

Chapter 3

Descendants of Nicholas Dieddle & Mary (Rembold) Dieddle

John Henry Dietle

The 1900 census of Elk Lick Township, Somerset County³¹ lists a John Dietle, laborer, as living in the home of Sarah(?) Miller as one of several boarders. His age is listed as 27, and his birth date is listed as May 1873. We believe that this John Dietle is the son of Nicholas Dieddle, simply because we do not know of any other John Dietle who would have been anywhere near the age indicated by the census, and there were very few Somerset Co. Dietle families at the time that he could possibly belong to. The census lists John Dietle's father as being born in Germany, and lists his mother as being born in PA, which is consistent with the weight of evidence we have seen regarding the place of birth of Nicholas and Mary Dieddle^{19,27}.



John Henry Dietle, son of Nicholas

A rather large discrepancy exists between the birth date of May, 1873 given for John Dietle in the 1900 census, and the July 7, 1867 birth date given in pension questionnaires¹⁹ filled out by Nicholas. The 1900 census lists John Dietle as being fully employed, so it is entirely possible that he was not even present when the census information was gathered, and the birth date given in the census could possibly be an educated guess by the enumerator or one of the other boarders. The 1870 census record⁴ of the Nicholas Dietle family shows a son John, age 3, which supports the 1867 birth date given in the aforementioned pension questionnaires. According to Julia (Knecht) Prokop, Nicholas's son John H. Dietle married Elizabeth Miller and had a son named Crawford⁹¹.

John's family is enumerated in the 1910 census of Summit Township, Somerset Co., which is abstracted as follows¹³⁴:

Name	Age	Occupation
John Deetle	43	Farm Labor
Lizzie	34	
Crawford	7	

The age given for John in the 1910 census corresponds to the 1867 birth recorded by his father Nicholas. The 1910 census indicates that John owned his own house free and clear, and had been out of work for a period of 8 weeks in 1909¹³⁴. His parents were listed as born in Germany, and Lizzie's parents were listed

as having been born in PA, as was Crawford¹³⁴. Lizzie was listed as being the mother of two children, but only one was listed as still living¹³⁴.



John, Lizzie and Crawford (all taken from the same photo.)

In the **Rembold Family Record**, John's wife is also listed as Lizzie Miller^{113a}. A deed of Oct. 4, 1922 shows John H. Dietle and his wife Amanda E. Dietle of Summit Twp. purchasing land in Summit Twp. for \$72.00²²². Since other sources list her as "Lizzie", it might be that the middle initial "E" recorded in the deed stood for Elizabeth.

In his father's obituary in 1918, John was said to be living in Elk Lick Twp²⁶³. In his mother's obituary in June, 1939, John was said to still be living in the Meyersdale area⁷⁶. Doretha (Arnold) Hoover, who herself was born in 1931, recalls an old man named John Dietle living alone in a "shack" near Meyersdale. This John Dietle would seem to have been Nicholas's son, and seems to indicate that he probably lived out his life in the area. Doretha also, incidentally, remembers hearing family members talking about "Old Nick" Deitle.

Roy Emerson Deitle, son of James Deitle and Lulu Brant, remembers his great-uncle John Deitle, but thought that John never had any children¹⁹². Roy said John lived in a two story white house which he didn't take good care of after his wife died¹⁹². Roy never knew John's wife, but said he had heard that John was deeply in love with his wife, and that the two were inseparable in life¹⁹². The loss of his wife was such a blow to John that he sort of left things go after that¹⁹². Roy also reported that John raised and sold raspberries. When they were ready, he took the seat out of his old model T Ford and put the crates in there to take them to be sold¹⁹².

Herman William Deittle

Herman Deittle married Minnie Sophie Sperry, who was born on August 7, 1872^{90,91,113a} in Greenville Twp. Somerset Co. PA ⁹¹. Minnie was the daughter of Josias Sperry ⁹⁰, born in Wales ⁹¹ England ⁹⁰ in 1843 ⁹¹, and Dora Altmiller ^{90,91}, who was born in 1855 in Hessen ⁹¹.



Herman William Deittle & Minnie Sophia (Sperry) Deittle

Our knowledge of the life of Nicholas and Mary Dieddle's son Herman Deittle begins with the census results for Greenville Twp., Somerset County. We have abstracted the 1900 census information on Herman as follows²⁷:

Head of Family: Deittle, Herman, born May 1870, age 30,
Birthplace: Pennsylvania, Father's birthplace: Germany, Mother's
birthplace: Pennsylvania

Deittle, Minnie,	wife,	b. Aug. 1872,	age 27,	Birthplace: PA
Deittle, George A.,	son,	b. Nov. 1892,	age 7,	Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Charles E.,	son,	b. May 1894,	age 6,	Birthplace: PA
Deittle, James E.,	son,	b. Jan. 1897,	age 3,	Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Maryan,	dau,	b. Nov. 1899,	age 1,	Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Walter A.,	son,	b. Jan. 1900,	age 4/12,	Birthplace: PA

In the 1910 census results from Greenville Twp.⁵¹, Herman's surname is spelled "Dietle" and his listed occupation is that of a Farmer. His wife Minnie is listed as having given birth to 8 children, of whom 7 were still living at the time of the census. The daughter who was listed as "Maryan" in the 1900 census is listed as "Mary A." in the 1910 census. Two children born after 1900 are shown in the 1910 census, a daughter Ida E. Dietle, age 7, and a daughter Maggie L. Dietle, age 6. The 1910 census indicates that Minnie's parents were born in PA, and also erroneously (we believe) lists Herman's parents as having been born in PA. Herman was born and died in the same house ⁶⁷. Minnie also had a son named Frank ^{67,91,180} Wagner ^{91,180} who was not Herman's son ⁶⁷. Frank went on to live in Canton⁶⁷, Ohio^{67,180} as an adult ⁶⁷. Frank first married Lemmie Pritts⁹¹, then Alice _____⁹¹, then _____⁹¹, then Elizabeth _____⁹¹. We do not know why Frank Wagner did not show up in the 1900 census. In his sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970, Frank was said to be living in Canton, and his name was given as "Frank Deittle" ³⁴⁶.

In the 1920 census results from Greenville Twp. enumerated on Jan. 6⁵⁴, Herman's last name is spelled "Dietle" and four of his children are listed as still living at home and farming; Mary A., Walter, Ida, and Maggie. Herman's mother Mary was also listed as residing with Herman⁵⁴; his father Nicholas had died in 1918¹⁹. The 1920 census indicates that Minnie and her mother were born in PA and her father was born in MD, and also indicates that Herman and his mother were born in PA and his father was born in Germany. In his mother's obituary in June, 1939, Herman was said to still be living in the Meyersdale area⁷⁶. In a 1947 letter, a year after Herman's death, his daughter Maggie stated that he had lived in Somerset Co. all his life¹⁸⁹.

The Somerset Co. deed index⁹⁵ lists a Greenville Twp. real estate transaction between Grantor Nicholas Hrs & Gdn and Grantees Herman W. & Minnie Deitle on July 10, 1928. We haven't seen this transaction, but presume that it was the sale of the farm from Nicholas's Heirs to Herman and Minnie.

In a 1947 letter, Herman's daughter Maggie stated in reference to Herman's farm that "The farm was handed down for Four Generations." and "Adam and William Dietle lived in the same section we did..." The Somerset Co. deed index⁹⁵ Lists a 1944 Greenville Twp. real estate transaction between Grantors Herman and Minnie Deitle and Grantee Earl F. Baer, their grandson. We haven't seen this transaction, but presume that it was the sale of the farm. The original Herman Deitle farm in Greenville Twp. is now (1993) a church camp⁷⁰.



The Herman Deitle home as it appeared in 1994 as part of a Brethren church camp.

Vivian Timblin and Roy E. Deitle have gone back to Herman's farm to see it after the church took it over¹⁸⁰. Vivian says they redid the house on the inside, and turned the barn into a recreation & meeting hall. Roy reports that the top of the barn was torn off to convert the barn into a church, and that bunks have been placed in the house as a place for people to stay when attending the camp¹⁹². When Dad and I (Lannie) visited the farm in 1994 it was a Brethren church camp named Peniel, and what appeared to be the converted barn was titled the N.V. Leatherman Memorial Chapel, and a service was in progress. Compared to the many decidedly mountainous farms in Somerset Co., Camp Peniel was fairly level. Vivian and Roy both report that the church put in a lake^{180,192}, which I also saw when visiting in 1994. Roy recalls that there was an ice-cold spring under the Herman Deitle house¹⁹². When he went to visit after the farm had become a church camp, one of the things he did was take a drink out of this spring which he remembered from his boyhood¹⁹². When I visited the farm in 1994, I noticed that the spring actually ran right into the basement of the house.

In a May 6 1942 War Ration Coupon Book belonging to Minnie at age 69, her description was given as 5 ft. 4 in. tall, 190 lbs, brown eyes and grey hair⁸⁸.

Herman and Minnie are buried at the Greenville^{72,315} Union Cemetery, and share the same headstone³¹⁵. The tombstone indicates that Herman was born on May 26, 1870, and died on Dec. 25, 1946, and gives the last name as "Deitle"³¹⁵. It also indicates that Minnie was born on Aug. 7, 1872⁷². She died in Elk Lick Twp. 72,90,91 on Nov. 30, 1949^{72,90,91,315} at the age of 77 years⁹⁰.



Walt, Maggie, Charley, George, Minnie and Frank, all Deitle's

Herman and Minnie's children are as follows:

George Albert^{91,113a} Deitle⁴³³, b. Nov. 5, 1892^{113a,433}, d. Mar. 1986^{91,433},
Charles Edward^{91,113a} Deitle⁴³³, b. May 17, 1893^{91,113a,128,433}*, d. Sept. 1963⁴³³,
Henry Clay^{91,113a}, b. Sept. 11, 1895^{91,113a}, d. April 21, 1896^{91,113a},
James Elmer^{91,113a}, b. Jan. 1, 1897^{91,113a,433}, d. Mar. 11, 1979⁹¹,
Mary Ann^{91,113a}, b. Nov. 17⁹¹, 1898^{91,315} or 1899⁹¹, d. Sept. 11⁹¹, 1986^{91,315},
Walter Allen^{91,113a} Deitle⁴³³, b. Jan. 10, 1900^{91,113a,433}, d. Feb. 1986^{91,433},
Ida Elizabeth^{91,113a}, b. May 30, 1902^{91,113a}, and
Margaret^{91,343} "Maggie"⁹¹ Louella⁹¹, b. Dec. 27, 1903^{91,113a}.

Most of Herman and Minnie's sons moved to the vicinity of Akron, Ohio circa 1925 because there were too many children for the home farm to support, and they had heard that work was available in the rubber industries in Akron⁶⁷. Some of his daughters also moved to the Akron area. In a 1947 letter, Herman's daughter Maggie stated "I have 3 Brothers settled in Akron Ohio and one in Pa." Vivian Timblin reports that George, Charles, Walt, Ida and Maggie moved to Ohio, but James did not¹⁸⁰.

Herman and Minnie's son George A. Deittle was born on Nov. 5, 1892^{113a,433} in Greenville Township⁹¹. He went on to four years of college, according to Richard Dietle⁶⁷. He was a School Teacher in Somerset Co. PA before moving to Akron to work for Goodyear¹²⁶.

George married Clara B. Witt on Sept. 22, 19__ at the West Hill Church in Akron, Ohio⁸⁷. Most of what we know of their lives has been found in a newspaper article covering their 50th wedding anniversary celebration⁸⁷. In this article the surname was spelled "Deitle"⁸⁷. This event was held at the First Christian Church in Stow, and was attended by over 300 friends and relatives⁸⁷. At the time of the celebration, they were living on Center St. in Garrettsville, and were members of the Methodist

Church ⁸⁷. The newspaper quoted George and Clara's advice to young couples as follows "Learn to give and take and attend church regularly". Apparently they practiced what they preached, because Clara was president of the adult Sunday School class which George was teaching at the time ⁸⁷. In the same article, it was noted that George belonged to the Garrettsville Masonic Lodge and Clara belonged to the Crescent chapter, Order of the Eastern Star ⁸⁷. Both of them were members of the Garrettsville Grange at the time of the article, and their hobby was listed as gardening⁸⁷.



This photo came to us labeled "Clara Deitle children Ohio". Judging from a separate portrait of Albert, the child on the left appears to be Albert.

George and Clara lived in Akron up until 11 years before their 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷. George initially worked at Goodyear, but then went into the meat and grocery business ¹²⁶. During the war meat became unobtainable, and he went back to work at Goodyear ¹²⁶. When they moved to Garrettsville, George joined one of his sons in the auto business ⁸⁷. In his sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970, he was said to be living in Garrettsville³⁴⁶. In his Social Security records, George's last place of residence is given as Akron, Ohio 44310⁴³³. Clara's Social Security records show that she was born Jan. 6, 1885, died in April 1983, and her last place of residence was Akron, Ohio 44310⁴³³. Both of their Social Security cards were issued in Ohio, hers in 1973⁴³³.

Clara's maiden name was Witt ¹²⁷. Prior to her marriage to George A. Dietle, Clara had been married to _____ Friend, and had three children with him before being widowed ¹²⁷. These three children were ¹²⁷:

Zadell Friend,
Nellie Friend, and
Dewitt Friend.

Clara and George had the following children together^{127*}:

George Albert "Al" Deitle, Jr., born 1915,
Anna Belle Deitle, and
Ardeth¹²⁷ Deitle, born 1922.

* The **Rembold Family Record** incorrectly gives George and Clara's children as Annalielle Deitle and Albert Ardith Deitle^{113a}. There was no child named Annalielle¹²⁷. Albert and Ardeth were actually two separate children¹²⁷.

Clara's daughter Zadell Friend was known as "Dolly" ¹²⁶. She married Walter E. Howiler ¹²⁶, and was living in Akron at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷.

Clara's daughter Nellie Friend was born in Maryland and married O.W. ⁸⁷ Weyrick ^{87,126}. She was living in Stow at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷.

Clara's son Dewitt Friend married Margaret _____ who is known as "Peggy" ¹²⁶. They have two children, DeWitt, Jr. who goes by "Bud", and Marian ¹²⁶. DeWitt was living in Columbus at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷.

George Albert Deitle, Jr., son of George A. Deitle, Sr. and Clara (Witt) Deitle, has gone by the names "Albert" or "Al" to avoid confusion with his father ¹²⁶. Albert married Mabel _____, who had a daughter by a previous marriage ¹²⁶. Albert was living in Garrettsville at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷. He was in the auto business there, and the name of his business was Al Deitle Buick Pontiac, Inc. ¹²⁶. When I interviewed Albert in 1994, he was living in Florida.

Anna Belle Deitle, daughter of George A. Deitle, Sr. and Clara (Witt) Deitle, was first married to Henry Clay Smith¹²⁷. Her second husband was Robert Ortopan, a chiropractor, who died quite young ¹²⁷. Robert and Anna Belle had the following children¹⁸⁰:

David,
a daughter,
a son.

Anna Belle's third husband is Carmen Bell^{127,180}. Anna Bell and Carmen had a son named George who was named after Anna Belle's father¹⁸⁰. Anna Belle was living in Cuyahoga Falls at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷ and is said to be living in California in 1994¹⁸⁰.

Ardeth Deitle, daughter of George A. Deitle, Sr. and Clara (Witt) Deitle, was married to Alexander Gurnik, son of Theophil and Mary Gurnik, who were immigrants from Russia ¹²⁷. Alexander was a Chiropractor, and Ardeth ran his office ¹²⁷. He died at age 55 ¹²⁶. Ardeth was living in Barberton at the time of George and Clara's 50th wedding anniversary ⁸⁷. Alexander and Ardeth have one son, Steven Gurnik, who turned 37 on New Years day of 1994 ¹²⁷. Steve had been married and divorced, and is now (1994) single ¹²⁷. Her answering machine gives her nickname as "Ardie" ¹²⁷.



Myrtle (Brant) Deitle, wife of Charles Edward Deitle

Herman and Minnie's son Charles Edward Deitle married Myrtle ^{66,128,114} Caroline¹²⁸ Brandt ^{66,112} or Brant ¹²⁸ circa 1918 ¹¹². Myrtle was the daughter of John and Anna Brant, and was born in 1897 or 1898 ¹²⁸. They had one child, a son named Charles M. Deitle ¹¹². After the death of his first wife in 1932 ¹¹², Charles was remarried to Mildred _____ ¹¹². Charles and Mildred had no children ¹¹². Charles was employed with the Goodyear Company ^{112,128}, and died in Sept. ⁴³³ 1963 ^{112,433}. His

Social Security records show that his card was issued in Ohio, and his last state of residence was Ohio⁴³³.



Mildred and Charles Deitle



Charley, Chucky and Walter Deitle

The Somerset Co. deed index ⁹⁵ lists a transaction between Grantor Charles E. Deitle and Grantees Charles H. and Nancy M. Brant in Brothersvalley Twp. on Nov. 7, 1938. We haven't seen this transaction, and don't know what the significance of it is.

Charles M. Deitle, the only son of Charles E. Deitle and Myrtle (Brandt) Deitle, was born on March 10, 1921 in Garrett, PA ¹²⁸. Several different family members have referred to him as "Chuck" ¹¹². He was first married to Martha Ellen James, daughter of Allison and Ethel James ¹¹². Martha was born in Missouri ¹¹². Charles was an attorney by trade (Juris Doctor Ohio State

University)¹¹². Charles and Martha had two children; Robin Deitle^{112,128}, who was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1948^{112,128}, and Charles Bruce Deitle^{112,128}, who was born in Akron, Ohio 112 in June¹²⁸ 1951^{112,128}. There was a telephone listing in Akron, Ohio in 1993 for Martha and Robin Deitle. Charles and Martha were divorced in 1961¹²⁸.

Mariana Garcia became the second wife of Charles M. Deitle^{112,128}. She was born on July 20, 1937¹²⁸. They had two daughters; Carmen Deitle, born July 24, 1965, and Cynthia Deitle, born Jan. 5, 1967¹²⁸. In late 1993 we were told that Charles and Mariana were living in Akron, Ohio¹¹².

Some accounts give the middle name of Charles M. Deitle as Morris, and others give it as Maurice. When I asked his wife Mariana (Garcia) Deitle about this, she told me an interesting story about it¹²⁹. She said that during 1972/74 they wanted to do some traveling and needed Charles' birth certificate. After a prolonged delay, they finally received two different birth certificates containing identical information, except one was for Charles Morris Deitle, and one was for Charles Maurice Deitle. By this time his parents were gone and it was too late to get an explanation from them.

Robin Jeanne Deitle, daughter of Charles M. Deitle and Martha (James) Deitle, married Richard Felling¹²⁸. Richard and Robin have two daughters:

Kara Felling¹²⁸, and
Kyla Felling¹²⁸.

Carmen Deitle, daughter of Charles M. Deitle and Mariana (Garcia) Deitle, married Timothy Lee Ramsey¹²⁸. They have one daughter, Taylor Leigh Ramsey¹²⁸.

Cynthia Deitle, daughter of Charles M. Deitle and Mariana (Garcia) Deitle, is (1994) a lawyer and is pursuing her Master's Degree in Washington DC¹²⁸.



Mrytle Brant, Jim Deitle, Lulu Brant

Herman and Minnie's son James Elmer Deitle married Lulu Brant^{49,61,113a}, the daughter of John Brant and Annie (Wahl) Brant⁶⁶. Lulu lived on a big dairy farm near Garrett, and James had to take a horse and buggy over the mountain to date her¹⁹². Social Security records indicate that Lulu was born on April 15, 1896⁴³³. James was listed in the 1920 census as a 22 year old coal miner living in the Meyersdale Borough, along with his wife Lulu A., age 23⁴⁹. James' surname was spelled "Dietle" in the 1920 census⁴⁹. One of James' sons has confirmed that James was a miner by occupation, and

worked at Shaw Mines ⁶⁶, which is near Meyersdale out beyond the Fair grounds^{135*}. Another son reported that James worked in the coal mines for 27 years²²⁵. We know James and Lulu were married already by Nov. 30, 1918, because on that date she was a witness on her mother-in-law's Declaration for Widow's Pension following the death of Nicholas Dieddle ¹⁹. On that document, she spelled the surname as "Dieddle" ¹⁹. One of their sons reports that James and Lulu were married in 1918, but did not give the month and day²²⁵. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in June, 1968 ⁹¹. In his sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970, James was said to be living in Dunlo, PA³⁴⁶. James E. Deitle was known as "Jim" to the family ⁶⁷. Jim's son Roy reports that Jim sometimes spoke in German when visiting with other family members ¹⁹².



Jim Deitle and Lulu (Brant) Deitle

When asked what stood out in the memory of his parents, James and Lulu's son Ken Deitle wrote "Dad was a hard worker and a good provider. Mom never held public work but cared for her family in a most loving generous way. She did a lot of quilts, needle work, etc. which she graciously shared with family and friends. (She) was a great cook. (She) made good homemade bread (&) cookies. She had many friends and loved to play bingo."²²⁵

The Somerset Co. deed index ⁹⁵ lists a transaction between Grantors James E. Deitle and Grantees John & Mary E. Shoemaker in Meyersdale on Nov. 20, 1940. The index also shows a transaction

* The Shaw Mines were opened in 1875, and during peak operation after 1900 employed over 400, many of whom were foreign workers³⁷¹. A company town called Shaw Mines once existed at the site, consisting of a store, a school, mule barns, barracks for single men, and 36 double company houses³⁷¹.

between Grantor Lulu Brant Deitle and Grantees Charles H. and Nancy B. Brant on Nov. 7, 1938. The significance of these transactions is not known. Charles Brant was Lulu (Brant) Deitle's brother, and Nancy was Charles' wife²²⁵.

Social Security Records show that James was living in Dunlo, PA 15930 at the time of his death in March 1977, and upon his death a lump sum Social Security payment was made to a party in zip code 15921⁴³³. The Social Security records show that Lulu died in November 1975, and that her last place of residence was Dunlo, PA 15930⁴³³. The Social Security cards for both James and Lulu were issued in PA; hers was issued in the 1955-1957 time period⁴³³.

The James Deitle family included the following children:

Robert^{66,113a,436} Earl⁴³⁶ Deitle^{66,113a,436}, who was born on March 16, 1920^{66,436} in or near Meyersdale⁴³⁶, married Hazel^{66,436} E. ⁴³⁶ Imler⁶⁶ or Yantz⁴³⁶. Hazel was from the Bedford area. Robert has spent time living in North Carolina, Virginia and Florida ⁶⁶. He died on Sept. 17, 1995 in the York County Hospital and home⁴³⁶. His obituary listed his address as Dillsburg⁴³⁶. His son John was living at Paris Island, S.C. in 1995, and his daughter Patty West was living at Tampa, Florida in 1995⁴³⁶. His obituary also listed four step-children, Bonieta Yantz and Jennie Gates of Dillsburg. Robert Yantz of Carlisle, and John Yantz of Wichita Falls, TX⁴³⁶. Burial was planned to be at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Johnstown⁴³⁶.



Robert Deitle, son of James & Lulu Deitle

Glenn Deitle, son of James Deitle, was born on Sept. 5, 1923 in Meyersdale, Somerset Co. PA ⁶⁶. Glenn married Ann Hofecher ⁶⁶, and was residing in or near Johnstown PA in 1994; Robert's obituary gave their address as Giestown⁴³⁶. Ann Hofecher was born on February 6, 1926⁶⁶. She is the daughter of Merle Hofecher, and was originally from Cambria County. Glenn and Ann had no children⁶⁶. Glenn is (1994) retired from Bethlehem Steel.

Roy Emerson Deitle²³, son of James Deitle, was born on August 19, 1928 ^{66,192}. He married Mary Louise¹⁹² "Mary Lou^{66,192}" Simmons ^{66,192}, daughter of John Simmons and Rachel Ann (Cummins) Simmons¹⁹². Mary Lou was born on Aug. 9, 1929¹⁹². Roy was a Mechanic on the heavy machinery at Bethlehem Steel¹⁹². His Title was Assistant to the General Foreman¹⁹².

Our father Roy Emerson **Dietle** learned of the existence of Roy Emerson **Deitle** in an interesting way. As I recall the story, Roy Bruce Deitle moved to the Sandy Lake, PA area and made a credit application to Agway Petroleum Corp. in Mercer, PA where our father Roy E. Dietle worked, and listed his father Roy E. Deitle as a reference. Since Dietle is a rare name in Pennsylvania, the application was brought to dad's attention. Dad called Roy Deitle, and had a pleasant conversation with him. He found out that they shared some common interests, such as deer hunting. Roy Deitle is (1994) retired, as is my father Roy Dietle.

When I called Roy for an interview, the first thing he asked after finding out that I was calling from Texas was "How's the hunting and fishing down there?"¹⁹² Roy is keen on outdoor sports. He once helped to construct a shooting range, and he has also participated on pistol and rifle

competitive shooting teams¹⁹². His hunting career began when he was 12 and got his first hunting license¹⁹². His first hunt was on his Grandfather Herman Deitle's farm¹⁹². This hunt was an exceptional one, especially for a beginner, and Roy remembers it fondly¹⁹². He bagged his limit of 6 squirrels, and also collected two rabbits and a grouse¹⁹². His mother, who was a great cook, cooked the game up for supper, and it was a real treat for the family¹⁹². Someone who saw his take for the day commented that he was going to make a real hunter¹⁹². Roy was living in or near South Fork in 1995⁴³⁶.

Roy and Mary Lou's children are as follows:

Roy Bruce Deitle^{66,192}, b. Dec. 15, 1949¹⁹²
Debra Jean¹⁹² "Debbie"⁶⁶ Deitle, b. Feb. 9, 1953.
David^{66,192} Shawn¹⁹² Deitle, b. 1960¹⁹²
John^{66,192} Henry¹⁹² Deitle, b. 1961¹⁹².

Roy Bruce Deitle, son of Roy Emerson Deitle and Mary Lou (Simmons) Deitle, married EllaBeth Deniker, the daughter of Edward and Kathern Deniker¹⁹². Her parents were from the Grove City, PA area¹⁹². In April of 1994, they were living in a trailer park in Grove City, but they were getting ready to move to Oregon¹⁹². In 1996 they were living in Great Falls, MT⁴⁹⁶. Roy Bruce Deitle is (1994) retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service, during which he traveled all over the world¹⁹². He goes by his middle name "Bruce"⁴⁹⁶. Our dad met a salesman at a lumber yard in the Grove City area in 1995 who noticed dad's name on his credit card; it turns out the salesman had been a good friend of Roy Bruce's before he moved away, and had worked with him at a hardware store at one time, and spoke very highly of him. Roy and EllaBeth have the following children¹⁹²:

Kevin Bruce Deitle, (eldest son) and
Scott Edward Deitle, who is (1994) in the Air Force.

We believe Scott is the Engineering Assistant of the 1845th Engineering Installation Group at Tinker AFB⁴⁸⁶ who won a first place 1995 Intergraph Golden Mouse Award in the category of Engineering and Applied Sciences for the computer rendering of an ATCALs radar unit⁴⁸⁵.

Debra Jean Deitle, daughter of Roy Emerson Deitle and Mary Lou (Simmons) Deitle, is (1994) married to Allen Stoykovich¹⁹². She has a daughter Jennifer Louise Matalic from a previous marriage¹⁹². Her and Allan have a son named Allen Tobias "Toby" Stoykovich¹⁹².

David Shawn Deitle, son of Roy Emerson Deitle and Mary Lou (Simmons) Deitle, married Linda McFarland. He was in the Air Force for 8 years, and is now (1994) working for Evansburg Office Supply. David and Linda have the following children:

Shawna Lynn Deitle, reported as being age 11 in April of 1994¹⁹²,
Joshua David Deitle, reported as being age 7 in April of 1994¹⁹², and
Ryan Andrew Deitle, b. June 20, 1988¹⁹².

John Henry Deitle, son of Roy Emerson Deitle and Mary Lou (Simmons) Deitle, married Rhonda Blackner. In April of 1994 he was in the process of moving back to PA from Alexandria, VA. John and Rhonda have two daughters, as follows:

Kelsey Khristine Deitle, and
Samantha Marie Deitle.



Robert, Ray and Roy Deitle

Ray Deitle ^{66,113a}, son of James Deitle, was born on August 19, 1928 and married Margaret Costlow ⁶⁶. Ray and Margaret have a son named William⁶⁶. We heard from one party who thought Ray adopted William when stationed in Germany during his Army Service⁶⁶, however Ray's brother Roy thought that William is Ray's natural son¹⁹². Roy and Ray are twins ^{66,113b,192}. Mrs. Glenn Deitle believes that William has two children of his own now. Ray also served in Korea and was a recipient of the Purple Heart ⁶⁶. Before going into the Service Ray worked at Bethlehem Steel. After Margaret passed away, Ray married Ruth^{66,192} A. Scrivens¹⁹². Ray was living in or near South Fork in 1995⁴³⁶.

Kenneth⁶⁶ Paul⁴⁹³ "Ken"²²⁵ Deitle²²⁵, son of James Deitle, was born on December 25, 1931^{66,225} in Dunlo, Cambria Co. PA²²⁵. Ken married Margaret Dilworth ^{66,225}, the daughter of Charlie D. and Lila Y. Dilworth²²⁵. Margaret was born in Carnesville, GA on Nov. 5, 1931²²⁵. Ken left PA in 1951, and became a Methodist Minister in 1955²²⁵. His first charge was in Bishop, GA in 1955, and his current (1994) charge is the Bold Spring Trinity United Methodist Church²²⁵. In 1989 he was reportedly assigned to Jefferson First⁴⁹³. He attended Seminary at the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA²²⁵. He plans to retire in June of 1996²²⁵. In 1995 in his brother's obituary, his address was given as Carnesville GA. ⁴³⁶.

I spoke to Kenneth in May 1994 and January 1996, and on both occasions he was planning to lead a group to the Holy Land shortly thereafter²²⁵. The 1994 trip was his 11th trip there²²⁵. He has traveled all over the world, including Russia and China²²⁵. He likes to hunt—when I talked to him in January he was just finishing a meal of wild goose²²⁵. It was bagged in their yard by his son Jeremy while Kenneth was away hunting geese! Kenneth's children are as follows:

Joy ^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵,
Gay Lynn Deitle²²⁵,
Kim^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵, and
Jeremy^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵ (adopted^{66,225}).

Joy ^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵, daughter of Kenneth Deitle, was born Feb. 4, 1956 in Athens, GA²²⁵. Kenneth reported that she was single and serving in the U.S. Navy in 1994²²⁵.

Gay Lynn Deitle²²⁵, daughter of Kenneth Deitle, was born on July 24, 1962²²⁵. She is married to Ronald Downy or Dowdy, and has a daughter Lila Marie who was born Oct. 20 or 21, 1990²²⁵.

Kim^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵, daughter of Kenneth Deitle and Margaret (Dilworth) Deitle, was born on Oct. 23, 1963²²⁵. She married Scott Jordan²²⁵, and has a daughter Bethany Nichole who was born July 9, 1994²²⁵.

Jeremy^{66,225} Deitle²²⁵, adopted son of Kenneth Deitle, was born Feb. 4, 1982 in Elberton, GA²²⁵. He was adopted in May of 1992²²⁵.

James Elmer Deitle, Jr. ^{91,113a} was born on January 26, 1936 ⁶⁶, and married Carolyn Krause ⁶⁶. Carolyn reports that James, Jr. likes to hunt, as did his father and all of his brothers¹⁷⁸. James and Carolyn were divorced ⁶⁶ circa 1981¹⁷⁸. He remarried to Janet^{66,470} Rivera⁴⁷⁰ circa 1990⁴⁷⁰. Janet has 2 daughters; Adrian who is married to Mike Revak and has two children Tyler and Tanner, and Heather who married Brian Bouger and has a baby due in Feb. 1996⁴⁷⁰. James did live in Johnstown, but now (1994/95) is said to be living in Boswell ⁶⁶ or Hoover(s)ville^{178,436}. Carolyn's telephone listing indicates that she is (1995) living in Johnstown. James was self-employed as a carpet and flooring installer. James and Carolyn^{178,225} have the following sons, who are (1994) living in Johnstown⁶⁶:

Richard¹⁷⁸ Anthony¹⁷⁸ "Rick"⁶⁶ Deitle¹⁷⁸, b. Oct. 9, 1957¹⁷⁸, and
Edward¹⁷⁸ James¹⁷⁸ "Ed"¹⁷⁸/ "Eddie"⁶⁶ Deitle¹⁷⁸, b. Oct. 27, 1958¹⁷⁸.

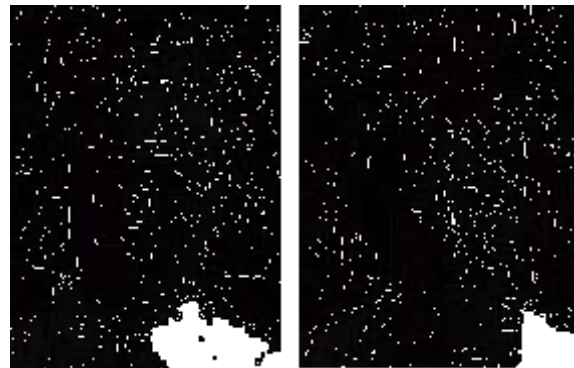
Richard Deitle, son of James Elmer Deitle Jr. and Carolyn (Krause) Deitle, has custody of his daughter, Kristy Lynn Whitman, who was born Jan. 17, 1986¹⁷⁸. He is (1996) not married⁴⁷⁰. He has his own construction business, which is named TK Remodeling¹⁷⁸.

Edward Deitle, son of James Elmer Deitle Jr. and Carolyn (Krause) Deitle, is married to Susan Arendas¹⁷⁸. Edward is employed as a Courier at Lee Hospital. Susan is a Lab Technician at Lee Hospital⁴⁷⁰. Edward reports that he and his son both like to hunt⁴⁷⁰. Edward has the following children:

Jason Edward, born Sept. 21, 1983, and
Stacy Nichole, born Aug. 21, 1986.

Helen Pearl ^{91,113a}, daughter of James Deitle, was born on Feb. 27, 1938 ⁶⁶ and died on Feb. 19, 1939 ⁶⁶.

Herman Deittle's daughter who was listed as "Maryan" in the 1900 census was actually named "Mary Ann" ⁶⁵, and was born on Nov. 17, 1898⁹¹ in Greenville Twp.⁹¹. Mary Ann married Godfrey Merrbach ^{65,91,113a} on May 15, 1920 ^{91,113b}. Godfrey was born on Nov. 16, 1894 ^{113a} or Sept. 16⁹¹, 1897^{91,315} or 1899⁹¹ in Barton, MD ⁹¹ and died on Nov. 13⁹¹, 1973^{91,315} in the Meyersdale Community Hospital ⁹¹. Godfrey was the son of Henry Merrbach (b. 1861 ⁹¹, d. April 10, 1940 ⁹¹) and Anna Bowers ⁹¹ (b. Dec. 20, 1870 ⁹¹, d. Aug. 15, 1953 ⁹¹). He was one of 17 children. In 1949 Mary Ann Merrbach was living at RD#1 Salisbury PA ⁹⁰, and in her sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970 she was also said to be living in Salisbury³⁴⁶. Mary Ann died Sept. 11, 1986 ⁹¹. Godfrey and Mary Ann both enjoyed gardening and making quilts²¹¹. They are buried side by side in the Greenville Union Cemetery, and share the same headstone³¹⁵.



Godfrey and Mary Ann Merrbach

Godfrey was a coal truck driver by occupation^{190,211}. He drove truck for John Tressler of Boynton, PA, and picked up coal and took it to the brick yards to be burned in the kilns²¹¹. Sometimes his daughter Margaret rode with him in his truck on runs to Fredricksburg²¹¹. This job required many long hours²¹¹. Margaret recalls that when she was a child, the family was so poor that she sometimes had to take lard and salt sandwiches to school for her lunch²¹¹.

Godfrey and Mary Ann had the following children:

Margaret Stella Merrbach^{91,113a,206}, born Sept. 22, 1924^{91,113a.206} in Greenville Twp.^{91,206}
Infant daughter^{113a}, stillborn^{91,113b} July 6, 1931^{91,113a}, and
Evelyn Marlene Merrbach^{91,113a}, born Nov. 4, 1935^{113a}.

Godfrey and Mary Ann's daughter Margaret Stella Merrbach presently (1993) lives in or near Salisbury, PA⁶⁵. She was married to Edward Lawrence Knecht^{§ 91,113b} on Nov. 15, 1944^{91,201,402} at St. Michaels Catholic Church[†] in West Salisbury^{201,402}, by Rev. John Dravetsky⁴⁰².



St. Michaels Catholic Church in West Salisbury in 1994.

Edward Lawrence^{**} Knecht was born on Aug. 10, 1910^{91,113b,201,402} or Oct. 11, 1910²⁰⁶ in West Salisbury, Somerset County, PA^{91,206}, and is known as "Ted"¹⁶⁵. Ted's^{*} father was Henry

§ Knecht is (1994) pronounced "Night" in the Somerset Co. area. Outside of this area the pronunciation "Connect" may be encountered²⁰¹.

† Prior to construction of St. Michaels church in 1888, services were held in the home of Ted's Grandfather Michael Knecht^{202,408} and in the home of Michael's Grandson Joseph Bradler⁴⁰⁸. Michael Knecht donated most of the lumber that was used to build St. Michaels²⁰¹, and served on the committee that was given the task of locating land to build on⁴⁰⁸. In those days, the Catholics were discriminated against by the Protestant community, and the parish had difficulty finding property because some residents refused to sell land to them for church construction⁴⁰⁸.

** On his daughter Julia's Notification of Birth Registration, his middle name is spelled Laurence²⁰⁴.

* Ted is a distant cousin of ours through the common ancestor George Klingaman on our mother's side. Ted's ancestry can be traced using Ref. 38, 62, 63, 91,113b, 165, 190, 201, and 327.

“Harry” Francis Knecht²⁰¹ (b. March 1885^{91,165,201}, d. July 11, 1965^{190,201}), and his mother was Margaret Wetmiller ^{91,165,201} (b. Aug. 11, 1882^{62,91,201}, d. June 15,1981 ²⁰¹). Henry Francis Knecht and another individual reportedly built the first car in the Salisbury area¹⁶⁵.

Ted and Margaret are (circa 1989) members of St. Michaels Catholic Church. Ted built the house in Salisbury which he and Margaret reside in¹⁶⁵. He was employed at the Knecht Garage[†] in West Salisbury at the time of their marriage²⁰¹, and worked there for 23 years¹⁶⁵. He was also a Welder for 20 years^{165,402}. After working in Detroit for 2 years, and working for Allegheny Ballistics for 4 years, he opened his own business in Salisbury named Knecht Tool Works¹⁶⁵, where he did machine work, welding, mechanical construction, and emergency repairs²⁰¹.

Ted is a self taught musician^{165,402} who has played at community square dances and at the Meyersdale Maple festival¹⁶⁵. One of his passions in life has been the search for a banjo which could achieve a deep bass sound¹⁶⁵. He built his first bass banjo in 1940¹⁶⁵. In 1978, in search of still deeper bass, he built a banjo from a cut-down snare drum¹⁶⁵. In 1984, he built still another bass banjo with a cast aluminum body¹⁶⁵. A newspaper article in the **Meyersdale Republican** circa 1989 reported that he was still experimenting at age 79, as well as playing with his musical friends every Friday evening¹⁶⁵. His daughter Julia reported in 1995 that he was still mowing his own yard with a push mower, even though he was soon to turn age 85.



Edward Lawrence Knecht

[†] The Knecht Garage, which is one of the oldest family owned garages in the U.S., is known as the “West Salisbury Garage”^{201,207}. It was built by John Knecht in 1909, who sold Reo, Maxwell and Ford automobiles there²⁰¹. John’s brother Harry F. Knecht bought the garage in 1918, and sold Chevrolet and Studebaker autos²⁰¹. Harry’s son Lee took over in 1957²⁰¹, and Lee’s son Richard was operating it in 1993 as a repair shop for starters, alternators, and generators²⁰⁷. The site of the garage was formerly the location of Michael Knecht’s Blacksmithing operation (formerly his father’s), that was moved there from Keyser’s Ridge in 1880, and was eventually used for repairing steam locomotives²⁰⁷.



Margaret Stella (Merrbach) Knecht (the left picture was taken in 1985.)

Margaret graduated from Salisbury High School in 1944²⁰¹. She plays the piano¹⁶⁵, and was once employed with Flushing Shirt of Grantsville^{165,402} MD, but was reported as being retired circa 1989¹⁶⁵.

Ted and Margaret Knecht had the following children:

Frances Mary Knecht ^{91,201}, born Aug. 17, 1945 ^{147,201}

Helen Margaret Knecht, born Nov. 27, 1947 ^{91,201},

Julia Ann Knecht, born Nov. 5, 1950^{91,204,206} in Meyersdale ^{91,204,206}, and

Jean Marie Knecht^{91,201}, born May 6, 1959^{91,201} in Meyersdale⁹¹.

Frances Mary Knecht, daughter of Edward Lawrence Knecht and Margaret Stella (Merrbach) Knecht, was married to Ronald S. ^{91,201} "Ronnie" ¹⁴⁷ Wood^{91,201} on Oct. 14, 1971 ^{91,201} in Rockville, MD²⁰¹. Ronnie was born in Tenn. on Dec. 25, 1944²⁰¹. Ronnie and Francis are (1993) living in San Antonio, TX ²⁰¹. Francis's husband works with computers ¹⁴⁷. Francis is (1993) in possession of the Mary Ann (Dietle) Merrbach family Bible ¹¹⁴. Francis and Ronald have the following children ⁹¹:

April Wood^{91,165}, born Feb. 12, ^{147,201} 1974 ^{91,201} in Rockville, MD ^{91,201}, and
Jennifer Wood^{157,165}, born Jan. 22, 1976 in Rockville, MD^{91,201}.

Jennifer Wood, daughter of Ronald Wood and Frances (Knecht) Wood, will graduate from high school in 1994 ranking 25th in a class of 581¹⁵⁷.



Frances Mary Knecht and Ronald S. Wood on their wedding day, Oct. 14, 1971. Rockville, MD.



Francis, April, Jenny, Ronnie Wood, 1991



Jeffrey Kyle, Mary Ann Knecht, Helen (Knecht) Kyle, Jodie Kyle, Darrell Kyle, Brian Kyle, Michael Knecht

Helen Margaret Knecht, daughter of Edward Lawrence Knecht and Margaret Stella (Merrbach) Knecht, was married to Darrell L. Kyle on Jan. 10, 1969^{91,201} in Salisbury²⁰¹. Darrell was born on Feb. 6, 1947 in Barton, MD²⁰¹. Helen is (1994) a housewife, and does not work outside of the home¹⁹⁰. Helen, who was living in West Salisbury circa 1989¹⁶⁵ and 1994⁴⁰² has the following children, all born in Meyersdale⁹¹:

Michael Edward Knecht^{147,201}, born Nov. 14, 1965^{91,201} at the Meyersdale Community Hospital²⁰¹,
Mary Ann Knecht, born Jan. 2, 1968^{91,201},
Jeffrey⁹¹ Lynn^{147,201} Kyle⁹¹, born July 5, 1970^{91,201} at the Meyersdale Community Hospital²⁰¹,
Brian James^{91,201} Kyle⁹¹, born Sept. 16, 1972^{91,201}, and
Jodie Lynn^{91,201} Kyle¹⁶⁵, born May 31, 1978^{91,201}.

Michael Edward Knecht, son of Helen Margaret Knecht, had a son with his first wife Michelle Rice^{91,201}. Michael and Michelle were divorced¹⁴⁷. Michael and his second wife Sharon had a daughter named Michaela^{147,201} in 1991²⁰¹ or 1992¹⁴⁷. Michael and Sharon were divorced¹⁴⁷ in 1992²⁰¹, and Michael was married to his third wife Bobby Jo Klink on Feb. 13, 1993^{147,201} at the Springs Mennonite Church^{201,203}, Somerset Co.²⁰¹. Bobbie Jo is the daughter of Mr. or Mrs. Robert Klink of Meyersdale RD# 3 and Mr. or Mrs. Loren Murray of Salisbury RD# 1²⁰³. Bobbie Jo was working for Holiday Hair Fashions in 1993, and Michael was working at Wayne's Water and Wells²⁰³. They were living in Salisbury in 1993²⁰³.

Mary Ann Knecht, daughter of Helen Margaret Knecht, was in the U.S. Air Force and stationed at the Lackland A.F. base in San Antonio, TX circa 1987²⁰¹.

Jeffrey Lynn Kyle¹⁴⁷, son of Helen Margaret Knecht, was married to Katherine Jo Vought on Sept. 19, 1990^{91,201} at the Springs Mennonite Church²⁰¹. Katherine is the daughter of Harry Vought, Jr.²⁰¹. A newspaper article written circa 1989 indicated that Jeffrey was playing with a music group known as "Lifeline"¹⁶⁵. Jeffrey and Katherine have the following children:

Aaron, b. 1992 ^{147,201}, and

Donavan Michael Kyle, b. Feb. 6, 1994, Somerset Community Hospital¹⁵⁷.

Julia Ann Knecht, daughter of Edward Lawrence Knecht and Margaret Stella (Merrbach) Knecht, was married to Victor Lee Prokop on Sept. 7, 1968 ^{91,205}. The ceremony was conducted by Father John V. Orlando at St. Michael's Catholic Church, West Salisbury, PA ^{147,205}. The reception was held at the Brethern Church, Salisbury, PA²⁰¹.

Julia was born at the Meyersdale Community Hospital on Nov. 5, 1950 ¹¹⁴. Victor was born in Richmond, VA on Sept. 21, 1944 ^{91,201}. His parents are Victor Prokop and Betty Grace (Eichelburger) Prokop²⁰¹. Julia (Knecht) Prokop is (1994) living in Fort Worth, TX ⁶⁵, and is (1993) employed with Associates National Mortgage Corp. as an Underwriter ¹¹⁴. Victor and Julia own several antique Studebaker automobiles. Julia has contributed greatly to this genealogy by sharing her genealogical research with us. Julia also plays the keyboard, and enjoys creating her own music¹⁶⁵. Victor is (1995) a Cartographer. Julia and Victor have no children.



Julia (Knecht) Prokop, 1989 & Victor Prokop, 1967

Jean Marie Knecht, daughter of Edward Lawrence Knecht and Margaret Stella (Merrbach) Knecht, has been married twice ^{91,201}. She was married to her first husband, Joseph Valo III, on April 15, 1976⁹¹ and divorced circa 1980²⁰¹ or 1982/3 ⁹¹. Joseph "Joe"²⁰¹ Valo III was b. Nov. 15, 1952²⁰¹. Jean and Joseph had the following children, both born in Meyersdale²⁰¹:

Joseph ¹⁴⁷ "Joe" ¹⁶⁵ Valo ¹⁴⁷, born June 31, ^{147,201} 1978 ^{91,201} and
Julie Ann Valo ¹⁴⁷, born June 15, ^{147,201} 1979 ^{91,201}.



Jean and Steven Durst & Joseph and Julie Ann Valo

The second husband of Jean Marie Knecht is Craig Steven Durst, son of Manford Durst^{91,201} and Betty Jean Vena²⁰¹. Jean and Craig were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, Somerset Co. PA^{91,201} on Dec. 9, 1989^{147,201}. This was also Craig's second marriage; his first was to Denise Champlin²⁰¹. Craig was born June 24, 1960²⁰¹. He enjoys hunting; a photograph of him and Dale Meese in the Nov. 24, 1994 **New Republic** shows him and Dale Meese with turkeys bagged on the first day of the season around Mount Davis⁴⁰¹. Jean was living in Salisbury, PA in 1993¹¹⁴ and 1994⁴⁰². She plays the fiddle and guitar¹⁶⁵.



Evelyn (Merrbach) Streng

Godfrey and Mary Ann's daughter Evelyn Marlene Merrbach was born in Greenville Twp.⁹¹ on Nov. 4, 1935¹⁴⁷. Evelyn's first husband was James Slicer¹⁴⁷. They were divorced, and had no children¹⁴⁷. Evelyn's second husband was Arthur Streng III¹⁴⁷. We have been told one of her hobbies is collecting dolls^{180,190}. Evelyn and Arthur had the following children:

Robin Charlene Streng¹⁴⁷, born Oct. 7, 1955^{113a}, and
Valerie Streng¹⁴⁷, born Aug. 30, 1958^{113a}.

Robin Streng, daughter of Arthur Streng III and Evelyn Marlene (Merrbach) Streng, married Anthony "Ernie" Perri on July 6, 1974¹⁴⁷. Robin and Ernie had the following children:

Hollie Lynn, b. 1980, and

a son, b. Feb. 1986.

Valerie Streng, daughter of Arthur Streng III and Evelyn Marlene (Merrbach) Streng, married Del Wilmont circa 1980, and had a son who was born in 1982 ¹⁴⁷.



Walter Deitle

Herman and Minnie's son Walter Allen Deitle was born on January 10, 1900^{67,433} and married Thelma Irene Cox ^{67,113b}, who was born on February 16, 1909 ⁶⁷. Thelma, who was from the Akron area, was the daughter of Nelson and Mary Ola Cox ⁶⁷. Walter was drafted into the Army during World War I, but fortunately didn't get to the front lines before the war was over ⁶⁷. Walter was a worker for Goodyear Rubber in Akron, Ohio, and put in 37 years with the company ⁶⁷. In his sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970, he was said to be living in Akron³⁴⁶. Walter's Social Security records show that he died in Feb. 1986, and his last place of residence was Uniontown, Ohio 44685⁴³³. His Social Security card was issued in Ohio⁴³³. Jackie (Timblin) Kinght recalls that he liked to joke with her⁴⁵⁸. Walter and Thelma had one child ⁶⁷, Richard Kenneth Deitle ^{68,113a}.



Richard Deitle and his wife Faye

Richard Deitle, son of Walter and Thelma Irene (Cox) Deitle, was born in Akron, Ohio on July 6, 1933 ⁶⁷ while his parents were staying at the home of Jack Bealer and his wife Minerva Ellen (Shoemaker) Bealer ¹⁸⁰. Minerva's daughter Vivian remembers taking care of Richard there when he was a baby ¹⁸⁰. Richard was drafted in the U.S. Army in 1952 and served through 1954 as a cook. Richard married Marilyn Faye Rheihardt ⁶⁸ in 1956 ⁶⁷. Marilyn is the daughter of John Edward Rheihardt and Oca Ruth (Edwards) Rheihardt ⁶⁸, and was born on November 18, 1936 ^{67,68}. Richard Deitle was employed by Goodrich of Akron, Ohio ⁶⁸. He was a Custodian there, and is now (1993) retired⁶⁹. Richard was living in or near Uniontown, Ohio in 1993. Richard and Marilyn Deitle's children are as follows:

Wayne Allen Deitle ⁶⁷,
Douglas Ray Deitle ⁶⁷,
Michael Kenneth Deitle ⁶⁷, and
Wesley Robert Deitle ⁶⁷.



Wayne Deitle, son of Richard Deitle

Wayne Allen Deitle, son of Richard Deitle and Marilyn Faye (Rheihardt) Deitle, was born at the Akron General Hospital, Akron, Summit Co. Ohio on April 25, 1958 ⁶⁸. Wayne married Elizabeth Margaret Pal, who was born on November 25, 1963 ⁶⁸. Elizabeth is known as "Lisa" ^{67,68}. Wayne and Lisa were living in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio in 1993, and Wayne's line of work is (1993) installing burglar alarms ⁶⁷. Wayne has two daughters, as follows ⁶⁸:

Ashley Marie Deitle, born June 6, 1982, and
Brandy Nicole Deitle, born July 24, 1986.

Douglas R. Deitle, son of Richard Deitle, was born March 3, 1960 ^{67,68,69}. He was reported as not being married in 1993 ^{67,68}. Douglas has a home about a block away from his parents in Uniontown, Ohio. He is (1993) a Certified Public Accountant.

Michael K. Deitle, son of Richard Deitle and Marilyn Faye (Rheihardt) Deitle, was born on July 19, 1963 ⁶⁹. He was reported as not being married in 1993^{67,68,69}. He was living in or near Akron, Ohio in 1993, and was a Janitor in a local school⁶⁷.

Wesley Deitle, son of Richard Deitle and Marilyn Faye (Rheihardt) Deitle, was born on July 1, 1972. He was not married in Nov. 1993, and was still living at home with his folks at that time.

Herman and Minnie's daughter Ida E. Dietle lived in Ravenna, Ohio ^{67,127}. The details of her marriage(s) are not accurately known to us, and markedly different accounts have been received from

different people. The following information is therefore recorded as a starting point for others who may wish to do additional research.

Julia (Knecht) Prokop's notes indicate that Ida was first married to Robert Cole, and was remarried to Sam Eisler then Charles Clark⁹¹. Julia's mother Margaret (Merrbach) Knecht told Julia in a 1994 interview that Ida had a son Earl F. Baer when she was single, then married Charley Clark and with him had Frank, Dorothy and Edna, then married Robert Cole and had a son with him¹⁵⁷. In the same interview, Margaret (Merrbach) Knecht reported that she didn't think that Ida married Sam Eisler¹⁵⁷. In a later interview, Margaret (Merrbach) Knecht reported to Julia that she had talked to Frank Clark and learned that Ida never actually married Bob Cole²¹¹. Vivian Timblin reports that Ida was not formally married to Mr. Cole, but lived with him long enough to become his common-law wife¹⁸⁰. The **Rembold Family Record** only lists a marriage to Charles Clark^{113a}. In her sister Margaret's obituary circa 1970, she was listed as "Mrs. Ida Cole, Ravenna"³⁴⁶. Further clarification of Ida's life history is needed.



Bob Cole and Ida (Dietle) Clark



Frank Clark

The sum total of Ida's children which we have seen reported are as follows:

Earl ^{91,113a,157,180} “Bud” ^{67,157} Baer ^{157,180} or Clark ^{113a},
Dorthey Clark ^{91,113a,157,180},
Frank ^{91,113a,157,180} Clark ^{113a,157,180}, and
Edna ^{91,113,157,180} Cole ⁹¹ or Clark ^{113a,157,180}, b. 1919 ⁹¹
_____ Clark, a son ¹⁵⁷

Most evidence so far seems to indicate that Ida’s son Earl went by the last name of Baer rather than Clark. According to Richard Deitle, Ida had a son named “Bud” Baer who was still living in 1993 ⁶⁷. Two sources report that Ida had a son Earl F. Baer when she was single ^{157,180}; one of these sources indicated that Earl went by the nickname “Bud” ¹⁵⁷. A photocopy provided by Julia (Knecht) Prokop of a May 6, 1942 War Ration Coupon Book belonging to Minnie S. Deitle, age 69, of Greenville Twp. Somerset Co. was signed by Earl F. Baer, who was identified in the document as her grandson ⁸⁸. The Somerset Co. deed index ⁹⁵ lists a transaction between Grantor Herman W. & Minnie Deitle and Grantee Earl F. Baer on Sept. 21, 1944 in Greenville Twp. We have been told by one source that Earl Baer was blind ¹⁸⁰. He is (1994) said to be living in Revenna, OH in the house which his mother Ida once had ¹⁸⁰.

Edna Cole or Clark, daughter of Ida E. Dietle, married Walter ⁹¹ or Willard ¹⁵⁷ Broadwater ^{91,157}, and with him had a daughter named Pat ¹⁵⁷.

Herman and Minnie’s daughter Maggie L. Dietle was married twice ¹⁸⁰, but had no children ¹²⁷. Her first marriage was to Harold Craft ¹⁸⁰. After they were married Harold and Maggie lived for quite some time with the Jack Bealer family ¹⁸⁰.



Paul and Margaret Beutel

Maggie’s second marriage was to Paul ^{91,189,343} C. ³⁴³ Beutel ^{91,189,343*}, whose first wife Frances Miller had died earlier ³⁴³. Their last name was pronounced “Bye-Tell” ¹²⁷. Paul was born at Brunswick, Ohio on June 6, 1905, the son of Charles William and Belle Ghedsey Beutel ³⁴³. Paul died from a heart attack at age 53 while taking his customary after breakfast nap one Sunday at his home at 843 E. High Ave., leaving Maggie to survive him ³⁴³. He had been on a hunting trip with Bob Ress of Schoenbrunn the day before. He was buried in the Spring Grove Cemetery ³⁴³.

Paul was a Civil ¹⁸⁹ Engineer ^{180,189} for Pittsburgh Plate Glass ^{180,189} in Barberton, OH ¹⁸⁹ in 1947 ¹⁸⁹. At the time of his death, he was the Manager of the Midvale mine of the Columbia Southern

* Beutel is the spelling that Margaret herself used in a letter in 1947 ¹⁸⁷. Ref. 67 gives the spelling Bidle, and Ref. 113a gives the spelling Bentela.

Chemical Co.³⁴³. He had moved from Wadsworth when he was appointed Manager of the Midvale operation, which was 10 years before his death.

Paul's obituary noted that he belonged to the Methodist Church at Medina, The Elks Lodge, the Union Country Club, the Tadmore Scottish Rite Shrine at Akron, the Barberton National Masonic Lodge, the Consistory at Canton, the New Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the Coal Mining Institute of America, and was on the Board of Regents of the Professional Engineers and Surveyors of Ohio³⁴³. He had attended the Ohio State University, and was a member of the Phi Epsilon Kappa fraternity³⁴³.

In 1947 Maggie was living in Wadsworth, OH, and reported in a letter that she had "all the old photographs" of the Deitle family¹⁸⁹. She died after a long illness in her home in New Philadelphia at the age of 66³⁴⁶, which would likely be sometime in 1970. Before living in New Philadelphia she lived in Akron from 1927 to 1939³⁴⁶. She was buried at the Spring Grove Cemetery, Medina³⁴⁶.

Frederick Deitle

We know relatively little about the life of Nicholas and Mary Deitle's son Frederick Deitle. He married Dinia^{91,113a} Christina⁹¹ or Christinia^{113a} Slaybaugh^{91,113a}. According to the **Rembold Family Record**^{113a}, Dinia was born in 1856 and died in 1931.



Frederick Deitle

In 1903 Frederick bought farming equipment from his mother Mary Deitle, as recorded in the following transaction¹⁵⁹:

This is to certify that I have this day sold to Fred Deitle Our Bay horse, our Mower, and our Two horse wagon, for the sum of one hundred and Eighty (\$180.00) Dollars, And I do hereby relinquish all claim to the foregoing property.

Meyersdale Pa
September 12 1903
Attest
(unknown name)

her
Mary X Deitle
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In his father's obituary in 1918, and in his mother's obituary in June, 1939, Frederick was said to be residing at Horseshoe Run, West Virginia^{76,263,345}. Frederick died in 1941⁹¹. In the **Rembold Family Record**, he is listed as "Fred" Deitle^{113a}. Ardeth (Deitle) Gurnik recalls knowing Frederick Deitle as "Uncle Freddy" and says he is buried somewhere in PA; she went to his funeral¹²⁷. Vivian Timblin spoke of Frederick as "Fred" and "Freddy". She recalls that he and his wife had a farm in Horseshoe Run¹⁸⁰. Vivian reported that Fred and his wife had no children¹⁸⁰. In his father's obituary his name is given as "Fred"²⁶³.

Mary Ann “Annie” Dietle

Mary Ann “Annie” Dietle, daughter of Nicholas Dieddle and Mary (Rembold) Dieddle, was born on August 5, 1877* and died on Nov. 7, 1920 ^{113a}.

The 1900 census of Elk Lick Township, Somerset County ³¹ (Schedule No. 1-Population) lists one Annie M. Dietle, age 22, who was born in August 1877, and who was residing in Elk Lick Twp. at the time of the 1900 census and working for the widower Daniel M. Fike as a housekeeper. The 1900 census indicates that she was single, but had a child who was alive at the time of the census. A 2 month old “boarder” named Minerva Shoemaker was also shown to be living in the same household; this is the only boarder listed for this household, and we now know this was Annie’s child.

The 1910 census lists a grand-daughter Minerva Shoemaker, age 10, living at the home of Annie’s father Nicholas Dietle in Greenville Twp ⁵¹. It is interesting to note that a Daniel Shoemaker filled out two Civil War pension affidavits for Nicholas 9 years apart, and may have been a neighbor or friend of the Nicholas Dieddle family. Perhaps one of Daniel’s sons (if he indeed had any) was Minerva’s father. We just don’t know at this point, and it will probably never be known, as Minerva’s only daughter did not know who Minerva’s father was when asked in 1994 ¹⁸⁰.



Mary Ann “Annie” Dietle,
daughter of Nicholas Dieddle

Mary Ann married Charles Henry Martz ^{91,113a}, who was born on Aug. 21, 1877 ^{91,113a} in PA^{117,118} and died May 13, 1955 ^{91,113a}. Charles Martz[†] is the son of Sampson Martz^{52,174} (b. Jan. 1848⁵² or Feb. 17, 1848¹⁷⁴, d. March 3, 1931¹⁷⁴) and Anna^{52,174} M.⁵² Friedline^{52,174} (b. Dec. 1851⁵²). The family of Charles and Mary Ann was as follows:

Minerva Ellen Shoemaker^{§ 180}, born March 15, 1900 ^{91,113a},
Elvin^{113a} or Elven^{113a} Clarence^{113a} Martz^{113a}, b. April 10^{113a} or 19 ¹⁷⁴, 1907 ^{113a,174} d. April 5,
1931 ^{113a,174},
Sylvester Edward Martz, b. Sept. 11, 1909 ^{113a,433} **, d. May, 1980⁴³³,
Russell Washington Martz, b. Feb. 21, 1915 ^{113a} or sometime in 1916 ¹⁷⁴.

* Mary Ann Dietle’s birth date is incorrectly given as 1881 in Ref. 52.

† The ancestry of Charles Henry Martz can be traced in Ref. 52, 62, 91,113a,174, 248, 262, and 279.

§ The **Rembold Family Record** identifies this child as Minerva Shoemaker Martz. Minerva’s daughter Vivian states that Minerva did not take the Martz name, and used Shoemaker until the time of her marriage¹⁸⁰.

** Ref. 174 indicates that Sylvester was born in 1910, but we believe this to be wrong based upon the information found in Ref. 113a and 433.

The 1910 census ¹¹⁷ shows Charles and Mary Ann living as husband and wife in a rented house in South Summit Twp., Somerset County along with sons Elven C. Martz and Sylvester E. Martz. This census (incorrectly, we believe) gives an age of 29 for Charles and Mary Ann, and states that Mary Ann is the mother of two children, both still living ¹¹⁷. Charles' occupation is given as coal miner, and Charles and Mary Ann had been married 3 years at the time of the census ¹¹⁷. In her father's obituary in 1918, Annie's residence was given as Meyersdale²⁶³.



Charles Henry Martz

The 1920 census ¹¹⁸ shows Charles and Mary Ann living as husband and wife in Summit Twp., Somerset County along with 3 sons, ages 13, 11 and 5. The name of the 13 year old son is very difficult to read, but *may* possibly read Melvin C. The name of the 11 year old is given as Lester E., and the name of the 5 year old is given as Russell W.. Vivian Timblin has confirmed that the sons were named Elvin, not Melvin, and Sylvester, not Lester¹⁸⁰.



Elvin & Sylvester Martz

Minerva Ellen Shoemaker, daughter of Mary Ann (Deitle) Martz, was first married to John William McKenzie ¹⁸⁰. John was called into the armed forces during WW-I, but the armistice was signed before he was shipped overseas¹⁸⁰. John died in the influenza epidemic of 1918, and was buried in the Greenville Union Cemetary^{180,264*}. John and Minerva had a daughter Vivian who was born April 5, 1917 in MD; this was the only child Minerva Ellen ever had¹⁸⁰. Minerva Ellen and John William were living an apartment on Maple Street in Frostburg, MD when Vivian was born¹⁸⁰. John William died at the home of Minerva Ellen's Grandfather Nicholas Dietle, and his obituary was carried on the same

* Ref. 57 lists John E. McKenzie, b. 1900, d. 1918, as buried at the Greenville union Cemetery. The middle initial "E" would seem to be a misprint, but we haven't seen the tombstone to verify what is recorded on it.

page of the Meyersdale Republican as Nicholas's²⁶⁴. His name was given as "William" in his obituary²⁶⁴.



John McKenzie & Ellen Shoemaker

Some records give the name of Minerva Ellen as Minerva, while others give it as "Ellen". Minerva's daughter Vivian tells us that Minerva was her mother's first name and Ellen was her middle name, but she preferred Ellen over Minerva, and used it as her name¹⁸⁰. Ardeth (Deitle) Gurnik recalls her as "Aunt Ellen"¹²⁷. Ellen is buried in Akron¹⁸⁰.

Ellen's second husband was Jack Bealer¹⁸⁰. They lived in Akron, OH¹²⁷. This is who Mary (Rembold) Deitle, widow of Nicholas Deitle, lived with in Akron¹²⁷. It appears the Bealers always had the welcome mat out for their extended Deitle family in OH, as many individuals and families stayed in their home over the years¹⁸⁰. From this I infer that it must have been a very close-knit and caring extended family¹⁸⁰.

Vivian, daughter of Minerva Ellen Shoemaker and John William McKenzie, was married to Russell Timblin of Revenna, Ohio¹⁸⁰. Vivian reports (1994) that they have been or were married for 53 years¹⁸⁰. (My notes unfortunately do not indicate whether or not Russell was alive at the time of the interview with Vivian in 1994.) Russell was the son of James F. and Iva Timblin¹⁸⁰.

Vivian was left in PA with Herman and Minnie Deitle, and their daughters Mary Ann and Ida until she was 6 years old¹⁸⁰. At that time her mother sent for her to come to Akron to live and start school, and also sent for Nicholas's widow Mary (Rembold) Deitle, who spent the rest of her life living with the Bealer family¹⁸⁰. Each summer (until well into her high-school years) Vivian and her Great-Grandmother Mary went back to Herman and Minnie's farm to spend the summer, where they would stay until school started¹⁸⁰. Vivian referred to Herman and Minnie as "Uncle Herman" and "Aunt Minnie"¹⁸⁰.

Vivian recalled that the Herman Deitle house was set up as a double house for two families¹⁸⁰. At one time Herman's daughter Mary Ann and her husband Godfrey Merrbach lived in one half, and Herman and Minnie lived in the other^{180*}. When Mary Ann and Godfrey moved to Salisbury, Ida and her husband Frank Clark moved in to the house¹⁸⁰.

* Godfrey's daughter Margaret (Merrbach) Knecht recalls that Mary (Rembold) Deitle stayed with Godfrey and Mary Merrbach in the summer. She also recalls that Mary (Rembold) Deitle never washed her hair, but instead brushed it with Wild Root Lotion, which kept it shiny, and kept her hair and scalp clean²¹¹.

Vivian was very close to her Great-Grandmother Mary Deitle, and recalls her in glowing terms, referring to her as “Grandma”¹⁸⁰. When asked about Mary’s personality, she said simply “Mary was the most wonderful person in the world”¹⁸⁰. Vivian felt she could talk and confide with her more easily than with her mother, and called her “her benefactor”¹⁸⁰. After becoming old enough to drive, Vivian took her Great-Grandmother to church every Sunday, and reports that she really knew her Bible¹⁸⁰. George and Clara Deitle also had taken her to church regularly; the church attended was the East Market Street Reformed Church¹⁸⁰.

One story Vivian recited from her childhood is from when her and her Great-Grandmother were staying at Herman’s farm for the summer¹⁸⁰. Frank, Edna and her used to play in the barn when they were children. One day they were climbing up on a beam and jumping down into the hay. This fun ended when Vivian sprained her ankle. Edna told her that Grandma (Mary (Rembold) Deitle) would be mad at her for hurting herself, and Vivian was afraid Edna might be right. She was hoping to avoid Grandma’s attention, and was scooting along on the sidewalk toward the house when Grandma spotted her, and asked her why she didn’t get up and walk. Fortunately, Grandma didn’t seem to catch on that she had hurt herself. Vivian managed to avoid further attention from Grandma, to her relief, and managed to hobble in through the screen door and find a place to sit and take it easy. Later, when Grandma did find out that she had hurt her leg, she teased Vivian that she had to get better before school started, or Grandma wouldn’t take her back to Akron.

When I interviewed Vivian in early 1994, she was living in Ft. Meade FL¹²⁷, but had plans to go back to Ohio in the spring to stay with one of her daughters¹⁸⁰. In the 1994 telephone interview, Vivian was vigorous, intelligent, kind, and very full of life and warmth. Her current (1994) hobby is dolls¹⁸⁰. She does (1994) volunteer work at a hospital in FL 2 days a week, and also does volunteer work with the church¹⁸⁰. Back in OH she was the correspondence secretary for the Coventry chapter of the American Association of Retired People for 9 years¹⁸⁰. She also worked 3 years with auto and driver’s license registration¹⁸⁰. Russell and Vivian have 3 children as follows:

Patricia Timblin, b. March 29, 1937¹⁸⁰,
Ronald Timblin¹⁸⁰, b. Dec. 11^{180,457,458}, 1938¹⁸⁰, and
Jacqueline “Jackie” Timblin¹⁸⁰, b. Oct. 18, 1946^{180,458}.

Patricia Timblin, daughter of Russell and Vivian Timblin, married Doran Young¹⁸⁰. They have since divorced, and Patricia has taken back her maiden name¹⁸⁰, and is (1996) living in Akron⁴⁵⁸. Patricia is (1996) the owner of West Staff Services, which is a Temporary Employment agency⁴⁷¹. She reported that when her children were younger they were involved in a lot of sports and would go to a Cleveland football game at the drop of a pin⁴⁷¹. Patricia’s father got her involved in Rainbow and her daughter was involved also⁴⁷¹. She says her boys belong to the Masonic lodge⁴⁷¹. Patricia remembered the Deitles getting together on Saturday night to play cards, and she mentioned Thelma, Walt and Minnie⁴⁷¹. She said they were an active bunch of people⁴⁷¹. Patricia’s dad drove truck long distance, then later just in Ohio⁴⁷¹. Her Dad’s people are from Somerset Co. PA also⁴⁷¹. Patricia has the following children:

John Young¹⁸⁰, b. October 16, 1956⁴⁵⁷,
Gregory Young¹⁸⁰, b. June 8, 1958⁴⁵⁷,
Vickie¹⁸⁰, b. August 5, 1959⁴⁵⁷,
Doran “Donnie” Stoffer, b. 1961⁴⁵⁷, and
Jeff Stoffer¹⁸⁰, b. Sept. 13 circa 1963⁴⁵⁷.

John Young, son of Patricia Timblin, is married to Kim^{457,471} Knight⁴⁷¹. John is (1996) working for Karter machine⁴⁷¹. John has two sons, Steven Michael who was born Dec. 4 around 1985, and Paul William who was born May 28, 1987⁴⁵⁷.

Gregory Young, son of Patricia Timblin, married Elizabeth “Libbie”, who was born Sept. 24, 1950⁴⁷¹. Libbie has three children; Megan born Feb. 7 circa 1977, Andrea born Sept. 26 circa 1973, and Todd born Oct. 23 circa 1975⁴⁷¹.

Vickie, daughter of Patricia Timblin, is now (1996) living in or near Friendswood, TX⁴⁵⁷. She married Richard Attar¹⁸⁰, and has a son Taylor Amil Attar who was born Sept. 28, 1993 in Houston⁴⁵⁷. Richard Attar was born Sept. 8, 1957⁴⁵⁷.

Doran, son of Patricia Timblin, married Denise who was born Jan 29 1960/ 61⁴⁷¹. Denise has two children: Shawn who was born Aug. 16 and will be 12 in 1996, and Ryan who was born Nov. 29 and will be 14 in 1996⁴⁷¹.

Jeff Stoffer, son of Patricia Timblin, is married to Melissa⁴⁷¹, and has a son Robert Allen Stoffer who was born Feb. 2, 1995⁴⁵⁷.

Ronald Timblin, son of Russell and Vivian Timblin, married Linda Maag¹⁸⁰ and lives in Hilton Head^{457,458}. He presently (1996) has his own carpet business⁴⁵⁷. He also had a carpet business at one time in Kent, Ohio⁴⁵⁷. Ronald has two sons, as follows:

Ronald^{180,458} William⁴⁵⁸ Timblin, Jr.¹⁸⁰, who was born Nov. 1^{457,458} circa 1961/62⁴⁵⁸ and is (1996) married⁴⁵⁷, and

Robert^{180,458} Wayne⁴⁵⁸ who has (1996) a son named Brandon⁴⁵⁸.

Jacqueline “Jackie” Timblin, daughter of Russell and Vivian Timblin, married Frederick “Fred” Knight¹⁸⁰. They are (1994) living in Kingwood, TX¹⁸⁰. Fred works for Bell¹⁸⁰, and will have 28 years in with the company in March of 1996⁴⁵⁸. They have two children, as follows:

Andrew “Andy” Knight¹⁸⁰, b. April 5, 1970⁴⁵⁸, and
Kimberly Knight¹⁸⁰, b. October 31, 1972⁴⁵⁸.

Andrew “Andy” Knight, son of Jackie and Fred Knight, is married to Sandra Cabrera, and has a daughter named Sarah Ashley who was born Dec. 11, 1994⁴⁵⁸.

Kimberly Knight, daughter of Jackie and Fred Knight, graduated from Steven F. Austin University, and is now (1996) a school teacher⁴⁵⁸. While in college, she belonged to two honor societies, and was on the Dean’s List every semester⁴⁵⁸.

Elvin Martz, son of Charles Henry Martz and Mary Ann (Dietle) Martz, never married or had children¹⁸⁰. He was planning to marry, but became ill and died on April 5, 19__¹⁸⁰.

Sylvester Edward Martz, son of Charles Henry Martz and Mary Ann (Dietle) Martz, married Thelma Leona Johnson, who was born Oct. 21, 1917^{113a}. They had a daughter named Marylou Martz who was born March 17, 1934^{113a}. Vivian Timblin believes they also had a son¹⁸⁰. Social Security records show that Sylvester died in May 1980, and his last place of residence was Berlin, PA 15530⁴³³. His Social Security card was issued in PA⁴³³.

Marylou Martz, daughter of Sylvester Edward Martz and Thelma Leona (Johnson) Martz, married _____ Merdgers^{113a}. She is said to be living in Missouri or Minnesota in 1994, and it is believed she moved out there because that is where her husband’s farm was¹⁸⁰. It has been reported that Marylou was in the Navy in WW-II, and that her husband had also been in the service. Marylou and her husband had the following children^{113a}:

Andrew Merdgers,
Edward Wayne Merdgers,
Susan Merdgers,
Alysann Norma Merdgers,
Deborah Fayo Merdgers,
Sharon Elaine Merdgers, and

Paul Stephen Merdgers.

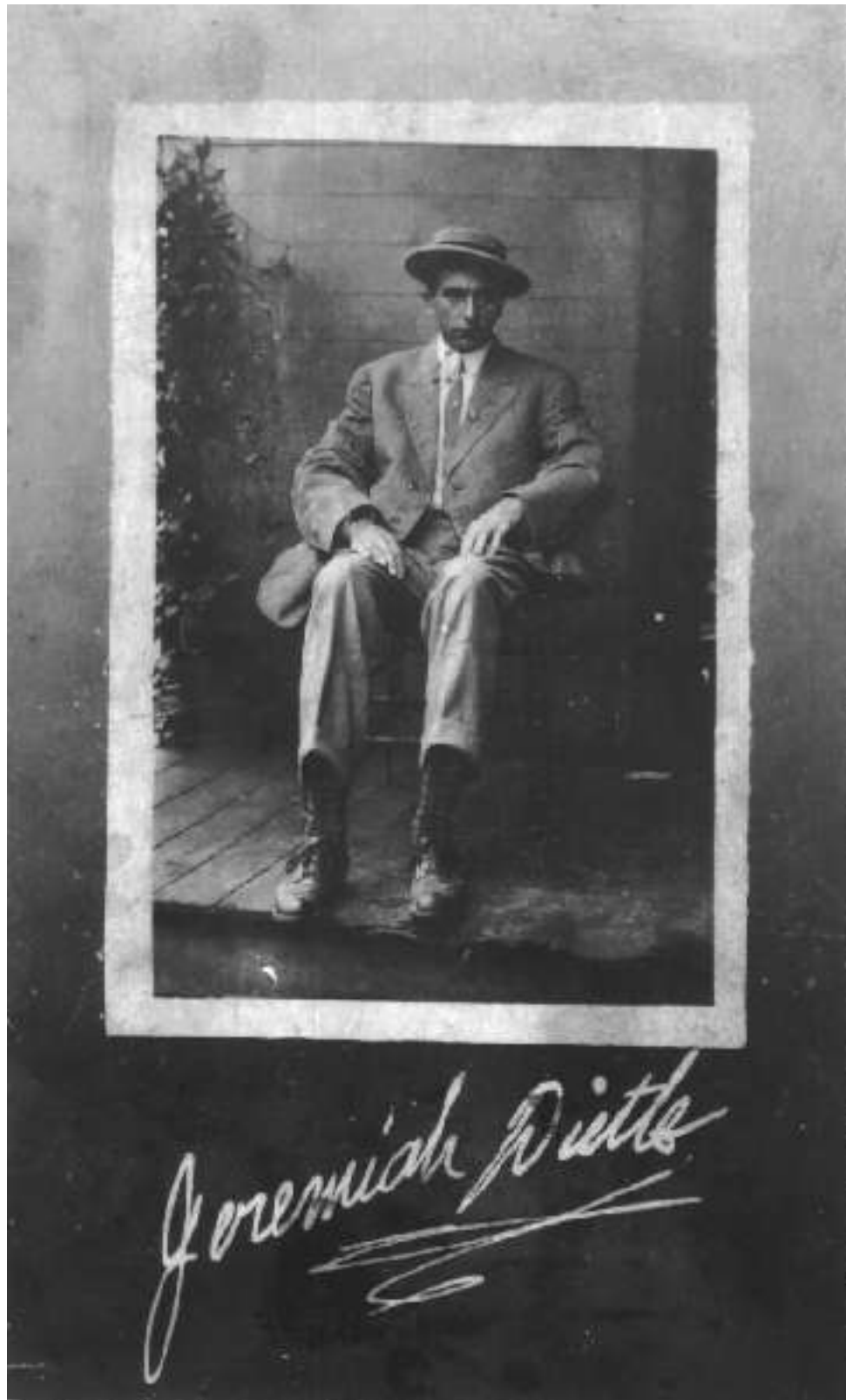
Russell Martz, son of Charles Henry Martz and Mary Ann (Dietle) Martz, married Mary _____¹⁸⁰. Vivian Timblin recalls Russell as “Russ”¹⁸⁰. Russ and Mary operated a gift and card shop in the town of Somerset, PA¹⁸⁰. Mary had worked at the shop as an employee while Russell was in the service, and when he came home from the war they arranged to take over the business from the previous owner¹⁸⁰. Russ participated in World War II as a Cpl. in an Amphibious Tractor Battalion, and was engaged with the enemy on Saipan and Okinawa³⁴⁴. He was also in the Philippines, but the news article we have access to doesn’t make it clear if he was involved with the fighting there³⁴⁴. After Okinawa, he was sent to Lucone Island, and after that was on a ship which was close by the battleship Missouri when the Japanese signed the unconditional surrender³⁴⁴.



Sarah and Jeremiah Deitle

Jeremiah Deitle

We know very little about the life of Nicholas and Mary Deitle's son Jeremiah Deitle. He was born Aug. 20, 1881^{113a} and died in 1939^{113a,315}. In his father's obituary in 1918, his address was given as Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio²⁶³. In his mother's obituary in June, 1939, he was said to be very ill at his home in Wadsworth, Ohio⁷⁶. He married Sarah^{91,180,315} Eva³¹⁵ Lowry⁹¹, who was born in 1887 and died in 1971³¹⁵. They are buried side by side in the Greenville Union Cemetery and share the same headstone³¹⁵. Ardeth (Deitle) Gurnik reports that Jeremiah lived on a small farm in Wadsworth, and never had any children¹²⁷. Wadsworth is west of Akron where state highway 57 crosses interstate highway 76. Vivian Timblin knew Jeremiah as "Jerry", and recalls that he farmed on a rented farm in Western Star, Ohio¹⁸⁰.





Jeremiah Deitle