

GUSTAF MEDINE OF MAYFIELD, ILLINOIS AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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Gustaf and Lena Medine were part of the huge influx of immigrants that arrived in the United States during the late nineteenth century. In Sweden, overpopulation and a famine in 1867-1868 pushed many Swedes to look for other opportunities elsewhere.^[1] A mass migration of Swedes to the United States occurred between 1879 and 1893,^[2] exactly when Gustaf and his family emigrated here. Gustaf and his family looked for a better life, first in nearby villages, then in Germany in Denmark, and eventually in Northern Illinois. Many Swedes from Småland, Sweden, that had already settled in DeKalb County, Illinois,^[3] likely sent letters back to Sweden to urge other friends and family members to join them. While many Swedish-Americans primarily married other Swedish-Americans, Gustaf had already crossed cultures and languages by marrying a German woman before immigrating to America. Their children married outside the Swedish cultural circle, creating even more blended families. In Illinois, Gustaf and his descendants found both tremendous success and immense hardships, but through it all, they managed to persevere.

----- FIRST GENERATION -----

1. **Gustaf¹ Andreasson** (known after 1882^[4] as Gustaf Medine),^[5] born 7 November 1853 at Mexarp, Mistelås parish, Kronoberg County, Sweden;^[6] died 30 June 1927 at Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois.^[7] He married about 1880 in Germany, **Katharina M. Schrader**, daughter of

¹ *Source:* Per Clemensson and Kjell Andersson, *Your Swedish Roots: A step by step handbook* (Provo, UT: Ancestry, 2004), p. 17-20.

² *Source:* Ibid, p. 24.

³ *Note:* Unless otherwise noted, all places mentioned are in DeKalb County, Illinois.

⁴ *Note:* Gustaf was born with the surname Andreasson, using the old Swedish naming tradition of taking the father's first name and adding -son or -dottr to the name. Gustaf and his siblings used "Andreasson" or "Andreasdottr" in Sweden and Germany. Upon arrival in DeKalb County, Gustaf and his siblings began using the surname Medine. At this time, it is not known why they changed their surname, nor why they chose Medine.

⁵ *Note:* The surname Medine has been found with these variant spellings in earlier records: Madain, Madin, Madine, Medeen, Meden, Medene, Medin, Modeen, Modine.

⁶ *Source:* Evangelical Lutheran Church (Mistelås, Kronoberg, Sweden), "Sweden, Church Records [Sverige, kyrkböcker], 1451-1943 / Kronoberg, Mistelås, Födde 1811-1861," unpagged (image 86), Gustaf Andreasson birth, 7 Nov 1853; browsable images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2225> : accessed 9 Jan 2017).

⁷ *Sources:* DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 4168 (1927), Gustaf Medine; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore. Salem Lutheran Church (Sycamore, Illinois), Ministerial Records Book #4,

Ralph Schrader.^[8] She was born 1 December 1862 in Schönberg, Holstein, Germany,^[9] and died 17 September 1940 in Sycamore.^[10]

Gustaf was the third of eight children to be born to Andreas Danielsson and Lena Stina Svensdotter.^[11] He grew up on their farm,^[12] but apparently struggled to find work as a young adult. For almost a decade, he and his siblings moved around in Sweden and a few temporarily relocated to Germany and Denmark to try to find a better life.^[13] Gustaf moved to northern Germany in about 1871,^[14] where he met and married his wife Katharina Schrader (“Lena”) in about 1880.^[15] Katharina was born in the contested region of Schleswig-Holstein. Little is known about her life and family prior to coming to America. Their first child, Maria Amelia, was born in Germany.

In April of 1881, Gustaf’s younger brother, Sven Peter, emigrated to the U.S.A.,^[16] settling in Mayfield Township, DeKalb County, Illinois. About one year later,^[17] Gustaf, with his wife and young daughter, also arrived in the U.S.A. and settled on a nearby farm in Mayfield Township.^[18] Within just a few years, Gustaf and his siblings Sven Peter, Helen, Mary had all

1907-1952, “Records of Funerals,” p. 578; RHC/RC/321 Series 1, Northern Illinois University Regional History Center, DeKalb, Illinois.

⁸ *Source*: DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 9220 (1940), Katalina Medine; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Sycamore.

⁹ *Source*: Ibid.

¹⁰ *Sources*: Ibid. Salem Lutheran Church (Sycamore, Illinois), Ministerial Records Book #4, 1907-1952, “Records of Funerals,” p. 591; RHC/RC/321 Series 1, Northern Illinois University Regional History Center, DeKalb, Illinois.

¹¹ *Source*: Evangelical Lutheran Church (Mistelås, Kronoberg, Sweden), “Sweden, Church Records [Sverige, kyrkböcker], 1451-1943 / Kronoberg, Mistelås, Husförhör, 1866-1875,” page 137, No. 23 Mexarp (image 119), Andreas Danielson household, ; browsable images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2225> : accessed 11 Jan 2017).

¹² *Source*: Evangelical Lutheran Church (Mistelås, Kronoberg, Sweden), “Sweden, Church Records [Sverige, kyrkböcker], 1451-1943 / Kronoberg, Mistelås, Husförhör, 1861-1866,” page 145, Mexarp (image 139), Andreas Danielson household, ; browsable images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2225> : accessed 10 Jan 2017).

¹³ *Source*: Evangelical Lutheran Church (Mistelås, Kronoberg, Sweden), “Sweden, Church Records [Sverige, kyrkböcker], 1451-1943 / Kronoberg, Mistelås, Husförhör, 1866-1875,” page 137, No. 23 Mexarp (image 119), Andreas Danielson household, ; browsable images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2225> : accessed 11 Jan 2017).

¹⁴ *Source*: Ibid.

¹⁵ *Source*: “Mrs. Ranke’s Father Dies,” *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 29 Jun 1927, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 10 Nov 2016), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

¹⁶ *Source*: “Swedish Emigration Records, 1783-1951,” entry for Sven P Anderson, recorded 15 Apr 1881; EmiHamm database, archive call number 17:260:10579; indexed database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1189> : accessed 11 Feb 2017). “Gothenburg, Sweden, Passenger Lists, 1869-1951,” entry for Sven P Anderson, recorded 15 Apr 1881; database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1189> : accessed 11 Feb 2017).

¹⁷ *Source*: Salem Lutheran Church (Sycamore, Illinois), Membership Record Book #2, 1870-1886, “Records of Members,” p. 60; RHC/RC/321 Series 1, Northern Illinois University Regional History Center, DeKalb, Illinois.

¹⁸ *Note*: No immigration records or passenger lists have been yet located for Gustaf or his family.

traveled from Sweden to Mayfield Township. As they arrived in Illinois, they began to use the surname Medine. Gustaf became a naturalized U.S. citizen on 4 November 1890 in DeKalb County.^[19] Andreas Danielsson, their father, immigrated to the United States in 1899 with his daughter Christine^[20] after the death of his wife, and lived with Gustaf,^[21] then his daughter Helen^[22] for several years. Andreas passed away on 11 December 1907, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.^[23]

Gustaf farmed in northeastern Mayfield Township, first renting a farm and saving money for his own farm. In 1898, he purchased at auction 116 acres from the Israelson estate, located in northeast Mayfield township.^[24] In 1906, Gustaf sold this piece of land to Ellen Parsons,^[25] and purchased from her 208 acres nearby.^[26] Gustaf's new farm was the old Ira Douglas farm, known as Pleasant Hill Farm. The previous owner, Ira Douglas, was one of the prominent farmers in the area, and was a member of the abolitionist church at Mayfield.^[27] When building the house, Ira Douglas had built hidden compartments into the house and barn, and possibly hid runaway slaves. After the abolition of slavery, the hidden compartments were simply play-spaces for the children on the farm, and the spaces were eventually dismantled.^[28] The farm also had a small

¹⁹ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, naturalization file (4 Nov 1890), Gust Meden; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

²⁰ Source: "Sweden, Emigrants Registered in Church Books, 1783-1991," entry for Andreas Danielsson, recorded 10 July 1899; database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=61085> : accessed 15 Nov 2016).

²¹ Source: 1900 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Mayfield Township, p. 5A, dwelling 79, family 79, Gustave, Lena, William, Emma, Augusta, Julia, Fredrick Medine and Andrew Anderson, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Oct 2015); citing FHL microfilm: 1240297.

²² Source: "Andrew Danielson," *Sycamore True Republican*, 14 Dec 1907, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 15 Nov 2016), page 8; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²³ Sources: Ibid. Salem Lutheran Church (Sycamore, Illinois), Ministerial Records Book #4, 1907-1952, "Records of Funerals," p. 561; RHC/RC/321 Series 1, Northern Illinois University Regional History Center, DeKalb, Illinois.

²⁴ Sources: DeKalb County, Illinois, Deed Books, book 99, page 91-93: deed no. 17396, John Israelson, by master to Gust Madine, 27 December 1898; microfilm, *DeKalb County Deed Records*, reel 47; Illinois Regional Archives Depository at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois. *Standard atlas of DeKalb County, Illinois : including a plat book of the villages, cities, and townships of the county* (Chicago : Geo. A. Ogle & Co., 1905), page 17, "Mayfield Township."

²⁵ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, Deed Books, book 110, page 231: deed no. 37287, Gust Madine and Lena Katrina his wife to Ellen F. Parsons, 6 December 1906; microfilm, *DeKalb County Deed Records*, reel 52; Illinois Regional Archives Depository at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois.

²⁶ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, Deed Books, book 110, page 230: deed no. 37286, Ellen F. Parsons, widow to Gust Medine, 6 December 1906; microfilm, *DeKalb County Deed Records*, reel 52; Illinois Regional Archives Depository at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois.

²⁷ Source: "Ira Douglas, an old pioneer of DeKalb County," *Sycamore True Republican*, 6 June 1888, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 31 Oct 2016), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²⁸ Source: Edwin Drake, son of Emma Medine Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, 1 Oct 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017. (Edwin grew up on this farm and discovered the hidden compartments as a child. Later in life, he learned that Ira Douglas was one of the many anti-slavery men of Mayfield Church, and some of his associates were proven conductors of the Underground

schoolhouse and Pleasant Hill Cemetery on its property.^[29] The farm, which was about 210 acres, had fertile soil for crops, as well as a little timber and access to the Kishwaukee River.^[30]

Gustaf became a successful farmer.^[31] He lived with his family at Pleasant Hill Farm for many years, appearing there on the 1900^[32] and 1910^[33] censuses. Besides their first daughter, who was born in Germany, all of their children were born on the farm.^[34] He raised cattle, hogs, and chickens, and also grew corn and wheat. In December of 1914, hoof and mouth disease spread across DeKalb County, and all of Gustaf's 32 cows and 88 hogs had to be killed.^[35] He was partially reimbursed for his loss.

The Medine family occasionally attended church at the Salem Lutheran Church of Sycamore to attend baptisms and other special events. In January of 1910,^[36] Gustaf and Lena were received as members of the Salem Lutheran Church in Sycamore, Illinois,^[37] where Gustaf's siblings were already members. He was also a member of the Woodmen and the Elks organizations in Sycamore.^[38]

Railroad. Edwin concluded that the house must have also been part of the Underground Railroad. However, there is no hard proof that runaway slaves were ever hidden there.)

²⁹ Source: *Atlas and plat book of De Kalb County, Illinois : compiled from surveys and the public records of De Kalb County, Illinois* (Rockford, Ill. : Thrift Press, 1929), p. 13.

³⁰ Source: *Ibid.*

³¹ Source: Burrige D. Butler, ed., *Prairie Farmer's 1917 Directory of DeKalb County Illinois* (Chicago : Prairie Farmer Publishing Co., 1917), p. 80. "Medine, Gust (Lena Shroder) Ch Willie, Emma, Augusta, Julia, Fred; Kingston R1 Mayfield Sec12 O209a (1882)"

³² Source: 1900 U.S. Census, DeKalb Co., Ill., pop. sch., Mayfield Township, p. 5A, dwell. 79, fam. 79, Gustave, Lena, William, Emma, Augusta, Julia, Fredrick Medine and Andrew Anderson.

³³ Source: 1910 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Mayfield Township, p. 9A, dwelling 162, family 164, Gust, Lena, Julia, Fred Medine and Chas Drake, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Oct 2015); citing FHL microfilm: 1374297.

³⁴ Source: Edwin Drake, son of Emma Medine Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, 1 Oct 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

³⁵ Source: "Kill Medine Cattle Today," *Sycamore True Republican*, 12 Dec 1914, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 15 April 2017), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

³⁶ Source: Salem Lutheran Church (Sycamore, Illinois), Ministerial Records Book #4, 1907-1952, "Records of Reception of Members," p. 370; RHC/RC/321 Series 1, Northern Illinois University Regional History Center, DeKalb, Illinois.

³⁷ Note: Gustaf's siblings Peter, Mary and Helen, as well as his father Andreas, attended this church as soon as they arrived from Sweden, but Gustaf and Lena did not become regular members until much later. I speculate that this is due to the language spoken at the church. The church conducted services primarily in Swedish until about 1910. Gustaf's siblings and their spouses spoke Swedish as their native language, but Gustaf's wife Lena spoke German and English, and probably only a little Swedish. I speculate that they originally attended a different church where either German or English was the dominant language, and when Salem Lutheran had regular services in English, Gustaf and Lena started going to church with the rest of Gustaf's family.

³⁸ Source: "Gust Medine, Age 73, Long Resident Here Relieved by Death," *Sycamore True Republican*, 27 Jul 1927, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 10 Nov 2016), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

In 1918, Gustaf retired from farming, sold his farm implements and stock,^[39] and purchased a house in Sycamore on Alma Street.^[40] He rented out the Pleasant Hill Farm to family members and other tenants. In the 1920 census, he lives there with his unmarried children and his wife.^[41] He lived in Sycamore with his wife and some of his children until he passed away in 1927 of stomach cancer.^[42] He had been in poor health for quite some time, but only was seriously ill for his last ten days.^[43] At the time of his death, his estate was valued at \$35,850,^[44] most of which was the value of his large farm property. Lena outlived him by 13 years, passing away in 1940 at their home on Alma Street.^[45] During the last year of her life, she was confined to her bed and her daughter Emma helped care for her.^[46] She was well known for her interest in gardening and reading, and her “excellent needlework and her abounding creative energy found expression in many lovely pieces of crocheting and knitting work.”^[47] Lena’s five grandsons and Carl Swedberg were pallbearers at her funeral.^[48] Gustaf^[49] and Lena^[50] are both buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois.

³⁹ Source: “Gus Medine is having a sale of his farm implements [...],” *Sycamore True Republican*, 16 Feb 1918, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 17 Apr 2017), page 5; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

⁴⁰ Source: DeKalb County land deed (pending).

⁴¹ Source: 1920 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Sycamore Ward 3, p. 7A, dwelling 144, family 147, Gus, Katrina, William C., Julia Z., and Fred E. Modine, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 21 Oct 2015); citing NARA microfilm publication T625_303, image 523.

⁴² Source: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 4168 (1927), Gustaf Medine.

⁴³ Source: “Mrs. Ranke’s Father Dies.”

⁴⁴ Source: “Gust Medine, late of Sycamore,” *Sycamore True Republican*, 30 Jul 1927, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 15 April 2017), page 12; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

⁴⁵ Sources: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 9220 (1940), Katalina Medine. “Mrs. Medine Passes Away This Morning,” *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 17 Sep 1940, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 9 Nov 2016), page 9; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

⁴⁶ Source: “Mrs. Charles Drake is at Sycamore [...],” *Republican-Northwestern (Belvidere, Ill.)*, 17 Sept 1940, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 15 April 2017), page 3; Newspapers.com World Collection.

⁴⁷ Source: “Mrs. K. Medine is Dead Today,” *Sycamore True Republican*, 17 Sep 1940, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 10 Nov 2016), pages 1, 5; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

⁴⁸ Source: Scott E. Bowen, son of Augusta Medine Bowen (Joliet, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, Sep 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

⁴⁹ Sources: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Gustaf Medine marker; personally read, 24 Oct 1998. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Gustaf Medine, section 9, lot 51.

⁵⁰ Source: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Katharina Medine marker; personally read, 24 Oct 1998. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Katalina Medine, section 9, lot 51.

Gustaf¹ and Lena were the parents of six children:

2. i. MARIA² AMELIA MEDINE, born 16 October 1881, Schönberg, Holstein, Germany;^[51] immigrated about 1882 with her parents to the United States;^[52] died 25 February 1907,^[53] in Mayfield of consumption.^[54] Buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.^[55] She has a headstone in the Medine family plot in Elmwood Cemetery,^[56] but cemetery records indicate that the plot is empty.^[57]
- + 3. ii. WILLIAM² CRIST MEDINE, born 21 May 1884, Mayfield; married Willie Louise Albin 26 December 1922, Winchester, Virginia; died 22 September 1968, Sycamore.
- + 4. iii. EMMA² HELEN MEDINE, born 27 November 1886, Mayfield; married Charles W.H. Drake 22 February 1911, Sycamore; died 15 May 1945, Mayfield.
- + 5. iv. SELMA AUGUSTA² MEDINE, born 6 June 1889, Mayfield; married Jesse Scott Bowen 15 February 1911, Joliet, Will County, Illinois; died 25 October 1955, Sycamore.
- + 6. v. JULIA² Z. MEDINE, born 6 December 1892, Mayfield; married (1) Roy Aaron Shaffer 16 May 1912, DeKalb and (2) Ralph Lawrence Ranke 7 February 1926; died 5 May 1943, DeKalb.
- + 7. vi. FREDERICK² EDWIN MEDINE, born 1 September 1894, Mayfield; married Lillian Kleona Leonard, 3 April 1922, Kane County, Illinois; died 4 January 1979, DeKalb.

⁵¹ Source: "Maria Amelia Medine," *Sycamore True Republican*, 27 Feb 1907, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 11 Nov 2016), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

⁵² Source: 1900 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Mayfield Township, p. 13A, dwelling 309, family 317, Amelia Medeen, image, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Oct 2015); citing FHL microfilm: 1240297.

⁵³ Source: Salem Lutheran Church (Sycamore, Illinois), Ministerial Records Book #4, 1907-1952, "Records of Funerals," p. 561; RHC/RC/321 Series 1, Northern Illinois University Regional History Center, DeKalb, Illinois.

⁵⁴ Source: "Maria Amelia Medine."

⁵⁵ Source: Ibid.

⁵⁶ Source: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Amelia Medine marker; personally read, 24 Oct 1998.

⁵⁷ Source: Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Medine plot, section 9, lot 51.

----- **SECOND GENERATION** -----

3. **William² Crist^[58] Medine** (Gustaf¹), born 21 May 1884, Mayfield,^[59] died 22 September 1968, Sycamore.^[60] He married **Willie Louise Albin** on 26 December 1922 in Winchester, Virginia.^[61] She was born 19 November 1888 in Winchester, Virginia,^[62] and died 19 February 1982 in Sycamore.^[63] She was the daughter of Milton Dean and Mary (nee Smith) Albin.^[64]

William was a carpenter by trade. He owned his own carpentry business^[65] and often did odd carpentry and contractor jobs in the area.^[66] This included building porches, sheep sheds, barns, and doing repair work. He also had a small carpenter shop and sawmill in Sycamore. During World War II, he was employed in Joliet making gunstocks for the army.^[67] His obituary states that he was a general contractor in Sycamore for over 40 years and was a member of the Sycamore Odd Fellows Lodge 105 for over 50 years.^[68] He lived with and supported his parents

⁵⁸ *Note:* In documents, William typically uses just his middle initial. When his middle name has been given on documents, it usually appears as Chris. However, in the one instance I've found where he actually signs his own name and uses his full middle name, he spells it "Crist." This instance is on his WWI draft registration card.

⁵⁹ *Source:* "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 22 Jan 2016), card for William Crist Medine, serial no. 546, Local Draft Board, Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois; citing FHL microfilm 1613195.

⁶⁰ *Source:* DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 23046 (1968), William C. Medine; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

⁶¹ *Sources:* Winchester, Virginia, "Register of Marriages, Winchester 1922," 26 Dec 1922, for "William C. Medine and Willie L. Albin;" Virginia Bureau of vital statistics collection; Marriages for Winchester City, 1853-1935, roll 76; Library of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia. "Will Medine is Married in Eastern City," *DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 28 Dec 1922, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 8 Nov 2017), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

⁶² *Source:* DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 31098 (1982), Willie Louise Medine; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

⁶³ *Source:* Ibid.

⁶⁴ *Source:* Ibid.

⁶⁵ *Source:* "U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942," images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 22 Jan 2016), card for William Chris Medine, serial no. 784, Local Draft Board 2, Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois; citing The National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; *Draft Registration Cards for Fourth Registration for Illinois, 04/27/1942 - 04/27/1942*; NAI Number: 623284; Record Group Title: Records of the Selective Service System; Record Group Number: 147.

⁶⁶ *Source:* "Make Repairs on Many Sheds at Feed Yards," *DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 15 April 1927, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 8 Nov 2017), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections. "William Medine Finishes Work at DeKalb Farm," *DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 23 July 1927, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 8 Nov 2017), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

⁶⁷ *Source:* "Will Medine Working for Government," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 1 May 1943, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 15 April 2017), page 2; Newspapers.com World Collection.

⁶⁸ *Source:* "William C. Medine," *Sun Tribune*, n.d., image copy, Joiner History Room (<http://obits.mirusresearch.com/search/> : accessed 1 Oct 2014), n.p.; Joiner History Room Obituary Database.

for many years,^[69] and eventually purchased his own house by about 1940^[70] on Home Street in Sycamore, moving in in 1941.^[71] They had briefly lived at an apartment at 228 S. Locust St. in Sycamore before moving to their house.^[72]

William and Willie had no children together,^[73] but Willie had a daughter from her first marriage who lived with them. Willie was first married in Winchester, Virginia to Ernest Suddith, whom she later divorced.^[74] They had a daughter named Dorothy “Dot” M. Suddith. Dorothy was born 18 October 1911, and passed away 9 January 2000.^[75] It appears that William considered her as his daughter, since several newspaper articles and his obituary names her as a daughter, not as a step daughter. William passed away in 1968 at Sycamore Municipal Hospital of pneumonia.^[76] Willie passed away in 1982 at the DeKalb County Nursing Home.^[77] William and Willie are buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore.^[78]

4. **Emma² Helen Medine** (Gustaf¹), born 27 November 1886, Mayfield; died 15 May 1945, Mayfield.^[79] She married **Charles Walter Henry Drake** on 22 February 1911 in Sycamore.^[80] He

⁶⁹ Source: 1930 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Sycamore Ward 3, p. 6A, dwelling 136, family 146, Catherine M., William C. and Willie Medine, image, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 21 Oct 2015); citing FHL microfilm: 2340245.

⁷⁰ Source: 1940 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Sycamore, p. 9A, dwelling 228, family 241, William C. and Willie L. Medine, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Oct 2015); citing NARA microfilm T627_793.

⁷¹ Source: “Mr. and Mrs. William Medine [...],” *Sycamore True Republican*, 20 June 1941, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 10 Nov 2016), page 5; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

⁷² Source: Evans’ Sycamore, Illinois City Directory, 1939 p. 41.

⁷³ Source: Edwin Drake, son of Emma Medine Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, 24 Oct 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

⁷⁴ Source: Winchester, Vir., “Register of Marriages, Winchester 1922,” 26 Dec 1922, for “Willie L. Albin.”

⁷⁵ Source: “Dorothy M. ‘Dottie’ Radde During,” *DeKalb Chronicle*, 11 January 2000, image copy, Joiner History Room (<http://obits.mirusresearch.com/search/> : accessed 1 Feb 2017), n.p.; Joiner History Room Obituary Database.

⁷⁶ Source: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 23046 (1968), William C. Medine.

⁷⁷ Source: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 31098 (1982), Willie Louise Medine. “Willie Louise Medine,” (Unknown newspaper), n.d., image copy, Joiner History Room (<http://obits.mirusresearch.com/search/> : accessed 1 Oct 2016), n.p.; Joiner History Room Obituary Database.

⁷⁸ Source: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), William and Willie Medine marker; personally read, 24 Oct 1998. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing William and Willie Medine, section 9, lot 51.

⁷⁹ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 11059 (1945), Emma Helen Drake; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Sycamore.

⁸⁰ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, marriage license (22 Feb 1911), Charles W.H Drake and Emma H. Medine; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Sycamore.

was born 18 January 1884 in DeKalb^[81] and died 1 October 1948 in DeKalb.^[82] He was the son of William Drake and Mathilda (nee Johnson) Drake.

Charles's parents had both passed away by the time he was 20 years old. By that time, he had already worked as a dry good clerk^[83] and as an employee at the Chicago Fair.^[84] After his mother passed away in 1904, he worked at the farm of his aunt,^[85] Mrs. Emma Peterson, who was also a member of the Salem Lutheran Church and lived in Mayfield. By 1910, Charles was living and working at Gustaf Medine's farm.^[86] Emma was working as a servant in nearby Sycamore.^[87] They were married about a year later by the Methodist minister from Sycamore.^[88] They occasionally attended the Methodist church in Sycamore as adults.^[89] After they were married, they made their home on a farm in Mayfield.^[90] In 1917, they were tenant farming 157 acres in Mayfield at the Ed Roose farm^[91] and was a breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs,^[92] and Barred Plymouth Rock chickens.^[93] Charles purchased his own farm north of Genoa in about 1917 or 1918, and the family lived there about 18 years.^[94] Their two children were born on this farm.^[95] They lived there through the 1930 census,^[96] until they lost the farm during the Great

⁸¹ Source: "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 22 Jan 2016), card for Charles Walter Henry Drake, registration no. 3426, Local Draft Board, Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois; citing FHL microfilm 1613195.

⁸² Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 12551 (1948), Charles Drake; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

⁸³ Source: 1900 United States Federal Census, Cook County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Chicago Ward 12, p. 6B, dwelling 59, family 106, Mattie and Chas Drake, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Oct 2015); citing FHL microfilm: 1240260.

⁸⁴ Source: "Mrs. Tilda Johnson Drake died," *Sycamore True Republican*, 16 April 1904, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 8 Nov 2016), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

⁸⁵ Source: "Charles H. Drake of Mayfield Dies," *Sycamore True Republican*, 5 Oct 1948, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 8 Nov 2016), page 3; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

⁸⁶ Source: 1910 U.S. Census, DeKalb Co., Ill., pop. sch., Mayfield Township, p. 9A, dwell. 162, fam. 164, Gust, Lena, Julia, Fred Medine and Chas Drake.

⁸⁷ Source: 1910 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Sycamore Ward 3, p. 9B, dwelling 206, family 218, Emma Medine, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Oct 2015); citing FHL microfilm: 1374298.

⁸⁸ Source: "Local and Personal Brevities [...] Mr. Charles Drake and Miss Emma Medine [...]" *Sycamore True Republican*, 25 Feb 1911, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 8 Nov 2016), page 5; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

⁸⁹ Source: Edwin Drake, son of Emma Medine Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, 24 Oct 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

⁹⁰ Source: "Local and Personal Brevities [...] Mr. Charles Drake and Miss Emma Medine [...]"

⁹¹ Source: Butler, *Prairie Farmer's 1917 Directory of DeKalb County Illinois*, p. 51. "Drake, Charles W. (Emma Medine) Sycamore R3 Mayfield Sec14 T157a Ed. Roose (1905)."

⁹² Source: *Ibid*, p. 120.

⁹³ Source: *Ibid*, p. 123.

⁹⁴ Source: "Charles Drake dies Friday at Hospital," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 2 October 1948, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 15 Nov 2016), page 5; Newspapers.com World Collection.

⁹⁵ Source: Edwin Drake, son of Emma Medine Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, 24 Oct 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

⁹⁶ Sources: 1920 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Genoa, p. 4A, dwelling 84, family 86, Charles W.H., Emma and Charles Drake, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ :

Depression. Charles declared bankruptcy in 1934^[97] and had to give up his farm in Genoa. At that time, they moved back to Emma's childhood home on the Gustaf Medine farm. The family is shown living at the farm in the 1940 census.^[98] Emma and Charles were members of the Genoa Methodist Church.^[99] Emma was known for her love of growing flowers in her gardens.^[100] Emma unexpectedly died of a heart attack in 1945.^[101] Just three years later in 1948, Charles also passed away of congestive heart failure.^[102] After his death, his sons sold the farm at public auction in November 1948.^[103] Both Charles^[104] and Emma^[105] are buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore.

Emma² and Charles had two children:

- + 8. i. CHARLES³ GUSTAF DRAKE, born 2 July 1918, Genoa; married (1) Jeanette Phyllis Kaiser 22 October 1942, DeKalb County, Illinois and (2) Lucille Carolyn Johnson 6 October 1945, Genoa; died September 2013, DeKalb.
- + 9. ii. EDWIN³ WILLIAM DRAKE, born 2 May 1920, Genoa; married Mildred Agnes Kaiser 29 June 1946, DeKalb; died 13 August 2010, Genoa.

accessed 21 Oct 2015); citing NARA microfilm publication T625_303, image 1076. 1930 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Genoa, p. 6A, dwelling 129, family 131, Charles W., Emma H., Charles G., and Edwin W. Drake, image, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 21 Oct 2015); citing FHL microfilm: 2340245.

⁹⁷ Source: "Notice of First Meeting of Creditors [...] Charles W. Drake," *Sycamore True Republican*, 4 May 1935, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 8 Nov 2016), page 7; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections. (*Court documents pending*)

⁹⁸ Source: 1940 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Mayfield, p. 6A, family 110, Charles, Emma, Charles and Edwin Drake, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Oct 2015); citing NARA microfilm T627_793.

⁹⁹ Source: "Mrs. Drake of Mayfield Dies at Her Home," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 16 May 1945, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 15 Nov 2016), page 3; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹⁰⁰ Source: "Mrs. Charles Drake Dies Suddenly in Mayfield Tuesday," *Sycamore True Republican*, 18 May 1945, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 8 Nov 2016), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

¹⁰¹ Sources: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 11059 (1945), Emma Helen Drake. "Mrs. Charles Drake Dies Suddenly in Mayfield Tuesday."

¹⁰² Source: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 12551 (1948), Charles Drake.

¹⁰³ Source: "Auction Sale," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 17 Nov 1948, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 15 Nov 2016), page 8; Newspapers.com World Collection. (Auction notice for Charles W. Drake sale.)

¹⁰⁴ Sources: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Charles W. H. Drake marker; personally read, 24 Oct 1998. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Chas. Drake Sr., section K, lot 13.

¹⁰⁵ Sources: Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Emma Drake, section K, lot 13. Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Emma H. Drake marker; personally read, 24 Oct 1998.

5. **Selma Augusta² Medine** (Gustaf¹), born 6 June 1889, Mayfield; died 25 October 1955, Sycamore.^[106] She married **Jesse Scott Bowen** 15 February 1911, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.^[107]
¹ He was born 10 February 1889 in Earlville, LaSalle County, Illinois^[108] and died 6 April 1962 in Sycamore.^[109] He was a son of Daniel W. and Gertrude L. (nee Cook) Bowen.

Selma Augusta, commonly known as Augusta or “Gusty,” was born at Pleasant Hill Farm in 1889.^[110] Before her marriage, she supported her family by working as a servant at a nearby farm.^[111] In 1911, she married J. Scott Bowen in a “surprise” wedding, traveling to Joliet for the day^[112] to get married one week before her older sister Emma. J. Scott and his parents had moved from LaSalle County to a farm in southeast Mayfield Township in about 1901.^[113] J. Scott’s father Daniel and Augusta’s father Gustaf would have been close farming associates. Augusta and J. Scott settled first on his father’s farm west of Sycamore.^[114] In 1917, they were tenant farmers in Mayfield, farming 187 acres that were owned by J. Scott’s father, D. Bowen.^[115] Through 1920^[116] and 1930,^[117] they rent several farms in DeKalb County and Kane County, including Burlington. J. Scott retired from active farming in 1939,^[118] but still worked as a farm laborer for a few years. By 1941, the family had moved to an apartment in Sycamore.^[119] About

¹⁰⁶ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 15800 (1955), Augusta Bowen; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Sycamore.

¹⁰⁷ Source: “Wedding was a great surprise to all,” *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 17 Feb 1911, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 10 Nov 2016), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

¹⁰⁸ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 19255 (1962), Jesse Scott Bowen; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Sycamore.

¹⁰⁹ Source: Ibid.

¹¹⁰ Source: Scott E. Bowen, son of Augusta Medine Bowen (Joliet, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, Sep 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

¹¹¹ Source: 1910 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Mayfield Township, p. 7A, dwelling 119, family 121, Augusta Medine, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Oct 2015); citing FHL microfilm: 1374297.

¹¹² Source: “Wedding was a great surprise to all.”

¹¹³ Source: “Daniel W. Bowen Died on Monday,” *Sycamore True Republican*, 8 Apr 1931, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 10 Apr 2017), page 1 and 6; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

¹¹⁴ Source: Ibid.

¹¹⁵ Source: Butler, *Prairie Farmer’s 1917 Directory of DeKalb County Illinois*, p. 41. “Bowen, J. Scott (Augusta Medine) Ch Leona, Donald; Sycamore R3 Mayfield Sec25 T187a D.W. Bowen (1902).”

¹¹⁶ Source: 1920 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Mayfield, p. 2A, dwelling 30, family 30, Jesse Scott, Aguste, Leona, and Donald Bowen, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 21 Oct 2015); citing NARA microfilm publication T625_303, image 247.

¹¹⁷ Source: 1930 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Mayfield, p. 5B, family 106, J. Scott, Agusta, Leona, Donald, Helen and Scoty Bowen, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 21 Oct 2015); citing FHL microfilm: 2340245.

¹¹⁸ Source: “Scott Bowen, who has occupied the Holcomb Bros. farm [...],” *Sycamore True Republican*, 1 March 1939, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 28 Apr 2017), page 6; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

¹¹⁹ Source: “Mr. and Mrs. William Medine [...],” *Sycamore True Republican*, 20 June 1941, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 10 Nov 2016), page 5; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

the same time, Augusta started working at the Sycamore Municipal Hospital as a cook.^[120] Their two sons, Donald and Scott, served in the army during the second World War. While living in Sycamore, J. Scott worked as a carpenter at the Anaconda Wire and Cable Company, retiring about 1957.^[121] Augusta passed away in 1955, and J. Scott passed away in 1962. They are both buried in the family plot at Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore.^[122]

Augusta² and J. Scott Bowen had four children:

- + 10. i. LEONA³ GERTRUDE BOWEN, born 16 September 1913, Mayfield; married Melvin Ernest Voltz 25 Nov 1933; died 4 February 1975, Sycamore.
- + 11. ii. DONALD³ MEDENE BOWEN, born 18 November 1916, Sycamore; married (1) Edna Eddy, 15 June 1946 and (2) Teresa deRin, 2 September 1949; died 9 December 1989 DeKalb County, Illinois.
- + 12. i. HELEN³ MARIE BOWEN, born 11 July 1920, Mayfield; married Charles Joseph Leonard 25 April 1940; died 27 July 1949, Elgin, Kane County, Illinois.
- + 13. ii. SCOTT³ EDWARD BOWEN, born 15 November 1924, Sycamore; married Elsie Marguerite Anderson, 25 January 1947, Sycamore; died 28 July 2009, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

6. **Julia² Z. Medine** (Gustaf¹), born 6 December 1892 in Mayfield; died 5 May 1943, DeKalb.^[123] She married (1) **Roy Aaron Shaffer** on 16 May 1912, DeKalb.^[124] He was born on 12 July 1890 in Aurora, Illinois^[125] and died 25 May 1973 in Pell Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin.^[126] He

¹²⁰ Sources: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 15800 (1955), Augusta Bowen. "Obituaries - Mrs. Augusta Bowen," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 25 Oct 1955, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 20 Feb 2017), page 6; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹²¹ Sources: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 19255 (1962), Jesse Scott Bowen. "Obituaries - J. Scott Bowen," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 7 April 1962, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 20 Feb 2017), page 8; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹²² Sources: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Augusta Bowen marker; personally read, 24 Oct 1998. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Augusta Bowen, section K, lot 36. Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Scott Bowen marker; personally read, 24 Oct 1998. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Jesse S. Bowen, section K, lot 36.

¹²³ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 10256 (1943), Julia Ranke; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

¹²⁴ Source: "Shaffer - Medine," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 17 May 1912, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 10 Nov 2016), page 4; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹²⁵ Source: Kane County, Illinois, delayed birth certificate (5 Feb 1943), Roy Aaron Shaffer; Kane County Clerk and Recorder's office, Geneva.

¹²⁶ Source: Social Security Administration, "U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014," database, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed 1 April 2017), entry for Roy Shaffer, 1973, SS no. 339-20-3685.

was the son of Elry U. and Etta M. (nee Merritt) Shaffer. Julia and Roy separated and divorced. She married (2) **Ralph Lawrence Ranke** on 5 February 1926.^[127] He was born 15 April 1896 in Logansport, Cass County, Indiana^[128] and died 10 February 1945 in DeKalb County, Illinois.^[129] He was the son of Charles J. and Lucy (nee Curtis) Ranke.^[130]

Julia's first marriage with Roy Shaffer was brief and difficult. Their second child, Gladys Amelia, lived only a day.^[131] In 1916, the entire family had scarlet fever and were quarantined for some time until they recovered.^[132] During the first World War, Roy volunteered for special services to study at Brennan auto school in Chicago,^[133] and he spent a lot of time away from home. The couple had separated by 1920,^[134] and divorced by 1923, when Roy remarried Hazel Ryan.^[135]

Julia² and Roy Shaffer had two children:

14. i. RALPH³ HARRY SHAFFER, born about 1913, Illinois. In the 1920 census, he lives with his grandparents Elry and Etta Shaffer.^[136] In the 1930 census, he is found in both his father's^[137] and his grandmother's^[138] households. He is mentioned in Julia's obituary as living in Chicago.^[139] No further information.

¹²⁷ Source: Salem Lutheran Church (Sycamore, Illinois), Ministerial Records Book #4, 1907-1952, "Records of Marriages," p. 320; RHC/RC/321 Series 1, Northern Illinois University Regional History Center, DeKalb, Illinois.

¹²⁸ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 10979 (1945), Ralph L. Ranke; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

¹²⁹ Source: Ibid.

¹³⁰ Source: Ibid.

¹³¹ Source: "Little One Died at the Shafer Home," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 7 May 1914, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 10 Nov 2016), page 4; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹³² Source: "Roy Shafers are Ill with Scarlet Fever," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 17 April 1916, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 11 Nov 2016), page 1; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹³³ Source: "Our Soldiers at Home and Abroad," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 20 Sept 1918, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 10 Nov 2016), page 4; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹³⁴ Source: 1920 U.S. Census, DeKalb Co., Ill., pop. sch., Sycamore Ward 3, p. 7A, dwell. 144, fam. 147, Gus, Katrina, William C., Fred E. Modine, and Julia Z. Schafer.

¹³⁵ Source: "Cook County, Illinois Marriage Indexes, 1912-1942," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2273> : accessed 23 April 2017), entry for Roy A. Shaffer and Hazel Ryan, 22 Sep 1923.

¹³⁶ Source: 1920 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, DeKalb Ward 4, p. 6A, dwelling 128, family 140, Elry, Etta, Loyd, Stella, Alice, Clifford, and Harry Shaffer, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 21 Nov 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. T625_303, image 159.

¹³⁷ Sources: 1930 United States Federal Census, DuPage County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Bloomingdale, p. 1B, dwelling 20, family 20, R.A. and Hazel Shaffer, Ruth Clie, Calvin Tarble and Harry Sheiler, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 21 Nov 2016); citing FHL microfilm: 2340246.

¹³⁸ Source: 1930 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, DeKalb, p. 6B, dwelling 126, family 152, Etta and Harry Shaffer, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 21 Nov 2016); citing FHL microfilm: 2340245.

¹³⁹ Source: "DeKalb Woman Passes Away Last Evening," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 6 May 1943, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 10 Nov 2016), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

15. ii. GLADYS³ AMELIA SHAFFER, born and died 6 May 1914, DeKalb. Buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Mayfield.^[140]

Julia married a second time, marrying Ralph Ranke on 5 February 1926. Ralph was also a veteran of World War I.^[141] Ralph's first wife, Lois Alice Weightman, had passed away in 1925, leaving a daughter, Faye.^[142] Faye lived with her father and Julia^[143] until she married in 1944.^[144] Ralph Ranke owned a blacksmith shop in DeKalb, first at Grove Street, and by 1928,^[145] at the corner of Lincoln Highway and First Street, close to the railroad tracks.^[146] Julia and Ralph Ranke had no children together.^[147] She passed away on 5 May 1943,^[148] and he on 10 February 1945.^[149] Julia and Ralph are both buried in Fairview Cemetery in DeKalb.^[150]

7. **Frederick² Edwin Medine** (Gustaf¹), born 1 September 1894, Mayfield; died 4 January 1979, DeKalb.^[151] He married **Lillian Kleona Leonard** on 3 April 1922 in Geneva, Kane County, Illinois.^[152] She was born on 16 May 1903 in Genoa and died in 12 July 1948 in Elgin.^[153] She was the daughter of William and Ursula Leonard.

¹⁴⁰ Source: "Little One Died at the Shafer Home."

¹⁴¹ Source: "Ralph Ranke Home Tonight from Service," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 1 July 1919, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 10 April 2017), page 3; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹⁴² Source: "Death Takes Lovely Girl: Mrs. Ralph Ranke Dies at St. Mary's Hospital After a Long Illness," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 13 Jan 1925, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 10 April 2017), page 1; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹⁴³ Source: 1930 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, DeKalb, p. 4A, dwelling 88, family 95, Ralph, Julia and Faye Ranke, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 21 Oct 2015); citing FHL microfilm: 2340245. 1940 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, DeKalb, p. 61A, dwelling 705, Ralph, Julia, and Fay Ranke, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Oct 2015); citing NARA microfilm T627_793.

¹⁴⁴ Source: "Indiana Marriage Indexes, 1810-2001," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=60282> : accessed 23 April 2017), entry for Faye J. Ranke, 20 May 1944; citing *Indiana, Marriages, 1810-2001*. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013.

¹⁴⁵ Source: "Ralph Ranke Buys Craft's Business Here," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 19 April 1928, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 10 April 2017), page 4; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹⁴⁶ Source: Edwin Drake, son of Emma Medine Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, 24 Oct 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

¹⁴⁷ Source: Edwin Drake, son of Emma Medine Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, 24 Oct 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

¹⁴⁸ Source: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 10256 (1943), Julia Ranke.

¹⁴⁹ Source: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 10979 (1945), Ralph L. Ranke.

¹⁵⁰ Source: Fairview Cemetery (DeKalb, DeKalb Co., Illinois), Julia Z. Ranke marker; personally read, 2 Nov 1998. Fairview Cemetery (DeKalb, DeKalb Co., Illinois), Ralph L. Ranke marker; personally read, 2 Nov 1998.

¹⁵¹ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 29218 (1979), Fred E. Medine; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

¹⁵² Source: Kane County, Illinois, marriage license (3 April 1922), Fred Medine and Lillian Leonard; Kane County Clerk and Recorder's office, Geneva.

¹⁵³ Source: "Mrs. Charles Parks Passes at Elgin," *Sycamore True Republican*, 13 July 1948, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 28 Apr 2017), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

Fred married Lillian Kleona Leonard in 1922, but just a year and a half later, she asked for a separation.^[154] They had a son together, but Fred was caught stealing chickens about the same time as the birth of his son James. Throughout his life, he was often in trouble with the law for small crimes, like stealing chickens^[155] or trying to use forged checks,^[156] and was occasionally in jail.^[157] Fred and Kleona were divorced in January of 1926 in DeKalb County.^[158] She remarried Charles Parks on 15 March 1926 in Sycamore.^[159] Fred never remarried. He had occasional contact with his son, James.^[160] Kleona passed away in 1948, and is buried at Genoa Township Cemetery.^[161]

Fred is remembered as being carefree and cheerful.^[162] He didn't have a steady occupation throughout his life. He usually worked as a farm laborer,^[163] helped his brother in his carpentry business,^[164] or did other odd jobs. Before he died, he was working as a janitor at a local laundromat.^[165] Fred was killed by accident when he was crossing the tracks at Seventh Street in DeKalb and was hit by a train.^[166] He was hard of hearing and likely didn't hear the train whistle.^[167] He is buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore.^[168]

¹⁵⁴ Source: "Cases of Marital Infelicity Aired," *Sycamore True Republican*, 20 Feb 1924, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 10 Feb 2017), pages 1 and 5; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

¹⁵⁵ Source: "Fred Medine Is Given Freedom on Probation," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 14 July 1922, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 18 April 2017), page 2; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹⁵⁶ Source: "Iowa, Consecutive Registers of Convicts, 1867-1970," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Mar 2016), entry for Fred Edwin Medine, 28 Nov 1955 (Men's Penitentiary: Ft Madison, 1943-1959); citing Iowa Governor, Consecutive Registers of Convicts 1867-1960 [Books 1 through 7].

¹⁵⁷ Source: 1930 United States Federal Census, Fayette County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Vandalia, p. 4A, Institution of Illinois State Penal Farm, Fred Medine, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 21 Oct 2015); citing FHL microfilm: 2340250.

¹⁵⁸ Source: "The divorce proceedings instituted by Lillian A. Medine vs. Fred Medine [...]," *Sycamore True Republican*, 13 Jan 1926, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 10 Nov 2016), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

¹⁵⁹ Source: "Mrs. Charles Parks Passes at Elgin."

¹⁶⁰ Source: Connie Apostoli, daughter of James L. Medine, Colorado Springs, CO, to Eva Johnson, email, 24 Jul 2018; personal correspondence, privately held by Eva Johnson, Kingston, Illinois.

¹⁶¹ Source: "Mrs. Charles Parks Passes at Elgin."

¹⁶² Source: Emily (Drake) Weil, granddaughter of Emma Medine Drake (Kingston, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, May 2006; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

¹⁶³ Source: "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 22 Jan 2016), card for Fred Edwin Medine, registration no. 1487, Local Draft Board, Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois; citing FHL microfilm 1613195.

¹⁶⁴ Source: "William Medine Breaks Pelvic Bone in Fall of 22 Feet," *Sycamore True Republican*, 17 May 1955, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 28 Apr 2017), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections. (Article about William mentions that he works with his brother Fred, also a carpenter.)

¹⁶⁵ Source: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 29218 (1979), Fred E. Medine.

¹⁶⁶ Source: Ibid.

¹⁶⁷ Source: Emily (Drake) Weil, granddaughter of Emma Medine Drake (Kingston, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, May 2001; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

¹⁶⁸ Sources: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Fred Medine marker; personally read, 24 Oct 1998. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Fred E. Medine, section K, lot 36.

Fred² and Kleona had one child together:

- + 16. i. JAMES³ LEONARD MEDINE, born 30 June 1924, Genoa; married Norma Lea Smith, 1943; was killed in action 12 December 1944 in France.

----- **THIRD GENERATION** -----

8. **Charles³ Gustaf Drake** (Emma², Gustaf¹), born 2 July 1918, Genoa^[169] and died in September 2013, DeKalb.^[170] He married (1) **Jeanette Phyllis Kaiser** on 22 October 1942, DeKalb.^[171] She was the daughter of Floyd A. and Alice (nee Cunz) Kaiser, and was born 9 July 1924 in DeKalb and died 27 April 1943 in Kingston.^[172] He married (2) **Lucille Carolyn Johnson** 6 October 1945, Genoa.^[173] She was the daughter of Benjamin and Caroline Johnson, and born 20 January 1914 in Clare and died 14 February 2001 in DeKalb.^[174]

Charles was born on his father's farm north of Genoa, and attended a one-room school that was half a mile away. He later moved with his family to the farm at Pleasant Hill in Mayfield. He attended high school in Genoa. He was in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) with his brother Edwin. After high school, he worked on his father's farm.^[175]

Charles married Jeanette in the Methodist Church in DeKalb, and settled on the family farm in Mayfield.^[176] They attended the Methodist Church. Just six months after their marriage, Jeanette was killed in a car accident in Kingston.^[177] A few years later, he married Lucille

¹⁶⁹ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, birth certificate no. 1428 (1918), Chas. Gustave Drake; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

¹⁷⁰ Source: Lindsay Johnson, granddaughter of Charles G. Drake, Genoa, Illinois, to Eva Weil, email, 24 Oct 2014; personal correspondence, privately held by Eva Weil, Kingston, Illinois.

¹⁷¹ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, marriage license no. 3237 (19 Oct 1942), Charles G. Drake and Jeanette P. Kaiser; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

¹⁷² Source: "Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947," database, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 3 Mar 2016), entry for Jeanette Drake, 1943; citing FHL film number 1983451.

¹⁷³ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, marriage license no. 4019 (6 Oct 1945), Charles G. Drake and Lucille C. Johnson; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

¹⁷⁴ Source: "Lucille 'Loddie' C. Drake, of Kingston," *Genoa-Kingston-Kirkland News*, 21 February 2001.

¹⁷⁵ Source: Edwin Drake, son of Emma Medine Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, 24 Oct 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

¹⁷⁶ Source: "Society and Club Activities [...] The wedding of Miss Jeanette Kaiser [...]," *Sycamore True Republican*, 30 October 1942, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 10 Oct 2016), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

¹⁷⁷ Sources: "Tragic Death of Mayfield Bride," *Sycamore True Republican*, 30 April 1943, image copy, Joiner History Room (<http://obits.mirusresearch.com/search/> : accessed 1 Aug 2016), n.p.; Joiner History Room Obituary Database. "Wife of 18 is Killed in Genoa Crash," *Belvidere Daily Republican*, 28 April 1943, image copy

(“Loddie”) Johnson.^[178] They lived in DeKalb, and Charles worked on his father’s farms. Sometime after the Pleasant Hill School was consolidated with Genoa schools in 1942,^[179] Charles acquired the school building and property. He remodeled the building, taking it down to the frame, and expanded it into his house. He and Loddie lived there the rest of their lives. Pleasant Hill Cemetery, no longer active, was also located on his property. Charles G.,^[180] Jeanette,^[181] and Loddie^[182] are buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore.

Charles³ and Lucille had two children, one who is still living, and one who has passed:

17. i. LINDA⁴ LOU DRAKE, born 8 July 1946, DeKalb; died in a car accident on 12 July 1964, near Delavan, Walworth County, Wisconsin.^[183] She graduated from Genoa-Kingston High School in 1964, and aspired to be a nurse.^[184] Buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore.^[185]

9. **Edwin³ William Drake** (Emma², Gustaf¹), born 2 May 1920, Genoa;^[186] died 13 August 2010, Genoa.^[187] He married **Mildred Agnes Kaiser** 29 June 1946, DeKalb.^[188] She was the daughter of

(www.newspapers.com : accessed 10 Mar 2017), page 2; Newspapers.com World Collection. “One Dead in Auto Crash,” *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 28 April 1943, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 10 Nov 2016), pages 1 and 7; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹⁷⁸ Source: DeKalb Co., Ill., marriage license no. 4019 (6 Oct 1945), Charles G. Drake and Lucille C. Johnson.

¹⁷⁹ Source: DeKalb County Historical-Genealogical Society, *Rural Schools Journeys: A Legacy of Learning, Histories of the One-room Schools in Dekalb County, Illinois* (Evansville, Ind.: M.T. Publishing Co., 2006), p. 117.

¹⁸⁰ Source: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Charles G. Drake marker; personally read, 24 Oct 2015. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Charles Drake, section K, lot 13.

¹⁸¹ Source: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Jeanette Drake marker; personally read, 24 Oct 1998. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Jeanette K. Drake, section K, lot 13.

¹⁸² Source: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Lucille “Loddie” Drake marker; personally read, 21 Oct 2002. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Lucille Drake, section K, lot 13.

¹⁸³ Source: “Kingston Girl Grad is Killed,” *Sycamore True Republican*, 15 July 1964, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 13 Feb 2013), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

¹⁸⁴ Source: “Accident Victim Hoped to Become Nurse in Future,” *Sycamore True Republican*, 15 July 1964, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 13 Feb 2013), page 3; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

¹⁸⁵ Source: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Linda Drake marker; personally read, 24 Oct 1998. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Linda Drake, section K, lot 13.

¹⁸⁶ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, birth certificate no. 2479 (1920), Edwin Drake; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Sycamore.

¹⁸⁷ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, medical certificate of death, state file number 2010 0058729 (2010), Edwin William Drake; DeKalb County Health Department, DeKalb.

¹⁸⁸ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, marriage license no. 4316 (26 June 1946), Edwin W. Drake and Mildred A. Kaiser; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Sycamore.

Glenn M. and Mildred I. (nee Lawrence) Kaiser, and was born 25 October 1923, and died 21 July 2015.^[189]

Edwin (“Ed” or “Teen”) grew up on the farm, living first on a farm north of Genoa, then at Pleasant Hill in Mayfield. He attended grade school at a one-room schoolhouse north of Genoa, and attended high school in Genoa.^[190] He was in the FFA and played basketball in high school,^[191] graduating in May of 1940.

Ed and Mildred (“Millie”) met through mutual friends and family. Ed’s brother Charles was married to Millie’s first cousin and friend, Jeanette Kaiser. They “went steady” for a prolonged time because Millie was serving as a Navy WAVE during World War II.^[192] Ed was drafted at the beginning of the draft, but was exempt from service because he was a farmer.^[193] Once she was discharged and returned home in February of 1946, they decided to get married. Ed and Millie were married at the Methodist Church in DeKalb on June 29, 1946.^[194] They first settled on the family farm at Pleasant Hill, but moved to DeKalb to run a tavern in December 1947.^[195] Ed ran “Teen’s Tap” for several years,^[196] and sold it about 1952. At that time, Ed moved his family to Genoa, and built a house on the west side of town for his family in 1953.

Ed did a lot of the carpentry and handiwork for his house in Genoa.^[197] He and Millie lived there for the rest of their lives. Ed was a city alderman from 1979-1987 for the city of Genoa. He and Millie were active members of the Ney Grange, Kishwaukee Valley Heritage Society, and the Faith United Methodist Church of Genoa.^[198] Ed was a foreman at Argos Products in Genoa for over 30 years, while Millie worked at Leich Electric (later Automatic Electric, and GTE Communication Systems) in Genoa until 1989. After retirement, Ed caned chairs and learned how to weave baskets, and in 1986, established a small home-based business

¹⁸⁹ *Source*: DeKalb County, Illinois, medical certificate of death, state file number 2015 0058071 (2015), Mildred A. Drake; DeKalb County Health Department, DeKalb.

¹⁹⁰ *Source*: Edwin Drake, son of Emma Medine Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, 24 Oct 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

¹⁹¹ *Source*: “Waterman and Genoa clash in Tourney,” *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 4 March 1939, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 11 Oct 2016), page 6; Newspapers.com World Collection.

¹⁹² *Source*: Mildred Drake, wife of Edwin Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, Feb 2015; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

¹⁹³ *Source*: Ibid.

¹⁹⁴ *Source*: DeKalb Co., Ill., marriage license no. 4316 (26 June 1946), Edwin W. Drake and Mildred A. Kaiser.

¹⁹⁵ *Source*: “Notice,” *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 13 December 1947, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 11 April 2017), page 6; Newspapers.com World Collection. (Notice of Walt Engh that he sold his business to Edwin Drake.)

¹⁹⁶ *Source*: R.L. Polk, compiler. *De Kalb City Directory, 1950*. (St. Louis, Mo.: R.L. Polk & Co., 1950), p. 312.

¹⁹⁷ *Source*: Edwin Drake, son of Emma Medine Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, 24 April 2001; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

¹⁹⁸ *Source*: Edwin Drake, son of Emma Medine Drake (Genoa, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, 24 April 2001; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

with his two daughters, named Drake Baskets.^[199] Both Ed and Millie passed away at their home; Ed in 2010 and Millie in 2015. They are both buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore.^[200]

Edwin³ and Mildred had two children, one who is still living, and one who has passed:

18. i. PATRICIA⁴ ANN DRAKE, born 1 August 1947, Sycamore;^[201] married George Frank Astling, 3 September 1967 in Genoa;^[202] died 31 December 1998, Kingston.^[203]
Buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore.^[204]

10. **Leona³ Gertrude Bowen** (Augusta², Gustaf¹), born 16 September 1913 in Mayfield^[205] and died 4 February 1975 in Sycamore.^[206] She married **Melvin Ernest Voltz** on 25 November 1933 in Elgin, Kane County, Illinois.^[207] He was born 27 October 1909 in Illinois and died on 29 October 1983 in Wisconsin.^[208]

Leona (“Tuck”) and Melvin (“Shorty”) were married by the Reverend from St. Paul’s Evangelical Church in Plato Center and settled on a farm in that village.^[209] In 1935, shortly after their marriage, they lived at the Pleasant Hill farm in Mayfield.^[210] The next year, they moved to

¹⁹⁹ Source: Emily (Drake) Weil, granddaughter of Emma Medine Drake (Kingston, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, May 2001; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

²⁰⁰ Source: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Edwin and Mildred Drake marker; personally read, 20 April 2017. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Mildred and Edwin Drake, block R, lot 10E½.

²⁰¹ Source: Patricia (Drake) Astling, daughter of Edwin Drake (Kingston, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, October 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

²⁰² Source: Ibid.

²⁰³ Source: Funeral card for Patricia Ann Astling, citing services in Sycamore, Illinois, 4 January 1999; Drake Family papers, privately held by Emily (Drake) Weil, Kingston, Ill.; acquired at funeral service for Patricia Astling.

²⁰⁴ Source: Elmwood Cemetery (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), Patricia Astling marker; personally read, 20 April 2017. Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Patricia Astling, block R, lot 4E.

²⁰⁵ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, birth certificate no. 5P380 (1913), Leona Gertrude Bowen; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Sycamore.

²⁰⁶ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 26905 (1975), Leona G. Voltz; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Sycamore.

²⁰⁷ Source: Kane County, Illinois, marriage license (1945), Melvin Ernest Voltz and Leona Gertrude Bowen; Kane County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Geneva.

²⁰⁸ Source: Social Security Administration, “U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014,” database, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed 1 Oct 2016), entry for Melvin Voltz, 1983, SS no. 327-12-7573.

²⁰⁹ Sources: Kane Co., Ill., marriage license (1945), Melvin Ernest Voltz and Leona Gertrude Bowen. “Miss Leona Bowen [...],” *Sycamore True Republican*, 6 December 1933, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 13 Feb 2013), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²¹⁰ Source: “Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Voltz [...],” *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 21 March 1935, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 28 April 2017), page 2; Newspapers.com World Collection.

a farm “near the Wisconsin line.”^[211] They also owned a summer home near White Water, Wisconsin, where they would occasionally host social gatherings.^[212] They later lived in Genoa and Sycamore. Besides being a farmer, Melvin was also a local hired man, who would do odd construction jobs for other people.^[213] She and Melvin are buried in North Plato Cemetery in Hampshire, Kane County, Illinois.^[214]

Leona³ and Melvin Voltz had three children, who are still living.

11. **Donald³ Medene Bowen** (Augusta², Gustaf¹), born 18 November 1916, Sycamore,^[215] died 9 December 1989 DeKalb County, Illinois.^[216] He married (1) **Edna Eddy**, 15 June 1946^[217] and (2) **Teresa Mary deRin**, 2 September 1949 in Geneva, Kane County, Illinois.^[218] Teresa was born 17 January 1921 in DeKalb, the daughter of Anthony and Sylvia deRin, and died 26 May 1988.^[219]

Donald attended Sycamore high school and prior to joining the military, worked as a hired man on the farm.^[220] On 28 February 1942,^[221] Donald joined the army, ultimately serving three years during World War II. He was part of the world-famous 82nd Airborne Division,^[222]

²¹¹ Source: “The Melvin Voltz family [...],” *Sycamore True Republican*, 7 March 1936, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 13 Feb 2017), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²¹² Source: “Mayfield [...] Members of the Five Points Social Club [...],” *Sycamore True Republican*, 24 July 1963, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 28 April 2017), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²¹³ Source: Emily (Drake) Weil, granddaughter of Emma Medine Drake (Kingston, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, May 2001; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

²¹⁴ Source: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 26905 (1975), Leona G. Voltz.

²¹⁵ Source: “DeKalb County, Illinois Births, 1831-1937,” database, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 16 Mar 2016), entry for Donald M. Bowen, 1916; citing DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder, comp. DeKalb County, Illinois Birth Index, 1831–1937.

²¹⁶ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, death certificate no. 38041 (1989), Donald M. Bowen; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Sycamore.

²¹⁷ Source: “Societies and Clubs [...] With palms and pink and white peonies [...],” *Sycamore True Republican*, 18 June 1946, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 13 Feb 2017), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections. (article about Bowen - Eddy wedding)

²¹⁸ Source: “Last Friday evening a post nuptial shower was given for Theresa DeRin [...],” *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 26 Sept 1949, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 28 April 2017), page 2; Newspapers.com World Collection.

²¹⁹ Source: Social Security Administration, “U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014,” database, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed 19 Oct 2016), entry for Teresa Mary Darin, 1988, SS no. 357-01-9281.

²²⁰ Source: 1940 United States Federal Census, Kane County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Burlington, p. 61A, family 17, Donald Bowen, image, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Oct 2016); citing NARA microfilm T627_820.

²²¹ Source: “U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946,” database, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 19 Mar 2017), entry for Donald M. Bowen, 28 Feb 1942; citing World War II Army Enlistment Records; Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 64; National Archives at College Park.

²²² Source: “Societies and Clubs [...] With palms and pink and white peonies [...].”

which participated in the New York World War II victory parade.^[223] He was first a paratrooper and served in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, later becoming a glider and serving in France. He rode a glider into Normandy on D-Day.^[224] He was described as a “glider hero” in September of 1944 for almost single-handedly keeping a glider aloft after the rudder cable control was shot away by enemy flak, which allowed the glider to safely land in Holland.^[225] He was awarded a silver star for gallantry in action.^[226] He was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge and received multiple honors and awards for his service, including a Purple Heart.^[227]

At the time of his marriage to Edna in 1946, he was working at the Nehring Electrical Works in DeKalb. They lived on N. Locust Street in Sycamore.^[228] He had also worked at the Anaconda Wire & Cable Company in DeKalb.^[229] He and Edna had divorced or dissolved their marriage by 1949, when he married Teresa deRin. Teresa and Donald lived in DeKalb. They were members of the St. Mary’s Catholic Church of DeKalb.^[230] Teresa worked in the food service department at St. Mary’s School for 7 years, and at the DeKalb School District for 21 years. At the time of his death, Donald was working as a milk delivery man.^[231] He passed away at the age of 73 at Kishwaukee Community Hospital of heart trouble.^[232] He and his wife Teresa are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Sycamore.^[233]

Donald³ and Teresa had three children, who are still living.

²²³ Source: Martha Gellhorn, “82nd Airborne, Master of the Hot Spots,” *The Saturday Evening Post* (23 February 1946): p. 22-47.

²²⁴ Source: “Hurt in Bulge Battle Lines,” *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 13 Oct 1945, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 28 April 2017), page 5; Newspapers.com World Collection.

²²⁵ Source: “Pvt. Donald Bowen Cited in Holland as Glider Hero,” *Sycamore True Republican*, 29 September 1944, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 13 Feb 2017), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²²⁶ Source: “Donald Bowen has been cited for Silver Star,” *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 2 Oct 1944, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 28 April 2017), page 2; Newspapers.com World Collection.

²²⁷ Source: “Hurt in Bulge Battle Lines.” “Outstanding Record - Donald Bowen,” *Sycamore True Republican*, 12 Oct 1945, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 20 Apr 2017), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²²⁸ Source: “Societies and Clubs [...] With palms and pink and white peonies [...]”

²²⁹ Source: “Hurt in Bulge Battle Lines.”

²³⁰ Sources: Ibid. “Teresa M. Bowen,” *n.p.*, n.d., image copy, Joiner History Room (<http://obits.mirusresearch.com/search/> : accessed 1 Apr 2017), n.p.; Joiner History Room Obituary Database.

²³¹ Source: DeKalb Co., Ill., death certificate no. 38041 (1989), Donald M. Bowen.

²³² Source: Ibid.

²³³ Sources: Ibid. “Teresa M. Bowen.”

12. **Helen³ Marie Bowen** (Augusta², Gustaf¹), born 11 July 1920, Mayfield;^[234] died 27 July 1949, Elgin, Kane County, Illinois.^[235] She married **Charles Joseph Leonard** on 25 April 1940 in Dubuque, Iowa.^[236] He was born 25 April 1912 in Illinois to James and Mary Leonard, and died 26 December 1993 in Van Nuys, California.^[237]

Helen was born on the “old Bowen Farm west of Sycamore.”^[238] Helen attended rural Mayfield schools, and graduated from Burlington High School.^[239] In about 1934, Helen moved to Elgin with her family.^[240] She and her husband lived in Elgin after their marriage.^[241] She unexpectedly passed away in Elgin at the St. Joseph’s Hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage.^[242] She is buried in Elmwood Cemetery.^[243] After her death, Charles remarried.

Helen³ and Charles had seven children, six of whom are still living, and one who has passed:

19. v. CATHERINE⁴ JOY LEONARD, born 27 July 1945 in Elgin, Kane County, Illinois; died on 14 December 1999 in Las Vegas, Nevada.^[244]

²³⁴ *Source*: DeKalb County, Illinois, birth certificate no. 2574 (1920), Helen Bowen; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Sycamore.

²³⁵ *Source*: Kane County, Illinois, death certificate no. 368 (1949), Helen M. Leonard; Kane County Clerk and Recorder’s office, Geneva.

²³⁶ *Source*: Scott E. Bowen, son of Augusta Medine Bowen (Joliet, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, Sep 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

²³⁷ *Source*: Social Security Administration, “U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014,” database, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed 1 Oct 2016), entry for Charles J. Leonard, 1993, SS no. 330-01-9576.

²³⁸ *Source*: “Rites Tomorrow for Mrs. Joseph Leonard,” *Sycamore True Republican*, 29 July 1949, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 13 March 2016), page 8; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²³⁹ *Source*: Ibid.

²⁴⁰ *Source*: “Mrs. Helen M. Leonard,” obituary, *Elgin Daily Courier News (Illinois)*, 28 Jul 1949, p. 2, col. 2.

²⁴¹ *Source*: “Rites Tomorrow for Mrs. Joseph Leonard.”

²⁴² *Source*: “Young Mother Dies in Elgin of Hemorrhage,” *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 28 July 1949, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 11 March 2016), page 6; Newspapers.com World Collection.

²⁴³ *Source*: Elmwood Cemetery office (Sycamore, DeKalb County, Illinois), undated plat book, citing Helen Leonard, section K, lot 36.

²⁴⁴ *Source*: “Nevada, Death Index, 1980-2012,” database, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 1 May 2017), entry for Kathy Joy MacKe, 1999; citing Nevada State Health Division, Office of Vital Statistics, State Death Index.

13. **Scott³ Edward Bowen** (Augusta², Gustaf¹), born 15 November 1924, Sycamore;^[245] married **Elsie Marguerite Anderson**, 25 January 1947, Sycamore;^[246] died 28 July 2009, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.^[247] Elsie was born in 1925 and is still living.

Scott and Elsie were married at the Salem Lutheran Church in Sycamore.^[248] They had both been graduates of Sycamore High School, graduating in 1942, and worked in the office at Ideal Industries, Inc.^[249] He was a longtime member of Faith Lutheran Church in Joliet, and served in World War II in the 1074th Army Air Force.^[250] He joined the Army in February 1943, was stationed at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio,^[251] and did clerical work for the Army Air Corp. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1944.^[252] In 1956, Scott and his family moved to Joliet when he got a job at the new Brodie Company plant there.^[253] As a hobby, he wove rag rugs on a loom and did some woodworking.^[254] He is buried at the Abraham Lincoln National Memorial Cemetery in Elwood, Will County, Illinois.^[255]

Scott³ and Elsie had four children, three of whom are still living, and one who has passed:

20. i. **RANDALL⁴ SCOTT BOWEN**, born 28 December 1948, Sycamore; died 25 May 2016, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.^[256]

²⁴⁵ Source: DeKalb County, Illinois, birth certificate no. 5328 (1924), Scott Edward Bowen; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

²⁴⁶ Sources: DeKalb County, Illinois, marriage license no. 4582 (21 Jan. 1947), Scott E. Bowen and Elsie Margarite Anderson; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore. Salem Lutheran Church (Sycamore, Illinois), Ministerial Records Book #4, 1907-1952, "Records of Marriages," p. 338; RHC/RC/321 Series 1, Northern Illinois University Regional History Center, DeKalb, Illinois.

²⁴⁷ Source: "Scott E. Bowen Obituary," The Herald-News Obituaries, *Legacy.com*, (<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theherald-news/> : accessed 21 April 2017), transcription, search term: "Scott Bowen"; citing the obituary in *The Herald-News*, 30 July 2009.

²⁴⁸ Source: "Societies and Clubs [...] The beautiful candlelight service at the Salem Lutheran Church [...]" *Sycamore True Republican*, 28 January 1947, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 15 Mar 2017), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections. (newspaper article describing their wedding ceremony)

²⁴⁹ Source: Ibid.

²⁵⁰ Source: "Scott E. Bowen Obituary."

²⁵¹ Source: "Scott Bowen Released from Fort Wright," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 15 Feb 1946, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 11 March 2016), page 2; Newspapers.com World Collection.

²⁵² Source: "Sgt. Scott Bowen Home for a Few Days with Parents," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 10 Feb 1944, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 11 March 2017), page 2; Newspapers.com World Collection.

²⁵³ Source: "Locals and Personals [...] Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bowen [...]" *Sycamore True Republican*, 9 Nov 1956, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 15 Mar 2017), page 3; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²⁵⁴ Source: Scott E. Bowen, son of Augusta Medine Bowen (Joliet, Illinois), interview by Eva Weil, Sep 1998; notes of the interview privately held by interviewer, Kingston, Illinois, 2017.

²⁵⁵ Source: "Scott E. Bowen Obituary."

²⁵⁶ Source: "Randall Bowen (1948-2016) Obituary," The Herald-News Obituaries, *Legacy.com*, (<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theherald-news/> : accessed 21 April 2017), transcription, search term: "Randall Bowen"; citing the obituary in *The Herald-News*, 2 June 2016.

16. **James³ Leonard Medine** (Frederick², Gustaf¹), born 30 June 1924, Genoa;^[257] died 12 December 1944 in Sélestat, Alsace, France.^[258] He married **Norma Lea Smith** on 26 June 1942 in Kahoka, Clark County, Missouri.^[259] Norma was born in 1924 and is still living.

James's parents separated about the same time that he was born. His mother Kleona remarried to Charles Parks when James was about a year and a half old, and the family moved to Sycamore.^[260] Charles was a barber in Sycamore, and Kleona was very involved in the community there.^[261] Charles and Kleona had one daughter, Gail Wanita Parks.^[262] As a teen, James worked at Leich Electric in Genoa, and lived with his Leonard grandparents during that time.^[263]

James is remembered a fun-loving and lighthearted man.^[264] James met his wife, Norma, while visiting Genoa with his Sycamore friends.^[265] They were married at Kahoka, Missouri, just a few days short of James's 18th birthday.^[266] At the time, James worked at Leich Electric, and Norma worked at the John Oster Manufacturing Company in Genoa.^[267] They lived in Genoa.

²⁵⁷ *Source*: DeKalb County, Illinois, birth certificate no. 5021 (1924), James Leonard Medine; DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder's office, Sycamore.

²⁵⁸ *Source*: "James Medine Is Killed in French Action," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 29 Dec 1944, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 11 March 2017), page 1; Newspapers.com World Collection.

²⁵⁹ *Sources*: "Society and Club Activities," *Sycamore True Republican*, 30 June 1942, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 2 Aug 2018), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections. "James Medine Gives Life in Army Service," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 30 Dec 1944, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 11 March 2017), page 9; Newspapers.com World Collection.

²⁶⁰ *Sources*: Connie Apostoli, daughter of James L. Medine, Colorado Springs, CO, to Eva Johnson, email, 24 Jul 2018; personal correspondence, privately held by Eva Johnson, Kingston, Illinois. 1930 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Sycamore, p. 1A, dwelling 3, family 4, William B., Ursula M., and Josephine E. Leonard, Charles F., Lillian K., James L., and Gail J. Parks, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 21 Oct 2016); citing FHL microfilm: 2340245. 1940 United States Federal Census, DeKalb County, Illinois, Population Schedule, Sycamore, p. 62B, dwelling 238, Charles, Cleona, Gail Parks, and James Medine Parks, image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 20 Oct 2016); citing NARA microfilm T627_793.

²⁶¹ *Source*: Connie Apostoli, daughter of James L. Medine, Colorado Springs, CO, to Eva Johnson, email, 24 Jul 2018; personal correspondence, privately held by Eva Johnson, Kingston, Illinois.

²⁶² *Source*: Connie Apostoli, daughter of James L. Medine, Colorado Springs, CO, to Eva Johnson, email, 24 Jul 2018; personal correspondence, privately held by Eva Johnson, Kingston, Illinois.

²⁶³ *Source*: "James Medine Gives Life in Army Service," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 30 Dec 1944, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 11 March 2017), page 9; Newspapers.com World Collection.

²⁶⁴ *Source*: Connie Apostoli, daughter of James L. Medine, Colorado Springs, CO, to Eva Johnson, email, 24 Jul 2018; personal correspondence, privately held by Eva Johnson, Kingston, Illinois.

²⁶⁵ *Source*: Ibid.

²⁶⁶ *Sources*: Connie Apostoli, daughter of James L. Medine, Colorado Springs, CO, to Eva Johnson, email, 24 Jul 2018; personal correspondence, privately held by Eva Johnson, Kingston, Illinois. "Society and Club Activities," *Sycamore True Republican*, 30 June 1942, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 2 Aug 2018), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²⁶⁷ *Source*: "Society and Club Activities," *Sycamore True Republican*, 30 June 1942, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 2 Aug 2018), page 2; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

Their daughter was born just a few months before James joined the Army.^[268] He was a member of Fidelity Life Association, and attended the Genoa Methodist Church.^[269]

He joined the military on 2 June 1944 and served as a private in the Army, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division.^[270] He received his training at Fort Meade, Maryland.^[271] He was sent overseas in November of 1944, arriving in France on Thanksgiving Day. He was able to call home at least once, just a few days before he died, but unfortunately his wife Norma missed his call.^[272] He was killed in action in Sélestat, Alsace, France on December 12, 1944.^[273] He had been severely wounded by artillery fragments. He was only 20 years old. He was the first soldier from Genoa to be killed in WWII.^[274] His body was brought back home in 1949 by Norma and his family^[275] and he is buried in Genoa Township Cemetery.^[276] He was awarded the Purple Heart medal.

His widow, Norma, remarried Donald Irvin Thurlby of Genoa on 14 June 1946.^[277] Donald was also an Army veteran of WWII, serving in the Pacific Theater.^[278] They lived in Genoa for many years.

James³ and Norma had one child, who is still living.

²⁶⁸ Source: Connie Apostoli, daughter of James L. Medine, Colorado Springs, CO, to Eva Johnson, email, 24 Jul 2018; personal correspondence, privately held by Eva Johnson, Kingston, Illinois.

²⁶⁹ Source: "James Medine makes supreme war sacrifice," *Sycamore True Republican*, 5 January 1945, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 15 Feb 2017), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²⁷⁰ Source: "U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010," database, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 19 Mar 2017), entry for James Medine, SSN 339142260; citing *Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) Death File*; U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Washington, D.C. "U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963," database, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 19 Mar 2017), entry for James L. Medine, died 12 Dec 1944; citing *Applications for Headstones for U.S. Military Veterans, 1925-1941*; Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, Record Group 92; National Archives at Washington, D.C.

²⁷¹ Source: "James Medine makes supreme war sacrifice," *Sycamore True Republican*, 5 January 1945, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 15 Feb 2017), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²⁷² Source: Connie Apostoli, daughter of James L. Medine, Colorado Springs, CO, to Eva Johnson, email, 24 Jul 2018; personal correspondence, privately held by Eva Johnson, Kingston, Illinois.

²⁷³ Source: Ibid.

²⁷⁴ Source: "James Medine Gives Life in Army Service," *The DeKalb Daily Chronicle*, 30 Dec 1944, image copy (www.newspapers.com : accessed 11 March 2017), page 9; Newspapers.com World Collection.

²⁷⁵ Source: "Body of Pvt. Medine returned to U.S." *Sycamore True Republican*, 8 July 1949, image copy (<http://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> : accessed 15 Feb 2017), page 1; Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections.

²⁷⁶ Source: "U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963," entry for James L. Medine, died 12 Dec 1944.

²⁷⁷ Source: "DeKalb County, Illinois Marriages, 1864-1962," database, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com/ : accessed 19 Mar 2017), entry for Norma L. Medine and Donald I. Thurlby, 1946; citing DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder, comp. DeKalb County, Illinois Marriage Index, 1864-1962.

²⁷⁸ Source: Connie Apostoli, daughter of James L. Medine, Colorado Springs, CO, to Eva Johnson, email, 24 Jul 2018; personal correspondence, privately held by Eva Johnson, Kingston, Illinois.

----- **CONCLUSION** -----

Gustaf and his descendants are an example of a typical American family at the turn of the twentieth century. Gustaf and Lena were two of the millions of Scandinavians and Germans who emigrated to the United States in the late nineteenth century. They came with the hope of finding prosperity and a better life for their children. Gustaf found financial success within a few years, and eventually purchasing a large, fertile estate, as well as a retirement house in town. This farm stayed in his family for three generations, finally getting sold after the Second World War, when many members of the family left farming to work in local factories. Two of Gustaf's sons-in-law were veterans of World War I, and two of his grandsons fought in World War II. The younger generation struggled during the Great Depression, and one of them went bankrupt and lost his own farm. This generation had to rely on the stability of their parents, moving back to the old family homestead and relying on their families. Gustaf's grandchildren once again found stability and prosperity in middle-class rural Illinois. Almost all of the members of the family have remained in Northern Illinois until the present day. All in all, their lives were centered around their families and local community, but were deeply impacted by national and international events.

APPENDIX - FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH



IMAGE 1: The Medine family, about 1911, at Pleasant Hill Farm. Back row left to right: Fred², Julia², Augusta², Emma², Charles Drake. Front row left to right: Lena¹, Gustaf¹, William² and J. Scott Bowen. *Image Source:* Medine family photograph, original; Drake Family papers, privately held by Emily (Drake) Weil, Kingston, Ill.