

Kasten Family History

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Karl Kasten (1846-1931) and Wilhelmine Carolina Henrica Norden (1848 -1917)
Hermann Martin Kasten (1880-1949) and Meta Charlotte Sophia Hill (1817-1895)
LeeRoy Wilhelm Kasten (1901-1969) and Mabel Margaret Huber (1852-1986)
Janet Lee Kasten (1925-2008) and Ronald Alfred Dumroese (1925-1999)
Ronald Kasten Dumroese (1961-)

When I first got serious with genealogy back in the mid 1980s, my grandmother, Mabel (nee Huber) Kasten gave me a photograph of Minnie (nee Norden) Kasten (my great-great grandmother) and on the back was written "Blankenhagen Kries Rostock" (Blankenhagen, District Rostock). From that clue I found Blankenhagen, a small town about 17 km (10.5 mi) northeast of the City of Rostock and 85 km (53 mi) northeast of the City of Schwerin in the State of Mecklenberg-Schwerin. Mecklenberg-Schwerin was a region that comprised nearly the western three-fourths of the State of Mecklenberg. Mecklenburg-Schwerin was a duchy formed in 1701 through a division of the Duchy of Mecklenburg. In 1815, it became a grand duchy. The area of the former Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg is now part of the northeastern German state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.^[27] As it turned, Blankenhagen was a key place in our Kasten history. The family name Kasten is North German-Dutch in origin, a variant of Karsten, for "chest" or "coffer" or kornkasten "grain bin", hence a metonymic occupational name for the " the manager of a granary."^[15]

KARL KASTEN (sometimes Karsten) was born in Mecklenberg-Schwerin in 1846.^[3,12] Unfortunately, the exact date is obscure. His obituary,^[12] death certificate,^[3] and listing in the death index^[98] all give the same day: 19 May. This is not surprising because son Herman provided the information for the death certificate, which transferred to the index, and Herman was probably involved with the obituary, too. The headstone, however, says 20 April.^[107] Perhaps 20 April is the birth date and 19 May is the christening date. Until I find more data, I've decided to use the date on the death certificate. I cannot find anything definitive on Karl's ancestors, but there's an intriguing census record for a Karl Kasten, born about 1847, son of Heinrich, and living in Bartelshagen, which is about 29 km (18 mi) northeast of Blankenhagen;^[47] more evidence is needed to straighten this out. Karl married "Minnie Norden" in 1873.^[11] Although I cannot find anything definitive (yet) on Karl Kasten's ancestors, I have a working theory about Minnie's ancestors.

Searching Minnie Norden has been challenging because (1) only limited documents are available on-line through Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org; (2) a lot of people shared the surnames of interest; and (3) the Germans were fond of using the same set of names over and over, and sometimes apparently not in the same order. What follows next is what I think is a viable family tree, but it has some quirky portions that may eventually prove to be false. I provide a "proof" of the Norden tree at the end of this document. If anyone can prove or disprove portions, I would love to hear about it.

If I am correct, **KARL KASTEN** married **WILHELMINE CAROLINA HENRICA NORDEN** in 1873.^[11] Wilhelmine was born 10 Dec 1848 in Blankenhagen,^[11,27,28] the daughter of **CARL LUDWIG FRIEDRICH ADOLPH NORDEN** and **ANNA SOPHIA LUISA MARIA WAAK**.^[27,28] Carl Ludwig Friedrich Adolph Norden and Anna Sophia Louisa Maria (Luise Maria) Waak were married 3 Jan 1851 in Blankenhagen.^[25] Sixteen years later, when the 1867 Mecklenburg Census was taken, they were still living in Blankenhagen^[26,27] and listed as Lutherans.^[26] Ludwig was a maurergesell

(bricklayer).^[26,27] Carl Ludwig Friedrich Adolph and Anna Sophia Luisa Maria had at least five children, all born in Blankenhagen: Wilhelmine born 10 Dec 1848;^[26-28] Anna Sophia Lotte Henrica born 13 Apr 1852;^[26,27,29] Caroline Sophia Dorothea born 29 Jun 1856;^[26,27,30] Luise Dorothea Friederike born 7 Mar 1861,^[26,27,31] and Fritz Johann Jochem born 2 Sep 1863.^[26,27,32]

Wilhelmine Carolina Henrica Norden's mother, Anna Sophia Luisa Maria Waak, was born 28 May 1821 in Blankenhagen^[43] to **CLAUS WAAK** and **MARIA SCHWARZ**,^[43] married on 30 May 1800 in Blankenhagen.^[33] Maria Schwarz' father was **JOHANN SCHWARZ**.^[33] Maria was apparently the youngest of at least ten children.^[34-42] Minnie's father Carl Ludwig Friedrich Adolph was born 10 Jan 1819 in Marlow, Mecklenburg-Schwerin.^[68] Her paternal grandparents were **FRIEDRICH NORDEN**, born on Christmas 1792 in Marlow, and **SOPHIA MÖLLER**, born on 12 Jun 1799 in Dettmannsdorff, Mecklenburg-Schwerin.^[68]

Now back to Karl and Minnie Kasten....

Karl and Minnie were married in 1873^[11] and parented several children. The first I can find a record for is Anna Sophia Maria who was born 4 May 1871^[18] and died 3 Feb 1874^[19,20] in Blankenhagen.^[18-20] Next was Caroline (Amelia), born 22 Jul 1872,^[102] followed by Ernst Wilhelm Friedrich Carl (born 1876;^[61] christened 23 Jan 1876^[21]), Carl Johann Ludwig Martin (born 4 Feb 1878;^[60,85] christened 24 Feb 1878^[22]), **HERMANN WILHELM LUDWIG CARL** (born 23 Jan 1880,^[58,94] christened 15 Feb 1880^[23]), and Ida (Edith) Friedrike Caroline (born 19 Apr 1883;^[134] christened 13 May 1883).^[24] Ernst, Carl, Herman, and Ida were all christened in Basse (Lühburg).^[21-24]

About a year after Ida's birth, on 25 Jun 1884, the family boarded the SS Gellert, operated by the Hamburg America Line, in Hamburg, Germany.^[62,63] The Gellert was 3,533 gross tons, 375 feet long, with a single funnel, two masts, iron hull, single screw, and a speed of 13 knots.^[66] She had accommodations for 90-1st, 100-2nd, and 800-3rd class passengers.^[66] After passing through La Havre, France,^[64] the Gellert landed at Castle Garden in New York, New York on 7 Jul 1884^[63-65] with passengers, as well as merchandise for Kunhardt and Company.^[63] [Castle Garden was the point of entry for immigrants before the more famous Ellis Island opened on 1 Jan 1892.^[108]] Their "dampfschiff" (steamship)^[62] was captained by Mr. Kopff^[62,63] and the family traveled "zwischen-deck" (steerage).^[62] The family listed Gottesgabe, Mecklenburg as their residence^[62] (Gottesgabe is about 2.4 km [1.5 mi] west of Lühburg and Basse is about 2.4 km [1.5 mi] east of Lühburg). The records show Carl born about 1846, Wilhelmine (1851), and children Caroline (Amelia; 1875), Ernst (1876), Carl (1880), Herrmann (1882), and Ida (Edith; 1883).^[62,64,65]

Soon after arriving, Karl went into a store looking for "kasa," German for cheese. The storekeeper finally understood Karl and instructed him to say "cheese." Karl repeated "cheese, cheese, cheese" so he would remember.^[17] The family traveled by train to Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois. When Karl heard the conductor call "Freeport" he was so excited that he left his prized pipe lay on the window sill.^[17]

Karl and Minnie had three more children after arriving in Freeport: August, born 5 Nov 1885;^[72] Walter, born 28 Dec 1888;^[73] and Paul Frederic Martin, 16 Aug 1892.^[69,70] Both August and Walter died as toddlers; August on 7 Aug 1887^[72] and Walter on 20 Mar 1891^[72,73] and both were buried in Freeport City Cemetery^[72,73] in the Kasten plot in Section 1, Row 22 (Section 1 is east of the main north-south road; Row 25 is on the west edge of Section 1 and the Kastens are near the north end).

It's not clear where the Kasten's lived in Freeport after their arrival in 1884, but the 1900 US Census recorded them at 102 Chippewa Street.^[46] Minnie and Karl were active in St. John's Evangelical Church, with Minnie serving on the Ladies Aid Society and Karl serving as a trustee for thirteen years as well as in other activities.^[11,12] Minnie died of liver problems on 4 January 1917.^[4] Her obituary said "she was a great sufferer but bore her afflictions with true Christian fortitude."^[11] She was buried in the Kasten plot in the Freeport City Cemetery.^[11,93] Paul was still living in the home.^[70] A machinist,^[69,70] Paul married Isabell Ruthe in 1918 in Freeport.^[71] Karl retired in 1919^[12] and the next year (1920) the US Census showed that Karl, Paul, and Isabell were still living in the house on Chippewa Street.^[45] Sometime after Paul's death in 1922,^[69] Karl moved in with his daughter Edith, her husband Harry Bender, and their two boys;^[12] they were living in Lancaster Township in Stephenson County when the 1930 census was taken^[44] (more information below). On 30 Jun 1931, Karl died from hardening of the arteries;^[3] at the time of his death, he was in Freeport, at the home of his son, Herman, 940 East Shawnee.^[3,12] "Mr. Kasten possessed a genial disposition and was esteemed by everyone who knew him."^[12] He was buried with Minnie in the Freeport City Cemetery.^[3,12]

The second child of Karl Sr. and Minnie was Caroline (Amelia); she married Fred Martin Kneller on 19 Oct 1893 in Stephenson County.^[88,89] Fred was born 2 Nov 1870 in Freeport, the son of George Kneller and Nellie Eiler.^[89] In 1900 they were living in Freeport and Fred was a teamster,^[143] but by 1920 they had moved to Silver Creek Township and Fred was a farmer.^[144] They had a lot of children.... at least nine:

1. Eltha (abt 1894 - ?),^[143]
2. Vera (8 Oct 1895 - 15 Nov 1944),^[143,154]
3. George (28 Oct 1897 - Aug 1982),^[143,144,146,150]
4. Carl Lewis (17 Sep 1899 - Jul 1985),^[143,144,151,153]
5. Ruth (abt 1901 - ?),^[143,144]
6. Frank E. (8 Sep 1904 - 21 Oct 1994),^[143-145,149]
7. Joseph (28 Apr 1907 - Mar 1968),^[143,144,152]
8. Henry (24 Apr 1909 - Dec 1974),^[143-145,148]
9. Walter (11 Dec 1912 - Jul 1987).^[144,145,147]

Fred died on 16 Nov 1942 in Silver Creek Township and was buried in Oakland Cemetery on 19 Nov.^[89] His daughter Vera was also buried at Oakland.^[154] I suspect other family members are buried there as well. Frank Kneller, a truck driver for a sand and gravel company in 1930,^[145] married Rena (15 Jan 1908 - 10 Mar 1998),^[155,156] Rena had a gift for growing African violets; my grandmother Mabel (nee Huber) Kasten was always jealous in a loving way. Fortunately, Rena was generous and would bring my grandmother fresh, lovely violets to replace those whose flowers had faded and Mabel couldn't coax into bloom again.

The third child of Karl Sr. and Minnie was Ernst. Cora (nee Kasten) Schwarze, the granddaughter of Karl, recalls that Karl operated a butcher shop at the point of Adams and Shawnee streets in Freeport.^[17] Ernst, who had a short leg and walked with a limp, worked in the shop, too. Ernst and the lady who kept the books began embezzling from Karl and eventually the shop was lost.^[17] Ernst then moved to Chicago where he worked as a butcher but died young, passing on 4 Apr 1912.^[61] Cora Schwarze remembers that when they brought the casket home and into the house, quite a crowd was gathered. Someone went up to Minnie and held a handkerchief over her face so she couldn't see the casket being carried in.^[17] I'm having some trouble, however, weaving that story about the butcher shop into this history. Karl's obituary states he was a wagon maker by trade, working at Freeport's Kline Wagon Factory, and later as an employee at Arcade Manufacturing Company.^[12] Part of the problem is that the 1890 US Census was lost, and in 1900 the poor handwriting of Mr. Putnam, the census taker, makes it difficult to read the

occupation for either Karl or Ernst, although the second word looks like "dealer."^[46] The Kastens, including son Ernst, were recorded at 102 Chippewa in the 1900 census.^[46] In the 1906 Freeport City Directory, Karl and Ernst are still living at 102 Chippewa and both are shown working at Arcade.^[79] In the 1908 City Directory, Karl is still working at Arcade, living at 102 Chippewa, but Ernst isn't listed.^[78] I cannot find either Karl or Ernst in the 1910 census, but the 1920 census shows Karl working as a carpenter at the "novelty" factory.^[45] [The Arcade Manufacturing Company was originally the Novelty Iron Works.^[74]] So, if Karl started at the Kline Wagon Works when he emigrated (1884)... and Ernst was born in 1876... it seems like the earliest Ernst could have been working for his father would have been about 1892. But, Ernst is living with his parents in 1900 and 1906, unlikely if he had caused his father's business to fail prior to that. Given that the 1906-1907 and 1908-1909 city directories show Karl working at Arcade, that only leaves a small window (1910 until Ernst's death in 1912) for them to start and loose the butcher shop. Karl retired in 1919,^[12] he was listed as a "moulder" on his death certificate.^[3] Given that these stories usually have some factual basis, I'll keep digging.

The fourth child of Karl Sr. and Minnie, Karl Jr., was of medium height and build, with gray eyes and black hair.^[85] He married Elizabeth Henze on 12 Dec 1901 in Stephenson County.^[82] She was born on 30 Sep 1878 in Carroll County, Illinois to her German parents, Harry Henze and Caroline Wilke.^[83] By 1906 the couple, and their two sons, Lester H. (born 14 Jul 1902^[109,112] and Delbert (born 13 Aug 1905),^[110] were living at 31 Center Street in Freeport, and Carl (usually Carl but sometimes Charles, Charles II, or Charles H.) was working as a moulder at Stover Manufacturing and Engine Company in Freeport.^[79] [Stover Manufacturing & Engine Company was founded by D.C. Stover in Freeport in 1862 and manufactured a wide range of products, including gas and diesel engines, tractor parts and accessories, grinders, saws, tank heaters, stock waterers, corn shellers, hammermills, bicycles, windmills and barbed wire.]^[80] Curiously, he's listed in the Freeport City Directory as a bartender in 1908,^[78] perhaps he needed that job because he was a father for the third time: Clarence was born 16 Jan 1909.^[111,123] Maybe not; in the 1910 US Census he's again working at the "windmill co" (remember that Stover built windmills).^[86] The 1912 Freeport City Directory lists him as a city fireman at "Fire Dept Hose House No 3"^[84] and the 1919 directory as a fireman at "hose co no 2."^[77] On 10 Feb 1920, Elizabeth died; she was buried three days later in Oakland Cemetery west of Freeport.^[83] By 1921, Carl and the children are living at 803 East Center Street; he is still a fireman and the eldest son, Lester H, is working as a pattern maker at Stover.^[76] I don't think that they moved, but rather that the address changed from 31 Center Street^[77-79,84,86,87] to 803 East Center Street^[75,76] sometime during 1920-1921.

Carl Jr. died 15 Jul 1921 at home because of kidney failure associated with his cholecystectomy (removal of his gallbladder) for gall stones; he was buried next to Elizabeth on 18 Jul.^[60] At the Freeport City Council meeting of Monday evening, 18 Jul 1921, a resolution was passed remembering Carl for his service.^[81] By 1923, both boys were working at Stover. Lester was a pattern maker and Delbert was an apprentice.^[75]

On 20 Oct 1926, Lester married Anna P. Badura in Freeport.^[112] Anna was born 20 Jul 1905.^[113,119] She was one of nine children born to Bernard and Anna Badura.^[119] The family's native tongue was Polish; they lived in the Teschen region near Skoczów,^[119,120] which was part of the Austria-Hungary Empire until the end of World War I. That area today is in southern Poland, near the border with the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Bernard emigrated to the US, arriving on 23 Oct 1907,^[120] but the rest of the family sailed later on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, arriving on 13 Jun 1911.^[120] In the 1920 US Census, Bernard is a tailor, owning his own shop, and his son Gustave works for him.^[119] They lived at 76 Illinois Street in Freeprt.^[119]

In 1940, Lester and Anna were still living at 803 Center Street, their home valued at \$3600.^[113] Lester had completed three years of high school and was still a pattern maker.^[113] Their eldest child, Jean, was about 10 years old and a 4th grader; son Carl was about 8 and in 3rd grade; and Elizabeth was about 7 and in the first grade.^[113] Lester died in 1992; his obituary provides this summary of his life: *Lester Kasten , 90, of 803 E. Center St., a former Freeport School board member and building superintendent for Freeport Schools, died Sunday, Dec. 20, 1992 at home, following an extended illness. He was employed by Stover Mfg. Co. as a wood pattern maker at Arcade Mfg. Co. until they moved out of Freeport. He then worked for Henney Motor Co. during the time when the hearses manufactured there changed from a wooden to a steel body. [John W. Henney & Company carriage works was founded in Cedarville, Stephenson County in 1868. The company started building buggys and surreys and moved to Freeport in 1879. With the invention of the automobile, the company moved into hearses and ambulances and from 1927 through 1954 was the Henney Motor Company. In 1937, the company began using Packard Company chassis exclusively. Lester joined the company in 1936 as "a practical designer and expert pattern maker... responsible for numerous refinements and improvements in the body construction of Henney-Packard vehicles."]^[141,142] When the Henney plant closed in Freeport, he was the last employee helping move its machinery to New York. He served two terms as school board member and was superintendent of buildings and grounds for School District 145. During this time, the district built new schools: Cedarville, Taylor Park, Blackhawk, Douglas, Empire, Carl Sandburg, and the Junior High. He served on the Stephenson County Building Commission when the new county courthouse was erected. He also served on the building committees for the Parkview Home addition and the new St. John United Church of Christ edifice. He played on the Freeport Badger basketball and baseball teams. After he retired, his hobby was woodworking. He made and sold wooden toys, yard ornaments and authentic wooden trains. He was a 44-year member of Excelsior Masonic Lodge and a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Freeport. Other memberships were St. John United Church of Christ and Golden K Kiwanis Club.*^[112] Anna lived to the age of 98; she died on 22 Oct 2003 in Freeport.^[118] They were buried in Oakland Cemetery west of Freeport.^[112]

In 1940, Delbert, apparently a high school graduate, was working as a draftsman and living with his wife Mildred in Lancaster Township, Stephenson County; their home was valued at \$4500.^[114] Mildred E. was born 20 Aug 1908 in Illinois.^[111] Delbert retired from Stover Tank Division; he died on 26 Jul 1977 in Freeport.^[110,115] Mildred died in Nov 1991.^[111] They were buried in Oakland Cemetery just west of Freeport.^[115]

The third child of Carl Jr. and Elizabeth, Clarence, born 16 Jan 1909 in Freeport,^[123] married Mary C. Smith on 14 Dec 1935 in Clinton County, Iowa.^[121] She was born on 4 Jan 1917^[124] the daughter of George Milton Smith and Hattie Brandt.^[121] In 1940, the couple lived at 1203 South Galena Avenue with their three children: Barbara Louise born abt 1937; Eugene, born abt 1939, and Jimmy, born abt Feb 1940.^[122] Clarence was a "production worker" in an engine factory (probably Stover); he made \$1300 per year.^[122] They were renting their home and paying \$20 a month rent.^[122] By 1944, the family had moved to Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, and Clarence was working as an "assembler" at Sundstrand Machine and Tool Company.^[125] It appears Clarence and Mary lived there until their deaths: Clarence died on 13 Nov 1994^[123] and Mary C. died on her birthday, 4 Jan 2002.^[124]

The fifth child of Karl Sr. and Minnie was Herman. We'll get to him in a page or two.

The sixth child of Karl Sr. and Minnie was Ida (Edith C.). Edith C. married Harry Byran Bender in abt 1906.^[133] Harry was born on 11 Oct 1880 in Cedarville, Stephenson County, Illinois^[129,130] the son of Charles F. and Martha A. Bender; the family, including Hazel L. born Feb 1891, lived in Lancaster

Township, Stephenson County in 1900.^[126] Charles was born 5 Jun 1852 in Buffalo, New York to John F. Bender and Frederica Reidiz.^[126,127] Charles married Martha A. Kostenbader in 1875.^[126,127] Martha was born 5 Jun 1856 in Cedarville, Stephenson County, Illinois, to John Kostenbader.^[128] Charles died on 12 Jan 1929 in Freeport^[127] and Martha died on 13 Feb 1947 in Belvidere, Boone County Illinois.^[128] Both are buried in Cedarville Cemetery, Buckeye Township, Stephenson County.^[127,128]

In 1910, the Benders, including their daughter, Clarice H., were living at 33 Hancock Avenue in Freeport.^[133] Clarice had been born on 13 Jul 1909.^[137] Son Donald was born on 20 May 1914,^[138] and Paul V. was born on 3 Aug 1918.^[139] Just a few weeks later, Harry registered for World War I on 12 Sep 1918.^[130] At the time, he was an engine tester for W.T. Rawleigh Company in Freeport, and the family was still living on Hancock Avenue.^[130] [W.T. Raleigh Company operated in Freeport circa 1889 to 1989. Established by William Thomas Rawleigh, who was born in Iowa County, Wisconsin, in 1870. This company sold a wide variety of household products (cleaning agents, flavorings, medicines, ointments, etc) by mail-order and by traveling salesmen.]^[140] Harry was of medium height and build, with blue eyes and dark hair.^[130] In 1920, Harry was a foreman at the "medical mfc," which was most likely still the Rawleigh Company.^[135] At the 1930 US Census, Harry is still a foreman at the "medicine factory" (Rawleigh) and Edith's father, Karl Sr., now widowed, is living with them.^[44] In 1940, Harry was working as an "assembler engineer" at the "manufacturing and engine company" (most likely Stover).^[136] The census showed he owned his \$3500 home on Hancock Avenue.^[136] All three children had graduated from high school; Donald was a truck driver for a laundry, Paul was an apprentice machinist, and Clarice, now married to Ollie Hartman, was a stenographer at the building and loan office.^[136] When Harry registered for World War II in 1942, the family was still living at 33 Hancock Avenue and their telephone number was Red 2391; Harry was working at Stover.^[129] In 1948, Harry was a trucker for Fairbanks Morse, but they still lived on Hancock. Sometime between then and 1959, Harry died and Edith moved to 20 West Empire Street in Freeport.^[132] Clarice died in Oct 1980,^[137] Donald in Mar 1984,^[138] and Paul on 8 Feb 2000.^[139]

Recall that Karl Sr. and Minnie's seventh and eighth children, August and Walter, died as toddlers (see above). Their ninth and final child was Paul Frederic Martin Kasten. Paul was born on 16 Aug 1892 in Freeport.^[69,70] He registered for World War I on 5 Jun 1917 in Freeport; he had brown eyes and brown hair and was of medium height and slender build.^[70] Paul worked as a machinist for Arcade Manufacturing Company and when registered, was living at home with his parents.^[70] Almost a year later, on 27 Apr 1918, Paul married Isabell Ruthe in Freeport.^[117] It was a short honeymoon because, on 1 May 1918, Paul enlisted in the American Expeditionary Force in Freeport.^[116] He was a private, first class assigned to the 27th Infantry and served "in Siberia."^[116] Paul was discharged 14 Oct 1919 at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Polk County, Iowa.^[116] He returned to Freeport and on the 1920 US Census, enumerated on 6 Jan, Paul and Isabell were living with Karl Sr. in the 102 Chippewa Street home.^[45] Unfortunately, Paul died 29 Apr 1922 in Freeport and was buried 2 May in Freeport City Cemetery^[69] near his mother and siblings.

Now, back to the fifth child of Karl Sr. and Minnie: Herman. Hermann Wilhelm Carl Ludwig Martin Kasten married **META CHARLOTTE SOPHIA HILL**, the daughter of **LOUIS HILL** and **HENRIETTE MUELLER (MARIE LIZETTE)** Hill on 3 Jan 1901^[97] (**see Hill History**). Meta went by Mattie; she was born 10 Nov 1881 in Lancaster Township, Stephenson County, near Freeport.^[2] I remember a bit of awkwardness surrounding this wedding year. Daughter Cora (nee Kasten) Schwarze always said they were married in 1900, and their obituaries give that date: 3 Jan 1900.^[1,2] But, my grandmother, Mabel (nee Huber) Kasten, always joked about when Herman and Mattie would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. In addition, story has it that they were married in the *parsonage* (not the sanctuary) of

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Chicago and Pleasant streets, Freeport and their wedding portrait only shows them from the chest upward. The evidence is conclusive, however, that they were married in 1901, just three weeks before their first child, LeeRoy, was born (28 Jan 1901).^[SSN160,177] Their marriage license is dated 3 Jan 1901.^[97] The 1900 US Census record for Carl Kasten's family and for Louis Hill's family, both enumerated during June, clearly show Herman and Mattie were "single" and living with their respective parents.^[46,96] I suspect this "little white lie" concerning the marriage year was to avoid the stigma of a illegitimate birth.

Herman and Mattie had three children: **LEEROY WILHELM** was born on 28 Jan 1901^[160,177] (his name appears as LeRoy, Leroy, LeeRoy, Lee Roy, and others; I use LeeRoy, which is on his headstone, as I assume his wife, Mabel (nee Huber) Kasten had it engraved correctly); Ralph A. was born 1903; and Cora Emeline Mathilde was born 14 Jul 1904.^[105] By 1906, the family was living at 20 Shawnee Street,^[79] although it's likely Herman and Mattie had lived there since their marriage. It appears that the address changed from 20 Shawnee Street^[50,51,77-80] to 940 East Shawnee Street^[48,49,75,76,93] sometime during 1920-1921 and Herman and Mattie were still living there in 1940^[93] (similar to what happened with Carl Jr.). The Great Depression either had taken some toll on the net worth of the family (the home was valued at \$4000 in 1930^[49] but only \$3500 in 1940^[93]) or the values given the census taker were just guesses.

Herman held several jobs during his life. From 1906 through at least 1912 he was a molder (moulder) at Stover Manufacturing & Engine Company^[51,78,79,84] the same job his brother Carl Jr. had. Herman served as chief deputy sheriff^[1] from 1915 through 1918.^[90,94,100] He ran as the Democratic nominee for county sheriff in 1918, losing to John G. Hayes by 1166 votes, 3838 to 2672.^[90,92] His occupation in the 1919 city directory is "police,"^[77] his only year of service with the Freeport Police Department.^[99] Herman then became a foreman at the Swartz Iron Foundry^[50,75,76] in Freeport, working there until March 1923.^[91] The foundry specialized in gray iron pistons for more than 2000 models of cars, trucks, and tractors.^[95] Herman was apparently well-liked because his coworkers surprised him with a party at his home and presented him with a "handsome signet ring."^[91] Herman spent the next 11 years working as a traveling salesman for the Arcade Manufacturing Company.^[99] On 19 Feb 1934, Herman once again filed as a candidate for Stephenson County sheriff.^[99] His advertisements noted that during his first stint as a deputy sheriff (1915-1918) he was Chief Deputy Sheriff,^[100] but that didn't help him at the polls. He lost to Charles H. Witte in the 10 April 1934 primary.^[101] His obituary suggests he continued as a salesman for Arcade until he retired.^[1]

By 1940, Herman and Mattie were still living at 940 East Shawnee; they were now caring for Mattie's mother, Elizabeth Hill.^[93] Mrs. Hill died on 7 Sep 1947 (**see Hill History**). Less than a year later, on 2 Jun 1948, Mattie died while attending a Concordia Society meeting at Immanuel Lutheran School on the corner of Chicago and Pleasant streets in Freeport.^[2] The ladies had stood to end the meeting with the Lord's Prayer, and when Mattie sat down again she sighed and died of a heart attack.^[5] This quick succession of deaths apparently took a toll on Herman and by 1949 he was in ill health.^[13] He moved in with his daughter Cora and son-in-law Archie Schwartz who were living at 203 North Fairview Avenue.^[1,13] At 7:17 a.m. Sunday, 18 Sep 1949, Sgt. Harold Meyers was called to the Schwarze home and was told that Herman was alone in the garage and that Cora entered after hearing a gunshot. The officer thought the shot was self-inflicted because the .38 calibre bullet entered Herman's head behind the left ear. Herman was transported by ambulance to Deaconess Hospital.^[13] (The Globe Hospital on upper Stephenson Street was renamed the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in 1922 and later renamed Freeport Memorial Hospital. It is now [2014] FHN [Freeport Health Network] Memorial Hospital); <http://www.fhn.org/history.asp> [accessed 23 Mar 2014]]. Herman apparently had made enough of a

recovery that on 2 Oct 1949 "he either jumped or fell from a second story window at the hospital early Sunday" and died shortly thereafter.^[1] Mattie and Herman are buried in Oakland Cemetery, west of Freeport.^[58,59]

LEEROY WILHELM was born in Freeport on 28 Jan 1901.^[160] He enjoyed going to his grandfather Louis Hill's farm on the weekends and during summer vacation. During the school year his grandmother Lizzie Hill would come to Freeport on Friday afternoon after school and pick him up.^[10] A photograph shows LeeRoy with his baseball team. LeeRoy also got along very well with his Uncle Harry Bender. Harry was a street car conductor. His friends called him "Monk" as he was a little, witty man. He met Edith Kasten, Hermann's sister, as she rode the street car. When Lee told Harry he wanted to buy his first car, Harry led Lee down into the basement and took \$500 from a coffee can and gave it to Lee saying, "Don't tell Edith, she doesn't know I have this..."^[16]

In 1922 LeeRoy lived with J.W. Keith at 113 North Main in Decatur, Illinois,^[6] and was working as the general manager for General Dairy for \$35 per week.^[6,179] On the evening of Friday, 23 June 1922, LeeRoy, Keith, and C.T. Kaiser, President of the Decatur Union Dairy Company (Kaiser lived at 522 East Illinois Street in Freeport) were walking near the new dam on the Sangamon River, inspecting the old water works plant of the City of Decatur to possibly buy it for a new dairy plant.^[6] Two of them starting walking on the grass. Roy Fowler, a cripple who was badly injured in an accident at the dam and had suffered an injury to his head that was believed to have "somewhat affected his mind," yelled at them to get off the grass.^[6,179] They did, but Fowler came up behind LeeRoy and hit him over the head with a heavy cane, knocking him to the ground unconscious. Keith and Kaiser hauled LeeRoy to St. Mary's hospital where he remained unconscious for several hours, despite not having a fractured skull.^[6,179] Kaiser was more descriptive in his accident report, stating that LeeRoy sustained a "blow on head by cane in hands of mental defective" and that his condition was diagnosed as a "concussion of brain" with LeeRoy's "recovery yet in doubt."^[6] LeeRoy was still listed as being in serious condition the following Monday.^[179] The assailant, Roy Fowler, soon became aware that you don't assault the son of a law enforcement officer. Herman swore out a warrant for Fowler, who was promptly arrested by the local deputy sheriff and his sergeant. Fowler, unable to give bond, was incarcerated.^[178] Despite the injury, LeeRoy continued to manage the Decatur Union Dairy, formerly the General Dairy, on the northwest corner of Lincoln Square.^[180] A newspaper story in the Decatur Daily Review in Sep of 1922 indicated that business was booming, that LeeRoy was one of the owners, and "due to an enormous increase in business" the company was expanding to a larger location to house new equipment to meet the demand, especially for pasteurized milk; the demand had caused the dairy to run double shifts to keep up.^[180]

LeeRoy married **MABEL MARGARET HUBER** of Brookville, Indiana, in Indianapolis, Indiana on 8 Sep 1923.^[7,177] The service was held in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Saturday night at 8 o'clock and was officiated by Pastor Louis C. Fackler. Mabel's twin sisters, Melvina and Rowena, were her attendants and Alvin Mosmeier and Conley Plummer were groomsmen. St. Matthew's was located one square north of Lexington Avenue on Rudolph Street^[7] (**see Huber History**).

After returning from the honeymoon, they rented an apartment at 729 South Adams Avenue in Freeport, and Lee went to work for the Illinois Central Railroad.^[7] The young Kastens attended Immanuel Lutheran Church. In 1925, they built a home at 820 East Shawnee, and on 4 July had a daughter, **JANET LEE**. Janet was born in the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, 1105 West Stephenson Street. Her delivery and Mabel's eleven day hospital stay cost \$57.15.^[8] The year 1927 found Lee quitting the railroad and working at the Union Dairy with his brother Ralph and their Uncle Albert Hill. A year later on 31 Jan

1928, LeeRoy and Mabel had their second child and named him Lowell (Luke) Huber.^[7]

LeeRoy worked at the dairy continually for ten years, even through the Great Depression. Hence, the family never felt the impacts of the depression because LeeRoy was always able to bring home a paycheck. It was during those years, 1932 to be exact, that they moved into Louis Hill's home at 1032 East Stephenson Street. The house had quite a bit of land surrounding it, and LeeRoy went to work building a greenhouse and several hotbeds, partially financed by Uncle A.J. (Albert John) Hill. Each spring thereafter, LeeRoy and Mabel sold vegetable and flower seedlings, three dozen for a quarter, or one dozen for a dime. The small plants were carefully removed from the hotbeds and wrapped in moist newspaper. They also grew geraniums and other flowers for cemetery pots. Mabel set a goal of earning \$500 every spring, and with the help of the children, this was usually accomplished. As a result, they were able to buy several luxury items like a new car, a washing machine, and their first electric refrigerator. LeeRoy continued to be an active gardener, serving as Secretary of the Stephenson County Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Growers Association.^[7]

In 1936, Lee, his brother Ralph, and Uncle Al Hill bought the Superior Dairy, 920 South Locust Avenue, from Simon Hoefer.^[9] LeeRoy's training at Brown's Business College in Freeport helped in the venture. LeeRoy attended class at 10 East Main Street, on the floor above Eddie Blust's dry goods store. The dairy had three routes at that time and milk was delivered seven days a week. With the dairy business being successful, LeeRoy and Mabel moved to 813 West Cleveland Street in 1940. LeeRoy was able to buy the house and five lots that surrounded it. He eventually sold four of the lots but hung on to the one just west of the house. Lee built a shed and some hotbeds on the empty lot and also planted a large garden and numerous flower beds, with a weeping willow tree adorning the middle of the lot.^[7]

An ice cream bar was added to the dairy in 1941, but only saw limited use due to the sugar rationing during World War II. The formal opening was held on Saturday, 13 Sep.^[14] A year later, LeeRoy and Ralph bought out Uncle Al and became co-owners of the Superior Dairy and Ice Cream Bar. The dairy business was good, and they promoted their milk and "the milk of superior flavor."^[7] Their products were distributed all over northwestern Illinois. The milk routes were changed so that customers could have milk delivered every other day. Each driver had two routes, one he delivered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and the one on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays with the Sunday delivery discontinued. The delivery men were paid a commission; not on how much they sold, but on how much cash they turned in. When the customers failed to pay, it was the delivery man who was shorted.^[9]

LeeRoy and Mabel adopted Rita Rose Mrazek in 1943 from the Lutheran orphanage in Addison, Illinois. By this time Janet was 18 and Lowell (Luke) 15, so it was just like starting a family all over again. Janet started working at Burgess Battery that year, even though she was still in high school. The school had a cooperative program with local businesses that involved students working half the day at the business to support the war effort.^[7]

In 1944, Ernst Dumroese, the dairy's bookkeeper, and his family joined Immanuel Lutheran. They had moved to Freeport two years earlier from Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois. The next summer, LeeRoy hired Ernst's son, **RONALD ALFRED DUMROESE**, as a route man. A year later, on the 23rd anniversary of her parent's wedding (8 Sep 1946), Janet married Ron and, after they lived in an apartment on Linden Street for a time, the newlyweds bought a home at 823 West Empire Street a few blocks away from LeeRoy and Mabel^[7] (**see Dumroese History**).

LeeRoy continued in his hobbies of gardening and animal rearing. He enjoyed raising rabbits, chickens,

and ducks for butchering. He had several pens in a small shed next to the garage. The shed's walls were decorated with memorabilia: an old crank telephone, a faded Playboy calendar that only showed cleavage and legs, old photos, business cards, and a few darts. A Franklin stove provided the heat. A bricked area just to the north of the shed was shaded in the summer by a grape arbor. The lot next door was covered with flowers of all types and a large garden. Lee loved putting in his garden and flower beds and Mabel joined him often. He took great pride in his flowers and gained local recognition several times for his beautiful flora.^[7]

The 1953 Freeport city directory shows LeeRoy working at the "Freeport Chemical Company" and Ralph at the "Superior Dairy." According to Lowell (Luke) Kasten, the Freeport Chemical Company started circa 1950 by Ralph and LeeRoy Kasten. This was after they had sold off the dairy portion of the business and just had the ice cream store. The Chemical Company manufactured KasCo, a water treatment product used with high pressure washers by dairy managers and cheese makers to clean their bulk tanks and equipment; it was also used to clean boilers. KasCo was highly caustic and smelled horrible; its ingredients included soda ash and raw aluminum. Luke mixed the product in the basement of the Superior Dairy in 55-gallon steel drums, making sure all the windows were open. Because of the caustic nature of KasCo, they eventually bought 80-gallon glass vats to make it in. One of the dealers of KasCo was in Monroe, Wisconsin. Luke was a salesman. Rockford dairy. In the early 1960s Ralph and LeeRoy sold the company to Shipley-Hayner Plumbers of Freeport. Sometime I need to ask Luke about Meyers Vinegar Works...

LeeRoy retired in 1963 at the age of 62; he and Mabel spent the next six years being visited by their grandchildren and working in their garden and flower beds. They also did a lot of traveling during the 1960s, touring California twice, Florida five times, Mexico, Canada, and most of the states. On 31 Jul 1969, LeeRoy died in Freeport Memorial Hospital of the heart condition that plagued him since retirement.^[7] He and Mabel had just finished their nightly devotional and had prayed the Lord's Prayer when he told her he was going to take a nap. Moments later he died.^[5] Mabel sold the house because it was too much work for her. Janet and Ron built a home on the lot in 1971 and Mabel moved in with them. Mabel lived with them until congestive heart failure caused her death on Monday, 20 Jan 1986. She was admitted on Sunday the 12th and knew that her prayers of joining the Lord and LeeRoy were about to be answered. On Monday Rita and Janet joined her in her room and she referred to Revelation 14:12-16, "I'm going on my white cloud... I'm going to heaven..." Doctors said that fluid in her lungs would be her demise. Reverend Arthur R. Stees used this passage as the basis for her funeral service on Thursday the 23rd at First Lutheran Church.^[67] LeeRoy and Mabel are buried in Chapel Hill Cemetery near Freeport, Illinois.^[177]

In 1920, Ralph Kasten was still living at home, but working as a clerk at an engine factory (probably Stover).^[51] He married Cordelia Schroeder on 9 Jun 1924.^[166,167] Cordelia was born on 29 Aug 1903 in Freeport;^[165] her father was John Schroeder (born in Germany)^[54] and her mother Aminda Rampenthal.^[181] Their first child, Carlyn, was born on 19 Sep 1929^[104,162] [Note that Carlyn is listed as being six months old in the 1930 US Census that was enumerated in April, so her birth year in her obituary, 1930, is off by a year.]^[104] By 1930, Ralph is working as a dairy deliveryman; the family was living at 824 South 14th Avenue.^[54,104] Ralph and Cordelia were blessed with sons, Martin on 14 Apr 1932^[54,161] and Roger Neil on 3 Nov 1933.^[54,164] By 1940, Ralph was a "private dairy operator" who had worked 52 weeks the year before the census.^[54] Ralph's father-in-law, John Schroeder, now a widow, was living with the family.^[54] Carlyn and Martin were attending Immanuel Lutheran School.^[161,162] The Kastens owned their home on 14th 19th Street; it was valued at \$2000.^[54] By 1953, the family had moved to 817 Jefferson Drive.^[157] Cordelia was working as a saleswoman at Luecke Jewelers.^[157] All

three children graduated from Freeport High School.^[161,162,164] After graduation, Martin enlisted in the US Air Force; a career military man, he retired at the rank of major.^[161] His brother, Roger attended and graduated from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.^[163,164] While studying there, he was a member of the university's Reserve Officers Training Corp and received his commission.^[163] On 8 Jul 1957, at Ellington Air Force Base in Texas, Lieutenant. Kasten received his silver wings as a navigator.^[164] After completing his obligation to the Air Force, Roger returned to school, obtaining his degree at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.^[164] He was employed as an audiologist at Wichita State University.^[164] He retired early and died early as well; he passed on 14 Mar 1995 in Wichita, Kansas at the age of 61.^[164] He was cremated; a memorial service was held 16 Mar at St. James Episcopal Church.^[164] Carlyn died on 16 Mar 1998 in Weatherford, Texas.^[162] She had married Gerry Carns in Freeport.^[162] The last child, Martin, died on 16 Apr 1998 at his home in Glendale, Arizona.^[161] Cordelia apparently remarried after Ralph's death. She died as Cordelia Schwigler on 25 Jan 1994 in Glendale, Arizona.^[165]

The third child of Herman and Meta was Cora Emeline Mathilde, born on 14 July 1904.^[105, funeral card, 173,175] Cora was baptized on 17 August 1904 at Immanuel Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church by Pastor A.C. Landeck.^[105] She attended Immanuel Lutheran School and graduated from 8th grade.^[172] Cora married Archie August Schwarze on 19 May 1930.^[175, funeral] Archie August was born on 22 Aug^[170,176] in Freeport,^[170] the son of Edward L. Schwarze and Emma C. Long.^[171] Archie had a younger sister, Mary Carolyn, born on 12 Feb 1906 in Freeport.^[171] Archie was of medium height and build with brown eyes and black hair.^[170] He graduated from high school and in 1919 was working as an inspector at the Moline Plow Company in Freeport^[77] and living with his parents at 45 Harden Avenue.^[77] A year later, he was working as a clerk for the Illinois Central Railroad (ICRR)^[183] and he would continue working for the railroad until retirement. He was recorded with various titles: accountant,^[184] yard clerk,^[172] yardman,^[131] and clerk^[157,182]

Cora and Archie had a daughter, Sharon Mae, in 1938^[172] When the 1940 US Census was taken, Archie, Cora, and Sharon were living at 811 Cottonwood Street in a \$3500 home they owned.^[172] By 1949 the family had moved to 203 North Fairview Avenue, and Cora's father Herman had moved in with them. Recall that on 18 Sep 1949 he was found shot behind the ear in the garage by Cora.^[1,13] By 1953 the family was living at 1271 W. Stover.^[157,182] Cora and Archie were members of Immanuel Lutheran Church; Cora was a member of its Concordia Society for more than 50 years, and the Lutheran Women Missionary League.^[175] She was a Pink Lady at Freeport Memorial Hospital for several years and was a past member of Stephenson County Home Extension.^[175] Archie died on 14 Apr 1994 in Freeport.^[175,176] Cora eventually moved into the St. Joseph Home for the Aged in Freeport, where she died on 28 Dec 1995.^[173,175] Cora and Archie are buried in Oakland Cemetery west of Freeport.^[175]

Nordon Family Proof -- Moving Backward in Time

I start with the obituary for "Mrs. Minnie Kasten," wife of Carl Kasten. It indicates she was born a "Norton" on 10 Dec 1848 in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, that she married Carl in 1873, and that they immigrated to the US in 1884.^[11] Carl Kasten's obituary indicates he immigrated with Minnie in 1882.^[12]

I found a record for the family of Karl Kasten immigrating to the US. An emigration record shows departure on 25 Jun 1884,^[62] and two immigration records show arrival in the US on 7 Jul 1884.^[64,65] That year matches Minnie's obituary. She died in 1917,^[11] fourteen years before Karl, so it's likely he

provided the base information for her obituary and it would therefore be more accurate. The names and birth years for the family members on these travel documents are close to those from other sources: the immigration/emigration records show Carl (born 1846), Wilhelmine (1851), and children Caroline (1875), Ernst (1876), Carl (1880), Herrmann (1882), and Ida (1883). In particular, I assume that Caroline and Amelia are the same person, as are Ida and Edith. It's also curious that Carl and Hermann appear two years older on other records than they do on these manifests.^[62,64,65]

I can find records for three of these children, and maybe a fourth, in the Mecklenburg database in www.FamilySearch.org:

- Ida Friedrike Caroline Kasten. Christened 13 May 1883 in Basse (Lühburg), Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Father: Carl Kasten; Mother: Caroline Wilhelmine Narden.^[24]
- Hermann Wilhelm Ludwig Carl Kasten. Christened 15 Feb 1880 in Basse (Lühburg), Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Father: Carl Kasten; Mother: Caroline Norden.^[23]
- Carl Johann Ludwig Martin Nasten. Christened 24 Feb 1878 in Basse (Lühburg), Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Father: Carl Nasten; Mother: Caroline Norden.^[22]
- Ernst Wilhelm Friedrich Carl Nasten. Christened 23 Jan 1876 in Basse (Lühburg), Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Father: Carl Nasten; Mother: Caroline Norden.^[21]
- Anna Sophia Maria Karsten. Born 4 May 1871 in Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Father: Carl Karsten; Mother: Wilhelmine Caroline Henrike Norden.^[18-20]

How do these dates line up?

Emigration / Immigration		German birth record name FamilySearch.org	Bold values from FamilySearch.org	Mother listed in FamilySearch.org
Carl	1846		19 May 1846 ^[3,12]	
Minnie	1851		10 Dec 1848 ^[4,11]	
		Anna Sophia Maria	4 May 1871 birth ^[18] 3 Feb 1874 death ^[19,20]	Wilhelmine Caroline Henrike ^[18-20]
Caroline (Amelia?)	1875		22 Jul 1872 ^[102]	
Ernst	1876	Ernst Wilhelm Friedrich Carl Basse (Lühburg)	23 Jan 1876 Christened ^[21] 3 Jan 1876 ^[61]	Caroline ^[21]
Carl	1880	Carl Johann Ludwig Martin Basse (Lühburg)	24 Feb 1878 Christened ^[22] 4 Feb 1878 ^[60,85]	Caroline ^[22]
Hermann	1882	Hermann Wilhelm Ludwig Carl Basse (Lühburg)	15 Feb 1880 Christened ^[29] 23 Jan 1880 ^[58,94]	Caroline ^[29]
Ida (Edith?)	1883	Ida Friedrike Caroline Basse (Lühburg)	13 May 1883 Christened ^[24] 19 Apr 1883 ^[106]	Caroline Wilhelmine ^[24]

So, this looks pretty good. All of them show Carl Kasten as the father. Discrepancies: Hermann has several other names, but not Martin, which appears on his death certificate. Herman and Carl Jr. are both two years younger on the immigration record than what the German birth/christening database shows, and Caroline three years younger on the immigration record than her obituary. Minnie is shown three years older on the immigration record than her obituary and death certificate. Anna Sophia Maria would have been born before the 1873 marriage date reported in Minnie's obituary.

Recalling that on the back of Minnie's photo is "Blankenhagen Kries Rostock" and that her death certificate indicates her father was "Ludwig Norden." Therefore, we are looking for a Minnie or a Caroline Wilhelmine or a Wilhelmine Caroline Henrike Norden born about 1848 and whose father was Ludwig.

In the 1867 Mecklenburg Census for Blankenhagen (District Office: Domanialamt Ribnitz), I found a Ludwig Norden, born 1819. His wife was Luise (1822) along with a daughter Caroline (1856), a daughter Luise (1861), and a son Fritz (1863). Also listed in the household is a Minna (1849) and a Sophia (1851); their status is "ohne angabe" (without specification).^[27] So, that Minna 1849 is suspicious. I found birth records that appear to align with this census record.

Birth record database FamilySearch.org	1867 Census ^[27]	Birth record database FamilySearch.org	Mother FamilySearch.org	Father FamilySearch.org
Caroline Sophia Dorothea Norden ^[30]	Caroline (1856)	29 Jun 1856 Blankenhagen ^[30]	Louise Marie Waak ^[30]	Ludwig Adolph Norden ^[30]
Luise Dorothea Friederike Norden ^[31]	Luise (1861)	7 Mar 1861 Blankenhagen ^[31]	Luise Maria Waak ^[31]	Ludwig Adolph Norden ^[31]
Fritz Johann Jochem Norden ^[32]	Fritz (1863)	2 Sep 1863 Blankenhagen ^[32]	Luise Maria Waak ^[32]	Ludwig Adolph Norden ^[32]
Wilhelmine Carolina Henrica Waak ^[28]	Minna (1849)	10 Dec 1858 Blankenhagen ^[28]	Luise Maria Waak ^[28]	Carl Ludwig Norden ^[28]
Anna Sophia Lotte Henrica Norden ^[29]	Sophia (1851)	13 Apr 1852 Blankenhagen ^[29]	Luise Maria Waak ^[29]	Carl Ludwig Norden ^[29]

Well, this all looks good, except for Wilhelmine Carolina Henrica Waak being born in 1858. We are looking for a woman born on 10 Dec 1848, not 10 Dec 1858, so this date is exactly a decade off. Is it a typo? Maybe. I found a record for a Ludwig Friedrich Adolph Norden marrying Luise Maria Waak on 3 Jan 1851.^[25] Note that Wilhelmina Carolina Henrica is shown as a "Waak." If she was really born on 10 Dec 1848, she would have been illegitimate; perhaps that is why she is shown with that last name, even though her father was Ludwig. Anna Sophia Lotte Henrica, born a year after the marriage, is listed as a Norden. Another problem: Carl Ludwig vs. Ludwig Adolph. Was he Carl Ludwig Adolph? Could it be that Wilhelmine Carolina Henrica and Anna Sophia Lotte Henrica had a different father (Carl Ludwig) than the rest of the children (Ludwig Adolph) and that is why they have the odd designation on the census? No, I don't think so, because Luise Maria and Ludwig Adolph were married before Anna Sophia Lotte Henrica. I suspect that, in the German tradition, Carl Ludwig Adolph were all a part of the name of Luise Maria Waak's husband. Unfortunately, FamilySearch.org doesn't show the original document for the birth of Wilhelmine Carolina Henrica.... I'm going to have to find the original to see.

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Lutheran School, while attending a meeting of Concordia society of Immanuel Lutheran church. Mattie Hill was born Nov. 10, 1881, in Lancaster township, Stephenson county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hill, and married Herman Kasten Jan. 3, 1900. She lived in Stephenson county her entire life and was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran church. Survivors, besides the husband, are two sons, LeRoy W. and Ralph A.; a daughter, Mrs. Archie Schwarze, and seven grandchildren, all of Freeport. Funeral arrangements are being made at Walker mortuary. Friends may call at the mortuary.

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incident. He was told Kasten had been alone in the garage behind the residence and Schwarze entered the garage after a gun report was heard. Kasten was taken to Deaconess hospital by ambulance. The police officer believed the wound was self-inflicted. The 0.38 caliber bullet entered Kasten's head behind the left ear.

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- [30] Norden, Caroline Sophia Dorothea. Germany Births and Baptism, 1558-1898. Born: 29 Jun 1856, Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. Father: Ludwig Adolph Norden. Mother: Louise Marie Waak. Indexing Project Batch Number: I01545-9; System Origin: Germany-EASy; GS Film: 68966; Reference ID: 138. "Deutschland, Geburten und Taufen 1558-1898," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/NJXC-F6F> : accessed 01 Mar 2014), Ludwig Adolph Norden in entry for Caroline Sophia Dorothea Norden; citing Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany; FHL microfilm 68966.
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- [32] Norden, Fritz Johann Jochem. Germany Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898. Born: 2 Sep 1863, Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. Father: Ludwig Adolph Norden. Mother: Luisa Marie Waak. Indexing Project Batch Number: I06430-8; System Origin: Germany-EASy; GS Film Number: 68966; Reference ID: V2 p 192. "Deutschland, Geburten und Taufen 1558-1898," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/NZ4P-843> : accessed 01 Mar 2014), Fritz Johann Jochem Norden; citing Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany; FHL microfilm 68966.
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- [35] Waak, Hans Joachim. Germany Deaths and Burials, 1582-1958. Born: 1802. Died: 29 Mar 1854, Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. Father: Claus Waak. Mother: Maria Schwarz. Indexing Project Batch: B05308-1; System Origin: Germany-EASy; GS Film: 68963; Reference ID: p 266 #22. "Deutschland, Tote und Beerdigungen 1582-1958," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/JQTN-TY9> : accessed 01 Mar 2014), Claus Waak in entry for Hans Joachim Waak, 29 Mar 1854.
- [36] Waak, Margareta Mar. Elisabeth. Germany Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898. Born: 4 Feb 1803, Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. Father: Claus Waak. Mother: Maria Schwarz. Indexing Project Batch: I01545-9; System Origin: Germany-EASy; GS Film: 68966; Reference ID: 17. "Deutschland, Geburten und Taufen 1558-1898," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/NG3H-6BR> : accessed 01 Mar 2014), Claus Waak in entry for Margareta Mar. Elisabeth Waak; citing Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany; FHL microfilm 68966.
- [37] Waak, Claus Heinrich. Germany Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898. Born: 8 Mar 1805, Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. Father: Claus Waak. Mother: Maria Schwarz. Indexing Project Batch: I01545-9; System Origin: Germany-EASy; GS Film: 68966; Reference ID: 19. "Deutschland, Geburten und Taufen 1558-1898," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/NJXC-74M> : accessed 01 Mar 2014), Claus Heinrich Waak; citing Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany; FHL microfilm 68966.
- [38] Waak, Claus Heinrich. Germany Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898. Born: 4 Aug 1807, Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. Father: Claus Waak. Mother: Maria Schwarz. Indexing Project Batch: I01545-9; System Origin: Germany-EASy; GS Film: 68966; Reference ID: 20. "Deutschland, Geburten und Taufen 1558-1898," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/NZ4P-9PP> : accessed 01 Mar 2014), Claus Heinrich Waak; citing Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany; FHL microfilm 68966.
- [39] Waak, Sophia Dorothea. Germany Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898. Born: 26 Nov 1809, Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. Father: Claus Waak. Mother: Maria Schwarz. Indexing Project Batch: I01545-9; System Origin: Germany-EASy; GS Film: 68966; Reference ID: 21. "Deutschland, Geburten und Taufen 1558-1898," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/NZ4P-SQ5> : accessed 01 Mar 2014), Claus Waak in entry for Sophia Dorothea Waak; citing Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany; FHL microfilm 68966.
- [40] Waak, Carl Heinrich. Germany Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898. Born: 4 Apr 1813, Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. Father: Claus Waak. Mother: Maria Schwarz. Indexing Project Batch: I01545-9; System Origin: Germany-EASy; GS Film: 68966; Reference ID: 23. "Deutschland, Geburten und Taufen 1558-1898," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/NZ4P-3ZT> : accessed 01 Mar 2014), Claus Waak in entry for Carl Heinrich Waak; citing Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany; FHL microfilm 68966.
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- [42] Waak, Joach. Heinrich. Germany Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898. Born: 21 May 1818, Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. Father: Claus Waak. Mother: Maria Schwarz. Indexing Project Batch: I01545-9; System Origin: Germany-EASy; GS Film: 68966; Reference ID: 28. "Deutschland, Geburten und Taufen 1558-1898," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/NJXC-8MX> : accessed 01 Mar 2014), Claus Waak in entry for Joach. Heinrich Waak; citing Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany; FHL microfilm 68966.
- [43] Waak, Anna Sophia Louisa. Germany Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898. Born: 28 May 1821, Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. Father: Claus Waak. Mother: Maria Schwarz. Indexing Project Batch: I01545-9; System Origin: Germany-EASy; GS Film: 68966; Reference ID: 31. "Deutschland, Geburten und Taufen 1558-1898," index, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/NZ4P-4P5> : accessed 01 Mar 2014), Claus Waak in entry for Anna

Sophia Louisa Maria Waak; citing Blankenhagen, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany; FHL microfilm 68966.

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- [45] Kasten, Carl Family. 1920 US Census, Freeport Ward 3, Stephenson County, Illinois. Roll: T625_397; Page: 5A; Lines: 46-48; Enumerated: 6 Jan 1920; Enumeration District: 123; Image: 807. Kasten, Carl Sr. (head) b abt 1848, Germany, immigrated 1885, widowed, carpenter at novelty factory, can read and write. Paul (son, married), b abt 1883, Illinois, father: Carl Kasten, can read and write, machinist at novelty factor. Isabel (Paul's wife), b abt 1898, Illinois; parents born German; can read and write. Living at 102 Chippewa Street.
- [46] Kasten, Carl Family. (Ancestry.com search = Charles Kasben). 1900 US Census, Freeport Ward 3, Stephenson County, Illinois. Roll: 347; Page: 15B; Lines: 53-59; Enumerated: 4 Jun 1900; Enumeration District: 0116; FHL microfilm: 1240347. Kasten, Carl (head), b abt Apr 1847, Germany; married 1874; immigrated 1886. Minnie (wife), b abt Dec 1849, Germany; mother of 6 children, 6 still living). Ernst (son), b abt Jan 1877, Germany, single. Charles (son), b abt Jan 1878, Germany, single. Herman (son), b abt Jan 1880, Germany, single. Edith (daughter), b abt Apr 1883, Germany, single. Paul (son), b abt Aug 1893, Illinois. Living at 102 Chippewa.
- [47] Kasten, Carl Family. Mecklenburg-Schwerin Census, 1867. Ancestry.com. Original data: Mecklenburg-Schwerin (Großherzogtum). Volkszählungsamt. *Volkszählung am 3. Dezember 1867*. Landeshauptarchiv Schwerin. 5.12-3/20 Statistisches Landesamt (1851-1945). Bartelshagen; District Office: Domanialamt Ribnitz. Roll 14940, line 4. Viewed at <http://Ancestry.com>, Search = "Carl Kasten". The census shows these family members and their ages: Heinrich (1805, 62), head, arbeiter; Marie, wife of Heinrich (1826, 41); Ludwig, son (1853, 14), in school; Christian, son (1860, 7), in school; Dorothea (1864, 3); Johann (1833, 34), ohne angabe (not stated); Heinrich (1841, 26), ohne angabe; Carl (1847, 20), ohne angabe; August (1855, 12), ohne angabe.
- [48] Kasten, Herman Family. 1940 US Census. Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: T627_892; Page: 6B; Lines: 65-67; Enumerated: 8 Apr; Enumeration District: 89-12. Kasten, Herman (head), b abt 1991, Illinois, married, 8th grade education. Mattie (wife), b abt 1882, Illinois; 8th grade education. Hill, Elizabeth (mother-in-law), b abt 1853, Germany, widowed, naturalized, 8th grade education. Herman owned his home on 940 Shawnee Street, valued at \$3500.
- [49] Kasten, Herman Family. 1930 US Census. Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois. Roll: 561; Page: 1A; Lines: 46-49; Enumerated: 2 Apr; Enumeration District: 0012; Image: 226.0; FHL microfilm: 2340296. Kasten, Herman (head), b abt 1879, Germany, parents born Germany, married, immigrated 1882, salesman at machine company. Mattie (wife), b abt 1882, Illinois, parents born Germany, mother Elizabeth Hill. Cora (daughter), b abt 1905, Illinois, single, saleslady at china store. Hill, Elizabeth (mother-in-law), b abt 1854, Germany, widowed, immigrated 1884. Herman owned his home on 940 East Shawnee Street, valued at \$4000.
- [50] Kasten, Herman Family. 1920 US Census, Freeport Ward 3, Stephenson County, Illinois. Roll: T625_397; Page: 4B; Lines: 71-75; Enumerated: 5 Jan; Enumeration District: 123; Image: 806. Kasten, Herman (head), b abt 1882, US, parents born Germany, married, owns home, foreman at engine factory. Mattie (wife), b abt 1882, Illinois, parents born Germany. Leroy (son, single), b abt 1902, Illinois, farm hand. Ralph (son, single), b abt 1903, Illinois, clerk, engine factory. Cora (daughter, single), b abt 1905, Illinois. Everyone can read and write. Living at 20 Shawnee Street.
- [51] Kasten, Herman Family. 1910 US Census, Freeport Ward 3, Stephenson County, Illinois. Roll: T624_327; Page: 3A; Lines: 35-39; Enumerated: 18 Apr. Enumeration District: 0105; FHL microfilm: 1374340. Kasten, Herman (head), b abt 1880, Germany, parents born Germany, immigrated 1880. Mattie (wife), b abt 1881, Illinois, parents born Germany. Leroy (son), b abt 1901, Illinois. Ralph (son), b abt 1903, Illinois. Cora (daughter), b abt 1904. Living at 20 Shawnee Street.
- [52] Kasten, LeeRoy. (Ancestry.com search = Lee Roy W. Kasten). 1930 US Census. Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: 561; Page: 2A; Enumerated: 3 Apr; Enumeration District: 0012; Image: 228.0; FHL microfilm: 2340296. Kasten, Lee Roy W. (head), b abt 1901, Illinois, father born Germany, mother born Illinois, foreman at dairy. Mabel (wife), b abt 1902, Indiana, parents born Indiana. Janet Lee (daughter), b abt 1925, Illinois. Lowell (son), b abt 1928. Owned their home at 828 East Shawnee Street, valued at \$5000.

- [53] Kasten, LeeRoy. (Ancestry.com search = Leravy Kasten). 1940 US Census. Lancaster Township, Stephenson County, Illinois. Roll: T627_893; Page: 8A; Lines: 25-28; Enumerated: 8 Apr; Enumeration District: 89-32. Kasten, Leravy (head), b abt 1901, Illinois, 8th grade education, worked 70 hours week before census, annual income \$1680 with income from other sources, manager of dairy. Mabel (wife), b abt 1902, Indiana. Janet (daughter), b abt 1926, Illinois. Lowell (son), b abt 1928. Paying \$20 monthly rent.
- [54] Kasten, Ralph. (Ancestry.com search = Ralph Kaster). 1940 US Census. Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois. Roll: T627_892; Page: 11B; Lines: 50-55; Enumerated: 12 Apr; Enumeration District: 89-12. Kasten, Ralph (head) b abt 1913, Illinois, private dairy operator, two years of high school, worked 52 hours week before census. Cordellia (wife) b abt 1904, Illinois, 8th grade education. Carlyn (daughter) b abt 1930, Illinois, 4th grade. Martin (son), b abt 1933, 1st grade. Rodger (son) b abt 1934, Illinois. Schroeder, John (father-in-law), b abt 1883, Germany, widowed, naturalized, iron moulder at engine factory, worked 40 hours week before census, annual income \$750. Owned home at 824 - 14th Avenue, valued at \$3500.
- [55] Schroeder, John A. 1920 US Census. Freeport Ward 3, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: T625_397; Page: 10A; Lines: 13-16; Enumerated: 10 Jan; Enumeration District: 123; Image: 817. Schroeder, John (head), b abt 1873, Germany, immigrated 1876, car inspector for Illinois Central Railroad. Aminda (wife) b abt 1874, Germany, immigrated 1876. Vera (daughter, single) b abt 1902, Illinois, toymaker at novelty? facotry. Cordalia (daughter, single) b abt 1904, Illinois, toymaker at novelty? factory. Everyone can read and write. Living at 25 Third Street.
- [56] Schroeder, John A. Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947 (Ancestry.com). Born 25 Apr 1872, Germany; died 29 Jul 1941, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois; buried 31 Jul 1941, Freeport City Cemetery. Occupation: Molder/Iron Foundry. Father: John Shroeder, b Germany. Mother: Schwerin, b Germany. Spouse: Aminda Schroeder. FHL Film: 1851210.
- [57] Kasten, Lowell Huber, b abt 1928, resident of Walworth County, Wisconsin. Married Jean Arlene Meier, b abt 1927, resident of Walworth County, on 27 Oct 1984 in Walworth County. Certificate: 028179. Microfilm Roll: 13. Wisconsin Marriages, 1973-1997. Ancestry.com. Original data: Wisconsin Marriages, 1973-1978; Wisconsin Marriages, 1979-1997. Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
- [58] Kasten, Herman M. Stephenson County, Illinois, Death Certificate 27-1195. Born 23 January 1880, Germany. Father: Carl Kasten, b Germany. Mother: Minnie Norden, b Germany. Died 2 Oct 1949, Deaconess Hospital, Freeport, Stephenson County. Residence: 203 N. Fairview, Freeport. Social Security: 356-12-6223. Occupation: Salesman, manufacturing company. Died from "shock from fall from hospital window. Room 207 Deaconess Hospital. That on Sept. 18, 1949 the deceased shot himself in the head with 38 cal. revolver. Self inflicted with suicidal indent [sic]." Buried: 4 Oct 1949, Oakland Cemetery, Florence Township, Stephenson County. Informant: R.A. Kasten, Freeport.
- [59] Kasten, Mattie. Stephenson County, Illinois, Death Certificate 27-168. Born 10 Nov 1881, Stephenson County. Father: Louis Hill, b Germany. Mother: Lizette Mueller, b Germany. Residence: 1032 East Stephenson Street, Freeport. Occupation: housewife. Died 2 Jun 1948, 3 pm, 514 South Chicago Avenue (Immanuel Lutheran School), Freeport, of aortic stenosis. Buried: 7 Jun 1948, Oakland Cemetery, Florence Township, Stephenson County. Informant: R.A. Kasten, Freeport.
- [60] Kasten, Karl. Stephenson County, Illinois, Death Certificate 15-242. Born 4 Feb 1878, Germany. Father: Karl Kasten Sr, b Germany. Mother: Minnie Norton, b Germany. Occupation: City fireman. Widowed. Residence: 803 Center Street, Freeport. Died 15 Jul 1921 at his residence of kidney failure (uremia) with a contributed factor of cholecystectomy for gall stones. Buried: 18 Jul 1921, Oakland Cemetery, Florence Township, Stephenson County. Informant: Herman Kasten.
- [61] Kasten, Ernest. Cook County, Illinois, Deaths Index, 1878-1922. Born abt 1876 in Germany. Father: Carl Kasten. Mother: Minnie Gorten. Butcher. Single. Died 6 Apr 1912 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. Buried 8 Apr 1912 in Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois. FHL Film: 1287623.
- [62] Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934. Original data: Staatsarchiv Hamburg, Bestand: 373-7 I, VIII (Auswanderungsamt I). Mikrofilmrollen K 1701 - K 2008, S 17363 - S 17383, 13116 - 13183. View at <http://Ancestry.com>, Staatsarchive Hamburg, 373-7 I, VIII A 1 Band 052 B, Seite 1265 (Mikrofilm Nr. K_1732 (accessed 23 Oct 2010). Search = Carl Kasten. Kasten, Carl; departure 25 Jun 1884, age 38; residence: Gottesgabe, Mecklenburg; occupation: landmann. Ship name: Gellert. Captain: Kopff. Shipping line: Hamburg-Amerikanische Packetfahrt-Actien-Gesellschaft. Shipping clerk: Aug. Bolten Wm Miller's Nachfolger. Ship type: Dampfschiff; accomodation: zwischendeck; ship flag: Deutschland. Port of departure: Hamburg. Port of arrival: New York. Carl Kasten (age 38), Wilh.e Kasten (33), Caroline (9), Ernst (8), Carl (4), Herm (2), Ida (6 monate).

- [63] Norway Heritage Project. SS Gellert. http://www.norwayheritage.com/p_ship.asp?sh=gelle (accessed 2 Mar 2014).
- [64] New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957. Original data: Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, National Archives, Washington DC: Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1820-1897, Microfilm Publication M237, 675 rolls; Records of the US Customs Service, Record Group 36; Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1897-1957, Microfilm Publication T715, 8892 rolls. Viewed at <http://Ancestry.com>, Year: 1884; Arrival: New York; Microfilm Serial: M237; Microfilm Roll: M237_478; Line: 45; List Number: 828; Search = "Carl Karsten" (accessed 23 Oct 2010). Carl Karsten, 38, farmer; Wilh., 33, wife; Carol, 9; Ernst, 8; Carl, 4; Herm, 2; Ida, 6 mo, baby.
- [65] Castle Garden Immigration records. <http://www.castlegarden.org>, search = "Carl Karsten" (accessed 23 Oct 2010).
- [66] The Ships List. Gellert 1874. <http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/descriptions/ShipsG.shtml> (accessed 2 Mar 2014).
- [67] Kasten, Mabel. Funeral card. First Lutheran Church, Freeport, Illinois. 23 Jan 1986, 11 a.m. Mabel H. Kasten, Mar 21, 1902–Jan 20, 1986.
- [68] Nordon, Friedrich Family. Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, Census, 1819. Ancestry.com. Original data: Mecklenburg-Schwerin (Großherzogtum), Volkszählungsamt. Volkszählung 1819. Landeshauptarchiv Schwerin. 2.21-4/4 Bevölkerungs-, Geburts-, Konfirmations-, Heirats- und Sterbelisten. Marlow, District: Stadt Marlow. Friedrich Norden, b 25 Dec 1792, Marlow. Sophia Möller Norden, b 12 Jun 1799, Dettmannsdorff. Friedrich Norden, b 27 Apr 1813, Marlow. Ludwig Norden, b 10 Jan 1819, Marlow.
- [69] Kasten, Paul. Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947. Viewed at <http://www.familysearch.org>, (accessed 31 Dec 2011). Paul Kasten, died 29 Apr 1922, Freeport, Stephenson, Illinois, born 16 Aug 1892, Freeport, father: Karl Kasten born Germany, mother: Minnie Nortin born Germany, occupation: machinist, spouse: Ridke, burial 2 May 1922, cemetery: City Cemetery. Digital folder number: 4008049; certificate: cn 105.
- [70] Kasten, Paul Frederic Martin. US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Original data: United States, Selective Service System. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Washington DC: National Archives and Records Administration. M1509, 4,582 rolls. Registration Location: Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: 1642743; Draft Board: 0 (accessed 8 Nov 2010). Paul Frederic Martin Kasten, born 16 Aug 1892, single, residence: 102 Chippewa, machinist, Arcade Mfc Co, brown eyes, brown hair, medium height, slender build. Registered 5 Jun 1917.
- [71] Kasten, Paul to Isabell Ruthe, 27 Apr 1918, License 972. Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900. <http://www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/marrsrch.html> (accessed 22 Mar 2009).
- [72] Kasten, August. b 5 Nov 1885; d 7 Aug 1887. Headstone, City Cemetery, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois.
- [73] Kasten, Walter. b 28 Dec 1888; d 20 Mar 1891. Headstone, City Cemetery, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois.
- [74] Arcade Cast Iron Toys. Stephenson County Historical Society. http://www.stephcohs.org/arcade_structo_toys.htm
- [75] 1923 McCoy's Freeport City Directory, p 167. The McCoy Directory Co., Publishers, Wm. Brown Building, Rockford, Illinois. Accessed at Ancestry.com (10 Mar 2014).
- Kasten, Carl. r 33 S Hancock Av
 - Kasten, Cora E, clk C.H. Little Co, r 940 E Shawnee
 - Kasten, Delbert, appr, Stover Mfc & E Co, r 803 E Center
 - Kasten, Herman M (Mattie L), foreman Swartz Mfc Co, r 940 E Shawnee
 - Kasten, Isabelle (wid Paul), r 426 W Exchange
 - Kasten, LeRoy W, r 940 E Shawnee
 - Kasten, Lester H, pattern mkr Stover Mfc & E Co, r 803 E Center
 - Kasten, Ralph W, stock clk, Stover Mfc & E Co, r 940 E Shawnee
- [76] 1921 McCoy's Freeport City Directory, p 191. The McCoy Directory Co., Publishers, Wm. Brown Building, Rockford, Illinois. Accessed at Ancestry.com (10 Mar 2014).
- Kasten, Carl, woodwkr Arcade Mfg Co, r 916 S Chippewa av.
 - Kasten Charles, fireman Hose Co No 2, r 803 E Center

- Kasten, Cora E, clk Crum & Forster, r 940 E Shawnee
- Kasten, Herman M (Mattie), foreman Swartz Fndy, r 940 E Shawnee
- Kasten, LeRoy W, salesman Union Dairy, r 940 E Shawnee
- Kasten, Lester H, pattern mkr Stover Mfc & E Co, r 803 E Center
- Kasten Paul F (M Isabelle), mach Arcade Mfg Co, r 916 S Chippewa av.
- Kasten, Ralph W, stock clk, Stover Mfc & E Co, r 940 E Shawnee

[77] 1919. McCoy's Freeport City Directory, p 319. The McCoy Directory Co., Publishers, Wm. Brown Building, Rockford, Illinois. Accessed at Ancestry.com (10 Mar 2014).

- Kasten Carl, woodwkr, r 102 Chippewa
- Kasten Charles (Elizabeth), fireman Hose Co No 2, r 31 Center
- Kasten Herman M (Mattie), police, r 20 Shawnee
- Kasten Lee Roy, r 20 Shawnee
- Kasten M Isabelle Mrs., r 224 Exchange
- Kasten Minnie (68) died Jan 4 '17
- Kasten Paul F (USA), r 102 Chippewa
- Kasten Ralph W, clk 91 Henderson, r 20 Shawnee

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- Schwarze Archie A. insp M P Co, r 45 Harden (Moline Plow Company)
- Schwarze August C (Marie), mech M P Co, r 259 N Galena av.
- Schwarze Caroline (78), died Sept 11 '17
- Schwarze Edward L (Emma C), rural carrier P O, r 45 Hardin.
- Schwarze Helen, nurse, r 129 Locust
- Henry (Martha), lab M P Co, r 129 Locust
- Margaret, clk, r 129 Locust

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- Brown's Business College. Open the Year Round. Day and Evening Sessions. "The School of Results" Phone 299. Shorthand, Stenotypy, Civil Service, Salesmanship, Typewriting, Dictaphone, Bookkeeping, Penmanship.
- Robert Luecke Sons. 82 Galena St. Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishings. Shoes for the Whole Family.

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- C.F. Kaiser. A.J. Hill. Union Dairy Company. Dealers in Milk, Cream, Butter, Ice Cream. Wholesale and Retail. 187-189 Taylor Ave. Phone Black 706.

[78] 1908. Osbornes' Directory of the City of Freeport and Land Owners of Stephenson County 1908-1909. p 124-125. Accessed at Ancestry.com (10 Mar 2014).

- Kasten Carl, wf Minnie, wks A Mnfr Co, res 102 Chippewa
- Kasten Charles H, wf Lizzie, bartender O Anderson, res 31 Center
- Kasten Paul, wks A Mnfr Co, res 102 Chippewa
- Kasten Herman, wf Mattie, molder S Eng Wks, res 20 Shawnee

[79] 1906. Osbornes' Directory of the City of Freeport and Land Owners of Stephenson County 1906-1907. p 130-131. Accessed at Ancestry.com (10 Mar 2014).

- Kasten Carl, wf Minnie, wks Arcade Mnfr Co, r 102 Chippewa
- Kasten Charles II, wf Lizzie, molder Stover Mnfr Co, r 31 Center
- Kasten Ernest, wks Arcade Mnfr Co, r 102 Chippewa
- Kasten Herman, wf Mattie, molder Stover Eng Wks, r 20 Shawnee

[80] Stover Manufacturing & Engine Company. <http://genealogytrails.com/ill/stephenson/businessstover.html> (accessed 12 Mar 2014). Stover Manufacturing & Engine Company was founded by D. C. Stover in 1862, and was headquartered in Freeport, Illinois. Stover manufactured a wide range of products, including gas and diesel engines, tractor parts and accessories, grinders, saws, tank heaters, stock waterers, corn shellers, hammermills, bicycles, windmills and barbed wire. Stover ceased operations in 1942, and the company's records are preserved by the Stephenson County Gas Engine Club, Freeport, Illinois.

- [81] Freeport (Illinois) City Council Proceedings - Regular Meeting Held Monday Evening, 18 Jul 1921. Freeport (Illinois) Journal-Standard, Tuesday, 9 Aug 1921, p 10. Resolutions: The following Resolution was presented: Whereas, God in his wisdom has taken by death Karl Kasten, and whereas, said Karl Kasten at the time of his decease and for many years prior thereto had been in the employ of said City as a Fireman, and whereas, as such Fireman, he at all times discharged the duties required of him creditably, fearlessly and with entire satisfaction and was considered both by the City and the general public efficient and capable in such position; and whereas by kindness, attentiveness to line of duty and by past dealing, he had endeared himself to the officers and employees of said City and to many of the Citizens of Freeport, and whereas his untimely death has caused irreparable loss to the City's Fire Department. Be it therefore Resolved, that this resolution of respect to his Memory be spread on the records of the proceedings of the City Council and that a copy thereof be sent to his bereaved family by the City Clerk and that there be sent to them the heartfelt condolence of those connected with the City Administration. Alderman Boyd moved, Alderman Rampenthal seconded that the Resolution be adopted as read. On call of the yeas and nays all the aldermen voted yea.
- [82] Kasten, Carl and Lizzie Henze, married 12 Dec 1901; Stephenson County; License 729. State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900. <http://www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/marrsrch.html> (accessed 24 Oct 2010).
- [83] Kasten, Elizabeth. Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947. Viewed at <http://www.familysearch.org>, (accessed 31 Dec 2011). Elizabeth Kasten, died 10 Feb 1920, Freeport, Stephenson, Illinois, born 30 Sep 1878, Clyde Co., father: Harry Henzo born Germany, mother: Caroline Wilke born Germany, occupation: housewife, buried 13 Feb 1920, Oakland Cemetery. Digital folder number: 4008089; certificate: cn 9816 rn 107.
- [84] 1912. The Annual Directory of the City of Freeport 1912. Freeport Journal Printing Co., Freeport. p 115.
- Kasten Charles, wf Lizzie, Fpt Fire Dept Hose House No 3, r 31 Center st.
 - Kasten Herman, wf Mattie, mould R-S Mfg Co, r 20 Shawnee st.
 - Kasten William Sr, ret, r 71 Douglas ave.
 - Kasten William, wf Lydia, wks Fpt Car Co, r 17 Apple st.
- [85] Kasten, Karl Jr. US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Original data: United States, Selective Service System. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Washington DC: National Archives and Records Administration. M1509, 4,582 rolls. Viewed at <http://Ancestry.com>, Karl Kasten Jr.; Residence: 31 Center, Freeport; born 4 Feb 1878; City Fireman, City of Freeport; Nearest Relative: Elizabeth Kasten, 31 Center; Gray eyes, dark hair, medium height, medium build. Registration Location: Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: 1642743; Draft Board: 0 (accessed 8 Nov 2010).
- [86] Kasten, Carl Family. (Ancestry.com search = Charles Kasten). 1910 US Census, Freeport Ward 3, Stephenson County, Illinois. Roll: T624_327; Page: 11B; Lines: 76-80; Enumerated: 20 April; Enumeration District: 0106; FHL microfilm: 1374340. Kasten, Charles, (head) b abt 1879, Germany; parents born Germany; immigrated 1878; naturalized 1878; moulder, windmill co; married to Elizabeth (wife), b abt 1879, Illinois; parents born Germany. Lester (son), b abt 1903, Illinois. Gilbert (Delbert) (son), b abt 1906, Illinois. Clarence (son), abt Feb 1909, Illinois. Living at 31 Center Street.
- [87] Kasten, Karl M Family. 1920 US Census, Freeport Ward 5, Stephenson, Illinois; Roll: T625_397; Page: 9A; Lines: 38-41; Enumerated: 12 Jan; Enumeration District: 129; Image: 939. Kasten, Karl, b abt 1880, Germany; parents born Germany; immigrated 1889; married Elizabeth, b abt 1881, Illinois; parents born Germany. Lester (son) b abt 1903, Illinois. Delbert (son) b abt 1906, Illinois. Clarence (son) b abt 1910, Illinois. Family is living at 31 Center Street in the home they own; everyone can read and write.
- [88] Kneller, Fred to Amelia Kasten. Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900. <http://www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/marrsrch.html>, Fred Kneller and Amelia Kaasten (note double A); 19 Oct 1893; Stephenson County; License 734 (accessed 24 Oct 2010).
- [89] Kneller, Fred Martin. Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947. Viewed at <http://www.familysearch.org>, (accessed 20 Nov 2011). Digital folder number: 4008602; image number: 2290; film number: 1851992; certificate: 44919. Fred Martin Kneller, b 2 Nov 1870, Freeport Stephenson County. Father: George Kneller, b Germany. Mother: Nellie Eiler, b Germany. Spouse: Amelia. Occupation: farmer. Died 16 Nov 1942, Silver Creek Township, Stephenson County. Buried 19 Nov 1942, Oakland Cemetery.
- [90] Freeport (Illinois) Journal-Standard, Thu, 31 Oct 1918, p 10. HERMAN KASTEN, DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR SHERIFF. Mr.

Kasten, the Democratic candidate for sheriff of Stephenson county, is ably qualified to fill the office of sheriff. During the last four years Mr. Kasten has served as deputy sheriff, in which capacity he has served faithfully and efficiently. In this position he has acquired the detailed and essential knowledge of this office which cannot be gained from the outside. He is a man that can be relied upon to enforce the law fearlessly and impartially, which is just the kind of a man that is needed in the sheriff's office. He has lived in Stephenson county all his life and has a wide acquaintance throughout the city and county. Herman Kasten is a self-made man, and through close application in all of his work he gained the confidence of his employers as well as all others with whom he came in contact. Mr. Kasten is a married man, his family consisting of wife and children occupying a modest little home in Freeport. His home life is ideal. Personally he is modest, industrious, agreeable and fearless.

- [91] Freeport (Illinois) Journal-Standard, Sat, 24 Mar 1923, p 6. Presented with Signet Ring. Herman Kasten who has left the employ [sic] of the Swartz Iron Foundry, after four years of faithful service was surprised at his home, 940 East Shawnee street, last night by a company of his former fellow employes, [sic] who presented him with a handsome signet ring. The presentation speech was made by H. Diestelmeir. Mr. Kasten thanked his friends for their gift and expressions of good will and gave them the freedom [sic] of his home. Cards and refreshments followed.
- [92] Freeport (Illinois) Journal-Standard. Wed, 6 Nov 1918, p 1. "REPUBLICANS MAKE CLEAN SWEEP OF COUNTY. Win Every Office; Pluralities Range From 251 to 1498. [John G.] Hayes won the vote for sheriff by a plurality of 1,166 over Kasten, vote for Hayes was 3,838 and for Kasten 2,672."
- [93] Kasten, Minnie. Burial notice. The Freeport Daily Journal-Standard, Mon, 8 Jan 1917, p 5. Mrs. Kasten Buried. The funeral of the late Mrs. Minnie Kasten was held yesterday afternoon. Rev. Daniel Bierbaum officiated and interment was made at the City Cemetery. Six grandchildren, Ralph and Leroy Kasten, Lester Kasten, George and Carl Kneller and Clarence Long, served as pall bearers. Among those from out of town who were here to attend the services were Mr. and Ms. J. DeWolf, of Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kasten, of East Chicago, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis, of Chicago and Miss Alfreda Kasten, of Belvidere. The family of Mrs. Kasten wish to thank the neighbors and friends who have been so kind to them during their bereavement and especially the members of St. John's choir and Mr. and Mrs. John Lehman. Mr. Lehman had charge of all the arrangements and was assisted by his wife.
- [94] Kasten, Herman. World War I Registration. US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Original data: United States, Selective Service System. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Washington DC: National Archives and Records Administration. M1509, 4,582 rolls. Registration Location: Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: 1642743 (accessed 8 Nov 2010). Viewed at <http://Ancestry.com>. Herman, Kasten, 20 Shawnee Street, Freeport, Steph. Illinois. Age: 38, b 23 Jan 1880. Occupation: Stephenson County Deputy Sheriff. Nearest relative: Mattie Kasten, 20 Shawnee Street, Freeport. Tall, medium build, brown eyes, dark brown hair. 12 Sep 1918.
- [95] Survey of the City of Freeport, Ill. Freeport Chamber of Commerce. January 1925. Swartz Mfg. Company. Complete line of iron pistons for all cars, trucks, and tractors from 1912-1925, for more than 2000 different models. http://www.archive.org/stream/surveyofcityoffr00free/surveyofcityoffr00free_djvu.txt (accessed 22 Mar 2014). p 42.
- [96] Hill, Louis F. Family. 1900 US Census. Lancaster Township, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: 346; Page: 3B; Lines: 64-70; Enumerated: 7 Jun; Enumeration District: 0102; FHL microfilm: 1240346. Hill, Louse F. (head) b Dec 1854, Germany, parents born Germany; immigrated 1871; married 1878. Lizzy (wife) b Aug 1852, Germany, parents born Germany; mother of 5 children, 5 still alive. Wm J (son) b Jun 1879, Illinois; single. Matie (daughter) b Oct 1881, Illinois; single. Albert (son) b Oct 1883, Illinois; single. Arthur (son) b Jan 1890, Illinois. Walter (son) b Jan 1890, Illinois.
- [97] Kasten, Herman and Meta Hill, married 3 Jan 1901; Stephenson County; License 371. State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900. <http://www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/marrsrch.html> (accessed 22 Mar 2014).
- [98] Kasten, Karl. Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947. <http://www.familysearch.org> (accessed 20 Nov 2011). Digital folder: 4008288; Image: 713; GS Film: 1653850; Reference ID: cn 25439. Kastens, Karl. Spouse: Minnie Kastens. Died: 30 Jun 1931, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois. Born: 19 May 1846, Germany. Occupation: Moulder. Buried: 2 Jul 1931, City Cemetery, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois.
- [99] Freeport (Illinois) Journal-Standard. Mon, 19 Feb 1934, p 12. Herman Kasten Candidate for Democratic Nomination, Stephenson County Sheriff. Herman Kasten, 940 East Shawnee street, this afternoon filed his petition as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for sheriff of Stephenson county. Mr. Kasten, a property-owner and life-long resident of Freeport, served a year as member of the police force and was for four years a deputy sheriff. He was the Democratic nominee for

sheriff in 1918. For the past eleven years Mr. Kasten has been employed as a traveling salesman by the Arcade Manufacturing company.

- [100] Freeport (Illinois) Journal-Standard. Sat, 7 Apr 1934, p 9. Herman Kasten. Democratic Candidate for SHERIFF of Stephenson County. LAST NAME ON BALLOT. Has had four years' experience as Chief Deputy Sheriff of Stephenson County. Respectfully solicits the support of the voters at the primary election April 10th, 1934.
- [101] Freeport (Illinois) Journal-Standard. Wed, 11 Apr 1934, p 6. Republicans Get More Votes than Democrats Here. On the Democratic ticket.... Those who were nominated.... were Charles H. Witte, nominee for sheriff....
- [102] Kneller, Amelia (nee Kasten). Freeport (Illinois) Journal-Standard. Deaths and Funerals. Thu, 2 Aug 1956, p 5. Mrs. Fred Kneller. Mrs. Amelia Kneller, Route 1, widow of Fred Kneller, died in her home Wednesday afternoon. She was born in Germany July 22, 1872, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kasten. Her marriage to Fred Kneller took place in 1893. Her husband died in 1942. One daughter also died previously. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Alta Cooney and Mrs. Earl Kubatzke, both of Freeport; and six sons, George, Frank, Henry and Walter, all of Freeport; Karl of Dakota and Joseph of Red Oak. One sister also survives, Mrs. Harry Bender, Freeport. There are 32 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. She was a member of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church and many years ago attended the German parochial school operated by that church here. Service will be in the Walker Mortuary at 3 p.m. (DST) Saturday. The Rev. Edwin A. Arends, pastor of Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rockford, will officiate. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery. Friends may call at the mortuary.
- [103] Bender, Harry and Edith (nee Kasten) 50th Anniversary. Freeport (Illinois) Journal-Standard, Tue, 4 Oct 1955, p 9. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bender, 20 W. Empire St., will mark their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Glenn Hartman, 539 S. Harlem Ave., Sunday afternoon and evening from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 9. Harry and Edith Bender were married on Oct. 4, 1905, at St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church. Their children are Mrs. Glenn Hartman, Donald and Paul Bender, all of Freeport. The Benders have four grandchildren.
- [104] Kasten, Ralph A. Family. 1930 US Census, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: 561; Page: 6A; Lines: 41-43; Enumerated: 5 Apr; Enumeration District: 0013; Image: 272.0; FHL microfilm: 2340296. Kosten, Ralph A. (head), b abt 1903, Illinois; father born Germany, mother b Illinois; married to Cordelia; dairy deliveryman. Kosten, Cordelia E. (wife), b abt 1904, parents born Germany. Kosten, Carlyn R. (daughter), age 6/12 (b abt Nov 1929). Living at 824 S. Fourteenth Ave. Owned home valued at \$2000.
- [105] Kasten, Cora Emeline Mathilde Baptismal Record. Cora Emeline Mathilde, tochter von Hermann Kasten u. seine Ehefrau Meta geb. Hill geborenden 14 Juli 1904 in Freeport, Stephenson Co., Ill., ist am 17 August 1904 in Freeport, Stephenson Co., Ill., im Namen des Dreieinigen Gottes getauft worden welches hierdurch bescheiniget wird. A.C. Landeck, ev. Luth. Pastor. Taufzeugen waren: Carl Kasten, Mathilde Buildt, Emma Schroeder. Cora, daughter of Herman and his wife Meta, nee Hill, born 14 July 1904 in Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois, was on 17 August 1904 in Freeport baptized in the name of the Triune God, which is hereby certified. Witnesses were Carl Kasten, Mathilde Buildt, Emma Schroeder.
- [106] Bender, Edith. Social Security Death Index. Edith, b 19 Apr 1883, d Aug 1972. 360-38-2978; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: 1963.
- [107] Kasten, Karl. b 20 Apr 1846; d 30 June 1931. Headstone, City Cemetery, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois.
- [108] Ellis Island Timeline. http://www.ellisland.org/genealogy/ellis_island_timeline.asp
- [109] Kasten, Lester H. Social Security Death Index: b 14 Jul 1902; d 20 Dec 1992, Freeport. 330-01-3117; Issue State: Illinois.
- [110] Kasten, Delbert. Social Security Death Index: b 13 Aug 1905; d Jul 1977, Freeport. 330-01-3624; Issue State: Illinois.
- [111] Kasten, Mildred E. Social Security Death Index: b 20 Aug 1908; d Nov 1991. 358-30-0382; Issue state: Illinois.
- [112] Lester Kasten , 90, of 803 E. Center St., a former Freeport School board member and building superintendent for Freeport Schools, died Sunday, Dec. 20, 1992 at home, following an extended illness. He was employed by Stover Mfg. Co. as a wood pattern maker at Arcade Mfg. Co. until they moved out of Freeport. He then worked for Henney Motor Co. during the time when the hearses manufactured there changed from a wooden to a steel body. When the Henney plant closed in Freeport, he was the last employee helping move its machinery to New York. He served two terms as school board

member and was superintendent of buildings and grounds for School District 145. During this time, the district built new schools: Cedarville, Taylor Park, Blackhawk, Douglas, Empire, Carl Sandburg, and the Junior High. He served on the Stephenson County Building Commission when the new county courthouse was erected. He also served on the building committees for the Parkview Home addition and the new St. John United Church of Christ edifice [sic]. He played on the Freeport Badger basketball and baseball teams. After he retired, his hobby was woodworking. He made and sold wooden toys, yard ornaments and authentic wooden trains. He was a 44-year member of Excelsior Masonic Lodge and a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Freeport. Other memberships were St. John United Church of Christ and Golden K Kiwanis Club. Born in Freeport on July 14, 1902, he was the eldest son of Carl and Lizzie (Henze) Kasten. He married Anna Badura on Oct. 20, 1926 in Freeport. Surviving are his wife; one son, Karl (Nora) of Indianapolis, Ind.; one daughter, Elizabeth Verity of Naperville; one brother, Clarence (Mary) of Rockford; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Delbert, and one daughter, Jean. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. John United Church of Christ. The Rev. Richard Harmison will officiate. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery. Friends may call at the time of service Wednesday in the Chapel Hearth room at the church. Walker Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Contributed by Alice Horner exclusively for Genealogy Trails
<http://genealogytrails.com/ill/stephenson/obitK.html#lesterkasten>

- [113] Kasten, Lester Family. 1940 US Census. Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: T627_892; Page: 3A; Lines: 36-40; Enumerated: 4 Apr; Enumeration District: 89-18. Lester (head), b abt 1903, Illinois; pattern maker at pattern shop; 3 years of high school. Married to Anna (wife), b abt 1906, Austria. Parents born Germany. Jean (daughter), b abt 1930, 4th grade student. Carl (son), b abt 1932, Illinois, 3rd grade student. Elizabeth (daughter), b abt 1933, Illinois, 1st grade student. Living at 803 Center Street; owned the \$3600 home.
- [114] Kasten, Delbert. 1940 US Census. Lancaster Township, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: T627_893; Page: 18A; Enumerated: 23 Apr; Enumeration District: 89-32. Kasten, Delbert (head), b abt 1905, Illinois, draftsman, 4 years of high school; earned \$1800 during 1939. Mildred (wife), b abt 1908, Illinois; 3rd grade education. Residence in 1935 and 1940: Lancaster Township, Stephenson County. Owned residence valued at \$4500.
- [115] Kasten, Delbert H. Services for Delbert H. Kasten, 71, RR3, who died Tuesday night in Freeport Memorial Hospital after a short illness, will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in St. John's United Church of Christ. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at Walker Mortuary and after 10 a.m. Friday at the church. A memorial has been established for the church. Mr. Kasten was a retired employee of Stover Tank Division, Freeport. Survivors include his widow, Mildred; a daughter, Mrs. Jerry Stearns, Dakota; two grandchildren, and two brothers, Lester, Freeport and Clarence, Rockford. Contributed by Alice Horner (Delbert H. Kasten was born August 13, 1905 and died July 26, 1977).
<http://genealogytrails.com/ill/stephenson/obitK.html#lesterkasten> (accessed 16 Apr 2014).
- [116] Honor Roll of the Great War, Stephenson County, 1917--1919, World War I. Transcribed by Alice Horner.
<http://genealogytrails.com/ill/stephenson/militaryhonorrollstephenson.html> (accessed 16 Apr 2014). Kasten, Paul F. Private, 1st class, 27th Inf. Enlisted May 1, 1918 at Freeport. Discharged October 14, 1919 at Camp Dodge. In Siberia.
- [117] Kasten, Paul married Ruthe, Isabell, 27 Apr 1918, Note: #972. Stephenson County, Illinois Marriages.
<http://genealogytrails.com/ill/stephenson/marriage.html> (accessed 17 Apr 2014).
- [118] Kasten, Anna P. Social Security Death Index. b 20 Jul 1905; d 22 Oct 2003, Freeport, IL. 352-26-2593, Illinois.
- [119] Badura, Bernard Family. 1920 US Census. Freeport Ward 5, Stephenson, Illinois; Roll: T625_397; Page: 9A; Lines: 24-32; Enumerated: 12 Jan; Enumeration District: 129; Image: 939. Search = Bernard Baudra. Badura, Bernard (head), b abt 1871, Austria, parents born Austria, immigrated 1907, tailor in his own shop. Anna (wife), b abt 1880, Austria, parents born Austria, immigrated 1911. Gustave (son), b abt 1900, Austria, immigrated 1911, pattern maker at motor shop. Adolph (son), b abt 1901, Austria; immigrated 1911, tailor in father's shop. Marie (daughter), b abt 1903, Austria, immigrated 1911. Josph (son), b abt 1904, Austria, immigrated 1911. Anna (daughter), b abt 1906, Austria, immigrated 1911. Paul (son), b abt 1909, Austria, immigrated 1911. Helen (daughter), b abt 1913, Illinois. Mildred (daughter), b abt 1915, Illinois. Living at 76 Illinois Street. All can read and write. Mother tongue: Polish.
- [120] Badura. The Status of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation Inc. <http://www.ellisland.org> (accessed 18 Apr 2014). Badura, Bernard, age 37, from "Teschen, Silesia." Departed Bremen, Germany, aboard the Kaiser Wilhelm II. Arrived 23 Oct 1907. Badura, Anne, age 32; Gustav, 11 y 6 mo; Adolf, 10 y, 6 mo; Marya, 9; Josef, 8; Anna, 5; Pawel, 3; from "Slczow, Galicia;" departed Bremen aboard the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse; arrived 13 Jun 1911.

- [121] Clarence Kasten, b abt 1909, Freeport. m 14 Dec 1935, Clinton, Iowa. Karl Kasten and Elizabeth Henze. Mary C. Smith, b abt 1916, Freeport. George Milton Smith, Hattie Brandt. Iowa Department of Public Health. Iowa Marriage Records, 1923–37. Microfilm. Record Group 048. Film Number: M-35-1. State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa. Ancestry.com: Iowa, Marriage Records, 1923-1937.
- [122] Kasten, Clarence Family. 1940 US Census. Census Place: Freeport, Stephenson, Illinois; Roll: T627_892; Page: 12A; Lines: 18-22; Enumerated: 23 Apr; Enumeration District: 89-17. Kasten, Clarence (head), b abt 1909, production worker, engine mfc, rented \$20/mo, 3 years High School. Income \$1300. Mary (wife), b abt 1917, Illinois, 2 years of HS. Barbara Louise (daughter), b abt 1937, Illinois. Eugene (son), b abt 1939, Illinois. Jimmy (s0n), b abt Feb 1940 (2 mo), Illinois. Lived at 1203 South Galena Street.
- [123] Kasten, Clarence. Social Security Death Index. 330-01-3782. b 16 Jan 1909, d 13 Nov 1994. Issue State: Illinois.
- [124] Kasten, Mary C. Social Security Death Index. 318-26-9661. b 4 Jan 1917, d 4 Jan 2002. Issue State: Illinois.
- [125] Kasten, Clarence. Polk's Rockford (Winnebago County, Ill.) City Directory 1944. R.L. Polk & Co., Publishers, 1012 N. Third St., Milwaukee 3, Wis. p 395. Ancestry.com. US City Directories, 1821-1989. Kasten, Clarence (Mary C.) assembler SMT [Sundstrand Mach Tool], h 1217 Cypress ter.
- [126] Bender, Charles Family. 1900 US Census. Census Place: Lancaster Township, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: 346; Page: 8A; Enumeration District: 0102; FHL microfilm: 1240346. Bender, Charles F. (head), b Jun 1852, New York; married 1875; parents born Germany. Martha A. Bender (wife), b Jun 1857, Illinois; parents born Pennsylvania; 4 of 5 children surviving. Marion S. (son), b Feb 1878, Illinois. Harry B. (son), b Oct 1880. Hazel L. (daughter), b Feb 1891.
- [127] Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947. Bender Chas. F. b 5 Jun 1852, Buffalo, New York. d 12 Jan 1929, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois. Buried 15 Jan 1929, Cedarville Cemetery, Cedarville, Stephenson County, Illinois. Age: 76. Occupation: stock keeper. Street address: 30 South Hancock Ave. Father: John F. Bender, b Germany. Mother: Fred[er]ica Reidiz, b Germany. Spouse: Martha Kosenbster. FHL Film: 1642978. Accessed 14 Mar 2014.
- [128] Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947. Bender Martha. b 5 Jun 1856, Cedarville, Stephenson County, Illinois. d 13 Feb 1947, Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. Buried 16 Feb 1947, Cedarville Cemetery, Buckeye Township, Stephenson County, Illinois. Housewife. Residence: Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. Father: John Kostenbader, b Germany. Spouse: Charles. FHL Film: 1991702. Accessed 14 Mar 2014.
- [129] Bender, Harry Byron. US World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942. Original data: United States, Selective Service System. Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II: Fourth Registration. Records of the Selective Service System, Record Group Number 147. National Archives and Records Administration. State Headquarters: Illinois; Microfilm Series: M2097; Microfilm Roll: 19. Bender, Harry Byron. b 11 Oct 1880, Cederville [sic], Stephenson County, Illinois. Residence: 33 S. Hancock Ave, Freeport, Steph. Co. Ill. Telephone: Red 2391. Age: 61 years. Contact: Mrs. Edith Bender, 33 S. Hancock. Employer: Stover's Steel tank?, S. Hancock Ave, Freeport, Ill. Ancestry.com.
- [130] Bender, Harry Byron. US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Original data: United States, Selective Service System. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Washington DC: National Archives and Records Administration. M1509, 4,582 rolls. Registration Location: Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: 1642743 (accessed 8 Nov 2010). Bender, Harry Byron, b 11 Oct 1880, 33 Hand cock ave [sic]. Engine tester, W.J. Rawleigh Co, Freeport, Ill. Closest relative: Edith Bender (wife), 33 Hand cock ave [sic], Freeport, Ill. Medium height, medium build, blue eyes, dark hair. 12 Sep 1918.
- [131]. 1948 Polk's Freeport (Stephenson County, Ill.) City Directory. R.L. Polk & Co., Publishers. 431 Howard St., Detroit 31, Mich. p 43
- Bender Harry B (Edith C) trucker Fairbanks Morse h33 S Hancock ave
- p 287 & 288
- Schwarze, Archie (Cora) ydmn [yardman] ICRR h203 N Fairview av
 - Schwarze Emma C (wid Edw L) r533 N Hardin av
 - Schwarze Mary C clk Micro Switch Div h533 N Hardin av

- [132] 1959 Polk's Freeport (Stephenson County, Ill.) City Directory R.L. Polk & Co., Inc., Publishers. 1136 Washington Ave., 4th Floor, St. Louis 1, Mo. p 23
- Bender Edith C (wid Harry B) h20 W Empire
- [133] Bender, Harry B. Family. 1910 US Census. Lancaster Township, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: T624_327; Page: 12B; Lines: 54-57; Enumerated: 5 & 6 May; Enumeration District: 0109; FHL microfilm: 1374340. Bender, Harry (head), b abt 1882, Illinois; father b New York, mother born Illinois; married abt 1906; salesman. Bender, Edith (wife), b abt 1883, Germany; parents born Germany; immigrated 1883. Clarice (daughter), age 6 mo, Illinois. Johnson, Charles (boarder), b abt 1887, Illinois; parents born Germany. Family living at 33 Hancock [sic] Ave.
- [134] Bender, Edith. Social Security Death Index. 360-38-2978. Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: 1963. b 19 Apr 1883, d Aug 1972.
- [135] Bender, Harry Family. 1920 US Census. Lancaster Township, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: T625_397; Page: 1B; Lines: 77-81; Enumerated: 2 Jan; Enumeration District: 136; Image: 444. Bender, Harry (son), b abt 1881, Illinois; father born New York, mother born Illinois; owns home; foreman, medical mfc?. Edith (wife), b abt 1883, Germany; parents born Germany; immigrated 1884. Clarice (daughter), b abt 1910, Illinois. Harry, Edith, and Clarice can all read and write. Donald (son), b abt 1915, Illinois. Paul (son), b abt 1919 (1 year, 6 mo). 33 Hancock Avenue.
- [136] Bender, Harry Family. 1940 US Census. Lancaster Township, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: T627_893; Page: 3B; Lines: 54-58; Enumerated: 4 Apr; Enumeration District: 89-32. Bender, Harry (head), b abt 1881, Illinois; assembler engineer at manufacturing and engine company; owns home valued at \$3500; eighth grade education; earned \$1000 in 1939. Edith (wife), b abt 1884, Germany; eighth grade education. Donald (son), b abt 1916, Illinois; high school graduate; laundry truck driver; earned \$1200 in 1939. Paul (son), b abt 1919, Illinois; high school graduate; apprentice machinist at drill press manufacturer; earned \$250 in 1939. Hartman, Ollie (son-in-law), b abt 1908, Illinois; two years of college; farm hand. Hartman, Clarice (daughter), b abt 1910; high school graduate; stenographer at building and loan office. Family living at 33 Hancock Avenue.
- [137] Spencer, Clarice. Social Security Death Index. 330-01-2493. Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: before 1951. b 13 Jul 1909, d Oct 1980.
- [138] Bender, Donald. Social Security Death Index. 330-01-5846. Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: before 1951. b 20 May 1914, d Mar 1984.
- [139] Bender, Paul V. Social Security Death Index. 360-03-3578. Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: before 1951. b 3 Aug 1918; d 8 Feb 2000, Florida.
- [140] Glass Bottle Marks. W.T. Rawleigh's / Freeport, Ill. Written by David Whitten. <http://www.glassbottlemarks.com/w-t-rawleighs-freeport-illinois/> (accessed 20 Apr 2014).
- [141] Henney Motor Company. <http://genealogytrails.com/ill/stephenson/henneycompany.html> (accessed 20 Apr 2014).
- [142] "Henney" at Coachbuilt.com by Mark Theobald. <http://www.coachbuilt.com/bui/h/henney/henney.htm> (accessed 20 Apr 2014). A long and very detailed history of the Henney Motor Works.
- [143] Kneller, Fred Martin Family. 1910 US Census. Freeport Ward 3, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: T624_327; Page: 4A; Lines: 1-9; Enumerated: 19 Apr; Enumeration District: 0105; FHL microfilm: 1374340. Search = Fred Kniller. Kneller, Fred (head), b abt 1871, Illinois; parents born Germany; immigrated 1860; teamster. Amelia (wife), b abt 1874, Germany; parents born Germany; immigrated 1886. Children all born in Illinois: Eltha (daughter), b abt 1894. Vera (daughter), b abt 1896. George (son), b abt 1898. Carl (son), b abt 1899. Ruth (daughter), b abt 1900. Frank (son), b abt 1904. Joseph (son), b abt 1907. Henry (son), b abt 1909 (10 months). Cannot make out street. Unclear how he immigrated 11 years before he was born; suspect that was when his parents emigrated.
- [144] Kneller, Fred Martin Family. 1920 US Census. Silver Creek Township, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: T625_397; Page: 7B; Lines: 60-68; Enumerated: 11 Feb; Enumeration District: 142; Image: 1052. Kneller, Fred (head), b abt 1871, Illinois; parents born Germany; owned home; farmer. Amelia (wife), b abt 1872, Germany; parents born Germany. All children born in Illinois: Geo (son), b abt 1898, laborer. Carl (son), b abt 1900. Ruth (daughter), b abt 1902. Frank (son), b abt 1905. Joe (son), b abt 1907. Henry (son), b abt 1909. Walter (son), b abt 1913.

- [145] Kneller, Fred Martin Family. 1930 US Census. Silver Creek Township, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: 560; Page: 6A; Lines: 13-17; Enumerated: 10 Apr; Enumeration District: 0038; Image: 996.0; FHL microfilm: 2340295. Kneller, Fred M. (head), b abt 1871, Illinois; parents born Germany; farmer. Amelia (wife), b abt 1873, Germany; parents born Germany; immigrated 1884. Frank E. (son), b abt 1905, Illinois; truck driver for sand & gravel company. Henry (son), b abt 1910, Illinois; farm laborer. Walter (son), b abt 1913, Illinois; farm laborer.
- [146] Kneller, Fred Martin Family. 1940 US Census. Silver Creek Township, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: T627_893; Page: 8B; Lines: 43-47; Enumerated: Apr; Enumeration District: 89-44. Kneller, Fred (head), b abt 1872, Illinois; owns home valued at \$3000; 5th grade education; farmer. Amelia (wife), b abt 1873, Germany; 5th grade education. George (son), b abt 1912, Illinois; widowed; inferred residence in 1935: Chicago, Cook County, Illinois; 7th grade education; earned \$420 previous year; farm laborer. James (grandson), b abt 1931, Illinois. Nelson (grandson), b abt 1931.
- [147] Kneller, Walter. Social Security Death Index. 330-01-7463; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: Before 1951. b 11 Dec 1912, d Jul 1987, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois.
- [148] Kneller, Henry. Social Security Death Index. 330-01-4091; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: Before 1951. b 24 Apr 1909, d Dec 1974, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois.
- [149] Kneller, Frank E. Social Security Death Index. 330-01-2827; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: Before 1951. b 8 Sep 1904, d 21 Oct 1994.
- [150] Kneller, George. Social Security Death Index. 347-09-7315; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: Before 1951. b 28 Oct 1897, d Aug 1982.
- [151] Kneller, Karl. Social Security Death Index. 346-32-2877; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: 1956-1957. b 17 Sep 1899, d Jul 1985.
- [152] Kneller, Joseph. Social Security Death Index. 330-01-0500; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: Before 1951. b 28 Apr 1907, d Mar 1968.
- [153] Kneller, Carl Lewis. Ancestry.com. US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Registration State: Illinois; Registration County: Stephenson; Roll: 1642743. b 17 Sep 1899, Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois. Farming for father. (very hard to read.)
- [154] Watson, Vera Nellie (nee Kneller). Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947. Ancestry.com. FHL Film: 1984005. Born 8 Oct 1895, Freeport, Illinois. Died 15 Nov 1944, Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. Burial: 18 Nov 1944, Oakland Cemetery, Florence Township, Stephenson County, Illinois. Housewife. Residence: Harlem Township, Stephenson County, Illinois. Father: Fred Kneller, b Freeport, Illinois. Mother: Amelia Kasten. Spouse: Clarence Leroy Watson.
- [155] Kneller, Rena. Social Security Death Index. 326-38-8577; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: 1961. b 15 Jan 1908, d 10 Mar 1998.
- [156] Kneller, Frank Family. 1940 US Census. Silver Creek Township, Stephenson County, Illinois; Roll: T627_893; Lines: 11-14; Page: 9A; Enumerated: 22 Apr; Enumeration District: 89-44. Kneller, Frank, b abt 1906, Illinois; farmer, 8th grade education; rents home for \$15 per month. Rena, b abt 1909, Illinois; 8th grade education. Phyllis Jane, daughter, b abt 1935, Illinois.
- [157] 1953. Polk's Freeport (Stephenson County, Ill.) City Directory. R.L. Polk & Co., Publishers, 1136 Washington Av. St. Louis 1, Mo. p 116
- Kasten, Cordelia E Mrs slswn Robt G Luecke h817 Jefferson
 - Kasten Delbert H (Mildred E) eng Staver [sic, Stover] Steel Tank & Mfg r N Henderson rd
 - Kasten Eliz studt r803 E Center
 - Kasten Karl studt r803 E Center
 - Kasten LeRoy W (Mabel; Freeport Chemical Co) h813 W Cleveland
 - Kasten Lester H (Anna) mach Henney Mtr h803 E Center
 - Kasten Lowell H (Shirley) ice cream mkr Superior Dairy r725 S Adams
 - Kasten Martin J USAF r817 Jefferson dr
 - Kasten Powell driver City Cab r725 S Adams av (in 2014 Lowell, Luke, Kasten confirmed this was really him)

- Kasten Ralph A (Cordelia E; Superior Dairy Co) h817 W Jefferson
- Kasten Roger N studt r817 Jefferson dr

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- Schwarze Archie A (Cora) clk ICRR h1271 W Stover
- Schwarze Emma C (wid E L) h533 N Hardin av
- Schwarze Mary C ofc sec Micro Switch r 533 N Hardin av

[158] 1959 Polk's Freeport (Stephenson County, Ill.) City Directory. R.L. Polk & Co., Publishers, 1136 Washington Av. 4th Floor, St. Louis 1, Mo. p 172

- Kasten Carl slsmn O T r803 E Center
- Kasten Carole R ofc sec Spencer K Phillips r510 E Garden av
- Kasten Cordelia E Mrs slswm Luecka [sic] Jwlr r817 Jefferson dr
- Kasten Delbert F (Mildred) chf inspector Stover Steel Tank & Mfg r RD 3
- Kasten Fred A (Emma P) mech Humber Implt h1404 Winter dr
- Kasten Leroy W (Mabel H; Superior Ice Cream Co; Frpt Chem Co) h813 W Cleveland
- Kasten Lester H (Anna P) supt of bldgs & grounds Board of Educ h803 E Center
- Kasten Martin J (Jeanette) USAF r817 Jefferson dr
- Kasten Ralph A (Cordelia E; Superior Ice Cream Co; Frpt Chem Co) h817 Jefferson dr
- Kasten Roger M (Conette) USAF r817 Jefferson dr

[159] Kasten Mabel. Social Security Death Index. 333-22-2353; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: Before 1951. b 21 Mar 1902, d Jan 1986 in Freeport.

[160] Kasten Lee. Social Security Death Index. 358-18-9387; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: Before 1951. b 28 Jan 1901, d Jul 1969 in Freeport.

[161] Kasten, Martin obituary. Freeport Journal-Standard (scanned Aug 2009 from original held by Sharon (nee Schwarze) Ruthe). Martin Kasten. Glendale, Ariz. — Martin Kasten, 66 of Glendale, Ariz., formerly of Freeport, died Thursday, April 16, 1998, at his home. Son of Ralph and Cordelia (Schroeder) Kasten, he was born April 14, 1932, in Freeport. He attended Immanuel Lutheran School and graduated from Freeport High School. After graduation, he entered the military and served in the Air Force until his retirement as a major. Surviving him are his wife, Ann; a daughter Nancy; two sons, Mark and David; and two grandchildren. Services and burial are planned in Arizona.

[162] Garns, Carlyn obituary. Freeport Journal-Standard (scanned Aug 2009 from original held by Sharon (nee Schwarze) Ruthe). Carlyn Garns. Weatherford, Texas — Carlyn Garns, 67, of Weatherford, Texas, former Freeport resident, died Monday, March 16, 1998, at Weatherford. Daughter of Ralph and Cordelia Kasten, she was born Sept. 19, 1930, in Freeport. She and Gerry Garns were married in Freeport. She attended Immanuel Lutheran School and graduated from Freeport High School. Surviving are her husband; her children, Randi, Karen, Curt, Eric and Paul Winter, and Kerry Garns; and one brother, Martin Kasten of Glendale, Ariz. Her parents and a brother, Roger Kasten, preceded her in death. No local services will be held.

[163] Kasten, Roger A. Freeport Journal-Standard, Thu, 12 Sep 1957, p 3. (scanned Aug 2009 from original held by Sharon (nee Schwarze) Ruthe) Lt. Roger A. Kasten of Freeport received his silver wings as an Air Force navigator July 8 at ceremonies held at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas. Kasten received his commission at Reserve Officers Training Corps at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Kasten of 817 Jefferson Dr.

[164] Kasten, Roger N. Freeport Journal-Standard (scanned Aug 2009 from original held by Sharon (nee Schwarze) Ruthe). Dr. Roger N. Kasten. Wichita, Kan. — Dr. Roger Neil Kasten, 61, of Wichita, Kan., Freeport native and retired Wichita State University audiologist, died Tuesday, March 14, 1995, at his home. Born Nov. 3, 1933, in Freeport, he was a son of Ralph and Cordelia (Schroeder) Kasten. He was a graduate of Freeport High School, received his degree from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, served in the Air Force and completed his education at Northwestern University in Evanston. Surviving are his sons, Roger Jr. of Wichita and Kevin of Kowloon, China; daughters Kimberly Garci and Valerie Baughman, both of Wichita, Amelee Lemieux of Anchorage, Alaska and five grandchildren. Survivors also include one brother, Martin of Glendale, Ariz.; a sister, Carlyn (Gerry) Garns of Weatherford, Texas; an aunt and several cousins, all of Freeport. His son, Andrew, preceded him in death. Cremation rites were accorded and a memorial service was held March 16 at St. James Episcopal Church in Wichita. Memorial donations may be sent to Andrew Kasten Scholarship Fund, c/o Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. 66502.

- [165] Schwigler, Cordelia obituary. Freeport Journal-Standard (scanned Aug 2009 from original held by Sharon (nee Schwarze) Ruthe). Cordelia Schwigler. Glendale, Ariz. — Cordelia Kasten Schwigler, 90, of Glendale, Ariz., died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1994. Born Aug. 29, 1903, in Freeport, she was a homemaker. Surviving are one daughter, Carlyn Garns of Weatherford, Texas; two sons, Martin Kasten of Glendale and Roger Kasten of Wichita, Kan.; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. There will be no services. Arrangements were completed in Peoria, Ariz.
- [166] Kasten, Ralph A. and Schroeder, Cordelia; Stephenson County; 9 Jun 1924; License 72. Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900. <http://www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/marrsrch.html> (accessed 24 Oct 2010).
- [167] Kasten, Ralph A. and Schroeder, Cordelia, m 9 Jun 1924. <http://genealogytrails.com/ill/stephenson/marriage.html> (accessed 19 Apr 2014).
- [168] 1950 Polk's Freeport (Stephenson County, Ill.) City Directory. R.L. Polk & Co., Publishers, 1136 Washington Av. St. Louis 1, Mo. p 108
- Kasten, Delbert H. (Mildred E) eng Stover Steel Tank & Mfg. r N Henderson
 - Kasten, Jean R. studt r 803 E. Center
 - Kasten, LeRoy W. (Mabel; Superior Dairy Co) h 813 W. Cleveland
 - Kasten, Lester H. (Anna) ptrn mkr Henney Mtr h 803 E. Center
 - Kasten, Ralph A. (Cordelia E.; Superior Dairy Co) h 808 W. Jefferson
 - Kaster [sic]. Lowell H. (Shirley J.) ice cream mkr, Superior Dairy h 725 S. Adams
- [169] 1958 Polk's Freeport (Stephenson County, Ill.) City Directory. R.L. Polk & Co., Publishers, 1136 Washington Av. St. Louis 1, Mo. p 136.
- Kasten, Anna P Mrs smstrs E&W Clothing Hse h 803 E Center
 - Kasten, Carl ins slsmn h 803 E Center
 - Kasten, Carole R ofc sec Spencer K Phillips r 510 E Garden av
 - Kasten, Cordelia E Mrs slswm Robt G Luecka r 817 Jefferson dr
 - Kasten, Delbert (Mildred E) chief eng Stover Steel Tank & Mfg r RD 3
 - Kasten, Fred A (Emma P) mech Huber Implt h 510 E Garden
 - Kasten, Karl A underwriting dept Frpt Ins r 803 E Center
 - Kasten, Leroy W (Mabel; Freeport Chemical Co) h 813 W Cleveland
 - Kasten, Lester H (Anna P) supt of bldgs & grounds Bd of Educ h 803 E Center
 - Kasten, Lowell H (Shirley J) slsmn Brown & Bigelow (St Paul, Minn) h 848 Monroe dr
 - Kasten, Ralph A. (Cordelia E; Freeport Chemical Co) h 817 Jefferson dr
 - Kaster [sic], Elmer J (Margt M) h 368 Hancock av
 - Kaster [sic], Margaret M Mrs assemblr Structo Mgr h 36 S Hancock av
- [170] Schwarze, Archie August. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. United States, Selective Service System. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. M1509, 4,582 rolls. Registration State: Illinois; Registration County: Stephenson; Roll: 1642744. Ancestry.com (accessed 27 Apr 2014). Schwarze, Archie August, b 22 Aug 1900 . Residence: 45 Hardin Street, Freeport., Stephenson County, Illinois. Occupation: High school student. Nearest relative: Edward Schwarze. Medium height and build, brown eyes, black hair. 12 Sep 1918.
- [171] Schwarze, Mary Carolyn. United States Obituary Collection; Ancestry.com. Obituary: 22 Oct 2004, Freeport Journal-Standard. Mary Carolyn Schwarze. February 12, 1906 - October 20, 2004. Freeport — Mary Carolyn Schwarze, 98, of Freeport, died Wednesday, October 20, 2004 at Parkview Home. Born February 12, 1906 in Freeport she was the daughter of Edward L. and Emma C. (Long) Schwarze. She was a secretary at Camp Grant during World War II and then was a secretary at Micro Switch for 27 years until her retirement in 1971. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women's group, and the Quarter Century Club of Micro Switch. Surviving is her niece, Sharon (Vernon) Ruthe; great nephew, Joel (Kimberly) Ruthe; 2 great great nephews, Nolan and Evan Ruthe all of Freeport. Her parents and one brother, Archie A. Schwarze preceded her in death. Per her request cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at Parkview Home with Reverend Gerald Robey of the home officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be in the Oakland Cemetery & Mausoleum. There will be no visitation.
- [172] Schwarze, Archie A. Family. 1940 US Census. Freeport, Stephenson, Illinois; Roll: T627_892; Page: 61A; Enumeration District: 89-8. Schwarze, Archie A. (head), b abt 1901, Illinois. High school graduate. Worked 52 weeks in 1939; earned

\$1404. Owned home at 811 Cottonwood Street, valued at \$3500. Lived in same home in 1935. Occupation: yard clerk. Cora (wife), b abt 1905, Illinois. 8th grade education. Sharon Mae (daughter), b abt 1938.

- [173] Schwarze, Cora E. Social Security Death Index. b 14 Jul 1904, d 28 Dec 1995. 324-20-2091; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: Before 1951.
- [174] Schwarze, Mary C. Social Security Death Index. b 12 Feb 1906, d 20 Oct 2004. 324-20-4549; Issue State: Illinois; Issue Date: Before 1951.
- [175] Schwarze, Cora E. Obituary. Freeport (Illinois) Journal-Standard, Thu, 28 Dec 1995. Cora E. Schwarze. Freeport — Cora E. Schwarze, 91, of Freeport died Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995, at St. Joseph Home for the Aged. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and its Concordia Society for more than 50 years, and the Lutheran Women Missionary League. She was a Pink Lady at Freeport Memorial Hospital for several years and was a past member of Stephenson County Home Extension. Daughter of Herman and Mattie (Hill) Kasten, she was born July 14, 1904, in Freeport. She and Archie A. Schwarze were married May 19, 1930. He died April 14, 1994. Surviving are one daughter, Sharon (Vernon) Ruthe of Freeport; and one grandson, Joel (Kimberly) Ruthe, also of Freeport. Also preceding her in death were two brothers, LeRoy and Ralph Kasten. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church with the Rev. Willis Schwitthenberg officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church.
- [176] Schwarze, Archie A. Social Security Death Index. Ancestry.com search = Archie A. Schwarz. Born 22 Aug 1900, died 14 Apr 1994. 709-01-7048; Issue State: Railroad Board (issued through); Issued: Before 1951.
- [177] Kasten, LeeRoy. Obituary, Freeport (Illinois) Journal-Standard, Thu, 31 Jul 1969, p 6. LEE R. KASTEN , 813 W. Cleveland Street, died Wednesday night in Freeport Memorial Hospital following an extended illness. He owned and operated Superior Dairy in Freeport for more than 30 years. Mr. Kasten was born Jan. 28, 1901, in Freeport, son of Herman and Meta (Hill) Kasten. On Sept. 8, 1923, he married Mabel Huber in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Surviving are his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Janet) Dumroese of Freeport, and Mrs. James (Rita) Mitchell of Winnebago; a son, Lowell (Luke) of Freeport; nine grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Archie (Cora) Schwarze of Freeport. A brother preceded him in death. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Rev. William Griebel, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at the church from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements were by Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home. A memorial fund has been established for the Immanuel Lutheran Church School.
- [178] Kasten LeeRoy. The Decatur Daily Review, Tue 27 Jun 1922, p 5. Fowler Held for Kasten Attack - Father of Injured Man Swears Out Warrant. Roy Fowler who struck Levi Kasten on the head with a heavy cane last Friday evening, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Harry Hunt and Sergeant Tim Collins at a 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon on a state warrant sworn out by Herman Kasten, father of the injured man charging assault with a deadly weapon. Fowler was Unable to give bond and was locked up.
- [179] Kasten LeeRoy. The Decatur Daily Review, Mon 26 Jun 1922, p 12. Levi Kasten in Serious Condition - Knocked Unconscious By Roy Fowler. Levi Kasten, manager of the General Dairy, is in a serious condition at St. Mary's hospital as a result of being struck over the head with a cane by Roy Fowler about 7:30 o'clock Friday evening. Mr. Kasten and three companions were walking near the new dam and two of them happened to get over on the grass. Fowler, who happened to be near by, yelled at them to get off the grass, although it is said he had no authority to order them to do anything. They got off the grass and were walking along when Fowler came up behind and hit Mr. Kasten on the head with a heavy cane. **KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS.** Mr. Kasten fell to the ground unconscious. His companions had him removed to St. Mary's hospital. He remained unconscious for several hours. Although there was no fracture of the skull, his condition Monday was reported as still serious. No warrant has yet been issued for Fowler. Fowler is a cripple. He was badly hurt in an accident at the dam last February and suffered an injury to his head, and it is believed that this injury has somewhat affected his mind.
- [180] Kasten LeeRoy. The Decatur Daily Review, Sat 9 Sep 1922, p 4. Union Dairy to Increase Stock - Goes From \$10,000 to \$25,000; Seek New Quarters. The Decatur Union Dairy company of Decatur has certified to the Secretary of State to an increase of capital stock from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The company was formerly the General Dairy company and is located in the northwest corner of Lincoln Square. It was recently taken over by new owners and LeRoy Kasten is manager and one of the owners. Mr. Kasten said that, due to an enormous increase in the business, the company found it necessary to seek a new and much larger location as soon as possible. Much new machinery is to be installed and soon the company plans to put a new milk drink on the market. It is planned to have all these changes made by Nov. 1. At the present time, the

demand for dairy products, especially pasteurized milk, has caused the company to start operating both night and day forces according to the management.

[181] Schroeder John. Obituary. JOHN SCHROEDER , 69, passed away at a local hospital early today following several months' illness. He resided with his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Kasten, 824 South Fourteenth avenue. Funeral services will be held at the Walker mortuary, West Main street, at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Rev. O. Schumacher, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran church, of which he was a member, will conduct the services and interment will be made in City cemetery. Friends may call at the mortuary. Mr. Schroeder was born in Germany April 25, 1872, and came to the United States with his parents when a small child. The family settled in Freeport and he had resided here ever since. For many years he had been employed as a moulder by the Stover Manufacturing & Engine Company. He was united in marriage to Aminda Rampenthal Sept. 25, 1893. The wife passed away in 1936. Three children survive, Mrs. S. G. Boynton, Freeport; Mrs. Elme Schopf, West Allis, Wis.; Mrs. Ralph Kasten, Freeport. One brother and three sisters survive, Henry Schroeder, Freeport; Mrs. Fred Long, Lombard, Ill. Mrs. William Herbig, Freeport; Mrs. J. Heerkes, Milwaukee, Wis. There are also ten grandchildren. Genealogy Trails, Stephenson County: <http://genealogytrails.com/ill/stephenson/obitS3.html#js604> (accessed 29 Aug 2014).

[182] 1960. Polk's Freeport (Stephenson County, Ill.) City Directory 1960. R.L. Polk & Co., Inc., Publisher. 1136 Washington Ave., 4th Floor, St. Louis 1, Mo. p 311.

- Schwarze Archie (A Cora) clk ICRR h1271 W Stover
- Schwarze Mary C sten Micro Switch h533 N Hardin av

[183] Schwarze, Edward Family. 1920 US Census. Freeport Ward 2, Stephenson, Illinois; Roll: T625_397; Page: 7A; Lines: 43-47; Enumerated: 10 Jan; Enumeration District: 116; Image: 651. Long, Margaret (head), b abt 1852, Ohio, widow; mother born Pennsylvania, father born Virginia. Schwarze, Edward (son-in-law), b abt 1875, Illinois, rural mail carrier, parents born Germany; married to Emma (daughter), b abt 1875, Ohio; parents born Ohio. Schwarze, Archie (grandson), b abt 1901, Illinois, father born Illinois, mother born Ohio, railroad clerk. Schwarze, Mary (grand-daughter), b abt 1907, Illinois, father born Illinois, mother born Ohio, in school. All can read and write.

[184] Schwarze, Edward Family. **1930 US Census**. Freeport, Stephenson, Illinois; Roll: 561; Page: 4B; Lines: 52-57; Enumerated: 4 Apr; Enumeration District: 0009; Image: 89.0; FHL microfilm: 2340296. Schwarze, Edward L. (head), b abt 1874, Illinois, father born Germany, mother born Illinois, grocery store proprietor. Schwarze, Emma C. (wife), b abt 1875, Ohio, parents born Ohio. Schwarze, Archie (son), b abt 1901, Illinois, father born Illinois, mother born Ohio, accountant at the railroad office. Schwarze, Mary (daughter), b abt 1906, Illinois, father born Illinois, mother born Ohio, stenographer at insurance office. Long, Margaret (mother-in-law), b abt 1852, Ohio, father born Virginia, mother born Ohio, widowed. Paying \$30 rent; owned a radio. Then there is the odd entry on line 57.... it reads: Schwarze, Edward (mother), b abt 1852, female, Illinois, father born France, mother born Germany, widowed. I'm not who that is, or if the enumerator was just confused, but, Edward Schwarze's father was August, who had died earlier that year (6 Jan 1930). I suspect this was really Mary Schwarze, who would have been mother of Edward and would have been a widow at the time of the census.