

Family of Frederick Kost (1832-1897)

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Friedrich (Frederick) Kost was born 5 September 1832 at Walbocelheim, in Prussia. His parents were Joannes George Kost & Anna Maria Burkard. The 1860, 1870 & 1880 Federal censuses reported that he was born in Prussia. A son, Phillip B. Kost, in the 1920 (Daviess County, KY, p16) census reported that his father was born at "Waldbakelhim", Germany. Walbocelheim is located in the western part of Germany, about 45 miles from its border with Luxembourg, 15 miles west of the Rhine River and 25 miles southwest of Weisbaden. It is now in the state of Rheinland-Pfalz.

Frederick Kost on 25 March 1856 in Perry County, Indiana applied for US citizenship. He testified that: It was his intention to become a naturalized citizen, he was 24 years old, had owed allegiance to King Frederick William of Prussia, where he emigrated from, embarking at London and arriving in the United States at the port of New York on 1 October 1854. This document was found in a stack of "Declarations of Intention", in a box on the floor of the County Clerk's office in the Perry County courthouse at Cannelton, IN. On 23 January 1861 he was granted citizenship. His oath and certification was recorded in Perry County, IN Common Pleas Court Order Book 2 (1858-1862) on page 461.

Frederick Kost on 11 November 1856 in Dubois County, IN married Kunigunda ("Cora") Schultheis (in various records also spelled Schulties, Schulteis and numerous other misspellings). Kunigunda Schultheis was born in the state of Ohio on 5 September 1841. Her parents were born in the German province of Bavaria. In a published index to the 1840 Federal census of Ohio were found listed: A. Schulies in Hamilton County (p13) and Conrad Schultheis in Hocking County (p182).

Spencer County, IN there were at least two other Schultheis families. They do not appear to be of the immediate family of Kunigunda Kost. Both families arrived in the US subsequent to her birth in the US, one in 1848 and the other in 1851. Both, however, hailed from Bavaria, and lived in the same community as Kunigunda and thus may have had some relationship to her. The father of one of these families was Michael Schultheis, who was born in December 1801 at Feuerthal in Bavaria. He left there in 1848. Soon after his arrival in the US he went to live in Spencer County, IN. He resided near Ferdinand, where he attended church at St. Ferdinand

Catholic Church, he appears in a membership role of the church in 1848. Before leaving Bavaria he wrote a will on 12 June 1848, he left all his property to a son, Lambert (born 17 September 1839); he names no wife and Lambert is the only child he named. On 26 December 1849 in Spencer County, IN he transferred 80 acres to another, Michael Schultheis, who appears to be another child (Spencer Co., IN Deed Book 14, p126). In the 1850 Spencer County census his name was spelled "Shuldi", living with him were five children, his wife apparently had already died. Records suggest the following as children of Michael Schultheis (since he names only one child in his will these may possibly be of some other relationship to him): Maria Anna (born 22 September 1824); Michael (born 3 June 1827, 1860 living Spencer Co., IN, married Lousena about 1855); Theresia (born 2 Jan 1830, married Herman Bruckman, 1860 living Spencer Co., IN); Anna (born 24 September 1836, married Michael Mehling, died 26 February 1894, buried St. Meinrad Cemetery, Spencer Co., IN); George (born 16 May 1839, 1870 living Ferdinand Township, Dubois Co., IN; and Joseph (born 23 July 1843, in 1865 purchased three lots in town of St. Meinrad, IN, where he operated a spoke and wheel factory. Information on Michael Schultheis from: Ferdinand, Indiana A Sesquicentennial History, Ferdinand Historical Society, 1990, p164 and Indiana Magazine of History, Vol.XLI, Dec 1945, pp327-328.

Another Schultheis family resided in Spencer County, IN, in Huff Township. Wolfgang Schultheis purchased 80 acres there on 13 July 1852 (Spender Co., IN Deed Book 14, p444). In 1857 George & Barbara Pertzler sold to Jacob Clemens, the administrator of the estate of Wolfgang Schultheis, the same 80 acres (Spencer Co., IN Deed Book 18, p61 & Deed Book 18, p484). Barbara was probably Wolfgang's widow, in Spencer County on 25 February 1857 George Pertzler married Barbara Schultheis. A son of Wolfgang is possibly John Schultheis, who also resided in Huff Township, Spencer County, IN. John was born in Bavaria about 1847. He was found in the censuses of Huff Township from 1870 thru 1920. The latter records that he immigrated in 1851, which corresponds closely to the arrival of Wolfgang Schultheis in Huff Township.

Frederick & Kunigunda Schultheis Kost for about the first fourteen years of their marriage resided in the town of Cannelton, the county seat of Perry County, IN. Members of the Catholic Church, while living in Cannelton they first attended St. Patrick's. In a book of baptismals at St. Patrick's it is recorded that on 26 September 1858 that William Jerome, "an adopted son" of Frederick & Kunigunda Kost was baptized, at the age of 2 years and 6 months. A second child, Maria Elisabeth, was baptized at St. Patrick's on 9 October 1859. At this time a new church was under construction in Cannelton, for the German families, who had recently immigrated there. Work began with the laying of its cornerstone on 13 June 1858. One year later on June 19th the new church was blessed and christened "St. Michael's". The.-congregation consisted of 74 German speaking families and 4 which spoke French, numbering 315 souls, of these was the family of Frederick Kost. One hundred and thirty years later St. Michael's still overlooks the town of Cannelton. St. Patrick's merged with St. Michael's in 1902 and its church building was razed. Seven of the twelve children of Frederick & Kunigunda Kost were baptized at St. Michael's. The dates of their baptismal, dates of birth, and their sponsors were recorded as follows in the records of St. Michael's:

- Anna Elisabeth Kost - baptized 21 July 1861, born 20 July 1861, sponsors Benedict & Maria Elizabeth Kunz
- John Kost - baptized 6 November 1863, born 1 November 1863, sponsors John & Anna Russ

- Catherine Amelia Kost - baptized 15 August 1865, born 5 August 1865, sponsors Peter & Catherine Russ
- Frederick Kost - baptized 3 March 1867, born 22 February 1867, sponsors Frederick Dusch & Anna Russ
- Philip Bernard Kost - baptized 28 February 1869, born 21 February 1869, sponsors Philip Kost & Catharina Blum
- Amatus Kost - baptized 27 November 1870, son born ?, sponsors Mr. & Mrs. Amatus & Margaretha ___
- Charles Leopold - baptized 27 October 1872, born 25 October 1872

One of the sponsors for Phillip Bernard Kost was Phillip Kost, who may be an uncle. In the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Perry County, IN Frederick Kost and his family were enumerated as residents of the town of Cannelton. In the former his occupation was given as that of a shoemaker and in the latter it was listed as a peddler.

Between the dates of 27 October 1872 and 18 August 1873 Frederick Kost moved his family from Cannelton to St. Meinrad, Spencer County, IN, about 20 miles northwest of his former home. On the prior date his son, Charles L., was baptized at St. Michael's in Cannelton and on the later date Frederick Kost "of Spencer County, IN" purchased lot #5 in the town of St. Meinrad from Frank Gudorf for \$125 (Spencer Co., IN Deed Book 35,p487). The lot was at the southeast corner of Mill & 2nd Streets. For the next two decades they continued to reside in St. Meinrad.

On 14 December 1874 Frederick Kost made a contract with Rev. Martin Marty. He transferred title to his lot (#5) in St. Meinrad to Rev. Marty for \$968, under the agreement that if he repaid the sum by 1 January 1879 the land would be deeded back to him (Spencer. Co., IN Deed Book 37, p144). Rev. Marty., of St. Meinrad's Abbey, had laid out the town of St. Meinrad in 1861 and christened it; in 1870 when St. Meinrad Abbey was made an independent abbey he was made its first abbot

Hiram & Mary Van Winkle on 21 February 1876 sold 3 acres to Kunigunda Kost. This land was along the Anderson River the boundary line between Spencer & Perry Counties, IN. When the purchase was made it was in Perry County, on the east side of the river, but in the coming years the river changed its channel, and when they sold the 3 acres 23 years later it was in Spencer County, on the west side of the Anderson River (Spencer Co., IN Deed Book 63, p265). The Kost family also owned 1 1/3 acres situated next to the town of St. Meinrad, at its northeast corner, adjacent to lot #80 of the town. On a plat of Harrison Township in the 1879 Atlas of Spencer Co., Indiana (p14) the latter land was shown as being the property of the Catholic Church. Possibly the Kostos had received this in exchange for their lot in St. Meinrad which had been mortgaged to the church. Henry Wagner on 30 March 1888 deeded to Kunigunda Kost lot 34in St. Meinrad for \$40 (Spencer Co., IN Deed Book 52, p229).

Frederick & Kunigunda Kost were numerated as residents of the town of St. Meinrad when the 1880 Spencer County, IN census was compiled. In the census his occupation, was reported as that of a huckster (one who sells small articles). In February 1883 at a meeting of the citizens of St. Meinrad a committee was appointed to take the necessary steps for the incorporation of the town. In the 1885 History of Warrick, Spencer and Perry Counties, Indiana (p371) it is noted that Fred Kost, at this time, was appointed to take a census of the town. His census showed that St. Meinrad had a population of 500, with 129 legal voters, including the

monastery and seminary of St. Meinrad's. In May 1883 the town was formally incorporated. The first mayor elected by the town was one of the fathers of St. Meinrad's Abbey.

On 2 September 1887 there was a great fire at St. Meinrad's Abbey, destroying most of what it had taken 34 years to build. Almost the entire population of the town turned out to fight the fire. The early records of the St. Meinrad parish church were lost in the fire – included in these were the baptismal records for several of the children of Frederick & Kunigunda Kost. Many of the town worked on the reconstruction of the abbey and seminary. Fred Kost's son, Charles, and possibly others of the family, worked for the abbey and helped to create this beautiful landmark.

In the last months of 1895 or in the first half of 1896 Frederick & Kunigunda Kost left St. Meinrad and moved across the Ohio River to Daviess County, KY, where they made their home in the Lowertown Precinct. Several of their grown children also moved there at about the same time, including Anna Breit, Fred Kost, Phillip Kost, Mary Hoffman, Kunigunda Yeand and Susan Kost. Their two other sons, John & Charles, continued to live in St. Meinrad. In Daviess County, KY on 23 or 24 November 1897 Frederick Kost, Sr. died. A notice in the Owensboro Daily Messenger newspaper stated he died at his home 2 ½ miles below the city of abscess of the lungs on Nov 24th. He was returned to his former home and buried in the St. Meinrad Parish cemetery. On his grave marker, an iron cross, it is engraved in German that: Friedrich Kost, Sr. died 23 Nov 1897, age 65 years.



Appearing in the St. Meinrad community column of the Rockport Democrat (3 December 1897) was the following item:

Fred Kost, Sr., who was a citizen of this place for many years, and who located near Owensboro, Kentucky, about two years ago, died there on the 24th ult. The corpse was brought here on the 26th. The band, of which he had been an active member for many years, and the St. Joseph's benevolent society, of which he was also a member, accompanied the remains to the grave in full uniform and regalia. In spite of the bad weather prevailing on that thy, many friends of the deceased were here at the funeral, at which Rev. Maur Helfrech O.S.B. officiated.

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 25 November 1897:

Mr. Frederick Kost, age 67 years, died Wednesday morning at his home two and a half miles below the city, of abscess of the lungs. His remains were taken to St. Meinrad, Ind., Wednesday afternoon, where they will be interred Friday morning. He leaves a wife and eight children, four daughters and four sons. He was a member of St. Joseph's society, of St. Meinrad, Ind. and an honorary member of the St. Hubertus society of this city.

Frederick Kost had long been a member of the St. Joseph Benevolent Society. In the Cannelton, IN newspaper of 13 June 1868 it was noted that in the town's July 4th celebration the St. Joseph Benevolent Society, under the leadership of F. Kost, would be participating (St. Michael's On The Hill, 1859-1985, Cannelton, Indiana, Michael F. Rutherford, McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 1986, p16). He was an honorary member of the St. Hubertus Society of the St. Joseph Church in Owensboro.

Kunigunda Kost, widow, of Daviess County, KY, on 13 February 1899 sold the 3 acres in Spencer County, IN that had been acquired from the Van Winkles in 1876. She sold it to St. Meinrad Abbey for \$75 (Spencer Co., IN Deed Book 63, p265). Later that year, on December 26, she sold the 1 1/3 acres adjoining the town of St. Meinrad to her son, Charles L. Kost (Spencer Co., IN Deed Book 64, p450). Ten days previous to this she purchased 45 1/2 acres in Daviess County, KY from J. D. Elliott for \$2275 (Daviess Co., KY Deed Book 70, p149). This property was described as being on the Jamison Road about 4 1/2 miles south of Owensboro, bounding on the property lines of Joseph Mudd, Tom Wilson & Martin Kalen. This road no longer appears on a map of the county. Subsequent to 1900 it was renamed the Todd Bridge Road. It ran off the Livermore Road (now Frederica St. or Highway 431) from where the Southside Bar B-Cue Inn is now. This farm's post office address was at Tuck (1901-1902 Owensboro City Directory), which is at the intersection of the Todd Bridge Road and Highway 554.

When the Federal census taker visited the home of Kunigunda Kost on 28 or 29 June 1900 she was residing on the Jamison (Todd Bridge) Road farm. Enumerated in the census near her were Joseph Mudd and members of the family of Torn Wilson. Living with her were her sons, Fred & Phillip, and the latter's wife, Agnes. Ten weeks later, on 7 September 1900, Kunigunda ("Cora") Kost died, two days following her 59th birthday. The Owensboro Daily Messenger indicated she died of cancer of the stomach at her residence on the West 5th Street Road. This residence was probably the home of her daughter, Susie Rembold, possibly when she had become ill she was taken there. Susie Rembold lived on the farm of her father-in-law, Jacob Rembold, near where the Mary Lee Cravens School is now on the West 5th St. Road. Kunigunda Kost was buried at the St. Meinrad Cemetery, her monument records her death date as September 9 but her death notice in the Owensboro newspaper and in the St. Meinrad Church records show that she died on September 7.

Owensboro Daily Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 9 September 1900:

Mrs. Cora Kast, aged fifty-eight years, died of cancer of the stomach at her residence on West Fifth street Friday night. She leaves eight children. The remains were shipped to Troy, Ind., for burial Saturday.

Kunigunda Kost wrote a will on 8 August 1900 and it was recorded in Daviess Co., KY Will Book E, pp179-180, on 15 October 1900. She left her farm to her son, Phillip B. Kost, who was made the executor of her estate. She directed that he was to give, within 3 years, the following sums to her other children: \$100 each to Ann Breit, John Kost, Fred Kost, Charles Kost, Mary Hoffman and Susan Rembold, and \$150 to Kunigunda Yent. At the time of her death she had paid \$600 toward the purchase price of the farm, leaving a balance of \$1675 due. In the 1901-1902 Owensboro City Directory Phillip B. Kost is listed as a county property owner - 45 acres, post office Tuck.

Phillip B. Kost and the other heirs of Kunigunda Kost in March 1903 signed a deed transferring the 45 ½ acre farm on the Jamison Road to Martin nfor \$3000 (Daviess Co., KY Deed Book 75, p363). The deed specified that Phillip B. Kost had paid the monies due his brothers and sisters, as directed by their mother.

Frederick Kost & Kunigunda Schultheis had 12 children, in addition to raising an adopted son, William Jerome Kost. The 1900 census records that she was the mother of 12 children, 8 of whom were living at that time. Their children included the following eleven, one other may have died in infancy:

	Born	Died
Maria Elizabeth	8 Oct 1859	1860-1861
Anna Elizabeth	20 Jul 1861	29 May 1933
John	1 Nov 1863	30 Oct 1956
Catharine Amelia	5 Aug 1865	1865-1870
Frederick Vincent	22 Feb 1867	5 Mar 1944
Phillip Bernard	21 Feb 1869	8 Oct 1954
Amatus	Nov 1870	1870-1880
Charles Leopold	25 Oct 1872	28 Aug 1961
Mary S.	16 Jul 1873	15 Feb 1952
Kunigunda	6 Feb 1876	3 Apr 1941
Susan J.	8 Oct 1879	1 Aug 1954

William Jerome Kost was born on 2 Nov in about 1856. He was adopted and raised by Frederick & Kunigunda Kost. They had adopted him by 26 September 1858, when he was baptized at the St. Patrick's Church in Cannelton, IN. The baptismal record of his oldest child, Clara, lists her father's given name as William "McGang". The 1860 census gives his place of birth as Indiana whereas the 1870 has Kentucky. In Perry County, IN on 23 November 1881 he married Mary Barbara Fruehwald. They resided for awhile in Tell City, Perry County, IN. By 1886 they had moved to Evansville, IN. In 1902-1903 they moved to Owensboro, KY. In the 1905 Owensboro City Directory William J. & Mary B. Kost are listed as residing at 630 Jackson St., his occupation was reported as a tinner (one who makes tinware). In Owensboro on 29 April 1905 he died. A death notice in the Owensboro Messenger on 2 May 1905 stated he was born in Cannelton, IN and burial was at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro. Shortly after his death his family moved back to Evansville, where his wife died on 8 May 1930. William J. & Mary B. Kost had ten children: Clara Isabell, Georgia G., Anna Mabel, Maud Blanche, Dora G., Frederick William, John Henry, Floyd Elmer, Mary Alice & Ruth Matilda. Mrs. Charles L. (Rosemary) Hollingsworth (10141 Old Henderson Road, Evansville, IN 47712), a great-great-granddaughter of William Jerome Kost, is a member of the genealogy organization, West-

Central Kentucky Family Research Association of Owensboro, KY. Mrs. Hollingsworth generously shared information for this history, thank you!

"Anna" Elizabeth Kost, daughter of Frederick & Kunigunda, was born 20 July 1861. In Spencer County, IN she married John Breit on 11 May 1880. He was born in Germany on 27 August 1852; he was the son of John Breit & Anna Margaretha Klein. His family in 1877 immigrated from Germany in 1871 and settled in St. Meinrad, IN. John & Anna moved to Daviess County, KY between 1895-1900. There they bought a farm of 54 acres in the Lancaster Precinct, in the Stanley neighborhood. In the 1900 & 1910 Daviess County censuses his occupation was recorded as farmer, in the 1900 census their name was misspelled as "Bright". Between 1914-1918 they moved to Louisville, KY, where John died at the age of 79 on 16 December 1931 & Anna died on 29 May 1933, she was 71. They were buried in Calvary Cemetery in Louisville. John Breit & Anna Kost had 10 children, of these one died prior to 1900 and another died between 1900-1910. Seven of their children lived to adulthood, they were: John Henry (1883-1935, married Lavenia C. Schmid), Nicholas M. (1885-1963, married Pearl Katherine Schmitt), Frederick Benjamin (1886-1961, married Clara Elizabeth Schmid), Clara (1890-after 1910), Albert Peter (1892-1928, married Anna C. Crawford), Carl Leo (1895-1952, married Elenora B. Silliman), and Augusta (1902-after 1910). The five sons, named, all lived and died in Louisville.

John Kost, son of Frederick & Kunigunda, was born on 1 Nov 1863 at Cannelton, IN. He married Catharina Hollander on 19 Jan 1886. They were married at St. Meinrad by Rev. Isidore Hobi, one of the founding fathers of the St. Meinrad Abbey & Seminary and the first pastor of St. Meinrad parish church. On a record of their marriage it was reported that John was a farmer, resident of St. Meinrad, and his parents were listed as Fritz Kost & C. Schultheiss (Spencer Co., IN Marriage Supplement Book C-1, p140).

Catherina Hollander, wife of John Kost, was born on 12 February 1862 to Adam Hollander & Catherina Klueh. Two of her sisters, Frances & Anna Hollander, subsequently married her husband's brothers, Fred & Charles Kost. Adam Hollander was born in Bavaria on 15 June 1827 and his wife was born in Pennsylvania on 3 June 1838. In 1860 they were living in Louisville, KY (8th Ward, p547) and in 1860-1861 moved to Spencer County, IN. They owned a farm about 5 miles northwest of St. Meinrad. Adam Hollander died in Spencer County, IN on 17 April 1911 and his wife, Catherina, died at Huntingburg, IN on 7 June 1934, they were buried in the St. Meinrad Cemetery. Adam & Catherina Hollander were the parents of: John, Elizabeth, Catherina, William, Anton, Veronica, Frances, Anna, Celia, and Rosa.

John Kost and his family were living in St. Meinrad, IN at the time of the 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses. In 1900 he was listed as being an agent for Harvesting Machines, in 1910 and 1920 his occupation was reported as saloon keeper and confectionary salesman, respectively. His residence was on Brewery St. By 1935 he moved to Evansville, IN, where his wife, Catherina (Kathryn), died on 6 November 1935. John Kost afterwards married two more times, his second wife, Willie Belle Stanley, died on 23 December 1940. At the age of 92 John Kost died in Evansville on 30 October 1956. He was buried by his first wife at the St. Joseph's Cemetery in Evansville. John Kost had five children, all by his first wife, Catherina: Philomina Veronica ("Minnie", (1886-1906, married George Schnellenberger), Emma Anna (1888-1945, married Joseph Kupper and Carl Farr), Martha "Maude" (1892-1970, married Arvel Holsey), Catherine "Balbina" (1895-1956, married Edwin Schutte), and Ruth Caecilia Rose (1901-1905).

Frederick Vincent Kost, son of Frederick & Kunigunda, was born 22 February 1867 at Cannelton, IN. About 1888 he married Frances Hollander, who was born about 1871 in Spencer

County, IN to Adam Hollander & Catherina Klueh. Between 1895-1899 he moved to Daviess County, KY. On 18 August 1899 his seven year old daughter, Franziska, died in Daviess County, at his home on the West 5th. St. Road, three miles from Owensboro. She was buried at the Catholic Cemetery in Owensboro. Burial records of the cemetery show that buried by her is "Magdalena Kost" - the records give only the year of her burial, 1890; neither have a monument at their grave. Magdalena may possible be another child of Fred, Jr., if so, he apparently had resided in Daviess County earlier for a time. In 1895 a birth record of a son shows that Fred was then residing in Spencer County, IN. It is also possible that the year of 1890 in the cemetery listing was in error. Frances, wife of Fred Kost, died between 1895-1900.

At the time of the 1900 census Fred Kost, Jr. was living with his mother on the Jamison Road in Daviess County, KY, near Tuck. In Owensboro on 8 May 1902 Fred Kost married second Mrs. Mary Isabelle ("Bell" Coon) Price at the St. Joseph's Church. In the 1905-1906 Owensboro City Directory Fred & Isabelle Kost were listed as living at 124 Pearl St., his occupation was given as plasterer. Between 1904-1907 Mrs. Bell Kost died and Fred Kost married third Miss Tiscia Ann Smith, 1905-1907. She had been a teacher in the Owensboro schools for 15 years and then as private tutor. The 1900 census lists her as residing with her brother, Henry H. Smith on Plum St. in Owensboro. About 1907 Fred & Tiscia and two children by his second marriage moved to Nashville, TN. On 11 July 1918 Fred & Tiscia Kost of Nashville and H. H. & Lavina Smith of Owensboro sold a lot on Maple St. in Owensboro, that had been sold to H. H. & Tiscia Smith in 1900 (Daviess Co., KY Deed Book 99, p530). The Owensboro Messenger reported on 28 June 1932 that Henry H. Smith, formerly of Owensboro, died in Dallas, TX, where he was buried, he was survived by his wife, and a sister, Mrs. Fred Kost, of Nashville.

Fred Kost was a plasterer contractor and helped to build many churches and other buildings throughout the southern states. At various times he had resided in Louisville, KY, Dallas - Ft. Worth, TX, and Miami, FL. He helped build one of Nashville's major tourist attractions, the Parthenon, built between 1921-1931 . He retired about 1929. At the age of 77 he died in Nashville on 5 March 1944. His wife, Tiscia Ann, had died on 7 April 1943, she was born on 15 August 1865. They were buried in the Calvary Cemetery in Nashville.

Fred V. Kost by his first wife, Frances Hollander, had several children who died in childhood, including Franziska (1891-1899), Robert (1892-1893) and possibly Magdalena (died 1890). They had one child who lived to adulthood, Leo, born on 15 October 1895, he was raised by his uncle & aunt, Charles & Anna Kost. Leo later resided in Chicago, IL.

Fred Kost by his second wife, Isabelle, had two children: Lorena (c1903-after 1910) and Charles Franklin (1904-1974, married Ada Mary Vester). A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Frances Biggs (338 Harris St., Madison, TN 37115), one of the nine children of Charles Franklin & Ada Vester Kost, who provided information on her grandfather. A sister of Mrs. Biggs, Sister Ada Marie Kost, R. S. M., has been a member of the religious order Sisters of Mercy for 37 years. Sister Ada Marie has worked as a teacher, school principal, social worker, and since 1990 has been administrator of the Sisters of Mercy Retirement Center in Nashville, TN.

Phillip Bernard Kost, son of Frederick & Kunigunda, was born on 21 February 1869 at Cannelton, IN. During the 1890's he moved from St. Meinrad, IN to Daviess County, KY. He worked as a farmer. In Owensboro, KY on 16 January 1899 he married Agnes Woosley; she was born 25 February 1879. When the 1900 Daviess County, KY census was taken they were living on the farm of his mother on the Jamison (now Todd Bridge) Road. When his mother died

shortly afterwards she willed this farm of 45 ½ acres to him and appointed him the executor of her estate. In the 1901-1902 Owensboro City Directory Phillip B. Kost was listed as a county land owner, with 45 acres, post office address Tuck.

Phillip Kost's wife, Agnes, died on 28 January 1901 as the result of complications of childbirth, infant twins died the day after. They were buried together at the Catholic Cemetery in Owensboro. Phillip remarried later the same year. On Aug 13th he wed Mary Louise Poole, a native of Daviess County, KY, she was born on 15 September 1881. Her parents, Thomas Steven Poole & Cyrilla Josephine Howard, lived in the Stanley neighborhood. Mary's sister, Rose Poole, was the mother of Delbert Murphy, of Owensboro, who served for many years in the Kentucky Senate.

To settle his mother's estate Phillip Kost in 1903 sold the farm on the Jamison Road, the other heirs cosigned the transfer. Later that year he purchased a 74 acre farm from J. W. Smith, on the Mason Ferry Road near Stanley (Daviess Co., KY Deed Book 76, p124). In 1907 he sold 36 ½ acres of this farm to W. H. Shively (Daviess Co., KY Deed Book 82, p437). The remaining 37 ¾ acres he sold to Roy O'Bryan in 1909 (Daviess Co., KY Deed Book 86, p179). The family then moved to a farm along the Livermore Road, near the home of his sister, Kunigunda Kuegel. They were living there when the 1910 census was compiled.

In 1912 Phillip Kost moved his family to the West 5th St., on the west side of Owensboro. He purchased there a lot in block 52 of the Mechanicsville Addition to Owensboro (Daviess Co., KY Deed Book 92, p251). The following year he purchased lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 in block 53 of the same (Daviess Co., KY Deed Book 93, p47). Their home was on the south side of West 5th St. (later was house #2512) and the property extended over to the West 5th St. Road, to just east of where the Cravens school is now. Phillip Kost died at his home at 2512 W. 5th St. on 8 October 1954, at the age of 85. His wife, Mary, died on 13 December 1970. They were buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Owensboro.

Phillip B. Kost & Mary Louise Poole had 7 children: John (c1903-1904), Louis Hubert (1905-1994, married Sadie Main), Susan Ann ("Nannie", 1906-after 1994, single), Kunigunda Agnes (later changed her name to Corinne Agnes, 1908-1989, married William Bernard Clark), Catherine Eunice (1909-1976, married Lionel Pardee Barnes), Charles Edward (1912-1985, married Dorothy Virginia Feldpausch & Ethel Juanita Barnett), Rosa May (1914-1961, married Lewis Fisher).

Charles Leopold Kost, son of Frederick & Kunigunda, was born on 25 October 1872 at Cannelton, IN. In Spencer County, IN he married Anna Hollander on 24 January 1893. The daughter of Adam Hollander & Catherina Klueh, she was born 1 March 1873 in Spencer County, IN. In the publication Centennial of St. Meinrad, Town and Parish, St. Meinrad, Indiana (1961, p27) Charley Kost is one of 15 handymen of St. Meinrad who were noted as working on the construction of the present Archabbey church of the St. Meinrad Abbey (built during 1899-1907). Long after his parents and siblings had all moved elsewhere he continued to make his home in St. Meinrad. He was a resident of the town for over 70 years.

Charles L. Kost worked in construction and as a butcher. The 1900 census lists his occupation as a day laborer, the 1910 lists butcher and in 1920 it was sawmill laborer. For many years he owned and operated his own meat market. The 1910 census shows that he owned a butchery shop. A letter he sent his brother, Fred, dated 17 December 1943, was stamped "C. L. Kost & Co., First Class Meat Market, St. Meinrad, Indiana." About 1949 Charles and Anna Kost moved to Huntingburg, Dubois County, IN. At the age of 88 Charles Kost died on 28 August 1961 in Huntingburg. He was the last surviving member of his family. The death register of St

Mary's Catholic Church in Huntingburg listed his parents as Fred Kost & Cunegunda Schultheis. His wife, Anna, died in Huntingburg on 3 August 1964, at the age of 91. Charles & Anna were buried at the St. Mary's Church Cemetery in Huntingburg.

Charles & Anna Kost were married over 68 years. Three children of Frederick & Kunigunda Kost celebrated golden wedding anniversaries. Anna & John Breit reached the milestone in 1930, Charles & Anna Kost in 1943 and Phillip & Mary Kost celebrated 50 years of marriage in 1951. Charles & Anna Kost had no children of their own. They raised their nephew, Leo Kost, a son of Fred Kost & Frances Hollander. Leo was born in Spencer County, IN on 15 October 1895. His mother died prior to 1900, in the 1900 & 1910 Spencer County censuses he was listed as living in the home of Charles & Anna Kost. He later lived in Chicago and died subsequent to 1943.

Maria ("Mary") S. Kost, daughter of Frederick & Kunigunda, was born at St. Meinrad, IN on 16 July 1873. She married John B. Hoffman on 18 April 1893 in Spencer County, IN. The son of Jacob Hoffman & Caroline Roth, he was born near Ferdinand, IN on 19 August 1870. He worked as a farmer. During 1895-1896 they moved to Daviess County, KY, at about the same time her parents had. On 22 July 1895 a son, F. J., was born to them in Spencer County, IN and the following year the child died in Daviess County, KY. The following death notice appeared in the Owensboro Daily Messenger on Tuesday, 28 July 1896: "The twelve months old child of Mr. John Hoffman, residing about three miles below the city, died Monday at 5A.M. of brain fever. The burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery at 9 A.M. Tuesday morning."

By 1900 John & Mary Hoffman had moved back to southern Indiana. When they cosigned a deed in Owensboro for the sale of her mother's farm in 1903 they were then residents of Perry County, IN. They were living on a farm near St. Meinrad by 1905. Between 1910-1915 they moved to a farm near Dale, Spencer County, IN. Here on 2 August 1929 while cutting grass out of a corn field, John Hoffman was struck and killed by lightning. He was returned to their former home at St. Meinrad and buried in the St. Meinrad Cemetery. Shortly after his death the family moved back to St. Meinrad. About 1942 Mary Hoffman went to live in Owensboro, KY, where she resided with her daughter, Emma Schartung, at 1310 Nassau Ave, and also with her son, Jake Hoffman. She later went to stay at the home of another son, John Hoffman, in Louisville, KY, where she died on 15 ruary 1952, at the age of 78. Her obituary in the Louisville Courier Journal the following day said she had "moved to Louisville five years ago from Owensboro, Ky., died at 10 A.M. yesterday at Little Sisters of the Poor, 622 S.10th". Her funeral was held in Owensboro & was buried there in the Catholic Cemetery on west 9th Street.

John B. & Mary S. Kost were the parents of 11 children: Emma Sue (1893-1958, married Henry Schartung), F. J. (son, 1895-1896), Phillip Leo (1898-1962, married Rose Eleanor Bettag), Mary T. (1901-1977, married Fred B. Nord), Carrie Rosa (1903-1960, married Linus George Hufnagel), Ida Anna (1905living in 1993, married Curtis Washington Hall & Martin Joseph Wink), Frances Tillie (1907-1989, married Aloysious Frank Meisner & William Hirst), Jacob William (1910-1963, married Margaret Mary Boehmann), Andrew John (1912-1980, married Elizabeth), Paul Linus (1915-1957, married Catherine Delaunay), and one other child died at birth. Mrs. Ida Wink the last surviving member of her family, is now 88 (in 1993) and resides in Owensboro, KY at 1214 Nassau Ave. Mrs. Wink said her mother could not read or write English, she had been taught to read and write German. She has several old unidentified family pictures, some of them may possibly be of her grandparents, Frederick & Kunigunda Kost, but since they had both died before she was born she could not say. Mary Kost Hoffman's granddaughter, Joyce Ann Hoffman (daughter of Jacob) is a teacher and school administrator,

she served as principal of the Precious Blood School (1984-1990) and is currently principal of the Francis R. Cotton School, both Catholic elementary schools of Owensboro, KY.

Kunigunda ("Kunie") Kost, daughter of Frederick & Kunigunda, was born 6 February 1876 at St. Meinrad, IN. She married Michael Jent on 7 May 1895 in Spencer County, IN. Between the births of their two children, 20 March 1896 and 16 April 1898, they moved to Daviess County, KY. Records show that their daughter, Otilia, was born on the former date at Siberia, IN (located in Perry County about 6 miles northeast of St. Meinrad) and their son, Gilbert, was born in Daviess County, KY on the latter date. Michael Jent died on 30 September 1898, probably in Daviess County, KY, six weeks earlier it was reported in the Rockport Democrat (12 August 1898) that his mother, Mrs. Theo. Jent was visiting him at Owensboro. He was only 24 years of age and was a native of Spencer County, IN. His parents were Theophilus Jent & Mary Ottilia Droll. He was buried in the St. Meinrad Cemetery. Issues for both of the Owensboro, KY newspapers are missing for the days immediately following his death.

Kunigunda, widow of Michael Jent, and their two children, at the time of the 1900 Daviess County, KY census, were residing on the farm of Henry Kuegel, on the Livermore Road, just south of Owensboro. She was employed as a servant by the family. Two years later, Henry Kuegel's wife died and on 11 November 1902 Kunigunda and Henry Kuegel were married. They were living on the same farm when the 1910 and 1920 censuses were taken. They continued to live there until 1932 when they sold it. Henry Kuegel later lived with his son, George, at Stanley in Daviess County. Kunigunda Kuegel, along with her son-in-law, Virgil Sinclair, and grandson, James Marvin Sinclair, moved to Louisville, KY, where they owned and operated a restaurant at 3107 South 7th Street Road. At the time members of the families of three of her sisters were also residing in Louisville. Kunigunda died in Louisville on 3 April 1941. Her funeral was held at St. Joseph's Church in Owensboro, and was buried by her daughter, Otilia Sinclair at Rose Hill Cemetery in Owensboro.

Michael Jent & Kunigunda Kost had two children born to them: Otilia Maria (1896-1919, married Virgil Sinclair) and John Gilbert (1898-1926, married Edith Sue Weikel). Following the death of her husband the spelling of the family name became "Yeand". On their marriage and on his cemetery monument Michael's name had been spelled "Jent" - the spelling used by most members of the family in Spencer County, IN; seventeen different spellings of the name were found. In the 1900 census Kunigunda & her children's name was spelled "Yant", in the 1910 census it was "Yent". On the marriages of the two children, in 1917 & 1918, and on all subsequent records thereafter in Daviess County the family name appears as "Yeand".

Henry Kuegel & Kunigunda Kost had one child by their marriage: Marie (1909-1926, single). Henry Kuegel by his first wife, Katherine Feldpausch, had two children: George Henry (1894-1968, m. Mary Pauline Newman) and Henrietta Mary (died at the age of 2 in 1897). Kunigunda Kost's first husband and all three of her children died at extremely early ages: Michael was 24, Otilia 23, Gilbert 28 and Marie only 16. Marie Kuegel died of typhoid fever in 1926 and 20 days later her brother, Gilbert Yeand, died of the same illness.

Susan J. Kost, daughter of Frederick & Kunigunda, was born 8 October 1879 at St. Meinrad, IN. She moved, to Daviess County, KY with her parents in 1895-96. In Owensboro, KY she married Edward Charles Rembold on 27 April 1898. Also a native of Spencer County, IN, he had moved to Daviess County with his parents, John Jacob & Magdalena Kunigunda (Bokstahler) Rembold, who owned a farm on the West 5th St. Road, just outside the city limits of Owensboro, in the same neighborhood other members of the Kost family also lived at various times. When the 1900 Daviess census was taken Ed & Susan were living in the vicinity of

Stanley. In the 1910 census they were enumerated immediately preceding his parents, on the West 5th St. Road. In both records his occupation was listed as farmer.

On 20 April 1914 Edward C. Rembold died in Daviess County, KY. A member of the German Evangelical Church in Owensboro, he was interred at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro. Two years later his widow and children were named in a deed whereby they sold 10 acres on the Peoples Road, that he had purchased from his parents in 1901 (Daviess Co., KY Commissioners Deed Book J, p216 & Deed Book 72, p139). Shortly afterwards, Susan, and several of her children, went to live in Louisville, KY. Her two youngest children, John Henry & Leora, were adopted by their uncle, Christian Frederick Rembold, of Daviess County, KY, who they were living with at the time of the 1920 census. Susan subsequently married Charles Meisner and her third marriage was to James W. Fields. At the age of 74 she died in Louisville on 1 Aug 1954 and was buried St. Michaels Cemetery in Louisville.

Edward C. Rembold & Susan J. Kost had 8 children: Edna May (1899-1989, married Clarence Joseph Miller, Leo Adolphus Mills & Mr. McKinney), William E. (1900-1902), Bertha (1902-1921, married Charles Dawkins Kraus), Jacob F. (1904-1912, died of diphtheria at the age of 7), Raymond L. (1907-1989, married Mary Margaret Meisner), Carl Frank (1909-1976, married Alma Pearl Nieman), John Henry (1911-1952, married Ruth Kathleen Stamper), Leora (1913-1984, married Roger F. Fife). John Henry Rembold, because of jokes regarding his name, later changed it to John Edward Rembold. John E. Rembold operated a tavern, the Hilltop Inn, on Highway 60, just east of Owensboro, there on 2 February 1952 he was shot by a patron, William F. Hay. Two hours later he died at the Owensboro hospital.

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25 December 1993

Dear Linda, Christy, Heather, Brian and Katie:

This year I do not have a separately wrapped gift for you, but hopefully during this year you will receive a separate gift. This is a letter of explanation.

The last year and half I have been working on a history of your grandmother, Monnie Rivette's family. The result of several hundred hours is given as a present to your whole family. The notebook, you are now receiving, is not complete, as I had visualized. I had intended to write a narrative chapter for each of the four primary families [Yeand, Weikel, Risse, & Kost] discussed. I finished the Weikel chapter, but ran out of time and was not able to complete the other three. I decided to go on and give you what I had now and the other three chapters I will add later.

I have really enjoyed working on this history and have learned a great deal. Last year I decided to begin this after talking at the library to Mrs. Rivette's first cousin, Margaret Weikel Roberts - she told me of her father's role in two of the most talked of and written about episodes in the history of Daviess County - the last public execution (1936) and the capture of the bank robbers, Carl & Grace Browder (1929). However, long before this in the back of mind I had entertained the thought of compiling family history for you - including some of the many great discoveries I have made about the ancestors of your dad. You would not believe the volume and wealth of data I have collected since 1979, when I chose genealogy as an avocation.

During the course of the last year, in talking to many of your distant cousins, many have expressed an enthusiasm for obtaining a copy of the info I was compiling for you. As a consequence I would like to propose that, if you don't mind, that the family notebook I am giving you be published in book form. The information could then be made available to all the other families it touches upon, as well as insuring that it would be preserved by placing copies in libraries. If I have your consent and it is published, I then will give you, as the second part of this Christmas present, a copy of the book.

If you would like to see this done - can you think of any additional suggestions and would you want to assist? I still would like to find several dates (ex the birth date of your great-grandfather, Gilbert Yeand) and pictures. Another possibility is helping on compiling an index for the final manuscript. An index is not essential but would contribute to the book's attractiveness and value. I will not have the additional time to do this option.

I hope you will enjoy this gift for years to come and see it of some value. I believe it is much more than a few pieces of paper and of a greater personal importance than most printed material that could be purchased. I believe family history is an important part of one's educational background - it can be a source of pride, as well as a means of attaining knowledge, and can give one a sense of kinship with the world. It is the study of the "person" in history - and places value on one's life.

Have a great new year!!!

Yours truly,
Jerry Long

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