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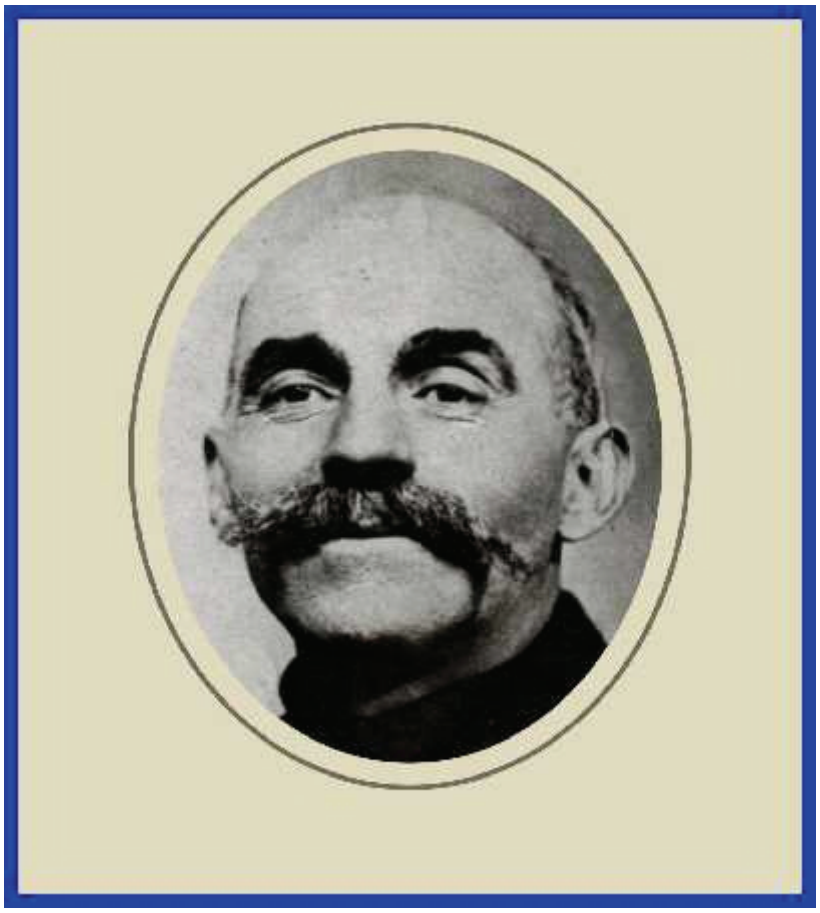

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Research of the DeClerck Family History began in 1980, after the passing of my mother, Angela DeClerck Hagberg. She had left me a cigar box full of scrap papers with names and, in some cases, addresses of our relatives and ancestors. At about the same time, I purchased our first computer which was very useful for organization of information regarding the DeClerck Family History. Genealogy software had not been written so I wrote many of my own programs. The Internet, of course, was not yet created in those years and all of my contacts with my sources were either by telephone or by mail. Over the years, I was often called upon to give talks to various societies concerning the use of

the computer in genealogy research. I have also worked with software developers in the development of easy to use software, including Family Tree Maker which is now owned by the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

Much has changed over the past 30 years: better computers, larger storage devices, great software, and an Internet that has accelerated communications and made available on-line many resources for investigating family histories.

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The Robaeys Family in Zarren, West Flanders, Belgium



Belgium map highlighting the location of West Flanders

West Flanders is the location of the Robaeys family ancestor's and is the westernmost province of the Flemish Region of Belgium, also named Flanders. However, it is thought that the earliest ancestors came from Roubaix, France, located on the southern boarder of West Flanders. The city of Roubaix was involved in the manufacture of textiles in 15th century. These early ancestors were also probably involved in the textile business. Many settled in the southern part of West Flanders before the 18th century.

The name Flanders means lowland or flooding. It is boarder by the North Sea in the west, by the Netherlands in the northeast, and by France in the south. It is also boarded in the south by parts of Wallonia, the French speaking region of Belgium. The chief cities are Bruges (the capital), Kortrijk**,** Oostende**,** Ypres**,** and Roeselare**.** West Flanders is drained by the Leie and Yser rivers and has many small canals. It has considerable fertile soil; grain, flax, potatoes, sugar beets, and tobacco are grown. Dairy cattle are raised. Fishing is pursued in the North Sea. The province's varied manufactures include textiles, linen, and metal goods.

Tourism is also an important industry in West-Flanders, major touristic attractions include the Belgian coast, the historic medieval center of Bruges, and Flanders Fields, the World War I battlefields running from Ypres in the south and Diksmuide in the north.

The people of West Flanders speak Flemish, a dialect of Dutch. The Flemish language is a member of the West Germanic group of the Germanic subfamily of the Indo-European family of languages. It is generally regarded as the Belgian variant of Dutch rather than as a separate tongue. Flemish is spoken by approximately 5.5 million people in Belgium, where it is one of the official languages, and by a few thousand persons in France. So closely are Flemish and Dutch related that the difference between them has been compared to the difference between American and British English; however, some scholars hold that they have diverged sufficiently since the 16th century to be described as separate languages.

Our Robaeys ancestors and related families came from numerous small villages in central to southern part of the province of West Flanders. These included the villages of **Passendale, Langemark, Zonnebeke, Staden,** and **Zarren**.

These villages sit on very small hills. For example, Tyne Cot Military Cemetery lies on low land between the villages of **Passendale**, **Langemark**, and **Zonnebeke.** These villages rise no more than 50 to 70 meters (150 feet to 250 feet) above the lowland below and each can be easily viewed from the cemetery. The depression formed by the three villages created an ideal killing

field for hundreds of thousands of soldiers during World War I, an area of roughly 75 square miles. Many soldiers are buried where they fell at the Tyne Cot Cemetery near Passendale and the German Cemetery at Zonnebeke. The three villages were completely destroyed in the war.

Langemark



Saint Paulus Bekering Church, Langemark, Belgium

Langemark is a town in the Belgian province of West Flanders, part of the municipality of Langemark-Poelkapelle**.** Written as Langemarck on French and British maps, the village is known in military history as the scene of the first gas attacks by the German army, which marked the beginning of the Second Battle of Ypres in April 1915. There is now a major German war cemetery (*Soldatenfriedhof*) in this location. The municipality of **Langemark-Poelkapelle** (7,774 inhabitants on 1 January 2007) is located 10 km (6 miles) north of Ieper. The municipality of Langemark-Poelkapelle was formed in 1976 of the municipalities of Langemark (including Bikschote since 1970) and Poelkapelle.

Langemark-Poelkapelle is unfortunately mostly known because of the First World War. Like most of the villages in the region limited by Ieper, Westrozebeke, Passendale and Houthulst, the villages of Langemark-Poelkapelle were completely destroyed, so that even the roads were no longer visible. Most of its inhabitants fled to France and it was once believed that nobody could ever settle back in the region.

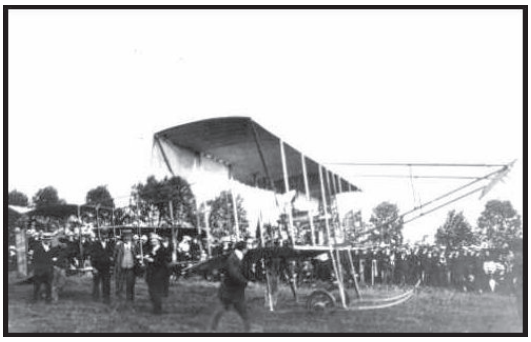
Zarren

Zarren (2,061 inhabitants in 1999) was mentioned for the first time in 961, as Villa Sarra, a name probably built on the Celtic root *ser*, "quick running water". The village was in the past closely linked to the sea via the gulf of Diksmuide. Palmyra Robaeys described this town as "**Zarren in the Woods**" because of its location near or close to a forest. In a 1983 trip to Zarren, Darrel Hagberg observed that many areas were fenced off around Zarren with barbed wire because of the many un-exploded shells from World War I. For many years farmers died in this area while working their fields. Zarren suffered some shell damage during the War, but not as extensive as those villages lying directly south.

Emeric Robaeys and his wife Maria Salomez ran a small café in Zarren from about 1899 to 1914. As with most villages in this part of Belgium, the village of Zarren was involved in farming.



Church at Zarren, Belgium



Aviation Week in Zarren, July 1911

In 1911, the year that Palmyra Robaeys and Achille DeClerck immigrated to America, little **Zarren** became the site a one of the world's first air shows called Aviation Week. Noted for its very flat farm land, the village was an ideal location for this event. Many early "flying-machine" pioneers participated with their new inventions from July 11 to 13 of that year.

Staden

Staden (5,391 inhabitants in 1999); emerged in 1115, as Staten, on the brook Loobeek (aka Luikebeek), in a region then covered with woods. Later names of the village are Stathan (1127), Stades (1149) and eventually Staden (1185), all probably meaning "a settlement".
The village belonged to the Country (*Zale*) of **Ieper** and, for a small part, to the Country (*Vrije*) of **Bruges**. Representing Ieper, the lords of Staden exercised higher, middle and lesser justice in the area.
During the First World War, the castle of Staden was used by the staff of the German army in Flanders; Field Marshall von Hindenburg stayed there for a while. The castle was eventually destroyed in a British bombing on 13 July 1917.
Staden is located on the crossroads of two important roads, linking Ieper to Bruges and **Menen** to **Oudenburg**, respectively.

Today, the **Municipality of Staden (**10,995 inhabitants on 1 January 2007) is one of the most important areas of Europe for the production of frozen vegetables (cauliflowers, Brussels sprouts, etc.). Some of the largest frozen vegetables production companies like Horafrost, Pinguin and Westfro are based in Staden.

Zonnebeke

Zonnebeke was mentioned in 1072 as Sinnebecche in a chart granted by Bishop Drogo of Thérouanne to Fulpoldus, the lord of Ieper, who lived in Zonnebeke. The exact meaning of *sinne* is not known; a *beek* is "a brook". Fulpoldus founded and funded a chapter of three canons, which evolved into a monastery and later to a powerful Augustinian abbey, suppressed in 1797 by the French revolutionaries. The village was abandoned by its inhabitants in 1914 and remained on the front line all along the war. Accordingly, it was completely destroyed and resettled in 1919. The Onze-Lieve-Vrouw church, built in 1924 by architect Huib Hoste, is the first modern religious building in Belgium. Zonnebeke is the birth town of the chemist and Flemish militant Berten Pil (1892-1940).



Zonnebeke Church

The municipality of **Zonnebeke** (11,908 inhabitants on 1 January 2007) is located 10 km (6 miles) west of **Ieper**, in the hilly part (Zandberg, 64 meters above sea level.) of the Westhoek. The municipality of Zonnebeke is made since 1976 of the former municipalities of Zonnebeke, Beselare, Geluveld (including Zandvoorde since 1970) and Passendale.
The hilly ridge of **Zonnebeke** was the border between the territory of the Gaul tribes of the Morins and the Menapians. Later, it was the border between the bishoprics of Tournai and Thérouanne. In the Middle Ages, most of the region was ruled by the Augustine abbey of Zonnebeke (1072-1097) and the Benedictine women's abbey of Nonnebossen. The other rulers were the Marquisate of Berselare and the domains of Geluveld, Zandvoorde and Passendale, in which the Provostship of Ieper had several possessions.
The complete destruction of the region during the First World War radically changed the local organization. Five completely new villages were rebuilt out of the ruins in the 1920s. Due to the economical crisis of the 1930s, several inhabitants had to work as seasonal workers in neighboring France. Until the early 1960s, work in France was a main source of income for the villages.

Passendale



Passendale Church

Passendale (2,928 inhabitants in 1999), known in 844 as Pascandale, might have been named after a Paulus, Pascan or Pasko and *dal*, "a valley". The battle of Passendale (then written Passchendaele), during which the village was completely destroyed, has been described as one of the bloodiest battles ever. From 4 October to 6 November 1917, during the third of the five battles for Ieper, some 400,000 men were killed for a territorial gain of a few square kilometers. On 28 September 1918, the Germans were definitively expelled from the place by the 4th Carabineers and the Grenadeers.
The Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 was opened in 2004. On the road to Zonnebeke is located the impressive Tyne Cot Cemetery. This is the biggest British cemetery in continental Europe, designed by Reginald Bloomfield. The Tyne is a river in Northumberland. The section Battle Cemetery is the "natural" grave of the 11,856 soldiers killed there in 1917.
The Cross of Sacrifice was erected on a German bunker seized by the Australian troops in October 1917. The Missing Memorial is a long vaulted wall on which are written the names of the 34,959 soldiers missing in action after 15 August 1917. There is also a New British Cemetery, a Canadian Memorial and a New Zealand Forces Memorial in Passendale.
Today, Passendale is famous for its cheese, produced since 1932, and has a cheese museum. It is

also internationally famous for its pale, ale-style beer, which is served in a distinctive glass of the same name.

The Robaeys Family

Early records show that **Joannes Baptiste Robays** was born about 1793 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. His death date is unknown but probably died in Langemark. He married **Rosa Clara Constancia Goudeseun** in Langemark, Belgium before 1814. She was born about 1797. She died on 28 October 1835 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. They had a least five children:

- **Regina Ludovica Robaeys**, born on 22 October 1814 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. Her death date is unknown. She married **Petrus Celestinus Wybaillie**. He was born on 04 October 1820 in Staden, West Flanders, Belgium. His death date is unknown. They were married on 26 April 1850 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. It is not known if they had children.

- **Pieter Joannes Robays**, born in 31 July 1818 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. His death date is unknown. He married **Barbara Cecilia Maes**. She was born on 05 May 1818 in Handzame, West Flanders, Belgium. Her death date in unknown. They were married on 09 September 1853 in Handzame, West Flanders, Belgium. It is not known if they had children.

- **Joannes Baptiste Robays**, born 02 May 1821 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. His death date is unknown. Joannes is a direct ancestor.

- **Carolina Seraphina Robaeys**, born on 23 April 1829 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. Her death date is unknown. She married **Josephus Leopoldus Thiteca**. He was born on 02 January 1833 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. His death date in unknown. They were married on 16 September 1863 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. It is not known if they had children.

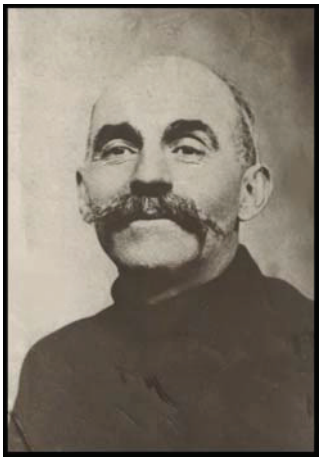
- **Rosalie Robays**, born on 16 December 1822 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. She died on 19 October 1905 in Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium. She married **Peter Franciscus Verfaillie**. He was born on 06 April 1826 in Ardooie, West Flanders, Belgium. He died on 10 April 1907 in Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium. They had one child:

    - **Renatus Desiderus Verfaillie**, born on 11 May 1859 in Zonnebergen, West Flanders, Belgium. His death date is unknown. He married **Romanie Marie Wostijn**. She was born on 11 March 1875 in Beselare, West Flanders, Belgium. She died on 09 March 1935 in Beselare, West Flanders, Belgium. It is not known if they had children.

Joannes Baptiste Robays married **Juliana Vandamme**. She was born on 22 June 1831 in Staden, West Flanders, Belgium. Her death date is unknown. They married on 16 June 1858 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. They had two children:

- **Franciscus Xaverius Robaeys**, born on 14 October 1862 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. His death date is unknown. He married Louise Therese Vintevogel. She was born on 16 December 1859 in Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium. Her death date is not known. They were married on 02 January 1888 in Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium. It is not known if they had children.

- **Emericus Alfonsius Robaeys**, born on 24 July 1864 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. He died on 04 March 1915 in Le Havre, Manche, Basse-Normandie, France. Emericus is a direct ancestor.



Emericus Alfonsius Robaeys
Taken about 1912



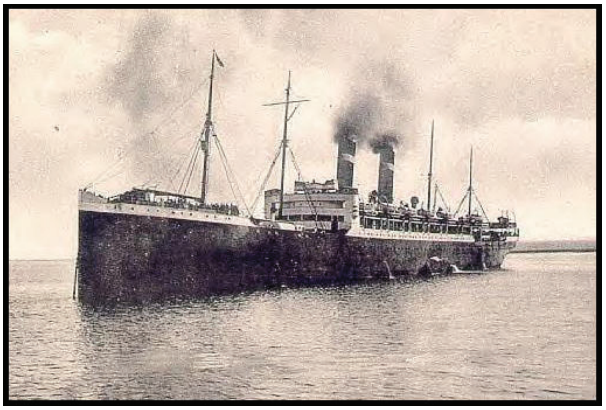
Maria Ludovica Salomez
Taken about 1912

Emericus Alfonsius Robaeys married **Maria Ludovica Salomez**. She was born on 18 March 1872 in Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium. She died in May 1939 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, France. They were married on 26 June 1889 in Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium.

Ermeric was a shoe maker and leather crafter. He also may have worked as a farm hand during the harvesting season. Maria managed a café, both in Belgium and later in France. It is very common in Belgium today for women to manage cafes.

From 1889 to 1891, they lived in Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium. Their first child, **Florina**, was born there. From 1891 to 1896, the family was living in Passendale. Their first child died at 15 months in 1991 in Passendale. **Angela**, **Palmyra**, and **Helena** were all born there. In 1896, the family moved to the Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. **Estella** and **Oscar** were born in Langemark. After they moved to Zarren area in 1899, **Oscar** died at only 2 weeks of age. Emeric and Marie ran a café at Zarren during the time period from 1899 to 1914 when World War I broke out. The birth record shows that all the remaining children were born in Klerken. However, it is more likely that they were actually born in Zarren, only 1.4 miles away from Klerken, but their births were registered in Klerken. Palmyra remembered the name of the area where she grew up as "**Zarren in the Woods."** Perhaps this was a forest area between Zarren and Klerken. Klerken was a much larger village at that time and still is today. The woods are no longer there today. An unnamed baby was born there but died within six weeks. **Jerome**,

Eugene, **Marcel**, **Julia**, **Laura**, **Augusta**, and **Bertha** were all born in Zarren (or Klerken) but **Jerome** died at 6 months.



Red Star Liner SS Zeeland sailing from Antwerp, Belgium to New York.

After hearing about the riches in America from his daughter Palmyra, Emeric decided to immigrate. Emeric left Antwerp on the ship "Zeeland" at the age of 45 and arrived in New York on April 15, 1913, with daughters **Angela Kerschieter** (age 21) and **Helena Robaeys** (age 18) and son-in-law, **Alois Kerschieter** (age 27). Unfortunately, Angela and Alois had to leave their daughter, **Laura Kerschieter**, behind with Maria (Salomez) Robaeys due to a childhood illness. Laura would have been denied entry into the United States at Ellis Island.

His destination was to meet Achille DeClerck and daughter Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck at PO Box 299, East Moline, IL. He left his wife, Maria, and 5 youngest children behind because he could not afford to bring them on this trip. His plan was to work a few years in America and earn the money to bring them over later.

In August 1914, war broke out in Europe. The German Army advanced through neutral Belgium, causing many Belgian refugees to flee. Depending on the German advance, the refugees either fled north into the Netherlands, west to the port of Ostende, or south into France. Maria Salomez Robaeys had no choice but to flee into France with her 6 children that were still living with her. The oldest child was 12 years and the youngest was 2 years. The journey was very difficult, but after several weeks she ended up in the port of LaHarve, France. She must have found work there after her arrival in September, but little is known about these details.

After the out break of war, Emeric learned in October or November that Maria was in LaHarve. He booked passage on a steam ship to LaHarve for late February. At that time, an overseas journey took about 14 days depending on the type of ship and weather conditions.

During this time period, many weeks week by with no news on what was going during this trip to France. The family in America did not find out what had happened to Emeric or Maria for many months. Finally, a letter came from Maria in France explaining what had happened. When Emeric did not show up to meet Maria, she tried to find him. She finally went to the LaHarve police. After an investigation of several weeks, they reported to Maria that he had died and that they had some of his belongings. She was not informed on any details of his death, whether he had died at sea or whether he died in LaHarve. There was little information available from the authorities because of the war time conditions in France.

When Palmyra heard that Emeric was dead she suffered a nervous breakdown. She was very close to her father and was very worry about the risk that her father was taking in trying to bring the rest of the family back to America. For many years after, she suffered with depression, and attempted suicide at least once.

In 1983, Betty and Darrel Hagberg, great grandson of Emeric, traveled to France to visit the relatives. One purpose of the trip was to determine exactly what had happened to Emeric.

In France, they discussed the death of Emericus Robaeys with their French cousins. Family members in France were told that Emeric had died at sea on his journey to LaHarve, France, where he was to meet his wife and five of his youngest children. This is the story that we had also heard from our grandmother, Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck.
In 1987, on a return trip by Betty and Darrel, Great Aunt Augusta Robaeys Mallard also confirmed this story and said that her mother, Maria, collapsed (fainted) upon hearing of the bad news. After recounting the tragic scene and with tears in her eyes, she presented Darrel with Emeric's wallet that she had kept for many years and said that the wallet belonged in America with his family there. It was a wallet that was hand-crafted by Emeric for his trip to America.

Darrel Hagberg requested if it was possible for Georgette Gallopin to go to LaHarve to determine the name of the ship and to obtain a copy of the death certificate for Emeric. Georgette was the town mayor of Tille, France, at that time and said that she had connections and would be happy to go to LaHarve and get the information on Emeric if there was any. In 1985, she went to LaHarve and found information on Emeric.

According to the Police Report, Emeric did arrive in LaHarve safely, and registered at a small guest house (hotel). The Police Report (Death Certificate) stated that he was found dead at the hotel. His clothing and an empty wallet were found. The date of death was listed 5 March 1915. Unfortunately, the cause of death was not listed.

Georgette was also able to determine that he was buried in LaHarve, at the Marie Cemetery, Path Number 9, Tomb Number 13

After the tragic scene at the police station, an old Frenchman took pity and her and her children. The name of this kind gentleman could never be determined, but his actions were fatherly-like and he treated Maria like his own daughter. He took the family to Cahors, in the south of France, for the duration of the war. All of Maria's children had good memories of their time in Cahors. Even today many family members make pilgrimages to Cahors in memory of this good man.

It will never be determine what exacted had happened to Emeric upon his arrival in LaHarve. There has always been some suspicion that Emeric was robbed and murdered by a man from East Moline that travelled with him to France by the name of DeCap. This man was reported to have been seen with Emeric gold watch upon his return. In layer years, it has reported to Laura DeClerck Waem by Octavius VandeWille (owner of VandeWille's Tavern in East Moline) that he knew who did the murder and it was DeCap. How VandeWille came to this conclusion will never be known. DeCap ran DeCap Tavern and Grocery store on or near 13th Street, in Watertown, now East Moline, Illinois.

Emeric and Maria had 14 Children:

- **Florina Josephina Robaeys**, born on 27 June 1890 in Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium. She died on 02 September 1891 in Passendale, West Flanders, Belgium.

- **Angela Gabriel Robaeys**, born on 09 February 1892 in Passendale, West Flanders, Belgium. She died on 16 May 1974 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

- **Palmyra Florentina Robaeys**, born on 11 May 1893 in Passendale, West Flanders, Belgium. She died on 11 April 1982 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

- **Helena Maria Robaeys**, born on 16 August 1895 in Passendale, West Flanders, Belgium. She died on 30 April 1976 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

- **Estella Marie Robaeys**, born on 10 October 1896 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. She died in 1981 in Tille, Beauvais, France.

- **Oscar Hiereny Robaeys**, born on 01 February 1898 in Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium. He died on 12 March 1898 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium.

- **Baby Robaeys**, born on 25 July 1899 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium. She died 25 July 1899 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium.

- **Jerome Maurice Robaeys**, born on 24 October 1901 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium. He died on 26 June 1902 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium.

- **Eugene Joseph Robaeys**, born on 29 December 1902 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium. He died on 04 April 1980 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

- **Marcel Joseph Robaeys**, born on 05 February 1905 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium. He died about 1935 in France.

- **Maria Juliana Robaeys**, born on 19 February 1908 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium. She died on 26 November 1992 in Amiens, Somme, France.

- **Laura Irma Robaeys**, born on 12 December 1909 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium. She died in 1988 in Beauvais, France.

- **Augusta Marie Robaeys**, born on 26 November 1910 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium. She died on 28 June 1999 in France.

- **Bertha Robaeys**, born on 11 September 1912 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium. She died on 13 February 1996 in France.

Angela Gabriel Robaeys Family



Angela Robaeys Kershieter

Angela Gabriel Robaeys married **Aloes Kerschieter**. He was born on 27 April 1886 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium. He died on 16 June 1952 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. They were married on 24 September 1910 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium.

Angela work at the John Deere Malleable Works in East Moline, Illinois, from 1921-1926. Alois worked at the John Deere Harvester, East Moline, Illinois, from 1912- 1941. He had a stroke in 1943 and has mentally paralyzed until his death in 1952.

Angela and **Alois** had 4 children:

- **Laura J. Kerschieter**, born on 18 March 1911 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium. She died on 20 January 1995 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA
- **Rene A. Kerschieter**, born on 30 October 1913 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. He died on 20 January 1974 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.
- **Mary Kerschieter**, born on 06 January 1915 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.
- **Gabriel Omer Kerschieter**, born on 27 February 1918 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. He died before 1970 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

Palmyra Florentina Robaeys Family



Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck

Palmyra Florentina Robaeys married **Achille DeClerck**. He was born on 07 December 1883 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium. He died on 07 June 1955 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. They married on 15 March 1911 in Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium.

Palmyra was born 11 May 1893, in Paaschendale, West Flanders, Belgium. Paaschendale was the seen of very fierce fighting in World War I (called Passion-dale by the many British troops who fought there). The town was completely destroyed during 4 years on fighting and today it is surrounded by many cemeteries for the war dead. There are several spelling variations of Passendale. They are; Paaschendaele, Paachendale, Paasendale, and Passendale. The latter being the current name of the village.

The family later lived in Zarren where her father and mother, Ermeric and Maria, ran a small cafe. Palmyra and her sisters worked for her parents in the cafe at the time Achille's return visit to Belgium from his job in America.

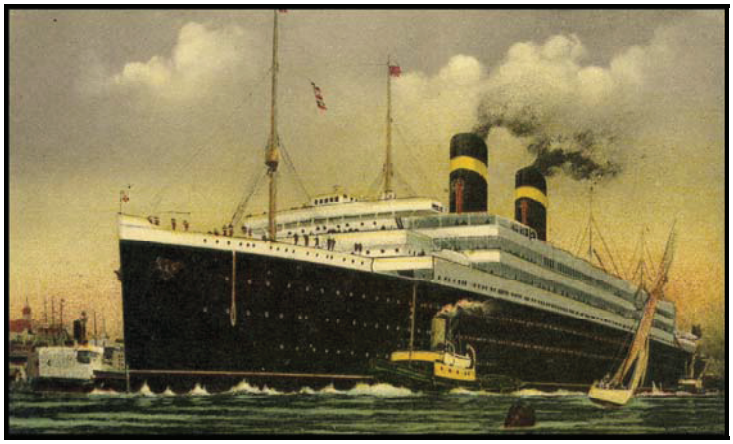


Windmills are common in West Flanders.

Achille had been in America since 13 April 1907. During this time, he was with his brother, Romain DeClerck, who was living at 107 - 5th Avenue, Moline, Illinois. It was Romain who encouraged Achille to come to America, the land of opportunity. While he was working in East Moline, Illinois, he met Mr. Callaert who had a Tavern at the current location of the Brown Owl Tavern on 13th Street in East Moline. Callaert was a neighbor to Achille's father, Bruno, in Belgium, and he was looking for a match for his daughter. Achille dated her for a while but found her crossed-eyes to be a little disturbing. Consequently in January or February of 1911, he returned to Belgium to find a bride.

It was Emericus and Maria Robaeys who introduced Palmyra to Achille. He knew them from the Café that Maria managed. They offered one of their 3 daughters, all of which were very eligible. He chose Palmyra and courted her, mainly by showing off. Once he grabbed the end of a wind mill and went completely around full circle to impress her. She thought that he was very foolish. Nevertheless, she married him on 14 March 1911, at Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium, Achille's home in Belgium. Palmyra considered herself to be lucky. She felt that he came from the "High-Belgians" while she felt that she was definitely from the "Low-Belgians." Of course, Achille felt lucky because he got to pick from three and they all had good eyes!

On 29 July 1911, they left the Belgium port of Antwerp on the Red Star Line Ship, TSS Lapland, bound for America. They travelled in first class unlike many of the other immigrants travelling to America.



Painting of the TSS Lapland leaving the port of Antwerp, Belgium.

She remembered that there were many Polish immigrants that traveled in third class. They looked very poor and sad. Conditions in Steerage Class were very much different from First Class and she thought it must have been a difficult passage for them.

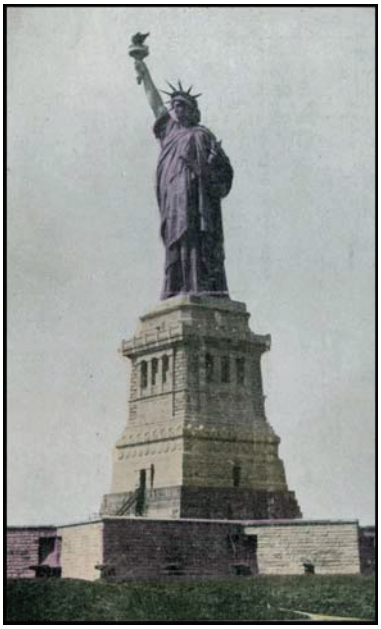
Palmyra also remembered enjoying the first part of the crossing. She said the food was great and they dined with many wealthy people. In the evenings, she enjoying dancing, and was often invited to dance by many of the other male first class passengers. During the last part of the crossing, the TSS Lapland ran into a very bad storm and the passengers were

requested to stay in their rooms. She became very sea sick and frightened. She became very sea sick and frightened. They arrived in New York battery area on August 7, 1911.

They arrived in New York battery area on 7 August 1911. Palmyra ate her first banana here and could barely finish it. Because they were travelling as First Class passengers, they did not have to go to Ellis Island for the normal inspection. After leaving the ship, they took a train to East Moline, arriving there about August 9th or 10th.

They stayed with the DeCoene's and Achille returned to his job at John Deere. Later, they purchased this home from them and lived there all of there lives.

About 1916, the DeCoene's sold their house to Achille and Palmyra because they wanted to farm in the Jessup, Iowa area. Later, about 1923, the DeCoene family retuned to Belgium because Achil DeCoene grew homesick. He was a farmer there. The DeCoene family suffered many hardships during World War II when the Germans advanced into their area around Esen-Dikmuide.



The TSS Lapland passed by the Statute of Liberty as the ship entered New York Harbor.



Achille DeClerck & Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck shortly after their arrival in the United States in 1911.

Palmyra was a house wife all of her life. She liked dancing and plays card games with her sisters. Achille bought her a hand cranked phonograph player and 78 rpm records. Almost every Saturday and Sunday night, she would crank-up the phonograph player in the living room and moved back the kitchen table and chairs in her tiny adjoining kitchen for dancing. Her children were all taught how to dance the waltz and polka. Often she would sing in Flemish to the music; she had an excellent singing voice. The children remember her singing her favorite song: the "Belgian Umbrella Song." Neighborhood friend's children were always invited to come and join in the fun. Achille would serve up homemade whiskey and beer made fresh in his still in the basement. Prohibition, also known as "The Noble Experiment", was in full effect from 1919 to 1933; but this did not deter them. Often, the children were given their share of the beer!

During the 1920's and 1930's they went to a Belgium Dance Club above the Majestic Theater in East Moline, Illinois. Often, Achille would hand pump the organ there. They also went dancing at the East End Club in

Moline, Illinois, a favorite hangout for the Belgian's in the 1930's and 1940's.

When Television came to her town in the early 1950's, she enjoyed watching the Arthur Godfrey Show. She never missed a show. She also enjoyed the Red Skelton TV Show. In the 1960's through the 1980's she always watched the Lawrence Welk Show.

She suffered in the 1920's from depression brought on in part by the lost of her father, Emeric. She travelled to Rock Island by Electric Trolley from her home in East Moline, then by ferry boat to Davenport, Iowa, where she received help for her depression. One day, her daughter, Laura, caught her hanging a rope from her bedroom ceiling light. Laura called her father at work, and they took her to the doctor for further help.

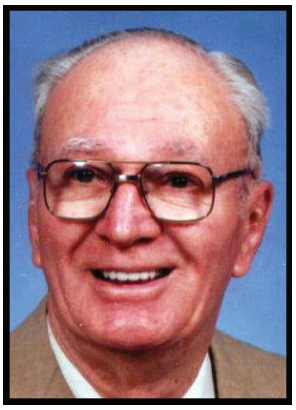
The Great Depression of the 1930's made a lasting negative impression on her because of the many difficulties that her family endured during this time period. She spoke of it almost daily through the 1940's up through the 1960's. According to Darrel Hagberg, as a small child, he would listen to her many sad depression stories which often ended with tears in her eyes.

She mainly spoke the Old Flemish much of her life, but was also able to speak broken English up to her death. Relatives that came to America in 1974 from Belgium were amazed at the "very old Flemish" that she spoke. They felt that they were in a time warp when taking to her. She always read the newspaper in English daily.

Both Achille DeClerck and Palmyra Robaeys names are shown on the Wall Of Honor at Ellis Island, Panel Number 594 (see the internet: http://wwww.wallofhonor.com/family/).

Achille and **Palmyra** had 7 children:

- **Omer Alphonse DeClerck**, born on 12 April 1912 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
- **Laura Marie DeClerck**, born on 02 April 1914 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
- **Helen Marie DeClerck**, born on 12 May 1915 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
- **Angela Ludovica DeClerck**, born on 26 June 1917 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
- **Frank Bruno DeClerck**, born on 22 June 1918 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
- **Donald Bruno DeClerck**, born on 25 January 1926 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
- **Eugene Maurice DeClerck**, born on 10 October 1928 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.



Omer DeClerck

Omer Alphonse DeClerck married **Leona Maria Staut** on 11 February 1939 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa. She was born on 12 December 1909 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Omer and Leona enjoyed dances at the Belgium-American Brotherhood Club in Rock Island, Illinois, and it was there that the two first met. They began dating, and by the time they were both in their late twenties, they decided to marry. Although Alois and Leontina held no personal animosity toward Omer and believed he was a good person, they were very upset to learn of the couple's marriage plans and expressed their disapproval. They had assumed that since Leona was already age 29, she would remain single and continue to live with them. Troubled by her parent's reaction, Leona sought the counsel of her Pastor. He reasoned that one day her parents would be dead, and asked her what she would do with her life then. He encouraged Leona to accept Omer's marriage proposal and begin a life and family with him. And so, on February 11, 1939, Omer and Leona were married in the side chapel at Davenport Cathedral with only their witnesses present.

The first year of their marriage, the couple rented a room in a house not far from Leona's parents, so that she could continue to care for her mother. At one point, Omer and Leona asked her parents to consider purchasing a side-by-side duplex with them. With her parents living next door, it would be much easier for Leona and Omer to provide care and assistance for Leontina. It seemed like a very logical and practical solution; however, they rejected the idea. Leona continued to provide care for her mother until the birth of her first child a year later. When the couple moved to East Moline, Leona's parents hired someone from their neighborhood to assume the caretaker role for Leontina. Eventually, the disappointment and hurt feelings between the parents and daughter were resolved, and their love and family bond remained strong throughout their lives.

Omer and Leona moved into their Deere-built Malleable duplex at 1356 13th Street, East Moline, shortly before World War II. These rental units were built to provide John Deere employees with a decent place to live, at a reasonable, low monthly rent. The company maintained the homes well, and every few years, they would paint or wallpaper the rooms as per the tenants preference. Each duplex had its own small backyard, and located behind these yards was a large area of land subdivided into smaller plots where the tenants could plant their own vegetable garden.

These homes were located in a two block area across from the John Deere Malleable Works on 13th Street, East Moline. They were built by the company to provide their employees with a decent place to live at a low, reasonable rent. Each side of the 3-room duplex had a living room, single bedroom, kitchen, basement with toilet and shower, and front and back porches. Most of the small backyards were fenced off, and some tenants, like our family, had garages. The area across the alley from the backyards was divided into individual plots so the tenants could plant vegetable gardens.

Omer's hobby was raising and racing homing pigeons, so he built a coup above his garage, as did a few other Belgian men in the neighborhood. The neighbors were from various ethnic backgrounds, but many were Belgian. It was not unusual to hear them converse back and forth

between the Flemish and English languages. They believed in learning English, but if they didn't want their children to know what they were saying, they would switch back to their native tongue!

Omer, Leona and their three daughters lived in their duplex until Deere decided to dispose of the homes and clear the area for their distribution building in 1956.

In 1956, after what seemed like an endless search, Omer and Leona purchased their first home located at 118 - 5th Street, in Silvis. The house was a "fixer upper," but with Omer's hard work and Leona's decorating touch, they turned their modest abode into an attractive, comfortable home for their family. This was a 2-bedroom house that also included a living room, kitchen, and enclosed back porch on the main level. A staircase led up to an unfinished walk-in attic. The unfinished basement was divided into three separate rooms; a main room, a laundry/ bath area, and a pantry/storage room. Originally, the backyard was a jungle of grape vines, which Omer tore out. It took between 10-12 truckloads of dirt to fill in the backyard and make it level. At this time, Omer owned a Hudson "Wasp" with stick shift. After getting her learners permit, Omer would take Jeanne out in this car to practice her driving.

Omer and Leona's next door neighbors at 116 - 5th Street, were Julian and Mary Tuytten. They were an older, childless, Belgian couple, and the neighbors quickly became friends. Over the years, the DeClerck family came to think of the Tuyttens as an extension of their family. When Julian suffered a stroke that left him unable to walk, Omer and Leona helped Mary in caring for her husband until his death. In the early 70's Mary died, and the DeClercks were surprised to learn that she had left her house to them. Julia Staut, Leona's sister, rented that home for awhile, but when the upkeep of both homes became too much for them, Omer and Leona sold their house and moved in with Julia. Julia died in 1983 and Leona in 1991. One year after Leona's death, Omer sold his house and moved to Moline to live with his widowed sister Helen. He lived there for 4 years.

Jeannie DeClerck letter to Darrel Hagberg dated 6 January 2008:

My father's main hobby was his racing pigeons. I think he did sometimes play rolle boley (feather bowling), but don't remember seeing a bowling disc (if that's what you call it) that he owned laying about the house. I'm not sure what became of his pigeon clock. He may have given it to one of his racing friends after he gave up the sport. That would have been neat to have as a souvenir! As for my mother, she was always so busy with household chores and cooking that I really don't recall any hobbies per se. When we still lived on 13th Street, E.M., I remember her having a sewing machine and making some of our clothes. Mostly, I remember her getting frustrated because the thread would keep breaking and she'd have a heck of a time trying to re-thread the needle or bobbin. Eventually, she gave that up!

She enjoyed decorating and trying out new trends. I think she was one of the first in the Malleable houses to stencil a border on the walls of a room. I think we also had a pink kitchen at one time!!!! She loved music and was a faithful listener of "The Buddies of the Airlane's Show," which was broadcast locally each day from a radio station in Rock Island.

The band consisted of three guys, who sang western music. I believe their names were Curly, Speed, and Patrick. One time she took Mary Ann & me for a visit to the station and we got an autographed photo of them. I also remember listening to Don McNeil's Breakfast Club, which

was broadcast from The Tip Top Room of the Allerton Hotel in downtown Chicago. At some point Don would have everyone dance around the breakfast table, and I remember dancing around our kitchen table. She also listened to some of those old radio shows (usually while ironing or cooking) like Fibber McGee & Molly, Father Knows Best, etc. After Julie was born we got a TV, and I Love Lucy, Ed Sullivan Show, and Your Hit Parade were all favorites of hers. I was interested in drawing as a child, and I remember my mom showing me how to draw a person's eyes. My parents both loved to dance and they would take us with them to the dances at the East End Club. Their favorite dance was the waltz, and their favorite song was The Blue Skirt Waltz. I loved watching them out on the dance floor! Oh, my dad loved to read books, especially westerns (Louie La'Mour) & Zane Grey). Aunts Laura & Helen said that even as a young boy, my dad would be tucked in a corner reading. That is about all I can recall about my parents interests.

They had 3 Children:

- **Mary Ann DeClerck**, born on 19 January 1940 in Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois.

- **Jeannie Louise DeClerck**, born on 06 August 1942 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

- **Julie Marie DeClerck**, born on 25 November 1951 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Mary Ann DeClerck married **Russell Grady**. He was born on 18 April 1934. They were married on 15 October 1960 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. They had 2 children.

- **Michael Edward Grady**. He was born on 21 August 1962 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA. He married **Cynthia Reed**. They were married on 11 August 2000.

- **Patrick John Grady**. He was born on 15 January 1968 in Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin, USA. He married **Ann Hallisy**. They were married on 02 July 1994 in Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin, USA.

Jeanne Louise DeClerck married **Michael Joseph O'Brien**. He was born on 09 August 1937 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA. They were married on 25 January 1964 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

Mike O'Brien and Jeanne DeClerck first met on a blind date. Mike, who was an employee of J. I. Case Co., Racine, Wisconsin, was on a temporary work assignment at the Case Plant in Bettendorf, IA. Mike met and became friends with one of his co-workers, Russ Grady. A few months later, while having a conversation about some of Mike's recent dates, Russ suggested (not so subtly) that Mike phone and asked his sister-in-law Jeanne out on a date. On May 20, 1963, Mike phoned Jeanne and they went to a small cafe to have a cup of coffee and get acquainted. Their date went very well and they saw each other a couple of more times over the

next two weeks. At the end of that time, Mike's work assignment ended so he returned to work in the Case office in Racine. By then, the couple realized that they didn't want their relationship to end, so Mike began to drive back to the Quad Cities every weekend to be with Jeanne. Their long distance relationship quickly made them realize they wanted to be together for the rest of their lives, and they were married eight months later on January 25, 1964.
Mike was the oldest of four sons born to George and Virginia O'Brien. His family all were of Irish ancestry. Mike was reserved, friendly, liked by friends and peers, sharp wit, dedicated, loyal, loving husband and father. He graduated from DePaul Academy (High School), Chicago, Illinois, in 1955, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee with a B.B.A. in 1964. He worked for J. I. Case in the Purchasing Department from 1963 to 1966. He later worked at Atwood where he began as a buyer and later became Director of Purchasing from 1966 to 1997. He retired from Atwood in 1997 after 31 years of service.
Mike enjoyed travel and reading. He travelled to Belgium, France, Germany, Spain, and England. His favorite childhood activities were participating in Norwood Park District (Chicago) activities and paying 25 cents admission for bleacher seats at Wrigley Park to watch Chicago Cubs baseball games.

Jeanne attended St. Mary's Catholic School in East Moline, Illinois, grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade, and graduated in 1956. She went on to UTHS High School in East Moline, Illinois, and graduated in 1960. In 1963, she attended Moline Institute of Commerce in Moline, Illinois. From 1960 to 1964, she was employed by the First National Bank of Moline, Moline, Illinois. From 1978 to 1980 she was employed by Sundstrand Aviation, Rockford, Illinois. However, her most favorite job was staying at home and raising her family.

Jeanne's favorite childhood memories were: 1) Spending Christmas Eve with the DeClerck relatives, 2) Going to Saturday and Sunday Movie Matinees at the Strand and Majestic Theaters in downtown East Moline, 3) Swimming at the Moline Public Pool on hot summer days, and 4) Ice skating at Butterworth Park in East Moline (they would flood the tennis courts and let them freeze over) and at the Riverside Park Lagoon in Moline, Illinois. Her favorite childhood toys were dolls, doll buggy, doll house, bike, and roller skates.

Her most memorable vacation trip was to Belgium and France in the summer of 1984, when she met my Belgian and French cousins.

She enjoyed listening to music and attending Chicago Theatre Musicals. She also enjoyed rock and pop music, movies, traveling, and genealogy. She was always a happy, friendly, and loving person.

Jeanne and **Mike** had 5 children.

- **Colleen Marie O'Brien**. She was born on 25 December1964 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. She married **Lynn Richard Smith**. He was born on 15 April 1964 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA. They were married on 27 September 1986 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

- **Lisa Ann O'Brien**. She was born on 24 December 1965 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. She married **Daniel Joseph Seger**. He was bon on 29 July 1963 Des

Plaines, Cook County, Illinois, USA. They were married on 25 July 1987 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, USA. They had 2 children.

  - **Kimberly A. Seger**. She was born on 05 March 1995 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, USA.

  - **Jack Seger**. He was born on 07 February 1997 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, USA.

- **Kevin Michael O'Brien**. He was born on 15 May 1967 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, USA. He married **Jennifer Disch**. She was born on 21 Mar 1972 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA. They were married on 06 October 2001 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, USA. They had 3 children.

  - **Cameron Michael O'Brien**. He was born on 01 February 2005 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, USA.

  - **Carson Finnegan O'Brien**. He was born on 18 August 2006 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

  - **Conor Lane O'Brien**. He was born on 24 June 2008 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, USA.

- **Daniel Mark O'Brien**. He was born on 10 June 1970 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, USA. He married **Shelly Ann Starr**. She was born on 05 July 1965 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. They were married on 24 September 2005 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA. Danny and Shelly were married at Assumption Catholic Church. They had 2 children.

  - **Aidan Theodore O'Brien**. He was born on 02 April 2008 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA. Aidan in a twin to Colin. He was the first born son and was 1 minute older than Colin.

  - **Colin Michael O'Brien**. He was born on 02 April 2008 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA. Colin is a twin to Aidan and is the second born twin son.

- **Erin Nicole O'Brien**. She was born on 11 Oct 1975 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, USA.

Julie Marie DeClerck married **Michael Albert Lenth**. He was born on 25 November 1951 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA. They were married on 25 May 1973 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. They had 2 children.

- **Jennifer Anne Lenth**. She was born on 14 November 1973 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

- **Christopher Sean Lenth**. He was born on 06 Nov 1976 in Cherry Point, North Carolina, USA. Chris graduated from Guilford High School in Rockford, Illinois and

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. He is currently working at Hamilton Sundstrand as a contract administrator.



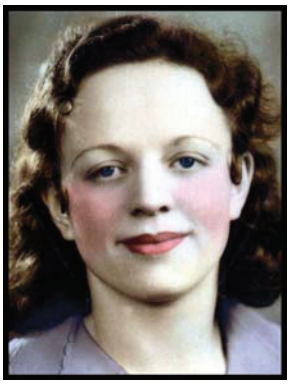
Laura DeClerck Waem

Laura Marie DeClerck's first marriage was to **Alois Marcel Robert Lootiens** on 10 November 1933 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois. He was born about 1913. Laura's second marriage was to **August Waem** on 20 May 1939 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa. He was born on 25 November 1908 in West Flanders, Belgium.

Laura has a stepson, Richard L. Waem, of Michigan. She has two step grand children, Richard S. and John L., both of Michigan.
She is a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, East Moline, UAW Local 81 retirees, St. Rita's circle at Saint Mary's, Woman's Foresters, Sixty Plus, Moline Vikings, Friends Circle Club and the East End Club.

In 1918, Laura was run over by Poolvelde (a butcher who was intoxicated while delivering meat) in front of the Union Malleable while calling for Omer. A man by the name of Dobblaere picked her up and gave her to her mother, Palmyra. She was 4 years old, but survived. The car jumped the curb and struck her. She was laid up for 4 months with a broken hip and arm.

During the Great Depression, she helped her mother who was suffering from depression. Laura was employed by John Deere Foundry during the World War II (Rosey the Riveter Days). She refused to quit after the war and continued to work until 1969 when she retired. She was the last remaining living child of Achille and Palmyra.



Helen Marie Vermeulen

Helen Marie DeClerck's first marriage was to **Clarence "Pat" Warren Milam** about 1940 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois He was born on 28 June 1913 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois. He died on 30 October 1960 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois. Helen's second marriage was to **Cyril Gustav Vermeulen** about 1982 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Pat worked as an electrical technician for Moline Tool Company in Moline, Illinois. He died young at the age of 47 years of a heart attack. Cyril worked a factory worker for Deere and Company. He fought in Europe during World War II. His life was never the same after the war. He suffered mentally from its effects. He died of cancer of the throat resulting from his heavy smoking, a habit picked up in the war. He was 69 years.

During World War II, Helen worked in a John Deere plant converted to the War effort. She was a kind-hearted person who provided hospice assistance to Pat's Father, Cyril's father, and Cyril before their passing. Although she never had any children, she always treated Angela's children as her own during Angela's many difficult health problems and hospital confinements. She died quickly of cancer at the age of 83 years.



Angela DeClerck Hagberg

Angela Ludovica DeClerck's first marriage was to **Charles Keith DePaepe (I)** on 30 April 1938 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois. He was born on 27 November 1912 in Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois. He died on 14 June 1940 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Charles Keith DePaepe was the son of Joseph Emilius DePaepe and Romanie L. DeFauw. He was born on 27 Nov 1912 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 14 Jun 1940 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. Burial was on 18 Jun 1940 in St Mary's Cemetery, East Moline, Illinois.

Charles Keith DePaepe died of Brucellosis, or Undulant Fever. It is a bacterial infection caused from drinking the milk of an infected animal. Cows, pigs, sheep and goats are the usual sources. From time to time, he worked on his father's farm and may have contacted the inflection from drinking unpasteurized cow's milk.

Charles was working at International Harvester Company in Rock Island, Illinois, when in mid-May 1940 he became ill at work. He went home around noon time. Later in the day he went to the doctor who sent him directly to the hospital. Within 30 days, he was dead. He saw his son only moments before he died of liver failure. His son, Charles, was only 4 months old at the time. He loved airplanes and enjoyed working on cars. He left his car torn apart in the garage unfinished when he died.

According to the St. Mary's Cemetery Records, p. 22, Charles is buried in plot II, row20 (north to south).

Angela Ludovica DeClerck's second marriage was to **Raymond Oliver Hagberg** on 12 December 1942 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois. He was born on 27 February 1920 in Green Grove, Clark County, Wisconsin. He died on 25 June 1971 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA.

In 1934, Angela nearly died when her appendix burst. She was 17 years old and was given the "Last Rites" of the Catholic Church. Her stomach was left open for several days to allow the infection to drain. She survived.

Angela attended St. Mary's Grade School, East Moline, IL, and graduated from the 8th grade in 1931. She never attended high school. She married Charles DePaepe on April 30, 1938, in East Moline. They lived in an upstairs apartment at her father and mother's home at 1428-15th Avenue, East Moline, IL. In 1940 after Charles died, she worked at John Deere Malleable Works, East Moline, IL, as a casting sorter.

In 1942, she met Raymond Hagberg at a Dance at the East End Club in Moline, IL. She left her job at the Malleable Works in 1942 before her marriage to Raymond in December. Again they lived in the upstairs apartment at her father and mother's home at 1428-15th Avenue, East Moline, IL. At the time of his marriage to Angela, Raymond was working with his Mother at the Eagle Lunch Restaurant in Moline, IL. After the war broke out on December 7, 1941, Raymond tried to join the Army, but was declared a 4-F because of his poor eye-sight and flat feet and was

not eligible for military service. Early in 1942, he went to work for the War effort at John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline, IL. The factory had re-tooled to manufacture tail assemblies for Army Scout Planes. Raymond worked at John Deere Harvester Works until 1947 after which time he returned to re-join his mother in the restaurant business in Moline at the Eagle Lunch.

In 1955, the family moved to their new home at 1912-30th Street in Moline.

In the early 1950's, the family never went on long vacation but did go for short trips to Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri and the Wisconsin Dells. Most vacation time was spent at home. Small day trips to the Amana Colonies in Iowa or to Raymond boyhood home in Owen, Wisconsin were taken. Raymond liked fishing and would take his boys to Alexander, Minnesota, for 5-6 day trip. They visited cousins Lossie and Carrie Rose and stayed at their cabin on Lake Alexander.

Angela and Raymond managed the Eagle Lunch restaurant, Moline, Illinois, from 1954-1957. In 1958, Angela and Raymond separated. She and the children moved back to live with her mother in East Moline. They were divorced in 1962.

In 1970, Raymond died at the age of 50 of Lung Cancer after many years of chain-smoking. He left 2 small children behind, **Danny** and **Diane Hagberg**. Their mother (Helen Stout) died shortly thereafter in 1971 of MS. The children were raised by Helen's parents.

Because Angela had contacted Rheumatic Fever in her childhood, developed heart valve problems in 1953 at the age of 36. She was one of the first persons in the world to have a heart valve replacement and later heart pacemaker, all of which was experimental at the time. She had numerous experimental heart surgeries and valve replacements at the University of Illinois Medical Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, over many years. Doctor Levine at the University called her the "Iron Lady" and said that her sacrifices over many years help pave the way for modern open heart surgery techniques. She was an inspiration to all those who knew her for her courage in spite of her suffering over many years.

Angela always had strong feelings for her parents, sisters and brothers. Her mother would talk to her about the family overseas and how she missed them. Angela would record all of this information on small scraps of paper. At her passing, she left these scrapes of paper in an old cigar box for her son, Darrel, in hopes that he could put it all together someday and share it with others.

She loved her little French Poodle, Pierre. She also loved her Hummel Figurines and Native American Jewelry. Everything else that she had of any value she would enjoy giving away to others.

Child of **Angela's** first marriage to **Charles DePaepe (I):**

- **Charles Keith DePaepe (II)**, born on 12 February 1940 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Children of **Angela's** second marriage to **Raymond Hagberg**:

- **Darrel Raymond Hagberg**, born on 14 July 1943 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

- **Larry Dean Hagberg**, born on 26 September 1944 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

- **Patricia Helen Hagberg**, born on 22 March 1947 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Charles Keith DePaepe married **Betty Marie Burke**. She was born on 05 November 1942 in Houston, TX. They were married on 25 Mar 1961 in Oklahoma City, OK.
Charles was a contractor. When he died, he was cremated in accordance with his wishes. He graduated from Moline High School in 1958 and attended Moline Community College. He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol from 1956 to 1958. Chuck served his country in the Air Force from 1958 through 1962 in weather radar, aircraft control and warning systems. After leaving the Air Force, he remained in Oklahoma, where he raised his family. Chuck was well known in the Oklahoma City area, where he was a successful businessman. He was a devoted father and was affectionately called ``Grandpa'' by his co-workers and family members. He loved reading and gardening.

Charles and **Betty** had 5 children.

- **Charles Patrick DePaepe**. He was born on 07 December 1961 in Anchorage, Alaska. He married Kathrine Alice Gisi. They were married on 19 June 1981 in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

- **Keith Allen DePaepe**. He was born on 06 August 1963 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. He married Jody Breeden. They were married on 09 April 1983 in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

- **Yvette Marie DePaepe**. She was born on 09 October 1967 in Coalgate, Oklahoma.

- **Suzette Cheri DePaepe**. She was born on 05 December 1968 in Coalgate, Oklahoma. She married Randy Dale Clay. They were married on 10 September 1988 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

- **Lizette DePaepe**. She was born on 17 August 1974 in Coalgate, Oklahoma. She married Ronald H. McLaughlin. They were married on 17 September 1994 in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Charles Keith DePaepe (II) married **Betty Marie Burke.** She was born on 05 November 1942 in Houston, Texas, USA. They married on 25 March 1961 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA. They divorced sometime in the 1990's.

He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol from 1956 to 1958. Chuck served his country in the Air Force from 1958 through 1962 in weather radar, aircraft control and warning systems in Oklahoma and in Alaska. After leaving the Air Force, he remained in Oklahoma, where he raised his family.

Chuck was well known in the Oklahoma City area, where he was a successful businessman as a restaurant owner and roofing contractor He was a devoted father and was affectionately called ``Grandpa'' by his co-workers and family members. He loved reading, gardening, and fishing.

Charles and **Betty** had 5 children.

- **Charles Patrick DePaepe**. He was born on 07 December 1961 in Anchorage, Anchorage County, Alaska, USA. His first marriage was to **Kathrine Alice Gisi**. She was born on 05 November 1961. They were married on 19 June 1981 in Midwest City, Oklahoma, USA. His second marriage was to Kathy Ciempa. She was born about 1958. Chuck is an electronic technician.

  Charles and **Kathrine Gisi** had one child:

  - **Angela Lynn DePaepe.** She was born on 20 December 1981 in Midwest City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, USA

- **Keith Allen DePaepe**. He was born on 06 August 1963 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. His first marriage was to **Jody Breeden**. She was born about 1964. They were married on 09 April 1983 in Midwest City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, USA. His second marriage was to **Jody Lynn Fincher**. She was born about 1968. They were married on 17 May 1986 in Midwest City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, USA. They had no children. His third marriage was to **Brandi Leigh Mock.** She was born about 09 November 1967. They were married on 06 May 2000 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, USA. Keith is an electrical contractor.

  Keith and **Jody Breeden** had one child.

  - **Heather Leigh DePaepe.** She was born on 30 Sep 1983 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, USA.

  Keith and **Brandi Mock** had one child.

  - **Christopher Keith DePaepe**. He was born on 14 December 2004 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, USA.

- **Yvette Marie DePaepe**. She was born on 09 Oct 1967 in Coalgate, Coal County, Oklahoma, USA. She is an accountant.

- **Suzette Cheri DePaepe**. She was born on 05 Dec 1968 in Coalgate, Coal County, Oklahoma, USA. Her first marriage was to **Randy Dale Clay**. They were married on 10 Sep 1988 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, USA. Her second marriage was to **Johnny Waylen Chronister**. He was born about 1966 in Oklahoma. Waylen manages a hardware store in Noble, Oklahoma. Suzette runs a care center for horses on her ranch.

  Suzette and **Randy Dale Clay** had one child.

- **Adara Saree Clay.** She was born on 09 September 1993 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, USA

- **Lizette DePaepe**. She was born on 17 August 1974 in Coalgate, Coal County, Oklahoma, USA. Her first marriage was to **Ronald H. McLaughlin**. He was born about 1973. They were married on 17 September 1994 in Midwest City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, USA. Her second marriage was to **Christopher Paul Duncan**. He was born on 14 September 1977 in Oklahoma. They were married on 01 April 2006 in Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, USA.
  Lizette and **Christopher Paul Duncan** had one child.

  - **Cailyn Arianna Duncan**. She was born on 22 May 2007 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, USA

Darrel Raymond Hagberg married **Betty Suzanne McLaughlin**. She was born on 18 September 1942 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They were married on 25 November 1967 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Betty was born at Moline Public Hospital, Moline, Illinois. She attended Wells Grade School and UTHS High School in East Moline, Illinois. She attended Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois, from 1960 to 1964 and graduated with a degree in geography. After her graduation, she applied for a position in the Peace Corp and was selected. She took her Peace Corp training in Los Angeles at UCLA. She served in Ethiopia for two years. On her return to the States she toured India, Nepal, Vietnam, and Japan. Betty returned to Illinois State University to work for her Masters degree.

Darrel was born at Moline Public Hospital, Moline, Illinois. He lived at 1428 15th Avenue, East Moline, Illinois, and attended grade school at St. Mary's Catholic School. In the summer of 1956, the family moved to 1912 30th Street, Moline, Illinois. While living in Moline, Darrel attended Calvin Coolidge Junior High School and Moline Senior High School. In the summer of 1960, Darrel's parents were divorced. Darrel moved back to the same address in East Moline with his mother.

As a boy, Darrel held several jobs. He passed newspapers for the Moline Daily Dispatch, the Des Moines Sunday Register, and the East Moline Herald while living in East Moline. After moving to Moline in 1956, Darrel worked at his father's restaurant, the Eagle Lunch Restaurant in Moline which was located on the NE corner of 6th Avenue and 14th Street. From 1961 to 1962, Darrel worked for his aunt, Laura DeHaven, at the Eagle Dinner Restaurant which was located on the East side of 16th Street between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue in Moline.

In 1962, he worked at the Buddy L Company and the John Deere Malleable Works in East Moline to earn money to go to college. Later, in 1962, he took employment with Montgomery Elevator Company (now Koen) in Moline, Illinois. While there, he started as a layout draftsman. He also worked in the estimating department and research and development department. Before leaving the company in 1966, he was assistant project engineer for their new elevator test tower. He worked elevator designs for the Seattle World's Fair, the Apollo 11 Moon Mission, and the St. Louis Gateway Arch.

Darrel attended Black Hawk College in Moline from September 1961 to December 1963 and graduated with an Associates of Arts degree in Mathematics. During this period of time, he also attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport. He attended the University of Illinois from January 1964 to June 1967 and graduated with High Honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

While returning home by motor bus from school at the University of Illinois located at Champaign, Illinois, in February 1967, Darrel met his wife to be in Bloomington, Illinois. Betty was working for her Masters degree at Illinois State University in Bloomington. In July 1967, they were engaged to be married. The marriage date was originally set for February 1968 but was moved ahead to November 25, 1967, because Darrel received a military draft notification for December 1967. During the period from June 1967 to February 1968, Darrel had accepted an Engineering position at ALCOA (Aluminum Company of America), Davenport Works, located Bettendorf, Iowa. This factory is the world's largest Aircraft Aluminum Plant. In addition to Aircraft metal, the plant produced many other products. Betty taught Geography in the fall at Rock Island High School.

As a result of the military draft notification, Darrel and Betty both joined the U. S. Navy Officer Candidate program in December 1967. Darrel started his military training at the U. S. Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, in February 1968. Betty started her training in March. In May, Betty was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy. Darrel was commissioned in June. Betty was assigned to the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia, as Administrative Officer. Darrel was assigned to the USS Wright, CC 2, stationed at the Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia. Betty and Darrel were discharged from Active Duty on November 25, 1969. Betty attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade while Darrel attained the rank of lieutenant. Both were honorably discharged from the Navy.

Betty and Darrel purchased a new home on 7th Street, East Moline, Illinois in February 1970

Darrel returned to his job with ALCOA on January 2, 1970. While there he assisted in the installation of the world's largest rolling mill and LNG forming and machining equipment. He also participated in the development of equipment used to produce the first Aluminum beverage cans and for the Computer Hard disc drives. Darrel was also Maintenance Planning and Scheduling supervisor, Cold Rolling Division Engineer, Mill Maintenance Superintendent, and Manager of Design Engineering. In his latter years, he also had the dual assignment as Engineering Specialist and provided consulting expertise on manufacturing integration and computer related projects. He retired from ALCOA in 2002 after 35 years of service.

On October 15, 1970, Betty gave birth to Darla Renee at 6 PM in Lutheran Hospital in Moline, Illinois. After being at home for 2 years with Darla, Betty took a position in the library at Deere and Company in August 1972.

In 1975, Betty was promoted to Manager of Library and Archive Services. In addition, she was responsible for the John Deere Corporate Art Collection. Betty attended the Quad City Graduate Center in Rock Island, Illinois, and achieved a Masters degree in Business.

They moved to a new home at 3418- 12th Street, East Moline, Illinois in October 1976.

In July 1983; Darrel, Betty, and Darla visited their distant relatives in Belgium and France for the first time. They also visited his French relatives and Swedish relatives in July and August 1985 and for many years, thereafter.

Darrel and Betty moved to 3722-39th Street Court in Moline, Illinois, in August 1998.

Currently, Betty and Darrel travel, work on Genealogy, work on Gardening, and provide support to the Figge Art Museum located in Davenport, Iowa. Darrel is also into Photo, Video, and Audio editing. Betty was a past member of Zonta, an organization that assist mothers and children that are in need. Betty was a member of the Davenport Museum of Art board of trustees from 2001-2003.

They also provide care for their 3 new grandchildren while their parents work.

Darrel and **Betty** had one child.

- **Darla Renee Hagberg**. She was born on 15 October 1970 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Chad Jones. He was born on 28 Oct 1972 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They were married on 06 July 2003 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

  Darla was born at Lutheran Hospital, Moline, Illinois.

  In 1983, Darla toured Europe with her parents. She met many of her distant relatives in Belgium and France. In July 1985, Darla spent 4 weeks with be cousins in Beauvais, France. In August of that year she went to Sweden and met many of her Swedish cousins.

  Darla attended grade school at Ridgewood Elementary School and Glenview Junior High School in East Moline, Illinois. Darla attended United Township High School in East Moline, Illinois and graduated in 1987.

  She won a Music Scholarship and attended Augustana College for 4 years in Rock Island, Illinois, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. She also attended the University of Illinois for 2 years in Chicago, Illinois, and graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Education.

  She taught the Middle School grades in Chicago for a year before returning to Rock Island to teach the Middle School grades to the current day.

  She married Chad Jones on July 6, 2003 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rock Island, Illinois. Darla has traveled much of the World with her parents and still likes to travel. She visits her Belgian relatives regularly. In February 2005, she and her husband took their baby Angela to Belgium, France, and the Netherlands.

Chad managed Quad-City Lawn Care, a landscaping and lawn care business in Rock Island, Illinois.

They had 3 children.

- **Angela Catherine Jones**. She was born on 26 June 2003 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.
- **Isabella Marie Jones**. She was born on 15 September 2005 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA
- **Alexander Edward Jones**. He was born on 21 November 2007 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Larry Dean Hagberg was single**.** Larry attended St. Mary's School in East Moline from 1949 to 1957 and Scared Heart School in Moline from 1957 to 1960. He served as an altar boy in the Church. He graduated from Moline High School in 1962. He worked in his father's restaurant, The Eagle Lunch, in Moline and his aunt's restaurant, The Eagle Diner, in Moline until 1962. He attended Moline Community College for a number of years. From 1962 to 1982, he was an accountant and trust officer at Moline National Bank, Moline, Illinois. Larry was an Accountant for KVL Quad Corporation in East Moline, Illinois until his death. He died of a heart attack at te age of 42 years. He is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in East Moline. He was a good and kind hearted man who was liked by everyone.

Patricia Helen Hagberg first marriage was to **Rex Gail Rusk**. He was born on 19 January 1945 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. They were married on 10 July 1965 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. They divorced on 23 October 1977 in Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. Her second marriage was to **Daryl Kenney.** He was born on 10 July 1941 in Illinois City, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They were married on 07 April 1979 in Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

Patrica was born at Moline Public Hospital in Moline, Illinois. She attended St. Mary's School, Kindergarten through 8th grade, in East Moline, Illinois. She graduated in 1961. She attended UTHS High School in East Moline, Illinois. She graduated in 1965. She married Rex that July.

When Patricia was 7 years old and in the second grade at St. Mary's, she contacted Spinal Meningitis. From November 1955 to January 1956, she was hospitalized at Moline Public Hospital. In December, she nearly died and was given the rites of the Catholic Church.

Pat was living in Carbon Cliff, Illinois, from 1965 until 1979 and after her divorce in 1977 from Rex Rusk. In 1980, Daryl Kenney and Pat moved to a new home near Illinois City and close to the Rock River where Daryl liked to fish. Pat worked in the cafeteria at Franciscan Hospital in Rock Island, Illinois from about 1977 to 1985. In 1985, International Harvester Company was sold to J. I. Case by J. P. Morgan. Her husband, Daryl, was forced to take a job at NavStar in Springfield, Ohio. NavStar was created from the old truck division of International Harvester. Daryl retired from NavStar in 2004. They liked to travel in their Recreational Vehicle (RV) and spend time with their grand children. Pat collected cookie jars.

Pat and **Rex Rusk** had 2 children.

- **Lisa Ann Rusk** had one child from a union. She married **David Michael Hart**. He was born about 1963. They were married on 15 October 1994 in Springfield, Ohio. They divorced in July 2008. They had one child.

  Lisa Rusk's child from a union.

  - **Kyle Steven Rusk**. He was born on 10 December 1986 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

  Lisa Rusk and **David Hart** had one child.

  - **Ryan David Hart**. He was born on 06 July 1998 in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, USA.

- **Steven Gail Rusk** married **Dorinda Jean Venrick**. She was born about 1970 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. They were married on 07 September 1991 in Springfield, Ohio.

  Steven and **Dorinda** had 2 children.

  - **Darian Marie Rusk**. She was born on 02 June 1992 in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, USA.

  - **Maranda Elizabeth Rusk**. She was born on 02 November 1995 in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, USA.



Frank DeClerck

Frank Bruno DeClerck married **Harriet Ruth Fulscher** on 15 November 1940 in East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois. She was born on 04 August 1920 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Frank was a factory worker for Deere and Company, Moline, IL, for 48 years. He was a member of the Moline American Legion and VFW. He was a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II from 1943 to 1945 in the 30th Division, and served at the Battle of the Bulge. He died of complications from Diabetes.

They had 4 children:

- **Donna Jean DeClerck**, born on 19 October 1942 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
- **Robert Lewis DeClerck**, born on 07 January 1944 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
- **Joanna DeClerck**, born on 30 November 1951 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

- **William Steven DeClerck**, born on 09 September 1957 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Donna Jean DeClerck married **Michael Fredrick Cook**. He was born on 29 August 1940 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA. Donna is currently living in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA.

Donna and **Mike** had 5 children.

- **Scott Allen Cook**. He was born on 15 September 1964 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA.

- **Penny Lee Cook**. She was born on 03 December 1966 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA.

- **Dawn Michelle Cook**. She was born on 03 March 1967 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA.

- **Nancy Lynn Cook**. She was born on 02 May 1968 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA. She married Fred Haut. They were married on 26 Mar 1988 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA.

- **Tara Ann Cook**. She was born on 20 March 1969 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA.

Robert Lewis DeClerck first married was to **Maryln Jane Mara**. She was born on 13 February 1943. They had 3 children. His second marriage has to Barb. She was born about 1948. They had no children. Robert is currently living in St. Paris, Ohio. **Robert Lewis DeClerck** and **Maryln Jane Mara** had 3 children.

- **Jamie Mathew DeClerck.** He was born on 17 July 1964 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. He married **Michelle Kristine Keller**. They were married on 04 August 1990 in Milan, Illinois.

- **Cathie Ann DeClerck**. She was born on 11 September 1965 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. She had one child from a union. Cathie married **Rober Gabriel Rashid**. He was the son of Mary Rashid. He was born about 1963. They were married on 27 June 1998 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Kewanee, Illinois. They had no children. Cathie Ann DeClerck had a child from a union.

    - **Joshua DeClerck**. He was born about 1993 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA.

- **Terri Lynne DeClerck**. She was born on 05 February 1967 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA. She married **Gregory Jon Burmeister**. They were married on 20 May 1989 in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Joanna DeClerck had one child from a union.

- **Jennifer Linn DeClerck** married **K. G. Trey Brooks.** He was born about 1969. They married on 18 August 2001 at Duck Creek Park Gazebo, Davenport, Scott County, Iowa. They had two children

    - **Amber DeClerck.** She was born in October 1989 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA

    - **Girl DeClerck.** She was born in August 1998 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA

William Steven DeClerck married **Paula**. They had 5 children.

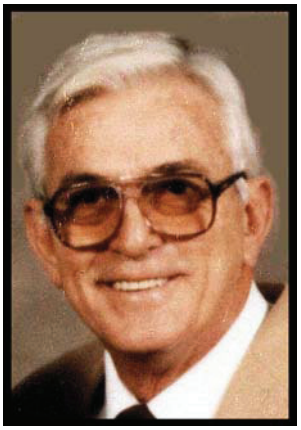
- **Angela DeClerck**. She was born about 1984 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois County, USA.

- **Female DeClerck**. She was born about 1986 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

- **Female DeClerck**. She was born about 1988 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

- **Male DeClerck**. He was born about 1990 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

- **Male DeClerck**. She was born about 1992 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.



Donald DeClerck

Donald Bruno DeClerck married **Lillian Leona Vindevogel** in 1949 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois. She was born on 30 April 1929 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Donald was a supervisor at Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois. Don joined the Navy in World War II after high school in 1943. He served on board the USS Tennessee. He was always nervous and jumpy after the war years, but calmed as the years progressed. While feeding ammunition to an anti-aircraft gun, he was wounded in the head and leg when a Japanese kamikaze crashed into the ship. He was always nervous and jumpy after the war years, but calmed as the years progressed. He served as President of the Belgium Cultural Society in Moline. He died of cancer at the age of 64 years. He was a heavy smoker.

Donald and **Lillian** had 3 Children:

- **Rita Jean DeClerck**, born on 11 April 1950 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

- **James Donald DeClerck**, born on 13 December 1951 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

- **Richard Charles DeClerck**, born on 14 February 1953 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Rita Jean DeClerck married **Robert Lyle Stone**. He was the son of Lynn V. Stone and Marilyn R. Hofstetter. He was born on 26 August 1950 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. He died on 15 July 2006 in Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. They were married on 29 August 1970 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.
Rita was employed at Gypsum Supply Company, Bettendorf, for 15 years. She enjoyed keeping score for the Alleman girls' basketball games and doing crafts with her daughters, and she was a volunteer at Washington School, Moline. Bob was employed at John Deere Seeding, Moline, where he had worked for more than 30 years. He actively worked at St. Mary's Church, Moline, and St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline. He was a member of St. Mary's Church, and an Illinois State graduate. Bob enjoyed teaching and helping his daughters with home projects, and was meticulous in his lawn care. He donated many hours of time and money to Washington Elementary School where his daughter, Rebecca, teaches.

Rita and **Bob** had 4 girls.

- **Renee Lynette Stone**. She was born on 25 June 1975 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

- **Rebecca Becky Jolene Stone**. She was born on 11 November 1976 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

- **Rachel Layne Stone**. She was born on 13 May 1979 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

- **Reghan Jean Stone**. She was born on 26 August 1981 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

James Donald DeClerck had 3 children from his marriage

- **Cary Dale DeClerck**. She was born about 1975 in Crawfordsville, Montgomery, Indiana, USA.

- **Missy Jane DeClerck**. She was born about 1977 in Crawfordsville, Montgomery, Indiana, USA.

- **Debbie Ann DeClerck**. She was born about 1979 in Crawfordsville, Montgomery, Indiana, USA.

Richard Charles DeClerck married **Dottie Lynn Schlotfeldt**. She was born on 12 November 1954. They had 2 children.

- **Justine Rae DeClerck**. She was born on 18 July 1975 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois County, USA.

- **Lucas Marice DeClerck**. He was born on 26 October 1984 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois County, USA.



Gene DeClerck

Eugene Maurice DeClerck married **Joan Arlene Kochuyt** on 19 February 1955 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois. She was born on 06 September 1929 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Gene served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. He was employed at the former International Harvester, East Moline Works retiring after 36 years. Gene was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Moline, Moline Vikings, Moline American Legion Post 246, Center for Belgium Culture and Plus 60. He died of cancer at the age of 77 years.

They had 3 Children:

- **Greg Allan DeClerck**, born on 02 August 1956 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
- **Jay Edward DeClerck**, born on 14 Apr 1958 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.
- **Lori Ann DeClerck**, born on 23 July 1959 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois.

Greg Allan DeClerck. He was born on 02 August 1956 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. He married **Deborah Ann Kehrer**. She was born on 29 December 1956 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. They were married on 11 April 1981 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had 2 children.

- **Derek Alan DeClerck**. He was born on 25 September 1982 in Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.
- **Courtney Ann DeClerck**. She was born on 10 April 1986 in Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

Jay Edward DeClerck. He was born on 14 April 1958 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. He married Cathy Sue Youngblood. They were married on 19 September 1986 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA.

Lori Ann DeClerck. She was born on 23 July 1959 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. She married **Thomas Edward Day**. He was born about 1957 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They were married on 16 June 1984 in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, USA. They had 5 children.

- **Elizabeth Mary Day**. She was born on 04 April 1986 in La Jolla, San Diego, California, USA.

- **William Thomas Day**. He was born on 31 January 1989 in La Jolla, San Diego, California, USA.
- **Anne Day**. She was born on 25 December 1991.
- **Jane Day**. She was born on 07 July 1995.
- **John Day**. He was born on 05 August 2000.

Helena Maria Robaeys Goethals Family


Helena Robaeys Goethals

Helena Maria Robaeys married **Rene Peter Goethals**. He was born on 04 April 1894 in Aalter, East Flanders, Belgium. He died on 30 April 1976 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They married on 11 May 1916 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Helena and **Rene** had 3 children:

- **Laura Goethals**, born on 30 October 1916 in 1916 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She died on 02 November 1998 in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, USA.
- **Raymond Goethals**, born on 25 October 1917 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 11 September 1981 in Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida, USA.
- **Camiel Goethals**, born on 24 January 1924 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Estella Marie Robaeys Vermeulen

Estella Marie Robaeys married **Cyrille Vermeulen**. He was born in 1896 in Passendale, West Flanders, Belgium. He died on 04 May 1949 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. They were married about 1920 in Cahors, Lot, Midi-Pyrenees, France.

Estella and **Cyrille** had 4 children:

- **Angele Marie Vermeulen**, born on 26 November 1921 in Cahors, Lot, Midi-Pyrenees, France. She died on 09 December 1997 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. She married **Raymond Jean Baptiste Grenier**. He was born 1915 in La Chaussee du Bois d'Ecu, France. They were married on 10 May 1937 in Mauler, Oise, France. They had 18 children.
    - **Serge Alain Cyril Grenier**. He was born on 18 September 1938 in Maulers, Oise, France. He married **Nicole Martin**. She was born about 1943 in France. They were married on 19 August 1961 in Somme, France. They had 3 children.

- **Alain Grenier**. He was born about 1962 in France.
- **Thierry Grenier**. She was born about 1964 in France.
- **Delphine Grenier**. She was born about 1966 in France.

- **Jean Adolphe Louis Grenier**. He was born on 09 December 1939 in Maulers, Oise, France. He died April 1940 in Abbeville, Somme, France.

- **Raymonde Stella Grenier**. She was born on 24 July 1941 in Duras (Lot et Garonne), France. She died on 19 July 1946 in Maulers, Oise, France.

- **Michele Augusta Grenier**. She was born on 03 October 1942 in Houeilles (Lot et Garonne), France. She married **Jean Claude Sauvage**. He was born about 1937 in France. They were married on 18 August 1959 in Oise, France. They had 5 children.
  - **Marie Noelle Sauvage**. She was born about 1966 in France.
  - **Jean Michel Sauvage**. He was born about 1968 in France.
  - **Roseline Sauvage**. She was born about 1970 in France.
  - **Glivier Sauvage**. She was born about 1972 in France.
  - **Nathalie Sauvage**. She was born about 1974 in France.

- **Francoise Jeanne Grenier**. She was born on 26 January 1944 in Maulers, Oise, France. She married **Georges Andrieux**. He was born about 1939 in France. They were married on 14 August 1963 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They had 3 children.
  - **Sandrine Andrieux**. She was born about 1968 in France.
  - **Gerald Andrieux**. He was born about 1970 in France.
  - **Veronique Andrieux**. She was born about 1972 in France.

- **Ghislain Denis Grenier**. He was born on 09 November 1945 in Crevecoeur La Grand, Oise, France.

- **Gilles Francois Grenier**. He was born on 26 February 1947 in Maulers, Oise, France. He died on 12 November 1966 in Meru, Oise, France.

- **Helene Renee Grenier**. She was born on 01 December 1948 in Maulers, Oise, France. She married **Michel Langlet**. He was born about 1943 in France. They were married on 20 January 1968 in Reuil Sur Breeke, Oise, France. They had 3

children.

- **Sophie Langlet**. She was born about 1972 in France.
- **David Langlet**. He was born about 1974 in France.
- **Aurelie Langlet**. She was born about 1976 in France.

- **Therese Laura Grenier**. She was born on 17 November 1950 in Maulers, Oise, France. Her first marraige was to **Francisco Illarraz Y Gallardo**. He was born about 1945 in France. They were married on 08 June 1968 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They had 3 children. **Therese Laura Grenier** second marriage was to **Paschal Coulombel**. He was born about 1945 in France. They were married 1975 in France. They had no children.

  Children from her first marriage:

  - **Valerie Illarraz Y Gallardo**. She was born about 1969 in France.
  - **Miguel Illarraz Y Gallardo**. He was born about 1971 in France.
  - **Johnny Illarraz Y Gallardo**. He was born about 1973 in France.

- **Chantal Angela Grenier**. She was born on 03 May 1952 in Puy-la-Vallee, Oise, France. Her first marriage was to **Christian Yannick Bourdet**. He was born about 1947 in France. They were married on 30 October 1971 in Mitty Sur Therain, Oise, France. They had 1 child. Her second marriage was to **Daniel Laroche**. He was born about 1947 in France. They were married in September 1977. They had 2 children.

  Chantal's child from her first marriage:

  - **Yannis Bourdet**. He was born about 1972 in France.

  Chantal's children from her second marriage:

  - **Peggy Laroche.** She was born about 1978 in France.
  - **Marie Laroche**. She was born about 1980 in France.

- **Francis Christian Grenier**. He was born on 24 March 1953 in Puy-la-Vallee, Oise, France. He married **Ghislaine Scheerns**. She was born about 1958 in France. They were married 1978 in France. They had 1 child.

  - **Jeremy Grenier**. He was born about 1979 in France.

- **Denis Alain Grenier**. He was born on 30 July 1955 in Puy-la-Vallee, Oise, France. His first marriage was to **Martine Henin**. She was born about 1958 in France. They were married on 11 March 1978 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They had 3 children. His second marriage was to **Beatrice Donne**. She was born about 1958 in Francastel, France. They were married about 1987 in France. They had 2 children.

  Denis' children from his first marriage:

  - **Stephanie Grenier**. She was born about 1979 in France.
  - **Nicolas Grenier**. He was born about 1981 in France.
  - **Francois Grenier**. She was born about 1983 in France.

  Denis' children from his second marriage:

  - **Steve Grenier**. He was born about 1988 in France.
  - **Marine Grenier**. She was born about 1990 in France.

- **Line Emilienne Grenier**. She was born on 21 January 1957 in La neuville-St Pierre, Oise, France. Her first marriage was to **Hubert Langlet**. He was born about 1954 in France. They had no children. Her second marriage was to **Andre Demetz**. He was born about 1954 in France. They were married on 09 May 1975 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They had 2 children.

  Line's children from her second marriage:

  - **Vanessa Demetz**. She was born about 1981 in France.
  - **Monia Demetz**. She was born about 1983.

- **Patrice Francis Grenier**. He was born on 21 January 1957 in La neuville-St Pierre, Oise, France. He married **Marie Francoise DuPoty**. She was born about 1960 in France. They were married on 09 July 1983 in Breteuil Sur Noye, France. They had 3 children.

  - **Paul Grenier**. He was born about 1981 in France.
  - **Jean Grenier**. He was born about 1981.
  - **Antoine Grenier**. He was born about 1983.

- **Marie Ange Patricia Grenier**. She was born on 06 January 1959 in La neuville-St Pierre, Oise, France. She married **Farid Mohamed M'Hiri**. He was born about 1955 in Tunisia, Africa. They were married on 11 September 1976 in Tille, France. They had 3 children.

        - **Karim M'Hiri**. He was born about 1983 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

        - **Mehdi M'Hiri**. He was born about 1985 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

        - **Sarah M'Hiri**. She was born about 1987 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

    - **Corinne Patricia Grenier**. She was born on 19 November 1961 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

    - **Bruno Raymond Grenier**. He was born on 12 January 1963 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. He married **Aline Gaudefroy**. She was born about 1968 in France. They were married 1980 in France. They had 1 child.

        - **Cyril Grenier**. He was born about 1987 in France.

    - **Regis Oliver Grenier**. He was born on 17 May 1964 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

- **Albert Charles Vermeulen**, born on 28 March 1923 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France. He died in 2004 in France**.** He married **Gisele Arntree Victoria Feray**. She was born on 04 July1930 in Darnetal, Rouon, France. She died on 11 June 2000 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They were married on 04 August 1950 in Auchy-La-Moutagne, France. They had 5 children.

    - **Josiane Vermeulen**. She was born on 12 February 1951 in Wavignies, France. She married **Daniel Henocq**. He was born on 24 Novembert 1949 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They were married on 12 June 1971 in Bresles, France. They had 1 child.

        - **Virginia Henocq**. She was born on 29 Apr 1977 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

    - **Joel Vermeulen**. He was born on 03 July 1954 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. He died on 27 December 1956 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

    - **Patrick Vermeulen**. He was born on 21 May 1955 in Fouquerolles, France. He married **Claudine Delihu**. She was born on 07 October 1951 in Quentin, France (Fay St).. They were married on 20 September 1975 in Bresles, France. They had 4 children.

        - **Estelle Vermeulen**. She was born on 18 October 1978 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

        - **Angelique Vermeulen**. She was born on 21 November 1980 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

        - **Elodie Vermeulen**. She was born on 17 June 1982 in Crepis-En-Valois, France.

        - **Mickael Vermeulen**. He was born on 08 October 1983 in Arras, France.

    - **Sylvie Vermeulen**. She was born on 31 August 1959 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. Her first marriage was to **Marice Goudal**. He was born June 1951 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They were married on 07 April 1979 in Bresles, France. They had 1 child. Her second marriage was to **Lenain Emmanuelle**. He was born on 13 December 1959 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They were married about 1985 in France. They had 1 child.

      Sylvie's child from her first marriage:

        - **Ludovic Goudal**. He was born on 03 September 1979 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

      Sylvie's child from her second marriage:

        - **Lenain Emmanuelle**. He was born on 24 November 1986 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

    - **Jacky Vermeulen**. She was born on 02 Oct 1962 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

- **Augusta Marie Vermeulen**, born on 25 May 1925 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France. She married **Jean Fontaine**. He was born on 13 May 1919 in Maulers, Oise, France. He died on 29 April 2002 in Macon, France. They were married on 19 February 1944 in France. They had 3 children.

    - **Daniel Fontaine**. He was born on 17 May 1945 in Maulers, Oise, France. He married **Nicole Vannier**. She was born on 21 January 1947 in Guehgnies, France. They were married on 16 Mar 1968 in Tille, France. They had 2 children.

        - **Valerie Fontaine**. She was born on 10 January 1973 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

        - **Iderve Fontaine**. She was born on 16 March 1982 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

    - **Dominique Fontaine**. She was born on 20 June 1954 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. She married **Joel Bertaux**. He was born on 06 March 1953 in Beauvais,

Oise, Picardie, France. He died on 25 June 2001 in Thossey, France. They were married on 03 April 1976 in Tille, France. They had 1 child.

- **Elodie Bertaux**. She was born on 25 Feb 1983 in Macon, France.

- **Raynald Fontaine**. He was born on 20 October 1956 in Hermes, France. He married **Chantal Brimeux**. She was born on 17 December 1957 in Sully, France. They were married on 24 June 1978 in Bonlier, France. They had 2 children.

  - **Gregory Fontaine**. He was born on 15 Feb 1984 in Meaux, France.

  - **Cloeut Fontaine**. She was born about 1986 in France.

- **Georgette Marie Vermeulen**, born on 13 May 1935 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France. She married **Bernard Gallopin**. He was born on 24 Jun 1930 in Rieux-Tille, France. They were married on 07 July 1952 in Maulers, Oise, France. They had 4 children.

  - **Martine Stella Raymonde Gallopin**. She was born on 21 August 1955 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. She married **Denis Jean Pierre Caboche**. He was born on 21 March 1953 in Haudivillers, France. They were married on 27 September 1975 in Tille, France. They had 2 children.

    - **Laura Georgette Huguette Caboche**. She was born on 08 March 1980 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. She married **Renaud Halgand**. He was born about 1980 in France. They were married on 02 July 2006 in France. They had 1 child.

      - **Arthur Halgand**. He was born on 13 Nov 2007 in Paris, Seine, France.

    - **Julien Bernard Jean Caboche**. He was born on 27 July 1984 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

  - **Francis Gallopin**. He was born on 02 April 1957 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. He married **Anne Marie Poidevin**. She was born on 21 July 1961 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They were married on 20 September 1980 in Tille, France. They had 1 child.

    - **Aurelie Gallopin**. She was born on 17 March 1983. She married **Reynald Camus**. They were married on 08 September 2007 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

- **Marie-Christine Gallopin**. She was born on 27 June 1958 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. She married **Dominique Liegrois**. He was born on 26 September 1953 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They were married on 17 September 1977 in Tille, France. They had 4 children.

    - **Cyril Liegrois**. He was born on 11 Jan 1978 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

    - **Silvain Liegrois**. She was born on 17 Aug 1982 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

    - **Jean Charles Liegrois**. He was born on 18 Mar 1984 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

    - **Remy Liegrois**. He was born on 24 May 1993.

- **Daniel Gallopin**. He was born on 10 June 1963 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. His first marriage was to **Sabrina Vacca**. She was born about 1968 in France. They had 2 children. His second marriage was to **Agnes Duval**. She was born on 19 May 1966 in France. They had 1 child

  Children from **Daniel's** first marriage:

    - **Emilio Gallopin**. He was born on 04 July 1990 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, **France**.

    - **Helene Gallopin**. She was born on 06 November 1991 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

  Child from **Daniel's** second marriage:

    - **Quentin Gallopin**. He was born on 24 April 1998 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Maria Juliana "Julia" Robaeys Family



Julia Robaeys

Maria Juliana "Julia" Robaeys first married was to **Paul Dubois**. He was born about 1903 in France. His death date is unknown. They married about 1930 in France. Her second marriage was to **Felicien Leraux**. He was born on 15 November 1906 in Auchy-La-Moutagne, Oise, Picardie, France. He died on 18 June 1984 in Auchy-La-Moutagne, Oise, Picardie, France. There were no children from this second marriage.

Julia had one child from her marriage with **Paul Dubois**:

- **Lucien Dubois**, born on 14 Oct 1931 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France.

Laura Irma Robaeys Forret Family



Laura Robaeys Forret

Laura Irma Robaeys married **Arthur Georges Forret**. He was born on 10 November 1906 in Pittem, West Flanders, Belgium. He died in 1998 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They married about 1928 in France.

Arthur and his sons were farmers.

Laura and **Arthur** had 6 children:

- **Jean Edmond Emeric Forret**, born on 03 January 1930 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France. He married **Micheline Godard**. She was born on 07 October 1931 in France. They were married on 09 August 1950 in Auchy-La-Moutagne, France. They had 5 children.
    - **Jean Marie Forret**. She was born on 25 November 1950 in Auchy-La-Moutagne, France.
    - **Claude Forret**. He was born on 15 January 1952 in Auchy-La-Moutagne, France.
    - **Michel Forret**. He was born on 15 January 1953 in Francastel, France.
    - **Allain Forret**. He was born on 24 August 1955 in Francastel, France.
    - **Beatrice Forret**. She was born on 23 January 1959 in Francastel, France.

- **Christian Arthur Camille Forret**, born on 02 January 1932 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France. He married **Renee Nouvion**. She was born on 07 March 1933 in Beuvraignes, France. They were married on 20 Jul 1954. They had 4 children.
    - **Marize Forret**. She was born on 19 June 1955 in Roye, France.
    - **Jeannicque Forret**. She was born on 26 September 1956 in Lieramont, France.
    - **Sylvie Forret**. She was born on 07 June 1959 in Lieramont, France.
    - **Frederique Forret**. She was born on 27 August 1961 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.
- **Marie-Jeanne Laura Forret**, born on 15 February 1937 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France. She died young on 21 January 1943 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France.
- **Daniel Hubert Forret**, born on 19 October 1939 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France. He married **Jacqueline Devisscher**. She was born about 1944 in France. They had 3 children.
    - **Gilles Jean Francois Forret**. He was born on 02 February 1961 in Breteuil Sur Noye, France. He married **Christine Courtois**. They were married on 31 July 1982 in Lequesne, France. They had 2 children.
        - **Guillaume Forret**. He was born on 31 July 1985 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.
        - **Thibault Forret**. He was born on 24 June 1993 in Amiens, Somme, France.
    - **Serge Jean Marie Forret**, born on 05 October 1943 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France.
    - **Bernard Georges Forret**, born on 13 November 1945 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France. He married **Josette Devillers**. She was born on 09 April 1947 in France. They had 2 children.
        - **Helene Forret**. She was born on 28 June 1967 in France.
        - **Mickael Forret**. He was born on 17 May 1976 in France.

Augusta Marie Robaeys Maillard Family



Augusta Robaeys Maillard

Augusta Marie Robaeys first marriage was to **Pierre Merckaert**. He was born about 1908 in France. His death date is unknown. They were married about 1933 in France. Her second marriage was to **Roger Maillard**. He was born on 12 July 1914 in Eragny Sur Epte, Oise, Picardie, France. He died about 2001 in France. They were married about 1946 in France.

Augusta and **Pierre** had 3 children:

- **Jean Merckaert**, born about 1934 in France.
- **Raymond Merckaert**, born about 1936 in France.
- **Andre Merckaert**, born about 1938 in France.

Augusta and **Roger** had 2 children:

- **Jacques Maillard**, born on 07 December 1947 in Eragny-En-Bray, Oise, Picardie, France. He married but wife unknown. They had 2 children.
    - **Daughter**. She was born about 1971 in France.
    - **Son**. He was born about 1973 in France.
- **Ginette Maillard**, born on 20 November 1949 in Eragny Sur Epte, Oise, Picardie, France**.** She married but husband unknown. They had 2 children.
    - **Son-one**. He was born about 1971 in France.
    - **Son-two**. He was born about 1973 in France.

Bertha Robaeys Aubet Family



Bertha Robaeys Aubet

Bertha Robaeys married **Alfred Aubet**. He was born on 10 June 1906 in Hardivillers, Oise, Picardie, France. He died on 30 April 1986 in Salouel-Amiens, Somme, France. They were married on 25 April 1932 in Oursel-Maison, Oise, Picardie, France. They had 4 children.

- **Jacques Jean Pierre Aubet**. He was born on 24 January 1935 in Bonneuil-Les-Eaux, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Francoise **Andree Maria Bernaert**. She was born on 10 November 1934 in Bonneuil-Les-Eaux, Oise, Picardie, France. They were married on 21 June 1958 in Bonneuil-Les-Eaux, Oise, Picardie, France. They had 2 children.
    - **Eve-Marie Aubet**. She was born on 07 August 1959 in Amiens, Somme, France. She married **Daniel Christian Chevreau**. He was born on 30 June 1953 in Paris, France. They were married on 01 September 1984 in Bonneuil-Les-Eaux, Oise, Picardie, France.

      They had 2 children.

        - **Brice Jacques Lucien Chevreau**. He was born on 17 June 1986 in Amiens, Somme, France.
        - **Adrien Raymond Chevreau**. He was born on 20 June 1991 in Amiens, Somme, France.
    - **Corinne Christiane Aubet**. She was born on 23 March 1961 in Bonneuil-Les-Eaux, Oise, Picardie, France. She married **Jean Louis Giacometti**. He was born on 22 November 1953 in Paris, France. They were married on 31 May 1981 in Bonneuil-Les-Eaux, Oise, Picardie, France. They had 2 children:

        - **Justine Marie Francoise Giacometti**. She was born on 20 September 1985. She married **Emanuel Versheve**. He was born on 20 June 1980 in Beauvais, France. They had 1 child.
            - **Lily Rose Versheve**. She was born on 13 May 2008 in Amiens, Somme, France.
        - **Charlotte Franccise Marie Giacometti**. She was born on 13 May 1992 in Amiens, Somme, France.

- **Serge Marcel Eugene Aubet**. He was born on 24 January 1939 in Bonneuil-Les-Eaux, Oise, Picardie, France. His first marriage was to **Liliane Ourth**. She was born on 03 August 1938 in Sully, Oise, France. They were married on 06 September 1958 in Breteuil Sur Noye, France. **Serge's** second marriage was to **Josette Martin**. She was born about 1940 in France.

  Serge's had one child from his first marriage:

- **Ariane Aubet**. She was born on 12 January 1959 in Breteuil Sur Noye, France. Her first marriage was to **Unknown Sirour**. He was born about 1956 in France. They had 1 child. They were married on 01 August 2000 in Graveson, France. **Ariane Aubet** second marriage was to **Francis Nencioni**. He was born on 13 April 1937 in Noves, France. They were married on 01 August 2000 in Graveson, France. They had no children.

  Ariane's child from her first marriage:

  - **Lauriane Sirour**. She was born on 16 August 1986 in Le Chesnay, France.

- **Alain Alfred Arthur Aubet**. He was born on 06 February 1940 in Bonneuil-Les-Eaux, Oise, Picardie, France. He died on 09 September 1940 in Bonneuil-Les-Eaux, Oise, Picardie, France.

- **Daniel Michel Audre Aubet**. He was born on 04 November 1943 in Bonneuil-Les-Eaux, Oise, Picardie, France. He married **Marie-Jose**. She was born on 29 March 1948 in Breteuil Sur Noye, France. They were married on 07 July 1969 in Breteuil Sur Noye, France. They had 2 children.

  - **Celine Aubet**. She was born on 26 September 1972 in Amiens, Somme, France. She married **Francois Lefevre**. He was born on 22 April 1969 in France. They were married on 06 May 2000 in Breteuil Sur Iton, France. They had 1 child.

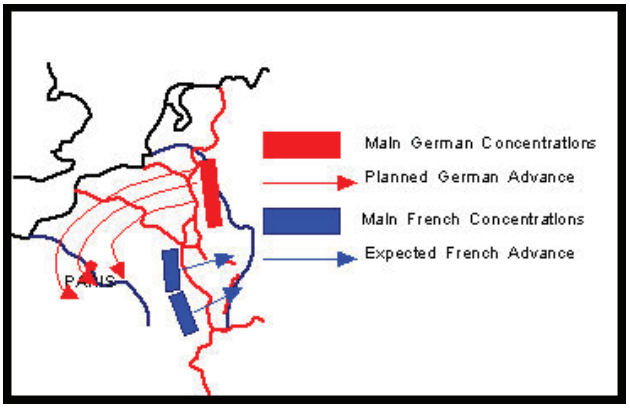
    - **Pierre Lefevre**. He was born on 08 August 2001 in Paris, France.

  - **Elodie Aubet**. She was born on 05 February 1982 in Amiens, Somme, France. She died on 01 October 2000 in St Sauflien, France resulting from an automobile accident. Burial on 05 October 2000 in Breteuil Sur Iton, France.

The Influence of World War I on the Robaeys Family

World War I in Belgium caused major hardships to both the Robaeys Families in Belgium and in America.

Palmyra (Robaeys) and Achille DeClerck immigrated to America in November 1911 not knowing that in 3 short years that their lives would be forever changed. They were followed in April 1913 by Palmyra's father, Emeric Robaeys, and sisters, Angela Robaeys Kerschieter and Helena Robaeys. Emeric had to leave his wife and 7 youngest children behind because he could not afford to bring them to America in 1913. The plan was for the family in America to earn enough money to bring the rest of the family over within a few years. Before they left Europe, the family was aware that tensions were rising in Europe. This was, in part, why they decided to immigrate to America. Within a few months of their leaving, Belgium declared its neutrality in November 1913 in case a war should break out.



The Schlieffen Plan showing German Plans of attacking France through Belgium in 1914

The declaration of neutrality by the little country of Belgium had little effect on a country like Germany that was determined to find a way to implement their war plans as soon as possible with an invasion of France. According to the Schlieffen Plan (drawn up in 1907), the German Army would attack France from the north through Belgium. German needed a reason to implement their plans and quickly found it in the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand on 28 June 1914 while he was visiting Sarajevo. This was followed by declarations of war between the various European nations that quickly resulted in the start of World War I by August 1914.

On August 2, 1914, Germany directed an ultimatum at the Belgian government requesting free passage through Belgium for the German Army on their push into France, around the French border fortifications. The Belgian government denied the request; German troops on August 4th invaded both Belgium and Luxemburg. In August and September, almost all of Belgium was occupied by German forces; only stretches of the extreme west remained free. Many Belgians, both civilians and soldiers, had fled either to neutral Netherlands, to the port of Ostende, Belgium, or to France. Belgians that fled to Netherlands were interred there for the duration of the War. Those that fled to Ostende were transported to England. Many of those that fled to France ended up in LaHarve.



Belgian refugees heading south into France in 1914

The German General von Kluck began his attack in Belgium. His army charged in into little Belgium: like a huge scythe mowing down all before it, men, women, and children, the young

and the old. The army swung around the Ardennes Forest; first heading west, then swinging south (called von Kluck's turn). The small Belgium roads could not handle the huge army. The ensuing delays caused by the little roads wrecked the precise German timetable for reaching the French boarder. This allowed the Allies to brace for the onslaught. The British Expeditionary Force (BEF) arrived just in time to slow the advance near Langemark.

The Belgian Army opposed the advance of the German troops in August and September but, again and again, had to give ground. But there actions allowed many Belgians to escape and time for the British to build up its expeditionary force (BEF). The German Army was deflected from the Belgium coast, ruining the first part of their Schlieffen Plan. The front soon stabilized, and turned into Trench Warfare; a cauldron for the extermination of a generation of young men on both sides. On the Belgian front, the Battles of Ypres and Langemark were fought (Langemark was the birthplace of Emeric Robaeys). Much of the fighting and dying occurred around Zonnebeke (birthplace of Maria Salomez) and Passendale (birthplace of Palmyra Robaeys). The British held onto the town of Ypres and a small stretch of Belgian soil in western Flanders for the duration of the war. For almost four years, the frontline hardly changed. In this tiny part of Belgian, these major battles fought destroying much of the beautiful medieval city of Ypres and many of its surrounding villages leaving in its place a horrific number of war cemeteries. The villages of Langemark, Zonnebecke, and Passendale were completely destroyed and were not re-populated until many years after the war.

During this time Emeric's wife, Maria (Salomez) Robaeys and his seven children (Estella, Eugene, Marcel, Julia, Laura, Augusta, and Bertha) along a young grand daughter, Laura Kerscheiter) fled south into France along with thousands of other refugees. They were probably in LaHarve, France, by September 1914.

Emeric was aware that his wife and children were in LaHarve. He travelled to New York and boarded a ship bound for LaHarve, France, on or about 23 February 1915. Emeric arrived in LaHarve safely about March 3rd, and registered at a small guest house (hotel). On 4 March 1915, he was found dead by two men. The LaHarve Police Report (Death Certificate) stated that he was found dead at Gustave Flaubert's Street at the number 552 (presumably at or near the guest house). The cause of death was not given. His clothing and an empty wallet were found. The date of death was listed is 4 March 1915, 3 AM.

Maria (Salomez) Robaeys was to meet her husband, Emeric, but when he did not show up, she contacted the police. The police said that her husband was dead and presented her with his clothes and the empty wallet. One of her daughters said that Maria collapsed (fainted) upon hearing of the bad news.

An old man by the name of Vermeulen took pity on Maria and the children and took them to Cahors in the south of France for the duration of the war. The man died during or soon after war. Maria remarried Julien Hubert who took care of her for many years.

Emeric was buried in La Havre, France, in Marie Cemetery, Path Number 9, Tomb Number 13. Little is known about circumstances surrounding the death of Emeric. However there was some speculation that foul play was involved with a man by the name of DeCapp (later owner of the Little Cow Bell Tavern, East Moline, Illinois) traveling with him from the USA.

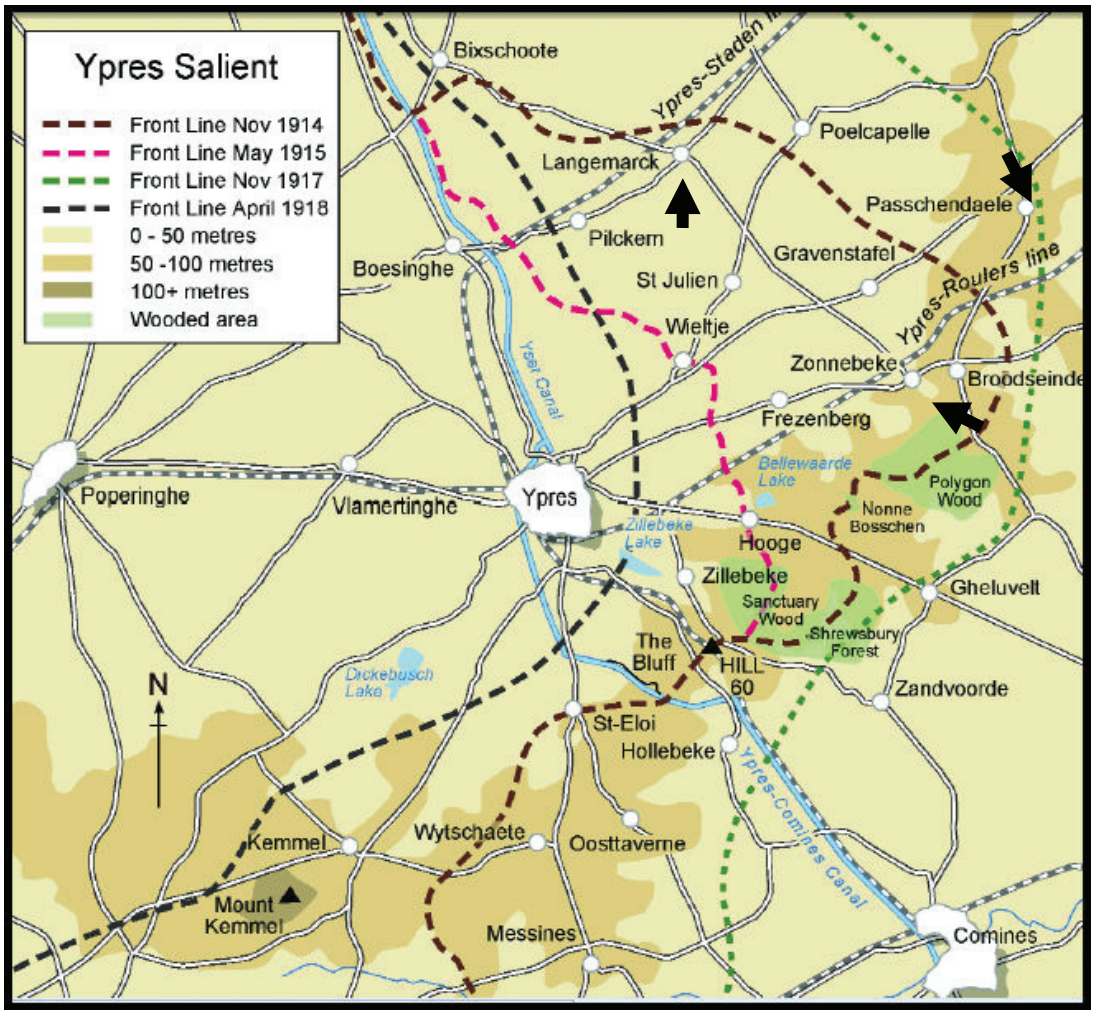
Battles in and Around the Villages of Our Ancestors, 1914-1918

All of our ancestors fled from their small villages in advance of the German Army, leaving their land to the deadly game of war. During the years from 1914 to 1918, three major World War I battles were fought in this small area. Bodies of young men from both sides piled up, one upon another, in the fertile Flanders plains between Ypres and the villages of our forefathers; Langemark, Passendale, and Zonnebeke.

The following ancestor's table and Flanders battle map shows information on the villages that suffered during World War I (sometimes called the "Great War"):

Ancestor	Birth Location
Maria Ludovica Salomez	Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium
Emericus Alfonsius Robaeys	Langemark (Langemarck), West Flanders, Belgium
Palmyra Florentina Robaeys	Passendale (Passchendaele), West Flanders, Belgium

Table showing ancestor birth locations in the main battle zones of World War I.



Flanders battle map of World War I showing the small villages of our ancestors



Langemark Church in 1917

The Battle of Langemark, 21-24 October 1914, was part of the wider **First Battle of Ypres (19 October-22 November).** It began as an encounter battle, between troops of the British I corps and German troops, both advancing to make an attack. It ended with the Allies on the defensive around Ypres, holding off the first of a series of fierce German attacks that would be typical of the remained of the battle of Ypres.

The final German push against the Channel Ports was halted by the BEF in the First Battle of Ypres, which almost destroyed the BEF, but also prevented the Germans reaching the ports. The trenches now marched from the North Sea to the Swiss border with the Allies behind the natural fortification of the Ysar Canal which ran from Diksmuide through Ypres to Comines. The British held this high ground on which the medieval city of Ypres rested. Across the gentle plain to the east, the Germans held

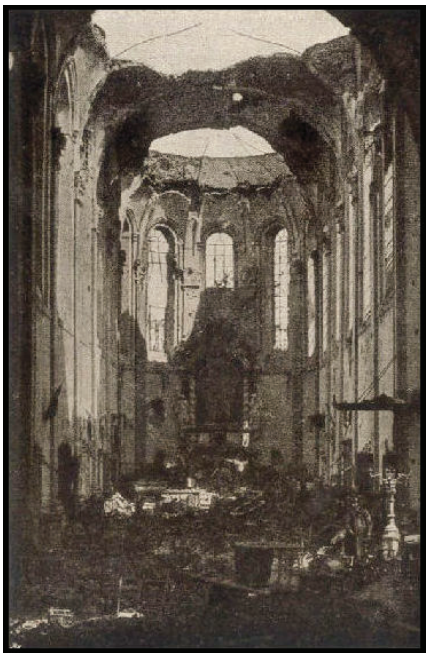
Passchendaele. All mobility was gone from the war on the western Front until 1918.

At the **Second Battle of Ypres (22 April-25 May)**, the Germans introduced poisoned gas into the war, but despite the initial, horrific, impact of the gas, made very little progress, having failed to provide sufficient support for their new weapon, and for the rest of the year a series of failed attacks followed one after one.



Passendale Church, March 1917

On 7 June 1917, after exploding a mine that could be heard in London, the British took the Messines Ridge (Battle of Messines, 7 June 1917)**.** This allowed the launch of the **Third Battle of Ypres, 31 July-10 November 1917**. Sometimes this is called the Battle of(Passchendaele. This floundered for two reasons. First, the long preparations and bombardment had given the Germans time to build up their defenses in great depth. Second was the terrain of Flanders, low lying, and wet at the best of times, days of rain combined with the bombardment had turned the battlefield into a swamp. Men who fell off the paths made above the mud frequently drowned in the mud under the weight of their own packs. Eventually, after capturing Passchendaele the battle was ended, having gained 5 miles at a cost of 300,000 casualties. However, the year ended with the first signs of change.



Zonnebeke Church, February 1917

In spring 1918 the Germans undertook a last attempt to force a victory following the earlier capitulation of Russia in the east. Their sweeping advances reclaimed all of the ground the Allies had won the autumn before and more, practically to the gates of Ypres itself. But by August, the Germans were spent. The offensive was halted, and the allies, strengthened by the arrival of fresh US troops, pushed back the German lines. The Allies retook the offensive and, through August and September, swept across the old battlefields and beyond. By mid-October the front had left Ypres behind forever.

On November 11, 1918, an armistice was signed, ending the war.



Aerial Views of Passendale , Belgium, at the start of the World War I in 1914 (top photo) and near the end of the war in 1918 (bottom photo)

The Effects of the World War I on Belgium and its Aftermath

The costs of war: 100,000 houses destroyed; military and civilian casualties together 50,000 dead; out of 267,000 men mobilized, 13,716 were listed dead, 44,686 wounded and 34,659 POW/MIA. A large percentage of Belgium's industrial facilities had been destroyed. The University of Leuven had suffered severe damage, the greater part of her library been lost. Of the medieval city of Ypres only ruins were left at the war's end.

The area of Flanders between Ypres and Passchendaele where many so many young men died was turned into a treeless smelly yellow-green sludge. Fumes rising from the many layers of the dead could be smelt from over 20 miles away.



Tyne Cot Cemetery near Zonnebeke and Passendale, Belgium

The area surrounding Ypres today contains many military cemeteries. The largest is the British Commonwealth Tyne Cot Cemetery located near Zonnebeke, Belgium. Approximately 100,000 commonwealth soldiers and probably an equal number of German soldiers were missing in battles from 1914 to 1918. Each year, many are found and identified. Stone masons are constantly adding their names to markers at Tyne Cot. The graves are attended to daily by Belgian grounds keepers. From the center of the cemetery, the little Belgium villages of Langemark, Zonnebeke, and Passendale can be seen in the distant hills.

Many Belgians that fled to France never returned. The reasons are four fold. First, there was nothing to return to. Many homes and businesses were completely destroyed. Second, it was very dangerous to farm much of the land in the south of West Flanders due to the many unexploded artillery shells. These shells still take the lives of many innocent people in Belgium today. Third, Belgians intermarried with the French and made their homes in France. Fourth, many Belgians immigrated to the USA, Canada, and many other places in the world, nevermore to return to Belgium.

The war resulted in the fracture of Emeric Robaeys family into two parts, the American part that comprised 3 sisters and one brother (Eugene immigrated to America with Laura Kerscheiter after the war) and the French part (the remainder of the Belgium family that fled to France and

made their home there after the war). After many years, the American and French families remain close.

The Robaeys Surname

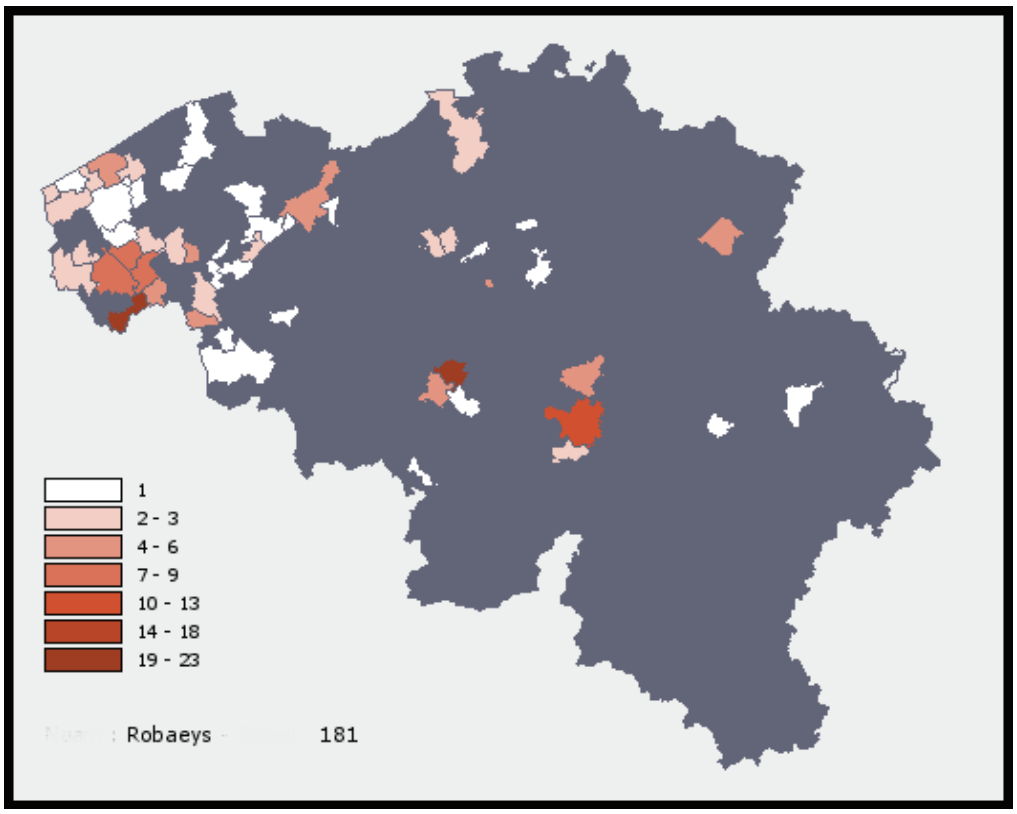
The Robaeys name most likely originated from the town of Roubaix, France, which is located on the border of West Flanders in Belgium. Here is a list of Robaeys spelling variations:

- Robays
- De Robais
- Van Robays
- Van Robaais
- Robayes
- De Roubaix
- De Robays
- Rabaem
- Rabay
- Van Robaeys

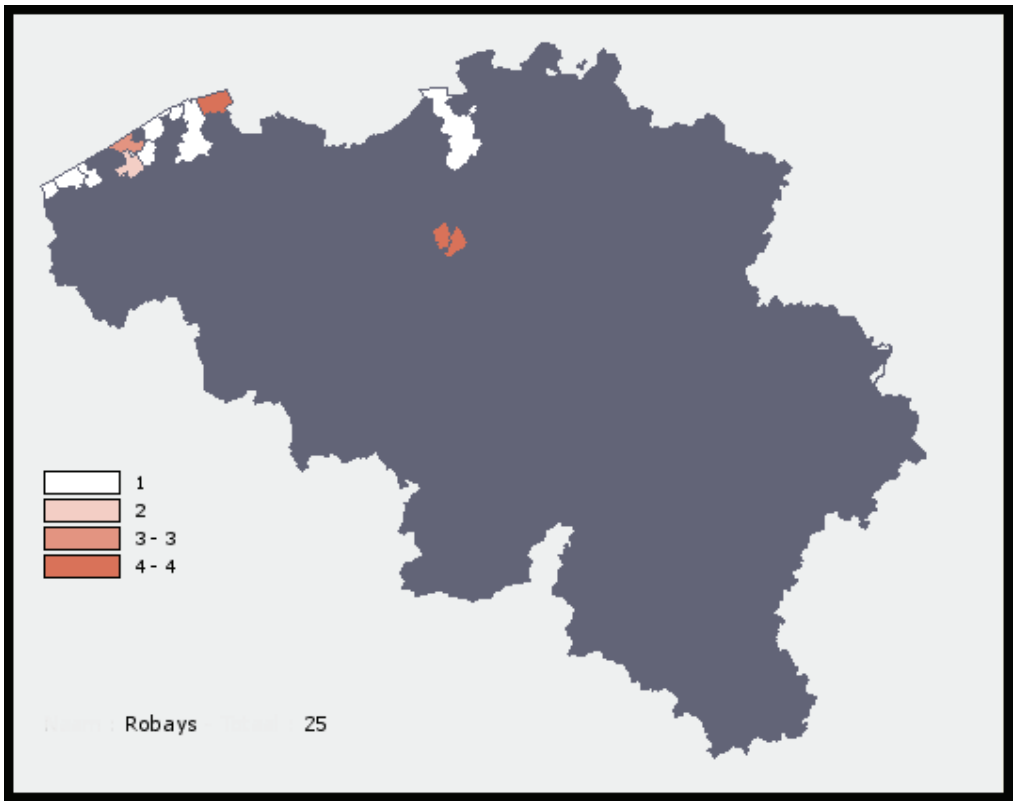
For more on Belgian surnames, see Darrel R. Hagberg's paper on **"Origin of Belgium Surnames"** located in the Appendix.

Distribution of Robaeys and Related Families in Belgium Today (2009)

The following five charts on the following pages show the current population distributions of five of the 10 surname variations in Belgium. The other five names are not found or are not in use today. Those not in use are: De Robais, Van Robaais, Robaais, Rabaem and Rabay.



Robaeys surname distribution in Belgium (181 individuals in 2009)



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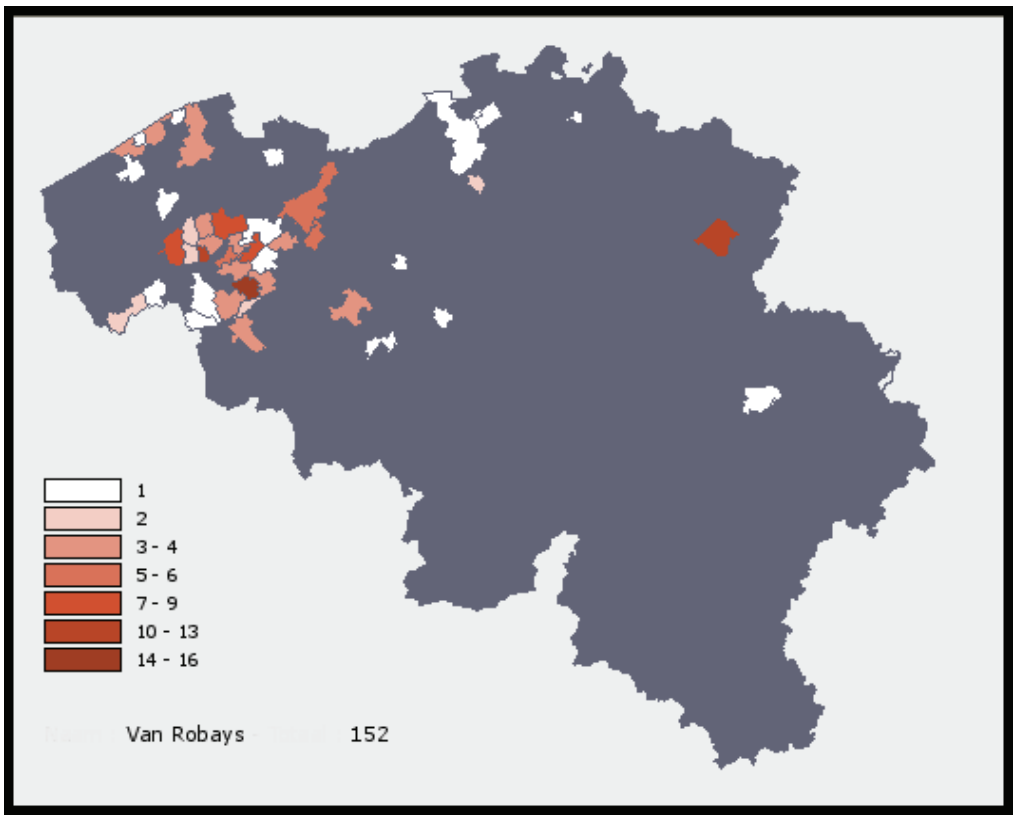

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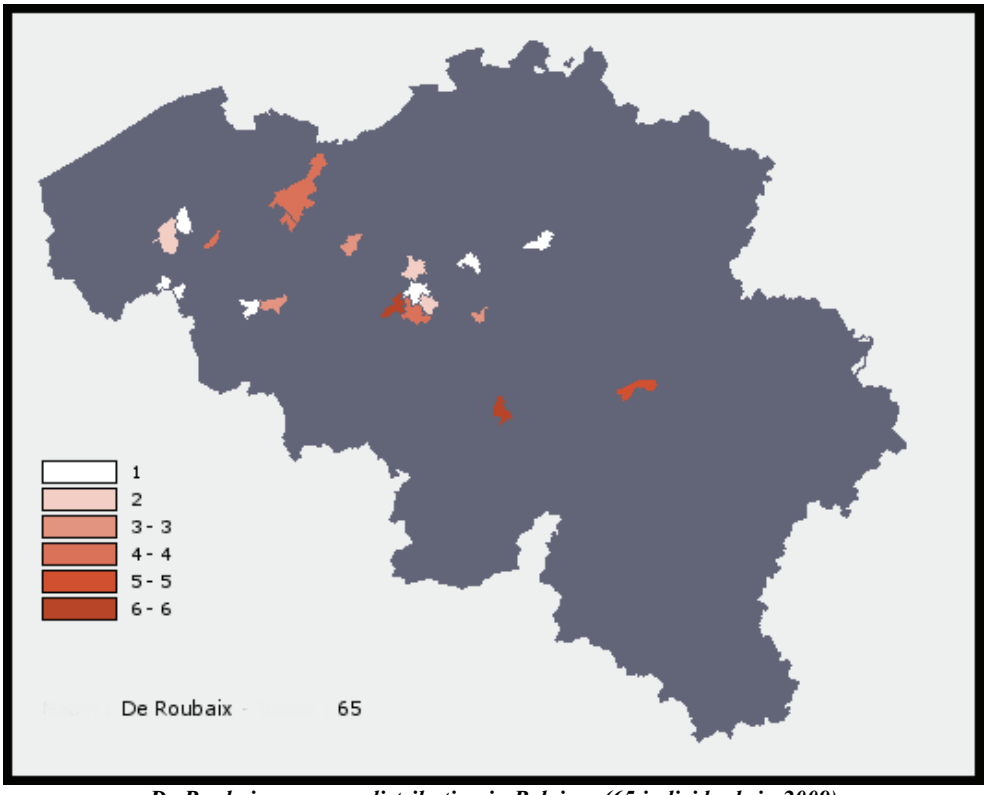
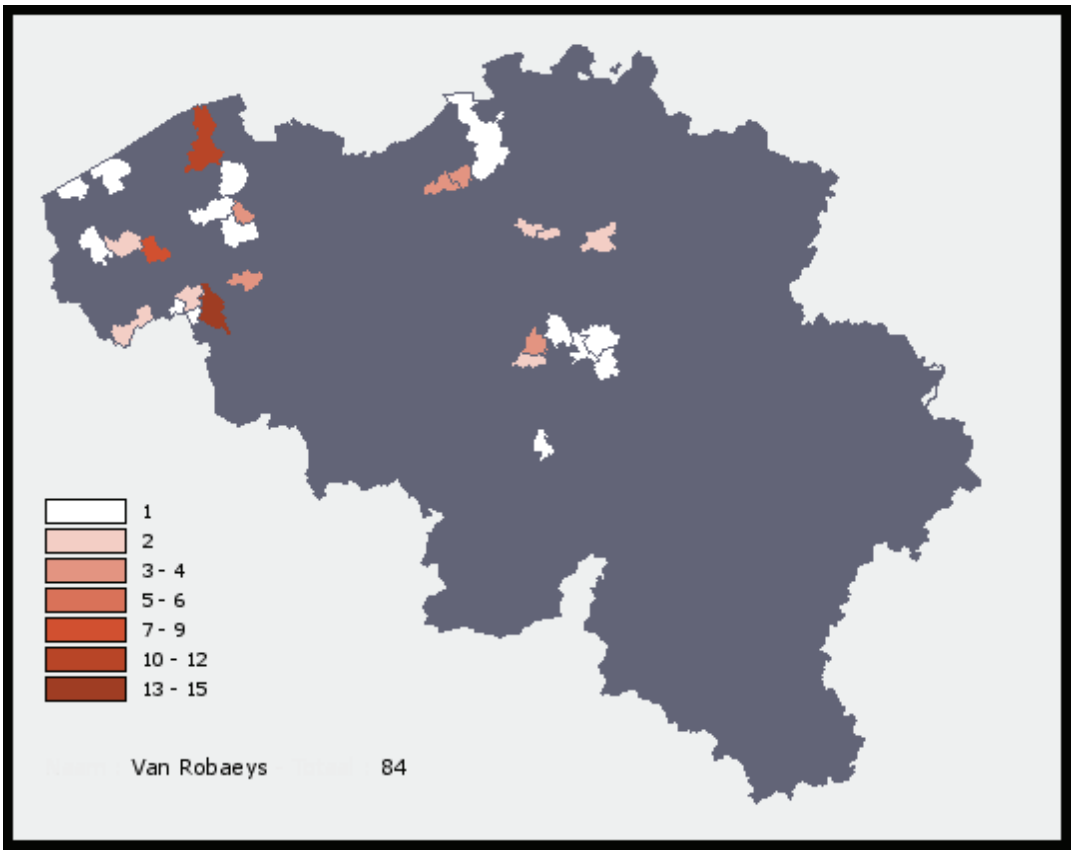


De Roubaix surname distribution in Belgium (65 individuals in 2009)



Van Robaeys surname distribution in Belgium (84 individuals in 2009)

The heaviest concentration of Robaeys and related surnames today is in the north western part of Belgium (or Flanders) or in West Flanders. This was the area where the Robaeys were originally from prior to World War I.

Source:

- Ann Marynissen, Institut für Niederlandistik, Köln, Germany.

History of the Zeeland (II)

By Darrel R. Hagberg

The following is a brief history of the S.S. Zeeland (II); the ship that brought Emeric Robaeys and two of his daughters, Angela and Helena, to the United States in 1913. The S.S. Zeeland (I) was purchased by the Red Star Line in 1878 and was in service until 1895. The second Red Star Line Ship with the name Zeeland started service in 1901. Zeeland (II) was in service for 30 years and sold for scrap in 1930.



The SS Zeeland of the Red Star Line leaving the harbor at Antwerp, Belgium, about 1907.

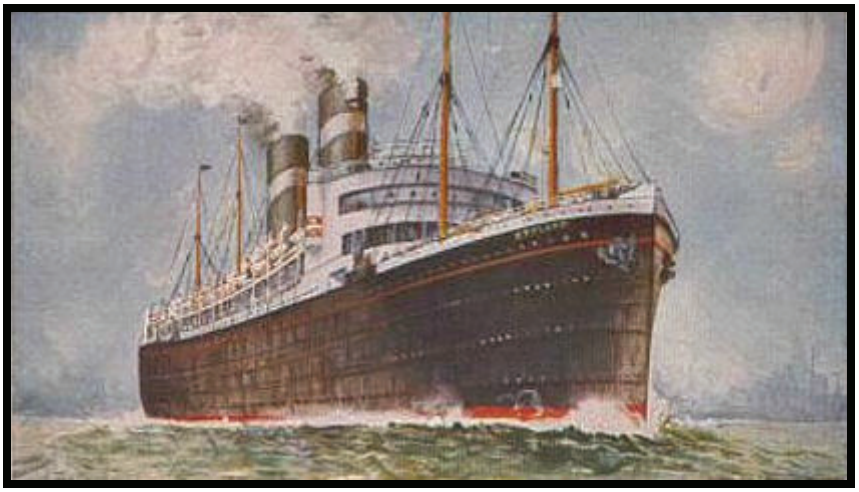
1901 – 1910 Red Star Line

The story of the Zeeland (II) begins with Director Clement Griscom, of the parent company, "International Navigation Company", obtaining the needed capital for modernizing his fleet through the successful floatation of 5 percent mortgage bonds in 1899 with J. P. Morgan. The new funds enabled Griscom to order two principal units for the Red Star Line, *Vaderland* and her sister *Zeeland*, to be built at John Brown & Company of Clydebank in Scotland starting in July 1899. In 1900, Griscom reorganized a number of his shipping line companies into the "International Mercantile Marine Company or IMM" and the International Navigation Company became a part of this new enterprise.

Zeeland was for a while the largest ship in the line and, unusually, was strengthened forward to cope with ice. She had accommodation for 342 first, 194 second and 626 third class passengers, and offered some first class suites. Steerage passengers were accommodated not the traditional open dormitories but in private two, four, and six berth rooms. "As was normal in any Griscom vessel particular attention was paid to ventilation."

After being launched on 24 November 1900, *Zeeland* made her maiden voyage from Antwerp to New York on 13 April 1901, sailing under the British flag. The *Zeeland* began regular service on the Antwerp–New York route sailing opposite of *Vaderland*.

In 1909 the *Zeeland*, managed to collide with Ropner's *Hartlepool* in the Straits of Dover in the fog and at night; both ships were deemed to be equally at fault. *Hartlepool*'s starboard bow was cut down to the water's edge and *Zeeland*'s bow was stove in and it was estimated that repairs would take two or three weeks.



An artist postcard rendering of the SS Zeeland underway for America.

1910 – 1911 White Star Line

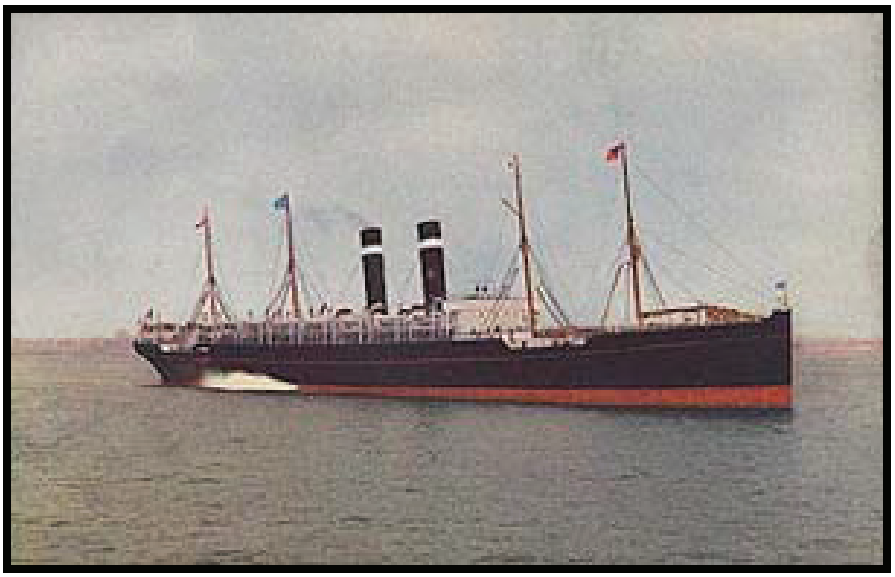
On 19 April 1910, *Zeeland* was chartered to the White Star Line for service between Liverpool and Boston, as a temporary replacement for *Republic (II*), which had been lost at sea a year earlier. She remained with the White Star Line pending the delivery of the *Olympic* which was to be used as a replacement for *Republic (II)*. *Zeeland* sailed on the Liverpool to Boston route and made her last sailing on this service in September 1911 when the *Olympic* was delivered.



The Zealand Band on the Antwerp to New York Run.

1911 – 1914 Red Star Line

On 21 October 1911 she resumed Antwerp to New York sailings (via Dover) for Red Star Line, and during the off-season disembarked at Boston. In 1912, *Zeeland* was transferred to Belgian registry, and did not return to British registration for two years. In July 1914 (days before the outbreak of war according to Vernon Finch), she was involved in a collision with the Atlantic Transport Line's *Missouri* during a voyage to New York. The incident was blamed on faulty steering gear on *Missouri. Zeeland* was severely dented mid-ships, and *Missouri* had her bow extensively damaged. *Zeeland* was carrying 693 passengers at the time and was under the command of Captain Möller.



A color rendering of a black and white photo of the SS Zeeland.

1914 – 1915 White Star-Dominion Line

After the August 1914 outbreak of World War I, *Zeeland* was reflagged as a British ship. On 11 September 1914 with the port of Antwerp closed because of the war, the *Zeeland* was returned to White Star to replace ships requisitioned for Government service. Shifting to the White Star-Dominion Line, *Zeeland* first sailed from Liverpool (mainly because Southampton had become a military port) to Quebec and Montreal in November, and from Liverpool to Halifax and Portland in December and January 1915.



After the SS Zeeland was transferred to the International Navigation Company, she was renamed the SS Northland. A black and white postcard sketch.

1915 International Navigation Company

In early 1915, *Zeeland* was transferred to the International Navigation Company of Liverpool. Although her name was Dutch, her name sounded too Germanic and she was renamed *Northland*.

Sailing for the International Navigation Company (an IMM subsidiary line), the liner continued on the Liverpool–Halifax–Portland service through June 1915 before returning to the Liverpool–Quebec–Montreal route.

1915 – 1919 White Star Dominion Line

In March 1915, however, she was transferred to the White Star Dominion Line for the Liverpool to Halifax and Portland and Liverpool to Quebec and Montreal routes

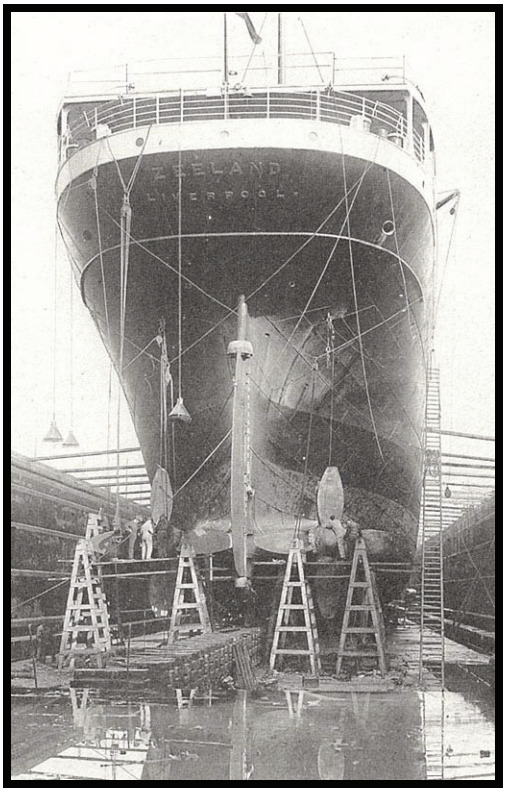
For a brief period in early1916, she served for a time as a British troop ship under the name HMT *Northland*.

The liner returned for service under the White Star-Dominion Line from August 1916 to February 1917. In April 1917, the *Northland* began Liverpool–Halifax service, eventually making seven roundtrips on that route.

In March 1917, after seven voyages was taken over by the Shipping Controller under the Liner Requisition Scheme.

1919 American Line

In February 1919, SS *Northland* was briefly chartered to the American Line (an IMM subsidiary line) and sailed four return trips from Liverpool to Philadelphia through June 1919.



The Zeeland in dry dock in Belfast, Ireland, in 1919.

1920 – 1927 Red Star Line

After she was decommissioned in September 1919 she was refitted at Liverpool and Belfast from July 1919 to August 1920 and refurnished in Antwerp before being renamed *Zeeland.* On 18 August 1920 she recommenced her Red Star sailings from Antwerp to New York with a intermediate stop at Southampton under the British flag. In 1921 her European terminal port became Hamburg, and in 1924 she was converted to all tourist class accommodation.

In April 1923, the *Zeeland* was converted to cabin- and third-class passenger service only. *Zeeland* began her last Red Star voyage on 8 October 1926.

In early 1927, *Zeeland* made one trooping voyage to Shanghai in company with the *Megantic* transporting Royal Marines.



A postcard showing an artist rendering of the SS Minnesota entering New York Harbor.

1927 – 1929 Atlantic Transport Line

The liner was transferred to the Atlantic Transport Line (an IMM subsidiary line) in 1927 under the management, according to one source, of Frederick Leyland & Co. This may have been because the Red Star Line (and the soon A.T.L.) were being liquidated by the IMM and its remaining assets were placed under the management of the IMM's last British component. She was renamed *SS Minnesota*.

The ship began tourist service between London and New York in April 1927. The *Minnesota* and the *Minnekahda* operated a tourist class service marketed at the time as “the Democratic Ships.” These ships enabled the A.T.L. to offer once again a well-balanced weekly service, with a steamer leaving London and New York every Saturday, with first class and tourist class sailings on alternate weeks. *Minnesota* is recorded in the *Morton Allan Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals* making a total 26 voyages to New York for the A.T.L. passenger service between May 1927 and June 1930.

Minnesota sailed under the command of Captain E. Finch R.D. (R.N.R.), and offered passengers a wealth of activities. In August of 1929 passengers were presented with a printed program for the coming week's activities. Events listed for the week included bridge on Wednesday afternoon, a tea dance on Thursday afternoon, a treasure hunt on Thursday night, a costume dance on Friday afternoon, horse racing (with wooden "horses"?) on Friday afternoon and deck sports daily with finals held on Saturday afternoon and prizes awarded at the grand concert that evening. The ship carried an orchestra and there was dancing every evening. The horse races were held on the after well deck with the first of the six races commencing at 2:30 p.m. There were six horses a race, each "owned" by a passenger or senior member of the crew, and 25c bets were placed. Races had amusing names such as the "Seasick Hurdle" and "Lowbrow Handicap," and the horses had names like *Arthritis, Indigestion, Steam Hammer, Count de Money*, and *Waffles*. One passenger, Miss Elizabeth Benjamin, noted in the diary she kept throughout her European vacation, "won $1.25, bet on the Captain's horse *Safety First.*" The same diary records

a fire in the hold early in the crossing. *Minnesota*'s voyage that commenced on 21 September 1929 saw "the gala event of the season" held in the saloon the last Saturday of the crossing despite stormy weather that threatened a cancellation. Turns included the ship's orchestra, Lester's Famous Midgets (with elephant obbligato), the celebrated baritone Randall Hargreaves, and "Swampscott's Famous Scarecrow" Miss M. M. Preston. (Miss Benjamin's diary notes that she "saw elephant put to bed," which both explains the accompaniment to John Lester's act and confirms that the ship carried livestock.)

By the late 1920s tourist class travel had established itself — "passengers no longer show any aversion to it" according to the *New York Times* — and for the A.T.L. seemed to be faring better than the line's dwindling first cabin business. In the two high-season months of June and July of 1929, the IMM fleet carried a total of 12,113 tourist class passengers and *Minnekahda* was the most successful ship in this service.



The SS Zeeland was renamed SS* Minnesota *and began tourist service between London and New York in April 1927.

Scrapped in Scotland

Minnesota arrived in New York for the last time on 7 June 1930, and was soon after soon sold to T. W. Ward Ltd. of Inverkeithing on the Firth of Forth, Scotland, for scrap. The town of Inverkeithing was famous for ship -breaking**.**

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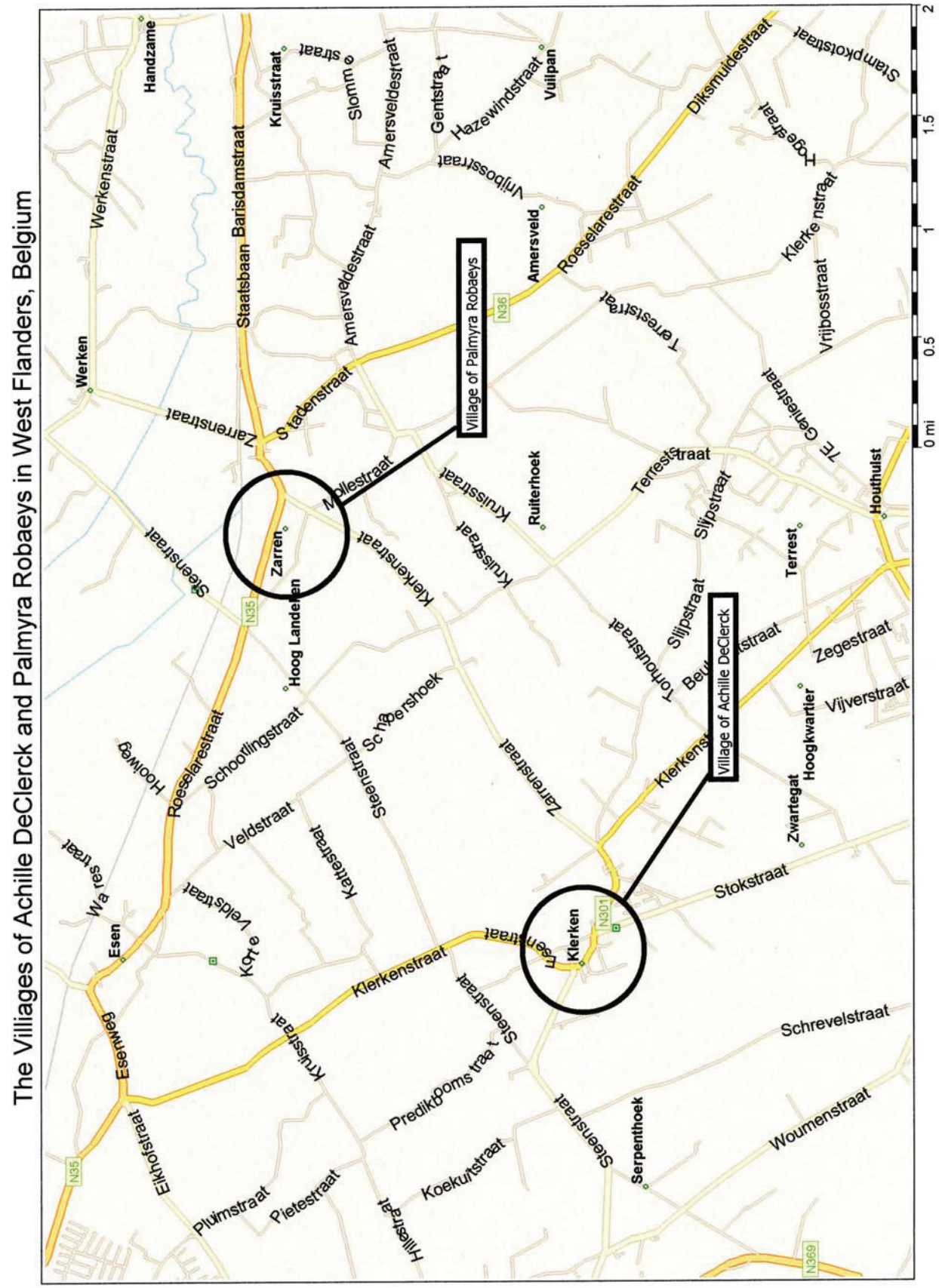
The Villiages of Achille DeClerck and Palmyra Robaeys in West Flanders, Belgium
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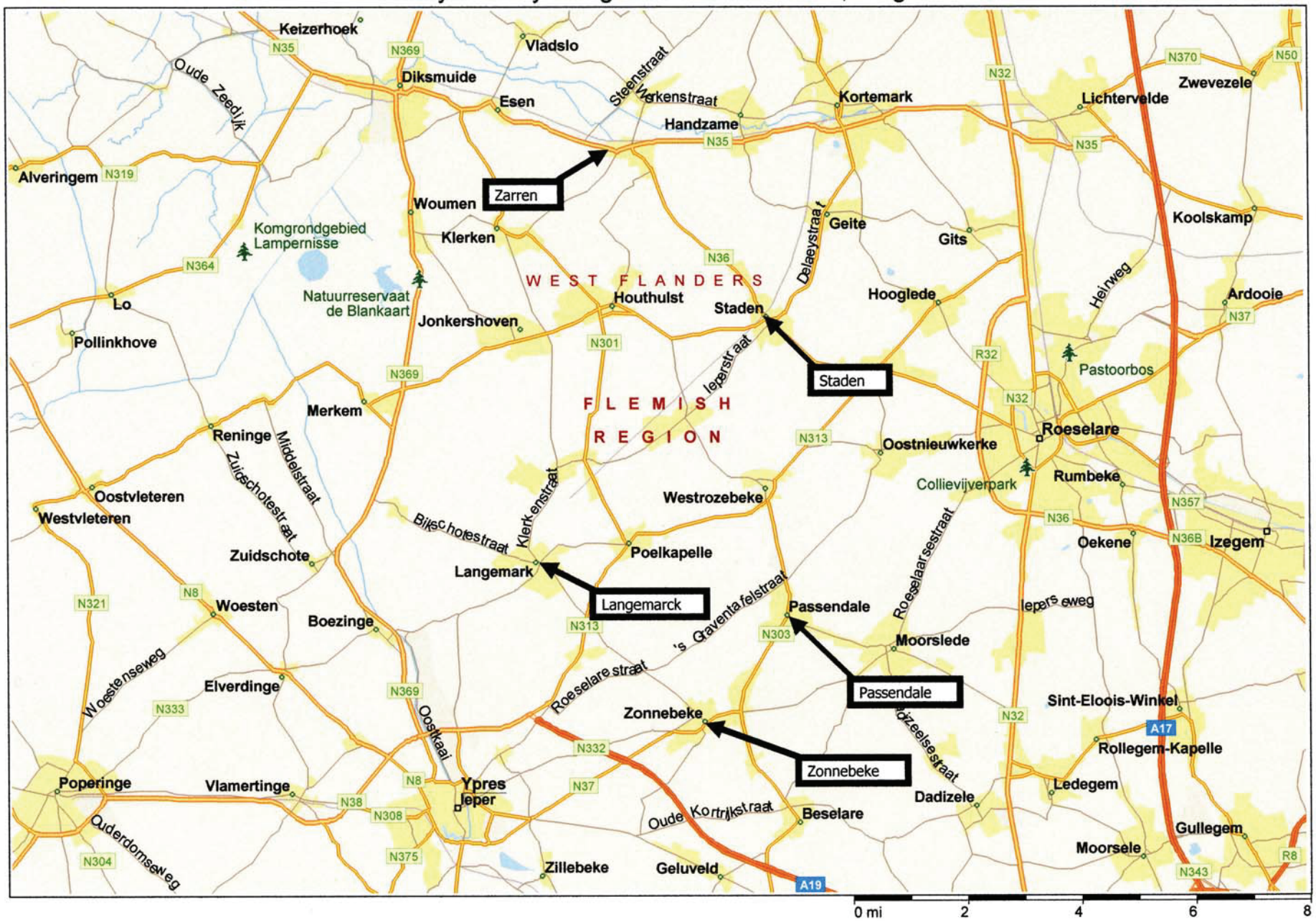
Robaeys Family Villages in West Flanders, Belgium



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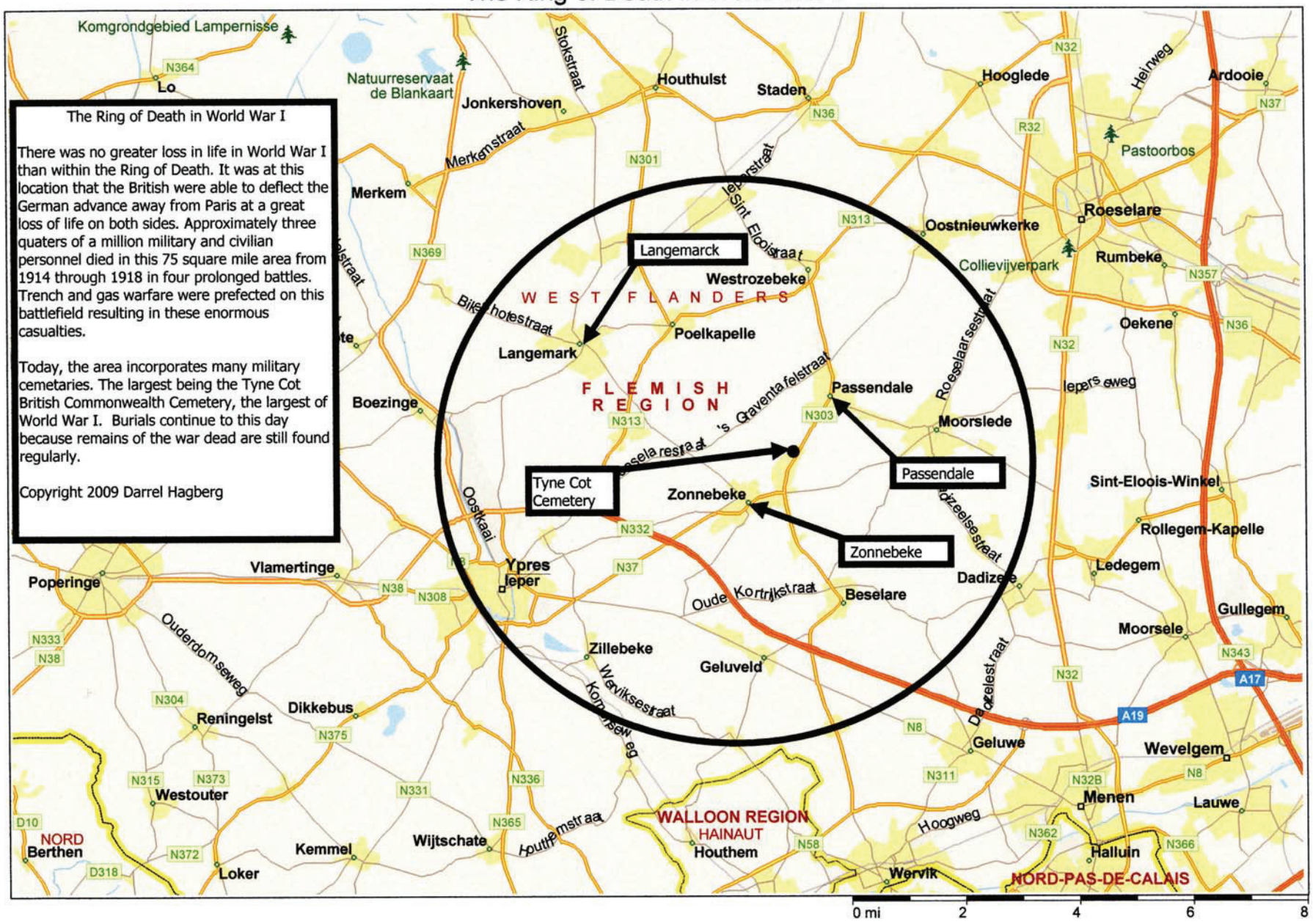

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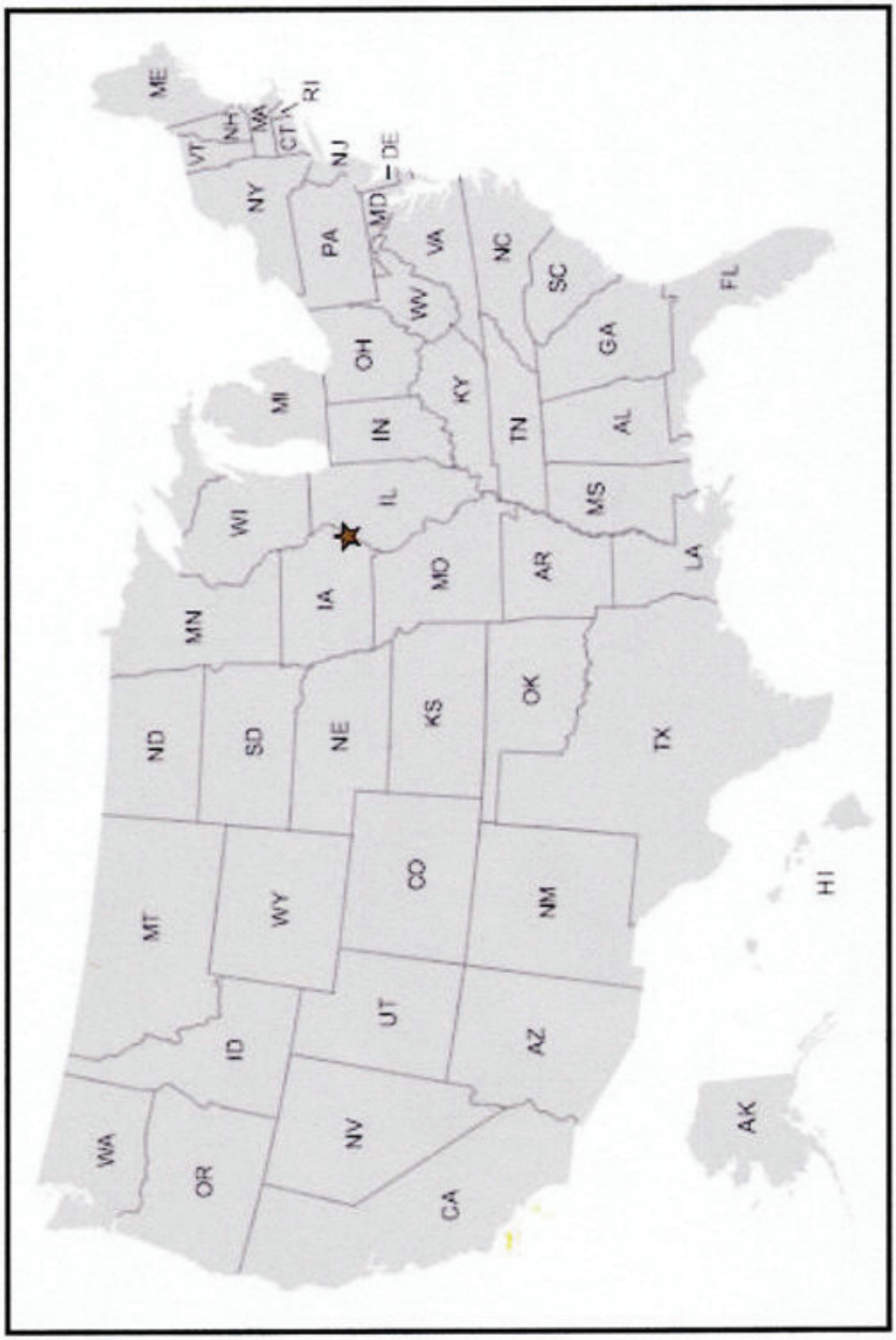

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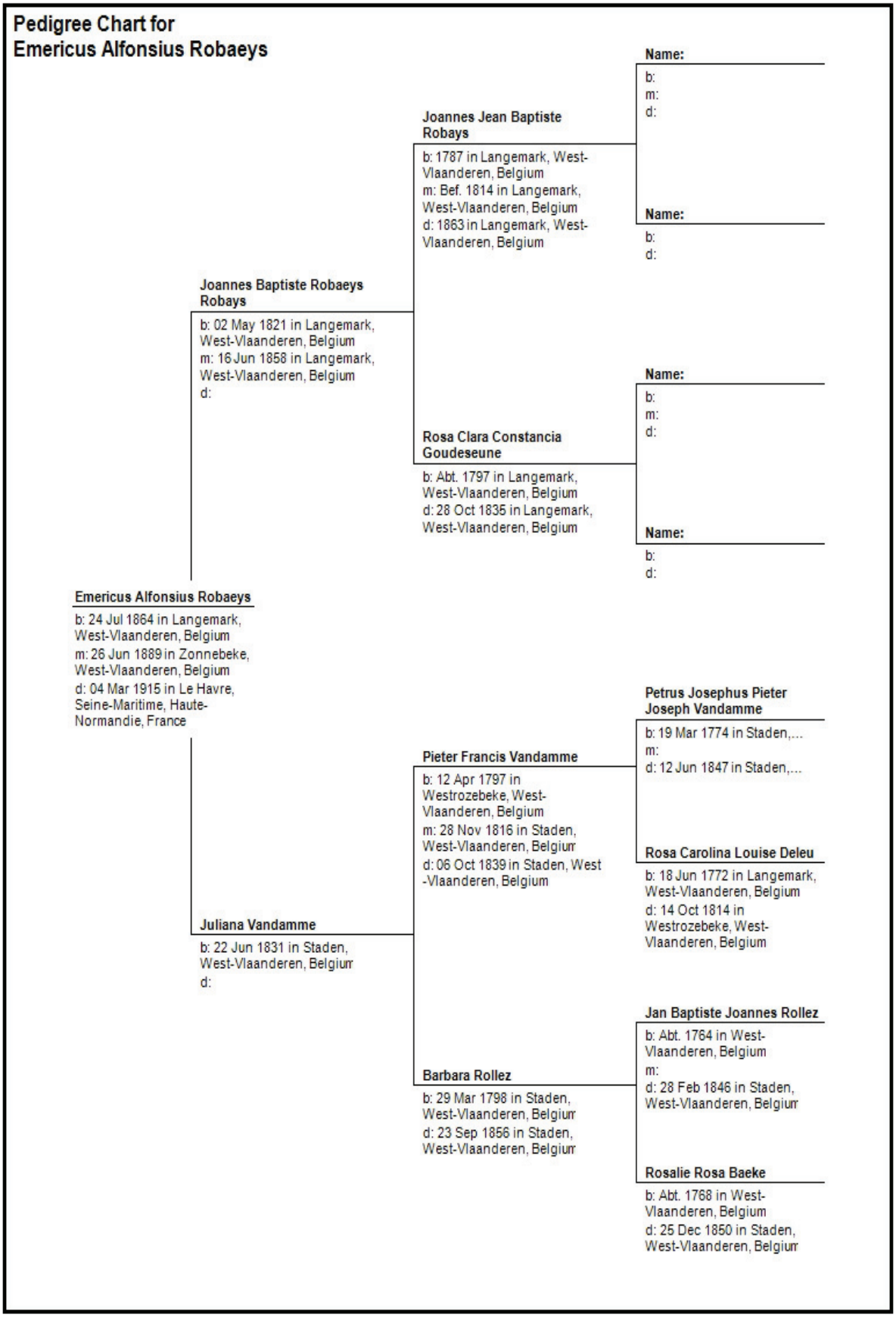

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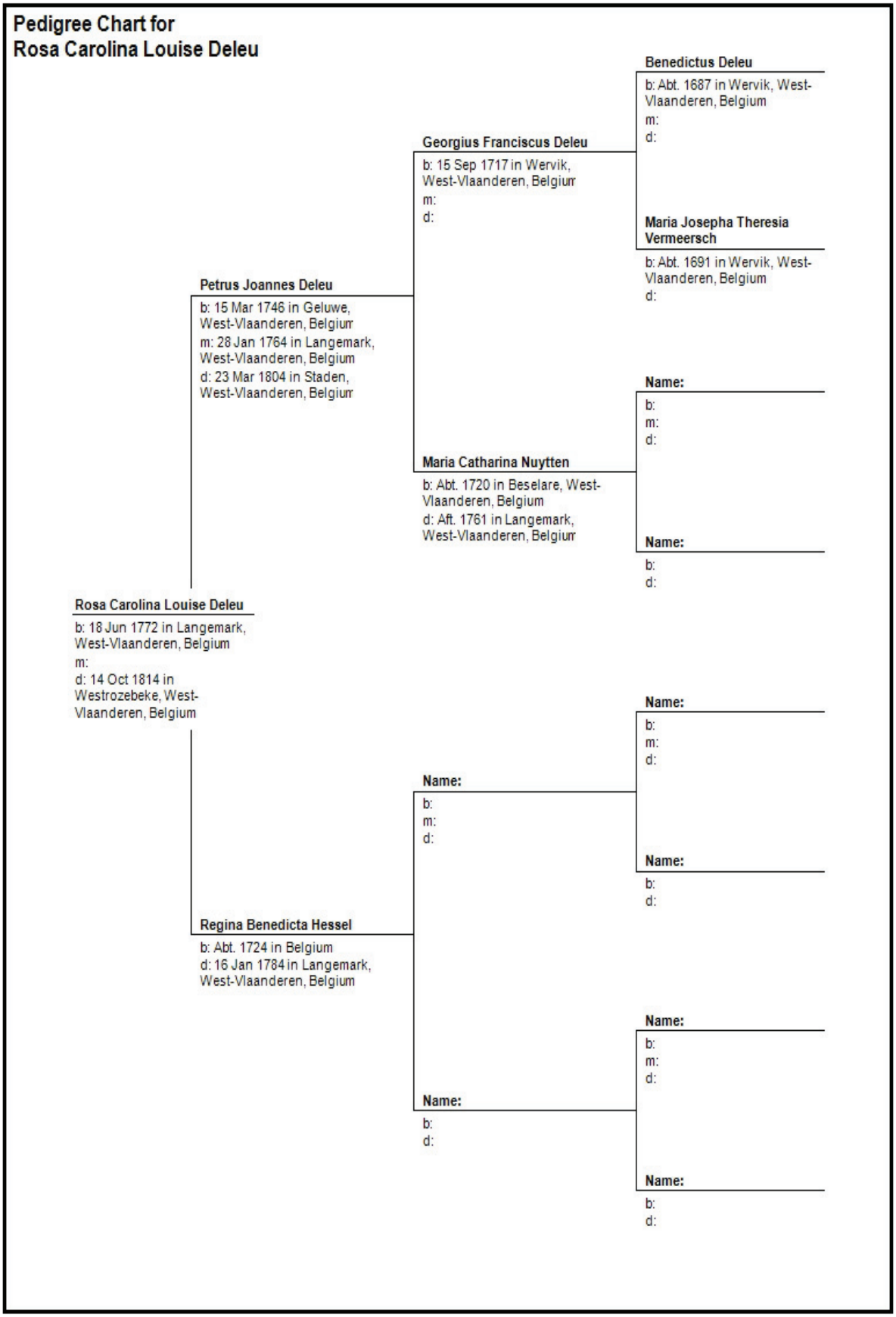

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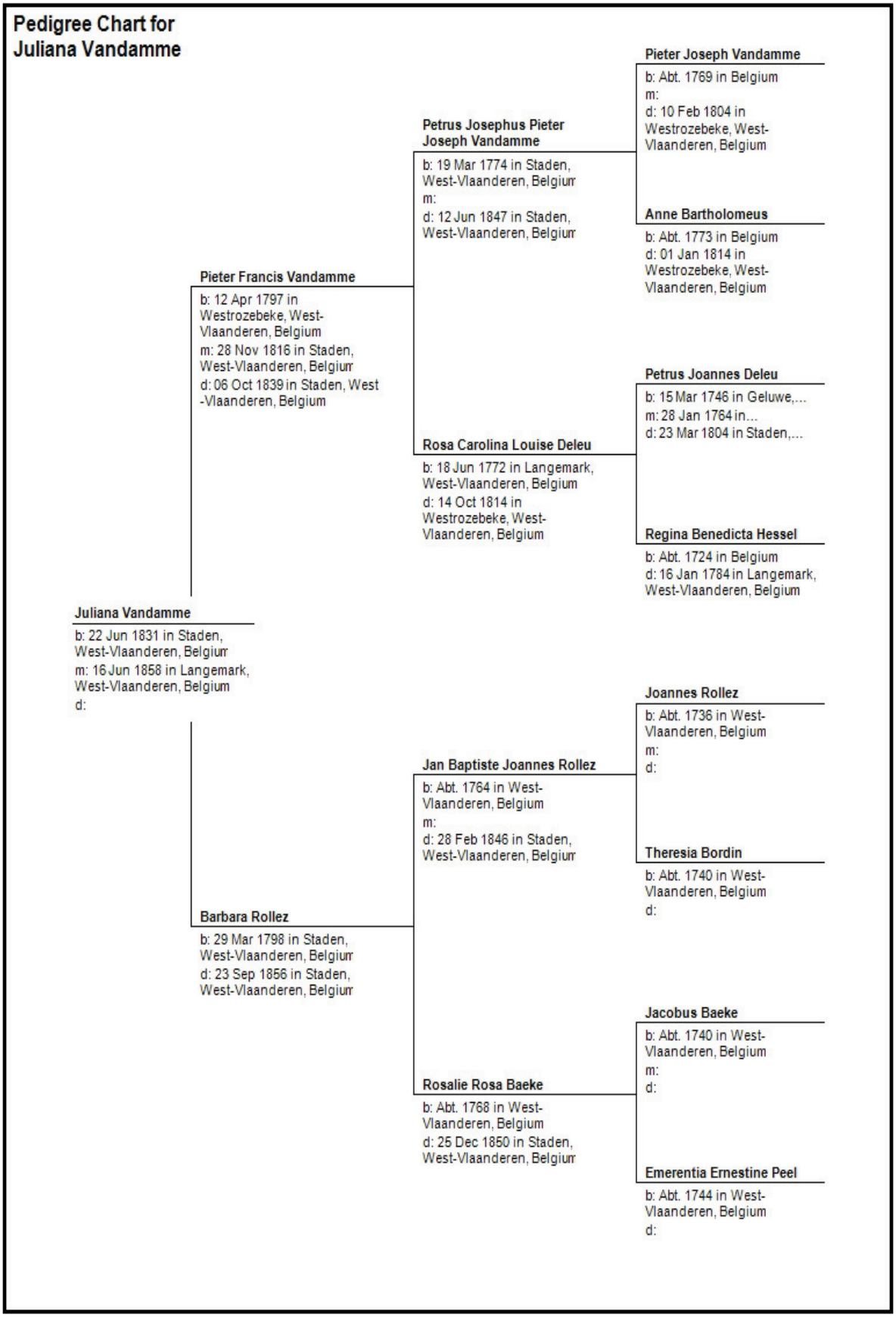

Generation 1

1. **Philippe Jacques Robays**-1[1] was born in 1764 in Belgium.

Marie Therese Vanhove[1] was born about 1776 in Belgium. She died on 30 Sep 1833 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[2].

Philippe Jacques Robays and Marie Therese Vanhove married. They had the following children:

2. i. **Seraphina Christina Robaeys Robays**[3, 4, 5, 6, 7] was born on 05 Aug 1800 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[8]. She married Carolus Ignatius Salomez on 22 Jan 1822 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[8]. She died on 07 Oct 1867 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[4].

3. ii. **Pieter Lodewijk Robaeys**[1] was born on 23 Oct 1810 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[2]. He married Catharina Constantina Vandenabeele on 19 Sep 1836 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[1].

Generation 2

2. **Seraphina Christina Robaeys Robays**-2 (Philippe Jacques-1)[3, 4, 5, 6, 7] was born on 05 Aug 1800 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[8]. She died on 07 Oct 1867 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[4].

Carolus Ignatius Salomez son of Ignace Salomez and Jacqueline Bogaert[4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11] was born on 16 May 1791 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[8]. He died on 18 Feb 1861 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[4, 5].

Carolus Ignatius Salomez and Seraphina Christina Robaeys Robays were married on 22 Jan 1822 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[8]. They had the following children:

4. i. **Petrus Ignatius Salomez**[12, 13, 14, 15, 16] was born on 19 May 1829 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[3, 4]. He married Virginie Mathilde Durnez on 25 Oct 1854 in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[3].

ii. **Amandus Servatius Salomez** was born on 16 Jun 1831 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[10]. He married Adella Baelen on 27 Jun 1855 in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[10].

5. iii. **Hermanus Demianus Salomez**[17, 18, 19] was born on 04 Jun 1834 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[5, 18]. He married Barbara D'Hulster on 17 Apr 1863 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[20].

6. iv. **Carolus Ludovicus Salomez**[6, 21, 22] was born on 07 Jun 1839 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[9]. He married Regina Blondina Vandekandelaere on 22 Jun 1864 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[9].

3. **Pieter Lodewijk Robaeys**-2 (Philippe Jacques-1)[1] was born on 23 Oct 1810 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[2].

Catharina Constantina Vandenabeele daughter of Pieter Joannes Franciscus Vandenabeele and Joanna Rosa Mahieu[2] was born on 27 Feb 1812 in Woumen, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[2].

Pieter Lodewijk Robaeys and Catharina Constantina Vandenabeele were married on 19 Sep 1836 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[1]. They had the following children:

Generation 2 (con't)

7. i. **Leonardus Desiderius Robaeys**[23, 24] was born about 1840 in Belgium. He married Maria Hortensia Gadeyne on 24 Apr 1868 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

   ii. **Julie Robaeys**[25] was born on 06 Mar 1850 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[25]. She married Bruno Francis Callewaert on 24 Sep 1873 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[25].

Generation 3

4. **Petrus Ignatius Salomez**-3 (Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[12, 13, 14, 15, 16] was born on 19 May 1829 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[3, 4].

   Virginie Mathilde Durnez daughter of Josephus Bernadictus Durnez and Marie Therese Depoorter[3, 12, 13] was born on 08 Apr 1832 in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[26].

   Petrus Ignatius Salomez and Virginie Mathilde Durnez were married on 25 Oct 1854 in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[3]. They had the following children:

   8. i. **Maria Ludovica Salomez**[12, 27] was born on 18 Mar 1872 in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[27, 28, 29]. She married Emericus Alfonsius Robaeys on 26 Jun 1889 in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[30]. She died in May 1939 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France[28, 29].

   Mari Leonie Sesier daughter of Ludovicus Franciscus Sesier and Prudentia Cecilia Verbeke[4] was born on 23 Mar 1841 in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[4].

   Petrus Ignatius Salomez and Mari Leonie Sesier were married on 22 Oct 1898 in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[4]. They had no children.

5. **Hermanus Demianus Salomez**-3 (Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[17, 18, 19] was born on 04 Jun 1834 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[5, 18].

   Barbara D'Hulster daughter of Francisca Segaert[18] was born on 05 Sep 1833 in Lichtervelde, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[20].

   Hermanus Demianus Salomez and Barbara D'Hulster were married on 17 Apr 1863 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[20]. They had no children.

   Stephania Descamps daughter of Carolus Ludovius Descamps and Maria Theresia Huyghe[17, 31] was born on 18 Aug 1849 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[17].

   Hermanus Demianus Salomez and Stephania Descamps were married on 25 Sep 1872 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[5]. They had the following children:

   9. i. **Julianus Émilius Salomez**[32, 33] was born on 18 Aug 1873 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[34]. He married Élodie Bollaert on 28 Oct 1903 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[34]. He died on 12 Dec 1938 in Poelkapelle, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

6. **Carolus Ludovicus Salomez**-3 (Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[6, 21, 22] was born on 07 Jun 1839 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[9].

   Regina Blondina Vandekandelaere daughter of Franciscus Johannes Vandekandelaere and Rosa Taillieu[6, 9, 22] was born on 02 Feb 1836 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[9].

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Carolus Ludovicus Salomez and Regina Blondina Vandekandelaere were married on 22 Jun 1864 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[9]. They had the following children:

i. **Felicia Elodia Salomez** was born about 1868 in Belgium. She married Cyrillus Achillus Vanlouwe on 26 Oct 1892 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

ii. **Helena Philomena Salomez**[6] was born on 14 Feb 1871 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[6]. She married Henricus Debruyne on 28 Jun 1898 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[6].

iii. **Cyrillus Theophilus Salomez**[35] was born on 09 Oct 1865 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[35]. He married Leontina Defever on 02 Jul 1900 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[22].

7. **Leonardus Desiderius Robaeys**-3 (Pieter Lodewijk-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[23, 24] was born about 1840 in Belgium.

Maria Hortensia Gadeyne daughter of Franciscus Josephus Gadeyne and Rosalia Francisca Baelen[23, 36] was born about 1844 in Belgium. She died on 19 Aug 1896 in Beselare, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[23, 36].

Leonardus Desiderius Robaeys and Maria Hortensia Gadeyne were married on 24 Apr 1868 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. They had the following children:

i. **Emiel Robaeys**[36] was born on 17 Aug 1868 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[24]. He married Amelia Sophia Masschelein on 11 Apr 1899 in Beselare, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[24].

ii. **Cyriel Robaeys**[37] was born on 04 Nov 1874 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[37]. He married Lucie Lecointere on 14 Nov 1900 in Beselare, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[37].

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8. **Maria Ludovica Salomez**-4 (Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[12, 27] was born on 18 Mar 1872 in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[27, 28, 29]. She died in May 1939 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France[28, 29].

Emericus Alfonsius Robaeys son of Joannes Baptiste Robaeys Robays and Juliana Vandamme[12, 27] was born on 24 Jul 1864 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[38]. He died on 04 Mar 1915 in Le Havre, Seine-Maritime, Haute-Normandie, France.

Notes for Emericus Alfonsius Robaeys:
General Notes:
Ermeric (age 45) left Antwerp on the ship "Zeeland" and arrived in New York on April 15, 1913, with daughters Angela Kerschieter (age 21) and Helena Robaeys (age 18) and son-in-law, Alois Kerschiter (age 27). His destination was to meet Achille DeClerck (and daughter Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck) at PO Box 299, East Moline, IL.. He left his wife and 5 youngest children behind because he could not afford to bring them on this trip. His plan was to work a few years in America and earn the money to bring them over later. Unfortunately, he died on the return trip to France to bring his family back to America.

In 1983, Betty and I traveled to France to visit the relatives. One purpose of the trip was to determine exactly what had happened to Emeric.

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In France, we discussed the death of Emericus Robaeys. Our family members in France were told that Emeric died at sea on his journey to LaHarve, France, where he was to meet his wife and five of his youngest children. This is the story that we had also heard from our grandmother, Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck.

I asked Georette Gallopin who I could contact in LaHarve, France, to determine the name of the ship and to obtain a copy of the death certificate for Emeric. Georette was the town mayor of Tille, France, and said that she had connections and would be happy to go to LaHarve and get the information on Emeric if there was any. A few years later, she went to LaHarve and found information on Emeric.

Emeric arrived in LaHarve safely, and registered at a small guest house (hotel). The Police Report (Death Certificate) stated that he was found dead at the hotel. His clothing and an empty wallet were found. The date of death was in 5 March 1915.

Maria Salomez Robaeys was to meet her husband, Emeric, but when he did not show up, she contacted the police. The police said that her husband was dead and presented her with his clothes and the empty wallet. One of her daughters said that Maria collapsed (fainted) upon hearing of the bad news.

Geogette Gallopin told Serge Aubet that Ermeric was buried in La Havre, France, in Marie Cementery, Path Number 9, Tomb Number 13.

Maria Robaeys was well taken care of by an older Frenchman. They lived in Cahors, France for a while.

There was some suspicion that Emeric was robbed and murdered by a man from East Moline that travelled with him to France by the name of DeCap. This man was reported to have been seen with Emeric gold watch upon his return.Later it has reported to Laura DeClerck Waem by Octavius VandeWille (owner of VandeWille's Tavern in East Moline) that he knew who did the murder and it was DeCap. DeCap ran DeCap Tavern and Grocery store on or near 13th Street, East Moline, IL.

In a trip to France in 1987(?), I visited Great Aunt Augusta Robaeys. She presented me with Emeric's wallet that she had kept for many years.

Geogette obtained the following Death Certicate for Emeric:

Translation of Emeric Robaeys Death Certificate
by Serge Aubet
Beauvais, France
4 May 2004

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March 4, 1915
One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifteen, at three AM
Emericus Robaeys born in Langemark
West Flanders Province
Belgium (age fifty years old - crossed out*)
Shoemaker (married without others - crossed out*)
(informations - crossed out*) Passing in
this town, has died
on Gustave Flaubert's street at the number fifty five second
Written March fifth 1915

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At eleven AM according to the declaration of: Henri
Toutain thirty two years old and of
Charles Surville sixty years old,
Employess, residing in Le Havre
Who, after reading, have signed with us, Charles Coulon
Municipal Adviser, deligate, State Civil Officer

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ROBAEYS
SALOMEZ husband
50 years and 8 months
ALPHONSIUS
Born on July twenty four
On thousand, eight hundred
And sixty four
Son of Joannes Baptiste
Robaeys and of Juliena VANDAMME
Both died, husband of Maria
LUDOVICA SALOMEZ, without profession
Actually residing in DAVIGNAC
*Sending back approved and with
eight scratches and invalidated
words.
Ch Coulon

Unanswered Questions:

Why did everyone say that Emeric died at sea or in LaHarve? Did the police not tell her the full story?

Who was the old Frenchman?

What ship did Emeric travel on his return to Europe?

Robaeys Family Timeline

1889 June 26	Emeric Robaeys marries Maria Salomez in Zonnebeke, Belgium
1890 June 27	Florina Josephina Robaeys born in Passchendaele, Belgium
1891 September 02	Florina Josephina Robaeys dies in Passchendaele, Belgium
1992 February 09	Angela Gabriel Robaeys born in Passchendaele, Belgium
1893 May 11	Palmyra Florentina Robaeys born in Passchendaele, Belgium
1895 August 16	Helena Maria Robaeys born in Passchendaele, Belgium
1896 October 10	Estella Marie Robaeys born in Langemark, Belgium
1898 February 01	Oscar Hiereny Robaeys born in Langemark, Belgium
1898 March 12	Oscar Hiereny Robaeys dies in Klerken, Belgium
1901 October 24	Jerome Marice Robaeys born in Klerken, Belgium

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1902 June 26	Jerome Marice Robaeys dies in Klerken, Belgium
1902 December 29	Eugene Joseph Robaeys born in Klerken, Belgium
1905 February 05	Marcel Joseph Robaeys born in Klerken, Belgium
1908 February 19	Maria Juliana Robaeys born in Klerken, Belgium
1909 December 12	Laura Irma Robaeys born in Klerken, Belgium
1910 November 26	Augusta Marie Robaeys born in Klerken, Belgium
1911 March 15	Palmyra Robaeys marries Achille DeClerck in Klerken, Belgium
1911 August 7	Palmyra & Achille DeClerck arrive in New York
1912 April 12	Omer DeClerck born in East Moline, IL
1912 September 11	Bertha Robaeys born in Klerken, Belgium
1913 April 15	Emeric Robaeys arrives in New York
1914 April 02	Laura DeClerck born in East Moline, IL
1914 August 3	Germany declares war on France
1914 August 4	Germany invades Belgium and World War I begins in the West
1914 August 21	Brussels captured by Germans in World War I
1914 October 15	Germans capture Passchendaele but stopped at Ypres
1915 March	Emeric Robaeys dead in LaHarve
1915 May 12	Helen DeClerck born in East Moline, IL

Emericus Alfonsius Robaeys and Maria Ludovica Salomez were married on 26 Jun 1889 in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[30]. They had the following children:

i. **Florina Josephina Robaeys**[28] was born on 27 Jun 1890 in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28]. She died on 02 Sep 1891 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

10. ii. **Angela Gabriel Robaeys**[28] was born on 09 Feb 1892 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She married Alois Kerschieter on 24 Sep 1910 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She died on 16 May 1974 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

11. iii. **Palmyra Florentina Robaeys**[28, 29, 39, 40, 41] was born on 11 May 1893 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28, 29, 39, 40, 41]. She married Achille DeClerck on 15 Mar 1911 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[29, 39]. She died on 11 Apr 1982 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40].

12. iv. **Helena Maria Robaeys**[28] was born on 16 Aug 1895 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She married Rene Peter Goethals on 11 May 1916 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She died on 30 Apr 1976 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

13. v. **Estella Marie Robaeys**[28] was born on 10 Oct 1896 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She married Cyrille Vermuelen about 1920 in Cahors, Lot, Midi-Pyrenees, France. She died in 1981 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France[28].

vi. **Oscar Hiereny Robaeys**[28] was born on 01 Feb 1898 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died on 12 Mar 1898 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28].

vii. **Baby Robaeys**[28] was born on 13 Jun 1899 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28]. She died on 25 Jul 1899 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28].

viii. **Jerome Marice Robaeys**[28] was born on 24 Oct 1901 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28]. He died on 26 Jun 1902 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28].

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ix. **Eugene Joseph Robaeys**[28] was born on 29 Dec 1902 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28]. He married Evonna Vroman about 1924 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 04 Apr 1980 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Eugene Joseph Robaeys:
General Notes:
Eugene came to America in 1920's. He married Evonna Vroman about 1924 and were divorced about 1928. He was a musician and played the accordian in the 1920's. He taught Yank Yankovich how to play the accordian. He developed a heavy drinking problem the late 1920's and early 1930's. He worked in a Cathelic Monestary in Wisconsin where he became sober in the 1930's and 1940's. In the 1950's, he worked for Raymond Hagberg in his restaurant.. He returned to drinking in the 1960's. He lived with Palmyra from the1960's to about 1970. He returned to the Monestary in Wisconsin in the 1970's but return to a East Moline rest home on 12th Avenue to die.

14. x. **Marcel Joseph Robaeys**[28] was born on 05 Feb 1905 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died about 1982 in Oise, Picardie, France.

xi. **Jerome Joseph Robaeys** was born on 20 Dec 1906 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died on 21 Aug 1907 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

15. xii. **Maria Juliana Robaeys**[28] was born on 19 Feb 1908 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28]. She married Paul Dubois about 1930. She died on 26 Nov 1992 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France[28].

16. xiii. **Laura Irma Robaeys**[28] was born on 12 Dec 1909 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She married Arthur Georges Forret about 1928 in France. She died in 1998 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

17. xiv. **Augusta Marie Robaeys**[28] was born on 26 Nov 1910 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She married Roger Maillard about 1946 in France. She died on 28 Jun 1999 in Eragny en Bray, France.

18. xv. **Bertha Robaeys**[28] was born on 11 Sep 1912 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28]. She married Alfred Aubet on 25 Apr 1932 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France. She died on 13 Feb 1996 in France[28].

Julien Hubert was born about 1868 in France. He died in France.

Julien Hubert and Maria Ludovica Salomez married. They had no children.

Vermuelen was born about 1867 in France. He died on Unknown in Cahors, Lot, Midi-Pyrenees, France.

Vermuelen and Maria Ludovica Salomez married. They had no children.

9. **Julianus Émilius Salomez**-4 (Hermanus Demianus-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[32, 33] was born on 18 Aug 1873 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[34]. He died on 12 Dec 1938 in Poelkapelle, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Élodie Bollaert daughter of Carolus Ludovicus Bollaert and Philomena Strosse[34, 42] was born on 14 Feb 1873 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[32]. She died on 01 Jun 1920 in Boisrault, Somme, Picardie, France.

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Julianus Émilius Salomez and Élodie Bollaert were married on 28 Oct 1903 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[34]. They had the following children:

19. i. **Maurice Salomez** was born on 16 Sep 1906 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died on 10 Feb 1956 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

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10. **Angela Gabriel Robaeys**-5 (Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[28] was born on 09 Feb 1892 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She died on 16 May 1974 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Angela Gabriel Robaeys:
General Notes:
Angela work at the John Deere Malleable Works in East Moline, IL, from 1921-1926.

Alois Kerschieter was born on 27 Apr 1886 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died on 16 Jun 1952 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Alois Kerschieter:
General Notes:
Alois worked at the John Deere Harvester, East Moline, IL, from 1912- 1941. He had a stroke in 1943 and has metally paralized until his death in 1952.

Alois Kerschieter and Angela Gabriel Robaeys were married on 24 Sep 1910 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. They had the following children:

20. i. **Laura J. Kerschieter** was born on 18 Mar 1911 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She married Marcel A. VanRaes on 20 Jun 1934 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She died on 20 Jan 1995 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

21. ii. **Rene A. Kerschieter** was born on 30 Oct 1913 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 20 Jan 1974 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

22. iii. **Mary Kerschieter** was born on 06 Jan 1915 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

23. iv. **Gabriel Omer Kerschieter** was born on 27 Feb 1918 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He married Helen Naert on 21 Sep 1940 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died before 1970 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

11. **Palmyra Florentina Robaeys**-5 (Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[28, 29, 39, 40, 41] was born on 11 May 1893 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28, 29, 39, 40, 41]. She died on 11 Apr 1982 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40].

Notes for Palmyra Florentina Robaeys:
General Notes:
Palmyra was born 11 May 1893, in Paachendale, West Flanders, Belgium. Paachendale was the seen of very fierce fighting in World War I (called Passion-dale by the many British troops who fought there). The town was completely destroyed during 4 years on fighting and today it is surrounded by many cemeteries for the war dead. There are several spelling variations of Passendale. They are;

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Paaschendaele, Paachendale, Paasendale, and Passendale

The family later lived in Zarren where her father and mother, Ermeric and Maria, ran a small cafe. Palmyra and her sisters worked for her parents in the cafe at the time Achille's return visit to Belgium from his job in America.

Emericus introduced Palymra to Achille and he began to court her, mainly by showing off. Once he grabbed the end of a wind mill and went completely around full circle to impress her. She thought that he was very foolish. Nevertheless, she married him on March 15, 1911, at Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium, Achille's home in Belgium

On July 29, 1911, they left the Belgium port of Antwerp on the Red Star Line Ship, SS Lapland, bound for America. They travelled in first class unlike many of the other immigrants travelling to America. Palmyra remember the crossing. She said the food was great and they dined with many weathly people. In the evenings, she enjoying dancing, and was often invited to dance by many of the the other male first class passengers. During the last part of the crossing, the S.S. Lapland ran into a very bad storm and the passengers were requested to stay in their rooms, She became very sea sick and frightened.

She remembered that there were many poor Polish immigrants that traveled in third class. They looked very poor and sad. Conditions in Third Class were very much difference the in First Class in these and she thought it must have been a difficult passage for them.

They arrived in New York battery area on August 7, 1911. Palmyra ate her first banana here and could barely finish it. They were immediately taken to Ellis Island for inspection. After passing inspection, they took a train to East Moline, the next day, arriving there about August 9 th.

They stayed with the DeCoene's and Achille returned to his job at John Deere. Later, they purchased this home from them and lived there all of there lives.

Palmyra was a house wife all of her life. She liked dancing and plays card games with her sisters. When Television came to her town in the early 1950's, she enjoyed watching the Arthur Goffery Show. She suffered in the 1920's from depression brought on in part by the lost of her father, Emeric. She travelled to Rock Island by Electric Trolley from her home in East Moline, then by ferry boat to Davenport, Iowa, where she received help for her depression.

The Depression of the 1930's made a lasting negative impression on her because of the many difficulties that her family endured during this time period. She spoke of it almost daily through the 1940's up through the 1960's. According to Darrrel Hagberg, as a small child, he would listened to her many sad depression stories which often ended with tears in her eyes.

She mainly spoke the Old Flemish much of her life, but was also able to speak broken English up to her death. She alway read the newspaper in English.

Social Security Death Index Record

Name: Palmyra Declerck
SSN: 323-56-3269
Last Residence: 61265 Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, United States of America
Born: 11 May 1893
Died: Apr 1982
State (Year) SSN issued: Illinois (1973)

She was 5 foot 6 inches tall and had brown eyes with black hair.

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Achille DeClerck son of Bruno DeClerck and Marie Ludovica Verhaeghe[29, 39, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49] was born on 07 Dec 1883 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[29, 39, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49]. He died on 07 Jun 1955 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Achille DeClerck:
General Notes:
In Belgium, Achille was a carpenter. He built Windmills and Houses. Achille came to America in 1907 at the age of 23 years to work in East Moline, Illinois. Achille came to America in 1907 to work in East Moline, Illinois. He came to New York on 13 April 1907 on board the ship SS Zeeland arriving from Antwerp. During this time, he was joined his brother, Romain DeClerck, who was living at 107 - 5th Avenue, Moline, Illinois, and had come to America earlier. It was Romain who encouraged Achille to come to America, the land of opportunity. He has listed as 23 years of age from Klerken, Belgium, in the New York Passenger Record.

In Sepember 1907, Achille was joined by his sister Zuma DeClerck and her husband Achil DeCoene. Sometime in the 1907 - 1908 time period Achille DeClerck and Achil DeCoene jointly built the house at 1428 - 15th Avenue in East Moline. It was a four square two story type house similar to houses that can ge seen today along the Belgium - French Normandy coast. Both Achille and Achil were carpenters and built many four square "Nomandy" house in and around East Moline and Watertown (as it was known in those days). From about 1908 to 1911, Achille was living with his sister and his brother-in-law.

He most likely was working for the Union Malleable Company in Moline as Molder duiring the time period of 1907 to about 1910.

Achille later found a better paying job at the Marseilles Company, a company that Deere and Comapany had acquired in 1910. The company manufactured shellers and grain elevators. When work at the Marseilles Company slowed down in 1910-1911, Achille returned to Klerken, Belgium, to find a wife.

After his arrival in Belgium in February 1911, he met Emericus Alfons Robaeys who was a Leather Crafter and whose wife, Maria, managed a small cafe in the town of Zarren. Palmyra was working at the cafe. Emericus introduced her to Achille and he began to court her, mainly by showing off. Once he grabbed the end of a wind mill and went completely around full circle to impress her. She thought that he was very foolish. Nevertheless, she married him on March 15, 1911, at Klerken, West Flanders, Belgium.

On July 29, 1911, they left the Belgium port of Antwerp on the Red Star Line Ship, SS Lapland, bound for America. They arrived in New York battery area on August 7, 1911. Palmyra ate her first banna here and could barely finish it. They the Ellis Island Inspection procedure because they travelled first class. The next day they took a train to East Moline, arriving there about August 9th.

The couple stayed with Zulma and Achil DeCoene. They lived on the first floor of the home.

He returned to his old job at the Marseilles Company in 1911. He worked there for 8 or 9 years. The Tax Law of 1919 which would have resulted in double taxes on Deere and Company forced the company to reorganize its operations. It was probably because of this that Achille was transferred to the John Deere Plow Works in Moline, Illinois, in 1919. At the Plow Works, he was a molder and poured iron for the casting of parts. Achille became instrumental in helping Deere develop parts of steel (or nodular iron) before Engineering as we know it became a profession in the farm implement business. His 'black art" knowledge helped Deere develope their casting technology.

In 1919, the DeCoene's sold their house to Achille and Palymra because they wanted to farm in the Jessup, Iowa area. Later, in the 1920's, the DeCoene family retuned to Belgium and suffered later during World War II.

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Achille bought a new Dodge on credit in 1929, just before te start of the Great Depression. Achille wanted to learn how to drive, but it was Omer that actually did the driving. Work at the Plow Works slowed down starting in 1930 and Achille was laide off and recalled a number of times up to the 1937 time period. During this time he worked as a carpenter if work was availble.

During 1930-1934 time period, the family bought their groceries from "Dekeere's Grocery Store located on the corner of 17th Avenue and 14th Street. The owner was a happy small bald headed man with a reddish face. He was also a butcher. But during the early years of the depression, Achille family was forced to buy food on credit and was in debt for $800. Gus was forced to sue the family for their home. However, Omer was able to get the government to stop the law suit and in turn the government required that Achille paid Gus of $11 per month. Omer became the "bread winner" during these difficult times. He found a job at Vic Vanwinterham Dairy Farm. By using the Dodge to drive out to the farm, he was able to bring home money for the family. With Omer's income, they were are to pay off the debt to Gus. Gus and the DeClerck family remined friends inspite of the Depression problems. Gus often said that the DeClerlk's were his best customers and his best friends. In 1950, Gus met Gene DeClerck while he was serving in Germany. He took Gene and they toured around Germany at Gus' expense. When Darrel Hagberg was a little boy in the early 1950's, his mother would send him to Dekeere's corner grocercy store to pick up lunch meat, milk, bread, and eggs. He was always warmly greeted by Gus, the jolly old man. Darrel remembers that Gus had a lot ajoining the grocery store where Gus had chickens and fresh eggs for his customers.

Achille DeClerck turned the organ to play the dance music of the Dance Hall above the old Majestic Theater, in East Moline, from 1915 to 1925. He also raced pigons as a hobby and had a pigon coup at his home at 1428-15th Avenue, East Moline, IL., from 1915 to the early 1950's. He also enjoyed Rolle Bolle but only during the early years after his arrival in America

He retired from John Deere Plow Works in 1948 at the age of 65 years.

He died at his home on 07 June 1955 of stomach cancer after a one year illness. He was 5 foot - 4 inhes in height and had blue eyes and black hair. He wore eye glasses all of his life and had a "Harry Truman" look.

It should be noted that Achille's family lived at many different locations in East Moline, Illinois, from 1911 to1919:

1911-1915: They lived at 1428-15th Avenue with the Zuma ans Achil DeCoene. Omer and Laura were born in this house.
1915-1917 : They lived in a home on the south side (hill side) of 17th Avenue between 9th and 10th Street. Helen and Angela were born at this location.
1917-1918: They lived in a Union Malleable Iron Works single story house on the east side of 13th Street, the second house from the north RR tracks, In 1918, Laura was run over by Poolvelde (a butcher who was intoxicated while delivering meat) in front of the Union Malleable while calling for Omer. A man by the name of Dobblaere picked her up and gave her to her mother, Palmyra. She was 4 years old, but survived. The car jumped the curb and struck her. She was laid up for 4 months with a broken hip and arm.
1918-1919: Because their family was growing, they moved into a Union Malleable Iron Works two story house on the east side of 13th Street, about one block south from the intersection with19th Street in Watertown. It was here that Frank was born.
1919-1980: They purchased the DeCoene house at 1428-15th Avenue in 1919 and lived there until Angela died there in 1980. Donald and Eugene were born here. Palmyra moved in with Helen from 1980 until her death in 1982.

Both Achille De Clerck and Palmyra Robaeys names are shown on the Wall Of Honor at Ellis Island, Panel Number 594 (see the internet: http://wwww.wallofhonor.com/family/).

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Achille DeClerck and Palmyra Florentina Robaeys were married on 15 Mar 1911 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[29, 39]. They had the following children:

24. i. **Omer Alphonse DeClerck**[29, 39, 40, 50] was born on 12 Apr 1912 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39, 40, 51]. He married Leona Maria Staut on 11 Feb 1939 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA. He died on 25 May 1995 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40].

ii. **Laura Marie DeClerck**[39] was born on 02 Apr 1914 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39]. She married August Waem on 20 May 1939 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA.

Notes for Laura Marie DeClerck:
General Notes:
Laura was born at her parent's home at 1428-15th Avenue, East Moline, Illinois USA.

Laura worked for John Deere Malleable Works, East Moline, Il.

From the Moline Dispatch Newspaper, Sunday, March 28, 2004:

Laura M. Waem, 741 20th Ave., East Moline will be celebrate her 90th birthday on April 2. The former Laura M. DeClerck was born April 2, 1914, in East Moline. She married August Waem May 20, 1939, in Davenport. He is deceased.
Laura has a stepson, Richard L. Waem, of Michigan. She has two stepgrandchildren, Richard S. and John L., both of Michigan.
Mrs. Waem was employed by John Deere Foundry, retiring in 1969.
She is a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, East Moline, UAW Local 81 retirees, St. Rita's circle at Saint Mary's, Woman's Foresters, Sixty Plus, Moline Vikings, Friends Circle Club and the East End Club.

In 1918, Laura was run over by Poolvelde (a butcher who was intoxicated while delivering meat) in front of the Union Malleable while calling for Omer. A man by the name of Dobblaere picked her up and gave her to her mother, Palmyra. She was 4 years old, but survived. The car jumped the curb and struck her. She was laid up for 4 months with a broken hip and arm.

Laura was 5 foot 4 inches tall with blond hair and blue eyes and fair skin.

iii. **Helen Marie DeClerck**[29, 39] was born on 12 May 1915 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39]. She married Clarence Warren Milam about 1940 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She died on 14 Feb 1999 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Helen Marie DeClerck:
General Notes:
Helen was born at her parent's home at 1428-15th Avenue, East Moline, Illinois USA.

During World War II she worked at John Deere Malleable and Harvester Works.

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25. iv. **Angela Ludovica DeClerck**[29, 39, 40, 52, 53, 54, 55] was born on 26 Jun 1917 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39, 40, 52, 53, 54]. She married Raymond Oliver Hagberg on 12 Dec 1942 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She died on 26 Feb 1980 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40, 52].

26. v. **Frank Bruno DeClerck**[29, 39, 40] was born on 22 Jun 1918 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39, 40]. He married Harriet Ruth Fulscher on 15 Nov 1940 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 06 Nov 1998 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40].

27. vi. **Donald Bruno DeClerck**[39, 40] was born on 25 Jan 1926 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39, 40]. He married Lillian Leona Vindevogel in 1949 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 25 Oct 1990 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40].

28. vii. **Eugene Maurice DeClerck**[39, 56, 57] was born on 10 Oct 1928 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39, 56, 58, 59]. He married Joan Arlene Kochuyt on 19 Feb 1955 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 30 Jul 2006 in Bettendorf, Scott, Iowa, USA[59, 60].

12. **Helena Maria Robaeys**-5 (Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[28] was born on 16 Aug 1895 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She died on 30 Apr 1976 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Rene Peter Goethals was born on 04 Apr 1894 in Aalter, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died on 16 Apr 1968 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Rene Peter Goethals and Helena Maria Robaeys were married on 11 May 1916 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

29. i. **Laura Goethals** was born on 30 Oct 1916 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She died on 02 Nov 1998 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA.

30. ii. **Raymond Goethals** was born on 25 Oct 1917 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He married Rosalie VanDeWalle in 1940. He died on 11 Sep 1981 in Sarasota, Sarasota, Florida, USA.

31. iii. **Camiel Goethals**[61] was born on 24 Jan 1924 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

13. **Estella Marie Robaeys**-5 (Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[28] was born on 10 Oct 1896 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She died in 1981 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France[28].

Cyrille Vermuelen was born in 1896 in Passendale, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died on 04 May 1949 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France.

Cyrille Vermuelen and Estella Marie Robaeys were married about 1920 in Cahors, Lot, Midi-Pyrenees, France. They had the following children:

32. i. **Angele Marie Vermuelen** was born on 26 Nov 1921 in Cahors, Lot, Midi-Pyrenees, France. She married Raymond Jean Baptiste Grenier on 10 May 1937 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. She died on 09 Dec 1997 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

33. ii. **Albert Charles Vermuelen** was born on 28 Mar 1923 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Gisele Arntree Victoria Feray on 04 Aug 1950 in Auchy, Oise, Picardie, France. He died in 2004 in France.

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34. iii. **Augusta Marie Vermuelen** was born on 25 May 1925 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Jean Fontaine on 19 Feb 1944 in France. She died on 05 Apr 2009 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

35. iv. **Georgette Marie Vermuelen** was born on 13 May 1935 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Bernard Gallopin on 07 Jul 1952 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France.

14. **Marcel Joseph Robaeys**-5 (Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[28] was born on 05 Feb 1905 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died about 1982 in Oise, Picardie, France.

Notes for Marcel Joseph Robaeys:
General Notes:
He was a muscian. He played the accordian. He chewed tobaco and later died of cancer of the lip, He never married.

Marcel Joseph Robaeys and unknown spouse married. They had the following children:

i. **Helen Robaeys** was born about 1929.

15. **Maria Juliana Robaeys**-5 (Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[28] was born on 19 Feb 1908 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28]. She died on 26 Nov 1992 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France[28].

Paul Dubois was born about 1903 in France. He died on Unknown in France.

Paul Dubois and Maria Juliana Robaeys were married about 1930. They had the following children:

i. **Lucien Dubois** was born on 14 Oct 1931 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France.

Felicien Leraux was born on 15 Nov 1906 in Auchy, Oise, Picardie, France. He died on 18 Jun 1984 in Auchy, Oise, Picardie, France.

Felicien Leraux and Maria Juliana Robaeys married. They had no children.

16. **Laura Irma Robaeys**-5 (Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[28] was born on 12 Dec 1909 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She died in 1998 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Arthur Georges Forret son of Camiel Forret[62] was born on 10 Nov 1906 in Pittem, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died in 1986 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France.

Arthur Georges Forret and Laura Irma Robaeys were married about 1928 in France. They had the following children:

36. i. **Jean Edmond Emeric Forret** was born on 03 Jan 1930 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Micheline Godard on 09 Aug 1950 in Auchy, Oise, Picardie, France.

37. ii. **Christian Arthur Camille Forret** was born on 02 Jan 1932 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Renee Nouvion on 20 Jul 1954.

iii. **Marie-Jeanne Laura Forret** was born on 15 Feb 1937 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France. She died on 21 Jan 1943 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France.

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38. iv. **Daniel Hubert Forret** was born on 19 Oct 1939 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France.

v. **Serge Jean Marie Forret** was born on 05 Oct 1943 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France.

39. vi. **Bernard Georges Forret** was born on 13 Nov 1945 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France.

17. **Augusta Marie Robaeys**-5 (Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[28] was born on 26 Nov 1910 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She died on 28 Jun 1999 in Eragny en Bray, France.

Roger Maillard was born on 12 Jul 1914 in Éragny, Oise, Picardie, France. He died about 2001 in France.

Roger Maillard and Augusta Marie Robaeys were married about 1946 in France. They had the following children:

40. i. **Jacques Maillard** was born on 07 Dec 1947 in Éragny, Oise, Picardie, France.

41. ii. **Ginette Maillard** was born on 20 Nov 1949 in Éragny, Oise, Picardie, France.

Pierre Merckaert was born about 1908 in Belgium. He died in France.

Pierre Merckaert and Augusta Marie Robaeys married. They had the following children:

i. **Jean Merckaert** was born about 1934 in France.

ii. **Raymond Merckaert** was born about 1936 in France.

iii. **Andre Merckaert** was born about 1938 in France.

18. **Bertha Robaeys**-5 (Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[28] was born on 11 Sep 1912 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium[28]. She died on 13 Feb 1996 in France[28].

Alfred Aubet was born on 10 Jun 1906 in Hardivillers, Oise, Picardie, France. He died on 30 Apr 1986 in Salouël, Somme, Picardie, France.

Alfred Aubet and Bertha Robaeys were married on 25 Apr 1932 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

42. i. **Jacques Jean Pierre Aubet** was born on 24 Jan 1935 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France. He married Francoise Andree Maria Bernaert on 21 Jun 1958 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France.

43. ii. **Serge Marcel Eugene Aubet** was born on 24 Jan 1939 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France. He married Liliane Ourth on 06 Sep 1958 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France.

iii. **Alain Alfred Arthur Aubet** was born on 06 Feb 1940 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France. He died on 09 Sep 1940 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France.

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44. iv. **Daniel Michel Audre Aubet** was born on 04 Nov 1943 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France. He married Marie-Jose on 07 Jul 1969 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France.

19. **Maurice Salomez**-5 (Julianus Émilius-4, Hermanus Demianus-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 16 Sep 1906 in Langemark, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died on 10 Feb 1956 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

Georgette Blanche Gabrielle Auguet[63] was born about 1908 in France.

Maurice Salomez and Georgette Blanche Gabrielle Auguet married. They had the following children:

45. i. **Louis Ernest André Salomez**[64] was born about 1930 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

ii. **Micheline Marcelle Salomez** was born about 1932 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

iii. **Mauricette Salomez**[65] was born about 1934 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

iv. **Gabriette Salomez**[66] was born about 1936 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

v. **Michel Salomez**[67] was born about 1938 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

vi. **Rose Marie Salomez**[68] was born about 1940 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

vii. **Guy Roger Salomez**[69] was born about 1942 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

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20. **Laura J. Kerschieter**-6 (Angela Gabriel-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 18 Mar 1911 in Klerken, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. She died on 20 Jan 1995 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Laura J. Kerschieter:
General Notes:
Laura work at the John Deere Malleable Works in East Moline, IL, from 1928-1934.

Marcel A. VanRaes was born on 23 Nov 1912 in Zarren, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died on 06 Oct 1997 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Marcel A. VanRaes and Laura J. Kerschieter were married on 20 Jun 1934 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Laurence VanRaes** was born on 24 Apr 1935 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Bob VanRaes** was born on 06 Feb 1937 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

iii. **Joanne VanRaes** was born on 14 Jun 1941 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

iv. **Susanne VanRaes** was born on 11 Jan 1943 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

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21. **Rene A. Kerschieter**-6 (Angela Gabriel-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 30 Oct 1913 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 20 Jan 1974 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Annie Dobblarie was born about 1918 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She died about 1999 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Annie Dobblarie:
General Notes:
Annie worked at Service Rubber in Rock Island, IL from 1936-1944.

Rene A. Kerschieter and Annie Dobblarie married. They had the following children:

i. **Dennis Kerschieter** was born on 02 Mar 1945 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Iris Woolam was born on 11 Dec 1926.

Rene A. Kerschieter and Iris Woolam married. They had the following children:

i. **Regina Kerschieter** was born on 30 Dec 1946 in Gesson, IL.

ii. **Keith Kerschieter** was born on 08 Feb 1950 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 11 Nov 1962 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Keith Kerschieter:
General Notes:
Keith died of heart fallure on the St. Mary's School basketball court in East Moline, IL, at the age of 12 years

22. **Mary Kerschieter**-6 (Angela Gabriel-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 06 Jan 1915 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Mary Kerschieter:
General Notes:
Laura work at the John Deere Malleable Works in East Moline, IL, from 1933-1938.

Henry VanHulle was born about 1910.

Notes for Henry VanHulle:
General Notes:
Henry worked at the John Deere Malleable Works in East Moline, IL, from 1928-1934. He later took up farming.

Henry VanHulle and Mary Kerschieter married. They had the following children:

i. **Janice VanHulle** was born about 1939 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Jonna VanHulle** was born about 1941 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

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23. **Gabriel Omer Kerschieter**-6 (Angela Gabriel-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 27 Feb 1918 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died before 1970 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Gabriel Omer Kerschieter:
General Notes:
Gabriel worked at the John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline, IL from 1936 - 1994. He served in the Navy in World War II fron 1942 to 1945.

Helen Naert daughter of Eugene Naert and Mary Ann Neels was born on 15 Feb 1920 in Silvis, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She died on 18 Nov 2005 in Silvis, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Helen Naert:
General Notes:

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Helen Kerschieter

Services for Helen Kerschieter, 85, Moline, are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Van Hoe Funeral Home, East Moline.

Burial will be in National Cemetery, Arsenal Island. Visitation is 4-6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Illini Hospital or the Association for Retarded Citizens.

Mrs. Kerschieter died Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, at Genesis Medical Center, Illini Campus, Silvis.

Helen Naert was born Feb. 15, 1920, in Silvis, the daughter of Eugene and Mary Ann Neels Naert. Helen was the valedictorian of St. Mary's High School class of 1938. She married Gabriel "Omer" Kerschieter Sept. 21, 1940, in East Moline.

Helen had been an election judge and volunteered for more than 30 years at Illini Hospital. She enjoyed her friends and many years at the YMCA.

Survivors include her children (and spouses), Karolyn Boltie, Rock Island, Margaret Prechel, Oak Park, Ill., Ann (Chris) Kerschieter-Miller, Rock Island, Joseph (Pat) Kerschieter, Knoxville, Tenn., and John Kerschieter, Moline; grandchildren, Karl Omer Boltie, Sarah K. Boltie, Erik Paul Boltie, Jeffrey Alan Prechel, Kathryn Therese Prechel, and Amelia Helen Prechel; and great-grandchildren, A.J., Loren, Michael and Emma; and a brother, Dan Naert, East Moline. She was preceded in death by her husband and grandson, Mark Boltie.

Gabriel Omer Kerschieter and Helen Naert were married on 21 Sep 1940 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

46. i. **Karolyn Kerschieter** was born about 1941 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

47. ii. **Margaret Kerschieter** was born about 1946 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

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iii. **Joe Kerschieter** was born about 1949 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

iv. **Anna Kerschieter** was born about 1952 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

v. **John Kerschieter** was born about 1955 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

24. **Omer Alphonse DeClerck**-6 (Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[29, 39, 40, 50] was born on 12 Apr 1912 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39, 40, 51]. He died on 25 May 1995 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40].

Notes for Omer Alphonse DeClerck:
General Notes:
Omer was born at his parent's home at 1428-15th Avenue, East Moline, Illinois USA.

Omer wasa machinist at Deere Harvester Works, East Moline, IL.

Social Security Death Index Record about Omer A. Declerck
Name: Omer A. Declerck
SSN: 333-05-0421
Last Residence: 61265 Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, United States of America
Born: 12 Apr 1912
Died: 22 May 1995
State (Year) SSN issued: Illinois (Before 1951)

Omer and Leona enjoyed dances at the Belgium-American Brotherhood Club in Rock Island, Illinois, and it was there that the two first met. They began dating, and by the time they were both in their late twenties, they decided to marry. Although Alois and Leontina held no personal animosity toward Omer and believed he was a good person, they were very upset to learn of the couple's marriage plans and expressed their disapproval. They had assumed that since Leona was already age 29, she would remain single and continue to live with them. Troubled by her parents reaction, Leona sought the counsel of her Pastor. He reasoned that one day her parents would be dead, and asked her what she would do with her life then. He encouraged Leona to accept Omer's marriage proposal and begin a life and family with him. And so, on February 11, 1939, Omer and Leona were married in the side chapel at Davenport Cathedral with only their witnesses present.

The first year of their marriage, the couple rented a room in a house not far from Leona's parents, so that she could continue to care for her mother. At one point, Omer and Leona asked her parents to consider purchasing a side-by-side duplex with them. With her parents living next door, it would be much easier for Leona and Omer to provide care and assistance for Leontina. It seemed like a very logical and practical solution, however, they rejected the idea. Leona continued to provide care for her mother until the birth of her first child a year later. When the couple moved to East Moline, Leona's parents hired someone from their neighborhood to assume the caretaker role for Leontina. Eventually, the disappointment and hurt feelings between the parents and daughter were resolved, and their love and family bond remained strong throughout their lives.

Omer and Leona moved into their Deere-built Malleable duplex at 1356 13th Street, East Moline, shortly before World War II. These rental units were built to provide John Deere employees with a decent place to live, at a reasonable, low monthly rent. The company maintained the homes well, and every few years, they would paint or wallpaper the rooms as per the tenants preference. Each duplex had its own small backyard, and located behind these yards was a large area of land subdivided into smaller plots where the tenants could plant their own vegetable garden.

These homes were located in a two block area across from the John Deere Malleable Works on 13th

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Street, East Moline. They were built by the company to provide their employees with a decent place to live at a low, reasonable rent. Each side of the 3-room duplex had a livingroom, single bedroom, kitchen, base-ment with toilet and shower, and front and back porches. Most of the small backyards were fenced off, and some tenants, like our family, had garages. The area across the alley from the backyards were divided into individual plots so the tenants could plant vegetable gardens.

Omer's hobby was raising and racing homing pigeons, so he built a coup above his garage, as did a few other Belgian men in the neighborhood. The neighbors were from various ethnic backgrounds, but many were Belgian. It was not unusual to hear them converse back and forth between the Flemish and English languages. They believed in learning English, but if they didn't want their children to know what they were saying, they would switch back to their native tongue!

Omer, Leona and their three daughters lived in their duplex until Deere decided to dispose of the homes and clear the area for their distribution building in 1956.

In 1956, after what seemed like an endless search, Omer and Leona purchased their first home located at 118 - 5th Street, in Silvis. The house was a "fixer upper," but with Omer's hard work and Leona's decorating touch, they turned their modest abode into an attractive, comfortable home for their family. This was a 2-bedroom house that also included a livingroom, kitchen, and enclosed back porch on the main level. A staircase led up to an unfinished walk-in attic. The unfinished basement was divided into three separate rooms; a main room, a laundry/ bath area, and a pantry/storage room. Originally, the backyard was a jungle of grape vines, which Omer tore out. It took between 10-12 truckloads of dirt to fill in the backyard and make it level. At this time, Omer owned a Hudson "Wasp" with stick shift. After getting her learners permit, Omer would take Jeanne out in this car to practice her driving.

Omer and Leona's next door neighbors at 116 - 5th Street, were Julian and Mary Tuytten. They were an older, childless, Belgian couple, and the neighbors quickly became friends. Over the years, the DeClerck family came to think of the Tuyttens as an extension of their family. When Julian suffered a stroke that left him unable to walk, Omer and Leona helped Mary in caring for her husband until his death. In the early 70's Mary died, and the DeClercks were surprised to learn that she had left her house to them. Julia Staut, Leona's sister, rented that home for awhile, but when the upkeep of both homes became too much for them, Omer and Leona sold their house and moved in with Julia. Julia died in 1983 and Leona in 1991. One year after Leona's death, Omer sold his house and moved to Moline to live with his widowed sister Helen. He lived there for 4 years.

Jeannie DeClerk letter to Darrel Hagberg, dated 6 January 2008:

My father's main hobby was his racing pigeons. I think he did sometimes play rolle boley, but don't remember seeing a bowling disc (if that's what you call it) that he owned laying about the house. I'm not sure what became of his pigeon clock. He may have given it to one of his racing friends after he gave up the sport. That would have been neat to have as a souvenier! As for my mother, she was always so busy with household chores and cooking that I really don't recall any hobbies per se. When we still lived on 13th Street, E.M., I remember her having a sewing machine and making some of our clothes. Mostly, I remember her getting frustrated because the thread would keep breaking and she'd have a heck of a time trying to re-thread the needle or bobbin. Eventually, she gave that up!

She enjoyed decorating and trying out new trends. I think she was one of the first in the Malleable houses to stencil a border on the walls of a room. I think we also had a pink kitchen at one time!!!! She loved music and was a faithful listener of "The Buddies Of The Airlane's Show," which was broadcast locally each day from a radio station in Rock Island.

The band consisted of three guys, who sang western music. I believe their names were Curly, Speed, and Patrick. One time she took Mary Ann & me for a visit to the station and we got an autographed photo of them. I also remember listening to Don McNeil's Breakfast Club, which was broadcast from

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The Tip Top Room of the Allerton Hotel in downtown Chicago. At some point Don would have everyone dance around the breakfast table, and I remember dancing around our kitchen table. She also listened to some of those old radio shows (usually while ironing or cooking) like Fibber Mcgee & Molly, Father Knows Best, etc. After Julie was born we got a TV, and I Love Lucy, Ed Sullivan Show, and Your Hit Parade were all favorites of hers. I was interested in drawing as a child, and I remember my mom showing me how to draw a person's eyes. My parents both loved to dance and they would take us with them to the dances at the East End Club. Their favorite dance was the waltz, and their favorite song was The Blue Skirt Waltz. I loved watching them out on the dance floor! Oh, my dad loved to read books, especially westerns (Louie La'Mour (sp ?) & Zane Grey). Aunts Laura & Helen said that even as a young boy, my dad would be tucked in a corner reading. That is about all I can recall about my parents interests.

Leona Maria Staut[40, 70] was born on 12 Dec 1909 in Vrasene, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium[40]. She died on 29 Jun 1991 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40].

Notes for Leona Maria Staut:
General Notes:
Social Security Death Index Record about Leona M. Declerck:
Name: Leona M. Declerck
SSN: 325-54-4602
Last Residence: 61282 Silvis, Rock Island, Illinois, United States of America
Born: 12 Dec 1909
Died: 29 Jun 1991
State (Year) SSN issued: Illinois

Leona was the fourth child and third daughter born to Alois and Leontina Staut. She was born in Vrasene Waas, Belgium, and at the age of 10, she and her family immigrated to America, settling in Rock Island, Illinois. Her family were members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Rock Island, and Leona received her early education at the parish school. In fifth grade, Leona's education was cut short when her mother became incapacitated with rheumatoid arthritis. At that time, Leona left school to become her mother's caretaker, and she also assumed the household responsibilities of cooking and cleaning. Leona was considered an excellent housekeeper. She enjoyed trying new decorating ideas, and her home was always attractive and inviting. She enjoyed preparing simple, hearty meals for her family. A bowl of her vegetable soup was a meal in itself, and her mustard potato salad and fresh baked loaves of white and raisin bread were family favorites . No family gathering was complete without them! Whether you were an invited guest in her home or you dropped by unexpectedly, Leona was a warmhearted and generous hostess. She would always brew a fresh pot of coffee and offer you something to eat. At Christmas, Leona enjoyed gifting family and friends with a hard candy she made using an old family recipe. The candy she made back then tasted very much like the Wether's hard candy sold in stores today.

Leona had a friendly, outgoing personality and a good sense of humor. She made friends easily, and those friendships lasted a lifetime. Leona's whole life was dedicated towards taking care of those she loved.

Mary was the fourth daughter and youngest of five children born to Alois and Leontine Staut. She was only three years old when her family immigrated to America.

At the age of 19, Mary was wed to Lloyd Moseley on March 12, 1936. They had four sons; James, Joel, Daniel, and Steven. When Mary's boys got older, she began work as a saleslady. She was first employed by Carson Pirie Scott for about 13 years. Later she worked for Farrell and Farrell and the LaRose Shoppe for five years. Mary was an attractive, fashionable woman, so it was only natural that in addition to working as a saleslady for the LaRose Shoppe, she also modeled the store's fashions in TV commercials and in the local newspaper advertisements.

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Mary was a fun-loving, social person. She loved to dance! In the early years of her marriage, she and Lloyd would host the Staut family Christmas Day dinner celebration in their home. She and her sons would setup a large, beautiful nativity display for all the family to enjoy.

Mary's life wasn't an easy one, and one of her greatest hard- ships to endure was the loss of her youngest son, Steven, who was killed in Viet Nam on Dec. 12, 1967. In 1980 Mary was diagnosed with cancer, which first appeared in her bones and resulted in the amputation of one leg. Later, the cancer spread to her lungs. She bravely fought her cancer for seven long years, succumbing to the disease on April 11, 1987.

Moline Daily Dispatch Newpaper, February 11, 1939

Miss Leona Staut Wed To Omer DeClerck at Davenport Cathedral

The marriage of Miss Leona Staut, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Alois Staut, 1723 Seventh street, Rock Island, to Omer DeClerck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Achille DeClerck,1428 fifteenth avenue, East Moline, took place last Saturday morning at a 7:30 o'clock nuptial mass in Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral, Davenport.The Rev. Paul Alberta, first assistant rector, performed the ceremony and celebrated the nuptial mass. Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd J. Moseley of Rock Island, the bride's brother-in-law and sister. A dress and coat of suez shade were worn by the bride and her accessories were in dark blue. She had a corsage of sweetpeas and gardenias. Mrs. Moseley was attired in dark blue frock and had a corsage of roses.Following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served to the bridal party at Johnson's cafeteria in Rock Island. Mrs. DeClerck received her education at St. Joseph's Catholic school, Rock Island. The bridegroom is employed at the John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline. The couple will reside at 2210 Sixth Avenue, Rock Island.

Omer Alphonse DeClerck and Leona Maria Staut were married on 11 Feb 1939 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA. They had the following children:

48. i. **Mary Ann DeClerck** was born on 19 Jan 1940 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Russell Grady on 15 Oct 1960 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

49. ii. **Jeannie Louise DeClerck** was born on 06 Aug 1942 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Michael Joseph O'Brien on 25 Jan 1964 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

50. iii. **Julie Marie DeClerck** was born on 25 Nov 1951 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Michael Albert Lenth on 25 May 1973 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

25. **Angela Ludovica DeClerck**-6 (Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[29, 39, 40, 52, 53, 54, 55] was born on 26 Jun 1917 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39, 40, 52, 53, 54]. She died on 26 Feb 1980 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40, 52].

Notes for Angela Ludovica DeClerck:
General Notes:
In 1934, Angela nearly died when her appendix burst. She was 17 years old and was given the "Last Rites" of the Catholic Church. Her stomach was left open for several days to allow the infection to drain. She survived.

Angela attended St. Mary's Grade School, East Moline, IL, and graduated from the 8th grade in 1931. She never attended high school.

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She married Charles DePaepe on April 30, 1938, in East Moline. They lived in an upstairs appartment at her father and mother's home at 1428-15th Avenue, East Moline, IL

In 1940 after Charles died, she worked at John Deere Malleable Works, East Moline, IL, as a casting sorter.

In 1942, she met Raymond Hagberg at a Dance at the East End Club in Moline, IL. She left her job at the Malleable Works in 1942 before her marriage to Raymond in December. Again they lived in the upstairs appartment at her father and mother's home at 1428-15th Avenue, East Moline, IL.

At the time of his marriage to Angela, Raymond was working with his Mother at the Eagle Lunch Restaurant in Moline, IL. After the war broke out on December 7, 1941, Raymond tried to join the Army, but was declared a 4-F because of his poor eye-sight and flat feet and was not eligble for military service. Early in 1942, He went to work for the War effort at John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline, IL. The factory had re-tooled to manufacture tail assemblies for Army Scout Planes.

Raymond worked at John Deere Harvester Works until 1947 after which time he returned to re-join his mother in the restaurant business in Moline at the Eagle Lunch.

In 1955, the family moved to their new home at 1912-30th Street in Moline.

In the early 1950's, the family never went on long vacation but did go for short trips to Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri and the Wisconsin Dells. Most vacation time was spent at home. Small day trips to the Amana Colonies in Iowa or to Raymond boyhood home in Owen, Wisconsin were taken. Raymond liked fishing and would take his boys to Alexander, Minneasota, for 5-6 day trip. They visited cousins Lossie and Carrie Rose and stayed at their cabin on Lake Alexander.

Angela and Raymond managed the Eagle Lunch restaurant, Moline, IL, from 1954-1957. In 1958, Angela and Raymond separated. She and the childern moved back to live with her mother in East Moline. They were divorved in 1962.

Because Angela had contacted Rhumatic Fever in her childhood, developed heart valve problems in 1953 at the age of 36. She was one of the first persons in the world to have a heart valve replacement and later heart pacemaker, all of which was experimental at the time. She had numerous experimental heart surgeries and valve replacements at the University of Illinois Medical hospital in Chicago, IL, over many years. Doctor Levine at the University called her the "Iron Lady" and said that her sacrifices over many years help pave the way for modern open heart surgery techiques. She was an inspiration to all those who knew her for her courage inspite of her suffering over many years.

Social Security Death Index Record about Angela Hagberg
Name: Angela Hagberg
SSN: 327-01-2407
Born: 26 Jun 1917
Last Benefit: 61244 East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, United States of America
Died: Feb 1980
State (Year) SSN issued: Illinois (Before 1951)

Her eyes were hazel and she was 5 foot 4 inches tall with auburn (black) hair. Her skin was olive color and always wore a dark tan in the summer.

Raymond Oliver Hagberg[55, 71, 72] was born on 27 Feb 1920 in Green Grove, Clark, Wisconsin, USA[71, 72]. He died on 25 Jun 1971 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA[71].

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Notes for Raymond Oliver Hagberg:
General Notes:
Raymond was born on a farm in Owen, Wisconsin. He went to school in that area and loved sports, particularly baseball and football.

After the disappearance of his father in 1932, the family moved back to Moline probably in 1933. They lived at 1742- 14th Street, Moline, IL. They lived two house away from Gus and Phyllis Thornbloom. They lived at 1738 -14th Street.

Raymond worked for Western Union delivering telegraph messages for a few years, 1935-1937 (?).

In 1942, he met Angela at a Dance at the East End Club in Moline, IL. She left her job at the Malleable Works in 1942 before her marriage to Raymond in December. Again they lived in the upstairs appartment at her father and mother's home at 1428-15th Avenue, East Moline, IL.

At the time of his marriage to Angela, Raymond was working with his Mother at the Eagle Lunch Restaurant in Moline, IL. After the war broke out on December 7, 1941, Raymond tried to join the Army, but was declared a 4-F because of his poor eye-sight and flat feet and was not eligble for military service. Early in 1942, He went to work for the War effort at John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline, IL. The factory had re-tooled to manufacture tail assemblies for Army Scout Planes.

Raymond worked at John Deere Harvester Works until 1947 after which time he returned to re-join his mother in the restaurant business in Moline at the Eagle Lunch.

In 1955, the family moved to their new home at 1912-30th Street in Moline.

In the early 1950's, the family never went on long vacation but did go for short trips to Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri and the Wisconsin Dells. Most vacation time was spent at home. Small day trips to the Amana Colonies in Iowa or to Raymond boyhood home in Owen, Wisconsin were taken. Raymond liked fishing and would take his boys to Alexander, Minneasota, for 5-6 day trip. They visited cousins Lossie and Carrie Rose and stayed at their cabin on Lake Alexander.

Angela and Raymond managed the Eagle Lunch restaurant, Moline, IL, from 1954-1957. In 1958, Angela and Raymond separated. She and the childern moved back to live with her mother in East Moline. They were divorved in 1962.

Raymond Oliver Hagberg and Angela Ludovica DeClerck were married on 12 Dec 1942 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

51. i. **Darrel Raymond Hagberg** was born on 14 Jul 1943 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He married Betty Suzanne McLaughlin on 25 Nov 1967 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Larry Dean Hagberg** was born on 26 Sep 1944 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 06 Apr 1987 in Silvis, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Larry Dean Hagberg:
General Notes:
Larry attended St. Mary's School in East Moline from 1949-1957 and Scared Heart School in Moline from 1957 to 1960. He served as an altar boy in the Church. He graduated from Moline High School in 1962. He worked in his father's restaurant, The Eagle Lunch, in Moline and his aunt's restaurant, The Eagle Diner, in Moline until 1962.

He attended Moline Community College for a number of years.

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From 1962 to 1982, he was an accountant and trust officer at Moline National Bank, Moline, Illinois. Larry was an Accountant for KVL Quad Corporation in East Moline, Illinois until his death. He is buried in St. Mary's Cemetary in East Moline.

He was a good and kind hearted man who was liked by everyone.

52. iii. **Patricia Helen Hagberg**[73] was born on 22 Mar 1947 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Rex Gail Rusk on 10 Jul 1965 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Charles Keith DePaepe son of Joseph Emilius DePaepe and Romanie L. DeFauw[74] was born on 27 Nov 1912 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 14 Jun 1940 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Charles Keith DePaepe:
General Notes:
Charles Keith DePaepe died of Brucellosis, or Undulent Fever. It is a bacterial infection caused from drinking the milk of an infected animal. Cows, pigs, sheep and goats are the usual sources. From time to time, he worked on his father's farm and may have contacted the inflection from drinking unpasturized cow's milk while working there.

Charles was working at International Harvester Company in Rock Island, IL. when in mid-May 1940 he became ill at work. He went home around noon time. Later in the day, he went to the doctor who sent him directly to the hospital. Within 30 days, he was dead. He saw his son only moments before he died of liver failure. His son, Charles, was only 4 months old at the time. He loved airplanes and enjoyed working on cars. He left his car torn apart in the gargage unfinished when he died.

According to the St. Mary's Cemetary Records, p. 22, Charles is buried in plot II, row 20 (north to south)

Charles Keith DePaepe and Angela Ludovica DeClerck were married on 30 Apr 1938 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

53. i. **Charles Keith DePaepe** was born on 12 Feb 1940 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He married Betty Marie Burke on 25 Mar 1961 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA. He died on 06 Apr 2002 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

26. **Frank Bruno DeClerck**-6 (Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[29, 39, 40] was born on 22 Jun 1918 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39, 40]. He died on 06 Nov 1998 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40].

Notes for Frank Bruno DeClerck:
General Notes:
Frank was a factory worker for Deere and Company, Moline, IL, for 48 years. He was a member of the Moline American Legion and VFW. He was a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II from 1943 to 1945 in the 30th Division, and served at the Battle of the Bulge. He died of complications from Diabetes.

Taken from the Moline Dispatch, Sat 07-Nov-1998:

Obituary for Frank DeClerck

Funeral services for Frank B. DeClerck, 80, Moline, are 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, East Moline.

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Entombment is in St. Mary's Mausoleum, East Moline, where the Moline American Legion Post 246 will conduct military honors. Visitation is 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Van Hoe Funeral Home Ltd., East Moline, where a rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Church, the Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Mr. DeClerck died Friday, Nov. 6, 1998, at home.

He was born June 22, 1918, in East Moline, the son of Achille and Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck. He married Harriet Fulscher Nov. 14, 1940, in East Moline. She died Nov. 22, 1986.

He retired in 1983 from John Deere after 48 years.

Frank enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and going to bingo. He was a member of the Moline Legion and VFW. He was a sergeant in the United States Army during WW II in the 30th Division, and served at the Battle of the Bulge.

Survivors include daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Michael Cook, Davenport, and Joanna DeClerck, Moline; sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Barb DeClerck, St. Paris, Ohio, and William and Paula DeClerck, Moline; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters, Laura Waem, East Moline, and Helen Vermeulen, Moline; and a brother, Gene DeClerck, Moline. Frank was preceded in death by his wife; brothers, Omer and Don; a sister, Angela Hagberg; and a great-grandson.

Social Security Death Index Record about Frank B. Declerck:
Name: Frank B. Declerck
SSN: 330-09-3841
Last Residence: 61265 Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, United States of America
Born: 21 Jun 1918
Died: 6 Nov 1998
State (Year) SSN issued: Illinois (Before 1951)

Harriet Ruth Fulscher[40] was born on 04 Aug 1920 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40]. She died on 22 Nov 1986 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40].

Notes for Harriet Ruth Fulscher:
General Notes:
Harriet died at home with her loving family.

Her father fought in WW I. He was of German descent fighting his German borthers. He was gased in the war and was blind as a result. Darrel Hagberg talked to him about his war experience. When he was digging a trench and he uncovered the remains of a soilder from the Napolianioc wars on the 18th century. He was convinced that war would be tragic human experience in future years and would never end. He later came across a German corpse. It still had an iron cross around its neck. He showed this iron cross to Darrel in 1956.

Social Security Death Index Record about Harriet Declerck:
Name: Harriet Declerck
SSN: 348-01-2224
Last Residence: 61265 Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, United States of America
Born: 4 Aug 1920
Died: Nov 1986
State (Year) SSN issued: Illinois (Before 1951)

Frank Bruno DeClerck and Harriet Ruth Fulscher were married on 15 Nov 1940 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

54. i. **Donna Jean DeClerck** was born on 19 Oct 1942 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Michael Fredrick Cook about 1983 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA.

55. ii. **Robert Lewis DeClerck** was born on 07 Jan 1944 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

56. iii. **Joanna DeClerck** was born on 30 Nov 1951 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

57. iv. **William Steven DeClerck** was born on 09 Sep 1957 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

27. **Donald Bruno DeClerck**-6 (Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[39, 40] was born on 25 Jan 1926 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39, 40]. He died on 25 Oct 1990 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[40].

Notes for Donald Bruno DeClerck:
General Notes:
Donald was a supervisor at Deere and Company, Moline, IL.

Don joined the Navy in World War II after high school in 1943. He served on board the USS Tennessee. While feeding ammunition to an anti-aircraft gun, he was wounded in the head and leg when a Japanese kamakaze crashed into the ship. The gunner was killed in the action.

Social Security Death Index Record:
Name: Donald B. Declerck
SSN: 356-12-1513
Last Residence: 61265 Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, United States of America
Born: 25 Jan 1926
Died: 25 Oct 1990
State (Year) SSN issued: Illinois (Before 1951)

Lillian Leona Vindevogel daughter of Rene Vindevogel and Rachel Devos was born on 30 Apr 1929 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Donald Bruno DeClerck and Lillian Leona Vindevogel were married in 1949 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

58. i. **Rita Jean DeClerck** was born on 11 Apr 1950 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Robert Lyle Stone on 29 Aug 1970 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She died on 04 May 2005 in Coal Valley, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

59. ii. **James Donald DeClerck** was born on 13 Dec 1951 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

60. iii. **Richard Charles DeClerck** was born on 14 Feb 1953 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

28. **Eugene Maurice DeClerck**-6 (Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[39, 56, 57] was born on 10 Oct 1928 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[39, 56, 58, 59]. He died on 30 Jul 2006 in Bettendorf, Scott, Iowa, USA[59, 60].

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Notes for Eugene Maurice DeClerck:
General Notes:
Gene was a factory worker at International Harvester, East Moline, IL.

Gene was drafted into the Army in 1949 and served 2 years in West Germany.

U.S. Public Records Index Record about Gene M Declerck
Name: Gene M Declerck
Birth Date: 1 Oct 1928
Street Address: 1912 30Th St
City: Moline
County: Rock Island
State: Illinois
Zip Code: 61265
Phone Number: 309-762-2292
Household Members: Name Est. Age Birth Year
Gene M Declerck 77 1928
Joan A Declerck 77 1929

Moline Dispatch, Obituaries for Monday, July 31, 2006

Eugene DeClerck

Eugene M. "Gene" DeClerck, 77, of Moline died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at Trinity Pathway Hospice at Terrace Park, Bettendorf.

Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at DeRoo Funeral Home, Moline and 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Moline. Entombment is in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline, where military honors will be conducted by Moline American Legion Post 246. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with a Christian Wake service at 4 p.m. Memorials can be made to Sacred Heart Church, Moline.

Gene was born Oct. 10, 1928, in East Moline the son of Achiel and Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck. He married Joan A. Kochuyt Feb. 19, 1955, in Moline.

Mr. DeClerck served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. He was employed at the former I.H. East Moline Works retiring after 36 years.

Gene was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Moline, Moline Vikings, Moline American Legion Post 246, Center for Belgium Culture and Plus 60.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Thomas Day, Peoria; sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Debbie DeClerck, Moline, and Jay and Lisa DeClerck, Coal Valley; grandchildren, Elizabeth, William, Anne, Jane and John Day and Derek and Courtney DeClerck; stepgrandchildren, Tyson and Lora McKeag and sister, Laura Waem, East Moline. He was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.deroofuneralhome.com.

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Joan Arlene Kochuyt daughter of Edward Kochuyt and Ella M. Soltau[56] was born on 06 Sep 1929 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[56].

Notes for Joan Arlene Kochuyt:
General Notes:
Joan was a secretary at Deere and Company, Moline, IL.

U.S. Public Records Index Record about Joan A Declerck
Name: Joan A Declerck
Birth Date: 1929
Street Address: 1912 30Th St
City: Moline
County: Rock Island
State: Illinois
Zip Code: 61265
Phone Number: 309-762-2292
Household Members: Name Est. Age Birth Year
Gene M Declerck 77 1928
Joan A Declerck 77 1929

Eugene Maurice DeClerck and Joan Arlene Kochuyt were married on 19 Feb 1955 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

61. i. **Greg Allan DeClerck**[56] was born on 02 Aug 1956 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[56]. He married Deborah Ann Kehrer on 11 Apr 1981 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Jay Edward DeClerck** was born on 14 Apr 1958 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He married Cathy Sue Youngblood on 19 Sep 1986 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

62. iii. **Lori Ann DeClerck** was born on 23 Jul 1959 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Thomas Edward Day on 16 Jun 1984 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

29. **Laura Goethals**-6 (Helena Maria-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 30 Oct 1916 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She died on 02 Nov 1998 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA.

Reni VanDeWallie was born on 05 Nov 1911 in Aalter, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He died on 24 Apr 1980 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Reni VanDeWallie and Laura Goethals married. They had the following children:

i. **Nancy VanDeWallie** was born on 03 Aug 1954 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Rich Hansen was born on 08 Aug 1900.

Rich Hansen and Laura Goethals married. They had no children.

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30. **Raymond Goethals**-6 (Helena Maria-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 25 Oct 1917 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 11 Sep 1981 in Sarasota, Sarasota, Florida, USA.

Rosalie VanDeWalle was born on 01 Sep 1922 in Victor, Iowa, Iowa, USA. She died on 31 Mar 2005 in Galesburg, Knox, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Rosalie VanDeWalle:
General Notes:
Taken from Quad-Cities Online (The Dispatch Newspaper)

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Obituaries for Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Rosalie Goethals

Rosalie Goethals, 82, of Galesburg, died March 31, 2005, in Galesburg.

Private services were conducted by the Rev. Jerry Pilon at St. Mary's Mausoleum, East Moline. Arrangments were by Hurd-Hendricks, Knoxville.

Rosalie VanDeWalle was born Sept. 1, 1922, in Victor, Iowa. She married Raymond Goethals in 1940. He preceded her in death Sept. 11, 1981.

She worked at the former East Moline State Hospital. She and her husband owned and operated Ray and Rosie's Tap in Port Byron, for many years.

She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Galesburg.

Survivors (and spouses) are her daughters, Therese (Robert) Seitz, Moline, Jean (Ron) Nicholson, St. Charles, Mo.; sons, Larry (Maryanne) Goethals and Dave Goethals, both of Galesburg; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Camiel (Evelyn) Goethals, Moline.

Raymond Goethals and Rosalie VanDeWalle were married in 1940. They had the following children:

i. **Tommy Goethals** was born about 1944.

ii. **Therese Goethals** was born about 1946 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

iii. **Larry Goethals** was born about 1948 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

iv. **Raegena Jean Goethals** was born about 1950 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

v. **David Goethals** was born about 1952 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

31. **Camiel Goethals**-6 (Helena Maria-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[61] was born on 24 Jan 1924 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

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Notes for Camiel Goethals:
General Notes:
Moline Dispatch Newspaper, Moline, IL, Social News, January 24, 2004:

Camiel Goethals Birthday

Camiel A. Goethals, 1914 37th St., Moline, was honored Jan. 17 at a surprise dinner in celebration of his 80th birthday. Mr. Goethals was born Jan. 24, 1924, in East Moline. He married Evelyn DeBoever of East Moline on May 4, 1946, in East Moline.Their children and spouses are James and Susan Goethals of Raleigh, N.C.; Susan DeVolder of Moline; and Beverly Goethals, Geneseo, and the late Michael Goethals. There are 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Goethals owned and operated the First and Last Chance Tavern and Camiel's Hilltop in Moline, retiring in 1989. He belongs to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Moline. Camiel made lots of friends while walking on Butterworth Parkway with his dog, Duchess. He continues to provide daily morning entertainment to all his friends at Panera Bread, Moline.

Evelyn DeBoever[75] was born on 21 Jan 1926 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Evelyn DeBoever:
General Notes:

Moline Dispatch Newspaper, Moline, IL, Social News, dated March 18, 2006:

Evelyn Goethals birthday

Evelyn Goethals, 1914 37th St., Moline, will celebrate her 80th birthday with a family dinner at a later date. Evelyn DeBoever was born March 21, 1926, in East Moline. She married Camiel Goethals, East Moline, May 4, 1946, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, East Moline. Her children and spouses are James and Susan Goethals, Raleigh, N.C.; Susan DeVolder, Moline; and Beverly and the late Michael Goethals, Geneseo. She has 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Moline.

Camiel Goethals and Evelyn DeBoever married. They had the following children:

i. **James Goethals** was born on 03 Mar 1947 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for James Goethals:
General Notes:
Last living in Raleigh, NC.

ii. **Sue Goethals** was born on 13 Dec 1948 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Sue Goethals:
General Notes:
Last living in Moline, IL.

63. iii. **Michael J. Goethals** was born on 19 Sep 1951 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He married Beverly Albright on 15 Sep 1973 in Rootstown, Portage, Ohio, USA. He died on 08 Oct 1998 in Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, USA[76].

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32. **Angele Marie Vermuelen**-6 (Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 26 Nov 1921 in Cahors, Lot, Midi-Pyrenees, France. She died on 09 Dec 1997 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Raymond Jean Baptiste Grenier was born in 1915 in La Chaussee du Bois d'Ecu, France.

Raymond Jean Baptiste Grenier and Angele Marie Vermuelen were married on 10 May 1937 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

64. i. **Serge Alain Cyril Grenier** was born on 18 Sep 1938 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Nicole Martin on 19 Aug 1961 in Somme, Picardie, France.

ii. **Jean Adolphe Louis Grenier** was born on 09 Dec 1939 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. He died in Apr 1940 in Abbeville, Somme, Picardie, France.

iii. **Raymonde Stella Grenier** was born on 24 Jul 1941 in Duras, Lot-et-Garonne, Aquitaine, France. She died on 19 Jul 1946 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France.

65. iv. **Michele Augusta Grenier** was born on 03 Oct 1942 in Houeillès, Lot-et-Garonne, Aquitaine, France. She married Jean Claude Sauvage on 18 Aug 1959 in Oise, Picardie, France.

66. v. **Francoise Jeanne Grenier** was born on 26 Jan 1944 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Georges Andrieux on 14 Aug 1963 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

vi. **Ghislain Denis Grenier** was born on 09 Nov 1945 in Crèvecoeur, Oise, Picardie, France.

vii. **Gilles Francois Grenier** was born on 26 Feb 1947 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. He died on 12 Nov 1966 in Méru, Oise, Picardie, France.

67. viii. **Helene Renee Grenier** was born on 01 Dec 1948 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Michel Langlet on 20 Jan 1968 in Reuil Sur Breeke, Oise, France.

68. ix. **Therese Laura Grenier** was born on 17 Nov 1950 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Francisco Illarraz Y Gallardo on 08 Jun 1968 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

69. x. **Chantal Angela Grenier** was born on 03 May 1952 in Puy-la-Vallee, Oise, France. She married Christian Yannick Bourdet on 30 Oct 1971 in Mitty Sur Therain, Oise, France.

70. xi. **Francis Christian Grenier** was born on 24 Mar 1953 in Puy-la-Vallee, Oise, France. He married Ghislaine Scheerns in 1978 in France.

71. xii. **Denis Alain Grenier** was born on 30 Jul 1955 in Puy-la-Vallee, Oise, France. He married Martine Henin on 11 Mar 1978 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

72. xiii. **Line Emilienne Grenier** was born on 21 Jan 1957 in La Neuville, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Andre Demetz on 09 May 1975 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

73. xiv. **Patrice Francis Grenier** was born on 21 Jan 1957 in La Neuville, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Marie Francoise DuPoty on 09 Jul 1983 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France.

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74. xv. **Marie Ange Patricia Grenier** was born on 06 Jan 1959 in La Neuville, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Farid Mohamed M'Hiri on 11 Sep 1976 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France.

xvi. **Corinne Patricia Grenier** was born on 19 Nov 1961 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

75. xvii. **Bruno Raymond Grenier** was born on 12 Jan 1963 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Aline Gaudefroy in 1980 in France.

xviii. **Regis Oliver Grenier** was born on 17 May 1964 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

33. **Albert Charles Vermuelen**-6 (Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 28 Mar 1923 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France. He died in 2004 in France.

Gisele Arntree Victoria Feray was born on 04 Jul 1930 in Darnétal, Seine-Maritime, Haute-Normandie, France. She died on 11 Jun 2000 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Albert Charles Vermuelen and Gisele Arntree Victoria Feray were married on 04 Aug 1950 in Auchy, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

76. i. **Josiane Vermuelen** was born on 12 Feb 1951 in Wavignies, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Daniel Henocq on 12 Jun 1971 in Bresles, Oise, Picardie, France.

ii. **Joel Vermuelen** was born on 03 Jul 1954 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. He died on 27 Dec 1956 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

77. iii. **Patrick Vermuelen** was born on 21 May 1955 in Fouquerolles, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Claudine Delihu on 20 Sep 1975 in Bresles, Oise, Picardie, France.

78. iv. **Sylvie Vermuelen** was born on 31 Aug 1959 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Marice Goudal on 07 Apr 1979 in Bresles, Oise, Picardie, France.

v. **Jacky Vermuelen** was born on 02 Oct 1962 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

34. **Augusta Marie Vermuelen**-6 (Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 25 May 1925 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France. She died on 05 Apr 2009 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Jean Fontaine was born on 13 May 1919 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. He died on 29 Apr 2002 in Mâcon, Ain, Rhône-Alpes, France.

Jean Fontaine and Augusta Marie Vermuelen were married on 19 Feb 1944 in France. They had the following children:

79. i. **Daniel Fontaine** was born on 17 May 1945 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Nicole Vannier on 16 Mar 1968 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France.

80. ii. **Dominique Fontaine** was born on 20 Jun 1954 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Joel Bertaux on 03 Apr 1976 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France.

81. iii. **Raynald Fontaine** was born on 20 Oct 1956 in Hermes, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Chantal Brimeux on 24 Jun 1978 in Bonlier, Oise, Picardie, France.

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35. **Georgette Marie Vermuelen**-6 (Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 13 May 1935 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France.

    Bernard Gallopin was born on 24 Jun 1930 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France.

    Bernard Gallopin and Georgette Marie Vermuelen were married on 07 Jul 1952 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

    82. i. **Martine Stella Raymonde Gallopin** was born on 21 Aug 1955 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Denis Jean Pierre Caboche on 27 Sep 1975 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France.

    83. ii. **Francis Gallopin** was born on 02 Apr 1957 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Anne Marie Poidevin on 20 Sep 1980 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France.

    84. iii. **Marie-Christine Gallopin** was born on 27 Jun 1958 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Dominique Liegrois on 17 Sep 1977 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France.

    85. iv. **Daniel Gallopin** was born on 10 Jun 1963 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

36. **Jean Edmond Emeric Forret**-6 (Laura Irma-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 03 Jan 1930 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France.

    Micheline Godard was born on 07 Oct 1931 in France.

    Jean Edmond Emeric Forret and Micheline Godard were married on 09 Aug 1950 in Auchy, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

    i. **Jean Marie Forret** was born on 25 Nov 1950 in Auchy, Oise, Picardie, France.

    ii. **Claude Forret** was born on 15 Jan 1952 in Auchy, Oise, Picardie, France.

    iii. **Michel Forret** was born on 15 Jan 1953 in Francastel, Oise, Picardie, France.

    iv. **Allain Forret** was born on 24 Aug 1955 in Francastel, Oise, Picardie, France.

    v. **Beatrice Forret** was born on 23 Jan 1959 in Francastel, Oise, Picardie, France.

37. **Christian Arthur Camille Forret**-6 (Laura Irma-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 02 Jan 1932 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France.

    Renee Nouvion was born on 07 Mar 1933 in Beuvraignes, Somme, Picardie, France.

    Christian Arthur Camille Forret and Renee Nouvion were married on 20 Jul 1954. They had the following children:

    i. **Marize Forret** was born on 19 Jun 1955 in Roye, Oise, Picardie, France.

    ii. **Jeannicque Forret** was born on 26 Sep 1956 in Liéramont, Somme, Picardie, France.

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iii. **Sylvie Forret** was born on 07 Jun 1959 in Liéramont, Somme, Picardie, France.

iv. **Frederique Forret** was born on 27 Aug 1961 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

38. **Daniel Hubert Forret**-6 (Laura Irma-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 19 Oct 1939 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France.

Jacqueline Devisscher was born about 1944 in France.

Daniel Hubert Forret and Jacqueline Devisscher married. They had the following children:

86. i. **Gilles Jean Francois Forret** was born on 02 Feb 1961 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France. He married Christine Courtois on 31 Jul 1982 in Le Quesnel, Oise, Picardie, France.

ii. **Joel Forret** was born on 18 Apr 1964 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France.

iii. **Luc Forret** was born on 06 Jun 1965 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France.

39. **Bernard Georges Forret**-6 (Laura Irma-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 13 Nov 1945 in Oursel, Oise, Picardie, France.

Josette Devillers was born on 09 Apr 1947 in France.

Bernard Georges Forret and Josette Devillers married. They had the following children:

i. **Helene Forret** was born on 28 Jun 1967 in France.

ii. **Mickael Forret** was born on 17 May 1976 in France.

40. **Jacques Maillard**-6 (Augusta Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 07 Dec 1947 in Éragny, Oise, Picardie, France.

Jacques Maillard and unknown spouse married. They had the following children:

i. **Boy Maillard** was born about 1971 in France.

ii. **Girl Maillard** was born about 1973 in France.

41. **Ginette Maillard**-6 (Augusta Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 20 Nov 1949 in Éragny, Oise, Picardie, France.

Unknown was born about 1947.

Unknown and Ginette Maillard married. They had the following children:

i. **Boy-one Unknown** was born about 1971 in France.

ii. **Boy-two Unknown** was born about 1973 in France.

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42. **Jacques Jean Pierre Aubet**-6 (Bertha-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 24 Jan 1935 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France.

Francoise Andree Maria Bernaert was born on 10 Nov 1934 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France.

Jacques Jean Pierre Aubet and Francoise Andree Maria Bernaert were married on 21 Jun 1958 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France. They had the following children:

87. i. **Eve-Marie Aubet** was born on 07 Aug 1959 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France. She married Daniel Christian Chevreau on 01 Sep 1984 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France.

88. ii. **Corinne Christiane Aubet** was born on 23 Mar 1961 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France. She married Jean Louis Giacometti on 31 May 1981 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France.

43. **Serge Marcel Eugene Aubet**-6 (Bertha-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 24 Jan 1939 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France.

Liliane Ourth was born on 03 Aug 1938 in Sully, Oise, Picardie, France.

Serge Marcel Eugene Aubet and Liliane Ourth were married on 06 Sep 1958 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

89. i. **Ariane Aubet** was born on 12 Jan 1959 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Francis Nencioni on 01 Aug 2000 in Graveson, Bouches-du-Rhône, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France[77].

Josette Martin was born about 1940 in France.

Serge Marcel Eugene Aubet and Josette Martin met. They had no children.

44. **Daniel Michel Audre Aubet**-6 (Bertha-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 04 Nov 1943 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France.

Marie-Jose was born on 29 Mar 1948 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France.

Daniel Michel Audre Aubet and Marie-Jose were married on 07 Jul 1969 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

90. i. **Celine Aubet** was born on 26 Sep 1972 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France. She married Francois Lefevre on 06 May 2000 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France.

ii. **Elodie Aubet** was born on 05 Feb 1982 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France. She died on 01 Oct 2000 in Saint-Sauflieu, Somme, France.

45. **Louis Ernest André Salomez**-6 (Maurice-5, Julianus Émilius-4, Hermanus Demianus-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[64] was born about 1930 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

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Nelly Sébourque[78] was born about 1932 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

Louis Ernest André Salomez and Nelly Sébourque married. They had the following children:

91. i. **André Salomez** was born about 1958 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France[79].

Lucette Lamiable[80] was born about 1932 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

Louis Ernest André Salomez and Lucette Lamiable married. They had the following children:

i. **Patrice Salomez**[81] was born about 1964 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

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46. **Karolyn Kerschieter**-7 (Gabriel Omer-6, Angela Gabriel-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born about 1941 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Unknown Boltie was born about 1939.

Unknown Boltie and Karolyn Kerschieter married. They had the following children:

i. **Karl Omer Boltie** was born about 1962.

ii. **Sarah Boltie** was born about 1964.

iii. **Erik Paul Boltie** was born about 1966.

iv. **Mark Boltie** was born about 1968. He died before 2005.

47. **Margaret Kerschieter**-7 (Gabriel Omer-6, Angela Gabriel-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born about 1946 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Unknown Prechel was born about 1941.

Unknown Prechel and Margaret Kerschieter married. They had the following children:

i. **Jeffrey Alan Prechel** was born about 1965.

ii. **Kathryn Therese Prechel** was born about 1967.

iii. **Amelia Helen Prechel** was born about 1969.

48. **Mary Ann DeClerck**-7 (Omer Alphonse-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 19 Jan 1940 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Mary Ann DeClerck:
General Notes:

Mary Ann was born in Rock Island, Illinois, on January 19, 1940. She attended St. Mary's School in

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East Moline and Alleman High School in Rock Island, Illinois. After graduating in 1957, she was employed by Illinois Bell Telephone Company in Rock Island and then, by the Social Security Administration in Rock Island.

As a young woman, she enjoyed reading and dancing. It was while attending a CYO dance in Rock Island, that she met her husband-to-be, Russell F. Grady. They were married on October 15, 1960, at St. Mary's Church in East Moline, Illinois. They resided in Rock Island, and Mary Ann continued working until the birth of her first child, Michael Edward Grady, on August 21, 1962, at Mercy Hospital in Davenport, Iowa, where Russ's mother was Director of Nursing.

In 1963, Russ's employer, J.I. Case, transferred them to Racine, Wisconsin, where their second son, Patrick John Grady, was born on January 15, 1968.

Job changes and transfers took them to Port Washington and Cedarburg, Wisconsin; Aiken, South Carolina; and eventually back to Racine, Wisconsin, where they have resided for more than 30 years as of this writing.

Mary Ann & Russ enjoy reading, music, and traveling. Three trips to Europe have allowed them to visit Belgium, France, The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Ireland.

Their younger son, Patrick, married Ann Hallisy on July 2, 1994. Their older son, Michael, married Cynthia Reed Treffert on August 11, 2000. Mike & Cynthia have two children, Emily Treffert (married to Greg Madden on October 13, 2007) and Ross Treffert.

Russell Grady was born on 18 Apr 1934.

Russell Grady and Mary Ann DeClerck were married on 15 Oct 1960 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Michael Edward Grady** was born on 21 Aug 1962 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA. He married Cynthia Reed on 11 Aug 2000.

ii. **Patrick John Grady** was born on 15 Jan 1968 in Racine, Racine, Wisconsin, USA. He married Ann Hallisy on 02 Jul 1994 in Racine, Racine, Wisconsin, USA.

49. **Jeannie Louise DeClerck**-7 (Omer Alphonse-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 06 Aug 1942 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Michael Joseph O'Brien was born on 09 Aug 1937 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

Michael Joseph O'Brien and Jeannie Louise DeClerck were married on 25 Jan 1964 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Colleen Marie O'Brien** was born on 25 Dec 1964 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Lynn Richard Smith on 27 Sep 1986 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

92. ii. **Lisa Ann O'Brien** was born on 24 Dec 1965 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Daniel Joseph Seger on 25 Jul 1987 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

93. iii. **Kevin Michael O'Brien** was born on 15 May 1967 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA. He married Jennifer Disch on 06 Oct 2001 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

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94. iv. **Daniel Mark O'Brien** was born on 10 Jun 1970 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA. He married Shelly Ann Starr on 24 Sep 2005 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA[82].

v. **Erin Nicole O'Brien** was born on 11 Oct 1975 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

50. **Julie Marie DeClerck**-7 (Omer Alphonse-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 25 Nov 1951 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Michael Albert Lenth was born on 25 Nov 1951 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA.

Michael Albert Lenth and Julie Marie DeClerck were married on 25 May 1973 in East Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

95. i. **Jennifer Anne Lenth** was born on 14 Nov 1973 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Christopher Sean Lenth** was born on 06 Nov 1976 in Cherry Point, Craven, North Carolina, USA.

Notes for Christopher Sean Lenth:
General Notes:
Chris graduated from Guilford High School in Rockford, IL and Auburn University, Auburn, AL. He is currently working at Hamilton Sundstrand as a contract administrator.

51. **Darrel Raymond Hagberg**-7 (Angela Ludovica-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 14 Jul 1943 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Darrel Raymond Hagberg:
General Notes:
Darrel was born at Moline Public Hospital, Moline, Illinois.

Darrel lived at 1428 15th Avenue, East Moline, Illinois, and attended grade school at St. Mary's Catholic School. In the summer of 1956, the family moved to 1912 30th Street, Moline, Illinois. While living in Moline, Darrel attended Calvin Coolidge Junior High School and Moline Senior High School. In the summer of 1960, Darrel's parents were divorced. Darrel moved back to the same address in East Moline with his mother.

As a boy, Darrel held several jobs. He passed newspapers for the Moline Daily Dispatch, the Des Moines Sunday Register, and the East Moline Herald while living in East Moline. After moving to Moline in 1956, Darrel worked at his father's restaurant, the Eagle Lunch Restaurant in Moline which was located on the NE corner of 6th Avenue and 14th Street. From 1961 to 1962, Darrel worked for his aunt, Laura DeHaven, at the Eagle Dinner Restaurant which was located on the East side of 16th Street between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue in Moline.

In 1962, he worked at the Buddy L Company and the John Deere Malleable Works in East Moline to earn money to go to college. Later, in 1962, he took employment with Montgomery Elevator Company (now Koen) in Moline, Illinois. While there, he started as a layout draftsman. He also worked in the estimating department and research and development department. Before leaving the company in 1966, he was assistant project engineer for their new elevator test tower. He worked elevator designs for the Seattle World's Fair, the Apollo 11 Moon Mission, and the St. Louis Gateway Arch.

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Darrel attended Black Hawk College in Moline from September 1961 to December 1963 and graduated with an Associates of Arts degree in Mathematics. During this period of time, he also attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport. He attended the University of Illinois from January 1964 to June 1967 and graduated with High Honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

While returning home by motor bus from school at the University of Illinois located at Champaign, Illinois, in February 1967, Darrel met his wife to be in Bloomington, Illinois. Betty was working for her Masters degree at Illinois State University in Bloomington. In July 1967, they were engaged to be married. The marriage date was originally set for February 1968 but was moved ahead to November 25, 1967, because Darrel received a military draft notification for December 1967. During the period from June 1967 to February 1968, Darrel had accepted an Engineering position at ALCOA (Aluminum Company of America), Davenport Works, located Bettendorf, Iowa. This factory is the world's largest Aircraft Aluminum Plant. In addition to Aircraft metal, the plant produced many other products. Betty taught Geography in the Fall at Rock Island High School.

As a result of the military draft notification, Darrel and Betty both joined the U. S. Navy Officer Candidate program in December 1967. Darrel started his military training at the U. S. Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, in February 1968. Betty started her training in March. In May, Betty was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy. Darrel was commissioned in June. Betty was assigned to the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia, as Administrative Officer. Darrel was assigned to the USS Wright, CC 2, stationed at the Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia. Betty and Darrel were discharged from Active Duty on November 25, 1969. Betty attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade while Darrel attained the rank of lieutenant. Both were honorably discharged from the Navy.

Betty and Darrel purchased a new home on 7th Street, East Moline, Illlinois in February 1970

Darrel returned to his job with ALCOA on January 2, 1970. While there he assisted in the installation of the world's largest rolling mill and LNG forming and machining equipment. He also participated in the development of equipment used to produce the first Aluminum beverage cans and for the Computer Hard disc drives. Darrel was also Maintenance Planning and Scheduling supervisor, Cold Rolling Division Engineer, Mill Maintenance Superintendent, and Manager of Design Engineering. In his latter years, he also had the a dual assignment as Engineering Specialist and provided consulting expertise on manufacturing integration and computer related projects. He retired from ALCOA in 2002 after 35 years of service.

On October 15, 1970, Betty gave birth to Darla Renee at 6 PM in Lutheran Hospital in Moline, Illinois. After being at home for 2 years with Darla, Betty took a position in the library at Deere and Company in August 1972.

In 1975, Betty was promoted to Manager of Library and Archive Services. In addition, she was responsible for the John Deere Corporate Art Collection. Betty attended the Quad City Graduate Center in Rock Island, Illinois, and achieved a Masters degree in Business.

They moved to a new home at 3418- 12th Street, East Moline, Illinois in October 1976.

In July 1983; Darrel, Betty, and Darla visited their distant relatives in Belgium and France for the first time. They also visited his French relatives and Swedish relatives in July and August 1985 and for many years, thereafter.

Darrel and Betty moved to 3722-39th Street Court in Moline, Illinois, in August 1998.

Currently, Betty and Darrel travel, work on Genealogy, work on Gardening, and provide support to the New Figge Art Museum located in Davenport, Iowa. Darrel is also into Photo, Video, and Audio

editing. Betty was a past member of Zonta, an organization that assist mothers and children that are in need. Betty was a member of the Davenport Museum of Art board of trustees from 2001-2003.

They also provide care for their 3 new grandchildren while their parents work.

Darrel's half brother Charles is also his Third Cousin through a common ancestor, Carolus Ludovicus DeClerck (1813-1875) . Charles Father is Darrel Second Cousin once removed.

Betty Suzanne McLaughlin was born on 18 Sep 1942 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Betty Suzanne McLaughlin:
General Notes:
Betty attended Illinois State Univerity at Normal, Illinos, from 1960 to 1964 and graduated with a degree in geography. After her graduation, she applied for a position in the Peace Corp and was selected. She took her Peace Corp training in Los Angeles at UCLA. She served in Ethiopia for two years. On her return to the States she toured India, Nepal, Vietman, and Japan. Betty returned to Illinois State University to work for her Masters degree.

Darrel Raymond Hagberg and Betty Suzanne McLaughlin were married on 25 Nov 1967 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

96. i. **Darla Renee Hagberg** was born on 15 Oct 1970 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Chad Jones on 06 Jul 2003 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

52. **Patricia Helen Hagberg**-7 (Angela Ludovica-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[73] was born on 22 Mar 1947 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Rex Gail Rusk was born on 19 Jan 1945 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Rex Gail Rusk:
General Notes:
Rex was a factory worker at International Harvester Company in East Moline, IL.

Rex Gail Rusk and Patricia Helen Hagberg were married on 10 Jul 1965 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

97. i. **Lisa Ann Rusk** was born on 31 Mar 1966 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married David Michael Hart on 15 Oct 1994 in Springfield, Clark, Ohio, USA.

98. ii. **Steven Gail Rusk** was born on 15 Jan 1969 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He married Dorinda Jean Venrick on 07 Sep 1991 in Ohio, USA.

Daryl Kenney was born on 10 Jul 1941 in Illinois City, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Daryl Kenney:
General Notes:
Daryl3 children from a previous marriage.

Daryl Kenney and Patricia Helen Hagberg were married on 07 Apr 1979 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had no children.

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53. **Charles Keith DePaepe**-7 (Angela Ludovica-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 12 Feb 1940 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 06 Apr 2002 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

Notes for Charles Keith DePaepe:
General Notes:
Charles was a contractor. When he died, he was creamated in accordance with his wishes.

Taken from the Moline Dispatch, dated April 19, 2002:

"Charles ``Chuck'' Keith Eugene DePaepe, 62, Midwest City, Okla., died April 6, 2002, in Oklahoma City after an extended illness.

Services were conducted in Midwest City for family and friends April 10.

Chuck was born Feb 12, 1940, in Moline. He graduated from Moline High School in 1958 and attended Moline Community College.

He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol from 1956 to 1958. Chuck served his country in the Air Force from 1958 through 1962 in weather radar, aircraft control and warning systems. After leaving the Air Force, he remained in Oklahoma, where he raised his family.

Chuck was well known in the Oklahoma City area, where he was a successful businessman. He was a devoted father and was affectionately called ``Grandpa'' by his co-workers and family members. He loved reading and gardening.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Berta; his children, Charles and Kathy DePaepe, Keith and Brandi DePaepe, Suzette Clay and husband Waylen Chronister, Yvette DePaepe, and Lizette and Ron McLaughlin; brother, Darrel Hagberg and wife Betty; sister, Patty Kenney and husband Daryl; and numerous grandchildren, other family members and friends. His father, Charles K. DePaepe; his mother, Angela L. Hagberg; his stepfather, Raymond O. Hagberg, and his brother, Larry D. Hagberg, preceded him in death."

Social Security Number: 353-32-0325

Betty Marie Burke was born on 05 Nov 1942 in Houston, Texas, USA.

Charles Keith DePaepe and Betty Marie Burke were married on 25 Mar 1961 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA. They had the following children:

99. i. **Charles Patrick DePaepe** was born on 07 Dec 1961 in Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska, USA. He married Kathrine Alice Gisi on 19 Jun 1981 in Midwest City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

100. ii. **Keith Allen DePaepe** was born on 06 Aug 1963 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He married Jody Breeden on 09 Apr 1983 in Midwest City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

iii. **Yvette Marie DePaepe** was born on 09 Oct 1967 in Coalgate, Coal, Oklahoma, USA.

101. iv. **Suzette Cheri DePaepe** was born on 05 Dec 1968 in Coalgate, Coal, Oklahoma, USA. She married Randy Dale Clay on 10 Sep 1988 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

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102. v. **Lizette DePaepe** was born on 17 Aug 1974 in Coalgate, Coal, Oklahoma, USA. She married Ronald H. McLaughlin on 17 Sep 1994 in Midwest City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

54. **Donna Jean DeClerck**-7 (Frank Bruno-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 19 Oct 1942 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Donna Jean DeClerck:
General Notes:
Donna is currently living in Davenport, IA.

Michael Fredrick Cook was born on 29 Aug 1940.

Michael Fredrick Cook and Donna Jean DeClerck were married about 1983 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Scott Allen Cook** was born on 15 Sep 1964.

ii. **Penny Lee Cook** was born on 03 Dec 1966.

iii. **Dawn Michelle Cook** was born on 03 Mar 1967 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA.

iv. **Nancy Lynn Cook** was born on 02 May 1968 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA. She married Fred Haut on 26 Mar 1988 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA.

v. **Tara Ann Cook** was born on 20 Mar 1969 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA.

55. **Robert Lewis DeClerck**-7 (Frank Bruno-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 07 Jan 1944 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Robert Lewis DeClerck:
General Notes:
Robert is currently living in St. Paris, OH.

Maryln Jane Mara was born on 13 Feb 1943.

Robert Lewis DeClerck and Maryln Jane Mara married. They had the following children:

i. **Jamie Mathew DeClerck** was born on 17 Jul 1964 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He married Michelle Kristine Keller on 04 Aug 1990 in Milan, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

103. ii. **Cathie Ann DeClerck** was born on 11 Sep 1965 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Rober Gabriel Rashid on 27 Jun 1998 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Kewanee, IL.

iii. **Terri Lynne DeClerck** was born on 05 Feb 1967 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA. She married Gregory Jon Burmeister on 20 May 1989 in Bettendorf, Scott, Iowa, USA.

Barb Unknown was born about 1948.

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Robert Lewis DeClerck and Barb Unknown married. They had the following children:

i. **Jamie Mathew DeClerck** was born on 17 Jul 1964 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He married Michelle Kristine Keller on 04 Aug 1990 in Milan, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

103. ii. **Cathie Ann DeClerck** was born on 11 Sep 1965 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married Rober Gabriel Rashid on 27 Jun 1998 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Kewanee, IL.

iii. **Terri Lynne DeClerck** was born on 05 Feb 1967 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA. She married Gregory Jon Burmeister on 20 May 1989 in Bettendorf, Scott, Iowa, USA.

56. **Joanna DeClerck**-7 (Frank Bruno-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 30 Nov 1951 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Joanna DeClerck and unknown spouse met. They had the following children:

104. i. **Jennifer Linn DeClerck** was born on 14 Aug 1971 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She married K. G. Trey Brooks on 18 Aug 2001 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA.

57. **William Steven DeClerck**-7 (Frank Bruno-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 09 Sep 1957 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Paula Unknown was born about 1960.

William Steven DeClerck and Paula Unknown married. They had the following children:

i. **Angela DeClerck** was born about 1984 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Female DeClerck** was born about 1986.

iii. **Female DeClerck** was born about 1988.

iv. **Male DeClerck** was born about 1990.

v. **Male DeClerck** was born about 1992.

William Steven DeClerck and unknown spouse married. They had the following children:

i. **Angela DeClerck** was born about 1984 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

58. **Rita Jean DeClerck**-7 (Donald Bruno-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 11 Apr 1950 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. She died on 04 May 2005 in Coal Valley, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Rita Jean DeClerck:
General Notes:
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Obituary for Rita Stone

Rita Jean Stone, 55, of Coal Valley, died Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at her home after a long battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be 9 a.m. Saturday at DeRoo Funeral Home, Moline, and 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Moline, where she was a member. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Entombment will be at St. Mary's Mausoleum, East Moline. Memorials may be made to the Alleman High School girls' basketball program.

The former Rita Jean DeClerck was born April 11, 1950, in Moline, the daughter of Donald and Lillian Vindevogel DeClerck. She married Robert L. Stone Aug. 29, 1970, in Moline.

She was employed at Gypsum Supply Company, Bettendorf, for 15 years, last working in March of this year.

Rita enjoyed keeping score for the Alleman girls' basketball games and doing crafts with her daughters, and she was a volunteer at Washington School, Moline.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; daughters, Renee, Fishers, Ind., Rebecca and Rachel, Moline, and Reghan Stone, at home; mother, Lillian DeClerck, Moline; and brothers, James DeClerck, Green Valley, Ill., and Richard DeClerck, Taylor Ridge.

Robert Lyle Stone son of Lynn V. Stone and Marilyn R. Hofstetter[83] was born on 26 Aug 1950 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[83]. He died on 15 Jul 2006 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Robert Lyle Stone:
General Notes:

Moline Dispatch Newspaper, Obituaries for Monday, July 17, 2006

Robert Stone

Robert L. Stone, 55, of Coal Valley died Saturday, July 15, 2006, at Trinity Medical Center, West, Rock Island.

Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, at DeRoo Funeral Home, Moline, and 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Moline. Entombment will be at St. Mary's Mausoleum, East Moline. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, where a Christian wake service will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to Washington Elementary School, Moline.

Robert L. Stone was born Aug. 26, 1950, in Moline, the son of Lynn V. and Marilyn R. Hofstetter Stone. He married the former Rita Jean DeClerk Aug. 29, 1970, in Moline. She preceded him in death May 4, 2005.

Bob was employed at John Deere Seeding, Moline, where he had worked for more than 30 years. He actively worked at St. Mary's Church, Moline, and St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church, and an Illinois State graduate. Bob enjoyed teaching and helping his daughters with home projects, and was meticulous in his lawn care. He donated many

hours of time and money to Washington Elementary School where his daughter, Rebecca, teaches.

Survivors include daughters, Renee Stone, Fishers, Ind., Rebecca and Rachel Stone, both of Moline, and Reghan Stone, Coal Valley; his mother, Marilyn R. Stone; a sister, Diana Peterson, brothers and sisters-in-law, Daniel and Eileen Stone and William and Lynn Stone, all of Port Byron; his mother-in-law, Lillian DeClerck, Moline; and brothers-in-law and spouses, James and Jane DeClerck, Green Valley, Ill., and Richard and Dottie DeClerck, Taylor Ridge. He was preceded in death by his father.

Robert Lyle Stone and Rita Jean DeClerck were married on 29 Aug 1970 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Renee Lynette Stone** was born on 25 Jun 1975 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Rebecca Becky Jolene Stone** was born on 11 Nov 1976 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

iii. **Rachel Layne Stone** was born on 13 May 1979 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

iv. **Reghan Jean Stone** was born on 26 Aug 1981 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

59. **James Donald DeClerck**-7 (Donald Bruno-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 13 Dec 1951 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Unknown Unknown was born about 1954.

James Donald DeClerck and Unknown Unknown married. They had the following children:

i. **Cary Dale DeClerck** was born about 1975 in Crawfordsville, Montgomery, Indiana, USA.

ii. **Missy Jane DeClerck** was born about 1977 in Crawfordsville, Montgomery, Indiana, USA.

iii. **Debbie Ann DeClerck** was born about 1979 in Crawfordsville, Montgomery, Indiana, USA.

60. **Richard Charles DeClerck**-7 (Donald Bruno-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 14 Feb 1953 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Dottie Lynn Schlotfeldt was born on 12 Nov 1954.

Richard Charles DeClerck and Dottie Lynn Schlotfeldt married. They had the following children:

i. **Justine Rae DeClerck** was born on 18 Jul 1975 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Lucas Marice DeClerck** was born on 26 Oct 1984 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

61. **Greg Allan DeClerck**-7 (Eugene Maurice-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1)[56] was born on 02 Aug 1956 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[56].

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Notes for Greg Allan DeClerck:
General Notes:
U.S. Public Records Index Record about Greg A Declerck
Name: Greg A Declerck
Birth Date: 1 Aug 1956
Street Address: 1153 52Nd Street Ct
City: Moline
County: Rock Island
State: Illinois
Zip Code: 61265
Phone Number: 309-764-4677
Household Members: Name Est. Age Birth Year
Deborah A Declerck 50 1956
Greg A Declerck 49 1956
Gregory A Declerck 50 1956

U.S. Public Records Index Record about Gregory A Declerck
Name: Gregory A Declerck
Birth Date: 1956
Street Address: 1153 52Nd Street Ct
City: Bradford
County: Stark
State: Illinois
Zip Code: 61421
Phone Number: 309-764-4677
Household Members: Name Est. Age Birth Year
Deborah A Declerck 50 1956
Gregory A Declerck 50 1956

Deborah Ann Kehrer[56] was born on 29 Dec 1956 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA[56].

Notes for Deborah Ann Kehrer:
General Notes:
U.S. Public Records Index Record about Deborah A Declerck
Name: Deborah A Declerck
Birth Date: 1956
Street Address: 1153 52Nd Street Ct
City: Moline
County: Rock Island
State: Illinois
Zip Code: 61265
Phone Number: 309-764-4677
Household Members: Name Est. Age Birth Year
Deborah A Declerck 50 1956
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Phone Number: 309-764-4677
Household Members: Name Est. Age Birth Year
Deborah A Declerck 50 1956
Gregory A Declerck 50 1956

Greg Allan DeClerck and Deborah Ann Kehrer were married on 11 Apr 1981 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Derek Alan DeClerck** was born on 25 Sep 1982 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Courtney Ann DeClerck** was born on 10 Apr 1986 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

62. **Lori Ann DeClerck**-7 (Eugene Maurice-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 23 Jul 1959 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Thomas Edward Day was born about 1957 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Thomas Edward Day and Lori Ann DeClerck were married on 16 Jun 1984 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Elizabeth Mary Day** was born on 04 Apr 1986 in La Jolla, San Diego, California, USA.

ii. **William Thomas Day** was born on 31 Jan 1989 in La Jolla, San Diego, California, USA.

iii. **Anne Day** was born on 25 Dec 1991.

iv. **Jane Day** was born on 07 Jul 1995.

v. **John Day** was born on 05 Aug 2000.

63. **Michael J. Goethals**-7 (Camiel-6, Helena Maria-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 19 Sep 1951 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. He died on 08 Oct 1998 in Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, USA[76].

Notes for Michael J. Goethals:
General Notes:
Mike graduated from Alleman High School, Rock Island, IL, in 1969. He was a sales representative for Lomar Foods, a division of Hy-Vee Food Stores, Des Moines, IA.

Obituary for Michael Goethals, Moline Dispatch, Moline, IL, 10 October 1998:

Michael Goethals

Michael J. Goethals, 47, of Geneseo, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 1998, at Finley Hospital in Dubuque, Iowa.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Malachy's Catholic Church, Geneseo. Burial is in Oakwood Cemetery, Geneseo, The Rev. Michael Pakula will officiate. Visitation will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, with a parish rosary at 7:30 p.m., at Stackhouse-Moore Funeral Homes, Myers Chapel, Geneseo. Memorials may be made to Michael Goethals Memorial Fund in care of Norwest Bank.

Michael Joseph Goethals was born Sept. 19, 1951, in Rock Island, the son of Camiel and Evelyn DeBoever Goethals. He graduated from Alleman High School, Rock Island, in 1969. He married Beverly Albright on Sept. 15, 1973, in Rootstown, Ohio. Mr. Goethals had been a sales representative for Lomar Foods, a division of Hy-Vee Food Stores, Des Moines, Iowa.

Memberships include St. Malachy's Catholic Church and the Cursillo, the Parents Club, and the Basketball Boosters. He coached Little League baseball, basketball and soccer. He enjoyed gardening, golfing and, most of all, watching his kids play sports. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly; daughters, Michelle, Geneseo, Mary, Silvis, and Kathleen, Geneseo; sons, Michael, Kevin and Mark, all of Geneseo; grandchildren, Olivia and Michael Goethals, Silvis; his parents, Camiel and Evelyn Goethals, Moline; a sister, Sue DeVolder, Moline; and a brother and sister-in-law, James and Susan Goethals, Raleigh, N.C.

Beverly Albright was born about 1954.

Michael J. Goethals and Beverly Albright were married on 15 Sep 1973 in Rootstown, Portage, Ohio, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Michael Goethals**[84, 85] was born about 1974. He married Briana Jo Gernant on 06 Oct 2000 in Geneseo, Henry, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Michael Goethals:
General Notes:
Last living in Geneseo, IL.

Moline Dispatch Newspaper, Moline, IL, Social News - Engagements, dated May 30, 2000:

Gernant-Goethals

William and Rebecca Gernant, Geneseo, announce the engagement of their daughter, Briana Jo Gernant, to Michael Kevin Goethals, son of Beverly Goethals, Geneseo, and the late Michael Goethals.

The couple will be married Oct. 6 in St. Malachy Catholic Church. A reception will be held at The Mark of the Quad Cities, Moline.

Both the bride-elect and prospective bridegroom graduated from J.D. Darnall High School, Geneseo. She attended Black Hawk College and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Platteville. She is employed by Integrated Agri Inc., Geneseo. He is a graduate of St. Ambrose University and is employed by Ford and Sons, Geneseo.

Moline Dispatch Newspaper, Moline, IL, Social News, dated 27 Novembder 2000:

Gernant-Goethals

Briana Jo Gernant and Michael Kevin Goethals, both of Geneseo, exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 6 in St. Malachy's Catholic Church, Geneseo. Deacon Harley Chaffee officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony.

Parents of the bride are William and Rebecca Gernant, 116 Abbey Drive, Geneseo. The bridegroom is the son of Beverly Goethals, 422 North State St., Geneseo, and the late Michael Goethals.

Honor attendants were Machala Ullrick and Kevin Goethals.

Other attendants were Erika Myhre, Katie Bos Lewis, Heather Carton, Kathleen and Mary Goethals, Bill Healy, Dan Wojcik, Mark and Andy Goethals, Steve Sottos, Ryan Reade, Chris Sellman, Brandon Croegaert and Rocky Spanton.

There was a reception at the Mark of the Quad Cities, Moline. The couple plan a honeymoon trip for a later date. They reside in Geneseo.

Both the bride and bridegroom graduated from J.D. Darnall High School, Geneseo. She also graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, and is employed by API, Geneseo. He graduated from St. Ambrose University and is employed by Henry and Rock Island County School Systems.

ii. **Michelle Renee Goethals** was born about 1976. She married Matthew Thomas DeSmyter on 14 Jul 2001 in Geneseo, Henry, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Michelle Renee Goethals:
General Notes:
Last living in Geneseo, IL.

Moline Dispatch Newspaper, Moline, IL, Social News - Weddings, dated 2 December 2001:

Goethals-DeSmyter

Michelle Renee Goethals and Matthew Thomas DeSmyter, both of East Moline, exchanged vows July 14 in St. Malachy's Catholic Church, Geneseo. The Rev. Michael Pakula and Deacon Thomas Wachtel officiated the 2 p.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Beverly Goethals, 422 N. State St., Geneseo, and the late Michael Goethals. The bridegroom is the son of Tom and Elaine DeSmyter, 3575 3rd St. A, East Moline.

Honor attendants were Angela Lampkin and Fred Pena.

Other attendants were Mary, Kathleen, Olivia, Michael, Kevin and Mark Goethals, Karla Hawotte, Erin Verona, Cindy, Brittany, Paul and Nick Gonzales, Lori DeSmyter, Matt Senatra, Andy Murphy, Brad Schneider and Jeremy Jungwirth.

A reception was held at Milan Community Center. The honeymoon destination was Moon Palace Resort, Riviera Maya, Mexico. The couple resides in East Moline.

The bride graduated from J.D. Darnall High School, Geneseo, and attended Black Hawk

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College. She is employed by MCI Worldcom Conferencing, Davenport.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Alleman High School, Black Hawk College and Western Illinois University, Macomb. He is employed as a group therapist at Arrowhead Ranch, Coal Valley.

iii. **Mark Goethals** was born about 1978.

Notes for Mark Goethals:
General Notes:
Last living in Geneseo, IL.

105. iv. **Mary Therese Goethals** was born about 1980. She married Bradley Jay Schneider on 18 May 2001[86].

v. **Kevin Goethals** was born about 1982.

Notes for Kevin Goethals:
General Notes:
Last living in Geneseo, IL.

vi. **Kathleen Goethals** was born about 1984.

Notes for Kathleen Goethals:
General Notes:
Last living in Geneseo, IL.

64. **Serge Alain Cyril Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 18 Sep 1938 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France.

Nicole Martin was born about 1943 in France.

Serge Alain Cyril Grenier and Nicole Martin were married on 19 Aug 1961 in Somme, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Alain Grenier** was born about 1962 in France.

ii. **Thierry Grenier** was born about 1964 in France.

iii. **Delphine Grenier** was born about 1966 in France.

65. **Michele Augusta Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 03 Oct 1942 in Houeillès, Lot-et-Garonne, Aquitaine, France.

Jean Claude Sauvage was born about 1937 in France.

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Jean Claude Sauvage and Michele Augusta Grenier were married on 18 Aug 1959 in Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Marie Noelle Sauvage** was born about 1966 in France.

ii. **Jean Michel Sauvage** was born about 1968 in France.

iii. **Roseline Sauvage** was born about 1970 in France.

iv. **Glivier Sauvage** was born about 1972 in France.

v. **Nathalie Sauvage** was born about 1974 in France.

66. **Francoise Jeanne Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 26 Jan 1944 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France.

Georges Andrieux was born about 1939 in France.

Georges Andrieux and Francoise Jeanne Grenier were married on 14 Aug 1963 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Sandrine Andrieux** was born about 1968 in France.

ii. **Gerald Andrieux** was born about 1970 in France.

iii. **Veronique Andrieux** was born about 1972 in France.

67. **Helene Renee Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 01 Dec 1948 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France.

Michel Langlet was born about 1943 in France.

Michel Langlet and Helene Renee Grenier were married on 20 Jan 1968 in Reuil Sur Breeke, Oise, France. They had the following children:

i. **Sophie Langlet** was born about 1972 in France.

ii. **David Langlet** was born about 1974 in France.

iii. **Aurelie Langlet** was born about 1976 in France.

68. **Therese Laura Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 17 Nov 1950 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France.

Francisco Illarraz Y Gallardo was born about 1945 in France.

Francisco Illarraz Y Gallardo and Therese Laura Grenier were married on 08 Jun 1968 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

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i. **Valerie Illarraz Y Gallardo** was born about 1969 in France.

ii. **Miguel Illarraz Y Gallardo** was born about 1971 in France.

iii. **Johnny Illarraz Y Gallardo** was born about 1973 in France.

Paschal Coulombel was born about 1945 in France.

Paschal Coulombel and Therese Laura Grenier were married in 1975 in France. They had no children.

69. **Chantal Angela Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 03 May 1952 in Puy-la-Vallee, Oise, France.

Christian Yannick Bourdet was born about 1947 in France.

Christian Yannick Bourdet and Chantal Angela Grenier were married on 30 Oct 1971 in Mitty Sur Therain, Oise, France. They had the following children:

i. **Yannis Bourdet** was born about 1972 in France.

Daniel Laroche was born about 1947 in France.

Daniel Laroche and Chantal Angela Grenier were married in Sep 1977 in France. They had the following children:

i. **Peggy Laroche** was born about 1978 in France.

ii. **Marie Laroche** was born about 1980 in France.

70. **Francis Christian Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 24 Mar 1953 in Puy-la-Vallee, Oise, France.

Ghislaine Scheerns was born about 1958 in France.

Francis Christian Grenier and Ghislaine Scheerns were married in 1978 in France. They had the following children:

i. **Jeremy Grenier** was born about 1979 in France.

71. **Denis Alain Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 30 Jul 1955 in Puy-la-Vallee, Oise, France.

Martine Henin was born about 1958 in France.

Denis Alain Grenier and Martine Henin were married on 11 Mar 1978 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Stephanie Grenier** was born about 1979 in France.

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ii. **Nicolas Grenier** was born about 1981 in France.

iii. **Francois Grenier** was born about 1983 in France.

Beatrice Donne was born about 1958 in Francastel, Oise, Picardie, France.

Denis Alain Grenier and Beatrice Donne were married about 1987 in France. They had the following children:

i. **Steve Grenier** was born about 1988 in France.

ii. **Marine Grenier** was born about 1990 in France.

72. **Line Emilienne Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 21 Jan 1957 in La Neuville, Oise, Picardie, France.

Andre Demetz was born about 1954 in France.

Andre Demetz and Line Emilienne Grenier were married on 09 May 1975 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Vanessa Demetz** was born about 1981 in France.

ii. **Monia Demetz** was born about 1983.

Hubert Langlet was born about 1954 in France.

Hubert Langlet and Line Emilienne Grenier married. They had no children.

73. **Patrice Francis Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 21 Jan 1957 in La Neuville, Oise, Picardie, France.

Marie Francoise DuPoty was born about 1960 in France.

Patrice Francis Grenier and Marie Francoise DuPoty were married on 09 Jul 1983 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Paul Grenier** was born about 1981 in France.

ii. **Jean Grenier** was born about 1981.

iii. **Antoine Grenier** was born about 1983.

74. **Marie Ange Patricia Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 06 Jan 1959 in La Neuville, Oise, Picardie, France.

Farid Mohamed M'Hiri was born about 1955 in Tunisia.

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Farid Mohamed M'Hiri and Marie Ange Patricia Grenier were married on 11 Sep 1976 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Karim M'Hiri** was born about 1983 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

ii. **Mehdi M'Hiri** was born about 1985 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

iii. **Sarah M'Hiri** was born about 1987 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

75. **Bruno Raymond Grenier**-7 (Angele Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 12 Jan 1963 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Aline Gaudefroy was born about 1968 in France.

Bruno Raymond Grenier and Aline Gaudefroy were married in 1980 in France. They had the following children:

i. **Cyril Grenier** was born about 1987 in France.

76. **Josiane Vermuelen**-7 (Albert Charles-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 12 Feb 1951 in Wavignies, Oise, Picardie, France.

Daniel Henocq was born on 24 Nov 1949 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Daniel Henocq and Josiane Vermuelen were married on 12 Jun 1971 in Bresles, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Virginia Henocq** was born on 29 Apr 1977 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

77. **Patrick Vermuelen**-7 (Albert Charles-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 21 May 1955 in Fouquerolles, Oise, Picardie, France.

Claudine Delihu was born on 07 Oct 1951 in Quentin, France (Fay St).

Patrick Vermuelen and Claudine Delihu were married on 20 Sep 1975 in Bresles, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Estelle Vermuelen** was born on 18 Oct 1978 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

ii. **Angelique Vermuelen** was born on 21 Nov 1980 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

iii. **Elodie Vermuelen** was born on 17 Jun 1982 in Crepis-En-Valois, France.

iv. **Mickael Vermuelen** was born on 08 Oct 1983 in Arras, Hautes-Pyrénées, Midi-Pyrénées, France.

78. **Sylvie Vermuelen**-7 (Albert Charles-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 31 Aug 1959 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

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Marice Goudal was born in Jun 1951 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Marice Goudal and Sylvie Vermuelen were married on 07 Apr 1979 in Bresles, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Ludovic Goudal** was born on 03 Sep 1979 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Lenain Emmanuelle was born on 13 Dec 1959 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Lenain Emmanuelle and Sylvie Vermuelen were married about 1985 in France. They had the following children:

i. **Lenain Emmanuelle** was born on 24 Nov 1986 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

79. **Daniel Fontaine**-7 (Augusta Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 17 May 1945 in Maulers, Oise, Picardie, France.

Nicole Vannier was born on 21 Jan 1947 in Guehgnies, France.

Daniel Fontaine and Nicole Vannier were married on 16 Mar 1968 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Valerie Fontaine** was born on 10 Jan 1973 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

ii. **Iderve Fontaine** was born on 16 Mar 1982 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

80. **Dominique Fontaine**-7 (Augusta Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 20 Jun 1954 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Joel Bertaux was born on 06 Mar 1953 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. He died on 25 Jun 2001 in Thossey, France.

Joel Bertaux and Dominique Fontaine were married on 03 Apr 1976 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Elodie Bertaux** was born on 25 Feb 1983 in Mâcon, Ain, Rhône-Alpes, France.

81. **Raynald Fontaine**-7 (Augusta Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 20 Oct 1956 in Hermes, Oise, Picardie, France.

Chantal Brimeux was born on 17 Dec 1957 in Sully, Oise, Picardie, France.

Raynald Fontaine and Chantal Brimeux were married on 24 Jun 1978 in Bonlier, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Gregory Fontaine** was born on 15 Feb 1984 in Meaux, Puy-de-Dôme, Auvergne, France.

ii. **Cloeut Fontaine** was born about 1986 in France.

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82. **Martine Stella Raymonde Gallopin**-7 (Georgette Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 21 Aug 1955 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Denis Jean Pierre Caboche was born on 21 Mar 1953 in Haudivillers, Oise, Picardie, France.

Denis Jean Pierre Caboche and Martine Stella Raymonde Gallopin were married on 27 Sep 1975 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

106. i. **Laura Georgette Huguette Caboche** was born on 08 Mar 1980 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France. She married Renaud Halgand on 02 Jul 2006 in France.

ii. **Julien Bernard Jean Caboche** was born on 27 Jul 1984 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

83. **Francis Gallopin**-7 (Georgette Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 02 Apr 1957 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Anne Marie Poidevin was born on 21 Jul 1961 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Francis Gallopin and Anne Marie Poidevin were married on 20 Sep 1980 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Aurelie Gallopin** was born on 17 Mar 1983. She married Reynald Camus on 08 Sep 2007 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

84. **Marie-Christine Gallopin**-7 (Georgette Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 27 Jun 1958 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Dominique Liegrois was born on 26 Sep 1953 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Dominique Liegrois and Marie-Christine Gallopin were married on 17 Sep 1977 in Tillé, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Cyril Liegrois** was born on 11 Jan 1978 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

ii. **Silvain Liegrois** was born on 17 Aug 1982 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

iii. **Jean Charles Liegrois** was born on 18 Mar 1984 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

iv. **Remy Liegrois** was born on 24 May 1993.

85. **Daniel Gallopin**-7 (Georgette Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 10 Jun 1963 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Sabrina Vacca was born about 1968 in France.

Daniel Gallopin and Sabrina Vacca married. They had the following children:

i. **Emilio Gallopin** was born on 04 Jul 1990 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

ii. **Helene Gallopin** was born on 06 Nov 1991 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Agnes Duval was born on 19 May 1966 in France.

Daniel Gallopin and Agnes Duval married. They had the following children:

i. **Quentin Gallopin** was born on 24 Apr 1998 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

86. **Gilles Jean Francois Forret**-7 (Daniel Hubert-6, Laura Irma-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 02 Feb 1961 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France.

Christine Courtois was born on 18 Aug 1958 in France.

Gilles Jean Francois Forret and Christine Courtois were married on 31 Jul 1982 in Le Quesnel, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Guillaume Forret** was born on 31 Jul 1985 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

ii. **Thibault Forret** was born on 24 Jun 1993 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France.

87. **Eve-Marie Aubet**-7 (Jacques Jean Pierre-6, Bertha-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 07 Aug 1959 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France.

Notes for Eve-Marie Aubet:
General Notes:
Eve-Marie last known address was: 1 Rue du Beau Bois, 60120 Bonneuil les Eaux, France.

Daniel Christian Chevreau was born on 30 Jun 1953 in Paris, Paris, Île-de-France, France.

Daniel Christian Chevreau and Eve-Marie Aubet were married on 01 Sep 1984 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France. They had the following children:

i. **Brice Jacques Lucien Chevreau** was born on 17 Jun 1986 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France.

ii. **Adrien Raymond Chevreau** was born on 20 Jun 1991 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France.

88. **Corinne Christiane Aubet**-7 (Jacques Jean Pierre-6, Bertha-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 23 Mar 1961 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France.

Jean Louis Giacometti was born on 22 Nov 1953 in Paris, Paris, Île-de-France, France.

Jean Louis Giacometti and Corinne Christiane Aubet were married on 31 May 1981 in Bonneuil, Val-d'Oise, Île-de-France, France. They had the following children:

107. i. **Justine Marie Francoise Giacometti** was born on 20 Sep 1985.

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ii. **Charlotte Franccise Marie Giacometti** was born on 13 May 1992 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France.

89. **Ariane Aubet**-7 (Serge Marcel Eugene-6, Bertha-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 12 Jan 1959 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France.

Francis Nencioni[77] was born on 13 Apr 1937 in Noves, Bouches-du-Rhône, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France[77].

Francis Nencioni and Ariane Aubet were married on 01 Aug 2000 in Graveson, Bouches-du-Rhône, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France[77]. They had no children.

Unknown Sirour was born about 1956 in France.

Unknown Sirour and Ariane Aubet married. They had the following children:

i. **Lauriane Sirour**[77] was born on 16 Aug 1986 in Le Chesnay, Eure, Haute-Normandie, France[77].

90. **Celine Aubet**-7 (Daniel Michel Audre-6, Bertha-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 26 Sep 1972 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France.

Francois Lefevre was born on 22 Apr 1969 in France.

Francois Lefevre and Celine Aubet were married on 06 May 2000 in Breteuil, Oise, Picardie, France. They had the following children:

i. **Pierre Lefevre** was born on 08 Aug 2001 in Paris, Paris, Île-de-France, France.

91. **André Salomez**-7 (Louis Ernest André-6, Maurice-5, Julianus Émilius-4, Hermanus Demianus-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born about 1958 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France[79].

Éliane Jupille was born about 1960 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

André Salomez and Éliane Jupille married. They had the following children:

i. **Kévin Jupille**[87] was born about 1986 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

Christiane Michelle Remetter[88] was born about 1960 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

André Salomez and Christiane Michelle Remetter married. They had the following children:

i. **Sabine Salomez**[89] was born about 1992 in Coucy, Aisne, Picardie, France.

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92. **Lisa Ann O'Brien**-8 (Jeannie Louise-7, Omer Alphonse-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 24 Dec 1965 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

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Daniel Joseph Seger was born on 29 Jul 1963 in Des Plaines, Cook, Illinois, USA.

Daniel Joseph Seger and Lisa Ann O'Brien were married on 25 Jul 1987 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Kimberly A. Seger** was born on 05 Mar 1995 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Jack Seger** was born on 07 Feb 1997 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

93. **Kevin Michael O'Brien**-8 (Jeannie Louise-7, Omer Alphonse-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 15 May 1967 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

Jennifer Disch was born on 21 Mar 1972 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

Kevin Michael O'Brien and Jennifer Disch were married on 06 Oct 2001 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Cameron Michael O'Brien**[90] was born on 01 Feb 2005 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Carson Finnegan O'Brien** was born on 18 Aug 2006 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

iii. **Conor Lane O'Brien** was born on 24 Jun 2008 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

94. **Daniel Mark O'Brien**-8 (Jeannie Louise-7, Omer Alphonse-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 10 Jun 1970 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Daniel Mark O'Brien:
General Notes:
Danny and Shelly were married at Assumption Catholic Chuch, Chicago, IL.

Shelly Ann Starr[91] was born on 05 Jul 1965 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

Daniel Mark O'Brien and Shelly Ann Starr were married on 24 Sep 2005 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA[82]. They had the following children:

i. **Aidan Theodore O'Brien**[92] was born on 02 Apr 2008 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA[93].

Notes for Aidan Theodore O'Brien:
General Notes:
Aidan in a twin to Colin. He is the first born son and is 1 minute older than Colin.

ii. **Colin Michael O'Brien**[94] was born on 02 Apr 2008 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA[95].

Notes for Colin Michael O'Brien:
General Notes:
Colin is a twin to Aidan and is the second born twin son.

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95. **Jennifer Anne Lenth**-8 (Julie Marie-7, Omer Alphonse-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 14 Nov 1973 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Jennifer Anne Lenth:
General Notes:
Jennie is a hair stylist. She attended Guilford High School in Rockford, IL and the Aveda Institute in Minneapolis, MN.

Jason Bailey was born on 16 Jul 1973 in Peoria, Peoria, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Jason Bailey:
General Notes:
Jason's occupation is detective for the Rockford Police Department. He graduated from Western Illinois University.

Jason Bailey and Jennifer Anne Lenth married. They had the following children:

i. **Ryan Michael Bailey** was born on 08 Jan 2004 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA. He died on 08 Jan 2004 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Ryan Michael Bailey:
General Notes:
Rockford Register Star, January 13, 2004

ROCKFORD -- Ryan Michael Bailey, the son of Jason and Jennie Lenth Bailey of Rockford, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, in Rockford Memorial Hospital. In addition to his parents, survivors include great-grandmother, Jackie Perry; grandparents, James and Dianna Bailey, both of Peoria; great-grandfather, Victor (LaVonne) Lenth of Bagley, Wis.; grandfather, Michael (Silvia) Lenth of Poway, Calif.; grandmother, Julie Lenth of Rockford; and uncle Chris Lenth of Rockford.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, for family and close friends, in Fred C. Olson Funeral Chapels Ltd., North Chapel, 2811 N. Main St. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the family for a memorial to be established at a later date.

ii. **Hayden James Bailey** was born on 24 Feb 2005 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

iii. **Morgan Grace Bailey** was born on 03 Oct 2006 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA.

96. **Darla Renee Hagberg**-8 (Darrel Raymond-7, Angela Ludovica-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 15 Oct 1970 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Darla Renee Hagberg:
General Notes:
Darla was born at Luthern Hospital, Moline, Illinois.

In 1983, Darla toured Europe with her parents. She met many of her distant relatives in Belgium and France. In July 1985, Darla spent 4 weeks with be cousins in Beauvais, France. In August of that year she went to Sweden and met many of her Swedish cousins.

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Darla attended grade school at Ridgewood Elementary School and Glenview Junior High School in East Moline, Illinois. Darla attended United Township High School in East Moline, Illinois and graduated in 1987.

She won a Music Scholarship and attended Augustana College for 4 years in Rock Island, Illinois, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. She also attended the University of Illinois for 2 years in Chicago, Illinois, and graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Education.

She taught the Middle School grades in Chicago for a year before returing to Rock Island to teach the Middle School grades to the current day.

She married Chad Jones on July 6, 2003 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rock Island, IL.

Darla has travel much of the World with her parents and still likes to travel. She visits her Belguim relatives regularly. In February 2005, she and her huisband took theiir baby Angela to Belgium, France, and the Netherlands.

Chad Jones was born on 28 Oct 1972 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Chad Jones:
General Notes:
Chad currently manages his own Landscaping and Lawn Care business in Rock Island, Illinois, called Quad-City Lawn Care.

Chad Jones and Darla Renee Hagberg were married on 06 Jul 2003 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Angela Catherine Jones** was born on 26 Jun 2003 in Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Isabella Marie Jones** was born on 15 Sep 2005 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

iii. **Alexander Edward Jones** was born on 21 Nov 2007 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

97. **Lisa Ann Rusk**-8 (Patricia Helen-7, Angela Ludovica-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 31 Mar 1966 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

David Michael Hart was born about 1963.

David Michael Hart and Lisa Ann Rusk were married on 15 Oct 1994 in Springfield, Clark, Ohio, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Ryan David Hart** was born on 06 Jul 1998 in Springfield, Clark, Ohio, USA.

Unknown Unknown was born about 1963.

Unknown Unknown and Lisa Ann Rusk married. They had the following children:

i. **Kyle Steven Rusk** was born on 10 Dec 1986 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

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98. **Steven Gail Rusk**-8 (Patricia Helen-7, Angela Ludovica-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 15 Jan 1969 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Dorinda Jean Venrick was born about 1970 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Steven Gail Rusk and Dorinda Jean Venrick were married on 07 Sep 1991 in Ohio, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Darian Marie Rusk** was born on 02 Jun 1992 in Springfield, Clark, Ohio, USA.

ii. **Maranda Elizabeth Rusk** was born on 02 Nov 1995 in Springfield, Clark, Ohio, USA.

99. **Charles Patrick DePaepe**-8 (Charles Keith-7, Angela Ludovica-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 07 Dec 1961 in Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska, USA.

Kathrine Alice Gisi was born on 05 Nov 1961 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

Charles Patrick DePaepe and Kathrine Alice Gisi were married on 19 Jun 1981 in Midwest City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Angela Lynn DePaepe** was born on 20 Dec 1981 in Midwest City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

Kathy Ciempa was born in 1958.

Charles Patrick DePaepe and Kathy Ciempa married. They had no children.

100. **Keith Allen DePaepe**-8 (Charles Keith-7, Angela Ludovica-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 06 Aug 1963 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Jody Breeden was born in 1964.

Keith Allen DePaepe and Jody Breeden were married on 09 Apr 1983 in Midwest City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Heather Leigh DePaepe** was born on 30 Sep 1983 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

Jody Lynn Fincher was born about 1968 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

Keith Allen DePaepe and Jody Lynn Fincher were married on 17 May 1986 in Midwest City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA. They had no children.

Brandi Leigh Mock was born on 09 Nov 1967.

Keith Allen DePaepe and Brandi Leigh Mock were married on 06 May 2000 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Christopher Keith DePaepe** was born on 14 Dec 2004 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

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101. **Suzette Cheri DePaepe**-8 (Charles Keith-7, Angela Ludovica-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 05 Dec 1968 in Coalgate, Coal, Oklahoma, USA.

Randy Dale Clay was born on 30 Oct 1969.

Randy Dale Clay and Suzette Cheri DePaepe were married on 10 Sep 1988 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Adara Saree Clay** was born on 09 Sep 1993 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

Johnny Waylen Chronister was born about 1966 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

Johnny Waylen Chronister and Suzette Cheri DePaepe were married on 11 Nov 2000 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA. They had no children.

102. **Lizette DePaepe**-8 (Charles Keith-7, Angela Ludovica-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 17 Aug 1974 in Coalgate, Coal, Oklahoma, USA.

Ronald H. McLaughlin was born in 1973.

Ronald H. McLaughlin and Lizette DePaepe were married on 17 Sep 1994 in Midwest City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA. They had no children.

Christopher Paul Duncan was born on 14 Sep 1977 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

Notes for Christopher Paul Duncan:
General Notes:
Chris ia a mortgage banker.

Christopher Paul Duncan and Lizette DePaepe were married on 01 Apr 2006 in Norman, Cleveland, Oklahoma, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Cailyn Arianna Duncan** was born on 22 May 2007 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA.

103. **Cathie Ann DeClerck**-8 (Robert Lewis-7, Frank Bruno-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 11 Sep 1965 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

Rober Gabriel Rashid son of Mary Rashid was born about 1963.

Rober Gabriel Rashid and Cathie Ann DeClerck were married on 27 Jun 1998 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Kewanee, IL. They had no children.

Unknown Unknown.

Unknown Unknown and Cathie Ann DeClerck married. They had the following children:

i. **Joshua DeClerck** was born about 1993.

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104. **Jennifer Linn DeClerck**-8 (Joanna-7, Frank Bruno-6, Palmyra Florentina-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 14 Aug 1971 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

K. G. Trey Brooks was born about 1969.

K. G. Trey Brooks and Jennifer Linn DeClerck were married on 18 Aug 2001 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa, USA. They had the following children:

i. **Amber DeClerck** was born in Oct 1989 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

ii. **Girl DeClerck** was born in Aug 1998 in Moline, Rock Island, Illinois, USA.

105. **Mary Therese Goethals**-8 (Michael J.-7, Camiel-6, Helena Maria-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born about 1980.

Notes for Mary Therese Goethals:
General Notes:
Last living in Silvis, IL.

Moline Dispatch, Moline, IL, Life - Engagements, dated May 30, 2000:

Goethals-Schneider Engagement

Announcement is made of the engagement of Mary Therese Goethals to Bradley Jay Schneider, both of Geneseo. She is the daughter of Beverly Goethals, Geneseo, and the late Michael Goethals. He is the son of Marge and Duke Schneider, Rock Island. The couple will be married at a private, family ceremony May 18 in St. Malachy's Catholic Church, Geneseo. Relatives and friends are invited to an open house in the home of the bride's mother. The bride-elect graduated from J.D. Darnall High School, Geneseo, and Hamilton Technical College, Davenport, Iowa. She is employed by Genesis Medical Center, Davenport. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Alleman High School, Rock Island. He is employed by Dohrn Transfer, Rock Falls.

Bradley Jay Schneider was born about 1980.

Bradley Jay Schneider and Mary Therese Goethals were married on 18 May 2001[86]. They had the following children:

i. **Olivia Goethals** was born about 1996.

Notes for Olivia Goethals:
General Notes:
Last living in Silvis, IL.

ii. **Michael Goethals** was born about 1998.

Notes for Michael Goethals:
General Notes:
Last living in Silvis, IL.

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106. **Laura Georgette Huguette Caboche**-8 (Martine Stella Raymonde-7, Georgette Marie-6, Estella Marie-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 08 Mar 1980 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Renaud Halgand was born about 1980 in France.

Renaud Halgand and Laura Georgette Huguette Caboche were married on 02 Jul 2006 in France. They had the following children:

i. **Arthur Halgand** was born on 13 Nov 2007 in Paris, Paris, Île-de-France, France.

107. **Justine Marie Francoise Giacometti**-8 (Corinne Christiane-7, Jacques Jean Pierre-6, Bertha-5, Maria Ludovica-4, Petrus Ignatius-3, Seraphina Christina Robaeys-2, Philippe Jacques-1) was born on 20 Sep 1985.

Emanuel Versheve was born on 20 Jun 1980 in Beauvais, Oise, Picardie, France.

Emanuel Versheve and Justine Marie Francoise Giacometti married. They had the following children:

i. **Lily Rose Versheve** was born on 13 May 2008 in Amiens, Somme, Picardie, France.

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Gene was born Oct. 10, 1928, in East Moline the son of Achiel and Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck. He married Joan A. Kochuyt Feb. 19, 1955, in Moline.
Mr. DeClerck served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. He was employed at the former I.H. East Moline Works retiring after 36 years.
Gene was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Moline, Moline Vikings, Moline American Legion Post 246, Center for Belgium Culture and Plus 60.
Survivors include his wife, Joan; daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Thomas Day, Peoria; sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Debbie DeClerck, Moline, and Jay and Lisa DeClerck, Coal Valley; grandchildren, Elizabeth, William, Anne, Jane and John Day and Derek and Courtney DeClerck; stepgrandchildren, Tyson and Lora McKeag and sister, Laura Waem, East Moline. He was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.
Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.deroofuneralhome.com.
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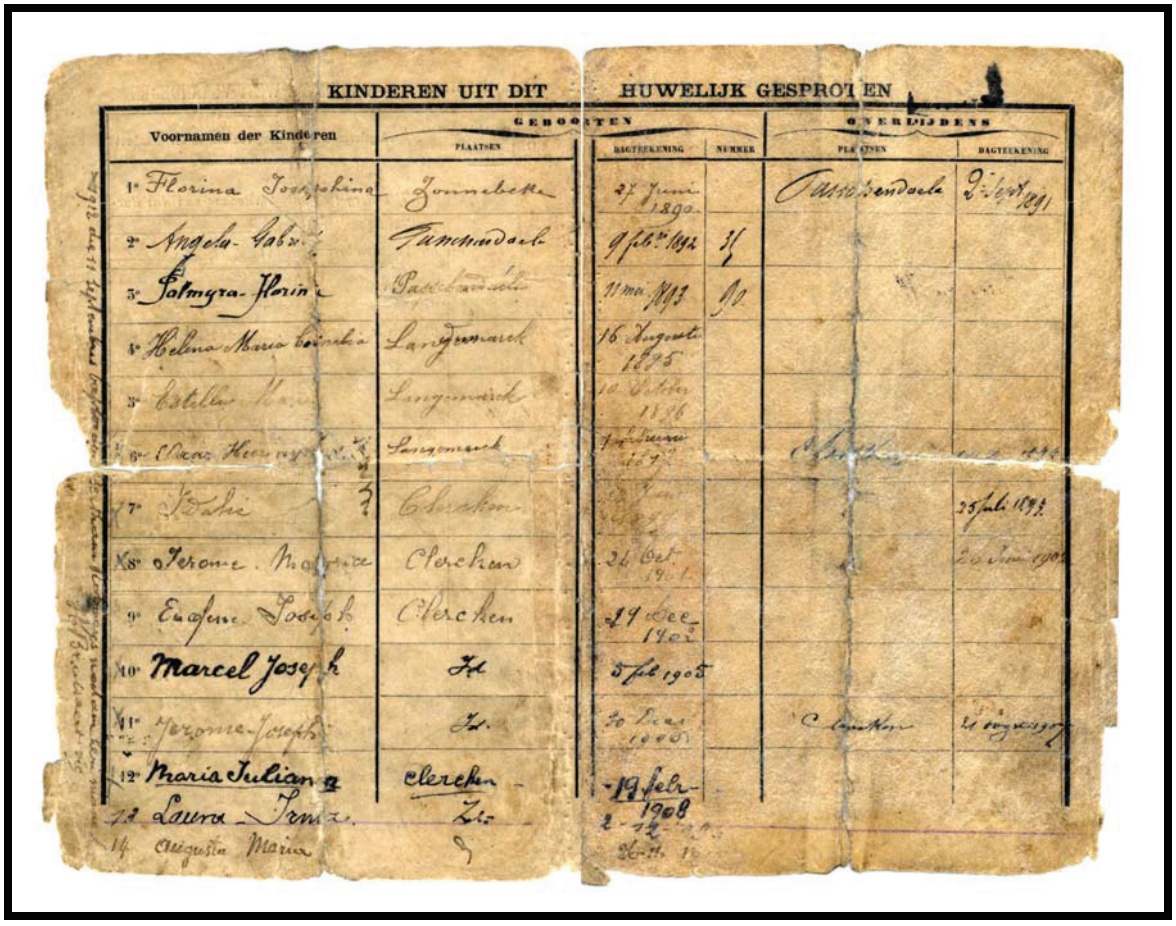
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2° Angela Gabr.	Passendale	9 feb. 1892	31		
3° Selmyra Florina	Passendale	11 mei 1893	90		
4° Helena Maria Cornelia	Langemarck	16 Augusti 1895			
5° Estelle [illegible]	Langemarck	10 October 1896			
6° Oscar Henry [illegible]	Langemarck	7 [illegible] 1897		[illegible]	[illegible]
7° [illegible]	Clercken	[illegible]			25 juli 1899
8° Jerome [illegible]	Clercken	24 Oct 1901			20 Juin 1902
9° Eugene Joseph	Clercken	17 dec 1902			
10° Marcel Joseph	Zd.	5 feb 1905			
11° Jerome Joseph	Zd.	30 Dec 1906		Clercken	24 augustus 1907
12° Maria Juliana	Clercken	19 feb 1908			
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Birth Record for Children of
Emeric Robaeys and Maria Salomez Robaeys

West Flanders, Belgium
1890-1912

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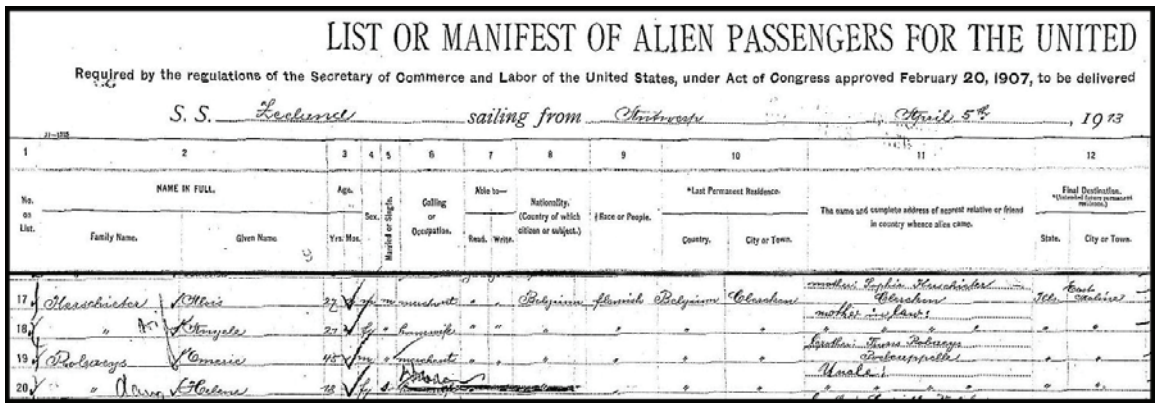


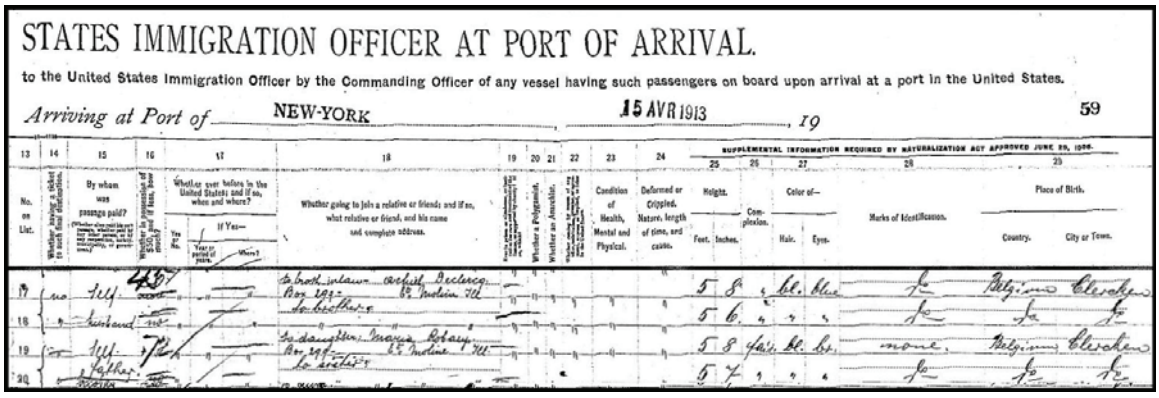
LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered

S. S. Zeeland sailing from Antwerp April 5th, 1913

No. on List	Family Name	Given Name	Age Yrs.	Age Mos.	Sex	Married or Single	Calling or Occupation	Able to Read	Able to Write	Nationality (Country of which citizen or subject.)	Race or People	*Last Permanent Residence Country	*Last Permanent Residence City or Town	The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came.	Final Destination. *(Intended future permanent residence.) State	Final Destination. *(Intended future permanent residence.) City or Town
17	Kerschieter	Alois	27		M	M	merchant			Belgium	Flemish	Belgium	Clercken	mother in law Sophie Kerschieter Clercken	Ill.	East Moline
18	"	Helena	22		F	M	housewife			"	"	"	"	mother " "	"	"
19	Robaeys	Emeric	45		M	M	merchant			"	"	"	"	brother Frans Robaeys Antwerpen	"	"
20	"	Maria Helena	18		F	S				"	"	"	"	Uncle "	"	"

New York Passenger Record – First Page



STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL.

to the United States Immigration Officer by the Commanding Officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

Arriving at Port of NEW-YORK 15 APR 1913 19 59

No. on List	Whether having a ticket to such final destination	By whom was passage paid?	Whether in possession of $50 and upwards, and how much?	Whether ever before in the United States and if so, when and where? Yes	If Yes—Year	If Yes—Where?	Whether going to join a relative or friends and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address.	Whether a Polygamist.	Whether an Anarchist.	Condition of Health, Mental and Physical.	Deformed or Crippled. Nature, length of time, and cause.	Height Feet	Height Inches	Complexion.	Color of— Hair.	Color of— Eyes.	Marks of Identification.	Place of Birth. Country.	Place of Birth. City or Town.
17	no	self	40				to brother in law Herbert Kerschieter Roy 1913 Moline Ill. to brother					5	8	fair	bl.	blue		Belgium	Clercken
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19	"	self	70				to daughter Maria Robaeys Roy 1913 Moline Ill. to brother					5	8	fair	bl.	bl.	none.	Belgium	Clercken
20	"	father										5	7	"	"	"		"	"

New York Passenger Record - Second Page

Emeric Robaeys and his two daughters, Angela and Helena, traveled from Antwerp, Belgium, to New York City, New York, on SS Zeeland of the Red Star Line. Helena travelled with her husband Alois Kerschieter. They left Antwerp on 5 April 1913 and arrived in New York on 15 April 1913, a 10 day journey. They are shown on lines 17 through 20 of the ship's manifest record. Emeric indicates on the manifest that he is visiting his daughter "Maria." This is incorrect. He was visiting his daughter, Palmyra. He was confused and gave the name of his wife instead. They are all listed as being from Clercken, Belgium (Old spelling).

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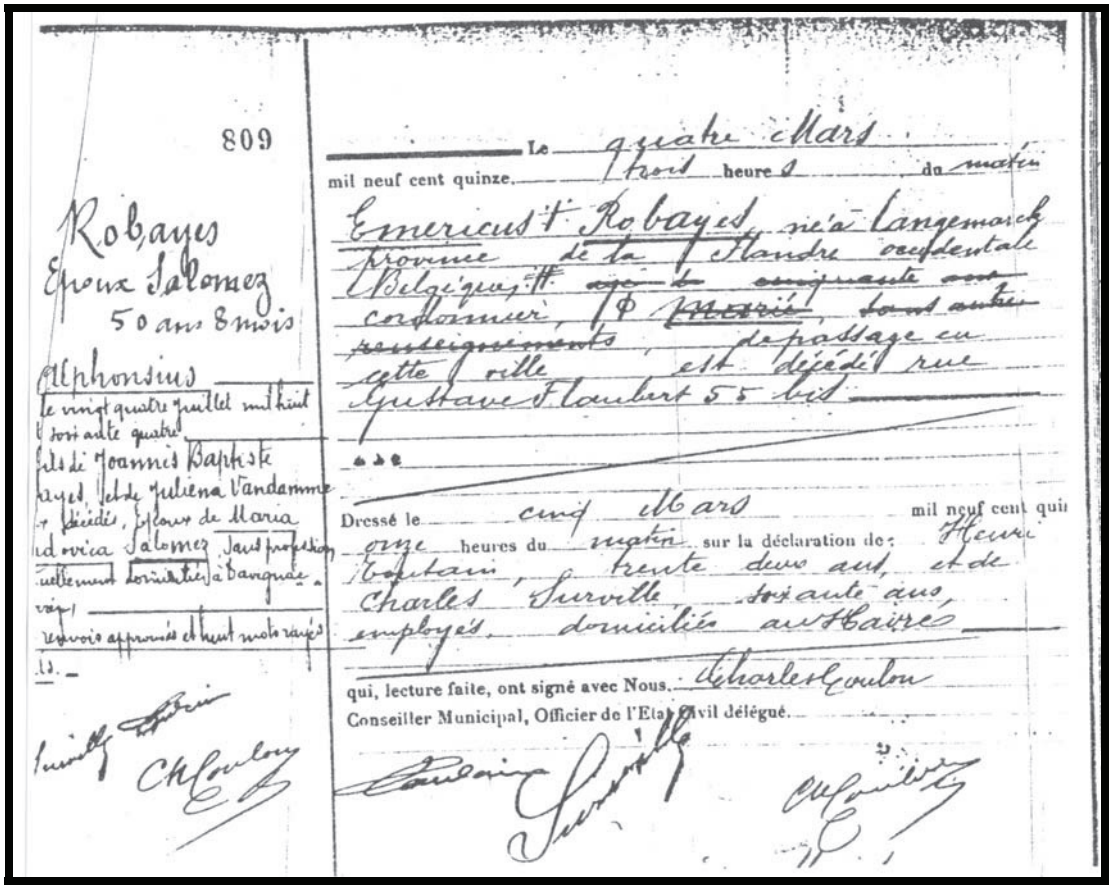

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SALOMEZ husband
50 years and 8 months
ALPHONSIUS
Born on July twenty four
On thousand, eight hundred
And sixty four
Son of Joannes Baptiste
Robaeys and of Juliena VANDAMME
Both died, husband of Maria
LUDOVICA SALOMEZ, without profession
Actually residing in DAVIGNAC
*Sending back approved and with
eight scratches and invalidated
words.
Ch Coulon

March 4, 1915
One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifteen, at three AM
Emericus Robaeys born in Langemark
West Flanders Province
Belgium (age fifty years old - crossed out*)
Shoemaker (married without others - crossed out*)
(informations - crossed out*) Passing in
this town, has died
on Gustave Flaubert's street at the number fifty five
second
Written March fifth 1915
At eleven AM according to the declaration of: Henri
Toutain thirty two years old and of
Charles Surville sixty years old,
Employess, residing in Le Havre
Who, after reading, have signed with us, Charles Coulon
Municipal Adviser, deligate, State Civil Officer

Death Record for Emeric Robaeys
LaHarve, France
1915



CARTE D'IDENTITÉ

Nom Robaeys

Prénoms Marcel, Joseph

Profession Tapissier

Né le 5 Février 1905

à Clerken

Département (Belgique)

Domicile réfugié

Calais

Empreinte digitale

Signature du Titulaire,

SIGNALEMENT

Taille 1 mètre 72

Cheveux chât. clair

Moustache "

Yeux châtain

Nez { Dos / Base ordinaire / Dimension }

Forme du Visage ovale

Teint ordinaire

Signes Particuliers:

Robaeys

Carte d'Identité N°

Délivré à Cahors

le 20 Mars 1923

Le Commissaire de Police.

TCNGIMED'S PAPER

Indentity Card for Marcel Robaeys

Cahors, France
1923



LAURA D'CLERCK HONORED
AT PRENUPTIAL SHOWER

Miss Helena DeClerck, 1428 Fifteenth avenue, East Moline, entertained at a shower last evening for her sister, Miss Laura DeClerck, who is to become the bride of Robert Loontiens on November 10.

Forty guests were present and the evening was spent with various games. First and second awards in rummy went to Miss Madeline Maze and Miss Angela DeClerck while in bien winners were Miss Mary Kerschieter and Mrs. Alois Kerschieter. Other prizes wer given to Miss Tillie Martens, Miss Laura DeClerck, Miss Madeline Maze, Mrs. Anne Loontiens and Miss Mary DeCastaker.

The home was decorated in fall flowers and the chosen bridal colors, wine red and yellow, were prominent in the appointments. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

The bride-elect was presented with a collection of gifts.

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Laura DeClerck

Moline Daily Dispatch Newspaper
Moline, Illinois, USA
1937

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May -66-

To Note 50th Anniversay



DISPATCH PHOTO

MR. AND MRS. RENE GOETHALS

In observance of their 50th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Rene Goethals, 915 21st Ave., East Moline, will be honored at a family dinner at noon Sunday in Poplar Grove Inn, Moline.

Open house will be held from 3 until 6 that afternoon in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Camiel Goethals, 1914 37th St., Moline. All friends and relatives are invited to attend the open house.

The couple requests that gifts be omitted.

The former Helen Robaeyes and Mr. Goethals, both of East Moline, were married May 11, 1916, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, East Moline.

The couple has one daughter, Mrs. Ray VandeWalle, East Moline, and two sons, Camiel, Moline, and Ray Goethals, Port Byron. There are eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Goethals was employed at John Deere Spreader Works, East Moline, for 15 years and was a McNess salesman for 32 years prior to his retirement in 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Goethals are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, East Moline.

Helena Robaeys Goethals and Rene Goethals

Moline Daily Dispatch Newspaper
Moline, Illinois, USA
1966



BELGIAN BEGONIAS FOR THE BISHOP! Presenting His Excellency, Bishop Edward O'Rourke of the Diocese of Peoria, with Belgian begonias is Donald DeClerck, president. To the right of the Bishop is Gentiel Sercu, Rock Island, who raised the bulbs to their present height.

Donald DeClerck

Moline, Illinois, USA
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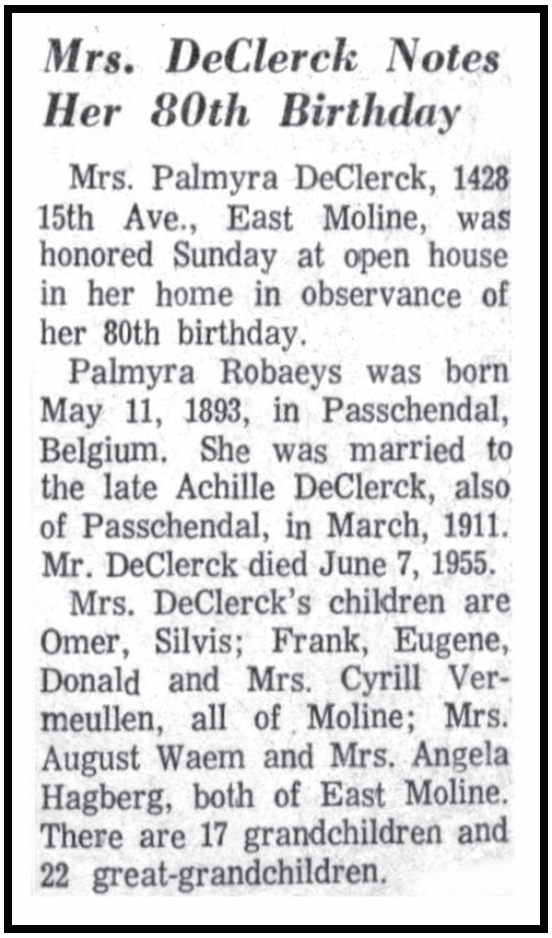

Mrs. DeClerck Notes Her 80th Birthday

Mrs. Palmyra DeClerck, 1428 15th Ave., East Moline, was honored Sunday at open house in her home in observance of her 80th birthday.

Palmyra Robaeys was born May 11, 1893, in Passchendal, Belgium. She was married to the late Achille DeClerck, also of Passchendal, in March, 1911. Mr. DeClerck died June 7, 1955.

Mrs. DeClerck's children are Omer, Silvis; Frank, Eugene, Donald and Mrs. Cyrill Vermeullen, all of Moline; Mrs. August Waem and Mrs. Angela Hagberg, both of East Moline. There are 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck

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Moline, Illinois, USA
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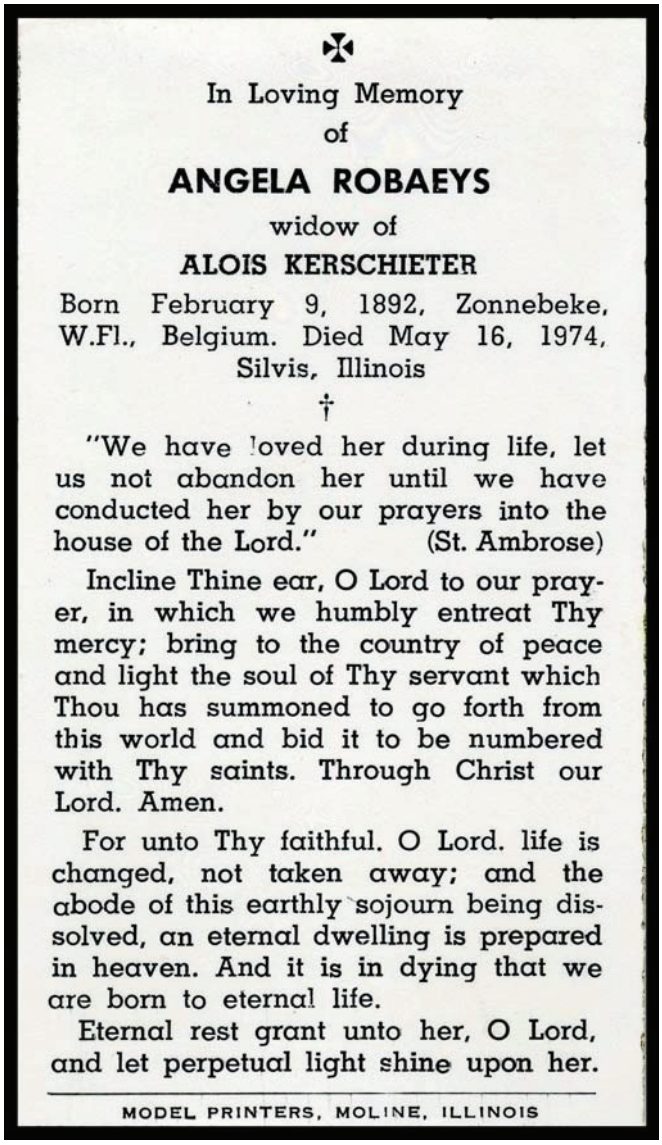

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In Loving Memory
of

ANGELA ROBAEYS

widow of

ALOIS KERSCHIETER

Born February 9, 1892, Zonnebeke, W.Fl., Belgium. Died May 16, 1974, Silvis, Illinois

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"We have loved her during life, let us not abandon her until we have conducted her by our prayers into the house of the Lord." (St. Ambrose)

Incline Thine ear, O Lord to our prayer, in which we humbly entreat Thy mercy; bring to the country of peace and light the soul of Thy servant which Thou has summoned to go forth from this world and bid it to be numbered with Thy saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For unto Thy faithful. O Lord. life is changed, not taken away; and the abode of this earthly sojourn being dissolved, an eternal dwelling is prepared in heaven. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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Angela Robaeys Kerschieter

Funeral Card
1974



Mrs. Angela Kerschieter

Mrs. Angela Kerschieter, 82, of 5231 11th Ave. B. Moline, died Thursday in Illini Hospital.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday in St. Anne's Catholic Church, East Moline, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline.

Visitation is after noon Sunday at the VanHoe Funeral Home, East Moline, where the rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m.

Angela Robaeys was born in Belgium. She was married there to Alois Kerschieter in 1910. He died in 1952.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Laura VanRaes of Moline, and Mrs. Mary VanHulle of Sheffield; a son, Omer Kerschieter of East Moline; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Palmyra DeClerk and Mrs. Helen Goethals, both of East Moline; a brother, Eugene R. Robaeys of Viroqua, Wis., and several sisters in Belgium.

Angela Robaeys Kerschieter

Obituary
Moline Daily Dispatch Newspaper
Moline, Illinois, USA
1974

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Services for Mrs. Helen Goethals, 80, who resided at the home of her daughter, Mrs.



Mrs. Helen Goethals

Laura VanDeWalle, 910 20th Ave., East Moline, will be 12:30 p.m. Monday at St. Mary's Church, East Moline. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline.

Visitation will be after 2 this afternoon at Van Hoe's Funeral Home, East Moline, where the rosary will be recited at 8 tonight.

Mrs. Goethals died Friday at Moline Public Hospital.

Helen Robaeyes was born in Langemarck, Belgium. She married Rene Goethals in 1916, in East Moline. He died in 1968.

Survivors include her daughter; sons, Raymond, of Port Byron, and Camiel, of Moline; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Eugene Robaeyes, of Viroqua, Wisc.; and sisters, Mrs. Archiel DeClerck, of East Moline, and five others living in France.

Helena Robaeys Goethals

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1976

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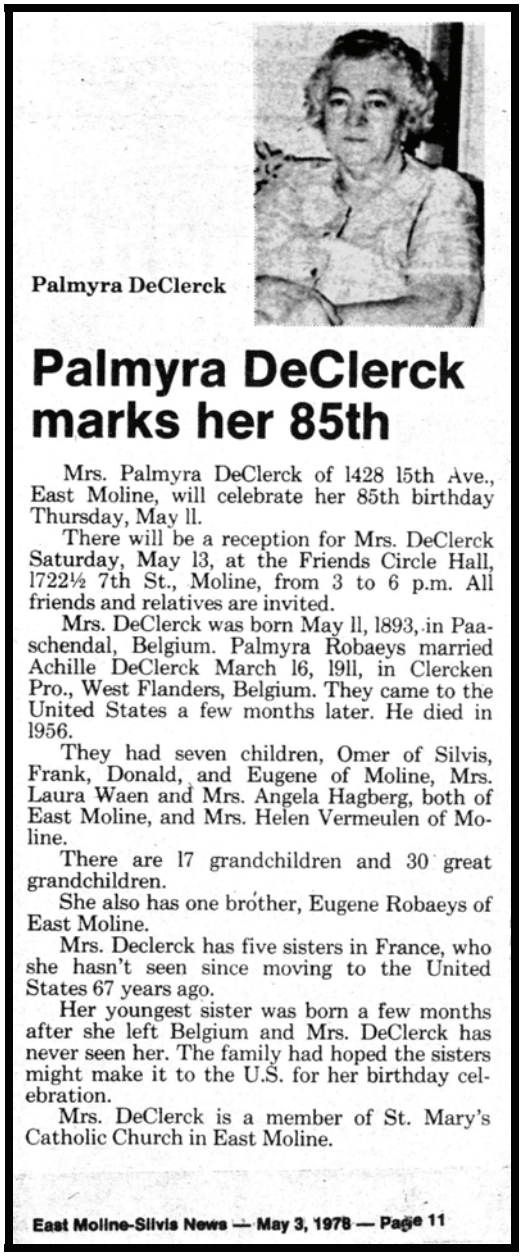

Palmyra DeClerck

Palmyra DeClerck marks her 85th

Mrs. Palmyra DeClerck of 1428 15th Ave., East Moline, will celebrate her 85th birthday Thursday, May 11.

There will be a reception for Mrs. DeClerck Saturday, May 13, at the Friends Circle Hall, 1722½ 7th St., Moline, from 3 to 6 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited.

Mrs. DeClerck was born May 11, 1893, in Paaschendal, Belgium. Palmyra Robaeys married Achille DeClerck March 16, 1911, in Clercken Pro., West Flanders, Belgium. They came to the United States a few months later. He died in 1956.

They had seven children, Omer of Silvis, Frank, Donald, and Eugene of Moline, Mrs. Laura Waen and Mrs. Angela Hagberg, both of East Moline, and Mrs. Helen Vermeulen of Moline.

There are 17 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

She also has one brother, Eugene Robaeys of East Moline.

Mrs. Declerck has five sisters in France, who she hasn't seen since moving to the United States 67 years ago.

Her youngest sister was born a few months after she left Belgium and Mrs. DeClerck has never seen her. The family had hoped the sisters might make it to the U.S. for her birthday celebration.

Mrs. DeClerck is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in East Moline.

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Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck

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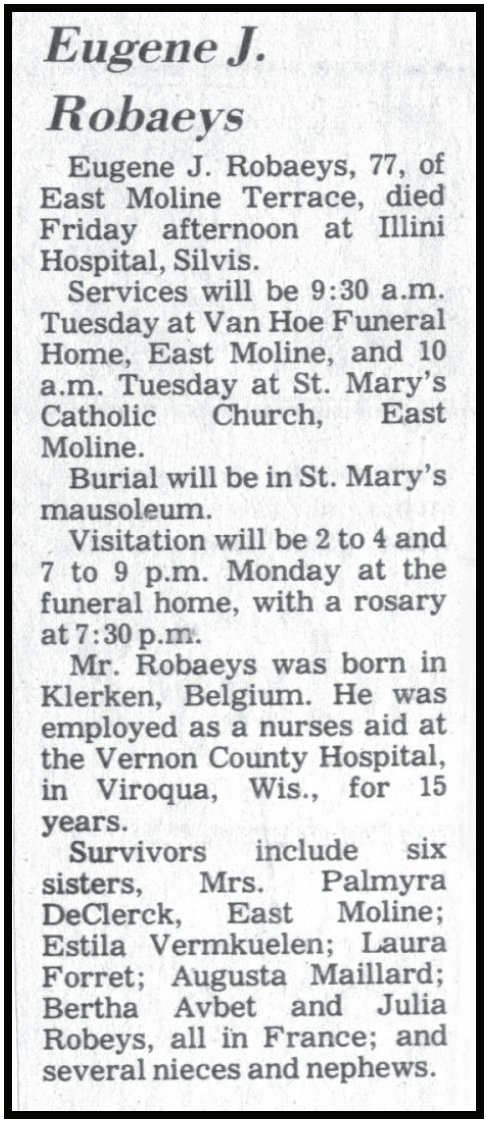

Eugene J. Robaeys

Eugene J. Robaeys, 77, of East Moline Terrace, died Friday afternoon at Illini Hospital, Silvis.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Van Hoe Funeral Home, East Moline, and 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, East Moline.

Burial will be in St. Mary's mausoleum.

Visitation will be 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Robaeys was born in Klerken, Belgium. He was employed as a nurses aid at the Vernon County Hospital, in Viroqua, Wis., for 15 years.

Survivors include six sisters, Mrs. Palmyra DeClerck, East Moline; Estila Vermkuelen; Laura Forret; Augusta Maillard; Bertha Avbet and Julia Robeys, all in France; and several nieces and nephews.

Eugene Robaeys

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Moline Daily Dispatch Newspaper
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Raymond Goethals

Services for Raymond F. Goethals, 63, of Lake Placid, Fla. , formerly of Port Byron, will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. John's CAtholic Church, Rapids City. Entombment will be in St.Mary's Mausoleum, East Moline. The Rev. John Gaughran will officiate.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 tonight at the Dailey-Gibson Funeral Home, Port Byron, where the rosary will be recited at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the church building fund or the Port Byron Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Goethals died Friday in Sarasota, Fla., Memorial Hospital.

A native of East Moline, he married Rosalie VanDeWalle in 1940 in Milan. He was a fireman at the former East Moline State Hospital and owned and operated Ray and Rosie's Tap, Port Byron, from 1961 to 1968. He was also a volunteer fireman in Port Byron for seven years.

Survivors include his widow; daughters, Mrs. Therese Seitz, Moline, and Mrs. Rae Jean Nicholson, St. Charles, Mo., and sons Lawrence, Galesburg and David, Bloomington.

Raymond Goethals

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MR. AND MRS.
MARCEL VANRAES

VanRaes couple

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel A. VanRaes, 5231 11th Ave. B, Moline, will be honored June 17 at open house in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Relatives and friends are invited to call from 1 until 5 p.m. in Cleary Hall, 17th Ave. and 6th St., East Moline. It is requested gifts be omitted. An anniversary Mass also will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in St. Anne's Catholic Church, East Moline, and the couple will renew their wedding vows.

Laura Kerschieter and Mr. VanRaes, both of East Moline, were married June 20, 1934, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, East Moline.

They are the parents of Laurence VanRaes, East Moline, Robert VanRaes, Palos Hills, and Joanne Herrington and Susanne Boyer, both of East Moline. There are eight grandchildren and three great - grandchildren.

The couple owned and operated VanRaes Food Market for 18 years, retiring in 1960. Mr. VanRaes was employed for 30 years at Baeckes Food Store, where he was meat manager, retiring from that position in 1974. He then was a steward for three years at the LeClaire Hotel, retiring in 1977.

The couple belongs to St. Anne's Catholic Church, Moline.

Marcel VanRaes and Laura Kerschieter VanRaes
Moline Daily Dispatch Newspaper
Moline, Illinois, USA
1984

Waem couple



Laura and August (Catfish) Waem, 741 20th Ave., East Moline, will be honored May 21 at an open house in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Relatives and friends are invited to call from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Viking Club, Moline. It is requested gifts be omitted.

Laura Marie DeClerck and Mr. Waem, both of East Moline, were married May 20, 1939, in Davenport.

They are the parents of Richard Lee Waem, Detroit, Mich. There are two grandchildren.

Mr. Waem was employed for 42 years at John Deere Foundry, East Moline, retiring in 1969.

Mrs. Waem, who also was employed at John Deere Foundry, retired in 1969 after 34 years of service.

The couple belongs to St. Mary's Catholic Church, East Moline.

Laura DeClerck Waem and August Waem

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1989

East Moline/Silvis

G. Omer Kerschieter

G. Omer Kerschieter, 74, of 1918 4th St. A., East Moline, died Wednesday, July 1, 1992, at Illini Restorative Care, Silvis.



Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Van Hoe Funeral Home, Ltd., East Moline. Burial is in National Cemetery, Arsenal Island, with military rites conducted by American Legion 227, East Moline.

Visitation is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today. Memorials may be made to the Association of Retarded Citizens of Rock Island County.

Mr. Kerschieter was born Feb. 27, 1918, in East Moline, the son of Alois and Angela Robaeys Kerschieter. He married Helen Naert Sept. 21, 1940, in East Moline.

He was employed at John Deere Harvester Works, East Moline, as a machine operator, retiring in 1978 after 43½ years.

He was a member of East Moline AMVETS, Catholic Order of Foresters, and Local 865 retirees.

He was a World War II Navy veteran.

He loved golf.

Survivors include the widow; daughters, Karolyn Boltie, Rockford, Ill., Margaret Prechel, Oak Park, Ill., and Ann Kerschieter, Forest Park, Ill., sons, Joseph Kerschieter, Knoxville, Tenn., and John Kerschieter, at home; six grandchildren; and a sister, Laura VanRaes, Moline.

G. Omer Kerschieter

Moline Daily Dispatch Newspaper
Moline, Illinois, USA
1992

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Mrs. Helen Goethals

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Survivors include her daughter; sons, Raymond, of Port Byron, and Camiel, of Moline; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Eugene Robaeyes, of Viroqua, Wisc.; and sisters, Mrs. Archiel DeClerck, of East Moline, and five others living in France.

Helena Robaeys Goethals

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Moline, Illinois, USA
1994

Omer DeClerck

Omer L. DeClerck, 83, of 1725 31st St. A., Moline, died Monday, May 22, 1995, at Trinity Medical Center, East Campus, Moline.



Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, East Moline, where he was a member. Entombment is in St. Mary's Mausoleum, East Moline.

Visitation is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Van Hoe Funeral Home Ltd., East Moline. Memorials may be made to John J. Dunne Memorial Endowment Fund.

Mr. DeClerck was born April 12, 1912, in East Moline, the son of Achille and Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck. He married Leona Staut Feb. 11, 1939. She died in 1991.

He was employed as a lathe operator at John Deere Harvester, retiring as a set up man in 1974 after 41 years.

He was a member of U.A.W. Local 865, East End Bolders Club and Friends Circle Club, both in Moline, and Belgium Culture Center.

He was an avid pigeon flyer.

Survivors include daughters, Mary Ann Grady, Racine, Wis., Jeanne O'Brien, Hendersonville, Tenn., and Julie Lenth, Rockford; sisters, Laura DeClerck Waem, East Moline, and Helen Vermeulen, Moline; brothers, Frank and Eugene DeClerck, both of Moline; and a friend, Elsie Seynaeve, Milan.

Omer DeClerck

Moline Daily Dispatch Newspaper
Moline, Illinois, USA
1995

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Frank DeClerck

Funeral services for Frank B. DeClerck, 80, Moline, are 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, East Moline.



Entombment is in St. Mary's Mausoleum, East Moline, where the Moline American Legion Post 246 will conduct military honors. Visitation is 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Van Hoe Funeral Home Ltd., East Moline, where a rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Church, the Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Mr. DeClerck died Friday, Nov. 6, 1998, at home.

He was born June 22, 1918, in East Moline, the son of Achille and Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck. He married Harriet Fulscher Nov. 14, 1940, in East Moline. She died Nov. 22, 1986.

He retired in 1983 from John Deere after 48 years.

Frank enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and going to bingo. He was a member of the Moline Legion and VFW. He was a sergeant in the United States Army during WW II in the 30th Division, and served at the Battle of the Bulge.

Survivors include daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Michael Cook, Davenport, and Joanna DeClerck, Moline; sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Barb DeClerck, St. Paris, Ohio, and William and Paula DeClerck, Moline; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters, Laura Waem, East Moline, and Helen Vermeulen, Moline; and a brother, Gene DeClerck, Moline. Frank was preceded in death by his wife; brothers, Omer and Don; a sister, Angela Hagberg; and a great-grandson.

Frank DeClerck

Moline Daily Dispatch Newspaper
Moline, Illinois, USA
1999

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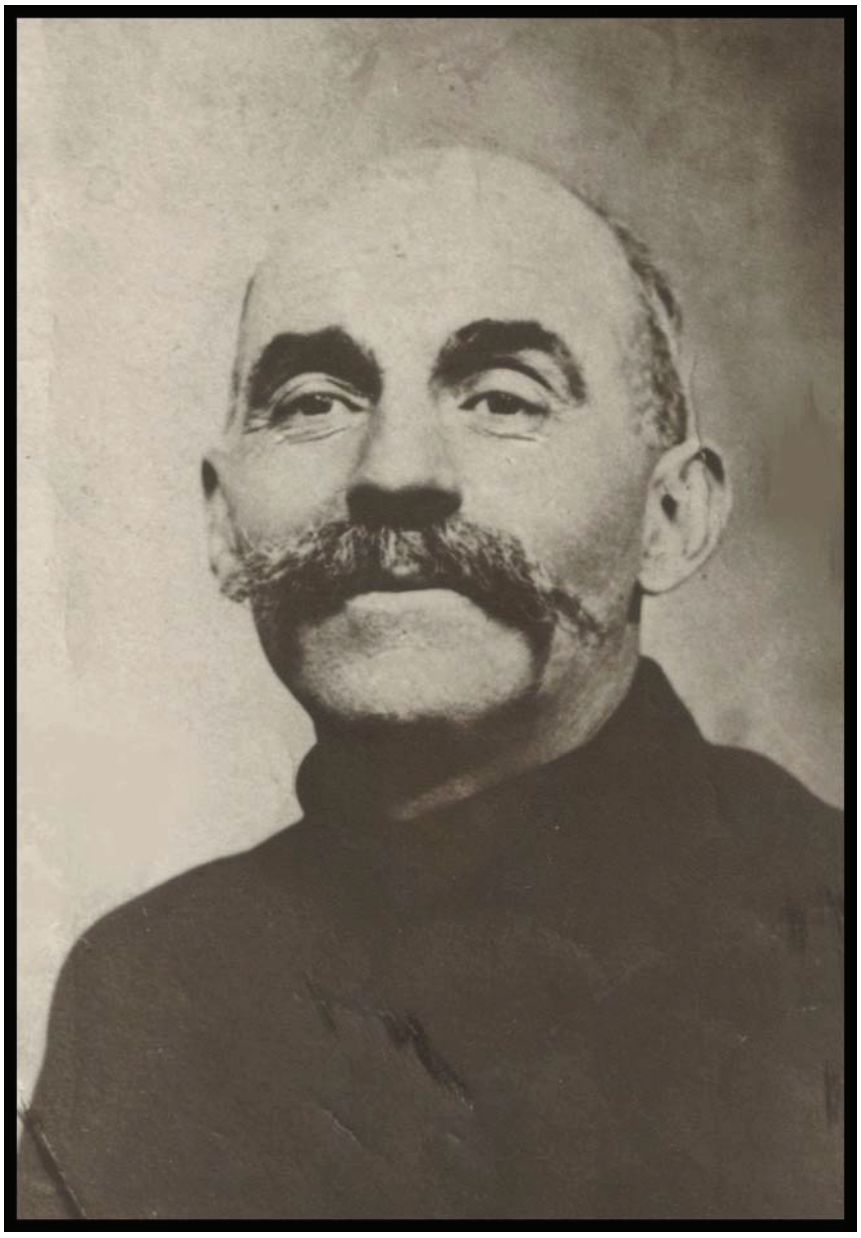
Achille and Palmyra DeClerck

1911

Photographs



Emeric Robaeys

Zarren, West Flanders, Belgium
1912

Photographs



Maria Solamez Robaeys

Zarren, West Flanders, Belgium
1912

Photographs



Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck, Standing Right

Taken in East Moline, Illinois, USA

1914

Photographs



Marcel Robaeys

Tillé, Oise, France
1919

Photographs



Mary Salomez Robaeys

Beauvais, Oise, France
1919

Photographs



The Robaeys Sisters
Left to Right: Bertha, August, Laura, and Julia Robaeys

Taken in France

1919

Photographs



Eugene Robaeys

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1927

Photographs



Laura Robaeys

Tillé, Oise, France
1927

Photographs



Laura Robaeys and Arthur Forret's Wedding

Back Row (left to right):
Forret, Forret, Bertha Robaeys, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Marcel Robaeys, Unknown

Middle Row (left to right):
Arthur Forret's brother, Forret wife, Arthur Forret's brother, Augusta Robaeys Merckaert, Arthur Forret, Laura Robaeys Forret, Pierre Merckaert, Julia Robaeys Dubois, Paul Dubois, Unknown, Unknown

Front Row (left to right):
Unknown girl, Arthur Forret's Sister, Unknown boy, Arthur Forret's Sister, Arthur Forret's Father, Arthur Forret's Mother, Julien Hubert, Maria Solomez Robaeys, Cyrille Vermuelen, Estella Robaeys Vermuelen

Grandvilliers, Oise, France

1928

Photographs



Left to Right: Achille and Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck - Rene and Helena Robaeys Goethals

1428-15th Avenue
East Moline. Illinois, USA
1936

Photographs



Angela DeClerck



Laura Goethals

UTHS Campus
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1936

Photographs



Camille Goethals

UTHS Campus
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1936

Photographs



Helena Robaeys Goethals and Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck

1428-15th Avenue
East Moline. Illinois, USA
1936

Photographs



Rene and Helena Robaeys Goethals

1428-15th Avenue
East Moline. Illinois, USA
1936

Photographs



Robaeys Cousins

Left to Right: Laura Goethals, Laura DeClerck , and Angela DeClerck (Camille Goethals in back left)

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1936

Photographs



Robaeys Cousins

Standing, Left to Right: Angela DeClerck and Laura DeClerck
Sitting, Left to Right: Laura Goethals and Mary Kerschieter

UTHS Campus
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1936

Photographs



Augusta Robaeys

Tillé, Oise, France
1937

Photographs



Left to Right: Jean, Marie-Jeanne, Laura, and Christian Forret

Tillé, Oise, France
1937

Photographs



Maria Salomez Robaeys

Beauvais, Oise, France
1937

Photographs



Angela Robaeys Kerschieter

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1938

Photographs



Angela & Raymond Grenier

Taken in France

1939

Photographs



Left to Right: Bertha Robaeys Aubet, Marie-Jeanne Forret, and Laura Robaeys Forret

Beauvais, Oise, France
1942

Photographs



Omer Kerscheiter - World War II Photo

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1943

Photographs



Georgette Vermuelen
Tillé, Oise, France
1945

Photographs



Evelyn and Camille Goethals

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1946

Photographs



Helena Robaeys and Rene Goethals

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1946

Photographs



Laura Goethals and Ray Vandewalle

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1947

Photographs



Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1948

Photographs



Back Row, Left to Right: Raymond Hagberg, Angela DeClerck Hagberg, and Patrica Hagberg
Front Row, Left to Right: Larry Hagberg, Charles DePaepe (II), and Darrel Hagberg

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1949

Photographs



Angela Robaeys and Alois Kerschieter

40th Anniversary
East Moline, Illinoios, USA
1950

Photographs



Augusta Marie Vermuelen
Tillé, Oise, France
1950

Photographs



Bernard Gallopin
Husband of Georgette Vermuelen

France
1950

Photographs



Eugene DeClerck

1428-15th Avenue
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1950

Photographs



Left to Right: Georgette, Estella, and Augusta Vermuelen
at Cyrilles Vermuelen Grave

Tillé, Oise, France
1950

Photographs



Laura Goethals Vandewalle

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1950

Photographs



Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck and Achille DeClerck

1428-15th Avenue
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1950

Photographs



Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck

1428-15th Avenue
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1950

Photographs



Georgette Vermuelen
Tillé, Oise, France
1952

Photographs



Laura Goethals and Ray Vandewalle

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1953

Photographs



Laura and Arthur Forret Family

Left to Right: Jean, Christian, Bernard, Laura (Robaeys), Daniel, Arthur, and Serge Forret

France
1953

Photographs



Left to Right: Pat Milan, Helen DeClerck Milan, Laura DeClerck Waem and August Waem
Front: Greig DeClerck

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1957

Photographs



Left to Right: Helen DeClerck Milan, , Julie DeClerck, and Pat Milan

1428-15th Avenue
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1958

Photographs



Left to Right: Joan DeClerck, Rita DeClerck, and Eugene DeClerck

Moline, Illinois, USA
1958

Photographs



Helena Robaeys Goethals & Estella Robaeys Vermuelen

Tillé, Oise, France
1959

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Angela DeClerck Hagberg

Moline, Illinois, USA
1960

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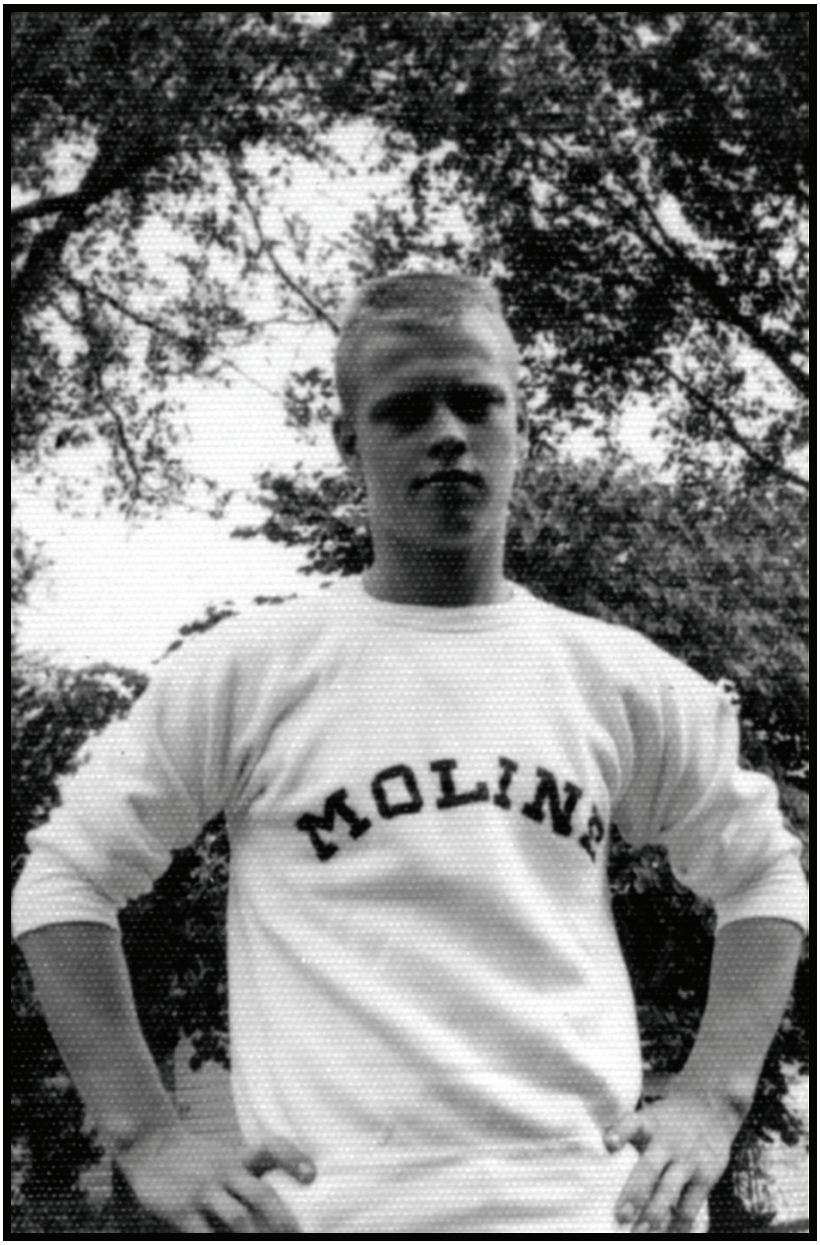
Estella Robaeys Vermuelen

Tillé, Oise, France
1960



Larry Hagberg

Moline, Illinois, USA
1960

Photographs



Left to Right: Helena Robaeys Goethals, Laura Goethals Vandewalle, and Rene Goethals

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1961

Photographs



Rene Goethals and Helena Robaeys

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1961

Photographs



Helena Robaeys and Rene Goethals

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1961

Photographs



Rear, Left to Right: Angela DeClerck Hagberg, Raymond Hagberg, and Charles DePaepe (II)
Front, Left to Right: Larry Hagberg, Patricia Hagberg, and Darrel Hagberg

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1955

Photographs



Left to Right: Omer DeClerck, Colleen O'Brien, and Leona DeClerck

Illinois, USA
1965

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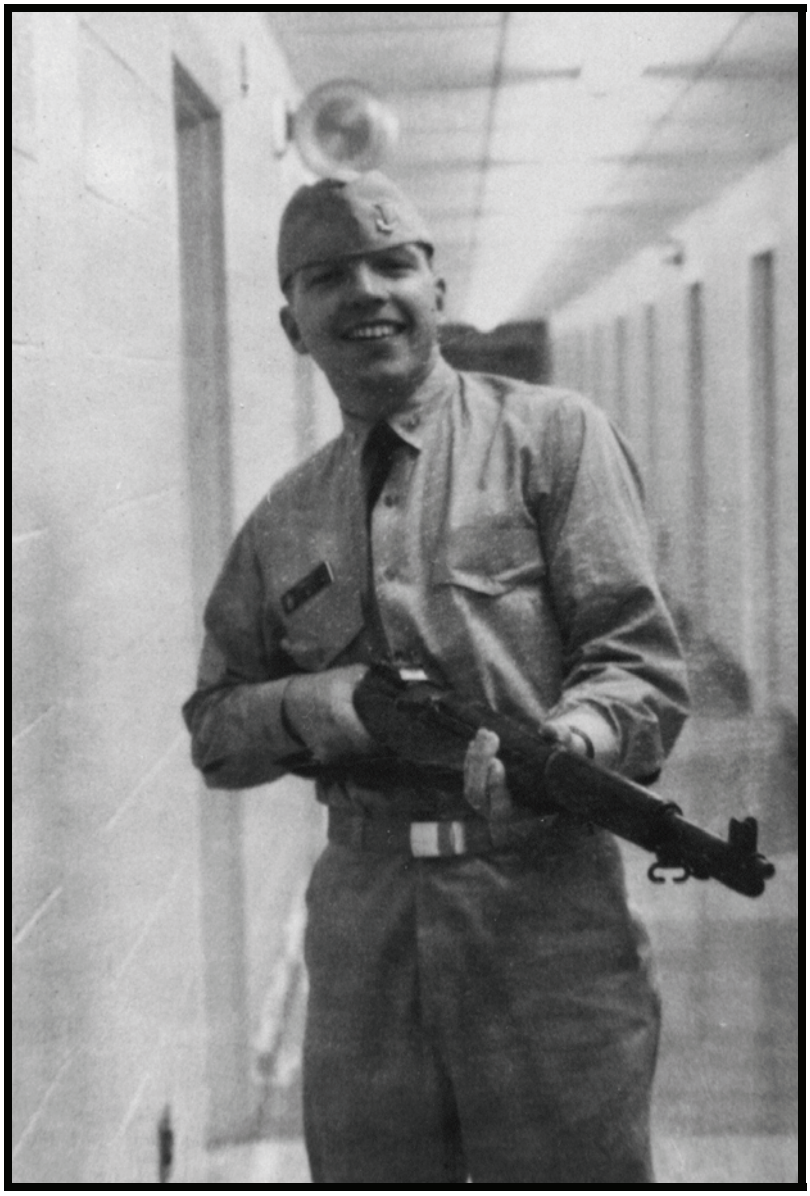
Left to Right: Omer DeClerck, Lisa O'Brien, Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck, Jeannie O'Brien, and Colleen O'Brien

Illinois, USA
1966



Darrel Hagberg
Officer Candidate, USNR

Newport, Rhode Island, USA
1968

Photographs



Left to Right: Angela Hagberg, Eugene Robaeys, and Helen Vermuelen

Butterworth Park
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1970

Photographs



Betty and Darrel Hagberg

1428-15th Avenue
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1970

Photographs



Left to Right: Palymra Robaeys DeClerck, Angela Robaeys Kerscheiter, and Helena Robaeys Goethals

Moline, Illinois, USA
1970

Photographs



Left to Right: Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck, Eugene Robaeys, and Helena Robaeys Goethals

Butterworth Park
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1970

Photographs



Standing, Left to Right: Cyriel Vermuelen, Helen Vermuelen, Frank DeClerck, Angela Hagberg, and Donald DeClerck

Seated, Left to Right: Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck, Helena Robaeys Goethals, and Angela Robaeys Kerschieter

Note: Cy, Frank and Don all fought in World War II. Cy and Frank fought in Europe while Don was on the USS Tennessee in the Pacific.

1428-15th Avenue
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1972

Photographs



The Three Robaeys Sisters in America

Left to Right: Angela Robaeys Kerschieter, Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck, and Helena Robaeys Goethals

1428-15th Avenue
East Moline, Illinois, USA
1972

Photographs



Standing, Left to Right: Mary DeCoene Mackelberghe , Georgette Gallopin, Augusta Fontaine, and Angela Grenier

Seated: Estella Vermuelen

Tillé, Oise, France
1973

Photographs



Estella Robaeys Vermuelen

Tillé, Oise, France
1974

Photographs



Left to Right: Bertha Robaeys Aubet, Jean Fountain, and Julia Robaeys

France
1975

Photographs



Left to Right: Bertha Robaeys Aubet, Julia Robaeys, Estella Robaeys Vermuelen, Frank DeClerck, Laura Robaeys Forret, and Arthur Forret

Tillé, Oise, France
1975

Photographs



Left to Right: Estella, Julia, Laura, Augusta, and Bertha Robaeys

Tillé, Oise, France
1976

Photographs



Left to Right: Darla Hagberg, Rita DeClerck Stone, Lilian DeClerck, and Rebecca Stone

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1977

Photographs



Eugene Robaeys

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1978

Photographs



Achille & Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck Family

Standing, Left to Right: Laura Waem, Donald DeClerck, Frank DeClerck, Eugene DeClerck, and Omer DeClerck

Sitting, Left to Right: Helen Vermuelen, Palmyra Robaeys DeClerck, Angela Hagberg

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1978

Photographs



Augusta and Georgette Vermuelen in Ameerica

Back Row, Left to Right: Darrel Hagberg, Jeannie DeClerck O'Brien, and Mary Ann DeClerck Grady

Middle Row, Left to Right: Larry Hagberg, Auguata Fontaine, Jean Fontaine, Georgette Gallopin, and Bernard Gallopin.

Front Row, Left to Right: Patricia Hagberg Kenney, Greg DeClerck, Jay DeClerck, Darla Hagberg

Moline, Illinois, USA
1982

Photographs



Mary Kerschieter VanHulle

Moline, Illinois, USA
1982

Photographs



Augusta Vermuelen Fontaine

Tillé, Oise, France
1983

Photographs



Left to Right: Elodie, Marie-Jose, Daniel, and Celine Aubet

Tillé, Oise, France
1983

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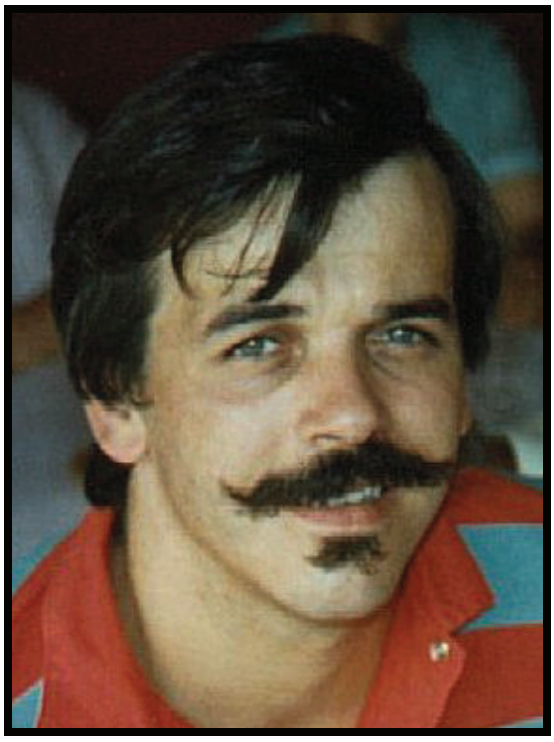


Francis Gallopin



Anne-Marie Gallopin

Tillé, Oise, France
1983

Photographs



Laura Robaeys Forret

Beauvais, Osie, France
1983



Maria Juliana Robaeys

France
1983

Photographs



The Gallopin's

Left to Right: Martine, Georgette, Daniel, and Marie Christine Gallopin

Tillé, Oise, France
1983

Photographs



The Goethals

Camille and Evelyn Goethals - Laura Goethals Hansen

East Moline, Illinois, USA
1985

Photographs



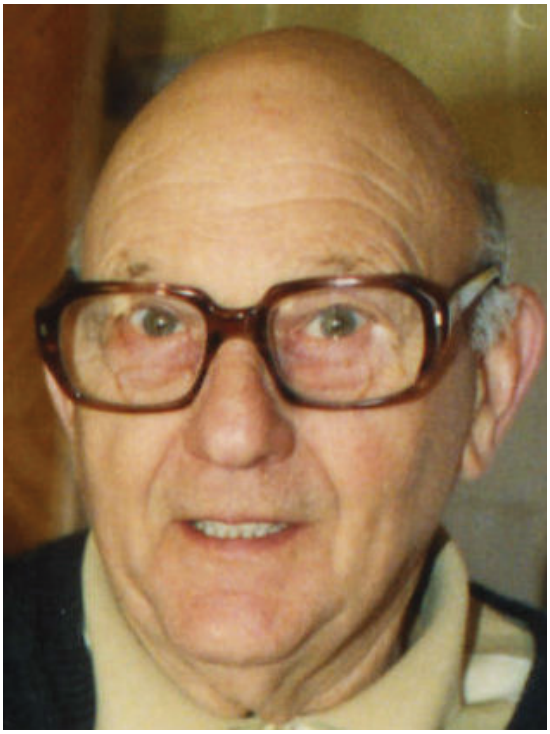
Albert and Giselle Vermuelen

Bresles, France
1990

Photographs



Augusta Robaeys Maillard



Roger Maillard

Eragny en Bray, France
1990

Photographs



Left to Right: Bernard Gallopin, Georgette Gallopin, Augusta Robaeys Maillard, Giselle Vermuelen, Roger Maillard, and Albert Vermuelen

Eragny en Bray, France
1990



Lefdt to Right: Daniel, Celine, Elodie, and Marie Jose Aubet

Breteuil, France
1990

Photographs



The Wallet

Left to Right: Darla Hagberg, Augusta Robaeys Maillard, and Darrel Hagberg
Eragny en Bray, France
1990

In 1990, on a return trip by Darrel, Betty and Darla Hagberg, to France, Great Aunt Augusta Robaeys Mallard also confirmed the story about the disappearance of her father, Emeric Robaeys, and said that her mother, Maria, collapsed (fainted) upon hearing of the bad news. After recounting the tragic scene and with tears in her eyes, she presented Darrel with Emeric's wallet that she had kept for many years. She said that the wallet belonged in America with his family there. It was a wallet that was hand-crafted by Emeric for his trip to America. Augusta died in 1999.

Photographs



The Robaeys Sisters

Top Row, Left to Right: Angela, Palmyra, and Helena

Middle Row, Left to Right: Estella and Julia

Bottom Row, Left to Right: Laura, Augusta, and Bertha

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A Brief History of Belgium

By Darrel R. Hagberg

Belgium occupied a part of the Roman province of Belgica, named after the Belgae, a people of ancient Gaul. The area was conquered by Julius Caesar in 57–50 B.C., and then was overrun by the Franks in the 5th century A.D. It was part of Charlemagne's empire in the 8th century, and then in the next century was absorbed into Lotharingia and later into the duchy of Lower Lorraine. In the 12th century, Belgium was partitioned into the duchies of Brabant and Luxembourg, the bishopric of Liège, and the domain of the count of Hainaut, which included Flanders. In the 15th century, most of the Low Countries (currently the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg) passed to the duchy of Burgundy and were subsequently inherited by Emperor Charles V. When the latter abdicated in 1555, the territories went to his son Philippe II, king of Spain. While the northern part, now the Netherlands, gained its independence in the following decades, the southern part remained under Spanish control until 1713, when it was transferred to Austria. During the wars that followed the French Revolution, Belgium was occupied and later annexed to France. But with the downfall of Napoléon, the Congress of Vienna in 1815 reunited the Low Countries under the rule of the king of Holland. In 1830, Belgium rebelled against Dutch rule and declared independence, which was approved by Europe at the London Conference of 1830–1831.

During the nineteenth century, Belgium became the second largest industrialized nation behind Great Britain.

Germany's invasion of Belgium in 1914 set off World War I. The Treaty of Versailles (1919) gave the areas of Eupen, Malmédy, and Moresnet to Belgium. Leopold III succeeded Albert, king during World War I, in 1934. In World War II, Belgium was overwhelmed by Nazi Germany, and Leopold III was held prisoner. When he returned at the government’s invitation in 1950 after a narrowly favorable referendum, riots broke out in several cities. He abdicated on July 16, 1951, and his son, Baudouin, became king. Because of growing opposition to Belgian rule in its African colonies, Belgium granted independence to the Congo (now Democratic Republic of the Congo) in 1960 and to Ruanda-Urundi (now the nations of Rwanda and Burundi) in 1962.

Since 1958, when the European Economic Community was born, Brussels, the country’s capital, has gradually established itself as the de facto capital of what has now become the European Union (EU), a role that became official in Dec. 2000 when the European Council of heads of government decided to hold all its regular meetings in Brussels. As a result, the city has become home not only to nearly 20,000 European civil servants, but to an even more numerous community of lobbyists, lawyers, and other professionals drawn to the EU’s main decision center.

Growing divisions between Flemings and Walloons, and devolution along linguistic lines, culminated in the revised constitution of 1994, which turned Belgium into a federal state with significant autonomy for its three regions and its three language "communities."

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The Belgian Immigration to America

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The First Belgians in America

It is said that when Henry Hudson sailed up the river near New York that now bears his name, three Flemings were aboard the ship. Certainly the Belgians participated in the early settlement (seventeenth century) of what is now Manhattan. Many historians believe that Peter Minuit, who acted as purchasing agent for the West Indian Company when Manhattan Island was bought from the resident Native Americans, was a Walloon, or at least of Belgian heritage. And it is known that his secretary, Isaac de Rasiers, was a Walloon.

The Walloons were among the earliest settlers of the Hudson River valley and the island of Manhattan. Henry C. Bayer, in his book The Belgians, First Settlers in New York and in the Middle States, discussed Belgian settlements at Wallabout, Long Island, and Staten Island, as well as in Hoboken, Jersey City, Pavonia, Communipaw, and Wallkill, New Jersey. These place names are derived from both the Walloons who settled there, as well as from the Dutch version of Walloon words used to describe a locale. For example, Hoboken is named after a town in Belgium. Pavonia got its name when a Fleming, Michael Pauw, purchased land on the Jersey shore. Translating his own name, Pauw (which in Flemish and Dutch means "peacock") into Latin, he got "Pavonia." Wallkill is the Dutch word for "Walloon's Stream." Elsewhere, the Walloomsac River in Vermont derives its name from the Walloons who settled on the east branch of the Hoosac River in New York. Belgian settlements were also established during the seventeenth century in Connecticut, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. These were settled primarily by Walloons, many of whom came to America on ships owned by the West India Company, whose founder, William Usselinx, was Flemish.

A notable name connected with America's early history is Lord Baltimore, whose family were prominent aristocrats in Flemish Belgium. Belgian officers also fought during the Revolutionary War. To note a few: Charles De Pauw, a Fleming who accompanied Lafayette to America; Ensign Thomas Van Gaasbeck, Captain Jacques Rapalje, and Captain Anthony Van Etten, all of New York; and Captain Johannes Van Etten of Pennsylvania.

Belgian Immigrants in the 19th Century

Nineteenth-century immigrants followed work opportunities. For example, the glass industry in the East attracted many to West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Detroit, Michigan, attracted building trades people. Door, Brown, and Kewaunee Counties in Wisconsin attracted those seeking farmland. Considerable numbers came to Indiana. Substantial pockets of Belgian Americans can also be found in Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Kentucky, Florida, Washington, and Oregon. Many towns and cities across

the United States bear the names of their counterparts in Belgium: Liege, Charleroi, Ghent, Antwerp, Namur, Rosiere, and Brussels.

Michigan and Wisconsin have the largest population of Belgian Americans, with the above-named Wisconsin counties having the largest rural settlement in the United States. The Belgian American settlement in Detroit took place mainly between 1880 and 1910. Most of these new arrivals were skilled Flemish crafts people. Detroit's early industrial and manufacturing growth was fueled in great part by their skills in the building trades and transportation. According to Jozef Kadijk, whose 1963 lecture at Loyola University in Chicago appears in *Belgians in the United States,* approximately 10,000 residents of Detroit at that time were born in Belgium. Taking their descendants into account is said to increase that figure to 50,000. Most of the Wisconsin Belgians were Walloons from the areas of Brabant and Liege, Belgium. They began arriving in substantial numbers by 1853, following the lure of farmland that could be purchased from 50 cents to $1.25 an acre. Here they cleared fields, felled trees, and built rude log shelters to house their families. Writing back home of their satisfaction with their new lives, they soon were joined by thousands of their fellow countrymen. The 1860 census shows about 4,300 foreign-born Belgians living in Brown and Kewaunee Counties.

The Great Immigration Period, 1892-1924

The “Great Immigration” could be defined as the period beginning in 1892 and ending by 1924. There were other periods in American history where there were peaks in the numbers of immigrants coming to America to fine a new life, such as the Irish Famine period (1840’s - 1850’s).

In 1864, during part of the late Civil War, the government encouraged new immigrants to come to the United States to foster prosperity. The golden door was flung wide open for all Europeans.



Belgian immigrants on the pier at Ostende, Belgium, during World War I, August 1914.

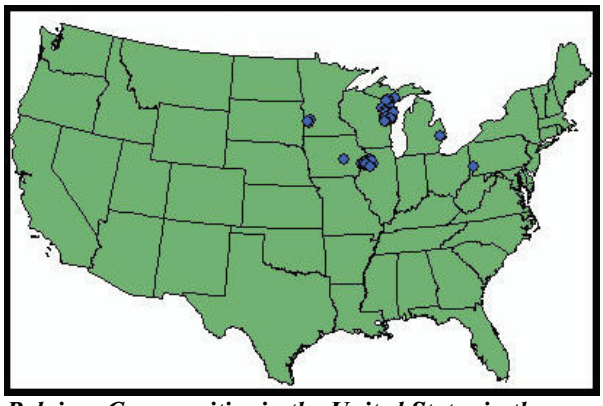
There were many and varied reason’s for immigrating to America: 1) Huge increase in European population due to better heath standards, 2) Lack of land to support the population, 3) Freedom from political oppression, and 4) Opportunity for work. Also, by the 1880's, steam power had shortened the journey to America dramatically and made it very cost effective for people immigrate. Journeys during that time period were 11 to 14 days depending on the number of stops along the way. Immigrants poured in from around the world: from the Middle East, the Mediterranean, Southern and Eastern Europe, and down from Canada. Between 1880 and 1930 over 27 million people entered the United States of which 20 million came through Ellis Island.

While most immigrants entered the United States through New York Harbor (the most popular destination of steamship companies), others sailed into many ports such as Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, San Francisco and Savannah, Miami, and New Orleans. The great steamship companies like White Star, Red Star, Cunard and Hamburg-America played a significant role in the history of Ellis Island and immigration in general. First and second class passengers who arrived in New York Harbor were not required to undergo the inspection process at Ellis Island. Instead, these passengers underwent a cursory inspection aboard ship; the theory being that if a person could afford to purchase a first or second class ticket, they were less likely to become a public charge in America due to medical or legal reasons. The Federal government felt that these more affluent passengers would not end up in institutions, hospitals or become a burden to the state. However, first and second class passengers were sent to Ellis Island for further inspection if they were sick or had legal problems.

Families often immigrated together during this era, although young men frequently came first to find work. Some of these then sent for their wives, children, and siblings; others returned to their families in Europe with their saved wages.

Americans of Belgian heritage actually encompass two ethnic groups: the Flemish-speaking Flemings from the Northern provinces (Flanders), and the French-speaking Walloons of the southern provinces. Flemish is a variant of the Dutch language.

Waves of Belgian Immigrants



Belgium Communities in the United States in the year 2000.

Belgians came to America in greatest numbers from the middle of nineteenth century to the early twentieth century. They came for reasons no different than many other Western Europeans—financial opportunity and a better life for their families. Belgian immigration records do not appear until 1820. From 1820 to 1910, immigration is listed at 104,000; from 1910 to 1950, 62,000 Belgians came to the United States. During the period 1847 to 1849, when disease and economic deprivation were the lot for many in Belgium, emigration numbers of those leaving for America reached 6,000 to 7,000 a year. During this time, most of those coming to the United States were small landowners (farmers), agricultural laborers, and miners; crafts people such as carpenters, masons and cabinetmakers; and other skilled trades people, such as glass blowers and lace makers. In later years, especially after the two World Wars, many middle class and urban professionals left Belgium for this country, seeking work in our universities, laboratories, and industrial corporations. Altogether, it is estimated that from 1820 to 1970, approximately 200,000 Belgian immigrants settled in the United States. Each year since 1950, a fixed quota of 1,350 has remained unfilled, and it is calculated that by 1981, Belgians represented no more than 0.4 percent of the foreign-born population.

In the 2000 census, 348,531 people in the U.S. claimed Belgian ancestry.

Arrival at New York

The time period on the arrival of an immigrant determined where they were processed for entry into America at New York City. This was there first experience in America and generally it was not a pleasant one.

- Immigrants arriving prior to 1 August 1855 were not processed but were allowed free entry.
- Immigrants arriving from 1 August 1855 to 18 April 1890 were processed at Castle Garden.
- Immigrants arriving from 19 April 1890 to 31 December 1897 were processed at the Barge Office.
- Immigrants arriving from 1 January 1892 to 14 June 1897 were processed at Ellis Island.
- Immigrants arriving from 15 June to 16 December 1900 were processed at the Barge Office.
- Immigrants arriving from 17 December 1900 to 1 July 1924 were processed at Ellis Island.
- Immigrants arriving after 30 June 1924 were processed at US consular offices in the immigrant's home country

Arrivals prior to 1 August 1855

Prior to 1855, the passengers got off the ship onto whatever wharf they had landed on in Manhattan. There was no central processing center. They were recorded on passenger arrival lists beginning in 1820. New arrivals were allowed to simply leave for their designations and their new life in America.

Arrivals from 1 August 1855 to 18 April 1890 – Castle Garden



Castle Garden in 1890

Castle Garden was established when immigration affairs were left to the control of the States. Castle Garden was located on the southwest tip of Manhattan in Battery Park while the Barge Office was located on the southeast tip.
The federal government took over control of immigration on 19 April 1890 and Castle Garden was closed.

From 1882 the reception of immigrants was handled as a joint State / Federal system. The Secretary of the Treasury signed a contract with the New York State Commissioners of Emigration to continue its services at Castle Garden. On April 1, 1890, the Secretary terminated the contract and on April 18, 1890,

the Treasury Department assumed total control of immigration at the Port of New York. The New York State authorities refused to allow the federal government to use the Castle Garden facilities. On 19 April 1890, the federal government relocated to the Barge Office for the processing of immigrants.

Castle Garden still became a legendary place for a generation of immigrants. From 1896 to 1941 it was New York City's Aquarium. Today Castle Garden is called Castle Clinton National Monument. It serves as a visitor information center for New York's National Parks and Monuments.

Arrivals from 19 April 1890 to 31 December 1897 – Barge Office

On April 19, 1890, the federal government set up a temporary center in the old Barge Office at the foot of Whitehall Street near the Battery at the southeast end of Manhattan.



Barge Office in 1892

Arrivals from 1 January 1892 to 14 June 1897 – Ellis Island


Immigrant Station on Ellis Island in 1905

During the years of Ellis Island immigration from 1892-1924, there were more than twenty million individual stories that would eventually be shared with family and friends. Whether passengers or crew, first class or steerage; the voyage was an unforgettable experience. The passenger ships to New York didn't actually land at Ellis Island. Instead they landed at Manhattan and the passengers were ferried over to the island for processing. Generally only steerage passengers went to Ellis Island for inspection. Most of the first and second class passengers were allowed to leave the ship soon after docking. All passengers, however, were generally listed on the ship manifest (or passenger list) as required by law.

The Ellis Island fire of the night of June 14, 1897 also destroyed some Ellis Island administrative records and the New York immigration passenger lists.

Arrivals from 15 June 1897 to 16 December 1900 – Barge Office

On the night of June 14-15, 1897 the building on Ellis Island was destroyed in a fire so the Barge Office was again used for immigrants. The customs passenger records were

kept elsewhere and were not lost in the fire. On December 17, 1900, the New York Tribune offered a scathing account of conditions at the Battery station including "grimy, gloomy...more suggestive of an enclosure for animals than a receiving station for prospective citizens of the United States."

Arrivals from 17 December 1900 to 1 July 1924 – Ellis Island

After the fire, the United States Treasury quickly ordered the Ellis Island facility be replaced under one very important condition. All future structures built on Ellis Island had to be fireproof. On December 17, 1900, the new Main Building was opened and 2,251 immigrants were received that day.



Main Building at Ellis Island in 1900

If the immigrant's papers were in order and they were in reasonably good health, the Ellis Island inspection process would last approximately three to five hours. The inspections took place in the Registry Room (or Great Hall), where doctors would briefly scan every immigrant for obvious physical ailments. Doctors at Ellis Island soon became very adept at conducting these "six second physicals." By 1916, it was said that a doctor could identify numerous medical conditions (ranging from anemia to goiters to varicose veins) just by glancing at an immigrant. The ship's manifest log (that had been filled out back at the port of embarkation) contained the immigrant's name and his/her answers to twenty-nine questions. This document was used by the legal inspectors at Ellis Island to cross examine the immigrant during the legal (or primary) inspection.

Despite the island's reputation as an "Island of Tears", the vast majority of immigrants were treated courteously and respectfully, and were free to begin their new lives in America after only a few short hours on Ellis Island. Only two percent of the arriving immigrants were excluded from entry. The two main reasons why an immigrant would be excluded were if a doctor diagnosed that the immigrant had a contagious disease that would endanger the public health or if a legal inspector thought the immigrant was likely to become a public charge or an illegal contract laborer.

Arrivals after 30 June 1924

After outbreak of World War I in 1914, American attitudes toward immigration began to shift. Nationalism and suspicion of foreigners were on the rise, and immigrants' loyalties were often called into question. Through the early 1920's, a series of laws was passed to limit the flow of immigrants. With the Immigration Act of 1924 restricting further immigration, the annual quota of immigrants reduces to 164,000. The buildings on Ellis Island begin to fall into neglect and abandonment. America is experiencing the end of mass immigration. On July 1, 1924 a new law went into effect which stated that immigrants

were to be inspected at US consular offices in the immigrant's home country before coming to the US. Ellis Island continued to be used as an alien detention center until November 1954.

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Origin of Belgian Surnames

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In Belgium, there are about 190,000 family surnames for 10 million inhabitants (i.e. 1 for 53 people), which is probably one of the highest ratios in the world.

Traditional family surnames in Belgium, as opposed to those immigrants, have numerous origins (French, Dutch, German...) and can be classified in these categories:

- **Geographic Surnames**
- **Village or Town Surnames**
- **Physical Description Surnames**
- **Other County Surnames**
- **Occupation Surnames**
- **Unknown Origin Surnames**
- **Word Combination Surnames**
- **Special Flemish Surnames**

Geographic Surnames

The place of origin is indicated by "van" in Dutch and "de" (or occasionally "du") in French, which means "from" or "of". Some places of origins are purely geographical, like in Japan. E.g. "Vanden Bergh" in Dutch, or "Dumont" in French, mean "from the mountain". "Vandenbosch" in Dutch, or "Dubois" in French, mean "from the wood/forest". Many Surnames in "Van der" have been shortened as "Ver" (e.g. Vermeulen, Vermeersch, Verdonk...).

Village or Town Surnames

Most of the surnames in this category actually match a town, city or region's name in the Benelux of France, which in most cases mean that the family was noble and ruled over the land of that area in medieval times (e.g. van Arschoot, de Liedekerke, d'Ursel...). Nobility has often been lost with time, or during the French Revolution, so that nowadays only surnames starting with a small, detached "van" or "de" (not a capitalised "Van" or "De") still indicate that the person is from a noble family. Some Dutch surnames in this category also start with "het" or the shortened form " 't ", while a few noble French surnames start with "le" or "la" (but more often "du" or "de la").

Physical Description Surnames

Surnames often include a physical description. For example, 'Legros' in French, or "De Groot" in Dutch, mean "the fat/big", while 'De Lange' (Dutch) and 'Legrand' (French) means "the tall". Some adjectives indicate a foreign origin, like 'Lallemand' or 'Lerusse', which mean respectively "the German" and "the Russian" in French.

Other County Surnames

The Dutch equivalent of surnames in Scandinavina "-son" (also common in Northern England, due to the numerous Viking ancestries) is simply "-s" like in Anglo-Saxon surnames (e.g. Williams, Richards...) or "-sen" like in Danish. The most common Flemish surnames fall into this category (e.g. Peeters, Martens, Wouters, Jacobs, Pauwels, Jansen...). Some final "-s" following a "k" sound have resulted in a final "-x" like in Hendrickx, Dierckx, Sterckx...

The French equivalent has no suffix, so the surname is spelt exactly like the regular given name (e.g. Michel, Laurent, Henry...), which can be confusing.

Occupation Surnames

Some family surnames reflect the profession of the first ancestor to carry that name, like Timmerman in Dutch, or Carpentier in French, which both means "carpenter", or "De Bakker" (Dutch) and "Boulanger", which mean "baker".

Unknown Origin Surnames

In spite of all these possibilities, many surnames in Belgium have no clear meaning, unclear origins, or no meaning at all. Many Walloon surnames have medieval German origins and end in "-art" or "-ard". Others are deformations or heavy mispellings or other surnames.

Word Combination Surnames

Another variation of a Belgian surname occurs when the separation between two or three words in the surname are eliminated. This often happens with immigrants arriving in America. Examples are: 1) van Dijke can become Vandyke or 2) van den Boogaerdt can become Vandenboogaerdt.

Special Flemish Surname Surnames

Flemish surnames began there at an earlier stage than most other areas, probably because Flanders was once one of the economic wonders of Europe and urbanization developed rapidly. Flemish is very similar to Dutch but has definite distinguishing characteristics and was once the literary language of the Dutch. Flemish shares many characteristics with the Brabant dialect.

Distinguishing characteristics can be subtle, 'g' is often written as 'gh', such as the name van Ermingen in Flanders may be written van Erminghen. Flemmings as Flemminghs; de Jong as de Jongh.. The convention for 'aa' as 'ae'; 'oo' as 'oe'; 'cq' for 'ck'or 'k'; 'cx' for 'cks' or 'ckx' is stronger in Flanders and Brabant. Borg(h) is often used instead of burg or berg. Prefix surnames are much the same but there are more varieties of them that have

survived as hereditary surnames. The following may not be exclusive to Flanders but are certainly indicative:

- **die:** die Brouwer (the Brewer). Pronounced as 'dee'.
- **op:** Opstroom (Up stream).
- **op gen or op ghen:** Opghenhaeffen (On, at or up the haven, or harbour).
- **onder den:** Onderdenwyngaard (under, or below, the vinyard).
- **S:** (short for des): Sbrouwers (the brewer); Sbleynden (the blind?); Smayers (the miller); Smolders (the miller?). The 'S' can be exchanged with 'de' or 'die' (the) without loss of meaning. In Dutch an apostrophe is places before a small 's', such as in the formal name for The Hague, 's-Gravenhage. 'Z' can be substituted for 'S' but is rare; Zwevers (the weaver).
- **Uyt:** Uythoven (out of, or from, the garden).
- **Uytten:** Uyttenboogaerd (out of the, or from the, orchard).

Flemish sunames can have the following endings:

- **-ske:** Aeltske(n).
- **-ke(n): Aeltken.** In the Dutch north it would be Aeltje, Aeltjen, even Aeltie.
- **-kens:** Corstkens (Corst, or Corstiaen, derived from Christian); Gheenkens. The surname Vossen or de Vos can become Voskens.
- -**gen, ghen**: Aeltgen, Aeltghen.

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Remembering the Poem, "In Flanders Field"

By Darrel R. Hagberg

When I was a little boy in the 1940's, I asked mom for a nickel so that I could buy a Paper Mache version of a red poppy. I believe that it was around Memorial Day in 1949. At the time, I really did not understand that meaning of this little flower, but I thought that it would be neat to wear it in my beanie cap; theses caps were popular at that time. They had four or six felt panels sewn together to form the cap. The panels were often composed of two or more different colors to make them novel. Mine had a flipped up brim that formed a zig-zag band around the bottom of the cap. The points of the zig-zags were where I put my buttons and pins. Mine also had a propeller on the top, and today is sometimes used as a symbol of geekiness (propeller-head). So my little poppy ended up a top my head on my beanie cap.

Today, you rarely see these imitation poppy flowers in the United States, but are still popular in the Commonwealth countries.



The Flanders Poppy

I later learned that these imitation poppy flowers were to honor of the war dead of World War I and were sold to help the disabled veterans. During our first visit to Belgium, we made it a point to visit the war cemeteries of Flanders. We were appalled at the endless number of both large and small cemeteries that were scattered throughout the beautiful lowlands of the Flanders countryside. We immediately noticed that everywhere there were clumps of wild red poppies; along roadsides, in ditches, next to stone walls and just about any location that you can imagine.

The three towns where my ancestors lived, Langemarck, Zonnebecke, and Passendale, were indeed to become the site of one of the most terrible battlefields of one of the most terrible wars in history.

Toward the end of the Great War (World War I) in 1918, this area was totally devoid of trees and vegetation. The area had been turned over and over again by the endless fighting and bombardment of 4 years of war. Within the soil that had been turned over and over again were many layers of dead bodies in various stages of decomposition. Yet, within this inferno, this hell on earth, were many large pastures of wild red poppies which seemed particularly bountiful given the utter desolation of the place. This contrast of beautiful flowering poppies in an otherwise stark landscape was to lead to the most famous poem of the war, "**In Flanders Fields**" by Canadian army physician John McCrae and led to the poppy as a symbol of the terrible blood-letting.

The Flanders poppy was to become the metaphor for the carnage that took place in the green valley between the Ypres ridge and the Passendale ridge, known as the Western

Front. Wild poppies flower when other plants in their direct neighborhood are dead. Their seeds can lie on the ground for years and years, but only when there are no more competing flowers or shrubs in the vicinity, these seeds will sprout.

By the spring of 1915, there was enough torn up soil on the battlefield of the Western Front; in fact the whole front consisted of churned up soil. Therefore in May 1915, when the poem was written, conditions were perfect for the blood red poppies to blossom like no one had ever seen before in a soil thickly drenched with the blood of the fallen.

But in this poem the poppy plays one more role. The poppy is known as a symbol of sleep. The last line *We shall not sleep, though poppies grow / In Flanders fields* might point to this fact. Some kinds of poppies are used to derive opium from, from which morphine is made. Morphine is one of the strongest painkillers and was often used to put a wounded soldier to sleep. Sometimes medical doctors used it in a higher dose to put the incurable wounded out of their misery.

McCrae's poem is a lasting legacy of the terrible battle in the Ypres salient in the spring of 1915. The first two verses of the poem speak to the great sadness and poignancy of the suffering and loss of life caused by war while the last verse looks for vengeance from the living for the fallen. Often, the first two verses are quoted while the third verse is rarely cited.



Canadian army physician John McCrae

John McCrae had been a doctor for years and had served in the South African War, but it was impossible for him to get used to the suffering, the screams, and the blood. He had seen and heard enough in his dressing station to last him a lifetime.

As a surgeon attached to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, Major McCrae, who had joined the McGill faculty in 1900 after graduating from the University of Toronto, had spent seventeen days treating injured men -- Canadians, British, Indians, French, and Germans -- in the Ypres salient.

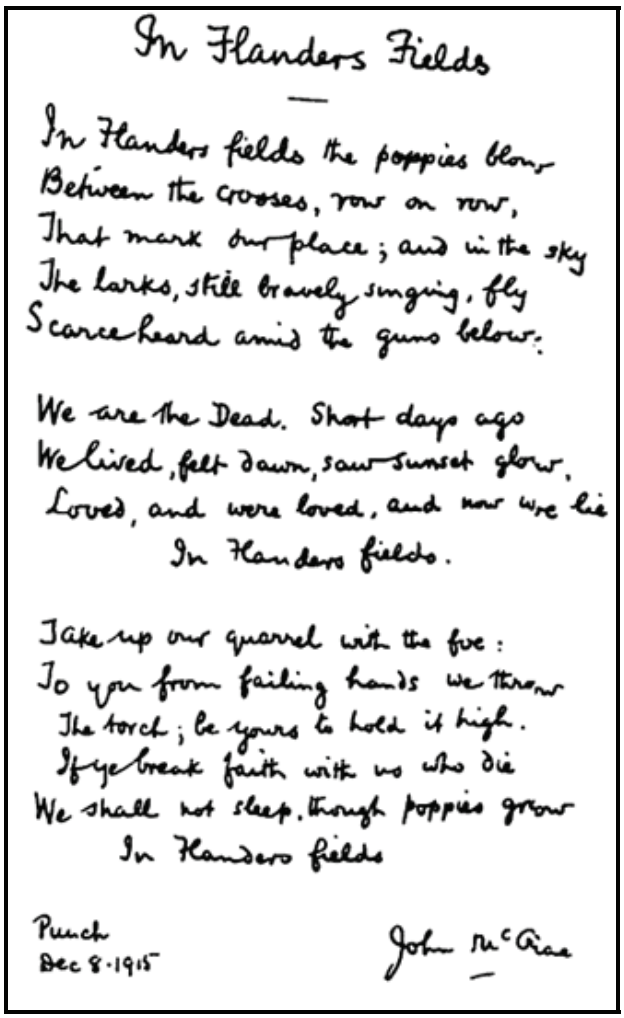
It had been an ordeal that he had hardly thought possible. McCrae later wrote of it:

"I wish I could embody on paper some of the varied sensations of that seventeen days... Seventeen days of Hades! At the end of the first day if anyone had told us we had to spend seventeen days there, we would have folded our hands and said it could not have been done."

One death particularly affected McCrae. A young friend and former student, Lieut. Alexis Helmer of Ottawa, had been killed by a shell burst on 2 May 1915. Lieutenant Helmer was buried later that day in the little cemetery outside McCrae's dressing station, and McCrae had performed the funeral ceremony in the absence of the chaplain.

The next day, sitting on the back of an ambulance parked near the dressing station beside the Canal de l'Yser, just a few hundred yards north of Ypres, McCrae vented his anguish

by composing a poem. The major was no stranger to writing, having authored several medical texts besides dabbling in poetry.



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields

Punch
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John McCrae

In the nearby cemetery, McCrae could see the wild poppies that sprang up in the ditches in that part of Europe, and he spent twenty minutes of precious rest time scribbling fifteen lines of verse in a notebook.

A young soldier watched him write it. Cyril Allinson, a twenty-two year old sergeant-major, was delivering mail that day when he spotted McCrae. The major looked up as Allinson approached, then went on writing while the sergeant-major stood there quietly. "His face was very tired but calm as we wrote," Allinson recalled. "He looked around from time to time, his eyes straying to Helmer's grave."

When McCrae finished five minutes later, he took his mail from Allinson and, without saying a word, handed his pad to the young NCO. Allinson was moved by what he read:

"The poem was exactly an exact description of the scene in front of us both. He used the word blow in that line because the poppies actually were being blown that morning by a gentle east wind. It never occurred to me at that time that it would ever be published. It seemed to me just an exact description of the scene."

In fact, it was very nearly not published. Dissatisfied with it, McCrae tossed the poem away, but a fellow officer retrieved it and sent it to newspapers in England. The Spectator, in London, rejected it, but Punch published it on 8 December 1915.

Here is the poem:

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

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