

*Joseph E. Huelsman
And
Josephine C. Metten*



1900

JOE & JOSEPHINE

Early cultural consensus held that women and men enjoyed two different spheres of influence. Men moved within the public sphere of influence, including business and commerce, while women were confined to the private or family sphere of influence. In 1900 eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic help. Thereby making domestic service the second largest employer of women, accounting for a quarter of the female workforce. It included work in private homes and in the growing market of urban office buildings, hotels, and restaurants.

The 1900 census shows that Josephine was one of those domestic workers, employed by Mr. Isaac Kling, at his residence located at 330 E. Walnut Street. Mr. Kling's occupation is listed as peddler. He was 67 years old at that time. He and his wife Sarah immigrated to the U.S. from Germany in 1882. In 1900 they had three daughters and two sons still living with them. So I can imagine that they kept Josephine pretty busy. Josephine's own parents, sisters and brother, lived just blocks away, at 827 E. Walnut, at that time.

Joseph worked as a painter, so it is very possible that Josephine met him while he was painting Mr. Kling's home. Anyway, Joseph Huelsman met and fell in love with Josephine Metten. They were wed in 1900. The 1902 register shows his occupation as painter, and that they resided at 934 Mulberry. It also shows that Joseph's parents, Henry and Christina, and their sons, Frank and John, lived at 814 Ash at that time.

My grandpa, Joe, and a man named Mr. Pierce purchased a saloon at the corner of Shelby and Ash Streets. After a while "Pop" Huelsman and Mr. Pierce had a falling out and Pop told him that, either he was going to buy Pierce out, or Pierce had to buy him out. So Pop bought another saloon at 1100 Ash Street, at the corner of Hickory Street, and named it *Huelsman's Café*. It is still in operation, although the business has been sold, my cousin, Ed Huelsman, Jr. still owns the building. It is now called "Huelsman's 19th Hole".



Joe and Josephine had eight children. They were:

- Joseph Theodore - born 1903-married Evelyn - died May, 1973
(1 adopted child, Ruth Jean)
- Bernadine Christine - born 1904-married Louis Humpich - died Aug 2, 1992
(1 child Mary Louise)
- Elizabeth Frances-born Jan 5, 1906-married William P. Motsch - died Sept 17, 1992
(2 children William A. & Joann M.)
- Bernard Anthony - born 1908 - died Oct 26, 1981
married Jean Dues, (1 child, Bernard E.)
married Estelle Epley, (2 children-Loretta J. & Thomas)
married Jeanette Hettinger (no children)
- William Lawrence.- born 1912 - married Mary Wrocklage - died Dec 16, 1945
(no children)
- Rosella Louise - born 1914-married Sam Moody - died May 9, 1998
(7 children-Thomas, James, Geraldine, Samuel, Jane, Allen, & Anthony)
- Edward Charles - born 1917-married Rosalie Westerman - died July 18, 1991
(2 children- Edward, Jr. & Mary Margaret)
- Frances Ann - born 1920-married Frank Clute - died April 3, 1995
(7 children-Mary Francis, Donald, Paul, David, Charles, Gerald & Kathy Ann)



Frances - Bernadine - Willie - Liz - Joe - Mr. Dues - Bern - Pop - Jean - ? - ? -



Mom

Mrs. Dues

Rose

Mary Louise

Ruth Jean

Billy

Mary Dues - Buddy Dues

The story goes that their first born, **Joseph, Jr.** won his parent's house at 820 Ash Street, from his uncle John in a pool game. The going price was \$900 and a copy of the deed shows that the house was purchased from Josephine Egler, by Joseph Hulsman, on May 25, 1916. If this tale is true, Joe would have only been about 13 years old!

Uncle Joe, my god-father, was married to Evelyn, and they adopted a daughter named Ruth Jean. I remember Evelyn, but I remember another lady named Louise, more. It seems that Joe stayed married to Evelyn "until death did they part". However, Joe, also had this lady friend, Louise. They visited us at our 957 Goss Avenue home on many occasions. Uncle Joe was a plasterer by trade and resided with Evelyn on Dixon Ave. He was, as I remember him, a man of few words. However, it was an exciting time when Uncle Joe would come to visit his mother, Josephine, because when he did, he always had a pocketful of change. If any of my cousins, most of which lived in the 800 block of Ash Street, and I, were lucky enough to be around that day, we would get fifty cents each.



*Joe, Evelyn
Billy Motsch*



*Evelyn & Joe
1916*

Evelyn & Joe



Liz, Rose, Joe & Ed

This DEED by and between Josephine Egler, unmarried, party of the first part, and Joseph Hulsmann, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That in consideration of a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the party of the first part conveys unto the party of the second part in fee simple with Covenant of General Warranty, the following described property in the City of Louisville, County of Jefferson, State of Kentucky: -

A certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the Cotton Mills Subdivision as recorded in Deed Book 391, Page 641, Jefferson County Court Clerk's office, boundary as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the Southerly line of Ash Street distant Five hundred and seventy-five (575) feet West of the Westerly line of McHenry Street; running thence West with the Southerly line of Ash Street twenty-five (25) feet and extending back Southerly, same width in parallel lines at right angles to Ash Street One Hundred and Twenty (120) feet to a 15 foot alley, and being Lot Number Nine (9) on said map or plan; and being the same property conveyed to the said Josephine Egler by deed dated December 9th, 1902 and recorded in Deed Book 581, Page 430, Jefferson County Court Clerk's office.

The party of the first part covenants she is seized of a good fee simple title to the premises hereby conveyed, that she has good right and full power to convey, and that said property is free of all liens, taxes and incumbrances, except State and County taxes for the year 1916, which the second party assumes and agrees to pay.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness the signature of the party of the first part this the 25th day of May 1916.



The second child was a baby girl that they christened **Bernadine**. She married Louis Humpich and they had one child, Mary Louise, which some in the family pronounced "Myrtleweese". The three of them lived at 822 Ash Street, which was right next door to Joe and Josephine. Uncle Louie retired from *Durkee Famous Foods*, which was located just around the corner on Shelby Street. He was a jokester, while Aunt Bernadine was of a more serious nature. She was a homemaker, but also worked at St. Vincent de Paul's school cafeteria for many years. Mary Louise married Kenny Wallace and moved to Indiana. After Aunt Bernadine's brother, Bern, separated from his second wife, she took in his two very young children, Loretta (Joy) and Tommy, and raised them as her own. Uncle Bern was always close by, however, because he lived right next store with his son Bernie (Gene), Mom Huelsman, Aunt Frances and her family.



Bernadine & Florence Huff 1922



Uncle Will, Liz & Uncle Louie 1922



Mary Louise & Billy

The third child was also a girl. She was my mother **Elizabeth Frances**. Elizabeth as a young lady worked in a rug factory for a while. She married William Paul Motsch from Portland. They had two children, my brother, William Anthony (Bill) and me, Joan Marie (JoAnn). Bill was born at 820 Ash Street and I was born on Ormsby Avenue. For a while we resided on Rudd Avenue in the West End. But things did not go well for Willie and Liz and they separated. Mom moved us in with her brother Ed and his family for a year or so. She found a job at the American Tobacco Company and was able to save enough for a down payment on a house at 957 Goss Avenue. Willie and Liz reconciled for a while, but they soon divorced. My mom could make a dollar stretch farther than anyone I know. She managed to send my brother and me to the high schools of our choice, Ursuline Academy for me, and Flaget for Bill. When the tobacco company closed and moved to another state, she found work cleaning houses, and worked for several years cleaning the priests' house at St. Vincent de Paul. She never remarried, but went with a gentleman named Jake Rosenberger for many years. Mom was a "yellow dog" Democrat and loved going to fish fries at the All Wool and Yard Wide Democrat Club and the VFW on Goss Avenue. She also worked the polls for many years. She also loved to socialize with friends at places like Spechts, or various other taverns like those that still can be found on every corner of Schnitzelburg today. She also loved to sit out in front of her house on Goss and watch all the traffic go by.



Liz



Liz



Liz & Ann Metten Murr

1926

1906

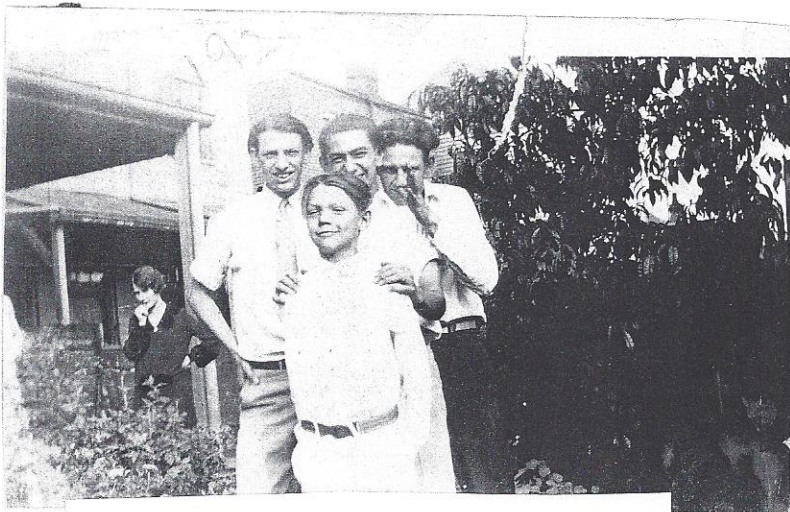


Bernadine - Joe - Joe, Jr. - Josephine - Elizabeth



William Motsch Elizabeth Huelsman Motsch Anthony Motsch Ann Metten Murr

Bernard was the fourth child. Uncle Bern's life started out just fine. He married the love of his life, Georgina (Jean) Dues on February 21, 1935 and soon after, they were expecting a baby. Unfortunately, the baby was born during the terrible 1937 flood that devastated Louisville. There were some complications and Jean died on February 7, 1937, about 2 weeks after the birth of their son, Bernard Eugene. Josephine and Joe took in the new baby boy, whom they called "Gene". (Now I believe he prefers "Bernie"). A short time later, Uncle Bern married Estelle Epley and they had two children together, Loretta Joyce "Joy" and Thomas "Tommy". That marriage soon ended when they went separate ways, and the children went to live with Aunt Bernadine and Uncle Louie. Uncle Bern served in the navy during World War II, even though he would have much preferred the Army since he was not a swimmer, and was prone to sea sickness. Uncle Sam, however, didn't give a rat's behind, and he saw action on a number of different war ships before the war ended. When he was discharged, he moved back in with his mom, dad and son. I remember that for several years when we got a holiday from school, because of some holy day, Uncle Bern would take his three children, and a couple of the older cousins, and we would go to Churchill Downs for a day of fun. I don't remember how we got there, because he didn't drive, probably a taxi. He dated a lady named Jeanette Hettinger for many, many years and finally married her. They lived together on Hickory Street until his death in 1981.



Bern - Ed (front) - ? - Uncle Louie

1926



*Ann Murr - Bern - Ann Miller
Aunt Annie*

Bern & Jean's Wedding Dinner

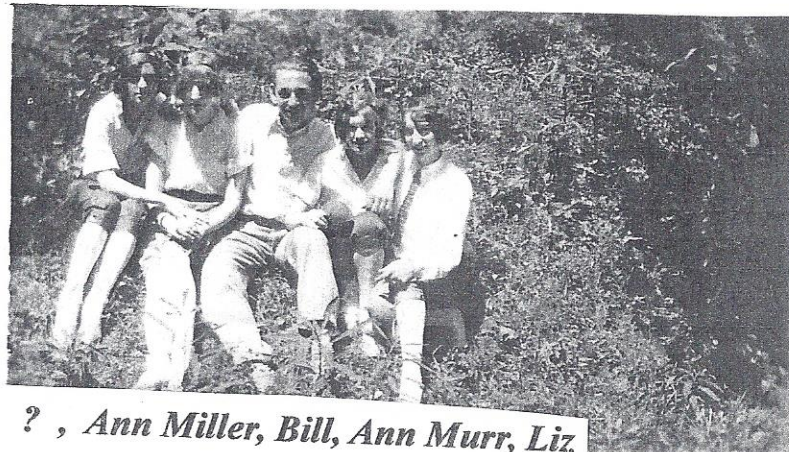


Mr. Due s- Rose Moody - Buddy Dues - Mary C. Due s- Ed Huelsman - Mrs. Dues - "Pop" & - "Mom" Huelsman - Bern & Jean - Priest

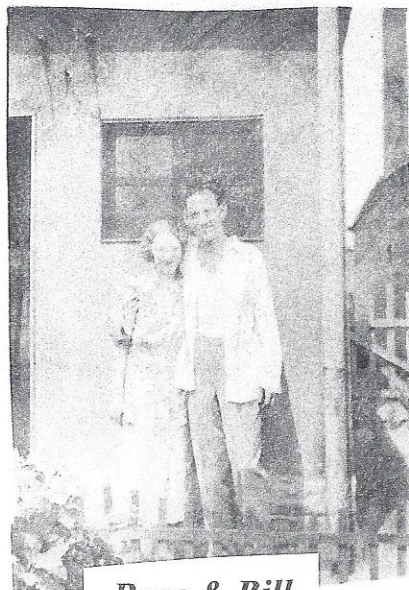


Mary C. Dues Bernard Huelsman Georgina Dues Huelsman Buddy Dues Rose Huelsman Moody

The fifth child was another son named **William**. I do not remember Uncle Bill because I was pretty young when he passed away. He died of tuberculosis on Dec 16, 1945 at the very young age of thirty-three. He worked as a pipe fitter and married Mary Wrocklage, but they had no children. I did get to know Aunt Mary very well, because she and my mom were good friends for many years. Uncle Bill is buried at Calvary Cemetery.



? , Ann Miller, Bill, Ann Murr, Liz

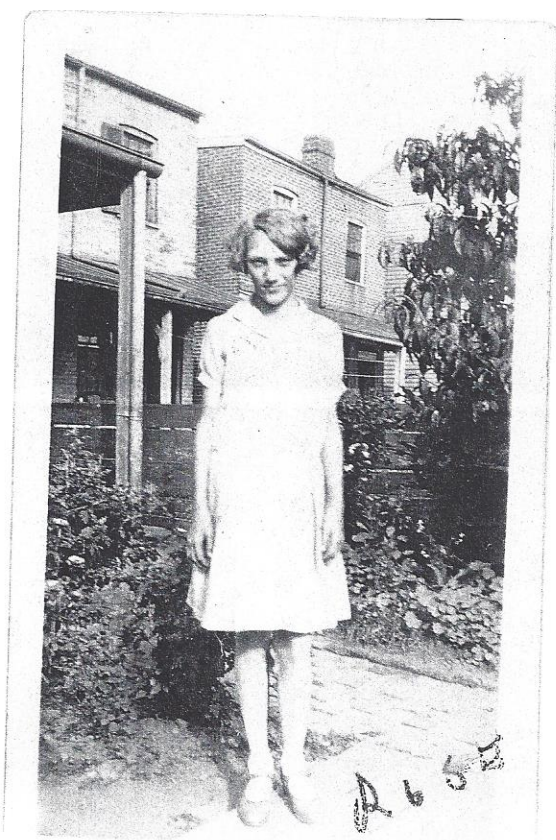


Rose & Bill

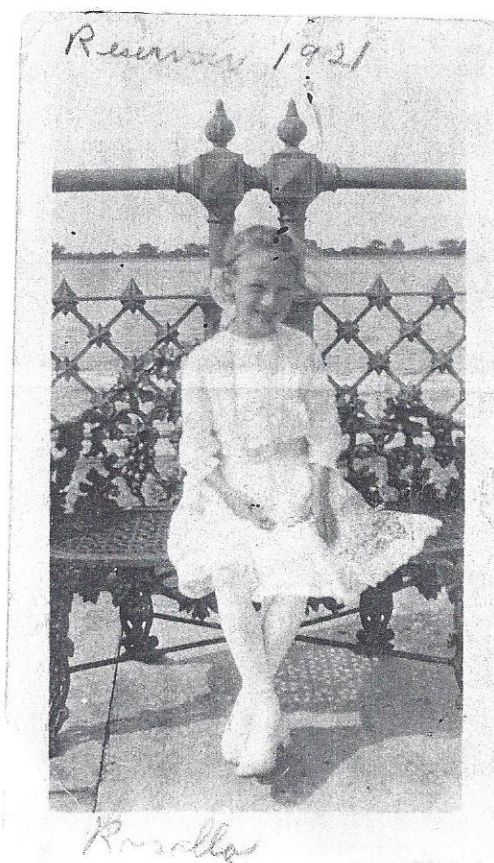


Bill Huelsman

Rosella was the sixth child. She worked as a clerk in a button factory before she married Wilbur "Sam" Moody. Sam was from Scottsburg Indiana. They lived at 832 Ash Street which was right down the street from her parents. Uncle Sam also worked at Durkees, while Aunt Rose stayed home, kept house, and raised their seven children. They were Thomas (Tommy), James (Jimmy), Geraldine (Gerry), Samuel (Sammy), Jane, Allen, and Anthony (Tony). Aunt Rose loved to play Bingo, and enjoy playing several nights a week. Sam and his sons loved to hunt, and squirrel heads were a delicacy in that household. I remember that just about every summer they would take a vacation for a week or two. They would load up the family station wagon and off they would go across country. And, as if seven kids in a car were not enough, they would sometimes take along one of the cousins. I remember the many First Communion, graduation and other parties that were held there. Everyone had a great time.



*Rose
1927*



*Rosella
Rose at the Reservoir
1921*



Ralph Shields Sam Moody Rose Huelsman Moody Frances Huelsman Clute

Edward Charles was the seventh child. Uncle Ed married Rosalie Westerman and they had two children, Edward, Jr. (Eddie), and Mary Margaret (Margie). When World War II broke out and the draft started, Ed wanted to go into the navy, but like his brother Bern, it didn't matter what he wanted. Uncle Sam wanted him in the army. Uncle Ed came home from the army shortly after the death of his father, Joe, and he took over the family business, *Huelsman's Café*. He and his family lived at 1613 South Shelby, just a few blocks from Ash Street, and Goss Avenue.

I remember Aunt Rosalea, Eddie, and Margie would drive over to our house on Goss many times on Saturday afternoon, and then I got to go home with them to spend the night. She would cook dinner for us, and on Saturdays it would always be chili or spaghetti, and no one complained, because it was good. We played lots of games like monopoly and canasta. Sunday mornings we had to go to Mass at St. Elizabeth church, but she sometimes let us leave early, after communion. Then we were treated to baked goods from Heitzmann's Bakery. Uncle Ed slept in while all of this happened, because he had to stay at the bar until closing time.

He was a man of few words until he had a few drinks, then he was lots of fun. We never knew what he would bring home with him from the stag bar. It could have been a buddy for a nightcap, or some kind of animal. One night, or early morning, he came down Delor leading a horse. However, it was the mischievous monkey that topped them all. He became part of the family, but for only a very short while.



Margie, Aunt Rosalie



Uncle Ed & Mary Louise

1955



Bill Huelsman- Armella Westerman- Ed Huelsman- Rosalee Westerman- Rose Moody- Claude Westerman

U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 Record

Name: **Edward C Huelsman**
Birth Year: **1917**
Race: **White, citizen**
Nativity State or Country: **Kentucky**
State: **Kentucky**
County or City: **Jefferson**

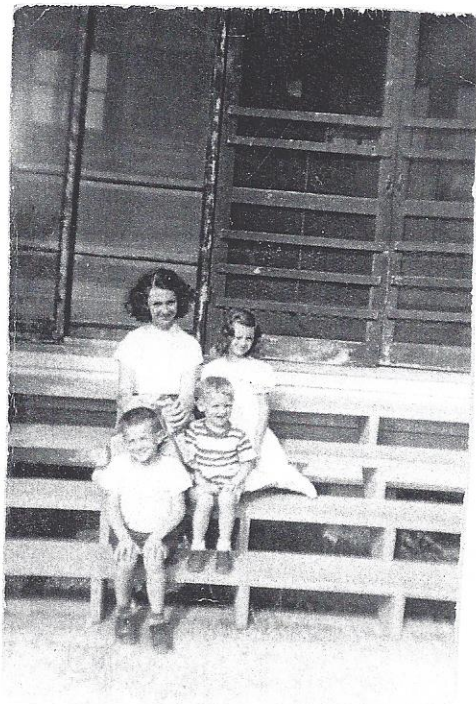
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Enlistment State: **Kentucky**
Enlistment City: **Fort Thomas Newport**
Branch: **No branch assignment**
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Grade: **Private**
Grade Code: **Private**
Term of Enlistment: **Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law**
Component: **Selectees (Enlisted Men)**
Source: **Civil Life**

Education: **Grammar school**
Civil Occupation: **Painter, General* or Painter, Sign* An asterisk (*) appearing after a job title indicates that a trade test for the particular occupation will be found in the United States Employment Service Manual, Oral Trade Test.**
Marital Status: **Married**
Height: **00**
Weight: **000**

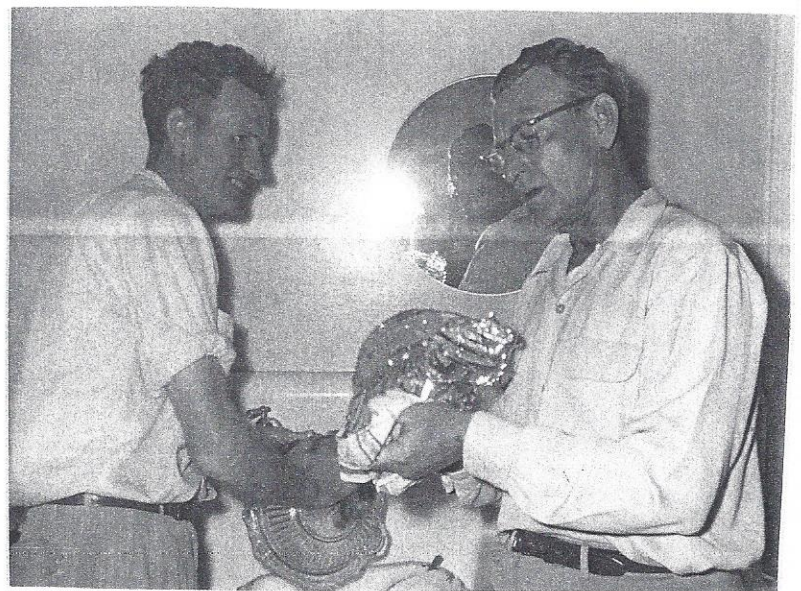
The baby of the family was **Frances Ann**. Aunt Frances met Frank Clute, who was stationed at Fort Knox. Uncle Frank was from New York, but didn't go back there after he was discharged from the service. He married my Aunt Frances. They lived with my grandmother at 820 Ash Street. They had seven children; Mary Frances, Donald (Donnie), Paul, David (Davie), Charles (Charlie), Gerald (Jerry) and Kathy Ann.

I remember when my brother Bill was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Aunt Frances, and Uncle Frank, with Mary, Donnie, and Paul, took my mother and me to visit him one weekend. We were both so very appreciative to be able to visit with Bill at that time.

Aunt Frances was everything to everybody. She not only took care of my grandmother, uncle Bern, his son, and raised her own seven children, but she was there for anyone else who needed her. She was the peacemaker when squabbles broke out, and the healer when someone had a skinned knee or broken heart. She was the hostess for many celebrations at 820 Ash Street,



*Joan - Mary
Donnie - Paul
Camp Breckenridge
1951*



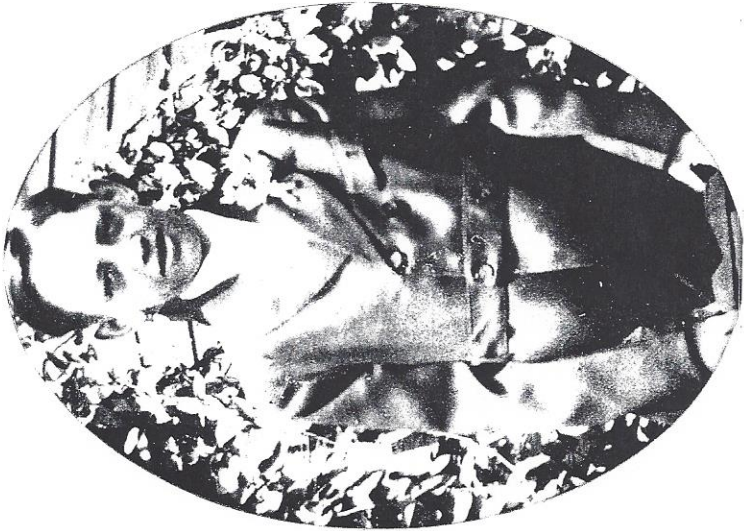
*Uncle Frank & Uncle Louie
1955*

SISTERS



*Frances, Bernadine
Rose & Liz*

HUELSMAN



BILL

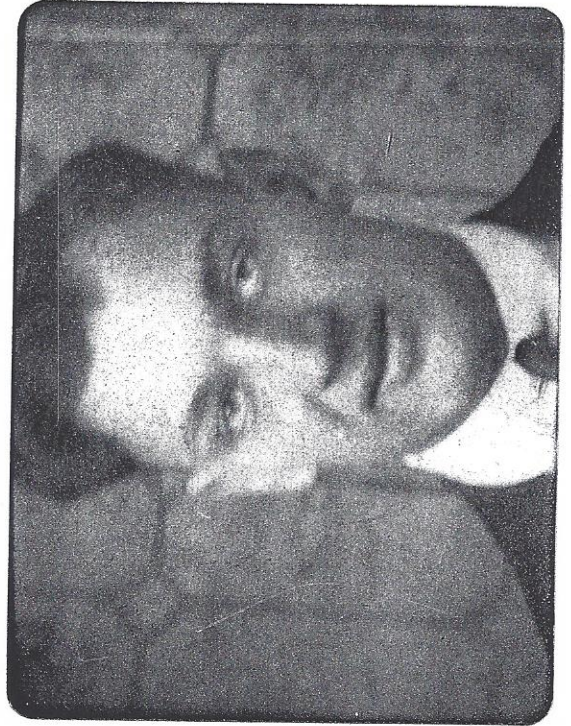


ED

BROTHERS



BERN



JOE

MOM

Josephine "Mom" Metten Huelsman came into this world on Februray 20, 1878. I remember her well. Some time in her younger days she fell, I believe that I heard it was over a rocking horse, causing her to break her hip. Unfortunately, at that time, there was nothing much that could be done for the injury, so it left her crippled. It didn't seem to daunt her spirits too much. She was always pleasant, except that one time that my mom told me about. It seems that Liz was holding Ed when he was a baby, while Mom was feeding chickens in the back yard. Liz somehow dropped Ed, and Mom hit her over the head with a bag of chicken feed!!!

We used to enjoy gathering out in front of her house and playing games, such as *Red Rover*, *Mother May I*, and *Hide and Seek*. If you weren't there, or you haven't heard the story about the night that Mom stumped us all with *My Father Owned a Grocery Store*, then I am not going to tell you. You will just have to wait until my brother Bill finishes *his* book.

When Mom got older she would say that she just wanted to live long enough to see so-and-so make their First Communion, or just long enough to see so-and-so graduate, etc, etc, etc,. Luckily she had twenty-three grand children, not to mention the great-grand kids, so this kept her going for some years. Mom left us on January 22, 1967. I am sure that she is in heaven, because the worse thing I ever heard her say was "pshaw", but she didn't say it very often. She is buried next to Pop at St. Michael's Cemetery.



POP

Joseph T. "Pop" Huelsman was born July 27, 1873. My mom told me a little bit about him. She said that women were not allowed to smoke around him. He would order them out of his house if they did. I have also been told that when a house at 1613 S. Shelby was for sale, he wanted to buy it for Mom. It was larger and nicer than 820 Ash. Mom, however, told him that she was happy where she was, but that Ed was looking for a house. So soon after, Ed and Rosalie became the proud owners.

I am sorry that I can't remember him or at least more stories about him. He passed away June 29, 1944, about 1 ½ months after he made out his last will and testament. (see next page) He is buried at St. Michael's Cemetery



POP



Joseph T. Huelsman
July 27, 1873 - June 29, 1944

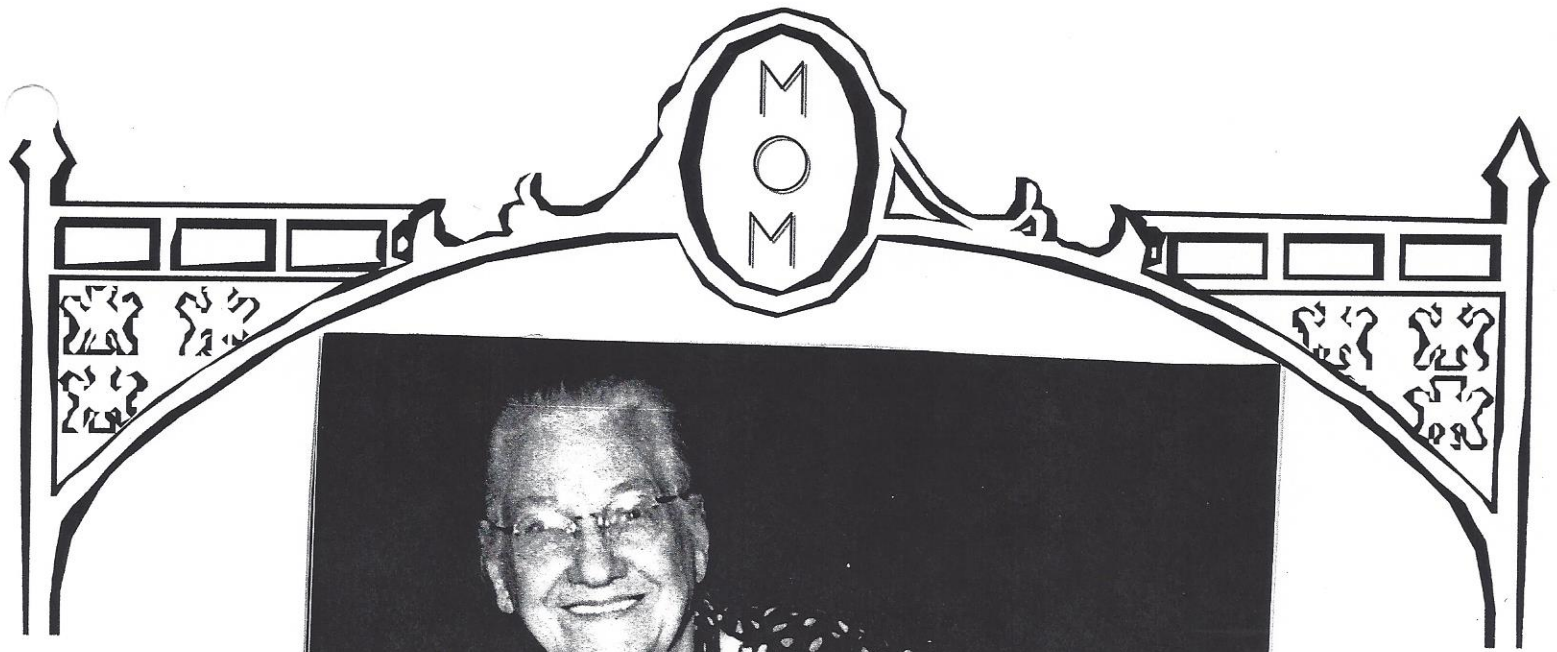
Louisville Ky 14th May 1944

This is my last will
I give bequeath and devise to my
wife. Josephine Huelsman, in
complete and perfect ownership
all my rights and property
of every kind and nature
whether real personal or mixed
wherever situated appointing
her executrix of my estate
without bond and giving her
deisin thereof

Joseph Huelsman

Signed sealed published and
declared by the said
Joseph Huelsman as and for
his last will and testament
in the presence of us who
in his presence and at
his request and in the
presence of each other have
subscribed our names as
witnesses

Overy R. Cifer
Edward Schmidt



Josephine Metten Huelsman

Feb. 20, 1878 - Jan. 22, 1967

FAMILY GROUP SHEET for Joe & Josephine Huelsman

HUSBAND: JOSEPH T. HUELSMAN

MOTHER: Christine Kottem

FATHER: Hermann Heinrich Hulsmann

BORN: July 27, 1873

DIED: June 28, 1944 in Louisville

BURIED: St. Michael's

MARRIED: 1900

WIFE: JOSEPHINE C. METTEN

MOTHER: Anna Cusick

FATHER: Bernard H. Metten

BORN: Feb 20, 1878

DIED: Jan 22, 1967 in Louisville

BURIED: St. Michael's

CHILDREN:

1. JOSEPH T., Jr.

BORN: March 22, 1902 DIED: May 1973

BURIED: St. Michael's Cemetery

MARRIED: Evelyn

CHILDREN: 1) Ruth Jean (adopted)

2. BERNADINE CHRISTINE

BORN: July 22, 1903 DIED: Aug 2, 1992

MARRIED: Louis Humpich

CHILDREN: 1) Mary Louise

3. ELIZABETH FRANCES

BORN: Jan 5, 1906 DIED: Sept 17, 1992

MARRIED: William P. Motsch

CHILDREN: 1) William Anthony

2) JoAnn. Marie

4. BERNARD ANTHONY

BORN: Aug 2, 1908 DIED: Oct 26, 1981

MARRIED: Georgina Dues - CHILDREN: Bernard Eugene

MARRIED: Estelle Epley - CHILDREN: Loretta Joyce & Thomas G.

MARRIED: Jeanette Hettinger CHILDREN: None

5. WILLIAM LAWRENCE

BORN: 1912

DIED: Dec. 16, 1945

MARRIED: Mary Wrocklage

CHILDREN: None

6. ROSELLA LEONA

BORN: Jan 14, 1914 DIED: May 9, 1998

MARRIED: Wilbur (Sam) Moody

CHILDREN: 1) Thomas

5) Jane

2) James

6) Allen

3) Geraldine

7) Anthony

4) Samuel

7. EDWARD CHARLES

BORN: March 14, 1917 DIED: July 18, 1991

MARRIED: Rosalie Westerman

CHILDREN: 1) Edward

2) Mary Margaret

8. FRANCES ANN

BORN: March 25, 1920 DIED: Apr 3, 1995

MARRIED: Frank Clute

CHILDREN: 1) Mary Frances

5) Charles R.

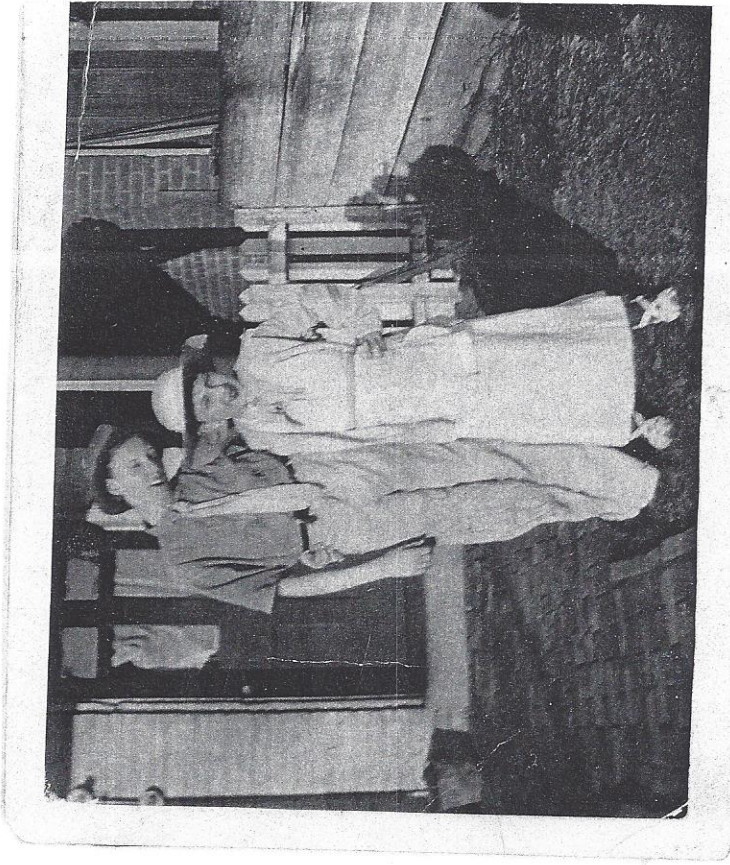
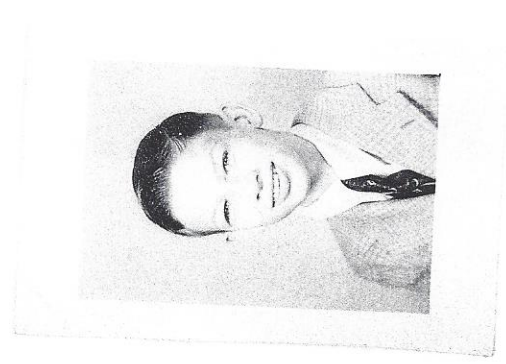
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6) Gerald

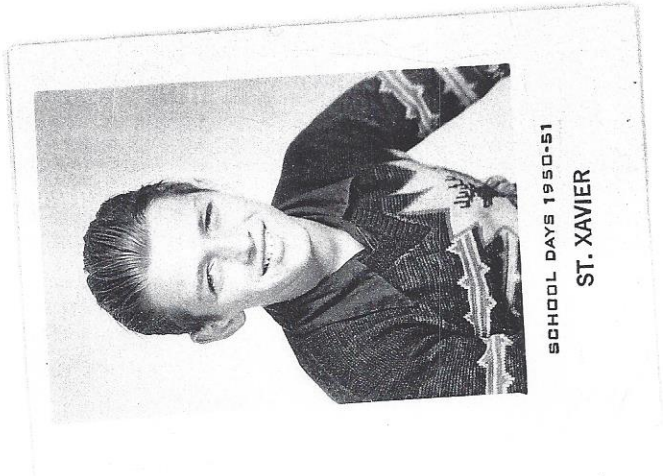
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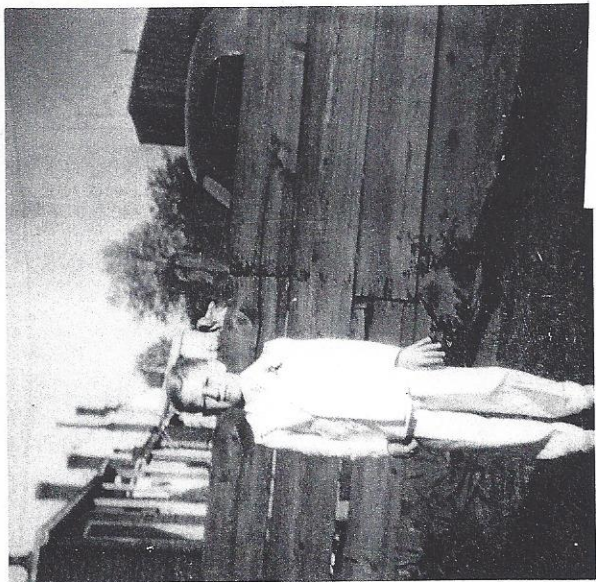
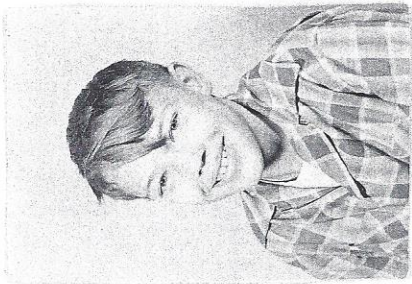
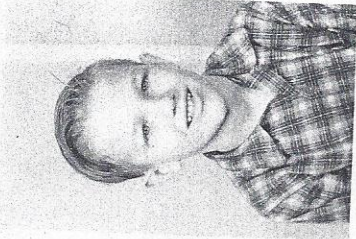
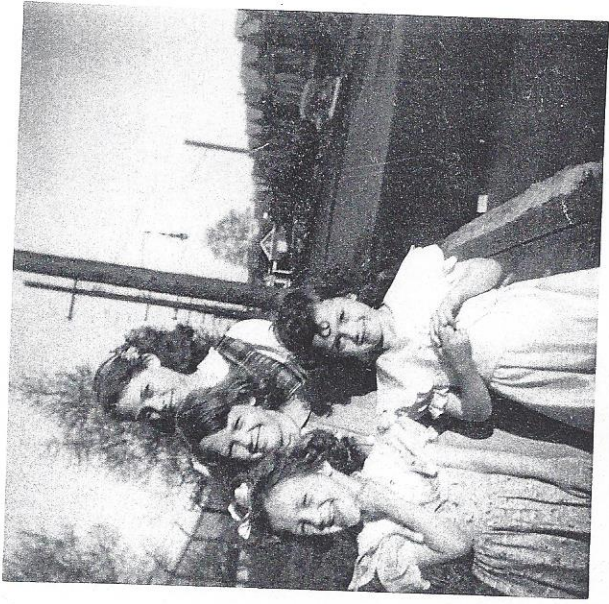
7) Kathy Ann

4) David W.

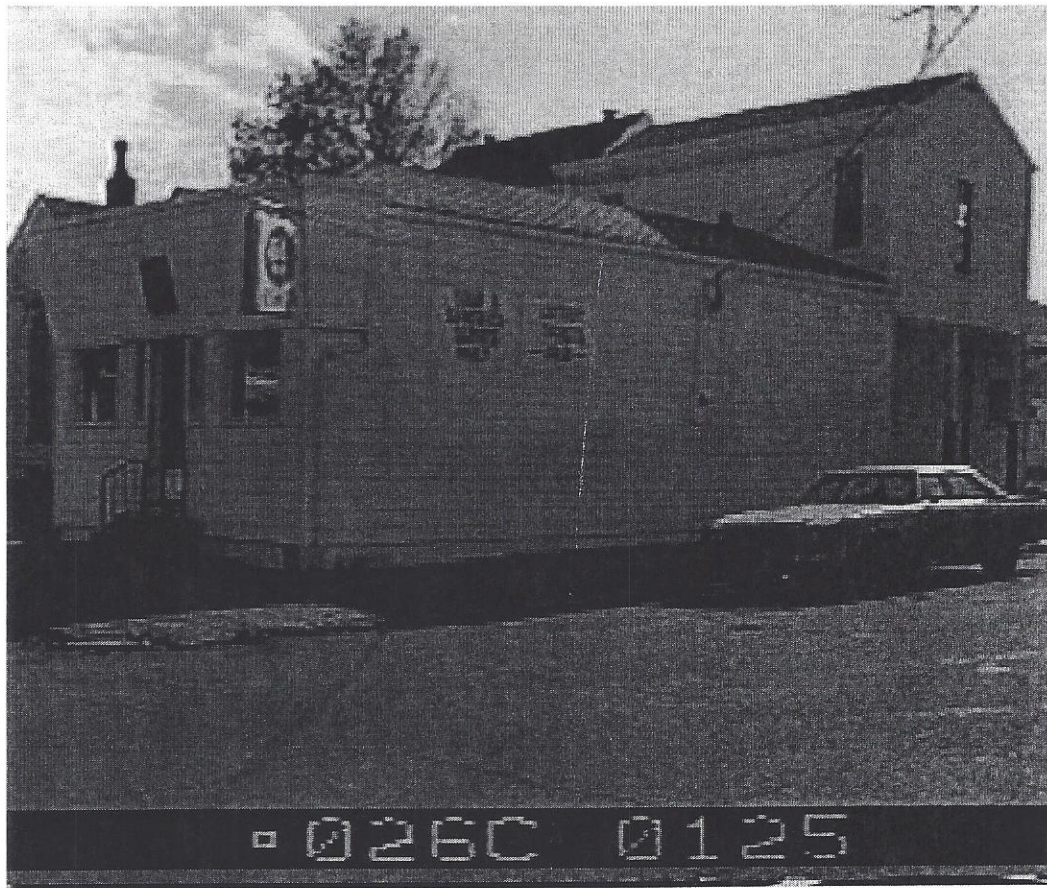


COUSINS





& MORE COUSINS



HUELSMAN'S CAFÉ
1100 ASH STREET



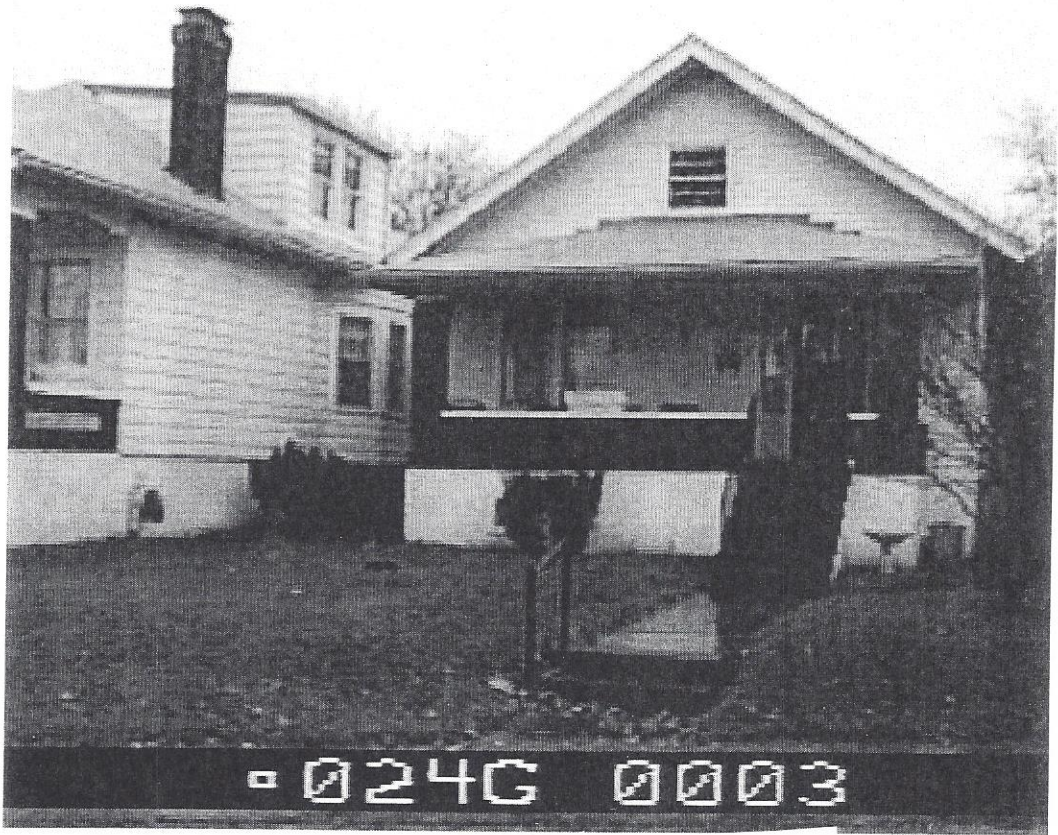
HUELSMAN HOMESTEAD
FRANCES & FRANK CLUTE RESIDENCE
820 ASH STREET



*ROSE & SAM MOODY
RESIDENCE - 832 ASH ST.*



*BERNADINE & LOUIE HUMPICH
RESIDENCE - 822 ASH ST.*



*ED & ROSALIE HUELSMAN
RESIDENCE - 1613 S. SHELBY ST.*



*ELIZABETH MOTSCH
RESIDENCE - 957 GOSS AVE.*

These are only a few highlights that I remember, but there is so much more to be said about my wonderful family. We used to get together to celebrate everything. We went to Mom Huelsman's every Christmas Eve, and most times again on Christmas Day. We also, almost always visited the Moody's. There was always a First Communion, graduation, wedding, shower, birthday or something to celebrate. No matter how many people were there, it never seemed crowded. There was always enough room and a good time was had by all.

“Those were the days”





Not only the trees have roots!

This is but a very brief outline of our wonderful German heritage, and our story has a huge gap between Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and Hermann Heinrich Hulsmann Leaving Hanover Germany.

Maybe someday you can fill in some of the blanks, but I feel obligated to pass on this warning given to me by one of my favorite cousins: "If you trace it all the way back to Adam and Eve, you will find that we are Jewish and there is incest in the family."

Remember only you can write your final chapter, and I sincerely hope that it has a very happy ending.

To be continued . . .