

Neisel 2005

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## Notes for Wilhelm Neisel

The Neisel histories are written by me, Verna M. (Neisel) Lann. My purpose in doing this, is to try making each person (both living and dead) as realistic as possible, so that our descendants will have a "thumbnail sketch" of what some of their ancestors were like. Some of you who read this in the present day (1998) may resent the fact that there is too much of me in it. Let me explain: you will notice as you read, that a few people contributed greatly -- and to those, we owe a GREAT deal of thanks! In some cases, I barely knew people, and had no info except my scant knowledge. I didn't intend to slight one single person; however, in a project this large, I hope everyone will understand that I did the best I could. I have read several unrelated family histories, and found that most of them are greatly influenced by the writer. My personal notes on individuals may seem too "glorified" to a reader who does not find that particular person all that wonderful; conversely, some may find that I left out a lot of good things about someone whose notes are scant. You will also find duplicate info. While I have included some info about new spouses and step-children, the printout does not include those who are "once removed", unless they are directly related to a Neisel; but in most cases, I was able to include them in personal notes of their nearest relative.

**IMPORTANT:** It is my hope that each person (or at least each family) will add to this in any way they see fit, down through the ages. The Neisels were of good German stock -- possibly even descendants of royalty. Of course, we only KNOW with certainty of the Neusels first generation in America -- the "Massillon Neisels". But they were very hard-working, strong, stern, generous, ambitious, caring -- and yes -- penny-pinching, eccentric, and wealthy people. We can be very proud of our heritage. But equally important is each individual life which descended from them. To each family, I beg you to jot down stories, personalities, additions, and statistics of your family members, and keep it with this record. If anyone is so inclined, I would be delighted to receive copies of these additions.

I wish it were possible for everyone to study the few, rare, old photos I have. The resemblances in appearance to many of us living today is uncanny. As you read about the eight Massillon Neisels, do not be surprised if even their character traits match someone you know.

Research is based on information found in the Neisel Family Bible, old letters, copies of death certificates, word of mouth info which has been passed down from generation to generation, newspaper clippings, Latter Day Saints (Mormon) records, family documents, a Family Tree which was created and submitted by Kenneth W. Betsh, husband of Pauline (Polly) Neisel Leister, and miscellaneous sources. Where there is uncertainty as to truth, I have tried to indicate as such. Much of the anecdotal-type information has been told identically by more than one person; however, sometimes I was unable to recall who gave the info, and was almost always unable to recall -- to a certainty -- more than one of the sources. I have not embellished any of the information -- it is recorded as accurately as my information permits. I have made tape recordings of all my aunts and uncles who are still living. Instead of retyping the tapes in their entirety, I have put excerpts into the records. Due to limited computer space for these inputs, I sometimes had to put some of the information into the spouse's or children's records.

**About the Bible:** It was a very large book, written in German. Most of the pages were destroyed in one of several fires; however, the family records were, for the most part, still intact. Our name "Neisel" was originally "Neusel" (pronounced Noi'-cel). This was the German spelling and pronunciation. Apparently, they used the name of Neusel until sometime after the youngest child (Maria Paulina, who we knew as "Pauline") was born; because when Wilhelm became a citizen on Sept. 8, 1892, his name was Neusel, and in the family Bible, all the children are listed as Neusel. Pauline was born Dec. 15, 1897, so it was sometime after that, that they changed the name.

**About the names:** Each individual record of Wilhelm, Wilhelmina, and all their children, is shown exactly as they were written in the family Bible. You will note that, in some cases, their "given" names bear no resemblance to the names they went by. There is also a small Bible (now in the possession of Gregory Neisel, or his mother, Geraldine Fliger-Thompson), which, as near as I can figure, was given to Wilhelmina when she was a child in Germany. In it, there are inscriptions, written in the old-style German script. Even if one is able to read German (which I can't), you really have to study it, because some of their letters are written very differently from the way we write. I mention this, because on Wilhelm's application for citizenship, he wrote in that style. I found it interesting that he signed "Wilhelm", but all the other handwriting on the documents were written by someone else, and they wrote "William". It may have been at this time that he began going by the name of William. In 1993, I received an updated copy of the Neisel family tree from Kenneth Betsh, husband of Pauline (Polly) Neisel Leister. In it, Ken showed the given German names of most of these

children. I included these names as a note in each of their records. I believe that whoever wrote the names in the family Bible has probably mixed the German names with the Americanized names, which is why you will find several variations of some.

One time at an airport restaurant, I was sitting next to a man and woman who had just arrived from Germany. We struck up a conversation. They both declared that "Neusel" was a "famous" name in Germany. They even spelled it correctly without my telling them, and they told me the correct pronunciation. I thought they might be misusing the word "famous", but they spoke English very well. I did find, in the Latter-Day-Saints records, many, many Neusels in Germany. (LDS records are the primary source for genealogists, because they keep all the records they receive. They believe that everybody in the world is connected.) Although I found many Wilhelm Neusel's in their records, I was never able to find OUR Wilhelm Neusel. I did, however, find Wilhelmina's parents in Germany.

Our Wilhelm Neusel, according to GERMANS TO AMERICA, came to America on a ship called the Nova Scotian. Whether he had spent some time in Canada, or simply made a transfer there, is not known. The itinerary of his ship was from Halifax, Liverpool, and Newfoundland. I would guess that this is in reverse order. In other words, I believe his last point, before entering the United States, was probably Halifax -- the capital of Nova Scotia, Canada. He arrived in Baltimore, Maryland on April 26, 1881. He was 27 years old. I do not know the port he left Germany from, nor the ship.

Wilhelm, and his wife, Wilhelmina (Mina or Minnie), had ten children, possibly twelve.

Carolina Anna Louisa, born October 20, 1879 in Germany, died August 5, 1881 in Ohio. Mathilda, born March 19, 1884, died January 24, 1886. Then came Annie, Fred, Charlie, Ott, Louie, Tillie, Bill, and Pauline.

Strangely, there is no record showing that his wife, Wilhelmina, travelled with him. One relative recalled a rumor that she was astowaway; so perhaps it is true. Also, Mina (as she was called) was hunchbacked, which also lends credence to the rumor; because, I have learned from a television documentary that passengers who travelled in the "economy" class, were put into the bowels of the ships where they were unable to stand fully upright. They stayed in these conditions, sometimes for as long as two months. As a result, many immigrants were hunchbacked. There is also no record of their 1-1/2 year old daughter, Anna, being on the ship. Or -- perhaps she and Mina came later.

Re the Massillon Neisels (a rough sketch), according to Frederick Carroll Neisel: Only three of the eight Massillon children ever married: Annie, Fred, and Tillie. Pauline, Ott, and Bill lived on the family homestead for many years. The kitchen caught fire, but they continued to live there. (Louie had his own estate, and Charlie had left home at a young age, embarrassed by a stupid accident) The homestead -- which by this time resembled a haunted house high up on a hill with a windmill -- caught fire a second time on a Friday night, about February 8, 1963, and did \$1,000 damage. At this time, Bill bought his own farm, and Pauline went to live with him. (I'm not sure where Ott went at this time.) The homestead property was then sold to the Oster Gravel Co. After Annie's husband died, she went to live on one of the farms, too; but I don't recall if she went to Bill's place, or to Louie's place. Finally, Louie's place burned to the ground, and Louie was never seen again. (More about this in the record of August Servis (Louie) Neisel.)

Re carrying on the Neisel name: Since Frederick William Neisel was the only son who ever married, (and we are the descendants of him), as far as I know at this time (June 1998), the following descendants of two of his sons are left to carry on the family name: Son, Calvin Eugene has one son and one grandson. Son, William Emerson (deceased) had two sons, William Richard and Gary Nelson. William Richard (deceased) had one son. Gary Nelson had four sons, and four grandsons.

The death of Wilhelm (William, in English) was very questionable. His death certificate reads: The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Concussion of brain following R.R. accident.

Some of his grandchildren have told me that they were told that Wilhelm was found lying beside the railroad track with a big hole in the back of his head. Pauline Neisel Leister said he was thought to have been shot for being a German sympathizer. He died prior to World War I, when there was considerable hatred in America for German immigrants. There, indeed, had been incidents where Germans in America were wrongly killed, because they were loosely suspected of being German spies and/or sympathizers. Wilhelm was said to have hated the Germans.

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The following is a reprint from the Massillon newspaper:

**WILLIAM NEISEL** The death of William Neisel, aged 59, a prominent stock raiser, living a mile north of the city, who was hurtearly Thursday morning when a Baltimore & Ohio freight train struck him, occurred at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Massillon city hospital. The cause of death was concussion of the brain. The deceased is survived by a widow and several children. He was born in Germany but has lived here for a great many years. The funeral will take place Monday afternoon from the late residence, the Rev. J. E. Digel officiating.

Then this article:

The funeral of William Neisel, who died Friday afternoon from injuries received when a railroad train struck him was held from the late residence north of the city, Monday afternoon, the Rev. J. E. Digel, of St. John's Evangelical church officiating. Interment was made in the Massillon cemetery.

Note: The date of his birth is shown in the Family Bible as September 2, 1853. His death certificate shows September 1, 1852, age 59 years, 4 months, 19 days. Since the June, 1900 Census record shows 1853, age 46, I have used 1853 as his date of birth. (His tombstone shows 1853 also.) Therefore, he would have been 58 years old when he died.

The year of their marriage, 1878, is deduced from the fact that the 1900 census shows they were married 21 years in 1900, and they had a daughter born in Germany in 1879. This daughter, Carolina Anna Louisa Neusel, died in America on August 5, 1881 -- only three months and four days after they arrived in America. A second child, Matilda, born in America, died when she was not quite two years old.

It is possible that Wilhelm and Mina lived a few months in the Baltimore area, or elsewhere, before coming to Massillon, Ohio. The Family Bible shows that their daughter, Carolina Anna Louisa died at Warmington, Ohio. I believe there is (or was) a Farmington, Ohio, but I don't know what part of the state it was in. I couldn't find it on the map, but I recently heard of it on television.

Note: Some of Wilhelm and Mina's children are shown as having been born in Crystal Springs, instead of Massillon. All three of the Neisel estates were just outside of Massillon, and a Massillon genealogist told me that this part of Massillon used to be called Crystal Springs. So, it is all one-and-the-same location.

There are two stories as to why they came to America.

Frederick Carroll Neisel said they were invited by the "Massillon Colony" (a colony of German immigrants), to teach the Americans of Massillon how to make German foods. Wilhelm and Mina taught people to make schwatemauga and apple butter. I do not know the correct spelling of the first food, but Fred said it is a hog's stomach -- they'd turn it wrong side out, and stuff it with sausage, then bake and slice it. Fred said, "Boy, that was g-o-o-o-d!" Robert Keller Neisel and his wife, Shirley, until a few years ago, continued the tradition of making large vats of apple butter every year at an autumn festival in Petersburg, Ohio. Fred said that the invitation to America was framed, and he had personally seen it after the last fire; but nobody knows where it is. He also wonders whatever happened to the cane of twisted glass that Uncle Bill (William Edward) used to use. Supposedly, there is still a framed document of Wilhelm's Honorable Discharge from the Prussian Army, signed by the King of Prussia, somewhere in our family, but no one knows where it is. Also, Fred C. said that this copy of the invitation to America was signed by the Queen of England. (My question: why the Queen of England?) He said it was a framed document, and remembers seeing it.

The other story as to why they came to America is that Mina was so heartbroken over the death of her two children, that she wanted to get away. Supposedly, she could see their graves from her kitchen window, and everytime she saw the graves, she broke down. See the note in record of Louise Carolina Wilhelmine Ackerhaus regarding this story.

After the funeral of William Richard Neisel, I was told some things about Mina Matilda Neisel-Leister, by her daughter,

Pauline "Polly" Leister-Betsh. One thing I recall her saying, was that Matilda's first husband (name unknown) was a brother to the Kaiser in Germany. More recently, when I talked with her on the phone, Polly told me that HER father (Benjamin P. Leister) used to tease Matilda by calling her "Queenie" or "Princess" because SHE (Tillie) was a descendant of royalty!

If this second story is the true one, that would mean that our Wilhelm was a brother of the King (Kaiser) of Prussia (royalty). More about Prussia-Germany later. Polly's husband, Kenneth W. Betsh, told me he had heard that our name was once Von Neusel, in Germany. (Von, when it precedes a German name, does indeed depict nobility, or wealth.)

We do know that both Wilhelm, and Wilhelmina, were from Prussia at one time or other. Wilhelmina was christened Dec. 12, 1858 in the Evangelisch (church, or religion??) in Hoerde, Prussia (now Germany) in the county of Westfalen. As for Wilhelm, his naturalization documents show Prussia/Germany. Also, the letters below, from relatives, were from Dortmund-Horde. The nearest airport to Horde (or Hoerde) is Dusseldorf.

About Prussians, according to my encyclopedia notes: they were regarded as harsh in discipline, militaristic, arrogant. (Does this sound familiar to those who remember our ancestors??)

In 1862, Prince Otto von Bismarck (The Iron Chancellor) was appointed President of the Council of Ministers by the Prussian King. He was a conservative, and united Germany. General von Moltke won a victory over France on May 10, 1871, and there was peace. The Prussian King became first Emperor, or Kaiser, as Wilhelm I.

Prussia was the kingdom in North Europe (East Germany) between the Elbe River and the Baltic Sea 1701-1871, and the dominant state of the German Empire 1871-1919. Prussia was formally dissolved in 1947.

One important note: It seems that there was a long period of time when Germany was also called Prussia, and vice-versa; therefore, it gets confusing. When you see "Prussia" on Wilhelm's naturalization documents below, it does not necessarily mean that he was from East Germany. In fact, I do not believe he was, unless it was early in his childhood.

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This is a mysterious letter to the Neusel (Neisel) family in Massillon from two young women in Germany who were related to the Neisels in some way. A photo accompanied the letters. The two women were sisters. Incredibly, one of them looks like our Minnie Neisel-Baker, and the other one looks like my sister, Glenda Neisel-Hughson! Anna Mary Neisel-Courtright recently wrote to Horde, Germany, seeking info on them, but received no help from Horde.

First, there was a two-page letter written in German, signed by: von Eurer Ingeborg Bangert, which I have retyped in English from her sister Gerda's translation. The top of Ingeborg's letter shows: Dortmund-Horde (Germany) 22 Febr. (19)48.

Gerda's translation is as follows:

The same in English: You can hardly imagine what surprise and what joy we had this week when the postman handed us a card from the Care-association. We learnt that we could collect a food parcel from Dortmund-Hafen sent by the family

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Neusel. As quick as possible and in breathless suspense, I went to that place and when we three loosened the package, we were highly pleased and really touched about all the delicacies, which your parcel contained. A tin of coffee, cocoa, fat, sugar, dried milk and eggs luxuries the names of which we have almost forgotten and were deprived of for so long a time. At the bottom we found a fine bar of chocolate. To-day - Sunday we could afford a fine cake and then we often thought of you in America. The distance from you is so far and the great lake is between us. part of the delicious things we put aside to make a birthday cake for our father, who will celebrate his 75th birthday next (next) month. Now we write to you for the second time, but we do not know anything of you, who made that big fun for us. We should like to know about you a little. How are you and how do you live over there? What are you doing? Is it still the former abode you are living at (doing) where your

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grandparents or perhaps even great-grand-parents settled down? What is your age? We are so curious and interested in learning something about our relatives in America. I enclose a little photo of myself. I thank you once more very heartily and send you my kindest regards. Ingeborg Weiskamp

Next is a note from Gerda:

Dear family Neusel, I have just translated my sister's letter and should like to add a little. First of all I should like to (restate?) that we cannot thank you enough for your kindness. Joy is so rare nowadays but you could give us this pleasure. It was like a good omen announcing that things would get lighter in future. Just as my sister I am very anxious to hear some particulars about yourselves. May we hope that we'll soon receive a letter from you in which you satisfy your curiosity? We should be glad if you tell us about yourselves and your ancestors backwards who made the journey and about their lives in America. Certainly we have heard and read a lot of things in America but we have never had personal touch with your country and that makes a great difference. With love, Gerda Bangert

My father sends his kindest regards.

Verna's note: In the LDS records, all I found was this: Elisabeth Neusel (Prussian) married Engelbrecht Bangert in 1640. Yes, 1640! Also, note that the letter written in German was signed "von Eurer Ingeborg Bangert" -- the "von" means "of nobility" according to my Webster's Dictionary, and also from what I have been told by Kenneth Betsh. \_\_\_\_\_

Following is a typed version of when Wilhelm (William) Neusel applied for citizenship to the United States. Everything in parentheses is handwritten on the document.

NATURALIZATION RECORD

The State of Ohio, Stark County, SS.

I (William Neusel) an Alien and Native of (Prussia) aged (31) years, having been duly sworn, depose and say that I first arrived in the UNITED STATES in the Month of (May 1") A.D. 18(81), and that it is bona fide my intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to (the King of Prussia & Emperor of Germany) whose subject I am. (Wilhelm Neusel) \* this was Wilhelm's actual signature.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this (10") day of (Dec.) A.D. 188(4). (S. Meyer) Probate Judge. \_\_\_\_\_ T The State of Ohio, Stark County, SS.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the (10) day of (Dec) A.D. 188(4), (William Neusel) an Alien, and Native of (Prussia) personally appeared before me (Seraphim Meyer) Judge of the Probate Court, a Court of Record, within and for said County, and declared on his solemn oath, that he first arrived in the United States in the month of (May) A.D. 18(81), and that it is bona fide his intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to (the King of Prussia & Emperor of Germany) and subscribed his name to said declaration, which remains on file in my office. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name officially, and affixed the seal of said Court at Canton, this (10") day of (Dec) 188(4). (S. Meyer) Probate Judge.

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The following is a typed version of the document which confirms that Wilhelm (William) Neusel became a United States citizen. Everything in parentheses was handwritten on the document.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Seal of eagle is underneath)

The State of Ohio, } PROBATE COURT Stark County, SS. (Canton O. Sept. 8") 18(92)

BE IT REMEMBERED, That (William Neusel) a native of (Germany) and now a resident of this County, has this day come into Court, and made application to be fully naturalized and to become a citizen of the United States, and it appearing to the satisfaction of this Court that the said (William Neusel) did, on the (10") day of (Dec) A.D. 18(84), declare his intention to become a citizen of the United States; And this Court being satisfied by the testimony of (George Shares of Massillon O) that the said (William Neusel) being admitted by this Court made solemn oath to support the Constitution of the United States of America, and that he now doth absolutely and entirely forever renounce and abjure all Allegiance and Fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to (the Emperor of Germany). And the Court being satisfied that the said (William Neusel) has in all respects complied with the Laws of the United States, in such case made and provided, he is thereupon admitted by the Court as a Citizen of the United States; and it is ordered that a copy of this record, duly certified, be issued to him as a Certificate of his Naturalization. A true record, Attest: (Jacob P. Fawcett) Probate Judge

THE STATE OF OHIO, } PROBATE COURT Stark County, SS.

I, (Jacob P. Fawcett) Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court, in and for said County, said Court being a Court of Record, having a seal, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full and correct copy of the record of the proceedings had in said Probate Court to naturalize and admit to citizenship. In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my official signature and affix the seal of said Court, at Canton, in said County, this (8") day of (Sept.) A.D. 18(92)

(Jacob P. Fawcett) Probate Judge.

In The National Geographic magazine (March 1930 issue) there was a picture of Wilhelm, poised with an axe, ready to chop the head off a huge turkey. Standing by, with her hands covering her eyes, was his daughter, five-year-old Pauline. There is another man in the photo, who Fred C. Neisel says looks like Wilhelm's son, Charles (Karl Henry Neisel); however, the photo was taken in 1902, and Charles would have been only fifteen.

There is a group picture of this large family taken in the lawn, just outside the family home. It appears that the house was well-kept when Wilhelm was still alive. Wilhelm had a thick, white beard. Robert K. Neisel told how his Grandpa Wilhelm and sons would go down to the railroad tracks and steal coal out of the cars. Even so, they were quite well-off -- note that the death notice called him a "prominent stock raiser". However, Wilhelm did not live to see their future "greater" wealth.

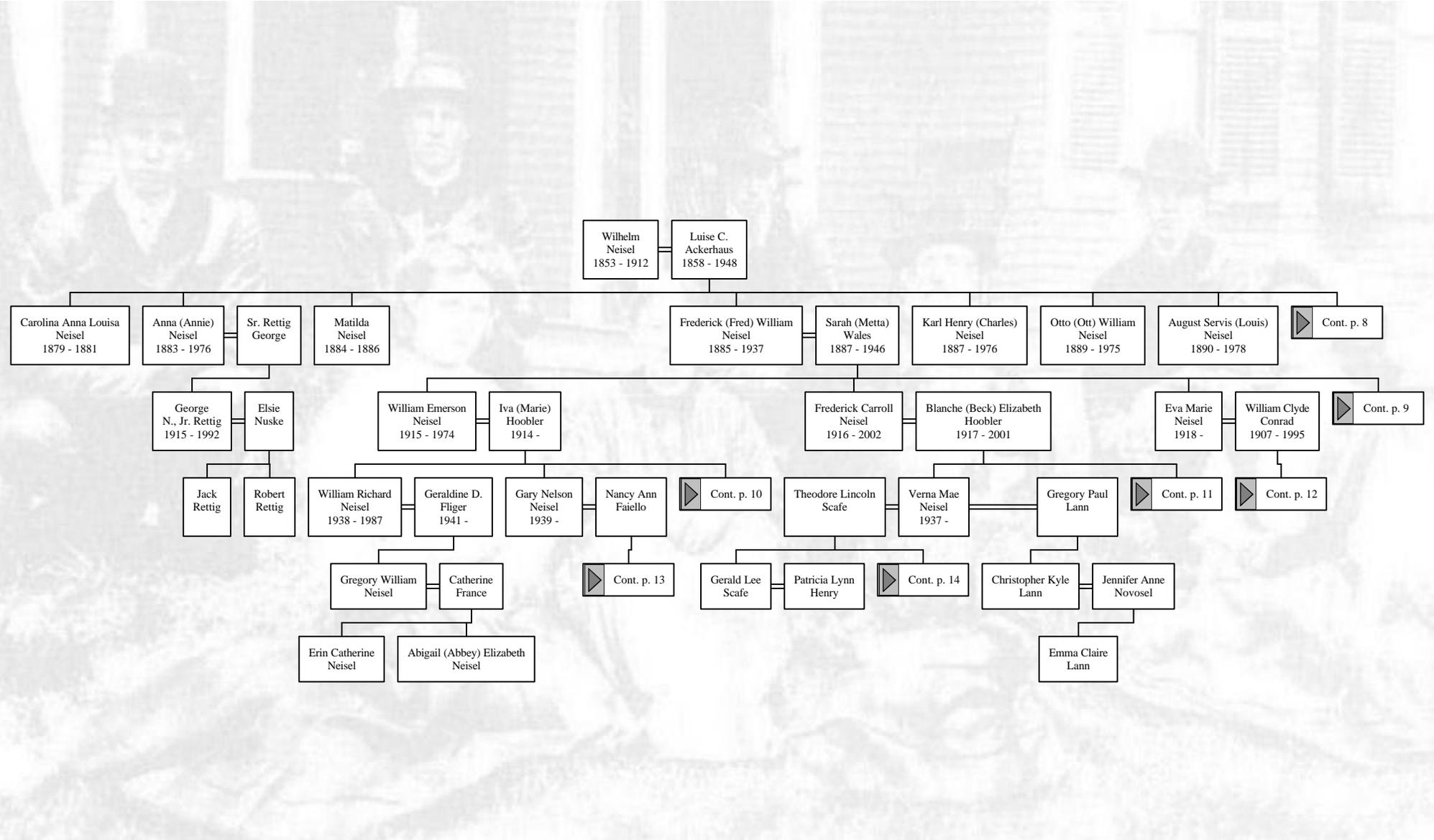
There were three Neisel estates, all situated on many acres of "prime" lush, green, rolling hills just outside of Massillon, Ohio. I do not know when the following things took place, but eventually, the B & O Railroad would buy right-of-way through some of their properties, as would a highway (it was either Route 21, or I-77). Also, there was oil! One of the sons, William Edward (Uncle Bill) bought a new Touring car in 1916 for \$710.

When Uncle Louie disappeared, I recall a headline in the paper which called him a "millionaire". This was accumulated wealth, for he was the last of the ten to die, and apparently, nobody -- at least not Louie -- had paid any taxes; so, that diminished the heirs' inheritances a great deal.

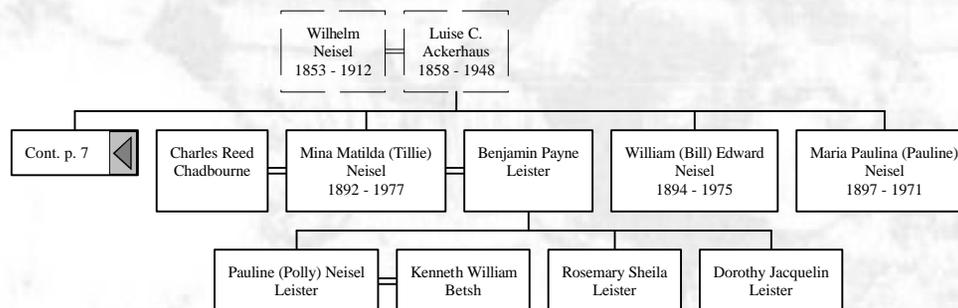
As you will read in other records, the Massillon Neisels did help our family a good bit. I think that Wilhelm's son Frederick (from whom we are direct descendants), and his daughter Anna were the worst off -- probably because they were the only ones who married, except Matilda -- and her husband was a Certified Public Accountant. The Great Depression came along when Frederick was raising a large family of his own. Anna was married to a man, who, according to her letters, must have been rather shiftless. Even Matilda suffered hard times on her farm in Maryland after her husband died.

For more info, see record of Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus.

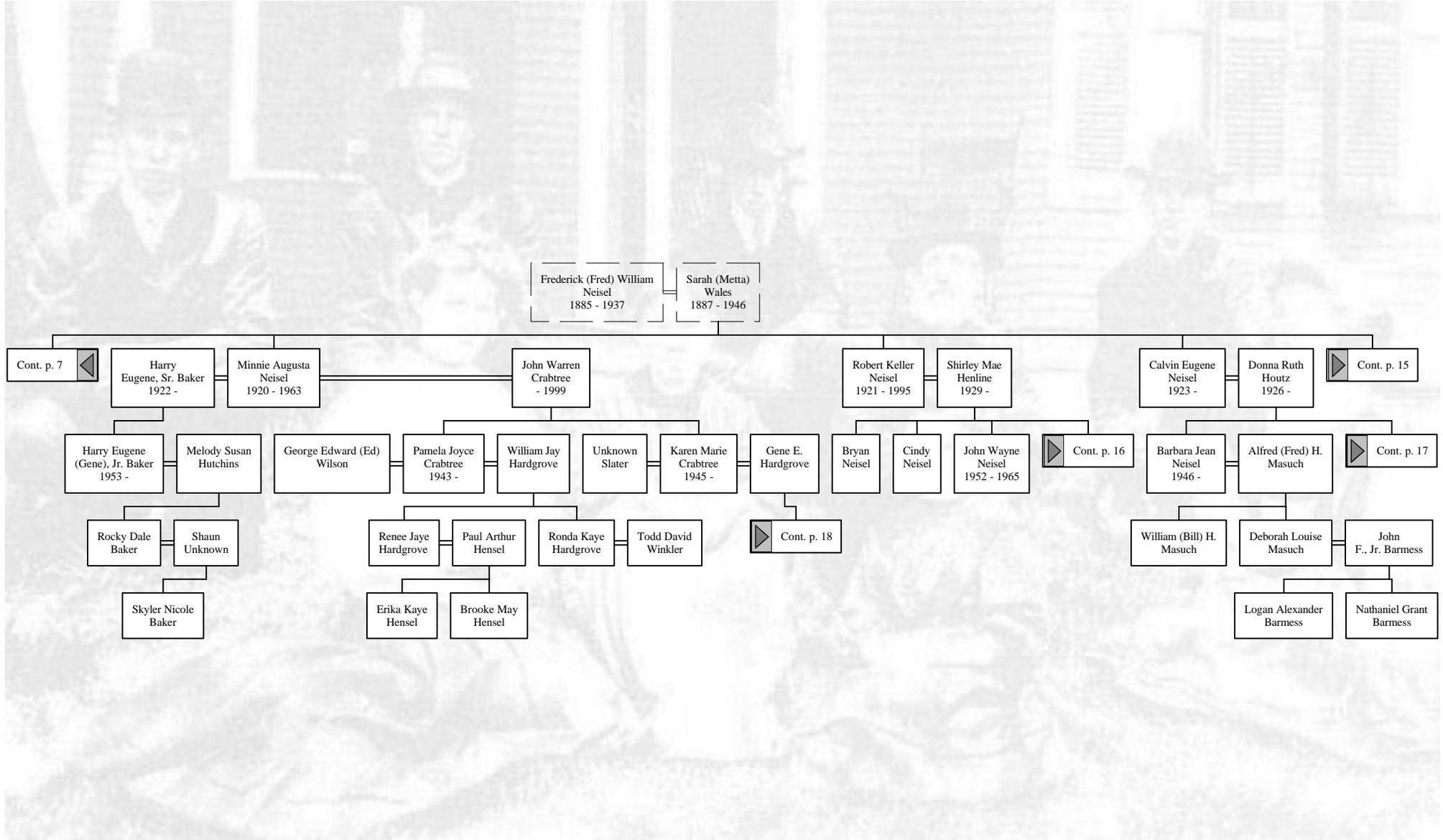
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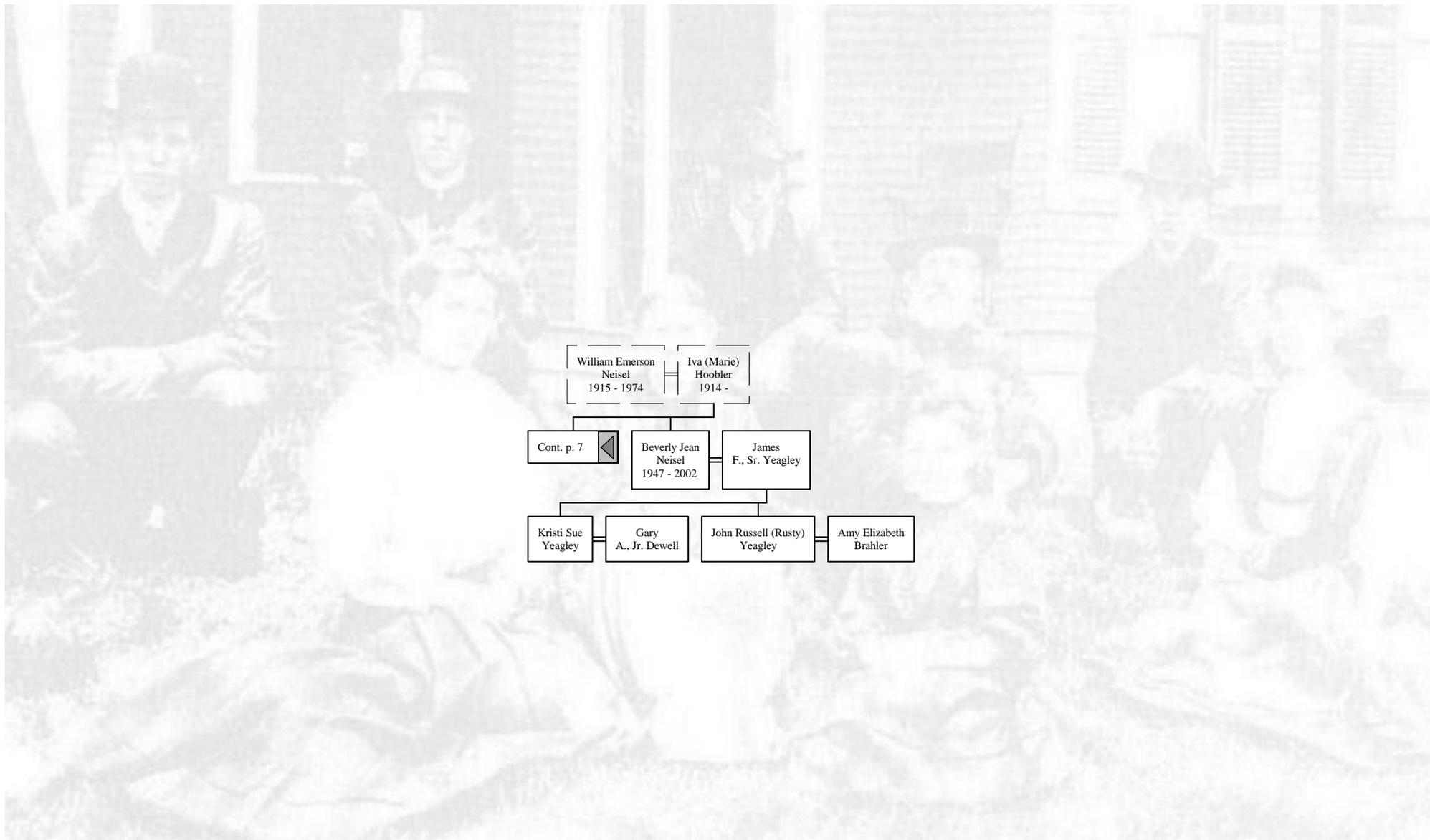
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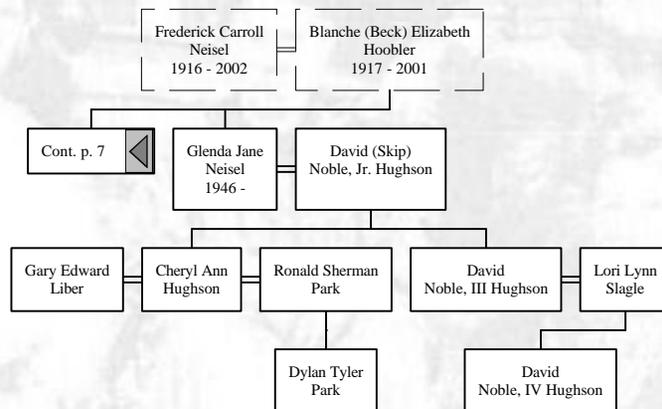
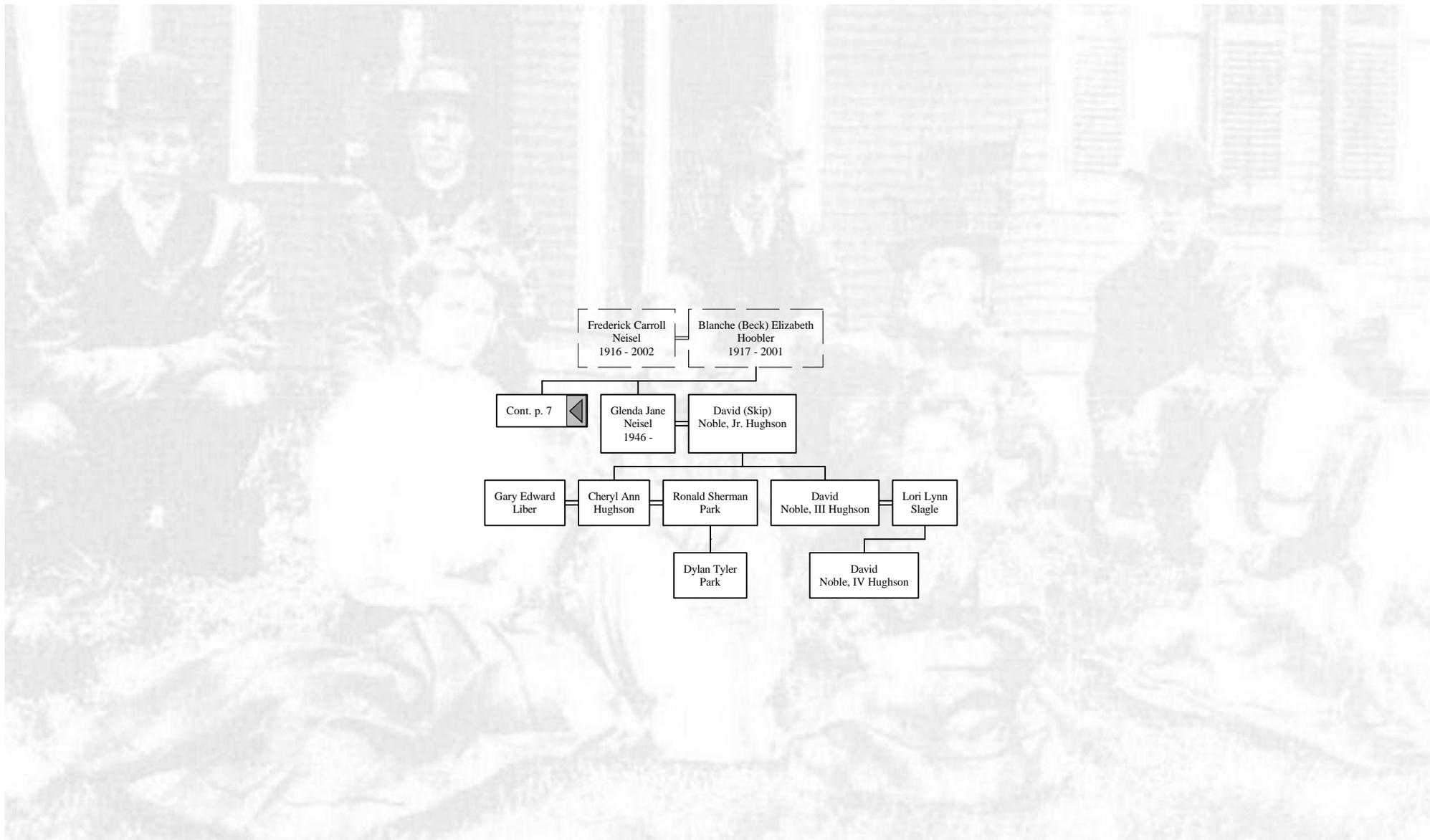
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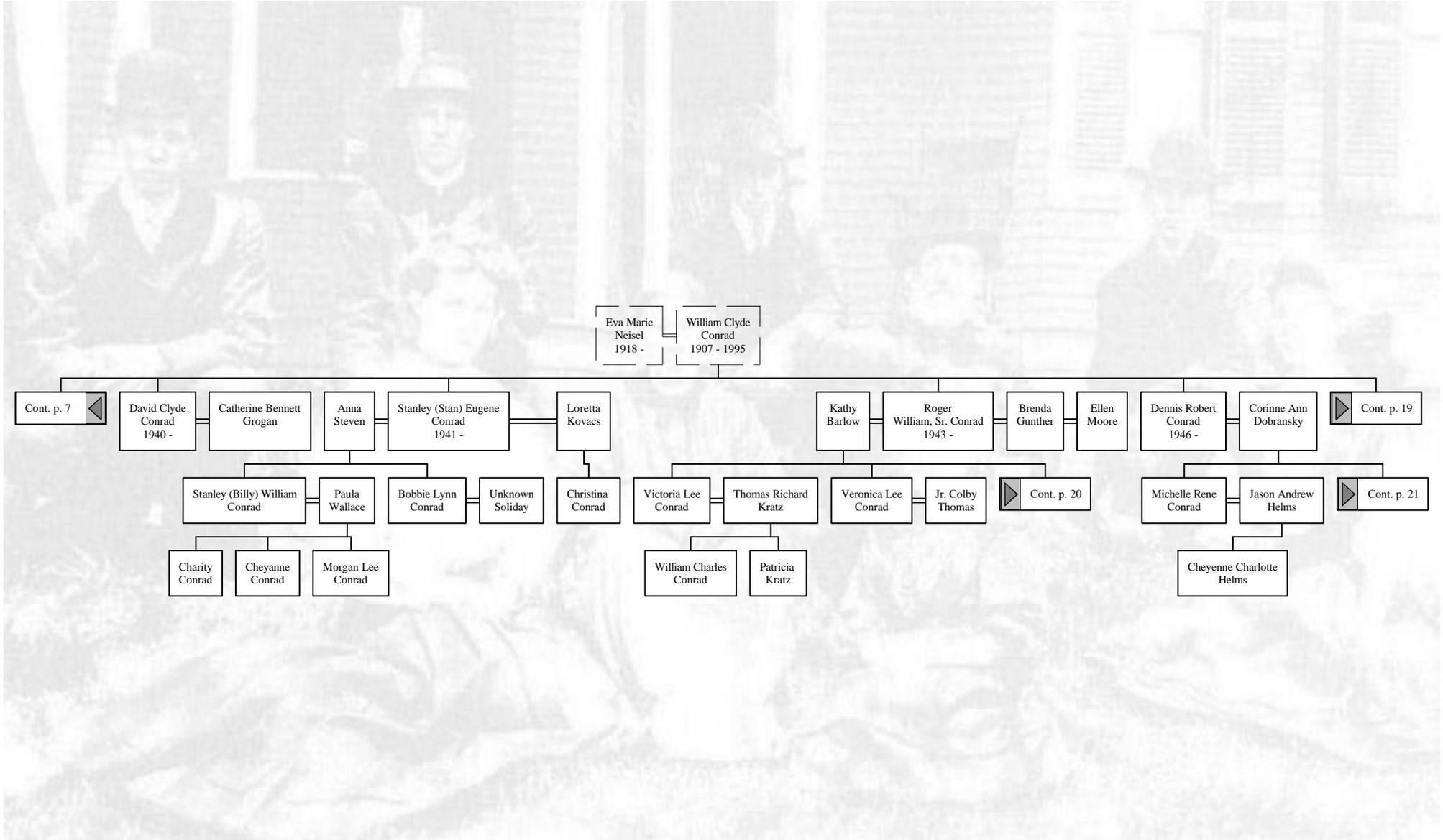
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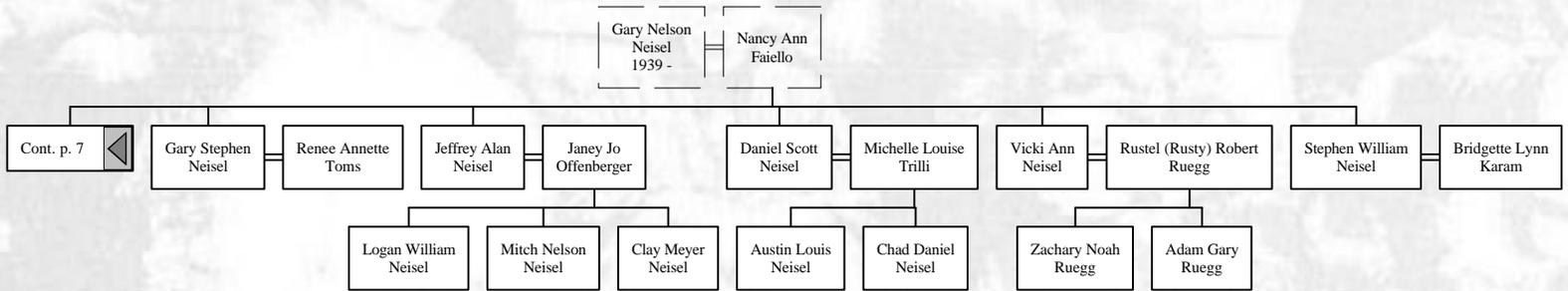
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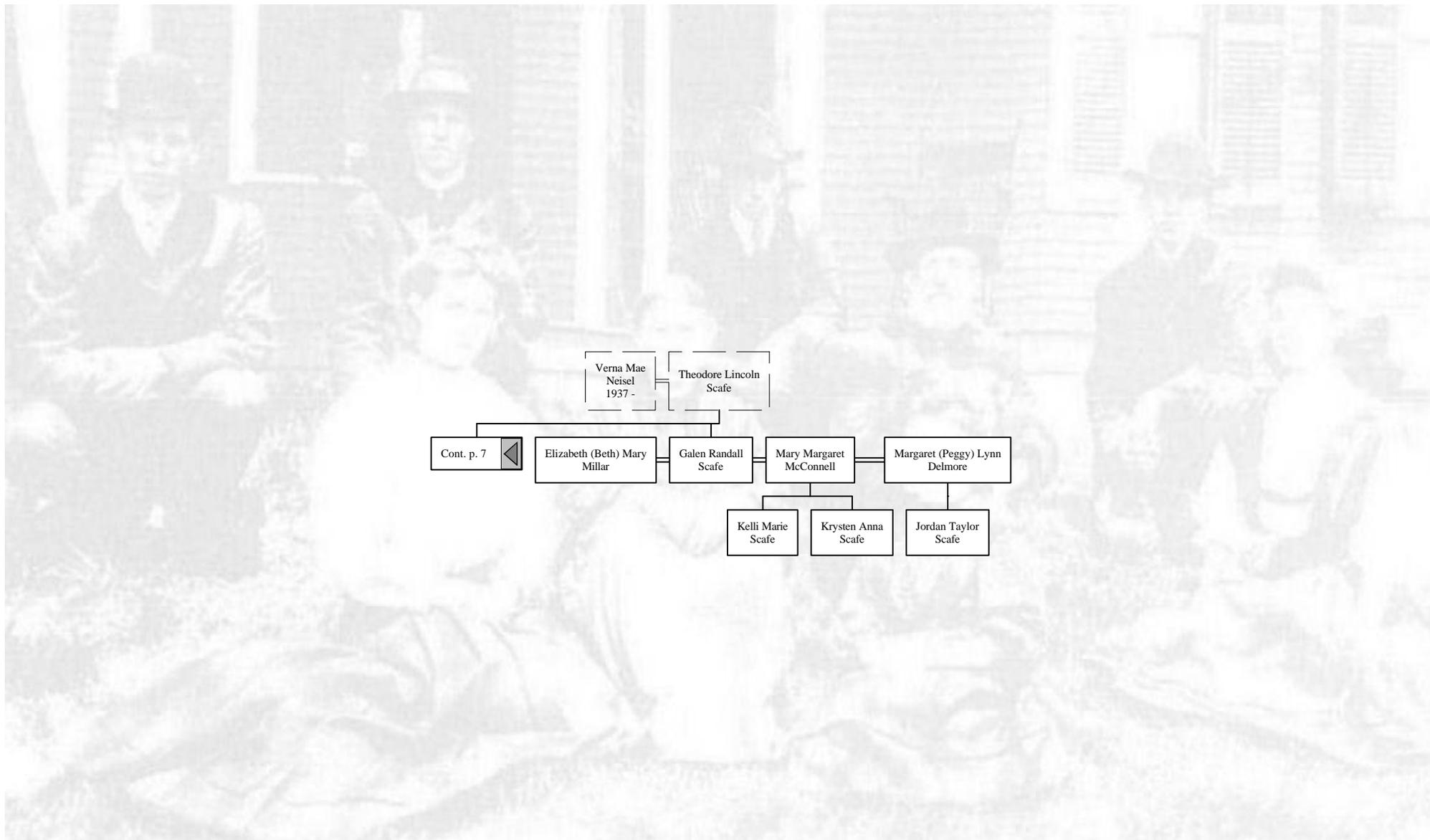
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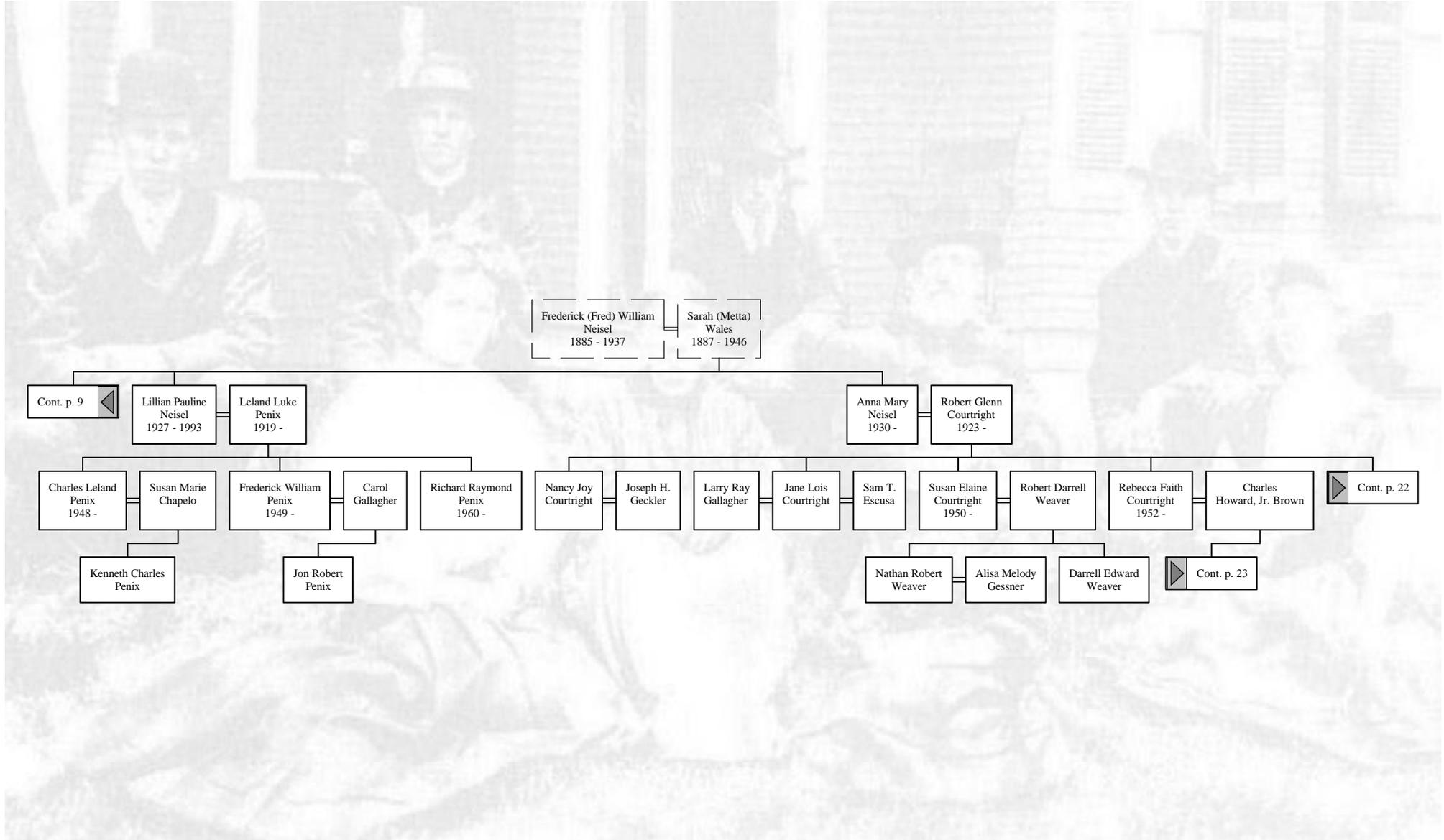
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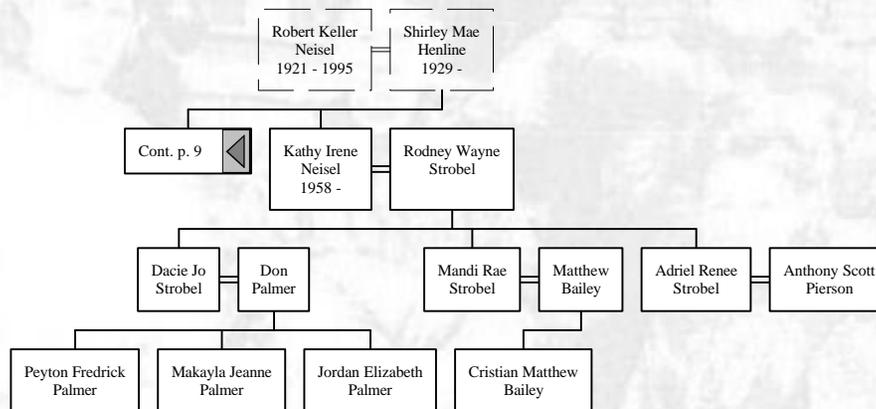
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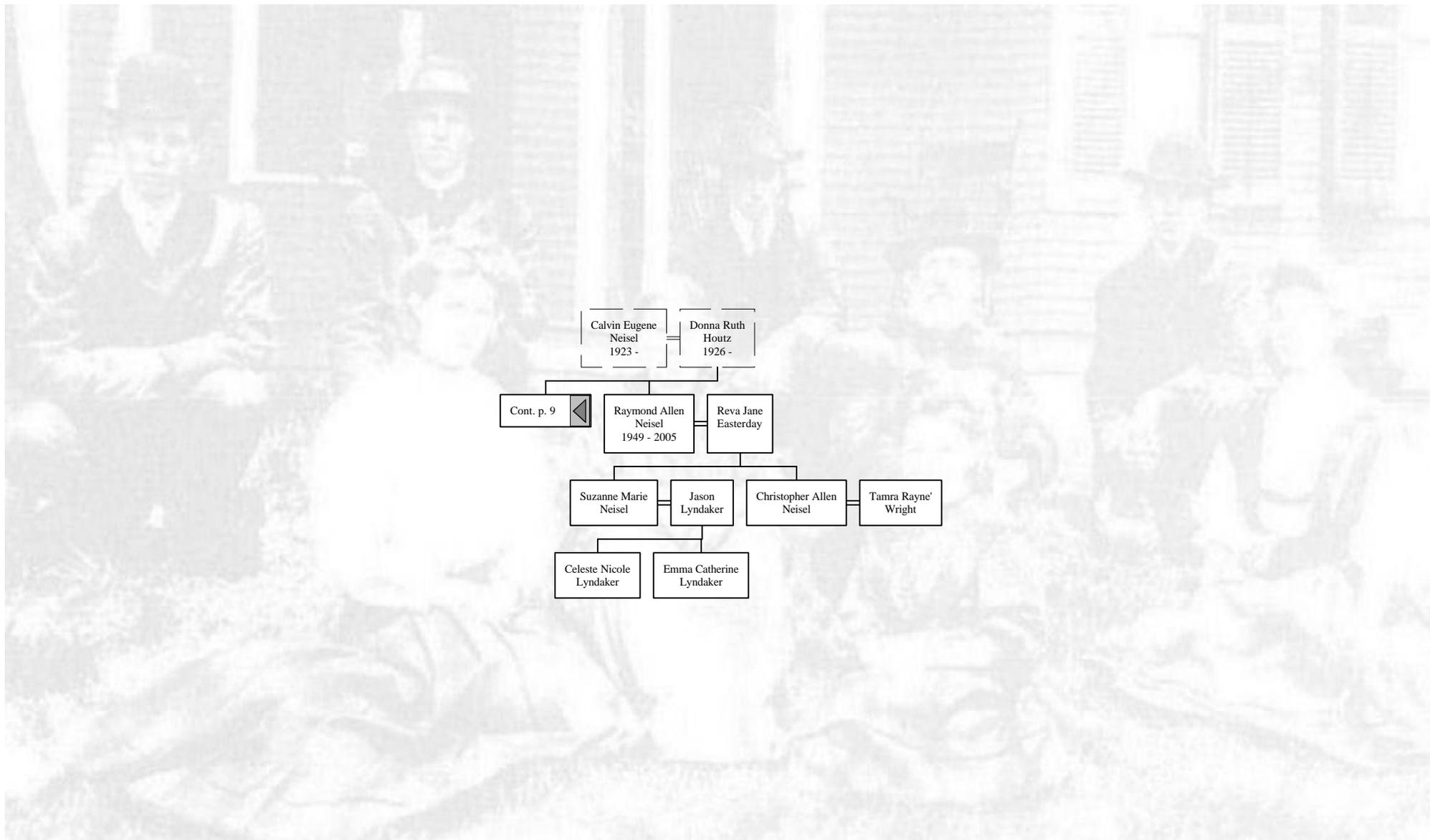
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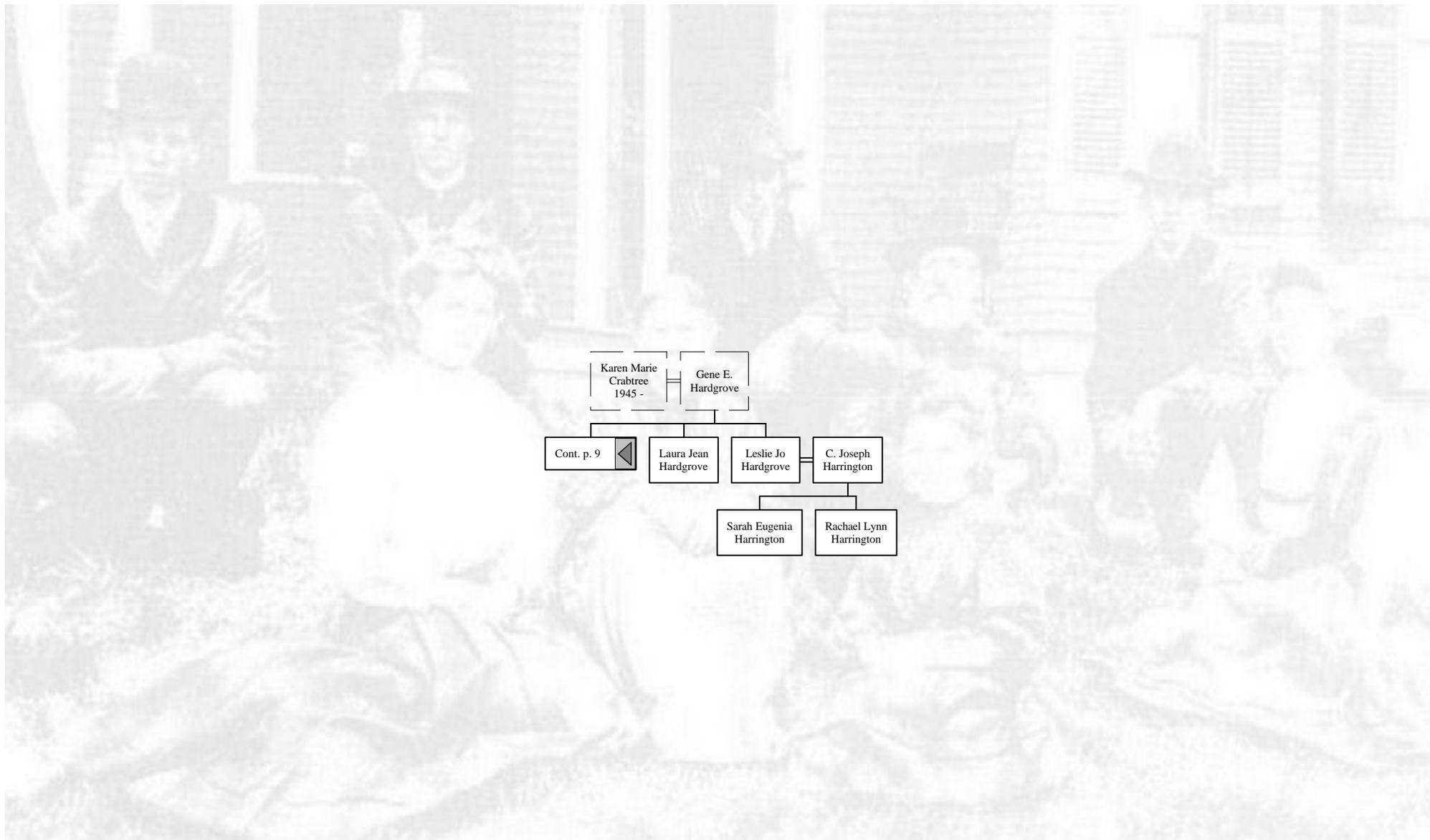
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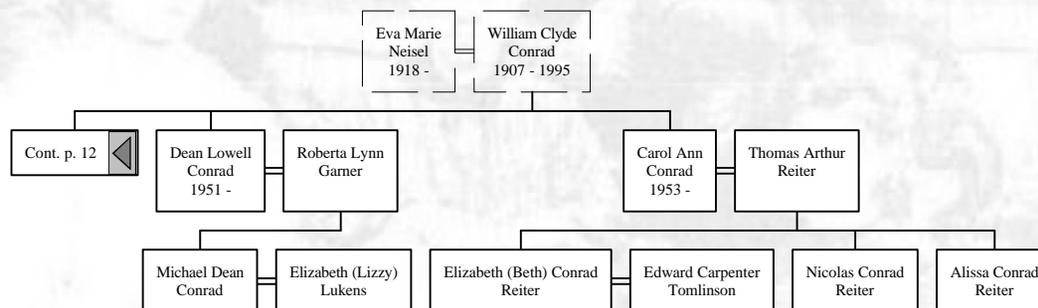
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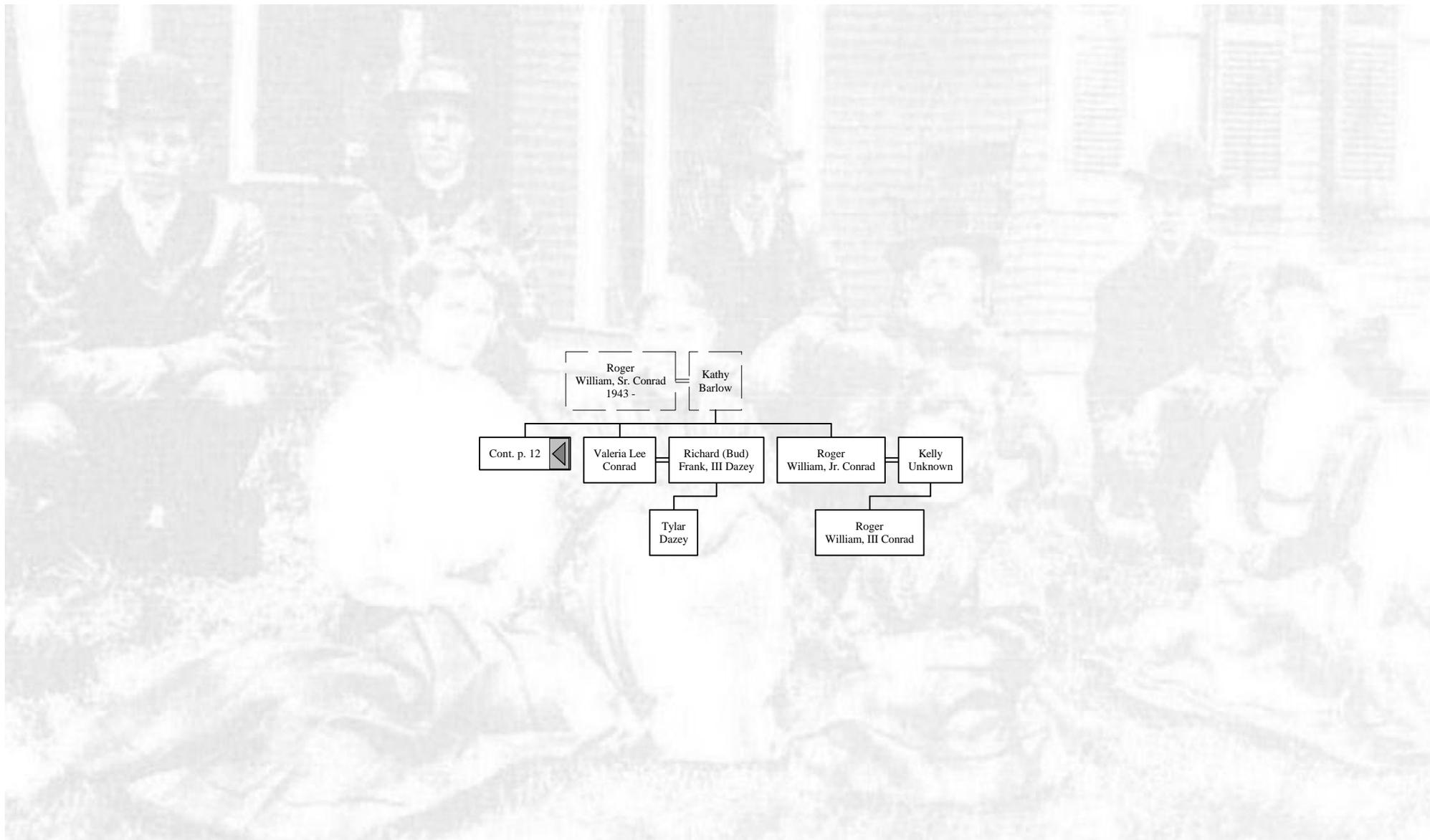
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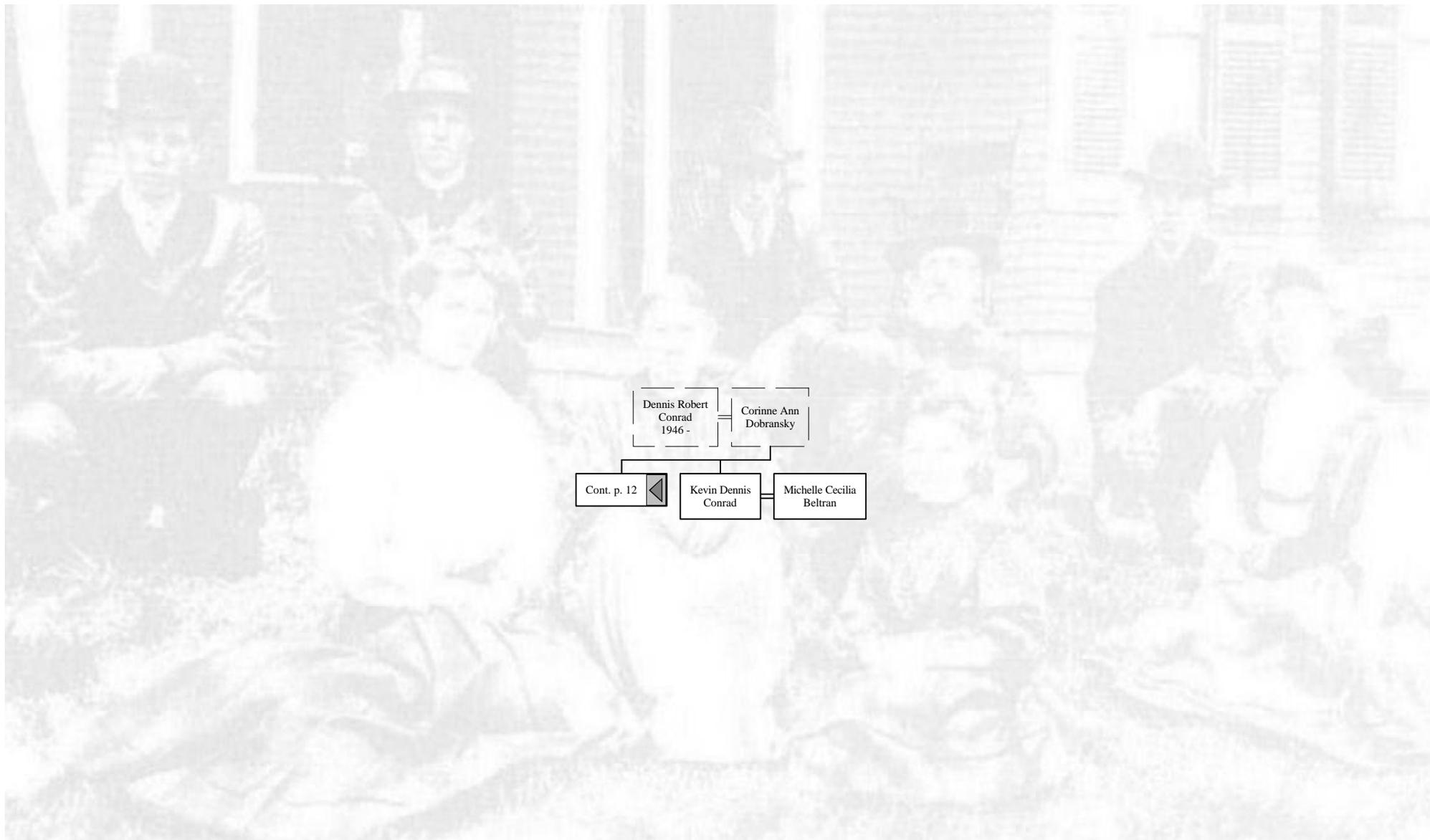
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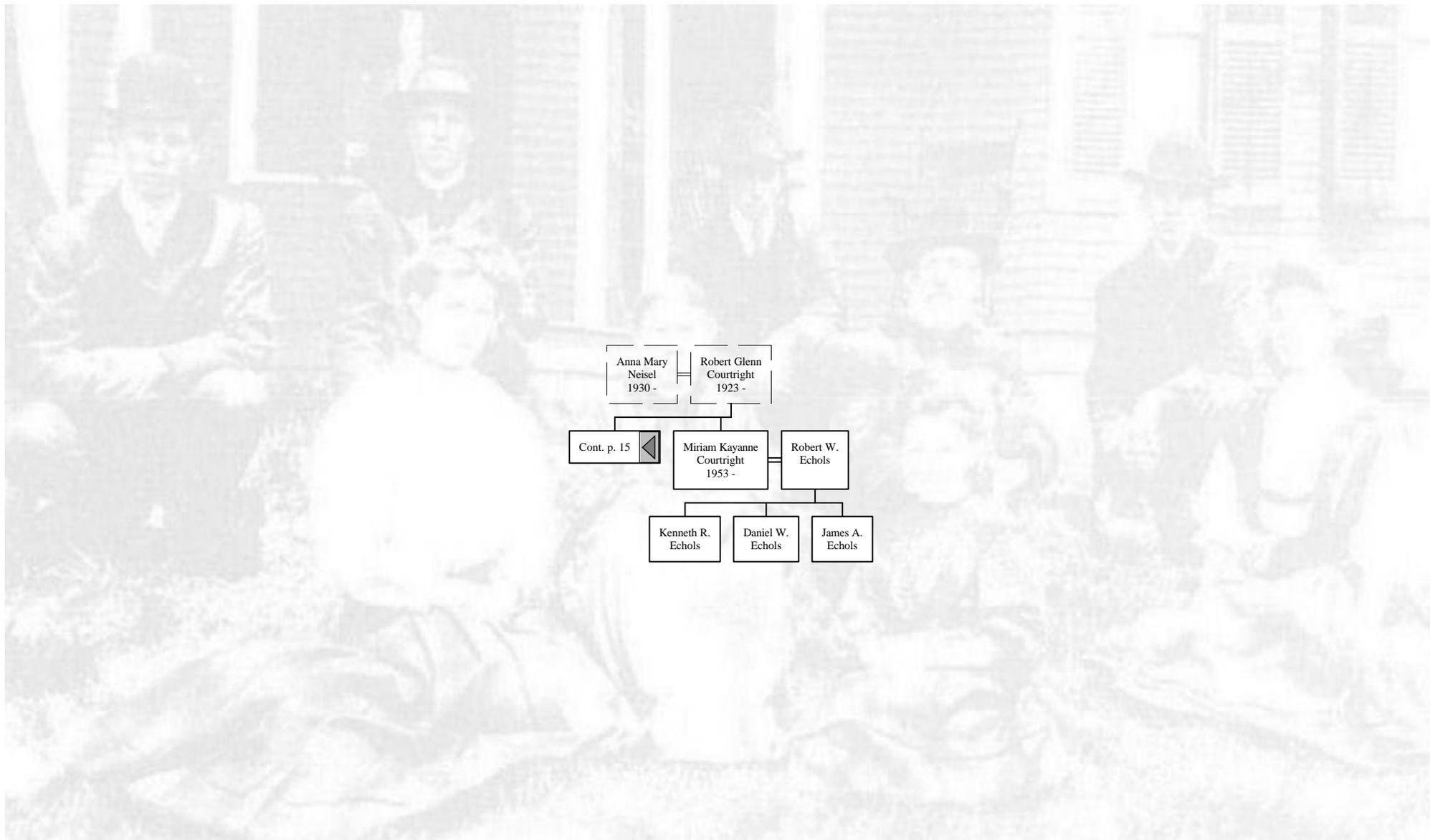
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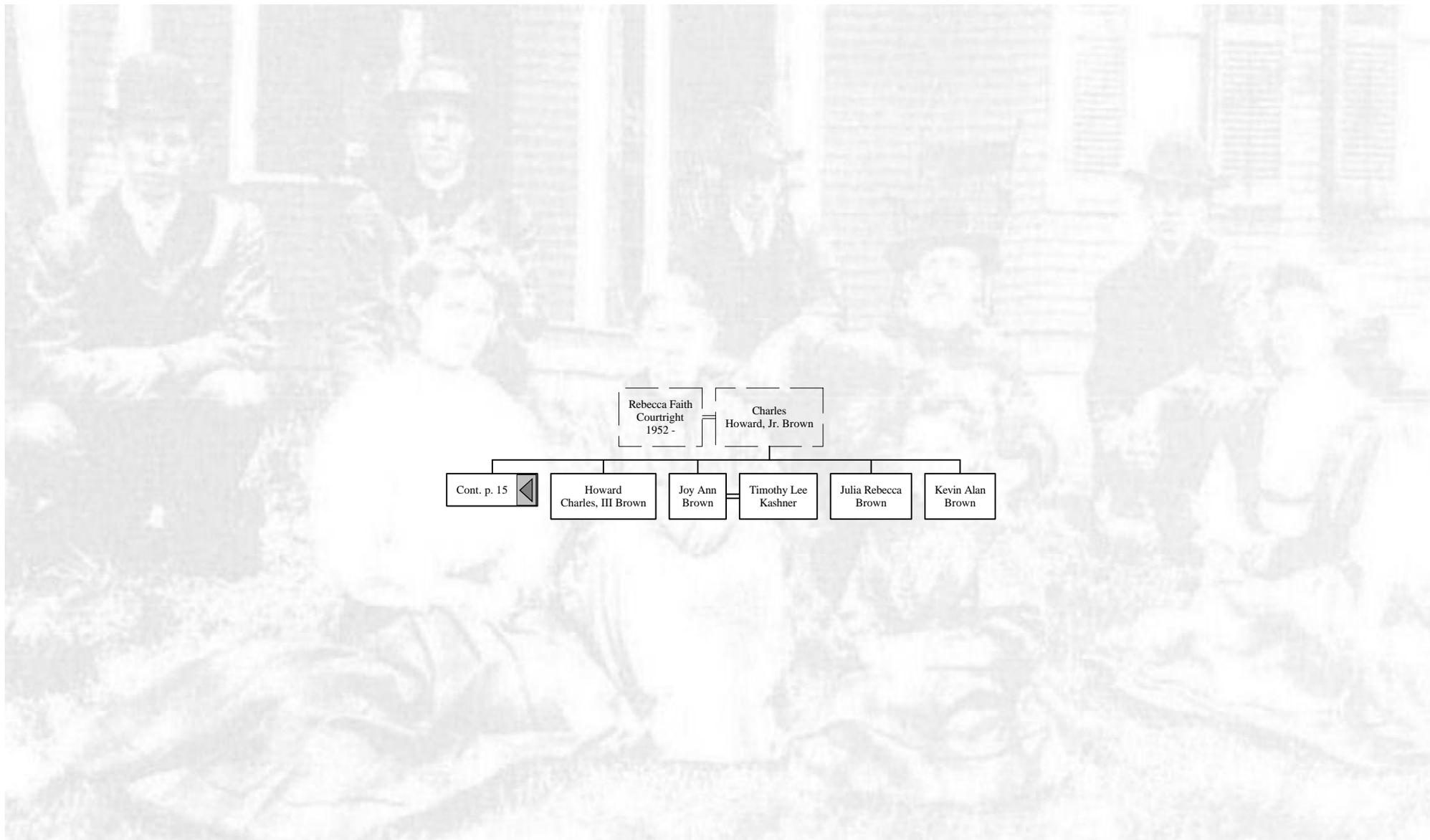
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 ..... 2 Anna (Annie) Neisel 1883 - 1976  
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 ..... 3 George N., Jr. Rettig 1915 - 1992  
 ..... +Elsie Nuske  
 ..... 4 Jack Rettig  
 ..... 4 Robert Rettig  
 ..... 2 Matilda Neisel 1884 - 1886  
 ..... 2 Frederick (Fred) William Neisel 1885 - 1937  
 ..... +Sarah (Metta) Wales 1887 - 1946  
 ..... 3 William Emerson Neisel 1915 - 1974  
 ..... +Iva (Marie) Hoobler 1914 -  
 ..... 4 William Richard Neisel 1938 - 1987  
 ..... +Geraldine D. Fliger 1941 -  
 ..... 5 Gregory William Neisel  
 ..... +Catherine France  
 ..... 6 Erin Catherine Neisel  
 ..... 6 Abigail (Abbey) Elizabeth Neisel  
 ..... 4 Gary Nelson Neisel 1939 -  
 ..... +Nancy Ann Faiello  
 ..... 5 Gary Stephen Neisel  
 ..... +Renee Annette Toms  
 ..... 5 Jeffrey Alan Neisel  
 ..... +Janey Jo Offenberger  
 ..... 6 Logan William Neisel  
 ..... 6 Mitch Nelson Neisel  
 ..... 6 Clay Meyer Neisel  
 ..... 5 Daniel Scott Neisel  
 ..... +Michelle Louise Trilli  
 ..... 6 Austin Louis Neisel  
 ..... 6 Chad Daniel Neisel  
 ..... 5 Vicki Ann Neisel  
 ..... +Rustel (Rusty) Robert Ruegg  
 ..... 6 Zachary Noah Ruegg  
 ..... 6 Adam Gary Ruegg  
 ..... 5 Stephen William Neisel  
 ..... +Bridgette Lynn Karam  
 ..... 4 Beverly Jean Neisel 1947 - 2002  
 ..... +James F., Sr. Yeagley  
 ..... 5 Kristi Sue Yeagley  
 ..... +Gary A., Jr. Dewell  
 ..... 5 John Russell (Rusty) Yeagley  
 ..... +Amy Elizabeth Brahler  
 ..... 3 Frederick Carroll Neisel 1916 - 2002  
 ..... +Blanche (Beck) Elizabeth Hoobler 1917 - 2001  
 ..... 4 Verna Mae Neisel 1937 -  
 ..... +Theodore Lincoln Scafe  
 ..... 5 Gerald Lee Scafe  
 ..... +Patricia Lynn Henry  
 ..... 5 Galen Randall Scafe  
 ..... +Elizabeth (Beth) Mary Millar  
 ..... \*2nd Wife of Galen Randall Scafe:  
 ..... +Mary Margaret McConnell  
 ..... 6 Kelli Marie Scafe  
 ..... 6 Krysten Anna Scafe  
 ..... \*3rd Wife of Galen Randall Scafe:  
 ..... +Margaret (Peggy) Lynn Delmore  
 ..... 6 Jordan Taylor Scafe  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Verna Mae Neisel:  
 ..... +Gregory Paul Lann  
 ..... 5 Christopher Kyle Lann  
 ..... +Jennifer Anne Novosel  
 ..... 6 Emma Claire Lann  
 ..... 4 Glenda Jane Neisel 1946 -  
 ..... +David (Skip) Noble, Jr. Hughson  
 ..... 5 Cheryl Ann Hughson  
 ..... +Gary Edward Liber  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Cheryl Ann Hughson:  
 ..... +Ronald Sherman Park  
 ..... 6 Dylan Tyler Park

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..... 5 David Noble, III Hughson  
..... +Lori Lynn Slagle  
..... 6 David Noble, IV Hughson  
..... 3 Eva Marie Neisel 1918 -  
..... +William Clyde Conrad 1907 - 1995  
..... 4 David Clyde Conrad 1940 -  
..... +Catherine Bennett Grogan  
..... 4 Stanley (Stan) Eugene Conrad 1941 -  
..... +Anna Steven  
..... 5 Stanley (Billy) William Conrad  
..... +Paula Wallace  
..... 6 Charity Conrad  
..... 6 Cheyanne Conrad  
..... 6 Morgan Lee Conrad  
..... 5 Bobbie Lynn Conrad  
..... +Unknown Soliday  
..... \*2nd Wife of Stanley (Stan) Eugene Conrad:  
..... +Loretta Kovacs  
..... 5 Christina (Christy) Kovacs Conrad  
..... 4 Roger William, Sr. Conrad 1943 -  
..... +Kathy Barlow  
..... 5 Victoria Lee Conrad  
..... +Thomas Richard Kratz  
..... 6 William Charles Conrad  
..... 6 Patricia (Trisha) Elizabeth Kratz  
..... 5 Veronica Lee Conrad  
..... +Jr. Colby Thomas  
..... 5 Valeria Lee Conrad  
..... +Richard (Bud) Frank, III Dazey  
..... 6 Tylar Dazey  
..... 5 Roger William, Jr. Conrad  
..... +Kelly Unknown  
..... 6 Roger William, III Conrad  
..... \*2nd Wife of Roger William, Sr. Conrad:  
..... +Brenda Gunther  
..... \*3rd Wife of Roger William, Sr. Conrad:  
..... +Ellen Moore  
..... 4 Dennis Robert Conrad 1946 -  
..... +Corinne Ann Dobransky  
..... 5 Michelle Renee Conrad  
..... +Jason Andrew Helms  
..... 6 Cheyenne Charlotte Helms  
..... 5 Kevin Dennis Conrad  
..... +Michelle Cecilia Beltran  
..... 4 Dean Lowell Conrad 1951 -  
..... +Roberta Lynn Garner  
..... 5 Michael Dean Conrad  
..... +Elizabeth (Lizzy) Lukens  
..... 4 Carol Ann Conrad 1953 -  
..... +Thomas Arthur Reiter  
..... 5 Elizabeth (Beth) Conrad Reiter  
..... +Edward Carpenter Tomlinson  
..... 5 Nicolas Conrad Reiter  
..... 5 Alissa Conrad Reiter  
..... 3 Minnie Augusta Neisel 1920 - 1963  
..... +Harry Eugene, Sr. Baker 1922 -  
..... 4 Harry Eugene (Gene), Jr. Baker 1953 -  
..... +Melody Susan Hutchins  
..... 5 Rocky Dale Baker  
..... +Shaun Unknown  
..... 6 Skyler Nicole Baker  
..... \*2nd Husband of Minnie Augusta Neisel:  
..... +John Warren Crabtree - 1999  
..... 4 Pamela Joyce Crabtree 1943 -  
..... +George Edward (Ed) Wilson  
..... \*2nd Husband of Pamela Joyce Crabtree:  
..... +William Jay Hardgrove  
..... 5 Renee Jaye Hardgrove  
..... +Paul Arthur Hensel  
..... 6 Erika Kaye Hensel  
..... 6 Brooke May Hensel  
..... 5 Ronda Kaye Hardgrove  
..... +Todd David Winkler

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..... 4 Karen Marie Crabtree 1945 -  
 ..... +Unknown Slater  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Karen Marie Crabtree:  
 ..... +Gene E. Hardgrove  
 ..... 5 Laura Jean Hardgrove  
 ..... 5 Leslie Jo Hardgrove  
 ..... +C. Joseph Harrington  
 ..... 6 Sarah Eugenia Harrington  
 ..... 6 Rachael Lynn Harrington  
 ..... 3 Robert Keller Neisel 1921 - 1995  
 ..... +Shirley Mae Henline 1929 -  
 ..... 4 Bryan Neisel  
 ..... 4 Cindy Neisel  
 ..... 4 John Wayne Neisel 1952 - 1965  
 ..... 4 Kathy Irene Neisel 1958 -  
 ..... +Rodney Wayne Strobel  
 ..... 5 Dacie Jo Strobel  
 ..... +Don Palmer  
 ..... 6 Peyton Fredrick Palmer  
 ..... 6 Makayla Jeanne Palmer  
 ..... 6 Jordan Elizabeth Palmer  
 ..... 5 Mandi Rae Strobel  
 ..... +Matthew Bailey  
 ..... 6 Cristian Matthew Bailey  
 ..... 5 Adriel Renee Strobel  
 ..... +Anthony Scott Pierson  
 ..... 3 Calvin Eugene Neisel 1923 -  
 ..... +Donna Ruth Houtz 1926 -  
 ..... 4 Barbara Jean Neisel 1946 -  
 ..... +Alfred (Fred) H. Masuch  
 ..... 5 William (Bill) H. Masuch  
 ..... 5 Deborah Louise Masuch  
 ..... +John F., Jr. Barmess  
 ..... 6 Logan Alexander Barmess  
 ..... 6 Nathaniel Grant Barmess  
 ..... 4 Raymond Allen Neisel 1949 - 2005  
 ..... +Reva Jane Easterday  
 ..... 5 Suzanne Marie Neisel  
 ..... +Jason Lyndaker  
 ..... 6 Celeste Nicole Lyndaker  
 ..... 6 Emma Catherine Lyndaker  
 ..... 5 Christopher Allen Neisel  
 ..... +Tamra Rayne' Wright  
 ..... 3 Lillian Pauline Neisel 1927 - 1993  
 ..... +Leland Luke Penix 1919 -  
 ..... 4 Charles Leland Penix 1948 -  
 ..... +Susan Marie Chapelo  
 ..... 5 Kenneth Charles Penix  
 ..... 4 Frederick William Penix 1949 -  
 ..... +Carol Gallagher  
 ..... 5 Jon Robert Penix  
 ..... 4 Richard Raymond Penix 1960 -  
 ..... 3 Anna Mary Neisel 1930 -  
 ..... +Robert Glenn Courtright 1923 -  
 ..... 4 Nancy Joy Courtright  
 ..... +Joseph H. Geckler  
 ..... 4 Jane Lois Courtright  
 ..... +Larry Ray Gallagher  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Jane Lois Courtright:  
 ..... +Sam T. Escusa  
 ..... 4 Susan Elaine Courtright 1950 -  
 ..... +Robert Darrell Weaver  
 ..... 5 Nathan Robert Weaver  
 ..... +Alisa Melody Gessner  
 ..... 5 Darrell Edward Weaver  
 ..... 4 Rebecca Faith Courtright 1952 -  
 ..... +Charles Howard, Jr. Brown  
 ..... 5 Howard Charles, III Brown  
 ..... 5 Joy Ann Brown  
 ..... +Timothy Lee Kashner  
 ..... 5 Julia Rebecca Brown  
 ..... 5 Kevin Alan Brown  
 ..... 4 Miriam Kayanne Courtright 1953 -

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..... +Robert W. Echols  
..... 5 Kenneth R. Echols  
..... 5 Daniel W. Echols  
..... 5 James A. Echols  
..... 2 Karl Henry (Charles) Neisel 1887 - 1976  
..... 2 Otto (Ott) William Neisel 1889 - 1975  
..... 2 August Servis (Louis) Neisel 1890 - 1978  
..... 2 Mina Matilda (Tillie) Neisel 1892 - 1977  
..... +Charles Reed Chadbourne  
..... \*2nd Husband of Mina Matilda (Tillie) Neisel:  
..... +Benjamin Payne Leister  
..... 3 Pauline (Polly) Neisel Leister  
..... +Kenneth William Betsch  
..... 3 Rosemary Sheila Leister  
..... 3 Dorothy Jacquelin Leister  
..... 2 William (Bill) Edward Neisel 1894 - 1975  
..... 2 Maria Paulina (Pauline) Neisel 1897 - 1971

## *Kinship of Wilhelm Neisel*

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| Name                                 | Relationship with Wilhelm Neisel          | Civil | Ca |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------|----|
| (Gene), Harry Eugene, Jr. Baker      | Great-grandson                            | III   |    |
| A., Gary, Jr. Dewell                 | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter    |       |    |
| Ackerhaus, Ernst Philipp             | Father-in-law                             |       |    |
| Ackerhaus, Georg Heinrich Wilhelm    | Half brother-in-law                       |       |    |
| Ackerhaus, Luise Caroline Wilhelmine | Wife                                      |       |    |
| Bailey, Cristian Matthew             | 3rd great-grandson                        | V     |    |
| Bailey, Matthew                      | Ex-husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter |       |    |
| Baker, Rocky Dale                    | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Baker, Skyler Nicole                 | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Barlow, Kathy                        | Ex-wife of the great-grandson             |       |    |
| Barness, Logan Alexander             | 3rd great-grandson                        | V     |    |
| Barness, Nathaniel Grant             | 3rd great-grandson                        | V     |    |
| Beltran, Michelle Cecilia            | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson            |       |    |
| Betsh, Kenneth William               | Husband of the granddaughter              |       |    |
| Brahler, Amy Elizabeth               | Ex-wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Brown, Joy Ann                       | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Brown, Julia Rebecca                 | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Brown, Kevin Alan                    | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Chadbourne, Charles Reed             | Ex-husband of the daughter                |       |    |
| Chapelo, Susan Marie                 | Wife of the great-grandson                |       |    |
| Charles, Howard, III Brown           | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Conrad, Bobbie Lynn                  | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Conrad, Carol Ann                    | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Conrad, Charity                      | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Conrad, Cheyanne                     | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Conrad, Christina (Christy) Kovacs   | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Conrad, David Clyde                  | Great-grandson                            | III   |    |
| Conrad, Dean Lowell                  | Great-grandson                            | III   |    |
| Conrad, Dennis Robert                | Great-grandson                            | III   |    |
| Conrad, Kevin Dennis                 | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Conrad, Michael Dean                 | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Conrad, Michelle Dean                | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Conrad, Morgan Lee                   | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Conrad, Stanley (Billy) William      | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Conrad, Stanley (Stan) Eugene        | Great-grandson                            | III   |    |
| Conrad, Valeria Lee                  | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Conrad, Veronica Lee                 | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Conrad, Victoria Lee                 | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Conrad, William Charles              | 3rd great-grandson                        | V     |    |
| Conrad, William Clyde                | Husband of the granddaughter              |       |    |
| Courtright, Jane Lois                | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Courtright, Miriam Kayanne           | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Courtright, Nancy Joy                | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Courtright, Rebecca Faith            | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Courtright, Robert Glenn             | Husband of the granddaughter              |       |    |
| Courtright, Susan Elaine             | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Crabtree, John Warren                | Ex-husband of the granddaughter           |       |    |
| Crabtree, Karen Marie                | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Crabtree, Pamela Joyce               | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Dazey, Tylar                         | 3rd great-grandson                        | V     |    |
| Delmore, Margaret (Peggy) Lynn       | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson            |       |    |
| Dobransky, Corinne Ann               | Wife of the great-grandson                |       |    |

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| Easterday, Reva Jane               | Ex-wife of the great-grandson             |       |    |
| Echols, Daniel W.                  | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Echols, James A.                   | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Echols, Kenneth R.                 | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Echols, Robert W.                  | Husband of the great-granddaughter        |       |    |
| Escusa, Sam T.                     | Ex-husband of the great-granddaughter     |       |    |
| Eugene, Harry, Sr. Baker           | Husband of the granddaughter              |       |    |
| F., James, Sr. Yeagley             | Ex-husband of the great-granddaughter     |       |    |
| F., John, Jr. Barmess              | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter    |       |    |
| Faiello, Nancy Ann                 | Wife of the great-grandson                |       |    |
| Fliger, Geraldine D.               | Wife of the great-grandson                |       |    |
| France, Catherine                  | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson            |       |    |
| Frank, Richard (Bud), III Dazey    | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter    |       |    |
| Gallagher, Carol                   | Wife of the great-grandson                |       |    |
| Gallagher, Larry Ray               | Husband of the great-granddaughter        |       |    |
| Garner, Roberta Lynn               | Wife of the great-grandson                |       |    |
| Geckler, Joseph H.                 | Husband of the great-granddaughter        |       |    |
| George, Sr. Rettig                 | Son-in-law                                |       |    |
| Gessner, Alisa Melody              | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson            |       |    |
| Grogan, Catherine Bennett          | Wife of the great-grandson                |       |    |
| Gunther, Brenda                    | Ex-wife of the great-grandson             |       |    |
| Hardgrove, Gene E.                 | Ex-husband of the great-granddaughter     |       |    |
| Hardgrove, Laura Jean              | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Hardgrove, Leslie Jo               | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Hardgrove, Renee Jaye              | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Hardgrove, Ronda Kaye              | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Hardgrove, William Jay             | Husband of the great-granddaughter        |       |    |
| Harrington, C. Joseph              | Ex-husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter |       |    |
| Harrington, Rachael Lynn           | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Harrington, Sarah Eugenia          | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Helms, Cheyenne Charlotte          | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Helms, Jason Andrew                | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter    |       |    |
| Henline, Shirley Mae               | Wife of the grandson                      |       |    |
| Henry, Patricia Lynn               | Ex-wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Hensel, Brooke May                 | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Hensel, Erika Kaye                 | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Hensel, Paul Arthur                | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter    |       |    |
| Hoobler, Blanche (Beck) Elizabeth  | Wife of the grandson                      |       |    |
| Hoobler, Iva (Marie)               | Wife of the grandson                      |       |    |
| Houtz, Donna Ruth                  | Wife of the grandson                      |       |    |
| Howard, Charles, Jr. Brown         | Husband of the great-granddaughter        |       |    |
| Hughson, Cheryl Ann                | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Hutchins, Melody Susan             | Wife of the great-grandson                |       |    |
| Karam, Bridgette Lynn              | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson            |       |    |
| Kashner, Timothy Lee               | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter    |       |    |
| Kovacs, Loretta                    | Wife of the great-grandson                |       |    |
| Kratz, Patricia (Trisha) Elizabeth | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Kratz, Thomas Richard              | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter    |       |    |
| Lann, Christopher Kyle             | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Lann, Emma Claire                  | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Lann, Gregory Paul                 | Ex-husband of the great-granddaughter     |       |    |
| Leister, Benjamin Payne            | Son-in-law                                |       |    |
| Leister, Dorothy Jacquelin         | Granddaughter                             | II    |    |
| Leister, Pauline (Polly) Neisel    | Granddaughter                             | II    |    |

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| Leister, Rosemary Sheila          | Granddaughter                             | II    |    |
| Liber, Gary Edward                | Ex-husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter |       |    |
| Lukens, Elizabeth (Lizzy)         | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson            |       |    |
| Lyndaker, Celeste Nicole          | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Lyndaker, Emma Catherine          | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Lyndaker, Jason                   | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter    |       |    |
| Masuch, Alfred (Fred) H.          | Husband of the great-granddaughter        |       |    |
| Masuch, Deborah Louise            | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Masuch, William (Bill) H.         | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| McConnell, Mary Margaret          | Ex-wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Millar, Elizabeth (Beth) Mary     | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson            |       |    |
| Moore, Ellen                      | Wife of the great-grandson                |       |    |
| N., George, Jr. Rettig            | Grandson                                  | II    |    |
| Neisel, Abigail (Abbey) Elizabeth | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Neisel, Anna (Annie)              | Daughter                                  | I     |    |
| Neisel, Anna Mary                 | Granddaughter                             | II    |    |
| Neisel, August Servis (Louis)     | Son                                       | I     |    |
| Neisel, Austin Louis              | 3rd great-grandson                        | V     |    |
| Neisel, Barbara Jean              | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Neisel, Beverly Jean              | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Neisel, Bryan                     | Great-grandson                            | III   |    |
| Neisel, Calvin Eugene             | Grandson                                  | II    |    |
| Neisel, Carolina Anna Louisa      | Daughter                                  | I     |    |
| Neisel, Chad Daniel               | 3rd great-grandson                        | V     |    |
| Neisel, Christopher Allen         | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Neisel, Cindy                     | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Neisel, Clay Meyer                | 3rd great-grandson                        | V     |    |
| Neisel, Daniel Scott              | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Neisel, Erin Catherine            | 3rd great-granddaughter                   | V     |    |
| Neisel, Eva Marie                 | Granddaughter                             | II    |    |
| Neisel, Frederick (Fred) William  | Son                                       | I     |    |
| Neisel, Frederick Carroll         | Grandson                                  | II    |    |
| Neisel, Gary Nelson               | Great-grandson                            | III   |    |
| Neisel, Gary Stephen              | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Neisel, Glenda Jane               | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Neisel, Gregory William           | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Neisel, Jeffrey Alan              | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Neisel, John Wayne                | Great-grandson                            | III   |    |
| Neisel, Karl Henry (Charles)      | Son                                       | I     |    |
| Neisel, Kathy Irene               | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Neisel, Lillian Pauline           | Granddaughter                             | II    |    |
| Neisel, Logan William             | 3rd great-grandson                        | V     |    |
| Neisel, Maria Paulina (Pauline)   | Daughter                                  | I     |    |
| Neisel, Matilda                   | Daughter                                  | I     |    |
| Neisel, Mina Matilda (Tillie)     | Daughter                                  | I     |    |
| Neisel, Minnie Augusta            | Granddaughter                             | II    |    |
| Neisel, Mitch Nelson              | 3rd great-grandson                        | V     |    |
| Neisel, Otto (Ott) William        | Son                                       | I     |    |
| Neisel, Raymond Allen             | Great-grandson                            | III   |    |
| Neisel, Robert Keller             | Grandson                                  | II    |    |
| Neisel, Stephen William           | 2nd great-grandson                        | IV    |    |
| Neisel, Suzanne Marie             | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |
| Neisel, Verna Mae                 | Great-granddaughter                       | III   |    |
| Neisel, Vicki Ann                 | 2nd great-granddaughter                   | IV    |    |

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| Neisel, Wilhelm                  | Self                                   |       |    |
| Neisel, William (Bill) Edward    | Son                                    | I     |    |
| Neisel, William Emerson          | Grandson                               | II    |    |
| Neisel, William Richard          | Great-grandson                         | III   |    |
| Noble, David (Skip), Jr. Hughson | Husband of the great-granddaughter     |       |    |
| Noble, David, III Hughson        | 2nd great-grandson                     | IV    |    |
| Noble, David, IV Hughson         | 3rd great-grandson                     | V     |    |
| Novosel, Jennifer Anne           | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Nuske, Elsie                     | Wife of the grandson                   |       |    |
| Offenberger, Janey Jo            | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Palmer, Don                      | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter |       |    |
| Palmer, Jordan Elizabeth         | 3rd great-granddaughter                | V     |    |
| Palmer, Makayla Jeanne           | 3rd great-granddaughter                | V     |    |
| Palmer, Peyton Fredrick          | 3rd great-grandson                     | V     |    |
| Park, Dylan Tyler                | 3rd great-grandson                     | V     |    |
| Park, Ronald Sherman             | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter |       |    |
| Penix, Charles Leland            | Great-grandson                         | III   |    |
| Penix, Frederick William         | Great-grandson                         | III   |    |
| Penix, Jon Robert                | 2nd great-grandson                     | IV    |    |
| Penix, Kenneth Charles           | 2nd great-grandson                     | IV    |    |
| Penix, Leland Luke               | Husband of the granddaughter           |       |    |
| Penix, Richard Raymond           | Great-grandson                         | III   |    |
| Pierson, Anthony Scott           | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter |       |    |
| Reiter, Alissa Conrad            | 2nd great-granddaughter                | IV    |    |
| Reiter, Elizabeth (Beth) Conrad  | 2nd great-granddaughter                | IV    |    |
| Reiter, Nicolas Conrad           | 2nd great-grandson                     | IV    |    |
| Reiter, Thomas Arthur            | Husband of the great-granddaughter     |       |    |
| Rettig, Jack                     | Great-grandson                         | III   |    |
| Rettig, Robert                   | Great-grandson                         | III   |    |
| Ruegg, Adam Gary                 | 3rd great-grandson                     | V     |    |
| Ruegg, Rustel (Rusty) Robert     | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter |       |    |
| Ruegg, Zachary Noah              | 3rd great-grandson                     | V     |    |
| Scafe, Galen Randall             | 2nd great-grandson                     | IV    |    |
| Scafe, Gerald Lee                | 2nd great-grandson                     | IV    |    |
| Scafe, Jordan Taylor             | 3rd great-granddaughter                | V     |    |
| Scafe, Kelli Marie               | 3rd great-granddaughter                | V     |    |
| Scafe, Krysten Anna              | 3rd great-granddaughter                | V     |    |
| Scafe, Theodore Lincoln          | Ex-husband of the great-granddaughter  |       |    |
| Slagle, Lori Lynn                | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Slater, Unknown                  | Ex-husband of the great-granddaughter  |       |    |
| Soliday, Unknown                 | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter |       |    |
| Steven, Anna                     | Ex-wife of the great-grandson          |       |    |
| Stoebener, Pauline Philippine    | Mother-in-law                          |       |    |
| Strobel, Adriel Renee            | 2nd great-granddaughter                | IV    |    |
| Strobel, Dacie Jo                | 2nd great-granddaughter                | IV    |    |
| Strobel, Mandi Rae               | 2nd great-granddaughter                | IV    |    |
| Strobel, Rodney Wayne            | Husband of the great-granddaughter     |       |    |
| Thomas, Jr. Colby                | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter |       |    |
| Tomlinson, Edward Carpenter      | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter |       |    |
| Toms, Renee Annette              | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Trilli, Michelle Louise          | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Unknown, Kelly                   | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Unknown, Shaun                   | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Wales, Sarah (Metta)             | Daughter-in-law                        |       |    |

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| Wallace, Paula                | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Weaver, Darrell Edward        | 2nd great-grandson                     | IV    |    |
| Weaver, Nathan Robert         | 2nd great-grandson                     | IV    |    |
| Weaver, Robert Darrell        | Husband of the great-granddaughter     |       |    |
| William, Roger, III Conrad    | 3rd great-grandson                     | V     |    |
| William, Roger, Jr. Conrad    | 2nd great-grandson                     | IV    |    |
| William, Roger, Sr. Conrad    | Great-grandson                         | III   |    |
| Wilson, George Edward (Ed)    | Husband of the great-granddaughter     |       |    |
| Winkler, Todd David           | Husband of the 2nd great-granddaughter |       |    |
| Wright, Tamra Rayne'          | Wife of the 2nd great-grandson         |       |    |
| Yeagley, John Russell (Rusty) | 2nd great-grandson                     | IV    |    |
| Yeagley, Kristi Sue           | 2nd great-granddaughter                | IV    |    |

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**Family Group Sheet****Husband: Wilhelm Neisel**

Born: 02 Sep 1853                      in: Prussia (Germany)  
 Died: 19 Jan 1912                      in: Massillon, Ohio

**Wife: Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus**

Born: 23 Nov 1858                      in: Prussia (Germany)  
 Died: 25 Apr 1948                      in: Massillon, Ohio  
 Father: Ernst Philipp Ackerhaus  
 Mother: Pauline Philippine Stuebener

**CHILDREN**

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| 1<br>F  | Name: Carolina Anna Louisa Neisel<br>Born: 20 Oct 1879                      in: Prussia (Germany)<br>Died: 05 Aug 1881                      in: looks like Warmington, Ohio  |
| 2<br>F  | Name: Anna (Annie) Neisel<br>Born: 14 Jan 1883                      in: Massillon, Ohio<br>Died: Apr 1976                      in: Canton, Ohio<br>Married:<br>Spouse: Sr. Rettig George                                 |
| 3<br>F  | Name: Matilda Neisel<br>Born: 19 Mar 1884                      in: Massillon, Ohio<br>Died: 24 Jan 1886                      in: Massillon, Ohio   |
| 4<br>M  | Name: Frederick (Fred) William Neisel<br>Born: 01 Sep 1885                      in: Crystal Springs, Ohio<br>Died: 05 May 1937                      in: Dover, Ohio<br>Married:<br>Spouse: Sarah (Metta) Wales           |
| 5<br>M  | Name: Karl Henry (Charles) Neisel<br>Born: 27 May 1887                      in: Crystal Springs, Ohio<br>Died: 1976                      in: Tampa, Florida  |
| 6<br>M  | Name: Otto (Ott) William Neisel<br>Born: 21 Mar 1889                      in: Crystal Springs, Ohio<br>Died: 1975                      in: Massillon, Ohio   |
| 7<br>M  | Name: August Servis (Louis) Neisel<br>Born: 24 Nov 1890                      in: Crystal Springs, Ohio<br>Died: 28 Jun 1978                      in: Massillon, Ohio   |
| 8<br>F  | Name: Mina Matilda (Tillie) Neisel<br>Born: 15 Aug 1892                      in: Crystal Springs, Ohio<br>Died: 28 Sep 1977<br>Married:<br>Spouse: Charles Reed Chadbourne<br>Married:<br>Spouse: Benjamin Payne Leister |
| 9<br>M  | Name: William (Bill) Edward Neisel<br>Born: 06 Aug 1894                      in: Crystal Springs, Ohio<br>Died: 24 Jan 1975  |
| 10<br>F | Name: Maria Paulina (Pauline) Neisel<br>Born: 15 Dec 1897                      in: Crystal Springs, Ohio<br>Died: 20 Jan 1971  |

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| <b>Husband:</b>             | <b>Wilhelm Neisel</b>                       |
| Born:                       | 02 Sep 1853                                 |
| in:                         | Prussia (Germany)                           |
| Died:                       | 19 Jan 1912                                 |
| in:                         | Massillon, Ohio                             |
| Burial:                     | Jan 1912<br>Massillon Cemetery, Section 4   |
| Naturalization:             | 08 Sep 1892<br>Canton -- Stark County, Ohio |
| <b>Address and Phone(s)</b> |   |

**Medical****Notes**

*The Neisel histories are written by me, Verna M. (Neisel) Lann. My purpose in doing this, is to try making each person (both living and dead) as realistic as possible, so that our descendants will have a "thumbnail sketch" of what some of their ancestors were like. Some of you who read this in the present day (1998) may resent the fact that there is too much of me in it. Let me explain: you will notice as you read, that a few people contributed greatly -- and to those, we owe a GREAT deal of thanks! In some cases, I barely knew people, and had no info except my scant knowledge. I didn't intend to slight one single person; however, in a project this large, I hope everyone will understand that I did the best I could. I have read several unrelated family histories, and found that most of them are greatly influenced by the writer. My personal notes on individuals may seem too "glorified" to a reader who does not find that particular person all that wonderful; conversely, some may find that I left out a lot of good things about someone whose notes are scant. You will also find duplicate info. While I have included some info about new spouses and step-children, the printout does not include those who are "once removed", unless they are directly related to a Neisel; but in most cases, I was able to include them in personal notes of their nearest relative.*

**IMPORTANT:** *It is my hope that each person (or at least each family) will add to this in any way they see fit, down through the ages. The Neisels were of good German stock -- possibly even descendants of royalty. Of course, we only KNOW with certainty of the Neusels first generation in America -- the "Massillon Neisels". But they were very hard-working, strong, stern, generous, ambitious, caring -- and yes -- penny-pinching, eccentric, and wealthy people. We can be very proud of our heritage. But equally important is each individual life which descended from them. To each family, I beg you to jot down stories, personalities, additions, and statistics of your family members, and keep it with this record. If anyone is so inclined, I would be delighted to receive copies of these additions.*

*I wish it were possible for everyone to study the few, rare, old photos I have. The resemblances in appearance to many of us living today is uncanny. As you read about the eight Massillon Neisels, do not be surprised if even their character traits match someone you know.*

*Research is based on information found in the Neisel Family Bible, old letters, copies of death certificates, word of mouth info which has been passed down from generation to generation, newspaper clippings, Latter Day Saints (Mormon) records, family documents, a Family Tree which was created and submitted by Kenneth W. Betsh, husband of Pauline (Polly) Neisel Leister, and miscellaneous sources. Where there is uncertainty as to truth, I have tried to indicate as such. Much of the anecdotal-type information has been told identically by more than one person; however, sometimes I was unable to recall who gave the info, and was almost always unable to recall -- to a certainty -- more than one of the sources. I have not embellished any of the information -- it is recorded as accurately as my information permits. I have made tape recordings of all my aunts and uncles who are still living. Instead of retyping the tapes in their entirety, I have put excerpts into the records. Due to limited computer space for these inputs, I sometimes had to put some of the information into the spouse's or children's records.*

*About the Bible: It was a very large book, written in German. Most of the pages were destroyed in one of several fires; however, the family records were, for the most part, still intact. Our name "Neisel" was originally "Neusel" (pronounced Noi'-cel). This was the German spelling and pronunciation. Apparently, they used the name of Neusel until sometime after the youngest child (Maria Paulina, who we knew as "Pauline") was born; because when Wilhelm became a citizen on Sept. 8, 1892, his name was Neusel, and in the family Bible, all the children are listed as Neusel. Pauline was born Dec. 15, 1897, so it was sometime after that, that they changed the name.*

*About the names: Each individual record of Wilhelm, Wilhelmina, and all their children, is shown exactly as they*

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were written in the family Bible. You will note that, in some cases, their "given" names bear no resemblance to the names they went by. There is also a small Bible (now in the possession of Gregory Neisel, or his mother, Geraldine Fliger-Thompson), which, as near as I can figure, was given to Wilhelmina when she was a child in Germany. In it, there are inscriptions, written in the old-style German script. Even if one is able to read German (which I can't), you really have to study it, because some of their letters are written very differently from the way we write. I mention this, because on Wilhelm's application for citizenship, he wrote in that style. I found it interesting that he signed "Wilhelm", but all the other handwriting on the documents was rewritten by someone else, and they wrote "William". It may have been at this time that he began going by the name of William. In 1993, I received an updated copy of the Neisel family tree from Kenneth Betsh, husband of Pauline (Polly) Neisel Leister. In it, Ken showed the given German names of most of these children. I included these names as a note in each of their records. I believe that whoever wrote the names in the family Bible has probably mixed the German names with the Americanized names, which is why you will find several variations of some.

One time at an airport restaurant, I was sitting next to a man and a woman who had just arrived from Germany. We struck up a conversation. They both declared that "Neusel" was a "famous" name in Germany. They even spelled it correctly without my telling them, and they told me the correct pronunciation. I thought they might be misusing the word "famous", but they spoke English very well. I did find, in the Latter-Day-Saints records, many, many Neusels in Germany. (LDS records are the primary source for genealogists, because they keep all the records they receive. They believe that everybody in the world is connected.) Although I found many Wilhelm Neusel's in their records, I was never able to find OUR Wilhelm Neusel. I did, however, find Wilhelmina's parents in Germany.

Our Wilhelm Neusel, according to *GERMANS TO AMERICA*, came to America on a ship called the *Nova Scotian*. Whether he had spent some time in Canada, or simply made a transfer there, is not known. The itinerary of his ship was from Halifax, Liverpool, and Newfoundland. I would guess that this is in reverse order. In other words, I believe his last point, before entering the United States, was probably Halifax -- the capital of Nova Scotia, Canada. He arrived in Baltimore, Maryland on April 26, 1881. He was 27 years old. I do not know the port he left Germany from, nor the ship.

Wilhelm, and his wife, Wilhelmina (Mina or Minnie), had ten children, possibly twelve.

Carolina Anna Louisa, born October 20, 1879 in Germany, died August 5, 1881 in Ohio. Mathilda, born March 19, 1884, died January 24, 1886. Then came Annie, Fred, Charlie, Ott, Louie, Tillie, Bill, and Pauline.

Strangely, there is no record showing that his wife, Wilhelmina, travelled with him. One relative recalled a rumor that she was astowaway; so perhaps it is true. Also, Mina (as she was called) was hunchbacked, which also lends credence to the rumor; because, I have learned from a television documentary that passengers who travelled in the "economy" class, were put into the bowels of the ships where they were unable to stand fully upright. They stayed in these conditions, sometimes for as long as two months. As a result, many immigrants were hunchbacked. There is also no record of their 1-1/2 year old daughter, Anna, being on the ship. Or -- perhaps she and Mina came later.

Re the Massillon Neisels (a rough sketch), according to Frederick Carroll Neisel: Only three of the eight Massillon children ever married: Annie, Fred, and Tillie. Pauline, Ott, and Bill lived on the family homestead for many years. The kitchen caught fire, but they continued to live there. (Louie had his own estate, and Charlie had left home at a young age, embarrassed by a stupid accident) The homestead -- which by this time resembled a haunted house high up on a hill with a windmill -- caught fire a second time on a Friday night, about February 8, 1963, and did \$1,000 damage. At this time, Bill bought his own farm, and Pauline went to live with him. (I'm not sure where Ott went at this time.) The homestead property was then sold to the Oster Gravel Co. After Annie's husband died, she went to live on one of the farms, too; but I don't recall if she went to Bill's place, or to Louie's place. Finally, Louie's place burned to the ground, and Louie was never seen again. (More about this in the record of August Servis (Louie) Neisel.)

Re carrying on the Neisel name: Since Frederick William Neisel was the only son who ever married, (and we are the descendants of him), as far as I know at this time (June 1998), the following descendants of two of his sons are left to carry on the family name: Son, Calvin Eugene has one son and one grandson. Son, William Emerson (deceased) had two sons, William Richard and Gary Nelson. William Richard (deceased) had one son. Gary Nelson had four sons, and four grandsons.

The death of Wilhelm (William, in English) was very questionable. His death certificate reads: *The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Concussion of brain following R.R. accident.*

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*Some of his grandchildren have told me that they were told that Wilhelm was found lying beside the railroad track with a big hole in the back of his head. Pauline Neisel Leister said he was thought to have been shot for being a German sympathizer. He died prior to World War I, when there was considerable hatred in America for German immigrants. There, indeed, had been incidents where Germans in America were wrongly killed, because they were loosely suspected of being German spies and/or sympathizers. Wilhelm was said to have hated the Germans.*

*The following is a reprint from the Massillon newspaper:*

*WILLIAM NEISEL The death of William Neisel, aged 59, a prominent stock raiser, living a mile north of the city, who was hurtearly Thursday morning when a Baltimore & Ohio freight train struck him, occurred at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Massillon city hospital. The cause of death was concussion of the brain. The deceased is survived by a widow and several children. He was born in Germany but has lived here for a great many years. The funeral will take place Monday afternoon from the late residence, the Rev. J. E. Digel officiating.*

*Then this article:*

*The funeral of William Neisel, who died Friday afternoon from injuries received when a railroad train struck him was held from the late residence north of the city, Monday afternoon, the Rev. J. E. Digel, of St. John's Evangelical church officiating. Interment was made in the Massillon cemetery.*

*Note: The date of his birth is shown in the Family Bible as September 2, 1853. His death certificate shows September 1, 1852, age 59 years, 4 months, 19 days. Since the June, 1900 Census record shows 1853, age 46, I have used 1853 as his date of birth. (His tombstone shows 1853 also.) Therefore, he would have been 58 years old when he died.*

*The year of their marriage, 1878, is deduced from the fact that the 1900 census shows they were married 21 years in 1900, and they had a daughter born in Germany in 1879. This daughter, Carolina Anna Louisa Neusel, died in America on August 5, 1881 -- only three months and four days after they arrived in America. A second child, Matilda, born in America, died when she was not quite two years old.*

*It is possible that Wilhelm and Mina lived a few months in the Baltimore area, or elsewhere, before coming to Massillon, Ohio. The Family Bible shows that their daughter, Carolina Anna Louisa died at Warmington, Ohio. I believe there is (or was) a Farmington, Ohio, but I don't know what part of the state it was in. I couldn't find it on the map, but I recently heard of it on television.*

*Note: Some of Wilhelm and Mina's children are shown as having been born in Crystal Springs, instead of Massillon. All three of the Neisel estates were just outside of Massillon, and a Massillon genealogist told me that this part of Massillon used to be called Crystal Springs. So, it is all one-and-the-same location.*

*There are two stories as to why they came to America.*

*Frederick Carroll Neisel said they were invited by the "Massillon Colony" (a colony of German immigrants), to teach the Americans of Massillon how to make German foods. Wilhelm and Mina taught people to make schwatemauga and apple butter. I do not know the correct spelling of the first food, but Fred said it is a hog's stomach -- they'd turn it wrong side out, and stuff it with sausage, then bake and slice it. Fred said, "Boy, that was g-o-o-o-d!" Robert Keller Neisel and his wife, Shirley, until a few years ago, continued the tradition of making large vats of apple butter every year at an autumn festival in Petersburg, Ohio. Fred said that the invitation to America was framed, and he had personally seen it after the last fire; but nobody knows where it is. He also wonders whatever happened to the cane of twisted glass that Uncle Bill (William Edward) used to use. Supposedly, there is still a framed document of Wilhelm's Honorable Discharge from the Prussian Army, signed by the King of Prussia, somewhere in our family, but no one knows where it is. Also, Fred C. said that this copy of the invitation to America was signed by the Queen of England. (My question: why the Queen of England?) He said it was a framed document, and remembers seeing it.*

*The other story as to why they came to America is that Mina was so heartbroken over the death of her two children, that she wanted to getaway. Supposedly, she could see their graves from her kitchen window, and everytime she saw*

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*the graves, she broke down. See the note in record of Louise Carolina Wilhelmine Ackerhaus regarding this story.*

*After the funeral of William Richard Neisel, I was told some things about Mina Matilda Neisel-Leister, by her daughter, Pauline "Polly" Leister-Betsch. One thing I recall her saying, was that Matilda's first husband (name unknown) was a brother to the Kaiser in Germany. More recently, when I talked with her on the phone, Polly told me that HER father (Benjamin P. Leister) used to tease Matilda by calling her "Queenie" or "Princess" because SHE (Tillie) was a descendant of royalty!*

*If this second story is the true one, that would mean that our Wilhelm was a brother of the King (Kaiser) of Prussia (royalty). More about Prussia-Germany later. Polly's husband, Kenneth W. Betsch, told me he had heard that our name was once Von Neusel, in Germany. (Von, when it precedes a German name, does indeed depict nobility, or wealth.)*

*We do know that both Wilhelm, and Wilhelmina, were from Prussia at one time or other. Wilhelmina was christened Dec. 12, 1858 in the Evangelisch (church, or religion??) in Hoerde, Prussia (now Germany) in the county of Westfalen. As for Wilhelm, his naturalization documents show Prussia/Germany. Also, the letters below, from relatives, were from Dortmund-Horde. The nearest airport to Horde (or Hoerde) is Dusseldorf.*

*About Prussians, according to my encyclopedia notes: they were regarded as harsh in discipline, militaristic, arrogant. (Does this sound familiar to those who remember our ancestors??)*

*In 1862, Prince Otto von Bismarck (The Iron Chancellor) was appointed President of the Council of Ministers by the Prussian King. He was a conservative, and united Germany. General von Moltke won a victory over France on May 10, 1871, and there was peace. The Prussian King became first Emperor, or Kaiser, as Wilhelm I.*

*Prussia was the kingdom in North Europe (East Germany) between the Elbe River and the Baltic Sea 1701-1871, and the dominant state of the German Empire 1871-1919. Prussia was formally dissolved in 1947.*

*One important note: It seems that there was a long period of time when Germany was also called Prussia, and vice-versa; therefore, it gets confusing. When you see "Prussia" on Wilhelm's naturalization documents below, it does not necessarily mean that he was from East Germany. In fact, I do not believe he was, unless it was early in his childhood.*

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*This is a mysterious letter to the Neusel (Neisel) family in Massillon from two young women in Germany who were related to the Neisels in some way. A photo accompanied the letters. The two women were sisters. Incredibly, one of them looks like our Minnie Neisel-Baker, and the other one looks like my sister, Glenda Neisel-Hughson! Anna Mary Neisel-Courtright recently wrote to Horde, Germany, seeking info on them, but received no help from Horde.*

*First, there was a two-page letter written in German, signed by: von Eurer Ingeborg Bangert, which I have retyped in English from her sister Gerda's translation. The top of Ingeborg's letter shows: Dortmund-Horde (Germany) 22 Febr. (19)48.*

*Gerda's translation is as follows:*

*The same in English: You can hardly imagine what surprise and what joy we had this week when the postman handed us a card from the Care-association. We learnt that we could collect a food parcel from Dortmund-Hafen sent by the family*

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*Neusel. As quick as possible and in breathless suspense, I went to that place and when we three loosened the package, we were highly pleased and really touched about all the delicacies, which your parcel contained. A tin of coffee, cocoa, fat, sugar, dried milk and eggs luxuries the names of which we have almost forgotten and were deprived of for so long a time. Awish on the bottom we found a fine bar of chocolate. To-day - Sunday we could afford a fine cake and then we often thought of you in America. The distance from you is so far and the great lake is between us. part of the delicious things we put aside to make a birthday cake for our father, who will celebrate his 75th birthday next (next) month. Now we write to you for the second time, but we do not know anything of you, who made that big fun for us. We should like to know about you a little. How are you and how do*

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you live over there? What are you doing? Is it still the former abode you are living at (doing) where your

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grandparents or perhaps even great-grand-parents settled down? What is your age? We are so curious and interested in learning something about our relatives in America. I enclose a little photo of myself. I thank you once more very heartily and send you my kindest regards. Ingeborg Weiskamp

Next is a note from Gerda:

Dear family Neusel, I have just translated my sister's letter and should like to add a little. First of all I should like to (restate?) that we cannot thank you enough for your kindness. Joy is so rare nowadays but you could give us this pleasure. It was like a good omen announcing that things would get lighter in future. Just as my sister I am very anxious to hear some particulars about yourselves. May we hope that we'll soon receive a letter from you in which you satisfy your curiosity? We should be glad if you tell us about yourselves and your ancestors backwards who made the journey and about their lives in America. Certainly we have heard and read a lot of things in America but we have never had personal touch with your country and that makes a great difference. With love,  
Gerda Bangert

My father sends his kindest regards.

Verna's note: In the LDS records, all I found was this: Elisabeth Neusel (Prussian) married Engelbrecht Bangert in 1640. Yes, 1640! Also, note that the letter written in German was signed "von Eurer Ingeborg Bangert" -- the "von" means "of nobility" according to my Webster's Dictionary, and also from what I have been told by Kenneth Betsh.

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Following is a typed version of when Wilhelm (William) Neusel applied for citizenship to the United States. Everything in parentheses is handwritten on the document.

**NATURALIZATION RECORD**

The State of Ohio, Stark County, SS.

I (William Neusel) an Alien and Native of (Prussia) aged (31) years, having been duly sworn, depose and say that I first arrived in the UNITED STATES in the Month of (May 1") A.D. 18(81), and that it is bona fide my intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to (the King of Prussia & Emperor of Germany) whose subject I am. (Wilhelm Neusel) \* this was Wilhelm's actual signature.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this (10") day of (Dec.) A.D. 188(4). (S. Meyer) Probate

Judge. \_\_\_\_\_ T The State of Ohio, Stark County, SS.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the (10) day of (Dec) A.D. 188(4), (William Neusel) an Alien, and Native of (Prussia) personally appeared before me (Seraphim Meyer) Judge of the Probate Court, a Court of Record, within and for said County, and declared on his solemn oath, that he first arrived in the United States in the month of (May) A.D. 18(81), and that it is bona fide his intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to (the King of Prussia & Emperor of Germany) and subscribed his name to said declaration, which remains on file in my office. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name officially, and affixed the seal of said Court at Canton, this (10") day of (Dec) 188(4). (S. Meyer) Probate Judge.

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The following is a typed version of the document which confirms that Wilhelm (William) Neusel became a United States citizen. Everything in parentheses was handwritten on the document.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Seal of eagle is underneath)

The State of Ohio, } PROBATE COURT Stark County, SS. (Canton O. Sept. 8") 18(92)

BE IT REMEMBERED, That (William Neusel) a native of (Germany) and now a resident of this County, has this day come into Court, and made application to be fully naturalized and to become a citizen of the United States, and it appearing to the satisfaction of this Court that the said (William Neusel) did, on the (10") day of (Dec) A.D. 18(84), declare his intention to become a citizen of the United States; And this Court being satisfied by the testimony of (George Shares of Massillon O) that the said (William Neusel) being admitted by this Court made solemn oath to support the Constitution of the United States of America, and that he now doth absolutely and entirely forever renounce and abjure all Allegiance and Fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to (the Emperor of Germany). And the Court being Satisfied that the said (William Neusel) has in all respects complied with the Laws of the United States, in such case made and provided, he is thereupon admitted by the Court as a Citizen of the United States; and it is ordered that a copy of this record, duly certified, be issued to him as a Certificate of his Naturalization. A true record, Attest: (Jacob P. Fawcett) Probate Judge

THE STATE OF OHIO, } PROBATE COURT Stark County, SS.

I, (Jacob P. Fawcett) Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court, in and for said County, said Court being a Court of Record, having a seal, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full and correct copy of the record of the proceedings had in said Probate Court to naturalize and admit to citizenship. In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my official signature and affix the seal of said Court, at Canton, in said County, this (8") day of (Sept.) A.D. 18(92)

(Jacob P. Fawcett) Probate Judge.

In The National Geographic magazine (March 1930 issue) there was a picture of Wilhelm, poised with an axe, ready to chop the head off a huge turkey. Standing by, with her hands covering her eyes, was his daughter, five-year-old Pauline. There is another man in the photo, who Fred C. Neisel says looks like Wilhelm's son, Charles (Karl Henry Neisel); however, the photo was taken in 1902, and Charles would have been only fifteen.

There is a group picture of this large family taken in the lawn, just outside the family home. It appears that the house was well-kept when Wilhelm was still alive. Wilhelm had a thick, white beard. Robert K. Neisel told how his Grandpa Wilhelm and sons would go down to the railroad tracks and steal coal out of the cars. Even so, they were quite well-off -- note that the death notice called him a "prominent stock raiser". However, Wilhelm did not live to see their future "greater" wealth.

There were three Neisel estates, all situated on many acres of "prime" lush, green, rolling hills just outside of Massillon, Ohio. I do not know when the following things took place, but eventually, the B & O Railroad would buy right-of-way through some of their properties, as would a highway (it was either Route 21, or I-77). Also, there was soil! One of the sons, William Edward (Uncle Bill) bought a new Touring car in 1916 for \$710.

When Uncle Louie disappeared, I recall a headline in the paper which called him a "millionaire". This was accumulated wealth, for he was the last of the ten to die, and apparently, nobody -- at least not Louie -- had paid any taxes; so, that diminished the heirs' inheritances a great deal.

As you will read in other records, the Massillon Neisels did help our family a good bit. I think that Wilhelm's son Frederick (from whom we are direct descendants), and his daughter Anna were the worst off -- probably because they were the only ones who married, except Matilda -- and her husband was a Certified Public Accountant. The Great Depression came along when Frederick was raising a large family of his own. Anna was married to a man, who, according to her letters, must have been rather shiftless. Even Matilda suffered hard times on her farm in Maryland after her husband died.

For more info, see record of Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus.

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| <b>Marriage Information</b> |                                     |
| Wife:                       | Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus |
| Beginning status:           | Married                             |

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| <b>Wife:</b>                | <b>Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus</b>             |
| Born:                       | 23 Nov 1858  |
| in:                         | Prussia (Germany)                                      |
| Died:                       | 25 Apr 1948  |
| in:                         | Massillon, Ohio  |
| Relationship with Father:   | Ernst Philipp Ackerhaus - Natural                      |
| Relationship with Mother:   | Pauline Philippine Stoebener - Natural                 |
| Burial:                     | Apr 1948<br>Massillon Cemetery, Section 4              |
| Christening:                | 12 Dec 1858<br>Evangelisch, Hoerde, Westfalen, Prussia |
| <b>Address and Phone(s)</b> |  |

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By Verna M. (Neisel) Lann, great-granddaughter of Wilhelmine.

*She was called Mina, Minnie, and Wilhelmina. I have found no record of her becoming a United States citizen. Since one of the requirements is that you must speak English -- and Mina did not -- it is very unlikely that she was naturalized. Her children, who as far as we have proof, were all born in America (except Carolina Anna Louisa Neusel). They would automatically be citizens. The original family tree given to us by Kenneth Betsh shows Mina's maiden name as ACKERHAUER; however, I have found two other sources which showed her name was ACKERHAUS. Also, in the Latter Day Saints records, her christening date under the name of ACKERHAUS corresponded with her birth. There is one discrepancy: in the Bible record, the name was spelled AKERHAUS.*

*See note in record of her husband, Wilhelm Neisel, for more information about her.*

*Frederick C. Neisel, grandson of Mina, recalls that she could speak a few words in English when she chose to. He said she always gave him a dime when he came to visit.*

*There is a 1989 entry in the Latter Day Saints (LDS) record showing that she was christened in Prussia. (More on this as you read on.)*

*Interestingly, the LDS records show the feminine names ending with "e", and in the Family Bible records, they end with "a" -- except Wilhelmine's name. We have a French friend from Paris, France, who has studied French and European history for many years. He says that the French end the feminine names with "e", and the Germans end them with "a", but the pronunciation is the same. Example: in France, Nadine ends with an "e", but is pronounced Nadina. He says that if our ancestors had some connection to the Alsace-Lorraine part of France, it would account for the two different spellings in our records, because during two different periods of history, Alsace-Lorraine was German territory. It is currently owned by France.*

*Even though I was seeking information regarding the fact that some records show the feminine names ending with "a" and other records end them with "e", the explanation created more questions for me, because: Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus is shown in the LDS records as having been christened Dec. 12, 1858, Evangelisch, Hoerde, Westfalen, Prussia. Hoerde, Prussia (now Germany) is not in the Alsace-Lorraine area. These records show that her mother's name was Pauline Philippine Stoebener -- French-spelled given names with a German surname -- therefore, I am guessing that our Mina's ancestry was French on the maternal side, and German on the paternal side. OR -- her mother may have been born in the disputed Alsace-Lorraine area.*

*Further info on Mina's family in the LDS records show that her father, Ernst Philipp Ackerhaus (German through-and-through), remarried (assuming it was after his wife, Pauline's death) to a Caroline Stoebener -- probably a sister or a cousin of Pauline's. Ernst and Caroline then had a son -- Georg Heinrich Wilhelm -- christened May 17, 1868, Evangelisch, Westfalen, Alperbeck, Prussia.*

*On the Neusel side, there was one story which Lillian Pauline Neisel (now deceased) related, which she said she had been told by someone, possibly her mother, when she was in the seventh grade. The story goes like this:*

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*When Uncle Louie (August Servis Neisel, or August Ludwig -- Ludwig being German for Louis) was in France during World War I in 1918, there was a battle at a farmhouse in the Alsace-Lorraine area. Louie felt that the house looked familiar, for some unknown reason. When the battle was over, he took a walk through the orchard, and in the high grass, he came upon two burial markers in the ground -- one had the name of his sister, Anna, the other one had HIS name on it. It was a spooky feeling. When he returned to his family home in the States, he saw a picture of a farmhouse that looked exactly like the one he had seen in the Alsace-Lorraine, area! And -- he was told that the picture was of the family homestead in Germany!*

*Lillian said she always remembered that story, because at the time, she was studying about Alsace-Lorraine in school. When she later told me this story on tape, it was somewhat more vague.*

*There are several facts which lend credence to this story: Frederick Carroll Neisel recalls that his uncle Louie fought in the Argonne Forest -- Louie had told him, and they had slides showing it. This is a wooded region in northeast France near the Belgian border. Alsace-Lorraine is also a region in northeast France, which was under German control, 1871-1919 and 1940-1944; thereafter, under French control. We know from one of Louie's letters that he was in the Sept. 26, 1918 Battle of Meuse-Argonne. (On the Meuse River, Argonne Forest -- Germans retreated.) The Family Bible record shows that the first child of his parents was born in Germany, and her name was Carolina Anna Louisa Neusel; however, if this story is true, then Carolina Anna Louisa was actually the third child of Wilhelm and Wilhelmina. We know for sure that she was buried in America.*

*The reconciliation to the story ends here. But, we can reason things out a bit more: We know for a fact, that when one child died, future children were often given at least one of the names of the deceased child. For example, one of their future children named Anna Neusel, was apparently named after Carolina Anna Louisa. But, Carolina Anna Louisa did not die in Germany -- she died in America, at the age of two! Can it be possible that there was even another Anna, who died in Germany, and they kept trying until one named Anna did survive? And as for Louis, he had several names: August Ludwig Neusel in German, and August Servis Neusel in the Family Bible. We could assume that he did see a grave with one of his names on it. The only thing which does not conform to the story, is that one would think that if there were two children who died in Germany, they would be recorded in the Family Bible -- and they are not; unless one really stretches the imagination and figures that because of the anti-German sentiment in America, they did not wish to record any ties they had to Germany.*

*There were also stories that one or two of their children died on the ship, enroute to America. While it's true that many children died on these journeys, we have no record that Wilhelm and Mina had a child (or children) who died at sea; however, it is possible that they had two children who died while they were still in Germany.*

*Since I have not been able to certify what part of Germany that Wilhelm and Wilhelmina were from, my best guess is that Wilhelmina Ackerhaus was from Hoerde (a town -- or city -- which still exists); and that Wilhelm was probably from the Alsace-Lorraine area -- which ties in with the French/German spellings of the female names.*

*There is one mystery which really baffles me. In the office of the Massillon Cemetery (where the "Massillon Neisels" are buried), they had a file card which read:*

*Neisel 1881  
 Dau of John  
 Potters*

*Translation, according to the woman who showed me this card:*

*"A daughter of John Neisel was buried in Potter's Field (cemetery for those who cannot pay for a grave in the regular one) in 1881."*

*First of all, we know of no "John" Neisel, except for the son of Robert and Shirley Henline-Neisel. In the Latter Day Saints (LDS) records, I found 11 by the name of Johann Neusel in Prussia and/or Germany (same thing). (Johann and/or Johannes -- pronounced Yo-hahn, is "John" in English.)*

*Only one -- Johann Georg Neusel (Prussian) who was married in 1882 -- had a date close enough to consider as a possibility. Stretching the imagination, perhaps Johann Georg was Wilhelm's brother who had a daughter to a previous wife who died, so he sent his daughter over here with Wilhelm and Wilhelmina in 1881. And, perhaps that little girl did die at sea. That would account for the rumor that one or two of their children died on the ship. AND,*

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*the LDS records show a Katharine Neusel, christened 1880, Prussian, father: Johann Neusel. This is probably the child they brought to America who is buried in Potter's Field.*

*We did not see a grave for their daughter who was born in Germany and died in America in 1881 (Carolina Anna Louisa Neusel), nor was there a grave for their second infant daughter (Matilda Neusel) who was born and died in Massillon in 1886.*

*My conclusion is, Katharine Neusel, daughter of Johann (John) came with them to America, died at sea, and was buried in Potter's Field. Carolina Anna Louisa Neusel, daughter of Wilhelm and Wilhelmina, was probably buried in Farmington, Ohio. (In German script, Warmingtong could very well be Farmington.) I have no idea where little Matilda was buried -- there was no card for her in the office at the Massillon Cemetery. But another question remains: if Wilhelmina was a stowaway, how did she manage two little girls on the ship?*

*Wilhelmina died of pneumonia at the age of 89 in 1948.*

*Following is her obituary:*

*MRS. MINA NEISEL Mrs. Mina Neisel, 89, died Sunday at 11:30 p.m. at her residence in Riverside Rd., RD 3 Massillon. She is survived by three daughters, Miss Pauline Neisel at home and Mrs. Anna Rettig and Mrs. Mathilde Leister, both of Massillon; four sons, Otto, Louis and William at home and Charles of Lawrence, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Mrs. Neisel was a member of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed church of this city. The funeral will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Gordon-Shaidnagle-Hollinger funeral home. The Rev. Otto R. Gerber, pastor of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed church, will officiate. Interment will be made in the Massillon cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.*

*Also see note in record of Pauline (Polly) Neisel Leister for a conversation about our family history.*

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|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Child:</b>               | <b>Carolina Anna Louisa Neisel</b>            |
| Born:                       | 20 Oct 1879                                   |
| in:                         | Prussia (Germany)                             |
| Died:                       | 05 Aug 1881                                   |
| in:                         | looks like Warmington, Ohio                   |
| Relationship with Father:   | Wilhelm Neisel - Natural                      |
| Relationship with Mother:   | Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus - Natural |
| <b>Address and Phone(s)</b> |   |
| <b>Medical</b>              |   |
| <b>Notes</b>                |   |
| <b>Marriage Information</b> |   |
| <b>Marriage Notes</b>       |   |

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|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Child:</b>               | <b>Anna (Annie) Neisel</b>                    |
| Born:                       | 14 Jan 1883                                   |
| in:                         | Massillon, Ohio                               |
| Died:                       | Apr 1976                                      |
| in:                         | Canton, Ohio                                  |
| Relationship with Father:   | Wilhelm Neisel - Natural                      |
| Relationship with Mother:   | Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus - Natural |
| Burial:                     | Apr 1976<br>Massillon Cemetery, Section 4     |
| Residence:                  | Dover, Ohio                                   |
| <b>Address and Phone(s)</b> |   |

**Medical****Notes**

By Verna M. (Neisel) Lann, great-niece of Anna Neisel.

From what I've been told, and read in her letters, Anna, (born AnnaNeusel, or Annie, as she was called), was a very kind lady. By her photos, she was very pretty when she was young. But she had a hard life. Her husband, George, (I've been told) was very shiftless.

There is no date of death on her tombstone. She is mentioned as a surviving sister in Ott's obituary, but is not mentioned in Charlie's, so Anna must have died in 1975 or 1976.

Note: This info found in Social Security Death Index of Ancestry.com:

Shows Anna was born Jan 12, 1883 -- but our Family Bible Record shows Jan. 14, 1883, so I used Jan. 14, 1883 for her birth. This Index also shows she died in Apr. 1976.

The following is a letter from Anna Rettig. Believe it is to her sister, Pauline Neisel.

Feb. 20 - 24 (1924)

Dear Sister:- Looked for  
you down on the 14th there will  
be no school the 22 had that  
of coming up but not in such  
weather would catch cold on the  
cars Geo got yours & Ruth valentine  
just the other day he noticed  
yours was a made one next  
year he will make some like  
it he said how are you all  
can Louis keep the chicken house  
warm had a letter from  
Charlie he isn't very well I had  
wrote & told him he had better  
come home could get lots of  
good air up at Louis's place  
but he says it's too damp here

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Well Mrs Leadings pickles can't be beat  
that recipe is the best I've had yet.  
they make us hungry every time  
we think of them & I only had 6 qts  
next year I'll have more those  
cookies you like so well are Mettas  
water cookies the same ones she

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*made here when Geo. was born they  
are good*

*2 cups soft white sugar, I use part brown & granulated to take the place of soft white*

*1 cup shortening not melted - good measure*

*2 eggs in cup beat light fill with cold water*

*add to the above*

*next 5 cups flour*

*1 teaspoon soda level*

*1 tablespoon level baking powder*

*nutmeg & vanilla to suit &*

*salt if you use lard I use part*

*oleo or chicken fat if I have it*

*Here is my bread cake its*

*a little bother but as good as cake*

*10 tablespoons melted butter or oleo & lard*

*6 tablespoons sugar*

*3 or 4 beaten eggs mix as for cake, to it add*

*5 cups bread sponge stir till smooth add*

*flour & make into a thick batter with spoon*

*then add more flour to make like you do*

*yours add raisins floured let raise like bread.*

*You see it takes eggs instead milk*

*-3-*

*Washed kitchen ceiling yesterday will*

*try & paper it next week Geo.*

*isn't working much guess that*

*is all hope you are all well*

*Anna*

*(Envelope & Letter from Anna Rettig to her sister and brothers in Massillon.)*

*Anna Rettig postmark: (3 cent stamp)*

*(undecipherable) ? 20 Walnut DOVER*

*Dover, Ohio Jan 22*

*12 M*

*1936*

*Ohio*

*Mr. Otto Neisel*

*R. R. #3.,*

*Massillon, O.*

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*Jan. 22 - 1936*

*Dear Pauline & all*

*Maybe Otto can write the*

*fair board & tell them*

*he happens to be one of*

*the unpaid on the list*

*he might as well go to it*

*& write them & get what*

*is coming to him even*

*part of it is better than none*

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*Well it sure is winter sun  
shone Jan 14 all day. One of  
those peeps Louis gave me is laying  
every day they turned out  
to be nice chickens  
hope you are all well*

*Anna*

*The following is a two-page letter from Anna Rettig to her sister, Mathilda, who lived in Westminster, Md. This was written on the backsides of letter from Charles to Anna. (Apparently, Mathilda had problems running her farm in Maryland after her husband, Ben, died. Tillie must have asked Anna to try and find their brother Charles, to see if he would come to Maryland and help her out.) Also, read Charles's letter to Anna in the record of Karl (Charlie) Henry Neisel.*

*Monday Mch 20 - 1939*

*Dear Sister*

*I wanted too see whether he was among  
the living so I wrote him just a few lines  
to this 516-East Grant st & said  
Please forward told him we had tried to  
trace him when Fritz died (Frederick William Neisel) & when Ben  
your husband died about 2 years ago  
& that now you were intending to sell  
your farm & go up home as you  
couldn't keep it going without  
a man on the place & I see he  
thinks the place is free of debts so you can  
write him & tell him to come for the summer,  
but to stay & try to work it hard work to pay  
for such an expensive place it  
would take years to pay it by that  
time it would be yours & his & could be  
sold We were up home Saturday night for  
a few hours after Jr's work was done*

*-2-*

*We got there at 8 & left at 10 too cold to  
stay up there all night it was 8 above 0  
Sunday morning & ice on the window pane  
snow on the ground so it was better  
to be here to keep things from  
freezing inside Well another of my  
places where I work the woman is sick  
& they have to have regular help so I am  
not working out at present, got 3 more of  
our old rockers done myself & some cleaning  
(unsure of this next line -- it is too dark to read)  
Sr. is not working & Jr ??? goes here but I  
am busy all the time it gets so dirty  
here & must be cleaned again & again  
We are well so far hope all will  
turn out with you Ill write Chas a few  
lines today as ever*

*Anna*

*The following letter is from Anna Mary Neisel (Courtright) when she was nine years old to one of her aunts. I think Ann once told me that this was to her Aunt Anna, but not sure.*

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*East Sparta, Ohio  
R.D. #1  
April 1, 1939*

*Dear Aunt*

*I am writing to you to  
tell you about my birthday  
the other Friday. I got a box  
of crayons and three hankies and  
50 cents. I still have something  
but I do not know what it  
is. I am getting it from Aunt  
Hazel. For supper we had a  
cake, and 9 candles on it. We had  
ice cream to. The sunday befor  
my birthday my girl friends  
Gloria Masdelko (?) and Betty  
Stokes had me up at stokes for  
dinner. Then Mrs. Stokes made  
a cake for me and put 9 candles on it.  
Emerson's have a little baby 10 days  
old. His name is Gary Nelson.*

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*Well I must quit. So  
Good-buy. Write soon. With love  
Anna Mary*

*The following is a letter from Anna (Neisel) Rettig to her niece, AnnaMary Neisel.*

*MondayMay 10, 1948*

*Dear Anna,-  
Your very welcome letter rcv'd  
saturday & thanks for the  
picture it is good of you I'll  
give it to Aunt Pauline it  
looks just like some she  
had taken of herself about  
the age you are now and  
thanks again for the  
Commencement invatation  
I'll not be able to attend but  
will be thinking of you  
& I am glad you completed  
your school you will be  
glad you did as one never  
knows but what there may  
be another war & your hubby  
will have to go same as  
your young brothers had too  
& it will be up to the young  
women to work for the  
nation again as before*

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*I wish your mother could be  
with you now wouldn't she  
feel happy if she knew  
how you all are helping  
yourselves it isn't all  
rosy but we will try & make  
the best of life as long as we  
have good helth nothing else  
matters, I'll send you a gift  
it won't be much and I'll  
have to get busy and make  
it & it may be a little  
belated I gave Emerson  
an envelope containing 3  
dollars for you & a bracelet  
for Lillian Matilda gave it to  
me with the impression  
you folks were still coming  
to see me as you used too  
she should have sent it  
direct to you it was to be for  
Lillians graduation that was  
just before your Mom died  
so you can write her & tell  
her I gave it to Emerson & so on*

2 (Page 3)

*Freddie knows her address  
I don't know whether her new  
home is in Massillon or Canton  
Ive been there it is Kolp road  
I should have asked you all  
out here the day of the funeral  
that is some of you could  
have come if you didn't have  
to be home to do feeding &  
so on but you come some  
other time Emerson knows  
the road we live on, & he  
can come along Well good  
luck to you all & I also  
rcv'd your other letters but  
just didn't take off time to  
sit down & answer it seems  
as tho time goes too fast  
for me there are so many  
things I would like to do  
but I just can't get enuf extra  
time to do them & Uncle George  
is no help around here  
he is taking his morning*

(Page 4)

*nap now from 10 to 12 &  
we usually get up at 7 A.M.  
Louis plowed for our winter  
potatos so I have it nearly  
all raked & then I'll have to*

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*make furrows to plant them  
& it is rather hot today but  
looks like rain so I'll have  
to sorta get a move on myself  
I baked a rhubarb pie &  
ironed this morning & fed the  
chickens dogs & cats & ourselves  
so I just felt like sitting  
down a bit to cool off  
and Little Anna I wish  
you good luck & good health  
maybe Pauline will take  
me with her she said she  
intends to hunt you up some  
time as she has time to go  
now, lovingly Anna Rettig  
R.2. Massillon, O.*

*The following letter is from Anna Rettig to her sister, Mathilda(Tillie) Neisel Leister after  
the death of Anna's husband, George, Sr. I found it pathetic, butironically amusing in a strange way:*

*Oct 23 - 1951*

*Dear Tillie  
george gave me the package  
you should give the dress to  
Rosemary (Matilda's daughter) its to pretty to lay  
around here Nellie gave me  
dresses & so did Mrs Boyle  
they are too small for them  
but will fit me & they are  
real pretty I tried to get  
you on the Irvin Kraft phone  
all day last thursday it  
raing I tried it at noon &  
(you are all confused)  
supper time up to 9 at night  
then jr called here & I said  
to go & see you he never  
said a word about the stove  
but last winter Louis got  
two gray granite stoves at a*

*2*

*sale one is in the barn here  
waiting for me to get it in the  
house it looks like a good  
stove yet this old stove bakes  
& heats good but is hard to  
keep clean he can put it  
out in the shed to warm the  
old chickens in winter I'll  
get it done now its all up to  
me here he has no time to  
repair things Willie will  
help me he has put light on  
ceilings & porch light as one  
needs a light on the porch*

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*I am going to putty & paint the  
windows now make a cellar  
door & close rat holes around  
the house with tin I started to*

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*do it in spring so I'll finish  
it my way snakes go under  
the porch I've killed some too  
many snakes no good on the  
front sidewalk one looked like  
a cobra I had Willie help me  
kill it he happened to be at  
the barn I called him I was  
at your place this spring Jr  
took me over to see his home  
near your place his Dad  
was able to get up out of bed  
then to go to bath room he  
used a cane & I saw your  
neighbors white hens made  
holes in your flower beds  
but I didnt shoo them away*

3 (actually page 4)

*as they might have been  
looking out the window &  
wonder who (why) I could be chasing  
their hens your blue flowers  
were in bloom crocuses, no I  
have no home left had to  
use the money to live on & it  
took so much to keep george  
in good food, drink, medicine  
doctor bills, warm blankets,  
taxes (taxes ?) & so on just enuf left to  
bury me now I'll not use  
it I can eat what I grow  
I am digging potatos not so  
good I had no time to weed  
them have Kieffer pears to can  
Pigs got the others they got in  
my garden & so it goes in the*

4 (actually page 5)

*country I don't get to go any place  
last winter I wasn't away from  
this place for 5 months I  
had to wait on him all the  
time & fire the furnace even  
had fire evry day this  
summer burned at the rate  
of 23 ton a year for him &  
coal is high Well I called  
Nellie when he was low she  
came monday & he was unconsciuis  
then most of the time I sat*

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*in a chair by his door when he  
was real bad he was near  
death so many many times  
& always revived I had to  
change his clothes bedding so  
often & lift him out of bed*

5 (actually page 6)

*my right side hurts I hope  
it won't keep it up it may  
just be the big nerve as I  
had lots to go thro with his  
right hand was stiff for 3 years  
I had to wash him 3 & 4  
times a day & shave him every  
other day so it was hurry all  
the time Jr. wants me to come &  
live with them I'll stay here  
& clean up this place & I'll  
not sell the furniture & go  
there this way I can have  
some one come to see me  
if I go there I can't have  
my friends Elsie (Anna's daughter-in-law) wants to  
work to help pay of (off) 6000.00  
on the house so I said*

6 (actually page 7)

*let me raise the baby I  
can do that right here he  
can trot with me & I'll  
watch him they can buy his  
milk & so on as that is high  
now & my hens are poor  
income I called Pauline at  
4 oclock the morning george  
died he died after I turned  
him about 5 min after I heard  
him stop breathing & at that  
time my chickens were crying  
loud we went to the pen the  
fox had 2 killed & some  
lame Pauline cleaned them  
they were my young ones they  
got 2 old ones last week*

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*Dr said after he is gone keep  
him for an hour or so before  
you call undertaker as he may  
come too again we kept him  
til 6.30 the time went fast  
when I had to tend to chickens  
at same time & get his clothes  
ready get fires going &  
so on I have your box of  
curtains pots & so up stairs*

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*Jr could take them to you but  
what if you wasn't home  
he couldn't set them out side  
someone would take them so  
they are better off here well  
wanted to write charlie 1030  
& time to go to bed I am tired  
& sleepy phone some time  
& we can talk more*

*Anna*

*Eva (Neisel) Conrad recalls a time when she and her mother, Metta, were at Annie's house and Annie made Eva a dress for her doll out of denim. She said Aunt Annie was always mending overalls and had denim hand from worn out jeans. Annie had served them her homemade vegetable soup, which Eva said was always so good because it had vinegar in it. On this same day in 1941, Annie's son, George Jr., came in and said that Pearl Harbor had been bombed -- the start of World War II.*

*Eva has a lot of fond memories of her aunt. Annie's husband, George Sr., was ill for a long time. This took all of their money. When he died, Annie lost everything. First, she moved in with her brother Louie in Massillon, but Louie did not sleep in the house. Eva said he possibly slept in the barn. Apparently his house had no heat, because one day Annie's brother Bill found her almost frozen to death. She was taken to the hospital, and for a while they didn't think she would live, but she did.*

*Knowing that Eva worked in a nursing home, Uncle Bill came and got Eva. But the home where Eva worked was full, so she and Bill decided to put Annie in a nursing home in Massillon. Bill gave Eva money to buy Annie's nightgowns, and he brought a bagful of her things from home; but Bill led Clyde and Eva to believe that he didn't have anymore money, so from then on, they bought everything she needed: sweaters, tennis shoes, and snacks. Eva said all the old ladies in the home came to EXPECT the goodies they brought every Sunday, for Annie shared her bounty with them.*

*Next, there was a day in court, where Uncle Bill wanted to give Eva a Power of Attorney to take care of Annie; but then, Annie's daughter-in-law, Elsie, stood up and said they would take care of her. Uncle Bill would go to the nursing home and pay the bill, but he would not go to visit his sister while he was there.*

*After Uncle Bill died, Annie went to live with George, Jr. and his wife, Elsie. Clyde and Eva did not know Annie died until they read it in the paper. George, Jr. had had his mother cremated, but didn't tell anyone.*

*To my knowledge, none of our family has been in touch with Elsie. Their two sons had some kind of a mental problem such as "slow learner" or retardation.*

### ***OBITUARY:***

*Mrs. Anna Rettig  
Mrs. Anna Rettig, 93, of 2211  
47th st. NE, Canton, died in her  
residence Wednesday after a  
long illness.*

*Mrs. Rettig was formerly of  
Corundite Rd. NW in  
Tuscarawas Township and had  
been a patient at Twin Maples  
Rest Home here from January  
1974 until September 1975.*

*She had been living with her  
son, George Rettig, Jr., at the*

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*Canton address.*

*Cremation followed a private funeral in Canton on Friday.*

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| <b>Marriage Information</b> |                                |
| Husband:                    | Sr. Rettig George              |
| Beginning status:           | Married                        |
|                             | 21 Oct 1914                    |
|                             | Methodist Church, Canton, Ohio |

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| <b>Child:</b>               | <b>Matilda Neisel</b>                         |
| Born:                       | 19 Mar 1884                                   |
| in:                         | Massillon, Ohio                               |
| Died:                       | 24 Jan 1886                                   |
| in:                         | Massillon, Ohio                               |
| Relationship with Father:   | Wilhelm Neisel - Natural                      |
| Relationship with Mother:   | Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus - Natural |
| <b>Address and Phone(s)</b> |   |
| <b>Medical</b>              |   |
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| <b>Marriage Information</b> |   |
| <b>Marriage Notes</b>       |   |

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| <b>Child:</b>               | <b>Frederick (Fred) William Neisel</b>        |
| Born:                       | 01 Sep 1885                                   |
| in:                         | Crystal Springs, Ohio                         |
| Died:                       | 05 May 1937                                   |
| in:                         | Dover, Ohio                                   |
| Relationship with Father:   | Wilhelm Neisel - Natural                      |
| Relationship with Mother:   | Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus - Natural |
| Burial:                     | May 1937<br>Dover Memorial Park, Dover, Ohio  |
| <b>Address and Phone(s)</b> |   |

**Medical****Notes**

By Verna M. (Neisel) Lann, granddaughter of Frederick William Neisel.

Born Freidrich Wilhelm Neusel, Frederick William (Americanized name) was a share-cropper (farmer), but quite a while before he died, he also worked as a wheeler at a brickyard in Bolivar, Ohio. I'm not sure what he died of. I've been told that when he worked at the brickyard, a pile of bricks fell on him. Then he had an accident when he worked at a sawmill, and was in a coma for a long time. Some say he died of pneumonia; but the most popular opinion is that he died of a cerebral hemorrhage. Yet, if you read his wife's letter (in the record of Sarah Metta Wales), written two weeks prior to his death, she says that she thinks he had a stroke on his left side. Below is a typed discussion between Calvin and Fred about it.

Verna's note of May 9, 2004: The date of birth in the family Bible is shown as September 1, 1885 which would have made him age 51 when he died. In his obituary his age is shown as 53.

In the computer at the cemetery, his date of birth is shown as January 5, 1885, age 52, death occurring at Magnolia, Ohio. It shows he was born in Dover, and died of pneumonia.

I used the family Bible date of birth. The obituary shows that he died in his home near Battlesburg (and we know this to be true), not at Magnolia.

He and Metta (it is believed) met in Bolivar, where he worked for a railroad company (as did most of his brothers). Metta sometimes called him "Fritz". Robert K. Neisel told me he was called "Smiley" because he smiled a lot. The girls called him "Poppy", and the boys called him "Pop".

Frederick W. Neisel came from a well-to-do family, but he and Metta had eight children; each was two years apart. Times were very difficult, especially during the Depression. Five or six older children were "farmed out" for room and board, as each became old enough.

Metta had gone to Secretarial School, and she worked as a secretary before she was married.

Apparently, they were at least of average means when they were married. There is some reference to that effect in one of his brother Charlie's (Karl Henry Neisel) letters. Also, I don't think anyone ever knew this, but when I went through a box of Neisel "stuff", I found some cardboard caps off of milk bottles. Encircled around the cap, was printed:

F. W. NEISEL DAIRY CO. Crystal Springs, O.  
In the center was: QUALITY AND CLEANLINESS  
So, Fred evidently owned a Dairy at one time!

By reading some of the letters in the records of Metta, and in the records of their children, you will gain a better insight as to how their situation deteriorated, financially.

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*Fred was very handsome when they were married. His sons, Emerson and Calvin, looked a lot like him -- especially Emy. (They both had a shock of wavy hair in front.)*

*When Fred died, times were so hard, that his brother, William (Bill) Edward Neisel, paid for his funeral expenses - \$152.25. Metta indicated an effort to repay her brother-in-law, but I don't know if she did or not.*

*The following is an excerpt from a tape recording by Calvin E. Neisel, son of Frederick. Also present was Calvin's brother, Fred C. Neisel.*

*Verna: "You don't remember your dad at all, do you?"*

*Calvin: "Yes. He died when I was in the eighth grade. He'd gotten hit in the head, working in the sawmill. And it ended up that he'd got pneumonia from that."*

*Donna: (To Fred) Is that your recollection, too?"*

*Fred: "Well, when he worked at the brickyard at Bolivar, he wheeled down there, and they started right at the door, and they built a ramp -- you know, they'd reach up all the brick they could, so high; then, they'd put planks in there and they'd take their wheelbarrow right up, take the top off. When he come down out of there -- that's where he got hurt. The kiln, inside, come over on him."*

*Calvin: "Hmm. I thought he worked at Emmett Slutz's sawmill -- that's what I thought."*

*Fred: "Well, he was hurt a long time before that."*

*Calvin: "That's when he died -- there at the last from..."*

*Fred: "He never quite was the same after that..."*

*Calvin: "No."*

*Fred: "...gettin' hit by the bricks. The sawmill was probably, oh..."*

*Calvin: "Just a couple months before he died, I think... A month or so before he died."*

*Fred: "Yeah. That was several years after he worked at the brickyard."*

*Verna: "Oh, okay. And then it was pneumonia that he died from?"*

*Blanche: "He had a cerebral hemorrhage, didn't he?"*

*Fred: "Well, I always heard it was a cerebral hemorrhage. The way he died, he was unconscious for a long time."*

*Calvin: "I remember they came and got Ann and Lillian and I out of school. Johnny (??) Crawford came and picked us up."*

*Verna: "Yeah -- Ann remembered that."*

*Following is the newspaper obituary:*

*Fred Neisel*

*Fred Neisel, 53, died Tuesday afternoon at his home one mile west of Battlesburg, Stark-co.*

*He leaves his wife, Metta, and the following children: Emerson, Frederick, Robert,*

*Calvin, Eva, Minnie, Lillian, Anna, all at home. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs.*

*Minnie Neisel of Massillon and by three sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Anna Rettig (Rettig), Dover; Mrs. Matilda Leister, Maryland; Charles Neisel, Steubenville; Miss Pauline Neisel, William, Otto and Lewis, all of Massillon.*

*Funeral will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. from the home, followed by services at 2 p.m. at the Asbury M. E. church, Rev. A.W. Deutsch and Rev. C.H. Klotz officiating. Burial will be at Dover Burial Park, Dover. The body will be taken from the McCreery funeral parlors to the Neisel home tonight.*

*Following are excerpts from tape of Anna Mary Neisel-Courtright:*

*Verna: "How much do you remember about your father?"*

*Ann: "Oh, I remember following the plow -- when he'd be plowing, and I can remember what his feet and his overalls looked like as I followed in the furrow. I would have been four, probably. And I remember his hands. And it seems that I remember of standing between his knees, with his big hands in front of me. And I remembered this the other day -- do you remember using the grindstone that you turn, and poured water on? And I was a water-pourer when he would sharpen the scythe and the sickle, and things like that, and I remember hanging the white rag or hankie out the window so that he would know to come in, that dinner was ready -- they*

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were too far away to call. If I did call, and I would gocall: 'P-o-p-p---y', but probably my voice didn't carry very far. But anyway, whendinner was ready, they would look up and see a white hankie stuck up in the upstairswindow, and flying like a little flag, and then they would know that dinner wasready -- and that would be Fred, or Poppy, or whoever was out there. I remember thatvery well.

"I remember when he died. We were in school. Lillian and I, and probably... Well, I just remember of being in school, and Mr. Crawford came andtalked to the teacher, and the teacher called our names, Lillian and Anna. And he called the Crawford girls' names, too. And we went up to the desk, andthen they said, 'You may go, now.' So we got our coats and went out, but we didn'tknow why. And when we got in the car, the Crawford girls were already there. And one of them said, 'Your daddy's dead.' And I remember of feeling, 'Whatis she saying that for? What is that about?' And then we went home, and somebody wasfanning Mom. Mom was sitting on the porch, and a neighbor or someone wasfanning her. And we started, of course, well, go change your clothes -- that'shabit -- we went to the stair door and there was somebody there -- a neighbor orsomeone -- and she was crying, and she said, 'You poor little girls!' And we wentupstairs and changed our clothes. I remember of Mom picking me up, and Poppy was inthe casket, and she said, 'Don't you want to kiss Papa?' But I didn't want to. It was somebody I didn't know. That wasn't Poppy. I remember when he was lying inbed, though, and I wanted to feed him, and didn't know why I couldn't feed him."

Fred: "He couldn't eat, that's why."

Ann: "Yeah. I suppose. I remember -- and I don't know what this wasall about, but I remember of one night, a lot of commotion downstairs. And Iremember of hearing Mom say, 'P-o-p-p-y, P-o-p-p-y.' And in the morning, theytold us that Mom was sick, and she was going to go away. And, apparently, duringthe night, her mind had wandered, or something, so they brought her down to staywith Lindy. That was after he (Poppy) was gone. And in the morning, she waseither in bed, or something, and they told us -- I think Evy was there -- Ithink Evy was gone and she came home -- and she was there to get our lunch ready togo to school (and she made delicious lunches, by the way -- she tried to makeit real special, I suppose.) And I think they brought Mom down to stay withLindy. (Lindy Maurer, Metta's cousin.) Now, did her mind kinda wander?"

Fred: "She got kinda flighty there for a while."

Blanche: "She was in bad shape there, she missed him so much..."

Ann: "This was right after Poppy died. It was probably just toomuch. All of us -- and it was Depression -- there was no Food Stamp Program, then. What was she gonna live on? And besides that, Poppy was keeping the farm...He was renting, and working for Slutzes to pay our rent. He was gone!"

Verna: "And was your grandfather (Emerson Wales) still living withyou?"

Ann: "No, he was dead."

Fred: "Brother Bob took over, then."

Ann: "Oh, yes. And he was what? Fourteen or fifteen? Just a boy. And that's why he's all bent over, now. He took over. And didn't he, though? He really worked!"

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Note: Due to computer capacity in the pages about Sarah Metta Neisel, the following excerpts from various tapes will be shown here, in the record of her husband:

Following is from the tape of Robert K. Neisel, son of Metta and Fred:

Verna: "I remember Grandma was real religious, and she wore her hair in a bun in the back, right?"

Bob: "She did up 'til sometime while I was in the service, she decided it was too much trouble and she had it cut."

Verna: "Did she!"

Bob: "Yeah."

Verna: "I didn't know that!"

Bob: "She had it cut the last few years that she lived."

Shirley: "It was curly-like when..."

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Verna: "Curly?"

Shirley: "The only time I seen her was when the class went over to the funeral home when she died."

Verna: "Why did your class go to Grandma Neisel's funeral?"

Shirley: "Well, 'cause Ann was in my class."

Verna: "And the whole class...?"

Shirley: "Yeah."

Verna: "Oh, how nice!"

Bob: "All the schools did that. If one of the kids had a death in the family, all the kids in the class'd get dismissed so they could go."

(Verna's note: As you will see in Lillian's record, their mother's hair was cut and curled only a month or two before she died. Bob was away in the Army and probably assumed it had been that way for quite awhile.)

Fred: "I can remember Mom chasin' you around the table to get you to do the dishes. She'd whack you around the head with her hand..."

Bob: "Yeah. With that old, gold wedding ring. Boy, it hurt!"

The following is from a newspaper article loaned to me by Robert Keller Neisel about a surprise 50th birthday party given for Metta, dated Jan. 7, 1937:

### Birthday Surprise Party

Mrs. Fred Neisel was given a surprise in honor of her birthday on Wednesday evening at her home.

The evening was spent at dancing, cards and Victrola and violin music.

A fine lunch was served, well filled baskets brought by the guests.

The following were present: (?)Walt Reiger, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Border, Lucile Border, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Feucht, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rohn, Ella Rohn, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mizer, Irene, George, Warren and Paul Mizer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mizer, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith, Joe, Opal, Beruive(?) and Stanley Smith, Beulah Hartman, George Keith, Grant Baker, Raymond Mohart, Leo Bittiker, James Marks, Emerson Wales, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neisel, Emerson, Freddie and Eva Neisel.

At a late hour all departed for their homes wishing Mrs. Neisel many more happy birthdays. The Neisel family will move to Navarre in a short time.

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| <b>Marriage Information</b> |                     |
| Wife:                       | Sarah (Metta) Wales |
| Beginning status:           | Married             |
| 18 Feb 1914                 |                     |
| Believe in Dover, Ohio      |                     |

### Marriage Notes

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| <b>Child:</b>               | <b>Karl Henry (Charles) Neisel</b>            |
| Born:                       | 27 May 1887                                   |
| in:                         | Crystal Springs, Ohio                         |
| Died:                       | 1976  |
| in:                         | Tampa, Florida                                |
| Relationship with Father:   | Wilhelm Neisel - Natural                      |
| Relationship with Mother:   | Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus - Natural |
| <b>Address and Phone(s)</b> |   |

**Medical****Notes**

By Verna M. (Neisel) Lann, great-niece of Karl (Charles) Henry Neisel.

Not much is known about "Uncle Charlie", as he was called by my father and his siblings. (I assume that Karl in German is Charles in English.)

Dad (Frederick C. Neisel) tells that Charlie cut one of his fingers off in some farm machinery by accident. When somebody asked how he did it, Charlie said, "Just like that!" -- and, demonstrating how he did it, he cut another one off! He left home in embarrassment, and for at least four years, the family didn't know where he was, then Annie found him in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Apparently, Anna acted as a go-between when their sister, Matilda, needed help to run her farm in Maryland. A news clip of his death showed that he died in Tampa, Florida. His mother's obituary (Mina) said he lived in Lawrence, New York in April 1948, and another article showed that he lived in Steubenville, Ohio, so he must have moved around a lot. He was buried in the Massillon Cemetery. Uncle Charlie never married (as far as we know).

The following letter is from Charles Neisel to his sister, Pauline Neisel. It is very difficult to understand as his spelling was very poor.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

April 12 1932

Miss Poline Neisel

Dear Sis

I am dropping you a few lines  
a gisx (?) and hope that you  
can make this at wanse (once) as  
the Bank is going to close in  
on me at wanse (once) for the amount  
and sue me and then I loose  
everything if you can lone (loan)  
me this amount 990.00 nine  
9 hundred and 90 doll and I pay  
the intrest every year to you  
and I make a inshurance out to  
you let this come at wanse (once)  
if you can you see by slip  
over

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this is a thing I got  
to pay now or loose everthing  
and I cant aford that  
and I am not in shape to

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*pay it but in time I can make  
it - just switch over  
to this bank or in  
my name*

*YT (Yours Truly)*

*C. H. Neisel  
516 East Grand (or Grant)  
albuqrque  
New Mx*

*The following letter is from Charles Neisel to his sister, Pauline.(He typed it like this):*

*Agust.23.1934  
Miss Poline Neisel*

*I will anser your letter well ever body kicken yet I  
see that you say the Penn R.R. is servaing agin well let them  
goe through and get A big price fore it and get A nother one  
Charge them 20000.twenty thousand dooll and fore the moleters  
place 10000.ten thousand dooll and hold the mineral rights  
on both places as there is a oil structure goining through  
our place and hess and peats and luxes or seese place  
if they drill arond there they will hit oil arond 2000.  
thousand feet as the gravel pite will take it later on  
eny howe and you can hold on fore A price as they need the  
ground well you say that the nearse got a baby girl and the  
king is going to bild A brick manshen on well that all right  
but the cash is what he wants and Nellie told me that he had  
nothing coming eny more and I gess that about right to  
well fred is on the hoag ranch agin well hey will get a  
place latter on well that all of the dope i can think of  
only hold up fore A price of the R.R.and the pite as they  
will come latter on well the wether is fine here*

*Y.T.*

*C.H.N.  
516.E.Grand  
Albuquerque  
New.Mex*

*The following is a two-page letter written from Charles Neisel to hissister, Anna:*

*THE ALVARADO  
Fred Harvey  
Albuquerque, N.M.  
March 15, 1939  
Mrs Anna Rettig*

*Dear Sister*

*I have your letter on Hand  
Will write funney after 4 years trying  
to locate me. I see by your letter there is  
some thing rong. Well last time I got  
mixed up mached (?) the sam, (same ?)  
I dont now how to take your letter*

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*But I expect the nex one to be more  
clear, if you drop me on . (one ?)  
This is what I do I goe to  
Westminster M.D. (Maryland) for Matilda Lester (Leister)  
fix up House and other chores to fix  
up place and mabey I stock it if place  
looks fare so she can make a living on it  
if 40 acres or more other wayes no use*

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*Nx put out corn or barley for hogs  
as it is the only thing to make eny  
money for the long pull or  
chickens. she ones (owns) this place  
and by this time she out (ought) to now (know)  
what to rase. But I gess she had her  
hand full like others.*

*Please note there be no argument with me  
and I do what right. I furenesh as much of the  
as eny one and stay till fall or more  
perviding I can stand it in climate  
stay till work done You notifie Matild  
and I leave last of mont By that time  
wether will be good I wate for a replie  
and see how the sounde listen.*

*J & (??) C H Neisel*

*516 East Grand St  
al..... NM*

*Note: See Anna's reply to Mathilda in the record of Anna Neisel.*

*The following is his obituary:*

**CHARLES H. NEISEL**

*Charles H. Neisel, 89 of 8220 N. Florida ave, Tampa, Fla., diedFriday at Habana Villa Health Care Center in Tampa.*

*Mr. Neisel was a native of Massillon and was a self-employedgardener. He was a member of Akron Commandery 25, Knights Templar,and a life member of Temple Lodge 6, F & AM of Albuquerque, N.M.*

*He is survived by a brother, Louis Neisel of Massillon.*

*The funeral will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at theGordon-Shaidnagle-Hollinger Funeral Home with the Rev. Alan Yudt, pastor of St. John's United Church ofChrist, officiating.*

*Interment will be made in the Massillon Cemetery.*

*There will be no calling hours.*

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| <b>Child:</b>               | <b>Otto (Ott) William Neisel</b>              |
| Born:                       | 21 Mar 1889                                   |
| in:                         | Crystal Springs, Ohio                         |
| Died:                       | 1975  |
| in:                         | Massillon, Ohio                               |
| Relationship with Father:   | Wilhelm Neisel - Natural                      |
| Relationship with Mother:   | Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus - Natural |
| Burial:                     | 1975<br>Massillon Cemetery, Section 19        |
| <b>Address and Phone(s)</b> |   |

**Medical****Notes**

By Verna M. (Neisel) Lann, great-niece of Otto William Neisel.

"Uncle Ott", as he was called, is well-remembered by his nieces and nephews. When he was a teenager, he must have been pretty wild. Be sure to read letterwritten in the record of Benjamin Payne Leister about the time Ott came to see them in Maryland. Ott never married.

The following is a recollection of Calvin E. Neisel, nephew of Otto. It is an excerpt from a tape recording:

Verna: "Do you remember anything about your aunts and uncles?"

Calvin: "...we went over there, and Uncle Ott went out and banged on the dishpan, and the old cattle came running, and there was steers and everything... And they were right up, smelling us, and... Scared Donna half to death! We went in the house, and they had to move the newspapers off the chairs and tables and everything so we had a place to sit down."

Verna: "That's what I remember from when we went there one time when I was little."

Following is Ott's obituary:

**OTTO W. NEISEL**

Otto W. Neisel, 86, who was a lifelong resident of the Newman (??) area of Lawrence Township, died Friday morning in the Massillon City Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Neisel was a (?? unable to read) farmer and was a son of the late William and Mona (should be Mina) Neisel.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. George (Anna) Rettig of Massillon and Mrs. Mathilde Leister of Perry Heights; two brothers, Louis A. Neisel of Massillon and Charles H. Neisel of Florida.

The funeral will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Gordon-Shaidnagle-Hollinger Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Gamber, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ officiating. Interment will be in the Massillon Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday evening from 7 to 9.

Following is an excerpt of Frederick C. Neisel's tape:

Fred: "There ain't nobody that I know of that was as thrifty as Uncle Ott and Uncle Bill. They saved EVERYTHING. Even the juice from the barn from the cows -- you know how they have a cement trough behind them? They had it rigged up so that the juice from the manure would run out into a big tank. It was on a stud. He'd hitch the team to that and haul it out in the field and sprinkle it around over the field."

Verna: "The juice?"

Fred: "Yeah. Of course, it'd come up with manure -- it was very rich!"

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*Fred also recalled a time when he was staying at his Uncle Ott's place. In the morning, Ott asked him if he would like an egg for breakfast. Fred said it sounded good to him. Then Ott boiled him an egg in the coffee pot! When the egg was done, Ott used the same water to make a pot of coffee!*

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| <b>Child:</b>               | <b>August Servis (Louis) Neisel</b>              |
| Born:                       | 24 Nov 1890                                      |
| in:                         | Crystal Springs, Ohio                            |
| Died:                       | 28 Jun 1978                                      |
| in:                         | Massillon, Ohio                                  |
| Relationship with Father:   | Wilhelm Neisel - Natural                         |
| Relationship with Mother:   | Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus - Natural    |
| Burial:                     | 28 Aug 1978<br>(psuedo) Massillon Cem., Sect. 19 |
| Military:                   | 1918<br>veteran World War I, France              |
| <b>Address and Phone(s)</b> |  |

**Medical****Notes**

By Verna M. (Neisel) Lann, great-niece of Servis Louis Neisel.

There is much to be written about "Uncle Louie" as he was called. About his name: the family Bible shows Servis Neusel, and so does a 6th grade report card. The Family Tree created by Kenneth Betsh shows August Ludwig Neusel. His military records, and his tombstone show Louis A. Neisel. Ludwig is German for Louis, and August would be the middle initial; but where the name "Servis" came from -- I don't have a clue, unless he changed his name. On his report card of 1904, he received high marks -- mostly in the 80s and 90s. Interestingly, it is signed five times by his father "Wm. Neisel", but the writing is not very similar to where he signed "Wilhelm Neusel" on his application for citizenship in 1884 -- the report card signature is Americanized, easier to read. Ott's brother, Bill, was only ten years old, so it wouldn't have been his signature.

Louis served in France during World War I, and I have copies of several of the letters he wrote home. Anna Neisel Courtright has the originals, which are very fragile. Louie never married.

Also, see record of his mother (Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus) for another story about Louie.

He loved to tell stories about the past. His great-great nephew, Gregory Neisel, wrote them in a school thesis. Unfortunately, his teacher never returned his project, so the stories are lost, unless I can talk to Greg sometime.

Fred C. Neisel, nephew of Louis, said that Louis was VERY intelligent. Louis worked at some research facility in Wooster, where they developed feed and technology for raising chickens. Fred said Louis was in the chicken and egg business on his farm. He had two rows of chicken houses that stretched for about three hundred feet, and he crated 144 dozen eggs per day -- and he did it all by himself!

Fred said that one time when he was at Louie's, he (Fred) replied, "Yah!" His Uncle Louie scolded, "Don't say that -- the Germans aren't good anymore!"

The Tragedy of Uncle Louie's demise:

Fred said that Louie was VERY eccentric. His house, I've been told, looked like a haunted house (as did the family homestead in later years). He kept a lot of machinery and such things on the premises -- apparently a junk-haven which attracted adventurous boys, for Louie was constantly trying to ward off trespassers. One time, two boys tried to open his door, and Louie fired his gun right through the door, taking out an eye of one of the boys. I don't think he was arrested for it. However, several years later, on Feb. 6, 1978, his home burned to the ground. No remains of him were ever found.

Family members wondered: was it retribution by the boy whose eye was shot out? Or was Louie kidnapped and killed by someone trying to get information about where he kept his money? Louie's friend, Herman (an elderly man who lived down the road), testified that on the evening of the fire, he saw a red car speeding by just at twilight. He said the car came from the direction of Louie's place. Herman said that when he



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*Chief of Staff*

*Here is another letter from Headquarters:*

**HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY CORPS.  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.**

*France, November 9, 1918*  
**GENERAL ORDERS**

*NO. 41*

*1. The Corps Commander desires to make of record the gallant conduct of the Fifth Division from November 1st to the 5th in forcing, against the enemy in position, a crossing of the River MEUSE near DUN and near BRIEULLES, building bridges and swimming the river in the face of machine gun and artillery fire and in advancing some 9 kilometers in the enemy's territory to the vicinity of BRANDEVILLE. This action not only uncovered the left flank of the 17th French Corps and enabled that Corps to advance, but broke the line of resistance of the German Army and of returning its position on the east bank of the MEUSE, compelled its withdrawal.*

*J. L. HINES,  
Major General, U.S.A.  
Commanding.*

*The following letter was sent to the Neisels when he was injured:*

*AGCD 201 (Neisel, Louis A.)*      **WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON**

*Feb. 5, 1919*

*Neisel Brothers,  
Massillon, Ohio.*

*Dear Sirs:*

*In accordance with the policy of the War Department to report, as a matter of record and appreciation, all injuries received in action, I have the honor to inform you that an examination of reports received by courier indicates that Private Louis A. Neisel, Infantry, was slightly wounded in left shoulder and under treatment in Base Hospital #22, A.E.F. November 14/(19)18.*

*He has doubtless communicated with you, either from hospital or since return to duty; if, however, you have not heard from him, this should furnish no occasion for alarm, since this office has been notified by cable of all casualties and those injured seriously and, in such an event, you would before this have been notified by telegraph.*

*Very respectfully,  
P. C. Harris,  
The Adjutant General.*

*Following are some letters written by Louis in World War II:*

*A postcard photo of Kentucky State Monument -  
Chickamauga Park, Chattanooga, Tennessee*

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## ***Family Group Sheet***

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*(Louis must have taken a supply of postcards with him when he went towar.)*

*Addressed to:*

*Postmark:*

*Miss Pauline NeiselHoboken, N.J.*

*Massillon,1918*

*Ohio*

*R.F.D. 3.(This was his APO. Would have been  
the spring or summer of 1918.)*

*Dear Sister:*

*Arrived safely  
in France*

*L. Neisel  
Co., "L" 11 Inf.  
A.E.F.  
France*

*From Louis to sister Pauline (World War I)*

*June 26, 1918*

*Miss Pauline Neisel  
Massillon, Ohio*

*Dear Sister -*

*Received your letter  
of May 16 today very glad to hear  
from you. I wrote you a  
letter about one month ago  
telling all about this country  
and probably some or too much  
for the censor. We are not  
allowed to write anything about  
where we are or anything that  
could be information so do not  
expect anything along that  
line from me. You probably  
have a wrong impression of  
U.S. freedom. Uncle Sam is just  
as strict or probaly more so than  
the Kaiser or Czar of Russia was,  
when it comes business. I note  
what you say about the Conkle  
place I wish I was home now*

*-2-*

*surely could bach it up there  
now. You talk of having war on  
the brain, you surely are in  
heaven over there and can take  
it easy even tho you work 16 to 18  
hours a day. Imagine someone every  
few feet down at the river was shooting  
at you and 100 or more lb boxes of dynamite  
were dropping all around you and*

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## ***Family Group Sheet***

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*probably be in gas and you can't be sure  
of anything to eat always. So you have  
been lucky but have not been in busy  
place. Trusting that this finds you  
all well I remain as ever*

*Pvt. L. Neisel  
Co., "L" 11th Inf.,  
American Ex. Force.*

*Censored  
JW Gusse  
2nd Lieut 11th Inf.*

*The following is a letter from Pvt. Louis Neisel (World War I) to his sister, Pauline Neisel.*

*AMERICAN On Active Service  
Y.M.C.A. WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE*

*11th Inf. July 2, 1918*

*Miss Pauline Neisel  
R.F.D. 3 Massillon,  
Ohio*

*Dear Sister:-  
That I would  
celebrate 4 of July today by writing  
you another letter, we received  
a lot of mail today but nothing (paper torn)  
for me. I do not know if you  
ever get any of the letters from  
here, probably not, but it surely  
is not my fault. I surely am  
writing oftener than ever before  
so about the only thing you can  
do is to go for Sen. Pomerene (?) of  
Canton to let down on censorship  
and build more and bigger ships.  
We are just killing a few days  
time out in the woods, no place  
to go and nothing to see, can't*

*-2-  
even look up at the sky for  
fear some aeroplane may  
be above. I suppose you  
are all busy making hay  
cutting wheat and cultivating  
the crops. Was wondering  
how the patch of Gladden wheat  
from the Station compares with  
your other varieties this year.  
Did you or the Bros make  
any trip to Wooster to see how  
everything looked there, or was  
there no time for visiting.  
How is the corn crop this*

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## *Family Group Sheet*

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*year, have seen none over here  
yet, spend most of the  
time in the woods here, so I  
do not get to see much.  
It seems as tho there is more  
timber over here than in the  
U.S. can travel for days and  
see nothing but woods, no houses.*

*-3-*

*All the country is not like  
this tho. We just happen to  
be in such a part of it.  
I suppose Hess's have a  
new man on the place  
again, in your last letter  
you mentioned something  
about them being in the city  
again. Have not seen Bartz,  
Boing, Witt and them fellows  
for a long time, several months.  
We visited together lots when  
going across on the boat, but  
since then, have always been  
some distance apart and we  
always must remain within  
several 100 yds of our beds  
unless in formation.  
How is the fruit crop this year.  
Anna said some time ago that  
it would probaly be very*

*-4-*

*heavy if weather continued  
to be favorable. Have seen  
no good fruit crops here,  
but guess it is better in the  
southern part of the country.  
You can wrap up and send  
a Cleveland Plain Dealer of home  
paper occasionaly and send it  
over here, it will be alright  
if it is a little out of date.  
Trusting that this finds you  
all well and that everything  
goes better soon I remain as ever  
Very truly*

*Pvt., L. Neisel  
Co., "L" 11th Infantry,  
American Ex. F.*

*Censored  
J.W. Gurse  
2nd Lieut 11th Inf.*

*The following letter, I believe is to Tillie. "CRC" may have been the initials of her first husband.*

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## ***Family Group Sheet***

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*In different handwriting at top of page:*

*20 No overseas service  
Liberty bonds pd. for  
who gets them*

*American  
YMCA WITH THE*

*ON ACTIVE SERVICE*

*AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE*

*11 Inf. July 5, 1918  
Mrs. C.R.C. Neisel  
Massillon, Ohio*

*Dear Sister:*

*Received your letter  
today dated June 11 in which you say  
that you have no letters from  
me yet and four from Bartz  
We are billeted near each other  
now so went and ask him how  
many he sent he claims to have  
sent only three and one of  
them since you wrote last.  
but from what the other boys  
tell me he is writing all the  
time ( unable to make out ) , probaly  
because there is no postage  
to pay. I do a lot of writing  
wrote two letters home last week  
Do not know why you are not  
getting any, probaly the ship  
the mail was on was sunk or  
they could have been ditched*

*(2)*

*by the censor or they could  
have been lost some other way  
Received a letter from Anna  
last week saying she rec'd the  
card sent from Hoboken or N. York.  
I cannot give you any idea  
where located. Not even the country  
The only way to write a letter is  
to write about something that  
is altogether foreign to the war,  
that is if it should be of any value.  
We were told that it would be  
alright to tell that if we were in the  
trenches. I suppose Bill will  
be called if not exempted soon  
after this reaches you, it it  
takes as long as the others.  
You had better have him  
enlist before he is drafted,  
I think they give him that  
privelage, the best job for him  
is truck or machine driving  
if I know anything about it  
could have had plenty of*

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## *Family Group Sheet*

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chances at it They have  
 nearly every make of machine  
 some of the Generals use Nationals  
 have seen only one Packard and  
 then all the way down to Fords  
 The most are Dodge Bros. Trucks  
 here are mostly (undecipherable), but  
 in the States they use nearly every  
 M'fg. You need not send the  
 Massillon Indep. daily only  
 occasionally -- the Cleveland Plain  
 Dealer is better. If everyone would  
 send a paper daily for a soldier  
 you would not have enough ships  
 to ship them. Mrs. Hess surely  
 is having troubles now I don't  
 catch the drift of your (undecipherable) below  
 Massillon line, unless you  
 refer to a bug house so near  
 home. Those Dale Girls must  
 be farmer's to be running the  
 place alone with the old mans  
 assistance. I suppose when  
 you get this you will have

(4)

old neighbors again. I don't  
 understand correctly but think  
 you say Chas is on the  
 Railroad job again, why  
 can't he stick to farming, or  
 can't he get it into his noodle  
 that money is no good to a sick  
 or dead man. Will inclose piece  
 of a paper published over here  
 Have not been to any hospital  
 so far, but cannot tell how much  
 longer I will be so lucky.  
 Trusting that this finds you all  
 well and that you get mail  
 more regular and oftener must close  
 as ever,

Very truly  
 Pvt. L.A. Neisel,  
 Co. "L" 11 Infantry,  
 American Ex. F.

Censored by  
 James C. Craft  
 1st. Lieut. 11 Inf.  
 Am. E. F.

From Louis to sister (probably Mathilde) - letter was not censored.

AMERICAN  
 YMCA WITH THE

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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11Inf. Aug. 10 1918

*Dear Sister:-*

*Received your letter of July eighth several days ago. glad to hear from you and to know that all is well with you yet. Also received a bunch of papers you sent but Anna's were lost only seen the wrapper and, address. You need not send as many papers as you are or mention in your letter because am getting accustomed to do without them and it is a good habit to be doing without them over here. I can't vouch for all your old man tells you about over here, we were at a picnic at Camp Sherman - so it looks to me now. Have never been in a city or town or house where someone was living in*

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*Have never heard of anyone getting the cheap meals you write of, if they cost anything and if you can get them, it is always more than 20 francs. Around payday anything from the people here is 20 francs or no charge. I note you are reading the papers and Miss. Strobels letters, I think no windy or one who would open their mouth does much traveling over here. Probaly she is listening and not nursing, you surely can hear anything and solong as it is not true or valuable the censor will pass it. I suppose Bartz writes all such letters too, the fellows who know him from Riverside and Heck's have "no use for him" he is just as always. Your letters or letters from U.S. are not "so far" censored. Have not seen Bartz for three weeks now. We take*

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*or get our regular turns in the trenches, only see him when out of trenches and billeted together. I notice by the Crop Reporter that everything is about the average, how are your crops this year. Also you did not mention athing about your neighbors troubles in your last letter I suppose they have changed tenants again. I had a letter from Mr. Russ at*

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## *Family Group Sheet*

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*Wooster telling about Prof. Carmichael  
but he is afraid to write much  
I can't see how Fischers of Cleveland  
ever knew that I existed, will have  
to drop Carrie a letter or card, if I  
can find one soon. You probaly  
will show them a fine time since  
you have a new car. Fred ought to be  
rich by this time with about 30 acres  
of wheat, but I suppose the big  
field was very poor. There is not  
much wheat over here, mostly rye,*

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*I think they are poor farmers  
over here, even with the "good land".  
Not many square fields. And brush  
hedges or stone fences, probaly the  
Germans taught them that was best  
also, so they would have something  
to hide in. I see in the papers  
that everyone up to 45 will soon be  
in service, if they would put the  
whole d-- family together we would  
almost have a platoon of our own.  
Trusting that this finds you all  
well as usual I remain as ever*

*Very truly*

*Pvt. L. A. Neisel*

*Co. L 11th Inf*

*Am. Ex. F.*

*The next letter is dated two days after the Sept. 26, 1918 Battle of Meuse-Argonne...the Meuse River in France, near (or in) the Argonne Forest. A family source said that Louis said the stench was so bad and that one couldn't walk around a tree without seeing a dead animal or body. An old-fashioned view-master which was once in the family had slides of dead animals, helmets, and broken bodies strewn over the fields.*

*Louis does not mention the fighting until December (the war ended Nov. 11, 1918) when he is in a hospital stateside. He had shrapnel in his shoulder from that time on.*

*From Louis to one of his sisters, two days after the big battle.*

*AMERICAN  
YMCA WITH THE*

*ON ACTIVE SERVICE*

*AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
A.E.F. France Sept. 28 1918*

*Dear sister:-*

*Received your letter  
of Sept. 2nd and bundle of  
papers also some photos  
inclosed, very glad to hear  
from you trust that  
you are all well.*

*Went to some sort of concert  
by the Y.M.C.A. and seen  
the first American chickens  
since over here, so with your*

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## *Family Group Sheet*

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*letter, papers and, that made  
it the most American like day  
since over here. I notice what  
you say about the letters you  
see about other fellows  
being heavily censored, they  
should know what not to  
write, but I suppose they*

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*think they can get something  
past the censors. I do not  
know about telling the names  
of different places that we  
have been but surely it  
would be of no use or good  
to you if you knew so why  
not keep on the safe side.  
Your letters so far as I know  
will never get here or go  
quicker by putting anything  
other than the address  
you see on this. Next time  
you write let me know if  
you have received the  
Insurance policy and any  
allotments. One would surely  
think as you say about  
this being a fruit country  
but grapes are ten cents a  
bunch and small dirty ones  
at that. No we do not get  
any broilers to eat, and do not*

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*expect them, mostly canned  
meat, also some killed over here.  
There is nothing scientific  
about anything the people  
do over here. I believe just  
as some of the fellows write  
to the papers 100 years behind  
U.S. See no pure bred chickens  
here. Mostly Faverolle and,  
Houdan dungbills.  
Bartz was telling me of your  
neighbors nurses coming over  
here - have not talked to  
him for a few days now.  
Bartz and the boys from around  
the corners all came thru  
the battle alright. Trusting  
that this finds you well and  
that everything goes better soon,  
I remain as ever*

*Very truly  
Priv. L. A. Neisel  
Co., "L" 11 Infantry,  
Am. Ex. F. France*

## *Family Group Sheet*

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*ok*

*Mckees??*

*2 lous = (undecipherable)*

*Am Ex*

*Letter from Louis when wounded and in New Jersey Hospital to sister -probably Tillie:*

*(Envelope)*

*YMCApostmark:*

*"WITH THE COLORS"*

*JERSEYCITY, NJ*

*DEC 19*

*10 AM*

*1918*

*MERRITT BRANCH*

*Mrs. C.R.C. Neisel*

*R.F.D. #3 Bx #92?(undecipherable)*

*Massillon*

*Ohio*

*(The first two pages are missing.)*

*(small flag)*

*KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS(K of C shield)*

*WAR ACTIVITIES*

*CAMP Merritt*

*Dec 18 1918*

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*letter you rec'd the other day.*

*We pulled out in a few days  
to the right of the Meuse River  
where the U.S. troops were not  
making enough progress. We went  
up one midnight but could not  
make it before daylight so went back  
and started that evening we got there  
about midnight, the germans discovered  
us and give us a hot reception we  
got across or most of us and started  
right for them. we made good progress  
but in a few days the company was  
about gone again some I guess never  
will be found, woods there are so  
thick with brush that it is hard to  
get thru. I was hit Nov. 6 and got  
first aid, 10th so you can see how  
plentiful and, close the M.D.s are.  
then it took about a week to get to the  
hospital and, another few days before*

*4*

*getting in line there so I could get  
treated, if it had not been for this*

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*slow time I would be in Germany  
 now tho I think, I would have went  
 back to the company if it had been healed  
 sooner, I do not know if that  
 happened to Boing and Witt. do not know  
 how much they were hurt. Bartz surely  
 will be surprised. We never seen  
 any Flu because they always took the  
 sick away. We all surely was a sickly  
 looking bunch at last. I guess they  
 all lost around 30 lbs. since in  
 France. Am getting some of mine back  
 now but, without exercise it is no good.  
 Feed is about ten times as good here as in  
 France but we have almost forgotten how  
 fun it was there and are getting dissatisfied,  
 Have had no pay since I sent the \$40  
 except a few dollars they give us when  
 waiting on the boat - they must have wanted  
 us to buy our feed, but as long as the  
 feed is reasonable I but nothing  
 I guess my money will run me alright.  
 Trusting that all is well I remain*

*Very truly  
 Pvt. L. Neisel  
 Camp Merritt Hospit.,  
 Ward 44 New Jersey*

*Now, please go to the record of William Edward Neisel for newspaperstories.*

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| <b>Marriage Information</b> |  |
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***Marriage Notes***

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**Family Group Sheet**

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| <b>Child:</b>               | <b>Mina Matilda (Tillie) Neisel</b>           |
| Born:                       | 15 Aug 1892                                   |
| in:                         | Crystal Springs, Ohio                         |
| Died:                       | 28 Sep 1977                                   |
| Relationship with Father:   | Wilhelm Neisel - Natural                      |
| Relationship with Mother:   | Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus - Natural |
| Burial:                     | 1977<br>Massillon Cemetery, Section 4         |
| <b>Address and Phone(s)</b> |   |

**Medical****Notes**

By Verna M. (Neisel) Lann, great-niece of Mina Matilda Neisel.

*Tillie, as she was called, must have been a very flamboyant, controversial woman. She was divorced from her first husband (of whom I have no record, but was told by her daughter, Polly) in the early 1900's when divorce was rarely heard of. According to her mother's diary, Polly said Matilda had insinuated that her first husband was perhaps a brother of -- or a relative of the Prussian King in Germany, but this story was changed in a later conversation when Polly told me that Matilda was called "Princess or Queenie" a lot by her second husband, Ben Leister, who was a genealogy buff. If Matilda was descended from the King (or Kaiser), then so are we all. I think it is possible that her husband dubbed her this nickname because of her haughty attitude. Matilda served in the military as a Red Cross Nurse. Of her three daughters, the last two had physical and/or mental defects. At least one of them (maybe both) were in a Sanatorium in Maryland, and both died young. There was an ugly rumor as to why these little girls were not in sound health, but I think it best not to relate it here, because it may not be true. Polly did make one thing clear, though: Matilda did not want to be a mother. Polly, the only surviving child, felt rejected by Matilda most (if not all) of her life.*

*Matilda rode a train to Oklahoma, where she taught and nursed the American Indians. In her diary, Polly said she made reference to a man on the train who flirted with her.*

*She also went to Panama for the opening of the Panama Canal, but due to delays caused by mud slides, she returned to the States before it opened. Anna Mary Neisel-Courtright has a photo of Matilda in her long, white nurse's uniform. On the back of it is written:*

*"Fort Mojave Ariz.*

*Age 20 - Civil Svc Dept*

*Indian Soc*

*I attended Calif-Panama World Exp.*

*Then transferred to Panama for Canal opening but one slide after another Canal was never open.*

*Matilda"*

*Aunt Eva, Matilda's niece, has fond memories of her, though.*

*Interesting envelope - believe it contained a Christmas card -- probably from one of Mina "Mathilda" Neisel's daughters, Dorothy "Jacquelin" or Rosemary Sheila Leister, one or both of whom were confined to a sanatorium in Maryland. Across left end was written in pencil what looks like: William Willon*

*Clump of cabbage on  
mad rose at  
canal*

*postmark:*

*3-cent stamp*

*STATESANATORIUM*

*2 PM*

**Family Group Sheet**

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1945

MD

(nice handwriting) Mrs Mathilde Liester  
 Massillon  
 Ohio

R #3

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on back: 1946 xmas seal*Hermine or Wilhelmine**Mina Ackerhaus**May 11 - 1878 aged 20 1947**Nov.23 1858**Any Leisters left 89*

*(Verna's note: It was this handwritten note "Mina Ackerhaus" which put me on the trail that perhaps Mina's maiden name was Ackerhaus, and not Ackerhauer. Then, I found it in Mina's little Bible, and the Latter Day Saints records confirmed it was Ackerhaus.)*

*While I have no obituary for Matilda, there are two things to mention. The cemetery record shows that she was cremated. (Her tombstone bears a symbol of a cross for her nursing.) Also, in the cemetery record, and in obituaries of the others, they show the spelling of her name as Mathilde. For a possible explanation of this spelling, see record of her mother, Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus.*

*Note: Ken and Polly Betsch provided the following info re Tillie's first marriage:*

*Aug. 18, 1917 she married Charles Reed Chadbourne. It is believed that they separated a few months after the wedding. They divorced July 27, 1921.*

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**Marriage Information**

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Husband:          | Benjamin Payne Leister |
| Beginning status: | Married                |

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**Marriage Notes**

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*let you no that I am still feeling fine. I am pretty close to the firing line now. I have only been at this place three days and I surly like this place. Wonce in a while a german aeroplane gets over where we are but he soon gets chased away they do certainly have some battles in the air. I guess by the time you receive this letter your brother and I will be in the trenches maybe. Most all the people around here speak german. I can speak some french. Their are certainly a lots of girls around here. Most all the wagons over here only got two wheels on. They hitch one horse in front of another and every horse has a strap full of bells around their neck.*

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*and they also use oxen and milk cows in wagons. I can certainly hear the guns roar from where I am. We got a Y.M.C.A. building here. We got a piona and victrola at the Y.M.C.A. I guess you are pretty busy Louise (believe he means Louis) told me that you had the place where Jess Conkel lived to farm this year. I'll bet you have a lots of young chickens this year. I guess every thing around Massillon is still O.K. I guess I will close now. I am well. I remain as ever Your Friend  
Albert, answer  
Private Albert W. Bartz  
Company J. 11th Infantry. A.P.O.  
728 France, American Expeditionary  
Forces France*

*OK*

*F.W. Hancock Jr.  
1st Lieut. 11th Inf.*

*On following pages is copy of an envelope, a photograph of a soldier with a bayonet, and an uncensored letter.*

*The letter is dated the day after the Sept. 26, 1918 Battle of Meuse-Argonne...the Meuse River in France, near (or in) the Argonne Forest. A family source said that Louis said the stench was so bad and that one couldn't walk around a tree without seeing a dead animal or body. An old-fashioned view-master which was once in the family had slides of dead animals, helmets, and broken bodies strewn over the fields.*

*The photo of the soldier is believed to be Albert W. Bartz, friend of Louis's brother, Bill.*

*The Envelope  
(Return address torn)*

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*Albert W. Bartz* postmark:  
*Infantry Military Postal Express Service*  
*France 14 OCT 1918*

*Mr. William E. Neisel.*  
(lightly penciled: *Massillon.*  
*KB Shepard*) *Ohio.*  
*R.F.D. No. 3.*  
*U.S.A.*

*1st Lieut. 11th Infantry*

*Further note: on the back of Bartz's photo was: Bebra, Germany*

*From Bartz to friend William Neisel:*

*AMERICAN*  
*YMCA WITH THE*

*ON ACTIVE SERVICE*  
*AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE*

*September 27th 1918*

*Some Where in France.*  
*Dear Friend William.*  
*Just a few lines to let you know that*  
*I am well and feeling fine. I was*  
*in a big battle for four days. I went*  
*over the top and we chased the germans*  
*for miles and miles. And we captured*  
*lots of germans and towns. It surly*  
*was some drive. The bullets and shells*  
*were hitting all around me. It was*  
*just like going threw a fire and not*  
*getting burned. Lewis showed me the*  
*letter that you wrote him so you*  
*received my last letter. I seen Karl*  
*Boing in this drive. Lewis and I*  
*surly were lucky. So you dont think*  
*that you will get in the army this*  
*year. I am not in the trenches*  
*now I am out for a few days rest*  
*We had pretty much rainy*  
*weather over here this summer*  
*The weather is starting to get cool*

*2.*

*all ready. I seen quite a bit of France*  
*all ready. This is a pretty nice place*  
*where I am right now. I get to see your*  
*Brother about every day. I guess you*  
*still have plenty of work on hand.*  
*Them german surly are afraid of the*  
*cold steel thats the bayonet they soon*  
*throw up their hands and hollor kamerad*  
*So your wheat done pretty good this year*  
*I guess I will close now.*  
*Hoping to hear from you soon.*  
*From your Friend Albert.*  
*Private Albert W. Bartz*  
*Company J. 11th Infantry.*

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## ***Family Group Sheet***

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*American Expeditionary Forces France*

*Following is an excerpt from tape of Frederick C. Neisel, nephew of Bill:*

*Fred: "Uncle Bill used to come down. They had this big, old Buick Phaeton. It had HUGE wooden wheels. It had rubber tires on it, but they was wooden wheels yet. It looked like they was as high as where you needed a ladder, pretty near, to get up into the car! A 'touring car'."*

*Verna: "Oh! A touring car! Those were for the rich!"*

*Fred: "Oh, it was a nice car. They always had nice cars. You had to put side curtains on it, you know, when the weather got bad. I think it had carbide lights on the side of it."*

*Verna: "And they'd come to see you in that."*

*Fred: "They always come. Everytime they'd come, Aunt Pauline would bring a couple bolts of goods for Mom to make clothes for us kids."*

*Verna: "Those were the 'rich' relatives."*

*Fred: "They had a prosperous farm -- they saved their money."*

*Verna: "They had a lot of farms, though, didn't they?"*

*Fred: "Well, each one of the boys had a farm. Whenever we'd go up, Grandma (Mina) would go to the pantry and get her crock, and give each one of us kids a dime -- boy, that was something! Her and Aunt Pauline, and Ott, and Billy lived at one farm, and Uncle Louie lived up over the hill at the Chicken Farm. Grandma (Mina) was all doubled over -- her chin about touched her knees, she was doubled over so bad."*

*Following is the obituary of Uncle Bill:*

### ***WILLIAM E. NEISEL***

*William E. Neisel, 81, a farmer on Orrville St NW at the edge of Newman, died early today in the Massillon City Hospital, where he was admitted Thursday. He was ill seven months.*

*Mr. Neisel was born in Massillon and lived his entire life on the family farm.*

*Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. George (Anna) Rettig of Massillon and Mrs. Mathilde Leister of Perry Heights, and three brothers, Otto and Louis Neisel, both of Massillon, and Charles Neisel in Florida.*

*The funeral will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Gordon-Shaidnagle-Hollinger Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Gamber, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will be made in the Massillon Cemetery.*

*(Unable to read the rest.)*

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*August Servis (Louis) Neisel, continued:*

*Following are newspaper stories about Louis. His house burned, and he disappeared on Feb. 6, 1978. There was at least one other one -- the one that had "Millionaire" in the headlines -- but I have not been able to find a copy of it. The third article does mention it, however.*

*March 2, 1978*

### ***TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED -- NEISEL***

*The trespassers who continue to search the Louis A. Neisel property at 11277 Corundite St NW in Tuscarawas Township are risking prosecution, a member of the Neisel family said today.*

*Mrs. Robert Neisel of North Industry, whose husband is a nephew of Louis Neisel, said unauthorized persons have even been using metal detectors to search the property. She said her husband took the license number of the automobile of these persons, but has not given it to deputy sheriffs.*

*Louis Neisel, an 86-year-old recluse who was bothered for years by trespassers who broke the windows of his house and threw flares at it, has been missing since a fire which razed his two-story frame farmhouse Feb. 6.*

*Family members and deputy sheriffs have been chasing trespassers off the property since it was published that*

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Neisel had antiques in the house, Mrs. Neisel said. An Evening Independent reporter at the fire scene saw the remains of a piano wireboard and heard a fireman say there was an old Victrola among the debris.

"I was disturbed Tuesday night," said Mrs. Neisel, "when my husband and I went to the farm to try to move the tractors. I set a can of gasoline by the road and went to check some tire tracks. A car stopped, and someone picked up the gas can."

"Uncle Louis did run people off the property," she said. "Once when he went walking with his dogs, there were people in the house when he got back, and he ran them off. Hermie (Herman Ohms, a friend who looked after Louis Neisel) said this."

"He (Louis) slept one whole winter with no heat at all," she said. "We wanted to close the (broken) windows, but he said they would break them all out again. Finally someone got them boarded up."

"I'm just saying, you better go through the ashes now" if there is to be further investigation, she said.

"There will be nothing left there."

Mrs. Neisel confirmed that it was her husband's uncle who; several years ago shot at a youth and the wound resulted in the loss of one eye.

She said the youth apparently had been with others who walked from Ohio 21 to a farmstead off Riverside Ave NW, just inside Jackson Township. She said Neisel owned the farm, and stayed there that night to stop trespassing and stealing of chickens that had been occurring.

The Corundite St. property is posted for no trespassing, Mrs. Neisel said, but one sign on a tree was torn down.

Neisel had a shotgun, Mrs. Neisel said, but it has not yet been found. Shells for the shotgun were still going off the day after the fire leveled the house, she said.

With the location of Neisel still a mystery, Mrs. Neisel said, a death certificate has not been filed.

Capt. Robert Perez of the Stark County Sheriff's Department said Tuesday that there would be a further investigation of the fire scene because all nine bone fragments which were found proved to be animal, not human.

More newspaper articles:

*The Massillon Evening Independent*  
Thursday, June 15, 1978

*Not seen since fire destroyed home*

### ***'DECLARE LOUIS NEISEL DEAD,' HEIRS ASK JUDGE***

*Is Louis Neisel, 86, whose residence at 11277 Corundite St NW burned to the ground last Feb. 6, dead?*

*Stark County Probate Judge Reuben Wise deferred his ruling on that question Wednesday after hearing several hours of testimony.*

*The probate action was filed by Neisel's grand-nephew, William R. Neisel of East Sparta, on behalf of all the heirs.*

*Neisel, a bachelor and retired farmer who was reportedly in failing health, was pictured as a recluse in testimony at the hearing.*

*Friends, neighbors and relatives testified that Neisel did not drive, was hard of hearing, had a bad leg and seldom left the farm residence where he lived along with 10 to 12 dogs.*

*Fire officials from North Lawrence, Canal Fulton, and Dalton and Stark County deputy sheriffs assumed that Neisel was home the night of the fire.*

*North Lawrence Fire Chief Henry Hodgson testified Wednesday that he was attending a tornado spotting school in Massillon when he was called to the house fire. He said the two-story frame home was completely enveloped in flames when he arrived and that firemen from all three departments were on the scene.*

*Hodgson and Deputy Ron K. Meyer both told the court that their search for Neisel was hampered by the fire's intense heat.*

*Both recounted their search of the ruins on the two days immediately following the fire to determine the cause of the blaze and to locate Neisel's body. The fire's origin remains undetermined and Neisel, until now, has remained missing and presumed dead, they said.*

*Meyer said that nine large bone pieces found at the scene on Feb. 8 were sent for extensive laboratory testing. One expert concluded that eight of the bone fragments were from dogs and that his tests on one piece were inconclusive. A second expert*

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reported that all were dog bones.

*Herman J. Ohms of 1580 Bison Ave NW testified that he and Neisel had been close friends for several years. He said he had taken Neisel grocery shopping and on other errands for the past several years.*

*Ohms and others told the court that Neisel had been plagued with vandals who frequently broke windows and had, at times, broken into the house.*

*The court was told that, because of the vandals, Neisel kept a loaded shotgun, boarded up some of the windows and the front door, and kept the dogs as protection.*

*The Neisel house was described as very old and as having had antiquated wiring. It had a coal furnace in a partial basement and had no running water.*

*Judge Wise briefly questioned several of the witnesses presented by attorneys Sherlock and Dale Evans to get additional information for the court. He said it would not be necessary to file a brief in the case and indicated that he would issue a ruling shortly after reviewing statutes which pertain to the proceeding.*

*The hearing was transferred from the smaller probate courtroom to that of Judge Ira G. Turpin because of the number of witnesses involved.*

*Other witnesses included Neisel's niece, Pauline Betsh, and her husband Kenneth Betsh, both of Reading, Pa.*

### **MASSILLON FARMER PRESUMED DEAD, STARK COURT RULES**

*MASSILLON, Ohio (AP) — Stark County Probate Court says 86-year-old Louis Neisel of near Massillon is presumed dead. The ruling Tuesday clears the way for settlement of the retired farmer's estate, which is estimated to total as much as \$1 million.*

*Neisel is thought to have died when his home burned to the ground in a Feb. 6, 1978 fire. His remains were never found.*

*In failing health, the elderly bachelor had lived alone with about a dozen dogs in the often vandalized home on the outskirts of Massillon.*

*Verna's remark: Isn't it a shame that none of the newspaper stories mentioned that Louie had been a veteran of World War I? They could have at least done that!*

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| <b>Child:</b>               | <b>Maria Paulina (Pauline) Neisel</b>         |
| Born:                       | 15 Dec 1897                                   |
| in:                         | Crystal Springs, Ohio                         |
| Died:                       | 20 Jan 1971                                   |
| Relationship with Father:   | Wilhelm Neisel - Natural                      |
| Relationship with Mother:   | Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus - Natural |
| Burial:                     | 1971<br>Massillon Cemetery, Section 4         |
| <b>Address and Phone(s)</b> |   |

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By Verna M. (Neisel) Lann, great-niece of Maria Paulina Neisel.

*Aunt Pauline, as she was called, never married. There was a time (I am told) when she wanted to, but her family would not allow it. In pictures of her youth, she looked like such a happy child; but as an adult, I remember her as a woman who seldom, if ever, smiled. She was mistress of her brother's farm all her life. She once told me that when she was young, she went to Cleveland and worked in a fabric mill.*

*I recall when my aunt Minnie died, Pauline, and her brothers Bill and Ott came to our house in their big, green Cadillac. The two men sat on the couch, while Pauline sat in the big chair. I was in the dining room, putting on my makeup at the mirror. I wore black, patent leather shoes, which had very pointed toes. From under the brim of the brown hat that Pauline always wore, I could feel her eyes as she scrutinized me from head to toe and back again. Because they didn't know where the cemetery was, Mom had to ride with them to Malvern (or was it Minerva?). She said she felt very uncomfortable, riding all that way with them.*

*Sometimes Pauline would write letters to Mom in the margins of newspapers. She would send me used valentines, erasing the previous name -- or so it seemed. Maybe she just erased her own name and started over. Anyway, the thought was nice.*

*I remember when my cousin, Bill, was in the hospital with polio. I was there when, instead of flowers, a bag of dried leaves was delivered from aunt Pauline. Maybe they were herbs. We didn't know. Aunt Marie said she doesn't remember this.*

*One time I went with Mom and Dad to visit her. The kitchen had caught fire, and the roof burned. Still, they used the kitchen! But when we left, Pauline packed a very large box of goodies for us, including 3 bolts of fabric. I loved to sew, and thought that was really nice of her. Mom made herself a dress from one of the fabrics.*

*When my sister, Glenda, was a child, we ran into aunt Pauline at a shopping center in Massillon. She bought Glenda a doll.*

*When I was a teenager, I had a pair of red, flannel Chinese pajamas on display at the Stark County Fair, which I had made for my 4-H project. Our club's display was roped off, and my pajamas were high up on the second or third tier. After the fair was over, and I had my pajamas home, I found a dollar bill in the pocket, and a note which read: "Keep up the good work. (Signed) Pauline."*

*Pauline and the rest of the Neisels in Massillon (except Annie) supposedly looked down on my grandmother, Metta Neisel, for having had more children than they could afford to raise. Still, Pauline and Annie corresponded with Metta, and Pauline sent clothes and such from time to time. They also visited Fred and Metta, probably because Fred and Metta had no transportation, and the "rich" relatives in Massillon had a big, new touring car early on. I imagine that Metta was "closer" to Annie than she was to Pauline and Tillie; but yet, it was probably Pauline who saved all of Metta's letters which give us such a wonderful insight into the hard life that Metta lived.*

*Aunt Pauline's mind went senile, and she had injured her leg on a barbed-wire fence. The wound did not heal. They said it was green with gangrene. Dad said she wore men's boots, and had a piece of burlap wrapped around the wound, tied with baling wire. Then she disappeared for a few days. They found her in Cleveland. She had driven the truck. She died soon after that.*

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*In her later years, she called my mother about twice a year. I was living in the Cleveland area, and Aunt Pauline always told Mom to tell me to stop by and visit sometime when I came to Canton. My sons were little, and I never took the time to stop. I have always regretted it. I used to laugh about how strange Aunt Pauline was. Now, I realize how very good-hearted she really was -- and I'd give a lot to be able to talk with her now!*

*The following is an excerpt from a tape recording of Calvin E. Neisel.*

*Calvin: "I can remember when Pauline took the pickup truck and went down after mail, and kept on going. Where was it they found her? Clear up east of Cleveland some place when they found her. She had a minor wreck or something -- that's how they traced her -- by the license, or something."*

*Verna: "Gee, I wonder if her mind was going."*

*Calvin: "Oh, yeah. That's what it was -- she didn't know she went up there. How she got that far... She stopped and got gas, I think, on the road, and..."*

*Fred: "Yeah."*

*Verna's note: Aunt Pauline probably began driving at a very young age, because I found a lot of very old licenses in an old purse of hers. Also, I am of the impression that she was very good at record-keeping, because among the mementos were farm records which seemed to be very detailed. When I wondered aloud whether ANY of the Massillon Neisels had ever paid income taxes, someone remarked, "I can't imagine Pauline not paying the taxes!"*

*Following, is her obituary:*

### **MISS PAULINE NEISEL**

*Miss Pauline Neisel, 73, of 10455 Orrville St NW, was dead on arrival Wednesday at 3:25 p.m. in the Massillon City Hospital. She had been ill for some time. A daughter of the late William and Mina Neisel, she was a life resident of Massillon. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ and a 25-year member of Hadassah chapter No. 108, Order of the Eastern Star.*

*Miss Neisel is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Anna Rettig and Mrs. Mathilde Leister, both of Massillon and four brothers, William and Otto Neisel, both at home, Louis Neisel of Massillon and Charles Neisel, no address.*

*The funeral will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the Gordon-Shaidnagle-Hollinger funeral home. The Rev. Robert Gamber, her pastor, will officiate. Interment will be in the Massillon Cemetery. (Unable to read the rest.)*

*and another notice:*

*Miss Pauline Neisel*

*MASSILLON -- Miss Pauline Neisel, 73, of 10455 Orrville St. NW, was dead on arrival Wednesday at City Hospital after an extended illness.*

*She is survived by two sisters and four brothers.*

*Services 1:30 p.m. Friday in Gordon-Shaidnagle-Hollinger funeral home.  
Burial in Massillon Cemetery. Callers 7 to 9 tonight in funeral home.*

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## *Family Map*

### **Canton, Stark Co., OH**

Pamela Joyce Crabtree Born: 02 Mar 1943

Karen Marie Crabtree Born: 01 Sep 1945

Glenda Jane Neisel Born: 21 Sep 1946

Beverly Jean Neisel Born: 08 Aug 1947

Dean Lowell Conrad Born: 13 Aug 1951

Carol Ann Conrad Born: 09 Jan 1953

### **Carrollton, Carroll Co., OH**

Blanche (Beck) Elizabeth Hoobler Born: 15  
Mar 1917 between Waynesburg &

### **Magnolia, Stark Co., OH**

Verna Mae Neisel Born: 24 Oct 1937

### **Massillon, Stark Co., OH**

Anna (Annie) Neisel Born: 14 Jan 1883

Matilda Neisel Born: 19 Mar 1884

### **Ohio**

George N., Jr. Rettig Born: 23 Nov 1915  
Dover

Calvin Eugene Neisel Born: 01 Oct 1923  
Bolivar

*See Also Pennsylvania.*

### **Pennsylvania (NE of Ohio)**

William Clyde Conrad Born: 09 Dec 1907

### **Ravenna, Portage Co., OH**



## *Family Map*

Sarah (Metta) Wales Born: 07 Jan 1887  
Portage County, Ohio (but found no record  
in

### **Stark Co., OH**

Lillian Pauline Neisel Born: 21 Sep 1927

### **Tuscarawas Co., OH**

Leland Luke Penix Born: 25 May 1919  
Winfield

Shirley Mae Henline Born: 11 Nov 1929  
Winfield

Charles Leland Penix Born: 04 Apr 1948  
Winfield

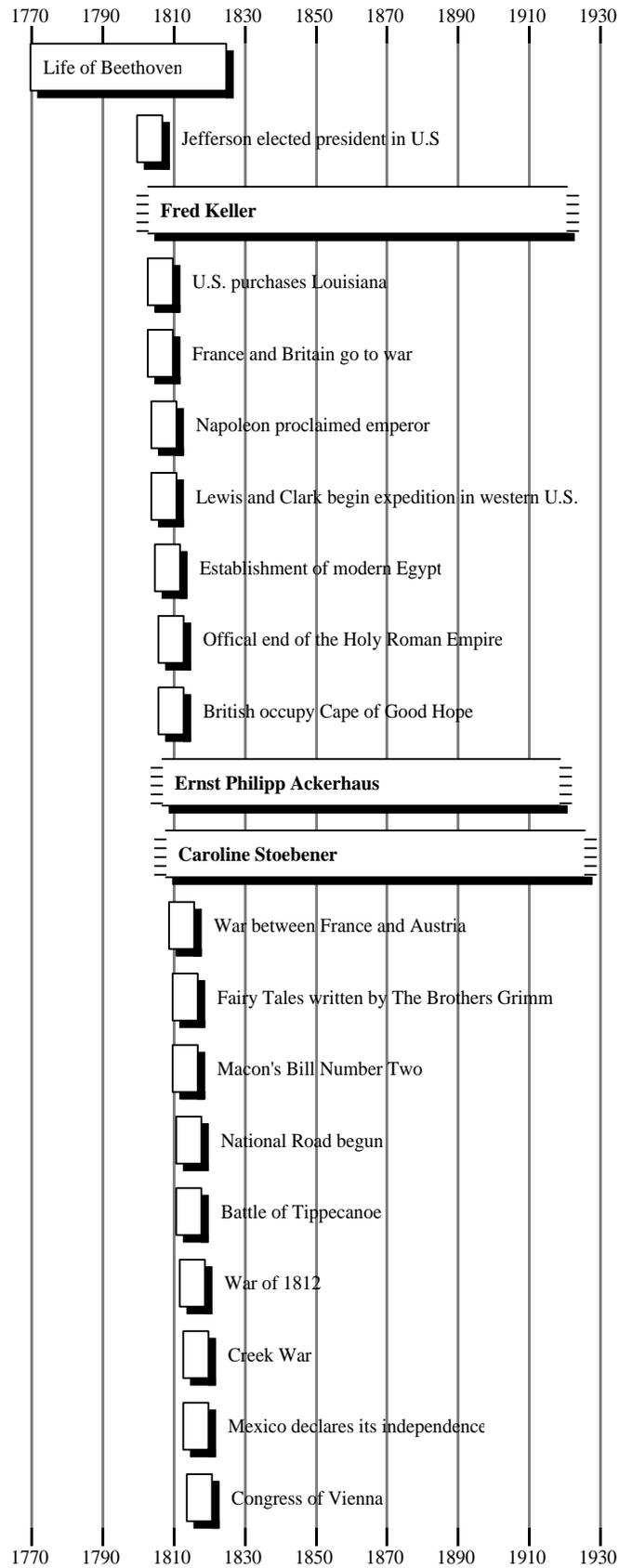
Frederick William Penix Born: 08 Nov 1949  
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Richard Raymond Penix Born: 08 Oct 1960  
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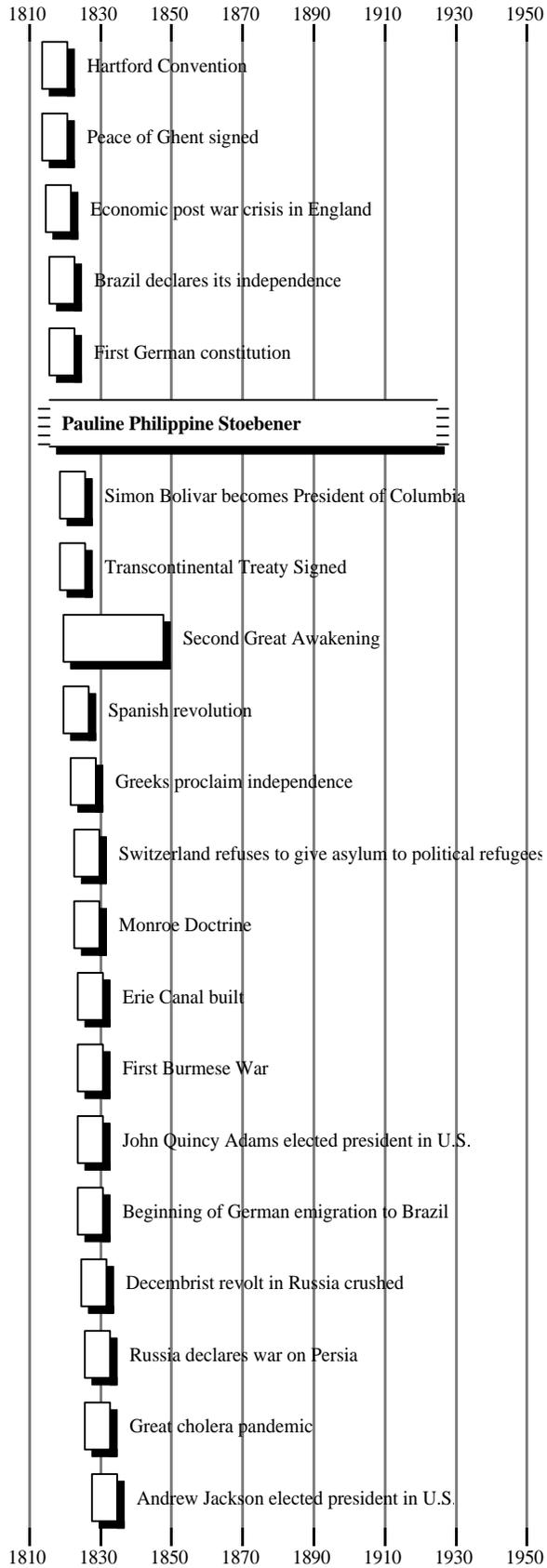
### **Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas Co., OH**

Harry Eugene, Sr. Baker Born: 30 Oct 1922

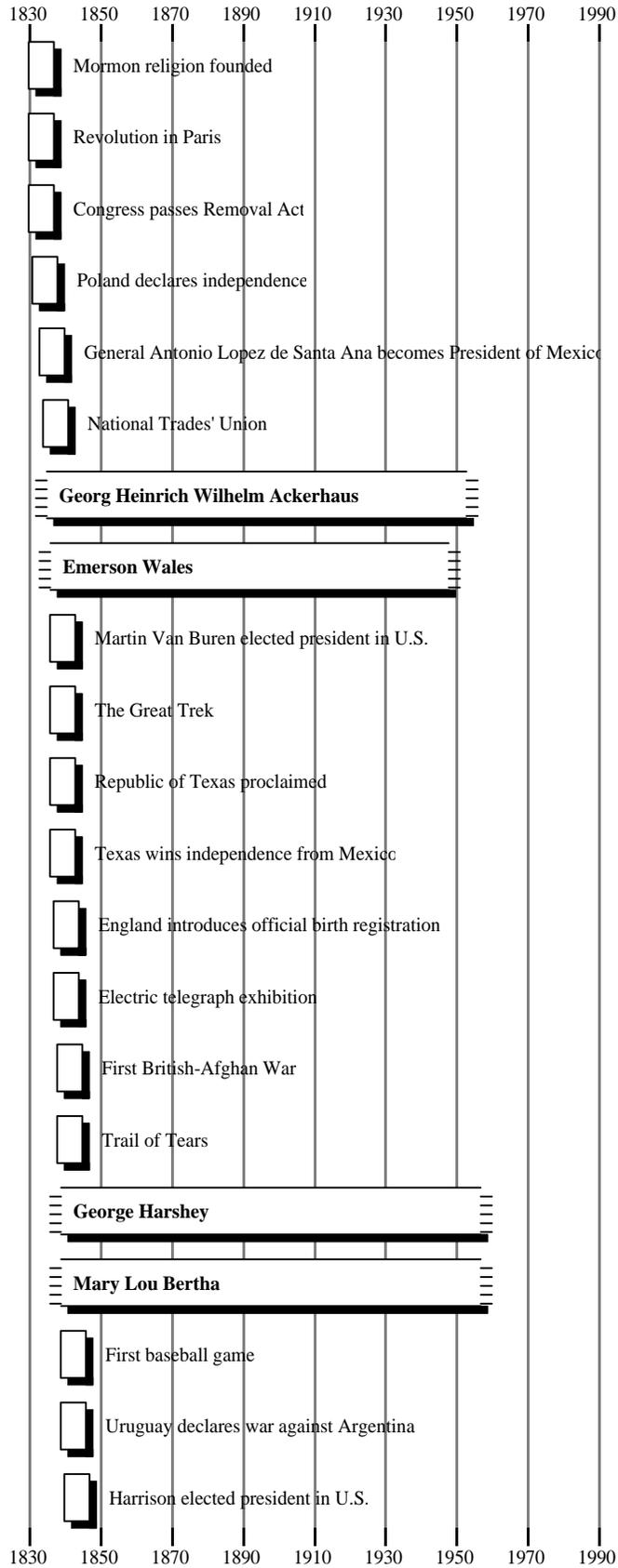
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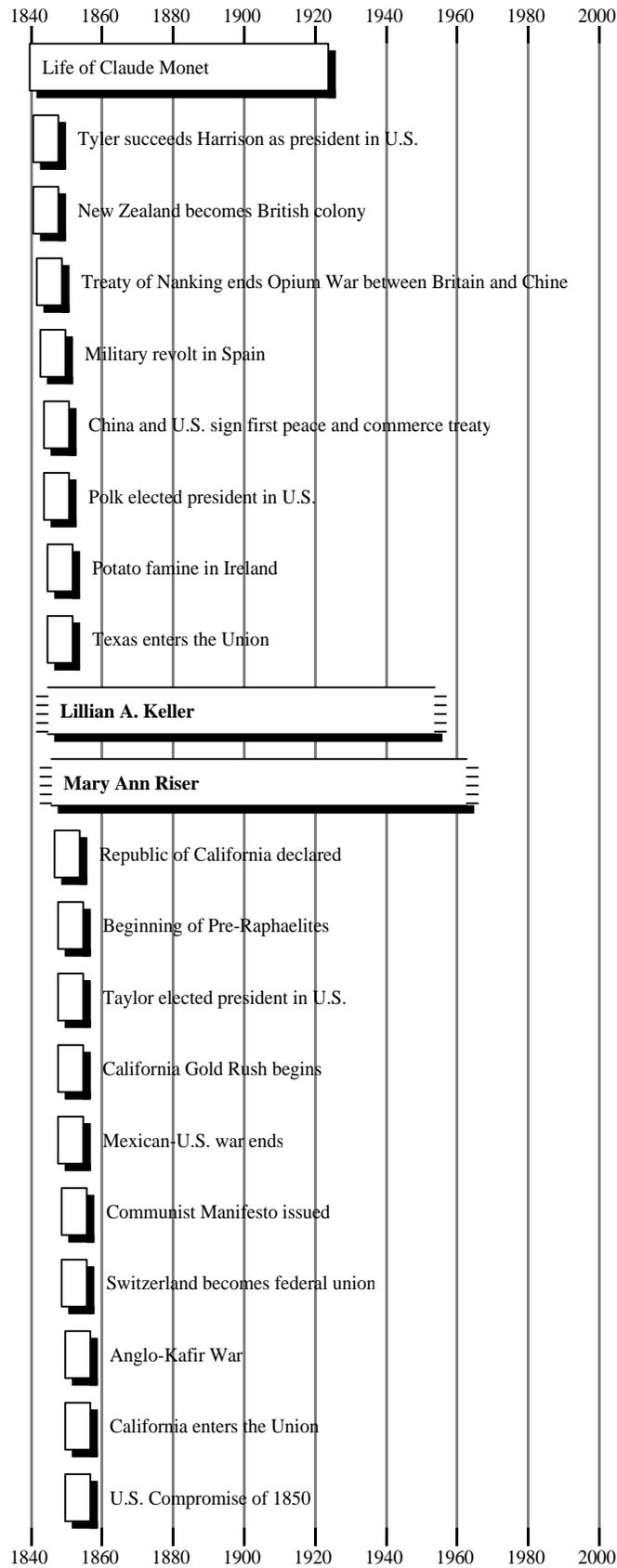
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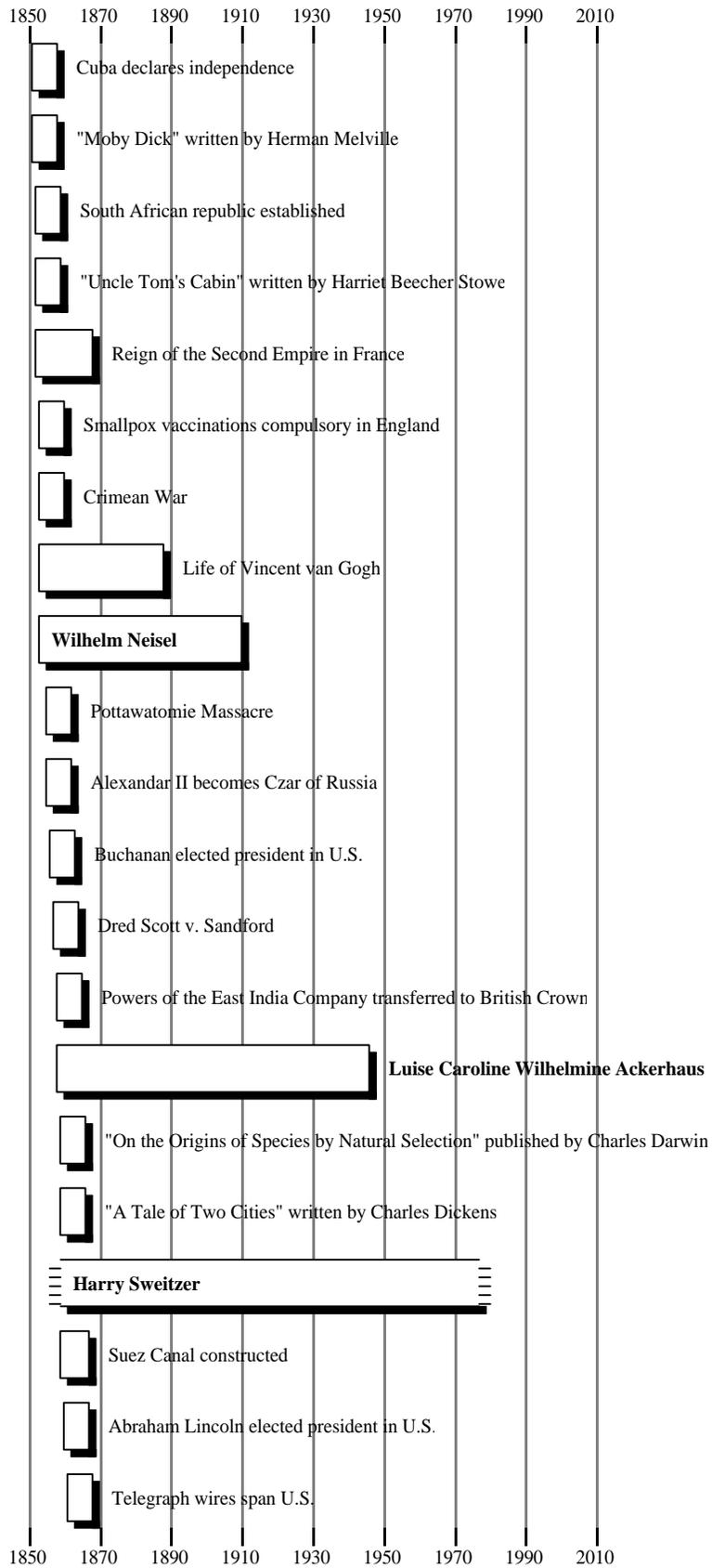
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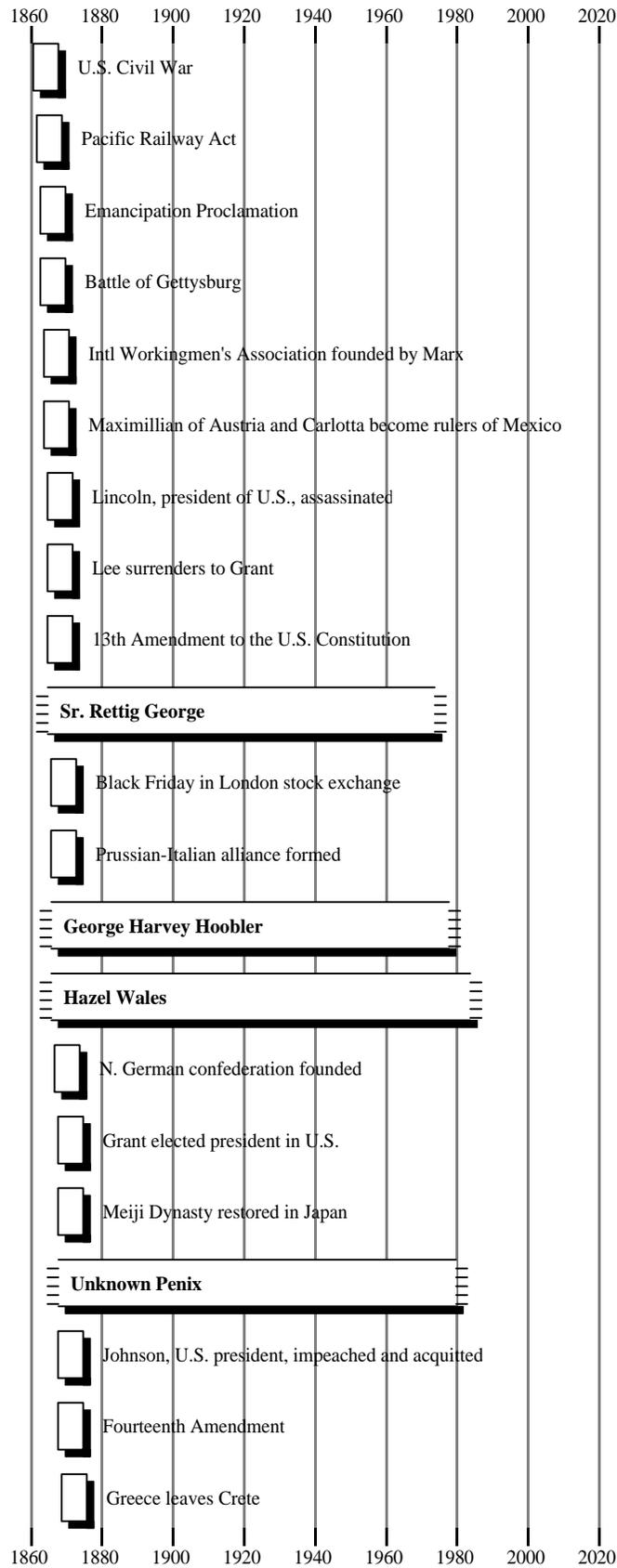
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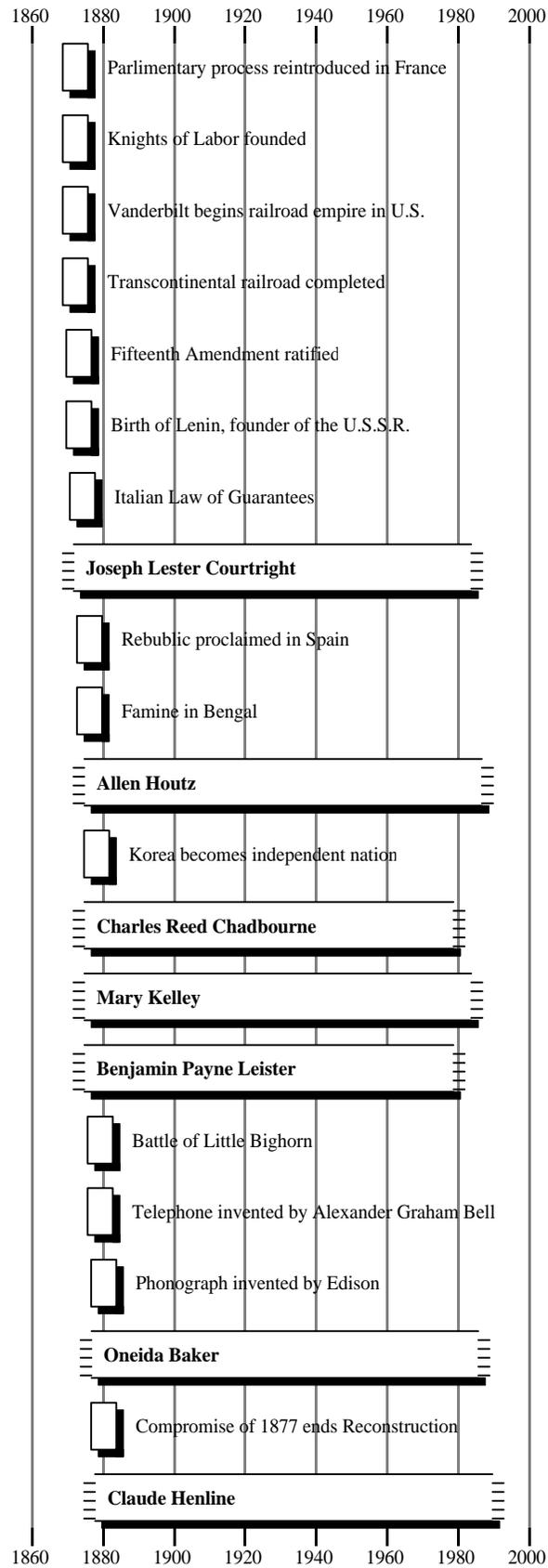
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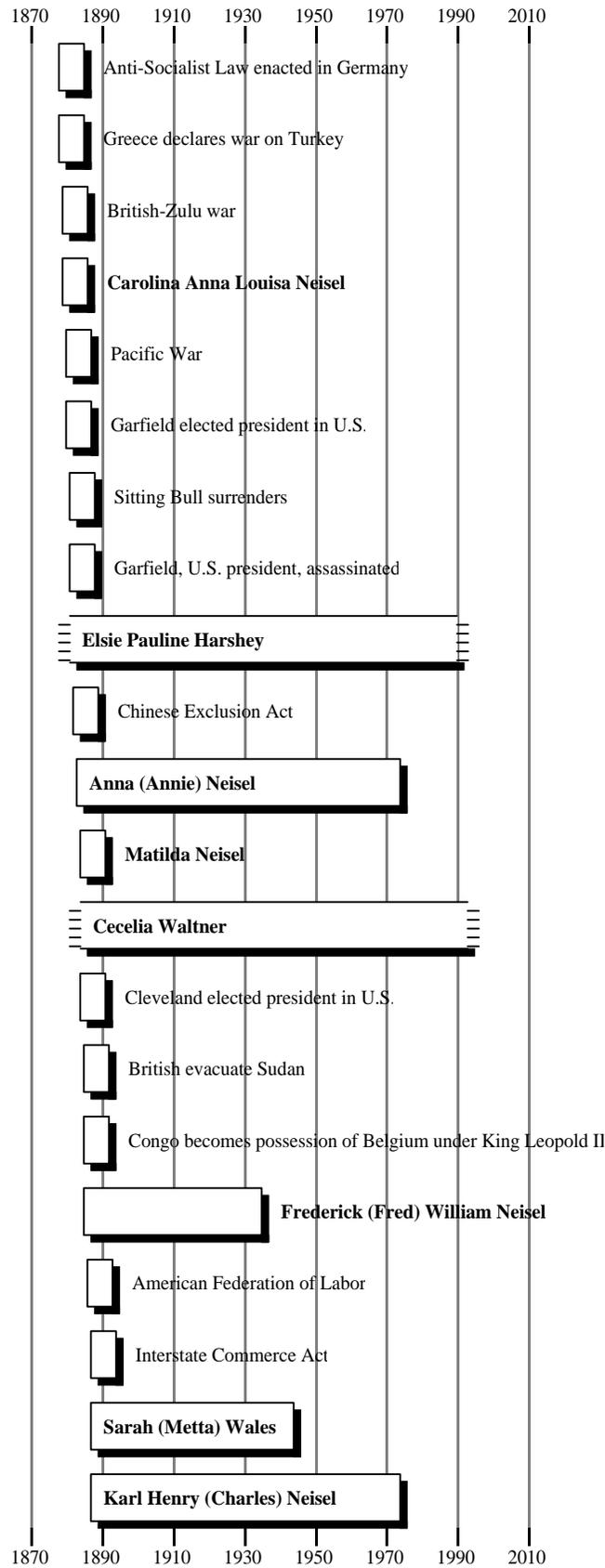
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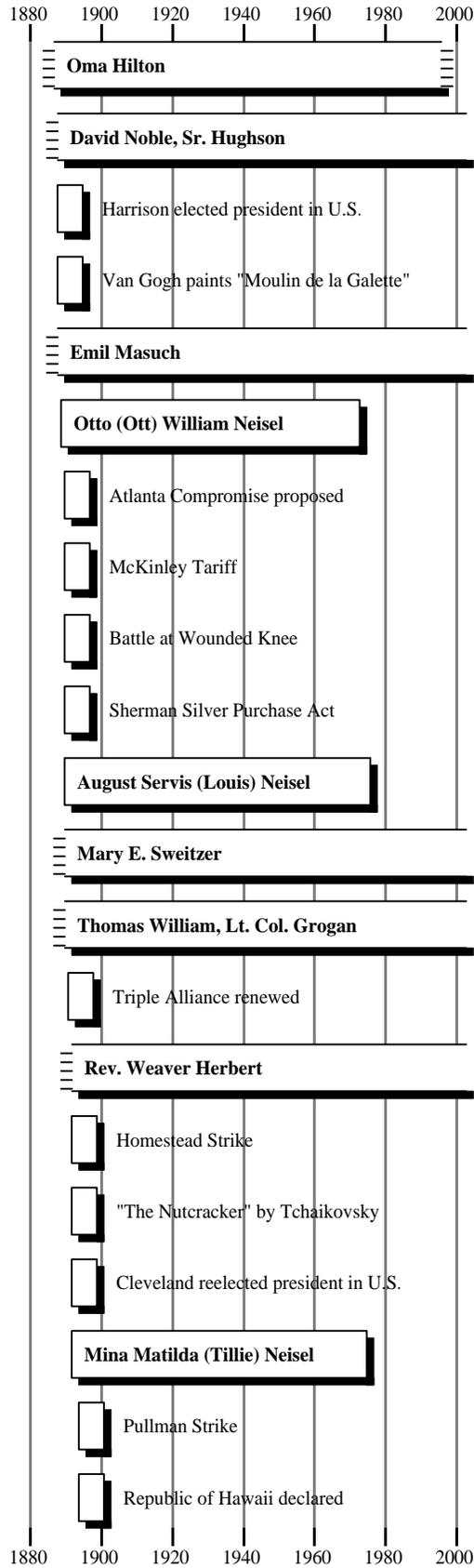
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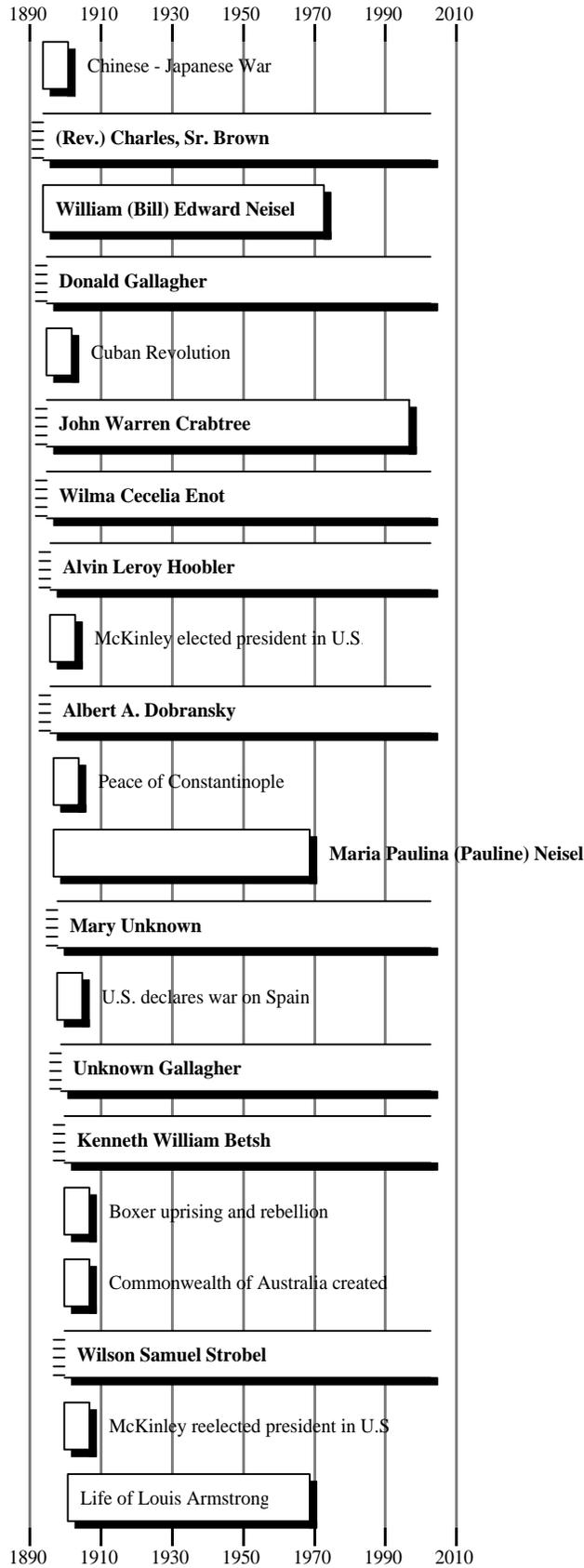
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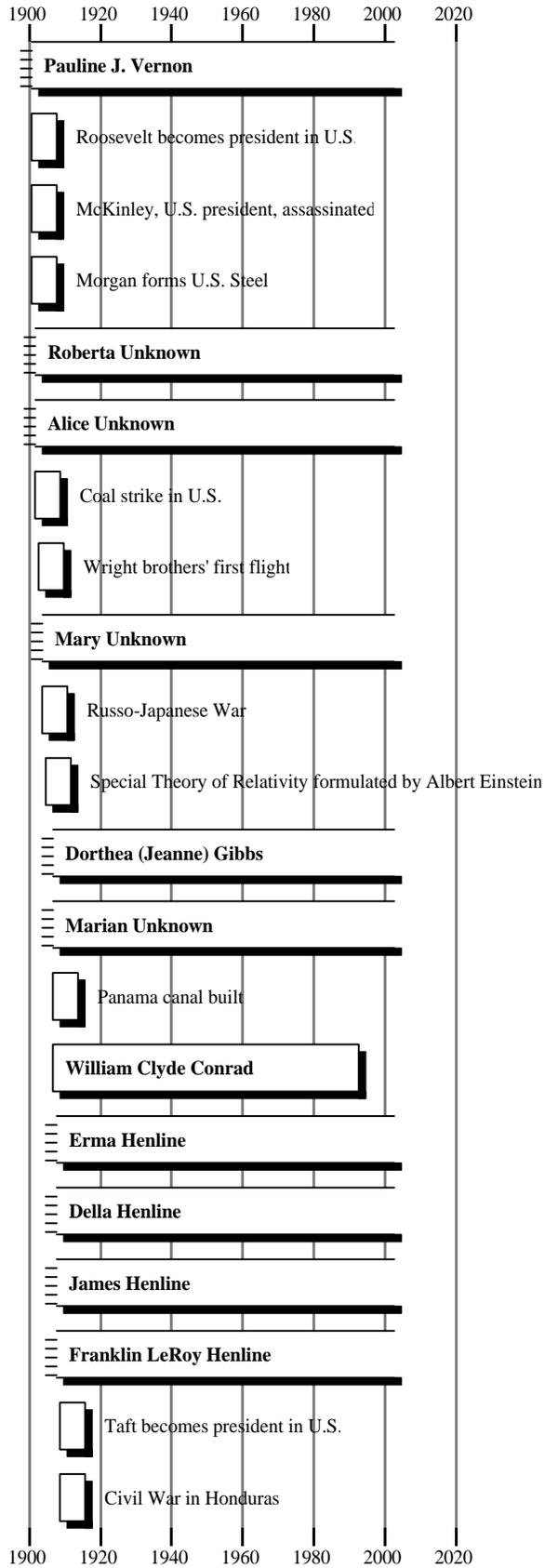
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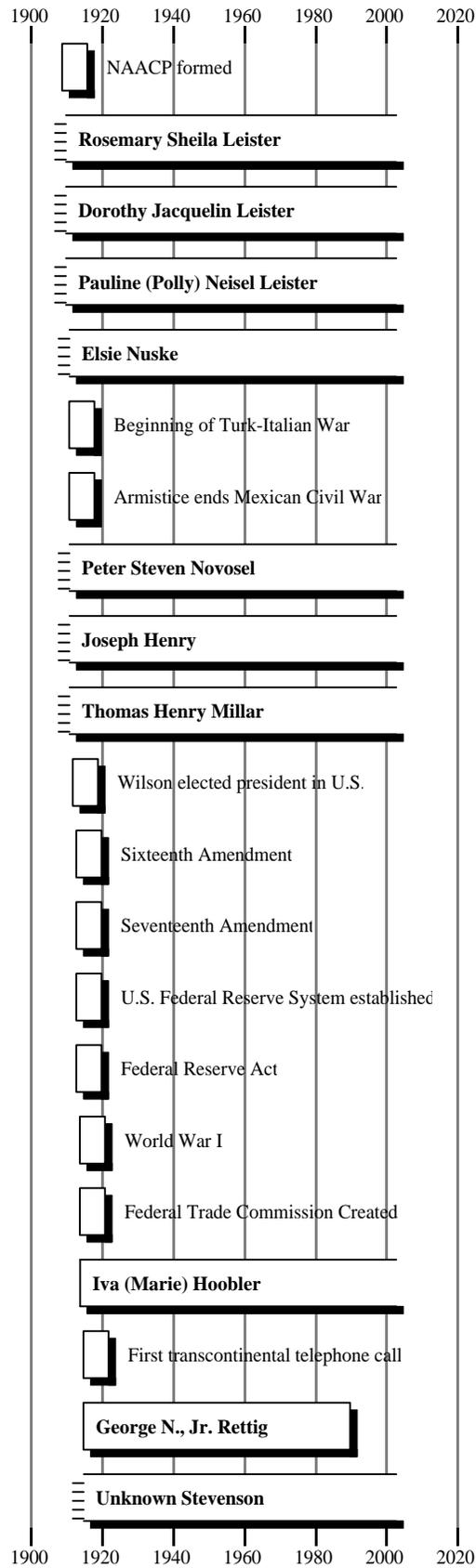
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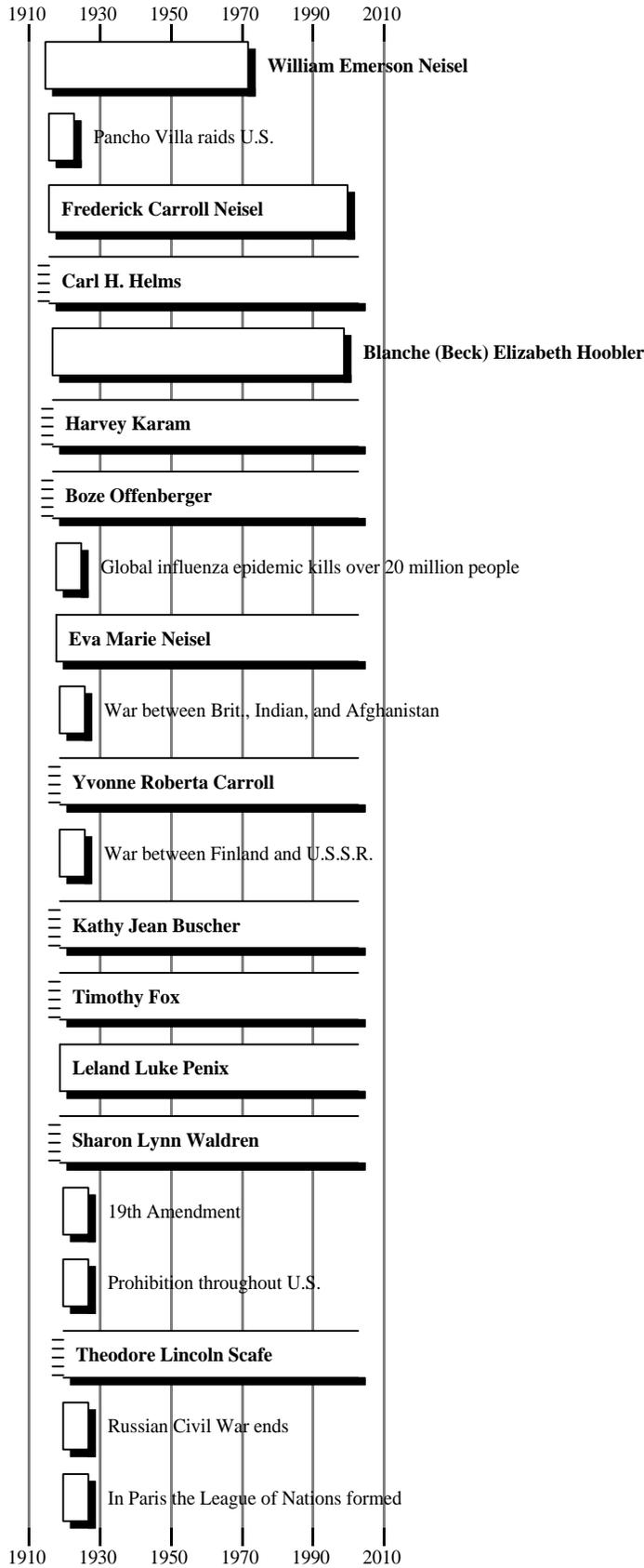
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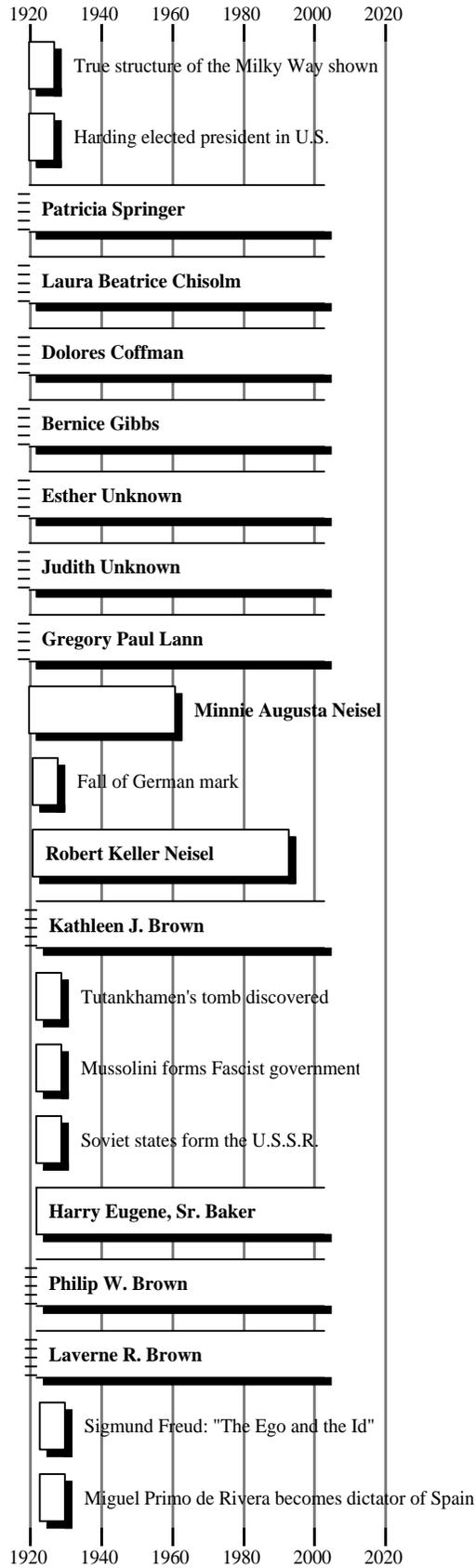
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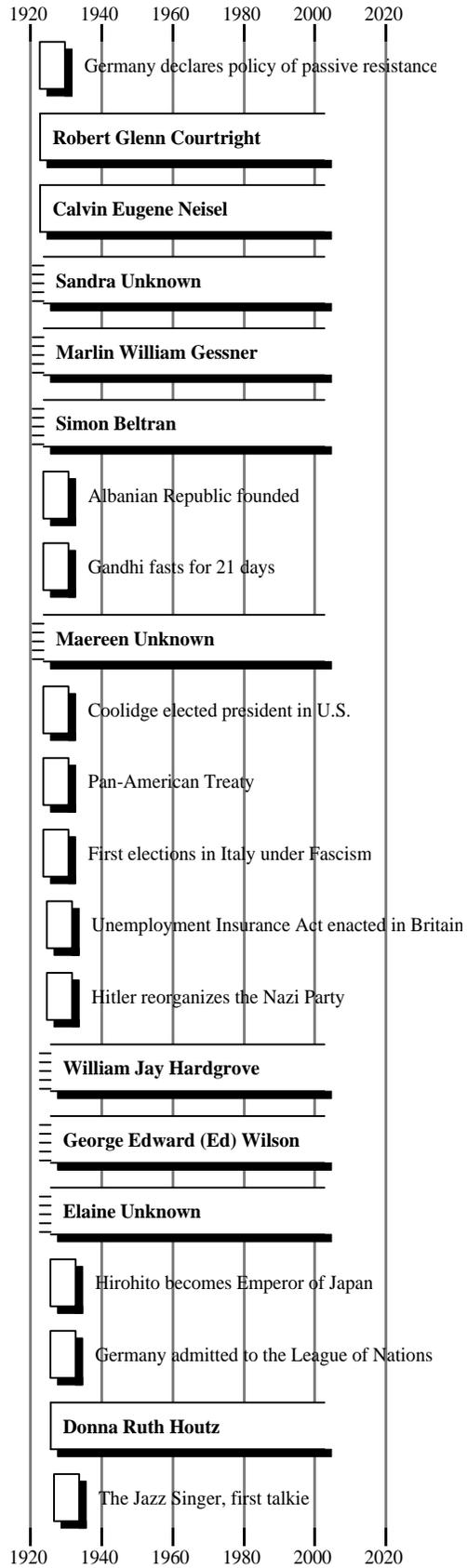
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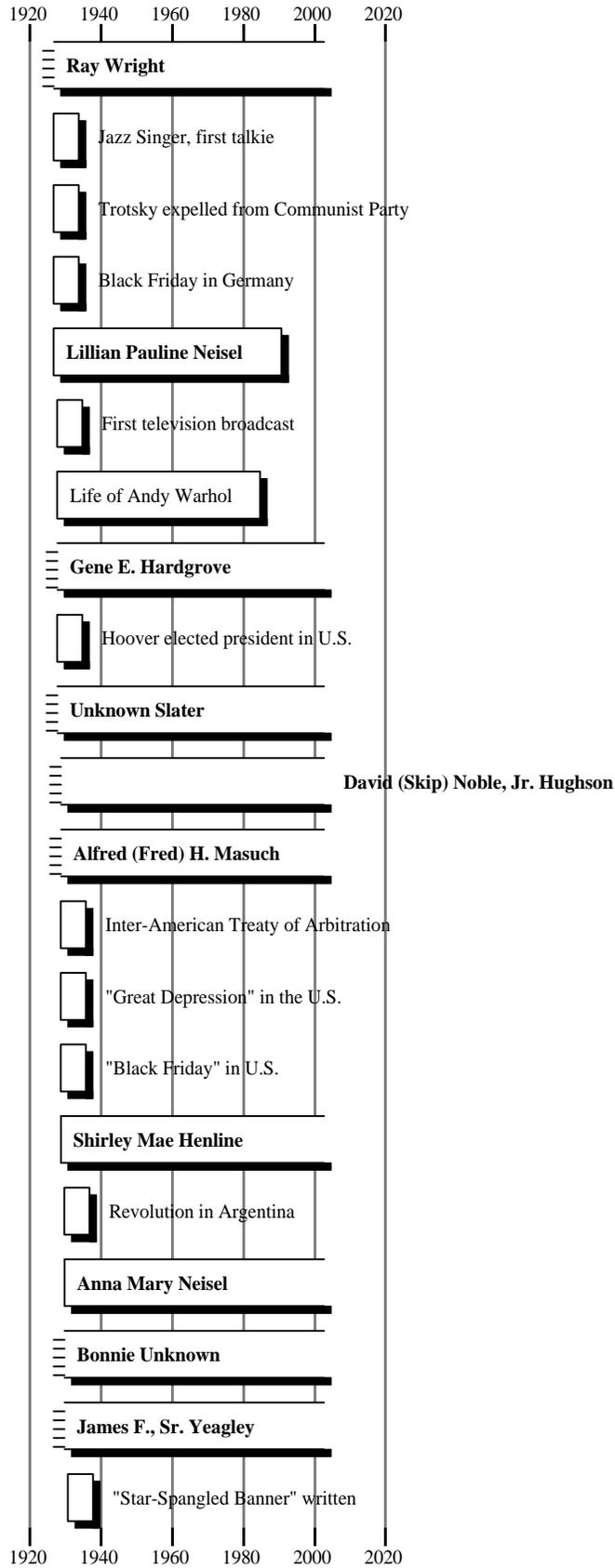
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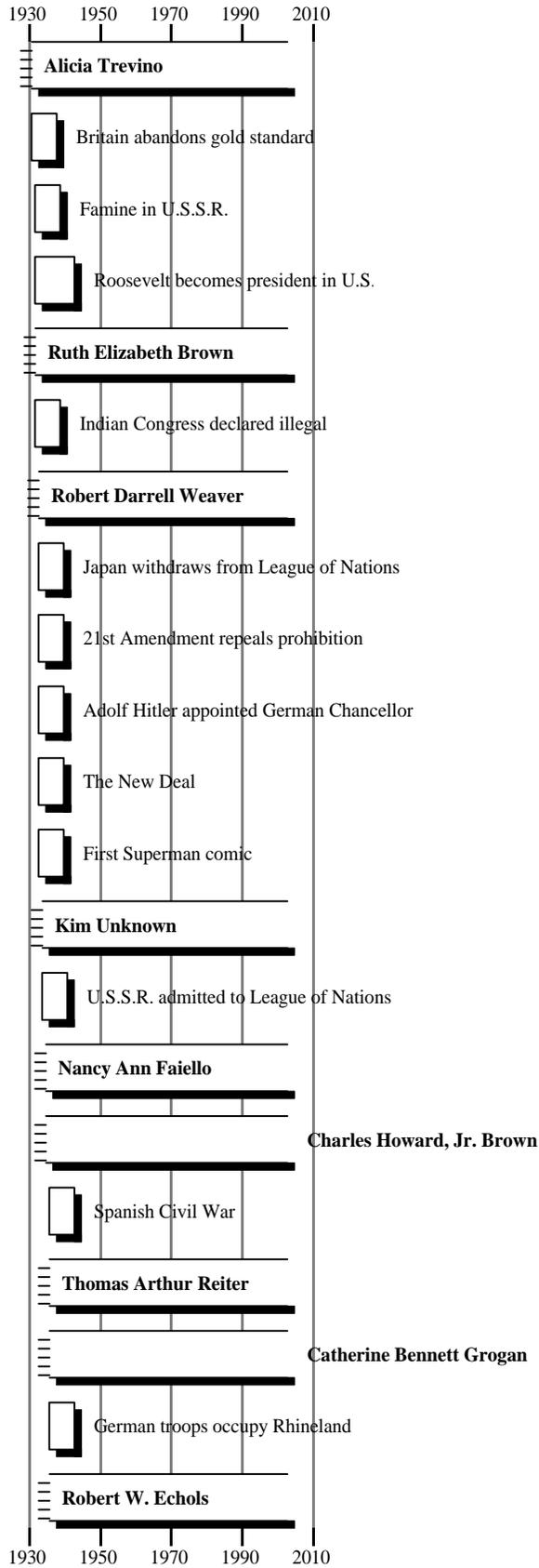
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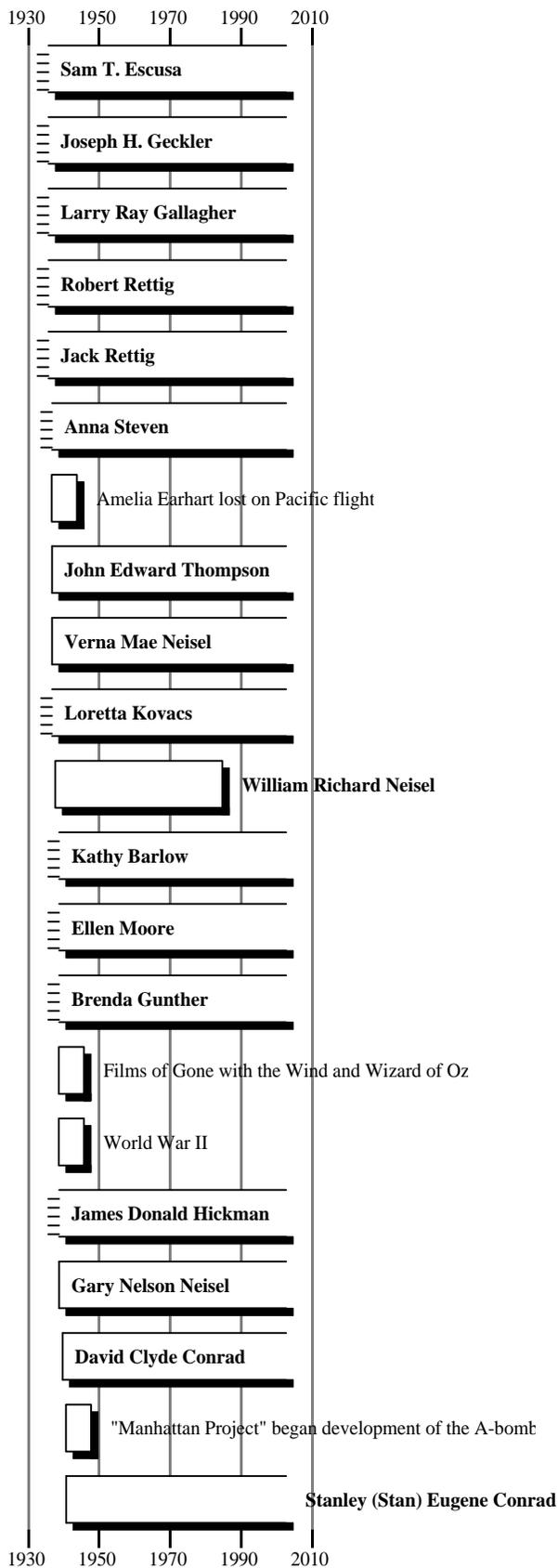
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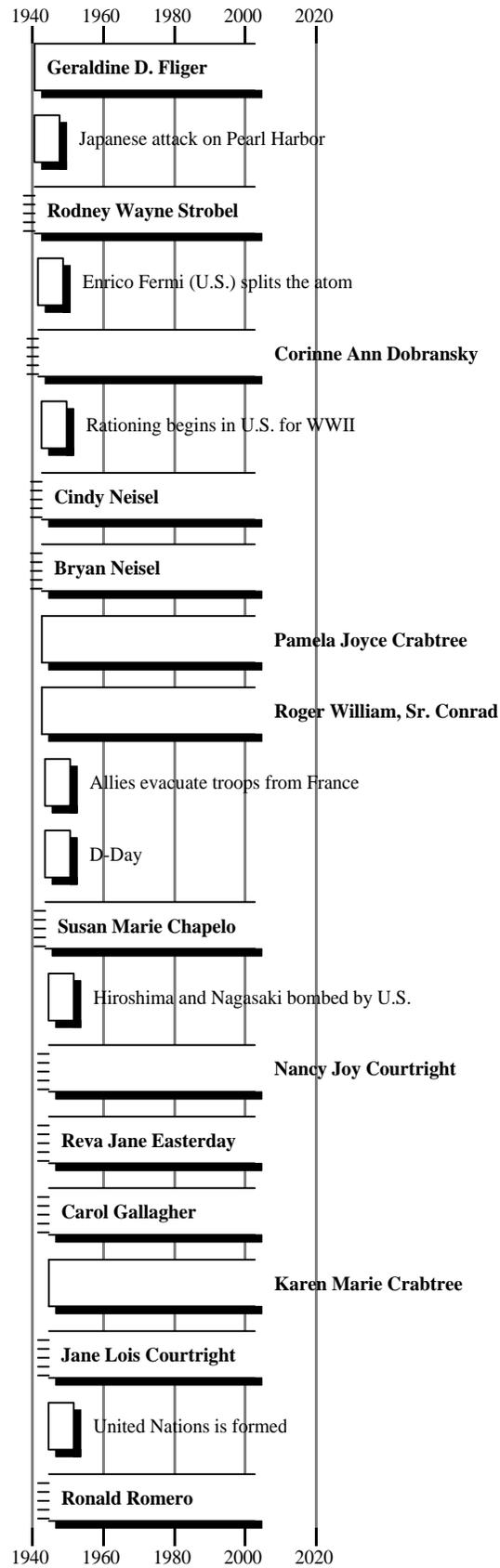
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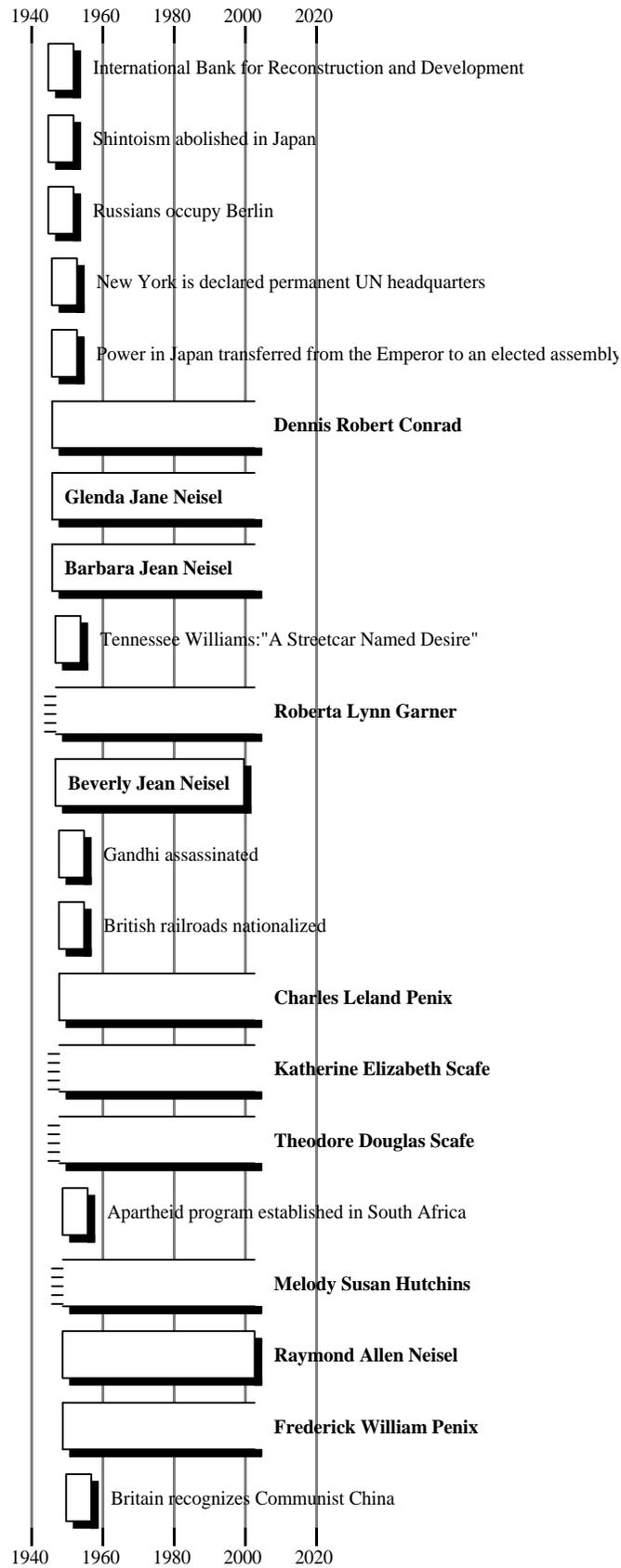
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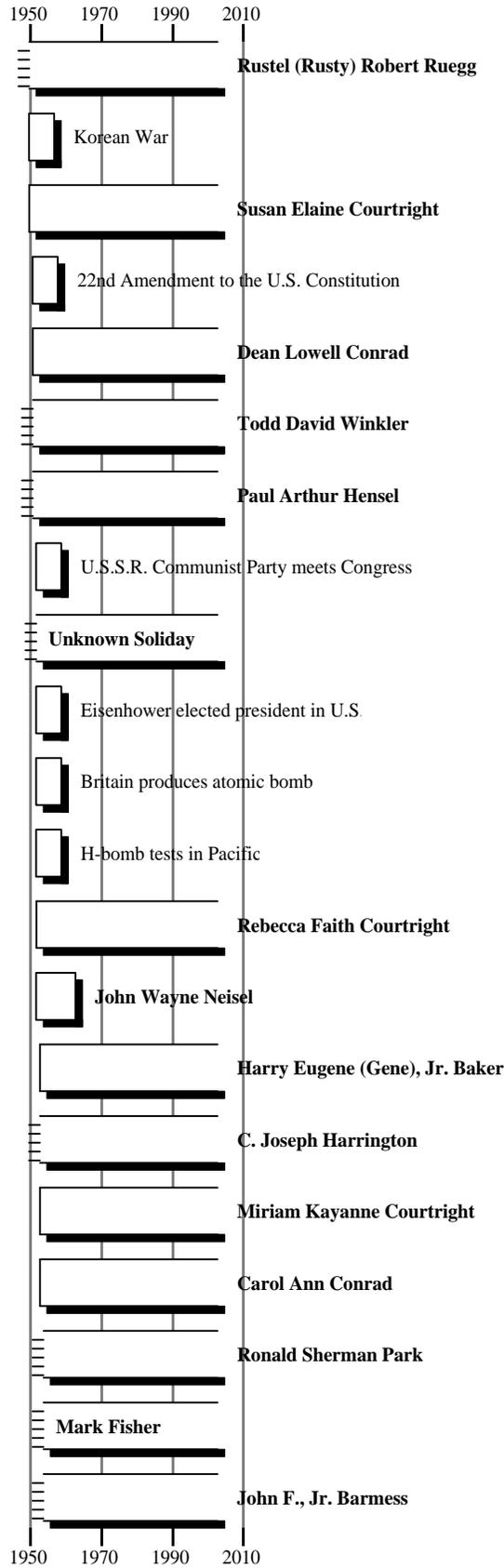
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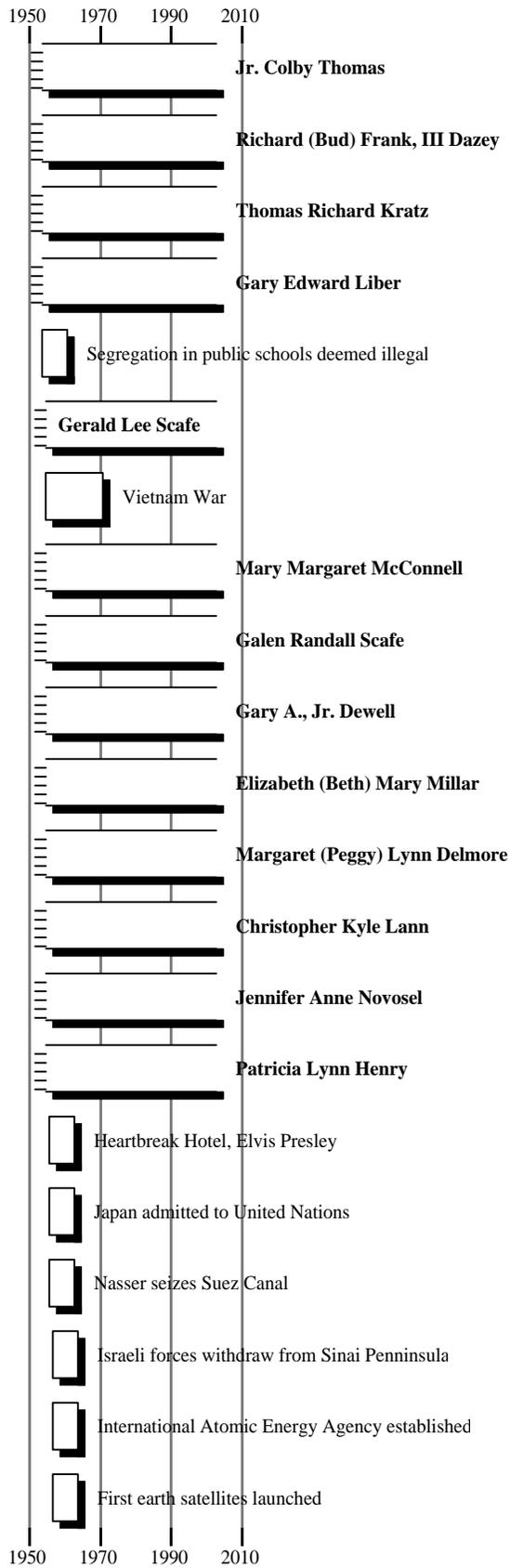
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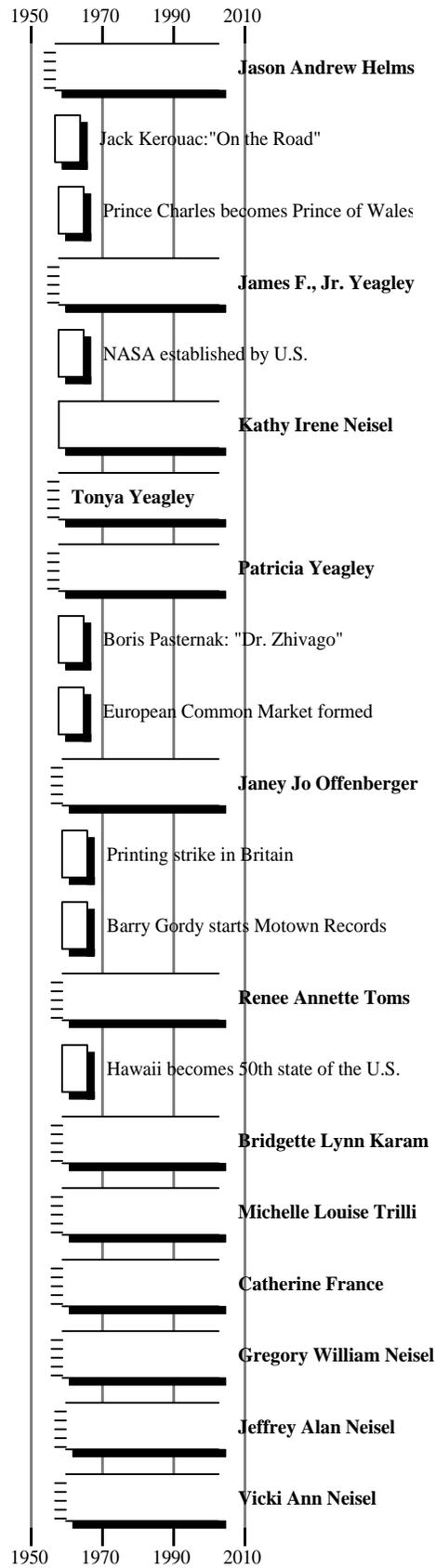
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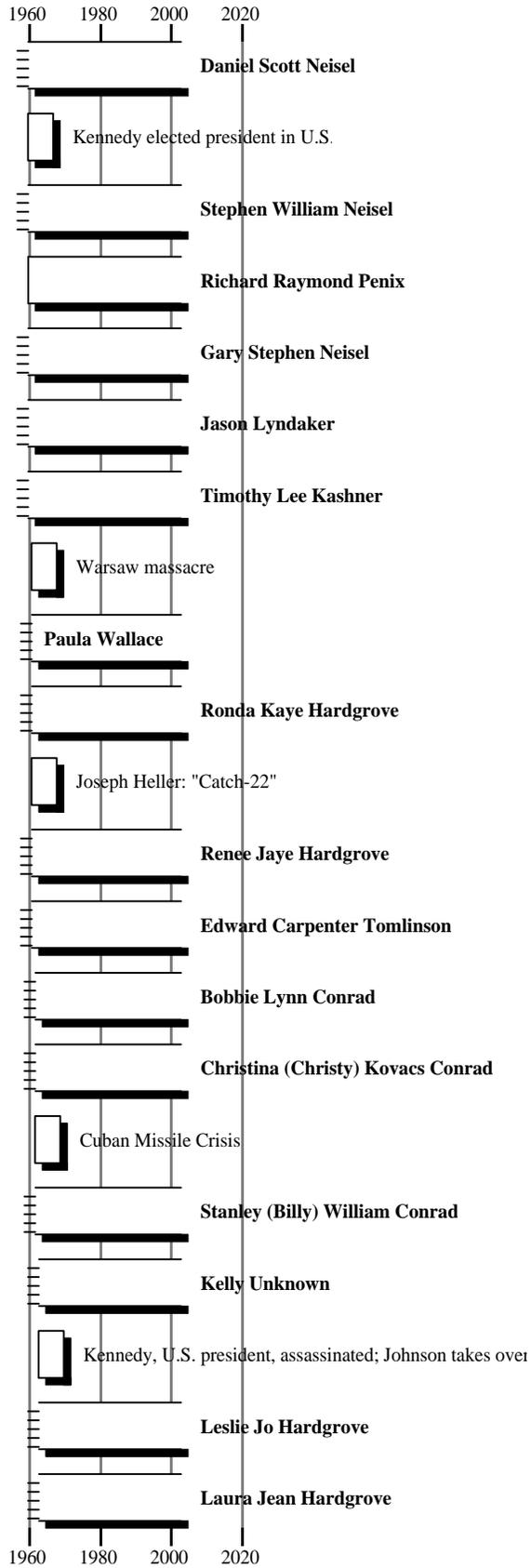
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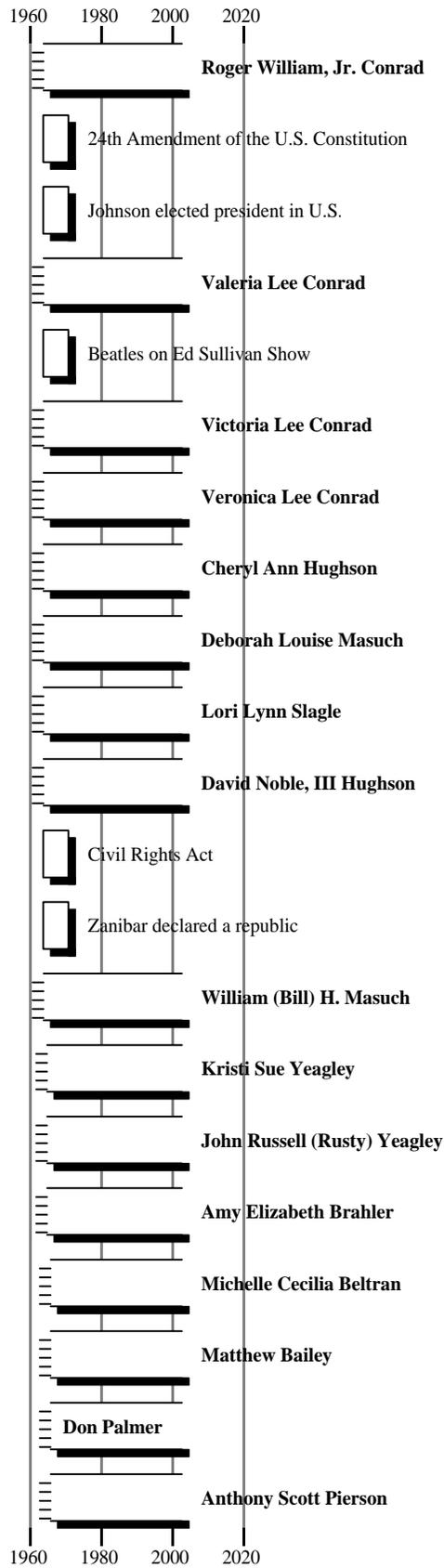
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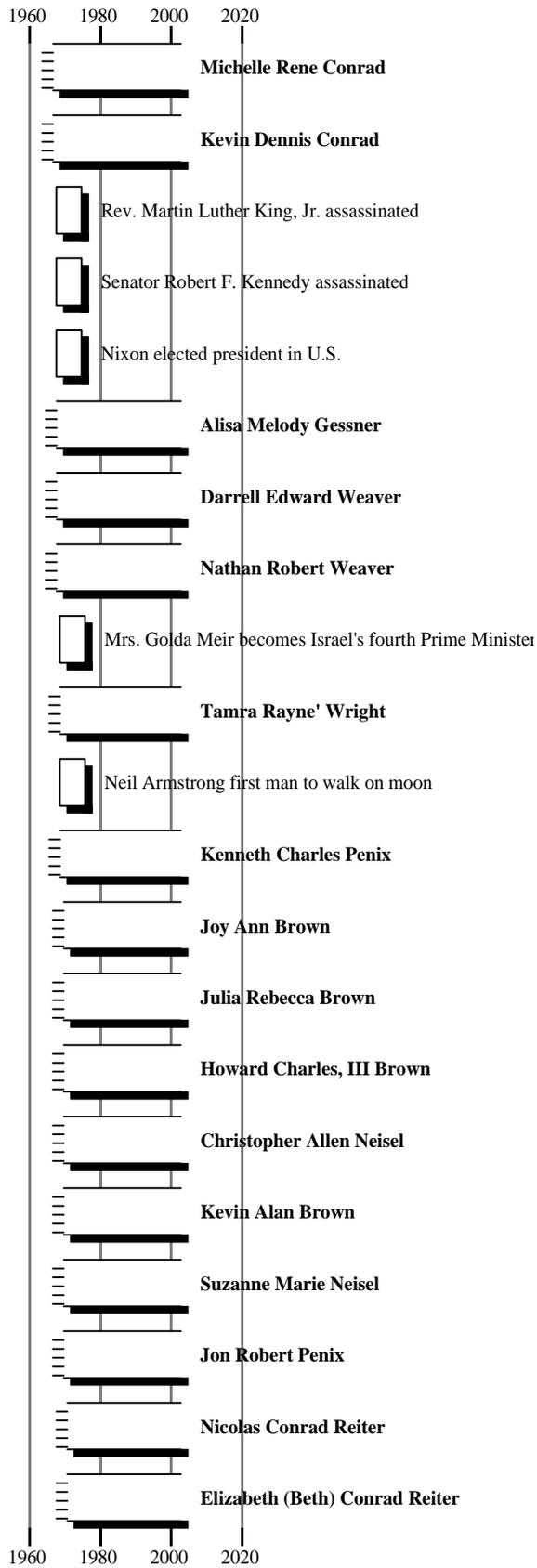
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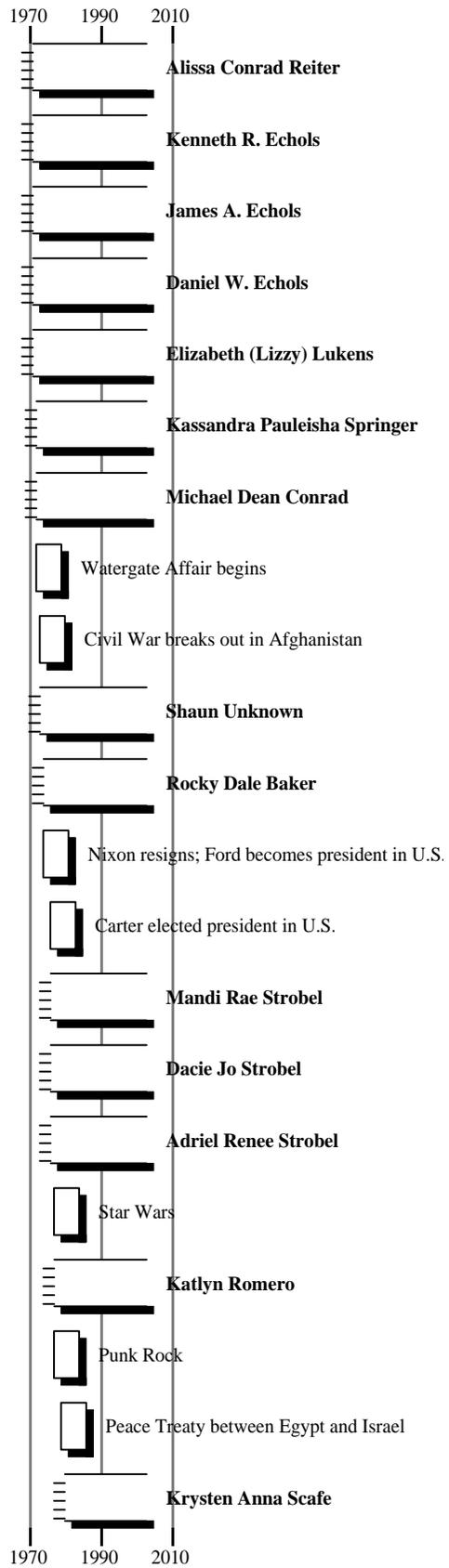
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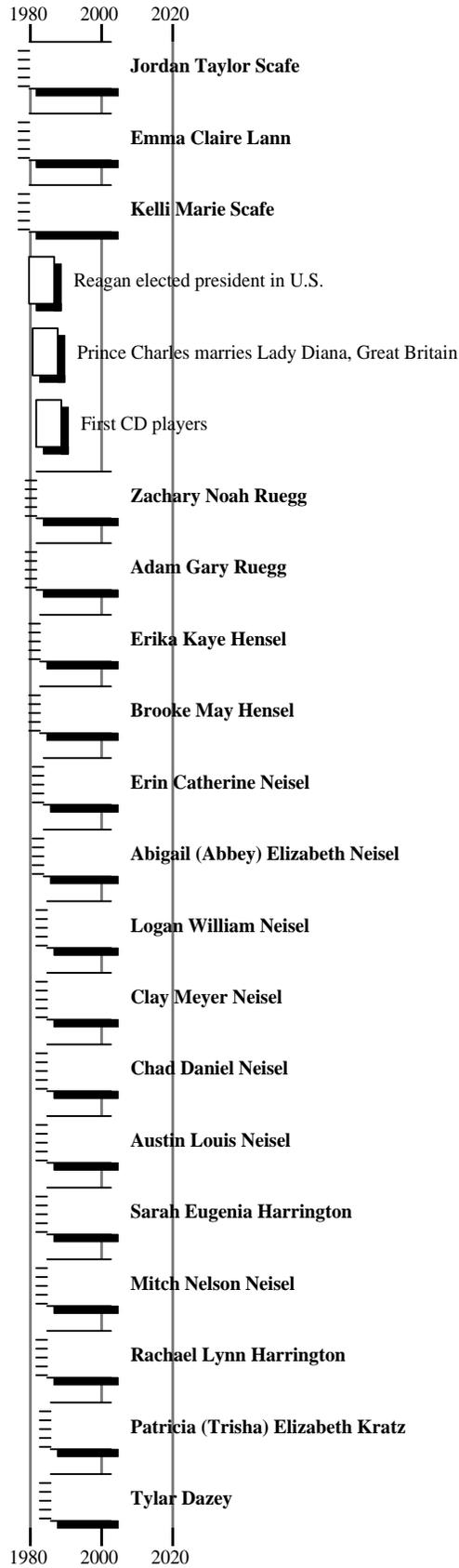
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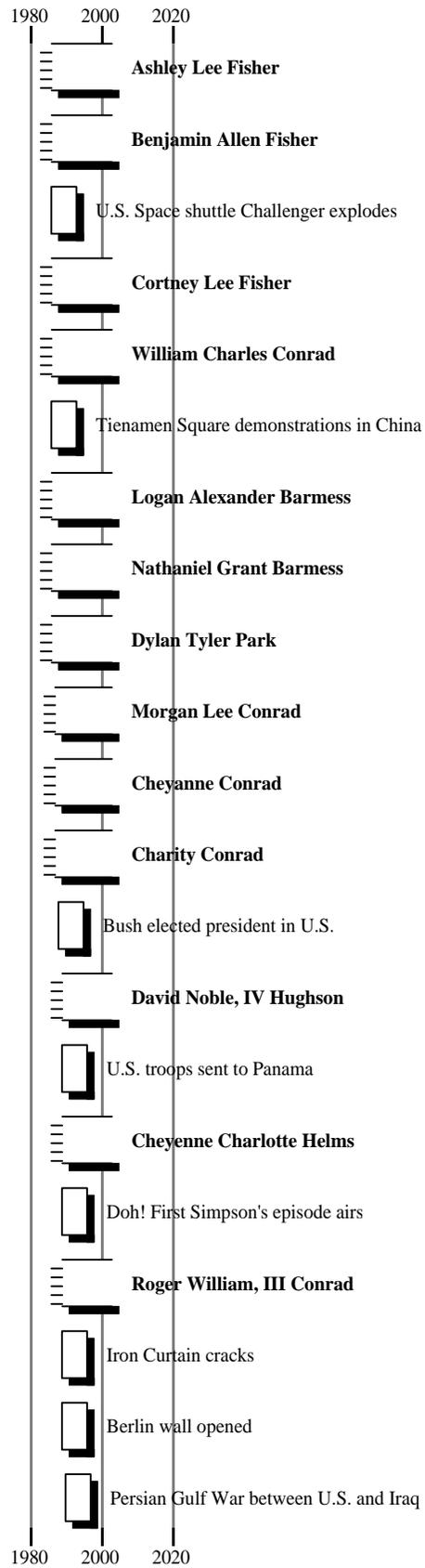
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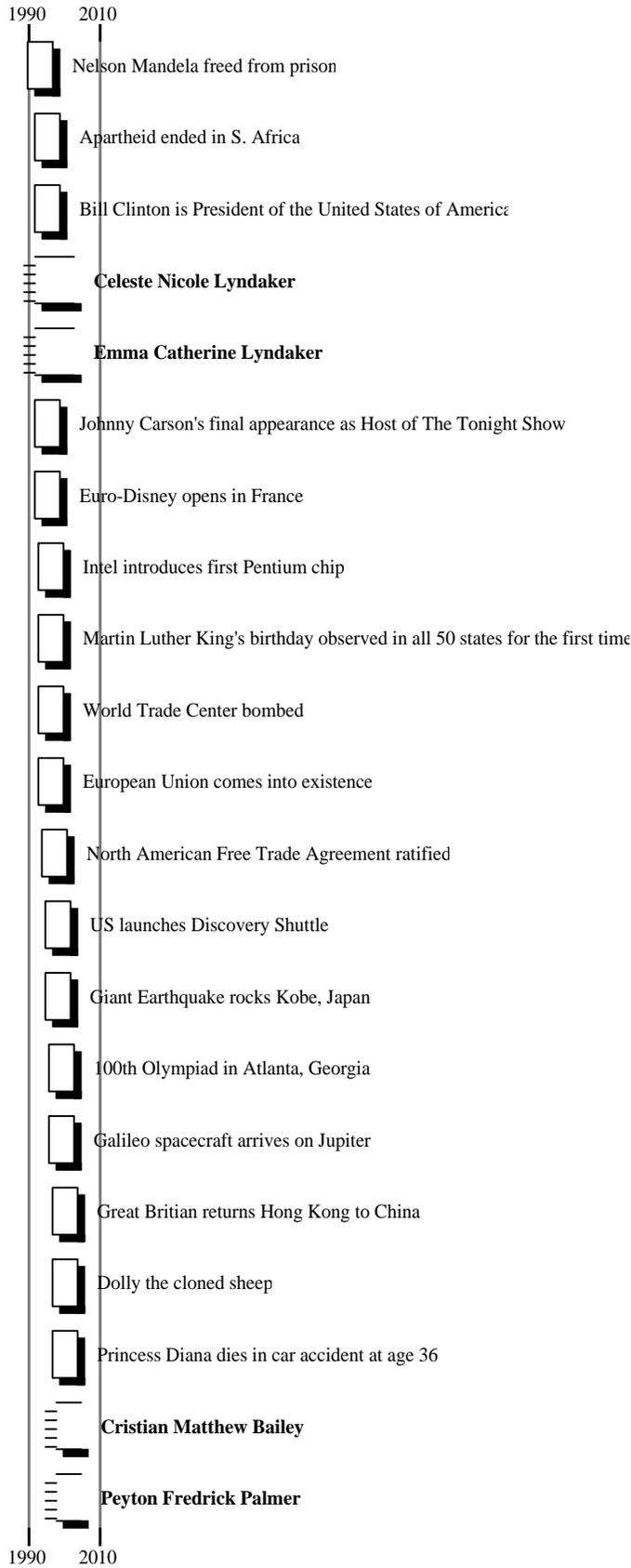
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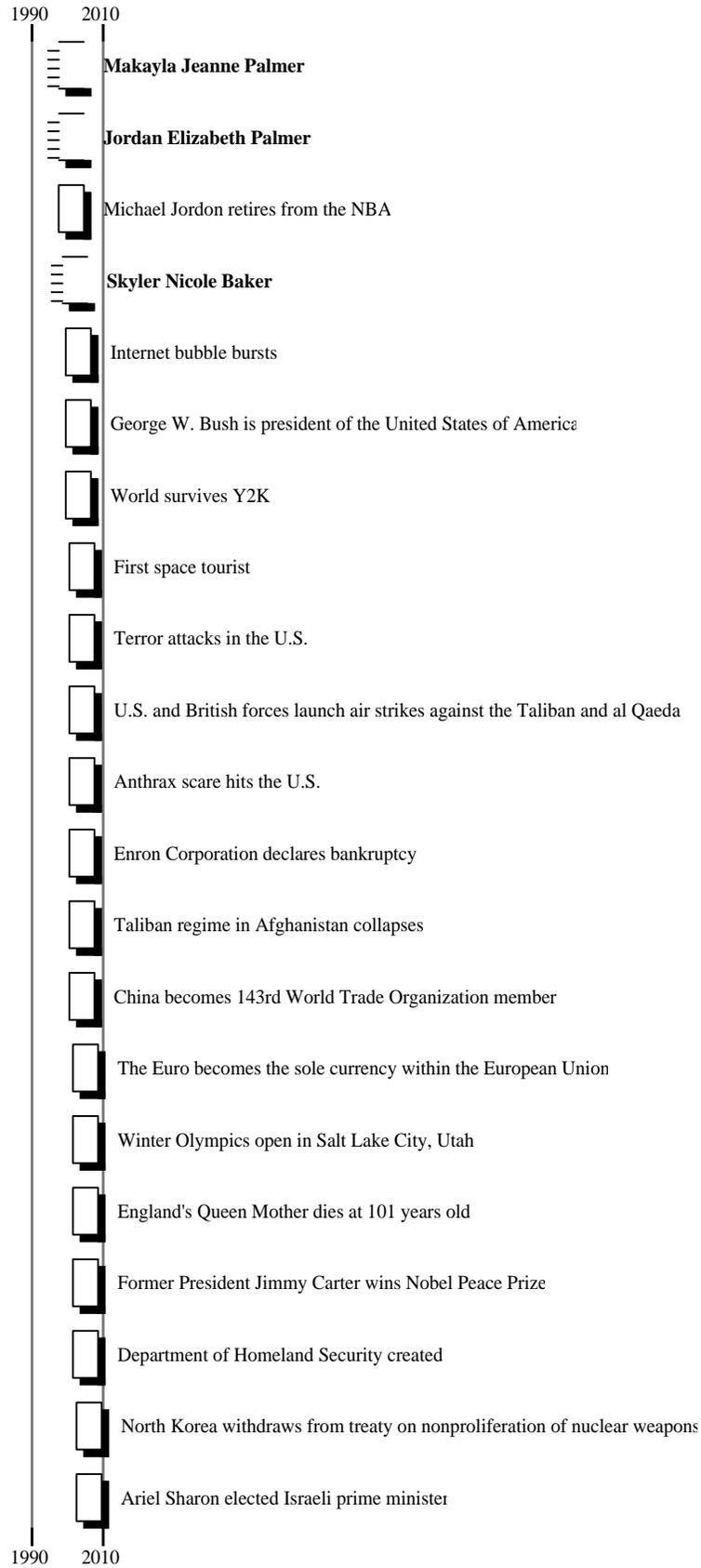
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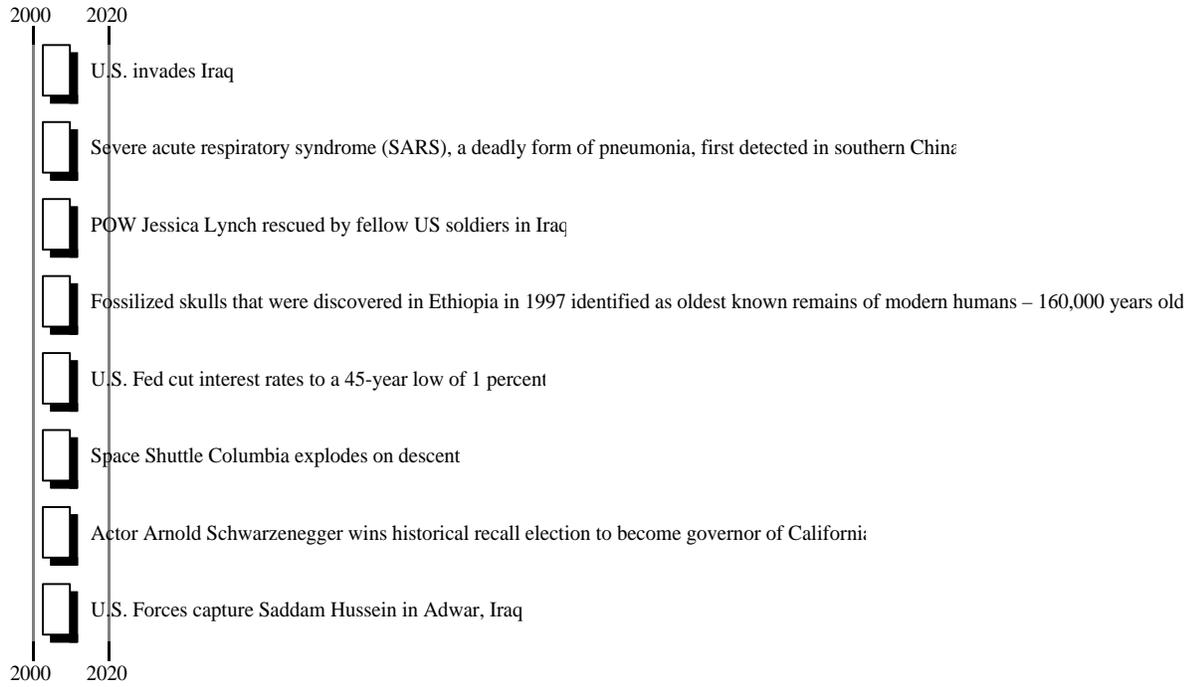
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| (Rev.) Charles, Sr. Brown        |             |             |
| Abigail (Abbey) Elizabeth Neisel |             |             |
| Adam Gary Ruegg                  |             |             |
| Adriel Renee Strobel             |             |             |
| Albert A. Dobransky              |             |             |
| Alfred (Fred) H. Masuch          |             |             |
| Alice Unknown                    |             |             |
| Alicia Trevino                   |             |             |
| Alisa Melody Gessner             |             |             |
| Alissa Conrad Reiter             |             |             |
| Allen Houtz                      |             |             |
| Alvin Leroy Hoobler              |             |             |
| Amy Elizabeth Brahler            |             |             |
| Anna (Annie) Neisel              | 14 Jan 1883 | Apr 1976    |
| Anna Mary Neisel                 | 10 Mar 1930 |             |
| Anna Steven                      |             |             |
| Anthony Scott Pierson            |             |             |
| Ashley Lee Fisher                |             |             |
| August Servis (Louis) Neisel     | 24 Nov 1890 | 28 Jun 1978 |
| Austin Louis Neisel              |             |             |
| Barbara Jean Neisel              | 07 Dec 1946 |             |
| Benjamin Allen Fisher            |             |             |
| Benjamin Payne Leister           |             |             |
| Bernice Gibbs                    |             |             |
| Beverly Jean Neisel              | 08 Aug 1947 | 26 Nov 2002 |
| Blanche (Beck) Elizabeth Hoobler | 15 Mar 1917 | 09 Nov 2001 |
| Bobbie Lynn Conrad               |             |             |
| Bonnie Unknown                   |             |             |
| Boze Offenberger                 |             |             |
| Brenda Gunther                   |             |             |
| Bridgette Lynn Karam             |             |             |
| Brooke May Hensel                |             |             |
| Bryan Neisel                     |             |             |
| C. Joseph Harrington             |             |             |
| Calvin Eugene Neisel             | 01 Oct 1923 |             |
| Carl H. Helms                    |             |             |
| Carol Ann Conrad                 | 09 Jan 1953 |             |
| Carol Gallagher                  |             |             |
| Carolina Anna Louisa Neisel      | 20 Oct 1879 | 05 Aug 1881 |
| Caroline Stoebener               |             |             |
| Catherine Bennett Grogan         |             |             |
| Catherine France                 |             |             |
| Cecelia Waltner                  |             |             |
| Celeste Nicole Lyndaker          |             |             |
| Chad Daniel Neisel               |             |             |
| Charity Conrad                   |             |             |
| Charles Howard, Jr. Brown        |             |             |
| Charles Leland Penix             | 04 Apr 1948 |             |
| Charles Reed Chadbourne          |             |             |
| Cheryl Ann Hughson               |             |             |
| Cheyenne Conrad                  |             |             |
| Cheyenne Charlotte Helms         |             |             |

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| Christina (Christy) Kovacs Conrad |             |             |
| Christopher Allen Neisel          |             |             |
| Christopher Kyle Lann             |             |             |
| Cindy Neisel                      |             |             |
| Claude Henline                    |             |             |
| Clay Meyer Neisel                 |             |             |
| Corinne Ann Dobransky             |             |             |
| Cortney Lee Fisher                |             |             |
| Cristian Matthew Bailey           |             |             |
| Dacie Jo Strobel                  |             |             |
| Daniel Scott Neisel               |             |             |
| Daniel W. Echols                  |             |             |
| Darrell Edward Weaver             |             |             |
| David (Skip) Noble, Jr. Hughson   |             |             |
| David Clyde Conrad                | 26 Jun 1940 |             |
| David Noble, III Hughson          |             |             |
| David Noble, IV Hughson           |             |             |
| David Noble, Sr. Hughson          |             |             |
| Dean Lowell Conrad                | 13 Aug 1951 |             |
| Deborah Louise Masuch             |             |             |
| Della Henline                     |             |             |
| Dennis Robert Conrad              | 21 Jan 1946 |             |
| Dolores Coffman                   |             |             |
| Don Palmer                        |             |             |
| Donald Gallagher                  |             |             |
| Donna Ruth Houtz                  | 13 Sep 1926 |             |
| Dorothy Jacquelin Leister         |             |             |
| Dorthea (Jeanne) Gibbs            |             |             |
| Dylan Tyler Park                  |             |             |
| Edward Carpenter Tomlinson        |             |             |
| Elaine Unknown                    |             |             |
| Elizabeth (Beth) Conrad Reiter    |             |             |
| Elizabeth (Beth) Mary Millar      |             |             |
| Elizabeth (Lizzy) Lukens          |             |             |
| Ellen Moore                       |             |             |
| Elsie Nuske                       |             |             |
| Elsie Pauline Harshey             |             |             |
| Emerson Wales                     |             |             |
| Emil Masuch                       |             |             |
| Emma Catherine Lyndaker           |             |             |
| Emma Claire Lann                  |             |             |
| Erika Kaye Hensel                 |             |             |
| Erin Catherine Neisel             |             |             |
| Erma Henline                      |             |             |
| Ernst Philipp Ackerhaus           |             |             |
| Esther Unknown                    |             |             |
| Eva Marie Neisel                  | 11 Aug 1918 |             |
| Franklin LeRoy Henline            |             |             |
| Fred Keller                       |             |             |
| Frederick (Fred) William Neisel   | 01 Sep 1885 | 05 May 1937 |
| Frederick Carroll Neisel          | 27 Aug 1916 | 12 May 2002 |
| Frederick William Penix           | 08 Nov 1949 |             |
| Galen Randall Scafe               |             |             |
| Gary A., Jr. Dewell               |             |             |

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| Name                             | Birth date  | Death date  |
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| Gary Edward Liber                |             |             |
| Gary Nelson Neisel               | 24 Mar 1939 |             |
| Gary Stephen Neisel              |             |             |
| Gene E. Hardgrove                |             |             |
| Georg Heinrich Wilhelm Ackerhaus |             |             |
| George Edward (Ed) Wilson        |             |             |
| George Harshey                   |             |             |
| George Harvey Hoobler            |             |             |
| George N., Jr. Rettig            | 23 Nov 1915 | 23 Nov 1992 |
| Gerald Lee Scafe                 |             |             |
| Geraldine D. Fliger              | 23 Nov 1941 |             |
| Glenda Jane Neisel               | 21 Sep 1946 |             |
| Gregory Paul Lann                |             |             |
| Gregory William Neisel           |             |             |
| Harry Eugene (Gene), Jr. Baker   | 30 May 1953 |             |
| Harry Eugene, Sr. Baker          | 30 Oct 1922 |             |
| Harry Sweitzer                   |             |             |
| Harvey Karam                     |             |             |
| Hazel Wales                      |             |             |
| Howard Charles, III Brown        |             |             |
| Iva (Marie) Hoobler              | 18 Jul 1914 |             |
| Jack Rettig                      |             |             |
| James A. Echols                  |             |             |
| James Donald Hickman             |             |             |
| James F., Jr. Yeagley            |             |             |
| James F., Sr. Yeagley            |             |             |
| James Henline                    |             |             |
| Jane Lois Courtright             |             |             |
| Janey Jo Offenberger             |             |             |
| Jason Andrew Helms               |             |             |
| Jason Lyndaker                   |             |             |
| Jeffrey Alan Neisel              |             |             |
| Jennifer Anne Novosel            |             |             |
| John Edward Thompson             | 17 Jun 1937 |             |
| John F., Jr. Barmess             |             |             |
| John Russell (Rusty) Yeagley     |             |             |
| John Warren Crabtree             |             | Jun 1999    |
| John Wayne Neisel                | 25 Sep 1952 | 18 Oct 1965 |
| Jon Robert Penix                 |             |             |
| Jordan Elizabeth Palmer          |             |             |
| Jordan Taylor Scafe              |             |             |
| Joseph H. Geckler                |             |             |
| Joseph Henry                     |             |             |
| Joseph Lester Courtright         |             |             |
| Joy Ann Brown                    |             |             |
| Jr. Colby Thomas                 |             |             |
| Judith Unknown                   |             |             |
| Julia Rebecca Brown              |             |             |
| Karen Marie Crabtree             | 01 Sep 1945 |             |
| Karl Henry (Charles) Neisel      | 27 May 1887 | 1976        |
| Kassandra Pauleisha Springer     |             |             |
| Katherine Elizabeth Scafe        |             |             |
| Kathleen J. Brown                |             |             |
| Kathy Barlow                     |             |             |

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| Name                                | Birth date  | Death date  |
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| Kathy Irene Neisel                  | 16 May 1958 |             |
| Kathy Jean Buscher                  |             |             |
| Katlyn Romero                       |             |             |
| Kelli Marie Scafe                   |             |             |
| Kelly Unknown                       |             |             |
| Kenneth Charles Penix               |             |             |
| Kenneth R. Echols                   |             |             |
| Kenneth William Betsch              |             |             |
| Kevin Alan Brown                    |             |             |
| Kevin Dennis Conrad                 |             |             |
| Kim Unknown                         |             |             |
| Kristi Sue Yeagley                  |             |             |
| Krysten Anna Scafe                  |             |             |
| Larry Ray Gallagher                 |             |             |
| Laura Beatrice Chisolm              |             |             |
| Laura Jean Hardgrove                |             |             |
| Laverne R. Brown                    |             |             |
| Leland Luke Penix                   | 25 May 1919 |             |
| Leslie Jo Hardgrove                 |             |             |
| Lillian A. Keller                   |             |             |
| Lillian Pauline Neisel              | 21 Sep 1927 | 15 Dec 1993 |
| Logan Alexander Barmess             |             |             |
| Logan William Neisel                |             |             |
| Loretta Kovacs                      |             |             |
| Lori Lynn Slagle                    |             |             |
| Luise Caroline Wilhelmine Ackerhaus | 23 Nov 1858 | 25 Apr 1948 |
| Maereen Unknown                     |             |             |
| Makayla Jeanne Palmer               |             |             |
| Mandi Rae Strobel                   |             |             |
| Margaret (Peggy) Lynn Delmore       |             |             |
| Maria Paulina (Pauline) Neisel      | 15 Dec 1897 | 20 Jan 1971 |
| Marian Unknown                      |             |             |
| Mark Fisher                         |             |             |
| Marlin William Gessner              |             |             |
| Mary Ann Riser                      |             |             |
| Mary E. Sweitzer                    |             |             |
| Mary Kelley                         |             |             |
| Mary Lou Bertha                     |             |             |
| Mary Margaret McConnell             |             |             |
| Mary Unknown                        |             |             |
| Mary Unknown                        |             |             |
| Matilda Neisel                      | 19 Mar 1884 | 24 Jan 1886 |
| Matthew Bailey                      |             |             |
| Melody Susan Hutchins               |             |             |
| Michael Dean Conrad                 |             |             |
| Michelle Cecilia Beltran            |             |             |
| Michelle Louise Trilli              |             |             |
| Michelle Rene Conrad                |             |             |
| Mina Matilda (Tillie) Neisel        | 15 Aug 1892 | 28 Sep 1977 |
| Minnie Augusta Neisel               | 14 Jun 1920 | 15 Nov 1963 |
| Miriam Kayanne Courtright           | 1953        |             |
| Mitch Nelson Neisel                 |             |             |
| Morgan Lee Conrad                   |             |             |
| Nancy Ann Faiello                   |             |             |

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| Nancy Joy Courtright              |             |             |
| Nathan Robert Weaver              |             |             |
| Nathaniel Grant Barmess           |             |             |
| Nicolas Conrad Reiter             |             |             |
| Oma Hilton                        |             |             |
| Oneida Baker                      |             |             |
| Otto (Ott) William Neisel         | 21 Mar 1889 | 1975        |
| Pamela Joyce Crabtree             | 02 Mar 1943 |             |
| Patricia (Trisha) Elizabeth Kratz |             |             |
| Patricia Lynn Henry               |             |             |
| Patricia Springer                 |             |             |
| Patricia Yeagley                  |             |             |
| Paul Arthur Hensel                |             |             |
| Paula Wallace                     |             |             |
| Pauline (Polly) Neisel Leister    |             |             |
| Pauline J. Vernon                 |             |             |
| Pauline Philippine Stoebener      |             |             |
| Peter Steven Novosel              |             |             |
| Peyton Fredrick Palmer            |             |             |
| Philip W. Brown                   |             |             |
| Rachael Lynn Harrington           |             |             |
| Ray Wright                        |             |             |
| Raymond Allen Neisel              | 05 Jul 1949 | 08 May 2005 |
| Rebecca Faith Courtright          | 30 May 1952 |             |
| Renee Annette Toms                |             |             |
| Renee Jaye Hardgrove              |             |             |
| Rev. Weaver Herbert               |             |             |
| Reva Jane Easterday               |             |             |
| Richard (Bud) Frank, III Dazey    |             |             |
| Richard Raymond Penix             | 08 Oct 1960 |             |
| Robert Darrell Weaver             |             |             |
| Robert Glenn Courtright           | 27 May 1923 |             |
| Robert Keller Neisel              | 30 Sep 1921 | 06 Jul 1995 |
| Robert Rettig                     |             |             |
| Robert W. Echols                  |             |             |
| Roberta Lynn Garner               |             |             |
| Roberta Unknown                   |             |             |
| Rocky Dale Baker                  |             |             |
| Rodney Wayne Strobel              |             |             |
| Roger William, III Conrad         |             |             |
| Roger William, Jr. Conrad         |             |             |
| Roger William, Sr. Conrad         | 12 Dec 1943 |             |
| Ronald Romero                     |             |             |
| Ronald Sherman Park               |             |             |
| Ronda Kaye Hardgrove              |             |             |
| Rosemary Sheila Leister           |             |             |
| Rustel (Rusty) Robert Ruegg       |             |             |
| Ruth Elizabeth Brown              |             |             |
| Sam T. Escusa                     |             |             |
| Sandra Unknown                    |             |             |
| Sarah (Metta) Wales               | 07 Jan 1887 | 11 Jan 1946 |
| Sarah Eugenia Harrington          |             |             |
| Sharon Lynn Waldren               |             |             |
| Shaun Unknown                     |             |             |

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| Shirley Mae Henline             | 11 Nov 1929 |             |
| Simon Beltran                   |             |             |
| Skyler Nicole Baker             |             |             |
| Sr. Rettig George               |             |             |
| Stanley (Billy) William Conrad  |             |             |
| Stanley (Stan) Eugene Conrad    | 17 Sep 1941 |             |
| Stephen William Neisel          |             |             |
| Susan Elaine Courtright         | 17 Aug 1950 |             |
| Susan Marie Chapelo             |             |             |
| Suzanne Marie Neisel            |             |             |
| Tamra Rayne' Wright             |             |             |
| Theodore Douglas Scafe          |             |             |
| Theodore Lincoln Scafe          |             |             |
| Thomas Arthur Reiter            |             |             |
| Thomas Henry Millar             |             |             |
| Thomas Richard Kratz            |             |             |
| Thomas William, Lt. Col. Grogan |             |             |
| Timothy Fox                     |             |             |
| Timothy Lee Kashner             |             |             |
| Todd David Winkler              |             |             |
| Tonya Yeagley                   |             |             |
| Tylar Dazey                     |             |             |
| Unknown Gallagher               |             |             |
| Unknown Penix                   |             |             |
| Unknown Slater                  |             |             |
| Unknown Soliday                 |             |             |
| Unknown Stevenson               |             |             |
| Valeria Lee Conrad              |             |             |
| Verna Mae Neisel                | 24 Oct 1937 |             |
| Veronica Lee Conrad             |             |             |
| Vicki Ann Neisel                |             |             |
| Victoria Lee Conrad             |             |             |
| Wilhelm Neisel                  | 02 Sep 1853 | 19 Jan 1912 |
| William (Bill) Edward Neisel    | 06 Aug 1894 | 24 Jan 1975 |
| William (Bill) H. Masuch        |             |             |
| William Charles Conrad          |             |             |
| William Clyde Conrad            | 09 Dec 1907 | 27 Aug 1995 |
| William Emerson Neisel          | 09 Feb 1915 | 22 Feb 1974 |
| William Jay Hardgrove           |             |             |
| William Richard Neisel          | 27 Mar 1938 | 14 Jan 1987 |
| Wilma Cecelia Enot              |             |             |
| Wilson Samuel Strobel           |             |             |
| Yvonne Roberta Carroll          |             |             |
| Zachary Noah Ruegg              |             |             |

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