

LEX FAMILY HISTORY

In 1940 I met Peter Lex III from Ashland, Pa. He told me that his grandfather, Peter Lex, Sr., came from Germany and settled in Ashland; his brother Adam settled in Springfield, Ill and his brother Henry settled in Shamokin.

The Lex family had a large estate in Germany. They had four boys and two girls. After his grandfather died his father Peter II went to Germany to claim his share of the estate and was arrested and put in jail and then sent out of the country.

Henry Lex was born in Heidenburg, Germany on October 27, 1839 and died on December 14, 1912. He met and married Margaret Bohr - born on June 24, 1841 and died on July 14, 1920. They had a large plantation and raised grapes and cattle. They had a winery; made wine and sold it. They had four children: Joseph, Margaret, Susan and Peter. Henry learned from his brother Peter in Ashland, Pa. that they were making big money in the mines so his brother vouched for him to come to America. They set sail from Antwerp, Belgium. It took thirty days to cross the ocean. When they were half way a big storm came and drove the ship back. After the storm it took ten days to get back to where they were when the storm came up. In New York they were met by his brother Peter, who took them to Ashland. They then contacted their cousin Pete Muslick who was a boss at Henry Clay Mines. He gave Henry Lex a job. They then moved to Shamokin, Pa.

Mom had a cousin in Shamokin, Nick Ludes who owned a men's store; later he ran the National Ticket Company. She had cousins in Mount Carmel, Speilir and Miller's; also cousin in Fort Wayne, Ind. named Lena Eiffel.

Henry Lex was in the German Army Reserves and went one month a year to play war games. He was Colonel Henry Lex.

Joseph Lex went to Peoria, Ill. where he worked as an inspector for the Rock Island Railroad Co. He married Mary Cappeline. They had a daughter Helen, who married Carl Schlosser; a son Henry who married Dorothy. Joseph was later killed on the railroad.

Margaret, my mother, married Joseph Brown and they had twelve children - Margaret, John, Joseph, Thomas, Catherine, Henry, Mary, James, Susan, Peter, Helen and Anna. She died at age 80.

Susan worked in Taubal Knitting Mills until they closed. She then went to Fort Wayne, Ind. to work. She died at age 81.

Peter worked for the Reading Railroad as a repairman. He died with appendicitis at age 40.

Margaret and Joseph Lex were born in Trier, Germany and Peter and Susan in Detzen, Germany.

Adam Lex settled in Springfield, Ill. He met and married Emma Woeping. They had five children, two boys and three girls:

Lena married Joseph Knoedler

Anna married Henry Gietl

Emma became Sister Irene

Frank Lex -

Leonard Lex -