

The Peter & Margaret Bishop



Family Tree Book

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Dedication Pages

This book is dedicated to my three sons, Alan, Kyle & Ryan, so that they may pass this information on for generations to come. You are the reason I took on this challenge. I also dedicate this book to my wonderful Father, Vic, and my dear late Mother, Jackie, who unfortunately was unable to see the book completed.

To My Sons

God gave me everything so I could be born.

God gave me everything so I would grow up in a loving home.

God gave me everything so that I could meet and marry a great man.

God gave me everything so that we could have the 3 of you.

God gave you everything so that you could be born.

God gave you everything to grow up healthy and strong.

God gave you everything so that you could grow up in a loving home.

God gave you everything so that you could appreciate his love for you!

God will always be there for you, me and the rest of the world.

Turn to him for guidance, peace and love.

Remember him in all you do and say.

Guide your children and their children to do the same.

I Love You Each Deeply Very Much!

 Mom

To My Mom & Dad

God gave me everything when he gave me the both of You.

Thank you for teaching me about Him.

I couldn't have asked for more dedicated and loving parents.

Mom I miss you more than words can explain.

Nothing will ever replace you but God has helped ease the pain.

Dad you are a wonderful father who worked very hard to raise us all in a beautiful home. I will be forever grateful for your teachings, love and support throughout my life as your daughter.

I love you more than words can say!

Love Forever!

 Kim

I dedicate this book to you
Alan, Kyle & Ryan Tobias



Above photo taken June 10, 2006 at Vic & Jackie Bishop's home before their 50th wedding anniversary party.



The photo above was taken on May 14, 2008. Our sons were pallbearers for a dear lady who helped raise them while I worked outside the home. Barbara Young, (their 2nd Mom) died of brain cancer. Barbara and her husband, Donald, considered Alan, Kyle, and Ryan "The sons they never had". They have 2 daughters. We think Barbara's spirit showed up on Kyle in this picture.



Left:
Alan (5-1/2),
Kyle (4), Ryan (6 months)
December 1987

Right:
Grandpa Vic
and
Grandma
Jackie
visiting for
Alan's 1st
Communion.

Above:
Alan (7-1/2) back,
Kyle (6) right, and
Ryan (2-1/2) front.
December 1989



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Introduction

Hi, my name is Kim (Bishop) Tobias and I lie on the family tree branch of Veitus & Catherine, Peter & Margaret, Alphonse & Mary, and Victor & Jacqueline Bishop. I am Vic & Jackie's oldest daughter, second in line of eight siblings. I live in Dexter, Michigan with my husband Michael Tobias of 32½ years . We have three sons, Alan Michael, Kyle Victor and Ryan Robert Tobias. We also have one granddaughter, Kiersten Faith Tobias and a dog named Jager (Yeager). My husband and I run a business from our home – Michigan Engineering Associates.

When I first started collecting information, I chose to call the book "The Peter and Margaret Bishop Family Tree Book". Then in gathering information, Mom (Jackie Bishop) gave me a book that Veta (Gase) Osborn's husband, Delton Osborn had finished for Veta after her death. The title is "Life is Real" by Veta (Gase) Osborn. Veta is the daughter of Philomena Bishop and Leander Gase. Philomena is a sister to Peter J. Bishop and their parents were Veitus & Catherine Bishop – our greatest known ancestors at this time. Veta's genealogy book was about the Gase family, however, she also included her Mother's immediate family which included our Grandfather Peter J. Bishop and their parents Veitus & Catherine Bishop. The information was another generation back so should I change the book title? The more I thought about it, I thought no, I'll just give credit to Veta for all her wonderful hard work and keep the book title as "The Peter and Margaret Bishop Family Tree Book".

The data and information following in Chapter 1 includes Peter's parents, Veitus & Catherine Bishop along with information and photos of the countries they migrated from. You will also see vital U.S. Census documents I found using Ancestry.com. I enjoyed reading these documents. A good deal of input from Veta's book has been included at the beginning of this book. Her book told stories and provided pictures of Veitus and Catherine's lives in their native country and after their move to the United States. Her information is vital to understanding our family history. It has been typed exactly how it is written by her unless you read items in parentheses . There I have added additional explanations or made comments for the benefit and ease of understanding the relationship chain of people.

Veta started her book with pages of history from our Great, Great Grandfather Veitus Bishop (counting from my generation #5) before continuing on with the Gase Family Genealogy. Credit is given to Veta for each section of information extracted and used from her book. I have also included a tribute to Veta after this Introduction because if it were not for her, we would not have the history of our earlier ancestors.

In Chapter 2 you will find research data I collected on the countries that Veitus and Catherine migrated from when they came to the United States. I have copied (due to lack of time) verbatim from Wikipedia.com the history of the countries from

which our ancestors came. Wikipedia is a free domain website. As you read through the history, you will notice words colored blue throughout the information. These are areas you can acquire additional information on by visiting www.wikipedia.com

The next many chapters show in chronological order Peter & Margaret Bishop and their descendent families. I have listed the family genealogy information in different formats since it was difficult to decide on just one format. Hopefully this will provide a better picture of the family tree branches for you.

Since no information is known prior to Veitus & Catherine at this time, we will count them as Generation #1 and work forward from there until more is known and generation numbers can change. Obviously we know there were generations before them, however, I have no idea how many and who they are in order to start a genealogical diagram (generation line detail report). I need to start with the number one (1) at this time. The report is File 7 on the DVD.

I have tried to proofread the information to the best of my ability, however, if you find any errors in your family section, please #1: Forgive me for making the errors and #2: please send an e-mail to km_tobias@yahoo.com so that I may correct the information for any future book version updates.

Many of you are going to be disappointed. You probably have already noticed on the "Table of Contents" that there are no page numbers listed. I know, who does a book without pages numbers? The reasons are as follows:

1. This is not your ordinary book. It's almost 1000 pages long and actually is over that if you count or plan to print the pages in the other files provided on the DVD.
2. This book for me is still a work in progress. Unfortunately, there is no easy way to add page numbers in PowerPoint (the application used to create the book). There are 988 pages. I would have to add the number one page at a time to all 988 pages. I've run out of time to do this. I need to move on to another project. I also plan to continue to add to this book at a later date, therefore, I won't be adding page numbers until I have completed my research and am done adding pages to my book. Realize this could be never. However, if I am lucky enough to provide updates, the pages will never seem out of order. You'll be able to add them in the recommended section of the book.
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5. You can print all of the book, part of it or none of it. It's totally up to you.

Remember, you only need to print those pages you wish to create for your own personal book. You have the option to skip over our family section when printing to save on your ink if you wish to do since I created quite a few pages for my Sons and future generations to see .

And now to give credit where credit is due. This book is compiled from all of you who made your individual and group family sections possible. You all had the heart to see to it that this information was documented for future generations. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all you have contributed towards making this book a reality. For without all of you, it would not be. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done!

I also want to thank my husband, Mike for his ongoing support to a never ending project. There have been many a time when I've been so engrossed in working on the book that I didn't want to cook or clean. He's been there to pick up the pieces for me and I can't thank him enough. Thank you very much honey! Love You!

A very special thanks go to my Mom, who prodded me to keep working on the project and get it done. I miss her dearly. While she is not here on Earth she is always here in spirit. I love you Mom! To Joe Bishop (Art Bishop's son), Maureen Bishop (Larry Bishop's wife), Sister Elizabeth Bishop (Alphonse Bishop's daughter), Norma (Bishop) Erdman (Joe Bishop's daughter) Mary Ann Bishop (Herb Bishop's daughter), Cheryl Bishop (Greg Bishop's wife) and my Dad, Vic Bishop, for all of your extra efforts to gather and present historical information for this book. Thank you so very much!!!!

And, once again, to ALL of YOU. This is not just my book. It truly belongs to all of you for without your contributions, this book would not be. Please note that I have tried to give credit in the book to everyone for what they have submitted. My apologizes if I overlooked anyone or didn't record it correctly.

And last but not least, I want to thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity to be able to document our family history. Norma (Bishop) Erdman presented me with a poem that her father, Joseph Bishop, once always carried around with him. I thank Norma for sharing it with me. I wish to thank God above for how blessed we all are and share Great Uncle Joe's poem/prayer with all of you. May you enjoy this family treasure for years to come.

What Is It All?



WHAT IS IT ALL when all is told
This ceaseless toiling for fame or gold,
The fleeting joy or bitter tears?
We are only here a few short years;
Nothing our own but the silent past;
Loving or hating, nothing can last,
Each pathway leads to the silent fold,
 Oh! what is it all when all is told?

WHAT IS IT ALL? A grassy mound,
Where day or night there is never a sound
Save the soft low moan of the passing breeze,
As it lovingly rustles the silent trees.
Or a thoughtful friend with whispered prayer
May sometimes break the stillness there,
Then hurry away from the gloom and cold.
 Oh! what is it all when all is told?

WHAT IS IT ALL? Just passing through
A cross for me and a cross for you.
Ours seems heavy while others seem light,
But God in the end makes all things right;
He "tempers the wind" with such loving care,
He knows the burden that each can bear,
Then changes life's gray into heavenly gold.
 Ah! that is all when all is told.

In Tribute to Veta (Gase) Osborn



Dalton & Veta (Gase) Osborn on their wedding Day June 21, 1928.

Veta is sitting. Dalton is directly behind her. Her Sister Edna is next to her. Edna never married so next to Edna is believed to be the best man, possibly a brother to Dalton or one of Veta's brothers, either Alfred or George. My guess is Alfred since he looks to be closer to Veta's age of 31 when she married. George was only 21 at this time.

Photo provided by:
Norma (Bishop) Erdman



Dalton Osborn and wife Veta at Lake St. Helen, June 22, 1978, the day after their Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration

Bottom 2 photos from Veta's book
"Life is Real".



VETA GASE OSBORN
1927 -- 1983

Veta passed away on November 4, 1983 at the age of 86.

CHAPTER 1

Veitus and Catherine Bishop

Parents of Peter Bishop

Son: Veitus Bishop

Born: November 3, 1828

Passed: August 20, 1904

Married:

About 1860

To: Catherine Ruhland

Born: August 13, 1837

Passed: March 17, 1917

Veitus & Catherine Bishop

Nov. 3, 1828 Aug. 13, 1837
Aug. 20, 1904 Mar. 17, 1917

Married
About 1860

1) John

Born:
Married: Carrie
Date:

Children:
John

2) August

Born:
Married : Dora
Date:

Children:
Dorathea
Louise
August

3) Philomena

Born: November 12, 1864
Deceased: August 22, 1921
Married: Leander Gase
Date: November 4, 1886

Children:
Elizabeth
Edna
Louise
Joseph
Veta
Alfred
Mary
George

4) George

Born:
Married: Single
Date:

Children:
None

5) Mary

Born:
Married: Jesse Smith
Date:

Children:
None

8) Catherine

Born: April 19, 1880
Married: Single
Deceased: April 18, 1971

Children:
None

6) Margaret

Born:
Married: Alfred Germain
Date:

Children:
Lawrence
Evelyn
Bernard
Irene
Edward
Vitus
Mary
Raymond

7) Peter

Born: January 8, 1878
Deceased: Aug. 5, 1958
Married: Margaret Henige
Date: May 1, 1902

Children:
Alphonse 4-26-1903
Joseph 6-27-1905
Arthur 4-14-1907
Mary 3-6-1909
Herbert 2-6-1911
Louise 4-15-1914
Harold 3-10-1917
John 7-31-1920
Alfred 12-18-1922

9) Seraphine

Born:
Deceased: In her teens



Veitus Bishop



Veitus' wife
Catherine Ruhland Bishop



Leander's wife
Philomeou Bishop Gase

Above are Peter Bishop's
parents.

Left is a photo of Philomena,
Peter's eldest of 3 sisters.

Photos provided from "Life Is
Real" by Veta (Gase) Osborn
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This information is from the book titled "Life Is Real" by Veta (Gase) Osborn, daughter of Philomena (Minnie) Bishop and Leander (Lee) Gase. Philomena was a daughter of Veitus & Catherine (Ruhland) Bishop.

VEITUS AND CATHERINE (RUHLAND) BISHOP

Chapter 1 Family Genealogy: From 1828 ----

Grandfather Veitus Bishop came to America from Bavaria when he was nineteen years old. The German spelling of Grandfather Bishop's given name was "Veitus". The ei is pronounced like i in mine. On his naturalization certificate, his name was written "Veit". Later in this country, it came to be written as it sounds, namely, "Vitus". The name engraved on his tombstone is "Veitus".

He was in the brewery business for a while in Norwalk, Ohio, with his brother-in-law Mr. Ott, Aunti Ott's husband. Later he owned and operated a meat market there.

Grandmother Bishop came to America when she was sixteen from Alsace Lorraine. She may have settled in the Newburg, Ohio, area. She became a housemaid.

Grandmother always said she was French. She spoke both French and German fluently. When Alsace Lorraine, which lay between France and Germany, came under the Prussian rule, the German language was taught in the schools. But when it came under rule of Lorraine, French was taught. I never felt sure which language was my grandmother's native tongue. Her name, Ruhland, sounded German to me.

One time, though, when we were visiting my mother's grave at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Saginaw, I observed Grandmother deriving much pleasure conversing in French with the French sexton. That caused me to believe that probably her native language was French. And then I thought how unfortunate it was for her to always have to speak the German language of her husband, which also was the language spoken by many of the people in the Maple Grove area where they were living. She tried to teach us children to count in French, but without much success. We didn't develop much interest in it.

Grandmother spoke of having about a dozen changes of under-clothing when she lived in Alsace Lorraine, because they did their washing on the banks of a river only about once a month.

I recall Grandma telling of an incident in which her knowledge of French was of help to her. This was while she was purchasing some cotton material for her employer.

She noticed that some English and French words had the same spelling and meaning. They differed in accent only, such as cotton' (French) and cot'ton (English).

When she asked for some cotton', the clerk understood. When the clerk asked, "bleached or unbleached", our grandmother was stymied. However, she said she pointed to a bolt of bleached cotton, the kind desired, and made her purchase successfully.

Author Notes:

Veitus and Catherine had nine children. A copy of the list and data from Veta can be found in upcoming pages. Most of the children were born in Ohio, however, the last 3 were born for certain in Maple Grove as the family migrated to Michigan around 1876. They built a five-bedroom home on an 80 acre farm. The homestead still exists and remains in the Bishop Family today.

In Veta (Gase) Osborn's book "Life Is Real" Chapter 2, she documented Peter Bishop's U.S. Naturalization. I have included a copy of the naturalization document along with additional U.S. Census documents found using Ancestry.com. Notes again in (parentheses) are provided by me.

Chapter 2 Document for Life Is Real By: Veta (Gase) Osborn

The accompanying copy of our Grandfather Bishop's naturalization certificate was sent to me by our cousin Joseph Bishop (Peter Bishop's son) of Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, Michigan. He now possesses the original certificate. (Joe has since passed and I believe one of his children must now possess this document.) He sent this copy to me to enclose in my LIFE IS REAL chapter on genealogy.

I don't remember Grandfather Bishop very well. He died the summer of my seventh birthday. I do remember seeing an old gray-bearded man seated in a rocker. I was told he was my grandfather.

From a portrait and from comments made by our mother, I conclude that he was a tall, slender, blue-eyed man, who guided his family with kindness and understanding. At no time did I ever picture him as a rough, stern, domineering type of person.

That Grandfather Bishop was a peach-loving man, who couldn't tolerate violence, may have influenced him to leave his beautiful country in the Bavarian Alps before he reached the age for induction into the German army, and prior to their Revolution of 1848. (Remember when Veta wrote this, she thought Grandpa was 19). There must have been moments of nostalgia for the mountains after he settled in the plain states of Ohio and Michigan. Grandfather Bishop joined his brother-in-law in an area near Cleveland, Ohio, and became associated with him in the brewery business. That he and Grandmother later lived in Norwalk, Ohio, is certain, since our mother was born there in 1864.

Judging from the fact that our mother (Philomena Bishop) was in the Sixth Reader (possibly 6th grade ?, age 12) when the family migrated to Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, Michigan, the year must have been about 1876. As our mother said, "It was then that my formal schooling ended".

Today, over a century later, the original homestead still exists. Some of our grandparents' descendants down to the fourth generation have kept the good name of Bishop alive in this prosperous agricultural community.

Author note:

Plans were to travel to Norwalk, Ohio last Fall. Unfortunately, I was not able to make the trip as planned. In contacting the City Chamber of Commerce, I received the following locations to visit for records. Any additional information found in the future will be shared with all at a later date.

HISTORICAL RECORD AGENCIES FOR NORWALK, OHIO

Huron County Auditor

12 East Main Street Suite 30
Norwalk, Ohio 44857
Phone: (419) 668-4304
<http://www.huroncountyauditor.org>

Huron County Birth Records

Recorder: Karen Fries
12 E Main Street
Norwalk, OH 44857
Phone: (419-668-1916
Email: hcrea@hmcltd.net
<http://www.huroncountyrecorder.org>

Bureau of Vital Statistics

180 Milan Ave.
Norwalk, OH 44857-1168
Phone: (419) 668-5113
Request Form at:
<http://www.huroncohealth.com/pdf/20feebc.pdf>

Firelands Musuem & Library

4 Case Ave.
Norwalk, Oh 44857
Phone: 419.668.6038
Local Historian: Henry Timmans
<http://firelandsmuseum.org>

Norwalk Reflector

61 East Monroe St.
Norwalk, OH 44857
Phone: 419-668-3771, 800-589-3771
<http://www.norwalkreflector.com>

Norwalk Public Library

46 W Main St.
Norwalk, OH 44857
Phone: (419) 668-6063
<http://www.norwalk.lib.oh.us>

On the next several pages you will find legal document copies of Veitus Bishop's "Naturalization", as it was called back then and U.S. Census information. Today it is more known as becoming a "Citizen of the United States". Veta (Gase) Osborn provides us with Veitus' Naturalization certificate originally provided to her by Joseph Bishop (Margaret & Peter Bishop's son).

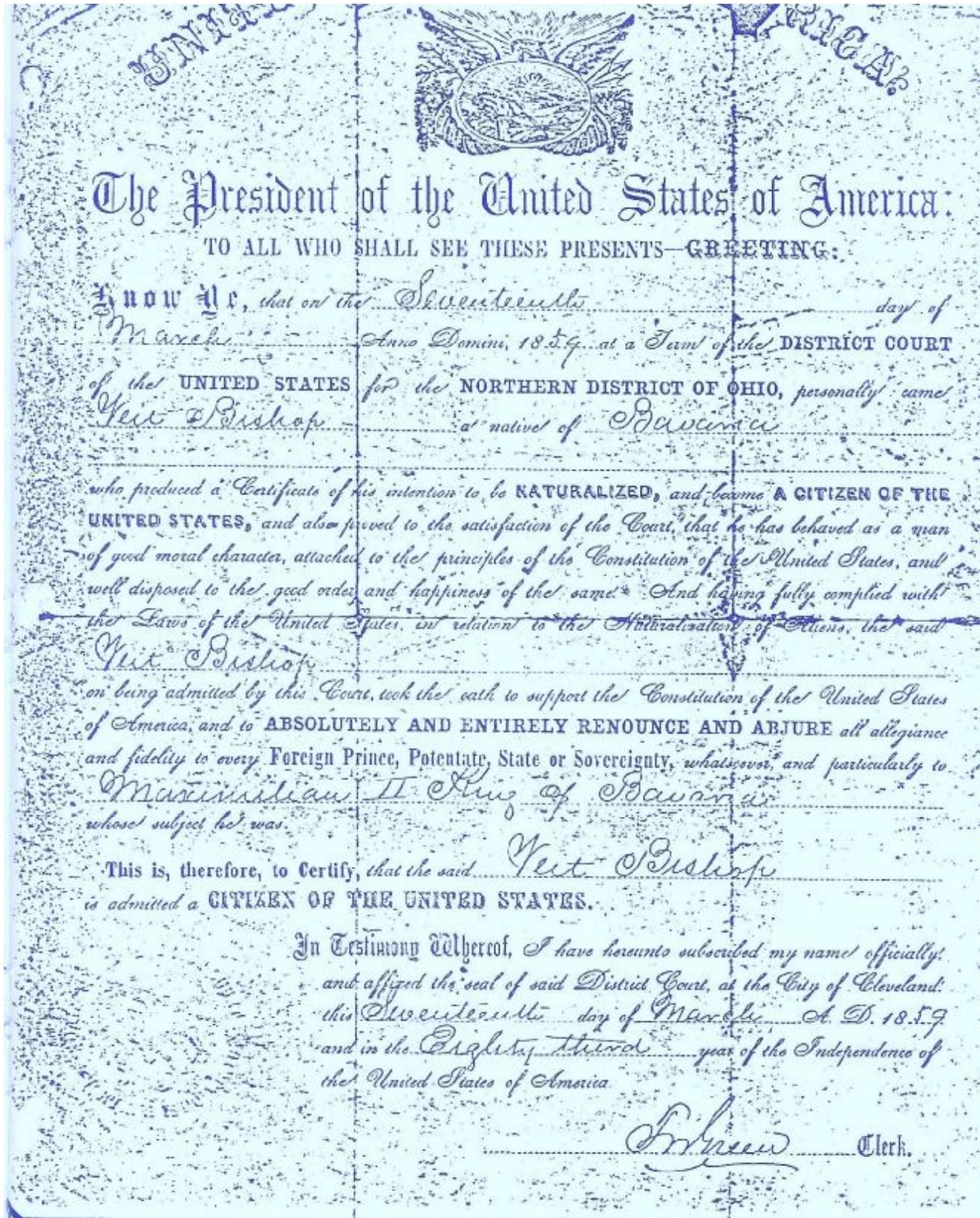
The date of Veitus' Naturalization was March 17, 1859. The 2nd document, U.S. Naturalization Records Index has a matching date and thus this date is proven to be the date that Grandpa Veitus Bishop became a Citizen of the United States. The 2nd document was acquired from Ancestry.com.

On the U.S. Naturalization Records Index, please note the month and year that Veitus came to America – September 1853. Following these vital record pages, you will read Veta Gase's stories from "Life Is Real". In her story, she writes that Grandpa Veitus came to America at the age of 19. The 2nd document – U.S. Naturalization Records Index proves that Grandpa Veitus was 25 when he arrived in America. 1853 – 1828 = 25. Regardless, I certainly appreciate the work that Veta has done and am grateful for her stories in this book.

Unfortunately the port of arrival is not listed on the 2nd document. I have searched many ship manifests for 1853 looking for Grandpa Veit's name. To date, I have not had any luck locating his name on any ship manifest. I would love to find the boat he came over on and whether he came alone or with relatives. If I am able to find what ship he came to America on, I most likely will be able to find a picture of the ship. My goal is to continue to research these items in the future.

In the meantime, you will find Grandpa Veitus with a name spelled several different ways on the documents. It is spelled Veit on his naturalization documents, Vict in the 1870 U.S. Census and Viet in the 1880 U.S. Census. Grandpa Peter Bishop was not born yet and thus does not show up in the 1870 U.S. Census. Grandpa Peter does show up in the 1880 U.S. Census at the age of 3. All of the census documents were acquired from Ancestry.com.

Veitus Bishop Naturalization Certificate
From "Life is Real" by Veta Gase



U.S. Nationalization Records Indexes, 1794 – 1995

Record for Veit Bishop

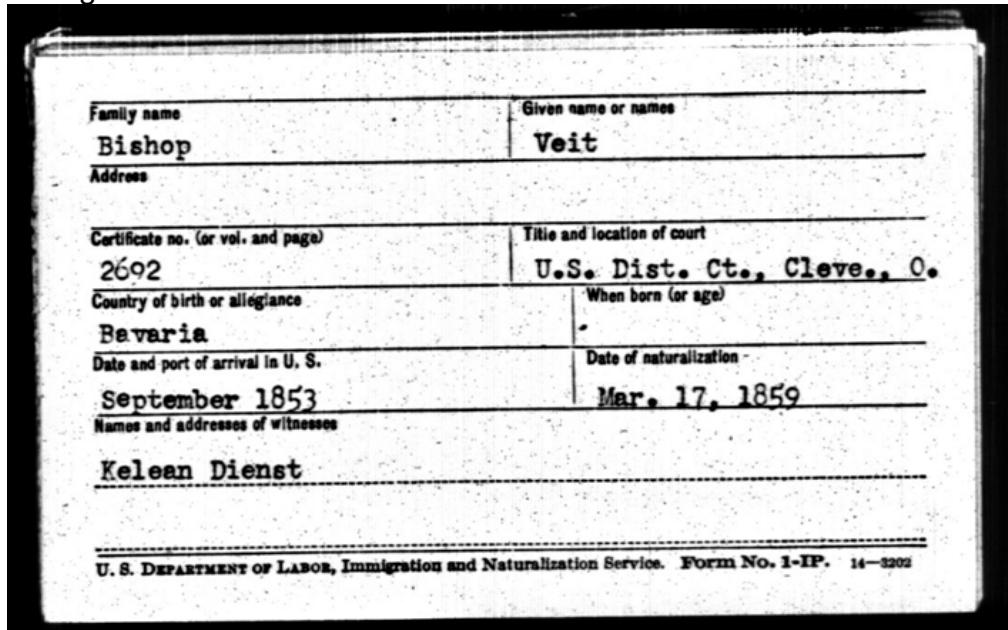
[U.S. Naturalization Records Indexes, 1794-1995](#) about Veit Bishop

Name:	Veit Bishop
Birth Location:	Bavaria
Arrival Year:	1853
Issue Date:	17 Mar 1859
State:	Ohio
Locality, Court:	Cleveland, District Court



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Record Index

Source Information

Name: Veit Bishop

Record URL: <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?h=26993708&db=USnaturalizationIndexes&indiv=try>

Birth: Bavaria

Location:

Source Citation: National Archives and Records

Arrival Year: 1853

Administration (NARA); Washington, D.C.; Index Cards to
Naturalization Petitions for the U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Cleveland, 1855-
1967; Microfilm Serial: M1893; Microfilm Roll: 3.

Issue Date: 17 Mar 1859

State: Ohio

Locality: Cleveland, District

Court: Court

Ancestry.com. *U.S. Naturalization Records Indexes, 1794-1995* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2007.

Original data: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Microfilm Publications; Records of District Courts of the United States, Record Group 21; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

1870 United States Federal Census about Vict Bishop

Name:	Vict Bishop																					
Birth Year:	abt 1828																					
Age in 1870:	42																					
Birthplace:	Bavaria / Bayern																					
Home in 1870:	Norwalk, Huron, Ohio																					
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Original data:

- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules, NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls, Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
- Minnesota census schedules for 1870, NARA microfilm publication T132, 13 rolls, Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

1870 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

Page No. 6 | After inquiries numbered 2, 10, and 12 are not to be asked in regard to Indians. Inquiries numbered 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be omitted 21-25 are only by an alternative route, if 1.)

Schedule 1.—Inhabitants in Norwalk Village, in the County of Huron, State of Ohio, enumerated by me on the Second day of April, 1870.

Post Office Norwalk W. D. Bishop, Agent Marshal.

Line number	Name of head of family	Relationship	Place of birth, name of town, city, or State, and country, if foreign	Value of land, house, and buildings, and personal property	Total population	Population of males	Population of females	Population of colored	Population of foreign born	Population of Chinese	Population of Indians	Population of colored Indians	Population of colored foreign born	Population of colored Chinese	Population of colored Indians foreign born	Population of colored foreign born Chinese	Population of colored Indians foreign born Chinese	
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
1	Bart. Lewis	3	Ohio		1	1	1											
2	Isay	7	Ohio		1	1	1											
3	William	1	Ohio		1	1	1											
4	Augusta	3	Ohio		1	1	1											
5	Elizabeth	3	Ohio		1	1	1											
6	John	19	Ohio	1000	1	1	1											
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1880 United States Federal Census about Viet Bishop

Name:	Viet Bishop
Home in 1880:	Norwalk, Huron, Ohio
Age:	52
Estimated birth year:	abt 1828
Birthplace:	Bavaria
Relation to head-of-household:	Self (Head)
Spouse's name:	Catharine Bishop
Father's birthplace:	Bavaria
Mother's birthplace:	Bavaria
Neighbors:	View others on page
Occupation:	Farmer
Marital Status:	Married
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Cannot read/write:	
Blind:	
Deaf and dumb:	
Otherwise disabled:	Subscribe now to see this information.
Idiotic or insane:	



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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Viet Bishop	52
	Catharine Bishop	44
	John A. Bishop	19
	August Bishop	17
	Philomina Bishop	15
	George Bishop	12
	Mary Bishop	10
	Maggie Bishop	8
	Peter Bishop	3
	Catharin A. Bishop	1

1880 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

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Viet Bishop

HOME IN 1880: NORWALK, HURON, OHIO
AGE: 52

AGE: 32
ESTIMATED BIRTH YEAR: ABT 1828
BIRTHPLACE: BAVARIA
RELATION TO HEAD-OF-HOUSEHOLD: SELF (HEAD)
SPOUSE'S NAME: CATHARINE BISHOP
FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE: BAVARIA
MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE: BAVARIA
OCCUPATION: FARMER
MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED
RACE: WHITE
GENDER: MALE

SOURCE INFORMATION: ANCESTRY.COM AND THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS DATABASE; 1880 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS DETAIL; YEAR: 1880; CENSUS PLACE: NORWALK, HURON, OHIO; ROLL: 1035; FAMILY HISTORY FILM: 1255035; PAGE: 313A; ENUMERATION DISTRICT: 160; IMAGE: 0627

The family information on the previous census sheet documents was extracted and enlarged to try to make it easier for you to read. Unfortunately the copies of the documents are blurry or very light and the titles of the columns are very difficult if not impossible to read. These records were downloaded from Ancestry.com.

Veit Bishop 1870 Census Record

Name	Relationship to head of household	Occupation		Value of Real Estate		Value of Personal Estate		Name of State, territory or Country, & of Township or town	Name of head of household	Age	Sex
		Occupation	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Occupation	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate				
Veit Bishop	Head	Business	2000	200	Farmers	100	100				
—	Wife	Keeping house			Farmers	100	100				
—	John	16 M 2			Chin	100	100				
—	Augustine	8 M 2			Chin	100	100				
—	Philomena	6 F 2			Chin	100	100				
—	James	2 M 2			Chin	100	100				

Veit Bishop 1880 Census Record

48	49	Bishop Veit	W M 52		1	Farmers	✓
49		Catharine	W F 44	Wife	1	Keeping house	✓
49		John	W M 19	Son	1	Farmers	✓
49		August	W M 17	Son	1	Farmers	✓
49		Philomena	W F 15	Daughter			
49		George	W M 12	Son			
49		Mary	W F 10	Daughter			
49		Maggie	W F 8	Daughter			
49		Peter	W M 3	Son			
49		Catharine	W F 1	Daughter			

I also Googled “Descendents of Veitus Bishop” and below is what I found. According to this, Grandpa Veit died of Pancreatic Cancer. Daughter Philomena’s name is misspelled.

The Internet Family Tree of the Gase, Elchert, Nye and Yost Families of NW Ohio (compiled by [Ronald A. Gase](#))

Veitus BISHOP was born on 11 March 1828 in Bavaria, Germany. In 1857 he immigrated to the U.S. (1900 census). On 6 June 1860 he was a brewer (Norwalk Village, Huron County, Ohio) living in dwelling 523. Source: Year: 1860; Census Place: Norwalk, Huron, Ohio; Roll: M653_991; Page: 219; Image: 72. On 2 June 1870 Veitus was a brewer (Norwalk Village, Huron County, Ohio) living in dwelling 56. Source: Year: 1870; Census Place: Norwalk, Huron, Ohio; Roll: M593_1225; Page: 414; Image: 351. On 4 June 1880 he was a farmer (Norwalk Village, Huron County, Ohio) living on Main Street in dwelling 48. Source: Year: 1880; Census Place: Norwalk, Huron, Ohio; Roll: T9_1035; Family History Film: 1255035; Page: 313.1000; Enumeration District: 160; Image: 0627. On 14 June 1900 he was a farmer (Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, Michigan) living in dwelling 199. Source: Year: 1900; Census Place: Maple Grove, Saginaw, Michigan; Roll: T623 739; Page: 12A; Enumeration District: 40. Veitus died on 27 August 1904 in Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, Michigan, USA. He was buried on 30 August 1904 in Catholic Cemetery, Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, Michigan, USA. Note: Veitus died of cancer of the pancreas. He also suffered from chronic bronchitis (from death certificate). Alias: Veit BISHOP.

Spouse: [Anna Catherine RUHLAND](#). Anna Catherine RUHLAND and Veitus BISHOP were married about 1860. Children were: [Philomina BISHOP](#).

<http://www.vanstein.com/InternettreeUSA/b58.htm#P3224>

Ronald A. Gase's U.S. Genealogy Pages.

Family group sheets.

Husband: **Veitus BISHOP**

Born: 11 MAR 1828 at: Bavaria, Germany

Married: ABT 1860 at:

Died: 27 AUG 1904 at: Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, Michigan, USA

Father:

Mother:

Other Spouses:

Wife: **Anna Catherine RUHLAND**

Born: 13 AUG 1836 at: Alsace-Lorraine, Bas-Rhin, France

Died: 17 MAR 1917 at: Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, Michigan, USA

Father:

Mother:

Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

Name: [Philomina BISHOP](#)

Born: 12 NOV 1864 at: Ohio, USA

Married: 4 NOV 1886 at: Saginaw, Saginaw County, Michigan, USA

Died: 22 AUG 1921 at: Saginaw, Saginaw County, Michigan, USA

Spouses: [Leander Joseph GASE](#)

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Data on Veitus & Catherine (Ruhland) Bishop from Veta (Gase) Osborn

Name:	Veitus Bishop	Father:
Nickname:	Veit	Born:
Born:	November 3, 1828	Location:
Location:	Bavaria, Germany	Deceased:
Deceased:	August 20, 1904	Location:
Location:		
Married:		Mother:
# Children:	9	Born:
		Location:
		Deceased:
		Location:

Married:	Catherine Ruhland	Father:
Date:		Born:
Born:	August 13, 1837	Location:
Deceased:	March 17, 1917	Deceased:
Address:		Location:
City/State/Zip:		Mother:
		Born:
		Location
		Deceased:
		Location

CHILDREN:

1) Name:	John Bishop	# Children:	1
Nickname:	John	Son:	John
Born:			
Location:			
Deceased:			

Married:	Carrie ?	Father:
Date:		Born:
Born:		Location:
Deceased:		Deceased:
Address:		Location:
City/State/Zip:		Mother:
		Born:
		Location:
		Deceased:
		Location:

Veitus & Catherine (Ruhland) Bishop Family continued:

2) Name: August Bishop

Nickname: Auggie

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Location:

Married: Dora ?

Date:

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Location:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Children: 3

Daughter: Dorathea

Daughter: Louise

Son: August

Father:

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Location:

Mother:

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Location:

3) Name: Philomena Bishop

Nickname: Minnie

Born: November 12, 1864

Location:

Deceased: August 22, 1921

Location:

Children: 8

Daughter: Elizabeth

Daughter: Edna

Daughter: Louise

Son: Joseph

Daughter: Veta

Son: Alfred

Daughter: Mary

Son: George

Married: Leander (Lee) Gase

Date: November 4, 1886

Born: May 11, 1859

Location:

Deceased: October 16, 1943

Location:

Address: 508 N. Warren Avenue

City/State/Zip: Saginaw, Michigan

Father:

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Location:

Mother:

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Location:

Veitus & Catherine (Ruhland) Bishop Family continued:

4) Name: **George Bishop** # Children: None

Nickname: George

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Location:

Married: Single

Address:

City/State/Zip:

5) Name: **Mary Bishop** # Children: None

Nickname: Mary

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Location:

Married: Jessie Smith

Date:

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Father:

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Location:

Mother:

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Location:

6) Name: **Margaret Bishop** # Children: 8

Nickname: Maggie

Born:

Location:

Deceased:

Location:

Son: Lawrence

Daughter: Evelyn

Son: Bernard

Daughter: Irene

Son: Edward

Son: Vitus

Daughter: Mary

Son: Raymond

Veitus & Catherine (Ruhland) Bishop Family continued:

Margaret (Maggie) Bishop Family continued:

Married:	Alfred Germain	<u>Father:</u>	
Date:		Born:	
Born:		Location:	
Location:		Deceased:	
Deceased:		Location:	
Address:		<u>Mother:</u>	
City/State/Zip:		Born:	
		Location:	
		Deceased:	
		Location:	

7) **Name: Peter Bishop** # Children: 9
Nickname: Pete Son: Alphonse
Born: January 8, 1878 Son: Joseph
Location: Son: Arthur
Deceased: August 5, 1958 Daughter: Mary
Location: Son: Herbert
Son: Louise
Son: Harold
Son: John
Son: Alfred

Married:	Margaret (Henige) Bishop	<u>Father:</u>	
Date:	May 1, 1902	Born:	
Born:	March 30, 1882	Location:	
Location:		Deceased:	
Deceased:	April 17, 1980	Location:	
Address:	House no longer stands on Feren Rd.	<u>Mother:</u>	
City/State/Zip:	New Lothrop, MI	Born:	
		Location:	
		Deceased:	
		Location:	

8) **Name: Catherine Bishop** # Children: None
Nickname:
Born: April 19, 1880
Location:
Deceased: April 18, 1971
Location:
Married: Single
Address:
City/State/Zip:

Veitus & Catherine (Ruhland) Bishop Family continued:

9) Name: **Seraphine Bishop**

Children: None

Nickname:

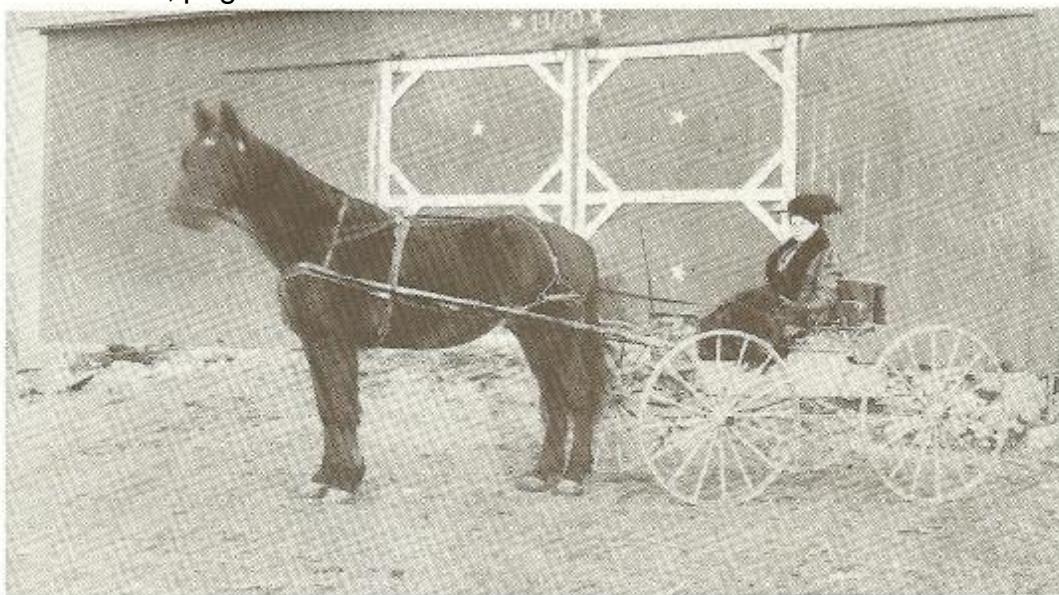
Born:

Location:

Deceased: Died in her teens. Cause unknown.

Location:

The photos below are provided from "Life Is Real" by Veta (Gase) Osborn, page 107 and 108.



Catherine Bishop (Aunt Katie) all ready for a trip to town with "Old Jim"--many years ago.



Margaret (Aunt Maggie) Bishop Germain and her husband Alfred

Above: Take note of the year the Barn was built which reads 1900 at the very top of the photo. A couple more photos of Aunt Katie follow in 2 more pages.

Left: Margaret and Alfred Germain. Margaret was a sister to Peter Bishop.

See a picture of their children on the next page.



Alfred & Margaret (Bishop) Germain's Children
Front Row L-R: Bernard, Edward, Vitus, and Irene Germain.
Back L-R: Evelyn and Lawrence Germain. Two more children were born
after this photo - Mary & Raymond Germain. They were first cousins to
the Peter Bishop Family children. Margaret (Maggie) was Peter's sister.



Left: Philomena &
Leander Gase children.

Philomena was Peter
Bishop's older sister.

Left: Edna, Veta & Alfred
Gase

Also first cousins to the
Peter Bishop Family.

Photos provided by:
Norma (Bishop) Erdman

THE SAGINAW NEWS



VALENTINE'S PARTY — The League of Catholic Women gave a valentine's luncheon party for residents at St. Francis Home yesterday. In the kitchen making preparations for the luncheon are, left to right: Mrs. J. Willson Chesher, cake chairman; Mrs. Frederick C. Campau, party co-chairman; Miss

Catherine Bishop and Mrs. Mary Palkey, both residents; and Mrs. Charles P. Hauck, party chairman. Following the luncheon there were games and prizes. The LCW contributes toward support of the Home. (Saginaw News Photo).

This article was provided by Norma (Bishop) Erdman with the following written on the back: "Aunt Katie (in the middle) in her retirement home - St. Francis Home in Saginaw, Michigan.

Right: The only other photo I found of Aunt Katie Bishop is this one of her taken at Vic & Jackie Bishop's wedding on June 9, 1956.



Chapter 24
We visit Aunt Maggie's and Uncle Alfred's Berry Farm
By: Veta (Gase) Osborn

Being a guest of Aunt Maggie and Uncle Alfred started at an early age for me. Not having a family for several years after her marriage, Aunt Maggie, my mother's younger sister, would frequently take me home with her for a few days. She was such a loving person and so much like my mother that I was content.

Aunt Maggie would let me help her as she performed her household tasks. She would open the slide doors between the sitting room and parlor and let me go into this awesome room to dust the wood trim of her horsehair upholstered furniture, because, as she said, "Your little fingers can easily get into the holes and crevices of the carvings."

On baking day, I was given a piece of bread dough to knead and form into a loaf of "my very own." When Aunt Maggie made fried cakes, or "Friday" cakes, as I called them, I was allowed to roll them in the powdered sugar.

One day Aunt Maggie said, "If I can get some sour milk from Mrs. Goodspeed next door, we will make some fried cakes. How would you like that?" I was all ago as we left for Mrs. Goodspeed's.

As it happened, she was all out of sour milk, too, so Aunt Maggie, having mentally given up the idea of making fried cakes, sat down to have a little chat with her neighbor. I, not knowing of the change of plans, sat patiently waiting to leave. After a bit, though, I went to Aunt Maggie and whispered in her ear, "Aunt Maggie, this ain't making Friday cakes."

I was unaware of the cliché I had coined, but for many years after, if we didn't get at the task we were supposed to be doing, someone would say, "Well, this ain't making Friday cakes."

When Uncle Alfred Germain and Aunt Maggie were first married, they purchased a twenty-acre farm two miles west of the Bay City limits. This city had been Uncle Alfred's childhood home. His parents still lived there.

When I was eleven and twelve years old, I spent a couple of summers with Aunt Maggie, baby-sitting for Lawrence and Evelyn, and assisting with household duties, while she worked on the farm.

Needing the added income, Uncle Alfred spent those summer months sailing for the lumber company. This kind of life became very unsatisfactory, so Uncle Alfred gave up sailing permanently. Together then, they developed their acreage into a berry and truck farm.

It was to this farm that Edna, Alfred and I would go at berry-picking time. We joined the berry pickers in harvesting berries. We were paid 2 cents a quart for

strawberries and 3 cents for raspberries. Uncle Alfred took the berries and vegetables to the farmer's market. The vegetables had to be cleaned, bunched, and boxed the evening before. This was quite a task, but we all joined in with the preparation, making it easier for everyone.

I'm afraid the amount of strawberries taken to market were lessened while we were there. I can still envision the large berry bowl filled with crushed strawberries; the bread plate piled high with homemade bread, and the stack of shallow soup bowls set before Aunt Maggie's place at the supper table. Aunt Maggie always presided over the berry bowl. Each person would be served a bowl containing a slice of buttered bread, covered with a generous serving of crushed strawberries. No matter how often this dessert was served, it was always considered a real treat by everyone.

One evening all the children went to town in the family surrey (horse-drawn four- wheeled carriage having two seats). Edna drove while we sang one song after another to express our feelings of joy in the ride. When we got into town, Edna tied the horse to a hitching post in front of a confectionary store.

We all went in to spend the pennies we had earned that day picking berries. It is certain, none of us needed to be rocked to sleep that night.

Chapter 25
We Visit Grandma on the Farm
By: Veta (Gase) Osborn

Grandma Bishop (Catherine Bishop), Uncle George and Aunt Katie (son and daughter of Catherine), lived in Maple Grove Township on a sixty-acre farm, located in Saginaw County, twenty-five miles south of Saginaw.

To get there, Edna, Alfred and I boarded the four o'clock Grand Trunk passenger train, which took us to the station at Montrose. This station was about seven miles from Grandma's farm. Aunt Katie was there to meet us with the old Prince and Jim hitched to a wagon (horse names) which was bedded down with straw for our riding comfort.

To pass the time as we rode along, we sang, told riddles, and played games, such as "I packed my grandfather's trunk" with A-Apples, B-Bananas, etc. One of the songs we sang was taught to us by Aunt Katie. It was entitled, "I Want to be an Angel."

It went like this:

"I want to be an angel
And with the angels stand.
A crown upon my forehead,
A harp within my hand.
Then right before my Saviour
So glorious and so bright,
I'll sing the Heavenly music
To praise Him day and night."

As we rode along, we observed the activities taking place on different farms. We saw a windmill pumping water for a herd of thirsty cows, and a mare and her colt running to the fence to stare at us. We saw a woman walking from a barn to a house, carrying a milk pail, and being followed by a string of cats. There were twelve of them! We counted them, which we had ample time to do, since Prince and Jim had slowed to a walk at the time.

When we arrived at Layton Corners, we went into Yaklin's Country Store, where Aunt Katie had clerked at one time. This store catered to the various needs of the farmer. It was a fore-runner of the supermarket of today, I would say. It was a very interesting place, with its variety of merchandise and odors coming from smoked meats, cheese, leather goods, and kerosene oil.

After Aunt Katie had made a few purchases, including a sack of candy, which we selected from a glass-enclosed candy counter, we were again on our way. There were only two more miles to go.

Before long, we were being greeted by Grandma and the appetizing smell of the supper she had prepared for us. After supper dishes were done, we went upstairs to unpack and get ready for bed.

The beds had straw sticks for mattresses. The crackling sound and rough feeling of the straw was something we had to get used to. We were tired enough, though, after our train and wagon ride to fall asleep real soon.

The next morning found us up bright and early, eager to be a part of life on the farm. In dressing for the day, we left our shoes and stockings in the closet, since we could go barefooted at Grandma's. Going barefoot was a joy, which was offset somewhat when it came to washing our feet in cold water before going to bed.

Right after a breakfast of "gratzeda," made of pancake batter, and served with applesauce and cottage cheese, Alfred and I joined Aunt Katie, as she came out of the grainery door with a pan of wheat and cracked corn in her hand, calling, "Here, chick, chick, chick!"

The chickens came running from all directions, flapping their wings and squawking in their eagerness to get at the food. A rapid bobbing of heads followed, as they pecked their food from the ground.

I always thought a flock of chickens contributed greatly to the sounds of a farmyard. The roosters crowing at sunrise; the hens singing and clucking as they walked about on a continuous search for food; the “cut-cut-ca-daah” announcing the laying of an egg; the “peep-peep-peep” of the chicks as they followed their clucking mother about – all presented a pleasing melody of contentment.

At pig feeding time, the squealing and grunting that went on, as each pig greedily shoved and crowded its way to a place at the trough, was something to see and hear.

Alfred and I observed that some pigs were especially “piggish” in keeping others from getting to the trough. So, with a big stick in hand, we perched ourselves on one of the rails of the fence to poke them away, until Grandma put a stop to our endeavors. She could sense the danger to us. We decided they were lacking in “table manners” with their noisy, slobbery, sloppy way of eating.

The barn held a special attraction for us. The barn floor extended from the front slide doors to the back doors, which opened to the straw stack. As we entered the barn through the front door, we saw the stalls on our right. Prince and Jim – and in the winter time, the cows – were housed in them. Above the stalls was a loft where oat and wheat bundles were stored until threshing time.

It was in the hay loft to the left, though, that we had fun tumbling, rolling, and jumping until Grandma put a stop to our antics. At the time, we thought Grandma was quite a “killjoy,” not realizing her concern for our safety.

We were allowed to stroke the nose of both Prince and Jim, as they poked their heads out over the manger. To go inside the stalls was on the “no-no” list. I especially liked to watch and hear them crunch the wisps of hay before swallowing.

How each animal on the farm had it’s individual way of eating, drinking, and resting fascinated me. While the horse thoroughly masticated it’s food before swallowing, the cow would swallow it whole, regurgitate it later, and chew it in the form of a cud.

When it was time to get the cows home from the woods where they had been grazing, we would open the gate between the woods and lane and call, “Come boss, come boss.” The cows would quickly respond to our call and hurry down the lane to the barnyard and on to the watering trough made of a large hollowed

out log. We took turns pumping the water via a long pipe from the well to the trough. I never regarded the farm as a quiet place. The only time it was quiet was "siesta time" in the early part of the afternoon.

The evening hours were filled with the chirping of crickets, croaking and trilling of frogs, and the katydids calling their names over and over again. We liked to tease Aunt Katie by asking, "What did you do that the katydids keep telling on you?"

Of the variety of smells typical of Maple Grove, I remember the fragrance of the peppermint, which grew wild in the ditches, and the patch of rosemary, growing at the foot of the mailbox post on Grandma Bishop's farm.

Chapter 26

Aunt Mary's Visit to Michigan

By: Veta (Gase) Osborn

Aunt Mary, my mother's (Philomena) sister (also Peter Bishop's sister) who lived in Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband, Uncle Jesse, visited us most every summer. How we looked forward to her coming.

Sometimes she would bring Alice with her, a young adopted sister of Uncle Jesse, and Lucy, Alice's close friend. Both girls were close to Alfred and me in age. They enjoyed the rural and semi-rural atmosphere in contracts to life in the big city.

When Aunt Mary visited Grandma in Maple Grove and Aunt Maggie in Bay City, she would take Alfred and me with her, too.

One summer day, Aunt Mary, Alice, Lucy and our mother and family went to Wenonah Beach on Saginaw Bay for a picnic. We were met there by Aunt Maggie and her children. That was a day never to be forgotten!

We had rides on the roller coaster, merry-go-round and Ferris wheel. We sailed through the "Old Mill," and went into the laughing gallery, where we had fun looking at our distorted reflections in the surround mirrors. We thought Aunt Mary was very rich since she paid for all these amusements.

Aunt Mary operated a neighborhood confectionary store in Cleveland. Uncle Jesse, a printer, had his print shop in the rear section of the building. The net proceeds of the store were Aunt Mary's to spend as she wished, so each year, she budgeted some of her profits to finance her trip to Michigan.

Aunt Mary had no children of her own to care for, so she reached out a helping hand to her nieces, nephews and friends. During the times when the financial status of our family was low, boxes of clothing would arrive from her to supplement our wardrobes.

When Mary, her namesake, (Philomena's 5th and youngest daughter) made her first Holy Communion, Aunt Mary furnished the complete ensemble. The dress was made of a white embroidered batiste. I may remember the dress so well from my having ironed it frequently, and from seeing it in the picture taken of Mary and Alfred (Veta's younger brother) on the occasion of this great event in their lives.

As I think back, I wonder how comfortable sleeping accommodations had been provided. I presume the living room served as a bedroom during the night by using the couch and a large folding cot, as we children turned over our beds to our guests.

Anyway, we were all together and happy knowing Aunt Mary was with us again for another summer visit.

Chapter 29
Death of Our Mother (Philomena Bishop)
By: Veta (Gase) Osborn
(Only a portion of this chapter was extracted for her book)

Days of joy were mixed with times of great sorrow during the years we lived at 508. N. Warren Avenue.

In the fall of the year 1918, cancer cells had developed in our mother, necessitating a mastectomy. Edna (Philomena's 2nd daughter) with her expertise in nursing must have been a great consolation to our mother and a comfort to our father, as she cared for Mother both during the times of surgery at the hospital and at home when her services were needed there.

For three years, efforts were made by our good Dr. Rowe to prevent the spread of the cancer cells. There were moments of hope, followed by those of despair, when the cells entered the lungs, causing our dear mother's death on August 22, 1921. She was only fifty-six years old.

Chapter 33
Aunts and Uncles
By: Veta (Gase) Osborn
(Only a portion of this chapter was extracted for her book)

A concerned, living, happy relationship existed between my parents' brothers and sisters and their families. As families will do, upon leaving their parental home,

they branched out in different directions: to Cleveland, Ohio; Mishawaka, Indiana; Detroit, Michigan; Bay City, Michigan; Maple Grove in Saginaw County; and to Saginaw, Michigan.

As the years rolled on, they united often to observe joyful as well as sorrowful occasions. With the death of Aunt Margaret Bishop in 1980 (Peter Bishop's wife), aged ninety-eight, our parents' generation came to a close.

I had many happy associations with my aunts, uncles and their children, my cousins. Aunt Fronie, my godmother, (Leander Gase's youngest sister Verionca Gase), Aunt Katie, my mother's (Philomena Bishop) youngest sister; and Uncle Pete, my godfather (Peter Bishop) were especially close to me in my later years, so I wish to describe them to you as I regarded them.

(I will forgo Aunt Fronie here because she is a Gase).

Aunt Katie Bishop
By: Veta (Gase) Osborn

During my second year of teaching in maple Grove Township in Saginaw County, I lived with Aunt Katie in the family homestead, which was on a sixty-acre piece of land. She was a very able farmerette. She rented the land on shares and raised chickens, pigs, and a few milk cows. Proceeds from the sale of milk, eggs, and pigs, plus her share of the rented land, was her livelihood.

I enjoyed living with Aunt Katie, but I'll never forget that winter. The blizzard of January, 1918, was put on record as causing one of the coldest, snowiest winters in southern Michigan. The snowdrifts were so high that all travel came to a standstill.

To reach my school, I had to travel a distance of two miles. It wasn't so bad while I could walk on top of the frozen drifts, but when the thawing set in, I was really in trouble. The stamina of youth, however, came to my aid in overcoming my problem.

The spring of that year, Aunt Katie had an auction sale of her household and farm possessions. She then became a housekeeper for the pastor of St. Michael's Church. I then lived with Aunt Maggie and Uncle Pete for the remainder of the school year.

Later, Aunt Katie went to Saginaw where she became employed as housekeeper for the Allingtons, an affluent Saginaw family. She continued as a companion to Mrs. Allington upon the death of Mr. Allington.

Aunt Katie visited us often at 508 N. Warren Avenue on her days off. When her earning days were over, she entered St. Francis Nursing Home of Saginaw. From there, she and my sister Edna spent several Christmas holidays with Delton and me in Monroe, Michigan.

Our beloved Aunt Katie lived to be ninety years old. Before her death, she had lost her sense of sight and most of her hearing ability. She never seemed to complain. Her philosophy was one of acceptance. I recall an often-quoted expression of hers, "Well, that's the way it goes," uttered when things were beyond her control. She was buried from St. Michael's Church in the family lot in Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, Michigan.

Aunt Maggie and Uncle Pete Bishop

"Man Against Himself"

During his lifetime, man is confronted with many problems – moral, physical, psychological, and mental – with which he must cope. Via TV, radio, newspapers and magazines, we hear and read of the great will power exerted by many in overcoming a personal difficulty, so as to function in a capable and independent manner.

The courage displayed in "Man Against Himself" became very personal to our family when our Uncle Pete (Peter Bishop), my godfather, suffered the loss of his left hand in a sawmill accident.

Desirous of supplementing his financial status of earnings as a farmer, and because of his upcoming marriage set for May first, he became employed during the winter months in a sawmill. While working there, he sustained the loss of his left hand. What a blow this loss must have been to him!

What thoughts were going through his mind? "What would the reaction of Margaret be toward him as a physically disabled man?" "Would she still want to marry him?" "How could he ably support a wife and future family one-handed?"

His in-laws-to-be became greatly concerned about the marriage of their daughter to a man physically disabled. However, their efforts to persuade her to break the engagement fell on deaf ears. This response from his bride-to-be started Uncle Pete immediately on a program of rehabilitation. (Wow, just think of how many of us might not be here had their break-up occurred?)

As soon as the arm was sufficiently healed, he had it fitted with an aid in the form of a strong metal hook. Although the leather strapping used in keeping the hook in place must have been irritating to the skin, he became very dexterous in manipulating this device in his various labors as a farmer. So when the date of his marriage arrived, he was confident of his ability to support a wife and future family.

Uncle Pete's and Aunt Maggie's family had reached the status of seven boys and two girls when I went to live with them. This was during my first year of teaching in a country school, where he was a Director of the School Board. They were living then

in a five-bedroom home on an eighty-acre farm. Having lived in the city all my life, I became interested in the comparison of the many tasks performed by a farmer and his family. I became especially interested in the dexterity with which Uncle Pete manipulated that "hook." At the dinner table, he would use it to hold his bread in place while applying butter or jelly, and to anchor the meat on his plate for cutting.

The whole family enjoyed singing. Uncle Pete would accompany them on the piano by chording, using his hook to play the base notes. When it came to buttoning his right cuff button and tying his tie, however, he would seek Aunt Maggie's assistance. I used to feel that he enjoyed those moments of special attention from his beloved.

Both parents were good managers. They trained their children well to become "Future Farmers of America." That they, at the same time, instilled within their siblings a love for farm life is evident, since five of their sons and one daughter have established prosperous farms in the same community.

May the name "Bishop" carry with it from generation to generation the love and respect of the community that it did for Peter Bishop, the one-handed man, and his wife Margaret.

Chapter 34
A Tribute to My Parents
By Veta (Gase) Osborn

(Only a small section about the German language has been extracted here.)

Both parents (Philomena & Leander) were self-sacrificing in providing for the needs and education of their children. In the early years of their marriage, the German language was spoken in the home in deference to my German-speaking grandparents. It changed, however, as we moved into an English-speaking neighborhood.

When my mother (Philomena) was asked by my grandmother (Catherine), "Why don't you speak German to the children?" I overheard her reply, "Ma, we are living in an English-speaking country. It is the language in which our children must become fluent in order to adequately express themselves. They shouldn't forget the German, though, since it is taught in school along with the English language."

Author note – I wonder when they stopped teaching German at the Catholic school in Maple Grove? I don't remember it when I went to school there. Maybe it was still offered and I didn't notice because it wasn't important at the time. It would certainly come in handy today in traveling to Germany.

A couple more photos from Veta showing Philomena's wedding day with Margaret Bishop, Peter Bishop's wife in the photo. Margaret is in the middle in the back row. This photo is from page 101 of "Life is Real" by Veta (Gase) Osborn.

Below is the Maple Grove Township school in 1916.. Copied from page 106 of "Life is Real" by Veta (Gase) Osborn..

The Springbrook School, Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, Michigan.

In this rural school, Veta Gase began her teaching career, September, 1916, age 19.



The wedding party of Leander Gase and his bride Philomena Bishop Gase
November 4, 1886

William Gase, Margaret Bishop, August Bishop
Leander, Philomena, Veronica Gase



Do you recognize this school? Most of us pass it every time we travel up and down M-57. This school is located at the corner of M-57 and Bishop Road on the North West side of the road. Our ancestors who lived in Maple Grove Township went to this school in the early 1900s.

The next few pages are data pages of known data for Peter Bishop's sister Philomena. This is provided in this book for history purposes only.

**From Chapter 5
Family Genealogy: From 1859 ----
Leander and Philomena (Bishop) Gase
By Veta (Gase) Osborn**

Leander Gase	md.	Philomena Bishop
b. May 11, 1859	Nov. 4, 1886	b. Nov. 12, 1864
Bucyrus, Ohio		Norwalk, Ohio
d. Oct. 16, 1943		d. Aug. 22, 1921 (age 56)
Both Leander and Philomena are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Saginaw, Michigan		

Children:

Children: Next page

Leander and Philomena (Bishop) Gase Children Continued:

Children:

Children:

Monte Aranda Gase was adopted by his grandmother, Lillian Gase, September 1961

Children:

Ashley Erin Gase
b. Sept. 18. 1980

Children:

Children:

Matthew L. Szarka
b. Jan. 28, 1982
Alexander E. Szarka
b. Jan. 21, 1984

Paula A. Gase
b. Jan. 8, 1959

Jeffrey W. Gase
b. Oct. 2, 1963

Jeffrey was adopted by Lee and Beverly Gase, Dec. 11, 1963. Adoption finalized Dec 11, 1964.

Aug. 26, 1937
Buried in Veteran's Cemetery, Plymouth, Michigan

Leander and Philomena (Bishop) Gase Children Continued:

7) Mary Catherine Gase

b. Feb. 21, 1903

d. Dec. 19, 1977

Mary entered the Order of St. Dominic, Grand Rapids, Michigan, August, 1928.

She was named Sister Veta Marie of the Sacred heart. She is buried in the Resurrection Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Michigan

8) George John Gase

b. Nov. 8, 1907

md.

Oct. 7, 1939

Alice Duffy

b. Feb. 8, 1918

Children:

(1) Marcia

b. July 3, 1943

md.

July 25, 1964

Spencer Ribble

b. Mar. 5, 1942

Children:

Frank

b. Feb. 25, 1965

Mary

b. Aug. 12, 1966

Dawn

b. Apr. 30, 1970

Lee

b. Dec. 9, 1975

Vickie

b. June 3, 1977

(2) Pamela Gase

b. Dec. 9, 1945

Children:

Alison

b. Aug. 1, 1967

(3) Alison Gase

b. Feb. 15, 1946

(4) Gretchen

b. Mar. 31, 1949

md.

June 27, 1970

Donald Knapp

b. Mar. 8, 1942

Children:

Donald Jr.

b. Mar. 7, 1971

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Leander and Philomena (Bishop) Gase Children Continued:

8) George John Gase (continued) md. Alice Duffy

Children:

(4) Gretchen (continued) md. Donald Knapp

Children: (continued)

Heidi
b. Dec. 9, 1974
Michael
b. July 8, 1976

(5) Patricia md. Gary Czabo
b. Oct. 7, 1951 Sept. 29, 1973 b. Mar. 1, 1947

Children:

Gary Jr.
b. May 7, 1975
John Alex
b. Jan. 12, 1980



The
Leander
Gase
Family

Philomena
died in 1921
at the age of
56 after a 3
yr. battle
with breast
cancer. She
is not in this
photo found
on page 102
of Life is
Real by Veta
(Gase)
Osborn.

The Leander Gase family

George, Edna, Mary (Sr. Veta Marie), Veta, Alfred
Leander Gase



These photos were taken of Veitus Bischof's tombstone located in the old St. Michael Cemetery, New Lothrop, MI. Things to note are when Veitus died, the name Bischof was used. I am unsure if he never changed his name to Bishop like the rest of the family. Whomever purchased the stone chose to use his original name. The stone only says V. Bischof. No other information was carved on the big beautiful stone. Thus there is no notation as to if wife Catherine is buried next to him. I am sure she is. Church records might prove so. More research to be done. Also Veta said in her documentation that Veitus' name was spelled as such on his tombstone. His name was found as you see it below. Not sure if it was once on the stone and wore off over the many years or what exactly she was referencing.. Photos taken by Kim (Bishop) Tobias.



When you drive through the cemetery gates, count about 5-6 rows West and then go left about half way over to find the stones.

Right: Aunt Katie Bishop, Peter's sister is buried to the right of Veitus. The stone needs to be cleaned thus it is hard to read. It says: Catharine Bishop 1880-1971.



Veta Gase showed her name spelled "Catherine". Here it is spelled "Catharine".

Below is a document that was found by Cheryl Bishop (Greg Bishop's wife) after Eugene Bishop's passing. Since it is hard to read, I have typed it out on pages following this scanned document. I have deciphered it as best as I can make out the handwriting. This document was sent in 1978 from Roswell P. Bishop IV. I tried to contact him at #3 Market Street, Middleville, MI 49333, however, my letter was returned as undeliverable.

Mr. Peter:

I want you to read this prior to turning it over to Matt. It is the latest findings on your Bishop forebears.

(great) William Bishop and his wife, Alice Darwin had a son John Bishop who was baptized in Feb. of 1640. He took with his parents at Holmeay Minor, Cattick, Dorset, Eng. He died at 1694.

(great) Rev. John Bishop married Rebecca Hodgeson, the daughter of Stephen and Mary Hodgeson who later was Dwp. Gov. of New Hampshire. Rev. John had several children one of whom was Joseph Bishop.

(great) Joseph Bishop married Elizabeth Knowles in 1691. It was baptized Oct 16, 1667 and died Sept 14, 1733. Joe had 17 children (which I won't name except for Andrew).

(great) Andrew Bishop was born Oct 3, 1696 and died in 1753. In 1734 he married Mary Cressay of his six or more children, one (great) Ephraim Bishop, born in 1736. He married Rebecca Seaford in Norwalk, Conn. in 1760. He had 3 or more children, one of which was Andrew.

(great) Andrew Bishop was born in New Canaan, Conn. in 1767, one married Lori Russo. I have the names of all his children, one of which was Joseph.

(great) Joseph Bishop, (details it home in the Soc) m. Elizabeth Benedict and (2) Phoebe Post (Minerva Benedict) he had several children - one of which was Edward.

(great) Edward Bishop had two wives (Anna Andrews) / Phoebe Post with his first wife he had 2 girls and Edward with his second wife he had 2 girls and Charles Bishop.

(great) Charles Bishop married Rosie Bates and had 1 girl and 3 sons one of which George E. Bishop.

great George Bishop, m. wife Anna, and had 2 girls and 2 boys, the
of which was Robert

Robert Bishop married Jacinda Williams and had one son, Peter

Peter Bishop married Nancy Putnah and had 3 sons
Peter and Matt.

Hi Pete,

I want you to read this prior to turning it over to Matt. It is the finding on your Bishop forebears.

(10 greats) William Bishop and his wife, Alice Darning (?) has a son John Bishop who was baptized in Feb. of 1670. He lived with his parents at Holway Manor, Cattistuck, Dorset, England. He died after 1694.

(9 greats) Rev. John Bishop married Rebecca Goodyear, the daughter of Stephen and Mary Goodyear who later was Dep. Gov. of New Hampshire. Rev. John had several children one of whom was Joseph Bishop.

(8 greats) Joseph Bishop married Elizabeth Knowles in 1691. Joe was baptized Oct. 16, 1667 and died Sept. 14, 1733. Joe had 17 children which I won't name except for Andrew.

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(5 greats) Andrew Bishop was baptized in New Canaan, Conn. in 1767 and married Lois Rusco. I have the names of all his children, one of which was Joseph.

(4 greats) Joseph Bishop (details at home in the Soo ?) married Elizabeth Benedict and (2) (Minerva Benedict) he had several children – one of which was Edward.

(3 greats) Edward Bishop had two wives (Ann Andrews) (Phoebe Post)
With his first wife he had 2 girls and Roswell Peter. With his second wife,
He had 2 girls and Charles Bishop.

(2 greats) Charles Bishop married Bessie Bates and had 1 girl and 3 sons,
one of which was George E. Bishop.

(1 great) George Bishop married Leslie Smith and had 2 girls and 2 boys,
one of which was Robert.

Robert Bishop married Jalianna Pellinere and had one son, R. Peter

Roswell Peter Bishop married Nancy Putseh and had 2 sons Ross and Matt.

Author Note:

I am unable to connect the dots past Veitus Bishop to our ancestors at this time.
from the document above I don't know if George was an Uncle to Veitus, or if
Ross and Matt were cousins to Peter Bishop, etc. I also thought that maybe George
could be Peter's brother George, however, Veta Gase shows that Peter's brother
George was single in her book and had no children. Thus I am not sure who
George Bishop, mentioned above, belongs to. If anyone knows anything about
anyone mentioned under (1 Great) above and can connect the dots for us,
please contact me at km_tobias@yahoo.com or 734-660-7424. Thanks!

CHAPTER 2

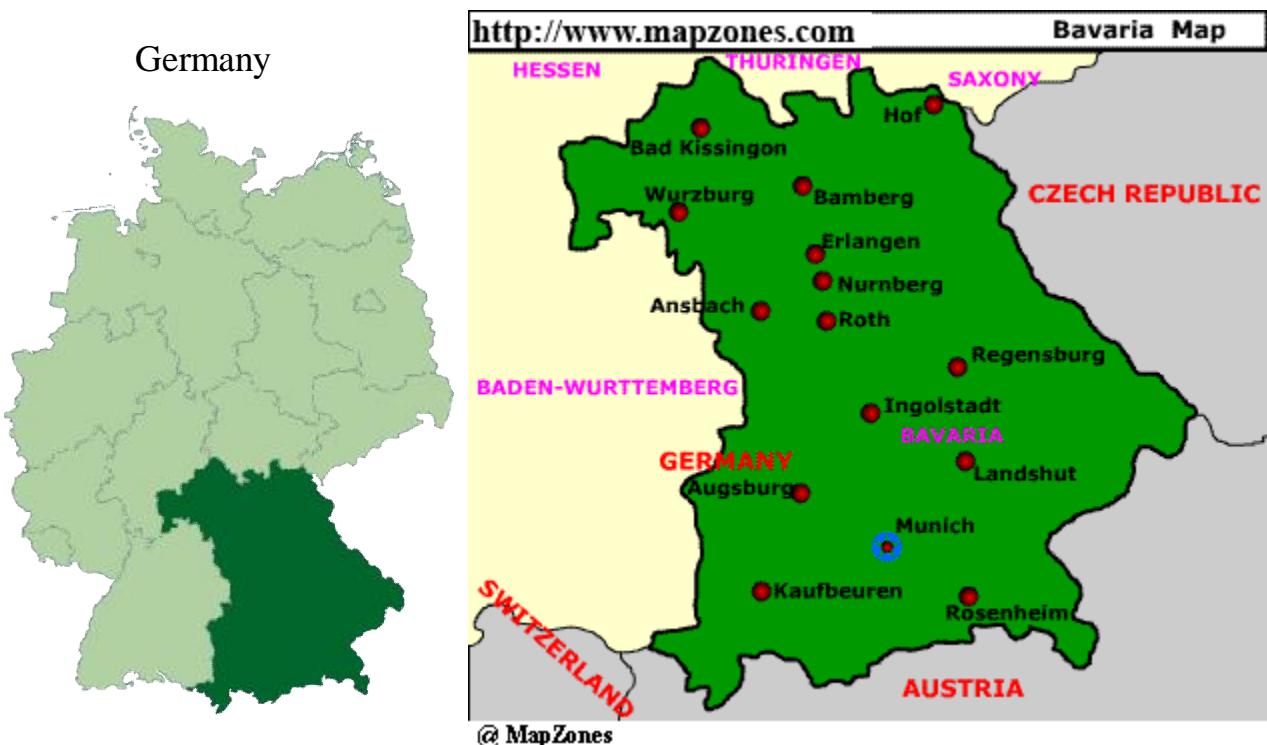
*History and Information
about Bavaria, Germany
and Alsace-Lorraine,
France*

*Birth countries of:
Veitus & Catherine Bishop*

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The website used for the information below is: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bavaria#History>

Bavaria (German: *Freistaat Bayern* ([help·info](#)); IPA: [fri:sta:t 'ba:i.en]), with an area of 70,548 square kilometres (27,200 sq mi) and almost 12.5 million inhabitants, is a region located in the southeast of [Germany](#) and is the largest [state](#) (*Bundesland*) of Germany by area. Its capital is [Munich](#) in [Upper Bavaria](#). About 6.4 million of its population are Bavarian, 4.1 million Franconian and 1.8 million Swabian.



Bavaria shares international borders with Austria and the Czech Republic as well as with Switzerland (across [Lake Constance](#)). Neighbouring states within Germany are [Baden-Württemberg](#), [Hesse](#), [Thuringia](#) and [Saxony](#). Two major rivers flow through the state, the [Danube](#) (*Donau*) and the [Main](#), and the upper [Rhine](#) forms part of the southwest border of the state. The [Bavarian Alps](#) define the border with Austria, and within the range is the highest peak in Germany, the [Zugspitze](#).

The major cities in Bavaria are [Munich](#) (*München*), [Nuremberg](#) (*Nürnberg*), [Augsburg](#), [Wurzburg](#), [Regensburg](#), [Ingolstadt](#), [Fürth](#) and [Erlangen](#).

History of Bavaria

The Bavarians emerged in a region north of the [Alps](#), originally inhabited by the [Celts](#), which had been part of the Roman provinces of Raetia and Noricum. The Bavarians spoke [Old High German](#) but, unlike other Germanic groups, did not migrate from elsewhere. Rather, they seem to have coalesced out of other groups left behind by Roman withdrawal late in the 5th century AD. These peoples may have included the Celtic [Boii](#), some remaining [Romans](#), [Marcomanni](#), [Alemanni](#), [Thuringians](#), [Goths](#), [Scirians](#), [Rugians](#), [Heruli](#). The name "Bavarian" ("[Baiuvarii](#)") means "Men of Baia" which may indicate [Bohemia](#), the homeland of the Celtic [Boii](#) and later of the Marcomanni. They first appear in written sources circa 520. [Saint Boniface](#) completed the people's conversion to Christianity in the early-8th century. Bavaria was, for the most part, unaffected by the [Protestant Reformation](#), and even today, most of it is strongly [Roman Catholic](#). From about 550 to 788 the house of [Agiolfing](#) ruled the [Duchy of Bavaria](#), ending with [Tassilo III](#) who was deposed by [Charlemagne](#).

Three early dukes are named in [Frankish](#) sources: [Garibald I](#) may have been appointed to the office by the [Merovingian](#) kings and married the [Lombard](#) princess Walderada when the church forbade her to King Chlothar I in 555. Their daughter, Theodelinde, became Queen of the Lombards in northern Italy and Garibald was forced to flee to her when he fell out with his Frankish overlords. Garibald's successor, Tassilo I, tried unsuccessfully to hold the eastern frontier against the expansion of [Slavs](#) and [Avars](#) around 600. Tassilo's son [Garibald II](#) seems to have achieved a balance of power between 610 and 616.

After Garibald II little is known of the Bavarians until [Duke Theodo I](#), whose reign may have begun as early as 680. From 696 onwards he invited churchmen from the west to organize churches and strengthen Christianity in his duchy (it is unclear what Bavarian religious life consisted of before this time). His son, [Theudebert](#), led a decisive Bavarian campaign to intervene in a succession dispute in the [Lombard Kingdom](#) in 714, and married his sister Guntrud to the Lombard King Liutprand. At Theodo's death the duchy was divided among his sons, but reunited under his grandson Hucbert.

At Hucbert's death (735 AD) the duchy passed to a distant relative named [Odilo](#), from neighbouring Alemannia (modern southwest Germany and northern Switzerland). Odilo issued a law code for Bavaria, completed the process of church organisation in partnership with St. Boniface (739), and tried to intervene in Frankish succession disputes by fighting for the claims of the [Carolingian Grifo](#). He was defeated near [Augsburg](#) in 743 but continued to rule until his death in 748.

Middle Ages

[Tassilo III](#) (b. 741 - d. after 794) succeeded his father at the age of eight after an unsuccessful attempt by Grifo to rule Bavaria. He initially ruled under Frankish oversight but began to function independently from 763 onwards. He was particularly noted for founding new monasteries and for expanding eastwards, fighting Slavs in the eastern Alps and along the [River Danube](#) and colonising these lands. After 781, however, his cousin [Charlemagne](#) began to pressure Tassilo to submit and finally deposed him in 788. The deposition was not entirely legitimate; Dissenters attempted a coup against Charlemagne at Tassilo's old capital of [Regensburg](#) in 792, led by his own son [Pippin the Hunchback](#), and the king had to drag Tassilo

out of imprisonment to formally renounce his rights and titles at the Assembly of Frankfurt in 794. This is the last appearance of Tassilo in the sources and he probably died a monk. As all of his family were also forced into monasteries, this was the end of the Agilolfing dynasty.

For the next 400 years numerous families held the duchy, rarely for more than three generations. With the revolt of duke [Henry the Quarrelsome](#) in 976, Bavaria lost large territories in the south and south east. The last, and one of the most important, of these dukes was [Henry the Lion](#) of the house of [Welf](#), founder of [Munich](#). When Henry the Lion was deposed as Duke of [Saxony](#) and Bavaria by his cousin, [Frederick I, Holy Roman Emperor](#), in 1180, Bavaria was awarded as [fief](#) to the [Wittelsbach](#) family, which ruled from 1180 to 1918. The [Electoral Palatinate](#) was also acquired by the [House of Wittelsbach](#) in 1214.

The first of several divisions of the duchy of Bavaria occurred in 1255. With the extinction of the [Hohenstaufen](#) in 1268 also [Swabian](#) territories were acquired by the Wittelsbach dukes. [Emperor Louis the Bavarian](#) acquired [Brandenburg](#), [Tirol](#), [Holland](#) and [Hainaut](#) for his House but released the [Upper Palatinate](#) for the Palatinate branch of the Wittelsbach in 1329. In 1506 with the [Landshut War of Succession](#) the other parts of Bavaria were reunited and Munich became the sole capital.

Modern Era

In 1623 the Bavarian duke replaced his relative, the [Count Palatine of the Rhine](#) in the early days of the [Thirty Years' War](#) and acquired the powerful [prince-electoral](#) dignity in the [Holy Roman Empire](#), determining its Emperor thence forward, as well as special legal status under the empire's laws. Also the Upper Palatinate was reunited with Bavaria. The ambitions of the Bavarian prince electors led to several wars with Austria during the early-18th century. From 1777 onwards Bavaria and the Electoral Palatinate were governed in personal union again.

Kingdom of Bavaria

When [Napoleon](#) abolished the Holy Roman Empire, Bavaria became a [kingdom](#) in 1806, and its area doubled. [Tirol](#) and [Salzburg](#) were temporarily reunited with Bavaria but finally ceded to Austria. In return the [Rhenish Palatinate](#) and [Franconia](#) were annexed to Bavaria in 1815. Between 1799 and 1817 the leading minister count [Montgelas](#) followed a strict policy of modernisation and laid the foundations of administrative structures that survived even the monarchy and are (in their core) valid until today. In 1818 a modern constitution (by the standards of the time) was passed, that established a bicameral Parliament with a House of Lords (*Kammer der Reichsräte*) and a House of Commons (*Kammer der Abgeordneten*). The constitution was valid until the collapse of the monarchy at the end of [World War I](#).

Germanic Bavaria

After the rise of [Prussia](#) to prominence Bavaria managed to preserve its independence by playing off the rivalries of Prussia and [Austria](#), but defeat in the 1866 [Austro-Prussian War](#) compelled Bavaria to accept incorporation into the [Prussian](#)-dominated [German Empire](#) in 1871. In the early-20th century [Wassily Kandinsky](#), [Paul Klee](#), [Henrik Ibsen](#), and other notable artists were drawn to Bavaria, notably to the [Schwabing](#) district of Munich, later devastated by [World War II](#).

20th Century

On November 12 1918 [Ludwig III](#) signed a document, the [Anif declaration](#), releasing both civil and military officers from their oaths; the newly-formed republican government of [Socialist](#) premier [Kurt Eisner](#) interpreted this as an abdication. [Eisner](#) was assassinated in 1919 leading to a violently suppressed Communist revolt. Extremist activity by the National Socialists also increased, notably the 1923 [Beer Hall Putsch](#), and Munich and [Nuremberg](#) became [Nazi](#) strongholds under the [Third Reich](#). As a manufacturing center, Munich was heavily bombed during [World War II](#) and occupied by [U.S. troops](#). The Rhenish Palatinate was detached from Bavaria in 1946 and made part of the new state [Rhineland-Palatinate](#).

Since [World War II](#), Bavaria has been rehabilitated into a prosperous industrial hub. A massive reconstruction effort restored much of Munich's historic core, and the city hosted the [1972 Summer Olympics](#). More recently, former state minister-president [Edmund Stoiber](#) was the CDU/CSU candidate for chancellor in the [2002 federal election](#) which he lost, and native son [Cardinal](#) Joseph Ratzinger was elected [Pope Benedict XVI](#) in 2005.

Geography

The Bavarian Alps

Bavaria shares international borders with Austria and the Czech Republic as well as with Switzerland (across [Lake Constance](#)). Neighbouring states within Germany are [Baden-Württemberg](#), [Hesse](#), [Thuringia](#) and [Saxony](#). Two major rivers flow through the state, the [Danube](#) ([Donau](#)) and the [Main](#), and the upper [Rhine](#) forms part of the southwest border of the state. The [Bavarian Alps](#) define the border with Austria, and within the range is the highest peak in Germany, the [Zugspitze](#).

The major cities in Bavaria are [Munich](#) (*München*), [Nuremberg](#) (*Nürnberg*), [Augsburg](#), [Würzburg](#), [Regensburg](#), [Ingolstadt](#), [Fürth](#) and [Erlangen](#).

BAYERN (in the German language), BAVARIA (in the English language) is a Bundesland (a State within the Federal Republic of Germany), but calls itself a "Freistaat" (Free State) based on its earlier historic standing. Bayern is divided into 7 Regierungsbezirke (Districts): Oberpfalz, Niederbayern, Oberbayern, Unterfranken, Mittelfranken, Oberfranken, and Schwaben. Bayern has 71 Landkreise, sometimes shortened to "Kreise" (similar to US counties) plus Kreisfrei Städte (cities large enough to be administered at the county level). There are a total of 373 Gemeinden (similar to US townships). In addition, there are 23 Städte (cities). Each Gemeinde or Stadt is a local administrative division.

The southern portion of today's German State of Rheinland-Pfalz was once owned by Bavaria for a very long time and was / is referred to as the "Rheinpfalz", "Rhennish Pfalz", "Rheinbayern" or "Palatinate", but it is no longer a part of modern Bavaria / Bayern.

Regierungsbezirke (administrative regions)

Administrative Regions of Bavaria

Bavaria is divided into 7 administrative regions called *Regierungsbezirke* (singular *Regierungsbezirk*).

Upper Franconia (*Oberfranken*)

Middle Franconia (*Mittelfranken*)

Lower Franconia (*Unterfranken*)

Swabia (*Schwaben*)

Upper Palatinate (*Oberpfalz*)

Upper Bavaria (*Oberbayern*)

Lower Bavaria (*Niederbayern*)

These administrative regions consist of 71 administrative districts (called *Landkreise*, singular *Landkreis*) and 25 independent cities (*kreisfreie Städte*, singular *kreisfreie Stadt*).



Below is another view of the Bavaria regions from ProGenealogists Trusted Family History Research.
<http://www.progenealogists.com/germany/bavaria/>

Bavaria Genealogy

This section of the website contains information about Bavaria. It also includes a comprehensive [Bavarian gazetteer](#) to aid your genealogical research. Bavaria is known as Bayern in Germany.

Bavaria is a State (Bundesland) within the Federal Republic of Germany, but it actually calls itself a Free State (Freistaat) based on its history.

Culture

Though only a relatively small part belongs to the [Alps](#), the perception of Bavaria as an alpine region endures. Some features of the Bavarian culture and mentality are remarkably distinct from the rest of Germany.

The Bavarians take great pride in their culture. Traditions are taught to the children and descendants of Bavarian citizens through literature, music and cultural events. Whether actually in Bavaria, overseas or full citizens of other nations they continue to cultivate their traditions. They hold festivals and dances to keep their traditions alive. In New York the German American Cultural Society is a larger umbrella group for others such as the Bavarian organizations, which represent a specific part of Germany. They proudly put forth a German Parade called [Steuben Parade](#) each year. Various affiliated events take place amongst its groups, one of which is the Bavarian Dancers.

Religion

The predominant faith is [Roman Catholicism](#), particularly in the southern parts of Bavaria and Lower Franconia. As per the most recent available *Kirchliche Statistik Eckdaten* from the *Deutsche Bischofskonferenz*, Bavaria is one of two Bundesländer with a population that is in majority Catholic (though in several additional Bundesländer, a plurality of the population is Catholic). This source indicates that in 2007, 56.4% of the Bavarian population was Catholic. In addition, [Lutheranism](#) has a significant presence in large parts of Franconia. Religion remains important to many in the region, as expressed by the typical Bavarian, Austrian and Swabian greeting: "[Gruß Gott!](#)" (*Greet God!*). The current pope, [Benedict XVI](#) (Joseph Alois Ratzinger), was born in [Marktl am Inn](#) in [Upper Bavaria](#) and was [Archbishop of Munich and Freising](#).

Attitude toward traditions

Bavarians commonly emphasize pride in their traditions. Traditional costumes collectively known as [Tracht](#) are worn on special occasions and include in [Altbayern Lederhosen](#) for males and [Dirndl](#) for females. Century-old folk music is practiced. The [Maibaum](#), or Maypole (which in the Middle Ages served as the community's yellow pages, as figurettes on the pole represent the trades of the village), and the bagpipes in the Upper Palatinate region bear witness to the [ancient Celtic and Germanic](#) remnants of cultural heritage of the region.

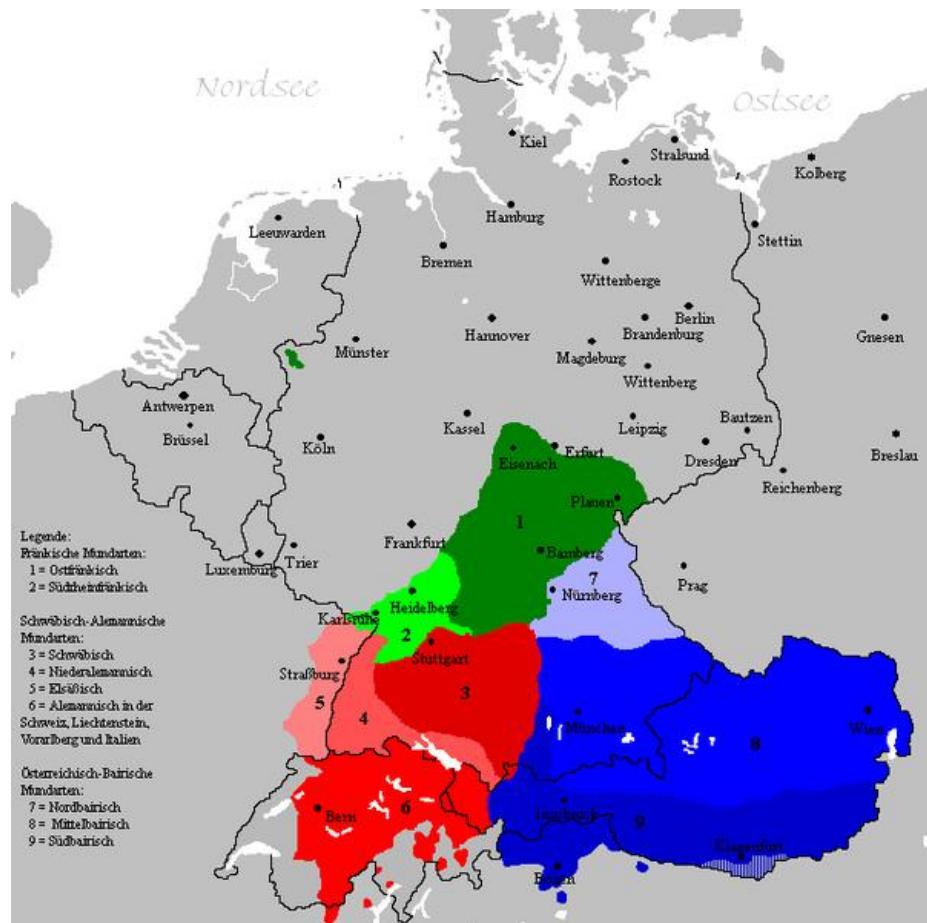
Food and drink

Bavarians tend to place a great value on food and drink. Bavarians also consume many items of food and drink which are unusual elsewhere in Germany; for example [Weißwurst](#) ("white sausage"). At folk festivals, beer is traditionally served by the litre (the so-called [Maß](#)). Bavarians are particularly proud of the traditional [Reinheitsgebot](#), or purity law, initially established by the Duke of Bavaria in 1516. According to this law, only three ingredients were allowed in beer: water, barley, and hops. In 1906 the Reinheitsgebot made its way to German law, and remained a law in Germany until the [EU](#) struck it down recently as incompatible with the European common market. Bavarians are also known as some of the world's most beer-loving people with an average annual consumption of 170 liters per person.

Bavaria is also home to the [Franconia wine region](#), which is situated along the [Main River](#) in [Franconia](#). The region has produced wine for over 1,000 years and is famous for its use of the [Bocksbeutel](#) wine bottle. The production of wine forms an integral part of the regional culture, and many of its villages and cities hold their own wine festivals (Weinfests) throughout the year.

Language and dialects

Three [German dialects](#) are spoken in Bavaria: [Austro-Bavarian](#) in Old Bavaria (South East and East), [Swabian German](#) (an [Alemannic German](#) dialect) in the Bavarian part of [Swabia](#) (South West) and [East Franconian German](#) in [Franconia](#) (North). Bavarians are very proud of their marked [dialects](#), and most of them speak with their Bavarian, [Franconian](#) or [Swabian](#) accent. As with traditions in general, cultivation of dialect and regional accent is considered a strengthening of regional identity.



- 1: [East Franconian](#)
- 2: [South Franconian](#)
- 3: [Swabian German](#)
- 4: [Low Alemannic](#)
- 5: [Alsatian](#)
- 6: [High](#) and [Highest](#) Alemannic
- 7: [Northern Austro-Bavarian](#)
- 8: [Central Austro-Bavarian](#)
- 9: [Southern Austro-Bavarian](#)

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Bavaria

*state, Germany***German** *Bayern*

Conquered by the Romans in the 1st century bc (see [Noricum](#); [Raetia](#)), the area was taken by [Charlemagne](#) and incorporated into his empire in 788. It became one of the great duchies of the [Holy Roman Empire](#). Under [Maximilian I](#), Bavaria led the [Catholic League](#) in the [Thirty Years' War](#). It was overrun repeatedly in the context of larger wars in the 18th century. It joined the German Empire in 1871, while remaining a kingdom. The king was overthrown in 1918; after a brief period of instability, Bavaria joined the [Weimar Republic](#) in 1919. [Adolf Hitler](#) had his first power base in Bavaria in the 1920s. It adopted a new constitution in 1946 and became a state of the Federal Republic of Germany in 1949. It has long been Germany's most Roman Catholic area. Its largest cities are [Munich](#) (its capital), [Augsburg](#), and [Nürnberg](#). Notable regions include the Bavarian [Alps](#), the [Black Forest](#), and the [Bohemian Forest](#). Bavaria is famous for the beauty of its rolling landscape and the charm of its villages.

Ethnography

Bavarians consider themselves to be [egalitarian](#) and informal. Their sociability can be experienced at the annual [Oktoberfest](#), the world's largest beer festival, which welcomes around six million visitors every year, or in the famous beer gardens. In traditional Bavarian [beer gardens](#), patrons bring their own food and only buy beer from the brewery that runs the beer garden. [citation needed]

In the United States, particularly among [German Americans](#), Bavarian culture is viewed somewhat nostalgically, and many "Bavarian villages", most notably [Frankenmuth, Michigan](#) and [Leavenworth, Washington](#), have been founded. Since 1962, the latter has been styled with a Bavarian theme; it is also home to "one of the world's largest collections of [nutcrackers](#)" and an [Oktoberfest](#) celebration it claims is among the most attended in the world outside of [Munich](#).^[6]

German-Bavarian relations

It is a common joke in Germany that Bavaria is not part of Germany. In fact a minority seriously agrees with this notion; the [Bayernpartei](#) (Bavaria Party) advocates Bavarian independence from Germany. It is important to note that Bavaria was the only state to reject the [West German constitution](#) in 1949. However this has had no consequences on its implementation. Furthermore, many NGOs ([non-governmental organizations](#)) have a German and a dedicated Bavarian branch. The main disintegrated factor might seem to be the fact that Bavaria has its very own political party ([CSU](#)) representing the free state in the [Bundestag](#). However, the CSU always cooperates with CDU ([Christian Democratic Union](#))^[7], forming factions and building up the government with it. Thus, the existence of a dedicated party is not necessarily a disintegrating factor and is rather seen as a sign for political diversity in Germany. Bavaria fielded a border police force, much like the Federal German Grenzschutz, during the Cold War.



Bavarian church with [Alps](#) in the background. What a beautiful country.



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Alsace Lorraine

This region has moved back and forth between French and German rule over the centuries. The North American continent, especially the United States, has welcomed many emigrants from Alsace Lorraine.

There is a history of this region and other interesting information at www.wikipedia.com

Alsace-Lorraine ([German](#): *Reichsland Elsaß-Lothringen*, generally [Elsass-Lothringen](#)) was a territorial entity created by the [German Empire](#) in 1871 after the annexation of most of [Alsace](#) and the Moselle region of [Lorraine](#) in the [Franco-Prussian War](#). The Alsatian part lay in the [Rhine](#) Valley on the west bank of the Rhine River and on the east of the [Vosges Mountains](#). The Lorraine section was in the upper [Moselle valley](#) to the north of the Vosges Mountains.

These territories had become part of [Eastern Francia](#) in 921 during the reign of King [Louis the German](#), and later became part of the [Holy Roman Empire](#). They gradually became part of France between [1552](#), when [Metz](#) ceded to the Kingdom of France and [1798](#), when the (Republic of [Mulhouse](#)) joined the French Republic. After the [Franco-Prussian War](#) of 1870, the area was annexed by the newly-created [German Empire](#) in 1871 by the [Treaty of Frankfurt](#) and became a *Reichsland*.

French troops entered Alsace-Lorraine in November 1918 at the end of the [World War I](#) and the territory reverted to France at the [Treaty of Versailles](#) of 1919.

The area was annexed by [Nazi Germany](#) in 1940, but reverted to France in 1945 at the end of [World War II](#) and has remained a part of France since.

In 1871 the region was made up of 93% of [Alsace](#) (7% remained French) and 26% of [Lorraine](#) (74% remained French). For historical reasons, specific legal dispositions are still applied in the territory.^[1]

Ancient and medieval history

Always closely tied to the [Rhine River](#), which forms its eastern boundary, Alsace has been a border region for most of its history. It was first conquered by [Julius Caesar](#) in the first century B.C. and remained a part of the [Roman](#) province of *Prima Germania* for the following six centuries. The region was conquered by the [Alemanni](#), a Germanic tribe, in the fifth century A.D. and then by [Clovis](#) and the [Franks](#) in 496. Under his [Merovingian](#) successors the inhabitants were Christianized.

In the ninth century, this region became part of the heartland of the [Carolingian Empire](#) of [Charlemagne](#) (Charles the Great). When [Charlemagne](#)'s grandsons divided his empire at the [Treaty of Verdun](#) of 843, the region was in the middle of Lorraine (Lotharingia), part of a narrow middle strip granted to [Lothar](#) with German- and French-speaking kingdoms to either side. Buffeted on both sides, the new kingdom did not last long and the region that was to become Alsace fell to the [Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation](#) as part of the duchy of [Swabia](#) in the [Treaty of Meersen](#) in 870. At about this time the entire region began to fragment into secular and ecclesiastical lordships, a situation that lasted into the 17th century and was a common process in Europe.

One of the most powerful secular families of Swabia was that of the Staufen or Hohenstaufen. In 1152, this family placed its leading member on the German throne as [Friedrich I Barbarossa](#). Frederick was instrumental in recovery of the monarchy from its dissipation following the [Investiture Contest](#). Part of the reason was his policy of building up imperial lands in support of the monarchy and in 1212, Alsace was organized for the first time as we know it today as one of those lands. Frederick set up Alsace as a province (though not [provincia](#) but [procuratio](#) was used) to be ruled by [ministeriales](#), a non-noble class of civil servants. The idea was that such men would be more tractable and less likely to alienate the [fief](#) from the crown out of their own greed. The province had a single provincial court (Landgericht) and a central administration, with its seat at [Haguenau](#).

During his reign, Emperor [Friedrich II](#) designated the [bishop of Strasbourg](#) to administrate Alsace, but the authority of the bishop was challenged by Count Rudolf of Habsburg, who received his rights from Friedrich's son [Conrad IV](#). Straßburg, which had been an [episcopal see](#) since the fourth century, began to grow, becoming the most populous and commercially important town in the region. In 1262, after a long struggle with the ruling bishops, its citizens gained the status of free imperial city. A stop on the Paris-Vienna-Orient trade route, as well as a port on the Rhine route linking southern [Germany](#) and [Switzerland](#) to the [Netherlands](#), [England](#) and [Scandinavia](#), it became the political and economic center of the region. Cities such as [Colmar](#) and [Haguenau](#) also began to grow in economic importance and gained a kind of autonomy within the "Decapole" or "Dekapolis", a federation of 10 free towns.

Around this time, German central power declined following years of imperial adventures in Italian lands, which ceded hegemony in Europe to France, long a centralized power. Now France began an aggressive policy of expanding eastward, first to the [Rhône](#) and [Meuse](#) Rivers, and when those borders were reached, for the Rhine. In 1299, they even proposed a marriage alliance between [Philip IV of France](#)'s sister and [Albrecht of Austria](#)'s son, with Alsace to be the dowry; however, the deal never materialized. In 1307, the town of [Belfort](#) was first chartered by the counts of [Montbéliard](#).

During the next century, France was to be militarily shattered by the [Hundred Years War](#) with England which prevented for a time any further tendencies in this direction. After the conclusion of the war, France was again free to pursue its desire to reach the Rhine, and in 1444 a French army appeared in Lorraine and Alsace. There it took up winter quarters, demanded the submission of [Metz](#) and [Strasbourg](#) and launched an attack on Basel.

Modern history

In 1469, following the Treaty of St. Omer, Upper Alsace was sold by Duke [Sigismund of Habsburg](#) to [Charles of Burgundy](#) who also ruled over the Netherlands and Burgundy. Although Charles was the nominal landlord, taxes were paid to the German Emperor. The Emperor was able to wreak this tax and a dynastic marriage to his advantage to gain back full control of Upper Alsace (apart from the free towns, but including Belfort) in 1477 when it became part of the particular demesne of the [Habsburg](#) family, who were also hereditary rulers of the Empire. A little later, in 1515, the town of [Mulhouse](#) joined the [Swiss Confederation](#), where it was to remain until 1798.

By the time of the [Reformation](#) in the 16th century, Strasbourg was a prosperous community, and its inhabitants accepted [Protestantism](#) at an early date (1523). The reformer [Martin Bucer](#) was a prominent Protestant reformer in the region. His efforts were countered by the Roman Catholic Habsburgs who tried to eradicate heresy in Upper Alsace. As a result, Alsace was transformed into a mosaic of [Catholic](#) and [Protestant](#) territories. On the other hand, [Mömpelgard](#) to the southwest of Alsace, belonging to the counts of [Württemberg](#) since 1397, remained a Protestant enclave in France until 1793.

This situation prevailed until 1639 when most of Alsace was conquered by France to prevent it falling into the hands of the [Spanish Habsburgs](#) who wanted a clear road to their valuable and rebellious possessions in the Netherlands. This occurred in the greater context of the [Thirty Years War](#). So, in 1646, beset by enemies and to gain a free hand in Hungary, the Habsburgs sold their Sundgau territory (mostly in Upper Alsace) to France, which had occupied it, for the sum of 1.2 million thalers. Thus, when the hostilities finally ceased in 1648 with the [Treaty of Westphalia](#), most of Alsace went to France with some towns remaining independent. The treaty stipulations regarding Alsace were extremely Byzantine and confusing; it is thought that this was purposely so that neither the French king or the German Emperor could gain tight control, but that one would play off the other, thereby assuring Alsace some measure of autonomy. Supporters of this theory point out that the treaty stipulations were authored by Imperial plenipotentiary [Isaac Volmar](#), the former chancellor of Alsace.

The Thirty Years War (1618-1648) had been one of the worst periods in the history of Alsace and other parts of Southern Germany. It caused large numbers of the population (mainly in the countryside) to die or to flee away, because the land was successively invaded and devastated by many armies (Imperials, Swedes, French, etc.). After 1648 and until the mid-18th century, numerous immigrants arrived from Switzerland, Germany, [Austria](#), Lorraine, [Savoy](#) and other areas. Between 1671-1711 [Anabaptist](#) refugees came from Switzerland, notably from [Bern](#). Strasbourg became a main center of the early Anabaptist movement.

France consolidated its hold with the 1679 [Treaties of Nijmegen](#) which brought the towns under her control. In 1681, France occupied Strasbourg in an unprovoked action. These territorial

changes were reinforced at the 1697 [Treaty of Ryswick](#) which ended the War of the Palatinate (also known as the War of the [Grand Alliance](#) or [War of the League of Augsburg](#)), although the Holy Roman Empire did not accept and sign the document until 1697.

Thus was Alsace drawn into the orbit of France. However, Alsace had a somewhat exceptional position in the kingdom. The German language was still used in local government, school and education and the German (Lutheran) university of Strasburg was continued and attended by students from Germany. The [Edict of Fontainebleau](#) which legalized the brutal suppression of French Protestantism was not applied in Alsace and in contrast to the rest of France there was a relative religious tolerance (although the French authorities tried to promote Catholicism and the Lutheran [Strasbourg Cathedral](#) had to be handed over to the Catholics in 1681). There was a customs boundary along the [Vosges mountains](#) against the rest of France while there was no such boundary against Germany. For these reasons Alsace remained coined by German culture and also economically oriented towards Germany until the [French Revolution](#).

The year 1789 brought the French Revolution and with it the first division of Alsace into the départements of [Haut-](#) and [Bas-Rhin](#). Alsatians played an active role in the French Revolution. On [July 21, 1789](#), after receiving news of the [Storming of the Bastille](#) in Paris, a crowd of people stormed the Strasbourg city hall, forcing the city administrators to flee and putting symbolically an end to the feudal system in Alsace. In [1792](#), [Rouget de Lisle](#) composed in Strasbourg the Revolutionary marching song [La Marseillaise](#), which later became the anthem of France. *La Marseillaise* was played for the first time in April of that year in front of the mayor of Strasbourg [Philippe-Frédéric de Dietrich](#). Some of the most famous generals of the French Revolution also came from Alsace, notably [Kellermann](#), the victor of [Valmy](#), and [Kléber](#), who led the armies of the French Republic in [Vendée](#).

At the same time, some Alsatians were in opposition to the [Jacobins](#) and sympathetic to the invading forces of [Austria](#) and [Prussia](#) who sought to crush the nascent revolutionary republic. Many of the residents of the [Sundgau](#) made "pilgrimages" to places like [Mariastein Abbey](#), near [Basel](#), in Switzerland, for baptisms and weddings. When the [French Revolutionary Army](#) of the Rhine was victorious, tens of thousands fled east before it. When they were later permitted to return (in some cases not until 1799), it was often to find that their lands and homes had been confiscated. These conditions led to emigration by hundreds of families to newly-vacant lands in the [Russian Empire](#) in 1803-4 and again in 1808. A poignant retelling of this tale based on what he had himself witnessed can be found in [Goethe's Hermann und Dorothea](#).

In response to the restoration of [Napoleon I of France](#), in 1814 and 1815, Alsace was occupied by foreign forces, including over 280,000 soldiers and 90,000 horses in Bas-Rhin alone. This had grave effects on trade and the economy of the region since former overland trade routes were switched to newly-opened [Mediterranean](#) and [Atlantic](#) seaports.

The population grew rapidly, from 800,000 in 1814 to 914,000 in 1830 and 1,067,000 in 1846. The combination of factors meant hunger, housing shortages and a lack of work for young people. Thus, it is not surprising that people left Alsace, not only to Paris, where the Alsatian community grew in numbers, with famous members such as [Baron Haussmann](#), but also to far away places like Russia and the [Austrian Empire](#) to take advantage of new opportunities offered there. Austria

had conquered lands in Eastern Europe from the [Ottoman Empire](#) and offered generous terms for colonists in order to consolidate their hold on the lands. Many Alsatians also began to sail for the [United States](#), where after 1807 slave importation had been banned and new workers were needed for the cotton fields.

After the Franco-Prussian War of 1870/1871

Proclamation of the German Empire at [Versailles](#), 1871



The newly-created [German Empire's](#) demand of [territory](#) from France in the aftermath of its victory in the [Franco-Prussian War](#) was not simply a [punitive](#) measure. The transfer was controversial even amongst the Germans themselves - [German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck](#) was strongly opposed to a transfer of territory that he knew would provoke permanent French enmity towards the new state.

However, [German Emperor Wilhelm I](#) eventually sided with [Helmut von Moltke the Elder](#) and other Prussian generals and others who argued that a westward shift in the new Franco-German border was necessary and desirable for a number of reasons. From a [nationalistic](#) perspective, the transfer seemed justified since most of the lands that were annexed were populated by people who spoke [Alemannic German dialects](#). From a military perspective, shifting the Franco-German frontier away from the [Rhine](#) would give the Germans a strategic advantage over the French, especially by early 1870s military standards and thinking.

However, domestic politics of the new Empire might have been the decisive factor. Although it was effectively led by Prussia, the German Empire was a new and highly decentralized creation. The new arrangement left many senior Prussian generals with serious misgivings about leading diverse military forces to guard a pre-war frontier that, except for the northernmost section was part of two other states of the new Empire - [Baden](#) and [Bavaria](#). As recently as the 1866 [Austro-Prussian War](#), these states had been Prussia's enemies. Both states, but especially Bavaria had been given substantial concessions with regards to local autonomy in the new Empire's [constitution](#), including a great deal of autonomy over military matters. For this reason, the Prussian [General Staff](#) argued that it was prudent and necessary that the new Empire's frontier with France be under their direct control. Creating a new Imperial Territory (*Reichsland*) out of formerly French territory would achieve this goal: although a Reichsland would not be part of the Kingdom of Prussia, being governed directly from Berlin it would be under Prussian control. Thus, by annexing territory Berlin was able to avoid delicate negotiations with Baden and Bavaria on such matters as construction and control of new [fortifications](#), etc. The governments of Baden and Bavaria, naturally, were in favour of moving the French border away from their territories.

It is important to note that memories of the [Napoleonic Wars](#) were still quite fresh in the 1870s. Right up until the Franco-Prussian War, the French had maintained a long-standing desire to establish their entire eastern frontier on the Rhine, and thus they were viewed by most 19th century Germans as an aggressive, war-mongering people. In the years prior to 1870, it is arguable that the Germans feared the French more than the French feared the Germans. Many Germans at the time thought creation of the new Empire in itself would be enough to earn [permanent French enmity](#), and thus desired a defensible border with their old enemy. Any additional enmity that would be earned from territorial concessions was downplayed as marginal and insignificant in the overall scheme of things.

The annexed area consisted of the northern part of Lorraine, along with [Alsace](#). Not affected by this was the town of [Belfort](#) and the area around it (now the French *département* of [Territoire de Belfort](#)), because the inhabitants there were predominantly native French speakers, unlike in the rest of Alsace. Also, the town and area of [Montbéliard](#), to the south of Belfort, was not included, despite the fact that this was a Protestant enclave, as it had belonged to [Württemberg](#) from 1397 to 1806. This area corresponded to the French *départements* of [Bas-Rhin](#) (in its entirety), [Haut-Rhin](#) (except the area of Belfort and Montbéliard), and a small area in the northeast of the [Vosges](#) *département*, all of which made up Alsace, and the *départements* of [Moselle](#) (four-fifths of it) and the northeast of [Meurthe](#) (one-third of Meurthe), which were the eastern part of Lorraine. The remaining *département* of Meurthe was joined with the westernmost part of Moselle which had escaped German annexation to form the new *département* of [Meurthe-et-Moselle](#).

The new border between France and Germany mainly followed the geolinguistic divide between [Romance](#) and Germanic dialects, except in a few valleys of the Alsatian side of the [Vosges mountains](#), the city of [Metz](#) and in the area of [Château-Salins](#) (formerly in the Meurthe *département*), which were annexed by Germany despite the fact that people there spoke French^[2]. In 1900, 11.6% of the population of Alsace-Lorraine spoke French as mother language (11.0% in 1905, 10.9% in 1910). The fact that small francophone areas were affected was used in France to denounce the new border as hypocrisy, since Germany had justified them by the native Germanic dialects and culture of the inhabitants, which was true for the majority of Alsace-Lorraine. However, the German administration was tolerant of the use of the French language and French was permitted as an official language and school language in those areas where it was spoken by a majority (this relatively tolerant policy contrasted with the policy of French authorities against the use of German after World War I).

The [Treaty of Frankfurt](#) gave the residents of the region until [October 1, 1872](#) to choose between emigrating to France or remaining in the region and having their nationality legally changed to German. By 1876, about 100,000 or 5% of the residents of Alsace-Lorraine had emigrated to France.^[3]

The "being French" feeling stayed strong at least during the first sixteen years of the annexation. During the Reichstag elections, the fifteen deputies of 1874, 1881, 1884 (but one) and 1887 were called *protester deputies* (fr: *députés protestataires*) because they expressed to the Parliament their opposition to the annexation by the mean of the *1874 motion* in French language: « May it please the Reichstag to decide that the populations of Alsace-Lorraine that were annexed, without having been consulted, to the Germanic Empire by the treaty of Frankfurt have to come out particularly about this annexation^[4]. »

Under the [German Empire](#) of 1871-1918, the territory constituted the *Reichsland* or Imperial Province of *Elsass-Lothringen*. The area was administered directly by the imperial government in Berlin and was granted some measure of autonomy in 1911. This included its own flag, and the [Elsässisches Fahnenlied](#) as anthem. The infamous [Saverne Affair](#) (1913) however showed that this status was of no high value in the eyes of the Berlin government.

During World War I

Alsace-Lorraine, during this time, was a geo-political prize contested between the French and German powers. Because the area lies between the two, it is obvious that both countries would try to take control over Alsace-Lorraine. With the increased militarization of Europe, coupled with the lack of negotiation between major powers, led to harsh and rash actions taken by both parties in respect to Alsace-Lorraine.

As soon as war was declared, both French and German sides made mistakes and insults towards Alsace-Lorraine people, who were used as pawns in the growing conflict between France and Germany.

Alsatians living in France were arrested and dragged into camps with popular French support; besides, when Frenchmen got into a village, they wildly arrested people, taking sometimes old medallist veterans of 1870^[5]. The Germans responded with worse atrocities^[citation needed]: the Saverne Affair had convinced the high command that the whole population was intensely hostile to the German Reich and that it should be terrorized into submission.

[Charles Spindler](#) informed that his nephew, living in Berlin, was mobilized in a Prussian regiment; while arriving in Strasbourg's train station, the staff sergeant warned his troop : « Now, you are in a country of s... (sic), act consequently! »

Due to the proximity of the front, German troops confiscated homes. The German military were highly suspicious of French patriots.

Prohibition to speak French in public still increased the exasperation of the natives, for long used to mix up the conversation with French language; however, only one word, was it as innocent as "bonjour", costed a fine^[6].

The non-native Germans believed to show patriotism while taking part in the hunting: they had fine hearing to denounce to the police all that they heard in the cursed language. Thus, the population was divided between an all-powerful minority and a majority which could only keep its fist in its pocket and wait for the hour of revenge^[7].

Regarded as suspect, the Alsatian or Lorraine soldier was obviously sent on the Russian front where the most dangerous missions were assigned to him. The permissions were granted to him less easily than to other German soldiers^[8]. Anyway, even if he obtained his permission, the Alsatian-Lorraine soldier had to wait three weeks to let the local police investigate his family^[9].

If he lived too close to the Swiss border, it was feared too much that he would try to desert and he had to remain in [Baden](#), where his family was liberally given the right to come and see him^[10].

After World War I

See also [Alsace Soviet Republic](#) In order to spare them possible confrontations with relatives in France, the soldiers from Alsace-Lorraine were mainly sent to the Eastern front, or the [Kaiserliche Marine](#).

In October 1918, the German Imperial Navy, which had spent most of the war since the [Battle of Jutland](#) in ports, was ordered to fight, in order to weaken the British Royal Navy for the time after the war. However, the sailors refused to obey. At that time, about 15,000 Alsatians and Lorrainers had been incorporated into the Kaiserliche Marine. Some of them joined the insurrection and the [German Revolution](#), and decided to rouse their homeland to revolt against the monarchy of the Emperor.

Independent Republic of Alsace-Lorraine

On 8 November 1918, the proclamation of a [Soviet Republic](#) in [Bavaria](#) was aired in [Strasbourg](#), the capital city of [Alsace](#). The next day, on [November 9](#), thousands of demonstrators rallied at the local bakers square in Strasbourg, to acclaim the first soldiers returning home from northern Germany. A train controlled by insurgents was blocked on the [Kehl](#) bridge, and a loyal commander ordered to fire on the train. One insurgent was killed, but his fellows took control of the city of Kehl.

The same day, [Kaiser Wilhelm](#) abdicated and [Philipp Scheidemann](#) declared Germany [a republic](#) in a speech from the [Reichstag](#). As Alsace-Lorraine had been administered by Berlin and the Emperor, and had no state government and monarch like other German states, the departure of the Emperor left an even larger vacuum of power.

Similar to other areas of Germany, the former seamen established a *Soldiers' Council of Strasbourg*, and took the control of the city. A council of workers and soldiers was then established and presided by the leader of the brewery workers' union. Their motto was: 'Neither German neither French nor neutral.' [citation needed]

On [11 November](#), the [Armistice with Germany \(Compiègne\)](#) was signed, ending the war. The same day, the Diet of Strasbourg proclaimed an **Independent Republic of Alsace-Lorraine**. The [Landtag](#) (parliament) proclaimed itself the "National Council of Alsace-Lorraine" and the sole legal authority there. The next day, the National Council took over all functions of the Statthalter and of the Secretary of state, and proclaimed the sovereignty of Alsace-Lorraine. [Eugène Ricklin](#) and [Jacques Peirotes](#) were in charge. [citation needed]

Independence was short-lived as the French occupied [Mülhausen](#) on 17 November. They took Colmar and Metz on the next days, and, on 21 November 1918, French troops arrived in Strasbourg. [citation needed]

After the Republic of Alsace-Lorraine

After eleven days of independence, Alsace-Lorraine was occupied by and incorporated into [France](#). The region lost its recently acquired autonomy, was returned to the centralised French system and divided into the [départements](#) of [Haut-Rhin](#), [Bas-Rhin](#) and [Moselle](#) (the same political structure as

before the annexation and as created by the French Revolution, with slightly different limits). Today the territory enjoys laws in certain areas that are significantly different from the rest of France - see for example the statute of [Alsace-Moselle](#).

The département [Meurthe-et-Moselle](#) was maintained even after France recovered Alsace-Lorraine in 1919. The area of Belfort became a special status area and was not reintegrated into [Haut-Rhin](#) in 1919 but instead was made a full-status département in 1922 under the name [Territoire-de-Belfort](#)^[11].

Expulsion of Germans

The French Government immediately started a [Francization](#) campaign that included the forced deportation of all Germans who had settled in the area after 1870. For that purpose, the population was divided in four categories, A to D^[12]. German-language Alsatian newspapers were also suppressed.

World War II

After France was defeated in the spring of 1940, the area was administered from Berlin by the Germans until they were defeated in 1945. During the occupation, all inhabitants of military age were subject to conscription into the German army, and in some cases engaged in repression against French citizens during the [Second World War](#) (see for instance the massacre of [Oradour-sur-Glane](#)). About 130,000 young men from Alsace-Lorraine were also drafted or volunteered to serve in the German [Wehrmacht](#) or the [Waffen-SS](#) during the Second World War, mostly on the eastern front (40,000 of them were killed or missing in action). This led to numerous problems and recriminations after the war.

Contemporary history

When Alsace-Lorraine was returned to France after the war, the fact that many young men from the area had served (mostly by force) in the German Army, and even the Waffen SS, resulted in tensions between Alsace-Lorraine and other parts of France.

The French government pursued, in line with its traditional [language policy](#), a campaign to suppress the use of German. Both the German language as well as the local Germanic dialect [Elsässisch](#) were for a time banned from public life (street and city names, official administration, the educational system, etc). Largely due to this policy, Alsace-Lorraine is today very French in language and culture. Few young people speak [Elsässisch](#) today, though the closely-related [Alemannisch](#) survives on the opposite bank of the Rhine, in [Baden](#), and especially in [Switzerland](#). However, while French is the major language of the region, the Alsatian dialect of French is heavily influenced by German, in phonology and vocabulary.

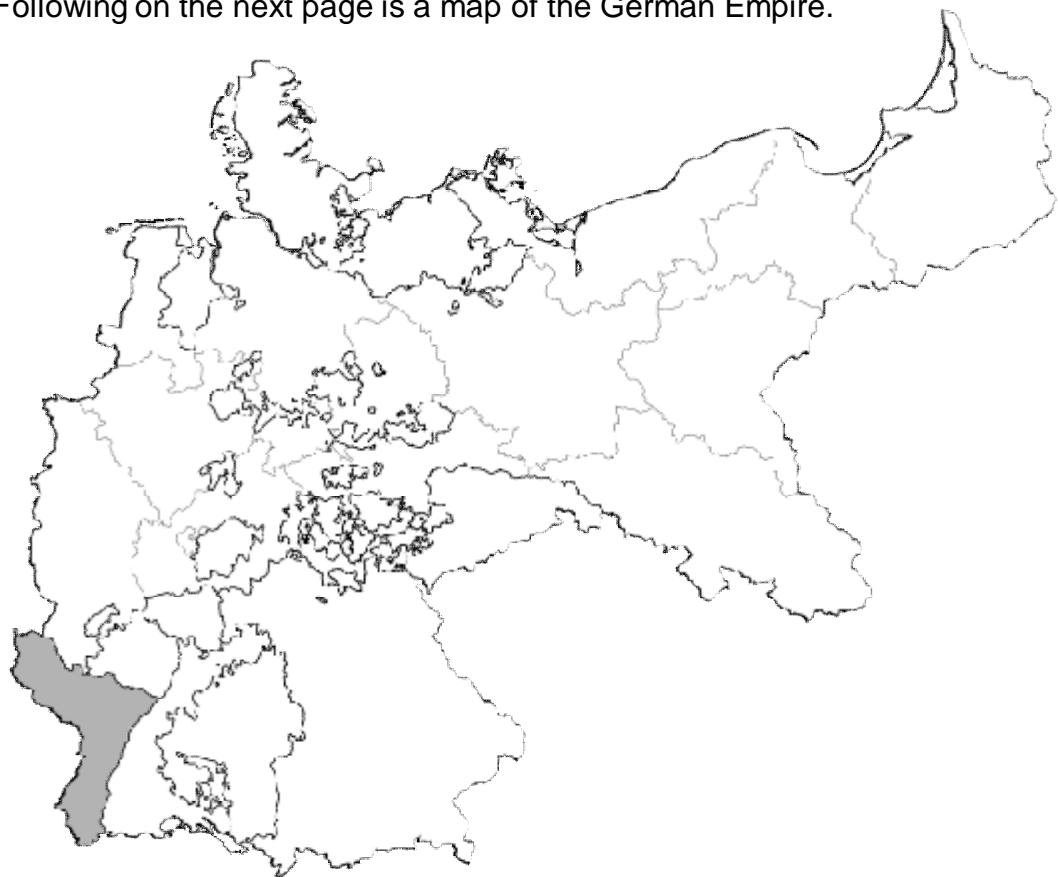
In recent times, official and private initiatives have been trying to reverse this process to preserve the area's unique Franco-German cultural heritage. France is one of four nations (together with [Andorra](#), [Monaco](#), and [Turkey](#)) that never signed the Council of Europe Framework Convention on National Minorities^[13].

Geographical and historical data

Area 14,496 km² (5,597 square miles).

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Cause of change</u>
1866	1,596,000	
1875	1,531,804	After incorporation into the German Empire , 100,000 to 130,000 people left for France and French Algeria
1910	1,874,014	0.58% population growth per year during
1921	1,709,749	Death of young men in the German army, Deportation of German newcomers to Germany
1936	1,915,627	0.76% population growth per year during
1946	1,767,131	Death of young men in the French army in
1939-40		Death of young men in the German army
1940-45		Death of civilians and many people still refugees in the rest of France
1999	2,757,592	0.84% population growth per year during
2006	2,852,214	0.50% population growth per year during 1999-2006

From the map below, you can see where Alsace-Lorraine sits (gray area).
Following on the next page is a map of the German Empire.



States of the German Empire 1871-1918

DAS DEUTSCHE REICH 1871-1918



Alsace-Lorraine, Between France and Germany

Bavaria, Germany

FHZ	= Fürstentum Hohenzollern (zu Preußen)
LD	= Fürstentum Lippe
OLD	= zu Großherzogtum Oldenburg
RÄL	= Fürstentum Reuß ältere Linie
RJL	= Fürstentum Reuß jüngere Linie
SA	= Herzogtum Sachsen-Altenburg
SCG	= Herzogtum Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha
SL	= Fürstentum Schaumburg-Lippe
SMG	= Herzogtum Sachsen-Meiningen
SR	= Fürstentum Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt
SWE	= Großherzogtum Sachsen-Weimar-Eisenach
W	= Fürstentum Waldeck und Pyrmont (Landesteil Pyrmont)

CHAPTER 3

Peter J. and Margaret C. Bishop Family Tree

Son: Peter J. Bishop

*Born: January 8, 1878
Passed: August 5, 1958*

Married:

Date: May 1, 1902

To: Margaret C. Henige

*Born: March 30, 1882
Passed: April 17, 1980*

Peter & Margaret Bishop
Married: May 1, 1902



Photo submitted by both Sr. Elizabeth Bishop and Rosemary(Bishop) Heroux

Peter & Margaret (Henige) Bishop

1-8-1878

3-30-1882

Until Death Resided at:
4890 Ferden Road
New Lothrop, MI 48460

Married
May 1, 1902

1) Alphonse Francis

Born: April 26, 1903
Married: Mary Martin
Date: April 27, 1927

Children:

Virginia	2-26-28
Eugene	8-2-29
Rita	11-4-30
Kenneth	1-13-32
Victor	5-19-33
Elizabeth	3-30-35
Rosemary	9-3-36
Katherine	6-26-38
Mary Ann	7-23-39
Grace	5-17-42

4) Mary Ann

Born: March 6, 1909
Single
No children

6) Louise Theresa

Born: April 15, 1914
Married: Cornelius
Wendling
Date: September 17, 1938

Children:

Mary Lou	5-6-40
Rosalia	4-30-43
Barbara Ann	10-15-45
Joyce Edith	2-12-48
Andrew Joseph	1-31-50
Veronica Marie	8-1-53
John Cornelius	10-8-54

2) Joseph John

Born: June 27, 1905
Married: Genevieve Sutter
Date: June 3, 1931

Children:

Charles A.	6-18-33
Norma J.	10-12-34
James E.	11-17-35
Joanne M.	7-1-38
Carolyn M.	6-22-40
Benjamin J.	12-27-44

5) Herbert Leander

Born: February 6, 1911
Married: Jessica Smith
Date:

Children:

William	10-6-37
Aloysius	1-21-39
Mary Ann	3-15-40
Gerald	9-9-42
Donna	3-13-44
Robert	3-13-48
Rita	2-24-51
Daniel	10-25-54

3) Arthur Aloysius

Born: April 14, 1907
Married: Marianne W. Fedewa
Date: June 11, 1932

Children:

Peter	4-30-36
Thomas	7-25-37
Janet	2-28-38
Michael	8-30-39
Theresa	7-13-42
Angela	9-23-43
Suzanne	12-23-44
Joseph	3-25-46
Lawrence	10-13-47
Anthony	7-14-49
Francis	11-17-50
Gerard	7-13-52

7) Harold Jacob

Born: March 10, 1917
Married: Rose Marie Basel
Date: August 31, 1946

Children:

Margaret	5-31-47
Patricia	6-16-48
Timothy	6-20-49
Dennis	9-21-50
Georgine	3-3-52
Brenda	3-23-54
Matthew	7-6-55
Regina	9-14-56
Marie	6-16-58
Eileen	9-27-59
Anne	12-21-61
Paulette	3-13-64

Continued.....

Peter & Margaret (Henige) Bishop

Until Death Resided at:
4890 Fermen Road
New Lothrop, MI 48460

Married
May 1, 1902

8) John Vetis

Born: July 31, 1920
Married: Helen E. Klein
Date: October 18, 1941

Children:

Julia	7-2-42
Bernard	10-9-43
Raymond	1-15-45
Robert	2-15-46
Edward	12-3-47
Linda	3-4-51
Rebecca	12-22-52
Cheryl	8-9-55
Sandra	11-8-57
Jaculyn	7-11-59

9) Alfred J.

Born: December 18, 1922
Married: Eileen Birchmeier
Date: November 25, 1944

Children:

Donald	9-27-45
David	10-26-47
Richard	5-27-50
Leo	4-3-53
Arnold	4-22-56

This is by far the coolest wedding photo I have ever seen.



Peter & Margaret's Wedding Day May 1, 1902

The homestead was owned by Jacob Henige, Margaret's father and is located on the East side of Lincoln Road near St. Michael's School. Today the property is owned by Paul & Barb Wendling. See next page for a larger view of this photo.



Left: Peter Joseph Bishop,
Age 19. The photo was taken
when he won a special prize
for his agriculture exhibit.

Right: This photo is of Peter
and his son, Arthur. This is
a 20-40 oil pull made by
Advance Rumely. A 1926
model. Advance Rumely was
best known for making
threshing machines.



Peter's occupation was a Thrasher. He was known as one of the best around to do threshing for the farmers in the area. Photos provided by: Harold Bishop in 1994.



This photo was submitted by both Joseph Bishop (Art & Marianne Bishop's son)and Norma (Bishop) Erdman, I know some of you are wondering where the blue came from on a black and white photo. It must be a gift from God. I copied it to my computer just like all the other black and white photos in the book. For some reason when scanning this photo, the sky turns blue . It must be God's presence over everyone! I can't explain it otherwise.



Margaret Bishop
1882 - 1980

Peter Bishop
1878 - 1958

Peter Bishop was born in Maple Grove on his parents, Veitus and Catherine's farm on January 1, 1878 (New Years Day child). He was the seventh of nine children, with John, August, Philomena, George, Mary, and Margaret being older and Catherine and Seraphine being younger.

When he was 23 years old, he lost his hand in a sawmill accident, trying to earn extra money for his upcoming wedding. His fiance, Margaret (Henige) loved him very much and stood by his side, even though her parents wanted her to call the wedding off.

(Can you imagine. Would we exist today had she done so?)

As soon as his arm was healed, he learned how to use a hook. He never complained and was one of the hardest, fastest workers on the farm.

(I remember my Dad, Vic Bishop, telling how Great Grandpa worked on the farm. If there was ever a fix needed that was dangerous, Grandpa would use his hook vs. letting anyone else do the job. For example, he would stick his hook into a pulley to unjam it if needed. He didn't have to worry about losing his arm.)

On May 1, 1902, he married Margaret (middle initial C – possibly Catherine) Henige who also was from Maple Grove. She was born on March 30, 1882 and lived there all her life. Margaret and Peter had nine children. Alphonse, Joseph, Arthur, Mary – Sister Margaret Ann, Herbert, Louise, John and Alfred. The whole

family enjoyed music. They would sing and Peter would accompany them on the piano by chording, using his hook to play the base notes. He was very independent but would seek Margaret's assistance when it came to buttoning his right cuff button and tying his tie. He really enjoyed those moments of special attention from his beloved.

Peter worked for a farmer doing thrashing and other farm chores. He worked very hard and saved his money. Soon he was able to buy his own Thrash machine. He became one of the busiest and most prosperous thrashers in the Saginaw Valley. He went North as far as Chesaning and South as far as Durand. Because of his ability to conquer the impossible and his wife's continued support, he became one of the most respected farmers in the area.

Peter lived to be 80 years old. Margaret lived to be 98 years old. When she was 92, she had already 226 descendants and was still doing her own housework, and walking next door to church every day.

The above stories and photo were provided by Thomas Bishop from his book "Bishop Family History 1828-1989". The comments in parentheses are from me, the Author. I also replaced Grandfather and Grandmother with Peter and Margaret's names for ease of reading for the extended generations and generations to come who will read this book.



Left is a picture of :
Jacob and Mary
(Sutter) Henige

These are Margaret (Henige) Bishop's parents.

Following on the next couple of pages are some family photos and history on the Henige side of the family.

Mary (Sutter) Henige was born in 1841 and died in 1913. Jacob's birthdate is unknown. He passed away in 1913 as well.

Photos and information provided from the Yaklin Family History Book, 2nd Edition by Dan Yaklin.



Above is a photo of the Jacob & Mary (Sutter) Henige family. Faintly you can see this written under the photo. Also, the names were written on the photo. This is not something I did. I used my scanner program to clean up some additional writing on the photo, however, I left the names as shown so as not to ruin anymore of the photo.

Margaret Henige is shown 2nd from the left in the front row. She was the youngest of 8 children. Margaret later married Peter Bishop.

Seated L-R: Mary, Margaret (Henige) Bishop, Father and Mother – Jacob & Mary Henige, Barbara and Rosa Henige.

Standing L-R: Theresa (Henige) Yaklin, Jacob (Jake) Henige Jr., Susan & Anna Henige

In the photo to the right are Margaret (Henige) Bishop's sisters, Theresia and Anna Henige. Theresia eventually dropped the "i" in her name and became Theresa. She married Wenzlaus Yaklin and they went on to have 16 children. Anna married Gus Sutter. It is unknown how many children they had.



Photos and information provided from the [Yaklin Family History Book](#), 2nd Edition by Dan Yaklin.



Barbara Henige, Margaret (Henige) Bishop and Rosie (also known as Rose or Rosa Henige). Rose married John Yaklin and they had 9 children. Barbara married Frank Tithof.

The above photo was submitted by Harold Bishop in 1994.



Peter's wife,
Margaret Henige Bishop

The photo to the left is
from Edna's book
Life Is Real page 104.

Margaret's siblings:

1. Susan Henige married Simon Yaklin
2. Jacob Henige Jr. married Mary Weinzierl
3. Theresa Henige (1872-1956) married Wenz Yaklin
4. Anna Henige married Gus Sutter
5. Rose Henige married John Yaklin
6. Mary Henige married Tom Sutter
7. Barbara Henige married Frank Tithof
8. Margaret was #8 and she married our Grandfather, or Great Grandfather, Peter Bishop

The information above was found
in The Yaklin Family History Book
2nd Edition by Dan Yaklin of
Garland, Texas.

Peter & Margaret Bishop's wedding was held at her father, Jacob Henige's property. The history of when Jacob and his brother, George Henige settled in Maple Grove can be found in a copy of the 1991 Twin Township Tales scanned below provided by:

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*The township was first settled in 1851 by a man by the name of John Hammer. He located in section 36, on land that was given him by a speculator, if he would remain upon it and make an improvement. John "hammered" away, and improved about three acres, on which he built a shanty, when he became disgusted or discouraged, and returned to whence he came. The next to settle in the limits of the township was Joseph Voith." (from *The History of Saginaw County, Michigan Chas. C. Chapman & Co., 1881*).*

Joe Voith walked out of his cabin door early one morning in November of 1854 and was startled to hear the sound of chopping. This sound was from the axe of John Northwood who was clearing land 2-1/2 miles to the southeast. Mr. Voith had arrived several weeks earlier, on October 22, 1854 and was the first white man to settle permanently in Maple Grove Township. He had not realized until now that he had a neighbor.

Voith had arrived with only a pocket full of nails and \$300.00. He used the money to purchase 160 acres of land at 18-1/2¢ per acre. He was so far from civilization that he was forced to cut a road six miles long through the timber and swamps to reach the outside world. Bears, deer, wolves, and small game animals abounded. He killed 13 bucks his first year here. His cabin was long with a dirt floor and Shaker-shingled roof. These shingles were made by splicing 2 foot long sections from oak logs.

Voith liked the area. He said even the birds called his name - Joe Voith (the bob white). He left the area only once, in 1865, to serve in the 6th Regular Michigan Heavy Artillery during the last few months of the Civil War. He encouraged settlers into the area, but the growth was slow. The land was swampy and even the trees were not the best for lumbering. Farming was done on knolls between the wet areas, but the useable land was rich and made good farming. One of these settlers, Joseph Paine, raised the first grain in Maple Grove. He and his wife harvested their two acres of grain with butcher knives.

Joe Voith, a life-long bachelor, encouraged his sister and brother-in-law Ann Marie and George Henige to settle

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George Henige



Ann Marie Henige

Founders of St. Michael Catholic Church

Grandma Margaret Bishop's Brother Uncle

Maple Grove Pioneers

From Page 1

here. Finally, in 1862 the Heniges and their 2 children arrived and settled in the 27th section of the township. George Henige and his brother Jacob, who settled here in 1865, had been born in Woerth AM Rhine, Bavaria, Germany, and had lived in Crawford County, Ohio, ever since the Heniges had arrived from Germany in 1846.

Ann Marie Voith Henige, like her brother and husband, was of tough pioneer stock. One story about her tells that one fall, several years after they had arrived here, food, especially fresh meat, had been scarce. Mrs. Henige was out chopping wood one morning and a wild turkey wandered by. She threw her hatchet at the turkey, wounding it. She was able to run the turkey down and the family had roast turkey for Thanksgiving dinner.

The first Catholic Mass was said at George Henige's home in 1863. Henige bought 320 acres opposite his land (North 1/2 of section 28) to build a church and lay foundation for a large German settlement. "On the 10th of September 1865 George has his little flock around him and organized with them, five in number, in a Roman Catholic Congregation and agreement made to build a frame church 36 x 26, 20 ft. between floor. A Steeple 26 ft. above peak of roof, an undertaking for 5 poor families that with no means, not even the bread for their daily supplies and in two months after the church was erected." Father Louis Van Andriesk, the first pastor, came from Corunna to serve mass about four times a year during 1865 and 1866.

Also in 1863, on April 14, Mrs. Henige gave birth to a daughter. Louisa Marie (Mary Louise). Louisa was the first white child born in Maple Grove. There were no doctors or hospitals nearby so only



Peter and Louisa Marie Andres. She was the first child born in Maple Grove.



George Henige Home built in 1862 across from St. Michael's Cemetery.

two neighboring wives were at hand for her delivery. Louisa was carried into Flint that summer to be baptized at St. Michael's Church there.

As a child, Louisa would walk 4 miles to "Elk" for mail and supplies, wading across the Misticquay Creek. The school at the Church was not started until 1876, when she was 13. She attended school for three winters, learning in both English and German. In the spring, she stayed home with the younger children so her parents could start the farming.

On November 27, 1879, at the age of 16 Louisa married Peter Andres. Her wedding dress was "a fine wool, plum-colored material with a multi-colored shawl." Louisa and Peter would have 13 children: Elizabeth, Thomas, Emma, Otilia, Joseph, Rosina, Katharina, Gertrude, Alois, Frank, Paul and two who died as infants.

Peter Andres, born in France, lived in Ionia, Michigan. At the age of 14, Peter with his 16 year old brother Henry left Ionia to become loggers in the Saginaw area. The man who did the hiring first said they were too young and should be in school, but then said that if they would cut 60 logs a day, he would pay them \$22 per month with room and board included. As they were strong and able, both were hired as lumbermen.

In 1877 Peter, in his early 20's, heard that land was for sale cheap in Maple Grove Township. He and Henry walked out from Saginaw to "check out the land." While here they were invited to a barn party at the George Heniges'. The Heniges often had parties for recreation on summer evenings for the whole neighborhood where the people could listen to the music of the fiddle or accordion and sing and dance. This is where Peter Andres met Louisa.

Both Andres' brothers bought land here, but Henry returned to Ionia. (Later Pe-

ter and Louisa's youngest son, Frank, would attend a cousin's wedding in Ionia, and meet a friend of his cousin named Margaret Warmke whom he married in 1929.)

One of the first things Peter did after they were married was return to Ionia where a fellow owed him money. This fellow gave him a team of oxen for the debt. This 80 mile return journey to Chesaning took three days with the oxen - one whole day to get across the spring-rain swollen Maple River. Peter slept these nights on the road lying between the oxen for warmth and to keep the oxen from wandering away during the night. He left the oxen in Chesaning for several days to recuperate from sore feet.

The young couple started married life with very little except their land. They lived in a log cabin for several years where snow would filter into the loft during the winter and coat the beds of the children sleeping there.

Like any typical pioneer housewife of the time, Louisa would trade her eggs

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Sketch of first church completed in 1867

Maple Grove Pioneers

From Page 1

and butter for other groceries that could not be raised on the farm. She did the gardening, raised chickens, helped in the fields when needed, baked, preserved foods and meat after home butchering, picked wild berries, canned, sewed the family clothing and did the family doctoring. In 1909 before the birth of her 13th child she got her first washing machine, with a hand crank.

Peter Andres died in 1925 after 46 years of marriage. Louisa was a widow for 26 years before her death in 1952. Many of their descendants still live in the Maple Grove area. Their son, Frank, born in 1905, is their only surviving child. He and his wife, Margaret, still live on the family homestead. (Special thanks to Frank and Margaret Andres and Cathy Baker McGown.)



Frank and Margaret Andres, 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 20, 1979.



Ice Cutting on the Misteguay around 1910. The ice house was located where Confer's slaughter house is now located.

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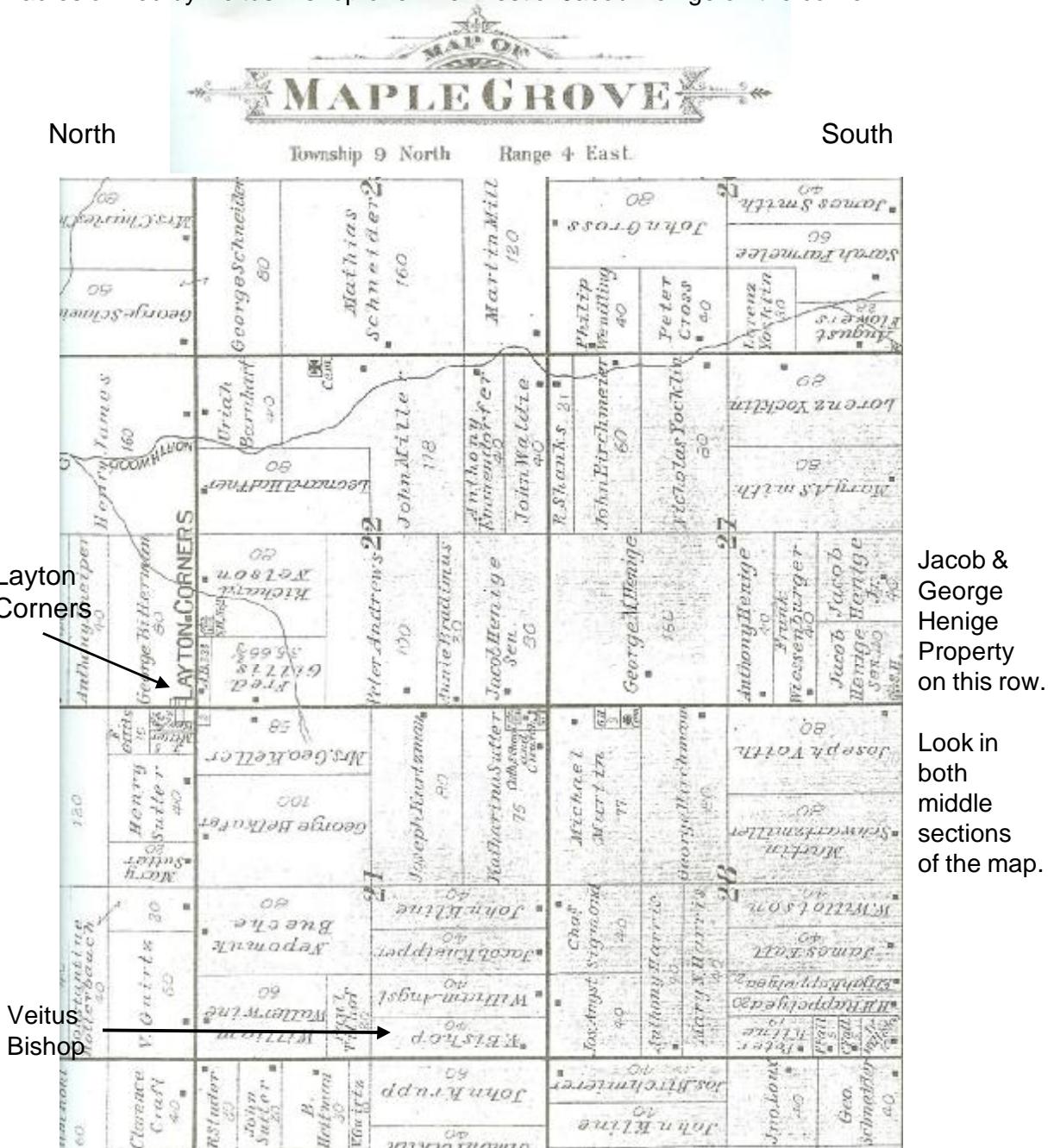
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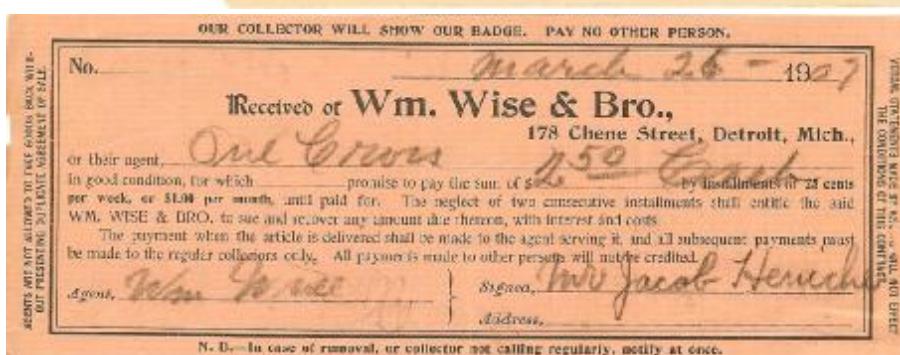
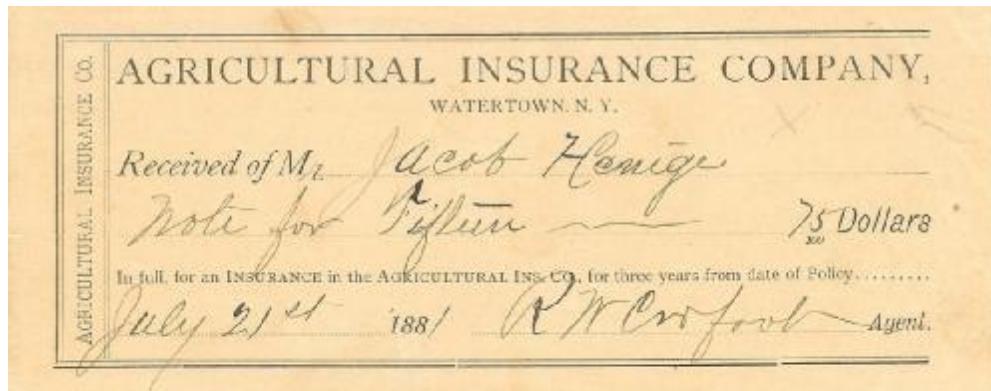
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The map below is a portion extracted from a Maple Grove Township Map found and purchased by Maureen Bishop (Larry Bishop's wife) at a garage sale. The map is dated 1957, Township 9 North, Range 4 East.

Note: Try to locate Layton Corners below. Margaret (Henige) Bishop's father Jacob owned 80 acres a mile South of Layton Corners. He was just North of George Henige, Margaret's Uncle. Jacob also owned 80 acres a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South of George who owned 160 acres plus a small piece of land next to the St. Michael Church cemetery. A place I used to play in when I was a kid. Small world. Also note 40 acres owned by Veitus Bishop one mile West of Jacob Henige on the corner.



Below are notes once held by Jacob Henige, father of Margaret (Henige) Bishop and Peter Bishop's father-in-law. Jacob would be our Great Grandfather, Great, Great and so on. Notice the second note is in German. When people first settled in the area, German was the common language versus English.

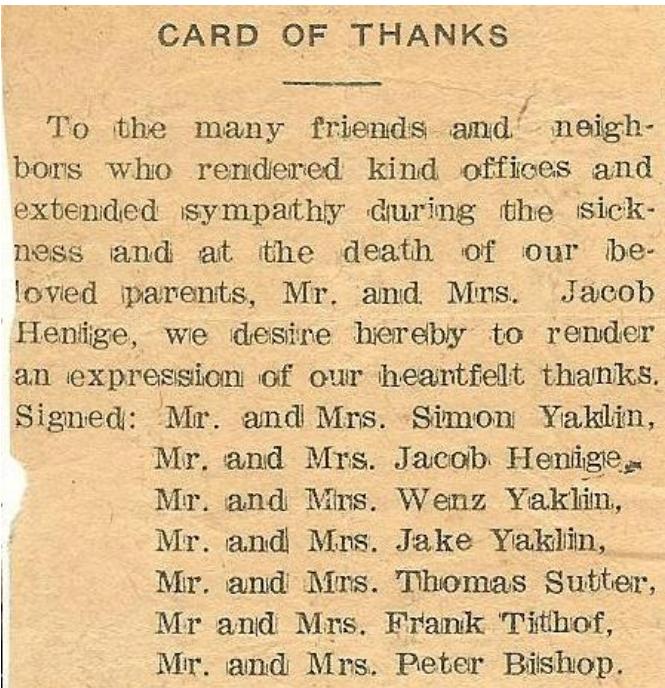
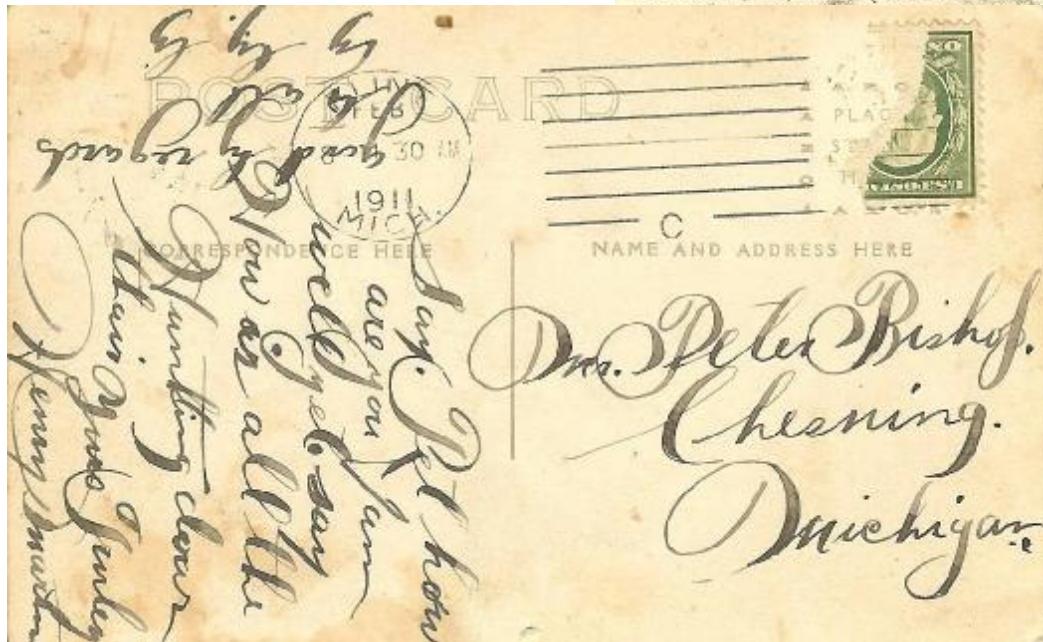
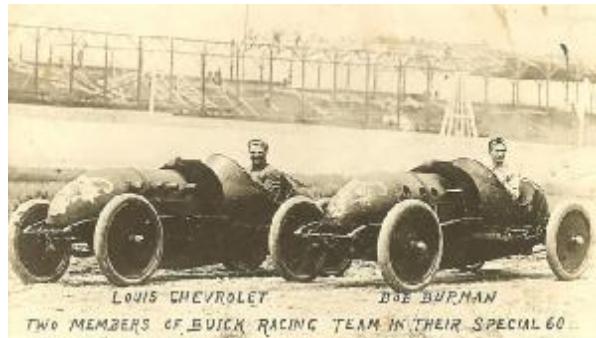


Notice that Jacob signed his name in German. The German name for Henige was Herriche.

Documents provided by: Norma (Bishop) Erdman

Below is a very old post card that was sent to Peter Bishop in 1911. I am unable to make out who it is from.

Right is a picture that was on the front of the post card.



Left: Newspaper "Thank You" placed in the local news after the death of Jacob and Mary Henige who apparently died within a short time of each other in 1913.

Documents provided by:
Norma (Bishop) Erdman

Peter J. Bishop

World War I Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918

The document above along with all the documents you will view on the next 8 pages were found on Ancestry.com by typing in the name "Peter J. Bishop". Under Peter it lists the 1880 U.S. Census – this was previously shown in the Veitus Bishop section of this book and thus it is not repeated here. Instead I show the 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930 U.S. Census documents on the next 8 pages.

Note as you view the documents the many misspelling of names. I'm not sure if people had to go into like a City Hall to be recorded back then or if it was done via the U.S. mail. Anyone know? Either way, the spellings are either someone reading handwriting of our ancestors and not being able to make out the hand writing or they weren't listening when our ancestors stood their spelling their name if they were even asked to do that? In the 1900 Census, they have Peter's father's age wrong. They show Vitus (name spelled wrong) as age 92. The archive image document shows 72 which would be close as Peter's father was 50 years older than he and Peter's age is shown as 23. It is what it is as officially recorded.

Does anyone know if Grandpa Peter Bishop actually served in World War I?



[1900 United States Federal Census](#) about

Name:	Peter Bishop	
Home in 1900:	Maple Grove, Saginaw, Michigan	
Age:	23	
Birth Date:	Jan 1877	
Birthplace:	Ohio	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to Son		
head-of-house:		
Father's name:	Vitus Bishop	
Father's	Germany	
Birthplace:		
Mother's name:	Katherine Bishop	
Mother's	France	
Birthplace:		
Marital Status:	Single	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household		
Members:		
Name	Age	Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: <i>Maple Grove, Saginaw, Michigan</i> ; Roll: <i>T623_739</i> ; Page: <i>12A</i> , Enumeration District: <i>40</i> .
Vitus Bishop	92	Ancestry.com. <i>1900 United States Federal Census</i> [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.
Katherine Bishop	63	Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. <i>Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900</i> . Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.
Peter Bishop	23	
Katherine Bishop	21	



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next page.

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Superior's District No. 5	5	Short Min.
Superior's District No. 60	60	12

Parish or other division of county. Township of Madley, Worcester County, Massachusetts

Name of Institution. —

None of these species were found to be associated with the observed infestation.

West of city $\frac{1}{2}$ mile

represented for me on the 1853

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Exhibited by me on the 13th day of June, 1866, in accordance with the requirements.

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Titles and Bishop data extracted from document above and enlarged below. Data from line 26 above. A magnifying glass might help, if you have one, to read these documents.

1910 United States Federal Census [about](#)

Name:	Peter J Bishop	
Age in 1910:	32	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1878	
Birthplace:	Ohio	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birth Place:	Germany	
Mother's Birth Place:	France	
Spouse's name:	Margaret I Bishop	
Home in 1910:	Maple Grove, Saginaw, Michigan	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:		
Name	Age	Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: <i>Maple Grove, Saginaw, Michigan</i> ; Roll: <i>T624_671</i> ; Page: <i>7B</i> ; Enumeration District: <i>45</i> ; Image: <i>871</i> .
Peter J Bishop	32	Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.
Margaret I Bishop	28	
Alfonse F Bishop	7	
Joseph J Bishop	4	
Arthur A Bishop	3	
Mary K Bishop	1 2/12	Original data: Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: NARA



See image on next page.

1920 United States Federal Census [about](#)

Name:	Peter Bishop	
Home in 1920:	Maple Grove, Saginaw, Michigan	
Age:	42	
Estimated birth abt	1878	
year:		
Birthplace:	Ohio	
Relation to Head	Self (Head)	
of House:	[Head]	
Spouse's name:	Margeret Bishop	
Father's Birth	Bavaria	
Place:		
Mother's Birth	France	
Place:		
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Home owned:	Own	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household		
Members:		See image on next page.
Name	Age	Source Citation:
Peter Bishop	42	Year: 1920; Census Place: <i>Maple Grove, Saginaw, Michigan</i> ; Roll: <i>T625_793</i> ;
Margeret Bishop	38	Page: <i>1B</i> ; Enumeration District: <i>168</i> ;
Alphons Bishop	17	Image: <i>557</i> . Ancestry.com. <i>1920 United States Federal Census [database on-line]</i> . Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010.
Joseph Bishop	14	Images reproduced by FamilySearch.
Arthur Bishop	12	Original data: <i>Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920</i> . (NARA microfilm publication T625, 2076 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. <i>National Archives</i> , Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: NARA . Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 are on roll 323 (Chicago City).
Mary Bishop	10	
Herbert Bishop	8	
Louise Bishop	5	
Harrold Bishop	2	
	[2 9/12]	



[1930 United States Federal Census](#) about

Name:	Peter J Bishop	
Home in 1930:	Maple Grove, Saginaw, Michigan	
	View Map	
Age:	52	
Estimated birth	abt 1878	
year:		
Birthplace:	Ohio	
Relation to Head of Household		
House:		
Spouse's name:	Margurite C Bishop	
Race:	White	
Occupation:		
	View image	
Education:		
Military Service:		
Rent/home value:		
Age at first marriage:		
Parents' birthplace:		
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:		
Name	Age	
Peter J Bishop	52	
Margurite C Bishop	48	See image on next page.
Arthur Bishop	22	Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: <i>Maple Grove, Saginaw, Michigan</i> ; Roll: <i>1021</i> , Page: <i>5A</i> , Enumeration District: <i>23</i> ; Image: <i>839.0</i> .
Mary C Bishop	21	Ancestry.com. <i>1930 United States Federal Census</i> [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.
Herbert L Bishop	19	Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. <i>Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930</i> . Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.
Louise T Bishop	15	
Harold J Bishop	13	
John V Bishop	9	
Alfared J Bishop	7	
Line number:	12	

Peter Bishop on the left with older brother August Bishop.



This photo was taken sometime before Peter married Margaret Henige in 1902.



Photo provided by:
Norma (Bishop) Erdman



Backrow L-R: Grandma Margaret Bishop, Virginia (Bishop) Wells, Grandpa Peter Bishop, Louise (Bishop) Wendling, Alphonse Bishop, Alfred Bishop, Herbert Bishop (maybe John Bishop), Harold Bishop.

Front Row L-R: Aunt Katie Bishop, Mary (Martin) Bishop, Unknown
This picture was taken will visiting Sister Margaret Ann in Kalamazoo, September 9, 1941.

Photo provided by: Norma (Bishop) Erdman



Peter & Margaret (Henige) Bishop Family

1st Row L-R: John, Peter (Father), Margaret (Mother), and Alfred

2nd Row L-R: Harold, Louise, Mary - Sr. Margaret Ann and Joseph

3rd Row L-R: Herbert, Arthur and Alphonse

Photo provided by: Kenneth Bishop



Father Bosler pictured with Peter and Margaret Bishop on their 50th wedding anniversary, in front of the family home at 17574 Bishop Road, Chesaning, MI, Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County,

L-R: Louise, Alfred, Arthur, Alphonse, John, Peter & Margaret, Herbert, Father Anthony Bosler, Joseph and Harold. Sr. Margaret Ann was deceased.

Photo provided by both Grace (Bishop) Gasser & Rosemary (Bishop) Heroux



St. Michael's Church Choir

1st Row L-R: Frank Wendling, Joseph, John and Eugene Bishop

2nd Row L-R: Alphonse Bishop, Bob, Jerry & Art Wendling



Harold Bishop, Joseph Bishop, John Bishop, Alfred Bishop
June 1990

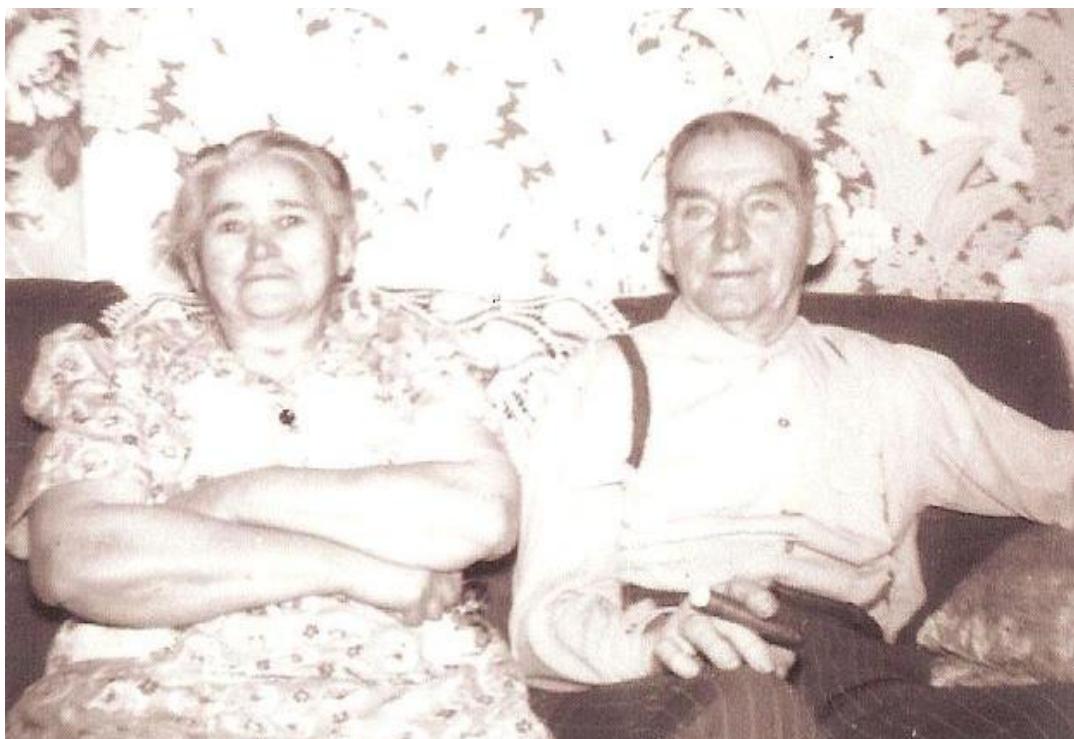
Photo above provided by Vic Bishop. Bottom photo provided by Vic as well as Norma (Bishop) Erdman and Mary Ann Bishop (Herb). It's a great photo that each of them shared. It is believed to be the last picture taken of the brothers remaining. Photographer unknown.

Peter Bishop Brothers & Sisters
By: Victor H. Bishop

August & John lived in Ohio. George Bishop worked on the railroad in Saginaw Michigan. He never married. Peter was the youngest of the boys. Sisters were Mary, Maggie Germain, Philomena (Minnie) Gase, all lived in Saginaw, Michigan and Kate lived in Maple Grove.

When Grandpa Peter got married, they lived in a log house where Harland Sigmund lives now on Briggs Road. Alphonse, Joe and Art were born there. Then they moved to Ray Streng's little house. Margaret (Henige) Bishop (Grandma) was born and raised in the house where Ray Streng lived. Her Dad was Joseph Henige Sr. Annie was the oldest girl of the Henige family. Other siblings were Jacob Jr., Susie Sutter, Theresa, Mrry Sutter, Barb Tithof and Maggie Bishop.

The first barn burned in 1935. Pat Bishop has a picture of the first barn built. (Maybe I can add a picture of the barn at a later date.)



Margaret & Peter Bishop

Photo provided by: Kathleen (Bishop) Potucek



Left: Margaret, Peter and Son, Alphonse Bishop

I believe the person to the left of Margaret is Delton Osborn, Veta's husband, however, am not 100% sure.

I apologize to whomever submitted this photo. I did not document it properly and thus have no name.

Right: Margaret Bishop. Unfortunately, the old photo did not scan well. Next to Margaret hanging on the wall is a cross. She prayed many times a day as you will read in upcoming stories.

Photo provided by:
Arnie Bishop



Photo
taken by:
Kim
(Bishop)
Tobias

The above photo was taken at Sister Elizabeth Bishop's 50th Golden Jubilee Party held at Maple Grove Township Hall on July 11, 2004. Left to Right: Al & Eileen Bishop, Sr. Liz Bishop, Neil Wendling (Louise), Helen Bishop (John) and seated, Marianne Bishop (Art).



May Good
Bless You today & allways
always be a good Girl
Gran ma Bishop from

Sparkle in sun
Flowers in fun
Everything happy
Merry and snappy-
Everything GAY
In a bouquet
To wish you a
Rollicking
Frolicking
DAY!

say a Hail mary for me today

Karen (Erdman) Andrews shared the above inside of a card she received from Great Grandma Margaret Bishop. The Erdman's were fortunate enough to spend a lot of time with Great Grandma as they lived only a few doors down the road from Great Grandma while growing up.

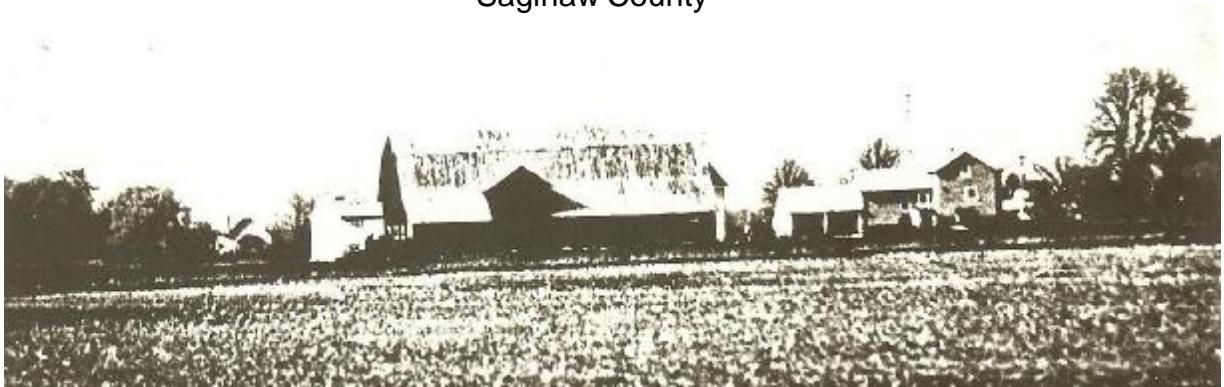
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Peter and Margaret Bishop's Farm now owned by Pat & Kelly (Weigold) Bishop
17574 Bishop Road
Chesaning, MI 48616
Maple Grove Township
Saginaw County



The house was built approximately 1876 by Veitus Bishop. Peter and Margaret Later put on the siding and raised their family there. The road was named after the Bishop Family.



Photos and information provided by Thomas Bishop from his
"Bishop Family History 1828 – 1989 Book".



Margaret (Henige) Bishop with Carl Wrocklage's Mom, Anna Wrocklage in front of the last home of Peter and Margaret Bishop.

This home was located next to St. Michael's Catholic Church on Ferden Road. It is unknown what year Peter and Margaret moved there.

After Margaret passed away, the church purchased the property and removed the house to provide additional parking for church members.

Notice the numbers on the wall by the bush. The home was located at 4074 Ferden Road, New Lothrop, MI 48460.

This photo was taken in August 1963 and provided by: Norma (Bishop) Erdman.



Great Grandma Margaret Bishop with Connie (Erdman) Carlson in the back, Dan Erdman to the right and Peggy (Erdman) Johnson in front. Winter 1978. Children of Robert & Norma (Bishop) Erdman.

Photo provided by: Karen (Erdman) Andrews

The following information is the family of Margaret (Henige) Bishop. Unfortunately I can't remember exactly where I got it from. I think it came from the book "Jaklin/Yaklin Family History, 2nd Edition" by Dan Yaklin. My apologies if this is incorrect. Some of this was shown earlier on another page. This lists the children of Theresa, Margaret's sister who lost 3 of her 16 children at young ages before she passed.

Jacob Henige Sr. – Married Mary Sutter (1841-1913)
Parents of Margaret (Henige) Bishop

Children:

Susan Henige – Married Simon Yaklin

Jacob Henige – Married Mary Weinzierl

Theresa Henige (1872 – 1956) – Married Wenz Yaklin

Children: Otilia Anne (1893 – 1973)

Clare (1895 – 1895)

William Karl (1896 – 1974)

Isabella S. (1899 –

Alfred T. (1900 – 1986)

Phillip J. (1902 – 1974)

Aloysius (1902 – 1902)

Cornelius J. (1904 –

Lorretta M. (1905 –

Raymond J. (1906 –

Francis W. (1907 – 1961)

Herbert J. (1910 – 1985)

Carl (1911 – 1918)

Beraetta Thersia (1913 – 1976)

Genevieve Josepha (1915 –

Evelyn (1919 –

Anna Henige – Married Gus Sutter

Rose Henige – Married John Yaklin

Mary Henige – Married Tom Sutter

Barbara Henige – Married Frank Tithof

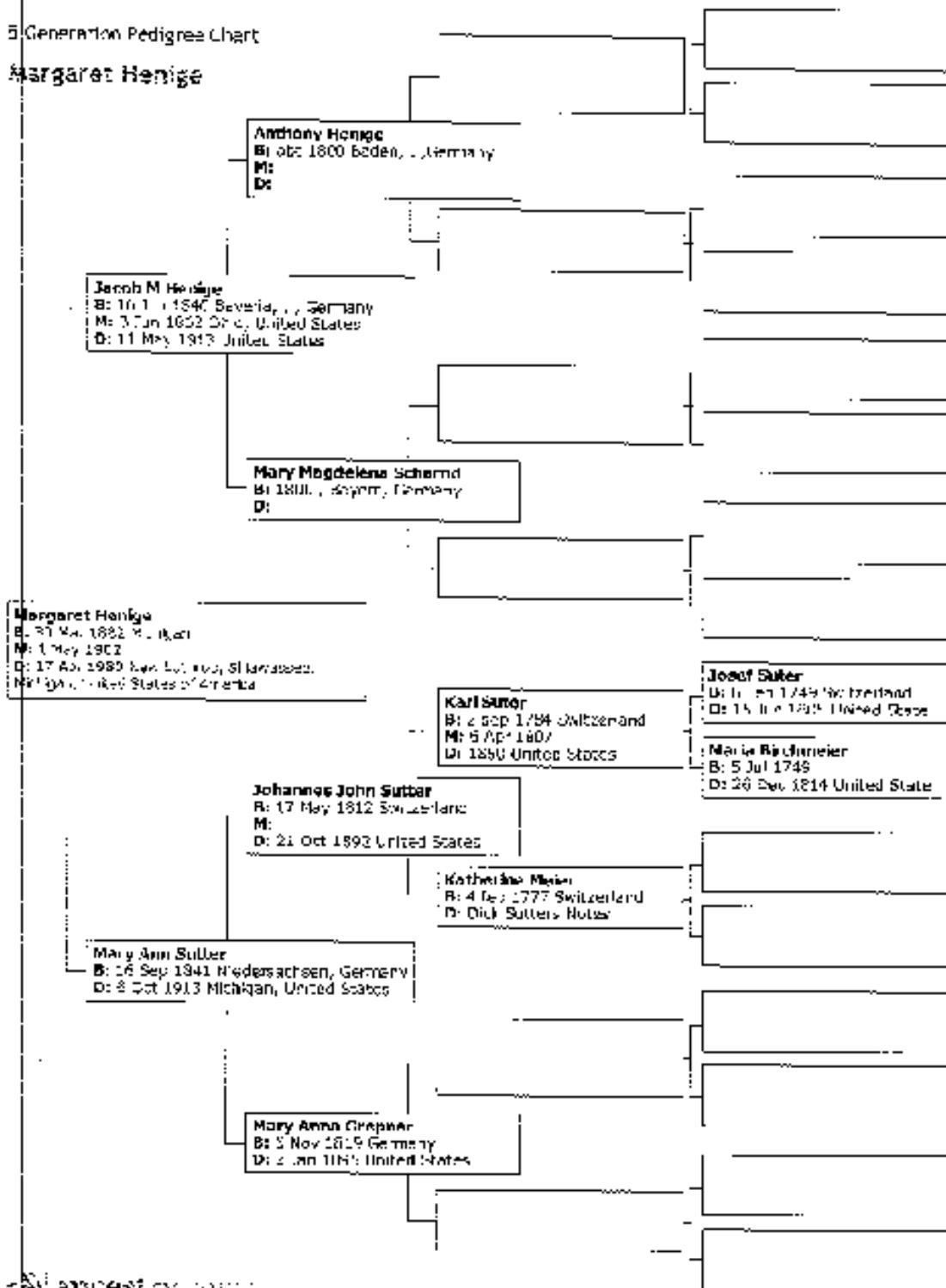
Margaret Henige – Married Peter Bishop

On the next page you will see a Pedigree Chart created by Kevin Scott, son of Donna (Bishop) Scott of the Herb Bishop Family. He was able to trace back an additional 3 more generations for Margaret's Mother – Mary Sutter on the Sutter side of the family.

Margaret (Henige) Bishop Pedigree Family Chart

5 Generation Pedigree Chart

Margaret Henige



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Provided by Kevin Scott, son of Donna (Bishop) Scott – Herb Bishop Family, who did the research to acquire this information and paid for the service through Ancestry.com . Thank you Kevin!

Veitus Bishop – Child #7

Peter & Margaret (Henige) Bishop Family

Name:	Peter J. Bishop		
Nickname:	Pete		
Born:	January 8, 1878		
Location:	At Home, Norwalk, Ohio		
Parents:	Veitus & Catherine (Ruhland) Bishop		
Deceased:	August 5, 1958		
Married:	Margaret C. Henige	<u>Father:</u>	Jacob Henige
Nickname:		Born:	June 18, 1840
Date:	May 1, 1902	Location:	Bavaria, Germany
Born:	March 30, 1882	Deceased:	May 9, 1913
Parents:	Jacob & Mary (Sutter) Henige	<u>Mother:</u>	Mary Sutter
Deceased:	January 17, 1990	Born:	September 16, 1841
Address:	Former Homestead sat just West of St. Michael's Church on Ferden Road New Lothrop, MI 48460 The house has been torn down.	Location:	Ohio
		Deceased:	October 6, 1913

Note: Peter and Margaret's children will be listed here. Additional family data will follow each child's chapter in the book.

Children:

1) Name:	Alphonse Bishop
Nickname:	Phonse
Born:	April 26, 1903
Location:	At Home – Chesaning, Michigan – Saginaw County
Children:	10
2) Name:	Joseph J. Bishop
Nickname:	Joe
Born:	June 27, 1905
Location:	At Home – Chesaning, Michigan – Saginaw County
Children:	6
3) Name:	Arthur Aloysius Bishop
Nickname:	Art
Born:	April 14, 1907
Location:	At Home – Chesaning, Michigan – Saginaw County
Children:	12
4) Name:	Mary Ann Bishop
Nickname:	Sr. Margaret Ann Bishop
Born:	
Location:	At Home – Chesaning, Michigan – Saginaw County
Children:	0

Peter & Margaret (Henige) Bishop Family continued:

5) Name: Herbert Leander Bishop
Nickname: Herb
Born: February 6, 1911
Location: At Home – Chesaning, Michigan – Saginaw County
Children: 8

6) Name: Louise Theresa (Bishop) Wendling
Nickname:
Born: April 15, 1914
Location: At Home – Chesaning, Michigan – Saginaw County
Children: 7

7) Name: Harold Jacob Bishop
Nickname:
Born: March 10, 1917
Location: At Home – Chesaning, Michigan – Saginaw County
Children: 12

8) Name: John Vetus Bishop
Nickname:
Born: July 31, 1920
Location: At Home – Chesaning, Michigan – Saginaw County
Children: 10

9) Name: Alfred J. Bishop
Nickname: Al
Born: December 18, 1922
Location: At Home – Chesaning, Michigan – Saginaw County
Children: 5



Peter & Margaret Bishop are buried in the old St. Michael's Cemetery. They are located directly West of Veitus Bishop's stone on the left side of the driveway, approximately 7th row West on the left from the front of the cemetery gates. Photo taken by: Kim (Bishop) Tobias



Margaret Bishop 92 Years Old

by Sue Dodak
Warm, gracious and sharp are three words that describe Mrs. Peter Bishop.

She is the mother of nine children, 70 grandchildren, 145 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. The Bishop name is definitely well-known in the Maple Grove area.

Mrs. Bishop was born in 1882 in Maple Grove and has lived there all of her life. On March 30 she will be celebrating her 92nd birthday.

She is very able to live alone and does her own housework. She loves to bake and always has homemade cookies for the neighborhood children who daily bring her the mail.

Mrs. Bishop is a life

long member of St. Michaels Catholic Church and belongs to St. Anns Society.

She enjoys quilting but says her arthritis has kept her from working at it the past few years.

Mrs. Bishop attributes her long life to hard work.

Most of her family will gather at Johnnies Restaurant on March 30th to enjoy a birthday dinner with their mom and to wish her another happy year.

Her children are: Alphonse, Joseph, Arthur, Johnnie, and Alfred all of Maple Grove. Herbert of Flushing and Harold of Cleveland, and Mrs. Cornelius Wendling of Maple Grove. One daughter, Sister Margaret Ann is deceased.



OF YOUR CHARITY
Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Peter Joseph Bishop

Born January 8, 1878

Died August 5, 1958

PRAYER

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that, by pious supplications, they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. Grant this, O God, Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation! Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

Our Father, — Hail Mary, —

O'Hare Funeral Chapel
New Lothrop, Mich.

BEREAVEMENT CARD SERVICE MILWAUKEE, WI, WISCONSIN

Provided by: Norma (Bishop) Erdman

CHAPTER 4

Peter and Margaret Bishop Family Tree

Child #1

Son: Alphonse Francis Bishop

*Born: April 26, 1903
Passed: May 20, 1975*

Married:

Date: April 27, 1927

To: Mary Bibanna Martin

*Born: August 1, 1902
Passed: February 12, 1977*

Alphonse & Mary (Martin) Bishop

4-26-1903

8-1-1902

Until Death Resided at:
4890 Fermen Road
New Lothrop, MI 48460

Married
April 27, 1927

1) Virginia

Born: February 26, 1928
Married Donald Gaertner
Date: October 18, 1947
Children:

Pam	8-20-48
Chris	7-13-51
Denise	2-25-57
Marc	6-22-58
Sue	11-25-64

Married James Wells

4) Kenneth J.

Born: January 13, 1932
Married Geraldine Basel
Date: September 10, 1955
Children:

Deborah	11-6-56
MaryJo	11-22-59
Jean	3-3-61
Nancy	3-21-63
Teresa	11-23-65
George	4-15-68

8) Kathleen

Born: June 26, 1938
Married Maurice Potucek
Date: April 23, 1960
Children:

Michael	2-12-61
Melinda	1-13-63
Deanna	6-2-64
Dennis	12-26-66

2) Eugene

Born: August 2, 192
Married Ellen Gasper
Date: October 2, 1954
Children:

Randy	7-29-55
Edith	8-2-56
Gregory	10-6-57
Patrick	3-17-59
Elizabeth	8-20-63

3) Rita

Born: November 4, 1930
Married Ray Narlock
Date: April 19, 1974

6) Elizabeth

Born: March 30, 1935
Joined the Convent

7) Rosemary L.

Born: September 3, 1936
Married David Heroux
Date: September 13, 1958
Children:

Stephanie	6-22-59
Michele	9-23-61
Rebecca	1-4-63
Kristi	7-1-66
Jodi	12-29-68
Saundra	6-10-71
Allison	1-6-78

5) Victor Herbert

Born: May 19, 1933
Married Jacqueline Birdsley
Date: June 9, 1956
Children:

Daniel	4-17-57
Kimberly	6-17-58
Steven	5-3-59
Victoria	4-25-60
Douglas	4-15-61
Leon	6-30-62
Robert	8-30-63
Phillip	2-1-67

9) Mary Ann

Born: July 23, 1939
Married Joseph Devota
Date: June 29, 1959
Children:

Laura	8-11-60
Charles	11-12-61
Jennifer	9-21-63
Mary Kay	3-3-65

10) Grace

Born: May 17, 1942
Married John Gasser
Date: August 11, 1962
Children:

Elizabeth	5-28-63
Brenda	5-9-65
Lynette	8-4-66
Jacqueline	1-24-69
Douglas	7-15-73
Stephen	7-2-77

Peter & Margaret (Henige) Bishop Family *Child #1– Alphonse Francis Bishop*

Alphonse & Mary Bishop
Married April 27, 1927



Alphonse -Age 24 and Mary -Age 25

Photo provided by Eugene & Ellen Bishop

These photos confirm that the name Bishop was originally spelled Bischof.
To the right of each photo is a copy of the names written on the back of the photos.



mary martin
Katy Bischof
veta Gase
mary Gase
Johny Bischof

L-R: Mary Martin (before marriage),
Katy Bischof, Veta Gase,
Seated: Mary Gase and
Johny Bischof.



mary Bischof
Mary Martin
Mary Gase
Mary S. Smith
Mary Germain

Notice that everyone in this picture is named Mary. Must have been a popular name back then. They are Mary Bischof, Mary Martin, Mary Gase, Mary S. Smith and Mary Germain.



Left: Mary (Martin) Bishop,
Aunt Katie Bishop holding
Eugene Bishop and Edna
Gase holding hands with
Virginia (Bishop-Gaertner)
Wells.

Right: Mary (Martin) Bishop

Photos submitted by:
Sr. Elizabeth Bishop





Left: Arthur Bishop and brother Alphonse Bishop getting horses ready before Sunday mass.

Alphonse Bishop below with 2 other horses he owned.



Above Alphonse Bishop standing in front of his 1st vehicle.

To the right is Mary Martin standing on the car step. Alphonse and Mary were dating at the time of these photos.

Car photos provided by:
Sr. Elizabeth Bishop.

Horse photos provided by:
Victor Bishop.





Alphonse & Mary Bishop's wedding day at home on Bishop Road in front of what is now Pat & Kelly Bishop's home.

Photo submitted by: Sr. Elizabeth Bishop.



Alphonse Bishop

Photo submitted by:
Vic Bishop, Sr. Elizabeth
Bishop or possibly another
sibling. Not recorded, sorry!



Above: Alphonse Bishop's first new car – a Ford. He was dating Mary (Martin) Bishop at the time he purchased the car..

Photo and comments submitted by:
Sr. Elizabeth Bishop



Mary Bishop 's graduation photo
Provided by: Vic Bishop

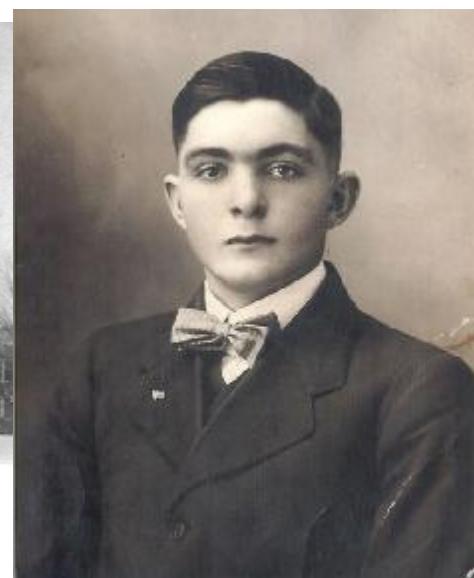


Mary Bishop at Marywood
in Grand Rapids, MI



Alphonse Bishop at Michigan State
University. He took a course in
Agriculture.

Marywood and MSU
photos provided by:
Sr. Elizabeth Bishop



Alphonse Bishop Graduation photo
Provided by: Vic Bishop



Alphonse & Mary (Martin) Bishop's wedding day April 27, 1927

Seated L-R: Irene (Martin) Soderman (sister of Mary) and Genevieve (Sutter) Bishop (sister-in-law).

Standing L-R: Herb Martin (brother of the bride), Alphonse & Mary Bishop, Joseph Bishop (brother of the groom).

Photo provided by: Vic Bishop



Alphonse & Mary Bishop's
house at 17574 Bishop
Road, Chesaning, Michigan.
This formerly was Peter &
Margaret Bishop's home.

Top two photos
submitted by:
Pat & Kelly
(Weigold) Bishop.



Left: This photo
of the home was
taken when Peter
and Margaret lived
there.

Photo submitted by:
Grace (Bishop)
Gasser

Right: Alphonse Bishop and Father Wrockledge at Alphonse's home on Bishop Road.

Photo provided by: Vic Bishop



Pat and Kelly Bishop moved into the home in 1983 and have since done a major remodeling.

Photos submitted by: Pat & Kelly (Weigold) Bishop.



You have got to love this first photo below. It reminds me of the "Little Rascals". I've titled it "The Local Rascals".

Photos provided by: Vic Bishop



The Local Rascals

Front Row: Dallas Angst, Vic Bishop, and Cletus Angst

Back Row: Shorty & Dutch Angst, Kenny Bishop, and Eugene Bishop holding the gun. When chores were done, it was time to play and there were many days when this group hung out together around the farm and in the woods according to Dad, Vic.



This is another picture of a gathering while young. Unfortunately not everyone can be identified. The boys with the white shirts and ties are believed to be Gase Boys as Dad said whenever they came to visit they were always in shirts and ties. Grandpa Alphonse never understood them coming to visit a farm in a shirt and tie but Dad said it usually was after Sunday mass. Kenny (left) and Vic (right) sit in the middle of the photo in bib overalls. Brother Eugene is far right. The boy next to Eugene is believed to be Shorty Angst, however, Dad is not 100% sure.

Short Story

by Vic Bishop

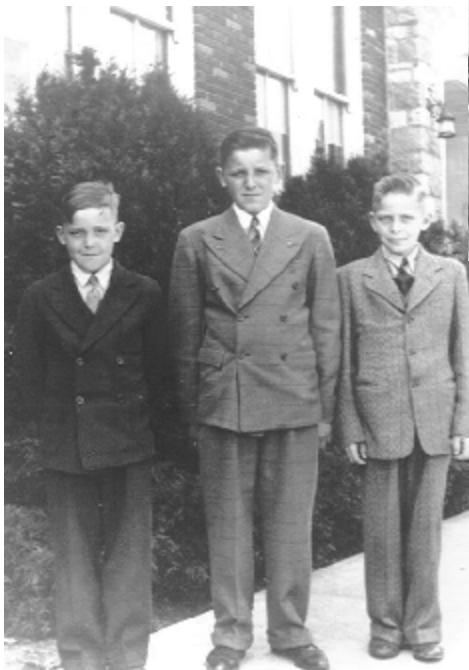
Whenever there was time to play, Uncle Kenny, Uncle Eugene and Dad would invite the Angst boys (Dallas, Dutch, Cletus and Shorty) over to hunt and trap animals. One time they had caught a raccoon in a trap and even though Uncle Eugene had his gun, they had forgotten the 22 shells. Since Dad was the youngest, he was given the task of running back home to get the 22 shells. On his way back, he had to cross the fence of the cow pasture to get to the house. He also had to clear a small ditch when doing so. He said he was worried about getting over the ditch when he jumped and forgot to let go of the barb wired fence tearing his figure open on the way over. But that wasn't the worst of it.

When he got home he went into the house to retrieve the shells in a cabinet inside when he saw Grandma Bishop working a tourniquet on Sister Liz's leg. She would release it to keep the blood flow going while hollering to send for help. Grandpa Bishop was at the school down the road working as a janitor so one of the family members was sent to go get him right away. Sister Liz had fallen out of the hay mow onto a corn picker and laid open her leg pretty good. They took her to the doctors to get her leg stitched up. Dad simply cleaned up his minor wound and grabbed a white sheet like fabric to wrap up his finger. He then grabbed the 22 shells and went back to having fun since the situation at home was much worse than what had happened to him.



Margaret & Peter Bishop, Godparents to
Eugene Bishop – First Communion Day 1936
Photo submitted by: Eugene Bishop

Alphonse Bishop and son Kenneth
Photo submitted by: Eugene Bishop



Alphonse & Mary
Bishop and their
new house above
at 4890 Fermen Rd.
New Lothrop,
Michigan.

Photos submitted
by: Vic Bishop



Vic, Eugene & Kenny Bishop
Photo submitted by: Vic Bishop



Alphonse & Mary (Martin) Bishop Family

1st Row L-R: Rosemary, Kathleen, Alphonse (Father), Grace, Mary (Mother),
Mary Ann, and Elizabeth

2nd Row L-R: Victor, Virginia, Eugene, Rita and Kenneth

Photo submitted by: Sr. Elizabeth Bishop



Alphonse & Mary (Martin) Bishop Family

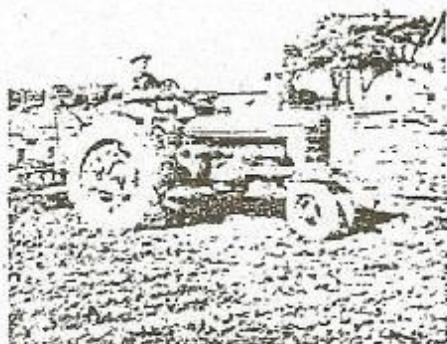
1st Row L-R: Virginia, Sr. Elizabeth, Alphonse, Mary, Mary Ann and Kathleen

2nd Row L-R: Victor, Kenneth, Eugene, Rosemary, Grace and Rita

Photo submitted by: Vic Bishop

Alphonse Bishop, who has been with the brewery since 1945, does general farming on his farm, which is located 28 miles from the plant but still a relatively open drive to work.

Mr. Bishop, too, has a fine large family, with four of the children married and with families of their own.



MECHANIZED equipment is a "must" for farmers. Here Alphonse Bishop prepares for another session at the wheel of his tractor.

His 10 children are Virginia, 29, Eugene, 27, Kenneth, 26, Rita, 25, Victor, 24, Betty Ann, 23, Rosemary, 20, Kathleen, 19, Mary Ann, 18, and Grace, 15. He has seven grandchildren. Rita and Betty are nuns. Rita is a teacher at St. Rita's in Saginaw, and Betty Ann is a nurse in Grand Rapids.

On his 170-acre farm, Mr. Bishop raises corn, wheat, oats, hay and soy beans. He has 30 head of cattle, including 11 milk cows and 19 heifers for future dairy cattle. His milk is picked up by the MacDonald Diary of Flint.

Mr. Bishop plants a big garden each spring which produces quantities of vegetables for his own use. He also has a raspberry and strawberry patch that produces many quarts of those tasty berries.

Chickens, too, are a major product at the Bishop farm, with about 800 being raised each year. Needless to say, his big deep freezer is filled to capacity with home-grown produce and meats.



ALPHONSE BISHOP is pictured on the job in the Cellar Department.



Mary & Alphonse Bishop

I was a Godchild of Grandpa and Grandma Bishop and one year for Christmas they gave all of their Godchildren this picture of them in a frame. I have always cherished it since it was the only picture I had of them until this project.

Al Bishop retires

A nice gathering of about 125 employees attended the retirement party for Alphonse Bishop on May 3. Since this affair was scheduled in the evening, the group enjoyed a beef and chicken luncheon with all the trimmings and lots of Black Label Beer.

Presentation to Al was made by Plant Manager Wallace E. Riethmeier and William Daniels, president of Brewers Local 212. Gifts received were a handsome name inscribed cigarette box with two packs of Carling playing cards and a cash gift from all Carling employees.

Al, who attained the age of 65 on April 26, has been with the company for 23 years. During this long service Al was complimented by Brewmaster Jack Price for his punctuality, cooperative spirit and pleasing personality. Jack mentioned that although Al had to come 30 miles to work every day he was never late during all these years.

Al made mention of his favorable experiences and good working conditions which he enjoyed during his employment. Also he emphasized he could not remember ever having a cross word with his boss, Jack.



BEST WISHES . . . HAVE FUN!
Alphonse Bishop, who retired May 1 from the Brewing Department, receives from William Daniels, left, president of Local Union 212, the cash gift which came from all Carling employees. A personalized cigarette box is presented by Wallace E. Riethmeier, plant manager.



One of many Alphonse & Mary Bishop Family gatherings. Top of photo left to right: Eugene Bishop, Mary Bishop, Sr. Liz Bishop, Alphonse Bishop, I'm guessing Mike Potucek sitting next to Kate (Bishop) Potucek. They may have been dating when this picture was taken or newly married. Next to Kate is Rosemary (Bishop) Heroux. Others can not be identified at this time.

I believe this page was provided by Sr. Elizabeth Bishop, however, it was not recorded. Needless to say there have been multiple interruptions by family members while working on this book. I probably thought I'd remember at a later time and wha la, that didn't happen....Oops!



L-R: Kate (Bishop) Potucek, Mary (Bishop) Devota and Grace (Bishop) Gasser. Photo provided by: Grace (Bishop) Gasser.



Photo provided
by: Vic Bishop

This photo is of Christmas 1962 at Alphonse & Mary Bishop's home on Bishop Road in Chesaning, Michigan. I'm guessing one of us was doing something surprising at this table by the looks of my Father, Vic's eyes. He's second from the right.

L-R: Edith (Bishop) Benson, Unknown, (maybe Pat Bishop), Ellen (Gasper) Bishop, Alphonse and Mary Bishop, Vic Bishop and son, Steven Bishop. And I think that's Uncle Jack Gasser way in the back on the right holding up a dish of food. Nice smile J It looks like he was pleased with the meal....ha! What a crew we were back then.

Graduation photos found while going through photos at Mom & Dad's (Jackie and Vic Bishop's place – Home).



Rita (Bishop) Narlock



Kenneth Bishop



Victor Bishop



Rosemary (Bishop) Heroux



Kathleen (Bishop) Potucek



Mary Ann (Bishop) Devota



Grace (Bishop) Gasser



Above: Alphonse Bishop as I remember him best and his daughter, Sister Elizabeth Bishop.

All photos provided by: Victor Bishop



Alphonse & Mary Bishop Children

1st Row L-R: Rite, Sr. Liz, Mary Ann, Kate and Grace
2nd Row L-R: Vic, Virginia, Eugene, Rosie, and Kenny

Accomplishments of Alphonse & Mary Bishop

By: Sister Elizabeth Bishop

- Married for 48 years
- Raised 10 children – 7 daughters, 3 sons
- Alphonse – Farmer and worked at Frankenmuth Brewery until retirement
- Mary – Homemaker and organist 50 years at St. Michael Catholic Church
- Gave 10 children parochial education
- Supported Vietnam Samarian until beginning of the Vietnam War
- Sent 3 sons to the Army
- Two daughters went to Religious Life
- Provided a happy home for the family.

The Alphonse Bishop Family holds a Christmas Party at St. Michael's gym in New Lothrop, MI every year. These are some of the photos taken over the years.

Photos taken by:
Kim (Bishop)
Tobias



Left to Right: Eugene & Ellen Bishop, Jack Gasser, Mike & Kate Potucek, Grace Gasser, Kenny & Gerry Bishop, Sr. Liz Bishop, Mary Ann Devota, Jim & Virginia Wells, Rita Narlock, Jackie & Vic Bishop and Dave & Rosie Heroux.



Sibling Photos

Above L-R: Kate Potucek, Kenny Bishop, Virginia Wells, Mary Ann Devota, Vic Bishop, Sr. Liz Bishop, Eugene Bishop, Rita Narlock, Rosie Heroux and Grace Gasser.

Right: Kate Potucek, Rita Narlock, Kenny Bishop, Mary Ann Devota, Eugene Bishop, Rosie Heroux, Virginia Wells, Vic Bishop, Sr. Liz Bishop and Grace Gasser.





Three Brothers

Eugene, Vic and
Kenny Bishop

Photo provided by:
Betty (Bishop)
Skidmore



Sisters and
Sisters-in-Law

Seated: Ellen
Bishop, Mary Ann
Devota, Rita Narlock.

Standing: Kate
Potucek, Sr. Liz
Bishop, Rosie
Heroux, Jackie
Bishop, Virginia
Wells, and Grace
Gasser.



Birthday party for
Gerry Bishop

1st Row L-R: Rosie Heroux,
Mary Ann Devota, Rita
Narlock, Gerry Bishop, Kate
Potucek, Virginia Wells.

2nd Row: Eugene, Vic and
Kenny Bishop, Sr. Liz Bishop
and Grace Gasser.

Childhood Memories

By Mary Ann (Bishop) Devota

This was in the year somewhere in the 1940's. Mom was canning peaches and some of us were too young to help so she left us girls to go play for awhile.

Liz, Rosie, Kate, Grace and myself went out to the barn to have some fun. The hay mow was empty at the time so this made things more exciting. We all crawled the ladder to the first set of beams and from here on out the fun began.

Kate was swinging back and forth on the bull rope. Rosie's turn was next and as she reached out to catch Kate, she lost her balance and grabbed Liz. Over they both went to the barn floor and they landed on the corn picker. Liz got her leg cut open pretty bad and Rosie got bruised up a little. Rosie and Kate rushed to the house to tell mom. Liz was put up on the table and mom tied a tourniquet on her leg. Mom sent one of the girls to have Dad take Liz to the doctor. Dad was at the school one mile away working as a janitor.

Grace was still out in the barn. She was too little to get herself down from the hay mow. I went back to check on her to see what I could do to help her down. Grace was crying so I said to her, "You got yourself up there. Now get yourself down".

Everything turned out ok but that was the end of our playing in the barn for sometime.

By Kate (Bishop) Potecuk

When growing up with my brothers and sisters, after a long days hard work of hoeing in the fields and watching cows along the roads and ditch banks, we would beg to go to the movies. On Tuesday night movies were shown outside behind the gas station at Layton Corners. Cost was \$1 per car load. Believe me the car was always full.

Author Note:

The photos on the next 3 pages are provided for the descendants of Mary (Martin) Bishop. They are of the "Martin" side of the family. Following the photos is another page with additional information, also related to the Martin side, that was provided in a letter to me from Edie (Bishop) Benson after a trip to Germany (before she moved there).

Mary (Martin) Bishop's Parents and Siblings



1st Row L-R: Lucille, Mother – Barbara, Herb, Father – Chris and Irene. 2nd Row L-R: Francis, Isabel, Mary, and Rose Martin.



Chris Martin. Chris owned a creamery store to make butter and cheese.



Chris Martin

The shed in the background was near St. Michael's Church where folks hitched their horse and buggy while worshiping at church.



Grandma Barbara (Keeler) Martin with Great Granddaughter Pam (Gaertner) Bauer.

Photos provided by Sr. Elizabeth Bishop



Ray & Lucille (Martin) Thiede
Wedding date unknown.

Lucille was Mary (Martin)
Bishop's sister. She still
lives today in Corunna, MI.



Herb & Margaret (seated)
Martin on their wedding day.
Standing is Herb's sister
Irene Martin and brother-in-
law Ray Thiede.

Herb was Mary's brother.
and Irene was Mary (Martin)
Bishop's younger sister.

Wedding date unknown.

Photos provided by:
Vic Bishop

OBITUARY

Raymond J. Thiede

Passed away on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, at his home, following a brief illness. He would have been 96 on March 12, 2010.

Mr. Thiede was a furniture salesman for more than 30 years with the Arthur Ward Company and then for 15 years with Colvin's Furniture Store.

He was a caddy who became a superb amateur golfer, the medalist on the 1932 St. Paul High School state championship team, a multiple-time winner of the Owosso Country Club championship and an almost perennial trophy winner in the Corunna Hills leagues.

He was a true sportsman, an avid bow and gun hunter, a dry fly and drift fisherman. Undaunted by failure, he fished the middle grounds of Houghton Lake whether blessed with success or not. He tied his own dry flies, favoring behemoths.

Not into catch-and-release, he once caught a 28 inch brown trout on a fly rod at Cannon Creek, which he subsequently dined on proudly with his family.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at St. Paul Catholic Church, with Mr. John Fain officiating. Burial will follow at St. Paul Cemetery. The family will receive visitors at Nelson-House Funeral Home on Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m., with a Rosary being prayed at 7 p.m.

Mr. Thiede was a devoted husband and family man. He enjoyed playing setback with his relatives, acquiring a reputation for over-bidding his hand and winning in spite of it or routinely scolding his partners for not doing their part to salvage his overbids. He was a storyteller extraordinaire, able to entertain listeners with stories of childhood friends and past exploits — at times embellished — of his



hunting, fishing and golfing. Amid these avocations, he found time to do carpentry and woodworking.

Mr. Thiede was a member of the Knights of Columbus and life-long member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Owosso.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years Lucille; daughters Sally (Don) Beaudoin and Susan (Roger) Bittell; grandchildren Michael (Susan) Beaudoin, Julie (Terry) Foster, Christopher (Traci) Beaudoin, Andy (Sarah) Bittell, Peter (Lori) Beaudoin and Leslie (Kyle) Haver; and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Clara Basso and Ellen Keyes; sister-in-law Catherine Thiede; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers Paul, Leo and Marvin Thiede, and sister Jean Wing.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Paul Catholic Church.

Anyone wishing to send online condolences may do so at www.nelson-house.com

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FUNERAL HOME
OWOSO
723-5234

Provided by: Kim (Bishop) Tobias

Lucille's husband Ray recently passed away. Lucille unfortunately spends most of her days in a hospital bed at her home in Corunna, MI with the crippling disease of multiple scoliosis.

I had an opportunity to visit with Ray and Lucille in early January of this year (2010). Even though Lucille is bedridden, she remains sharp as a tack. Ray used a walker, however, was able to move about their home. A wonderful neighbor checks in on them almost daily. I am so thankful I was able to meet Ray before he passed away.

Ray took care of Lucille for years as she has had the disease according to Dad for a very long time. I'm sure Lucille misses Ray terribly. With all of their children living in other states, they have set up daily care for Lucille in her home.



Left is Mary (Martin) Bishop with her Great Grandmother, Bibianna Martin.

The photo to the right is of Mary (Martin) Bishop with her Grandfather, Leopold Martin. This would be Mary Bishop's Father Chris Martin's Father.

Photos provided by:
Sister Elizabeth Bishop



Edie (Bishop) Benson, Eugene & Ellen Bishop's daughter, shared some information related to Mary (Martin) Bishop's side of the family along with information about the country of Germany in an e-mail she wrote to me on July 30, 2004. As you know, one of my goals is to travel to Germany for the Bishop genealogy side. Edie writes:

I hope you do get a chance to come to Germany. It is just a beautiful country. I am sure it was hard for our ancestors to leave. I did get to the town Worth on the Rhine where Katherine Koenig Keeler was buried in 1867 (I am pretty sure her name was Katherine – don't have paper in front of me with info on it.) She was Barbara Keeler Martin's grandmother. This little town is about an hour and a half south of Frankfurt near the French border. Alan told me to give him some of the places where some of my ancestors came from and then he planned a wonderful day-trip while I was in Germany back in late March. Alan suggested we check out the cemetery. We found three ladies with the Koenig (pronounced Ker-nig and it means King) name who died in the last 20 years, but we did not find Katherine's. But then they usually dig up graves after about 25-30 years. We also stopped in Heidelberg where some of Grandma Martin's relative lived. My Dad visited Ervin Fink's Family two times while he was stationed in Germany during the Korean Conflict in 1951. We didn't try looking them up. Maybe next trip.

Barbara Keeler Martin was Mary (Martin) Bishop's mother. This information is included for history purposes and especially for anyone who may be working on a Martin Genealogy Book. If you have questions, I'm sure Edie could help. You can contact her at the following address:

Edie Bishop
Johannes-Niemeyer – Weg 6
14109 Berlin, Germany
Tel: (011) (49-30) 8060-3299

The photo to the right is of Irene & Arnold Soderman. Irene was one of Mary (Martin) Bishop's sisters.

Photo provided by: Vic Bishop



In Memory of:

Alphonse & Mary (Martin) Bishop

April 26, 1903 to May 20, 1975 and August 1, 1902 to February 12, 1977



Memorial

Bishop, Alphonse F.,
4890 Fermen Road,
New Lothrop, Michigan.

Passed away Tuesday, May 20, 1975 at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw after an illness of two months. Age 72 years. He was born April 26, 1903 in Maple Grove Township and had lived there all of his life. He married Mary Martin April 27, 1927, in Maple Grove Township. She survives him. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society. He also sang for many years in the church choir. Mr. Bishop was engaged in farming and worked at Carlings Brewery in Frankenmuth for 23 years retiring in 1968. Surviving besides his wife are seven daughters, Mrs. Virginia Gaertner and Mrs. Maurice (Kathleen) Potucek, both of Saginaw; Sister Elizabeth, O.P., Grand Rapids; Mrs. Ray (Rita) Norlock, Bay City; Mrs. Dave (Rosemary) Heroux, Mrs. Joseph (Mary Ann) DeVota and Mrs. John (Grace) Gasser, all of Chesaning; three sons, Eugene, Kenneth and Victor Bishop, all of Chesaning; his mother, Mrs. Margaret Bishop; 43 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; six brothers, Joseph and Arthur, New Lothrop; Herbert, Flushing; Harold, Cleveland, Ohio; John and Alfred, both of Chesaning; a sister, Mrs. Cornelius (Louise) Wednling, Chesaning. Funeral service will take place 11:00 a.m. Friday at the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Maple Grove. Rev. Fr. Eugene Seidenwand will officiate with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Friends may call at the O'Hare-Whelpley Funeral Home in New Lothrop after 6:00 p.m. Wednesday where they will meet with relatives 7:30 p.m. Thursday to pray the Rosary.



SAGINAW NEWS

FEB 13 1977

Bishop, Mrs. Mary
4890 Fermen Road
Maple Grove Township

Passed away Saturday Feb. 12, 1977 at her home after an illness of seven months. Age 74 years. Mary Martin was born Aug. 1, 1902 in Maple Grove Township, a lifelong resident. She married Alphonse Bishop April 27, 1927 in Maple Grove. He predeceased her May 20, 1975. She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Maple Grove, where she had served as an organist for 50 years. She was a member of the Altar Society and the Legion of Mary. Surviving are seven daughters: Mrs. Virginia Gaertner, Mrs. Maurice (Kathleen) Potucek, and Sister Elizabeth Bishop, all of Saginaw; Mrs. Ray (Rita) Narlock, of Bay City; Mrs. Dave (Rosemary) Heroux, of Maple Grove; Mrs. Joseph (Mary Ann) Devota, and Mrs. John (Grace) Gasser, both of Chesaning, three sons: Eugene, Victor, and Kenneth, all of Maple Grove; 43 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; five sisters: Mrs. Ray (Lucille) Thiede, of Corunna; Mrs. George (Frances) Simmons, of Tustin; Mrs. Walter (Rose) Shooltz, of Chesaning; Mrs. Isabel Bernard, and Mrs. Arnold (Irene) Soderman, both of Lansing; one brother, Herbert Martin, of Chesaning; her mother-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Bishop, of Saginaw.

Funeral service will take place 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Chesaning. Rev. John Gentner will officiate with burial in St. Michael Cemetery, Maple Grove. Friends may call at the O'Hare-Whelpley Funeral Home in New Lothrop. There will be an Altar Society rosary at 7:00 p.m. Sunday and a Scripture Service at 7:00 p.m. Monday.

Obituaries provided by:
Vic Bishop

Photo take at St. Michael's Cemetery by Kim (Bishop) Tobias

James & Virginia (Bishop) Wells

7-17-1938

2-26-1928

5090 S. Huron Road
Standish, MI 48658

Married
December 31, 1983

Virginia previously married Donald Gaertner on
October 18, 1947. Their children are as follows:

1) Pamela Kay

Born: August 20, 1948
Married: Dale R. Bauer
Date: January 29, 1967

Children:

Matthew D.	3-25-70
Stacie L.	4-1-71
Ryan M.	2-27-73
Jamie V.	3-9-75
Nathan J.	8-28-79
Gina R.	8-24-80

2) Chris Michael

Born: July 13, 1951
Married: Divorced

No children

4) Marc William

Born: June 22, 1958
Married: Tammy
Date:

Children:

Craig

3) Denise Marie

Born: February 25, 1957
Married: Russell Burkey
Date:

Children:

Jeremy
Joshua
Sarah
Theresa
Jared

5) Sue Ann

Born: November 25, 1964
Deceased: December 2, 1999

Children:

Sean	2-28-84
Deceased	12-7-99

Alphonse & Mary (Martin) Bishop Family

Child #1—Virginia B. (Bishop-Gaertner) Wells



Above: Virginia (Bishop) Gaertner

Photos provided by: Vic Bishop



Donald & Virginia (Bishop) Gaertner Family
Front Row L-R: Marc, Virginia, Donald holding Susie & Denise
Back Row L-R: Chris and Pamela



Front Row L-R: Denise (Gaertner) Burkey, Steve Bishop, Marc Gaertner.

Back Row L-R: Pam (Gaertner) Bauer holding Victoria Bishop, Chris Gaertner, Dan Bishop & Kim (Bishop) Tobias

Left: I remember a lot of fun times with the Gaertner family. Left it looks like a sleep over since we all appear to be in pajama type outfits. We all look like we were having a good time.



Virginia and James Wells

Virginia later re-married and became Virginia Wells.

Photo taken in August 1962 in Vic & Jackie's first home on Lincoln Road, New Lothrop, Michigan.

Virginia (Bishop-Gaertner) & Jim Wells Family

Child #1—Pamela Kay (Gaertner) Bauer



Alphonse & Mary (Martin) Bishop holding Pam as a baby. Pam was Alphonse and Mary's very 1st grandchild.



Right: Dale & Pam Bauer
Married January 27, 1967
at St. Anthony's Church in
Saginaw, Michigan.

PAMELA K. AND DALE R. BAUER JR.

Pamela K. and Dale R. Bauer Jr. of Saginaw celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at Standing Waters Event Facility, Saginaw Township. The former Pamela K. Gaertner and Dale R. Bauer Jr. were married Jan. 27, 1967, in Saginaw.

Their children and their spouses are Gina and Rich Korbein and Nathan Bauer, all of Saginaw; Matt and Jennifer Bauer and Ryan and Lisa Bauer, all of Freeland; Stacie and Jeff Dinauer of Bay City; and Jamie Bauer of Davison.

They also have eight grandchildren.

Dale R. Bauer Jr. is a millwright for General Motors Corp. Pamela K. Bauer is a receptionist at Serenity Spa and Salon.



Left: Dale & Pam celebrate 40 years of marriage in 2007.

Photos provided by:
Pam (Gaertner) Bauer



Dale & Pam (Gaertner) Bauer Family

L-R: Ryan & Lisa (Cliff) Bauer, Jamie Bauer, Matt & Jennifer (??) Bauer, Dale & Pam Bauer, Jeff & Stacie (Bauer) Dinauer, Nathan Bauer & Jeanette Dankert, Rich & Gina (Bauer) Korbein



Pam Bauer with her
grandchildren
Total = 9

Unfortunately there
were no names on
the back of the
photo, however,
they all belong to
Pam & Dale Bauer's
kids. J

Photos provided by:
Pam (Gaertner)
Bauer



Above: A family trip to Tiger Town in Lakeland, Florida.

L-R: Dale, Pam, Stacy Bauer, Jeff Dinauer and Gina Bauer in front.

Top right: Matt and younger brother, Ryan, who visited when Matt played for the Generals.

Right: Matt as a Mud Hen in Ohio chatting with the Bat Boy. I think this photo was in the Saginaw News and Dad cut it out however, I can't find the story that went with it.

Photos provided by:
Pam (Gaertner) Bauer

Interesting Stories

By Pam Bauer
Written in 1994



Our home was hit by a tornado in June of 1982 and was $\frac{3}{4}$ (75%) destroyed. We had to relocate for 6 months while our home was rebuilt.

Matt played on 2 consecutive State Championship basketball teams (Jr. & Sr. year) at Novuel. He earned a baseball scholarship to Central Michigan University and was drafted in his Junior year by the Tigers. He is currently finished this last season at Fayetteville, North Carolina – Tigers Single A Team.

Nathan and Gina were both involved in 3 different baseball leagues and teams this past summer. They both are excellent athletes. Gina plays on all-boys baseball teams. They both are starters on basketball teams also. They were both picked for the "All-Star" Baseball Playoffs.

Author Note: Baseball was a huge sport of the Bauer family. See news articles found under Dale & Pam's children, Ryan and Gina Bauer's sections.

Dale & Pamela (Gaertner) Bauer Family

Child #1– Matthew D. Bauer



Matthew &
Jennifer
Bauer Family

L-R: Matthew holding son Grant, Jennifer holding Daughter Mackenzie, Tyler In front of Mom and Matthew Bauer Jr.

Dale & Pamela (Gaertner) Bauer Family

Child #2– Stacie L. (Bauer) Dinauer

Right: Pam (center) with daughters, Stacie (left). and Gina (right).



Left:: Pam and Dale walk daughter, Stacie, onto the football field at half-time during Homecoming in 1989. Stacie was the 12th Grade representative.

Photos provided by: Pam (Gaertner) Bauer



L-R: Jeff & Stacie (Bauer) Dinauer with children, Claire and Brandon, Pam Bauer, (center) Gina (Bauer) and husband, Rich Korbein.

Dale & Pamela (Gaertner) Bauer Family

Child #3—Ryan M. Bauer

Ryan & Lisa (Cliff) Bauer Family

L-R: Grandfather, Dale Bauer, Ryan holding newborn son, Zachery Bauer, Grandmother, Pam (Gaertner) Bauer behind Ryan's wife, Lisa (Cliff) Bauer.

The photo was taken on February 22, 2004.

Photos provided by Pam (Gaertner) Bauer.



Dale & Pamela (Gaertner) Bauer Family

Child #4— Jamie V. Bauer



Jamie Bauer (right) married Melissa Skulley on September 12, 2009
L-R: Dale & Pam Bauer (Parents of the Groom) and Melissa & Jamie Bauer.

Dale & Pamela (Gaertner) Bauer Family

Child #4— Nathan J. Bauer

Nathan Bauer
and girlfriend
Jeanette
Dankert.

Photos
provided by:
Pam
(Gaertner)
Bauer



A newspaper article of Nathan in his younger years playing a sport he loved – Baseball.

Siblings miss chance

Nate Bauer won't get the chance to hit off his sister Gina Bauer in competition.

HUGH BERNREUTER
■ THE SAGINAW NEWS

The talk will continue. The proof, however, may never exist.

In their last possible opportunity to face each other, Nate Bauer and Gina Bauer missed each other once again.

Nate Bauer's Heritage High baseball team beat Bridgeport 12-2 and then Arthur Hill 6-2 for the championship of its own invitation Saturday at Olson Park.

Gina Bauer's Nouvel Catholic Central team, however, lost its semifinal game against Arthur Hill, leaving it out of a championship matchup against Heritage.

And the Bauer-to-Bauer, brother-to-sister confrontation never

materialized.

"I have never hit against her, but she says she would strike me out," said Nate Bauer, a starting center fielder for the Hawks. "I don't think so."

Nate Bauer would definitely not relax just because the pitcher was his sister.

"He's one of the most competitive players I've had inside the white lines," Heritage coach Bob Andrezejewski said. "He's a solid, all-around player who just loves the game and loves to compete."

The love of the game was nurtured by his oldest brother, Matt Bauer, a left-handed pitcher who starred at Nouvel and spent five seasons in the Detroit Tigers minor league system.



Nate Bauer

"People bring him up a lot when they talk to me, comparing me and everything," Nate Bauer said. "I don't mind at all."

"I've always looked up to him because he was a great baseball player. And we both played the same sports. Both of us really liked basketball and baseball."

Nate Bauer, who started on the Heritage basketball team this season, had two hits in the first game and reached base two more times in the second game.

But while Matt, a 1988 Nouvel graduate, and Gina are pitchers, Nate Bauer tries to stay off the mound.

"I hurt my shoulder last summer and that's pretty much been it for me pitching," Nate Bauer said. "Matt was a left-hander, but I can throw with both arms. I threw with both in Little League, but I don't think I'd try it now."

Heritage didn't need Nate Bauer

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HAWKS

Heritage pitchers throw complete games

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to pitch Saturday. The 7-4 Hawks received two complete-game performances, with Nick Patterson throwing a five-hitter in the 12-2 win over Bridgeport and Ryan Von Reichbauer following with a four-hitter.

"Our pitching was excellent," Andrezejewski said. "Our attitude was the best it's been all year."

Two of Heritage's losses came in last-inning defeats to Bay City Western. The Hawks also lost two

games in a tournament with some of its top players on vacation.

The Panthers saw their 11-game winning streak end in the opener against Arthur Hill, which rallied for six runs in the final two innings to beat Nouvel 8-7.

Arthur Hill's Brian Armstrong had four RBIs against Nouvel, including the winner in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Gina Bauer was tagged for the loss against the Lumberjacks, but Nouvel came back to beat Bridgeport in the second game. ■

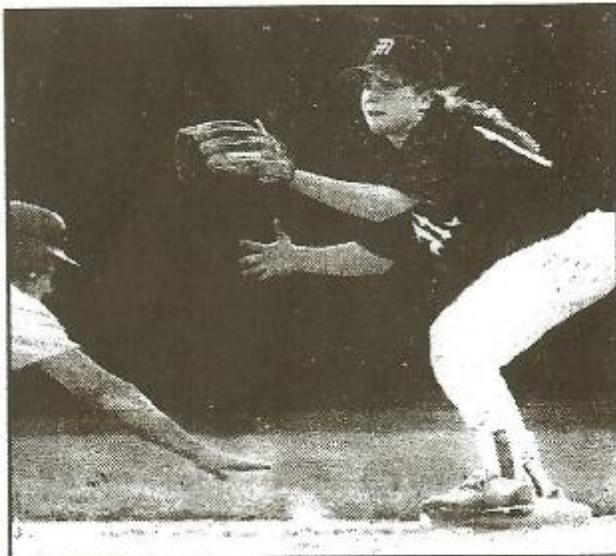
Dale & Pamela (Gaertner) Bauer Family

Child #6— Gina R. (Bauer) Korbein



Richard & Gina (Bauer) Korbein
Married on October 15, 2005
St. Peter & Paul's Church, Saginaw, Michigan

Picture provided by: Pam (Gaertner) Bauer



A newspaper article on Gina in her younger years.

Submitted by Pam Bauer in 1994.

Guarding first base for the Saginaw Mud Hens. Gina Bauer, 12, is ready for a throw. She is the only girl on five boys baseball teams.

News Staff
Rachel Griffith

Gina makes baseball a league of her own

BY MAGGIE ROSSITER
News Staff Writer

The words "keep your eye on the ball" bounce around in Gina Bauer's head daily.

The 12-year-old girl, playing on five boys baseball teams, has taken the advice to heart.

"Those are the first words I remember my dad saying," she says.

"I get heckled by players on other teams for just the first inning. When they see me play, they're surprised. It seems like I've been throwing a baseball my whole life."

Bauer, daughter of Dale and Pamela Bauer of 1275 Pius, plays for the Mud Hens, a Saginaw Township 14-and-under traveling team in the Sandy Koufax League; a major league team in the Saginaw Township South Little League; West Side Decorating, a boys 14-and-under team in the Saginaw Recreation Department's Knothole Baseball League; a boys Knothole team in the Michigan Recreation Parks Association state tournament; and a

14-and-under boys team in the Friendship Games taking place Friday and Saturday in Saginaw.

Bauer's hand-eye coordination is excellent for her age, says John W. Rush, coach of West Side Decorating.

Rush invited Bauer to join his twin 14-year-old sons on the team.

In a championship tournament Wednesday at Hoyt Park, the team beat Bridgeport, 13-1.

"The boys were a little apprehensive until she threw the first pitch," he says. "Once they saw her rear back and fire the ball ... she threw as hard as any boy in the league."

"She's a baseball player, not just a 12-year-old girl."

Now that other coaches have watched her play, they're tracking her down for all-star teams and tournament games.

Roy W. Neal, a coach for the Mud Hens in Knothole and Sandy Koufax leagues, selected Bauer for his team in the state tournament today at Levagood Field in Dearborn.

"She's an excellent athlete," Neal says. "She's a very tough competitor. She's one of the two youngest players on my (Koufax) team."

Robert Carpenter, director of the Knothole program for 13 years, has watched hundreds of first-rate youngsters play baseball. He supervises more than 400 games a year.

"She's the best girl I've ever seen play at Hoyt Park," Carpenter says. "She's really unique. She has a tremendous arm."

Since April, Bauer has played baseball every day and sometimes twice a day.

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"Even if I don't have a game, I'm in the driveway shooting baskets or playing baseball with the neighbor guys (some of whom are) 13 years old," says the sister of Matt Bauer, who pitches in the Detroit Tiger farm system.

"I can beat them."

"I wanted to play on a boys team because the competition is better than playing girls softball."

The seventh-grader at White Pine Middle School says she plans to play girls softball and basketball in high school.

Bauer and her brother, Nathan, 13, play on the same baseball team in the Koufax league.

Despite the talents of both youngsters, sibling rivalry hasn't caused family feuds.

"Some of my friends tease me that Gina plays as well as me, but I ignore them," says the eighth-grader at White Pine.

"He pitches with both hands extremely well, but Gina gets all the publicity because she's a girl competing in a guy's sport," says their father, Dale Bauer, a millwright and a member of the organizational development team at the Saginaw Grey Iron Plant.

To avoid burnout, Dale Bauer says, he keeps track of the youngsters' schedules. He likes them to have two days rest after they pitch a game.

"Coaches have a tendency to want to win," he says. "I don't let a coach use them if they haven't had time to rest their arms."

"I don't want them to compete against each other. A team wins, not just one person."

Virginia (Bishop-Gaertner) & Jim Wells Family

Child #2– Chris Michael Gaertner



L-R: Pam (Gaertner) Bauer, Vic & Jackie Bishop and Chris Gaertner at Vic & Jackie's 50th Wedding Anniversary party. The party was held on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at Layton Corner Hall. Both Pam and Chris were in Vic & Jackie's wedding as flower girl and ring bearer on June 9, 1956.

Virginia (Bishop-Gaertner) & Jim Wells Family

Child #3– Denise (Gaertner) Burkey



L-R: Denise (Gaertner) Burkey, Pam (Gaertner) Bauer and Chris Gaertner. Denise is married to Russ Burkey. They have five children: Jeremy married to Jen, Josh, Sarah, Theresa and Jared. No family information or photos were submitted by Denise.

Top photo provided by: Kim (Bishop) Tobias. Bottom photos provided by: Pam (Gaertner) Bauer.

Virginia (Bishop-Gaertner) & Jim Wells Family

Child #4 – Mark William Gaertner



Marc Gaertner

Marc is married to Tammy. They have a son named Craig.

No other information or photos were submitted.

Photo provided by: Vic Bishop

Virginia (Bishop-Gaertner) & Jim Wells Family

Child #5—Sue Ann (Gaertner) Summerfield



Above: Susie (left) and Sean (right)
at a festive gathering.



Sue (Gaertner) Summerfield Family

Child #1—Sean Summerfield



SEAN

In Memory of :

Sue Ann Gaertner and Sean Summerfield

November 25, 1964 to December 2, 1999 and February 28, 1984 to December 7, 1999



Left & Right photos of Susie provided by Vic and Jackie Bishop. Vic & Jackie were Susie's Godparents.



Photos provided by: Denise (Gaertner) Burkey

Far Left: Sean was in 8th Grade -13 yrs. old. Later he had his drivers permit (age 15) and was driving when another lady did not stop for a stop sign. Susie passed away that day. Sean lived 1 week before the Lord called him home too. Susie was age 34.

Eugene & Ellen (Gasper) Bishop

8-2-1929 10-4-1932

Former address:
17451 Bishop Road
Chesaning, MI 48616

Married
October 2, 1954

1) Randolph Eugene

Born: July 29, 1955

No children

3) Gregory Robert

Born: October 6, 1957
Married: Cheryl Wenzlick
Date: January 27, 1979

Children:

Nathan	5-6-82
Melissa	9-21-85
Matthew	11-16-87

5) Elizabeth (Betty) Rose

Born: August 20, 1963
Married: Mark Skidmore
Date: October 17, 1987

Children:

Benjamin Wesley	12-28-91
Anna Elizabeth	3-2-95

2) Edith Mary

Born: August 2, 1956
Married: Alan Benson
Date: March 1, 2005

Step-Children:

David	6-8-83
Anita	6-5-85
Ruth	11-3-86
Maria	1-10-89

4) Patrick Charles

Born: March 17, 1959
Married: Kelly Weigold
Date: April 16, 1983

Children:

Amanda Marie	2-3-86
Angela Ann	2-3-86
Ethan Charles	3-9-90

Alphonse & Mary (Martin) Bishop Family



Eugene & Ellen (Gasper) Bishop

Oct 12 1954

Gasper-Bishop Vows Solemnized Saturday

CHESANING—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Bishop will reside in Maple Grove when they return from a Northern Michigan honeymoon. They were married in St. Michael Church, Maple Grove, in a ceremony conducted by Rev. Fr. Michael H. Wolf.

The bride is the former Ellen Ann Gasper, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gasper. Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Bishop are parents of the bridegroom.

A gown of lace and tulle over satin was the bride's choice. Iridescent outlined the scalloped neckline, which rose to a tucked tulle yoke and a lace

collar. The skirt featured a scalloped peplum and fell to a cathedral-length train. Her bouquet was of red roses.

Miss Charlotte Eickholdt was maid of honor, and Miss Rosemary Bishop and Miss Catherine Bishop were bridesmaids. Their waltz-length gowns of rose and blue tulle over taffeta were fashioned with scoop necklines and skirts with bands of gathered tulle scallops. Picture hats of matching tulle and colonial bouquets of red roses and white chrysanthemums completed their ensembles.

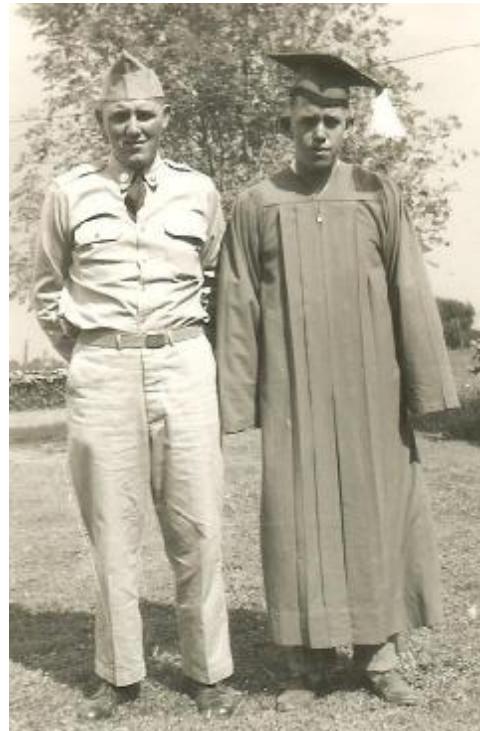
Kenneth Bishop was his brother's best man, and James Gasper and William Krupp were attendants. Seating guests were James Bishop and LaVern Henige, both of New Lothrop.

Photos and article
provided by: Eugene
Bishop

Child #2 – Eugene Alphonse Bishop



Eugene Bishop 1947



Eugene Bishop home on leave
from the Army with brother
Victor Bishop on Vic's high
school graduation day from
St. Mike's Maple Grove High
School. Photo provided by:
Vic Bishop



Eugene Bishop enjoyed playing his accordion in his spare time. Every year for the Alphonse & Mary Bishop Family Christmas Party, he and brother-in-law Mike Potucek (Kate Bishop) would faithfully play Christmas music and we would all sing while waiting for Santa Claus to arrive.

Right: Eugene is playing his accordion and niece Susie Gaertner is standing behind him.



Left: Eugene Bishop (age 63) playing his accordion for the kids.

Left standing: Melissa Bishop-7 (Greg & Cheryl), Ethan Bishop-2 (Pat & Kelly).

Seated: Benjamin Skidmore-8 mo. (Betty & Mark) & Grandpa Eugene

Right 1st Row front: Hannah Wenzlick-1 (Rick & Becky), Tommy Wenzlick-2 (Stan & Jean),

2nd Row: Matt Bishop-4 1/2 (Greg & Cheryl), Emily-4 (Rick & Becky), Amanda-6 (Pat & Kelly)

3rd Row: Angie-6 (Pat & Kelly), Amy Wenzlick (Ken & Helen), Sarah Wenzlick (Stan & Jean).

Photos provided by: Betty (Bishop) Skidmore



Mary (Martin) Bishop, Rosie (Bishop) Heroux, Sister Elizabeth Bishop and Eugene and Ellen (Gasper) Bishop.

Photo provided by: Vic Bishop



Eugene at home on the farm.



Eugene having fun at age 53.

Bottom photos provided by: Betty (Bishop) Skidmore



Eugene & Ellen Bishop with their grandchildren.
Photo is titled "Silly Grins".



Eugene (right) with brother
Kenneth Bishop at one of
Kenny's children's weddings.

Eugene & Ellen (Gasper) Bishop Child #1 –

Randall Eugene Bishop



Left: Randy Bishop
with his twin nieces
Amanda and Angela
Bishop

Amanda and Angela
Are the daughters
of Pat & Kelly Bishop..
Pat is Randy's
younger brother.

Randy has worked
as a custodian for New
Lothrop Schools for 31
years. He enjoys
going to New Lothrop
or Chesaning football
and basketball games.

Photos provided by: Betty (Bishop) Skidmore

Eugene & Ellen (Gasper) Bishop



Edith Bishop and Alan Benson were united in marriage on March 1, 2005 in Berlin, Germany. Their civil wedding was held early afternoon at the Standesamt in the Zehlendorf district. Relatives and friends gathered again for the

evening religious wedding at the American Church in Berlin. The Rev. Ben Coltvet and Intern Pastor Jennifer Hanus officiated for the ceremony uniting the daughter of Eugene Bishop and the late Ellen Bishop of Chesaning, Michigan and the son of Arthur and Erika Benson of Berlin, Germany and Manistee, Michigan.

Betty Skidmore of Pinconning, Michigan attended her sister as matron of honor and David Look of Berlin, friend of the bride and groom, stood as best man.

Following the ceremony, the couple greeted guests at Ho-Do-Ri Korean Restaurant. Edie and Alan flew to Naples, Italy for their honeymoon. In addition to touring many historical churches and castles in Naples, they also explored nearby Pompeii ruins, Mt. Vesuvius, and the Island of Capri.

The groom is employed as a technical translator at 4-Text in Berlin. The bride is a fifth grade teacher at the Berlin-Brandenburg International School in Kleinmachnow, Germany. They reside in Berlin, Germany.

Edie is a graduate of New Lothrop High School and Central Michigan University, Mt Pleasant. Prior to moving to Berlin last year to teach at the Berlin-Brandenburg International School, Edie taught for 14 years at Onekama Consolidated Schools. Alan is a graduate of John F. Kennedy School, Berlin and the College of Arts in Berlin. Edie and Alan met in Manistee late in 2003. Alan was spending half of the year working and living there.

Child #1 – Edith Mary (Bishop) Benson

Left: Edith Mary Bishop age 2 - 1958
Notice the Farmers Oil truck that Edie's Father, Eugene, used to drive to deliver oil in the back ground.



Above: Edie (Bishop) benson (center) with Aunts Rita Bishop (left) and Grace (Bishop) Gasser (right).

Article left and photo above provided by Jackie (Birdsley) Bishop.

By Edie Bishop

In Germany, one must have a civil wedding. Generally this is done before a church wedding. Alan and I had our civil wedding at noon March 1, 2005 at the Zehlendorf Standesamt. I really enjoyed this small ceremony. Later that night we had the church wedding ceremony.

Top left photo of Edie as a child was provided by: Betty (Bishop) Skidmore

Eugene & Ellen (Gasper) Bishop

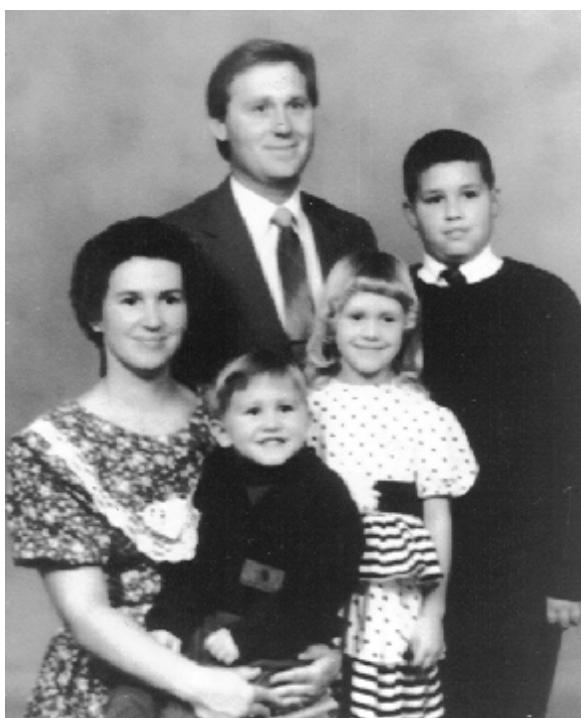
Child #3 – Gregory Robert Bishop



Left: Greg age
1-1/2 yrs. old.
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reads:
“Greg is all ready
to go out doors
which he loves
and I love
having him out
for he is a wild
one.”
Spring 1959

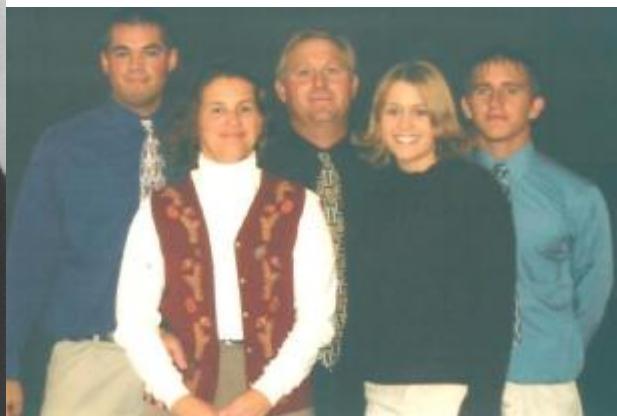


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Greg & Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop Family

Seated: Cheryl holding Matthew
Standing: Greg, Melissa & Nathan



Greg & Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop Family

L-R: Nathan, Cheryl, Greg, Melissa
and Matthew Bishop

Young Greg photo provided by:
Betty (Bishop) Skidmore
Senior photo provided by: Vic Bishop.
Bottom two photos provided by:
Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop

Greg & Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop Child #1 – Nathan Jeffrey Bishop



Nathan & Jessica (Lamson) Bishop's Wedding day September 22, 2006

L-R: Matthew, Cheryl holding Kylie Grace Bishop, ring bearer Braedin Bishop (children of Nathan & Jessica), Jessica & Nathan Bishop, Greg Bishop and Melissa Bishop.

Photo provided by: Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop.



Greg & Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop

Child #2 – Melissa Lynne Bishop

Engagement
Bishop-Terry

Greg and Cheryl Bishop, of Chesaning, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Lynn Bishop, to Christopher Todd Terry, of Grand Rapids. He is the son of Todd and Laurie Terry, of Ionia.



Melissa Lynn Bishop and Christopher Todd Terry.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of New Lothrop High School. She also holds an associate's degree in business from Delta College, and is working on a bachelor of business administration degree from Central Michigan University. She is employed as an administrative assistant at Ultra-Dex Tooling Systems. The prospective bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of Ionia High School. He has a BA degree in economics and management from Albion College, and is working on his master's degree in business administration from Western Michigan University. He is employed as an investment analyst at RDV Corporation. A December 31, 2009 wedding is being planned.

Announcement extracted from Vic Bishop's Independent newspaper. Wedding photo below provided by : Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop.



Melissa (Bishop) and Christopher Terry's Wedding Day December 31, 2009

L-R: Children Kylie & Gabrielle Bishop, parents Jessica & Nathan Bishop, Greg Bishop, Melissa & Christopher Terry, Braedin Bishop, Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop, Barbara (Birchmeier) Bishop and Matthew Bishop.

Photo provided by: Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop



Melissa Lynne
(Bishop) and
Christopher
Todd Terry.
Their wedding
was held on New
Years Eve 2009 at
St. Michael's
Catholic Church,
New Lothrop,
Michigan.

Greg & Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop Child #3 – Matthew Gregory Bishop

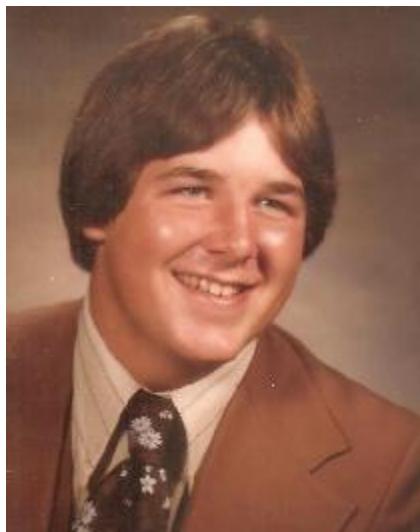


Matthew and Barbara (Birchmeier) Bishop
Wedding Date June 6, 2009

Photos provided by Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop

Eugene & Ellen (Gasper) Bishop

Child #3 – Patrick Charles Bishop



Patrick Charles Bishop
Senior Photo 1977

Photo provided by: Vic Bishop.



Patrick & Kelly (Weigold) Bishop Wedding Day April 16, 1983

L-R: Randy Bishop, Greg Bishop, Cheryl (Wenzlick) Bishop, Pat & Kelly Bishop, Ellen & Eugene Bishop, Elizabeth (Betty) (Bishop) Skidmore (front) and Edith (Bishop) Benson

Photo provided by: Betty (Bishop) Skidmore



Grandparents Ellen & Eugene Bishop holding twins Amanda & Angela.

Pat & Kelly (Weigold) Bishop

Children:
Amanda,
Ethan and
Angela



Pat with son Ethan

Black & white photos submitted by Kelly Bishop in 1994.



Sue (Sigmund) Bishop and Kelly (Weigold) Bishop at one of the annual Alphonse & Mary Bishop Family Christmas parties.

Photo submitted by: Vic Bishop

Eugene & Ellen (Gasper) Bishop Child #5 – Elizabeth (Betty) R. (Bishop) Skidmore

JANUARY 18, 1988 □ PH. (517)845-7403

Bishop-Skidmore married October 17th in Maple Grove ceremony

Elizabeth Rose Bishop of Chesaning became the bride of Mark Gregory Skidmore of Birch Run on Saturday, October 17, 1987, 2:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Maple Grove. Rev. Robert G. Navarre officiated the ceremony uniting the children of Eugene and Ellen Bishop of

Chesaning and George and Olga Skidmore of Burt.

The bride approached the altar wearing a white organza gown featuring a sweetheart neckline, with fitted lace sleeves. The bodice was accented with lace and pearls, with a natural waistline extending into a chapel train.

Her ensemble was made complete with a hat featuring lace and pearls, accented with silk flowers on the brim and fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Attending as Maid of Honor was the bride's sister, Edie Bishop of Ruth, Michigan. Bridesmaids were Patty Westerman of Ann Arbor, sister of the groom, and Deb Coonrod of Chesaning, friend of the bride.

Best Man was Tom Skidmore of Saginaw, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Greg and Pat Bishop, both of Chesaning and brothers of the bride. Ring bearer was Nathan

Bishop, nephew of the bride, and usher was Randy Bishop of Chesaning, brother of the bride.

Hostess was Lisa Ziola of Chesaning, cousin of the bride.

The couple greeted 300 guests at a reception held at Maple Grove Township Hall, Layton Corners. Following a honeymoon to Myrtle Beach, S. C., the new Mr. and Mrs. Mark Skidmore reside in Pinconning.

The bride is employed at St. Mary's Medical Center, and attends Delta College. The groom is a millwright for Berger and Berger.



Benjamin & Anna Skidmore

Page provided by:
Betty (Bishop) Skidmore



Mark & Betty (Bishop) Skidmore Family
L-R Kneeling: Betty and Benjamin
L-R Standing: Anna and Mark

Author Note: Well, here goes round 2. I typed 3/4 of the Life on the Farm below and then decided I better save it. Of course the application unexpectedly quit and I lost it all. Good ole rule applies again and again when working with a computer: Save, Save, Save..... Wish I'd remember that a little more often than I do!

LIFE ON THE FARM

by Eugene Bishop

My parents, Alphonse and Mary Bishop, had seven girls and three boys: Virginia, Eugene, Rita, Kenneth, Victor, Elizabeth, Rosemary, Kathleen, Mary Ann, and Grace.



When I was growing up, our family lived on and farmed the original homestead of Veitus and Catherine Bishop located on Briggs Road, Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, Michigan. I grew up in hard times. There was no electricity back then. Ma washed clothes on Mondays and Fridays. After we were done with our morning barn chores, my brothers, sisters, and I carried water 100 feet from the well to the house. Ma would heat the water in a copper boiler on the wood stove and then she poured the heated water into a washing machine powered by an old gasoline engine. Before we left for school, we would have to carry in more water to fill two tubs for rinsing clothes. Ma usually did all her washing in this one batch of water. The last batch of was our dirty overhauls.

On Saturday night we took a bath, whether we needed it or not, in a wash tub. We wore the same pair of overalls all week. They would get so dirty sometimes that by weeks end, they would stand right up in a corner.

There was no inside bathroom, so we had the outside "john" to ravel to in rain, sleet, or shine. We would carry a lantern at night if we were afraid. Also, we would dust the snow off the seat in the wintertime. It was rough, but we made the best of it.

My sisters, brother, and I had one pair of shoes for school and church. We would beg Dad to let us wear them when we put up grain and hay to keep the thistles out of our feet.

Mother fed us lots of pancakes with raspberries or applesauce over them. Other times we would just have a big dish pan of hot milk toast with sugar sprinkles on it. If we didn't like it, we'd go until the next meal without eating. Today the kids tell their folks what they want to eat. God bless Ma and Dad.

There was no icebox until after the war. Ma had to can everything, smoke the meat, and salt down the pork. In the late 40's, Dad scraped enough money together to buy Ma an electric refrigerator and an electric Maytag wringer washing machine.

Ma played organ for St. Michael's Church for 50 years. I use to harness up old "Tops" and hook him on the buggy. Ma would drive him to church in the summertime everyday to play the organ.

Money was scarce. We would have to take our turns going to town in Dad's Model A Ford. Once we got to Chesaning, Dad would give us a nickel. We would walk the streets to see where we could get the most candy for our nickel. We generally ended up at Basoz's Candy Store (today it is the Country Charm Restaurant) and get a whole bag of kisses for a nickel.

As for good times, I enjoyed going to Grandma (Margaret) and Grandpa (Peter) Bishop's, especially when all the uncles and aunts came home. Uncle John would play the piano and everyone else would sing those good old songs. Same thing when we went to Uncle Tom and Aunt Mary Sutter's in Flint. Her boys would get out all of their musical instruments and play up a storm. How I'd enjoy a night like that again. Aunt Mary would always say "God bless you" (her favorite old saying).

On Saturdays, Grandpa Bishop would come to get me to clean his chicken coop out and clean horse stables. A few times I stayed overnight and before we went to bed, we had to kneel down and pray the Rosary. Grandpa used to kneel on the cushions of the davenport and lean up against the back. He would tell me to get comfortable because Grandma is going to pray to all the saints in heaven and she did, too!

Aunt Katie Bishop and Aunt Mary Smith, Grandpa's sisters, stayed at our place for one winter. Aunt Katie was a worker. She'd take two rows of corn to our one and give us hell if we didn't stay with her. As a little boy, my brother Kenny, liked to sneak over in the woods until it was time for dinner, then he would come out. Oh, those were the days! Aunt Katie was a darn good aunt. She would give us a ride in the rumble seat of her 1922 Essex car. I sure wish I had that baby today.

Aunt Mary would help Ma make meals. If one of us got a smaller piece of cake over another, Aunt Mary would say, "Do you want me to get the ruler out and measure the damn thing?" She too was a good aunt.

During wheat harvest, I would go with Grandpa on the thrashing machine and tend blower and grease the machine. Grandpa had only one good hand and a hook on the other. Before we ate lunch, I always had to wash his good hand for him, then eat first and go out ahead of the rest of the crew to finish greasing the machine. I'd have to swallow my piece of pie in one bite because when Grandpa fired up that machine, it had to purr like a kitten.

One time I helped Grandpa ring a 700 pound bull. We put him in a cow stanchion and Grandpa just took the hook of his arm and shoved it right through the end of the bull's nose. Then I would feed the ring with a three foot chain hooked to it, back through the hold he made and quick put that little screw in and tighten it with a screwdriver. That bull just reared up and let out a bellow. Grandpa said, "That will stop him from jumping fences".

Another time Grandpa was hitching up his team of horses, Barney and Flory. Well Barney would not hold still to let Grandpa hook them together. So Grandpa hit him right between the eyes with his hook and said the "Hail Mary". Barney shook his head a little bit and let Grandpa hook them up.

Well folks, this is just a small amount of what I went through growing up. All these folks, I'll never forget them. Anyway, I could write a book of our Mother and Dad and family. Ma and Dad have to be in heaven, otherwise, I don't stand a running chance of getting there.

Wonderful story. I know Uncle Eugene is not here to read his story in this book, however, I want to thank him wherever he is for sharing it with us. I can see Grandpa (Alphonse) and Grandma (Mary) doing the things he mentioned and Great Grandma too. Thanks for the additional stories about Great Grandpa. I never knew him as he died before I was born.

THE EUGENE AND ELLEN BISHOP FAMILY by Eugene Bishop

Ellen and I have five children, Randy, Edith, Gregory, Patrick, and Elizabeth. All found jobs. Randy is a janitor for New Lothrop Schools. Edie is a special education teacher in Onekama, Michigan. Greg is a licensed brick, block and fieldstone mason and farmer. Pat is a licensed carpenter and farmer. Betty is a registered nurse at Saginaw General Hospital.

Greg married Cheryl Wenzlick in 1979. They have three children, Nathan, Melissa, and Matthew. Pat married Kelly Weigold in 1983. They have twin daughters, Amanda and Angela, and a son, Ethan. Betty married Mark Skidmore in 1987 and they have one son, Benjamin.

I drove gas truck for Chesaning Farmers Coop. For 31 years, I delivered gas and fuel oil in rain, sleet, or snow. I also farmed 140 acres with Ellen and our five children's help.

Ellen used to drive tractor plowing and fitting the fields for me. Then when the children were old enough, they helped pick up stones, planted fields, baled hay and straw, and cleaned out the cow and hog stables.

One day, Edie was driving tractor and baler and Randy was loading the wagon. I was raking straw and happened to be on the same end of the field as they were. Edie stopped the tractor and baler and Randy threw a bale of straw off the wagon. They had baled up a live skunk. What a hell of a smell. The skunk was still alive and trying to get out of the bale. So I went home to get a gun and shot it.

Another time I had to call the veterinarian out to pull a calf. We couldn't pull it so Betty held the light for us in the pole building while Greg, Pat and I helped the doctor quarter the calf out of the cow at 11:00 p.m. Doc was able to save the mother cow though.

The kids all have had some exciting experiences from ponies to sheep to me out in the south field shocking hay with a pitch fork. I saw a garden snake that was about two feet long. I stuck my pitch fork through it and flung it over my head. Edie just happened to be standing upon the driveway as that snake came down. It landed on her head and slithered down her neck. She was about four years old and it's something we both will never forget.

Anyway, I'm proud of Ellen, our five children and grandchildren. Also, I'm very proud to live on Bishop Road. Not too many people can say this. Also, for my Mother and Dad and my seven sisters and two brothers.



The GRAY HOUSE WITH THE LONG DRIVEWAY
17574 BISHOP ROAD
by Edie Bishop

The second home and farm of my grandparents, Alphonse and Mary Bishop, was always buzzing with activity, especially in the summer. Since my father, Eugene, and his two brothers, Uncle Kenny and Uncle Vic, helped Grandpa farm, my brothers, sister, and I spent many summer evenings there playing with our cousins on the front lawn or on those two wonderful stone porches, while our parents worked the fields. I remember jumping up and down when one of my aunts would drive up the long driveway with her kids. This meant there would be a good game of hide and seek or tag. Plus there might be a chance to hold a new baby cousin.

When we were old enough to help, my brothers and I picked stones, pulled weeds, burned rows of bean pods, and helped Grandma unload wagons of beans into the granary. One time, Randy, Greg, Pat, and I helped Grandpa pick stones all morning. When we were done, Grandma had a hot meal ready for us. Before we left to ride our bikes back to our house, Grandpa came out of the house and stood by the garage. He reached into his pocket and pulled out four shiny Kennedy half dollars. He gave each one of us a fifty cent piece. Our eyes were round with wonder, since we did not expect to be paid nor had we ever been paid so much for our work before. He told us that he hoped these coins would help us to always remember him. I still have that special coin in the bottom of my jewelry box.

Author Note: Grandpa was such a neat person as was Grandma. I'd like to share with you my memories of the Gray House. The house with the long driveway.

It certainly was a great place to ride a bike. You could start at the beginning of the driveway and keep going past the house and barns right down that lane back to the fields. I remember walking round and round the cement circle that was once used to water the cattle, until we would get going too fast or become dizzy and fall in the middle (it was only a step down in the middle). But how we would laugh. I remember spending a lot of time doing that and what was such a simple thing was so much fun. I remember the summer family picnics. The games we played especially when our hands were tied behind our backs and we had to eat a donut that was tied to a string which was tied to a bigger string hanging between two big trees along the driveway. I don't believe the trees are there anymore. I also remember the gunny sack races and wheel barrel races. For the Christmas parties we would all try to fit into the basement. I remember the box of wooden thread spools that I was told every grandkid asked to play with as soon as they went into the house. What ever happened to them?

CHRISTMAS TREE FARM By Betty Bishop

A memory I have of growing up in my family is the Christmas Tree Farm on Burt Road. I remember every year at Christmas time of having lots of fun down there selling Christmas trees for \$1.50. We had a shanty with a little woodstove that we would keep warm by when we weren't selling trees. We would spend all day Saturday and Sunday at the tree farm. Sunday night we would fill up Dad's 1964 Ford pickup with the side racks on with beautiful trees and head for home to sell through the week on our front lawn. We lined them up in rows and would stand them up as people would like to view them. It was fun.



In the summer, we would go swimming at the pond. Boy that was fun. Every Sunday we would bug Ma and Dad to take us down and they would. We would have a picnic, usually was steak, hotdogs and Mom's yummy macaroni salad. Sometimes, Dad and Mom would swim with us and that was always a treat. Occasionally, Uncle Kenny's & Uncle Vic's families would come down and it was a blast. We would also fish in the pond - Bullhead was the #1 fish. It was lots of fun and I sure do miss those days!

By Edie Bishop

Even though I no longer live on the farm, I still consider my self to be a country girl. I was raised on my parents farm on Bishop Road, Chesaning. Growing up on a farm meant that everyone pitched in and helped. Household and farm responsibilities were given at a young age to my three brothers, sister, and me. Our family worked hard together and still remain close to each other today. My parents are to be credited as they shared their faith and taught us how to work, play, and enjoy the simple things in life.

In Memory of:

Eugene Alphonse & Ellen A. (Gasper) Bishop

August 2, 1929 to April 1, 2006 and October 4, 1932 to January 25, 2002



Grandson Nathan Bishop and Granddaughter
Melissa (Bishop) Terry.

Ellen won
a 12 gauge
shotgun
at the
Onekama
Big Fish
Contest

Ellen 61
Eugene 64



Photos provided by: Betty (Bishop) Skidmore

OBITUARY

Ellen A. Bishop

Age 69, of Chesaning, Michigan, died Friday January 25, 2002 at Covenant Cooper Healthcare Center in Saginaw.

She was born October 4, 1932 in Maple Grove Township, the daughter of John and Edith (Eisenhauer) Gasper.

On Oct. 2, 1954, she married Eugene Bishop, who survives her.

Mrs. Bishop was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and past president of the St. Ann Altar Society. She graduated from St. Michael High School in 1950. She enjoyed spending time with her family and many friends. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband Eugene Bishop; five children, Randy Bishop of Chesaning, Edith Bishop of Bear Lake, Gregory R. and Cheryl Bishop of Chesaning, Patrick and Kelly Bishop of Chesaning and Betty and Mark Skidmore of Pinconning; eight grandchildren, Nathan, Melissa, Matthew, Amanda, Angela and Ethan Bishop, and Benjamin and Anna Skidmore; one sister, Erma Polash of Ashley; two brothers, Robert and Rose Marie Gasper of Au Gres, and James and Marlene Gasper of Chesaning; brother-in-law La Verne Krupp; sisters-in-law, Rose Gasper, Margaret Gasper, Frances Gasper and Carol Gasper; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Bishop was preceded in death by her brothers Charles, Arthur, Cletus, Joe, Harold and Richard Gasper; and by her sisters Edna Krupp, Betty and Mary Lou Gasper and a brother-in-law Louis Polash.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael Catholic Church, Maple Grove. The Rev. Father Randy Kelly will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Walker-Martin Funeral Home, Chesaning, on Sunday from 1 to 9 p.m.; on Monday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and on Tuesday at the church after 10 a.m.

A scripture service will take place at 7 p.m. Monday. A Knights of Columbus Rosary will take place at 8 p.m. Monday.

Ellen - Provided by: Betty (Bishop) Skidmore

Memorial Obituary

In Loving Memory of

Eugene A. Bishop

August 2, 1929
April 1, 2006

Eugene A. Bishop, Chesaning, Michigan. Passed away on Saturday evening, April 1, 2006, at St. Mary's of Michigan hospital, Saginaw. Age 76 years. He was born on August 2, 1929 in Maple Grove Township, the son of Alphonse and Mary (Martin) Bishop. He married Ellen Gasper on October 2, 1954, she predeceased him on January 25, 2002. Eugene was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and the choir. He served his country during the Korean War in the US Army and was a member of the Chesaning American Legion. Eugene drove a fuel truck for Chesaning Farmers Petroleum for 31 years and was a life long farmer. He also had sold Watkins products for a number of years. Surviving are five children, Randy Bishop, Chesaning; Edith & Alan Benson, of Berlin, Germany; Gregory R. and Cheryl Bishop, Chesaning; Patrick and Kelly Bishop, Chesaning; Betty and Mark Skidmore of Pinconning; eight grandchildren, Nathan, Melissa, Matthew, Amanda, Angela and Ethan Bishop, Benjamin and Anna Skidmore; great-grandchildren, Kylie and Braedin; brothers and sisters, Virginia (Jim) Wells, Rita Narlock, Victor (Jackie) Bishop, Sr. Elizabeth Bishop, Kathleen (Mike) Potucek, Rosie (Dave) Heroux, Mary Ann Devota, Grace (Jack) Gasser; sister-in-law, Geraldine Bishop. He is predeceased by his wife, Ellen, parents, Alphonse and Mary Bishop, brothers, Kenneth 'Whitey' Bishop, brothers-in-law, Joe Devota and Ray Narlock. Funeral Mass will take place 10:00 a.m. Thursday at St. Michael Catholic Church, Maple Grove. Rev. Fr. Randy Kelly will officiate with burial in St. Michael Cemetery. Friends may call at the Walker-Martin Funeral Home, Chesaning on Tuesday from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. then at church on Thursday after 9:00 a.m. Scripture service will be 7:00 p.m. Wednesday.



Eugene - Provided by:
Vic Bishop

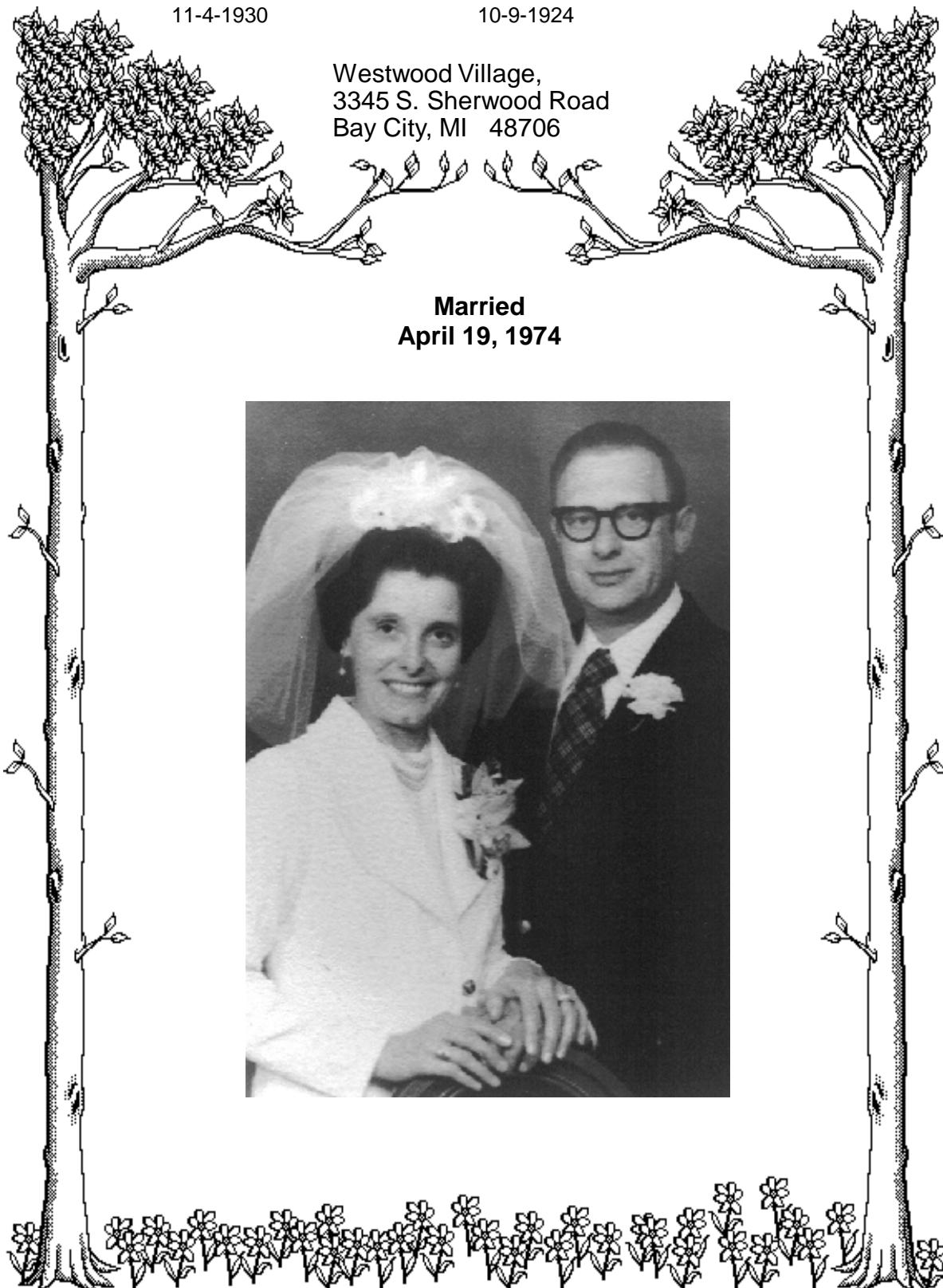
Rita (Bishop) & Raymond Narlock

11-4-1930

10-9-1924

Westwood Village,
3345 S. Sherwood Road
Bay City, MI 48706

Married
April 19, 1974





Raymond & Rita Narlock

Written in 1994 by: Rita Narlock

Without a doubt our most memorable years together were “FAR” too short...but just to mention some brief information. Ray was a “VERY EXTRA SPECIAL GENUINE PERSON” in my life. I met Ray at Das Michigan House. I was a part-time waitress there in addition to carrying on a full time professional job as a teacher for the Bay City

Schools. Ray belonged to the Civitan Club as he was very civic-minded in the Bay Community. The Civitan Club met for their monthly meetings at Das Michigan Restaurant. That is where I met Ray and after some wonderful courting, became engaged and then married April 19, 1974.

Ray worked at Dow Chemical U.S.A. Midland, Michigan for 35 years as a Bio-Chemist Lab Technician. Ray was most loyal and dedicated to his work as he never missed a day in all the 35 years at Dow Chemical. Ray was awarded for this with much esteem and great honor. As in all that he did whether it was his Dow Patents or Civitan Award Plaques for Leadership and dedicated service. His gracious and generous heart just had no limits as he was most outstanding whether it was in the domestic line in the kitchen, cooking, baking, laundry or housework. Ray enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing, or any sports what-so-ever. As mentioned above, Ray just was most notorious and a devoted person to whomever he met or came in contact with.

Rita also worked an equal total of years as Ray and those 35 years were as a Professional Teacher. Some of this time was in the Grand Rapids Diocese and the last years in the Bay City Publish School system,. Again much dedication was afforded and given to each and every student that we shared over so many of those memorable years.

On April 1, 1982, Ray retired and only was able to enjoy one year as the following year on December 13, 1983 Raymond went home to the Lord after suffering from lung cancer. What a “VOID” for me as well as our whole Bishop family that loved him so very dearly.

Rita's retirement came about six years later, December 31, 1988. As of yet, I truly haven't laid down on my “LAURELS” as I'm presently DRE Director of St. Maria Goretti's Religious Education classes with children from K through High school. Then sometimes I even teacher-sub for St. Stan's or the Bay City Public Schools for emergency “only”. What do I do in my spare time? Life is so “FULL” if only we let it be so. Aside from the “Greatest” of all Love, God and my “deepest Love” of Ray, what more is there to say?



Left: Rita Bishop with Aunt Katie Bishop.
Photo provided by: Vic Bishop



Rita Bishop's 80th Birthday Luncheon
L-R: Vic Bishop, Rosemary (Bishop) Heroux, Mary Ann (Bishop) Devota, Rita (Bishop) Narlock, Grace (Bishop) Gasser and Kate (Bishop) Potecuk.
Photo provided by: Grace (Bishop) Gasser

In Memory of :

Raymond M. Narlock
October 9, 1934 to December 13, 1983

Obituaries



Narlock, Raymond M.
3345 Sherwood Rd.
Bay City

Raymond M. Narlock, age 59 years, passed away Tuesday morning, December 13, 1983, at the Bi-County Community Hospital in Warren, Michigan, following a brief illness. He was born in Bay City on October 9, 1924 and had been a lifelong resident. Surviving are his wife, Rita; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max J. Narlock of Bay City; one brother, William Narlock of Bay City; and an aunt, Mrs. Adeline Reed, also of Bay City. Mr. Narlock retired in 1982 as a chemist with Dow Chemical Company in Midland. He was a member of St. Maria Goretti Church; the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 169; and a longtime active member, past president, and secretary of the Bay City Civitan Club. Prior to and during the Korean War, he served with the U.S. Navy.

The funeral service will be held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock from Staphish West and 11:00 o'clock at St. Maria Goretti Church. Rev. Fr. William R. Taylor will officiate. Interment will follow in Floral Gardens Cemetery. The wake liturgy will take place Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the funeral home. Friends may call at Staphish West after 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

What I remember of Uncle Ray Narlock is that he was always having fun. He had a great personality and would joke and make you laugh like the best of them. When games were played at the large holiday family parties, he'd be right next to you playing right along with you. He was a kid at heart and shared that gift by giving of his time to special needs children's events. He was a wonderful Uncle!

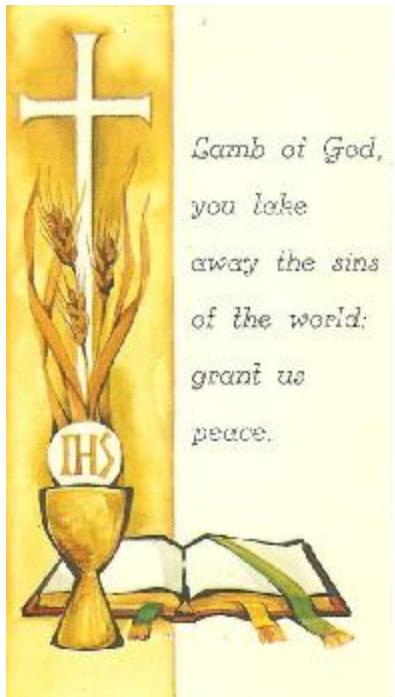


Above L-R:
Rita & Ray Narlock
and Rita's sister
MaryAnn (Bishop)
Devota.

Right: Ray at Vic and Jackie Bishop's home for a holiday get together.

Right 2 photos
provided by:
Vic Bishop





*Lamb of God,
you take
away the sins
of the world;
grant us
peace.*

Pray For

RAYMOND M. NARLOCK

Born October 9, 1924

Died December 13, 1983

Buried December 16, 1983

Age 59 years 2 months 4 days

May all of us who share in the body
and blood of Christ be brought to-
gether in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Remember our brothers and sisters
who have gone to their rest in the
hope of rising again; bring them
and all the departed into the light
of Your presence.

Remember our beloved whom You
have called from this life. In Bap-
tism he died with Christ; may he
also share His resurrection.

Christ Has Died.
Christ Is Risen.
Christ Will Come Again.

St. Stanislaus Kostka
Catholic Church
Saginaw, Michigan

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Ray Narlock

Information and
photo provided
by: Rita (Bishop)
Narlock

Kenneth & Geraldine (Basel) Bishop

1-13-1932

5-24-1933

Former Address:
4990 Ferden Road
Chesaning, MI 48616

Married
Sept. 10, 1955

1) Deborah A.

Born: November 6, 1956
Married Robert Lechota
Date: September 22, 1984

Children:

Eric Gasper	3-23-78
Brian Gasper	2-15-81
Joseph Lechota	6-23-76
Lauren Lechota	5-25-79

2) Mary Jo

Born: November 22, 1959
Married Richard White
Date: September 8, 1979

Children:

Heather	11-20-82
Nicole	8-14-85
Rachel	8-21-88
Kyle	4-2-96

3) Jean

Born: March 3, 1961
Married: Stan Wenzlick
Date: June 27, 1981

Children:

Theodore	4-4-82
Sarah	11-11-85
Thomas	2-09-90

4) Nancy

Born: March 21, 1963
Married Alan Schultz
Date: April 26, 1991

Children:

Justin Birchmeier 5-25-84

5) Teresa

Born: November 23, 1965
Married: Jeff Setting
Date: October 20, 1990

Children:

Alyssa Christine	9-29-94
Jason Anthony	5-15-97

Married Paul Carroll
April 29, 2005

6) George

Born: April 15, 1968
Married Jennifer Gilroy
Date: October 12, 1991

Children:

Olivia Marie	7-20-97
Lauryn Nichole	4-15-99

Alphonse & Mary (Martin) Bishop Family Child #4 – Kenneth Joseph Bishop



Left: Kenny seated in the middle of his parents Mary and Alphonse Bishop.

Kenny served in the Army.

Right: Alphonse, Mary and Kenny Bishop and Gerry (Basel) Bishop.



Kenny with an army friend.



Notice the time era of the cars in the background.

Photos provided by Deb (Bishop) Lechota.

Kenneth & Geraldine (Basel) Bishop
Married September 10, 1955



Photo provided by: Deb (Bishop) Lechota



**Kenneth & Gerry (Basel)
Bishop Family**

1st Row L-R: Ken & Gerry

2nd Row L-R: Deb (Bishop)
Lechota and MaryJo (Bishop)
White

3rd Row L-R: Jean (Bishop)
Wenzlick and Nancy (Bishop)
Schultz

4th Row L-R: George Bishop
and Teresa (Bishop) Carroll

Ken & Gerry's Grandchildren:

1st Row L-R: Rachel White,
Tom Wenzlick, Sarah Wenzlick

2nd Row L-R: Joseph Lechota
Nicole White, Justin Brichmeier,

3rd Row L-R: Heather White,
Ted Wenzlick, Brian Gasper

4th Row L-R: Lauren Lechota
and Eric Gasper

Photos provided by Gerry
(Basel) Bishop in 1994.



Kenneth & Geraldine (Basel)Bishop Family *Child #1 – Deborah (Bishop) Lechota*



Robert & Deborah (Bishop-Gasper) Lechota



Children of Robert & Deborah Lechota

L-R: Lauren and Joseph Lechota with Brian & Eric Gasper

Lechota Family Interests (Submitted in 1994)

Bob	Fishing, fishing, fishing	
Deb	Bingo, finishing college for Degree in Business Administration	
Eric	Baseball, hockey	
Brian	Football, fishing	Photos provided
Joe	Football, swimming	by Deb (Bishop)
Lauren	Has gone to modeling school	Lechota



Christmas 2009 – Brian, Cameron, Jennifer & Alex Gasper, Deb & Bob Lechota, Lauren (girlfriend) & Eric Gasper.



Deb's favorite hobby is gardening.
Other interests include reading and piano.

Photos provided by:
Deb (Bishop)Lechota



Bob and his favorite hobby ~ fishing!
Other interests include boating and home projects.



Joe & Suzy Lechota's wedding day
July 25, 2008



Cameron & Trey Lechota
Joe & Suzy's Wedding



Cameron & Dad, Joe Lechota
Christmas 2008



Above:
Cameron
Christmas
2009

Family interests:
Joe: Fantasy football and his dog.

Suzy: Finishing a college degree in Nursing.

Cameron: Loves his video games

Trey: Loves legos

Photos provided by: Deb (Bishop) Lechota



Left: Lauren and Ramsey Lechota
Christmas 2009

Interests:
Lauren – Music
Ramsey – Video games

Below:
The Girls –
Deb, Lauren and Ramsey



Above: Ramsey
Christmas 2009

Right: Lauren
(girlfriend) and Eric
Gasper

Eric's interests are
Fantasy Football and
Music

Photos provided by:
Deb (Bishop) Lechota





Brian & Jennifer (Marsh) Gasper



Brian and Ethan Gasper
Going hunting with Dad!

Family interests include:

Brian: Hunting, home projects and family bike rides.

Jenn: Photograph, reading and family bike rides.

Ethan loves John Deere tractors.

Alex loves deer.

Below: Ethan Gasper ~
Christmas 2009
Grandma Deb (Bishop) Lechota
writes: Ethan is our miracle
Grandchild. He was born at 1 lb.
14 oz. on April 11, 2006 and is
doing great!



Alex Gasper
Christmas 2009

Photos provided by: Deb (Bishop) Lechota

Kenneth & Geraldine (Basel)Bishop Family

Child #2 – MaryJo (Bishop) White



**Richard & Mary Jo
(Bishop) White Family**

Front: Rachel White

2nd Row: Nicole, Heather & Mary
Jo White

Back: Rich White

Below L-R: Heather, Rachel and
Nicole White - Family Christmas in
their home.

Photos provided by:
MaryJo (Bishop) White





Heather White
&
David G.
Moore

Married on
September 9, 2006
at St. Michael's
Catholic Church
in Maple Grove
Township,
New Lothrop, MI.

Right:
Brock Miller
and Nichole
White. Brock
and Nicole
were married
on June 12,
2010. Nicole
is an RN.

Photos
provided by:
MaryJo
(Bishop) White





Left: Rachel White.
Rachel graduated from
the University of
Michigan on May 1, 2010
with a degree in Public
Policy and a minor in
International Relations.
She is considering going
to Ohio State University
for her Masters Degree
and to continue running
cross country at the
college level.



Right: Kyle White is in 8th
grade with a 4.0 grade
pt. average.



Rich & MaryJo (Bishop) White Family

Standing Left to Right: Kyle White, MaryJo & Rich White, and Nicole White
Seated: Bride - Heather (White) Moore and Rachel (White) Miller.

Photos provided by: MaryJo (Bishop) White

Kenneth & Geraldine (Basel)Bishop Family Child #3 – Jean (Bishop) Wenzlick



Stan & Jean (Bishop) Wenzlick Family

Seated: Stan & Jean Wenzlick
Back L-R: Ryan & Sarah Knieper,
Thomas, and Marcie & Ted
Wenzlick.

Right: Earlier Years
Seated: Daughter, Sarah & Mom, Jean
holding son, Thomas Wenzlick
Standing: Son, Ted and Dad, Stan Wenzlick.

Photos provided by: Jean (Bishop) Wenzlick





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Stan & Jean (Bishop) Wenzlick Family Photos

- 1) Ted and Marcie (Quirk) Wenzlick wedding held on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2009.
- 2) Left to Right: Tom Wenzlick, Stan & Jean (Bishop) Wenzlick, Ted & Marcie Wenzlick, Sarah (Wenzlick) & Ryan Knieper.
- 3) Sarah & Ryan Knieper wedding April 28, 2007.
- 4) Left to Right: Ryan, Sarah, Stan, Jean, Tom, Marcie & Ted in Tulum, Mexico, April 2008.

Photos provided by: Jean (Bishop) Wenzlick



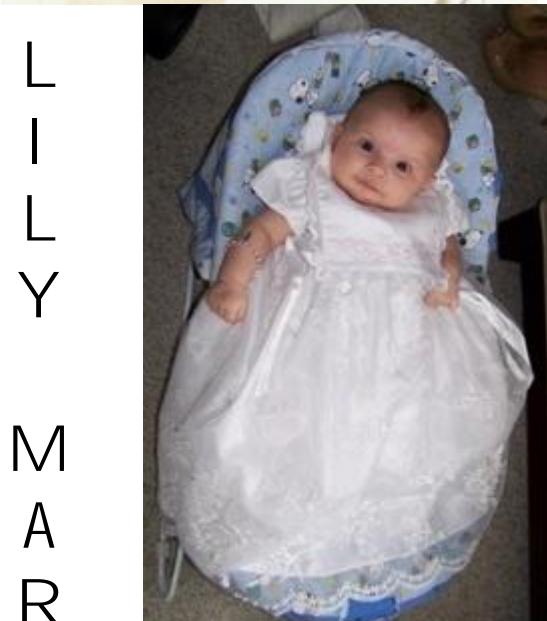
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Stan & Jean (Bishop) Wenzlick's
1st grandchild

A girl named Lily Marie Wenzlick born on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010. Lily is the daughter (1st child) of Ted & Marcie Wenzlick.



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Ryan & Sarah (Wenzlick)
Knieper Family

L-R: Dad, Ryan, newborn 1st child
Sydney Noelle Knieper and Mom,
Sarah Knieper.



Sydney was born on
December 24, 2010
(Christmas Eve) at 11:39 p.m.
She weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz.

Photos provided by:
Sarah (Wenzlick) Knieper

Introducing
the
most recent
7th
Generation
Bishop Family
Baby born.

Sydney
Noelle
Knieper

Kenneth & Geraldine (Basel) Bishop Family

Child #4 – Nancy(Bishop) Schultz



Alan & Nancy (Bishop-Birchmeier) Schultz with son Justin Birchmeier on their wedding day April 26, 1991.

Alan and Nancy enjoy camping, bowling and golf. Alan owns his own business, Midway Collision. Nancy has been working as an Accountant for the Diocese of Saginaw Catholic Churches. Justin is attending MSU pursuing a career in Mechanical Engineering. (He has since graduated and is working and living in Florida.)



Left: Al and Nancy (Bishop) Schultz

Below: Seated are Nancy and Al and Justin in the back with his arms around his Mom.



Photos provided by:
Nancy (Bishop) Schultz

Kenneth & Geraldine (Basel)Bishop Family Child #5— Teresa (Bishop) Carroll

Teresa (Bishop-Setting) Carroll

Photos provided by:

Teresa (Bishop) Carroll



Paul & Teresa Carroll Family

Left to Right: Paul Carroll, Alyssa Setting, Teresa Carroll and Jason Setting

Kenneth & Geraldine (Basel) Bishop Family *Child #6— George Alphonse Bishop*



Jennifer (Gilroy) & George
Bishop

Wedding Day October 12, 1991

Photo provided by:
Vic Bishop

George and
Jennifer
(Gilroy)
Bishop
Family

Front L-R:
Olivia Marie
and Lauryn
Nichole Bishop

Back L-R:
George and
Jennifer
Bishop

Photo provided
by: Jennifer
(Gilroy) Bishop



George & Jennifer (Gilroy) Bishop Family

Child #1 – Olivia Marie Bishop and

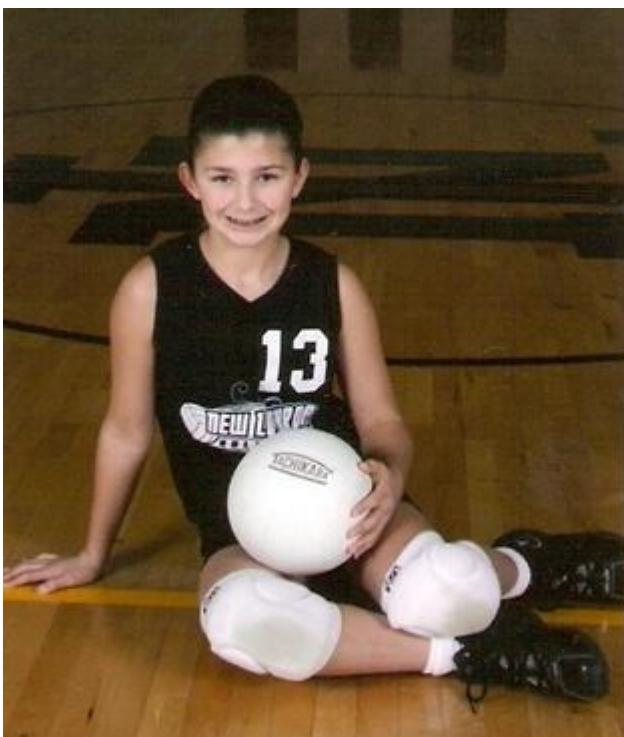
Child #2 – Lauryn Nichole Bishop



Left: Olivia Marie
Bishop
7th Grade



Right: Lauryn
Nichole Bishop
5th Grade



Left: Olivia Marie Bishop

Olivia plays for the New
Lothrop Hornets 7th grade
Volleyball Team.



Right photo Left to Right::
Lauryn and Olivia Bishop
First day of school 2009.

Photos provided by:
Jennifer (Gilroy) Bishop



Ken and Gerry (Basel) Bishop's grandchildren, their spouses/girl friends, and great grandchildren. Christmas 2008!

Front Row Seated L-R: Eric Gasper holding nephew Alex Gasper, Olivia Bishop, Lauryn Bishop, and Alyssa Setting

Kneeling: Tom Wenzlick and Jason Setting

Seated on couch: Jennifer (Marsh) Gasper

Standing L-R 3rd row back: Lauren Mark, Rachel White, Marcie (Quirk) Wenzlick, Heather (Bishop) Moore, Kyle White

Back Row: Brian Gasper holding son Ethan Gasper, Justin Birchmeier, Sarah (Wenzlick) Knieper, Ted Wenzlick, Ryan Knieper and Dave Moore.

Photo provided by: Deb (Bishop) Lechota

In Memory of:

Kenneth & Geraldine (Basel) Bishop

January 13, 1931 to March 25, 2006 and May 24, 1933 to May 21, 2008



Beloved craftsman Kenneth "Whitey" Bishop fondly remembered

MAPLE GROVE TWP.

Family and friends were fondly remembering Kenneth "Whitey" Bishop last week after the 74-year old Maple Grove Township resident succumbed after a battle with cancer.

Dubbed "Father Time", Bishop was a self-taught master artisan in wood who handcrafted six one-of-a-kind grandfather clocks for each of his daughters and his son. Those timeless timepieces are a legacy of love that Bishop bestowed on his grown children when he and his wife, Gerry celebrated their golden anniversary.

"Show him something and he could build it," said life-long friend Howard Ebenhoeh. "He did a lot of work at the Bonnymill and he built the beautiful conference table at the Chесanіng Chamber of Commerce office. Everyone was amazed how fast he could look at something and then

build it.

"Whitey was an electrician by trade, but he could do anything. He was an electrician, a carpenter; whatever you needed, he could do it. We were friends for almost 70 years. I've never seen anyone with such natural ability."

The former plumber's creations, large and small, fill the homes of family and friends. From wooden bowls and religious crosses to kitchen cupboards and dining room sets he built them all.

Bishop only became interested in woodworking after a 1980 heart attack prevented him from continuing his work as a plumber.

While wintering in Arizona Whitey would fashion handmade gifts for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He also shared his talents with his lifelong parish, Maple Grove St.

Michael Catholic Church. He crafted bowls for communion host, wine chalices, furniture for the preschool religious education program, a trellis for the parish grounds and more.

"Ken is one of those people who laid the foundation of our church, and his gifts will be felt for years to come," reflected Father Randy Kelly.

Bishop was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and a former member of the choir. He was an active volunteer in the community and a former member of the New Lothrop Board of Education. He also was a veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine, five daughters and a son, 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren, with one on the way. (See complete obituary inside this week's Citizen Section-B)

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Memorial Obituary

In Loving Memory of Kenneth J. "Whitey" Bishop January 13, 1931 March 25, 2006

Kenneth J. "Whitey" Bishop, Age 74, of Chesaning, passed away peacefully Saturday evening, March 25, 2006, at home surrounded by his loving family after a battle with cancer. Mr. Bishop retired from Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 370. The funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Maple Grove Township, with the Rev. Fr. Randy Kelly officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery. Friends may call at the Walker-Martin Funeral Home in Chesaning today from 4 to 9 p.m., Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and at the church on Wednesday after 10 a.m. A Knights of Columbus Rosary will be prayed at 8 this evening and a Scripture service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Whitey was born Jan. 13, 1932 in Maple Grove Township, the son of Alphonse and Mary (Martin) Bishop. He married Geraldine Basel on Sept. 10, 1955 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Garfield Heights, Ohio. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and former member of the choir. He was a very active volunteer in his community and had served on the New Lothrop school board for a number of years. He also served his country during the Korean War. Whitey had a great love for woodworking and many of his creations are displayed in his children's and many of his friends and relatives homes. Survivors include: his wife, Geraldine; five daughters and one son, Deborah (Robert) Lechota of Flushing, Mary Jo (Richard) White of New Lothrop, Jean (Stan) Wenzlick of Chesaning, Nancy (Alan) Schultz of Oakley, Teresa (Paul) Carroll of Clarkston; a son, George (Jennifer) Bishop of New Lothrop; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, with one on the way; and brothers and sisters, Virginia (Jim) Wells, Eugene Bishop, Rita Narlock, Victor (Jacsie) Bishop, Sr. Elizabeth Bishop, Kathleen (Mike) Potusek, Rosie (Dave) Heroux, Mary Ann Devota and Grace (Jack) Gesser. He was predeceased by his parents, Alphonse and Mary Bishop; sister-in-law, Ellen Bishop; and two brothers-in-law, Joe Devota and Ray Narlock.



**Bishop, Geraldine M.
Maple Grove Twp., MI**

Passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at her home. She would have been 75 years old on Saturday.

Geraldine M. Basel was born May 24, 1933 in Garfield Heights, Ohio the daughter of the late George and Marie (McMahon) Basel. She married Kenneth J. "Whitey" Bishop on September 10, 1955 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Garfield Heights, Ohio. He preceded her in death on March 25, 2006. Geraldine was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church of Maple Grove. She loved being around her family. Geraldine enjoyed BINGO, reading, and knitting. She volunteered as a religious education teacher for a number of years and had worked for the Brass Bell Motel for several years. Geraldine is survived by five daughters, Deborah (Robert) Lechota of Flushing, Mary Jo (Richard) White of New Lothrop, Jean (Stan) Wenzlick of Chesaning, Nancy (Alan) Schultz of Oakley, Teresa (Paul) Carroll of Clarkston; a son, George (Jennifer) Bishop of New Lothrop; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Alice (Victor) Biltz of Ohio and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and her parents, Geraldine was preceded in death by a brother, George J. Basel and two sisters, Rose Bishop and Sr. Eileen Basel. Geraldine's Funeral Liturgy will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2008 at St. Michael Catholic Church of Maple Grove, 17994 Lincoln Road, New Lothrop, MI. Rev. Fr. Randy Kelly will officiate with burial at St. Michael Cemetery. Friends may call at the Walker-Martin Funeral Home, Chesaning on Thursday, May 22, 2008 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Friday, May 23, 2008 from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m. and at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Mass. A Vigil for Geraldine will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday followed by a Rosary by the Knights of Columbus at 8:00 p.m.

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