in October, 1791, in Kentucky to John Hardwick and Agnes West, who were both from Virginia. John had recently moved to Kentucky when he married Agnes in 1793. It is inconclusive if John was the father of Moses or step-father. John Hardwick died in Kentucky 1848 at the age of 76. Agnes lived to age 88 and died in 1861 in Kentucky.



Moses was a US soldier who fought in the War of 1812. He was stationed at Fort Howard, near Green Bay, in 1818 and it was there that he was discharged from the Army. After his discharge he stayed in the Green Bay area, became a farmer and a mail carrier.












There is much more colorful information about this pioneer of Wisconsin contained in the Lauzon Family Tree at [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com)





Angelique Chevalier was a half-blood Ojibway native. She was the 5<sup>th</sup> of 6 children born in the Green Bay settlement in 1798 to Barthelemy Chevalier (1751-1817) and Louise Marten (1760-1835). Louise was a full-blood Ojibway/Chippewa native.

Angelique had an older sister, Marie Antoinette, who became well known as "Queen Marinette." The city of Marinette, Wisconsin was named in honor of her (see story below).

Moses married Angelique Chevalier in July, 1824 in Green Bay, Wisconsin Territory. Moses was 32 years old and Angelique was 26. They had 4 children. Marguerite Hardwick was their 4th child (person #9). Angelique passed away in Green Bay at age 34 in 1832.

In June, 1835, Moses married Charlotte Lqroque in Green Bay, and they had 13 children. Moses died in 1879.

 <b>Agnes West (Hardwick)</b> 1773-1861	 <b>Sally Hardwick</b> 1802-1850
 <b>Moses Hardwick Sr</b> 1791-1879 <b>#18</b>	 <b>Sally "Sarah" Hardwick</b> 1805-1887
 <b>Jane Hardwick</b> 1792-	 <b>Aaron Hardwick</b> 1807-1870
 <b>Burrel Hardwick</b> 1795-	 <b>Mary Ann Polly Hardwick</b> 1813-1881
 <b>George Hardwick</b> 1801-1869	 <b>John Hardwick</b> 1818-1850
	 <b>Robert Hardwick</b> 1824-1865

 <b>Sa Ga Met ("Agathe") Hardwick</b> 1825-1850
 <b>Lucius Luke Hardwick</b> 1827-1888
 <b>John M. Hardwick</b> 1827-1888
 <b>Marguerite ("Maggie") Hardwick (Kittson)</b> (W#4, 1846-93) <b>#9</b> 1831-1893



### ANGELIQUE'S SISTER: QUEEN "MARINETTE"

Both the city and county are named in honor of a woman who established a fur trading post on the banks of the Menominee River. Marie Antoinette Chevalier was born at Post Lake in what is now Langlade County Wisconsin in 1784, to the Canadian Bartland Chevalier, and the daughter of Menominee Chief Wauba-Shish. Bartland Chevalier moved to Green Bay in 1800 and went into partnership with John Jacobs, a French Canadian whom Marinette later married. They had three children. When the fur trading business slumped during the War of 1812 Jacobs started a school. In 1823 he moved to the present site of the City of Marinette and went into partnership with William Farnsworth at a trading post established by the American Fur Company. Within a few years John Jacobs went to Canada and never returned, and Marinette married Farnsworth. They had two sons and a daughter. By 1831 Farnsworth too had left, to settle in Sheboygan. Marinette remained and developed the trading post into a large trading center. She was called "Queen Marinette," and became well known for her business ability. She died in 1865. Her son, John B. Jacobs, platted the town.

Queen Marinette (as she was known in the North woods of Wisconsin), it was that her Indian brothers and sisters had trouble saying Marie Antoinette and it sounded more like Marinette when they said her name, so as years past she became known as Marinette. She was a mixed blood Native American and French decent. She was born in Wisconsin the daughter of Bartholomew Chevalier and Louise, the latter being the daughter of a Indian Chief called WauBaSish (Great Marten).














Marinette became an important figure, not only in the fur trade, but also for her charitable work for the people of the area. Her home became the center for activity for both Indians and whites alike in the wild northern Marinette, Wisconsin area, (which was named in her honor). By the time she died, she was known as Queen Marinette. Given that women rarely occupied positions of prominence in the commercial world of the nineteenth century, Marinette was one of the most remarkable figures in the early history of the Great Lakes region.

In the early 1800's Queen Marinette and Jean Baptist Jacobs, a French Canadian fur trader, ran a trading post on the Menominee River in what now is known as the city of Marinette, to this union three children were born Mary Polly, Elizabeth and John Baptist Jr. Her first husband left for Canada and never returned. She then married William Farnsworth, with whom three children were born: Joseph, George and Jane. This husband also deserted her and she ran the trading post with her son. It is her history that the city and county of Marinette Wisconsin took its name from. Queen Marinette died in Green Bay in 1865.

## #24. Carl Svensson & #25. Ingabord Nilsson

(Robert Kittson's Maternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)

Carl Swensson was the son of Sven Svensson. Carl was born in about

 <b>Carl Svensson-Djup</b> 1794-1860	 <b>Johan ("John") Fredrik Carlsson</b> 1824-1906 <span style="background-color: #f08080; padding: 2px 5px;">#12</span>
 <b>Sven Carlsson Djup</b> 1818-1894	 <b>Britta Maria Carlsson-Djup</b> 1825-
 <b>Katrina Carlsson-Djup (Lundgren)</b> 1820-	 <b>Cassia Lotta Carlsson</b> 1826-
 <b>Anna Stina Djup</b> 1820-1890	 <b>Carl Johan Carlsson Ljungqvist</b> 1831-1883
 <b>Maria Christina Gunnarsdr Carlsson</b> 1822-1882	 <b>Gustava Djup</b> 1834-
 <b>Anna Stina Carlsson-Djup</b> 1823-1848	 <b>Otto Djup</b> 1838-1921
	 <b>Carl Johan Wilhelm Hultgren Djerf</b> 1849-

1794 in the small community of Fliseryd, Sweden, which is located on the Baltic Sea.

In 1816, at the age of 22 years, he married Ingabord Nilsson in Rackeby. She was born in the same community and in the same year as Carl.

The couple gave birth to 12 children. The 6<sup>th</sup> born was Johan Frederik Carlsson (person #12).

Carl died in 1860 in nearby Sunnersberg, Sweden. Ingabord died at 84 years in Kraksmala.





**#26. Daniel Nilsson &**

**#27. Maja Stina Larsdotter** (Robert Kittson's Maternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)

Daniel Nilsson was born in Doderhult, Sweden on June 11, 1786.

Maja Larsdotter was born in 1788

Daniel married Maja Larsdotter on November 16, 1808 in Doderfult, Sweden. Maja was 20 years old, and Daneil was 22. Maria Sofit Danielsbotter (person #13) was their only child that we have information about.

Daniel and Maja spent their entire lives in Kalmar Providence of Sweden. We do not know anything more about Daniel's life and death. Maja died in March, 1870 in Odensvi, Sweden.

## CHAPTER 3B

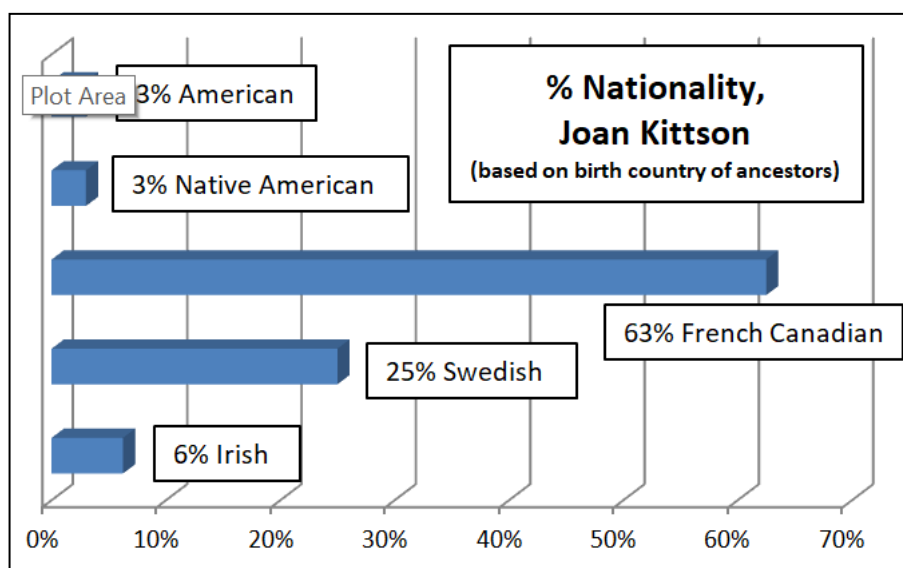
# JOAN KITTSON



Joan Kittson was the first of the Lauzon grandchild to be born. Lucille gave birth to her on July 18, 1934 while the family lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Lucille and Bob had been married about 3 years. Joan was there only child. By the early 1950's the family were living in Illinois.



Circa 1937





Lucille & Joan Kittson,  
on boat at Waupaca 1938



Joan on Waupaca Pier, 1938



Joan, Circa 1939



Joan, Circa 1942



Joan Kittson & Barb Wolters. Circa 1944



Christmas, Circa 1944



Circa 1946



Circa 1952



Circa 1953



## JOAN'S MARRIAGE TO RON KOLECKI

Joan Kittson was 19 when she was married on May 8 to 1954 Ronald Adam Kolecki, who was 26 years old.



**Berwyn Life (Berwyn, Illinois) • 25 Jun 1954, Fri**

### **Berwyn Girl Becomes Bride**

Joan Lucille Kittson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kittson, 1828 Oak Park ave., became the bride of Ronald A. Kolecki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kolecki, 1649 W. 33rd st., Chicago, in 3 p.m. services recently at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Chicago.

Maid of honor was Miss Arlene Grgurich, and best man Richard Kolecki. Other attendants include Audrey Tuinstra, Geraldine Smialek, Barbara Wolters and Diane Wolters.

The attendants' gowns of nylon net in rainbow colors made a pretty accent to the bride's white nylon hand embroidered tulle gown. A tiny embroidered jacket topped her gown. A reception was held at the church hall before the couple departed for a Florida honeymoon. They are now residing at 2101 S. 57th ct.



*In services at  
Our Lady of Good  
Counsel Church,  
Joan Lucille Kittson  
daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. Robert  
Kittson, 1828 Oak  
Park ave., became  
the bride of Ronald  
A. Kolecki, son of  
Mr. and Mrs.  
Adam Kolecki,  
1649 W. 33rd st.,  
Chicago.*

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### **Joan Kittson Weds in Church**



#### **MRS. RONALD KOLECKI**

Joan Lucille Kittson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kittson, 1828 Oak Park av., Berwyn, recently became the bride of Ronald A. Kolecki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kolecki, 1649 33d st., in ceremonies at Our Lady of Good Counsel

Catholic church. Following a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will reside at 2101 57th ct., Cicero. The bride attended Kelly High school and Kolecki is a former student of Morton High school.

## RON KOLECKI's YOUTH

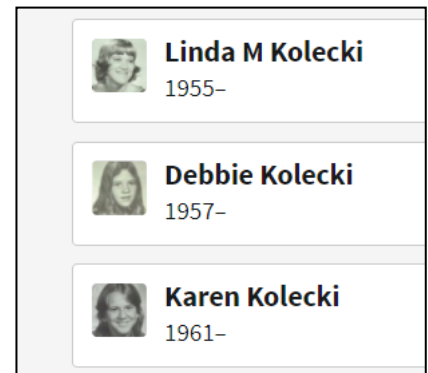
Ronald Adam Kolecki was born on July 10, 1927 to Adam George Kolecki and Catherine Hilburger (see Family #2 below) in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Kelly High School in Chicago. When he turned 18 years old Ron served 2 tours of duty in the Army from 1945 to 1947. His 1945 draft registration report showed him as a slim 5'-11" tall man who weighed 155



pounds. He had gray eyes, blonde hair, light complexion, and a scar on his right arm.

## JOAN & RON KOLECKI START A FAMILY

After they were married, Joan and Ron lived at 2101 S 57<sup>th</sup> Court in Chicago. The couple had 3 children, Linda, Debbie, and Karen between 1955 and 1961.



**Linda M Kolecki**  
1955-

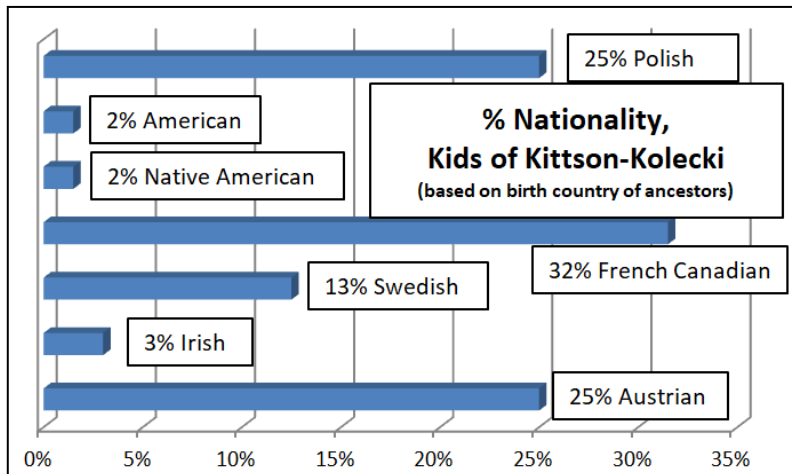


**Debbie Kolecki**  
1957-



**Karen Kolecki**  
1961-

Ron and Joan were divorced in about 1963. Ron remarried. He died in October, 1986 in Chicago.



## JOAN MARRIES DON SLAMA

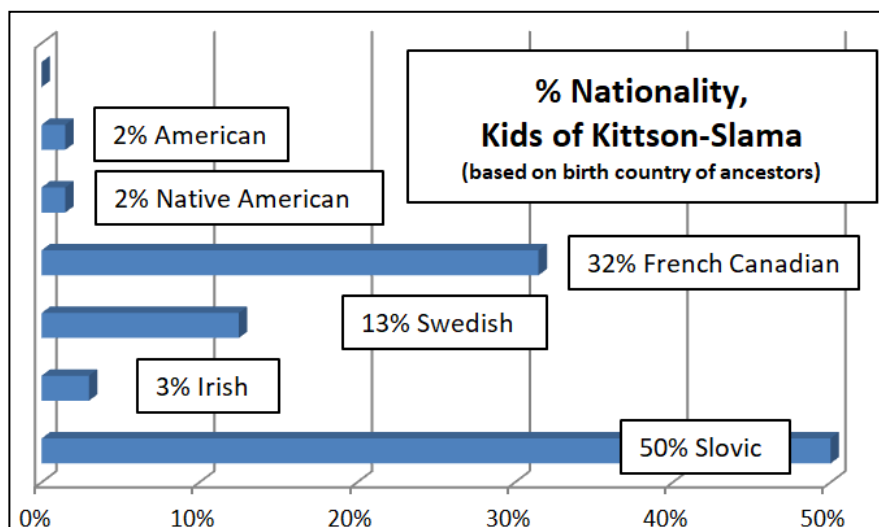
Joan married Donald Otto Slama on Aug 29, 1964 in Oak Park, Illinois.

Don was born in Chicago on Feb 23, 1935. His family lived in Cicero in the 1930s. He served in the Army from 1958 to 1960.

Joan gave birth to a son, Steve, in 1965. The Slama family lived in various communities in north east Illinois, including Elmhurst, Lemont, Bellwood, and Joliet.



**Don Slama, 1950**  
Farragut Career Academy



### Spouse & Children



**Donald Otto Slama**  
1935-1993



**Steven Slama**  
1965-1987





Slama Family, Easter at Gramma Lucille's in Round Lake, Karen, Linda & Debbie Kolecki, Front: Steve Slama, circa 1968



Circa 1980

Don Slama died on Feb 13, 1993. .

In 2005 Joan broke her arm and had some complications and was difficult to type on a keyboard.

In 2008 Joan Kittson Slama was 74 and didn't travel very far by herself. She still drove, but would only go

beyond local trips if one of her girls drove her. Her asthma makes it hard for her and she had a nebulizer. [7]

By 2015, Joan inherited her mother's condition of shaking of the hands and couldn't write very legibly and could no longer use a computer. Joan would say that memory was not good any more but when she and Barb Reuss would talk Barb was amazed what she does remember. [8]



Joan, Sept 2002

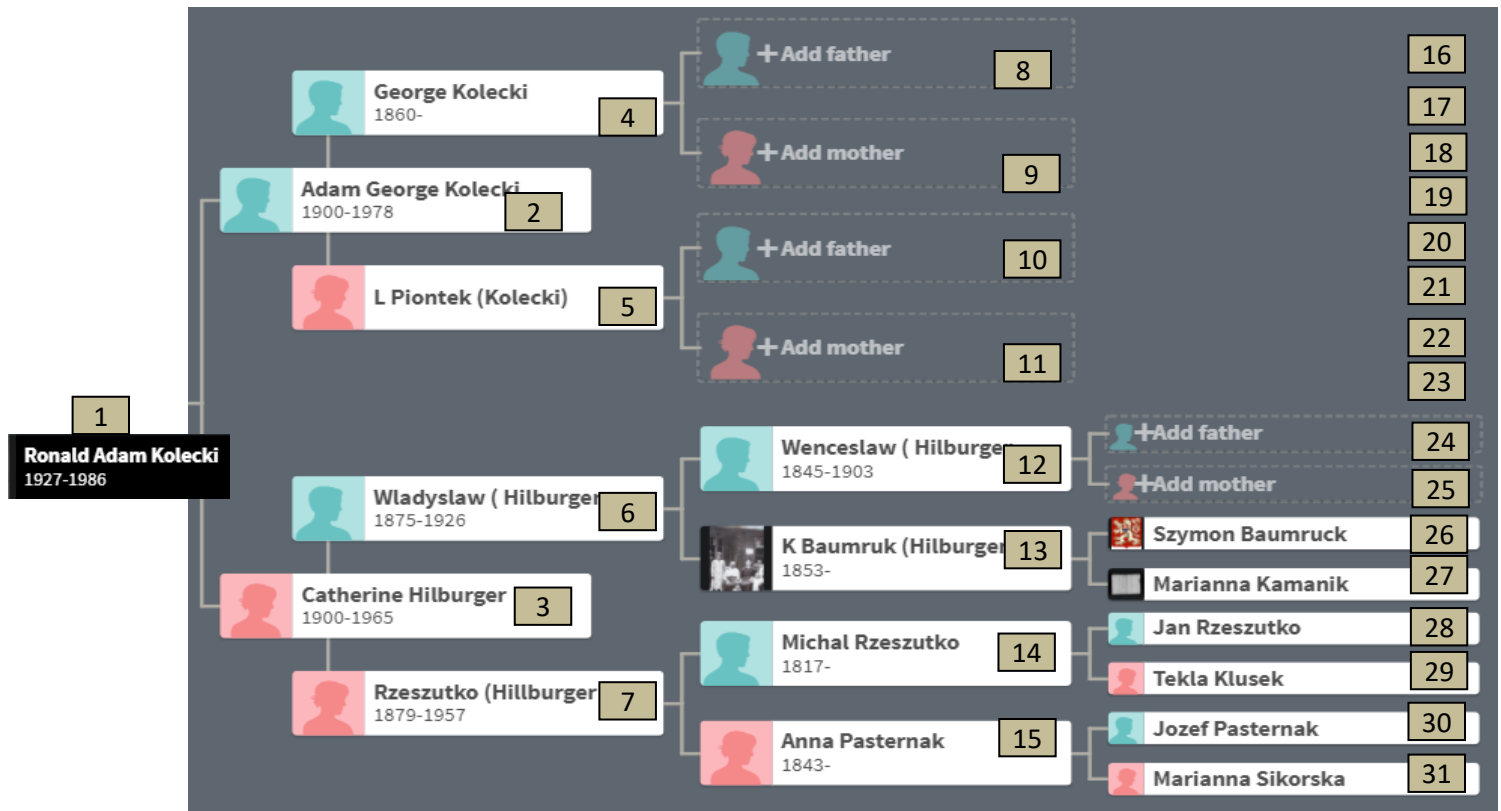


Joan & Barb Wolters, 1994  
Visiting in Alabama

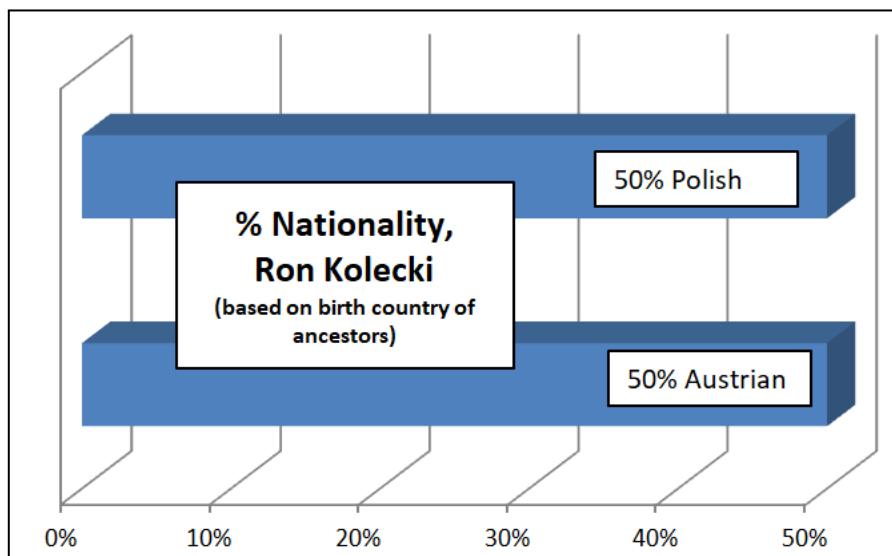


# Chapter 3C

## THE KOLECKI ANCESTORS




Ron Kolečki's family is primarily Bohemian-Austrian. We can only trace back to Ron's paternal grandparents (Families #1 & #2 on the pedigree chart). However, on Ron's maternal side we go back to his 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandparents (Families #3-#8)





## Parents of Ron Kolecki

(Ron Kolecki's Parents)

Little is known about Adam's later life. He lived with his son Ron, at 3417 Hermitage in Chicago in 1978. He may have been in some sort of a traffic accident because while living in Chicago he died in Hammond, Indiana at St. Margaret Hospital on November 11, 1978. He was 78 years old.

**Janina Kolecki**  
1921–1978

**Richard John Kolecki**  
1924–1978

**Ronald Adam Kolecki**  
1927–1986

[illegible]

# Grandparents of Ron Kolecki

## #4. George Kolecki &

## #5. Leontina Piontek

(Ron Kolecki's Paternal Grandparents)





Little is known of Ron Kolecki's paternal grandfather. George Kolecki was born in about 1860 in Bohemia-Austria at a time before that country was absorbed into Czechoslovakia. George came to the US in about 1892.

Leontina Piontek was born in Bohemia-Austria, in what became Czechoslovakia. She immigrated to America in 1892, perhaps on the same boat as her future husband

George was quickly married to Leontina, They had at least 4 children, all born in Chicago. Adam Kolecki (person #2), Ron's father, was the 3<sup>rd</sup> born child.

George worked at the Chicago Stockyards. The family spoke Polish and George could read, but not write the language. In 1910 the family owned and lived in a home at 1808 West 39<sup>th</sup> Street. They rented part of it to two other families who also worked at the Stockyards.

We do not know when or where either parent died.

	<b>Michael Kolecki</b> 1894–
	<b>Frank Kolecki</b> 1897–1952
	<b>Adam George Kolecki</b> 1900–1978
	<b>Sabina Kolecki</b> 1906–

#2

## #6. Wladyslaw Hilburger, Jr. &

## #7. Francis Rzeszutko

(Ron Kolecki's Maternal Grandparents)







Wladyslaw Marcin Hilburger was born in June, 1875, in Rygllice, Austria. He was the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 9 children in the family of Wenselaw and Katarzyna Hilburger (persons #12 & 13).

Francis Rzeszutko was born in 1875 in Rygllice, Austria. She was 2<sup>nd</sup> of 9 children in the family of Michal and Anna Rzeszutko (persons #14 & 15)

In about 1899 Wladyslaw married Francis Rzeszutko. The couple had two daughters, including Catherine Hilburger (person #3).

When Wladyslaw was about 30, in 1904, after his father died, he immigrated to the United States and settled in Chicago. Francis arrived a year later with their 2 daughters. In America Wladyslaw used the Americanized version of this name, Walter;

In 1910 Walter worked as a laborer in a Chicago soap factory. He could speak and read, but not write English. The family spoke Polish at home.

	<b>Catherine Hilburger</b> 1900–1965		<b>Eleanore J Hilburger (Thomas)</b> 1909–1996
	<b>Veronica Hilburger</b> 1903–1977		<b>Julian Joseph Hilburger</b> 1916–1984
	<b>Edward Hilburger</b> 1906–		<b>Raymond Adam Hilburger</b> 1918–1988

#3



By 1920 the family had grown to 6 children. By 1918 Walter working as a laborer at the Metz Furniture lumberyard. His 1918 World War I draft registration recorded him as being 5'-10" tall, with blond hair, and blue eyes. The two oldest daughters worked as laborers in a factory and at the stock yard.

Walter died in Chicago in 1926 when he was 50 years old. Francis continued to live in Chicago as a widow for 31 years, until she died at age 77 in January, 1957.

## **Great-Grandparents of Ron Kolecki**

### **#12. Wenceslaw Hilburger, Sr. &**

### **#13. Katarzyna Baumruk**

(Ron Kolecki's Maternal Grandparents)

Wenselaw Hilburger, Sr. was born in about 1845 in Austria. In English his name would have been Vincent. We do not know anything about his parents, except they lived in the southern part of Prussia (Poland). That area was annexed in 1772 by the Habsburg Empire as part of Galicia, Austria.

Katarzyna Baumruk was born in about 1853 in Pilzno, Bohemia. The English version of her name would be Catherine.










Westlaw married Katarzyna Bamruck on Oct 17, 1871 in Rygllice, Austria. He was 26 years old and she was 18.



The couple raised 9 children. Wladyslaw (person #6) was the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest.

Wenselaw died at the age of 58 in 1903 in Rygllice,

After Wenselaw died in 1903, Katarzyna was married again in October, 1903, to a recently widowed man named, Andreze. Together they raised her children that remained at home. We do not know when Catherine died.

 <b>Stefan Wladyslaw Hilburger</b> 1872–	 <b>Bronislawa Rozalia Hilburger</b> 1883–
 <b>Wladyslaw ("Walter") Marcin Hilburger</b> 1875–1926	 <b>Katarzyna Bronislawa Hilburger</b> 1886–
 <b>Joseph Wilhelm Hilburger</b> 1878–1946	 <b>Marceli Piotr Hilburger</b> 1889–
 <b>Franciszek Jozef ("Frank Joseph") Hilburger</b> 1881–1967	 <b>Olga Karolina Hilburger</b> 1892–1945
	 <b>Marianna (Mary) Franciszka Hilburger (Burza)</b> 1896–1989

## **#14. Michal Rzeszutko &**

## **#15. Anna Pasternak**

(Ron Kolecki's Maternal Grandparents)

Michal Rzeszutko was born in about 1817 in Joniny, Austria. He was married 4 times.

At the age of 28, in 1845, Michal married Zofia Piatek, and they had 1 child. We presume she died early because in 1853, Michal married Tekla Smulucha, who bore him 6 children.

Michal married wife #3, Anna Pasternak, in February, 1874 when he was 57 years old and she was 39. Anna was born in 1843 near Ryglie in Galicia,

The family added 5 more children with this marriage. The middle daughter, Francis would end up becoming Ron Kolecki's grandmother (person #7).

 <b>Bronislawa Rzeszutko</b> 1872-1944	 <b>Rozalia Rzeszutko</b> 1880-
 <b>Stefan Rzeszutko</b> 1879-	 <b>Weronika Rzeszutko</b> 1883-
 <b>Francis Rzeszutko (Hillburger)</b> 1879-1957	 <b>#7</b>

We do not know where or when either Michal or Anna passed away.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents of Ron Kolecki**

## **#26. Szymon Baumruck &**

## **#27. Marianna Kamanik**






(Ron Kolecki's Maternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)

Szymon Baumruck was born in about 1834, in Pilzno, Bohemia.

He married Marianna Kamanik in about 1852. Marianna was born in about 1826, probably in Bohemia.

They raised at least 4 children. Katarzyna was the oldest (person #13).

Szymon died at the age of 77 in about 1911. Marianna died in about 1911.

 <b>Katarzyna ("Catherine") Baumruck (Hilburger)</b> 1853-  <b>#13</b>
 <b>Teresa Baumruck</b> 1856-
 <b>Marianna Baumruck</b> 1858-1895
 <b>Franciszek Baumruck</b> 1860-

## **#28. Jan Rzeszutko &**

## **#29. Tekia Klusek** (Ron Kolecki's Maternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)

Jan Rzeszutko was born in about 1783 in Joniny, Austria. Tekia Klusek was born in about 1793 to Wojciech and Kunegunda Klusek.

When Jan was 30, in 1813, he married Wiktoria Mazur, but she died less than a year later.

In July, 1814 Jan married the 21 year old Tekia Klusek from Joniny,

They raised 8 children, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest being Michal (person #14)

Both Jan and his wife died in about 1838 in Ryglice, Austria.

Spouse & Children	
 <b>Tekla Klusek</b> 1793-1838	 <b>Antoni Rzeszutko</b> 1825-
 <b>Katarzyna Rzeszutko</b> 1815- #14	 <b>Zofia Rzeszutko</b> 1827-
 <b>Michal Rzeszutko</b> 1817-	 <b>Marianna Rzeszutko</b> 1829-
 <b>Jan Rzeszutko</b> 1822-	 <b>Jozef Rzeszutko</b> 1832-
	 <b>Agnieszka Rzeszutko</b> 1834-

## **#30. Jozef Pastornak &**

## **#31. Marianne Sikorska** (Ron Kolecki's Maternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)

Little is known of Ron Kolecki's maternal 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather, Jozef Pasternak, other than he came into the world in about 1818, probably in Bohemia-Austria. He married Marianna Sikorske.

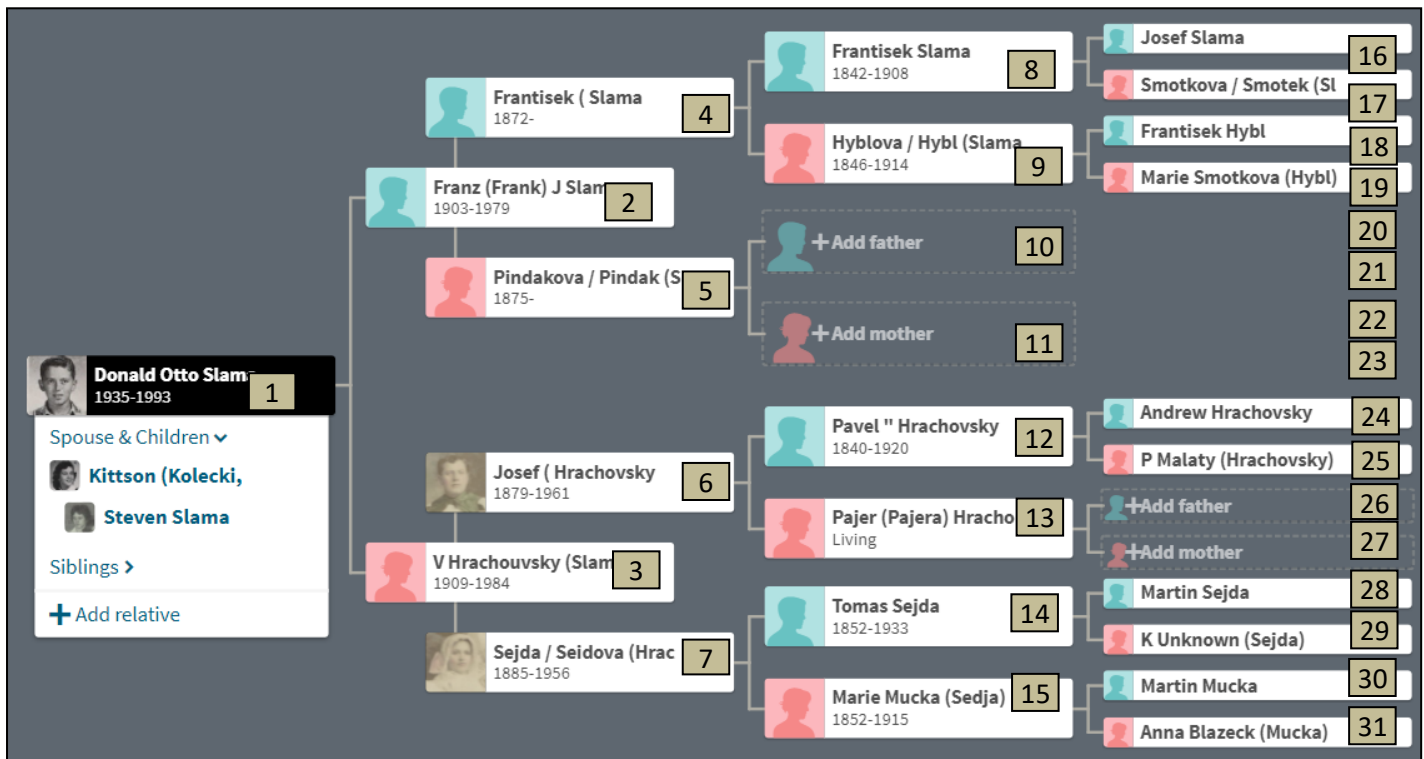
Just like her husband, little is known of Marianne Sikorska. She was born in the early 1800s in the Bohemia-Austria area..

Together, they had a daughter, Anna (person #15).



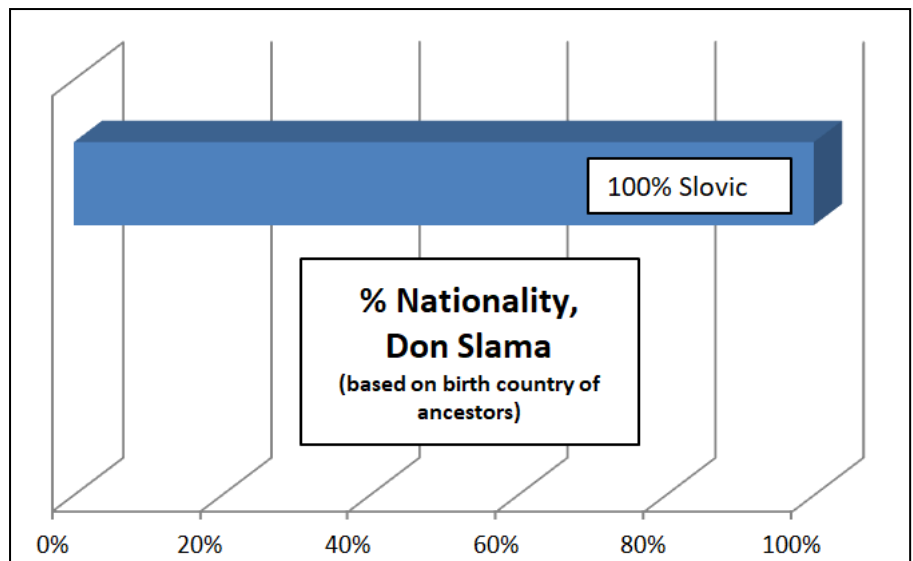
# Chapter 3D

## THE SLAMA ANCESTORS



The paternal side of the Slama family is primarily from the South Moravia area of the Czech region of Eastern Europe. The 1<sup>st</sup> member to come to America was Don Slama's grandfather, Frantisek. The Slama name may be a shorten version of the Slovak name "Slamova".

The maternal side of the Slama family is the Hrachovsky family. Like the Slamas, they were also from the South Moravia area of the Czech region of eastern Europe. They arrived in America slightly prior to the Slama family, in about 1901. The Hrachovsky name may have been pronounced "Gra-choo-ski", as indicated by US Census spellings, which are frequently phonetic.



# THE SLAMA ANCESTORS BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

## Parents of Don Slama

### #2. Frank Slama &

### #3. Vlasta Hrachovsky

(Don Slama's Parents)




Frank Slama, was born in Jestrabi in the South Moravia area of the Czech Republic (then Czechoslovakia) in July, 1903. He immigrated to America in January, 1922. He settled in Cicero, Illinois

In 1926 Frank married Vlasta Hrachovsky, when he was 23 years old and she was 17. Don Slama (person #1) was the youngest of 3 sons, Robert, Richard, and Donald.

Frank worked as a laborer in an iron factory in 1930 and as a plater at the Wilson sporting goods factory in 1940.

Frank died in March, 1979.

Vlasta died in October 1984.

	<b>Robert Frank Slama Sr</b> 1930-2003
	<b>Richard Joseph "Dick" Slama</b> 1932-2017
	<b>Donald Otto Slama</b> #1 1932-1993

Chicago Tribune, Thr Mar 29, 1979

**SLAMA**  
Frank Slama, late of Elmhurst, beloved husband of Vlasta, nee Hrachovsky; dear father of Robert (Marilyn), Richard (Jacqueline) and Donald (Joan) Slama; grandfather of 12. Services Friday 1:30 p.m. at H. Marik Sons, 6507 W. Cermak Rd., Berwyn. Entombment Woodlawn Memorial Park. Visitation Thursday 1 to 10 p.m. 484-6310 or 242-3255.

Chicago Tribune, Mon Oct 15, 1984

**SLAMA**  
Vlasta Slama, nee Hrachovsky, late of Elmhurst, formerly of Chicago, beloved wife of the late Frank; dear mother of Robert (Marilyn), Richard (Jacqueline) and Donald Slama; grandmother of 12; sister of Josephine (James) Novotny and Otto Hrachovsky. Services Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at H. Marik Sons Funeral Home, 6507 W. Cermak Rd., Berwyn. Entombment Woodlawn Mausoleum. Visitation Tuesday, 2 to 9 p.m. 484-6310 or 242-3255.

## Grandparents of Don Slama

### #4. Frantisek Slama &

### #5. Franziska Pindakova

(Don Slama's Paternal Grandparents)



Frantisek Slama was born in 1872 in Jestrabi, South Moravia in the current Czech Republic.

In 1896 in the nearby community of Popov he married Anna Suraoove, but she must have died early and there is no record of any children.

Frantisek then married Franziska Pindakova before 1903. Franziska had been born in 1875, in South Moravia in the current Czech Republic.

Frantisek and Franziska had Franz Slama (person #2) in 1903.

We do not know when, but both parents died in South Moravia.

	<b>Bozena Slama</b> (Janackova / Janaek)	1903–
	<b>Franz (Frank) John Slama</b>	1903–1979 <span>#2</span>

## **#6. Josef Hrachovsky &**

## **#7. Barbara Sejda**

(Don Slama's Maternal Grandparents)

Don's maternal grandfather, Josef Hrachovsky, was born in Aug 1879 in Straznice, South Moravia, in what is now the Czech Republic. He immigrated to America in 1907, settled in Chicago and worked as a blacksmith.

Barbara Sejda was born in 1885, immigrated in 1906, and settled in Chicago.





Barbara married Josef Hrachovsky in February, 1909 in Chicago, Illinois. They soon started a family and ended up raising 4 children. The oldest, Vlasta (person #3) was Don Slama's mother.

Josef became Joseph, and was naturalized as a citizen in July, 1913. The family lived at 2444 S Albany Ave in Chicago in 1918. In Joseph's registration for the military draft in 1918 he indicated that he owned his own horse shoeing business at 2117 Throop Street in Chicago, and was described as 39 years old, tall and stout, with brown hair and blue eyes.

In April, 1920, Joseph obtained a passport to return to Czechoslovakia to visit his parents. It must have been a joy for the grandparents to see their son after they suffered the trials of World War I.

By 1930, the family had prospered. They owned a home at 2446 South Turner Avenue in Chicago. Joseph was 50 and still was the proprietor of his blacksmith shop that shoed horses. Barbara was 44 years old and worked as a laundress in a private home. Their 18 year old daughter, Josephine, worked as a telephone operator.



	<b>Vlasta Hrachovsky (Slama)</b>	1909–1984 <span>#3</span>
	<b>Josephine L Hrachovsky (Novotny)</b>	1911–1972
	<b>Otto Hrachovsky</b>	1912–1986
	<b>Infant Hrachovsky</b>	1919–1919



**Hrachovsky Family, 1920**

Josephine (9), Otto (8), Vlasta (11)  
Barbara (35), Joseph (41)



The 1940 US Census showed the family owned their home at 2448 Christiana Avenue in Chicago. Joseph was listed as shoeing horses, but was out of work most of the time. Barbara was a house maid, who worked 8 hours a week. When the 69 year old Joseph registered for the World War II draft in 1942, he listed that he was unemployed, which probably meant he had retired.

Barbara died on Dec 3, 1956, and Joseph on July 19, 1961; both died Berwyn, Illinois.





## Great-Grandparents of Don Slama

### #8. Frantisek Slama &

### #9. Marie Hyblova

(Don Slama's Paternal Great-Grandparents)

Both Frantisek Slama and Marie Hyblova were born in the 1840s in Jestřebí in South Moravia in the current Czech Republic. They were both 24 years old when they married in February, 1867. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> son, Frantisek, was Don's paternal grandfather (person #4). Frantisek died in October 1908 and Marie in March 1914.

	<b>Jan Slama</b> 1869–1871
	<b>Frantisek (Franz) Slama</b> 1872– <b>#4</b>
	<b>Jan Slama</b> 1878–1949
	<b>Joseph Slama</b> 1888–1963

### #12. Pavel Hrachovsky &






### #13. Apolonia Pajera

(Don Slama's Maternal Great-Grandparents)

Both Pavel Hrachovsky and Apolonia Pajera were born in around 1840. Pavel is usually translated to mean "Paul" in English.

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Pavel married Apolonia Pajera in about 1870, and they started to raise a family, which ended up with 5 children. Their youngest, Josef (person #6). Pavel died in about 1920 in Moravia. We don't know when Apolonia passed.




	<b>Apolonie Hrachovsky (Stanislav)</b> 1870–1957		<b>Mary Hrachovsky (Vavrik)</b> 1875–1909
	<b>Katerina (Katherine) Hrachovsky</b> 1875–1971		<b>Anna Hrachovsky</b> 1877–1957
			<b>Josef ("Joseph") Hrachovsky</b> 1879–1961 <b>#6</b>

### #14. Tomas Sedja &

### #15. Maria Mucka

(Don Slama's Maternal Great-Grandparents)

Tomas and Maria (nee Mucka) Sedja were both in 1852 in the Czech region of eastern Europe. They were married in January 1878, when they were both 25 years old. They raised a family of 7 children. Barbara, was the 5<sup>th</sup> child (person #7). Maria died when she was 62 years old, in June, 1915. Tomas died in 1933, 18 years after his wife.

	<b>Marie Sedja / Seidova (Micka)</b> 1875–1936		<b>Alzbeta Sedja</b> 1884–1884		<b>Josef (Joseph) Sedja</b> 1888–1917
	<b>Jan Sedja</b> 1880–1939		<b>Barbara J Sedja / Seidova (Hrachovsky)</b> 1885–1956 <b>7</b>		<b>Rozalie Sedja / Seidova (Horak)</b> 1891–1976
	<b>Apolena Sedja (Ptacek)</b> 1882–1962				





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents of Don Slama

### #16. Josef Slama & #17. Anna Smotkova

(Don Slama's Paternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)

Josef Slama was born in 1809 and Anna Smotkova in February, 1822. Both were born in Jestrabi in the South Moravia area of the present day Czech Republic. Anna's surname is also shown as Smotek in various records.

When he was 32 in 1841, Josef married the 19 year old Anna. The couple had 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. The oldest boy, Frantisek (person # 8), was born in 1842.

 <b>Frantisek Slama</b> 1842-1908	<b>8</b>	 <b>Marie Slama (Marek)</b> 1852-1917
 <b>Josefa Slama (Stanislav)</b> 1850-		 <b>Vaclav Slama</b> 1858-

Josef died in Jestrabi in 1863 when he was 53 years old. Anna died in 1874 in the same community where she spent her entire life. She was 52 years old

### #18. Frantisek Hybil & #19. Maria Smotkova

(Don Slama's Paternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)

We don't know when or where Frantisek Hybil was born and raised, and know nothing about his parents. The Hybil name may be a shortened version of Hyblova. Marie Smotkova was born about 1820 in Jestrabi, Moravia, in Czechoslovakia. Frantisek and Maria were married, but we know they had at least one daughter, Marie (person #9), in 1846.

### #24. Andrew Hrachovsky & #25. Petra Malaty

(Don Slama's Maternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)

Andrew Hrachovsky was born in about 1820 to Josef and Marie Hrachovsky in the Czech region. We have no records of Petra Malaty's birth, but it was most likely in the Czech area and in about 1820. Andrew married Petra before 1840, when their first child, Pavel (person #12), was born. We do not know when or where either Andrew or Petra died, but it was most certainly in Moravia.



**#28. Martin Sejda &**

**#29. Katherine (Unknown)**

(Don Slama's Maternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)

We don't know anything about Martin and Katherine Sejda except their names, they lived in the Czech region, and they had a son, Tomas (person #14), in 1852. The family name may have been spelled, Seidova.

**#30. Martin Mucka &**

**#31. Anna Blazeck**

(Don Slama's Maternal 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandparents)

We also know nothing of Martin and Anna (nee Blazeck) Mucha, except their names, they lived in the Czech region, and they had a daughter, Maria, in 1852 (person #15).



## **LINDA (KOLECKI) & CHARLEY DICKS**

Linda lived at 316 Kent Ave; Romeoville, IL



Linda, May 1955



Linda, circa 1959



Linda, circa 1957



Linda & Charlie Dicks, circa 1980



Brian Dicks, circa 1980



Linda Dicks, circa 2018

Chapter 3F

**DEBBIE KOLICKI & CRAIG O'MALLEY**

Debbie lived at 2660 Smith St; Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

Chapter 3G

**KAREN KOLICKI & MIKE CIOLINA**

Karen lived at 314 Beach Ave #3A; LaGrange Park, IL

In 2005 Karen moved to Appleton [10]



Chapter 3H

**STEVE SLAMA**

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