

HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

Oscoda, Michigan

The Story of the Eleven



Once upon a time there were "Eleven" volumes of the Spencer January Family history sitting cold and 21 lonely on a shelf in storage, shown to the left. No one ever looked at them and when they April did, wondered why they were 15

there.

One day someone said, "Why are we keeping these, they are doing no one any good sitting here?" Another said, "Let's find the donor and return them." "Good Idea," said the other. So the search began. But sadly the author and donor, Evelyn Spencer O'Neill (1921-2010), had passed away. But look, there is a genealogy website listing her sisters and one of them has a surname,



Evelyn Spencer O'Neill

Nicander, that we have seen in losco County. Let's contact this person, Mr. Nicander, a member of Huron Shores Genealogical Society and see if he knows this author.

Well, Lo and Behold the author was his aunt! The "Eleven" were thought to be lost forever as no one in the family could find them when Evelyn died. Mr. Nicander was more than happy to gather the "Eleven" back into the family to be shared with all their cousins. And all lived happily ever after!

HSGS Genealogical **Meetings and Events**

- HSGS Business Meeting, Parks Library, Oscoda, MI and Virtual, 5:30 pm
- **HSGS Business Meeting**, Parks Library, Oscoda, MI and Virtual, 5:30 pm, Location TBD
- May
- TBD "Your Swedish Roots and More" With Cindy Grostick, 10:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 to 2:00, Virtual



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Arthur Nicander loading the "Eleven" into his van

DECEMBER 2020

Grace N. Redhead and Floyd Harper Saunders

Written by Arlene Saunders Pinkos, a granddaughter of Grace and Floyd

Grace N. Redhead was born Oct. 12, 1884, In Gaylord, MI, the fourth child of six born to Myrtle S. Gardner and George Redhead, who had originally come from Lapeer. Her siblings were Edith, Ida, Lena, Audley, and George Jr. (Roy).

When Grace was young, the family moved to Grayling, and later to Tawas City, where she was raised. The family built a home there, and did well, as George was a filer (saw sharpener) with the lumber mills, which was quite a wellpaid position. The family was very religious, and was involved in the local Methodist Church. They were also very musical. As a young girl,

Grace worked summers at the fish processing plant on Tawas Bay, cleaning fish to help feed the local lumbermen. She was also a budding poet and writer. According to the Tawas Herald, July 1, 1898, at age 13, she wrote a poem entitled "The Troops from Alpena" honoring the members of Co, B 33d Reg't. The troop members later wrote her a note of thanks, and awarded her a "purse" of \$4.40.



She was the valedictorian of her class at Tawas City High School, where she graduated in a class of five women in 1903. The ceremony was held at the

courthouse, and they were the 11th class to graduate. The other graduates that year were: Agnes Galbraith, Nina Crandall, Floral Ramage, and Ethel Hartingh. Interestingly, there were more teachers than students. They included A.A. Ellsworth, Edyth Walker, Mary Black, Teresa Shaver, Mae Currie, Maggie Murphy, and Winnifred DuPraw. The sermon was given by Rev. E.O. Sutherland of the Congregational Church. The Board of Education included G.A. Prescott, W.F. Wittemore, James Hamilton, James Nisbet, and William Ramage. Following



Grace Redhead, 1909

graduation, Grace became a teacher, and taught her first year at a town not far from Tawas City, where she roomed with a local minister and his family.

She was married to Floyd Martin Saunders on September 2, 1909, at 7:30 a.m. on a Thursday morning, in her father George's home in Tawas. Probably the reason for the odd time of the marriage was due to a train heading out of town that morning, which they no doubt wanted to board for their honeymoon in New York. It was also Labor Day weekend, so they would have had a few extra days for their

honeymoon. Her husband Floyd was a local boy whose family had come from New York State several years earlier, and had taken up farming not far from Tawas. His parents were Martin Van Buren Saunders and Elizabeth Abbey. Although Grace was quite short, about 5" tall, Floyd was 6'7," so they must have made an unusual couple. Floyd had been working for the railroad company at various locations in Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula, but shortly before their marriage, he was appointed station master at the Detroit to Mackinac train depot in Hawks, near Rogers City.

According to Grace's diaries, their life in Hawks was difficult but happy... winters. harsh the responsibility of their home and farm, and of course the daily management of the depot, which was located within walking distance to their home. On days when Floyd was unable to attend the depot responsibilities due to illness,



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Grace walked the two miles from their home to the depot, and attended to it for him. They had two children: Floyd Harper, born July 12, 1910, and Ruth Edith, born July 19, 1911.

Unfortunately, in early 1915, the family home that Floyd had built, caught fire and burned significantly. They lived with a local family while it was rebuilt, and then decided to explore the possibility of moving west. A local minister friend of theirs had relocated to Idaho, so Floyd and Grace left their children with relatives and went west by train for a visit. They traveled to Utah, Arizona, and California, among other places. They returned, gathered their children and possessions, and moved to Filer, Idaho where Floyd found work at a local hardware store. For unknown reasons, he did not work for the railway, although the industry was thriving in the West. The state of Idaho was only 25 years old at the time.

Again life was difficult. They eventually settled in the small town of Wilder, Idaho, and had another child, Warren Craig, born January 12, 1923. Floyd made his living driving a milk truck, and also hauled ice. One day the local banker spotted the truck, and struck a deal with Flovd....an exchange of the truck for a fledgling phone company which the bank had repossessed. Floyd seized the opportunity. The family lived in one half of the phone company building, and the business and telephone exchange were in the other half. Gradually the phone company grew, and eventually brought service to miles of farms around the area. Mr. Saunders was very active in the community. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a trustee for the Methodist Church, and a Boy Scout leader. Grace continued to be active in the church, and also volunteered for local charities, donating many kinds of handmade articles. She was an avid reader, and at the end of each year, she recorded all the books she had read.

Tragically, however, Floyd died November 21, 1927 from complications due to injuries received in an

automobile accident. His son Harper then left college and returned home to run the phone company, supporting his mother, Grace and his siblings Ruth and Warren. Grace was an immense help to Harper as he ran the company, but as the years went by and Harper had his own family, she moved several miles away to Caldwell, a larger town with more opportunities. She lived in a small home near town, across from the park. She never learned to drive, and according to her diaries, she walked to town regularly, to attend church, go shopping, and go to the library. Her little Scotty dog, Corky, was her constant companion. She remained very religious, being an active member of the Methodist Church, and personal friends of the minister and his wife. Her brother Audley Redhead and his wife, Eva, eventually moved to Idaho from Michigan as well. Grace made occasional trips by train from Idaho to Michigan to visit her sisters, and apparently they came to Idaho to visit as well. She missed Michigan and her family very much, and spoke of them often in her diaries, commenting, "Michigan, My Michigan."

Grace eventually moved to Rexburg, Idaho, as her health was failing. She lived there with her daughter Ruth and Ruth's husband Jim Clark, and their children. Grace passed away on May 11, 1954, at age 69, of cancer, and was buried at the Wilder Cemetery next to her husband. Her children Ruth Clark and her son Warren Saunders and their spouses are buried nearby, as are Audley and Eva Redhead. The parents of Grace and Floyd's are buried in the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Tawas City.

Written by Arlene Saunders Pinkos, Grace's granddaughter, based on researched information, family oral history, and Grace's personal diaries. Ironically, although born and raised in Idaho, Arlene met her husband Dennis Pinkos while teaching in Germany in 1965. Dennis had been born and raised in Michigan, and the couple moved there and have lived their entire life in Oakland County. Her grandmother Grace would have been proud and happy to know that an Idaho descendant

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The Story of Frank and Martha Merkel Family and Farm Continued from the Septemebr 2020 Issue Submitted by Judy Sheldon

This family meant so much in so many ways to the people of Oscoda that I have decided to print their memories and comments of the family in their own words. The names of the commenters have been removed for privacy and comments lightly edited for clarity. These are in no particular order, just great memories!

My Grandfather, Leo Luzynski lived with the Merkles after their home was burnt down during the fire in 1911, they became lifelong friends, and a visit to the farm every summer became a ritual. I worked on the farm in the late 60s early 70s with Stan. Ange was always cooking something!

Many households had a cow back in those days and they had kind of community pastures. One was the "Flats" (so called by Don MacKenzie) which was the area south of the present AuSable Inn to the US 23 bridge and the other on Hull Island. In the great fire, many of the animals were killed or burned. They took many of the injured animals to the Merkel Farm and attemped to save them or slaughter them.

Romie Merkel was a very nice person. He took care of the Merkel Brown Swiss dairy herd, milking twice a day. He died on the same weekend (Easter, I think) as his sister Frances who he was very close to. Frances lived in Onaway and worked at the Catholic Church. They were both unmarried.

Frances was housekeeper for Fr. Greiner when, in 1952, came to school to get my siblings and me. She took us to the rectory (a house across from the school) where Father told us about the drowning of my youngest brother Patrick (Ricky). Frances then drove us home.

I use to collect eggs for the 2 sisters...and swing on the rope in the barn..fun fun...those sisters could bake a great pie...on that wood burning oven and stove..

Victor was my favorite. Hard working and God fearing. Chewed snuff and liked a little red wine from time to time...And delivered milk and veggies in that horse-drawn wagon!

I'll retell this story. Victor Merkel bought a new Model T Ford. It came in on the boat. He drove it home to the farm and his dad was sitting on the porch. He was a horse man and wasn't much for the "new Fangeled contraption." However, Vic convinced him to drive it. Vic showed him the steering wheel, clutch, brake pedals, gas and let hm drive. The old man drove it down the lane and when he got to the gate (which was closed) he tried to pull back on the wheel and hollered whoa... The car got bent.

For many years the "City of Alpena" was a major form of transportation to AuSable and Oscoda. It transported freight and people to cities and towns all along the Lake Huron Shore. Victor Merkel lived with his parents on a farm in Oscoda. He bought his first car, a Model "T" Ford and it was delivered by this boat. He brought it home to the farm and convinced his father to drive the new "contraption". Everything went fine until the old man got to a wooden gate, pulled on the steering wheel, and hollered Whoal Victor said it broke the gate and bent up his new car.

I never knew mother Merkel but according to Charles Curley she was the boss while alive. When her son John was killed in the war, she sat bolt upright at about the time he was killed and said "John is dead." Sometimes mothers know...

Loved that old farm house. Aunt Ange would feed us when we had hangovers!! Helen Curley would bring us Batman Lemon Drink and Beep in the morning, too!

I loved the pies that came out of the old style oven.....used to collect eggs for them...they had a great barn with a fun rope.

I remember the horse-drawn wagon that delivered milk AND sweet corn. I'd tell Vic that my mother wanted a dozen and then sit on the front porch and eat one or two (raw). What corn!!!

Hull Island was once part of the Merkel Farm. Merkel could not use the land on the island for pasture after the dams were put in as it stayed too wet from the fluctuating water levels. He eventually sold the island to Donald Hull. The original Merkel farm was approximately 250 acres. Frank Merkel bought the property around 1907 but was living on the property prior to that while it was owned by Mores Mark.

I swung from the rope in the old barn as a young'un and my brother helped Stan and worked for Angie's lunch. We had pogs from the old milk wagon but somehow they got lost over the years.

I knew the Merkels very well and even lived on the farm one winter while going to high school. I always wanted to

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write a short story about them because they lived quietly on the farm but were an important part of the area history. Victor sold milk and I am sure he delivered a lot of milk to poor families but was never paid. The American Legion is named (among others) after John Merkel. They were strong members of Sacred Heart. Sold a lot of produce off their farm. Back in the day, after the fire, everyone had a cow. Merkels helped slaughter some that were burned in the fire and helped care for the rest. Helen Curley, was a Merkel.

They were quiet and gentle people. Their generosity and kindness is a perfect example of why Oscoda was/is such a wonderful town. This community always came together.

Stanley Merkel was a teamster (horse handler) and they always had two draft horses on the farm as kind of a hold over from the old days. A good teamster would take very good care of his horses because they depended on them for so many events. Merkels had a picture of Stanley with his team as they were building the dams on the AuSable. Merkels had a great garden that was a ways from the house and in the summer, in times of draught, Victor would hitch up the horse and pull a dray with a 50 gallon water barrel on it. He would water each plant with a dipper...

I got chased by the geese in the yard. Hate geese now.

We all called her aunt Ange that lived there when we cut the fields with Charley Curley and she could cook on that wood stove...always had food on the table for us

Dave Merkle was the high school band director here for many years. He moved from here to Bad Axe and retired from there, passed away in Florida several years ago. I think he was the youngest Merkle brother.

I remember the story about Merkels suing Consumers. The river used to run by their property. They had a dairy herd of about 40 Brown Swiss and around 100 beef cattle. They sold milk around the Oscoda Area. If you write a story, you must capture what a great family they were. A Smart, God fearing, salt of the earth family.

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Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

In earlier times, it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

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The Buhl Family in Mikado by Judy Sheldon

Over the years in the *Huron Shores GenoGram* we have written about resorts in losco and Alcona Counties and in particular Carl Schmidt. One of our members commented recently that we might look into the Buhl family who had a hunting estate on the South Pine River in Mikado Township, Alcona County.

The earliest Buhl appearing in our local history was Christian Henry Buhl who was on the board of the newly formed Bay City and Alpena Railroad Company in 1882.

Christian Henry, 1810-1894

Christian Henry was born to immigrant parents in Zelienople, Pennsylvania on May 9, 1810. His father, also Christian, 1776-1864, was a hatter and Christian Henry learned this profession. In 1833 he moved to Detroit, Michigan and went into business with his brother, Christian Frederick. They moved from hats to the fur trade, F & C H Buhl Co. By 1855 Christian Henry's interests moved to other business interests. He partnered with Charles Ducharme in a wholesale hardware

firm. This kicked off a full life of industrial businesses, railroads, iron works, banks, and warehouses, just to name a few. He was the mayor of Detroit in 1860 and 1861, as was his brother C. Frederick in 1848. The Buhl Building in Detroit is their name sake. "Christian" must have been a favorite in the Buhl family as many of the men in the family had it as part of their name.

Christian Henry married Caroline DeLong in 1842 in New York. Christian died January 23, 1894 in Detroit, MI.

They had two sons, Theodore

DeLong and Frank Henry and three daughters, Helen, Caroline and Mary Louise. Both sons followed their father into his businesses. Theodore stayed in Detroit and Frank Henry lived mostly in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Frank married Julia Forker of Sharon, PA, they had no children and he died in 1918.

Theodore married Julia Walker in Detroit, 1868. Theodore dropped dead unexpectedly on April 7, 1907, while in New York City on a trip. Their children were:

Mary Caroline (1869-1900), Christian Henry (1871-1882), Theodore Walker (1873-1882), Willis Edward (1875-1916) Arthur Hiram (1878-1935), Edgar Harrington (1883-1892),

The ARBU Lodge

Frank Walker (1885-1886), and Lawrence DeLong (1887-1956). There may have been others as published family trees differ.

The Buhl family begins to appear in the Alcona Review in 1925 when Mrs. Buhl, Mr and Mrs Dickson of



Saginaw and Mr Belford of Flint are fishing on the Pine River. Sometime around this time Arthur Hiram Buhl purchased two sections in Mikado Township, Alcona County and built a lodge. This was at the end of Buhl Road off of F-30 on the South Branch of the Pine River.

In August 1930 a new hunting lodge was built. It was located on a bank overlooking the river. It was 40 x 80 feet with seven bedrooms, large living and dining rooms, kitchen,

pantry, hunter's room, closets and a 24 x 24 basement. There were two stone fireplaces, with the one in the living room having a 10 foot mantel and a six foot opening. The house was built of cedar, as were all of the furniture and the lighting fixtures. The contractors and builders were all local: Michigan Cedarcraft Co of Greenbush, Yockey Brothers and Joseph Sovey. It had electricity and running water. (Alcona Review 28 August 1930) This means sometime prior to 1930 the dam was constructed on the Pine River to deliver electricity to the lodge.

Arthur, Sr also owned a 500 acre farm near Oxford, MI where he raised some of the finest hunting dogs in the United States. He was a regular showman at the kennel club shows. There was a large kennel built at ARBU as well. Dogs weren't his only hobby; he raised prize winning cattle and Hungarian partridges. The birds were released to restock Michigan game preserves.

Arthur Hiram's children Christian Henry, Arthur Hiram Jr and Julia made the most use of the estate known as "ARBU Lodge." Both the men and the women were avid bird hunters and fishermen, each family taking 2 weeks in October (C. Henry and Arthur). The deer hunters were mostly friends or business associates. Arthur, Jr and his family hunted with their guests,

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while C. Henry mostly socialized with his. To provide access to Lake Huron and the beach in the summer, they rented rooms at the Blue Haven Resort in Greenbush. C. Henry, perhaps on the advice of Mr. Kahn, invested in property in Black River, MI on Lake Huron. He built three homes, one fitted for show, but Black River wasn't a going concern back then and this became a losing venture.

Christian Henry (1904-1991)

Wives: 1st Lydia E Mendelssohn, 1929, divorced in 1957; and 2nd Eleanor Jewett Dwyer, 1957.

Children: Lydia Evelyn (1st F Mellhado, 2nd Wm Mann),



1931-1997; Christian Henry III, b. 1931; married to a Marie from France; they had two children.

Two of C. Henry's dogs, named Mack and Gerduth are pictured to the left., Henry is in the background.

Arthur Jr (1910-1968)

Married 1st. in 1930 to Catherine LeGro (1909 –

1934, who became ill returning from cruise to China

and Japan, died in Honolulu) and 2nd to Mary Gene Smith in 1935 (1914-2002). After Arthur died she married Peters Oppermann in 1974. She was an avid duck hunter, and son, Howard said "Mom rarely missed her target."

Children by Catherine: Arthur (Mike) III (1931-2010), Catherine Gay (Buck). Children by Mary: Elise/Lisa (Chapman) and Howard.

Arthur Jr died at age 58 at his home August 1968.

Julia (1905-1998)

- Married 1st to Arthur Morley Kugeman, 2nd Dr. J Stewart Hudson
- Children with Dr. Hudson: Julia (Freund), Clara May, Arthur Buhl, James S. Jr, and Jeffery
- The Buhl family paid a large portion of the taxes in Mikado Township. They donated to the local baseball team. The first Goodfellows Club and the first volunteer fire department of Mikado saw large contributions from the

family. They employed many of the residents of the Mikado area to keep the estate up and running, from caretakers to cooks and laundresses.

The caretakers were:

Robert DeForest was hired in the beginning (Alcona Review 23 July 1948) and remained on the farm across from the lodge after he was no longer the caretaker. Dorothy DeForest was the lodge cook.

Mr and Mrs Wilfred Myers, 1951 until the lodge was sold. Laura Myers-Meske says, "My father was caretaker there from 1951 until when the land was sold in the late 1960's. I grew up there. I know that lots of kids and young adults liked to sneak on the property to fish. My Dad pretty much only made them leave if they were fishing in the pond, which Buhls stocked with trout that Dad raised in a separate small pond. I had a great childhood there." Mrs. Hilda Myers was the housekeeper and served the meals.

It sounds like besides keeping the estate maintained, the caretakers also enforced the "no trespassing" postings.

Elaine Sands ironed the sheets for many years.

Alcona Review 1 August 1974, announced the dedication of the Buhl Memorial at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Harrisville. The Buhl family was associated with the Episcopal Church in Detroit for generations and had supported the Harrisville church when they were staying at their lodge in Mikado. Eleanor Sullivan and her husband attended the church. She was the 3x great granddaughter to Christian Frederick Buhl (1806-1890), who was Christian Henry's brother.

According to Bill Kahn, it was Christian Henry's wishes



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An Archives of Michigan Update

The Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan will remain closed to the public until at least March 1, 2021. The archives will re-open once they can ensure the safety of visitors and staff.

Both the Archives and the Library continue to offer reference services via telephone and email. Now, there is also a third way to access the valuable Archives of Michigan reference services - video conferencing.

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to sell 3,800 acres to the National Forest so that others could continue to enjoy the woodlands and the river as he and his family had done. According to Laura Myers-Meske, when the land was sold to the Forest Service, the hope was that the lodge would be moved and used as a training facility. However, because it had been redone with creosote multiple times, "I believe that the building was buried where it stood." The property included the lodge, a four car garage, a caretakers seven room house, and across the road a farm house and barn. To the best of anyone's knowledge the remaining buildings were torn down. In an aerial view in 1993 there were several building still standing.

The Buhl Dam had become obsolete when electricity was supplied by Consumer Power, but it remained a barrier to the flow of the Pine River until May 2017 when Huron Pines received a grant to remove it and let the river flow freely again. The foot bridge over the river was replaced. The river is known as the habitat for trout, steelhead, salmon, northern hogsucker and possibly channel darter. Families always have their stories and the Buhl family is no different. They were and are a large extended family with unique members. They have had for generations the financial means to follow dreams and desires that many of us can only put on the wish list. If you have the time, read about this truly amazing family, especially in the newspapers. They touched our lives in Northeast Michigan for only a short time, but they left their mark in the lives of the community and in the legacy of the Pine River.

Many thanks to Laura Myers-Meske, Arnie Leriche, James Renn and those who made comments on Facebook for their help with their stories and pictures.



The remnants of the dam and the new bridge

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