

The Lucke Family Newsletter

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News Items

♥Congratulations: Happy 4th of July - and 80th Birthday - to our Matriarch, Rita Martha Muller!

+Welcome to the 6th Generation: Breanna Elizabeth Pepito was born on December 17, 1994, in Patchogue NY. Proud parents are Brian & Courtney Renee (Leggio) Pepito. Courtney is Susan (Bond) Leggio's Daughter, Joe Bond's Grand-daughter. Breanna joins Kelsey Lee Devoe and Craig Joseph Carey as members of the Lucke Family's 6th Generation!

☺The Annual Lucke Family Picnic: This year's "don't miss it" event will be held on Saturday, September 30th, at Valley Stream State Park on Long Island. (Same place as always, but if you need directions please call Bob at 516/599-4256.) The main event will be the belated celebration of Rita's 80th birthday.

📖Read all about It: Cousin Leo Lucke received an announcement about a new book: The World Book of Luckes. We sent away for it and will tell you more about it in subsequent issues.

The Thirteen

We continue the saga of the 13 children of Caspar and Mary Elizabeth Lucke. On the following pages, you will find stories about #5 (Elsie) and #7 (Carlie). #6 (Lucy) was a two-year-old when she died so nothing is known of her besides her dates of birth and death. Thanks to Ginnie Ferguson and Dottie Gucker for telling us about Elsie and Carlie respectively, and to Ken Bond and Theresa Hanson for obtaining the biographical data for their "branches". There is still some data (dates of birth, marriage, death, etc) missing; please send it to us if you know the correct information. Thanks!

For the next issue, we plan to feature Children #8, 9 & 10 (Bill, Joe and Margie). We ask their families to start writing down their stories and facts and send them along soon.

Here's an updated listing of The Thirteen:

- #1 MARY CATHERINE LUCKE (born 29-Mar-1880 , died 27-Dec-1961) m. John Jacob Muller
- #2 FRANK P LUCKE (born 18-Oct-1881, died 24-Mar-1968) m. Mary Margaret Cramer
- #3 LEO CASPAR LUCKE (born 19-Aug-1883, died 15-Mar-1943) m. Mary Anna Karl
- #4 BEATRICE LUCKE (born 25-Aug-1885, died 21-Jan-1914) m. Fred Lang
- #5 ELSIE LUCKE (born 24-Jul-1887, died 15-Feb-1970) m. Joseph Vincent Bond
- #6 LUCY MARY LUCKE (born 7-Aug-1889, died May 1892)
- #7 CHARLES BERNARD LUCKE (born 27-Jun-1891, died 10-Dec-1966) m. Mary Dorothy Bronjesk and m. Helen Gorman Kiernan
- #8 WILLIAM JOSEPH LUCKE (born 25-Oct-1893, died 31-Mar-1969) m. Loretta Dougherty
- #9 JOSEPH ANTHONY LUCKE (born 8-Oct-1895, died 11-Jul-1967) m. Beatrice Bier
- #10 MARGARET MARY LUCKE (born 31-Oct-1897, died 3-May-1959) m. Edwin Magee
- #11 ANNA GERTRUDE LUCKE (born 12-Dec-1900, died 26-Jul-1981) m. Lloyd Howell Campbell
- #12 CASPAR AMBROSE LUCKE (born 20-Oct-1902, died Nov 1904)
- #13 CASPAR JOHN LUCKE (born 27-Dec-1905, died 25-Oct-1985) m. Anne V Reilly

Child #5: ELSIE

Elsie was born at the Lucke home at 21 Suydam Place, Brooklyn. (Children weren't delivered in hospitals in those days!) The Baptismal record shows it was July 24th, 1887 but Elsie always claimed it was 1888. She was baptized Anna Elizabeth, at St Benedict's, on August 7th. Like her Sisters, Elsie attended St Anne's Academy in Wilkes Barre, Pa. They were referred to as "Those snooty Lucke girls!"

Elsie worked at Irving Trust Company in NYC where she met Joseph Vincent Bond. They were married in 1920 at St Vincent Ferrer's church in Flatbush after Joe was discharged from the US Army. They had a catered reception at the Family's house on East 32nd Street. They lived at 731 Ocean Avenue in Brooklyn, where Virginia and Joe Jr were born. The children were baptized at Holy Innocents. Rita remembers Ginnie and Joe as tots; they used to come to visit and Rita would dress them up in "Sister & Brother" outfits. Rita recalls that Ginnie was extremely fascinated by the life-sized dolls that Uncle John made.

The Family moved to Pelham, NY (Westchester County) in 1925. Their third child, Francis Kenneth (Kenny), was born there and baptized at St Catherine's Church. Rita says that Aunt Mary visited them but was uncomfortable because they had a maid. (So Mary wasn't one of the "snooty" Lucke girls after all!). Auntie took Rita and Dottie to visit, and Rita ran into a clothesline and injured her eye. She got no sympathy - except from Auntie of course!

Some summers while the children were young, the Bonds vacationed in Sound Beach on Long Island. One summer Virginia and Joe went into a neighbor's garage and decided to paint a cat (or maybe it was a car!). Fortunately they ran out of paint before too much damage was done.

Virginia married Robert Hoerning and lived in Virginia Beach, VA, where Bob was stationed during WWII. Later they moved to Levittown, on Long Island. After Joe Jr's discharge from the Army, he married Peggy Gaiser and they also moved to Levittown. Ken joined the Navy and met Dolores Burgan while stationed in California. After his discharge they were married in California and have lived there since.

Joe Sr died in 1961. Elsie moved from Pelham to Islip, Long Island in 1964. She died there in 1970.

Child #6: Lucy

Lucy Mary was born in Brooklyn on August 7th, 1889. She died in May 1892 and is buried in Most Holy Trinity Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Child #7: Charles

Charles Bernard was born on June 27th, 1891, and was baptized at St Benedict's on July 5th. In the Family he was always called Carlie but to his Friends he was Charlie. Instead of pursuing "business" like his brothers, Carlie took up a trade and became a plumber. He was known as the best plumber in Brooklyn and was a genius at fixing things. It was said that he made the best "egg" (plumbers' term) in town. He liked to play baseball; Dottie has a team picture showing the Lucke Brothers along with some of the Cramer boys. He also liked boating, fishing and hunting.

Carlie married Mary Dorothy (Mae) Bronjesk in 1915. Mae had arrived in the US from Poland in 1894, being born at sea. They lived at 131 Hemlock Street where their only child, Dorothy (Dottie), was born on March 11, 1917. When Mae died in 1918, Carlie and Dottie moved in with Grandma at Suydam Place. They lived with Grandma and Auntie through the next two moves to 797 East 32nd Street and 553 East 34th Street. Dottie remembers the day they moved from East 32nd Street. Carlie sat at the dining room table and refused to move. The moving men had taken everything out of the house before he would give in and let them take the table and chair he was sitting on. When Carlie married Helen Gorman Kiernan they moved to Ave K, then to Ave S, then to Beverly Road in Flatbush, where Carlie was the Superintendent of an apartment house. He took great pride in teaching his Grandson Steve Gucker (Dottie's first Son) the skills of plumbing. Carlie died on December 10, 1966 following a long illness. Helen died in 1979.

Carlie had a "gruff" exterior which masked a generous heart. Bob and Lloyd remember that, when they were kids, they had to move from an apartment and had nowhere to go; Carlie (who was Lloyd's Godfather) made room in his own apartment for Anne, Bob, Lloyd and their Bulldog, Mickey. They lived there for several months.

Dottie was raised by Grandma and Auntie. Since so many of the Aunts and Uncles lived at home until they got married, she has great stories about them. Dottie remembers when Uncle Joe was courting Beebee, he would get all dressed up and she would ask him where he was going and he would always answer "to Canarsie." She remembers going to Steeplechase (the amusement park in Brooklyn) with Grandma, Auntie, Aunt Mary and Rita and she has pictures of Carlie and herself on the beach at Rockaway Point, where Grandma had a cottage.

Dottie recalls the Sunday visits to Grandma's by Aunt Margie and Uncle Ed and the Magee Kids. They would come loaded with goodies from the deli and they would have a feast! After the meal, Uncle Ed would play the piano and they all would sing the "old songs." Dottie used to visit the Magees at their summer cottage at Fairfield Beach. Uncle Ed would come up from Mount Vernon on weekends and bring hamburgers and hot dogs which they cooked at a campfire at night. Uncle Ed played the harmonica and they all sang along.

While searching for information about Carlie, Dottie found some papers pertaining to Grandma Lucke's Family:

- letters, written in German, from a Brother who lived in Detroit.
- a funeral bill for the burial of Franz Anton Scheckel (Grandma's Father), dated Dec 13, 1886 and paid for by Mrs. Katharina Scheckel, 238 West 31st Street, NYC. This bill was from John Roth's Sons, 3937 7th Avenue between 31st and 32nd Street. (That's where Madison Square Garden is located now.).
- a funeral bill from William J McCaw, 1737 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, dated May 9, 1910 for Anna C Scheckel. This was paid for by Miss Frances Scheckel (Auntie), 21 Suydam Place, Brooklyn.
- a Certificate of Baptism for Mary Frances Scheckel (Auntie). child of Francis Anthony and Anna Maria Sondermann, born in New York City on January 17, 1862 and baptized on January 23, 1862 in the Church of St John the Baptist, 210 West 31st Street.

With this information, we wrote to St John the Baptist Church and received Baptism records for some of the Scheckels. We also wrote to Most Holy Trinity in Brooklyn to find out who was buried in the Family plot there. Both places sent us valuable information which helped fill in some of the blanks on the Scheckels. Here's what we have so far; if anybody can help with further information, it would be greatly appreciated.

Franz Anton Scheckel b. 1830, Germany ?, m. **Anna Maria Sondermann**, b. 1831, d. 1-May-1910, buried: 8-Dec-1886, Most Holy Trinity Cemetery.

I. **Francis Joseph Scheckel** b. 16-Apr-1858, New York NY, Bapt 25-Apr-1858, St John's NYC NY.

II. **Mary Elizabeth Scheckel** b. 1860, Herkimer, NY, occupation Housewife, m. 2-Feb-1879, in St John's Church, NYC NY, **Caspar Lucke**, b. 1848, Westphalia, Germany, occupation Builder, Newspaper, d. 19-Jun-1908, Brooklyn, buried: 22-Jun-1908, Most Holy Trinity Cemetery. Mary died 1-Jul-1942, Brooklyn, NY, buried: 4-Jul-1942, Most Holy Trinity Cemetery (Parents of The Thirteen)

III. **Mary Frances Scheckel** b. 17-Jan-1862, New York City, Bapt 23-Jan-1862, St John the Baptist, NYC, d. 17-Dec-1947, Brooklyn, buried: 20-Dec-1947, Most Holy Trinity Cemetery.

IV. **Leopold Scheckel** b. 11-Feb-1866, New York NY, Bapt 23-Feb-1866, St John's New York NY.

V. **Charles Scheckel** m. Mrs Charles Scheckel.

- A. Charles Scheckel Jr
- B. Mary Scheckel
- C. Gertrude Scheckel
- D. Lucy Scheckel

VI. **Wilhelm Scheckel** b. 1871, Brooklyn NY, d. 20-Nov-1899, buried: 23-Nov-1899, Most Holy Trinity