



VII 1. BURKET GRAF, JR. (TED) b. 17 May 1953

2. KATHERINE HOPE GRAF b. 6 Aug 1955. Wed 12 May 1981 William Chesen
b. 4 Jan 1954 d. 8 Jan 1992. Second marriage 1 Dec 1955 Richard N. Murphy b. 12
Mar___

VIII 1. CAROLINE CHESEN b. 30 Dec 1986

2. JAMES BURKET MURPHY (JACK) b. 27 Oct 1999

II 3. JULIE HOPE GRAF b. 8 Apr 1957 . Wed 19 May 1984 Steven Schlusel,
divorced

4. GEORGE BURKET GRAF b 29 Marr 1961. Wed 10 Oct 1993 Vanessa
Prestridge b. 6 Jan 1957

VIII 1. ISABEL GRAF b. 18 Jan 1997

2. TATUM NICOLE b. 2 Dec 1999

Burket's second wife was a widow with five children. A part of both his and her family had reached maturity by this time so that only a part of each group lived together, but all are very compatible. In fact, Burket met Sheila through his children - his had invited hers to use the indoor pool in their home, which Burket had designed earlier in his architectural career. After the two single parents had known each other a while, they informed the children they were all invited to a rather special dinner party at Sheila's home. All these teen-agers were taken by surprise when, after the meal, a wedding ceremony took place there, accompanied, Burket said, by half-suppressed giggles from the girls.

Burket is pictured below on the right with Paul Graf on the left. The photo was taken in about 1992 at Rasmusens when Burket and Sheila visited Illinois relatives; Ben Rasmusen is in the background.



VI 3. BETTYLU GRAF b. 23 Sep 1921 d. 15 Feb 1970. Wed 23 Oct 1941 Hugo Heffelfinger. Bettylu was a graduate of Beatrice High School and in nursing school for one year before she married. Her husband was a career soldier retiring as a full Colonel shortly before Bettylu's death.

VII 1. STEPHEN HEFFELFINGER b. 10 Sep 1942, married and divorced
2. CHRISTINE HEFFELFINGER b. Jul 1944 .Wed 26 Aug 1966 Charles Glock Jr., divorced.
Second marriage, Herb Gartz

VIII I. KRISTEN GARTZ b. 16 Aug 1972

2.CHARMIN GARTZ b. 14 May 1974
3.JESSICA GARTZ b. 4 Aug 1976

VII 3. DAVID HEFFELFINGER b. 10 Jan 1951 Wed Barbara ____

VIII 1. STACY LEE HEFFELFINGER b. 7 Nov 1980

VII 4. THERESA HEFFELFINGER b. 19 Oct 1959

VI 4. JOHN GRAF b. 17 Oct 1923 . Wed 27 Nov 1947 Mary Ann Walker b. 10 Nov 1928. John joined the Navy Air Corps a year out of high school and became a dive bomber pilot in the South Pacific Islands. Upon discharge with the rank of Captain he attended college in San Diego obtaining a degree in Business Administration. he worked in sales several years and then started his own insurance agency in Lincoln which he operated successfully.

VII 1. JOHN GRAF JR. b. 11 Dec 1949 Wed 1 Dec 1973 Betty Lott

VIII . 1.PATRICK GRAF

VI 5.DAVID GRAF b. 4 Apr 1928 d. 4 Jan 2004. Wed 1 Oct 1950 Cora Lee Conway b. 19 Feb 1930 d. 15 Oct 1977. Second marriage 31 May 1980, Helen Joan Thorson. David joined the Marine Corps after high school graduation. After military service at Camp Pendleton he was chief underwriter for insurance companies in Sacramento. After their children were all in school, Cora went back to Doane College, received a degree in Education and taught many years. After his wife graduated, David also went back to college and earned a business degree, then obtaining a marketing position with International Harvester.

VII 1. JAMES (JEFF) GRAF b. 13 Oct 1952. Wed 27 July 1974 Nancy (Suzanne) Rosenthal

VIII 1. TIMOTHY GRAF b. 30 Jun 1978
2.JONATHAN GRAF b. 21 MAY 1980

VII 2. EDWARD SCOTT GRAF b. 31 May 1956. Wed 17 Sep 1984 Sandra Kristine Sisler, d. 18 Sep 1989. Second marriage 7 Feb 1992, Sherry Cribbs Wetsel

VIII 1. Jason Richard Wetsel
2. Sommer Leanne Wetsel b. 16 Apr 1983
3. SUE GRAF b. July 1993

VII 3. ROBERT CONWAY GRAF b. 17 Nov 1957. Wed 9 Jun 1984 Joy Bain

VIII 1. REBECCA NICHOLE GRAF b. 27 Oct 1987
2.BRYAN ANDREW GRAF b. 11 Jun 1989
3.STACEY BREANN GRAF b 16 Sep 1990

VII 4. KATHRYN GRAF b. 8 Jan 1960 .Wed 18 Jun 1988 Keith McKnight. Second marriage, Kim Mace.

VI 6. SUZANNE GRAF b. 8 Aug 1935 . Wed 23 Dec 1956 Ronald McPeck. Suzanne attended Doane College two years and then taught in Hastings, Nebraska until she started raising a family. Her husband was also a teacher.

VII 1. LISA MCPECK b 26 Jul 1961. Wed Christopher D. Smith, divorced. Second marriage 26 Apr 1990, Kevin Boyle.

VIII 1. ASHLEY D. SMITH b. 11 Feb 1983

VII 2. CHRIS MCPECK b. 4 Sep 1963

3. POLLY MCPECK b. 15 Jul 1966. Wed 6 Apr 1985 Kenneth D. Richardson, divorced.

VIII 1. MELISSA RICHARDSON b 15 Oct 1985

2. BETHANY C. RICHARDSON b 30 Apr 1988

3. MICHAEL S. RICHARDSON b. 16 Sep 1992

Two months after David Graf, the grandfather of descendants listed above, was born in 1845, his father Samuel Graf left Louise-Anna and the six children (the oldest was ten) to make the trip to Chicatgo for their land. He took up the claim for 240 acres (NE 1/4 Sec. 8 and E 1//2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 5) based on the 160 acres preempted in 1841 and the 80 acres across the State Road in 1843. He paid the government \$1.25 per acre for this prairie and woodland. Family notes say "no dispute was allowed to come up as to who owned the claims".⁵⁰ Speculators who tried to buy thousands of acres at the federal land sales were physically threatened by the neighborhood groups of early pioneers who came to the sales after putting several years' hard labor into their land.

After David, the next of Samuel and Louise-Anna's to be born was Mary Ann:

IV 7. MARY ANN GRAF b. 20 Nov 1847 d. 13 Mar 1934. Wed Paul Hess b. 17 Oct 1838, d. 15 Nov 1919. Her gradson David wrote that his grandmother was "a good-humored, certainly well-balanced person of strong character and integrity". He remembered many a Sunday-after-church fried chicken meal at her home and said she was a fine cook. She enjoyed history and poetry.⁵¹

Marilyn Rasmusen remembers her Great Aunt Mary's Valentine box of candy given her when she was five and how she treasured the little heart-shaped box later. Mary Ann and Paul retired from farming to the residence at 435 E. DeKalb Street in Somonauk. Louise-Anna lived wiith them in her old age, and then when Mary Ann and her brother Franklin had both lost their spouses, he lived with her for a time.

V. 1. FRANKLIN HESS b. Jan 1870 d. 1931 . Wed Rilla Meeker. Franklin Hess helped on the farm as most boys did from an early age, but eventually, when school days were over, he wanted to go to college. But still, he helped on the farm and for a time taught country school. His mother would say, "Yes, some day you will go to college." After he had heard this many times, he suddenly had heard it long enough and said, "No, now.", and off he went to Knox College.⁵²

⁵⁰ Op. Cit. Mary Graf Hess

⁵¹ Op. Cit. David Bernard letter

⁵² Op. Cit. Dora Graf Suppes

He became a school principal at Tonica, Illinois and later graduated from Kent Law School and worked many years for International Harvester in Chicago. He and Rilla built a lovely country home near the Somonauk Creek and named it Boulder Terrace.

Although Samuel Graf Senior had been a more educated person than Louise-Anna, she said she wanted education for her children more than Samuel did. No doubt she was pleased to see her grandchildren getting higher schooling. Incidentally, the LaSalle County Directory published in the late 1800s lists Samuel Graf as a Democrat owning 216 acres.

In 1916 Franklin Hess traveled to Switzerland and visited Graf relatives in Rebstein, as pictured on Page Six; grandson David Bernard cannot positively identify him in the photo but writes "he was a large man and the spirited stance would be typical". Franklin and Rilla lived in the Chicago area but eventually built Boulder Terrace quite near the home of his sister Cecile on County Line Road. Considerable woodland went with this property and late in the 20th Century his descendants donated a part of the woods to the adjacent DeKalb County Forest Preserve.

VI 1. RUTH HESS d. 1969 Wed Roland Barker. Ruth and her sister Mary followed in the footsteps of their father and visited the Swiss Graf's in 1922. When they returned, they reported to their cousins that they were invited for tea in the Robert Graf family's beautiful gardens and that when some item was required from the house, a button imbedded in one of the trees was pushed to summon a servant. After tea they were driven about the beautiful countryside.⁵³

VII 1. FRANKLIN BARKER Wed Elnor ____

VIII 1. HELENE BARKER

VII 2. ROLAND BARKER died in infancy

3. GORDON BARKER Wed Alberta ____

VIII 1. ROLAND BARKER

2. JOHN BARKER

VII 4. JOSEPH BARKER wed Patricia ____ divorced, two children

VI 2. MARY HESS d. 1951 Wed Harris Pett

VII 1. JOANNE PETT

V. 2 MYRA HESS b. 13 Jan 1872 Wed Bert Jones b. 1871 d. 25 Dec 1954

VII 1. HAZEL JONES b. 1896 Wed Lloyd Anderson. Hazel and Lloyd lived Somonauk and Sandwich. Hazel was known for her beautiful alto voice and sang for many programs. A picture of Hazel as a young woman is below.

⁵³ Letter from Ruth Hess Barker to Dorothy Graf Warren



VII 1. LAUREL LLOYD ANDERSON b. 19 Aug 1923 Wed Elaine Louise
Erickson b. 28 Nov 1927

VIII 1. NICHOLAS LLOYD ANDERSON b. 15 Sep 1951
2. LISA ANDERSON
3. JULIE JO ANDERSON b. 30 Jul 1953 Wed 28 Nov 1969 Timothy
Hanley, divorced

IX 1. ANGELA CHRISTINE HANLEY B. 2 MAY 1970

VIII 4. JEFFREY ERNEST ANDERSON
5. DANIEL ANDERSON

VI 2. PAUL JONES b. 28 Oct 1898 d. 1 Apr 1950 Wed Harriet ____

VII 1. JANICE JONES Wed ____ Nebgen

Below is a four-generation picture of, left to right, Mary Ann Graf Hess, Myra Hess Jones, Hazel Jones Anderson and Louise-Anna Parker Graf taken about 1899. This photo must have been taken not long before Myra died; it is believed she died of diphtheria.



V 3. SAMUEL FREDERICK (FRED) HESS b. 31 Jul 1876 Wed Nellie Meeker.
Fred as he was called became Chief of Police in Aurora, Illinois

VI 1. EVERETT HESS Wed Hazel ____

VII 1. ROBERT HESS
2. DIANE HESS

V 4. CECILE LOUISE HESS b. 17 Jan 1882 d. 4 Jun 1965 Wed 22 Sep 1904
Edwin Bernard b. 23 Jan 1878 d. 26 Aug 1965. Cecile taught country school before she married. Dora Graf Suppes remembered that Cecile and another very young lady were about to travel to Ottawa to take the exam to qualify as teachers. They were quite anxious to appear as mature as possible and so piled their hair on top of their heads where it was pinned to a "rat" in the latest style. This, if nothing else, probably gave them some confidence in passing the test. Cecile and Edwin were married at her family home and farmed for all their working years ieast of Somonauk. They were faithful workers in the Congregational Church.

VI 1. BEATRICE CECILE BERNARD b. 23 Feb 1906 d. 5 Aug 1982. Wed Roland Dean d. 1960

VII 1. MARY YVONNE DEAN b 29 Oct 1933 d. 9 Aug 1990 Wed Gordon Ensing

VIII 1. VICKIE JUNE ENSING b. Jun 1952 Wed Michael Gron
2. DIANNE ALYSE ENSING b. 20 Sep 1955 Wed Douglas Williams

IX 1. BROOKE CECILE WILLIAMS b. 21 June 1983

VII 2. EDWIN EARL DEAN b. 16 May 1935 Wed Betty Herrin

VIII 1. CATHY SUE DEAN b. 17 Aug 1960 Wed Stephen Talbot

IX 1. ANDREA RENAE TALBOT b. 10 Sep 1987
2. SARAH ANN TALBOT b. 18 Jun 1994

VIII 2. THERESA ANN DEAN b 23 May 1964 Wed Michael (Scott) Rumsey

3. RHONDA RENAE DEAN b 28 Oct 1971 Wed Randall Wright

VII 3. DOROTHY ANN DEAN b. 24 Dec 1937 Wed Willard Mudget

VIII 1. TAMARA LYNNE MUDGET b 9 Mar 1958 Wed Jay Thomas
2. JODY KAY MUDGET b. 7 Aug 1959 Wed Wayne King
3. DEANNE LEE MUDGET b. 21 Aug 1962 Wed Harry Burch

IX 1. HARRISON BURCH b. 9 Jul 1994
2. ALEXANDER BURCH 28 DEC 1995

VII 4. GAIL YVONNE MUDGET b. 11 Jun 1964

VI 2. LUCILLE MARY BERNARD b. 7 Jan 1910 d. 20 Oct 1965 Wed Edward O. DeHaven d. 1969

VII 1. DAVID FREDERIC DEHAVEN b. 29 Apr 1938 Wed Sharon Slater

VIII 1. MARY CLAIRE DEHAVEN b 16 Mar 1962 Wed James Scheid
2. ANN SLATER DEHAVEN b . 9 Dec 1966

VII 2. JANET CECILE DEHAVEN b 1 Apr 1941 Wed Edward Beers

VI 3. DAVID EDWIN BERNARD b. 8 Aug 1913 Wed Mary Vivian Lanfear b. 8 Feb 1923. David had a good deal of artistic talent as a youth. He was interested in sculpting and gathered clay from the banks of the Somonauk Creek for his projects.⁵⁴ After graduating from the University of Illinois, he taught Art History at the University of Kansas for many years and has been honored with artworks in many shows throughout his career. The picture below is a reproduction of an original woodcut by him. Every year relatives and friends receive a Christmas card from David and Vivian bearing one of his new works. In retirement he has turned his garage in Florida into a studio.

⁵⁴ Op. Cit. Dora Suppes



*"When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night,
and departed into Egypt." St. Matthew 2:14*

VII 1. JOY LYNNE BERNARD b 16 Mar 1959 Wed 16 Mar 1959 Allen R. Penney

VIII 1. DAVID ALYN PENNEY b. 12 Jan 1993

David Bernard has an original letter dated 1846 to Samuel Graf from Abraham Buechley in Meyers Mills, Pennsylvania. It is a business letter but with several references to Christian theology, perhaps from the Mr. Beachley mentioned above whose household included the young Louis-Anna. The letter indicates that Samuel Graf and Abraham Buechley were friends and that Samuel had borrowed money from Buechley.

The letter encloses a note to Louise-Anna (he addresses it to "Miss Lucy Graff") which reads as follows, "I had not see your mother lately. i made inquire at Goods and they told me that she was well and she and her husband are doing much better than expected by the neighbors. I send my best respects to you and Graf. My wife sends her best respects to you all."

By 1848 the log cabin was out-moded as well as out-grown; the family needed more space. Not only that, the spring south of the cabin did not provide year-round water. This

meant that Louise-Anna had to walk much further to get water, probably taking the toddlers with her. Samuel agreed that they needed a larger home; in 1849 a frame house was built a quarter mile north on the State Road on land he had bought in 1845. The official address nowadays is 4725 E. 2351st Rd. A little brook runs by the house - a person could step out onto the flagstone of the new house and another few steps would take you to a year-round spring. Louise-Anna kept asking when they were going to move and Samuel kept putting it off.

One day when he had gone to town, Louise-Anna had the children help her load the household goods into the wagon. Soon they were established in the new house. When Samuel came home to the empty cabin, it probably took only a minute to figure where the family had gone.⁵⁵

It is not known whether the move was before or after the birth of the next baby, Kossuth.

IV 8. KOSSUTH GRAF b. 12 Dec 1849 Wed Dorothea _____. d. 2 Aug 1893. Second marriage, Clara _____. When Kossuth was born, Lajos Kossuth, a Hungarian revolutionary, had just declared Hungarian independence from Austria. Earlier, he had legislated abolition of serfdom. He was ousted from Austria and soon visited the United States where his eloquent speeches apparently appealed to Samuel and Louise-Anna Graf since they chose his name for the new son.

Kossuth's first wife was the daughter of missionaries in China. Dora Graf Suppes said she was named for her, so her brother-in-law and wife must have admired her. The Somonauk Reveille took notice of her death. It read that Kossuth heard a gunshot. He thought it was boys shooting but when he went round the house, he saw his wife had shot herself in the chest and was dead. A suicide note printed in the newspaper said she was too tired to live longer and asked his forgiveness for "all the wrong" she had done him. She also asked that a "hand satchell" he would find in a bureau drawer containing a small amount of money be given to the ladies of the German church. In his later years Kossuth lived on the southeast edge of Somonauk. He was a house painter. Niece Dora said he played the violin and piano well.

Fordyce Graf remembers his uncle visitng them in Nebraska one hot, windy summer. "Uncle Kossuth had an awful time ligihting his pipe and every time the match blew out, he would cuss. so we always called him "Uncle Cussy." Later, when Fordyce was in Somonauk, he found his uncle in the barber shop. Kossuth said, "You're Dave's boy from that blankety-blank windy country"... he thought the Indians should have the country back."⁵⁶

A small man, he was well-known around the village; in the late 1900s older residents, when asked if they remembered him, spoike the name "Old Kossie" with affection and good humor.

⁵⁵ Conversation with Verne Hazeman

⁵⁶ Manuscript memoir of Fordyce Graf