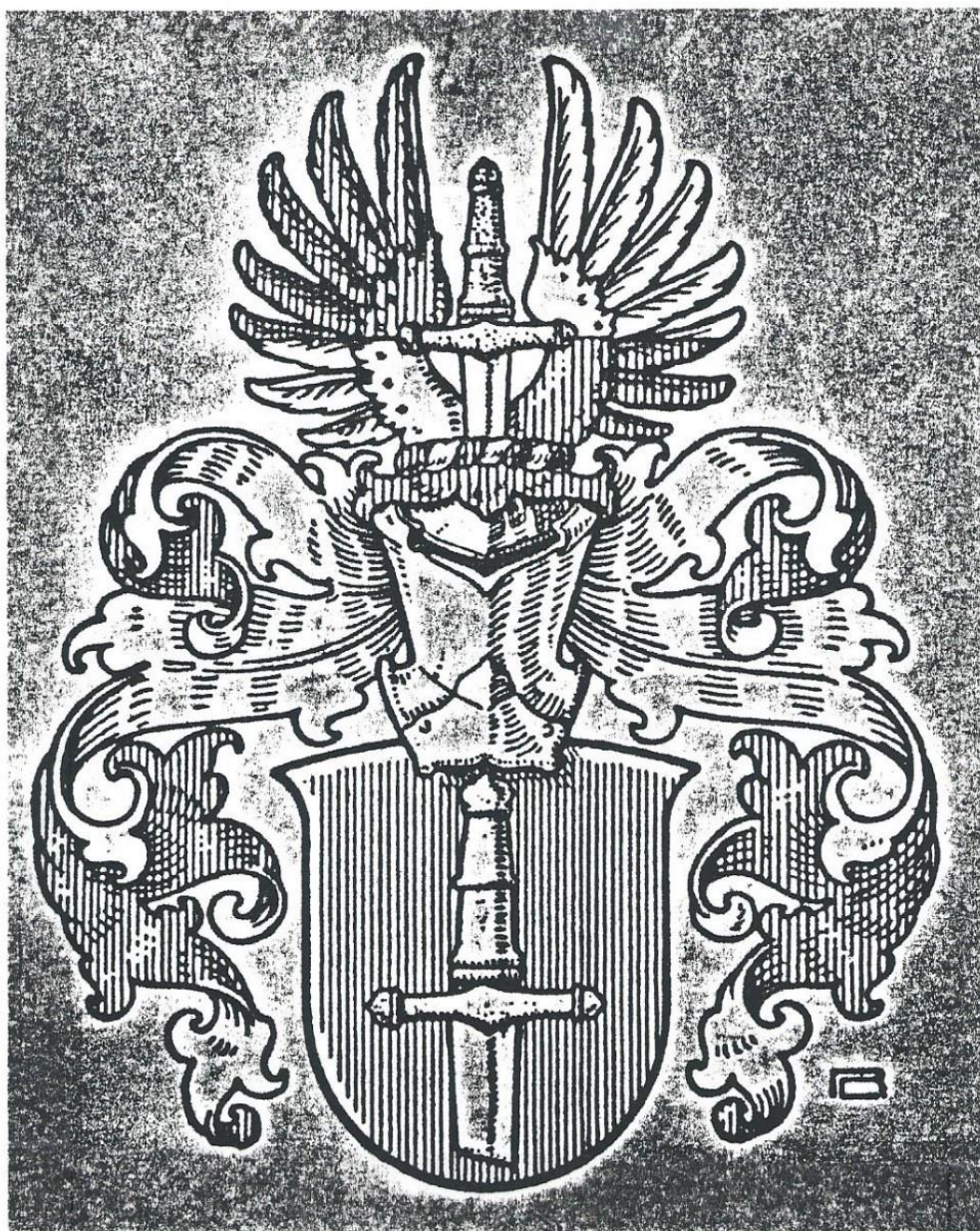


**The Ancestors of Alvah Ray Knauff  
and His Wife Grace Maud Maxham**

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Knauff Family Coat-of-Arms

## Chapter I

### Introduction

Alvah Ray Knauff was born December 6, 1889 in Greenville, Pennsylvania and he spent most of his life around northwestern Pennsylvania. His parents were Frederick Herman Knauff and America Catherine Harman. Frederick Herman Knauff was the son of Adam and Elizabeth Ifft Knauff, who were brought on the same ship from Germany, as children, by their respective parents. America Catherine Knauff died shortly after the birth of her son Alvah Ray Knauff. Two obituaries of Alvah Ray Knauff are shown in Figures I-1 and I-2.

Grace Maud Maxham was born June 19, 1885 in Conneautville, Pennsylvania as the daughter of George C. Maxham and Lydia Mae Cornell. Little is known about the Maxham family except that they lived in New York State before moving to Pennsylvania, and that they came from an old New England family. The Cornell family finds its roots among the earliest English settlers in New England, in the 1630's. An obituary for Grace Maud Maxham is shown in Figure I-3.

When Alvah Ray Knauff and Grace Maud Maxham were first married, they lived in Cranesville, Pennsylvania (Figure III-2). Over the years, they lived in a number of different locations around northwestern Pennsylvania, except for a brief stay in Colorado. The couple and their family ultimately settled in Erie, Pennsylvania at 548 West 5th Street, as described in an article related to their 35th wedding anniversary in Figure I-4 in 1949. Alvah Ray Knauff worked for 27 years as a crane operator at Erie Forge Company, and he died September 30, 1951 while living at 548 West 5th Street in Erie. Grace Maud Maxham Knauff later moved to 929 Filmore Avenue in Erie, where she died on September 13, 1965. Both are buried in Section 11 of Laurel Hill Cemetery in Erie.

Based on all of the information in these obituaries, we find the names of 12 children in this family. The daughters are given as: Eunice Gehrlein, Arlene Mackey, Grace Enders, Gloria Standley and Patricia Ferguson. The sons are given as: Alton R., Vernon C., Herbert F., Donald C., Arden L., Darrell L., and Ronald D. Knauff. All of these children are surviving at the time of this writing, except for Eunice Mae Knauff Gehrlein, Vernon Clair Knauff and Alton R. Knauff. Copies of their announcements of death are shown respectively in Figures I-5, I-6 and I-7.

Chapter II will develop the background of Alvah Ray Knauff in detail. Since Grace Maud Maxham Knauff's ancestors can be traced back much longer in America through various documents, her ancestry will be developed in detail in Chapters III, IV and V.

Copies of documentation are provided whenever it is possible to do so. Information was gathered at Pennsylvania State University Library, University of Delaware Library, Library of Congress (Washington DC), National Archives (Washington DC and Philadelphia PA), Erie Public Library, and from numerous personal sources.

## Obituary of Alvah Ray Knauff

**ALVAH RAY KNAUFF,**  
 548 W. 5th St.

Alvah Ray Knauff, sixty-one, for 27 years a crane operator at the Erie Forge Co., died Sunday in his home at 548 W. 5th st.

Born in Greenville, he had lived in this area all his life.

Survivors include his wife, Grace M. Knauff, and 12 children: Mrs. Vincent Gehrlein, Erie; Mrs. Arne Mackay, Conneaut, O.; Mrs. Jerry Enders, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Jack Wheaton, North East; Patricia Ann Knauff; and Alton R., Vernon C., Donald C., Arden L., Darrell L., Ronald D. and Pfc. Herbert F. Knauff.

Also a sister, Mrs. Frank Dunn, Grove City; three brothers, Harvey Knauff, Buffalo, Willard Knauff, Adrian, Mich., and Carl Knauff, Conneaut, O., and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the John C. Melzer funeral home at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday, with the Rev. P. H. Augustine of E. Springfield Federated Church and the Rev. Kenneth Cornell of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

## Obituary of Alvah Ray Knauff

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**KNAUFF**—Sunday, Sept. 30, 1951. Alvah Ray Knauff, age 41, beloved husband of Grace M. Maxham, residence 548 W. 5th St. Father of Mrs. Vincent Gehrlein; Patricia Ann, Alton R., Vernon C., Donald C., Arden L., Darrell L., Ronald D. Knauff, all of Erie and Mrs. Arne Mackey of Conneaut, Ohio; Mrs. Jerry Enders of Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. Jack Wheaton of North East, Pa. and P. F. C. Herbert F. Knauff of Ft. Jackson, S. C. Brother of Mrs. Frank Dunn of Grove City, Pa., Harvey L. of Buffalo, N. Y., Willard of Adrian, Mich. and Carl Knauff of Conneaut, Ohio. Friends may call at the John C. Melzer Funeral Home, 536 W. 10th St. and are invited to services ~~Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock~~. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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## Obituary of Grace Maud Maxham Knauff

KNAUFF
Monday, September 13, 1965, Grace M. Knauff, residence 929 Filmore Ave. Mother of Mrs. Vincent (Unice) Gehrlein, Erie, Mrs. Arnie (Arlene) Mackey, Conneaut, Ohio, Mrs. Jerry (Grace) Enders, Buffalo, Mrs. George (Gloria) Standley, Erie, Mrs. Walter (Patricia) Ferguson, Fort Ord, California, Alton R., Ridgeley, Pa., Vernon C., Erie, Herbert F., Erie, Donald C., Lake City, Arden L., Erie, Darrell L., Santa Anna, California, and Ronald D. Knauff, Erie. Sister of Mrs. Oliver (Winifred) Mansfield, Lake City, Pa. Also survived by 29 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Friends will be received at the John C. Matzer Funeral Home, 534 W. 10th St., Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m., and are invited to attend funeral services Thursday at 2 p.m. Interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Thirty-fifth Anniversary Announcement

**THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY**



Celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah R. Knauff held open house Nov. 8 at their home, 548 West 5th street, Erie, Pa. Parents of 12 living children, Mrs. Vincent Gehrlein, Erie, Mrs. Jerry Enders, Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. Arne Mackey, Conneaut, Ohio, Alton, Vernon, Donald, Arden, Darrell, Ronald, Herbert, Gloria, and Patricia Knauff, all of Erie. They also have 12 grandchildren. Mrs. Knauff is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Cornell, who once owned a home on Fischer road. Mr. Knauff is the son of the late Fred Knauff of East Springfield.

Obituary of Eunice Mae Knauff Gehrlein

**Eunice Knauff Gehrlein**

Eunice Mae Gehrlein, 70, 2030 W. 51st, died Wednesday at Saint Vincent Health Center.

She was born in Erie Oct. 9, 1915, a daughter of the late Alvah and Grace M. Maxham Knauff.

Mrs. Gehrlein had worked at Marx Toys for 22 years.

Survivors include her widower, Vincent F. Gehrlein; a daughter, Linda Kepner of Erie; three sons, Gordon Gehrlein of Fairview, Robert Gehrlein of Dover, Pa., and Dr. William Gehrlein of North East, Md.; seven brothers, Alton and Ronald Knauff, both of Erie, Vernon Knauff

of Winchester, Ore., Herbert Knauff of Fairview, Donald Knauff of Lake City, Aren Knauff of North East, and Darell Knauff of Warm Springs, Ga.; and four sisters, Arlene Mackey of Conneaut, Ohio, Grace Enders of Glendale, Ariz., Gloria Standley of Harborcreek, and Patricia Ferguson of Aurora, Colo..

Friends may call at the Brugger Home for Funerals, 38th and Greengarden, today and Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., and may attend a service there Saturday at 1 p.m.

Burial will be at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

In Loving Memory of  
**Eunice Mae Gehrlein**  
who departed this life  
*April 30th, 1986*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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Brugger Funeral Service



Death Announcement of Vernon C. Knauff

A FATHER'S FAREWELL TO HIS CHILDREN

When I must leave you  
for a little while,  
Please do not grieve  
and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow  
to you through the years.  
But start out bravely  
with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake  
and in my name  
Live on and do  
all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness  
on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour  
in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand  
in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
and hold you near;  
And never, never  
be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting  
for you in the sky!

IN MEMORY OF

VERNON CLAIR KNAUFF, SR.

Born

November 8, 1919  
Erie, Pennsylvania

Died

December 23, 1986  
Roseburg, Oregon

Funeral Service At  
Buell Chapel 2:00 PM  
Monday, December 29, 1986

Pastor Ed McIndoo  
St. Paul Center  
Officiating

Music By  
Merrill Womach

Pall Bearers

Vernon Knauff          Dennis Amato  
Jesse Brakefield      Dale Senseney

Interment

Rest Haven Memorial Park  
Eugene, Oregon

Gary A. Buell  
Michael T. Russell  
David L. Jenison  
Funeral Directors

Buell†Chapel

320 North Sixth  
Springfield, Oregon 97477  
Phone: 747-1266

## Obituary of Alton R. Knauff

**Alton R. Knauff**

Worked in church food pantry for 10 years

Alton R. Knauff, 75, of 1990 Zimmerly Road, died Saturday, March 6, 1993, in the Emergency Room at Saint Vincent Health Center.

He was born in Erie, Dec. 7, 1917, a son of the late Alvah and Grace Maxium Knauff. Mr. Knauff was employed at Lord Corporation in maintenance for many years, until he retired in 1982. Since his retirement, he was employed at the Thomas Lee Printing Company, also in maintenance. He was a life member of the Sunflower Club and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, where he was an Elder and a Deacon. He also worked at the church's Food Pantry for 10 years.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Pauline L. Vance Knauff on Sept. 30, 1990; two daughters, Sue Ellen and Ann Marie Knauff; a son, John Paul Knauff; a granddaughter, Amy Lynn McElhenny; a sister, Eunice Gehrlein; and a brother, Verron Knauff.

He is survived by three daughters, Karen Knauff and Mrs. Michael (Jill) Pennsy, both of Erie, and Beverly Samick, at home; a son, Alton R. "Bud" Knauff Jr., at home; four sisters, Mrs. Jerry (Grace) Enders of Arizona, Mrs. Arleen Mackey of Conneaut, Ohio, Mrs. Patty Ferguson of Colorado and Mrs. Gloria Standley of Harborcreek; five brothers, Donald and Ronald Knauff, both of Erie, Herbert and Arden Knauff both of Florida, and Daryl Knauff of Georgia; and by two granddaughters.

Friends may call at the Francis V. Kloecker Funeral Home, 25th and Sassafras streets, Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., and may attend a funeral service there Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., with the Rev. Dr. William Tammen of the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Church of the Covenant or to the Church's Food Pantry, 250 W. Seventh St. Erie, Pa. 16501.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

## Chapter II

### The Ancestors of Alvah Ray Knauff

The basic background of the ancestry of Alvah Ray Knauff can be outlined from the contents of two documents. The first document is a family Bible, of unknown origin, that was in the possession of Carrie Dahlymple Knauff. The second document is a biography of his grandfather, Adam Knauff. Copies of the relevant pages from the family Bible are shown in Figures II-1A, II-1B and II-1C. Of particular interest is the section noting births:

#### Births

Fred H. Knauff, son of Adam Knauff & his wife Elizabeth, was born Aug. 23 - 1858. America C., daughter of John L. Harman & Isabella D. his wife, was born Aug. 4 - 1866. Children of F. H. Knauff & wife America C.

Willard Franklin, born May 26 - 1885.

Harry Lester, born Aug. 23 - 1887.

Alvah Ray, born Dec. 6, 1889.

Based on the contents of the family Bible and additional information, Alvah Ray Knauff was the son of Frederick Herman Knauff and America Catherine Harman. Very little is known about America Catherine Harman, except that she was born August 4, 1866 and that she died on November 2, 1891. She was the daughter of John L. and Isabella Harman. It is believed that she was of dominant American Indian ancestry, and that her family may have been from New England.

No listings can be found in Federal Census Records for any members of the Harman Family in the appropriate time frame in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where the Knauff family was living. Two Harman families lived in neighboring Crawford County in 1850, according to the Federal Census of the Population. The families of Benjamin Harman and J. B. Harman were residing as neighbors in Woodcock Township (Census page 324), and both were listed with an occupation of carriagemaker, with a place of birth in Maine. It is not known if there is any connection between these families and America Harman.

Many members of the Knauff family are buried in the cemetery in Blacktown, Pennsylvania, but no records indicate that America Harman is buried there. It will be shown later that Frederick Herman and America Knauff were residing in Ohio when their son Willard was born. Frederick Knauff had relocated to Pennsylvania later, but it is possible that America Harman died in Ohio, and is buried there. Alvah Ray Knauff was born in Greenville, Pennsylvania in 1889 according to the obituary in Figure I-1, and his Federal Census entry for 1910 (Erie City, page 920) also indicates a place of birth in Pennsylvania.

As noted in the family Bible entry, Frederick and America Knauff had two other sons, other than Alvah Ray Knauff. Willard Franklin Knauff was born May 26, 1885 and he died in 1974. A copy of his obituary is shown in Figure II-2, indicating that he was born in Matila, Ohio. He is buried in Blacktown Cemetery next to his wife Oleva C. Knauff (1889-1972). Harvey Lester Knauff was born August 23, 1887 and died February 9, 1958. Based on a communication from Harvey Knauff's son Archie, Harvey Lester Knauff married Hazel E. Reed. The couple had children named Ruth Dorothy and Archie Raymond Knauff.

After the death of America Catherine Harman, Frederick Herman Knauff married Mary L. Simpson, and the couple had three children. Lillie L. Knauff was born January 22, 1895 and died February 23, 1933. She married Frank Morgan. Carl Edwin Knauff was born February 12, 1897 and died June 7, 1973. He married Carrie Dahlymple, the source of the family Bible. Bessie Louise Knauff was born August 17, 1902 and died in October, 1973. She married Frank Dunn. Mary L. Simpson Knauff died December 27, 1921. Federal Census records from 1910 for Frederick Herman and Mary L. Knauff (Erie County, PA, page 74) indicate that Frederick Herman Knauff moved a number of times between Pennsylvania and Ohio. It was seen above that he was in Ohio in 1885 and in Pennsylvania in 1889. The census records from 1910 show children 'Lillian' age 15 born in Pennsylvania (1895), Carl age 13 born in Ohio (1897), and Bessie age 7 born in Pennsylvania (1902).

After the death of Mary Simpson Knauff, Frederick Herman Knauff married Lydia Mae Cornell Maxham Gates, the mother of Grace Maud Maxham. Frederick Herman Knauff died on August 21, 1940 and he is buried at Albion Cemetery, next to Mary L. Simpson Knauff. A photograph of Frederick Herman and Lydia Mae Cornell Maxham Gates Knauff is shown in Figure II-7.

### **The Ancestors of Frederick Herman Knauff**

The ancestry of Frederick Herman Knauff is obtained from an old history of Mercer County, Pennsylvania that listed a biography of his father, Adam Knauff. A copy of the biography of Adam Knauff is shown in Figure II-3, where Adam Knauff is listed as a farmer from Balm, which is currently known as Blacktown. Frederick Herman Knauff was the son of Adam and Elizabeth Ifft Knauff. Adam Knauff was born June 3, 1824 in Germany, and came to America in 1831, with his parents Nicholas and Anna Vining Knauff. Adam Knauff's father, Michael Knauff, started the voyage to America with the family, but died along the way and was buried at sea.

Most of these statements from the biography of Adam Knauff can be verified from ships' landing records from Baltimore, Maryland. Figures II-4A through II-4G show the relevant landing records, and a summary. The landing records are in no particular sequence, but the groups are listed by family. The records indicate that Adam Knauff, age 6, was on a ship with his father Nicholas Knauff, age 50, that landed in Baltimore around July 1, 1831. The ordering of the family names for this group makes it

difficult to interpret, but it appears that Nicholas and Anna (Catherine) had all six of their children with them: Nicholas, Michael 1, Michael 2, Johannes, Adam, and Anna M (Margaret in Adam Knauff's biography). It was not uncommon at the time to have sons with the same first name. Two other Knauff families were also on the same ship. The family of Michael and Margaretha Knauff and another Michael Knauff family. It is also noted that no person named Michael Knauff, who is old enough to be the father of Nicholas Knauff, is registered as being on the ship when it landed. Thus, the story that Nicholas Knauff's father died in passage is plausible.

Adam Knauff's biography states that he arrived on the ship as a child with his future wife, Elizabeth Ifft. The landing records indicate that Peter and Anna Ginter Ifft were on the ship with four of their children: Peter, Nicholas, Elizabeth and Barbara. Adam Knauff's biography lists two other children of Peter and Anna Ginter Ifft who were born after the landing in America, Jacob and Gertrude Ifft.

Several of the families shown on the Baltimore landing records were all traveling together from Germany, and were all initially headed for Butler County, Pennsylvania. This was not an unusual path of immigration for early German immigrants, as shown on the map in Figure II-5. This map indicates that a Baltimore landing, followed by overland travel to the region around Pittsburgh, was a major path of German migration. Before discussing the activities of these families after arriving in Butler County, some background of the family in Germany will be considered.

### **The Knauff Family in Germany**

The family name Knauff is not uncommon in Germany. It is sufficiently common that an organization, Familienverband Knauff, of Knauff family members exists. This organization recognizes the names Knauff, Knauf and Knauft as being equivalent, and the history of the use of these different versions of the name can be traced through history.

Many biographies of Knauffs can be found, both in Germany and in America. The most interesting German reference was to Erich Knauf [Encyclopedia of the Third Reich, Louis Snyder, McGraw Hill Publishers, 1976, page 197-198]. Erich Knauf was a newspaper editor in Germany. In 1944, he wrote editorials that referred to Joseph Goebbels as 'this little rat', that stated 'Heinrich Himmler only keeps his job by ordering between 80 and 100 executions each day', and that 'a German victory would be the greatest misfortune'. Erich Knauf was executed on May 2, 1944, and his family was charged a fee by the state for conducting the public execution. The most interesting American biography is for a songwriter who wrote over 300 songs and many stage musicals [National Cyclopedia of American Biography, Volume 48, pages 391-392]. His most famous songs were 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' and 'Shine on Harvest Moon'. He was born with the name John Godfrey Knauff, but wrote under the name of Jack Norworth.

An examination of the meaning of the name is of some interest. In checking a modern German-English dictionary [Langenscheidt's German-English Dictionary, E. Klatt and G. Golze (eds), Washington Square Press, 1965, page 133] the word Knauff describes a knob. The original meaning of the family name is somewhat more interesting. In checking an older dictionary [A Universal English-German and German-English Dictionary, Dr. Felix Flügel, George Westerman Press, 1894, part 2, page 478] Knauff is defined as a provincial expression for Knopf (button, knob, knot, etc.) which refers specifically to a pommel on the hilt of a sword or the capital of a pillar. Coats of arms are registered for Knauff families using both variations of the meaning of the word. Several use the handle of a sword as the centerpiece, and others use a 'Turmknauf' as the centerpiece. A 'Turmknauf' refers to the capital or turret of a tower. The coat of arms shown in the front of this text was taken from a coat of arms that was registered with the General Register of the German Arms Roll in 1927. Other known Knauff family coats of arms date back as far as 1370.

Early references indicate that the Knauff Family originated in the region of Germany centered around the Schwalm River [Familienverband Knauff, 1977, page 8]. Family members certainly branched out from that original location. It is possible to determine where the family of Nicholas Knauff was living before they emigrated to America. In early Federal Census of the Population records, respondents were asked their country of origin. For Knauff immigrants the answer was normally simply 'Germany'. However, in 1870, Adam and Elizabeth Ifft Knauff were living in Findley Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania (Census page 70), and they responded that they were both born in 'Hesse-Castle'. Adam's brother Nicholas Knauff was living nearby (Census page 71) and also responded that he was born in 'Hesse-Castle'. In the 1860 Federal Census (Findley Township, Mercer County, PA, page 139) Nicholas Knauff responded that he was born in 'Hesse-Cassel'.

At the time that these census reports were given, Germany did not exist as a country. It was a loose collection of independent states that were run by various princes and kings. At that time, Hesse-Cassel was one of these states. Figure II-6 shows a map of the German Confederation during the period of time when Nicholas Knauff and his family emigrated to America. Hesse-Cassel is shown west of the center of the German Confederation. This region is part of the current state of Hessen, and a map of Hessen shows the River Schwalm running very closely to the path of the river shown in Hesse-Cassel in Figure II-6.

### **The Knauff Family in Butler County**

Adam Knauff's biography indicates that Nicolas and Anna Vining Knauff settled in Butler County, Pennsylvania after arriving in Baltimore from Germany in 1831. Anna Vining Knauff died in 1834, shortly after arriving in Butler County. Federal Census of the Population records shed some light on the history

of the Knauff immigrants in Butler County, Pennsylvania. In 1840 (Cranberry Township, Butler County, PA, page 67) 'Nicholas Knauf' appears as the head of household with three sons living with him. By 1840, Nicholas' wife Anna had died, and daughter Anna M. would have been about 29 years old and probably had married Michael Senkan by then. At that time Michael 1 was married with two daughters, and was living on an adjoining farm to Nicholas Knauff. No Federal Census record is found for son Nicholas in 1840, but later records indicate that he was married before 1840 and had a son and a daughter by that time. Thus the three sons living with Nicholas were John, Michael 2 and Adam.

The Michael and Margaretha Knauff family from the Baltimore landing records appears to be living on an adjoining farm to Nicholas Knauff in 1840. In tracking the Federal Census entries for this family group over the years, it appears that this particular family group remained in Butler County.

Michael 1 Knauff appears in Federal Census records in Jackson Township, Butler County through 1870. The records for 1860 (Census page 505) and 1870 (Census page 262) show him with a wife named Mary. Based on her age and the age of living children, it seems very likely that this was his second wife. The couple is shown with daughters: Margaret, Elizabeth, Catharine, Sophia, Susannah, Amelia, Caroline and Lydia. Apparently Michael 1 Knauff remained in Butler County until his death. No further record is found for Michael 2 Knauff in any Federal Census records. However, all three of the remaining brothers relocated to Mercer County, Pennsylvania. This move was probably connected with the death of Nicholas Knauff in 1855.

Several other Knauff families were found in Census records and in biographies in Butler County. The most notable families centered around descendants of Michael and Magdalena Knauff, Hartman and Elizabeth Knauff, and John and Sophia Rape Knauff.

### The Knauff Family in Mercer County

Three sons of Nicholas and Anna Vining Knauff settled in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. These three sons were: Nicholas, John and Adam. The history of John and Nicholas Knauff in Mercer County is outlined from Federal Census records, and from gravestones where they are buried in Blacktown.

John Knauff appears only in the 1850 Federal Census records (Findley Township, Mercer County, PA, page 178). The entry lists

Name	Age	Birth
Knauff, John	33	Germany
, Margaret	29	Germany
, Nicholas	8	Butler County
, Mary	5	Butler County
, Caroline	3	Mercer County
, Barbara	1	Mercer County

Thus, it appears that John Knauff married Margaret, and moved to Mercer County from Butler County as early as 1846. There are no additional Federal Census entries for this family, so it is not known if John and Margaret Knauff had any children other than: Nicholas, Mary, Caroline and Barbara. There are no records showing that any members of this family are buried in Blacktown. It is concluded that this is the same Johannes Knauff from the landing records based on the correct age, the fact that he was in Butler County in 1842, and that brothers Nicholas and Adam appear at the same location at a later date.

Nicholas Knauff appears in the 1860 Federal Census records (Findley Township, Mercer County, PA, page 139) as

Name	Age	Occupation	Birth
Knauff, Nicholas	52	Farmer	Hesse-Cassel
, Mary	54	Housewife	Rhine-Bier
, Barbara	24	Domestic	Pa.
, William	22	Farm Labor	Pa.
, John	14	"	Pa.
, Margaret	10	Domestic	Pa.

The reference to 'Rhine-Bier' probably is a mangled spelling of the German words for Rheinisch-Bavaria, which is referred to as the Bavarian Palatinate in Figure II-6. In the 1870 Federal Census (Findley Township, Mercer County, PA, page 71), both Nicholas and Mary Knauff have their birth entered as 'Hesse-Castle'. Barbara Knauff did not appear with the rest of the family in the 1870 Federal Census. The children William, John and Margaret appear living together in Federal Census records for Findley Township through 1900. Apparently none of them married, and they are all buried together in Blacktown Cemetery. William Knauff's grave is marked by a GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) flag holder, to indicate that he served for the Union forces during the Civil War. No records can be found in the National Archives to verify this.

Nicholas and Mary Knauff are both buried in Blacktown Cemetery. Nicholas' grave is marked "Nicholas Knauff/ Died Nov. 13, 1880/ age 71 yrs., 8 mo., 8 d.". Mary's grave is marked "Mary Knauff/ Wife of Nicholas/ Died Sept. 22, 1895/ age 88 yrs., 5 mo., 15 d.'.

Adam Knauff appears in Findley Township, Mercer County Federal Census records in 1870 (Census page 70) and 1880 (Census page 43). Adam Knauff is buried in Blacktown Cemetery, with his gravestone giving the years he lived as 1824-1899. Elizabeth Ifft Knauff is buried next to Adam Knauff with her lifespan being noted as 1827-1905. Elizabeth Ifft Knauff appeared in the 1900 Census (Findley Township, Mercer County, PA, page 120). In the 1900 Federal Census, Elizabeth Ifft Knauff reported her date of birth as April, 1827, reported her year of immigration as 1832, and reported that she had given birth to a total of 10 children, with three still living at the time of the census.



Adam Knauff's biography in Figure II-3 lists 7 surviving children of 10, in 1888, as: Adam, John, Herman, Jacob, Anna, Mary and Charles. Federal Census records for the Adam Knauff family do not provide the names of any additional children given on the list in the biography.

The oldest child of Adam and Elizabeth Ifft Knauff is referred to as Adam in the biography. He is also referred to as J. A. Knauff in Federal Census records, and has J. Adam Knauff on his gravestone. J. Adam Knauff married Susannah Uber. Adam Knauff's biography lists their children up to 1888 as: Anna, Maggie, Ida, Joseph, Clara, Rosa and Mary. In the 1900 Federal Census (Findley Township, Mercer County, PA, page 120), Susannah Uber Knauff report her date of birth as May, 1851 in Pennsylvania, and reports that she had 12 children with 10 still living in 1900. Other children listed after 1888 are: William L., Annie E., Myrtle A. and Adam T. Knauff. J. Adam and Susannah Uber Knauff are buried in Blacktown Cemetery. Their gravestone give his lifespan as April 1, 1850 through June 3, 1925. Her lifespan is given as May 8, 1851 through May 22, 1932.

Adam Knauff's biography states that his son John Knauff married Helen Reeher, and that, in 1888, the couple had children named: Freddie, Harry, Mabel and Dennis Knauff. John Knauff is consistently listed as John M. Knauff in Federal Census records and on his gravestone. John M. and Helena Reeher Knauff are listed in the 1900 Federal Census (Findley Township, Mercer County, PA, page 120) with dates of birth given as February, 1853 and November, 1853 respectively. Helena Reeher Knauff reported having given birth to 9 children with 8 still living in 1900. Names of additional children after 1888 are: Otto G., Roy B., Bud A. and Hazel S. Knauff. John M. and Helena M. Reeher Knauff are buried in Blacktown Cemetery. His lifespan is given as 1853-1918 on his gravestone, and hers is given as 1853-1943.

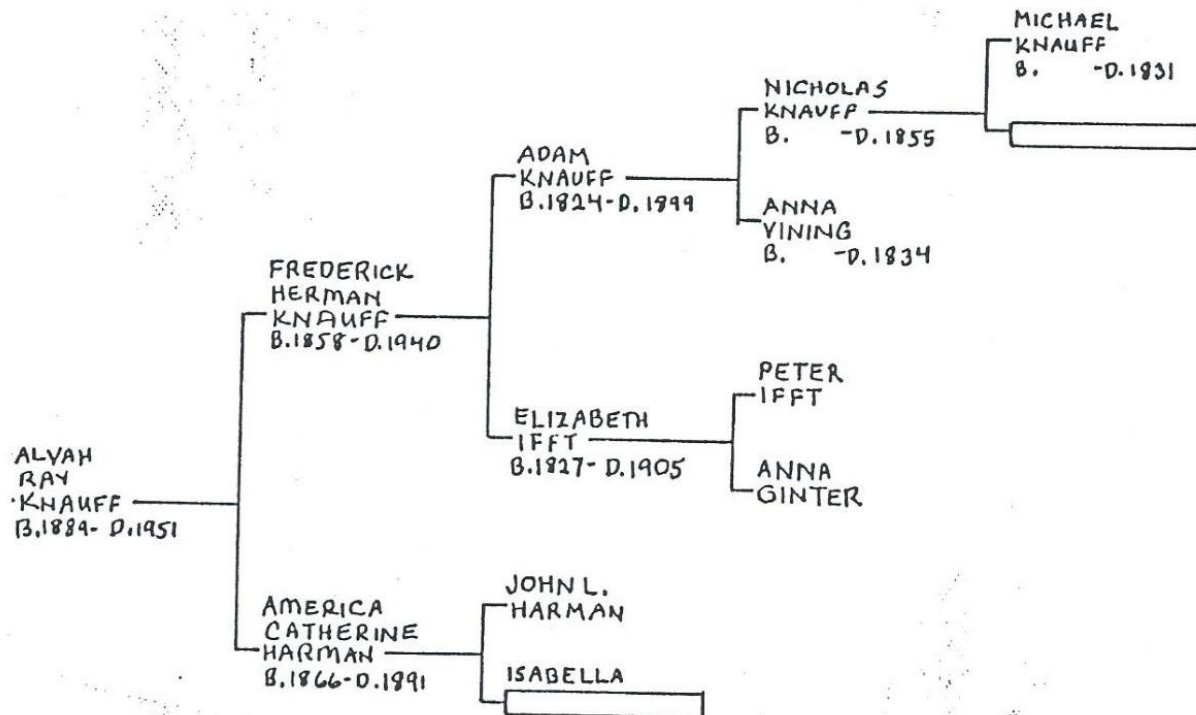
Frederick Herman Knauff is referred to as Herman in Adam Knauff's biography. His life was outlined in some detail previously. The name of Alvah Ray Knauff does not appear in the biography since he was born in 1889, and the biography was published in 1888.

Jacob Knauff is listed in the biography as having married Magdalena Blumenshine. Jacob F. and Magdalena Blumenshine Knauff are buried in Blacktown Cemetery. His lifespan is given on his gravestone as November 8, 1861 through September 20, 1927, and hers is listed as March 23, 1865 through April 28, 1953. It is interesting to note that the Blacktown Cemetery also contains the graves of Peter Blumenshine (1827-1911) and his wife Louise (1831-1915). These are most likely the parents of Magdalena, and the age of Peter Blumenshine indicates that he was also a child, at age 2, on the ship with Adam Knauff and Elizabeth Ifft. (Figure II-4G).

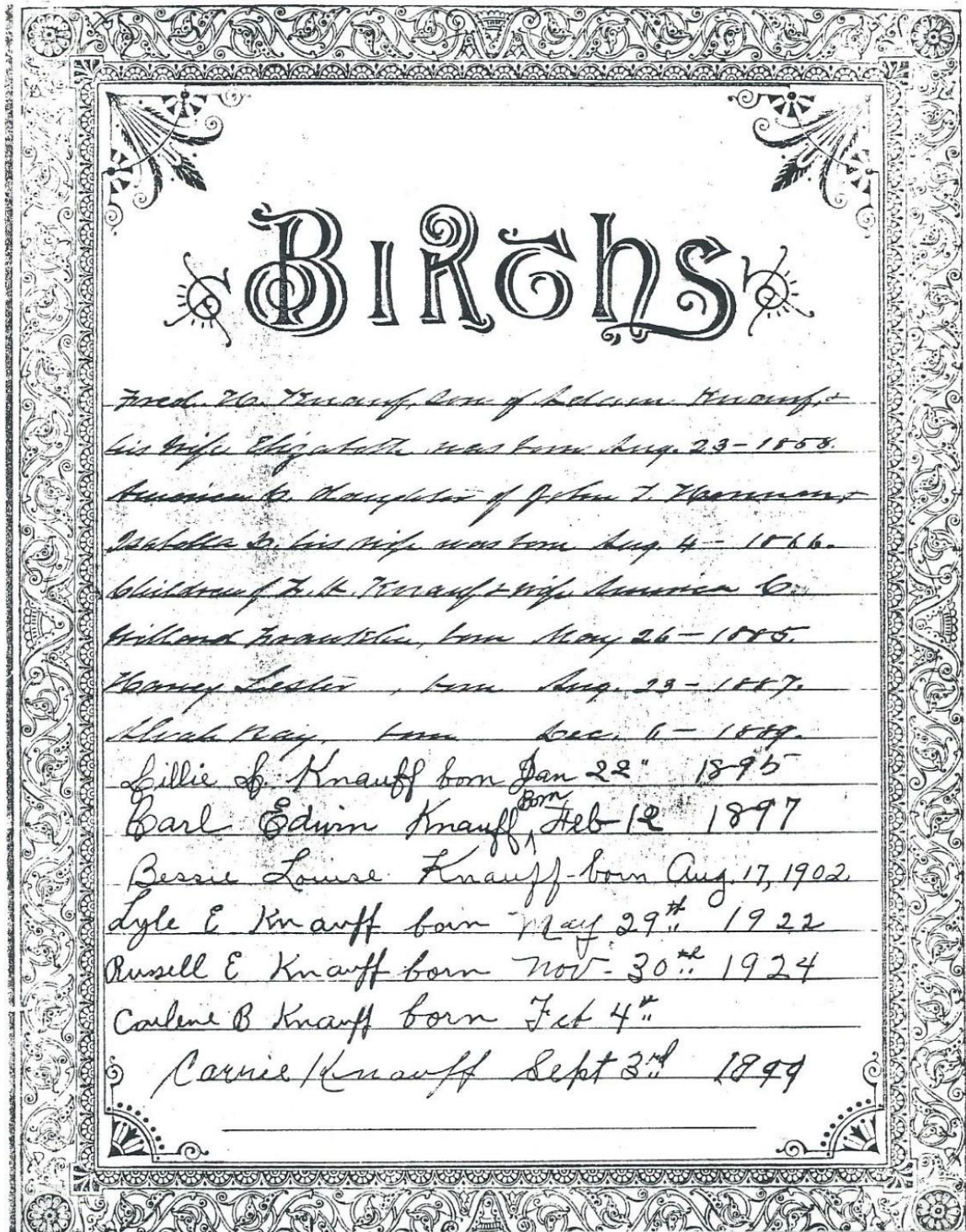
The children of Jacob F. and Magdalena Blumenshine Knauff are listed in 1888 as Clarence and Hattie Knauff. The 1900 Federal Census record for Jacob F. Knauff (Findley Township, Mercer County, PA, page 122) indicate that the couple had 6 children with all of them living in 1900. Names of the additional children after 1888 are: Elmer E., Alice E., George M. and Jessie E. Knauff.

Anna married Martin Bortz, according to the biography, and had children Walter and Freddie living in 1888. At the time of the biography, Mary and Charles Knauff were still at the home of Adam Knauff. Charles G. Knauff was listed in the home of Elizabeth Ifft Knauff in the 1910 Federal Census, and he probably did not marry. He is buried with his parents in Blacktown Cemetery with a lifespan of 1874-1918. The personal recollection of Eunice Knauff Gehrlein was that Mary Knauff married a man named Bortz, probably a brother of Martin Bortz.

A summary of all of this information for the direct ancestors of Alvah Ray Knauff is given in the form of the following family tree.

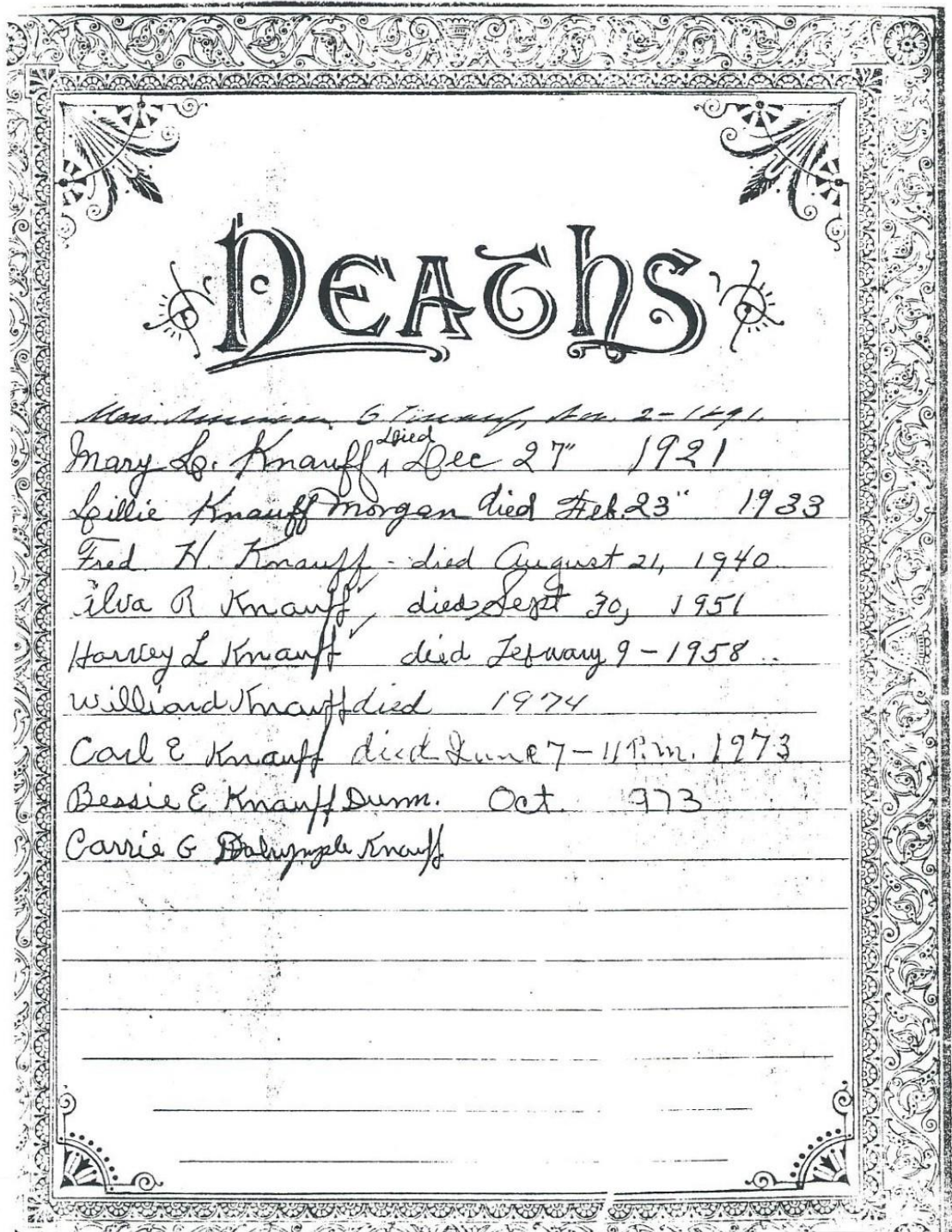


## Knauff Family Bible Entry



Source: Unknown Origin, in possession of Carrie Dahlymple Knauff.

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## Knauff Family Bible Entry

**MEMORANDUM**

Lyle and Clara (Swartz) Knauff Children: Sandra  
 Marie Dec 7, 1947 ; Lyla Jean July 13, 1949  
 Connie Lee Jan 28, 1954, Brenda Mae Sept 11, 1955

Russell ~~and~~ Bernice (Hershey) Knauff Children:  
 Jerry April 24, 1947; Thomas Jan 16, 19 ;  
 Timothy Jan 31, 1957; Terry J. Sept 2, 1959

James and Carlene (Knauff) McBride Children:  
 Jeff July 21, 1958; Robert Carl April 6, 1963  
 Great Grandchildren: Scott Knauff <sup>Nov. 27, 1973</sup> and  
~~Marcie Lynn~~ Knauff Mar 22, 1976. Children  
 of Jerry and Laura (Tuttle) Knauff. Christopher  
 William, and July 2, 1974, and Heather Elizabeth  
 Aug 12, 1975, Children of ~~Bill~~ Bill and Sandra (Knauff)  
 Wiley.

Obituary of Willard Franklin Knauff

## Willard F. Knauff

Funeral services for Willard F. Knauff, 87, formerly of 312 Fifield Ave., will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Thompson Funeral Home, with the Rev. Rosadel V. Riley, pastor, Foursquare

Gospel Church, officiating. Burial will be in Blacktown Lutheran Cemetery, Grove City, Pa.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Born in Matila, O., May 26, 1887, the son of Herman and America Harmon Knauff, he had resided in this area for the past 50 years.

He was a member of Foursquare Church. Mr. Knauff was a retired streetcar conductor.

Survivors include a step-daughter, Mrs. Helen Echart, of Kansas City, Mo., and

several nieces and nephews, including a niece, Mrs. E. Arlene Mackey, of Conneaut.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olive C., Feb. 13, 1972.

Mr. Knauff died early this morning in Ashtabula County Nursing Home where he had been a patient for the past two years. Death was due to complications.

## Biography of Adam Knauff

ADAM KNAUFF, farmer, post-office Balm, was born June 3, 1824, in Germany, to Nicholas and Anna (Vining) Knauff, natives of the same country, who came to America in 1831. Michael, the grandfather of Adam, started on the same vessel, but died on the way and was buried in the ocean. The parents settled first in the woods of Butler County. There the father died in 1855 and the mother in 1834. They had five children: Nicholas, Michael, John, Michael (2), Adam and Margaret, who married Michael Senkan. The parents were members of the German Lutheran Church. Adam Knauff was educated in the German schools of his native country and in Butler County. He learned the tailor's trade with his brother, Michael, and followed it for some time. He was married April 7, 1846, to Elizabeth Ifft, daughter of Peter and Anna (Ginter) Ifft, natives of the same country, and who came on the same vessel with the Knauff family. Her parents settled in Beaver County, Penn. They had six children: Peter, Jacob, John, Eliza, Barbara and Gertrude. Our subject has had ten children, seven of whom are living: Adam, married Susannah Uber, and has Anna, Maggie, Ida, Joseph, Clara, Rosa and Mary; John, married Helen Reeher, and has Freddie, Harry, Mabel and Dennis; Herman, married America Harman, and has Willie and Lestie; Jacob, married Magdalena Blumenshine, and has Clarence and Hattie; Anna, married Martin Bortz, and has Walter and Freddie; Mary and Charles are at home. Mr. Knauff came to his present farm of 126 acres in 1866. He and wife are members of the Lutheran Church of Balm, and he is a Democrat.

Baltimore Landing Records in 1831

LIST OF PASSENGERS on the ... vessels from Foreign Ports, from the first of July to the 30 Sept 1831

NAME	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY BELONG	COURTESY TO WHICH THEY INTEND TO BECOME IMMIGRANTS	DIED ON THE VOYAGE
Christoph Hoff	24	Male	Farmer	Germany	No State	None
Martin Lemkam	36	"	"	"	"	"
Johannes	4	"	"	"	"	"
Anna Ab	36	Fem	"	"	"	"
"	7	"	"	"	"	"
"	1	"	"	"	"	"
Johannes Bott	63	Male	"	"	"	"
Adam	28	"	"	"	"	"
Johannes Koll	33	"	Weaver	"	"	"
Anna Ab	31	Fem	"	"	"	"
"	5	"	"	"	"	"
Catharine	1	"	"	"	"	"
Christian Hempfen	31	Male	Weaver	"	"	"
Henry Lechold	32	"	Butcher	"	"	"
Phillip Schmitt	23	"	Baker	"	"	"
Johannes Kutter	25	"	Watchmaker	"	"	"
Nicholau	55	"	"	"	"	"
"	7	"	"	"	"	"
Anna Abb	25	Fem	"	"	"	"
Barbara	78	"	"	"	"	"
Margaretha Franz	86	"	"	"	"	"
Erna Pfeffer	39	"	"	"	"	"
"	6	"	"	"	"	"
Lina	4	"	"	"	"	"
Henry	8	Male	"	"	"	"
Peter	7	"	"	"	"	"
Andreas	11	"	"	"	"	"
Georg	37	"	Farmer	"	"	"
Michael Krafft	40	"	"	"	"	"
"	12	"	"	"	"	"
Nicholau	7	"	"	"	"	"
Casper	7	"	"	"	"	"
Margaretha	40	Fem	"	"	"	"
Elisabeth	14	"	"	"	"	"
Jacobina	10	"	"	"	"	"
Margaretha	5	"	"	"	"	"

Source: Quarterly Abstracts of Vessels Landing at Baltimore, MD from July 1, 1831 through September 30, 1831 (National Archives, Washington, DC), page 16.



Figure II-4B

Baltimore Landing Records in 1831

of July to Dec 31 1831

	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	COUNTRY OR PLACE THEY BELONG TO	COUNTRY OR PLACE THEY WERE BORN IN	DIED ON THE VOYAGE
Johann Erbssefer	37	Male	Farmer	Germany	Mo. State	No
Lorenz	4	"		"	"	"
Wilhelm	7	"		"	"	"
Elisabeth	35	Fem		"	"	"
Margaretha Wahn	25	"		"	"	"
Johannes Knauff	21	Male	Shoemaker	"	"	"
Geo. Glasper	28	"	Farmer	"	"	"
Dorothea	22	Fem		"	"	"
Johann S. Scheffer	8	Male		"	"	"
Michael Knauff	40	"	Carpenter	"	"	"
Henry	1	"		"	"	"
Nicholas	50	"	Farmer	"	"	"
"	21	"		"	"	"
Michael	17	"		"	"	"
Johannes	14	"		"	"	"
Adam	6	"		"	"	"
Elisabeth	32	Fem		"	"	"
Catherine	51	"		"	"	"
Anna M.	20	"		"	"	"
Elisabeth Loos	11	"		"	"	"
Eva	20	"		"	"	"
Margaretha Hemppin	27	"		"	"	"
Maria Leopold	25	"		"	"	"
Lena Weirung	19	"		"	"	"
Adams Loos	28	Male		"	"	"
Conrad Kress	27	"		"	"	"
" Witty	26	"		"	"	"
Barbara Knauff	22	Fem		"	"	"
Georg Wilhelm	20	Male	Mariner	"	Mo. State	"
Joseph W.	20	"		"	"	"
David W.	20	"	Merchant	"	"	"
Josquin Rodriguez	30	"		"	West Indies	"
Margaret Hill	60	Female		"	"	"
Sarah Westbrook	22	"		"	St. Kittain	"
Margaret Woodman	22	"		"	"	"
Thy. Mebach	57	Male	Farmer	"	"	"

Source: Quarterly Abstracts of Vessels Landing at Baltimore, MD from July 1, 1831 through September 30, 1831 (National Archives, Washington, DC), page 17.

Figure II-4C

Baltimore Landing Records in 1831

NAME	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACES FOR WHICH THEY INTEND TO GO	DIED ON THE VOYAGE
Francis Toler	76	Male	Weaver	St. Brandon	W. Indies	
B. S. Thompson	36	"	"	"	"	
Mathew Warren	40	"	Shoemaker	"	"	
Waste	3	"	"	"	"	
Mrs. -	2	"	"	"	"	
W. I. Munday	35	Female	"	"	"	
Mr. R. Shepherd	35	Male	Mariner	W. Indies	"	
J. Holden	45	"	Mechanic	"	"	
Ch. Korman	40	"	Mariner	"	"	
C. A. Simpson	20	"	Merchant	"	"	
Jose Antonio Brasca	32	"	"	West Indies	"	
Andreas Schade	25	"	Farmer	Germany	"	
Francis Schelman	30	"	"	"	"	
Adam Steubert	40	"	"	"	"	
Phillip Heidebrand	18	"	"	"	"	
Paul Nichols	16	"	"	"	"	
Johannes Windula	15	"	"	"	"	
Conrad Green	20	"	"	"	"	
Thomas Welsh	40	"	"	"	"	
Margaretta Schaffner	32	Female	"	"	"	
Heinrich Trautff	29	Male	Weaver	"	"	
Conrad Schuytman	24	"	"	"	"	
Georg A. Casper	14	"	"	"	"	
Johannes Hlenk	21	"	Farmer	"	"	
W. Schmidt	50	"	"	"	"	
Peter Hoff	30	"	"	"	"	
Jacob Meier	31	"	"	"	"	
Friedrich Hartman	15	"	"	"	"	
Andreas Post	26	"	"	"	"	
Valentine Scherer	18	"	"	"	"	
Adam Grumellann	21	"	"	"	"	
Peter Stein	25	"	"	"	"	
George Seeger	45	"	"	"	"	
Peter Heid	45	"	"	"	"	
Paul Schmidt	24	"	"	"	"	

Source: Quarterly Abstracts of Vessels Landing at Baltimore, MD from July 1, 1831 through September 30, 1831 (National Archives, Washington, DC), page 19.

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Name	Age	Sex	Origin	Destination	Notes
Johann Kobesch	44	Male	Prussia	Germany	
Phillip	3	u			
Margaretta	11	Female			
	7	u			
Barbara Luley	30	u			
Marianna	9	u			
Elizabeth	8	u			
Elise	5	u			
Berbere	1	u			
Michael	48	Male			
Jessie A. Knapp	48	u			
Johann	15	u			
Eva	40	Female			
Margaretta	18	u			
Elizabeth	10	u			
	2	u			
Leonhard Wignent	40	Male			
Bernhard	12	u			
Christene	6	u			
Margaretta	41	Female			
Anna	15	u			
Charlene	10	u			
Eva	4	u			
	35	u			
Margaretta	12	u			
Eva	1	u			
Heinrich	32	Male			
Johannes	9	u			
Richard	1	u			
	1	u			
	32	u			
Charlene	50	Female			
Margaretta	26	u			
	26	u			
George	5	Male			
Adrian	21	u			
	21	u			

Source: Quarterly Abstracts of Vessels Landing at Baltimore, MD from July 1, 1831 through September 30, 1831 (National Archives, Washington, DC), page 13.

Baltimore Landing Records in 1831

LIST OF PASSENGERS  
*July to the 30 Sep 1831*

NAME	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY BELONG	COUNTY OF WHICH THEY WERE	DIED ON THE VOYAGE
Peter Paternensken	2	Male		Germany	No. States	
Maria	27	Female				
E. "	4	"				
J. N. Galt	25	Male	Merchant	No. States		
J. Tured	28	"	"	"		
J. C. Curran	10	"	"	"		
Sam B. Jeta	30	"	Gentleman	"		
Mrs "	17	Female		"		
Miss "	3	"		"		
"	6	"		"		
Mrs. Hamie	40	"		"		
R. J. Milligen	25	Male	Merchant	Great Britain	Great Britain	
Christian Abster	24	"		Germany	No. States	
Theodore H. Minniff	22	"		"		
Peter J. J. J.	41	"	Miller	"		
"	6	"		"		
Nicholas "	9	"		"		
Anna "	25	Female		"		
Elizabeth "	4	"		"		
Barbara "	1	"		"		
Conrad Hall	26	Male	Farmer	"		
Johannes Lotz	28	"	Farmer	"		
August "	32	"	Farmer	"		
Mathias "	7	"		"		
Albert "	7	"		"		
Katherine W. Bohm	38	Female		"		
Louise Lotz	24	"		"		
" Origgell	20	"		"		
"	12	"		"		
Adam	19	"		"		
George Link	30	"	Farmer	"		
Johannes "	7	"		"		
Nicholas "	15	"		"		
Anna "	30	Female		"		

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Source: Quarterly Abstracts of Vessels Landing at Baltimore, MD from July 1, 1831 through September 30, 1831 (National Archives, Washington, DC), page 14.

## Summary of Baltimore Landing Records in 1831

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Michael Knauff	40	Farmer
"	12	
Nicholaus	7	
Casper	1	
Margaretha	40	
Elizabeth	14	
Dorothea	10	
Margaretha	5	
Barbara	3	

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Johannes Knauff	21	Shoemaker
:		:
:		:
Michael Knauff	40	Carpenter
Henry	1	
Nicholas	50	Farmer
"	21	"
Michael (1)	17	
" (2)	10	
Johannes	14	
Adam	6	
Elizabeth	32	
Catherine	51	
Anna M.	20	
:		:
:		:
Barbara Knauff	22	

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Heinrich Knauff	29	Weaver
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Source: Quarterly Abstracts of Vessels Landing at Baltimore, MD from July 1, 1831 through September 30, 1831 (National Archives, Washington, DC).

Summary of Baltimore Landing Records in 1831  
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Wilhelm Blumenshein	27	Farmer
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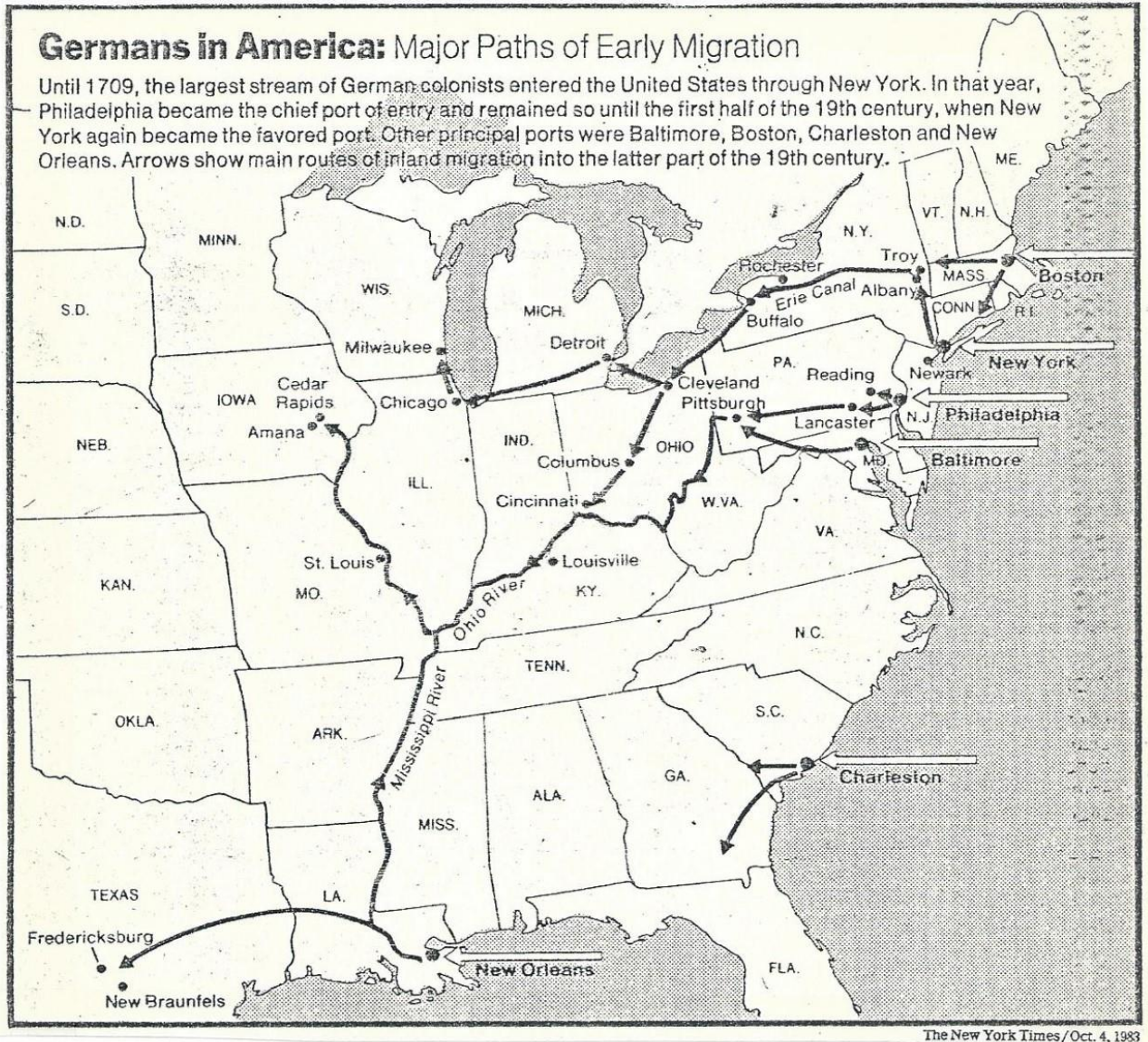
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Peter Blumenshein	2	
Maria	27	
" E.	4	
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.	.	
Peter Iffts	41	Miller
"	6	
Nicholaus	9	
Anna	25	
Elisabeth	4	
Barbara	1	

Source: Quarterly Abstracts of Vessels Landing at Baltimore, MD from July 1, 1831 through September 30, 1831 (National Archives, Washington, DC).

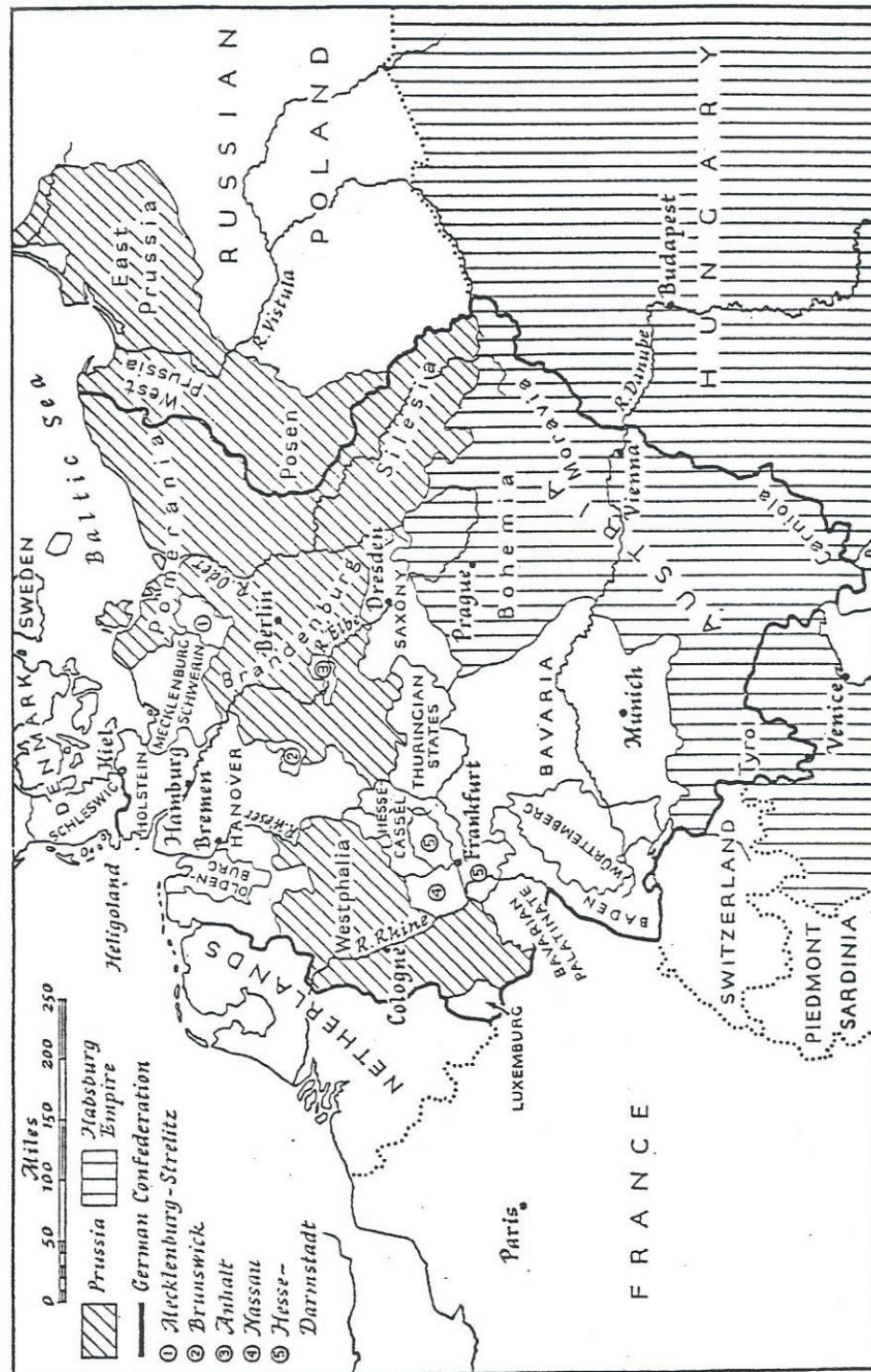
Figure II-5

Major Paths of German Migration



Source: New York Times, October 4, 1983.

Map of the German Confederation in 1815



Source: William Carr, A History of Germany 1815-1945, Edward Arnold Press, London, 1969.



Figure II - 7

Photo of Frederick Herman Knauff  
and Lydia Mae Cornell Maxham Gates Knauff



Source: Unknown, identified by Vincent F. Gehrlein.

## Chapter III

### The Ancestors of Grace Maud Maxham Knauff

Grace Maud Maxham was the daughter of George C. Maxham and Lydia Mae Cornell. Tracing this history is a bit confusing, since George C. Maxham died at a young age, and Lydia Mae Cornell had two other husbands after he died. Correspondence from Ruth Gosnell indicates that records in the Meadville, Pennsylvania Library show that George C. Maxham of Spring Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania married Lydia Mae Cornell, daughter of Charles Cornell, on August 29, 1880.

A brief biography of Lydia Mae Cornell is given in Figure III-1. This biography clearly identifies Lydia Mae Cornell as the mother of Grace Maud Maxham (Mrs. Alvah Knauff). No mention is made of George C. Maxham in this brief biography. However, it does identify her second husband as Luther Gates, of Beaver, Pennsylvania. After the death of Luther Gates, she married Frederick Herman Knauff, of East Springfield, Pennsylvania. This biography identifies a second daughter of Lydia Mae Cornell Maxham, Mrs. Oliver Mansfield. Mrs. Oliver Mansfield was named Winifred Felton, and she was adopted by Fred Herman and Lydia Mae Cornell Knauff.

George C. and Lydia Mae Cornell Maxham also had two sons, who died as children. Both sons are buried next to George C. Maxham in Springboro, Pennsylvania Cemetery, and their gravestones identify them as being children of the couple. Son Charles has a date of death on October 17, 1891. Records in the Meadville, Pennsylvania library report that Charles Maxham died on October 11, 1891 at the age of 10 years and two months, in Erie, Pennsylvania. Clair Maxham died on June 20, 1893 at age 13 months, in Erie. The tombstone for George C. Maxham gives his lifespan as 1856-1898. The Erie City Directory shows that George C. and Lydia Mae Cornell Maxham were residing at 461 West Eighteenth Street in 1895.

The biography of Lydia Mae Cornell Knauff in Figure III-1 gives her date of birth as March 29, 1863. She died March 26, 1952 and is buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery (Section 11) next to Grace Maud Maxham Knauff, in Erie, Pennsylvania. There are no references to George C. and Lydia Mae Cornell Maxham in the Federal Census records during the period of time when they were married.

### The Ancestors of George C. Maxham

George C. Maxham was the son of Otis H. Maxham and Emily Cleland. Federal Census records for 1850 (Town of Ellery, Chautauqua County, NY, page 176) show Otis H. and Emily Cleland Maxham as:

Name	Age	Birth
Maxum, Otis	31	NY
, Emily	32	NY
, Marcena	1	NY

A likely brother of Otis H. Maxham, Valoris Maxham, was living nearby at the time of the Federal Census in 1850 (Town of Ellery, Chautauqua County, NY, page 168). The Census entry for the family of Valoris Maxham was somewhat unusual, since it included the name of another family that was staying in the house at the time the Census was taken:

Name	Age	Birth
Maxum, Valvoras	38	NY
, Eleanor	36	NY
, Eliza A.	12	NY
, Orpha H.	2	NY
Fenton, Orpha	35	NY
, Charles	6	Ill.
, Orpha E.	2	NY

Valoris Maxham also appears in the Town of Ellery (Census page 86) in the 1840 Federal Census. The listing of Orpha Fenton and her family in the household of Valoris Maxham in the 1850 Federal Census records is a significant finding, since she also appeared with her children in the household of Silas Maxham in the 1850 Federal Census (Chautauqua Township, Chautauqua County, NY, page 269):

Name	Age	Birth
Maxam, Silas	69	Mass.
, Abigail	70	Mass.
Fenton, Orpha	34	NY
, Charles	6	NY
, Orpha E.	2	NY

This common listing of the family of Orpha Fenton in both Federal Census entries gives a clear linkage between the Maxhams in the Town of Ellery and Chautauqua Township. In addition, Otis H. Maxham later reported his parents' places of birth as Massachusetts and Connecticut respectively for his father and mother. It is quite probable that Silas and Abigail Maxham were the parents of Otis H. Maxham, but this cannot be proved with certainty.

A probable second brother of Otis H. Maxham, David Maxham, was listed in the residence that was located next to Silas and Abigail Maxham at the time of the 1850 Federal Census (Chautauqua Township, Chautauqua County, NY, page 269):

Name	Age	Birth
Maxam, David	44	NY
, Cornelia	34	NY
, Herbert	9	NY
, Annette	5	NY
, Jay	3	NY

A further link between David Maxham and Otis H. Maxham appears in the 1860 Federal Census, when David Maxham's daughter, Annette, appears in Spring Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania (Census page 916) in the home of Alonzo King at the same time that Otis H. Maxham had relocated to nearby Cussewago Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania (Census page 245):

Name	Age	Birth
Maxham, Otis H.	41	NY
, Pemelia	31	NY
, Marcena	10	NY
, George	3	Pa.

Otis H. Maxham was residing in the home of Nancy Clawson in 1860. His first wife, Emily Cleland, died in 1856. It is not known if Otis H. Maxham was remarried to Pemelia at this time, or if she was another boarder, as was Catherine Shein, in the listing. The order of listing in the Federal Census suggests that Pemelia was the wife of Otis H. Maxham.

Emily Cleland is buried at Springboro, Pennsylvania Cemetery, next to George C. Maxham. Her gravestone is marked "Emily Cleland/ Wife of O. H. Maxham/Nov. 23 1856/ 38 yr. 3 mon. 14 da." Thus, she was born August 9, 1818. Nothing else is known about Emily Cleland. She was listed as having been born in New York in the 1850 Federal Census. Federal Census records in 1820 (Town of Gerry, Chautauqua County, NY, page 72) list three Cleland families, headed by: Samuel, John and Martin Cleland. Not enough information was reported in the 1820 Federal Census to link Emily Cleland to any of these families.

So far, Otis H. and Emily Cleland Maxham have been found to be from Chautauqua County, New York. They had a son named Marcena there, before moving to Crawford County, Pennsylvania. They moved to Crawford County before 1856, since their son George was born in Pennsylvania. Otis H. and Emily Cleland Maxham had another son, Otis H. Maxham, Jr. Otis H. Maxham, Jr. appears, at age 16, in the Federal Census records in 1870 (Elk Creek Township, Erie County, PA, page 273):

Name	Age	Birth
Maxham, O. H.	51	NY
, Catherine	38	Ver.
, George	13	Pa.
, Otis H.	16	Pa.
Kelly, Wilmer	10	Pa.

It is not known why Otis Maxham, Jr. did not appear in the family listing in the 1860 Federal Census records. However, the fact that he was born in Pennsylvania indicates that Otis H. and Emily Cleland Maxham had left Chautauqua County, New York before 1854. Otis H. Maxham is listed as a "cheese manufacturer" in this Federal Census record. "Catherine" in the 1870 Federal Census was Katherine Kelly Maxham. She left a will, filed in Conneautville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, dated May 29, 1906, identifying Wilmer Kelly as her son from an earlier marriage.

Otis H. Maxham is buried in Conneautville, Pennsylvania Cemetery next to Katherine Kelly Maxham and her son Wilmer Kelly. The gravestone of Otis H. Maxham gives his date of birth as March 30, 1818, and his date of death as April 22, 1909. The entry for Otis H. Maxham in the 1900 Federal Census (Conneautville, Crawford County, PA, page 158) indicates that Otis H. and Katherine Kelly Maxham were residing on High Street, in Conneautville. As mentioned earlier, Otis H. Maxham reported in 1910 that his father was born in Massachusetts and that his mother was born in Connecticut.

Marcena Maxham had entries in the 1880 Federal Census (Elk Creek Township, Erie County, PA, page 433) and in the 1900 Federal Census (Erie City, Erie County, PA, page 99). Based on these records, Marcena Maxham married a woman named Annabelle, and had children named: Archie, Lena, Emma and Clarence Maxham. The 1893 Erie City Directory lists Marcena Maxham and family residing at 453 West Eighteenth Street. This address is close to the home of George C. and Lydia Mae Cornell Maxham in 1895.

Based on information from Elbert Maxham, Otis H. Maxham, Jr.'s grandson, Otis H. Maxham, Jr. married a woman named Anna and had a son named Harold Maxham. Otis H. Maxham, Jr. went to Detroit, Michigan with his son Harold Maxham in about 1929, and died there in about 1931. Harold Maxham married Olga Becker of Erie and had two sons, named Robert and Elbert Maxham. After the death of his first wife, Harold Maxham married Essie Daniels and had a son named Earl Maxham. Otis H. Maxham, Jr. was known to be a violin maker, and some of his violins are still collected. His talent was of sufficient reputation that his name is listed in a modern directory of violin makers [Karel Jalovec, Encyclopedia of Violin Makers, Volume 2, Paul Hamlyn Publishers, London, 1968]. The 1895 Erie City Directory lists Otis Maxham, Jr. as residing at 1610 Myrtle Street.

Given all of this information, the ancestors of George C. Maxham are shown in the attached family tree of Grace Maud Maxham. Probable ancestors, Silas and Abigail Maxham, are not included in this family tree, since there is no positive evidence of the relationship.

**The Ancestors of Lydia Mae Cornell**  
**- Charles D. Cornell -**

The biography of Lydia Mae Cornell in Figure III-1 indicates that her father was Charles D. Cornell, who had resided on Fischer Road in Conneautville, Pennsylvania. Charles D. Cornell

and his wife Eunice Gunn Cornell are buried in Springboro, Pennsylvania Cemetery. The gravestones give Charles D. Cornell with a date of death on March 18, 1913, at age 79, and Eunice Cornell with a date of death on September 8, 1919, at age 81. The certificate of death for Charles D. Cornell (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health, File 29204) states that he was born in New York State on November 13, 1833. This record states that his father, Giles Cornell, was born in Massachusetts, and that his mother, Phoebe Brownell, was also born in Massachusetts. The correct maiden name of Charles D. Cornell's mother on this death certificate will prove to be an important piece of information later.

The certificate of death for Eunice P. Cornell (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health, File 92551) states that she was born in Brown Township, Pennsylvania on May 30, 1838. There are two Brown Townships in Pennsylvania, in each of Lycoming and Mifflin Counties. The death certificate states that her father, Spencer Gunn, was born in Vermont, and that her mother was Sarah Jinks. This document was witnessed by Lydia Mae Cornell (Mrs. Luther Gates). Figure III-2 shows a photograph of Grace Maud Maxham Knauff with her daughter Eunice Mae Knauff, Lydia Mae Cornell Gates, and Eunice P. Gunn Cornell in 1915.

Giles Cornell first appears in the Federal Census records of Spring Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania (Census page 9) in 1850:

Name	Age	Birth
Cornell, Giles	64	Mass.
, Phebe	52	Mass.
, Andrew	21	NY
, Charles	17	NY
, Alexander	15	NY

Given the ages of Giles and Phoebe Brownell Cornell, and the ages of the three sons in the household in 1850, there could very well have been other children. There were a number of Cornell families in Crawford County in the 1850 Federal Census, but there is no way to determine how they might have been connected. An extensive genealogy for Giles Cornell will be given in Chapter IV, and for Phoebe Brownell in Chapter V. At this time, we shall focus on his immediate family.

Andrew Cornell has entries in the 1860 Federal Census (Spring Township, Crawford County, PA, page 909) and the 1870 Federal Census (Spring Township, Crawford County, PA, page 522). The results show that Andrew Cornell married a woman named Jemima, who was born in Massachusetts, and that they had two children, Frank and Mary Cornell. Alexander Cornell seems to be listed in the 1880 Federal Census (Spring Township, Crawford County, PA, page 142) as a neighbor of Charles D. Cornell, under the name Franklin Cornell, with his wife Mary, and twin children Pearl and Myrtle.

Charles D. and Eunice Gunn Cornell had consistent entries for Federal Census records in Spring Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. In 1860 (Census page 927):

Name	Age	Birth
Cornell, Charles	26	NY
, Eunice	22	Pa.
, Platt	1	Pa.

In 1870 (Census page 522):

Name	Age	Birth
Cornell, Charles	36	NY
, Eunice	29	Pa.
, Platt	11	Pa.
, Scott	9	Pa.
, Lydia	6	Pa.
, Susan	4	Pa.

In 1880 (Census page 142):

Name	Age	Birth
Cornell, Charles	46	NY
, Eunice	43	Pa.
, May	17	Pa.
, Harry	9	Pa.
, Anna	2	Pa.

The daughter Susan Cornell in the 1870 Federal Census apparently died as a child, since no other record or knowledge of her has been found. The reference to Lydia in 1870 and to May in 1880 adds to the confusion of the common use of both names by Lydia Mae Cornell, who was listed with an occupation of "school teacher" in 1880.

Correspondence from Dorothy Cornell Hartman, daughter of Platt Gunn Cornell, gives Platt Gunn Cornell's date of birth as July 28, 1859 and his date of death as August 26, 1932. He married Mary Elizabeth Statton and the couple had children: Carl Clinton, Kenneth Henry, Dorothy Emma and Verne Platt Cornell.

Correspondence from Pearl G. Cornell, daughter of Scott Calvin Cornell, gives Scott C. Cornell's date of birth as June 4, 1861, in Conneautville, Pennsylvania. He married Cora Louella Persing, of Nickleville, Pennsylvania. The couple had children: Minnie, Alice, Earl and Pearl Cornell.

Correspondence from Leona Cornell Hedderick, daughter of Harry Mark Cornell, gives Harry M. Cornell's date of birth as September 11, 1870, in Conneautville, and his date of death as January 10, 1921, in Erie. He married Henrietta Louise Knack of Serene, Germany. The couple had children: Harold, Leona, Ray and Robert Cornell.

Correspondence from Hazel Griggs Sevison, daughter of Anna Cornell Griggs, gives Anna Cornell Griggs' date of birth as August 28, 1877, in Conneautville, and her date of death in 1976, in Toledo, Ohio. Anna Cornell married Norman Harry Griggs, of Meadville, Pennsylvania. The couple had children: Hazel, Neil, Charles Clair, Velma and Ruth Griggs.

**The Ancestors of Lydia Mae Cornell**  
**- Eunice P. Gunn -**

It was mentioned before that Eunice P. Gunn Cornell, the wife of Charles D. Cornell, was the daughter of Spencer and Sarah Jinks Gunn. She was born in Brown Township, Pennsylvania on May 30, 1838, with parents from Vermont, and she died September 8, 1919, in Conneautville. Spencer Clay Gunn and his wife Sarah A. Jinks have only one entry in the Federal Census records. That entry appeared in 1850 (Girard Township, Erie County, PA, page 405) as:

Name	Age	Birth
Spencer C. Gunn	34	NY
Sarah A.	31	NY
Eunice	12	Pa.
Amelia	10	Pa.
Aaron	8	Pa.
Cyrenius	6	Pa.
Cornelius	6	Pa.

The reference to Spencer C. and Sarah A. Gunn being born in New York State in the Federal Census entry is in conflict with earlier reports and additional information that will be seen later. Spencer Clay Gunn was most likely born in Vermont.

A personal communication from Myra Ryan Tikkanen, granddaughter of Cyrenius Gunn, gives most of the information on the Gunn family in Springboro, Pennsylvania. Much of this information comes from a published obituary of Sarah A. Gunn. It states that she had lived in the homes of her children: Cyrenius T. Gunn, Mrs. C. D. Cornell and Mrs. A. Mulholland. Since Eunice P. Gunn married Charles D. Cornell, Amelia Gunn must have married A. Mulholland. The obituary also states that Sarah A. Gunn died at the home of Mrs. George C. Maxham, Lydia Mae Cornell, in Erie. Furthermore, the remains were returned to Plattsburgh, New York for burial. The article specifically references 'Gunntown' as the location where Sarah A. Gunn and her family lived. Gunntown is a small crossroads about two miles from Springboro, Pennsylvania, and the location name is still used. Figure III-3 shows a photograph from a newspaper that makes reference to the name in 1984.

An additional reference to Plattsburgh, New York is mentioned in a newspaper article in the possession of Myra Ryan Tikkanen that states that Cyrenius T. Gunn was married there. A history of the region around Plattsburgh ["Three Centuries in the Champlain Valley", George Fuller Tuttle, Saranac Chapter DAR, Plattsburgh, NY, 1909, page 371] mentions the name 'C. Gunn'. On November 6, 1864, C. Gunn was one of 30 men formed into a detail for patrol by the Sheriff of Clinton County, to be assured that no residents of Plattsburgh left their homes starting at nine o'clock on the night after elections were held, until sunrise on



the following morning. No reference to the full first name of C. Gunn was made in the brief description of the detail.

Cyrenius T. Gunn married Sarah A. Christy and had children Lottie and Harry Gunn. All members of this family group are buried in Springboro, Pennsylvania Cemetery. The gravestone for Cyrenius Gunn gives his lifespan as 1844-1914, with 1845-1928 for his wife, Sarah Christy Gunn. Figure III-4 shows an old photograph of Main Street in Springboro. The store that is shown in the photograph was owned by Cyrenius T. Gunn. The occupation of Spencer C. Gunn in the 1850 Federal Census was listed as "Clerk". It is possible that Spencer C. Gunn may have been associated with the same store, since there is an obvious family connection.

The recollection of several family members who recalled Aaron Gunn as an old man was that he had served in the military. With the Federal Census in 1850 giving his age as eight years, he would have been a prime candidate for service in the Civil War. Copies of military records from the National Archives (Figures III-5A, III-5B and III-5C) show that Aaron D. Gunn enlisted for service on August 22, 1862 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He was mustered into the 140th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Infantry on September 4, 1862 in Pittsburgh. He was not discharged until May 31, 1865 near Alexandria, Virginia. During his time of service, he was at the Battle of Gettysburg and was wounded at the Battle of Spottsylvania, Virginia on May 12, 1864. These records give Aaron D. Gunn's age as 21 on June 1, 1864, which is consistent with the Federal Census entry for the Spencer C. Gunn family in 1850, depending upon the birthdate. The records also show that Aaron D. Gunn was born in Pennsylvania, resided in Washington County, and had a wife named Louisa. The monument that is dedicated to the Pennsylvania regiments serving at Gettysburg lists Aaron Gunn as a private in Company C of the Pennsylvania 140th Regiment.

Figures III-6A through III-6G show a copy of a letter that was written by Aaron D. Gunn in 1920, when he resided in Lancaster, Erie County, New York. In this letter he mentions that he enlisted in the Civil War after 1861 in southwestern Pennsylvania, which explains his presence in Washington County. During the Battle of Gettysburg, Aaron D. Gunn was assigned to hospital duty, and he makes references to "medical work" in the letter, to suggest that he had some type of medical training. In this letter, he also mentions other unrelated Gunn families in the area of southwestern Pennsylvania. An extensive biography of Alexander A. Gunn can be found in the history of Washington County [Biographical Record of Washington County Pennsylvania, J. H. Beers and Company, Chicago, 1893, pages 463-465].

Correspondence from Dennis S. Gilman, great-grandson of Cornelius T. Gunn, indicates that Cornelius T. Gunn married Louise A. Davidson and the couple had children: Rena, Nully and Spencer Clay Gunn. All of these children are reported as having been born in Plattsburgh, New York. Cornelius Thaddeus and Cyrenius Theodore Gunn were twins.

According to research by Dennis S. Gilman, Spencer Clay Gunn, the father of Eunice P. Gunn Cornell, had three brothers: Jefferson, Cornelius and Cyrenius Gunn. The repetition of names

can lead to confusion here. The letter of Aaron D. Gunn (Figures III-6F and III-6G) states that Spencer Clay Gunn's brother Cyrenius Gunn attended the State Normal School in Albany, New York, moved to Lancaster, New York to teach there, and then died at the age of 22 or 23. According to correspondence from Myra Ryan Tikkanen, Jefferson Gunn lived in Clarence, Erie County, New York and willed property there to Cyrenius and Cornelius Gunn, the twin sons of Spencer Clay Gunn. No information has been found on Spencer Clay Gunn's brother Cornelius Gunn.

The history of the Gunn family before Spencer Clay Gunn is somewhat of an interesting mystery. Figures III-7A and III-7B show a handwritten document dated January 1, 1882. This document was in the possession of Hazel Griggs Sevison, the granddaughter of Eunice P. Gunn Cornell. Thus, it must have some bearing on the Gunn family of interest. However, none of the names in the "Record of the Gunn Family" in this document match any of the names observed so far. The birthdate of Charles Gunn, Jr. on February 5, 1817 is close to a birthdate that could be valid for Spencer Clay Gunn in the 1850 Federal Census, but the given name of Charles Gunn, Jr.'s wife as Jane does not match. There are some interesting things that can be derived from the record. Moses Gunn was the head of a family with children of birth order: Charles, Moses, David, Aaron D., Polly, Betsy, Sally. The year of birth for Hiram Gunn in 1803 could make him a son of Moses Gunn or of Charles Gunn. It is not possible to tell from the record where the list of brothers and sisters of Charles Gunn ends, to start the list of his children. The main issue is that Moses Gunn had four sons born rather closely together, and this will tie into information in Aaron Gunn's letter and some Federal Census records.

The Aaron D. Gunn letter (Figures III- 6B and III-6C) tells us that his grandfather, who would be Spencer Clay Gunn's father, arrived in America from Scotland after landing in Canada, which was a common method of entry for early Scottish immigrants. At the time of his arrival he was a young, traveling with three of his brothers, and settled in Bennington, Vermont. All of these facts seem to be linked together in the 1790 Federal Census records.

The entries of the 1790 through 1840 Federal Census of the Population records provided very limited information on who was living in households. However, in the 1790 Federal Census (Shaftsbury Township, Bennington County, VT, page 21) we find the family headed by Moses Gunn in Shaftsbury, Vermont, which is only a few miles from the town of Bennington. The entry states that the household had 4 males under the age of 16, 2 males over the age of 16, and 1 female. This definitely corresponds to four young brothers emigrating to America and settling near Bennington. The four brothers were apparently traveling with their parents Moses and Jemima Gunn. The name Jemima results from following this family through later Federal Census records. In addition, the record of the Gunn family in Figure III-7A identifies the names of the four sons under the age of 16 as: Charles, Moses, David and Aaron D. Gunn. Again the repetition of names can lead to confusion, and this Aaron D. Gunn was not the person who wrote the letter.

As further confirmation that the Moses Gunn in the Federal Census of 1790 is the correct one, we find the families of James Jinks and Levi Jinks living very close to Moses Gunn according to the Census entries. In the Aaron D. Gunn letter, Figure III-6D, mention is made of a Jinks family that traveled with his grandfather's family when he went west to New York State. We have also found that Spencer Clay Gunn's wife was Sarah A. Jinks.

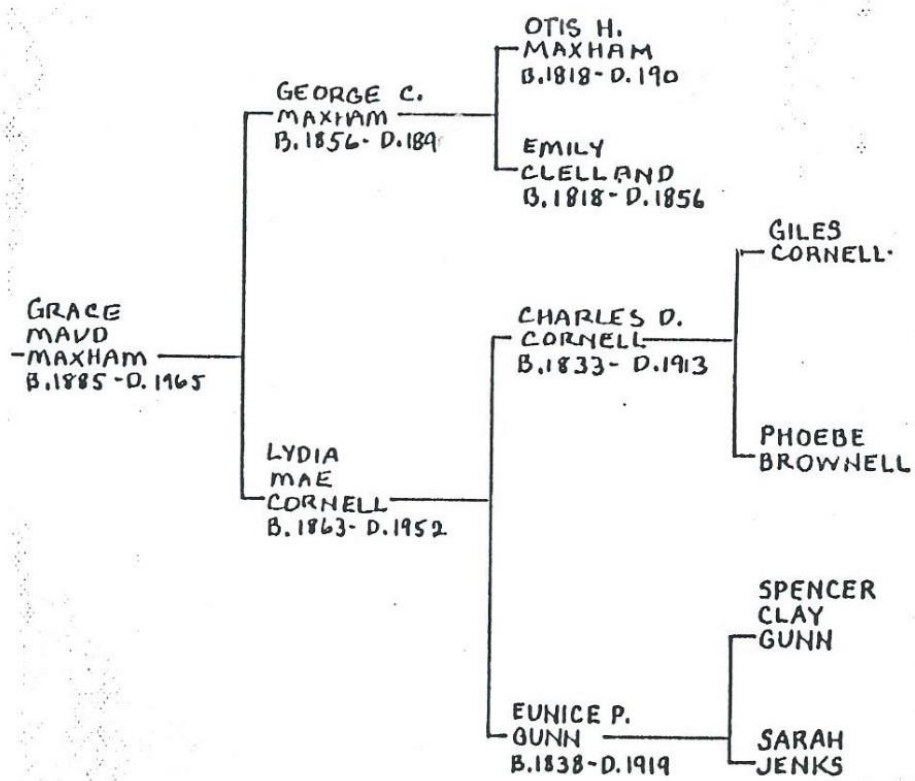
The Federal Census entry for Moses Gunn in 1800 (Shaftsbury Township, Bennington County, VT) lists 3 females under age 10 (Polly, Betsy and Sally), 1 male between 10 and 15 (Aaron or David) and other family members. The Federal Census entry for Jemima Gunn in 1810 (Shaftsbury Township, Bennington County, VT, page 132) shows 1 male less than 10 (Hiram), 2 females between 10 and 15 (Betsy and Sally), 1 female between 16 and 25 (Polly), 1 male between 16 and 25 (Aaron or David), and one female over 45 (Jemima). There is little doubt that the Moses and Jemima Gunn Federal Census entries correspond to the list of names in the Gunn Family Record in Figure III-7A.

Given all of this information, Moses and Jemima Gunn emigrated from Scotland to America with four sons and settled at Shaftsbury, Vermont. One of their sons (Moses, David or Aaron) moved west to New York State with a family of four sons (Jefferson, Cyrenius, Cornelius and Spencer). The fourth son, Charles is eliminated as the possible father of Spencer Clay Gunn, since Spencer's name is not included on the Record of the Gunn Family in Figure III-7A. The Aaron D. Gunn letter (Figure III-6D) says that his grandfather went west with his wife and four sons by way of the Erie Canal. The Erie Canal did not open until 1825, so Spencer Clay Gunn must have been born in Vermont, given his reported age in the 1850 Federal Census.

There are other possible scenarios to the ancestry of Spencer Clay Gunn, and the one outlined above is based on the assumption that the Gunn Family Record in Figure III-7A is directly linked to the ancestors of Spencer Clay Gunn. The foundation of a totally different story would start from Federal Census records from 1810 (Rupert Township, Bennington County, VT, page 118) which list a family headed by David Gunn, with four sons under the age of 15.

It is also interesting to note that the Aaron D. Gunn letter of 1920 was written to provide evidence that his nephew was of Scottish descent, since Gunn is not a typical Scottish family name. A reference to a directory of Scottish surnames ["The Surnames of Scotland: Their Origin, Meaning and History," George F. Black, New York Public Library, 1965, pages 332-333] shows that the name is of indirect Scottish ancestry, and is an abridged form of a longer Norse name like Gunnarr or Gunnbjörn. Norse settled in parts of Scotland, and the Gunn clan primarily occupied the Highlands portion of County Cathiness. They were a warlike clan and their connection with the county as a recognized district clan ended in about 1619. While originally of Norse descent, the Gunns have been in Scotland for many years.

Given all of this information, the ancestry of Grace Maud Maxham Knauff is summarized in the following family tree.



Biography of Lydia Mae Cornell

**Mrs. Fred Knauff**

**Enjoying 86th Year**

Mrs. Fred Knauff, of Erie, formerly May L. Cornell, daughter of the late Charles D. Cornell of Fischer road, Conneautville, posed for this picture



recently while enjoying her 86th year of life. She will be 87 on March 29.

She is the widow of the late Fred H. Knauff of East Springfield.

Mrs. Knauff is quite active and in good health. For the past eight years she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Alvah Knauff of 548 West Fifth street, Erie. She was once a resident of Beaver, married to the late Luther Gates of that place.

Mrs. Knauff has one sister, Mrs. Anna Griggs of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. Alvah Knauff of Erie and Mrs. Oliver Mansfield of North Girard, 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Family Photograph From 1915



Inscription on Back of Photograph

Eunice Cornell, Age 78 Years  
Lydia Mae Gates, 51  
Grace Maud Knauff, 28  
Eunice Mae Knauff, 6 weeks  
Merry Christmas, Mr. & Mrs. Alvah Knauff,  
P. O. Box #93, Cranesville, Pa.

Source: Vincent F. Gehrlein.

Article on Guntown School Near Springboro, PA

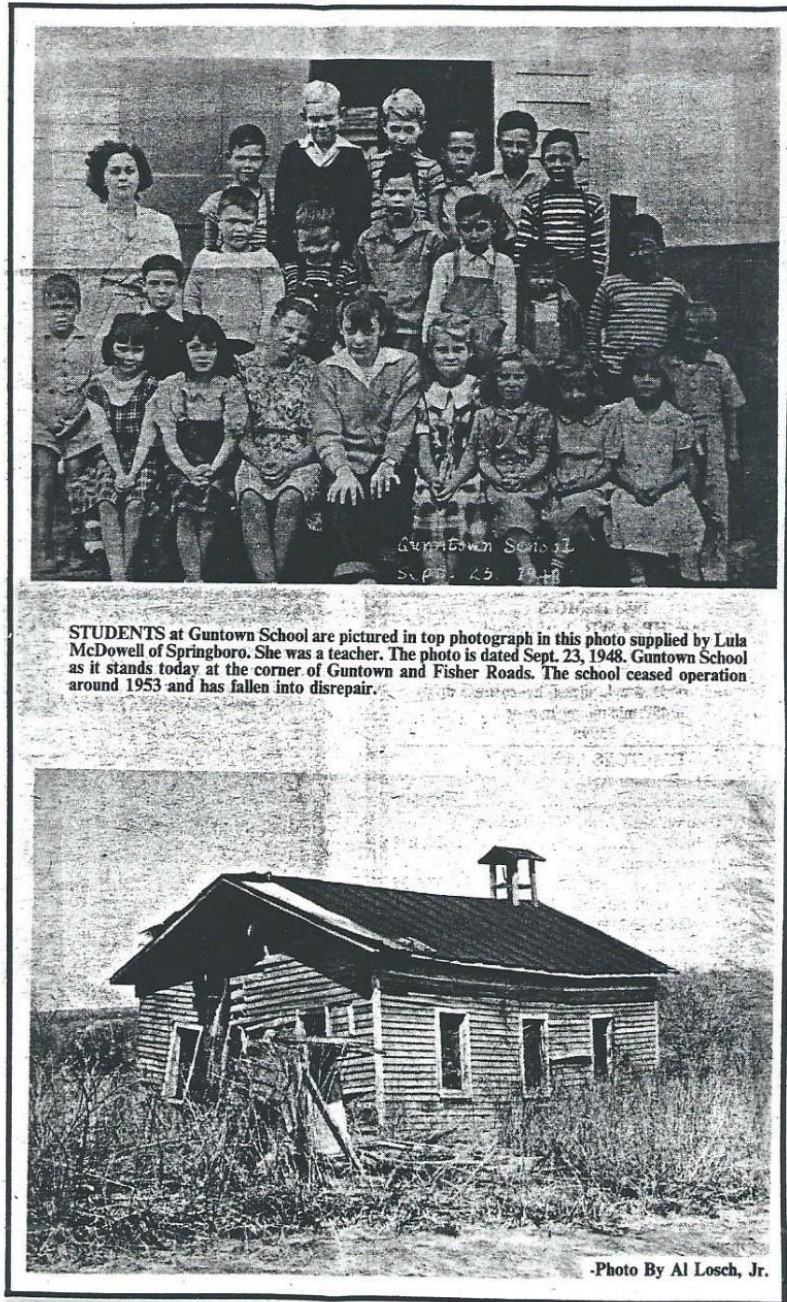


Figure III-4

Old Photograph of General Store on Main Street, Springboro, PA



Source: Conneautville Courier, April 11, 1984, page 12.



Civil War Records for Aaron D. Gunn

*C.* | 140 | Pa.

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*Aaron Gunn*  
*Pr*, Capt. Acheson's Co., 140 Reg't Pa. Inf.\*

Age *20* years.

Appears on  
**Company Muster-in Roll**  
of the organization named above. Roll dated  
*Pittsburg Pa* *Sept 4*, 1862

Muster-in to date *Sept 4*, 1862

Joined for duty and enrolled:  
When *Aug 22*, 1862  
Where *Washington D.C.*  
Period.....years *Duration War*

Bounty paid \$ *25* / 100; due \$ *100* / 100

Remarks *Premium paid \$5.00*

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\* This organization subsequently became Co. C. 140 Reg't Pa. Inf.

Book mark *752 a. 1861 (ent. lost. Dis)*

*Acid*

(356) Copyist.

*J.* | 140 | Pa.

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*Aaron D. Gunn*  
*Corp.*, Co. *C*, 140 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.  
Age *20* years.

Appears on **Co. Muster-out Roll**, dated  
*Mar. Alexandria Va. May 31*, 1865.

Muster-out to date *May 31*, 1865.

Last paid to *Dec 31*, 1864.

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Clothing account:  
Last settled *Aug 31*, 1864; drawn since \$ *32.56* / 100

Due soldier \$ *100* / 100; due U. S. \$ *100* / 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ *100* / 100

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Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ *100* / 100

Bounty paid \$ *25* / 100; due \$ *75* / 100

Remarks: *Admitted Capt Dec 13*  
*64. Stop for transportation*  
*Jan'y 14. 64. \$7.34*

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Book mark .....

*J. Richardson*

(361) Copyist

Civil War Records for Aaron D. Gunn

G | 140 | Pa.

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Aaron Gunn  
 Pvt, Co. C, 140 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.

Appears on  
**Company Muster Roll**  
 for May & June, 1864  
 Present or absent absent  
 Stoppage, \$.....100 for .....

Due Gov't, \$.....100 for .....

Remarks: Absent wounded  
May 12/64.  
Stop for 1 wrench lost  
Stop for transportation \$1.75

Book mark : .....

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(858) Long Copyist.

A | 140 | Pa.

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Aaron Gunn  
 Pvt, Co. C, 140 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.

Appears on  
**Company Muster Roll**  
 for July & Aug, 1863  
 Present or absent Absent  
 Stoppage, \$.....100 for .....

Due Gov't, \$.....100 for .....

Remarks: Detached service  
at Camp. Gettysburg Pa  
July 2/63 under Brig. Gen.  
Zook

Book mark : .....

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(858) Allen Copyist.

## Civil War Records for Aaron D. Gunn

Hospital Number 114. *91*

Name Aaron Gunn

Age 21 Nativity Penn.

Married or Single Married

Residence Washington Pa.

Post Office address of wife or nearest relative. Glouisa Gunn  
same

Rank Priv. Co. C Regiment 140<sup>th</sup> Pa.

When admitted June 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

From what source Leavenworth Hospital

• Diagnosis: (in surgical cases state explicitly seat and character of wound or injury.)

Haddington G. H.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

On what occasion wounded Spiller's ranee

Date May 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Nature of missile or weapon Minié Ball

Letter Written by Aaron D. Gunn in 1920



*A. D. Gunn, Albany  
 Dear Weyland  
 Yours posted Dec  
 11 need not be glad  
 to hear from all of  
 you or yours as the  
 less with them would have  
 it. Here it is. What  
 do yours come down  
 head to fight us now for  
 late but post the same  
 must declare it by  
 wishing us a happy  
 Christmas and job -  
 yours 1920.*

## Letter Written by Aaron D. Gunn in 1920

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once more we might dig out some connecting links that would show the travels of those 4 brothers from the Scotch land. If our Grandfather was here with us again after a long absence would we ply them with questions many? We wait until it is too late. All I can do is to give my idea of where the birth place

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You ask some hard questions. The papers you sent me several years ago I think would solve your questions more than I can. I speak of the publication that printed a write up on the Albany Gunn. The ones you sent me I blamed George of destroying them. If you can find them let me read them

## Letter Written by Aaron D. Gunn in 1920

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is. But my ideas are based on facts that I know to be true. I know that my grand father immigrated to the U. States and staped foot first on Vermont soil in a road on the east shore of Lake Champlain. And that he was traveling with other relatives. Now we know by this from what country he staped on to Vermont soil. We was a young man not married and and he left his relatives at Burlington <sup>or near there</sup> for some reason probably he was ashamed of funds. The others went on to Albany. They all started for Albany when they left Canada. Why did he go right through Burlington and go to such insignificant and small locality to build

## Letter Written by Aaron D. Gunn in 1920

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a girl that wanted to go west too. She went with the Jinks family and died with small pox shortly after they left Canada but not the one was buried on the Jinks cemetery lot not far from Port Pembroke. I think she never had a head stone. Have he and mother tell her name and have I see her grave. How true then were

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up a home simply then land was very cheap. He married her and his car after a long time was cocked towards the then great west. Yes and they are a going to build us a canal to go west on. He waited for the canal and away west with his family of 4 boys and his wife. Also another family named Jinks and

## Letter Written by Aaron D. Gunn in 1920

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Several of these families stopped in South west Penna and cleared off the heavy oaks of that region and built homes. Father and talked to several of the old heads of Gunn families I was there in 1861 and enlisted in the civil war from that part of Penna. There Gunn's when the subject was talked all that I remember

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Gunn's many of them that came to this country the land of the free and they did not all of them I land in Canada By accident I run on to several families not related to each other that landed at Baltimore. They string out along the first constructed Macadam road built in U.S. That pike was made from Baltimore to Cumberland



## Letter Written by Aaron D. Gunn in 1920

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Speaking with claud  
 scotch accent.  
 Yes there was that  
 great Kentucky Dr  
 John Q Gunn. He  
 was in his medical  
 work that he too was  
 of the scotch.  
 I honestly do not be-  
 lieve that another  
 in proper government  
 ever had a Gunn  
 unless he or they were  
 stray sheep.  
 Well this is the best

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that I can do and  
 hope it may aid you  
 to convincing the head  
 ones of your Ft Andrew.  
 There is as my fathers  
 Brother Gyrimus G  
 Gunn who graduated  
 in the state normal  
 of Albany. Why did  
 he go the entire length  
 of New York to get into  
 high school. That of  
 them in this end of  
 the state. They must  
 had some advantage

## Letter Written by Aaron D. Gunn in 1920

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with relatives for his living for he was a poor boy. He borrowed the money of a brother to put him through that Albany normal. We taught the Williams high and then came to this village in its high. Took a commission here and child (age 22 or 23). Was so high thought of as a man and teacher that a society placed at his head the largest slab

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that was ever grained to date in the Lancaster Rural Cemetery. Hope this find do you all in good health. Thank'd for the photo. Write at your convenience. Hope you may get into the Gt. A. G. I know you surely belong there. Love to all.  
 From uncle  
 A. D. Gunn  
 Lancaster N.B.  
 Jan 17 20

## Record of the Gunn Family

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Record of the Gunn family

Charles Gunn Feb 16 1781  
 Moses Gunn Apr 24 1783  
 David Gunn July 14 1787  
 Hazon D Gunn July 1790  
 Polly Gunn Apr 23 1793  
 Betsey Gunn Aug 26 1796  
 Sally Gunn Jan 8 1798  
 Hiram Gunn Oct 17 1803  
 Minerva Gunn May 20 1813  
 Charles Gunn Feb 5 1817  
 Abner S Gunn Feb 12 1812

Anna Gunn wife of Charles Gunn  
 within a circle she had big  
 no enemies to cause her grief  
 her liberal heart and hand did give  
 to all who wanted relief  
 she had many friends who fill her in earth  
 as by their tears was plainly shown  
 we did not estimate her worth  
 till after she was dead and gone

Moses Gunn Grand-father to  
 Charles Gunn Juss, and the  
 head of the family from which

Source: Unknown, from Hazel Griggs Sevison.

## Record of the Gunn Family

all The above Gunns sprang  
from. No record of birth or  
death. Grand-Mother Gunn  
wife of Charles of old was  
said to be very good looking.

Family Photograph of Scott, Lydia Mae and Platt Cornell



Scott Cornell, Lydia Mae Cornell, Platt Cornell

Source: Unknown, individuals identified by Eunice Knauff Gehrlein.