

This is important history of our
Leisz children, by age of birth, etc. September 2018

Michael and Kat:

I will write a brief description of my family ^{Leisz}
Mom + Dad married in April, 1903 in Catholic Church
in Turtle Lake. I believe Grandma Mary ^{owned} ~~owned~~
the land they lived on, and maybe also, helped all of her
sons who lived close to one another in T.L. I
think she lived mostly w/ my Dad Anton + Sophia, as her
death certificate indicated my Dad's writing, + my
older siblings knew more of her traits than I,
who was born Ten years after her death!

My parents raised Anna Minickoffer from ^{March 1904??} infancy (3 mos.
to about 16 yrs or so; when a cousin informed her of
her real parents + she was shocked, + left home (never to return)
My sister Sophia arrived in Nov. 1903. She married
Emmet Kelly + lived in St. Paul - ^{She worked} ~~no children~~ in restaurants
My 1st brother was Tony (or Anton) during the depression
he attended CCC Camp + learned a Barber Trade. He
married Emma, they had two children, Raymond + Karen.
Emma died at an early age - late in life ~~he~~ married Jennie
no children from that marriage. He lived to be 90 yrs.
Next, was Julia a very striking, outgoing, woman
who married Mark Hardman + died one year later
of cancer, (female area). no children. Next came
Henry who married Rose (shotgun style) they had
two children ^{and Jim now of Ames, who's wife} {Betty, 6 mos younger than me} my mom
cared for her at times (in her infancy) while Rose + Hank
worked in the Hotel, ^{which} my Dad bought during the
depression, right across from the train depot in T.L.

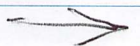
Hank also worked at the Ford Company in St. Paul. After my mom died Hank + Rose divorced. Soon he married Lucille (a nurse). They had Two daughters, Cecilia and Julia. They lived in Amery and had a nice Bar where they both worked and owned.

Next came George who married Leona Zerk before he was sent to WWII in the Army. He saw much action in Germany + earned a "purple Heart". They had no children, lived on a nice farm in Minnesota. George died at an early age (37 or so) of Heart problems. They took in a teenage boy who was 13 or so, + raised him.

Next came August, who bought the extra farm my Dad bought during the Depression. Aug married Verena - they had six children the oldest being Tom, then Patricia (our flower girl at our wedding) then Carole + I can't remember the other children's names, but two were sons. I know one was a good artist + did painting for Millie + me I think.

Then came Al, the most handsome, intelligent, son who helped my mom on Wash days to stay home from school + turn the handle on her washing machine!

Al graduated from U of M and The Military Academy at Annapolis. He married Mary Connelly they had seven children 4 girls 3 boys; Al was also a dentist + active in WWII. Al + Mary divorced after the last dtgr was born. Later he married ^{Teddie} ~~the~~ woman died, he again married, this time Vivian.



Of Course you, Mike +, Kat, are very familiar w/ your dear Aunts Helen + Melba who were like the grand parents you never had! Thank God for them - Dad + I were so grateful for all of their assistance, the many times we needed help.

And Gladys and I became closer in our older years, as our children grew up, so we had any number of get-togethers in those years which left me w/ very good memories of the Wicks!

I know you will meet many of the Leisy Cousins that you never knew before. I'm so happy you will meet them and hopefully stay in touch and maybe even get your children to get acquainted w/ Cousins they have.

My Love,
Mom

2018

Kat and Mike (Take on Trip)

Anthony & Leisz Family History
Sophie