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REPORT TO: REDACTED

OBJECTIVE(S):

- Develop a descending genealogy of Benedict Reichenbach as identified in the 1860 United States Census, Rowsburg, Ashland County, Ohio, dwelling 619, family 619.
 - o The client wishes to develop an understanding of “what sort of lives they led” to include occupation, dates of marriage, pictures (as possible)
- Determine if Christian, Matilda and Ulrich A. Reichenbach belong to the client’s Benedict Reichenbach or a man with the same name and different wife.

BACKGROUND:

The client provided an undocumented descendant chart of Benedicht Reichenbach and Maria Raaflaub with six children:

- i. Maria Elisabeth (b. 24 August 1836, Switzerland)
- ii. Emanuel Carl (b. 21 August 1837, Switzerland)
- iii. Johann Friedrich (b. 21 March 1843, Russia)
- iv. Arnold Benedicht (b. 22 May 1847, Russia)
- v. Samuel Alfred (b. 29 March 1850, Saanan, Switzerland); married Carrie (maiden name not included in pedigree chart)
- vi. John Albert (b. 18 February 1854, Rowsburg, Ohio); married Mabel J. Newcomer. They had one child: Marie (b. 27 August 1891)

Documents:

- 1860 United States Census, Benedict Reichenbach, Ashland, Ohio
- 1907 death record of a Frederick Reichenbach in Stark County, Ohio
- Samuel’s marriage record to Carrie Horton, Butler County, Nebraska
- Ulrich Reichenbach marriage record to Fannie Ellis (determined during research to not belong to client’s family)
- John Reichenbach marriage to Mabel Newcomer, Butler County, Nebraska

- Matilda Reichenbach marriage record, Stark County, Ohio (determined during research to not belong to client's family)
- Christian Reichenbach marriage record to Cecilia Llewellyn (determined during research to not belong to client's family)
- Reference to Daughters of the American Revolution society application of Mabel (Newcomer) Reichenbach, wife of John, based on her own ancestry
- Biographical sketch (from unnamed source) of John Albert Reichenbach
- Newspaper article on Marie Reichenbach's (daughter of John and Mabel) sizeable estate upon her death; she never married

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Christian, Matilda and Ulrich A. Reichenbach were born to parents, Benedict Reichenbach and Susannah Catharine Schopfer. The 1900 United States Census shows this Benedict as having arrived in the United States in 1881. These children are not the children or grandchildren of Benedict Reichenbach, who was born in 1809 in Switzerland and died in 1900 in Butler County, Nebraska. Benedict (1809-1900) had a son, Alfred Benedict Reichenbach, who was born on 18 April 1847 in Kiev, Russia in present-day Ukraine.¹ He died on 5 September 1870 in Holmes County, Ohio without issue.² Joseph C. Plumer was appointed administrator of his estate and his father, Benedict, purchased most of his personal estate items.³

A descending genealogy of five generations beginning with Benedict Reichenbach (1809-1900) and Marie Emma Raafaab (born between 1835 and 1837 and died between 1880 and 1891) is provided in this report. Twenty-seven descendants, plus spouses are identified; the majority primarily descend from Emanuel Charles Reichenbach (Benedict¹) and his wife, Wilhelmina Frisch. Aside from Charles, the only other child of Benedict to have issue was John Albert Reichenbach and his wife Mabel Jennie Newcomer. Their child, Marie H. Reichenbach, never married and her line closed with her death in 1991.

¹ Kiev, Russia, Lutheran Church Book Duplicate, 1833-1885, entry for Arnold Benedikt Reichenbach, birth on 18 April 1847, baptism on 22 May 1847; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-67FW-917> : accessed 27 June 2021).

² "Death of Arnold Reichenbach," *Holmes County Republican*, 8 September 1870, page 4, column 1; digital images, *Genealogy Bank* (<http://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 27 June 2021).

³ Wayne County, Ohio, Administrator's Bonds, Volume 3, 1870-1880, p. 32, administrator's bond of Arnold Reichenbach, 10 September 1870; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 June 2021). Also see, Wayne County, Ohio, Estate Files, File No. 3754, Arnold Reichenbach, sale of personal property on 22 November 1870, estate settled 7 December 1870; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-99Q2-XNW7> : accessed 27 June 2021).

This is an international descending genealogy; therefore, the generational numbering system begins with Generation a-1 for the immigrant ancestor. Generation b-2 depicts the immigrating children of Benedict and Maria. Generations 3-5 represent generations who were solely born in the United States.

Plus signs before names depict individuals who have descendants who are carried forward in the descriptions in the next generation in the descending genealogy.

LIMITATIONS

This round of research was limited to fifteen hours at double the fee due to the client's request to be placed earlier in the research calendar; however, the researcher delivered about 30 hours of research, equivalent to the regular fee.

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RESEARCH DETAILS

Descending Genealogy with International Roots

Generation a-1, Descending:



Figure 1. Sketch of Benedict Reichenbach

1. Benedict^{a-1} Reichenbach was born in Switzerland on 15 October 1809⁴ (**Attachment 2**) and died in Rising City, Butler County, Nebraska on 30 December 1900.⁵(**Attachments 7 and 8**) He married Marie Emma Raaflaub, likely in Switzerland, prior to the birth of their first known child, Elizabeth, who was born sometime between 1835 and 1837 in Switzerland.⁶ On 15 September 1852, he immigrated to the United States through the port of New York with his wife and three children.⁷ (**Attachment 1**) Benedict married
2. Maria Raaflaub was born about 1812 in Switzerland;⁸ she died between 1880 and 1891, probably in Ashland County, Ohio, before her husband sold his Rowsburg, Ashland County, Ohio property and followed their two youngest sons to Nebraska.⁹(**1880 U.S. Census and Attachments 6 and 9**)

⁴ George A. Ogle and Company, *Memorial and biographical record and illustrated compendium of biography; containing a compendium of prominent old settlers and representative citizens of Butler, Polk, Seward, York and Fillmore counties, Nebraska, with a review of their life work...also a compendium of national biography* (Chicago: G.A. Ogle & Co., 1899); digitized copy, *HathiTrust* (<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/wu.89063864599?urlappend=%3Bseq=1043> : accessed 12 June 2021) 1037, J.A. and S.A. Reichenbach, with some biographical information of their brother, E. Charles Reichenbach and father, Benedict Reichenbach.

⁵ "Benedict Reichenbach," *The Bellwood Gazette*, 4 January 1901, front page, bottom of fourth column; digital image, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 27 June 2021).

⁶ Ogle, "Memorial and biographical record...citizens, Butler...," p. 1037, S. A. Reichenbach was born in Switzerland, February 15, 1850. Also see "U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021), Elisa Reichenbach, age 16, arrived on 15 September 1852 aboard the ship *Isaac Bell* sailing from Havre, with her parents and two siblings; citing NARA microfilm publication M237, list number 1297.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Bendit (or Benoit), age 41; Marie, age 40; Elisa, age 16; Arnold, age 5; Alfred, age 2.

⁸ "U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists...," ship *Isaac Bell*, Marie Reichenbach was 40 years old. Also see, 1860 U.S. Census, Ashland County, Ohio, Perry Township, p. 81, dwelling 619, family 619, line 16, Mary Reichenbach was 48 years old; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll number not cited.

⁹ 1880 U.S. Census, Ashland County, Ohio, Rowsburg, population schedule, enumeration district 90, p. 2, dwelling 19, family 21, line 30, Mary Reichenbach was 69; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 991. Also see, Ashland County, Ohio, Deed Book 78:414-415, Benedict Reichenbach to George Fasig, Rowsburg Town Lots 52-53, devised 20 February 1891, recorded 15 April 1891, "I, B. Reichenbach, a widower..."; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLX-K55F-Z> : accessed 27 June 2021).

A biographical sketch of the two youngest sons of Benedict and Maria reports that the ancestral lines of the Reichenbach family originated in Germany. This sketch and a summarized obituary of Benedict provide the following insights into Benedict's life before immigration to the United States:

“During the Thirty Years’ war they were driven from that country and took refuge in Switzerland. They were Protestants in religious faith...In early life, [Benedict] was an artilleryman in the Swiss army and was a messmate of Louis Napoleon during the latter’s exile.”¹⁰ “His reminiscences of his army life as an artillerist with Emperor Napoleon are entertaining. He was a tanner, having established the largest tannery in Russia, introducing the French method of tanning. He enjoyed the patronage of Czar Nicholas, who was present at the opening of his tannery.”¹¹ He operated extensive tanneries in both France and Russia, but lost his property in the latter country during Kossuth’s revolution for having lent aid to the Poles during this Hungarian revolution. His immense property interests totaled about \$250,000 and were confiscated by the czar.¹²

(Attachments 2 and 8)

Upon arrival in the United States, Benedict and Maria made their home in Ashland County, Ohio where Benedict acquired five city lots and established a tannery in Rowsburg of Perry Township.¹³

(Attachments 3-5)

¹⁰ Ogle, “Memorial and biographical record...citizens, Butler...,” p. 1037.

¹¹ “Former Messmate of Napoleon,” *Omaha World-Herald*, 3 February 1901, page 5, column 3; digital images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 27 June 2021).

¹² Ogle, “Memorial and biographical record...citizens, Butler...,” p. 1037. Also see, “Former Messmate of Napoleon,” *Omaha World-Herald*, 3 February 1901, page 5, column 3.

¹³ Ashland County, Ohio, Deed Book 9:136-137, William Smith to Benedict Reichenbach, Rowsburg Town Lots 52 and 53, devised 10 October 1853, recorded 21 November 1853; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4R-KSL5-6> : accessed 27 June 2021). Also see, Ashland County, Ohio, Deed Book 26:679-680, David Boffenmire to Benedict Reichenbach, Rowsburg Town Lots 19-21, 54-56, devised 30 March 1867, recorded 1 May 1867; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLX-JHFK> : accessed 27 June 2021).

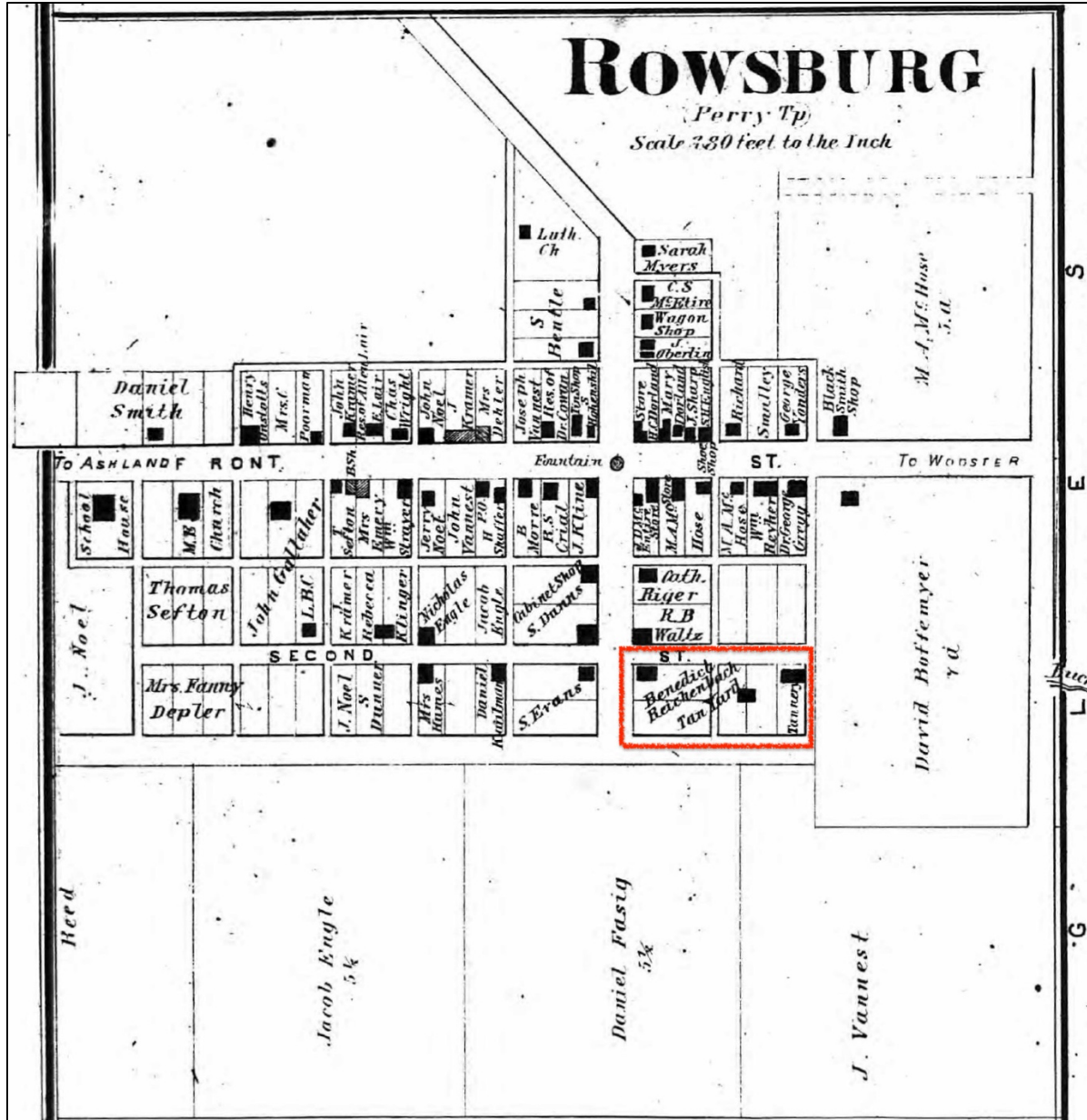


Figure 2. Location of Benedict Reichenbach's Tannery in Rowsburg, Perry Township, Ashland County, Ohio¹⁴

Between 1880 and 1891, Benedict left Rowsburg and resettled in Butler County, Nebraska. He sold the property in Ohio after his departure.¹⁵ (1880 U.S. Census and Attachments 6 and 9)

¹⁴ *Atlas of Ashland County, Ohio* (Condit, Oh.: J.A. Caldwell, 1874), 74, "Rowsburg," showing location of Benedict Reichenbach's "tan yard"; digitized copy, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 June 2021).

¹⁵ Ashland County, Ohio, Deed Book 78:414-415, Benedict Reichenbach to George Fasig, Rowsburg Town Lots 52-53, devised February 1891, recorded April 1891; digital images, *FamilySearch*

Benedict and Maria had six known children. Their birth locations document their lifetime migration from Switzerland through Russia and to the United States:

- 2 i. ELIZA REICHENBACH, born between 1835 and 1837 in Switzerland;¹⁶ died without known marriage or issue on 5 June 1906 in Douglas or Butler County, Nebraska.¹⁷ (**Attachment 92**) The United States Census records from 1860 through 1900 suggest that she resided with her parents or her younger brother for entire life.¹⁸ She was not listed on the 1880 defective, delinquent or disabled schedules of the census.¹⁹
- + 3 ii. EMANUEL^{b-2} CARL "CHARLES" REICHENBACH, born about 1837 in Switzerland; died 21 December 1872 in Jefferson, Marion County, Texas. He married at Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, Wilhelmina Frisch.
- 4 iii. JOHANN FRIEDRICH REICHENBACH, born 17 February 1843 at Alte Krym in the Crimea on the Black Sea in then-Russia, present day Ukraine; he was baptized at the Lutheran Church in Zürichtal, Feodocia, Tavrida, Russia (present-day Ukraine).²⁰ (**Attachment 10**) He died on 5 December 1843 in Odessa, Russia, present-day Ukraine where he was also buried.²¹

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLX-KS5F-Z> : accessed 27 June 2021). Also see, Ashland County, Ohio, Deed Book 79:472, B. Reichenbach to William Defler, deed for town lots, 54-56, devised 20 February 1891 recorded 20 February 1891; digital images, *FamilySearch*

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLX-V9G3-H> : accessed 27 June 2021).

¹⁶ 1860 U.S. Census, Ashland County, Ohio, Perry Township, pop. sch., p. 81, dwelling 619, family 619, line 16, Elizabeth Reichenbaugh was 23 years old and born in Switzerland.

¹⁷ Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 2 August 2021), memorial 99124455, M E Reichenbach, born 1 December 1835 and died on 5 June 1906, she shares a tombstone of B. Reichenbach, her father, whose engraving shows birth on 9 November 1808 and death of 30 December 1900, tombstone image by Beth Sparrow. Also see Lancaster County, Nebraska, death certificate R-251, 0727574, Eliza B. Reichenbach, 5 June 1906; State of Nebraska, Department of Health and Human Services, Lincoln.

¹⁸ 1860 U.S. Census, Ashland County, Ohio, Perry Township, pop. sch., p. 81, dwelling 619, family 619, line 16, Elizabeth Reichenbaugh was 23 years old and born in Switzerland. Also see, 1870 U.S. Census, Ashland County, Ohio, Perry Township, population schedule, p. 17, dwelling 143, family 135, line 22, Eliza Reichenbach residing with her parents, she was born in Switzerland. Also see, 1880 U.S. Census, Ashland County, Ohio, Rowsburg, pop. sch., enumeration district 90, p. 2, dwelling 19, family 21, line 30, Lizzie Reichenbach was 45 and resided with her parents. Also see, 1900 U.S. Census, Butler County, Nebraska, Reading, enumeration district 11, line 71, Marie E. Reichenbach, born December 1830, age 69, born in Switzerland; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll number not cited; FHL microfilm 1240918.

¹⁹ "U.S., 1880 Federal Census Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021), negative results for Eliza Reichenbach; citing NARA microfilm publication T1159, rolls 99-101.

²⁰ Zürichtal, Feodocia, Tavrida, Russia, Lutheran Church Book Duplicate, 1833-1885, entry for Johann Freidrich Reichenbach, birth on 17 March 1843, baptism on 30 March 1843; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-631Q-S1Q> : accessed 27 June 2021).

²¹ "Russia, Select Deaths and Burials, 1815-1917," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021), entry for Johann Friedrich Reichenbach, son of Benedigt Reichebach, died 7 December 1843 in Odessa; citing FHL film number 1882594.

- 5 iv. ARNOLD BENEDICT REICHENBACH, born 18 April 1847 in Kiev, Russia in present-day Ukraine;²² (**Attachment 34**) died 5 September 1870 in Holmes County, Ohio.²³ (**Attachment 12**) “Mr. Arnold Reichenbach, one of the proprietors of the Doncaster House in Orrville, died on Monday evening [5 September 1870] of typhoid fever. Mr. Reichenbach was formerly of Wooster, where we have known him for years, to be a young man of fair promise. His business qualities were good. For several years, he was with Mr. John Zimmerman & Co.”²⁴ A search of deeds in Holmes County failed to produce any evidence of his proprietorship, shared or otherwise, of the Doncaster House or any other real property in the county.²⁵ The Doncaster House was a hotel across the street from the Passenger depot of the railroad station Orrville, Ohio. Several railroads serviced the area.²⁶ (**Attachment 14**) He appears to have never married and had no issue. Joseph C. Plumer was appointed administrator of his estate and his father, Benedict, purchased most of his personal estate items.²⁷ (**Attachments 11 and 13**)
- 6 v. SAMUEL ALFRED REICHENBACH, born in Russia or Switzerland on or about 15 February 1850;²⁸ died 27 May 1939 in Rising City, Butler County, Nebraska.²⁹ On 28 November 1889, Samuel married Carrie M. Horton in Rising City, Butler County.³⁰ She was born in about 1870 in Michigan to Minerva Horton and a yet unknown father. In 1880, Minerva was a widowed schoolteacher in Butler County, Nebraska and listed New York as her place of birth. She had no other children living in the household.³¹ Samuel Alfred built a

²² Kiev, Russia, Lutheran Church Book Duplicate, 1833-1885, entry for Arnold Benedikt Reichenbach, birth on 18 April 1847, baptism on 22 May 1847; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-67FW-917> : accessed 27 June 2021).

²³ “Death of Arnold Reichenbach,” *Holmes County Republican*, 8 September 1870, page 4, column 1; digital images, *Genealogy Bank* (<http://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 27 June 2021).

²⁴ *Ibid.*

²⁵ Holmes County, Ohio, General Index to Deeds, Volumes 2 and 3, negative evidence for Arnold Reichenbach; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 30 July 2021); citing FHL microfilm numbers 432025 and 432026 digitized as DGS 7901088 and 8097694 respectively.

²⁶ “Doncaster House,” advertisement, *Holmes County Republican*, 5 February 1874; digital images, *ChroniclingAmerica* (<https://www.loc.gov> : accessed 27 June 2021).

²⁷ Wayne County, Ohio, Administrator’s Bonds, Volume 3, 1870-1880, p. 32, administrator’s bond of Arnold Reichenbach, 10 September 1870; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 June 2021). Also see, Wayne County, Ohio, Estate Files, File No. 3754, Arnold Reichenbach, sale of personal property on 22 November 1870, estate settled 7 December 1870; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-99Q2-XNW7> : accessed 27 June 2021).

²⁸ 1860 U.S. Census, Ashland County, Ohio, Perry Township, p. 81, dwelling 619, family 619, line 16, Alfred Reichenbach was 10 years old and born in Russia. Also see, “Death of S. A. Reichenbach,” *The People’s Banner*, 1 June 1939, p. 1, “Samuel Alfred Reichenbach was born in Vienna, Switzerland, February 15th, 1850”; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 2 August 2021).

²⁹ *Ibid.*

³⁰ “Nebraska, U.S., Select County Marriage Records, 1855-1908,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021), marriage license and certificate of Samuel A Reichenbach and Miss Carrie M. Horton, 28 November 1889.

³¹ 1880 U.S. Census, Butler County, Nebraska, Reading, population schedule, enumeration district 152, dwelling 52, family 52, household of Minerva A. and Carrie M. Horton; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 744.

strong early foundation with his brother, John Albert Reichenbach, which supported him and his wife for the rest of their lives. (See [Early Life of Reichenbach Brothers](#)) With such success, however, also came challenges – particularly in legal battles. ([Attachment 27](#))

David A. Minick versus Samuel A. Reichenbach, in his role at Rising City Bank concerning title and property to land on which Minick failed to meet mortgage requirements. In about 1891, Minick took out a mortgage for his farm from Aetna; he turned over the mortgage to the bank where Samuel Reichenbach was a director. Minick then became financially embarrassed. Samuel Reichenbach, in his leadership role at the bank, convinced Minick to sign over the property to the bank to resolve his debt. However, Samuel assured Minick that he could later purchase his property back from the bank, if desired. Minick agreed. With Minick’s knowledge, Samuel paid the taxes on and made improvements to the property. After several years, Minick approached Samuel at the bank and agreed to relinquish any future claim to the farm if the bank would execute a smaller loan to him to finance a smaller farm. Samuel agreed and loaned Minick the money for the smaller farm. Over the course of twenty years, the original farm – which Minick had relinquished – tripled in value. Minick then approached the bank to purchase the property back, but Samuel refused because he had already made a deal to relinquish his right to the property. Minick claimed that he had suffered two strokes and didn’t have the mental capacity to know what he was doing when he relinquished title. The Supreme Court of Nebraska ruled in favor of Samuel Reichenbach on three points: (1) Samuel paid the taxes on the property for 10-20 years; (2) Samuel made improvements on the property with the full knowledge of David Minick; (3) Minick had managed to take out a smaller loan and run a farm successfully over the ensuing years—without any evidence of mental capacity issues.³²

Samuel and Carrie had no known children. Samuel’s obituary listed only his wife, his brother John, and his niece Marie Reichenbach (John Albert’s daughter). ([Attachments 30 and 31](#)) When Samuel’s estate was settled in 1940 – a year after his death – it totaled \$548,344. ([Attachments 32 and 33](#)) Taxes on the estate enriched the state assistance fund by \$3,552 and Butler County received \$6,581 in inheritance taxes from the probate.³³

³² Reports of Cases in the Supreme Court of Nebraska, Volume XCVII:629–636, David A. Minick, appellant v. Samuel A. Reichenbach, et. al, filed 29 January 1915 (No. 17,916); image copy, *Google Books* (<https://books.google.com> : accessed 27 July 2021).

³³ “State gets \$3,552,” *Beatrice [Nebraska] Daily Sun*, 28 August 1940, front page; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 2 August 2021).

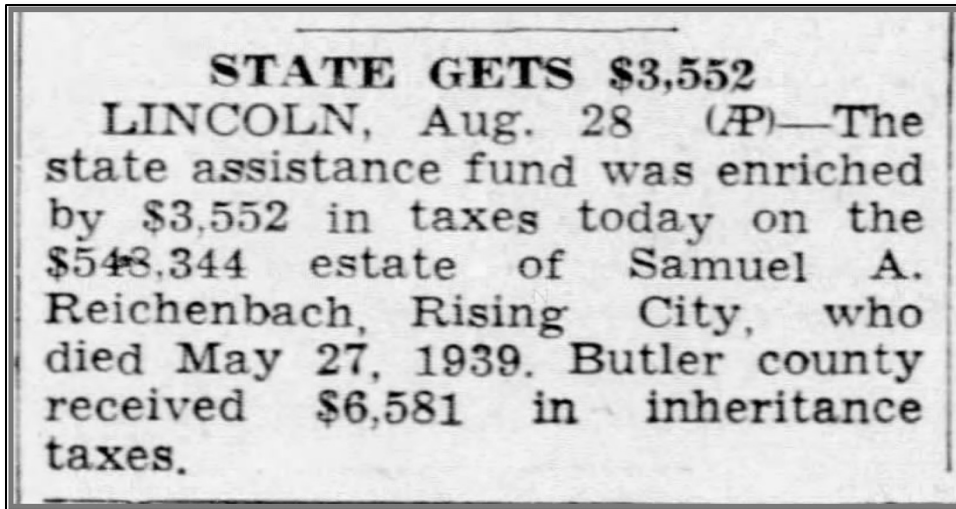


Figure 3. Estate of Samuel A. Reichenbach enriches state and county coffers.³⁴

His will listed the following legatees: ³⁵ (**Attachment 37**)

- Wife, Carrie
- Wife's brother, Jay L. B. Taylor, of Joplin, Missouri
- Wife's cousins: Maud Rickman, Herbert Catlin, Ada Phillips, John Catlin, Ella Laliky, Gene Catlin, Lottie Way, Harvey Hill, Erma Irwin, M. V. Hill, Oscar Hill, Alice Hill, Laura Burgess Hill, Philip Burgess, Ada Bowman Lucas, Amy Jones, Nine Burgess and Libby Burgess Hill.
- Wilhelma [Wilhelmina] Thompson, the daughter of his deceased brother Emanuel Charles Reichenbach. In a codicil dated 26 March 1935, Samuel revoked the provisions and gifts to Wilhelm[in]a Thompson without explanation.
- Mari Reichenbach, the daughter of his brother J. A. Reichenbach

Carrie Reichenbach, Samuel's widow, died on 30 October 1960. Her will included the following legatees: (**Attachment 36**)

- Half-brother: Jay L. B. Taylor
- Contingency if brother should pre-decease her:
 - James M. Taylor, the only son of her half-brother via a trust established at First National Bank of David City, Nebraska with Paul Kosch to be named trustee.

+ 7 vi. JOHN ALBERT^{b-2} REICHENBACH, born in February 1854 in Rowsburg, Perry Township, Ashland County, Ohio; died 27 January 1941 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. John Albert

³⁴ Ibid.

³⁵ Last Will and Testament of Samuel A. Reichenbach, devised 26 March 1935, proven on 7 July 1939 (also, codicil #1, 7 December 1935; codicil #2, 14 July 1937) electronically by email to Pamela Moore from Michelle Brezina, Assistant Clerk, Butler County, Nebraska Court, 20 July 2021, book and page number not cited and the court was moving into session for the week, so time was a factor for the search.

married on 16 January 1890 in Rising City, Butler County, Nebraska, Mabel Jennie Newcomer. See [Early Life of Reichenbach Brothers](#)

Early Life of Reichenbach Brothers

Samuel Alfred and John Albert Reichenbach perhaps had the closest relationship amongst any of the siblings. When Alfred arrived in New York with his parents in 1852, he was only two years old. Two years after his arrival, his younger brother, John Albert was born at the new family home in Ohio. After the two boys were reared and educated in Ohio, they set their eyes on new adventures and migrated westward to Nebraska in 1877.³⁶ By this date, the railway was well established all the way into Nebraska.³⁷ While the young men may have taken a train to Chicago, a primary rail hub, and transferred to another line taking them to Nebraska, that wasn't the chosen mode of transportation. *The Lincoln Herald* covered the death of John's daughter Marie in 1992 and claimed the two young men migrated to Nebraska by covered wagon.³⁸

They first located in Saunders County, west of Omaha, north of Lincoln and just east of Rising City. For the first five years, they lived life close to the land – first in farming for two years, then lumber for three. Then, they moved to Rising City in Butler County where they established Rising City Bank. “In 1888 they opened the Bank of Pittsburg at Pittsburg, Boone County, Nebraska, and in 1897, they organized the Reichenbach Land & Trust Company, with \$50,000 capital. The company owned large tracts of land in Butler and Polk Counties and [was considered] one of the most reliable concerns of the kind in the state.”³⁹ Both brothers were successful businessmen, and their early ventures were joint efforts. ([Attachments 2, 39 and 40](#))

Generation b-2, Descending, Children:

3. Emanuel Carl^{b-2} “Charles” Reichenbach (Benedict^{a-1}), born about 1837 in Vevey, Switzerland;⁴⁰ ([Attachment 15, page 13](#)) died on 21 December 1872 in Jefferson, Marion County, Texas. ([Attachment](#)

³⁶ Ogle, “Memorial and biographical record...citizens, Butler...,” p. 1037.

³⁷ W. W. Walker, *Map Showing location of lands belonging to Iowa Rail Road Land Company, Iowa Falls and Sioux City R. R. Land Company and Sioux City and Pacific Land Company & Elkhorn Land Company* (Cedar Rapids, Ia.: W. W. Walker, 1871), notes at the bottom of the map were advertisements on where to buy tickets and get refunds for westward migration; digital image, *Library of Congress* (<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g4061p.rr004360/?r=0.479,0.372,0.5,0.326,0> : accessed 2 August 2021). Six years prior to their migration, some land companies had begun offering refunds of railroad fares west of Chicago, Illinois to those who purchased and made their first payment on real estate – as the government and land companies sought to encourage westward expansion in the United States

³⁸ JoAnne Young, “Tabitha, NU, Boys Town helped by heiress’s generosity,” *The Lincoln [Nebraska] Star*, p. 16, columns 1-6, top of page; digital image, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 3 August 2021).

³⁹ Ogle, “Memorial and biographical record...citizens, Butler...,” pp. 1037-1038.

⁴⁰ “Letters Received by Commission Branch, 1863-1870,” database with images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/306117538> : accessed 12 June 2021), Memorandum of papers in case of E.C. Reichenbach, late Captain, A.2.M.V. from 1 January 1863 to 1865, file number R770, specifically, page 13, letter dated 10 June 1863, Charleston, West Virginia, letter from E.C. Reichenbach to Brigadier General L. Thomas, “I am 26 years of age, birthplace, Vevey, Switzerland”; citing NARA microfilm publication M1064, Letters Received (“ACP

24) He married on 19 December 1865, **Wilhelmina Frisch**, daughter of Henry and Wilhelmina Frisch, at Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.⁴¹ (**Attachment 49**) She was born on 6 February 1839 in Pennsylvania and died on 19 February 1883 in Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.⁴² (**Find A Grave and Attachment 52**)

E. C. or E. Charles, as he was commonly referred to in the United States, did not arrive with his family members in 1852. His arrival record in the United States remains undiscovered, but a naturalization record was apparently recorded for him in Holmes County, Ohio in 1859 – the same county where his brother Arnold’s obituary was published in 1870.⁴³ Following in his father’s military footsteps, Charles joined B Company, 23rd Ohio Infantry during the Civil War. His prowess with managing the supply lines led to a rapid progression in the ranks. On 19 May 1863, he resigned his commission at First Lieutenant in the Ohio Volunteers—with a personal proclamation to be “totally incompetent to serve as an officer of the line, not knowing anything about military tactics and being unable to march on foot.” On 10 June 1863, he accepted a commission as Assistant Quartermaster at the regimental or depot level in the rank of Captain and transferred to Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. By the end of the war, he was promoted to the rank of Brevet Major for acknowledgement of his competence – a rank with the honor of the title, Major, but without the associated pay. On 13 July 1866, he was honorably mustered out of service.⁴⁴ (**Attachments 15 and 38**) In the immediate months after the discharge of his duties, he took a leadership role on the Dauphin County Soldiers’ Monument Association to recognize the contributions of soldiers: (**Attachment 19**)

Files”), 1863-94, reel 211 covering file numbers R755-R919, Pennsylvania, Civil War; citing textual records of NARA Record Group 94.3, Records of the Appointment, Commission, and Personal (ACP) Branch, Washington, D.C.

⁴¹ Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, St. Michael’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, unpaginated, arranged by type of record (membership, baptism, marriages and deaths) then by date, entry for Reichenbach and Wilhelmine Frisch at Harrisburg by H. Liesman, Pastor, married on 19 December 1865; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021), images by *FamilySearch*. For parents, see 1850 U.S. Census, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, Harrisburg East Ward, p. 188, dwelling 279, family 306, household of Henry and Wilhelmina Frish, line 41, Wilhelmina C. Frisch, age 11; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 774. Also see, 1870 U.S. Census, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, Harrisburg Ward 9, p. 3, dwelling 13, family 14, line 25, Wilhelmina Reichenbach, age 32 and Wilhelmina Reichenbach, age 2, in the household of Barnhart Frisch, age 29, and Wilhelmina Frisch, age 50; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1334.

⁴² *Ancestry*, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021), memorial 179647567, Wilhelmina C. (Frisch) Reichenbach, Harrisburg Cemetery, Section V, tombstone image by “Dee” (user ID), tombstone inscription: Wilhelmina C., wife of, E. C. Reichenbach, born Feb. 6, 1839, died Feb. 19 1883.

⁴³ “U.S. and Canada, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 June 2021), entry for Emanuel Reichenbach, arrive year 1859; citing Jean Slutz, “Holmes County [Ohio] Naturalization Records,” in *Holmes County Heirs 11:1-7* (January/February 1993). The original record was not accessible due to time and geographic limitations in this round of research.

⁴⁴ “Letters Received by Commission Branch, 1863-1870,” p. 36, summary of service as an Assistant Quartermaster with dates and locations, “he was honorably mustered out of service by S.O. [Special Order no. 334, paragraph 3, July 13, 1866].”

DAUPHIN COUNTY SOLDIERS' MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.—A large and enthusiastic meeting of this association was held at the State Capitol Hotel on Saturday evening, Gen. E. C. Williams in the chair.
 Gen. Jordan moved that the Executive Committee having fulfilled its mission, and reported therefrom, be finally discharged. Unanimously agreed to.
 Major Reichenbach moved that the bill of incorporation reported at the previous meeting be adopted, and the action of the committee be approved. Unanimously agreed to. Adjourned.
 Wm. H. Egle, Secretary.

Figure 4. Dauphin County Soldiers' Monument Association, E. C. Reichenbach⁴⁵

Upon transition to civilian life, Charles made an equally indelible mark on his community in Harrisburg. He established a legal practice and was subsequently appointed an Alderman of the Second Ward, Harrisburg: ([Attachments 20 and 21](#))

E. C. REICHENBACH,
Late Major, Quartermaster's Dep't, U. S. A.,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
OFFICE IN COLLEGE BLOCK, THIRD ST.,
HARRISBURG.
 Collections, Officers' and Soldiers' Claims and Accounts promptly attended to.
 Geschäfte können in deutscher Sprache ausgeführt werden.
 sep18-tf

Figure 5. Advertisement, E. C. Reichenbach, Attorney-At-Law⁴⁶

⁴⁵ "Dauphin County Soldiers' Monument Association," *Harrisburg Telegraph*, 28 January 1867, p. 3; digital image, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 27 June 2021).

⁴⁶ "E.C. Reichenbach," advertisement, *Harrisburg Telegraph*, 25 February 1867, front page, column 2; digital image, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 27 June 2021).

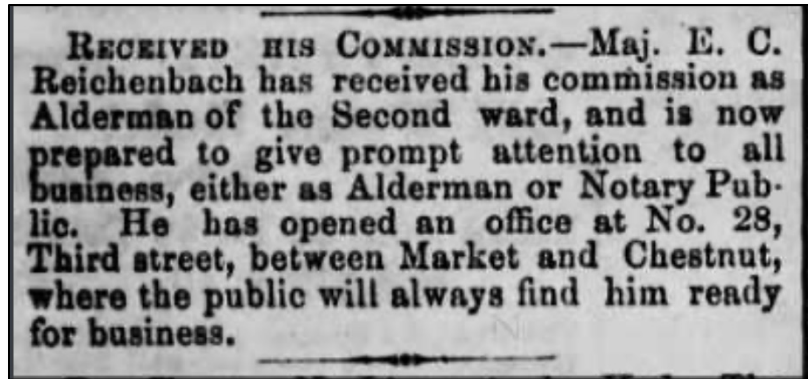


Figure 6. E. C. Reichenbach appointed Alderman of Second Ward⁴⁷

On 13 May 1869, an advertisement in the *Harrisburg Telegraph* listed his Third Street law practice location as for sale. (Attachment 23) Apply to “B. Frisch” suggests that Charles may have been out of town during the sale. B. Frish may have been Barnhart Frisch, his wife’s brother, who was the head of household in the 1870 U.S. Census when Wilhelmina was listed in the Frisch home in the apparent absence of husband and with her daughter. (Attachment 50) In 1872, a simple death announcement appeared in the same newspaper that listed the sale of his property three years prior. No probate record was located in Dauphin County.

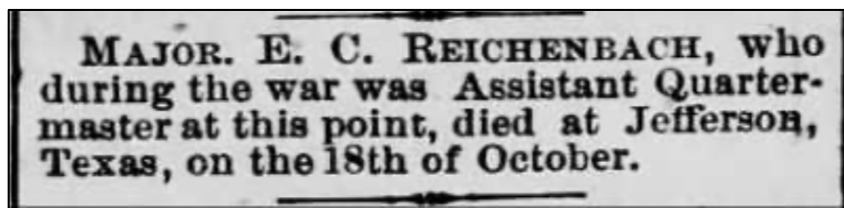


Figure 7. Death Announcement of E. C. Reichenbach⁴⁸

Wilhelmina Reichenbach apparently continued to live with her mother and brother through 1880.⁴⁹ (Attachment 51) On 19 February 1883, she died at age 44 – leaving 15-year-old Wilhelmina Reichenbach with her 68-year-old grandmother, Wilhelmina Frisch. (Attachment 52)

E. Charles and Wilhelmina had only one known child:

⁴⁷ “Received his Commission,” *Harrisburg Telegraph*, 16 April 1867, page 3, column 1; digital image, Newspapers (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 27 June 2021).

⁴⁸ “Major E. C. Reichenbach,” *Harrisburg Telegraph*, 1 November 1872, p. 3, column 2.

⁴⁹ 1880 U.S. Census, population schedule, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, enumeration district 99, p. 26, 501 Market Street (south side), dwelling 241, family 254, household of Wilhelmina Frisch; digital images, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 July 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1124.

+ 8 i. WILHELMINA³ REICHENBACH, born about 1868 in Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania; died 4 May 1964 in Oakmont, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Wilhelmina married in Dauphin County on 21 November 1889, Walter L. Thompson.



Figure 8. J. A. Reichenbach⁴⁸

7. John Albert^{b-2} Reichenbach (Benedict^{a-1}), born in February 1854 in Rowsburg, Perry Township, Ashland County, Ohio;⁵⁰ died 27 January 1941 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.⁵¹ John Albert married on 16 January 1890 in Rising City, Butler County, Nebraska, **Mabel Jennie Newcomer**.⁵² Jennie was the apparent daughter of Thomas W. and Julia A. Newcomer.⁵³ She died on 7 June 1949 in Douglas County, Nebraska.⁵⁴

For his early years, see [Early Life of Reichenbach Brothers](#)

After John and his brother established Rising City Bank, Pittsburgh Bank and the Reichenbach Land Company, John enjoyed the privilege of expansive leadership positions in multiple financial institutions:

- In 1923, he served as Vice President on the Board of Directors of City National Bank in Lincoln, Nebraska.⁵⁵ (**Attachment 44**)
- In 1926, he was an officer for the Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank.⁵⁶ (**Attachment 46**)

⁵⁰ 1900 U.S. Census, Butler County, Nebraska, Reading, enumeration district 11, sheet no. 7, dwelling 268, family 269, line 84, John A. "Richenbagh," born February 1854 in Ohio; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll number not cited; FHL microfilm 1240918.

⁵¹ "J.A. Reichenbach Dies In Omaha," *The Lincoln [Nebraska] Star*, 28 January 1941, p. 12, column 3, died Monday [27 January 1941] in Omaha; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 2 August 2021).

⁵² "Nebraska, U.S., Select County Marriage Records, 1855-1908," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021), entry for John A. Reichenbach and Miss Mabel Newcomer, Butler County, Nebraska, 16 January 1890, Rising City, p. 46.

⁵³ 1870 U.S. Census, Carroll County, Illinois, Lanark, population schedule, p. 10, dwelling 83, family 83, household of Thomas W. and Julia A. Newcomer; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 August 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 191.

⁵⁴ "Nebraska, U.S., Index to Deaths, 1904-1955," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021), entry for Mabel J. Reichenbach, 7 June 1949; citing death certificate no. 5672.

⁵⁵ "The City National Bank," advertisement, *The Lincoln Sunday-Star*, 26 August 1923, p. 6, columns 5-8; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://www.newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 27 July 2021).

⁵⁶ "Comparative Statement, The Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank," *The Lincoln Star*, 17 January 1926, p. 42, columns 5-8; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://www.newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 27 July 2021).

- In 1929, he became Vice President of Lincoln Liberty Life Insurance Company.⁵⁷ (**Attachment 43**)
- In 1930, he was re-elected as Vice President of the Lincoln Trust Company.⁵⁸ (**Attachment 42**)

In 1933, John made a significant philanthropic contribution to the Salvation Army when he gifted to them a building in Lincoln, Nebraska. The charitable organization had previously owned the building, known as the Havelock property, but had to relinquish title due to lack of funds. The building was worth about \$3,000 in 1933; today, the estimated \$3,000 would be worth about \$62,699. John's contribution was recognized in an event led by Salvation Army Major Charles E. Ward at the Lincoln Hotel.⁵⁹ (**Attachment 45**)

Like his brother, legal battles followed. In perhaps the largest of his lifetime, forty-four bondholders sued John, his brother and the Reichenbach Land Company for \$86,000 in damages. Reichenbach Land Company and Lincoln Safe Deposit Company, where John served on the Board of Directors, sold bonds on a mortgage that was never transferred to the persons who made the mortgage on the land and claimed to own it. Instead, the majority of the land remained in the name of Reichenbach Land Company and Lincoln Safe Deposit Company, the latter of which had since filed bankruptcy leaving the bondholders without full compensation.⁶⁰ (**Attachment 29**)

On a social note, John, his wife and daughter enjoyed an extended tour of the United States in 1917: (**Attachment 41**)

⁵⁷ "Don L. Love Chosen Head," *Lincoln State Journal*, 6 February 1929, p. 7, column 4; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://newspaperarchive> : accessed 27 July 2021).

⁵⁸ "Lincoln Trust Annual Meeting," *The Lincoln Star*, 16 January 1930, p. 9, column 5; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://www.newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 27 July 2021).

⁵⁹ "Salvation Army Raises \$10,000," *The Lincoln Star*, 4 July 1933, p. 2; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://www.newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 27 July 2021).

⁶⁰ "Bondholders ask for Damages of \$86,000," [*Lincoln, Nebraska*] *Night Journal*, 19 October 1932, pp. 1 and 2; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 27 July 2021).

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reichenbach and daughter Marie will leave January 10 for an extended tour of the south and west. Their trip will include stops at Los Angeles, Calif.; Nashville, Tenn.; New Orleans, La., and Galveston and Houston, Tex. They will not return until early summer. A number of social affairs, to be held prior to the departure, have been planned for Mrs. and Miss Reichenbach.

Figure 9. J. A. Reichenbach and family enjoy extended tour of United States⁶¹

John and his family made their home in Lincoln, Nebraska until the last four years of his life when they moved to Omaha.⁶² (See **obituary in possession of the client**) A request for his will from the county clerk in Douglas County produced a negative result. They had only one child:

⁶¹ "People You Know, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Reichenbach..." *The [Lincoln] Nebraska State Journal*, 31 December 1916, p. 9, column 2; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 27 July 2021).

⁶² "J.A. Reichenbach Dies In Omaha," *The Lincoln [Nebraska] Star*, 28 January 1941, p. 12, column 3, died Monday [27 January 1941] in Omaha



Figure 10. Portrait of Marie H. Reichenbach⁵⁷

9 i. MARIE H. REICHENBACH, born 26 August 1891 in Rising City, Butler County, Nebraska; died 3 December 1991 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.⁶³ According to her attorney at the time of her death, Raymond Crossman, Jr. reported to *The Lincoln Star* that she “never married, didn’t socialize much, didn’t have many friends, seldom traveled and seemed satisfied with keeping to herself.”⁶⁴

However, this wasn’t true of her early life or of her philanthropic interests. In 1925, she was elected to the position of Corresponding Secretary of the Lincoln Women’s Club, an organization that took interest in civic matters of the city.⁶⁵ (Attachment 47) This position may have come her way due to her father’s position in society or due to her participation in other social circles. Of note, in 1915, she became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a lineage society granting membership to women who could prove they were a descendant of a Revolutionary War soldier. Her membership was gained through her maternal ancestor as follows:

MISS MARIE H. REICHENBACH. 117697
 Born in Rising City, Nebr.
 Descendant of Ensign George Jacob Follmer, as follows :
 1. John Albert Reichenbach (b. 1854) m. 1890 Mabel J. Newcomer (b. 1865).
 2. Thomas William Newcomer (1827-1909) m. 1856 Julia Ann Hatfield (1827-1901).
 3. George Newcomer (b. 1798) m. 1827 Katherine Diffenbacher (b. 1800).
 4. John Diffenbacher (1771-1837) m. 1796 Elizabeth Follmer (1774-1820).
 5. George Jacob Follmer m. 1760 Anna Catherine Walter (1742-1808).
 George Jacob Follmer (1738-1804) served as ensign in the 11th company, 2nd battalion, Northumberland County Associators, 1776. He was born in Tulpehocken; died in Turbut, Pa.
 See No. 114903.

Figure 11. Lineage to a Revolutionary War Soldier, Marie H. Reichenbach, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution⁶⁶

⁶³ “U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014,” database, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021); citing the death records of the Social Security Administration. Also, the location of her birth was covered in Flora Myers Gillentine, Historian General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Lineage Book Volume 118:214 (Washington, D.C.: NSDAR, 1931), Miss Marie H. Reichenbach.

⁶⁴ Young, “Tabitha, NU, Boys Town helped by heiress’s generosity,” *The Lincoln [Nebraska] Star*, p. 16, columns 1-6, top of page.

⁶⁵ “Corresponding Secretary of Woman’s Club,” *The Lincoln Star*, 4 January 1925, p. 16, column 2; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 27 July 2021).

⁶⁶ Gillentine, Historian General, NSDAR, Lineage Book Volume 118:214, Miss Marie H. Reichenbach.

During her lifetime, Marie donated thousands of dollars to “the Omaha Symphony, the Omaha Community Playhouse and the Duchesne Academy and also supported the opera and ballet. She gave about \$100,000 to Joslyn Art Museum.” She made annual contributions to the Tabitha Nursing Home, which her parents started. Most of her estate came from farms owned by her father in Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa. Overall, when she died, her estate totaled well over \$6 million. She left \$2 million each to the Tabitha Nursing Home, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Boys Town in Omaha. Smaller contributions were made to the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and a scholarship fund for Omaha high school students.⁶⁷ A request for her will from Douglas County, Nebraska resulted in the Clerk’s response that the will had been withdrawn from their records in 2017. She reportedly also left \$10,000 each to three unidentified cousins who lived outside Nebraska.⁶⁸ Given her only paternal cousin, Wilhelmina Reichenbach, died in 1964, these gifts were likely left for surviving maternal cousins.

Generation 3, Descending, Grandchildren:

8. Wilhelmina³ Reichenbach (Emanuel^{b-2}, Benedict^{a-1})³ born 20 February 1868 in Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania;⁶⁹ died 4 May 1964 in Oakmont, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.⁷⁰ (**Attachment 58**) Wilhelmina married in Dauphin County on 21 November 1889, **Walter L. Thompson**, the son of Osborne Thompson and Nancy Barkley.⁷¹ (**Attachment 53**) He was born on 1 July 1859 in South Carolina.⁷² He died on 9 January 1927 at home at 306 S. Home Avenue, Avalon, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.⁷³ (**Attachment 57**)

At the time of their marriage, Walter was employed by the Steelton Flour Mill Company. By 1900, Walter and Mina had moved to Chicago, Cook County, Illinois where he was a traveling salesman.⁷⁴ (**Attachment 54**) They owned their home, which was under mortgage, at 584 Kenwood Place. In about 1907, they returned to Pennsylvania and resided in Pittsburgh. A search for them at home in the 1910 United States Census produced a negative result. By 1920, they had returned to Pennsylvania and

⁶⁷ Young, “Tabitha, NU, Boys Town helped by heiress’s generosity,” *The Lincoln [Nebraska] Star*, p. 16, columns 1-6, top of page.

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, last paragraph.

⁶⁹ Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, death certificate 43234-64, Wilhelmina Thompson, 4 May 1964; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021) in database “Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificates, 1906-1967.” Year is consistent with 1870 U.S. Census, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, Harrisburg Ward 9, p. 3, dwelling 13, family 14, line 26, Wilhelmina Reichenbach, age 2.

⁷⁰ *Ibid.*

⁷¹ “Personal Notes,” *The Patriot*, 21 November 1889, marriage announcement of Walter L. Thompson and Mina Reichenbach; digital images, *NewsBank* (<https://www.newsbank.com> : accessed 27 July 2021 from internal Library of Congress databases). For his parents, see Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, death certificate 6029-27, Walter L. Thompson, 9 January 1927; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021) in database “Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificates, 1906-1967.”

⁷² *Ibid.*, death certificate of Walter Thompson.

⁷³ “Walter L. Thompson,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 10 January 1927, p. 5, column 4; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 27 July 2021).

⁷⁴ 1900 U.S. Census, Cook County, Illinois, Chicago Ward 32, enumeration district 1015, sheet no. 17, 584 Kenwood Place, dwelling 178, family 316, household of Walter and Wilhelmina Thompson; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll number not cited; FHL microfilm reel 1240286.

resided at 5534 Raleigh Street, Pittsburgh where Walter was a broker for a refrigeration production company.⁷⁵ At the time of his death, Walter was a district sales manager for the Corn Products Refining Company. (Attachment 57)

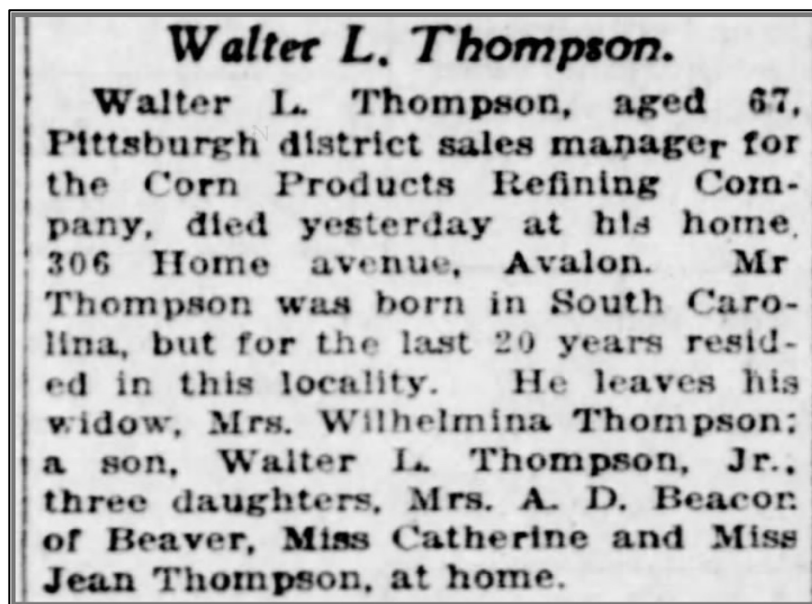


Figure 12. Obituary of Walter L. Thompson⁷⁶

Together, Walter and Mina had the following children:

10 i. CATHERINE THOMPSON, born 20 September 1890 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; died 5 June 1981 in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.⁷⁷ (Attachment 62) Her parents announced her engagement on 19 December 1926 and she married Cecil Kenneth Bell shortly thereafter.⁷⁸ Kenneth was the son of

⁷⁵ 1920 U.S. Census, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Ward 14, enumeration district 550, sheet no. 25B, 5534 Raleigh Street, dwelling 490, family 511, household of Walter L and Wilhelmina Thompson; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 July 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 1522.

⁷⁶ "Walter L. Thompson," obituary, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 10 January 1927, p. 5; digital image, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 27 July 2021).

⁷⁷ "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 July 2021), entry for Catherine Bell, 527-30-6465, last residence 85712, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, birth: 20 September 1890, death June 1981. Also see, "Funeral Notices, BELL, Catherine T.," *Arizona Daily Star*, 11 June 1981, p. 34, column 5; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 28 July 2021).

⁷⁸ "Marriages Announced; New Bridal Dates and Betrothals Made Known," *The Pittsburgh Gazette*, 19 December 1926, p. 54, column 3; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 3 August 2021)

George Bell and Stella Frisbe.⁷⁹ He was born in Indiana on 2 October 1886; died in Tucson, Arizona on 23 February 1954.⁸⁰ (**Attachment 61**)

At the time of Kenneth's death, he was an architect with Place and Place firm in Tucson. He had made his home there for approximately 11 years prior to his death. Prior to his marriage to Catherine, he served in World War I. Catherine survived Kenneth and resided in Tucson for another 26 years. They had no children and her obituary listed only the following survivors: (**Attachments 61 and 62**)

⁷⁹ Pima County, Arizona, death certificate no. 1167, C. Kenneth Bell, 23 February 1954; "Arizona, U.S., Death Records, 1887-1960," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021).

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, death certificate. Also see, "Obituaries, C. Kenneth Bell," *Arizona Daily Star*, 24 February 1954, p. 22, column 1; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 28 July 2021).

BELL, Catherine T., 90, died June 5, 1981. Widow of C. Kenneth Bell and a resident of Tucson for the past 36 years. Survived by sisters, Jane Thompson Ritchie, New Canaan, CT and Margaret Thompson Beeker, Sarasota, FL; nephew, Walter L. Thompson, New Canaan, CT. Memorial Services, 10 a.m., Friday, June 12, 1981 at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church (Chapel) with Rev. Dr. Paul David Sholin officiating. Interment in White Chapel Cemetery, Birmingham, MI. Remembrances may be made to any favorite charity. Arrangements by **ARIZONA MORTUARY UNIVERSITY CHAPEL, (University at North Stone.)**

Figure 13. Obituary of Catherine Thompson Bell⁸¹

⁸¹ "Funeral Notices, BELL, Catherine T.," *Arizona Daily Star*, 11 June 1981, p. 34, column 5; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 28 July 2021).

+ 11 ii. WALTER LOWRY⁴ THOMPSON, JR., born 23 April 1892 in Germantown, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; died 8 June 1949 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He married at Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania on 4 September 1924, Adah LaVerne Hilderbrand.

+ 12 iii. MARGARET GRAY⁴ THOMPSON, born 23 April 1892 in Germantown, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, a twin to Walter Lowry Thompson, Jr.; died 29 November 1982 in Sarasota, Florida. She married at Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania on 5 April 1922, Alfred DePierre Beeken, Jr.

13 iv. ELIZABETH THOMPSON, born January 1897 in Cook County, Illinois;⁸² died 15 March 1901 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.⁸³

14 v. JANE THOMPSON, born 9 December 1907 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; died 25 May 1985 in Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut. She married between 1930 and 1940, **Andrew Carnduff Ritchie**, a Scottish immigrant who was born on 18 September 1907 in Bellshill, Lanarkshire, Scotland to Andrew Ritchie and Jeanie Baird Gilchrist.

14	Andrew Carnduff Ritchie	1907	Andrew Ritchie	Andrew Ritchie	1907
		September Eighteenth	Black Works Clerk	Father	October 7
		7 th Corn Ann. Woodside Place Bellshill	Jeanie Baird Ritchie nee Gilchrist		At Bellshill Gavin Blackie Registrar.
			1906 June 1 st Bellshill		

Figure 14. Birth Record of Andrew Carnduff Ritchie, Lanark, Scotland⁸⁴

Fifteen-year-old Andrew immigrated to the United States on a journey through the port of New York as a joiner bound for Braddock, Pennsylvania.⁸⁵ (**Attachment 93**) His journey led him and his later wife, Jane, on an incredible lifetime of adventures as his education and military service led him to manage many art galleries and to become a Monuments Man during World War II, focused on reclaiming stolen artworks during the war and seeking to return them to their rightful owners: (**Attachments 80 and 81**)

“ Museum director and curator, Andrew Carnduff Ritchie was born in Bellshill, Scotland in 1907. When he was fifteen years old, his family immigrated to the United States and settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While he dreamed of attending college in America, he knew his family would never be able to afford it. At the young age of seventeen, he began working at Westinghouse Electric

⁸² 1900 U.S. Census, Cook County, Illinois, Chicago Ward 32, enumeration district 1015, sheet no. 17, 584 Kenwood Place, dwelling 178, family 316, line 10, Elizabeth Thompson, born January 1897.

⁸³ “Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Deaths Index, 1878-1922,” database, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021), Elizabeth Thompson, 15 March 1901, age 4; citing FHL microfilm 1239665.

⁸⁴ Lanarkshire, Scotland, birth register entry for Andrew Carnduff Ritchie, 7 October 1907; digital image, ScotlandsPeople (<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk> : accessed 3 August 2021).

⁸⁵ “New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957,” database with images, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021), arriving aboard the S. S. Saturnia on 3 February 1923, sailing from Glasgow, Scotland, 15-year-old Andrew Carnduff Ritchie, a joiner, meeting his father, Andrew Ritchie at North Braddock, Pennsylvania; citing NARA microfilm publication T715, roll number not cited.

eventually saving enough money to pay for his own tuition at the University of Pittsburgh. There, he earned a Bachelor's degree in 1927 and a Master's degree in Medieval Studies in 1933.

Ritchie's natural talent and self-determination earned him a fellowship to study at the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, where he completed a Ph.D. in English Medieval Art in 1935. Upon his return to the United States, he began work as a research assistant and lecturer at the Frick Collection in New York. He also gave lectures at New York University and Johns Hopkins University. In 1942 he was appointed Director of the Albright Art Gallery (today, the Albright-Knox Gallery) in Buffalo, New York.

In mid-1945 Ritchie was selected by the Roberts Commission to assist the MFAA with restitution of objects looted from Austria. Taking a leave of absence from the Albright Gallery, he travelled to Vienna, where he served at Headquarters of United States Forces in Austria (USFA) alongside Monuments Men Lt. Col. Ernest T. DeWald, Lt. Cdr. Perry Cott, and Lt. Frederick Hartt. In November he was selected as the successor to Monuments Man Maj. L. Bancel LaFarge as Chief of the MFAA Section for the United States Forces, European Theater (USFET) in Austria. As the representative of the USFA at the Munich Central Collecting Point, some of his most memorable accomplishments include personally escorting Jan Vermeer's *The Artist's Studio* ("the Czernin Vermeer") to Vienna in a private railroad car, and accompanying the Holy Roman regalia from Nuremberg to Vienna on board a C-47 transport plane.

In the years following his return to the United States, Ritchie served in influential positions at some of America's most prominent cultural institutions. After departing the Albright Gallery in 1949, he became Director of the Painting and Sculpture Department at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. In 1957 he succeeded former Monuments Man Lamont Moore as Director of the Yale University Art Gallery. His most notable acquisition was that of Paul Mellon's impressive collection of British art, which he used as the basis for a new museum, the Yale Center for British Studies (today, the Yale Center for British Art). In addition to commissioning famed architect Louis Kahn for the museum's innovative building, Ritchie continued to expand the collection. In 1970 he was the first American citizen given an honorary Ph.D. from the Royal College of Arts in London. Following his retirement from Yale in 1971, he spent one year as Robert Sterling Clark Professor of Art History at Williams College in Massachusetts.

Andrew Ritchie died in Sharon, Connecticut on August 12, 1978. To this day, the Yale Center for British Art and the Yale University Art Gallery jointly sponsor the annual Andrew C. Ritchie Lecture in tribute to his transformative contributions.⁸⁶ ”

⁸⁶ “Andrew Carnduff Ritchie (1907-1978),” *Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art*, database with biographies and images (<https://www.monumentsmenfoundation.org/ritchie-andrew-c> : accessed 28 July 2021).

Jane made a career working for ophthalmologists in Pittsburgh, New York City and New Haven, Connecticut.⁸⁷ The couple had no known children, but travelled extensively as shown in Andrew's biography, Jane's obituary and multiple passenger lists: (**Attachments 75, 78 and 79**)

Name of Ship		R.M.S. "IVERNIA"		Date of Arrival		28th July, 1960	
Owner or Agent		THE CUNARD STEAM-SHIP COMPANY LIMITED		Whence Arrived		MONTREAL	
RITCHIE Andrew	910	M	11.9.07	M	Whitebridge, Stratherrick, Invernesshire	Art Director Gallery	" "
RITCHIE Jane	911	F	9.12.07	M	As above	Housewife	" "

Figure 15. Arrival Record, H.M.S. "Ivernia," Andrew and Jane Ritchie, 28 July 1960⁸⁸

Name of Ship		ILE DE FRANCE		Date of Arrival		MAY 18th 1955							
Owner or Agent		FRENCH LINE		Whence Arrived		NEW YORK NY. U.S.A.							
P.M.2A. Second Schedule													
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF ALIEN PASSENGERS LANDED AT THE PORT OF PLYMOUTH													
197-	RITCHIE Andrew	"	"	M	9.12.07	Victoria Hotel LONDON	Technician	"	"	"	"	3 Mos	"
198-	" Jane	"	"	F	12.9.07	"	Technician	72	"	"	"	"	"

Figure 16. Arrival Record, Ile de France, 18 May 1955, Andrew and Jane Ritchie⁸⁹

⁸⁷ "Obituary, Jane T. Ritchie," *The Berkshire [Massachusetts] Eagle*, 30 May 1985, p. 10, column 2; digital image, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 28 July 2021).

⁸⁸ "UK and Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 July 2021), entries for Andrew and Jane Ritchie on the R.M.S. "Invernia" owned by The Cunard Steamship Company, arrived from Montreal, Canada to Greenock Scotland on 28 July 1960; citing series BT26, *Board of Trade: Commercial and Statistical Department and successors: Inwards Passenger Lists*, the National Archives of the UK, Kew, Surrey, England. Jane planned to stay for two months and Andrew for nine weeks.

⁸⁹ "UK and Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 July 2021), entries for Andrew and Jane Ritchie on the Ile de France (French Line), arrived from New York City to Plymouth, England on 24 May 1955; citing series BT26, Official Number 4602/30, *Board of Trade: Commercial and Statistical Department and successors: Inwards Passenger Lists*, the National Archives of the UK, Kew, Surrey, England. They planned to stay for three months.

Jane T. Ritchie

CANAAN, Conn. — Mrs. Jane Ritchie, 77, of West Main Street, died at her home Saturday.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1907, daughter of Walter and Wilhelmina Richenbach Thompson, she was the widow of Andrew Carnduff Ritchie, who was the director of the Yale University Art Gallery.

She moved to Clayton, Mass., about 20 years ago and lived in Clayton Center for many years until moving to Canaan a few years ago.

Mrs. Ritchie worked with ophthalmologists in Pittsburgh, New York and New Haven.

She leaves several nephews.

A memorial funeral service will be held tomorrow at the North Canaan Congregational Church in East Canaan. Memorial contributions may be made to the Douglas Library in Canaan.

Figure 17. Obituary of Jane (Thompson) Ritchie⁹⁰

⁹⁰ "Obituary, Jane T. Ritchie," *The Berkshire [Massachusetts] Eagle*, 30 May 1985, p. 10, column 2.

Generation 4, Descending, Great Grandchildren:



Figure 18. Walter Lowry Thompson, Jr.⁸⁴

11. Walter Lowry Thompson, Jr., born 23 April 1892 in Germantown, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; died 8 June 1949 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.⁹¹ (**Attachments 67 and 68**) He married at Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania on 4 September 1924, Adah LaVerne Hilderbrand.⁹² (**Attachment 63**) She was the daughter of Washington T. and Jennie Hilderbrand.⁹³ She died on 8 September 1995 in Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut.⁹⁴

Probably the most comprehensive view of his life is provided in his obituary: (**Attachment 68**)

“Walter L. Thompson, Jr., of Bellevue, assistant sale[s] manager for the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation in the Pittsburgh district, died Wednesday morning of a heart attack as he was driving to his office.

Mr. Thompson began his career with Jones and Laughlin in 1916 as a clerk in the order department, later working a year in the Midand [Midland?] plant of the Crucible Steel Company as a mill hand. In 1919 he was promoted to salesman for the Pittsburgh district, and in 1936 was made assistant district sales manager.

Born in Germantown, Pa., in 1892, Mr. Thompson later moved to Pittsburgh with his family. He attended Shadyside Academy and Cascadilla Prep School in Ithaca, N. Y.

He served two and one-half years with the Motor Transport Division in World War I and was discharged with the rank of captain.

Mr. Thompson was a member of Dallas Lodge, F. and A. M., and the Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

⁹¹ Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, death certificate 57436, Walter L. Thompson, Jr., 8 June 1949; “Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificate, 1906-1967,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021).

⁹² “Early September Date,” *Pittsburgh Daily Post*, 20 August 1924, p. 8, column 2; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 28 July 2021).

⁹³ 1910 U.S. Census, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Ben Avon, enumeration district no. 14, sheet no. 8A, dwelling 158, family 169, household of Washington T. and Jennie Hilderbrand; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 1292; FHL microfilm reel 1375305.

⁹⁴ “Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021), entry for Adah L. Thompson, 8 September 1995, born on 26 September 1896, widowed from Walter, her father’s surname was Hilderbrand.

Surviving are his wife, Adah H. Thompson at the family home, 192 Irwin avenue, Bellevue; his mother Mrs. Wilhelmina R. Thompson of Beaver, Pa., and two sons, Donald H., a student at Penn State College, and Walter L. Thompson, III, of Pittsburgh.

Services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at his home. Burial will be announced later.⁹⁵ ”

The horror of World War I and the massive loss of life among allied troops is most certainly exemplified by the Walter’s rapid promotion record – which, no doubt, was due to the mass casualties suffered by his fellow soldiers: (**Attachment 66**)

- From 14 April through 24 April 1917 (seven days): Walter was a newly minted Private in the Army serving with the 18th Pennsylvania Infantry.⁹⁶
- On 24 April 1917, just a week into his service, he was promoted to Regimental Supply Sergeant.⁹⁷
 - On or about 5 August 1917, he and/or his unit was reassigned to the 111th Infantry, 28th Division.⁹⁸
- On 9 July 1918 of the following year, Sergeant Thompson received a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps; on the same date, he was reassigned to Motor Supply Train 420.⁹⁹
- On 12 September 1918, a mere two months after his direct commission, he was promoted to First Lieutenant where he served until his discharge on 5 March 1919. He completed out-processing from the military at Camp Dix, New Jersey.¹⁰⁰

Walter and Adah had the following two children:

- + 15 i. WALTER LOWRY⁵ THOMPSON III, born 10 June 1925 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; died 6 January 2009 in Portland, Maine. He married at Mare Island Naval Base in California on 7 August 1951, Clara Jane Starrett.
- + 16 ii. DONALD H.⁵ THOMPSON, born 5 August 1926 in Bellevue, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; died 11 August 2000. His engagement to Cylinda Ann Cryder was announced on 12 February 1956 with a Spring wedding expected to follow shortly thereafter.

⁹⁵ “J. & L. Sales Official Dies,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 9 June 1949, p. 20, column 1; digital image, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 28 July 2021).

⁹⁶ Walter Lowry Thompson, Jr., Veteran’s Compensation Application no. 31378, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 3 February 1934; “Pennsylvania, U.S., World War I Veterans Service and Compensation Files, 1917-1919, 1934-1948,” digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 July 2021); originals stored at Pennsylvania History and Museum Commission, Harrisburg.

⁹⁷ *Ibid.*

⁹⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰⁰ *Ibid.*

12. Margaret Gray Thompson, born 23 April 1892 in Germantown, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, a twin to Walter Lowry Thompson, Jr.; died 29 November 1982 in Sarasota, Florida.¹⁰¹ She married at Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania on 5 April 1922, Alfred DePierre Beeken, Jr.¹⁰² (**Attachments 70 and 71**) Alfred was the son of Alfred DePierre Beeken and Grace Lazell.¹⁰³

His lifetime is best summarized in his obituary: (**Attachment 74**)

“ Alfred D. Beeken Jr., vice president in charge of sales for the Vulcan Crucible Steel Division of the H. K. Porter Co., died yesterday at his home here.

The 65-year-old industrialist had been with the Vulcan division since his graduation from Carnegie Institution of Technology 42 years ago.

He lived at 150 Beaver St. here.

Mr. Beeken was a member of the Beaver Valley Country Club, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the American Society for Metals and the Beaver Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Margaret T. Beeken; two sons, Alfred D. III and Dr. Warren L. Beeken; a sister, Mrs. John M. Hull, and four grandchildren.

Friends are being received at the Wilson Funeral Home, 789 Second St., Beaver, where services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Burial will be in Beaver Cemetery.¹⁰⁴ ”

No obituary was located for Margaret. Together, Alfred and Margaret had the following two children:

+ 17 i. ALFRED DEPIERRE⁵ BEEKEN III, born 4 March 1923 in Rochester, Pennsylvania. His engagement to Mary Lou Oskin was announced on 5 June 1947.

+ 18 ii. WARREN LAZELL⁵ BEEKEN, born 6 May 1926 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; died 20 June 2004 in Richmond, Vermont. He married at Toronto, Canada on 11 August 1950, Ruth Ann Knerr.

¹⁰¹ “Florida, U.S., Death Index, 1877-1998,” database, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 July 2021); citing State of Florida, Death Index.

¹⁰² “Invitations are Out for Wedding,” *The Marion [Ohio] Star*, 28 March 1922, p. 2, column 7; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 28 July 2021). Also see, “Engagement Announced at Dinner in Athletic Club...,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5 April 1922, p. 18, column 1, third paragraph under header (header isn’t about Margaret and Walter’s wedding); digital image, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 28 July 2021).

¹⁰³ 1900 U.S. Census, Union County, New Jersey, Fanwood, enumeration district 188, sheet no. 15, dwelling 282, family 287, household of Alfred D. and Grace L. Beeken, line 78, Alfred D. Beeken, Jr.; digital images, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll number not cited; FHL microfilm 1240996.

¹⁰⁴ “Steel Sales Official Dies in Beaver,” *The Pittsburg Press*, 27 March 1956, p. 7, column 1; digital image, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 28 July 2021).

Generation 5, Descending, Second Great Grandchildren:

15. **Walter Lowry Thompson, III**, born 10 June 1925 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; died 6 January 2009 in Portland, Maine.¹⁰⁵ (**Attachment 84**) He married at Mare Island Naval Base in California on 6 August 1951, **Clara Jane Starret**.¹⁰⁶ (**Attachment 83**) She was the daughter of Clare Starret and Agnes Lynch.¹⁰⁷ Clara died on 23 July 2001 in Portland, Maine.¹⁰⁸ Walter's and Clara's wedding story was somewhat of a fairy tale:

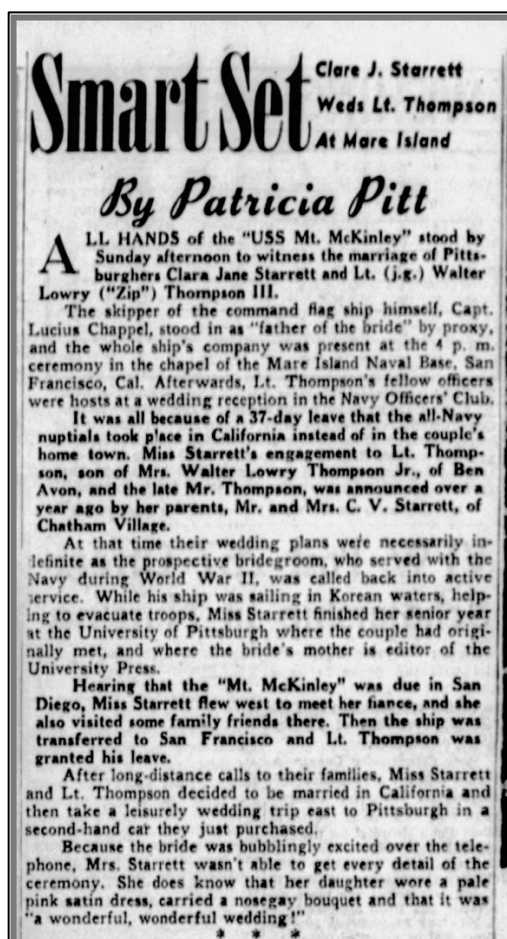


Figure 19. Wedding Story of Lt. J. G. Walter Lowry "Zip" Thompson III and Clara Jane Starrett¹⁰⁹

¹⁰⁵ "THOMPSON, WALTER LOWRY III," *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 11 January 2009, p. 21, column 4; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 29 July 2021).

¹⁰⁶ Patricia Pitt, "Smart Set," *Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph*, 7 August 1951, p. 13, column 4; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 29 July 2021).

¹⁰⁷ "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021), entry for Clara Jane Starrett, born 27 March 1929 in Pittsburgh and died on 23 July 2001, her parents were Clare V. Starrett and Agnes Lynch.

¹⁰⁸ *Ibid.*

¹⁰⁹ Patricia Pitt, "Smart Set," *Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph*, 7 August 1951, p. 13, column 4; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 29 July 2021).

The most comprehensive story of Walter's lifetime is provided in his obituary: (**Attachment 84**)

“ Age 83, died peacefully at home in Portland, ME, surrounded by his children, on January 6, 2008. Walter, known as “Zip” to his contemporaries and “Grump” to his grandchildren, was born June 10, 1925 in Pittsburgh, PA, to Walter Lowry and Adah Hilderbrand Thompson.

He attended Duke University and Carnegie Tech, graduating with a BA in English from the University of Pittsburgh. After active duty as an Ensign with the US Navy in World War II, he was recalled to serve as Lieutenant with the amphibious forces in Korea at the Inchon, Wonsan and Hungnam landings.

Walter married his college sweetheart, Clare Starrett, daughter of C.V. and Agnes Starrett of Pittsburgh. They were married for fifty years. Clare predeceased him in 2001. With their four children, they resided in Pittsburgh, Sewickly and in Connecticut before retiring to Portland, ME.

Walter taught typography, graphic design and expository writing at Carnegie Tech before beginning a career in advertising at Ketchum, McLeod & Grove; Fuller, Smith & Ross; and Baton, Barton, Durstine & Osborn in Pittsburgh, then at Marschalk, Co.; International Nickel, Co; and J. Walter Thompson in New York. Walter was a devoted father and grandfather, lifelong Democrat, avid reader, political enthusiast, creative thinker and talented writer and artist.

Surviving family members include his four children: Lowry Thompson; Molly Thompson and husband John Naylor of Portland, ME; Andrew Thompson and wife JoAnn Zinn of Takoma Park, MD; Sarah Thompson and partner Diane Stafford of Provincetown, MA and his niece Beth Thompson and nephew Randall Thompson and wife Cindy. Walter will be greatly missed by his grandchildren Atticus, Emmett and Finn Naylor and Sydney and Lily Thompson.

A porch-front patriarch, “Grump” will also be missed by the children in his Portland neighborhood. A celebration of Walter's life will be held in the spring. Donations can be made to: VNA Home Health Care and Hospice, 50 Foden Road, South Portland, ME 04106.

To offer words of condolence to the family and sign a guest book, go to the obituary page at www.independentdeathcare.com Arrangements are under the guidance of INDEPENDENT DEATH CARE, 471 Deering Avenue, Portland.¹¹ ”

Walter and Clara had four children:

- 19 i. LOWRY SCOTT THOMPSON, (redacted personal information).
- 20 ii. MOLLY THOMPSON, (redacted personal information).
- 21 iii. SARAH THOMPSON, (redacted personal information).
- 22 iv. ANDREW THOMPSON, (redacted personal information).

¹¹⁰ “THOMPSON, WALTER LOWRY III,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 11 January 2009, p. 21, column 4; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 29 July 2021).

16. **Donald Hilderbrand Thompson**, born 5 August 1926 in Bellevue, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; died 11 August 2000.¹¹¹ (**Attachment 86**) His engagement to **Cylinda Ann Cryder** was announced on 12 February 1956 with a Spring wedding expected to follow shortly thereafter.¹¹² (**Attachment 85**)

¹¹¹ "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021), entry for Donald Hilderbrand Thompson, birth 5 August 1926, death 11 August 2000.

¹¹² "Couple Planning Spring Nuptials," *The Pittsburgh Press*, 12 February 1956, p. 65, column 6; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 29 July 2021).

Couple Planning Spring Nuptials

An announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Cryder of Morris, Ill., concerning the engagement of their daughter, Cylinda Ann, and Donald Hilderbrand Thompson. The couple will be married in the spring.

Miss Cryder attended the University of Arizona at Tucson and Katharine Gibbs School in Chicago. She graduated from the University of Illinois.

Mr. Thompson, son of Mrs. Walter L. Thompson Jr. of Dalzell Avenue, Ben Avon, and the late Mr. Thompson, graduated from Pennsylvania State University.

Figure 20. Spring Nuptials Announcement, Donald Hilderbrand Thompson and Cylinda Ann Cryder¹¹³

Donald served in the United States Navy in World War II with duty at the Personnel Service Center in Shelton, Virginia. He entered service on 11 October 1944 and was discharged on 2 March 1946.¹¹⁴ (Attachment 87)

Donald and Cylinda "Cyndi" had two children:

¹¹³ "Couple Planning Spring Nuptials," *The Pittsburgh Press*, 12 February 1956, p. 65, column 6; digital images, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 29 July 2021).

¹¹⁴ Donald Hilderbrand Thompson, Veteran's Compensation Application for World War II Compensation, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 7 March 1950; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 July 2021); originals stored at Pennsylvania History and Museum Commission, Harrisburg.

23 i. RANDY THOMPSON

24 ii. BETH THOMPSON

17. **Alfred DePierre Beeken, III**, born 4 March 1923 in Rochester, Pennsylvania.¹¹⁵ (**Attachment 94**) His engagement to **Mary Lou Oskin** was announced on 5 June 1947. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Oskin of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.¹¹⁶ (**Attachment 89**) Mary Lou was a graduate of Moravian Seminary and attended Hood College.¹¹⁷

Alfred's obituary provides the most comprehensive overview of his life:

“ Alfred D. Beeken III, 92, of Fox Chapel, died peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015. He was the beloved husband of 63 years to the late Mary Louise Oskin Beeken; father of Alfred D. Beeken IV (Karen) and Laura W. Beeken, both of Pittsburgh, and John H. Beeken (Bonita), of Davidson, N.C.; grandfather of six; great-grandfather of two; and brother of the late Dr. Warren Beeken.

A member of our Greatest Generation, Al was born in Rochester and raised in Beaver. A 1947 graduate of Lehigh University he served proudly in World War II. He worked his entire career for U.S. Steel.

He was a member of the Pittsburgh Field Club for more than 50 years, where he enjoyed playing golf and gin with his many friends. He was intensely devoted to his loving family. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015, at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. Arrangements by McCABE BROS. INC.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Al's name to Forbes Hospice at West Penn Hospital, 4800 Friendship Ave., Floor T-8, Pittsburgh, PA 15224, www.ahn.org/ways-to-give/forbes-hospice/donors, or Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, 384 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.¹¹⁸ ”

Alfred and Mary Lou had the following children:

25 i. LAURA W. BEEKEN, (redacted personal information)

26 ii. ALFRED DEPIERRE BEEKEN, IV, (redacted personal information).

27 iii. John H. Beeken, (redacted personal information).

¹¹⁵ “Pennsylvania, U.S., Veteran Compensation Application Files, WWII, 1950-1966,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021), application of Alfred D. Beeken III; citing Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Record Group 19, Series 19.92, World War II Veterans Compensation Applications, Harrisburg.

¹¹⁶ “Beaver Man is Engaged to Wed Bethlehem Girl,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5 June 1947, p. 10, column 5; digital image, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 29 July 2021).

¹¹⁷ *Ibid.*

¹¹⁸ “Alfred Beeken,” obituary database, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://www.newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 29 July 2021).

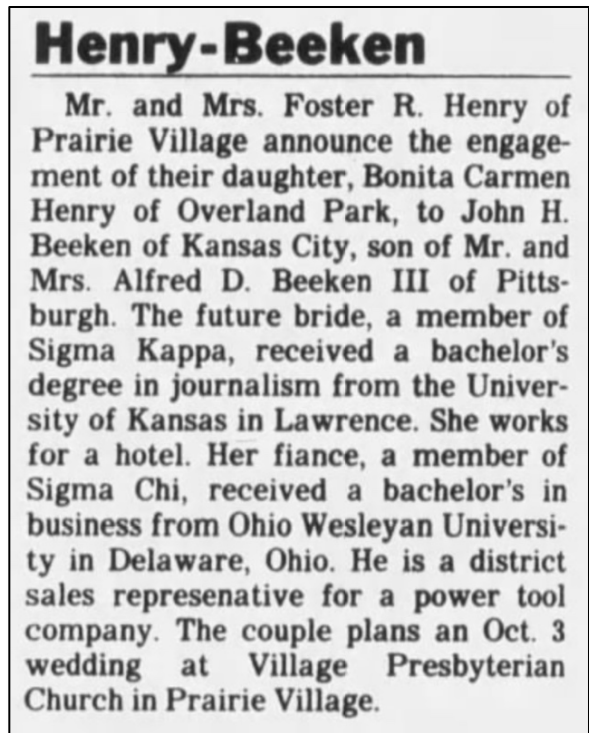


Figure 21. Engagement Announcement of Bonita Carmen Henry to John H. Beeken¹¹⁹

18. **Warren Lazell Beeken**, born 6 May 1926 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; died 20 June 2004 in Richmond, Vermont.¹²⁰ He married at Toronto, Canada on 11 August 1950, **Ruth Ann Knerr**.¹²¹ (**Attachment 90**) She was the daughter of George R. Knerr and Virginia M. Pohl. She was born on 20 August 1924; died on 22 January 2007.¹²²

¹¹⁹ Ibid.

¹²⁰ Vermont Certificate of Death, file no. 04002343, Warren L. Beeken, death 20 June 2004, born 6 May 1926 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; "Vermont, U.S., Death Records, 1909-2008," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021).

¹²¹ "Canadian Church Marriage Scene," *The Pittsburgh Press*, 16 August 1950, p. 28, column 5; digital image, *Newspapers* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 3 August 2021).

¹²² "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 August 2021), entry for Ruth Ann Knerr (also listed as Ruth Knerr Beeken), born 20 August 1924, died 22 January 2007, father: George R. Knerr, mother: Virginia M. Pohl.

Canadian Church Marriage Scene

At a simple ceremony attended by the immediate families, Ruth Ann Knerr, daughter of George Russell Knerr of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, became the bride of Warren Lazell Beeken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Beeken, Haver, Pa. The ceremony took place in the chapel of the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, Canada, August 11.

Virginia Joan Knerr was her sister's only attendant and Robert Douglas, of Pittsburgh, acted as best man. Following a reception, the bridal couple left for Timagami, Canada.

The bride is a graduate of Lincoln Memorial College, Tenn., and the Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing where she is an instructor.

Mr. Beeken was graduated from Shadyside Academy and Haverford, College. He is now a medical student at Temple University. The couple will reside in Philadelphia.

Figure 22. Marriage of Ruth Ann Knerr and Warren Lazell Beeken¹²³

The most comprehensive overview of his life, personality, hobbies and achievements are covered in his obituary: ([Attachment 91](#))

“RICHMOND [Vermont]— Warren Lazell Beeken died at his home in Richmond [Vermont] on Sunday, June 20, 2004, of cancer.

¹²³ Ibid.

Warren had lived in the Burlington area since 1965, when he moved here with his family from Hanover, H.H., to start a gastroenterology unit at the University of Vermont College of Medicine.

Warren was born in Beaver, Pa., on May 6, 1926, the younger son of a tool steel salesman and an artist.

After graduating from nearby Shadyside Academy in 1944, Warren joined the Navy. He served as a medic stateside through the conclusion of the war. Warren then attended Haverford College, after which he went to medical school at Temple University in Philadelphia.

While in medical school, Warren met his wife-to-be, Ruth, the sister of a friend, on a blind date. They married in Hamilton, Ontario, on August 11, 1950, and headed north honeymoon on the first of many canoe camping trips in the Temagami region of northern Ontario.

Warren began his career in academic medicine with his residency at the Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover, where Warren and Ruth's sons Bruce and David were born in 1953 and 1955, respectively. A third son, Tim, was born in 1959 during a stint in Seattle, Wash.

At UVM, Warren's practice focused on inflammatory bowel disease and Crohn's Disease. He recently described his contribution to Crohn's research as ruling out numerous possible factors in the disease – he viewed his work as covering the “error” side of the trial-and-error of medical research. Warren eventually was appointed to a full professorship and chaired his department. He recruited many past and present members of the gastroenterology unit before retiring in the mid-1990s and was generally known for his service to the medical school as well as to his patients.

When Warren wasn't at the hospital or his lab, he mostly was in the woods. In winter it was cross-country skiing. Warren made skiing a three-season sport, all with trail clearing in the fall and skiing in the winter and spring until the snowmelt got the point that he couldn't see from one lingering patch of snow to the next. His wife, children, friends, visiting professors, medical students, prospective recruits to the GI unit – all were conscripted to pitch in during whichever season it happened to be.

From the early days helping work on the Madonna Vasa ski trail from Smuggler's Notch to Underhill, Warren went on to scout and clear what became a heavily skied trail from Stevensville up through the Devil's Dishpan and down to the Trapp trails. With Warren and Ruth's move from Burlington to Richmond in the mid-190s, Warren turned his attention to Camel's Hump. The rugged trail he scouted around the mountain is skied every March as the Camel's Hump Challenge fund-raiser for medical charities.

In summer, Warren found in canoe camping some consolation for the lack of snow. Warren and Ruth celebrated nearly half of their 53 wedding anniversaries in the Temagami region where they had honeymooned, often in the company of their family and friends.

Warren became very involved in community service in Richmond. He was an active member of the Richmond Land Trust. With Ruth, he served as a guide for events at the Old

Round Church. Warren served on the Town Planning Commission. Warren spent many days working on the Winooski Rivershore Preserve walking path.

Following his retirement from UVM, Warren devoted himself to caring for Ruth, who has Alzheimer's Disease. In addition, Warren served as the head of the Vermont Chapter of the National Cancer Society for a time following his retirement. Also during this period, Warren returned to the practice of building wooden sleighs and other toys for neighborhood children and his grandchildren, as he had done for his own children in earlier years.

Warren loved to be out in the woods – in any conditions, at any time of year, whether on skis, clearing trail, working on the Rivershore path, cutting and splitting wood, paddling his canoe, or even portaging it waist-deep in mud with the mosquitoes swarming. And he always loved sharing the experience with whomever he could muster to join him.

In addition to his wife Ruth, Warren leaves three sons and their families: Bruce, Sara and Josie of Shelburne; David and Atmo of Woodbury; and Tim, Jane and Sam of New York City. Warren also leaves a brother, Alfred, of Pittsburgh, and his family; and many friends, including Emily Lee and Mary Gundel, whose extraordinary devotion meant so much to Warren and his family in the last weeks of his life. We all miss him very much.

A memorial will be held at the Old Round Church in Richmond at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, followed by a gathering at the Richmond Free Library. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Richmond Land Trust, P.O. Box 605, Richmond, VT 05477.¹²⁴

Warren and Ruth Ann had the following children:

- 28 i. BRUCE BEEKEN, (redacted personal information).¹²⁵
- 29 ii. DAVID BEEKEN, (redacted personal information).¹²⁶
- 30 iii. TIM BEEKEN, (redacted personal information).¹²⁷

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Research in land records of John Albert and Samuel Alfred Reichenbach could be undertaken, but would require in-person research in Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas.
- Expand research on Benedict Reichenbach who married Catherine Shopfer; he was also from Switzerland.