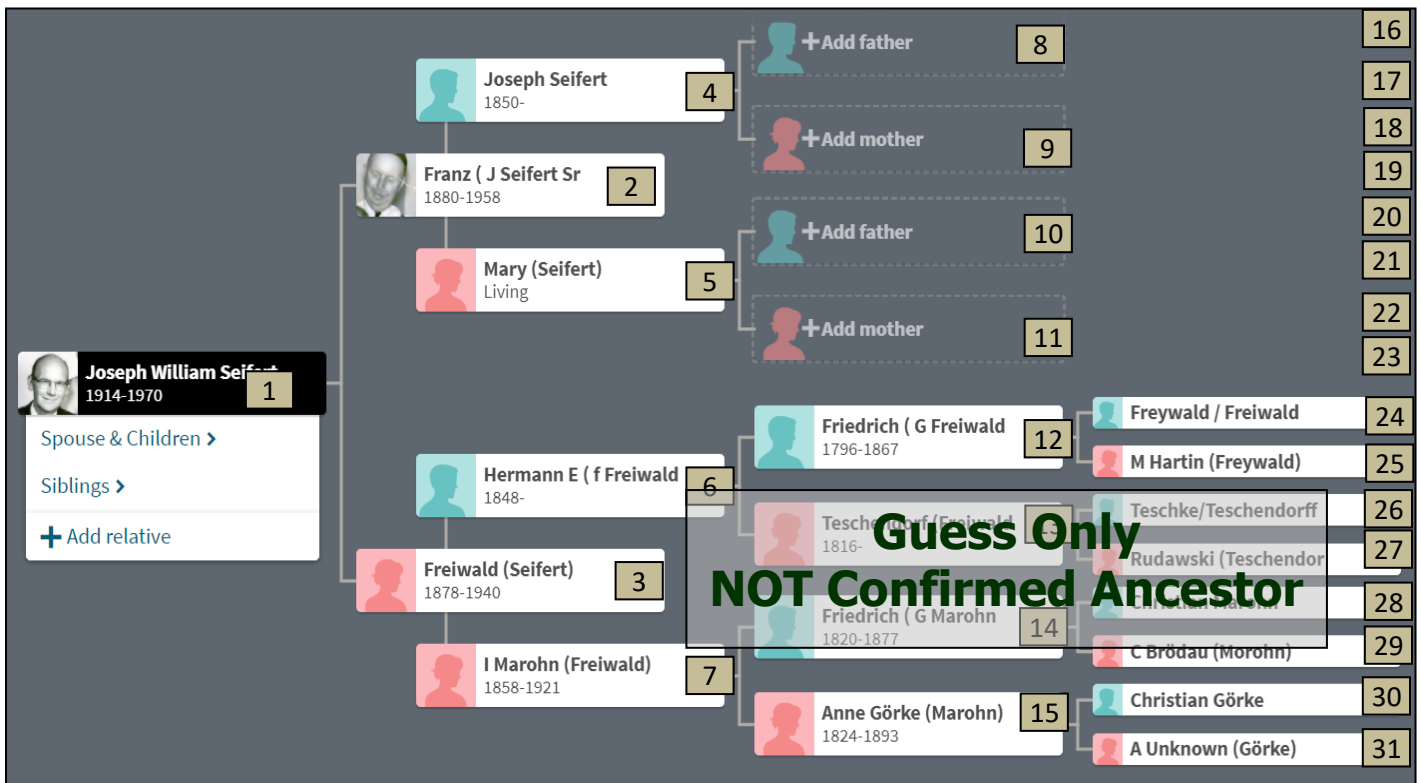


# Seifert Ancestors

(May 19, 2021)

It has been difficult tracing the ancestors of the Seifert family, especially on the paternal side. This is because, as of 2021, much of the ancestral documents of Austria have not been digitized and made available on-line. We are fortunate that genealogical research of Joseph Seifert's mother, Anna Freiwald, has been uploaded.



## Parents

### #2. Franz Joseph Seifert, Sr &

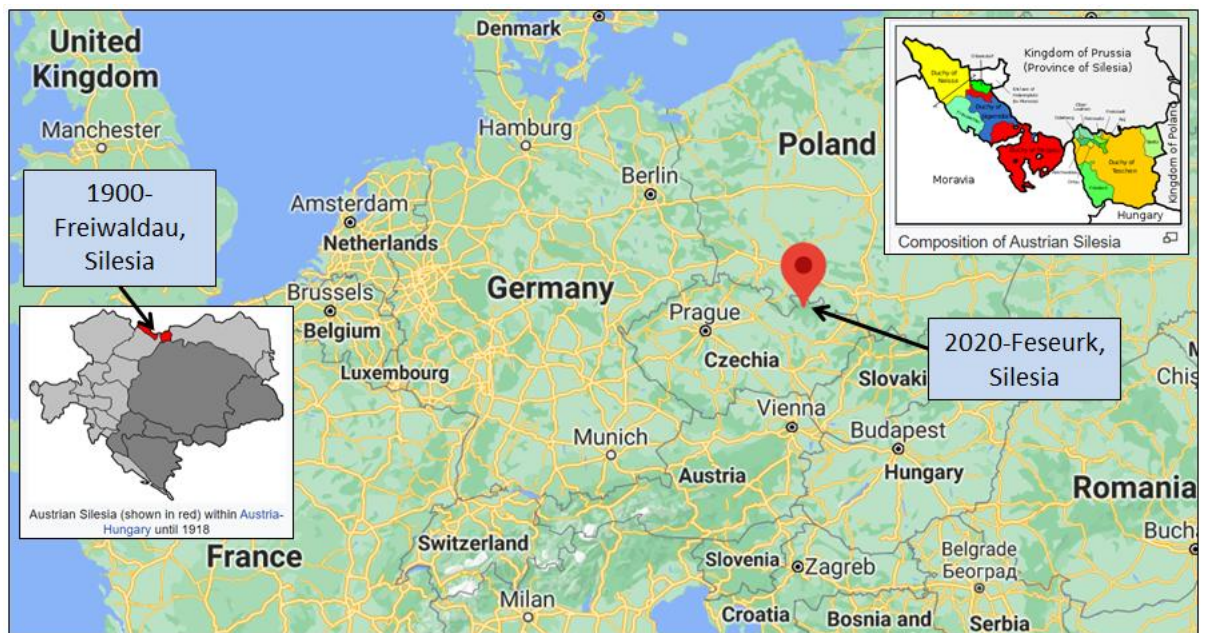
### #3. Anna Freiwald

(Joseph Seifert's Parents)

When Frank Seifert retired in the 1957 he had risen to be the head of the Custodian Department at the Walker Manufacturing Plant, in Racine. He worked his way up from starting as an entry level janitor in 1921. It was a big change from the young man that immigrated by himself at the turn of the century.

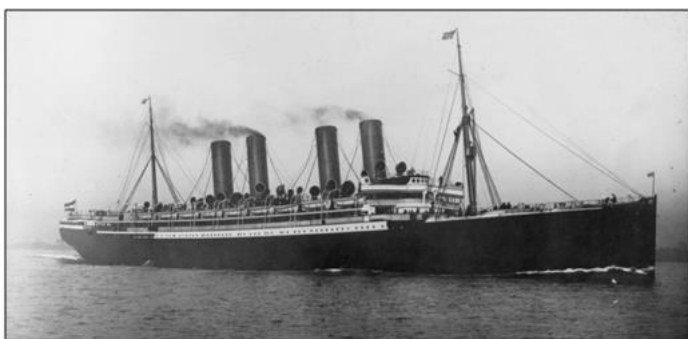
Franz Joseph Seifert was born on February 13, 1880 in Austria. He was the son of Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only know this because of documents that originate from Robert Seifert, Franz's brother. More on Robert later.

Frank indicated he was born in Silesia, Austria, a Bohemian area that was long ago part of the Holy Roman Empire, It became a part of the Austrian



Empire and Austro-Hungarian Empire until the Empire was dissolved in 1918 at the end of World War I. The western portion is currently in the Czech Republic and eastern portion in Poland.

| IMMIGRATION SERVICE  |     | BALCON, CABIN, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY MANIFESTED. |                   | THIS SHEET IS FOR STEERAGE PASSENGERS. |                | List 13                             |  |                       |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |
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| LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE U. S. IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL.   |     |   |                   |  |                |                                     |  |                       |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |
| Required by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1903, to be delivered to the U. S. Immigration Officer by the Commanding Officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States. |     |   |                   |  |                |                                     |  |                       |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |
| S. S. Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse  |     | Sailing from Bremen   |                   | Date of arrival Dec 15, 1904           |                | Arriving at Port of New York        |  |                       |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |
| NAME IN FULL   | Age | Sex   | Married or Single | Calling or Occupation                  | Place of Birth | Country of last permanent residence | Whether having a ticket for such final destination | By whom passage paid? | Whether in possession of \$100 and if not, how much? | Whether ever before in the United States and if so, when and where? | Whether going to join a relative or friend and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address. | Any person or persons in charge of a party: an American citizen, alien, or other person. | Whether a student, artist, or other person. | Condition of Health, Mental and Physical. | Deformed or crippled, scars, height of feet, and marks. |
| 28. Helbert, Franz   | 34  | M   | Single            | Labourer                               | Freiwaldau     | Austria                             |  |                       |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |



#### SS Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse

Franz Seifert came to America on this ship. It was constructed in 1897 to compete with the British trans-Atlantic passenger business; it was considered one of the 1<sup>st</sup> modern super ocean liners and the 1<sup>st</sup> to have 4 stacks; it held the record for the fastest trans-Atlantic voyage; It broadcast the 1<sup>st</sup> ship-to-shore wireless message in 1900; The ship was converted to a military cruiser at the start of WWI; it destroyed several British ships before being sunk in Aug 2014 in NW Africa in the Battle of Rio de Oro.

See video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUMS7ov7r4w>  
See story at: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS\\_Kaiser\\_Wilhelm\\_der\\_Grosse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Kaiser_Wilhelm_der_Grosse)

Robert gave a more precise indication of where he was born: Oberthomasdorf, located near Freiwaldau in Silesia, Austria. Over time, the German name of "Freiwaldau" became the Czech name of "Fryvaldov" and in 1947 changed to "Jesenrk".

We don't know the precise reason that Franz emigrated to America in late 1904, but it may have been the political, economic, or military turmoil in Austria.

Anna Freiwald was born in 1878 and grew up in the same community as Franz, which she listed as near Frewaldau. Her surname may have been derived from the location of her birth. It is

probable that they knew each other in Silesia and may have been engaged before Franz



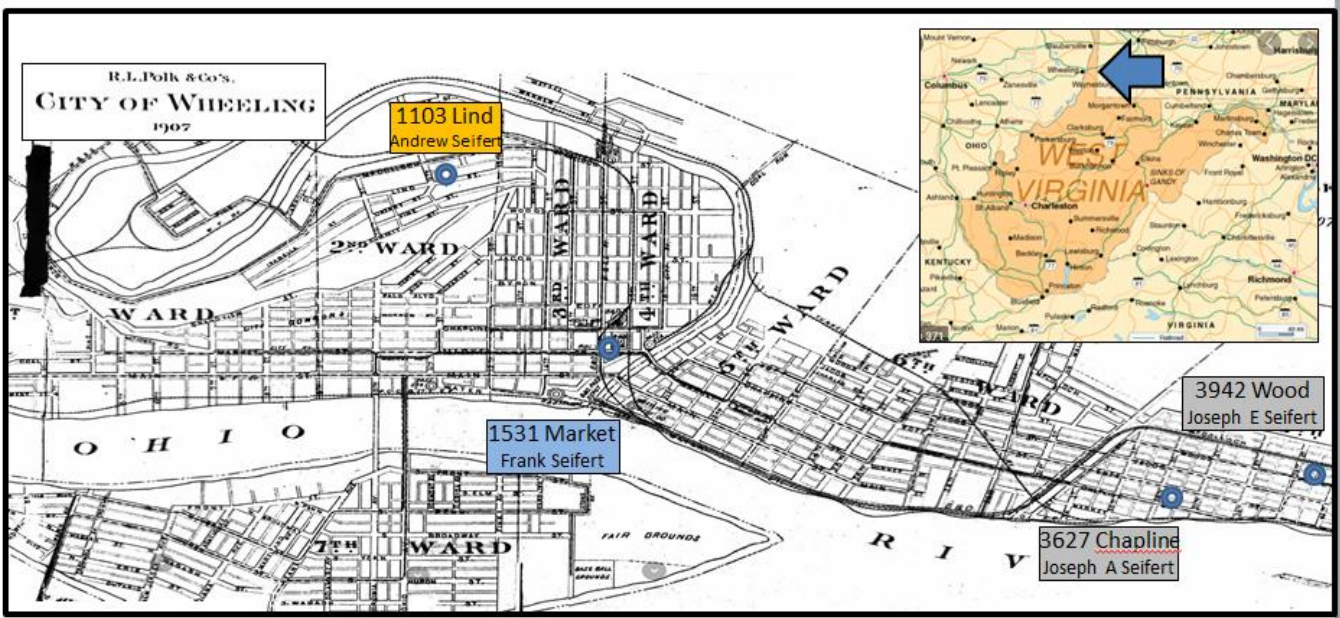
traveled to America. This theory is support by the way both Franz and Anna immigrated to the US. Franz and Anna may have planned to start a new life in the new world, with Franz going ahead of time to find a home.

| LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE U. S. IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL. 86  |                      |           |          |          |           |                 |                |                |                |                   |               |             |   |                                  |   |                 |                 |                     |                     |
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| 62 S. S. <i>Gross</i> sailing from <i>Bremen</i> <i>June 11, 1905</i> Arriving at Port of <i>New York</i> <i>June 11, 1905</i>   |                      |           |          |          |           |                 |                |                |                |                   |               |             |   |                                  |   |                 |                 |                     |                     |
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| No.  | Name                 | Age       | Sex      | Married  | Color     | Religion        | Nationality    | Race or People | Last Residence | Final Destination | Whether Young | By whom     | Whether in possession of \$10.00 and if not | Whether ever before in the U. S. | Whether going to join a relative or friend, and if so | Whether Weather | Whether Weather | Condition of Health | Enforced or Granted |
| 21   | <i>Anna Freiwald</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>F</i> | <i>Y</i> | <i>Bl</i> | <i>Catholic</i> | <i>Austria</i> | <i>White</i>   | <i>Vienna</i>  | <i>Wheeling</i>   | <i>Y</i>      | <i>Self</i> | <i>Y</i>                                    | <i>N</i>                         | <i>Y</i>  | <i>Y</i>        | <i>Y</i>        | <i>Y</i>            | <i>Y</i>            |

Franz may have immigrated at the urging of his older brother, Robert, who came a year earlier (see his story in the inset below).

Franz traveled alone, as a 24 year old laborer, and with only \$10 in his pocket. He traveled on the famous 7-year old German ship, the SS Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. The 1904 passenger list showed that Franz was headed for Portland Hills, near Ridgway, in Elk County, Pennsylvania, where his brother, Robert, lived at the time. We don't know if Franz actually arrived in Portland Hills, but we do know that in 1905, Franz had changed his name to Frank and lived in Wheeling, West Virginia. He worked as a porter, and later as a bartender, at the Louis Knierim Saloon & Restaurant located at 1531 Market Street. He also lived in the same building.

After Frank settled down he must have written to Anna Freiwald back in Austria to tell her to start her journey to America. She had worked in Austria as a servant. Family story said that she worked for a well to do family [xx]. By June 14, 1905, about 6 months after Frank's arrival in America, Anna landed in New York and was ready to continue the overland portion of her trip to Wheeling, West Virginia. The ship passenger log confirmed Frank's exact address of where she was headed and that Frank had paid for her ticket.



Soon after her arrival, Frank Seifert and Anna Freiwald were married in Ohio County of West Virginia. We assume in Wheeling. While

**Frank Joseph Seifert Jr**  
1906–1987

**Charles William Seifert Sr**  
1908–1971

living in Wheeling two boys were born into the Seifert family, Frank Jr and Charles.

There were several other Seifert families that lived in Wheeling at the same time as Frank, but we have not yet been able to confirm their relationship. This included Joseph A, Joseph E Seifert, and Andrew Seifert. These persons had immigrated in the 1870-90 time-frame and established themselves in Wheeling. They may have been kin to Frank who but nothing has been confirmed after researching each person back several generations. They didn't live near Frank. This group of Seiferts came from Germany rather than Austria and are not thought to have been closely related to Frank Sr.

From 1905 to 1913  
Frank Sr continued to  
work as a bartender.

A 1910 newspaper  
article on a Mrs.  
Frank Seifert reported  
a robbery at her  
home in Wheeling.  
We cannot confirm  
that this was Anna  
Seifert, but we know  
from the Wheeling  
City Directory that  
there was only one  
Frank Seifert in the  
community.

### WOMAN BOUND TO A STOVE

**DARING ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY IS MADE IN SOUTH SIDE HOME—SCREAMS BRING ASSISTANCE**

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 8.—One of the most horrifying attempts at robbery ever heard of in Wheeling was made on the South Side last evening. Three men entered the home of Mrs. Frank Seifert, at 3184 alley H. and after binding and gagging her, they ransacked the house without securing anything of value. The

woman was treated in the most brutal manner possible by the men, who succeeded in making their escape. The police are now on their trail, but so far have made no capture.

According to the story told the police, the three men entered the Seifert home last evening about eight o'clock, and before Mrs. Seifert had time to scream or cry for assistance she found herself bound to a heating stove in her living room. A lump of coal as large as an ordinary man's fist was fastened in her mouth, and her hands and feet were firmly tied to the stove. The burglars soon went through the house and then departed, leaving her tied to the stove and suffering terrible agony from the heat. Fortunately she was not burned.

After remaining in this position nearly two hours, Mrs. Seifert managed to get the lump of coal out of her mouth. She screamed and her cries attracted Mrs. Jack, a neighbor, who notified Rudolph Brandt, night watchman at Schaubach's brewery. Mr. Brandt cut the woman loose and then notified the police.

Meanwhile the would be robbers had escaped without finding \$15 which Mrs. Seifert had stowed away in her home.

The police are handicapped in their search for the men by the fact that Mrs. Seifert could give no description of them. The only thing she remembered concerning the men was that one was a German and spoke broken English.


Independent-Herald (Hinton, West Virginia) • 10 Feb 1910, Thu

In 1911 Frank's family moved to a home at 421 Coal Street. Around 1913 Louis Knierim retired and he may have closed the business because it was no longer listed in the Wheeling City Directory.

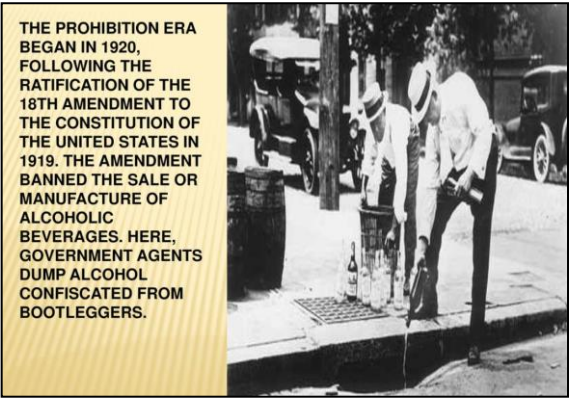
Facing unemployment, and perhaps Anna's safety concerns over her robbery incident, convinced Frank Sr to move his family westward in 1914 to Racine, Wisconsin. We do not know why the family selected Racine to live. There were no other Seifert or Freiwald families that lived in Racine at the time.

Two more children were added to the Seifert family while they lived north of Racine. Joseph was born in 1914 and Frieda in 1916

**Joseph William Seifert**  
1914-1970

**Frieda Odessa Seifert**  
(Kolber, Abraham, Ruedinger)  
1916-2006

In Racine, Frank Sr continued to work at his profession as a bartender at J. F. Borsh Saloon, which was located at 406 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The Seifert family lived in rural Racine at RFD 2. This rural delivery route was north of Rapids Drive up to 7 Mile Road and west of the Root River.





The family lived at RFD 2 until 1918, when they moved to 2044 Carmel Avenue.

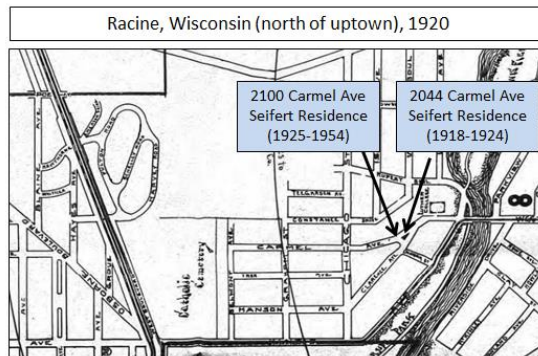
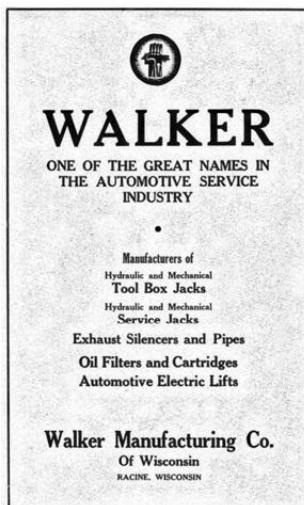
In 1920 the US Constitution was amended to prohibit the sale of all alcoholic beverages. The Borsh bar closed and Frank's livelihood as a bartender ended. He needed to find a new job.

### EARLY HISTORY OF WALKER MFG

Walker Manufacturing started as a 4 person company named "Economy Spring" that made springs for horse-drawn farm wagons. The company introduced a successful new harrow attachment for plows (for breaking up dirt, rooting up weeds, or covering seeds) so the company hired an additional 36 workers. At the turn of the century Economy Spring was thriving as a non-automotive company. In 1908, William A. Walker, along with his twin sons, Willard and Warren, gained controlling interest in Economy Spring. In 1912 Willard Walker decided to design and produce a "tire saver" to hold stored automobiles up off their narrow tires during the winter, since few were driven because of snow and ice. The "tire saver" later became better known as a "jack." By 1916 Walkers' jack factory employed 400 workers, and the flourishing company's name was officially changed from Economy Spring to Walker Manufacturing. In 1929 the company bought Ajax Auto Parts and became one of the nation's largest jack manufacturers.

During the depression, Walker diversified into other automobile accessories, including a "silencer" to reduce back-pressure and bring exhaust noise to a minimum. Walker's silencer had a louvered or ventilated tube that churned exhaust fumes in one direction within the silencer to lower back-pressure on the engine and muffled the auto's noise. It became known as a "muffler." The louvered muffler put Walker Manufacturing in the forefront of exhaust system, where it remained to the present day.

child. He worked as a butcher in a meat market. This may have been the incentive for his younger brother, Joe, to also become a butcher. Soon, Frank Jr and Clara had a family of two children, Anna in 1931 and Frank III in 1937.



In 1920, Frank Sr started to work as a janitor at Walker Manufacturing, which gave him steady employment for the next 35

years.

In 1925, the Seifert family moved next door to a larger house at 2100 Carmel.

Seifert Residences on Carmel Aven, Racine (1918-1954)



In about 1929 Frank, Jr married Clara Rosemiller and moved to Kenosha. She was an adopted




**Anna Marie Seifert (Waddell)**  
1931-2014




**Frank Henry Seifert Jr**  
1937-2014

Frank Sr and Anna's 2nd child, Charles, worked as a truck driver for the Racine News Agency in 1930. He was married about this time to Julia Stienke. The couple ended up having 3 children: Charles, Jr, James, and Robert.


Joseph Seifert, the 3<sup>rd</sup> child, was married to Irene Lauzon in 1939. Please refer their biographical sketch at the start of this chapter.



**Charles William Seifert Jr**  
1934-2001



**James Seifert**  
1938-2020



**Robert Seifert**  
-2020

**Marriage: Frieda Seifert & Henry Kober, 1936**

**Wed in Kenosha,  
Couple Honored  
by 130 Friends**

**Dinner and Reception  
Are Held Following  
Ceremony.**

Miss Frieda Seifert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seifert, 2100 Carmel avenue, on Saturday said the marriage vows which made her the wife of Henry Kober, Route 2, Box 210, Racine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Kober.

The ceremony was performed at 2 oclock in Friedens Ev. Lutheran church in Kenosha by Rev. C. Buenger in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

White velvet, fashioned princess style, was worn by the bride, whose face veil had a long train with white satin. She carried white roses and sweet peas.

**Three Attend Bride.**

Miss Frieda Gerber of Sturtevant, the maid of honor, wore dark blue velvet and silver sandals, and carried pink roses and yellow chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids, Miss Miriam Ernst and Miss Marie Brack, were frocked similarly to the maid of honor, and also carried roses and chrysanthemums.

John Dietz of Sheboygan was the best man and ushers were John Kober, brother of the bridegroom, and Joseph Seifert, brother of the bride.

A wedding dinner for 130 was served at Woodman's hall in Franksville, following the ceremony, and in the evening a reception was held, with dancing to the music of Jacob Kober's orchestra. Fall flowers and streamers in rainbow colors decorated the hall. Among the out of town guests were Messrs. and Mesdames Gottlieb Ertel, H. Carlisle, C. Mueller, C. Weinberger, G. Fellingner, of Sheboygan; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartman, C. Horn of Milwaukee; Messrs. and Mesdames J. Diener, R. Schneider, G. Kober Jr., J. Raasch, C. Mertz, S. Schaeffer, all of Kenosha.

**To Reside on Farm.**

Mr. and Mrs. Kober will reside at Route 2, Box 210, Racine, where the bridegroom is engaged in farming.

The bride is a graduate of Washington Park high school and a former employe of the Wisconsin Sales Corporation. Among those who entertained in her honor were Miss Josephine Martin, Racine; Miss Margaret Hay, Union Grove; Mrs. R. Schneider, Kenosha. The couple was honored at a dinner given by employes of the Wisconsin Sales Corporation.

Journal Times (Racine, Wisconsin)

14 Dec 1936, Mon

The 4<sup>th</sup> child, Frieda, was married in December, 1936 in Kenosha to Henry Kober. They had two daughters, Dolores and Jane, before they were divorced.



**Dolores Elaine Kober (Fritzsche)**  
1938-




**Jane Eileen Kober**  
1940-2011



By 1940, all of the children of Frank Sr and Anna Seifert had been married and moved out of the house.

However, sadness struck on January 26, 1940, when Anna died at St. Luke's Hospital in Racine. She was only 61 years old. Anna was buried in Racine at Graceland Cemetery.



MOTHER  
ANNA M. SEIFERT  
1878 - 1940

### Anna M. Seifert

BIRTH 1878  
DEATH 1940 (aged 61-62)  
BURIAL Graceland Cemetery  
Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin, USA  
PLOT Section 14

After Anna died in 1940, Joseph, Frank Sr's youngest son, moved in with his father at 2100 Carmel Ave, joined with his pregnant wife, Irene Lauzon Seifert.

By 1940, Frank Jr had moved from Kenosha to Three Lakes in Oneida County, Wisconsin. He continued to work as a butcher.

The United States entered World War II in December, 1941 and Frank Sr registered for the draft in 1942, even though he was 62 years old. The Registration Card

Frank Seifert – World War II Draft Registration Card, 1942

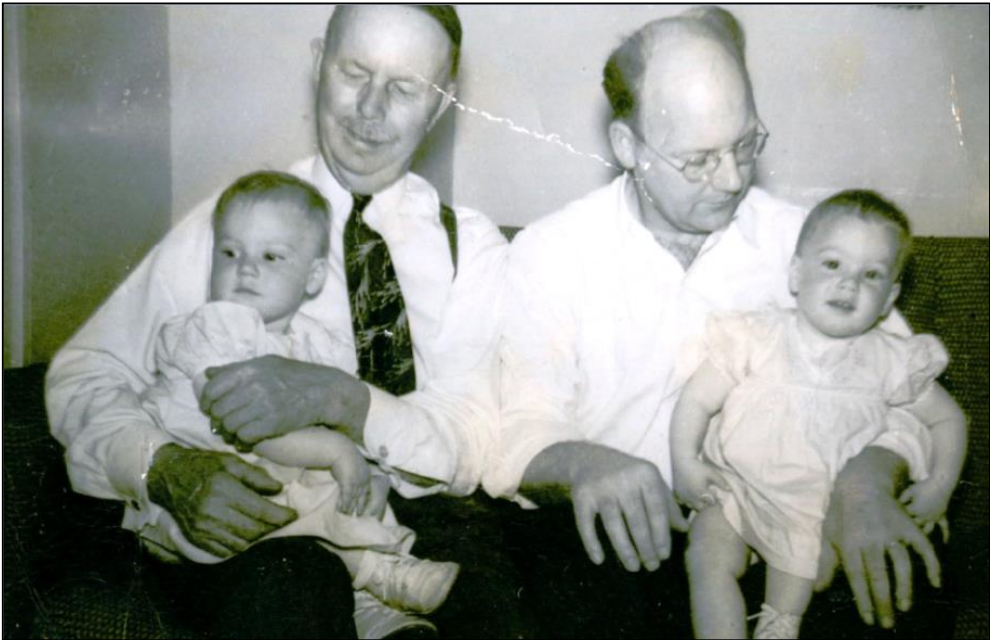
REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1897 and on or before February 16, 1897)

|  |  |                   |
|--|--|-------------------|
| SERIAL NUMBER  | 1. NAME (Print)                        | ORDER NUMBER      |
| U 384  | Frank (None) Seifert                   |                   |
| 2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)  | 2100 Carmel Ave Racine Racine Wis.     |                   |
| (THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL) |  |                   |
| 3. MAILING ADDRESS   | Same                                   |                   |
| 4. TELEPHONE   | 5. AGE IN YEARS                        | 6. PLACE OF BIRTH |
| Jack. 3574   | 62                                     | Austria           |
| 7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS  | Joe Seifert, 2100 Carmel Ave. (Gm)     |                   |
| 8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS   | Walker Mfg. Co.                        |                   |
| 9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS   | Michigan Blvd plant Racine Racine Wis. |                   |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.  |  |                   |
| D. S. S. FORM 1 (REVISED 4-3-42) 16-21630-1 Frank Seifert  |  |                   |

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

| DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT  |                  |                  |             |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| RACE   | HEIGHT (Approx.) | WEIGHT (Approx.) | COMPLEXION  |
| White  | 5'9              | 150              | Ruddy       |
| Negro  | Blue             | Blond            | Light       |
| Oriental   | Gray             | Red              | Dark        |
| Indian   | Hazel            | Brown            | Freckled    |
|  | Brown            | Black            | Light brown |
|  | Black            | Gray             | Dark brown  |
|  |                  | Bald             | Black       |
| Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification: None   |                  |                  |             |
| I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows: |                  |                  |             |
| Signature of Registrar: [Signature]  |                  |                  |             |
| Registrar for Local Board: 2 Racine Wis.   |                  |                  |             |
| Date of registration: April 25, 1942   |                  |                  |             |

**Mrs. Anna Seifert**  
Mrs. Anna Seifert, 61, wife of Frank Seifert, Sr., 2100 Carmel avenue, died in St. Luke's hospital Friday.  
Mrs. Seifert was born in Austria, Sept. 12, 1878. She lived in Racine 35 years.  
Survivors in addition to her husband are three sons, Frank, Jr., of Three Lakes and Charles and Joseph of Racine, and one daughter, Mrs. Henry Kobs of Sturtevant.  
Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Heiberling funeral home with Rev. G. W. Genszler officiating. Burial will be in Graceland cemetery.  
The body may be viewed Sunday afternoon and evening in the funeral home.




contains Franks' signature. It showed that he was 5'-9" tall and weighed 150 pounds, had brown hair and blue eyes. His complexion was rated as "ruddy".

Frank Sr rose in the Walker Manufacturing Company to eventually be the head of the companies Custodial Department. He wore a white shirt and tie each day in his job.

Frank, Sr assisted in raising the 5 girls in Joe and Irene’s family while he lived with them at 1705 Linden Avenue in Racine.

By 1952, Frieda’s first marriage had ended and she married Floyd Abraham in Hortonville, Wisconsin.

Frank Sr retired from Walker Manufacturing in about 1956. He died on July 10, 1958 when he was 79 years old and was buried in Graceland Cemetery next to his wife, Anna, who died 18 years earlier.



**Frank Seifert**

BIRTH 1879

DEATH 1958 (aged 78-79)

BURIAL [Graceland Cemetery](#)  
Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin, USA

PLOT Section 14

Marriage: Frieda Seifert Kober & Floyd Abraham, 1952

**Kober-Abraham**

The Rev. Erwin Froelick will officiate when nuptial vows are repeated this evening by Frieda O. Kober of Hortonville, and Floyd Abraham, route 1, Hortonville, at 7:15 this evening. The ceremony will be performed at the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Hortonville.

The bride is the daughter of Frank J. Seifert, Sr., of Racine, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Ella Abraham, route 1, Hortonville.

Mrs. Milton Ruppel of Appleton, the bridegroom's niece, will serve as matron of honor and Mrs. Maynard Knapp of Hortonville will be bridesmaid. Milton Ruppel will act as best man and Maynard Knapp will attend as groomsman.

Dinner will be served at 8 o'clock at Goode's Supper club and on Saturday evening the couple will be honored at a reception at the Hoffman hotel in Hortonville from 7 until 10 o'clock. About 400 guests are expected.

The bride is employed at the Wire Products company in Hortonville and the bridegroom is engaged in farming there. The couple will reside in their new home, on Highway 45, west of Hortonville.

Post-Crescent (Appleton, Wisconsin)

27 Nov 1952, Thu

**SEIFERT, FRANK**  
1705 Linden Ave.

Age 79. Passed away July 10, 1958, in St. Mary's Hospital, after a short illness. Mr. Seifert was born in Austria on Feb. 13, 1879. Prior to his retirement, he was head custodian at the Walker Mfg. Co. He was of the Catholic faith. Surviving are three sons, Frank Seifert of Lake Geneva, Wis., Charles and Joseph Seifert, both of Racine; one daughter, Mrs. Floyd (Freida) Abraham of Hortonville, Wis.; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. His wife, Anna, preceded him in death in 1940. Funeral services will be held Saturday, 8:30 a.m. in the Wilson Funeral Home and 9 a.m. in St. Edward's Catholic Church, Rev. Richard Schaefer officiating. Interment will be in Graceland Cemetery. Friends may call at the WILSON FUNERAL HOME, 1139 Blaine Ave., this afternoon after 4 o'clock and during the evening. The Rosary will be recited this evening, 8:15, in the funeral home.



Many of Frank Seifert's descendants enjoyed long lives.

1. Frank Seifert, Jr lived to be 81 years old in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, dying in 1987. Clara, Frank's wife, had died 30 years earlier in 1958 and was buried at the St.



## Frank Seifert

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| BIRTH       | 1906   |
| DEATH       | 1987 (aged 80–81)  |
| BURIAL      | <a href="#">Saint Francis de Sales Cemetery</a><br>Lake Geneva, Walworth County, Wisconsin |
| MEMORIAL ID | 109702417 · <a href="#">View Source</a>  |

Francis de Sales Cemetery in Lake Geneva.

Frank's daughter, Anna Marie Waddell, died in July 2014 in Sharon, Wisconsin when she was 82 years old. Her brother, Frank III died a month later in 2014 in Minneapolis, Minnesota at 76.

## Clara Seifert

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| BIRTH  | 1904  |
| DEATH  | 1958 (aged 53–54)   |
| BURIAL | <a href="#">Saint Francis de Sales Cemetery</a><br>Lake Geneva, Walworth County, Wisconsin, |

## Anne Marie "Ann" Seifert Waddell

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| BIRTH  | 1 Aug 1931<br>Wisconsin, USA  |
| DEATH  | 12 Jul 2014 (aged 82)<br>Wisconsin, USA                                     |
| BURIAL | <a href="#">Oakwood Cemetery</a><br>Sharon, Walworth County, Wisconsin, USA |
| PLOT   | Section 2A, Lot 357   |



Anne was born Aug. 1, 1931, to parents, Frank and Clara Seifert. Anne grew up in Lake Geneva, and settled in Sharon WI, with her husband. Anne graduated in 1950, from Lake Geneva High School, worked at Lakeland Hospital as an LPN, where all her children were born. While raising her family she continued to work in the field of health and respite care. Anne was admired by many friends and family and will be greatly missed. She was a selfless, kind, sweet, hardworking, compassionate and sometimes mischievous person who lived to make the people in her life happy. She always desired a big family and relished time with her children and grandchildren. She found great joy in the company of her tight-knit family and reminded her children regularly how important it was to have and nurture one another. Anne went to great lengths to spend equal time with everyone. The fondest memories were family gatherings when everyone crowded together to celebrate countless holidays, birthdays, anniversaries and family vacations, which carried her to many destinations, both domestic and abroad. She was especially fascinated with the people and culture of Germany, which was home to her grandparents. Anne took great interest in the art of painting; her family travels provided interesting subjects and sceneries for her painting passion. She had a zest for life and never passed up an opportunity to share new experiences with her family. She is now in the company of angels and will forever be on our mind and in our hearts. Surviving are her husband; her brother and his wife; her sister-in-law; her nine children; 18 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Anne will be laid to rest among family at the Oakwood Cemetery, Sharon WI. TOYNTON SHARON FUNERAL HOME

## Frank Henry Seifert

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| BIRTH  | 11 Oct 1937<br>Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, USA  |
| DEATH  | 19 Aug 2014 (aged 76)<br>Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, USA                                     |
| BURIAL | <a href="#">Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery</a><br>Spooner, Washburn County, Wisconsin, USA |
| PLOT   | CE 286  |



Frank Henry Seifert, 76, of Spooner passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014, at the Veterans Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn. Frank was born in Kenosha to Frank and Clara (Rosemiller) Seifert on October 11, 1937. He was raised in Lake Geneva and graduated from Lake Geneva High School. He served in the Army from 1957 to 1959.

Frank married his soulmate, Arlene (Fourman) Seifert on July 1, 1966. He was a family man and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing, and one of his biggest passions was riding his Harley whenever he could. Frank looked forward to riding to Sturgis, S.D., for the annual bike rally.

Most of all he enjoyed being a man of God and enlightening others with the word of Jesus. Throughout his life he used his gift to help many people. He enjoyed handing out pennies, with a cross cut out of the center, to all he knew. Frank was a light in the lives of all that knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Frank is survived by his wife, Arlene Seifer, of Spooner; children, Cindy Mike of Faribault, Minn., Steven Waddell of Walworth, Lisa Seifert of Sarona, David Seifert of Chippewa Falls, and Teeger (Deenna) Seifert of Spooner; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son Edward Seifert and sister, Ann Waddell (Seifert).

A memorial service will be held at the American Legion (VFW Hall) on Hwy. 70 east of Spooner at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 29. Visitation will begin prior to the memorial at 12:30 p.m. Chris and Karen Borgen will officiate. Frank will be laid to rest at Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 2:30

2. Charles Seifert lived in Racine to the age of 63 and died in April 1971. His wife, Julia, lived to age 66 in Racine and was buried in 1973. Their oldest son, Charles, Jr died in 2001 when he was 66. His wife, Florence, had died in 1996 when she was 75. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> son, James died in about 2020 at the age of 82 and was never married. Robert, their 3<sup>rd</sup> child, also died in about 2020.
3. Joseph Seifert lived in Racine until 1970 when at 56 years was the youngest of the children to die. Irene, his wife, lived to the age of 92 and passed in 2006.
4. Frieda's 3<sup>rd</sup> husband, Leo Ruedinger died in 1999 at the age of 82. Frieda lived to the age of 90 and died in August 2006 in Appleton. Frieda's 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter, Jane Kober died when she was 71 in December 2011.

## Charles W. Seifert

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| BIRTH  | 3 Mar 1908  |
| DEATH  | 19 Apr 1971 (aged 63)   |
| BURIAL | <a href="#">Graceland Cemetery</a><br>Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin, USA |
| PLOT   | Section 10  |



### Death of Leo Ruedinger (3<sup>rd</sup> Husband of Frieda Seifert Kober, Abraham, Ruedinger), 1999

#### Leo H. Ruedinger

784 W. Main St.  
Hortonville

Age 82, died on Saturday, October 16, 1999, at Woven Hearts in New London. He was born in Oshkosh on March 7, 1917, son of the late Leo T. and Ida M. (Goltz) Ruedinger. Leo was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Oshkosh. He lived in the Appleton and Hortonville area most of his life. In his younger years Leo organized and played in his band, "Leo's Texans." They played all over northern Wisconsin, and especially many times at "Al Capone's Northernaire." He married Eveline Schneider, who was the piano player for his band, on August 7, 1937. She preceded him in death on January 14, 1983. He married Frieda Abraham on November 3, 1984. Leo retired

from Lawrence University as equipment manager of Alexander Gym. He was a great lover of nature, wild animals, and birds. Leo had many, many bird houses and birdfeeders and fed the birds all year long. He is survived by his wife, Frieda; two daughters, Shirley (Ken) Thyssen, Hortonville, and Evelyn ("Dave") Bromwell, New London; one son, Robert (JoAnn), Arpin, Wisconsin; eight grandchildren, Wynn Jr. and Mrs. Dawn (Brian) Dobberstein, Jodi (Ross) Monk, Sandra (Michael) Griesbach, Timothy (Tammy) Thyssen, Linda Osborne, Steve (Kimberly), Michael (Donna), and Glen (Jennifer) Ruedinger; 23 great-grandchildren; two step-daughters, Dolores Fritzsche, Chandler, Arizona, and Jane Kober, Westminster, Colorado; two step-grandsons, Timothy (Shawna) and Thomas (Christine) Fritzsche; and four sisters-in-law, Dorothy Nelson, Fox Lake,

Wisconsin; Irene Pugh, Fond du Lac; Emma Seifert, Lake Geneva; and Irene Brinkman, Racine. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Preceding him in death were his parents, his first wife, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a son-in-law, an infant brother, and a stepson-in-law. Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 1999, at the Borchardt & Moder Funeral Home in Hortonville with the Rev. Paul Vanden Hogen officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Memorial Park in Oshkosh. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and again on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until the time of services.

The family would like to thank Father Paul Vanden Hogen for his many visits and kindness to Leo and the family. Special thanks to Dr. Fuhrmann, Woven Hearts staff and residents, and the Waupaca County Hospice Program.

#### Ruedinger, Frieda O.

Frieda O. Ruedinger, age 90, of Hortonville, and more recently of Franciscan Care Center, Appleton died August 12, 2006. She was born March 5, 1916, in Racine to the late Frank and Anna Marie (Friedwald) Seifert. Frieda was a Hortonville resident since 1943 and was employed by the Wire Products Company in Hortonville from 1949 until her retirement in 1978. She was a member of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, the Ladies Aide, a former member of the New London Business and Professional Women and the Appleton Christian Women's Club.



She is survived by two daughters-Dolores Fritzsche, Arizona and Jane Kober, Colorado; one son-Henry (Karen) Kober, Pennsylvania, three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; two step-daughters: Evelyn (Dave) Bromwell, New London; Shirley (Ken) Thyssen, Hortonville; a stepson Robert (JoAnn) Ruedinger, Arpin; eight step-grandchildren and 24 step-great-grandchildren and 2 step-great-great-grandchildren. Nieces, nephews, other rela-

Post-Crescent (Appleton, Wisconsin) • 18 Oct 1999, Mon





### **Robert Seifert (Frank's Brother)**

Frank had an older brother, Robert; but, nothing else is known about the parents or their family. Robert reported that he was born in April, 1878 in "Oberthomascot By Frialdam", Austria. From Robert's records we learned his mother and father's given names.

Robert was the first to come to the USA. In December 1903, he traveled across the Atlantic, landed in New York City, and traveled overland to settle in Portland Mills, a small community southwest of Ridgway, Pennsylvania.

In 1907, Robert married Josephine Majirsky in Tucker, West Virginia. The two raised 2 children while they lived in West Virginia, first in Tucker and then in Wheeling. William was born in 1907, and Josephine in 1909.

The 1910 US Census recorded that Robert and his family lived in the Black Fork district in the town of Hambleton, in Tucker County of West Virginia. Robert worked as a laborer in the tanning industry.

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|  | <b>William ("Willie")<br/>George Seifert</b><br>1907–1992            |
|  | <b>Josephine Seifert (Wis-<br/>senback, Burgholzer)</b><br>1909–1994 |



However, the 1910 US Census taken in Elkland, Pennsylvania also listed a Robert Seifert that lived in a boarding house. Elkland was about 280 miles northeast of Tucker County, West Virginia.

This may not be "our" Robert Seifert, although both were the same age, both married in 1907, both worked in the tanning industry, both from Austria. But, both census' were taken in the same month of 1910. Is this a huge coincidence? Or, was the same person counted twice in two locations? The mystery remains.



United States of America  
DECLARATION OF INTENTION  
(Valid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

*Western District of* **WEST VIRGINIA** } In the *U.S. Circuit* Court  
**WHEELING, W. VA.** } ss: *N.D. of* **WEST VIRGINIA**





I, *Robert Seifert*, aged *32* years,  
occupation *carpenter*, do declare on oath that my personal  
description is: Color *white*, complexion *fair*, height *5* feet *6* inches,  
weight *138* pounds, color of hair *light*, color of eyes *blue*,  
other visible distinctive marks *Scar along first finger left hand*.  
I was born in *Reithenmaderdorf, Breiswalden, Austria*  
on the *8<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*, anno Domini *1895*; I now reside  
at *421 Coal Street, Wheeling, W.Va.*  
(Give exact date, street, city or town and State.)  
I emigrated to the United States of America from *Bremen, Germany*  
on the vessel "*Preussing Wilhelm*"  
(Give the vessel, departure day, if given, the character of business or trade if engaged in, or company should be given.) my last  
foreign residence was *Reithenmaderdorf, Austria*.  
It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign  
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to *Kaiser Joseph Emperor of*  
*Austria & Apostolic King of Hungary*, of whom I am now a subject; I  
arrived at the port of *New York*, in the  
State of *New York*, on or about the *25<sup>th</sup>* day  
of *December*, anno Domini *1903*; I am not an anarchist; I am not a  
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith  
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein;  
SO HELP ME GOD,

*Robert Seifert*  
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *18<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March*, anno Domini *1911*.  
*S.R. Harrison*  
Clerk of the *U.S. Circuit* Court.

By *Geo. E. Boyer, Jr.* Deputy Clerk.

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|  <p><b>Margaret Elizabeth M Seifert (Morris)</b><br/>1911-1991</p>  |  <p><b>Carl Frederick Seifert</b><br/>1916-2003</p> |
|  <p><b>Francis ("Frank") James/Joseph Seifert</b><br/>1913-1976</p> |  <p><b>James Robert Seifert</b><br/>1928-</p>       |



Robert suffered a gruesome death in June, 1930. Apparently, while he was on a fishing trip he hopped onto a Milwaukee Road freight train, but slipped off and was run over by the train. His decapitated head and body was found several hours later.

**Funeral Thursday.**  
Funeral services for Robert Seifert, 53, will be held Thursday morning from Mitchell parlors, Rev. Gornall officiating. Mr. Seifert was killed Sunday by a freight train, six miles southeast of St. Maries. He is survived by his widow, Josephine, four sons, William, Frank, Carl and James of St. Maries, and two daughters, Josephine and Margaret.

24 Jun 1930, Tue

The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington)

# FREIGHT TRAIN CUTS MAN IN TWO

St. Maries Railway Worker Run Over by Elk River Freight.

## NONE SAW ACCIDENT

Had Been Fishing and Is Identified by Fishing License.

ST. MARIES, Idaho, June 23.—Robert Seifert, 52, carpenter of the Milwaukee railway here, was run over and instantly killed six miles southeast of here by a freight train on the Milwaukee's Elk River branch this afternoon. His body was cut in two, and his head was found almost 300 yards away. Identification was made by a fishing license discovered in a pocket of the clothing.

None of the train crew saw the accident, nor knew that he was on the train, and it was thought that he had fallen beneath the train either in attempting to climb aboard, or after he had been riding a short distance. Although there were tramps stealing rides on the train, according to the train crew, there was no way of determining whether he had been pushed off.

The body was not discovered until about two hours after the train had passed the spot, when DeVern Lewis and John Mottern, walking along the right of way to their cabin on the river near by, made the gruesome discovery. They notified the sheriff's office, and Deputy Horne and Coroner G. G. Ette visited the scene and removed the mutilated body.

Between the rails were found Seifert's fishing basket with a good catch of perch.

He is survived by his widow and five children, William, 22; Josephine, 20; Margaret, 18; Frank, 16, and an adopted son two years old.

Robert Seifert

BIRTH1878Austria

DEATH22 Jun 1930 (aged 51–52)Saint Maries, Benewah County, Idaho, USA

BURIALWoodlawn CemeterySaint Maries, Benewah County, Idaho, USA



Race: White

Age: 52

Birth Year (Estimated): 1878

Birthplace: Austria

Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Josephine Seifert

Father's Name: Joseph Seifert

Father's Birthplace: Austria

Mother's Birthplace: Austria

Occupation: Fireman, Rrco

Address: 338 Second St

Burial Place: St Maries, Idaho

Burial Date: 26 Jun 1930



Left by Cindy (Seifert)

Cooper Abelson on 12 Mar 2014

run over by a train

## **Grandparents**

### **#4. Joseph Seifert &**

### **#5. Mary (Unknown)**

(Joseph Seifert's Paternal Grandparents)

We know very little about Joseph and Mary Seifert. We only know their names because they were record in the naturalization documents of Robert Seifert, Franz's brother. We assume they were born in about 1850 in the area of Austria that their two boys, Robert and Franz, were born. Refer to the biographical sketches of Franz and Robert for information about Austria.

### **#6. Hermann Edourd Freiwald &**

### **#7. Josephine Marohn**

(Joseph Seifert's Maternal Grandparents)

We don't know for sure who were Joseph Seifert's maternal grandparents. In researching available documents and other family trees we find a set of possible parents of Anna Freiwald, although the pair presented are only a guess. Hermann and Josephine Feiwald were Polish, rather than Austrian, so there should be reasonable caution to not be too comfortable about the potential connection. In fact, the couple and their 14 children have documented roots in northern Poland, rather than the southern part that was adjacent to Austria (present day Czech Republic).

Since there is only a slim chance (<10%) that the persons shown are actually Anna's ancestors, biographical sketches will not be developed for them until greater evidence is obtained.