

Descendants of Henry E T Bratz

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1. **HENRY E T¹ BRATZ** was born on 9 March 1810 in Germany. He died on 2 November 1872 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He married **JOHANNE WILHELMINA LOUISE NEUMAN** in 1842 in Germany, daughter of David Neuman and Louise (Unk). She was born on 11 May 1819 in Brallentin, Pyritz, Pomerania, Germany. She died on 14 December 1903 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Henry E T Bratz:

Henry and Wilhelmina immigrated in 1858 with their five children, and claimed their homestead in Hamburg, Town of Berlin, Marathon County, Wisconsin. They had been "coaxed" to come to America by Wilhelmina's brother-in-law, Henry Beilke who had come to the Town of Berlin the previous year.

Germans began immigrating to Wisconsin and to Wausau in the middle 1800's so their sons would not have to serve in the German armies in those troubled years. The oldest real farm settlements were made by German farmers in the Town of Berlin area in 1856 and 1857. The men who went into the Town of Berlin, which then included Hamburg and part of Maine, came for the sole purpose of farming, intending to make a living thereby. They all had families when they came and it is learned that few, if any, ever emigrated there from.

The fathers or heads of the families usually stayed on the land, clearing and planting, and sent their sons to work out in the woods. With the money they earned, they would improve their buildings and holdings. In the first ten years after settling in the Town of Berlin there were a good number of farms growing in population, resulting in a faster growing township than any other one. Farmers felt they could not afford to pay the high price for horses and because horses were more expensive than oxen to keep, the ox team was used most everywhere.

The first farmer immigrants coming to Marathon County seemed to have been the William Thiele family. Thiele, with his wife and grown son, came in 1856. Four Barteld brothers: John, David, Gottlieb, and Frank, along with a relative by the name of Riemer all took land near Taegesville (then part of the Town of Berlin). The Carl Fehlhaber family came from Prosekell in the province of Posen, Germany, also in 1856. The family consisted of his wife, Ernestine, four sons: William, August, Herman, and Carl along with two daughters, one being Emelia, who later married Ludwig Zamzow. The immigration to this area had begun.

August W. Schmidt's family also arrived in 1857; however, he located here in the fall of 1856 on the 200 acres of land directly south of the church in Naugart. He bought this land from the government by a United States land warrant. In 1855, the territory had been surveyed. An old logging road led to approximately where Brokaw Corners are now and from there a trail followed the section lines, all of which had been staked during the survey. August Schmidt had left his family in Adams County for the winter months. He and a friend went to the Town of Berlin, built a log shack on the 200 acres, and later put up a log barn. Members of Mr. August W. Schmidt's family who followed him the next spring (1858) were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Schmidt, his brother, Frederick, and his sister, Ernestina.

August W. Schmidt was married in 1858 to Miss Charlotte Neumann, the sister of Mrs. Henry Beilke (Augusta Neumann) who came to the Town of Berlin in 1857, and to Mesdames Henry Braatz (Johanne Neumann), David Schoeneberg (Louisa Neumann), and Carl Schuster (Carolina Neumann).

Children born to the Schmidts included one daughter, Mrs. William Schoeneberg, and four sons, Robert, Albert, William, and Fred. The early log house was replaced with a more "modern" log dwelling. Mr. Schmidt was the Town of Berlin Clerk in the early days. When the county adopted the commission form of government, he was elected a commissioner, and when the county returned to the supervisor form of government, he was elected chairman of the township, serving for many years. In 1878 he was elected register of deeds and the family moved from the Town of Berlin to the city of Wausau. Schmidt also became a director of the German American Bank of Wausau.

In 1858 the family of Carl Schuster arrived from their home at Fuerstencse bei Doerlitz, Pommerania, Germany, to Wisconsin after being coaxed by Carl's brother-in-law, Henry Beilke who had come to the Town of Berlin the previous year. Germany offered them little opportunity - but their new home was equally disappointing. They traveled by train to the City of Berlin, then by team to Wausau. "Footmobile" was mode of transportation through the dense forest from Wausau

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to the Town of Berlin. The Schusters had five children. When they came they had August, then ten years old; William F., three years old; and a sister still younger, who had to be carried all the way by Carl. Little William F., although only three years old, tramped most of the distance, and was carried only when he became very tired.

Henry Braatz, who had operated a cereal mill in Germany, and David Schoeneberg, who had been a herder of sheep, and both of whom were brothers-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beilke also accompanied them. Mr. Beilke, before coming to America, had been a builder of stone roads. All four families stayed together in Beilke's small log house, until the Schuster, Braatz, and Schoeneberg families could erect log homes of their own.

Naugart, Wisconsin was named after the city of Naugardt in Pomerania, Germany. The post office at Naugart was established on October 18, 1866, with August Schmidt as postmaster. The office was located in his home one-fourth mile south of the Naugart settlement. Mail was carried on horse back from Wausau by Henry Bratz once a week. There was no such a thing as home deliveries, so all patrons for miles around would call for their mail at the Schmidt home.

Henry Bratz was elected Chairman of the Town Board the fourth day of April 1865 and resigned April 13th. Ferdinand Erhard accepted the appointment to fill the vacancy of the Board as Chairman.

Notes for Johanne Wilhelmina Louise Neuman:

After Henry's death in 1872, Wilhelmina moved to Wausau in 1883 to stay at the home of her son, Robert A. Bratz. She died at his home and the funeral services were conducted at his home by the Rev. F. Schaer. She is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery lot 12 block 14.

The Wausau Record newspaper recorded her death notice as "Mrs. Wilhelmina Braatz aged 84 years, died at the home of her son, Robert A. Braatz at 609 First Street, yesterday morning. Her principle ailment was the general debility consequent upon extreme age. The funeral will be held from the home at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Rev. R. Schaer officiating. Mrs. Braatz was born near Stargaird, province of Pomeraine, Germany, May 11, 1819. She came to this country in 1857 and with her husband settled on a farm in the town of Berlin. Mr. Braatz died in 1872 and in 1883 Mrs. Braatz moved to this city. She is survived by five children -- Mrs. Amelia Miller, Mrs. Matilda Kickbush and August and Robert A. Braatz of this city, and Gust. Braatz, of Merrill. The deceased was a most excellent woman and was held in high regard by all. Her death closed a busy and fruitful life."

Another newspaper article reported (translated from German): "Mother Braatz, Mrs. Johanne Braatz, nee Neumann, was born May 11, 1819 in Brallentin near Pyritz, Germany. She was a widow since 1892. She died December 14th and was laid to rest today. The deceased left Germany in the year 1858 with her husband and some of her children. She resided in Marathon County in 1858. In the thickness of the wilderness at that time they cleared a piece of land and became neighbors of the other pioneers. This was the beginning for the success of the county.

Unfortunately death robbed her of husband 41 years ago. It made her life even darker in the dark woods. Thank God in those days she saw not only the grave but also the open heaven. From there she obtained her energy to carry her cross so she never gave up hope. The children grew to the joy of their mother and competed with each other to return to their mother the love they had received. In the house of her youngest son, Mr. Robert Braatz and his son-in-law Mr. F. W. Kickbusch, she spent the last 20 years. The last years her life sounded like a song no one tires of hearing. In her silent corner present and past flowed together and became one. In her future, she saw Jesus Christ whom she loved very much. When her final hour came, she went quietly without pain into the arms of her Savior who had never left or forgotten her. Mother Braatz is dead but she lives because whosoever believes the word of God shall live ever though they may die. Three sons and two daughters, a son-in-law, a number of grand children and three sisters may rejoice at the fact that through death we live."

Henry E T Bratz and Johanne Wilhelmina Louise Neuman had the following children:

- i. AMELIA FLORENTINE² BRATZ was born about 1842 in Germany. She died on Unknown date. She married CHRISTIAN MUELLER on 25 August 1863 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He was born about 1840 in Prussia, Germany.

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Notes for Amelia Florentine Bratz:

Died early in life.

2. ii. MATHILDA ELVINE BRATZ was born on 8 November 1843 in Germany. She died on 8 November 1912 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She married JOHANN FREDERICK WILHELM KICKBUSCH on 29 October 1864 in Berlin, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA, son of Martin Friedrich Kickbusch and Catherine (Unk). He was born on 25 January 1841 in Colberg, Pommerania, Prussia, Germany. He died on 20 November 1907 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.
3. iii. AUGUST BRATZ was born on 16 December 1845 in Germany. He died before 1917. He married MARY JACOBI on 22 July 1870 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA, daughter of Ferdinand Jacobi and Louise (Unk). She was born on 22 May 1845 in Germany. She died on 20 May 1917 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.
4. iv. GUSTAV ADOLPH BRATZ was born on 6 August 1852 in Pomerania, Germany. He died on 1 April 1937 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He married HENRIETTE JACOBI on 29 March 1874 in Maine, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA, daughter of Ferdinand Jacobi and Louise (Unk). She was born on 21 February 1853 in Germany. She died on 10 December 1919 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.
 - v. THERSIA BRATZ was born on 24 November 1854 in Germany. She died on 8 March 1885.
5. vi. ROBERT ALBERT BRATZ was born about 1859 in Berlin, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died in 1927. He married FRIEDRICKE ANNA EMILIE MARQUARDT on 21 June 1885 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She was born about 1858. She died in 1941.

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2. **MATHILDA ELVINE² BRATZ** (Henry E T¹) was born on 8 November 1843 in Germany. She died on 8 November 1912 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She married **JOHANN FREDERICK WILHELM KICKBUSCH** on 29 October 1864 in Berlin, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA, son of Martin Friedrich Kickbusch and Catherine (Unk). He was born on 25 January 1841 in Colberg, Pommerania, Prussia, Germany. He died on 20 November 1907 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Mathilda Elvine Bratz:

Mathilda immigrated at the age of 14 with her family.

She was married by A. F. H. Gebhard, Minister of Gospel. The wedding was witnessed by A. Kickbusch and R. G. Plumer.

She and her husband, Frederick, resided at 216 Grand Avenue in Wausau, Wisconsin. She died in Wausau and was buried there in Pine Grove Cemetery. She was survived by four children and seven grandchildren. She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. She lived in Wausau since her marriage and died at her home following an illness of thirteen years with paralysis, the last stroke occurring three weeks before her death.

Notes for Johann Frederick Wilhelm Kickbusch:

Frederick immigrated about 1861. He was a pioneer merchant in Wausau, Wisconsin, having started in the lumber and manufacturing business. From 1877 to 1879 he was a member of the State Assembly of Wisconsin, having been elected on the Greenback Party ticket. He also was Ambassador to Germany. Frederick resided at 216 Grand Ave, Wausau.

Johann Frederick Wilhelm Kickbusch and Mathilda Elvine Bratz had the following children:

- i. EMMA³ KICKBUSCH was born on 16 November 1867 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on Unknown date. She married C H WEGNER about 1887. He was born about 1865. He died on Unknown date.
- ii. MATHILDA KICKBUSCH was born about 1872 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on Unknown date. She married (UNK) PAFF about 1892. He was born about 1870. He died on Unknown date.

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Notes for Mathilda Kickbusch:

Mathilda lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

- iii. JOHANN FREDERICK WILHELM KICKBUSCH was born on 25 July 1875 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died before 1970.

Notes for Johann Frederick Wilhelm Kickbusch:

Frederick lived in Oakland, California.

- iv. PAULINA KICKBUSCH was born about 1877 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died before 1968. She married BERT SCHWANBERG about 1897. He was born about 1870. He died on Unknown date.

3. **AUGUST² BRATZ** (Henry E T¹) was born on 16 December 1845 in Germany. He died before 1917. He married **MARY JACOBI** on 22 July 1870 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA, daughter of Ferdinand Jacobi and Louise (Unk). She was born on 22 May 1845 in Germany. She died on 20 May 1917 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Mary Jacobi:

Mary was about 26 years old when she immigrated with her parents and sisters. She died Sunday 20 May 1917 in Wausau, Wisconsin, and was buried there in Pine Grove cemetery, Wednesday 23 May. She died of paralysis and was survived by her two sisters, Mrs. Gustav Bratz and Mrs. Henry Keinbaum of Merrill, her seven sons and her three daughters. She died at the home of her oldest daughter, Mrs. Otto Mathie. Services were at the Otto Mathie home, Rev. E. C. Grauer, officiating.

August Bratz and Mary Jacobi had the following children:

- i. EDWARD³ BRATZ was born about 1871 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died on Unknown date.
- ii. OTTO BRATZ was born about 1872 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died on Unknown date.
- iii. AUGUST ALBERT BRATZ was born on 11 December 1873 in Maine, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died on Unknown date.

Notes for August Albert Bratz:

Albert lived in Canada.

6. iv. EMMA E F BRATZ was born on 26 May 1876 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on Unknown date. She married OTTO MATHIE on 9 October 1895 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He was born about 1873. He died before 1965.
- v. EMIL F BRATZ was born on 15 August 1877 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died on Unknown date.
- vi. ROBERT R BRATZ was born on 20 January 1879 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died on Unknown date.

Notes for Robert R Bratz:

Robert lived in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

- vii. MATHILDE L BRATZ was born on 19 March 1880 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on Unknown date. She married WILLIAM ARCHIBALD on 7 August 1907. He was born about 1870. He died on Unknown date.

Notes for Mathilde L Bratz:

Lived in Wausau, Wisconsin.

- viii. ANNA MARIA LOUISE BRATZ was born on 23 June 1881 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 4 September 1881 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.

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- ix. EMALINA A BRATZ was born on 5 May 1883 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on Unknown date. She married ARNOLD G MEINER on 14 February 1905. He was born about 1870. He died on Unknown date.

Notes for Emalina A Bratz:

Lived in Appleton, Wisconsin.

- x. FREDERICK W BRATZ was born on 23 October 1884 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died on Unknown date.

Notes for Frederick W Bratz:

Frederick lived in Stone Lake, South Dakota.

- xi. META BERTHA BRATZ was born on 1 September 1886 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 16 September 1886 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.

- xii. WILLIAM RUDOLP FERDINAND BRATZ was born on 16 March 1889 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 16 August 1922.

Notes for William Rudolph Ferdinand Bratz:

William lived in Stone Lake, South Dakota.

4. **GUSTAV ADOLPH² BRATZ** (Henry E T¹) was born on 6 August 1852 in Pomerania, Germany. He died on 1 April 1937 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He married **HENRIETTE JACOBI** on 29 March 1874 in Maine, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA, daughter of Ferdinand Jacobi and Louise (Unk). She was born on 21 February 1853 in Germany. She died on 10 December 1919 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Gustav Adolph Bratz:

Gustav came to Marathon County, Wisconsin, at the age of 4 with his family in 1857 to claim their homestead. They settled in Hamburg, about 10 miles north of Wausau.

Gustav Adolph Bratz married Henriette Jacobi Sunday 29 March 1874 in Hamburg (Town of Maine), Wisconsin, when he was 21 years old. August Jahns and Freidrich Kickbush were their witnesses at the marriage conducted by Fr. G. Reinicke, of Wausau.

Gustav and Henrietta began their family with their first six children being born in Hamburg. They then moved to "homestead" the farm on what became the city golf course and Riverside Park just on the edge of Merrill. Their final four children were born in Merrill. Later they moved into Merrill and lived at 101 Park Street.

"A founding father of Merrill, Gustav owned the first ice company in Merrill, did the only street cleaning by running a sprinkling system to keep the dust down on Main Street, owned and operated Riverside Park where he held picnics and dances, sold the park to the city, and it later became the city's only golf course." (From Nina Bratz's letter to the editor of the Merrill, Wisconsin, newspaper.)

"Friday 1 August 1890, George and Eva Strobbridge sold to Gustav and Henrietta Bratz of Merrill the entire Riverside Park area, i.e. Government Lot 3, Township 31N, Range 6 East. The level plain between the Wisconsin River and the hill was an ideal spot for a park and recreation area. It was named Bratz Park.

"Bratz erected a large all-purpose recreational hall with a stage at the east end. Dances were held there regularly with a small admission charge. Bratz's young daughter Tillie (Ottillie who later became Mrs. William Frank Wendt) played the organ. Well known bands in the Wisconsin Valley also played here.

"The rest of the park was free and available for church picnics, school picnics, and other gatherings. Here the Liederkrantz (a men's singing club), Saengerfests (music contests and concerts), public performances and festivals were held. These were similar to those held in Germany. Bratz's granddaughters, the Wendt girls, have told me how this was sort of a mini amusement park.

"The Anfin Chilsens lived directly across the river from the park so it was easy for their sons Walter, Joe, Norman and Harry to row across the river and observe or join in the fun. Dad (Delores Mielke's father) told of one incident which occurred while he was watching a dance from

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the sidelines. A big buxom girl from the district where he taught spied him. "Oh teacher!" she cried, "dance with me!" and oblivious of the fact he did not know how to dance, she spun him out on the floor. He claimed his feet never touched the floor again until the music stopped and he was able to escape.

"Monday 11 June 1894, Bratz sold a portion, one and a half rods [a little over 20 feet] wide, to the City of Merrill, presumably for a roadway, making the park more accessible. A broad winding path was built near the south end of the old iron bridge on Park Street. There were two foot bridges near the east end of the path which often were washed away in the spring floods and have since been removed.

"In the early days groups assembled in Merrill, marched together over the bridge and down the path to the park, sometimes accompanied by bands playing lively tunes. There were several small bands in Merrill at that time. Until recent days St. Johns Lutheran Church had its own band.

"There were stands and booths where food and beer were available. Folks brought their own lunches and there was a bandstand for the band. School picnics continued to be held there for many years, certainly up to the 1930's. Teachers and children marched from the school to the park, ate their lunches and enjoyed games and contests. Report cards were passed out at the end of the picnic, probably to ensure that all had a good time even if they failed the grade.

"Monday 14 September 1903 Mr. Bratz sold the 18.8 acre park to the Merrill Park Board for \$1,600. The City has continued to upgrade the facilities for the present use of the park. The southeast part of the hill has provided much gravel for the streets of Merrill." (From "T. B. Scott Mansion," by Delores Chilsen Mielke, published by the Merrill, Wisconsin, Historical Society, 1989.) Gustav became a naturalized citizen on April 9, 1901.

Henrietta died in 1919 and is buried in Merrill. Gustav moved to Seattle, Washington, to follow Aimee Semple McPherson's evangelistic movement centered on the "Foursquare Gospel," and lived in Monroe, Washington, for a period of time.

A 1931 Merrill newspaper article reported "Early Pioneer Visits Scenes of Childhood; Gustav Bratz, formerly owner of property now known as Riverside Park, here from west." It goes on to report: "Scenes of his childhood days and of his early struggles and triumphs as a pioneer Lincoln county farmer nearly seventy-five years ago were being visited this week by Gustav Bratz, 79 years old, formerly of Merrill, but now of Monroe, Washington, who at present is visiting at the homes of his two daughters, Mrs. A. F. Peterman and Mrs. William Wendt.

"Last Sunday Mrs. Wendt took her father, who arrived here Friday for a visit and to take care of some local business, on a ride out to the family's old homestead, in the Town of Berlin, which his father took up when he was only five years old. He took great interest in the trip and remarked that he noticed many changes in the countryside and Merrill since he was here several years ago.

"Our old farm hasn't changed much, though,' he said as he surveyed the old property. 'The old log cabin is gone, and the well -- great water in that well years ago -- has caved in, but that's our barn still standing.

"We built that barn more than fifty years ago and it seems that it may last for fifty more. It seem to be weather-proof enough and every hand-hewn shingle that we put there is still in place.' Down the road a short distance Mr. Bratz stopped to call on his old neighbor, William Hoeft, who is about his age, and the two had a long talk as they exchanged reminiscences of the now dim past. Sunday morning Mr. Bratz renewed many old friendships when he attended the German services at St. Stephen's church.

"While well known in the Town of Berlin, which was his original home in the New World, Mr. Bratz was particularly prominent in Merrill as an ice dealer and as the owner of the first farm in their immediate vicinity. The farm once occupied the present site of the Merrill Golf course and included the present Riverside Park.

"Though he had stated in letters during the summer that he would make the trip here this fall, his Merrill kinfolk did not expect him until he arrived to surprise them because they felt the three-day trip would be too strenuous for one of his advanced years. Mr. Bratz, a lively sort of a dignified old gentleman in spite of his years, admitted that he was a 'bit tired' after the long journey, but a night's rest restored him completely.

"Mr. Bratz expects to spend four or five weeks in Merrill before departing for home by way of Chicago."

Gustav died in Merrill Thursday 1 April 1937. The Merrill newspaper recorded the following

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"Pioneer Merrill Resident Dies At Daughter's Home. Gustav Bratz Dies Twelve Hours After Suffering Stroke -- Funeral Next Monday. Gustav Bratz, prominent pioneer resident of this community died at 8 p.m. last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. F. Peterman, 100 Park street, twelve hours after he had suffered a stroke of apoplexy. He was 85 years old. A farmer for many years, Mr. Bratz once owned the land that now encompasses Riverside park. He operated it as a public park for a number of years after the turn of the century. The park was later sold to the Merrill Liederkrantz. Subsequently it was purchased by the city and has since been maintained as a park. From the old Bratz plat, the park has been developed into one of the most beautiful natural parks in the state. Mr. Bratz was born in Germany, August 6, 1852, the son of Henry Bratz and Louise Neuman Bratz who immigrated to this country when he was four years old. The family settled in Marathon county from which Gustav moved into the town of Scott, Lincoln county. Even while he was farming, Mr. Bratz branched into business in this city. For several years he operated an ice delivery company. He was married in 1873 in Marathon county to Henrietta Jacoby, who died in 1919. They had ten children, five of whom survive. The children are Mrs. Peterman, Ernest Bratz, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Minnie DeBene, Mrs. Amanda Palm and Mrs. Nina Stift, all of Chicago. Those dead were Mrs. Tillie Wendt, Mrs. Lizzie Edens, Emil, Anna and Lena Bratz. Two brothers and sisters also preceded him in death. Others surviving are 22 grand and 17 great grandchildren. Mr. Bratz was a life long member of St. Stephen's Evangelical church. The funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. next Monday from the A. F. Peterman residence and at 2 p. m. from St. Stephen's church. the Rev. M. M. Schmidt officiating. Services at the home will be private, but friends may call until the time of the funeral." He is buried in the Merrill Cemetery.

Notes for Henriette Jacobi:

Henriette immigrated to America and settled in Marathon County, Wisconsin, in 1871 when she was about 18 years old. Met Gustav on the boat to America.

Her marriage in Hamburg, Town of Maine, Wisconsin to Gustav Bratz was conducted by Fr. G. Teinicke, of Wausau. August Jahns and Frederich were their witnesses at the ceremony.

She died of senile gangrene of both feet.

Gustav Adolph Bratz and Henriette Jacobi had the following children:

7. i. IDA LOUISE THERESE³ BRATZ was born on 31 December 1874 in Berlin, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 6 May 1951 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She married ALBERT FREDERICK PETERMAN on 14 December 1895 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA, son of Frederick Wilhelm Peterman and Johanne Auguste Emilie Zastrow. He was born on 28 December 1873 in Pomerania, Germany. He died on 30 April 1938 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.
- ii. EMIL CARL EDWARD BRATZ was born on 2 March 1876 in Berlin, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 16 April 1878 in Berlin, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Emil Carl Edward Bratz:

Emil died while two years old. He is buried in St. Paul's cemetery, Hamburg, with a common headstone with Anna, Lena, and other "early members of St. Paul's."

8. iii. ERNEST EDGAR JULIUS BRATZ was born on 7 September 1877 in Hamburg, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 8 October 1961 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. He married ANJEANETTE MARGARET YOUNG on 9 November 1901 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA, daughter of Christian Godfrey Young and Emily M Murette. She was born on 28 August 1884 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 11 June 1966 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA.
- iv. ANNA ALWINE WILHELMINE BRATZ was born on 10 March 1879 in Hamburg, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 29 November 1880 in Hamburg, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Anna Alwine Wilhelmine Bratz:

Died before her second birthday and was buried in St. Paul's Church Cemetery, Town Berlin, Naugat Township, Marathon, Wisconsin. Anna now has a

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common headstone with Emil, Lena, and other "early members of St. Paul's."

- v. LENA M M BRATZ was born on 16 April 1880 in Hamburg, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 29 September 1881 in Hamburg, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Lena M M Bratz:

Lena died at the age of one year. She is buried in St. Paul's Church Cemetery, Town Berlin, Naugart Township, Marathon, Wisconsin. (She has a common headstone with Emil, Anna, and other "early members of St. Paul's.")

9. vi. OTTILIE H BRATZ was born on 9 June 1882 in Hamburg, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 29 September 1935 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She married WILLIAM FRANK WENDT on 6 November 1901 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA, son of John Friedrich Wendt and Wilhelmina Spiegelberg. He was born on 19 June 1874 in West Bloomfield, Waushara, Wisconsin. He died in May 1945 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA.
10. vii. AMANDA BRATZ was born on 4 December 1885 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died about 1956 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. She married NICHOLAS PALM on 5 June 1907 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He was born on 17 September 1880 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. He died in August 1962 in Waukegan, Lake, Illinois, USA.
11. viii. ELIZA BERTHA WILHELMINA BRATZ was born on 24 July 1887 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died in 1922 in Vernonia, Columbia, Oregon, USA. She married JOHANN PHILIP EMIL EDENS on 22 November 1906 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA, son of William Edens and Johanna Golback. He was born on 29 April 1884 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa, USA. He died on 29 July 1969 in Hillsboro, Washington, Oregon, USA.
- ix. META BRATZ was born on 5 December 1888 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died in 1968. She married DANIEL DEBENE about 1908. He was born on 9 August 1885. He died on 19 November 1957.

Notes for Meta Bratz:

There are no children. Called Minnie.

- x. NINA MARTHA HENRIETTE BRATZ was born on 18 February 1897 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 19 August 1983 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. She married FREDERICK STIFT about 1918. He was born on 26 September 1892. He died in June 1963 in Illinois, USA.

Notes for Nina Martha Henriette Bratz:

There are no children. Internment in Irving Park Cemetery.

5. **ROBERT ALBERT² BRATZ** (Henry E T¹) was born about 1859 in Berlin, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died in 1927. He married **FRIEDRICKE ANNA EMILIE MARQUARDT** on 21 June 1885 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She was born about 1858. She died in 1941.

Notes for Robert Albert Bratz:

Robert immigrated with his parents at the age of eleven.

Notes for Friedricke Anna Emilie Marquardt:

The daughter of Herman and Maria Kickbusch.

Robert Albert Bratz and Friedricke Anna Emilie Marquardt had the following children:

- i. MINNIE³ BRATZ was born about 1889. She died on Unknown date.
- ii. LINDA BRATZ was born on 12 September 1897. She died on 12 April 1920.

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6. **EMMA E F³ BRATZ** (August², Henry E T¹) was born on 26 May 1876 in Wausau, Marathon,

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Wisconsin, USA. She died on Unknown date. She married **OTTO MATHIE** on 9 October 1895 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He was born about 1873. He died before 1965.

Otto Mathie and Emma E F Bratz had the following children:

- i. **MARGARET M⁴ MATHIE** was born on 1 February 1897 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on Unknown date.
 - ii. **HAROLD O MATHIE** was born on 4 January 1899 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died on Unknown date.
 - iii. **PAULINE MATHIE** was born about 1900. She died on Unknown date.
 - iv. **ANNETTE MATHIE** was born about 1904. She died on Unknown date.
 - v. **LIVING MATHIE**.
7. **IDA LOUISE THERESE³ BRATZ** (Gustav Adolph², Henry E T¹) was born on 31 December 1874 in Berlin, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 6 May 1951 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She married **ALBERT FREDERICK PETERMAN** on 14 December 1895 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA, son of Frederick Wilhelm Peterman and Johanne Auguste Emilie Zastrow. He was born on 28 December 1873 in Pomerania, Germany. He died on 30 April 1938 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Ida Louise Therese Bratz:

Ida is said to have been conceived on the boat from Germany to America.

Ida was a devoted worker at St. Stephen's Church, a member of the Mission Circle and the Ladies Aide. She also was a member of Forest Chapter 96 Order of the Eastern Star, a charter member of the Merrill Benevolent Association, the Merrill Woman's Alliance, and other organizations that aimed at progress and philanthropy in the city of Merrill.

Ida died of a stroke Wednesday 16 May 1951 in Merrill and was buried there. Services were from St. Stephen's with Rev. W. W. Vogelmann officiating. She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, Leila, a brother and three sisters. She was survived by three children, Lynda (Mrs. John Singer) of Mosinee, Dr. Mynie of Milwaukee, and Ervin of Merrill, and four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Also surviving are her brother, Earnest Bratz of Seattle, Washington, three sisters, Nina (Mrs. Fred Stiff) of Chicago, Illinois, Minnie (Mrs. Dan DeBene) of Washington, D.C., and Amanda (Mrs. Nick Palm) of Antioch, Illinois.

Notes for Albert Frederick Peterman:

Albert Peterman was born Sunday 28 December 1873 in Pomerania, Germany, the son of Frederick Peterman and Johanna Zastrow. Albert immigrated in 1883, when he was 9 Years old. With his two brothers and one sister, Albert owned and operated the Peterman Brothers department store, the largest in Merrill for many years. The store was founded in 1894 in its present (1991) building. A few years before the department store was opened, his brother, William Sr., operated a grocery store at the present site of Fowler's Drug Store in Merrill. Fire destroyed the grocery store building in 1901.

Albert died of a cerebral hemorrhage Saturday 30 April 1938 in Merrill and was buried there 4 May. He was survived by his wife, Ida, two sons, Dr. M. G. Peterman of Milwaukee and E. A. Peterman of Merrill, his daughter, Miss Linda Peterman, his sister, Mrs. Edward Heldt, and four grandchildren.

Albert Frederick Peterman and Ida Louise Therese Bratz had the following children:

12. i. **MYNIE GUSTAV⁴ PETERMAN** was born on 5 March 1896 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 14 October 1971 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. He married **MILDRED MACKINZIE** on 29 September 1924 in Muscatine, Muscatine, Iowa, USA. She was born on 9 December 1900 in Muscatine, Muscatine, Iowa, USA. She died on 22 December 1973 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.
13. ii. **ERWIN ALFRED PETERMAN** was born on 16 August 1897 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died in December 1966 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He married **SIDONIA FECHTNER** about 1923 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She was

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born on 23 May 1903 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 30 July 1996 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.

- iii. LEILA PETERMAN was born on 30 June 1901 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 7 January 1922 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.
- iv. LYNDA PETERMAN was born on 22 November 1904 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died in April 1966 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She married JOHN SINGER on 20 November 1941. He was born about 1904. He died in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Lynda Peterman:
No children.

8. **ERNEST EDGAR JULIUS³ BRATZ** (Gustav Adolph², Henry E T¹) was born on 7 September 1877 in Hamburg, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 8 October 1961 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. He married **ANJEANETTE MARGARET YOUNG** on 9 November 1901 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA, daughter of Christian Godfrey Young and Emily M Murette. She was born on 28 August 1884 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 11 June 1966 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA.

Notes for Ernest Edgar Julius Bratz:
Buried in Riverton Cemetery, Seattle, Washington.

Notes for Anjeanette Margaret Young:
Known as Nellie. Daughter of Christian Young and Emily Murette. Died of internal bleeding, suffered from breast cancer. Buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, West Seattle, Washington.

Ernest Edgar Julius Bratz and Anjeanette Margaret Young had the following children:

- 14. i. IRENE BEATRICE⁴ BRATZ was born on 27 August 1902 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 4 April 1948 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. She married ABNER LABELLE in July 1924 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. He was born on 26 February 1896 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He died on 27 October 1973 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA.
 - 15. ii. LOUIS EDGAR BRATZ was born on 17 February 1907 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 15 June 1995 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. He married ROSE A ABRAMS on 2 June 1929 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. She was born on 7 July 1909 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. She died on 25 June 1997 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA.
 - 16. iii. GLADYS GRACE BRATZ was born on 27 January 1909 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died in January 2008 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. She married JOHAN HARRY GRANDSTROM on 12 November 1927 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA, son of Otto Granstrom and Maria Elvira Smedlund. He was born on 13 February 1907 in Timra, Vasternorrland Province, Sweden. He died on 18 May 1988 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA.
9. **OTILIE H³ BRATZ** (Gustav Adolph², Henry E T¹) was born on 9 June 1882 in Hamburg, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 29 September 1935 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She married **WILLIAM FRANK WENDT** on 6 November 1901 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA, son of John Friedrich Wendt and Wilhelmina Spiegelberg. He was born on 19 June 1874 in West Bloomfield, Waushara, Wisconsin. He died in May 1945 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Otilie H Bratz:
Otelie was born Thursday 9 June 1881, in Berlin, Wisconsin, the daughter of Gustav and Henrietta Bratz. Tillie Bratz moved with her parents to Merrill when she was one year old.
Otelie died Sunday 29 September 1935, of heart failure after suffering from asthma. Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Merrill, Rev. Walter Sievers, officiating. Her burial was in the Merrill Cemetery.
A Merrill newspaper recorded her death: "Well Known Local Woman Dies; Last Rites

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Wednesday. Mrs. William Wendt is Survived by her husband, seven children and her aged father. The funeral of Mrs. Tillie Bratz Wendt, wife of William Wendt, who passed away in her Riverside avenue home yesterday afternoon, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the St John's Lutheran church, the Rev. Walter Sievers, pastor, officiating. Mrs. Wendt, a sufferer from asthma for many years, was taken seriously ill several days ago when her heart began to fail. She lost strength steadily until yesterday when she began to sink rapidly. She passed away at 4:30 p.m. Born June 9, 1881 in the town of Berlin, Marathon county, the daughter of Gustav Bratz and the late Henrietta Jacobi Bratz, she came to this city with her parents when an infant of one year. She was married to William Wendt on Nov. 6, 1901. Seven children born of the union survive with the husband and father. They are Mrs. Ruth Gehrke, Shawano; Mrs. Lorraine Zastrow, Wausau; Lawrence Wendt, Dorothy Wendt, Mrs. Vera Block, Myron Wendt and Wilma Wendt, all of Merrill. Mrs. Wendt also is survived by her father, four sisters, Mrs. A. F. Peterman, Merrill; Mrs. Nick Palm, Mrs. Dan De Bene and Mrs. Fred Stift, all of Chicago, and her brother, Ernest Bratz, Seattle, Wash. A fifth sister, Mrs. Lizzie Edens, preceded her in death. Mrs. Wendt was a devoted member of St. John's Lutheran church and a prominent member of the congregation's Ladies' Aid society and Mission circle."

Notes for William Frank Wendt:

Wilhelm (William) Frank Wendt came to Merrill, Wisconsin, in 1899. There he met Otellie "Tillie" Bratz. They were married Wednesday 6 November 1901 in Merrill.

"His uncle, John Spiegelberg, built two big houses on the South side of the Wisconsin river opposite the dam and an old Grist Mill on the edge of the dam. The Grist Mill, which later became a creamery, was created in 1878 by Herman Rusch and William F. Spiegelberg, who operated it for one year until it was sold to John Wendt and run by William and Albert Wendt." (From a letter to the editor of the Merrill, Wisconsin news-paper by Nina Bratz Stift, August 1984.)

The grist mill first owned by William F. Spiegelberg. Charles F. Spiegelberg became the owner and the flour-making industry was carried on by Spiegelberg Brothers as the Lincoln County Roller Mills. They sold the mill to John Wendt around 1900, after which it was operated by his sons William and Albert Wendt.

William was president of the Merrill Creamery Company, and J. A. Newell was vice president. Newell was said to be one of the pioneer cheese and butter makers of the county and understood the business in all its phases, while Wendt was said to be a good businessman, making for a successful company. Later they bought the defunct Irma (ten miles north of Merrill), Wisconsin, creamery company, in the hope of development of Lincoln county as dairy center. The Merrill Creamery Company was conducted in the eastern part of the grist mill building, the mill proper having been put out of use by the water power rights having been sold to Lindauer Pulp Manufacturing company in 1916. William Wendt operated the Merrill creamery, while Newell operated the Irma creamery.

One winter day three years after William and Albert sold the milling business, William built a fire in the stove of the creamery and left the building to attend to some other work about his farm. A fire started as a result of an overheated stove pipe, and the grist mill and creamery building was completely destroyed by fire. The loss was estimated at over \$8,000, with only \$2,000 of insurance carried.

Sometime later, while hunting "unprotected game" with Albert, William's dog was in pursuit of a fox when the dog was shot and killed by two young men. The "Wendt boys relieved them of their guns" as evidence that they are the ones that killed William's valuable fox dog. William was arrested and charged with petit larceny of a double barrel breach loading shot gun and a repeating Marlin rifle.

An undated newspaper clipping, from about 1920, reports that William "took his Ford with two passengers over the West Fork Road to Clam Lake last Sunday. The trip was made without mishap, other than the usual inconveniences of the condition of the road one traveled. This is the first time an auto has been taken the full distance on this road and is quite an accomplishment, and any one will agree who has ever been over the road."

Monday 16 February 1925, fourteen passengers and the train crew of the "Heineman," a combination freight and passenger train of the Milwaukee Road, escaped serious injury and possible death when two coaches turned over as the result of the train striking a broken rail. This occurred six miles north of Merrill, on the Gleason line near Otis, near what was more familiarly

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known as "Camp 2." Eleven freight and logging cars, and two passenger cars bringing up the rear, were traveling at a good rate of speed, when the coaches struck a split rail and were thrown off the track onto their right side.

Before the passengers could make their way to the doors, flames from the stoves and lamps ignited surrounding fixtures and spread with threatening rapidity. William Wendt, who was then connected with the Hieb Manufacturing company, was the most seriously injured, with a broken arm and his face badly cut.

In a July 1930 newspaper article it was reported that William, "caretaker at Riverside Park, is doing a good and painstaking job at that popular and shady retreat. One of the most beautiful natural parks, with thickly wooded hillside along the south and the Wisconsin river flowing along the north, with shaded approaches by roadway or path, neatly attended and entirely relieved of litter or obstruction.

The pavilion is ample, the concrete platform for programs or buildings for the accommodation of gatherings. Mr. Wendt in constant attendance, it is always ready for use, and the public will find the attendant on hand and willing to contribute to the assistance and pleasure of the public at all times."

Tillie died in 1935 and in 1942, William Wendt married Amelia Abraham.

William died in May 1945 in Shawano, Wisconsin, at the home of his daughter, Ruth, and was buried in Merrill. William was survived by brothers Albert of Merrill, Otto of Symco, Wisconsin, Fred of New London and Martin of West Bloomfield, and sister Mrs. Anna Braun of Auroraville, Illinois.

William Frank Wendt and Otilie H Bratz had the following children:

17. i. RUTH IDA HULDA⁴ WENDT was born on 28 August 1902 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 24 June 2005 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She married HERMAN ANDREW GEHRKE on 20 October 1928 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA, son of Carl Herman Erdman Gehrke and Mathilde Chaira Grah. He was born on 12 May 1903 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 23 May 1965 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA.
18. ii. LAWRENCE JOHN WENDT was born on 29 June 1904 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 14 October 1988 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He married MARTHA GRAAP on 17 March 1928 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She was born on 16 January 1908 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 14 July 1954 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.
19. iii. LORRAINE WENDT was born on 29 June 1904 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 20 April 1994 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She married LEONARD ZASTROW on 22 June 1929 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He was born on 16 March 1901 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 21 October 1971 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.
- iv. DOROTHY (BELDEN) WENDT was born on 17 June 1906 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 20 January 2002 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Dorothy (Belden) Wendt:

Dorothy Wendt moved from Merrill to Chicago, Illinois, where she worked at Marshall Fields department store. She was adopted by the Henry Belden family while living with them in Chicago. She never married. Dorothy Belden moved back to her hometown, Merrill, after 65 years. Dorothy was active in making quilts since 1930. she also was skilled in cross stitch, needlepoint, needlepainting, trapunto and hemstitching. Her desire for getting the precise colors is evidenced by the fact that she once grew a flower garden for the purpost of color accuracy. She once appliqued a pair of twin bed quilts and sold them to a friend who gave them to Mrs. William Paley who passed on the compliment that they were beautiful. (The Paleys were well known and Mr. Paley owned a major radio station at that time in California. Since moving back to Merrill, she became very active in the Merrill Historical Society and the Wisconsin Quilt History Society. One of her quilts called "Magpie Rose Quilt" which was displayed at the Pabst Mansion in Milwaukee.

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Survivors included three sisters, Ruth Gehrke, Merrill, Vera Block, Merrill, and Wilma Witt, Arizona. Dorothy was preceded in death by a sister, Lorraine Zastrow, and two brothers, Myron and Lawrence Wendt. She was cremated and her ashes buried in the Merrill cemetery.

- v. VERA HELEN WENDT was born on 4 June 1908 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 24 April 2010 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She married PAUL BLOCK on 6 October 1934 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He was born on 11 February 1906 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 29 June 1989 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Vera Helen Wendt:

The record of their wedding reads "against the background of an archway banked with ferns and autumn flowers in the living room of the William Wendt's Riverside Ave. home, Vera Wendt exchanged nuptial vows with Paul Block Saturday evening at eight o'clock, the Rev. W. Sievers officiating. Her sister Dorothy Wendt and cousin Lynda Peterman attended, and Charles Holl, Jr. was the bestman. A reception immediately followed and the couple departed for a wedding trip to the East.

"The couple is well known and popular in Merrill. Paul is employed in Peterman's department store where Vera also held a position until last week. Both are graduates of the local high school and Vera attended Milwaukee State Teachers' College." Paul died Thursday 29 June 1989 in Merrill, and was buried there. There are no children.

The Merrill Courier News, November 8, 2002, reported an interview with Vera: "Merrill Girl Took Chances Over Ice And Under Trains. Vera Block, the daughter of William and Otilie Wendt look a trip back in time, and brought to life the Merrill of her girlhood. The 94-yr-old told how her mother had cautioned her and her siblings, seven in all, not to cross the ice until Thanksgiving Day, The family lived on Riverside Avenue - then Spiegelberg Avenue. The children crossed the dam whenever they could and hoped that Herman Tank, who was in charge of the Public Service dam, wouldn't catch them.

The chilling prospect of falling through the ice was only surpassed by the children's train crossing daredevilry, that of passing under a moving train, albeit. A slow-moving one! What was a student to do?

"You had to get to school on time and if the train was passing you had to get to the other side," said Vera. She shuddered to think what her mother would have done had she known about it. There was a small house, owned by a Mr. Riebe, said Vera, on Park Street by the railroad tracks. Sometimes he would let the children warm their feet there before pressing on to school.

A gristmill had been built in 1879 by Herman Rusch and William Spiegelberg (Vera's grandmother's brother). John Wendt, Vera's grandfather, purchased the mill in 1879. It was run by William and Al Wendt, Vera's uncle. The mill, known as Lincoln County Roller Mills, was located on Spiegelberg Avenue which was later renamed Riverside Avenue, because, as Vera put it, "the ritzy people thought it should be renamed." Vera thinks it should return to its original name. In 1888. Peter Loysen ran the mill. One half of the flourmill became the Merrill Creamery Company.

Vera recalled the electric trolley, one of the first in the U.S., which ran east to west in Merrill. She said that at the end of the line it was necessary for the streetcar operator to get atop it to reverse its direction. As a young woman, Vera's mother Otilie, used it to ride her horse alongside the trolley, and the horse would race it.

When Vera attended high school, the structure had an upstairs and downstairs levels for classrooms. Vera liked gym class or Phy. Ed. Her father remarked to his children that "Nowadays all the kids ride to school, and their first class is gym. You kids got your exercise by walking." Vera got lots of exercise because many a day she left class during lunch hour, ran home and had lunch,

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then hurried back to school. Sometimes lunch would be a nickel's worth of peanut butter, purchased at Warzinski's store on Park Street and put into a wooden "boat," according to Vera and applied to homemade bread.

The attire of that time for Vera was dresses and, in order to keep feet dry during those long treks to school, mid-calf galoshes. A knit sweater and crocheted wool cap helped chills at bay during the long Wisconsin winters.

"I don't believe we ever had less than eight to ten feet of snow during those days," said Vera of the snowstorms.

Vera recalled that her mother in thinking ahead to her own passing, requested not to be taken to the funeral home, then on Main Street, for embalming. That procedure took place in back of the building, by the train tracks. She feared rats might be roaming around that area. Her mother's request was respected and she was instead embalmed in their own home, said Vera.

When Vera had married, her husband Paul sold automobiles, in particular, the Graham Paige. Vera said she walked down what is now County Highway K toward Mosinee, and she would meet him coming toward Merrill. They would then drive back together. Was she afraid to walk alone? No, she said, because the road was being worked on, and there were workers around.

The roads were often mucky and miry and close to impassable at times. In the hot, dry summer, Vera said her Grandfather Bratz watered down the streets to keep the dust down.

Merrill has come a long way since those days. Sometimes it takes someone who's been around for nearly a century of change to make that point."

20. vi. MYRON WENDT was born on 27 April 1911 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 9 December 1992 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He married DOROTHY M FREDERICK on 16 May 1944 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA, daughter of William Frederick and Helena (Unk). She was born on 19 June 1917 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 21 January 1997 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.
21. vii. LIVING WENDT. She married MYRON JOSEPH WITT, son of Louis Witt and Myra Joseph. He was born on 28 June 1911 in Canton, Stark, Ohio, USA. He died on 14 October 1997 in Sun City, Maricopa, Arizona, USA.
10. **AMANDA³ BRATZ** (Gustav Adolph², Henry E T¹) was born on 4 December 1885 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died about 1956 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. She married **NICHOLAS PALM** on 5 June 1907 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He was born on 17 September 1880 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. He died in August 1962 in Waukegan, Lake, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Amanda Bratz:

Buried in Irving Park Cemetery, Chicago.

Notes for Nicholas Palm:

Son of Peter Palm and Sophie Kartanser. Nicholas has two brothers, John who worked for the Soo Line Railroad, and Bill who moved to the west in the early 1950s. Nick was the butcher at Peterman's store and built the cement block house on 1st street in Merrill.

Buried in Irving Park Cemetery, Chicago.

Nicholas Palm and Amanda Bratz had the following children:

- i. EDWARD WILLIAM⁴ PALM was born on 7 April 1908 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died in May 1983 in St Louis, St Louis, Missouri, USA. He married ETHEL CLAER INEA CAROLINE OLSEN on 10 September 1944. She was born on 22 October 1908 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. She died in 1968 in Morton Grove, Cook, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Edward William Palm:

Edward has no children. Lived in Morton Grove, Illinois.

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22. ii. HENRY ROBERT PALM was born on 10 January 1910 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. He died in April 1974 in Ft. Myers, Florida. He married LIVING HETZEL.
23. iii. DOUGLAS FREDERICK PALM was born on 28 March 1920 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 29 February 1996 in North Chicago, Lake, Illinois, USA. He married MARIANNE THERESE SWANSON on 20 October 1951 in Antioch, Lake, Illinois, USA. She was born on 5 October 1922 in Dio, Smaland, Sweden. She died on 28 December 2003 in Vernon Hills, Lake, Illinois, USA.
24. iv. JAMES PETER MAX PALM was born on 16 July 1923 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. He died on 11 March 1976 in Lake Villa, Lake, Illinois, USA. He married ELAINE ELIZABETH JOHNSON on 14 March 1948 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. She was born on 17 December 1928. She died on 11 March 1976 in Lake Villa, Lake, Illinois, USA.
11. **ELIZA BERTHA WILHELMINA³ BRATZ** (Gustav Adolph², Henry E T¹) was born on 24 July 1887 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died in 1922 in Vernonia, Columbia, Oregon, USA. She married **JOHANN PHILIP EMIL EDENS** on 22 November 1906 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA, son of William Edens and Johanna Golback. He was born on 29 April 1884 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa, USA. He died on 29 July 1969 in Hillsboro, Washington, Oregon, USA.

Notes for Eliza Bertha Wilhelmina Bratz:

Her birth registration in Lincoln County records her as Emilie. Known as Lizzie. Confirmed St. Stephen's Church 31 March 1901. Committed Suicide.

Notes for Johann Philip Emil Edens:

Confirmed 8 April 1900, Merrill, Wisconsin (Jan Edens has the original certificate).
Buried in Pioneer Cemetery, Vernonia, Oregon. (SSN 541-05-4519)

Johann Philip Emil Edens and Eliza Bertha Wilhelmina Bratz had the following children:

25. i. EDGAR⁴ EDENS was born on 4 June 1909. He died on 17 March 1990 in Eugene, Lane, Oregon, USA. He married LIVING (UNK).
26. ii. HELEN ORENA ELIZA EDENS was born on 23 May 1911 in Vernonia, Columbia, Oregon, USA. She died on 5 May 1994 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA. She married CHARLES CLIFFORD SNOOK on 20 February 1929 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA, son of Thomas Snook and Lulu Colton. He was born on 2 September 1906 in Irving, Brown, Kansas, USA. He died in 1981 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA.
27. iii. HARVEY JOHN EDENS was born on 28 January 1915 in Vernonia, Columbia, Oregon, USA. He died on 2 July 1998 in Dallas, Polk, Oregon, USA. He married (1) GRACE WOOSTER in 1937 in North Bonneville, Skamania, Washington, USA. She was born on 7 September 1915 in Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho, USA. She died on 25 August 2003 in Placerville, El Dorado, California, USA. He married (2) LIVING (UNK).
28. iv. ELEANOR EDENS was born on 3 March 1919. She died on 4 April 1998 in Milwaukie, Clackamas, Oregon, USA. She married RONALD R LANGNESE about 1940. He was born on 21 May 1917. He died on 30 March 1999.
- v. WILLIAM WILBER EDENS was born on 8 April 1920. He died about 1932.

Notes for William Wilber Edens:

Passed away at the age of 12 (unknown reason).

29. vi. ELMER BAINE EDENS was born on 12 April 1921 in Vernonia, Columbia, Oregon, USA. He died on 14 August 1988 in Albany, Benton, Oregon, USA. He married RUTH ELLEN HEINONEN about 1935. She was born on 20 November 1917 in New York Mills, Otter Tail, Minnesota, USA. She died on 11 March 1999 in Albany, Benton, Oregon, USA.

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12. **MYNIE GUSTAV⁴ PETERMAN** (Ida Louise Therese³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 5 March 1896 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 14 October 1971 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. He married **MILDRED MACKINZIE** on 29 September 1924 in Muscatine, Muscatine, Iowa, USA. She was born on 9 December 1900 in Muscatine, Muscatine, Iowa, USA. She died on 22 December 1973 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Mynie Gustav Peterman:

Myne, a pediatrician, graduated from Washington University in 1920. He was certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, served on the faculty of Marquette University School of Medicine. (Earlier he was on the staffs of the Mayo Foundation and Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.) He was Director of laboratories and research at the Milwaukee Children's Hospital from 1925 to 1933, then head of the pediatric section at the Milwaukee County Hospital, and on the consulting staff of the Columbia Hospital.

Dr. Peterman had also been medical director of the National Children's Rehabilitation Center, and a consultant to the Bureau of Medicine of the Federal Drug Administration.

He was editor of five volumes of the English translation of "Diseases of Children." He introduced new treatment for epilepsy in childhood, a new test for syphilis, and classification for convulsions. Dr. Peterman was listed in Who's Who in the East.

He died Thursday 14 October 1971 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was buried there. Survived by one son, Dr. A. F. Peterman, Reno, Nevada, one daughter, Mrs. F. J. Harris, Brown Deer, Wisconsin, and eight grandchildren. Buried from Weiss Funeral Home, Milwaukee, in Forest Home cemetery.

Notes for Mildred MacKinzie:

Daughter of David Black Mackenzie and Mary Ursula Rohrbach.

Mynie Gustav Peterman and Mildred MacKinzie had the following children:

- i. LIVING PETERMAN. He married LIVING DE WITT.
- ii. LIVING PETERMAN. She married LIVING HARRIS.

13. **ERWIN ALFRED⁴ PETERMAN** (Ida Louise Therese³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 16 August 1897 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died in December 1966 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He married **SIDONIA FECHTNER** about 1923 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She was born on 23 May 1903 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 30 July 1996 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Sidonia Fechtner:

Buried in Merrill Memorial Park. Employed at Estelle's Dress Shop, Merrill. Hobbies were tatting, reading, baking, and playing cards.

Erwin Alfred Peterman and Sidonia Fechtner had the following children:

- i. **PHYLLIS⁵ PETERMAN** was born on 28 August 1929 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died about 1995 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She married **ARLO JIROVEC** about 1953 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. He was born on 29 January 1930 in Brokow, Wisconsin. He died about 1999 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.
- ii. **CAROL JEAN PETERMAN** was born in 1930 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 19 October 1993 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She married LIVING KREIS.

14. **IRENE BEATRICE⁴ BRATZ** (Ernest Edgar Julius³, Gustav Adolph², Henry E T¹) was born on 27 August 1902 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 4 April 1948 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. She married **ABNER LABELLE** in July 1924 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. He was born on 26 February 1896 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He died on 27 October 1973 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA.

Notes for Irene Beatrice Bratz:

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Irene was Validictorian at Sultan High School graduation. Worked as a secretary at Sears. Lived with Frank until Ernest completed a large house in Seattle when she moved back there. Died of ovarian cancer and buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, West Seattle, Washington.

Notes for Abner LaBelle:

Son of Pasquale LaBelle. Buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, West Seattle, Washington.

Abner LaBelle and Irene Beatrice Bratz had the following child:

- i. RICHARD ABNER⁵ LABELLE was born on 6 May 1926 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. He died on 2 September 1986 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. He married (1) LIVING THOMPSON. He married (2) LIVING RICHARDS.

15. **LOUIS EDGAR⁴ BRATZ** (Ernest Edgar Julius³, Gustav Adolph², Henry E T¹) was born on 17 February 1907 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 15 June 1995 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. He married **ROSE A ABRAMS** on 2 June 1929 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. She was born on 7 July 1909 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. She died on 25 June 1997 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA.

Notes for Louis Edgar Bratz:

Louis spent most of his life in Seattle, Washington. He was employed with Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone for many years. He retired December 1971. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was adept at carving and mechanics.

He is survived by his wife, Rose, of Bainbridge Island; a son Louis E. Bratz, Jr. of Anacortes; a daughter, Lyla M. Dolan of Oceanside, Oregon; a sister, Gladys Grandstrom; three grandchildren, Steven, David and Douglas Bratz; and six great-grandchildren, Kellie, Jamie, Kathryn, Joe, Dane and Dylan Bratz.

At his request, no services were held. Memorials were made to Helpline House and the American Heart Association. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bainbridge Island Funeral Home. He was cremated and his ashes scattered at Hurricane Ridge.

Notes for Rose A Abrams:

Cremated and her ashes were scattered at Hurricane Ridge.

Louis Edgar Bratz and Rose A Abrams had the following children:

- i. LIVING BRATZ. He married LIVING MOYER.
- ii. LIVING BRATZ. She married LIVING DOLAN.

16. **GLADYS GRACE⁴ BRATZ** (Ernest Edgar Julius³, Gustav Adolph², Henry E T¹) was born on 27 January 1909 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died in January 2008 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. She married **JOHAN HARRY GRANDSTROM** on 12 November 1927 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA, son of Otto Grandstrom and Maria Elvira Smedlund. He was born on 13 February 1907 in Timra, Vasternorrland Province, Sweden. He died on 18 May 1988 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA.

Notes for Johan Harry Grandstrom:

Son of Otto Grandstrom and Maria Smedlund. He was cremated and his ashes scattered at Lake Washington, south of Mercer Island.

Johan Harry Grandstrom and Gladys Grace Bratz had the following children:

- i. LIVING GRANDSTROM. She married LIVING SMITH.
- ii. LIVING GRANDSTROM. She married KENNETH JEROME MINGO. He was born on 5 September 1929 in Seattle, King, Washington, USA. He died on 5 November 1992 in Bellevue, King, Washington, USA.
- iii. LIVING GRANDSTROM. He married (1) LIVING GERARDEN. He married (2) LIVING BURG, daughter of Nathan Walter Burg and Matilda Georgene Anderson.

17. **RUTH IDA HULDA⁴ WENDT** (Otilie H³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 28

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August 1902 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 24 June 2005 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She married **HERMAN ANDREW GEHRKE** on 20 October 1928 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA, son of Carl Herman Erdman Gehrke and Mathilde Chaira Grahl. He was born on 12 May 1903 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 23 May 1965 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Ruth Ida Hulda Wendt:

Ruth Ida Hulda Wendt was born in and grew up in Merrill, Wisconsin on her father's farm on the banks of the Wisconsin River. This property later became the Riverside Park and Golf Club property of Merrill. She attended the Lutheran Church elementary school in Merrill.

After graduating from Merrill High School in 1920, Ruth worked first in Merrill, then relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In Milwaukee, she worked for Gen. Otto H. Falk, the president of Allis-Chalmers Co, at his house on North Terrace Avenue, then at his house in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Herman Andrew Gehrke and Ruth Wendt were married Saturday 20 October 1928, in Merrill. "Fall flowers and ferns were used to decorate the chancel of St. John's church when Ruth Wendt became the bride of Herman Gehrke, of Shawano. Lohrengin's Wedding march ushered in the bridal party. The maid of honor was Betty Chosa, a friend of the bride from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Bridesmaids were Lorraine Wendt and Esther Gehrke. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The service was performed by Rev. Walter Sievers. A wedding feast was served at the home of the bride's parents. Guests included her grandfather, Gustav Bratz, of Monroe, Washington. The bride has been employed at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, previous to which she was employed at a dental office in Merrill. The bridegroom has a Sheet Metal Works at Shawano. The several week's honeymoon trip was to the south."

Ruth was very active in various organizations. She held various offices in the St. James Lutheran Church's Tabitha Society, and in the Valparaiso University Guild, at both the local and state levels. After Herman's death, Ruth temporarily relocated to Valparaiso, Indiana. There she was the resident "house mother" and director of the dormitory for students at Valparaiso University enrolled in the Deaconess Program. Later she spent several years living her winters in Ft. Myers, Florida, and her summers in Wisconsin. Eventually, she moved back to her hometown of Merrill.

"Ruth Gehrke quietly and peacefully passed away at 102 years of age on Friday, June 24, 2005, at Pine Crest nursing home in Merrill, Wis.

She was born Aug. 28, 1902 in Merrill. Ruth, the firstborn of William and Otilie Wendt, had four sisters and two brothers. Her homestead where she was born still stands at the foot of the Wisconsin River Dam on Riverside Avenue.

Vera Block and Wilma Witt are her surviving sisters. Her brothers, Lawrence and Myron (Mike) Wendt, and her sisters, Lorraine Zastrow and Dorothy Belden preceded her in death.

Ruth married Herman Gehrke at St. John's Church in Merrill on Oct. 20, 1928. They then moved to Shawano and had two sons, William and Robert. After almost 40 years in Shawano and after the death of Herman, she eventually moved back to her hometown of Merrill.

Her two sons; three grandchildren, Diane Schrage, David and Robert Gehrke; and five great grandchildren, Kelsey and Lauren Schrage, Olivia, Paige and Michael Gehrke, also survive her. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, with viewing at 9 a.m., at the Waid Funeral Home, 301 Eagle Drive, Merrill. Internment will be held on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in Woodlawn Shawano City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please send memorials to St. John Lutheran Church, 1104 East 3rd Street, Merrill, Wis. 54452."

Notes for Herman Andrew Gehrke:

Herman Andrew Gehrke was baptized Sunday 7 June 1903, and confirmed Sunday 1 April 1917, both at St. James Lutheran Church, Shawano. He attended St. James Lutheran School and graduated from Shawano High School in 1921.

Herman first worked for Olin and Olin Grocery Store and at the Post Office in Shawano. He then did electrical work in Milwaukee for two years, where he attended the University of Wisconsin Extension Division, studying accounting. For two years following, Herman managed the Gehrke and Grant Sheet Metal Works in Clintonville, Wisconsin. When he returned to Shawano in 1928, he became a partner in the R. F. Gehrke Sheet Metal Company, in charge of the office and shop operations.

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Herman was a member of the National and Wisconsin Sheet Metal Associations, served on the Board for the Valley Council Boy Scouts where he devoted much time and interest, was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the St. James Lutheran Church Finance Committee, Board of Elders, and Men's Club.

While in Milwaukee, Herman met Ruth Wendt through the activities of the Walther League of the Lutheran Church. Herman died Sunday 23 May 1965, and is buried in Shawano. Services were held at St. James Lutheran Church, Rev. D. A. Schnorr, officiating, with his burial at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Herman Andrew Gehrke and Ruth Ida Hulda Wendt had the following children:

- i. LIVING GEHRKE. He married LIVING REEVES.
 - ii. LIVING GEHRKE. He married LIVING HECK, daughter of Alfred Frederick Rudolph Heck and Lillian Rosina Flanagan.
18. **LAWRENCE JOHN⁴ WENDT** (Otilie H³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 29 June 1904 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 14 October 1988 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He married **MARTHA GRAAP** on 17 March 1928 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She was born on 16 January 1908 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 14 July 1954 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Lawrence John Wendt:

"Laurence was a caretaker of a golf course in Zion, Ill, before he retired. He has 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren." (Wausau-Merrill Daily Herald, 30 June 1984, on the occasion of his and Lorraine's 80th birthday.)

Lawrence John Wendt and Martha Graap had the following children:

- i. LIVING WENDT. She married CARL MITTELSTEADT. He was born on 2 January 1923 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 31 March 1998 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.
 - ii. LAWRENCE WILLIAM WENDT was born on 13 December 1929 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 1 June 1990 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He married ROSE KANITZ on 22 May 1950 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She was born on 20 November 1930. She died on 16 January 1985 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.
 - iii. LIVING WENDT. She married LIVING COYER.
 - iv. LIVING WENDT. She married (1) LIVING PARKER. She married (2) EDWARD LIERMANN. He was born on 27 April 1932. He died in June 1990.
19. **LORRAINE⁴ WENDT** (Otilie H³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 29 June 1904 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 20 April 1994 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. She married **LEONARD ZASTROW** on 22 June 1929 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He was born on 16 March 1901 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 21 October 1971 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Lorraine Wendt:

"At the William Wendt estate on Spiegelberg Avenue was the marriage of Lorraine Wendt and Leonard Zastrow. The Rev. Walter Sievers, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, officiated. Attendants were Vera Wendt and Ruth Gehrke, and Ervin Zastrow and Herman Gehrke. The wedding trip was to Chicago and other points.

"Both are well and favorably known in younger circles of the city, the bride having been an operator at the local telephone exchange, and the groom holds a position as salesman for the Studebaker garage."

"Lorraine was the owner and manager of the Wausau Baby Sitters Club, training baby-sitters from the late 1940s to the mid-70s." (Wausau-Merrill Daily Herald) Lorraine died Wednesday 20 April 1994 and was buried Monday 25 April in Wausau.

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Notes for Leonard Zastrow:

Leonard Zastrow was born Saturday 16 March 1901 in Merrill, Wisconsin, the son of Paul Zastrow. He worked as the automobile parts manager for North Central Technical Institute, and as the service manager at Irv Hall Garage for 37 years. Len died Thursday 21 October 1971 in Wausau, Wisconsin. Funeral services were from Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau, the Rev. Dale Hansen officiating. Burial was in Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau. He was survived by his wife, Lorraine, his three daughters, three grandchildren, two brothers, and three sisters.

Leonard Zastrow and Lorraine Wendt had the following children:

- i. LIVING ZASTROW. She married LIVING ZIMMERMAN.
 - ii. MARLENE ZASTROW was born on 5 April 1932 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin, USA. She died in 1980 in Wappingers Falls, Dutchess, New York, USA. She married LIVING TANKING.
 - iii. LIVING ZASTROW. She married LIVING SHAW.
20. **MYRON⁴ WENDT** (Otilie H³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 27 April 1911 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 9 December 1992 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He married **DOROTHY M FREDERICK** on 16 May 1944 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA, daughter of William Frederick and Helena (Unk). She was born on 19 June 1917 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA. She died on 21 January 1997 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA.

Notes for Myron Wendt:

Myron Wendt married Dorothy Frederick Tuesday 16 May 1944 in Shawano, Wisconsin. Dorothy, the daughter of William Frederick and his wife Helena, was born Tuesday 19 June 1917 in Shawano, Wisconsin.

They were married while Mike was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He owned the Merrill Sheet Metal Company until his death. Myron died Wednesday 9 December 1992 in Merrill and was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Shawano, Wisconsin. Dorothy died Tuesday 21 January 1997 in Merrill and was buried Friday 24 January 1997 in Woodlawn Cemetery, Shawano.

Notes for Dorothy M Frederick:

Dorothy is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Myron Wendt and Dorothy M Frederick had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM⁵ WENDT was born about 1946 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA. He died about 1947 in Shawano, Shawano, Wisconsin, USA.
 - ii. LIVING WENDT. He married LIVING MARCKS.
 - iii. LIVING WENDT. She married LIVING BARKER.
21. **LIVING WENDT** (Otilie H³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz). She married **MYRON JOSEPH WITT**, son of Louis Witt and Myra Joseph. He was born on 28 June 1911 in Canton, Stark, Ohio, USA. He died on 14 October 1997 in Sun City, Maricopa, Arizona, USA.

Notes for Myron Joseph Witt:

Graduated from Purdue University; an air conditioning engineer. A Navy veteran of World War II. He was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve at the time of their wedding. Moved to Arizona in 1974 from Dayton, Ohio.

Myron Joseph Witt and Living Wendt had the following children:

- i. LIVING WITT. He married LIVING STADTLER.
- ii. DAVID THOMAS WITT was born on 24 August 1948 in Dayton, Montgomery, Ohio, USA. He died on 15 August 2006 in San Diego, San Diego, California, USA. He married (1) LIVING KESSLER. He married (2) ROSE BASILE.

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22. **HENRY ROBERT⁴ PALM** (Amanda³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 10 January 1910 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. He died in April 1974 in Ft. Myers, Florida. He married **LIVING HETZEL**.

Henry Robert Palm and Living Hetzel had the following child:

- i. **LIVING PALM**. He married (1) **MARY CONNLEY**. She was born on 1 May 1936 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. She died before 1997 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. He married (2) **LIVING MOUTON**.
23. **DOUGLAS FREDERICK⁴ PALM** (Amanda³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 28 March 1920 in Merrill, Lincoln, Wisconsin, USA. He died on 29 February 1996 in North Chicago, Lake, Illinois, USA. He married **MARIANNE THERESE SWANSON** on 20 October 1951 in Antioch, Lake, Illinois, USA. She was born on 5 October 1922 in Dio, Smaland, Sweden. She died on 28 December 2003 in Vernon Hills, Lake, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Douglas Frederick Palm:

Lived in Grays Lake, Illinois.

Douglas Frederick Palm and Marianne Therese Swanson had the following children:

- i. **LIVING PALM**. She married (1) **LIVING RASMUSSEN**. She married (2) **LIVING SAXTON**. She married (3) **LIVING LUCINDO**.
 - ii. **LIVING PALM**. She married (1) **LIVING POLLIT**. She married (2) **LIVING SCROGGIN**.
 - iii. **LIVING PALM**. She married (1) **LIVING WILLIAMSON**. She married (2) **LIVING LUNDEEN**.
24. **JAMES PETER MAX⁴ PALM** (Amanda³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 16 July 1923 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. He died on 11 March 1976 in Lake Villa, Lake, Illinois, USA. He married **ELAINE ELIZABETH JOHNSON** on 14 March 1948 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. She was born on 17 December 1928. She died on 11 March 1976 in Lake Villa, Lake, Illinois, USA.

Notes for James Peter Max Palm:

Lived in Antioch, Illinois.

James Peter Max Palm and Elaine Elizabeth Johnson had the following child:

- i. **LIVING PALM**. He married (1) **LIVING LAWERLOC**. He married (2) **LIVING KYLE**.
25. **EDGAR⁴ EDENS** (Eliza Bertha Wilhelmina³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 4 June 1909. He died on 17 March 1990 in Eugene, Lane, Oregon, USA. He married **LIVING (UNK)**.

Edgar Edens and Living (Unk) had the following child:

- i. **LIVING EDENS**.
26. **HELEN ORENA ELIZA⁴ EDENS** (Eliza Bertha Wilhelmina³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 23 May 1911 in Vernonia, Columbia, Oregon, USA. She died on 5 May 1994 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA. She married **CHARLES CLIFFORD SNOOK** on 20 February 1929 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA, son of Thomas Snook and Lulu Colton. He was born on 2 September 1906 in Irving, Brown, Kansas, USA. He died in 1981 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA.

Charles Clifford Snook and Helen Orena Eliza Edens had the following children:

- i. **THOMAS JOHN⁵ SNOOK** was born on 1 February 1936 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA. He died on 24 September 1938 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA.

Notes for Thomas John Snook:

Died on an operating table. Buried in Lincoln Memorial Park, Portland.

- ii. **LIVING SNOOK**. She married **LIVING LOVING JR**.

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- iii. CHARLES PETER SNOOK was born on 2 January 1940 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA. He died on 3 November 1991 in Milwaukie, Clackamas, Oregon, USA. He married LIVING (UNK).

Notes for Charles Peter Snook:

Son of Jerri Fenley and his father's sister Katy's daughter. Died of inherited emphasema.

- 27. **HARVEY JOHN⁴ EDENS** (Eliza Bertha Wilhelmina³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 28 January 1915 in Vernonia, Columbia, Oregon, USA. He died on 2 July 1998 in Dallas, Polk, Oregon, USA. He married (1) **GRACE WOOSTER** in 1937 in North Bonneville, Skamania, Washington, USA. She was born on 7 September 1915 in Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho, USA. She died on 25 August 2003 in Placerville, El Dorado, California, USA. He married (2) **LIVING (UNK)**.

Harvey John Edens and Grace Wooster had the following children:

- i. LIVING EDENS. He married LIVING ACIN.
- ii. RUTH ANNE EDENS was born on 11 March 1943 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA. She died on 28 April 1995 in Placerville, El Dorado, California, USA. She married LIVING PEOPLES.

Notes for Ruth Anne Edens:

Died of breast cancer (contracted in 1986). Named for Ruth Ransom (grandmother) and Anne Jean Watson (great aunt).

- iii. LIVING EDENS. She met (1) LIVING BRUCE. She married (2) LIVING ESCAMILLA. She met (3) LIVING SHERIDAN.
- iv. LIVING EDENS JR. He married LIVING REES.

- 28. **ELEANOR⁴ EDENS** (Eliza Bertha Wilhelmina³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 3 March 1919. She died on 4 April 1998 in Milwaukie, Clackamas, Oregon, USA. She married **RONALD R LANGNESE** about 1940. He was born on 21 May 1917. He died on 30 March 1999.

Ronald R Langnese and Eleanor Edens had the following children:

- i. LIVING LANGNESE.
- ii. LIVING LANGNESE.
- iii. LIVING LANGNESE.

- 29. **ELMER BAINE⁴ EDENS** (Eliza Bertha Wilhelmina³ Bratz, Gustav Adolph² Bratz, Henry E T¹ Bratz) was born on 12 April 1921 in Vernonia, Columbia, Oregon, USA. He died on 14 August 1988 in Albany, Benton, Oregon, USA. He married **RUTH ELLEN HEINONEN** about 1935. She was born on 20 November 1917 in New York Mills, Otter Tail, Minnesota, USA. She died on 11 March 1999 in Albany, Benton, Oregon, USA.

Notes for Elmer Baine Edens:

Died of pancreatic cancer.

Notes for Ruth Ellen Heinonen:

Died of a heart attack.

Elmer Baine Edens and Ruth Ellen Heinonen had the following children:

- i. LIVING EDENS. She married LIVING ROBERTS.
- ii. LIVING EDENS. She married (1) LIVING FANCHER. She married (2) LIVING HUBLER.
- iii. LIVING EDENS. She married LIVING ROSEBERG.

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iv. LIVING EDENS.

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