













Family Group Sheet for Anton Lienhart

Husband:		Anton Lienhart	
	Birth:	04 Feb 1871 in Balzhofen, Rastatt, Baden-Württemberg, Germany	
	Marriage:	09 Jan 1902 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, MI	
	Death:	15 Jun 1959 in Pinellas, Florida, USA	
	Father:	Thomas Lienhart	
	Mother:	Mary Anne Noltner	
Wife:		Mary Elizabeth Duffey	
	Birth:	23 May 1878 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, United States	
	Death:	23 Oct 1916 in Jackson, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Father:	Thomas Duffey Jr	
	Mother:	Mary Ann Quinn	
Children:			
1 M	Name:	Joseph Francis Lienhart	
	Birth:	18 Jan 1903 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA	
	Marriage:	07 Oct 1939 in St. John's Church, Jackson, Michigan, USA	
	Death:	22 Nov 1975 in Lansing, Ingham, Michigan, United States of America	
	Burial:	Deepdale Memorial Park, Lansing, MI	
	Spouse:	Frances Georgia June Hull	
2 F	Name:	Mary Margaret Lienhart	
	Birth:	18 Apr 1904 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA	
	Marriage:	26 Jul 1927 in Bunker Hill Catholic Church, Ingham, Michigan, USA; Marriage	
	Death:	20 Jan 2000 in Oswego, Kendall, Illinois, USA	
	Burial:	Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN, USA	
	Spouse:	Paul E. Merrinane	
3 M	Name:	Carl Anthony Lienhart	
	Birth:	19 Nov 1905 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA	
	Marriage:	04 Jun 1938 in Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan, USA; St. Philips Church	
	Death:	05 Mar 1991 in Greenville Care Center, Montcalm, Michigan, USA	
	Burial:	Schoolcraft Township Cemetery, Vicksburg, Kalamazoo, MI	
	Spouse:	Golda Viola Crouch	
4 M	Name:	Bernard James Lienhart	
	Birth:	07 Oct 1907 in Ingham, Michigan, USA	
	Marriage:	1926 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA	
	Burial:	Jun 1985 in Saints Cornelius and Cyprian Cemetery, Leslie, Ingham, Michigan, USA	
	Death:	30 Jun 1985 in White Hills Health Care Center, Lansing, Michigan, USA	
	Spouse:	Goldie Alzada Langham	
5 F	Name:	Agnes Lola Lienhart	
	Birth:	17 Mar 1909 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, United States	
	Marriage:	26 Oct 1940 in SS Cornelius and Cyprian, Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA	
	Death:	18 Jan 1991 in Pleasant Lake, Jackson, Michigan	
	Spouse:	Edward Aloysius Rolens	

6 F	Name: Wilma Bertilla Lienhart Birth: 03 Feb 1911 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA Marriage: 07 Mar 1934 in Bunkerhill, Ingham, MI, USA; by Father John M. Duffy, at S.S. Cornelius & Cyprian Burial: 2013 in Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Clearwater, Pinellas County, FL Death: 26 Feb 2013 in Whitestown, Boone, Indiana, USA Spouse: Earl I. Heath	
7 F	Name: Anna Veronica Lienhart Birth: 13 Jan 1912 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA Marriage: 21 Sep 1937 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA Burial: 2005 in New Calvary Catholic Church, Flint, Genesee, Michigan, USA Death: 08 May 2005 in Las Cruces, Doña Ana, New Mexico, USA Spouse: Leo Martin Hankerd	
8 M	Name: Clare Leo Lienhart Birth: 14 Mar 1913 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA Marriage: 13 Sep 1935 in SS Cornelius and Cyprian, Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA Death: 21 Jan 2001 in Greenlawn Campus, Lansing, MI Burial: SS Cornelius & Cyprian cemetery Spouse: Ada Bell Hunt	
9 M	Name: Edward Thomas Lienhart Birth: 25 Mar 1914 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA Marriage: 06 Jun 1949 in Angola, Steuben, Indiana, USA Burial: Oct 1996 in Saint Johns Catholic Cemetery, Jackson, Jackson, MI, USA Death: 23 Oct 1996 in Toledo, Lucas, Ohio, USA Spouse: Lucille Marie Chmielewski	
10 M	Name: Richard Clement Lienhart Birth: 21 Nov 1915 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA Marriage: 09 Mar 1934 in Bunker Hill, Ingham, Michigan, USA; SS Cornelius & Cyprian Church Burial: Mar 1992 in Roseland Memorial Gardens, Jackson, Jackson, MI, USA Death: 26 Mar 1992 in Jackson, Jackson, Michigan, USA Spouse: Rosella K. Jenkins	

Notes:

Anton Lienhart

Anthony was born and raised in the small farming village of Balzhofen, in the 'county' of Buhl, in Baden-Wurtemberg, Germany. His father was Thomas Lienhart and his mother was Mary Ann Noltner Lienhart. The home where he was born inside the village was L-shaped, with the house on the short side and the barn on the long side. The barn was for storage of crops and equipment, with workhorses, and a few cows, and probably pigs and chickens all living there. In the courtyard in front of house and barn was a fenced garden and a manure pile. The family went out in the morning to work their small fields, which were located in various places outside the village.

Anton's male Lienhart ancestors had lived in Balzhofen for 5 generations before Thomas. Balzhofen is located on a flat, fertile plain that lies between the Rhine River (which is the border with France, in that area) and the hilly, heavily wooded region of the Black Forest. It is 6 miles east of the Rhine River and about 20 miles northeast of Strasbourg, the most important city in eastern France, and capital of the province of Alsace-Lorraine.

"Anthony's mother arranged passage for him to come to New York at age 15 to escape military obligation. Two of her sons had already done that and she wasn't going to send another if she could help it. He worked his way over. He was sent to a man in New York who had a big house and got jobs for

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boys. He kept nearly all their pay and gave them a little to live on. He blacked shoes, peeled potatoes and anything else he could do.

He stayed several years while he learned the language. He finally decided to keep his own money and began moving west a little at a time and working all the time. He wanted to farm more than anything. He loved Michigan when he got there and so there he bought his farm. He worked at Stockbridge and also with Michigan State University who advised him in raising watermelon, muskmelon and tomato seeds for Isabell Seed Co." - Mary Lienhart Merrinane.

The 1900 census shows 29-year-old Anthony was a boarder in the home of John and Dorothy Fleming in Henrietta, Jackson County, MI. Plat maps from that period show that John Fleming owned 240 acres along the south side of Bateese Lake. The 1900 entry also shows that he had been in the U.S. 10 years, that he was naturalized in 1899, and that his occupation was farm laborer.

Being Catholic, Anton (or Anthony, as he had people call him) probably began attending church services at the Catholic Church in Bunkerhill when he lived with the Flemings in the 1890s. He was saving money to buy his own farm, which he must have done about the time he got married, in 1902. He eventually had over 500 acres; about three times the size of other farms in the neighborhood. Family lore has it that Anthony was one of the first farmers in Michigan to grow mint.

It seems likely that he met Mary Elizabeth Duffey at Church. The Duffeys were Irish-American Catholics, and Elizabeth's family attended the church in Bunkerhill.

"The Anthony Lienhart family lived 2 miles east of their eventual home on the corner of Haynes and Catholic Church Rd. at first. Mary started school when they lived there (ca 1910). Joe was 7 and Mary was 5 or 6 when they started at the same time. Joe had been held back to start with Mary. Joe drove an old horse named Billy. They fed and watered him and kept him in a shed at the Bunkerhill Catholic school. No children were allowed in the shed at recess time unless you had a horse to attend to. Mary was about in the 2nd grade when the family moved to the corner house (corner of Haynes Rd. and Catholic Church Rd.), which would be their permanent home. They were a German family in the midst of an Irish neighborhood. Germans were very hard-working. When Irish men were working in the fields and someone stopped along the road, they would stop the team and go visit. Anthony never did that nor did he allow his help to. He paid top wages but he expected a day's work - no stopping for any reason. Daybooks were kept with each hired hand's name listed, the dates he worked, times started, and times he ended his day. Every payday was an argument as Anthony wanted to dock them for this time he saw him resting or that time he saw him talking to someone etc." Mary Lienhart Merrinane

"Anthony's boys never got paid for their work on the farm, they only got their room and board. Anthony would go to Stockbridge to get a 100 lb. bag of sugar and a barrel of flour off the train. It would come from Sears and Roebuck. Tramps would come along and wanted food. He always said he would pay anyone and gave them work to do. When his brother Fred came over from Germany, Anthony bought him a farm but Fred didn't like farming. He left Anthony with the farm and went to work in a shop." - As told to Phyllis Bungart by Mary Lienhart Merrinane

When Anthony retired he spent much of his time in St. Petersburg, Florida. There he met Gertrude Leon, a German-American widow, and married her in 1949.

Mary Elizabeth Duffey

Mary Elizabeth (or Elizabeth Mary) Duffey was the 5th of 12 children of Thomas Duffey Jr. and Mary Ann Quinn Duffey, although 2 of the children died as infants and one more as a toddler. Both her parents were the children of Irish immigrants, and they had a farm in Fitchburg (a hamlet in southern Bunkerhill township). There were many Irish-Americans in the local community, so it must have raised some eyebrows when Elizabeth decided to marry a German. The couple had 10 children in 13 years. Less than a year after the last birth, Elizabeth died of a burst appendix at age 38.

Joseph Francis Lienhart

Joe Lienhart didn't marry until age 36, but still had 7 children; 6 of them boys. Joe was a tool and die maker, working first in small factories in Stockbridge and Munith. He then spent 22 years at an Oldsmobile plant in Lansing, retiring in 1967. He also lived in Lansing, and his family attended the South Baptist Church there.

Notes: (cont.)**Mary Margaret Lienhart**

When Mary first married Paul Merrinane, he worked for the Grass Lake Lumber Company. Then Paul worked for Michigan Wholesalers and the couple lived in Munith. After that Paul was persuaded by his employers to transfer to Fort Wayne, IN, where he became a top salesman.

They had one child, Mary Eileen, who had seven children before she died in 1978. Mary Merrinane spent the majority of her married life in Fort Wayne. She outlived her husband by 35 years, retiring in Westchester, IL. (Chicago), probably to be near her daughter and grandchildren.

Carl Anthony Lienhart

Carl was employed by Consumers Power Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1970. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He and Oly lived at Bateese Lake for many years before Consumers transferred him to Ionia, MI, where they remained after retirement.

Oly's parents were Carl and Golda Crouch, but she was reared by Leonard and Theo Kissinger (from obit). She was an honor graduate of Vicksburg high school, where she played basketball. The couple did not have children.

Bernard James Lienhart

Family and friends called him "Bun". Bernard was an electrician. We have his Electrical Journeyman licences from 1939, 1965 and 1970. In 1960 he and wife Goldie lived in New York City where he found work briefly. They also lived in Atlantic City, NY for about 6 months in 1962, where he worked. Otherwise, I think they spent their entire married life in the same house, next door to the Catholic Church in Bunkerhill.

Bun and Goldie had three sons; James, Donald, and Thomas. Tom (single) died in a car accident at age 17. James had 7 children, and Donald had 4 daughters.

Agnes Lola Lienhart

Everyone knew Agnes as Peg. Ed and Peg Rolens lived at Pleasant Lake, and Ed operated the farm owned by Jane and Ella Hankerd, developing a 9-hole golf course ("Hankerd Hills") on the Hankerd's land, in the late 1920s. (The course was sold in 1978, and is still operating, now with 27 holes and a large restaurant). He ran the course, worked the farm, and drove a school bus. He also served as volunteer firefighter. Peg ran "Hankerd's Resort", which had a store, picnic grounds, and a boat launch. There was a Hankerd's hotel there until it burned (date unknown). She also managed several rental cottages. I believe all or virtually all of the operations they managed were always owned by the Hankerd family. She was an organist at SS Cornelius & Cyprian Catholic Church for many years, and an active member of the church Altar Society there.

Edward Rolens was born and raised in Detroit, a child of immigrants. His father was born in Belgium and his mother was from Ireland. When he was a child his mother died, and his father put Ed and his sisters into Catholic orphanages (one for boys; another for girls). Father Vincent Hankerd, a young priest from Pleasant Lake, MI, was posted at a church near the orphanages, and somehow got to know Ed's family. Some time around 1920 Ed moved from the orphanage to Father Hankerd's family farm in Pleasant Lake, and became a hired hand and boarder, where he took over all the farming. He attended the same church as Agnes (Peg) Lienhart, which is likely where they met.

The couple had no children.

Wilma Bertilla Lienhart

She was called "Billie" by her family. She was living in St. Petersburg by 1992. She was a Registered Nurse and worked somewhere in Michigan for many years before moving to Florida.

A note from Phyllis Bungart says: "Wilma completed 11 years at Bunkerhill School. Her 12th year was spent at Nazareth, near Kalamazoo. She began nurses training at the Mercy Hospital (Jackson, MI) when she was 18 and stayed in the nurses home there. She played the violin. Married Earl Heath at the Rectory at Bunkerhill Catholic Church. Moved to Florida about 1966."

When Billie and Earl Heath were married, they owned an orchard and cider mill less than a half-mile from the farm where Phyllis Smith was growing up. Its possible that Phyllis met Billie's nephew, Jim Lienhart, at Heath's mill.

Billie had no children.

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Anna Veronica Lienhart

Anna married Leo Hankerd and raised 4 children in Flint, Michigan, where he worked. (from obit): "A resident of Las Cruces (New Mexico) for about the last 20 years, she was a devout member of Holy Cross Catholic Church and volunteered herself to the community. She enjoyed needlework, china painting and playing cards."

Clare Leo Lienhart

Clare spent his life as a farmer in Bunkerhill, where he and his wife Ada raised 4 children. Part of his father Anthony's farm made up a portion of Clare's farm.

Edward Thomas Lienhart

Note from Phyllis Bungart, probably after talking to Ed: "Ed Lienhart quit school 10th grade, left home soon after, worked for a farmer, then lived with Uncle John and Aunt May (Duffy). Helped him to paint barns, silos etc (all outside work). Was just like a monkey - could climb anywhere. About 1935 he hired into Consumers P & T (Power & Transmission). They wanted a paint crew to do towers etc. and needed people that could climb. The paint crew wasn't to be formed for about a monthh so they started teaching him line work. (He continued that instead of painting). His brother Carl was working there at Consumers then. Carl was married so he had a trailer and Oly (Carl's wife) traveled with him from place to place building lines etc. but the single guys stayed in hotels. Then Ed worked for another company that paid twice as much as Consumers. He stayed there till he was drafted at 27, a year before the war started (April 1941). He tried to get in the paratroopers, but was kicked out for lying about his age."

Sometime after the war, Ed started his own business in Toledo installing outside lighting for businesses. Ed and Lucille got married in Angola, IN. An obit includes this info: "Mr. Lienhart was owner and operator of Floodlight Services. He was involved in the outdoor Christmas decorations for area malls and shopping centers and did pennant work for area car dealers. Ed had no children of his own, but he and Lucille raised her daughter from a previous marriage."

Richard Clement Lienhart

Richard ('Dick') worked for a while in the 1930s at a brewery in Battle Creek, MI. He was married in 1934 and had a daughter, but they divorced. His 1940 draft card lists his employer as Silver Foam Brewing, and his residence as Battle Creek. He was drafted into the army in 1943, serving in the Pacific during WWII. After the war he worked for Walker Muffler Co. in Jackson for 45 years, as a welder. Dick and Rozella had a daughter, who seems to have been raised mostly by her mother.