

History of Mantik and Abitz Families

Where Did I Come From?

History of Mantik Family

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Fred – “About the history of the Mantik family, I wish I knew more. About Michael never mentioning the Old Country or Amelin, I think it might have been more about his dad Joseph and the farm. He wanted to talk about it, but it was so sad no one wanted to listen.”

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Enos (interviewed by David Mantik) - As in any extended family, the past is not always perfect, but Enos preferred not to think or talk about such things.

Origins in France

- de Manthe
- Lived among the Protestants (Huguenots)
- Religious wars
- 1685 - Edict of Nantes revoked





Joseph Mantei/Mantik
born 1851 in Kalisz

Justine Mantei
born 1852 in Kalisz

Joseph moved from Kalisz to Volhynia, Ukraine

About 1860s (?)

Czar freed serfs in 1861

Ukraine Farms

Volhynia - Ukraine

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Joseph and Justine Mantei married in 1870 in Zhitomir

- Joseph was 19 years old
- Justine was 17 years old
- Both had red hair



Joseph

- Leader in local German community
- Represented Germans to Russians
- Alcohol problem (possible)
- Financial difficulty with farm
- Justine died 1894 (when Michael was 8 yr old)
- Joseph remarried to Emile (Emilie) with 4 children

Michael J Mantik

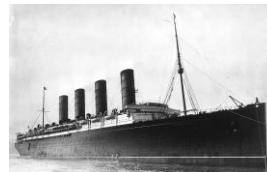
- Born in 1886 in Tutschin, Volhynia, Ukraine



Michael J Mantik

- 7 biological siblings
- 1 half brother died in infancy
- 4 stepsiblings

1907 – Michael Came to America



- Lusitania – maiden voyage
- Used the identity of brother August (2 years younger)
- Voyage about 20 days

From Ukraine to Latvia to Liverpool



Why Did Michael Leave the Ukraine?

- He was 20 yr old and about to be drafted into Russian army

Emil Siewert Drafted in 1898 (age 22) by Russian Army



Why Did Michael Leave the Ukraine?

- His mother Justine died when he was 8 yr old
- His father remarried. Stepsiblings.
- His father died before Michael left for America
- His older brother Heinrich had taken over the farm and may have had an alcohol problem

From Liverpool to Ellis Island in New York



From Ellis Island in New York to Athens



Michael worked at sawmill



History of Abitz Family


Elise Elsie Hedwig Abitz

- Born in Pomerania in 1893
- Family had lived in that area for many years
- One of 9 children (2 died in infancy)




Elise Elsie Hedwig Abitz

- Came to America at age 14 with mother and some of siblings

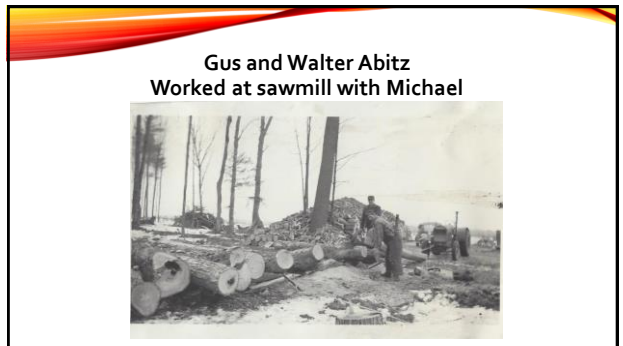
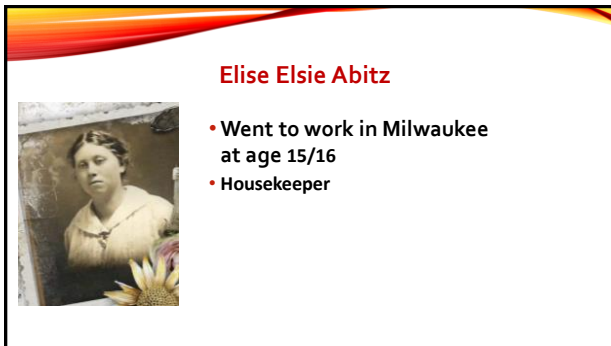
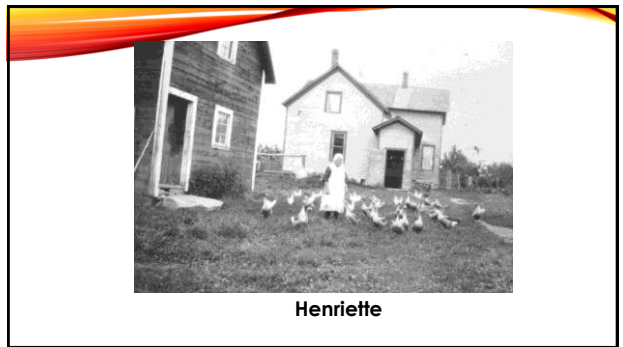
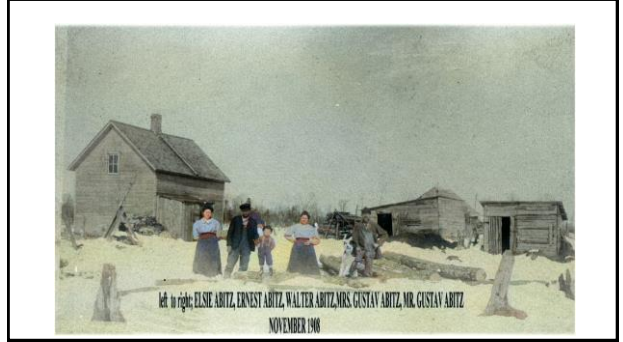



In 1907 took Koeln (North German Lloyd line) from Bremen to Baltimore (16 day journey)

Came to America 8 days before Michael




Abitz Family came to Brillion



Married in 1910 in Medford



- Michael was 24 years old
- Elise was 17 years old
- Knew each other for short period of time

Michael spoke 5 languages:

- German
- Russian
- Armenian
- Yiddish
- English



Athens



- Michael worked at sawmill
- Edwin, Fred, and Esther born in Athens

1916 Bought Milan Farm



Cost \$3000

60 acres



Moved from Athens to Milan Farm



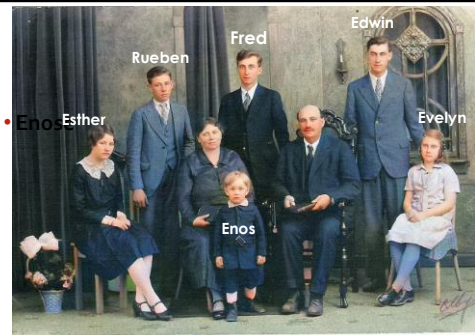
Milan Farm



Milan



Milan School



About 1930/1931



About 1938/1939



**Marriage of the Children
Edwin and Martha 1939**



**Marriage of the Children
Evelyn and Ed Ostertag 1942**



**Marriage of the Children
Rueben and Violet 1943**



**Marriage of the Children
Enos and Evelyn 1947**



Michael and Elise



Musical Mantiks



1968 – Herb Paulson’s Funeral



Elise Elsie 1893-1941



- Died at wedding reception for Elmer and Lillian Jensen
- Cause of death – heart issues
- She was 48 yr old

Michael 1886-1944

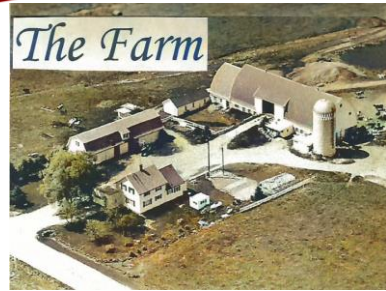


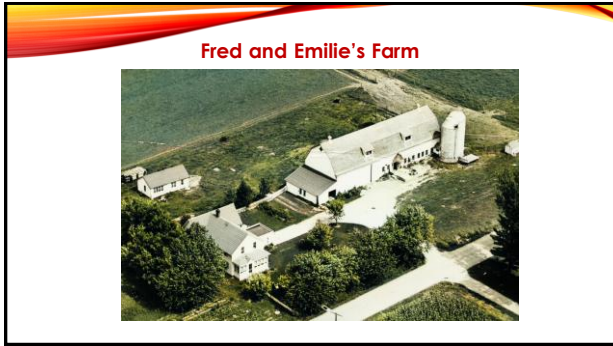
- Had heat stroke in 1938
- Last 2 ½ yr of life was in asylum



Michael 1886-1944

- Had heat stroke in 1938
- Died of kidney complications
- He was 55 years old





The Mantik Name

- Original French name of de Manthe from southwest France
- Metamorphosed into various iterations: Mantei, Mante, Mantee, Mannte, Mantich, Manthei, Mantek, Mantai, Montuck, Montuk, Mantey, Mantaj, Montei, Montag, Mantyk, Manthey, Manthei, Mantica, Mantyk
- Sometimes even into Mantick or Mantik

	Edwin	Fred	Esther	Rueben	Evelyn	Enos	Total=7
Kids	4	6	10	8	9	4	41
Grandkids	6	17	39	17	23	4	106
Great Grandkids	7	40	22	24	29	3	125
Great-Great-Grandkids	0	34	?	12	6	0	52
Total	17	97	71	61	67	11	331



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Total of 331 Descendants

Descendants of Jerry and Carol

Kids	Grandkids	Great Grandkids
Terry	3	2
Rocky	1	3
Peggy	3	6
Pam	2	2
Gloria	4	4
Penny	4	9
Kim	2	1
7	19	27

For a total of 42 descendants

Jerry and Carol Descendants

7 Kids
19 Grandchildren
27 Great Grandchildren



- Michael and Elise were incredibly influential in providing their children with a spiritual heritage



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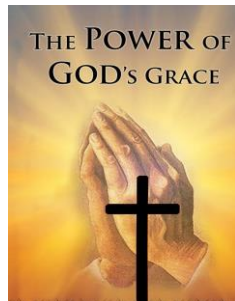
Many years and life events have gone by since this story began



As we look back over those years, we are very proud of our spiritual and family heritage and thankful to God who has looked after us



- None of us would be where we are today or who we are if it had not been for the loving grace of God.



Our goal should be to connect our kids and grandkids to God and family





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