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GENEALOGY

OF

THE FREDERICK J. SEVERIN FAMILY

GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT

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OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Frederick J. Severin
(1820 - 1884)

This picture was copied from a daguerreotype belonging to Brother H. Charles Severin, F.S.C.
Julia Ann Rahrig Severin
(1839 - 1875)

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This brief history of the Severin family in America has been the work of many people. Members of each branch collected the biographical information and supplied the names of the younger children to make certain that no one was omitted. To the best of our knowledge, this genealogy is complete except for the younger children of Mary Alice Reilly Allen (la131) whose present address is unknown. Rose Catherine Wanstreet Johnson (la23) typed the final copy of the manuscript and helped arrange for the printing.

The coding system was devised to trace descent through the various branches of the family. Each digit represents one generation and corresponds to the person's birth order in his family. Thus, Frederick William (8) was the eighth member of the original family and Urban F. (81) is his oldest child. Barbara, Urban's second child, is listed as 812 and her children as 8121, 8122, etc. In a few cases where there are more than 9 children in a family, the double numbers are underscored to represent one rather than two generations. For example, Bernard's youngest child, although a member of the third generation is given the code designation 8510 and her children will be 85101, 85102, and so on. The only exception is the use of letters to designate the two families of Mary Severin Wanstreet Van Verth and others who were married twice. The la's are Wanstreets and the lb's are Van Verths.

It is suggested that you keep the family history up-to-date by writing additional information in the margins or by inserting more pages. To make new entries, simply use the parent's code number and add an extra digit to indicate each child's birth order in his family.

As our family continues to grow in size, and to scatter every more widely, it will become almost impossible to know everyone personally. Perhaps by tracing our common origin we can preserve some measure of unity. This task was undertaken in the hope that we can at least keep from becoming strangers to each other.

Frank T. Severin, S. J. (84)
St. Louis University
St. Louis, Missouri
Frederick J. Severin was born in Germany in 1820, but his exact place of origin is somewhat uncertain. My father (8) remembered it as being Ölberg, a village within 50 miles of Baden Baden. The gazetteer of the U. S. Department of Interior gives the location of Ölberg as 48° 08' north longitude and 8° 13' east latitude which would be about 40 miles south of Baden Baden near the town of Triberg. A communication from the Board of Geographical names of the Department of Interior verifies this position even though Ölberg does not appear at this point on the map of the U. S. War and Navy Departments.

Joseph Severin (24) recalls that Mrs. Starrman, a neighbor born in Holland, use to speak German with Uncle Henry (2) when she came to visit the family. On one occasion, she remarked that the Severins came from a part of Germany where the people were really Catholic. From this he concluded that she was referring to Bavaria. An interesting bit of gossip related to James Severin (32) by his mother seems to favor a south German origin. According to this story, which may be apocryphal, Grandfather's "in-laws" opposed the marriage because he spoke low German whereas they used the "proper" high German dialect. On the other hand, Agnes Severin Wampach (21) insists that her father (2) spoke only high German which he learned at home. Both Edward (23) and Agnes spoke convincingly of Grandfather coming from Oldenburg. Since they are the closest links we have with the past, they may be correct. Oldenburg is the name of a former north German state, as well as two cities; one in Oldenburg with a population of over 120,000, and the other in Holstein with a population of 10,000. The only information we have is the name.

In 1842 Grandfather migrated to America, arriving in Baltimore at the age of 22. It is presumed that he found employment in the construction of a railroad or the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal together with the other German immigrants who later settled in the St. Clara Community of West Virginia. Fifteen years later he married Julia Ann Rahrig who was born in Cumberland, Maryland in 1839.

Henry, their oldest son, was six months of age when they purchased 265 acres of land from a Mr. Holle in the St. Clara Community (New Milton) West Virginia in 1860. The steep hillsides and narrow valleys were heavily wooded with poplar, oak, and chestnut trees. Grandfather left his family at the Bernard Mayberry home while he cleared enough space to build a log house. There were
no saw mills and no market for logs, so he felled the huge trees across each other and lighted a fire as soon as they were dry enough to burn. The house was finished inside with handmade paneling and, when regular lumber became available, the outside walls were covered with modern siding. The large open fireplace remained until the building was taken down a few years ago. Julia Ann died in this home on November 27, 1875, after bearing eight children, the youngest of whom was less than two years of age at the time.

Although Grandfather Severin probably spoke English, he invariably used German at home. Mary (1) learned her first words of English in school and taught them to the other children. In a short time they no longer used German, even when speaking to their father.

John, a brother of Grandfather Severin, migrated to America about the time of the Civil War and served in the Union Army. Later he visited in St. Clara but, as often happened in the pioneer period, he failed to keep in contact with his relatives, so it is not known where he settled. The family presumed that he had gone West. Another brother is said to have migrated to Sweeden. Uncle Henry continued to correspond with a cousin Catherine in Germany until her death.

Grandfather Severin passed away on December 24, 1884, when Frederick William was a boy of 10. In the years which have passed since he was laid to rest in the small country cemetery alongside the St. Clara Church, his grave stone has fallen and disappeared. Nothing remains to remind the world he ever existed except an oblique reference on the marker of the adjoining grave:

Julia Ann Raric Severin
Died Nov. 27, 1875
Age 36

Most members of the family spell Julia Ann's maiden name Rahrig rather than Raric. Agnes Severin Wampach feels certain that the former spelling is correct. She used to write to Julia Ann's brother, Valentine, and on one occasion visited him in Cumberland, Maryland. Mrs. Fred Rupert of Cumberland, with whom I have corresponded, used the same version of the name in telling me that her father-in-law's first wife was Mary Ann Rahrig. On the other hand, Edward's wife, Stella, made two trips to the cemetery to verify the inscription given above. It is possible that a non-German stone cutter used his own phonetic spelling.

I like to think of Grandfather Severin as the typical American immigrant who, though buried in a nameless grave like the Unknown Soldier, lives on in his modest but solid accomplishments. The wealth he possessed consisted mainly in strength of character and an unshakable determination to make his own way in life.
He was not overly anxious about having only an elementary education and money enough for one-way passage in steerage on the sailing vessel which brought him to America in 45 days. He was confident in himself as a person and was not afraid of hard work. During his lifetime, he was able to set aside a sum of money which seems little enough by today's standards, but which a century ago was sufficient to give his children a start in life. I vaguely remember my father saying his share of the estate amounted to $1500. Since there were eight children in the family, this seems to be a rather large amount for Grandfather to have saved from the income of a rocky, hillside farm. He was very thrifty, however, and during the early years they grew their own food and wore homespun clothing. All the children, except Henry who remained on the original farm and Margaret who married in Chicago, were able to move to Kansas and buy land.
FIRST AND SECOND GENERATIONS

1. Mary Catherine
   Severin Wanstreet
   Van Verth
   1a1. Juliana Wanstreet Heideman
   1a2. John William Wanstreet

   1b1. Emma Agnes Van Verth
   1b2. (Clara) Rebecca Van Verth Welch
   1b3. (Mary) Caroline Van Verth
   1b4. Ida Elizabeth Van Verth Murray
   1b5. Mary Agatha Van Verth Minnehan
   1b6. Francis Bernard Van Verth
   1b7. Cecilia Anastasia (Sr. Georgia, OSB)
   1b8. Frederick Joseph Van Verth

2. (John) Henry
   Severin
   21. (Mary) Agnes Severin Wampach
   22. Mary Magdalene Severin Tierney

3. John Bernard
   Severin
   31. Julia Catherine Severin
   32. James Bernard Severin
   33. Charles Francis (Bro. H. Charles, FSC)
   34. Matthew Joseph Severin

4. Margaret Severin
   Gallory McMurrer
   Wilson

5. Joseph Frederick
   Severin
   51. Ethel Mary Frances Severin Mealy
   52. Erwin Gray Severin
   53. John Patrick Severin

6. (John) Peter
   Severin
   61. L. Myrtle Severin Gregory
   62. Helen C. Severin
   63. Clarence A. Severin
   64. (Mary) Alice Severin Duehren

7. (John) Francis
   Severin
   71. Rose Marie Severin Prohaska
   72. Ruth Margaret Severin Wolters
   73. William Bernard Severin
   74. (Henry) Herbert Severin
   75. (Mabel) Louise Severin Wiechec
81. Urban Frederick Severin
82. (Mary) Regina "Jean" Severin Koelzer
83. (Clara) Geneva Severin Lauer
84. (Thomas) Francis Severin, S.J.
85. (George) Bernard Severin
86. (John) Henry Severin
87. Anna Marie Severin Gruetze
88. Frederick William Severin, Jr.
89. James Eugene Severin
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THE FAMILY BY BRANCHES

1. MARY CATHERINE SEVERIN WANSTREET VAN VERTH

   1a11. Carl Wm. Heideman
          1a111. Wauneta June Held. Carl
                   1a1111. Sandra Jolone (Jones)
          1a112. Shirley Ann Held. Jones
                   1a1121. Pamela Mae
                   1a1122. Patricia Ann
                   1a1123. Everett Stephen

   1a12. Mary Rebecca H. Olekowski

   1a13. Alice Mary H. Reilly McDaniel
          1a131. Mary Alice McDaniel
                   1a1311. Augustine Allen
                   1a1312. Robert Allen

   1a14. Emma Agnes H. Prescott
          1a141. (Charles) Leonard Prescott
                   1a1411. Tammie Marie (Holmes)

   1a15. Rose Mary Behee Holmes
          1a211. Mary Katherine Behee Holmes
                   1a2111. Michael Thomas
                   1a2112. Carol Ann

   1a21. Dorothy May W. Behee
          1a213. John Richard Behee

   1a22. Edward Francis Wanstreet

   1a23. Rose Catherine W. Johnson

1a2. John William Wanstreet
1. Mary Catherine Severin Wanstreet Van Verth was born at St. Clara, W. Va. on May 7, 1858. At the age of 18 she married William J. Wanstreet who passed away in 1882. On April 15, 1884 she was united in marriage to George B. Van Verth (Dec. 2, 1858 - April 12, 1945). When Joseph and Frederick Severin moved to Kansas in the early 1900's, the Van Verth family purchased a farm home near them.

1a1. (Lucy) Juliana "Ann" Wanstreet Heideman born Oct. 9, 1878 at Leopold, W. Va.; married William Heideman on April 12, 1903. They lived at Axtell, Kansas and later at Emmett, Kansas.

1a11. Carl William Heideman, Portland, Oregon; born at Axtell, Kansas on April 12, 1905. His wife's maiden name was Gertrude Hare.

1a111. Wauneta June Heideman Garl, born at Wood River, Nebr., Sept. 3, 1928; married Donald E. Garl at Vancouver, Wash. on Dec. 9, 1947.


1a11121. Pamela Mae Jones, born at Portland, Ore., Nov. 20, 1953.


1a131. Mary Alice Reilly Allen, born to Alice Heideman Reilly in 1938. She married Augustine Allen at Emmett, Kansas in 1954.

1a1311. Augustine Allen; son of Mary Alice Reilly Allen.

1a14. Emma Agnes Heideman born April 8, 1911; married Charles Elmer Prescott (b. Jan. 13, 1910) on Nov. 12, 1930. They reside at McCook, Nebraska

1a141. (Charles) Leonard Prescott, born July 5, 1939.


1a211. Rose Mary Behee Holmes, born Sept. 24, 1930 at Leavenworth, Kansas; married Mason D. Holmes (b. April 4, 1928) on Jan. 5, 1950. The Holmes have an A.P.O. address from New York. (Located in the Azores)

1a2111. Mary Katherine Holmes, born at Leavenworth, Kansas, Dec. 9, 1950.

1a2112. Michael Thomas Holmes, born at Leavenworth, Kansas, Dec. 18, 1951.


1a212. Leo Francis Behee, born at Leavenworth, Kansas, Feb. 13, 1932.


1a22. Edward Francis Wanstreet, born Aug. 24, 1913; married Irene Montgomery of Axtell, Kansas on August 22, 1942. They have no children.

1b1. Emma Agnes Van Verth

1b2. (Clara) Rebecca Van Welsh { 1b21. John Anthony Welsh

1b3. (Mary) Caroline Van Verth

1b41. Lucile Rosalie M. Quigley

1b411. Marcia Ann Q. Tuttle { 1b4111. Nicholas

1b412. Henry H.
1b413. Patrick E.
1b414. Susie Marie (Sr. Maria Marie C.S.J.)

1b415. Mary Jean M. Quigley
1b416. Michael R.
1b417. Robt. John
1b418. Billie Joe
1b419. Geo. Walter
1b410. Margaret Lucile
1b417. Thomas Francis
1b412. James Lawrence
1b413. Gerald Mark

1b42. Raymond Patrick Murray { 1b421. Janice Eileen Murray

1b422. James Patrick
1b423. Michael Thomas
1b424. Mitchell Eugene
1. MARY CATHERINE SEVERIN WANSTREET VAN VERTH (Cont'd)

1b51. Robert Michael Minnehan
   1b511. Daniel Michael
   1b512. Patrick Francis
   1b513. Marcia Ann
   1b514. Barbara Ellen
   1b515. Marilyn Rae
   1b516. Michael Robert

1b52. Joan Cecilia M. Ahrens
   1b521. Donald Dean
   1b522. Douglas Charles
   1b523. Craig Allen
   1b524. Mark Eugene
   1b525. Bradford Keith

1b53. Paul Stanley Minnehan
   1b531. Audry Lynn
   1b532. Brian Paul
   1b533. Christopher Michael

1b5. Mary Agatha Van. Minnehan

1b61. Mildred Marie V. Giordano

1b62. Francis Joseph Van Verth

1b6. Francis Bernard Van Verth

1b63. Helen Catherine V. Busits
   1b64. Paul Gene Van Verth
      1b641. Beverly Jean
      1b642. Mary Jo
      1b643. James Gerard
      1b644. Sharon Kay
      1b645. Gary Lee
      1b646. Vicki Lynn

1b65. Harold William Van Verth

1b7. Cecilia Anastasia
    (Sr. Georgia, O.S.B.)

1b8. Frederick Joseph
    Van Verth


Ib4. Ida Elizabeth Van Verth Murray, born June 12, 1892, married Patrick J. Murray (b. July 9, 1893) at Axtell, Kansas on June 1, 1915. The Murrays live at St. Marys, Kansas where Pat was in charge of the State Bank until his retirement.


Ib412. Henry H. Quigley, born Jan. 11, 1940; married Margaret Gress on May 15, 1962 at Kansas City, Mo. At present he is in the Service attending a language school at Monterey, Calif. His wife is a nurse.

Ib413. Patrick Ernie Quigley, born Dec. 22, 1941.

Ib414. Susan Marie Quigley, born Feb. 9, 1943 at Kansas City, Mo. On April 15, 1960 she entered the Congregation of St. Joseph of Carondelet and is known as Sister Marcia Marie. She is studying at the Motherhouse in St. Louis.

Ib415. Mary Jean Quigley, born May 2, 1945.


Ib419. George Walter Quigley, born April 14, 1951.

Ib4110. Margaret Lucile Quigley, born May 23, 1952.
Thomas Francis Quigley, born Aug. 20, 1953.


Gerald Mark Quigley, born March 12, 1959.

Raymond Patrick Murray is an electronics engineer in Monterey, California. He was born on Nov. 14, 1920 at Summerfield, Kansas and married Mildred P. Henshaw at Manhattan, Kansas in February 1947.

Janice Eileen Murray, born Nov. 27, 1951 at Monterey, California.

James Patrick Murray, born Nov. 12, 1953 at Monterey, California.


Daniel Michael Minnehan, born June 10, 1946 at Wagner, S. Dakota.

Patrick Francis Minnehan, born July 1, 1947 at Wagner, S. Dakota.


Barbara Ellen Minnehan, born May 1, 1951 at Yankton, S. Dakota.

Marilyn Rae Minnehan, born March 25, 1952 at Yankton, S. Dakota.

Michael Robert Minnehan, born June 4, 1953 at Yankton, S. Dakota.

1b521. Donald Dean Ahrens, born July 13, 1953.


1b53. Paul Stanley Minnehan, born Oct. 20, 1932 at Ravinia, S. Dakota; married Loraine Jean Rokusek (b. Feb. 14, 1933, Geddes, S.Dak.) at Marty, S. Dak., Feb. 7, 1953. After serving in the Air Force, he became a jet pilot and a short time later was killed in an automobile collision near his home in La Junta, Colorado, where he was employed by an air line.

1b531. Audry Lynn Minnehan, born July 6, 1955 at Munich, Germany.


1b533. Christopher Michael Minnehan, born March 23, 1961 at La Junta, Colorado.


1b63. Helen Catherine Van Verth Busits, born at Baileyville, Kansas, July 19, 1920. She married Louis Frank Busits (b. Nov. 17, 1921 at Stiles, Penn.) on July 24, 1943 at Sacred Heart Church, Washington, D.C. Their home is in Hyattsville, Maryland.


Cecilia Anastasia; Sister M. Georgia, O.S.B., born March 21, 1899. She belongs to Mount St. Scholastica motherhouse, Atchison, Kansas and has taught in various parochial schools in Kansas, Missouri and Colorado.

2. **(JOHN) HENRY SEVERIN**

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2. (John) Henry Severin, oldest son of Frederick J. Severin, born May 14, 1860 at Cumberland, Maryland; died September 1932. He married (Mary) Elizabeth Determan (1861 - 1944) at the St. Clara Church, June 15, 1886. They lived on the home farm at St. Clara Community, New Milton, W. Va.

21. (Mary) Agnes Severin Wampach, born April 5, 1887 at St. Clara, W. Va.; married Marcus Nicholas Wampach May 9, 1927. After their marriage, they resided first at Silverton, then at Mt. Angel, Oregon. For many years, they operated a large poultry farm.

211. Marcus Severin Wampach, Mt. Angel, Oregon, only child of Agnes Severin Wampach. He was born at Silverton, Oregon, Sept. 20, 1928 and married Catherine Marie Doyle at Portland, Oregon, Sept. 11, 1954.


221. (Peter) Nicholas Tierney, M. Sgt. in the Air Force, presently stationed at Waco, Texas. He was born March 25, 1916 and married Agnes Ann McGuire at St. Michael's Church, Frostburg, Maryland on April 6, 1942.

2213. Deborah Sue Tierney, born Nov. 18, 1951.

222. Mary Louise Tierney Wanstreet, Warren, Arizona. She was born at Weston, W. Va. on Dec. 19, 1917, and married Leo Francis Wanstreet on Feb. 12, 1944.


2231.  Mary Beth Keadle, born to Rose Angela Keadle on Aug. 18, 1957.


24.  Joseph Frederick Severin, born Nov. 27, 1891 at St. Clara, W. Va.; married Mary Olive Zinn (b. April 25, 1893, Harrisville, W. Va.) at New Martinsville, W. Va. on May 4, 1927. They farmed for a time in West Virginia, then moved to Tombstone, Arizona where they purchased one of the fine historic homes in this area.

25.  Julia Ann Severin Maffley, born at St. Clara, W. Va., was a registered nurse. In September 1930, she married Charles Maffley of Cumberland, Md. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Elm Grove, W. Va. They lived in Cumberland where he was employed by one of the railroads. Julia spent several years in the Veterans Hospital in Washington, D. C. under treatment for arthritis. She died in Martinsburg, W. Va. on June 15, 1950. Martin passed away on Nov. 10, 1952. They had no children.

26.  Helena Catherine Severin entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wheeling, W. Va. on Sept. 7, 1915. She received the habit on Dec. 31, 1915, and made her profession at St. Joseph Convent, Wheeling on Dec. 31, 1918. She attended West Virginia University, Catholic University, and Duquesne University and has been teaching in the parochial schools of the Wheeling Diocese. At present she is located at Central Catholic High School, Wheeling, W. Va.
3. **JOHN BERNARD SEVERIN**

31. Julia Catherine Severin

   321. Mary Clare S. (Hoppens)
       3211. Carol Ann
       3212. Steven Paul
       3213. Rosemary Esther

32. James Bernard Severin

   322. John Morley Severin (Severin)
       3221. Barbara Ann
       3222. John Morley, Jr.
       3223. Mary Lynne
       3224. Joan Clare

   323. James Charles Severin (Severin)
       3231. James Dennis
       3232. Joseph John
       3233. Charles Francis
       3234. Stephanie Catherine
       3235. Michael Anthony
       3236. Francis Timothy


   (Severin)

   341. Matthew Joseph Severin, Jr. (Severin)
       3411. Mary Irene
       3412. Catherine
       3413. Matthew Joseph III

34. Matthew Joseph Severin

   342. Mary Irene Severin (Sr. Mary Susan, R.S.M.)

4. **MARGARET SEVERIN McMURRER GALLORY WILSON**

   No descendants
3. John Bernard Severin, born at St. Clara Community, W. Va. on June 4, 1861; married Susan Agnes Gallagher (b. Nov. 25, 1864) at Sparks, Kansas, June 23, 1891; died Oct. 24, 1899. He operated a grain elevator and grocery store at Bendena, Kansas. His wife, Susan, died at Omaha, Nebr. on March 31, 1945.

31. Julia Catherine Severin, born at Bendena, Kansas on June 1, 1892; died Nov. 12, 1923.

32. James Bernard Severin, Omaha, Nebr., born at Bendena, Kansas on April 30, 1896; married Rose Honora Morley (b. Jan. 10, 1896; Denton, Kansas) at Bendena, Kansas on April 30, 1919. For many years he managed his mother's store in Bendena, then moved to Omaha where he was employed by the Post Office Department. Since retirement, he manages his own apartment building in Omaha.


3212. Steven Paul Hoppens, born Oct. 2, 1953 at Carle Place, Long Island, N.Y.

3213. Rosemary Esther Hoppens, born Feb. 9, 1958 at Carle Place, Long Island, N.Y.

322. John Morley Severin, born at Bendena, Kansas May 27, 1921; married Mary Alice Vandenbrouck (b. Feb. 21, 1924) at Omaha, Nebr. He is employed in skilled construction work in Omaha.


323. James Charles Severin, born Oct. 25, 1924; married Sophie Ann Tynski (b. April 29, 1927) at Omaha, Nebraska on Aug. 27, 1949. He is a skilled craftsman.


Charles Francis Severin, born at Bendena, Kansas, Sept. 3, 1896. On May 15, 1915, he joined the Brothers of Christian Schools (Christian Brothers) where he is known as Brother (Hilarion) Charles, F.S.C. Since receiving his doctorate at the University of Chicago, he has written the biology textbooks used in the Christian Brothers schools. Several years ago he was sent to the Philippines to write a book which would be adapted to the flora and fauna of that part of the world. He is chairman of the biology department of St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota.

Matthew Joseph Severin, M.D., born at Bendena, Kansas on July 23, 1898; married Irene Ellen Stafford (b. Aug. 26, 1909; Bancroft, Nebr.) May 17, 1932. After graduating from Creighton University medical school, he was a physician and surgeon in South Omaha until his death.


Mary Irene Severin, born at Omaha, Nebr., Dec. 25, 1937. She entered the Sisters of Mercy, Sept. 8, 1954, where she is known as Sister Mary Susan, R. S. M.

Margaret Severin McMurrer Gallery Wilson, born at St. Clara, W. Va. in 1865; died Feb. 14, 1949; buried at Axtell, Kansas. Most of her life was spent in Chicago, Illinois, where she was in charge of the food services in one of the better hotels. She had no children.
5. JOSEPH FREDERICK SEVERIN

51. Ethel Mary F. Severin Mealy Dressman

511. Nancy Carol Mealy Dressman

5111. Martin Joseph
5112. Shana Ann
5113. Timothy Francis
5114. Jason Erwin
5115. Marian Helen
5116. Terrence George
5117. Muriel Theresa
5118. Sheila Marie
5119. Janet Elizabeth
5120. Neal Gregory

512. Muriel Frances Mealy McGuire

5121. Shauna
5122. Michelle Lisbeth

52. Erwin Gray Severin

531. Mary Ann Severin Selk

5311. John Elwood Selk

532. John Robert Severin

5321. Jeffrey Lynn Severin

53. John Patrick Severin

533. Marceil Rose S. Strathmann

5331. Maur William (Strathmann)
5332. Lizbeth Ann

534. Joseph Francis Severin
5. Joseph Frederick Severin was born Jan. 27, 1867, on his father's farm in Doderidge County, New Milton, W. Va. He attended the local school, which held classes three months a year, until he was 17 years of age. In 1888, he came to Doniphan County, Kansas, where he remained until 1895 with the exception of one year spent in Montana. On Feb. 20, 1895, he married Nancy Jane Cecilia Gray (Feb. 29, 1860 Jan. 1, 1920) at Bendena, Kansas. Shortly after their marriage, he purchased a farm near Axtell, Kansas, and built a new house to replace the pioneer dwelling built by the original homesteader. He took great pride in his farming and the appearance of his buildings. He died on July 5, 1939.

51. Ethel Mary Frances Severin Mealy, born Feb. 5, 1896; married John Francis Mealy (b. May 28, 1895) at St. Michael's Church, Axtell, Kansas on May 25, 1925. They operate a large farm near Axtell, Kansas.

511. Nancy Carol Mealy Dressman, born at Axtell, Kansas on April 8, 1926; married Erwin Herman Dressman (b. Jan. 24, 1925, Baileyville, Kansas) on April 3, 1948. They have lived in Burlington, Colorado since 1955.


5113. Timothy Francis Dressman, born June 24, 1951 at Axtell, Kansas.


5121.  Shauna McGuire, born March 1, 1954 at Omaha, Nebr.


52.  Erwin Gray Severin, born March 7, 1897 at Axtell, Kansas. Several years after his father's death, he moved to Axtell, Kansas, where he manages his real estate interests.

53.  John Patrick Severin, born Nov. 14, 1900 at Axtell, Kansas; attended St. Mary's Jesuit High School, St. Mary's, Kansas. He married Rose Grothjan (b. April 20, 1905, Seneca, Kansas) on Feb. 15, 1926 at St. Michael's Church, Axtell, Kansas. They operate one of the most fertile farms in the Axtell area.


6. (JOHN) PETER SEVERIN

61. (Lucy) Myrtle Severin
   Gregory

611. Dolores Gregory
     Sweeney Waddell
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611a. (Sweeney)
   611a1. Robt. Gregory
   611a11. Robert
   611b. (Waddell)
   611b1. Karen Clare
   611b2. Linda Diane
   611b3. Laura Arlene
   611b4. Donna Mae
   611b5. April Dawn
   611b6. Paula Jane
   611b7. Deborah Lee

612. Paul Gervase
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612a. (Gregory)
   612a1. Shirley (Shere) Diane
   612b. Barbara
   612b1. Paul Gervase III
   612b2. Mary Jane

613. Mary Catherine
     Gregory
     Branaman
     Myers

613a. (Branaman)
   613a1. Larry Dale

613b. (Myers)
   613b1. Sandra
   613b2. Robert
   613b3. Gregory
   613b4. Paul Nelson

614. Francis Severin
     Gregory

62. Helen C. Severin
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631. Rose Marie Severin Lallo

6311. Edward Leslie Lallo

632. Clarence A. Severin, Jr.

6321. Mary Lou

6322. Patty Ann

6323. Nancy Jean

6324. Michael A.

6325. Kathy Sue

63. Clarence A. Severin

633. Julia Ann S. Huerter

6331. Diane M.

6332. Marianne

6333. John R.

634. Doris E. Severin Uhing

6341. Jeanne M.

6342. Daniel B.

641. Mary Alice Duehren Widen

6411. Michael Joseph

6412. Mark Steven

6413. Matthew Lee

6414. Murray Jon

64. (Mary) Alice S. Duehren

642. William Henry Duehren

6421. David William

6422. Dennis Patrick

6423. Derrick Paul

643. Shirley Ann Duehren (Sr. Severin, O.F.M.)

644. Robert Severin Duehren

645. Helen Louise Duehren

646. Jo Ann Duehren

61. (Lucy) Myrtle Severin Gregory, born July 13, 1899 at Bendena, Kansas; married Paul G. Gregory. She passed away many years ago.


611b2. Linda Diane Waddell, born May 12, 1949 at Butte, Mont.

611b3. Laura Arlene Waddell, born May 31, 1950 at Butte, Mont.


611b5. April Dawn Waddell, born April 23, 1953 at Butte, Mont.


612. Paul Gervase Gregory, Jr., born March 17, 1923 at Perrin, Mo. He is chief control tower operator for the Federal Aviation Agency in Anchorage, Alaska.

612a1. Shirley (Shere) Diane Gregory, born in 1942. She is an honor student at the University of Florida.


612b2. Paul Gervase Gregory, III, born May 29, 1952 at Binghampton, N.Y.

613. Mary Catherine Gregory Branaman Myers, born Aug. 19, 1924 at Trimble, Mo. Her husband, Walter Fred Myers, is production manager of the Quaker Oats Co. in St. Joseph, Mo.


62. Helen C. Severin, born Sept. 13, 1900 at Bendena, Kansas. For many years she has lived at Concordia, Kansas.

63. Clarence A. Severin, born at Bendena, Kansas on Oct. 12, 1902; married Rose E. Boos (March 21, 1905) at Atchison, Kansas. For some time he was employed in the banking business and then became president of the Hall Printing Company, Topeka, Kansas, until his retirement.


Julia Ann Severin Huerter, born Jan. 11, 1931 at Atchison, Kansas; married Richard W. Huerter (b. Oct. 9, 1930, Corning Kansas) in 1955 at Topeka, Kansas. After the birth of their third child, they moved from Lawrence, Kansas to Santa Maria, California.

Diane M. Huerter, born May 8, 1957 at Lawrence, Kansas.

Marianne Huerter, born July 21, 1958 at Lawrence, Kansas.

John R. Huerter, born Sept. 5, 1960 at Lawrence, Kansas.

Doris E. Severin Uhing, born Dec. 11, 1932 at Atchison, Kansas; married Cletus B. Uhing (b. May 15, 1930; West Point, Nebr.) at Topeka, Kansas in 1953. At the present time, they reside at Shawnee Mission, Kansas.


Michael Joseph Widen, born March 29, 1957.

Mark Steven Widen, born Oct. 9, 1958.


643. Shirley Ann Duehren, Sister Severin, O.F.M., born Sept. 18, 1935. She is a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, whose motherhouse is at Rochester, Minnesota and serves as a medical technician at Mercy Hospital, Portsmouth, Ohio.

644. Robert Severin Duehren, born June 30, 1939. At present he is serving his term in the Army at Fort Hood, Texas.

645. Helen Louise Duehren, born Nov. 8, 1945.

7. (JOHN) FRANCIS SEVERIN

711. John Joseph Prohaska
   7111. Michael Joseph Prohaska
   7112. Mark Vernon Prohaska
   7113. Kathryn Ann Prohaska
   7114. Linda Marie Prohaska

712. Rose Marie P. Scheltzbaum
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   7122. James Vincent Scheltzbaum
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713. Francis Severin Prohaska
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   7134. Ruth Elaine Prohaska
   7135. Timothy Francis Prohaska

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7110. Margaret Ruth Prohaska

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7212. Stephen Severin
7213. Philip Brice

722. Mary Ruth Wolters Leonard

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7223. Gregory Christopher
7224. Carl
7225. Patricia Eleanor

72. Ruth Margaret Severin Wolters

723. Norma Jean Wolters Wynn

7231. Renee Marie
7232. Robert Joseph
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724. Thomas E. Wolters

725. Nancy Louise Wolters (Sister M. Eleanor, O.S.B.)

726. Patricia Ann Wolters Melching

7261. Patricia Katherine
7262. Jennifer Sue
7263. Sarah Elizabeth

727. Carol Sue Wolters
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    Severin, Jr.

732. Ralph Jerome
    Severin

733. Barbara Jean
    S. Abbas

734. James Lawrence
    Severin

735. John Francis
    Severin

736. Dixie Lee Severin

737. Marcus Shawn Severin

738. William Bernard
    Severin

739. James Lawrence
    Severin

740. John Francis
    Severin

741. Brian Paul Severin

742. Michael Lee Severin

743. Sharon Ruth Severin

744. (Henry) Herbert
    Severin

745. (Mabel) Louise
    S. Wiechec

746. Mary Ann Wiechec

747. George David Wiechec

748. Michele Louise
(John) Francis Severin, born Nov. 15, 1872 at St. Clara, W. Va.; married Mary Barbara Braun (b. Feb. 21, 1876; Belleville, Ill., died May 3, 1955) at St. John, the Baptist, Church near Atchison, Kansas on Feb. 21, 1900. They lived on a large farm near Troy, Kansas. Frank died on Jan. 22, 1929.

Rose Marie Severin Prohaska, born Nov. 9, 1904; married Joseph William Prohaska (b. Dec. 13, 1900 at Atchison, Kansas; died July 4, 1959) at St. Benedict's Church, Bendena, Kansas on Nov. 26, 1924. The family resides at Atchison.

John Joseph Prohaska, born Dec. 14, 1926 at Atchison, Kansas; married Mary Jane Kuckleman (b. June 8, 1930; Everest, Kansas) on Nov. 28, 1953 at St. Joseph's Church in Everest. John is the representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Hiawatha, Kansas. His wife is a nurse.


Rose Marie Prohaska Scheltzbaum, born Sept. 27, 1928; married Vincent Scheltzbaum (b. Aug. 28, 1921) on May 6, 1952 at St. John, the Baptist, Church at Doniphan, a farming community near Atchison where they live.

Rose Mary Scheltzbaum, born June 28, 1953.


Anne Marie Scheltzbaum, born Nov. 21, 1960.

Francis Severin Prohaska, born July 19, 1930 at Atchison, Kansas; married Mary Anne Smith (b. July 14, 1931; Atchison) on Aug. 30, 1952, at St. John, the Baptist, Church at Doniphan, Kansas. He works for the LFM Company and is active in the Army reserves.


Susan Marie Prohaska, born Nov. 5, 1954.
7133. Patricia Anne Prohaska, born July 11, 1956.


714. Thomas Eugene Prohaska, born Dec. 24, 1931; married Marian Fleury (b. Dec. 16, 1937) on Nov. 24, 1955 at St. Francis de Sales Church, Riverside, California. He is a Metropolitan Life Insurance representative in Atchison, Kansas.


715. Katherine Louise Prohaska, born Jan. 22, 1936. She is a school teacher who at the present time is working as a Papal Volunteer on the missions in Belem, Brazil.

716. Rita Mae Prohaska Mosher, born Aug. 6, 1937; married Max Harold Mosher (b. April 12, 1934) at St. Benedict's Church, Atchison, Kansas. She is a registered nurse.


717. Mary Anne Prohaska, born March 11, 1939. She is working for a degree in Education at Mt. St. Scholastica College in Atchison and is an experienced teacher.

718. William Robert Prohaska, born Nov. 23, 1940 is a maintenance mechanic in the Air Force. He is stationed in Texas.

719. Raymond Charles Prohaska, born Nov. 6, 1942, is a member of the Air Force in Okinawa. Guns and ammunition are his specialty.

7110. Margaret Ruth Prohaska, born Jan. 19, 1945. She is a senior at Mt. St. Scholastica Academy, Atchison, Kansas.
7111. Lois Jean Prohaska, born Sept. 29, 1947 is in her sophomore year at Mt. St. Scholastica Academy, Atchison, Kansas.


721. Francis Severin Wolters, born June 1, 1926 at Dallas, Texas; married Theresa Brice, Omaha, Nebr., May 1, 1952. He owns and operates a thriving grocery business in Junction City, Kansas.


722. Mary Ruth Wolters Leonard, born March 10, 1928 at Atchison, Kansas; married Lawrence A. Leonard (b. Jan. 29, 1925 at Junction City, Kansas) at St. Xavier's Church, Junction City, Kansas on Sept. 29, 1949. They reside at Quakertown, Pa., where Dr. Leonard teaches economics at the University of Penn. He was formerly an economic consultant in Washington, D.C., and was employed in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.


7231. Renee Marie Wynn, born at Junction City, Kans., Nov. 17, 1953.


724. Thomas E. Wolters, born Aug. 8, 1932 at Hays, Kans. He has chosen a career in the Navy.

725. Nancy Louise Wolters, born at Hays, Kans., Oct. 30, 1934. After a semester at Mt. St. Scholastica’s College, Atchison, Kans., she entered the Benedictine Order on Jan. 28, 1953, and made her final profession on Aug. 15, 1957. She is known as Sister Mary Eleanor. She has studied and taught in Colorado and is stationed this year in Kansas City, Kans.


7261. Patricia Katherine Melching, born at Manhattan, Kansas, March 26, 1958.


727. Carol Sue Wolters, born at Hays, Kans., March 30, 1940. She works for an airline in Chicago.


735. John Francis Severin, born Nov. 8, 1946.


74. (Henry) Herbert Severin, born at Troy, Kansas, Jan. 6, 1912; married Rhoda Jaynes, Nov. 18, 1942, at Pasadena, California. They reside in North Hollywood, California.


75. (Mabel) Louise Severin Wiechec, born at Troy, Kansas, April 17, 1915; married Matthew Wiechec at Precious Blood Church, Buffalo, N.Y., June 10, 1944. Their home is in Fullerton, California.


8. FREDERICK WILLIAM SEVERIN

81. Urban Frederick Severin

811. Raymond Severin

8111. Raymond, Jr.

8112. Angela June

8113. Theresa Lynn

812. Barbara Louise Severin Bochsler

8121. Jolene Ann

8122. Gayle Marie

8123. Carol Jean

8124. Christopher Joseph

813. Charlotte Lee Severin McClow

8131. Matthew Gary

82. (Mary) Regina "Jean" Severin Koelzer

831. Jeanann Lauer Colle

8311. Collette

8312. Gregory

8313. Janelle

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8315. Anette

83. (Clara) Geneva Severin Lauer

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8332. Joseph Byron

834. James Eugene Lauer

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898. Jeffrey Gerard
The Frederick William Severin Family

Frederick William and Clara Sophia

Standing: Henry, Jean (Regina), James, Frank, Frederick, Jr., Anna Marie, Urban, Geneva, and Bernard
8. Frederick William Severin, youngest child of Frederick J. Severin, was born at St. Clara, W. Va., Feb. 19, 1874. His father's will specified that he be given a good education so he was sent to the rural district school as long as it seemed profitable to attend, and then transferred to the Parkersburg Business College, Parkersburg, W. Va. In 1899, he married Clara Sophia Rastle, daughter of Conrad and Mary (Shaner) Rastle, who was born on May 2, 1874. In 1902, they purchased half a section of land near Axtell, Kansas. In addition to farming, Frederick became known through the area for his success with livestock, particularly feeding cattle for market. After his death on Jan. 11, 1947, Clara purchased a home in Seneca, Kansas, where she resided until she passed away on Jan. 20, 1956. Historical sketches of the families of Frederick and Joseph Severin are given in The History of Nemaha County Kansas by Ralph Tennal printed by the Standard Publishing Co., of Lawrence, Kansas in 1916.

81. Urban Frederick Severin was born in W. Va., on Feb. 20, 1901. He attended Sacred Heart School, Baileyville, Kansas, and one year at St. Mary's Jesuit High School, St. Marys, Kansas. For some years he was employed in the sales department of the Photostat Division of Eastman Kodak Company in Kansas City, Mo. Later he farmed at Axtell, Kansas and Vliets, Kansas. At the present time he is employed in construction work at Cody, Wyoming. He married Rose May Krumm at Pilot Grove, Mo., on Sept. 18, 1928.


812. Barbara Louise Severin Bochsler, born at Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 19, 1932, married Joseph Gerald Bochsler (b. Feb. 17, 1927) at St. Mary's Church, Mt. Angel, Oregon on Nov. 22, 1952. They have a large farm near Mt. Angel.


Matthew Gary McClow, born Nov. 26, 1961 at Corvallis, Ore.

(Mary) Regina "Jean" Severin Koelzer was born at Axtell, Kansas on April 28, 1904. She attended St. Mary's Academy, Leavenworth, Kansas for three years and then Loretto Academy in Kansas City. On Sept. 18, 1928, she married Frederick Charles Koelzer at St. Michael's Church, Axtell, Kansas. Prior to World War II, she was in charge of one of the schools set up by the Government to train girls in home economics. She worked in the business office of the Riss Trucking Co., Kansas City for many years and, more recently, has been in charge of "Accounts Payable" for Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc. The Koelzers have no children of their own, but adopted Richard Joseph Koelzer (b. March 17, 1928). Dick does construction work at Minot, N. Dakota. He and his wife, Marlene Shock Koelzer, have four children: Shelly, Patty, Rickey, and Mark.

Geneva Clara Severin Lauer was born at Axtell, Kansas on March 18, 1907. After graduating from St. Michael's High School, she attended St. Mary's College, Leavenworth, Kansas until her marriage to Cyril Joseph Lauer on Sept. 12, 1929. She inherited her mother's artistic ability which serves as the basis for a number of interesting hobbies. The Lauers operate a funeral home in Seneca, Kansas.

Jeanann Lauer Colle, born at Seneca, Kansas on Aug. 17, 1930. She attended the College of Arts and Sciences of St. Louis University for a year before transferring to the nursing program of St. John's Hospital in St. Louis. The Colles live in Kansas City, Mo.

Collette Colle, born March 24, 1954 at Kansas City, Mo.

Gregory Joseph Colle, born Feb. 21, 1955 at Kansas City, Mo.

Janelle Colle, born Nov. 17, 1958 at Kansas City, Mo.

Christopher David Colle, born April 22, 1960 at Kansas City, Mo.

Anette Colle, born July 21, 1961 at Kansas City, Mo.
832. David Francis Lauer, born Nov. 21, 1932 at Seneca, Kansas. He served as a radio and radar technician in the Air Force in Korea for several years. After his release from the Service, he studied first at Donnelly College in Kansas City, and then at the University of Minnesota where he graduated with a degree in Mortuary Science. He is employed as a funeral director in Minneapolis. On May 26, 1962, he was united in marriage to Sally Pape at St. Olaf's Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

833. Donald Joseph Lauer was born at Sabetha, Kansas on June 30, 1935. He attended Parks College of St. Louis University (aeronautical engineering) and the University of Wichita. He is employed in research for the Atomic Energy Commission at Albuquerque, N. Mex. On Nov. 12, 1959, he married Beverly Kirby at Albuquerque.


834. James Eugene Lauer, born at Seneca, Kansas, Jan. 9, 1945. He is a senior at Sts. Peter and Paul High School.

84. (Thomas) Francis Severin, S.J. was born at Axtell, Kansas on Aug. 16, 1909. After attending Creighton University from 1927 to 1931, he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus at Florissant, Mo., Sept. 8, 1931. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Marys, Kansas on June 22, 1943. He has degrees from St. Louis University and Catholic University and a year's work in student personnel administration at N. Y. U. He is a member of the psychology department of St. Louis University, where he has been stationed since the completion of his studies.

85. (George) Bernard Severin was born at Axtell, Kansas on June 4, 1911. In the early 1930's, he and Henry Severin took up residence at Ellensburg, Washington where he married Frances Graff (b. Oct. 2, 1918) on May 20, 1940. They operate a restaurant which is known throughout the area for its fine sea foods.

851. Gary Frederick Severin, born April 3, 1941. He attended St. Edward's Preparatory Seminary at Kenmore, Washington and at the present time has completed two years in the major seminary. He is a skilled cartoonist.


856. (Mary) Colleen Severin, born March 17, 1948 at Ellensburg, Wash.


861. (John) Henry Severin was born at Axtell, Kansas on Dec. 18, 1912. He is a restaurateur in Ellensburg, Wash., where he has resided since his graduation from high school. During World War II, he served as a radio and radar operator in a PBY Navy patrol plane in the Pacific combat area, and received a medal for outstanding service. On Aug. 14, 1949, he married Lois Marie Ellsworth (b. Nov. 16, 1918) at Ellensburg, Wash.


864. Anna Marie Severin Gruetze was born at Axtell, Kansas on July 7, 1914. She married Cecil August Gruetze (b. Dec. 26, 1911; Goff, Kans.) at Seneca, Kansas, May 17, 1941. Cecil is employed as a city official in Seneca and continues to supervise his farms near Corning, Kans.

865. Carole Jean Gruetze, born at Seneca, Kans., Dec. 21, 1942. She is studying speech therapy at Kansas State College in Manhattan.


88. Frederick William Severin, Jr., was born at Axtell, Kansas on April 18, 1916. For a number of years, he was employed in ship construction in Baltimore, Maryland, but returned home to assist his father whose health was failing. After his father's death, he moved to Sac City, Iowa where, in addition to farming, he feeds cattle for market and has been pioneering new methods of pork production. An ultramodern complex of buildings for raising pigs which he has designed and built will be featured in a forthcoming issue of the Farm Journal. He married Loraine Elizabeth "Betty" Becker (b. Sept. 3, 1924; Corning, Kansas) at St. Michael's Church, Axtell, Kansas on July 3, 1943.


89. James Eugene Severin was born at Axtell, Kansas on June 6, 1918. He served in the Army for the duration of World War II, taking part in the campaigns in North Africa and in Italy. After his release from the Service, he married Joan M. Wicke (b. Dec. 2, 1926) at Omaha, Nebr. They lived first at Ellensburg, then at Moses Lake, Washington until 1961 when they returned to Omaha. He operates heavy construction equipment. Joan is a nurse.

891. Cynthia Ann Severin, born April 12, 1950; died at the age of two weeks.


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