

evidently at Cape Canaveral

VII THOMAS EUGENE WARREN b. 28 Oct 1935. Tom graduated from Iowa State and has been a very successful farmer. He built a hangar and runway on his farm and enjoyed many years of avocational flying. He has traveled much in The States and abroad enjoying the history and cuisine of many areas. He is interested in conservation of the land and resources and is a careful guardian of woodland along the Somonauk Creek. This is land once owned by his grandfather Harrison and before that by Helen Hupach Graf's sister and her husband, the Moshers. The Franklin Graf family often visited the nearby Mosher family, and the cousins, 15 or 20 of them, enjoyed the woods together.

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Tom is pictured at his parent's Florida home.

2. ROBERT FREDERICK WARREN b. 24 Aug 1937. Wed 18 Jun 1961 JoAnn Browning b. 3 May 1940. Bob graduated from Southern Illinois University and took a job with Del Monte in Mendota, Illinois. He and JoAnn had just finished building a nice home on a pond near Somonauk when Del Monte offered him a position in Hawaii. This really changed the course of their life since they accepted the transfer and raised their family in the Islands. Now that Bob has retired, they make their home in Texas.

VIII 1. BONNIE JO WARREN b. 19 Mar 1966 Wed 4 Jul 1986 Tracy Guthrie. Second marriage 25 Sept 2004 Jerry Evoy Gallop.

IX 1. TRIP ALAN GUTHRIE b 9 May 1987  
2. KALEI KAMANI BLUE GUTHRIE 10 MAR 1992

3. TAVIEN EVOY GALLOP b. 21 Feb 2005

VIII 2. CHRISTOPHER FREDERICK WARREN b. 20 Apr 1969. Wed 25 Dec 1995  
Tabitha \_\_\_\_.

IX 1. TYLER ANDREW WARREN b 28 Dec 2000  
2. NICOLE BAILEY WARREN b. 31 May 2002

Grandpa Harrison and Bob Warren, getting ready to go fishing.

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VI 2. FRANKLIN HENRY GRAF b. 27 Aug 1911 d. 19 Sep 1992. Wed 11 Aug 1937  
Laura Jane Mosher, b. 12 Jul 1911 d. 5 Nov 1984. Frank was a typical farm boy,  
helping where he could. He spent considerable time with his Aunt Do and Uncle Ed  
Suppes doing farm chores and enjoying a stay away from home. Once he ran away  
and came to their house when he was small; eventually, his dad came after him and he  
decided home was best.

He was a toddler when his Grandma had sat down on the corner of the box and he  
playfully threw some sand at her. When she died the next day, his sister Dorothy said,  
he felt very sad and guilty. After high school he went to the University of Illinois and  
played football briefly until sidelined by an injury. He waited tables in a dorm and later  
looked back with satisfaction at how many cups and saucers he'd been able to carry on  
one arm.

After graduation he joined A. C. Nielson & Co and rose rapidly in this new firm which  
rates marketing value of advertising. He and Jane lived in Glenview, Illinois; he was a  
deacon in the Community Church there. He was transferred to the West Coast and  
eventually came back to the Chicago headquarters as an executive vice president.  
Jane and he spent retirement years boating and fishing in Florida waters. Frank was a  
director of Mote Marine Laboratory and museum in Sarasota.

Frank, at a party in his retirement years. \*

Frank was one of the several American Grafs who has travelled to Switzerland and  
visited the Graf relatives there.

He was always interested in family history and enjoyed returning to the Somonauk area.

VII 1. DAVID FRANKLIN GRAF b. 7 Oct 1940 d. 10 May 1967. Wed 14 Feb 1964  
Cheryl Janet Macdonald b. 29 Apr 1939. David was a precocious child though visually  
impaired with only 30% normal eyesight. His mother read to him and his parents helped  
in every way they could. he was interested in shortwave radio as a teen-ager and had  
many other pursuits in electronics. His short but productive life was gratifying to all.

VIII 1 PEGGY ELAINE GRAF b. 18 Mar 1965 Wed 17 Oct 1992 Erich John  
Wohlgemuth.

IX 1. MATTHEW ERICH WOHLGEMUTH b 25 May 1996  
2.DAVID SIGFRIED WOHLGEMUTH b. 7 Apr 2000. Here are Matthew  
and David when they were five and a half and one and a half, respectively.

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VII 2. FREDERIC MOSHER GRAF b. 29 Dec 1944 Wed 1965 Christine Ann Oliver  
b. 22 Oct 1944. Divorced 1987. Second marriage Pam \_\_\_\_

VIII 1. JENNIFER LYNN b. 26 Jun 1966 . Wed 6 Jun 1992 Thomas Todd  
Groneberg b. 17 Oct 1966 . Jennifer and her husband are both writers. Their first  
married years were spent cattle ranching, learning the business from the ground up. In  
fact, Jennifer wrote a book about it. They no longer live "out on the range" but are still  
raising their boys in the West.

- IX 1. CARTER GRAF GRONEBERG b. 31 Dec 1998  
2. AVERY GRAF GRONEBERG b. 8 Jun 2003  
3. BENNETT GRAF GRONEBERG b 8 Jun 2003

VIII 2. GLYNNIS LAURA GRAF b. 2 Dec 1969 Wed 7 Jun 1997 Denys  
Russell Slater III

IX 1. DENNIS RUSSELL SLATER IV b 17 Jan 2005  
Glynnis and Denys live in a Dallas suburb.

VII 3. JUDITH LEE GRAF b. 20 Mar 1947 . Wed 26 Aug 1969 Richard Anthony  
Stoffa. Judith, as did her brothers, grew up in Palo Alto, California. Her husband  
Richard sold medical supplies when they were first married and lived in Racine,  
Wisconsin. Now they have a lake home in upper Wisconsin and enjoy the North  
Woods, hiking, snowmobiling and fishing.

VIII 1. DANIEL PAUL STOLFA b 10 Feb 1972 Wed 17 Jun 2000 Betsy Lee  
Moran b. 2 Mar 1972

- IX 1. CHARLOTTE LEE STOLFA b 15 Dec 2001  
2. CHLOE JANE b. 26 May 2004

VIII 2. DAVID FRANKLIN STOLFA b 31 Jan 1973

VI VIRGINIA PAULINE GRAF b. 18 May 1919 d. 1953 Wed Forest L. Erickson b 24  
Aug 1920. Virginia spent quite a few hours of her youth taking care of her young  
cousins Jan and Marilyn while the parents talked or played cards, time she might have  
wanted for herself. After Somonauk schools, she earned a degree from the University  
of Illinois. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. While Forest was in the  
army during World War II, she taught high school classes in Somonauk.

When he returned from service, there was a gathering at her parent's retirement

residence in Somonauk. The aunts Edna, Dora and Helen were fooling around with an ouija board and getting scornful comments from the younger generation. Do, as the family called her, claimed the thing really worked; she asked Ginny to concentrate on the middle name of her husband, which only Ginny knew. Do, after whispering to Janice and Marilyn to go out back where the men were and ask Forest his middle name, started working the board. The girls returned to her, unnoticed in the midst of the various side conversations. Do kept moving the pointer and muttering the question. Suddenly, letters of a word began to form. Virginia was non-plussed when the board spelled out the correct name.

She and Forest lived in Elmnurst then and began to raise a family. Tragedy struck, however, after a family outing at the Graf cabin along Somonauk Creek. Harrison had built this small building with the help of his grandsons, Tom and Bob, for just such occasions. After the picnic and an afternoon in the woods and on the creek, Virginia decided her family should pack up and leave for home. Between Sandwich and Plano their care was struck by a drunk driver. Virginia and her two sons were killed and Forest severely wounded.

- VII 1. RICHARD LEWIS ERICKSON b 15 Sep 1945 d. 1953  
2. STEVEN CRAIG ERICKSON b. 23 Nov 1946 d. 1953

The photo below is taken from Virginia's high school graduation class picture.

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V. 7. EDNA LORENA GRAF b 3 Apr 1888 d. 24 Jan 1976. Wed 17 Aug 1910 Henry Winslow Smith b. 10 Oct 1881 d. 9 Sep 1942. Her sister Dora said that, as a youngster, Edna was a tom-boy. Edna herself told that once she was driving a load of hay from the field and the team, eager for home, got out of hand. They headed for the barn at a gallop. Her dad was standing in the farmyard; all he could do as the rack sped toward the barn door was to yell, "Duck your head!", which Edna did and thereby saved herself from decapitation.

Another time, Edna said that she and her cousins were being noisy upstairs. Her mother called them down. Edna knew she was angry about all the noise, and so, as the excited children tore down to the bottom of the stairs, she let another girl go through the door first. The cousin received the swat on the rear that was meant to be for the dashing Edna, who usually lead the pack.

Marilyn heard the aunts discussing old times and Edna remembered that she had decided one day that if she just kept moving, no one would ask her to do some chore or

other. She tried it and, sure enough, she managed to secretly loaf quite well the rest of the day.

Since her folks did not support Edna's marrying, she and Henry eloped to the Chicago home of her mother's sister, Aunt Isabel; this was the start of a long and joy-filled marriage. They lived in Amboy, Illinois. Henry was a fireman on the railroad. Later, he managed a gas station, and then he was a policeman. Edna operated a tea room in her home and after being widowed, worked in the Amboy post office. The kids of the Graf family were always very aware that, if no one else, Aunt Edna loved them. She remembered birthdays, brought children into adult conversations and always saw the humor in a situation.

Here is Edna with younger sister Dora.\*

When Edna was 12, there was a surprise gathering at the Graf farm to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of her parents. She may have even been old enough to take part in the dancing; the children enjoyed seeing their folks dance the old-fashioned Heel And Toe. A sumptuous banquet was prepared and some of the children tried to snatch tidbits from the kitchen. Dora remembered the watchful eyes of the grown-ups and how they sent innocent little brother Harold to take food for them since no one suspected him of such pilfering.<sup>70</sup> The feted couple was presented with an elegant silver tea set by the hundred or so guests.<sup>71</sup>

Helen Graf lived 14 years after this party in their honor. She was well thought of by the community. The school principal's wife told a neighbor that Helen Graf was the finest woman she had ever known. One of Helen's daughters overheard a man at her funeral telling that "Helen Graf was the grandest woman I ever have known", and a respected spinster teacher said she had met university graduates but Helen Graf was the most interesting woman she had ever met.<sup>72</sup>

Below is a family gathering showing Edna Graf Smith in the foreground at a picnic celebrating sister Helen's and brother-in-law Harry's 25th anniversary. From left to right, Harry Doty, Helen Graf Doty, Ed Suppes, Dora Graf Suppes, Harrison Graf, Edna Graf Smith, Ruby Riemensnider Graf and Marilyn Suppes.

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This was fondly recalled by all as a very happy day, despite the fact that Edna no longer had her lifelong sweetheart by her side.

Edna's daughter Phyllis was two when she found her Grandmother Helen on the kitchen floor with a fatal stroke; she went outside and got her mother and Aunt Do. Helen lived for just a few days. The doctor advised that ice be kept on her neck. She said, "If it was one of you, I'd get a warm lamp chimney..." and then she lapsed into a coma.

VI 1. PHYLLIS AILEEN SMITH b. 28 Oct 1912 d. 14 Feb 2002. Wed 30 Aug 1930 Marcus L. Fritsch b. 16 Apr 1906 d. 9 Mar 1992. Phyllis' Aunt Do was amused by toddler Phyllis trying to talk the family dog out of bothering her for a cookie she had. She