

THE MARGARET THARNISH
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Margaret THARNISH

Born: 22 Feb 1860, Bennington, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 11 Feb 1934, Blasdell, Erie Co., NY
Buried: St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

Frank A. ALMETER

Born: 29 Oct 1855, Belgium
Died: 23 Jul 1929, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Married: 02 Feb 1880, St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

CHILDREN

1M: George Anton ALMETER

Born: 06 Nov 1880, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 16 Oct 1973, Last residence: Strykersville, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Cemetery, Strykersville, Wyoming Co., NY
& Spouse: Mary Josephine WINCH
Born: 04 Jan 1887, New York
Died: 19 Dec 1952, Strykersville, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: St. Mary Roman Catholic Cemetery, Strykersville, Wyoming Co., NY
Married: 04 Feb 1914, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Strykersville, NY

2 F: Florence Mary ALMETER

Born: 26 Nov 1882, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 01 Nov 1922, New York
Buried: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Batavia, Genesee Co., NY
& Spouse: Edward DONAHUE
Born: 02 Dec 1877, New York
Died: 04 Nov 1965, Last residence: Missouri
Buried: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Batavia, Genesee Co., NY
Married: 02 Jun 1908, St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

3F: Anna Ottilia "Odell" ALMETER

Born: 29 Dec 1884, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 05 May 1954, Holland, Erie Co., NY
Buried: St. Mary Roman Catholic Cemetery, Strykersville, NY
& Spouse: Balser John WINCH
Born: 22 Apr 1876, New York
Died: 14 May 1938, Java, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: St. Mary Roman Catholic Cemetery, Strykersville, NY
Married: 26 Sep 1906, St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

4F: Mary Elizabeth ALMETER

Born: 09 Aug 1887, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 04 May 1933, Blasdell, Erie Co., NY
Buried: St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
& Spouse: Augustus J. MILLER
Born: 11 Oct 1884, New York
Died: 24 Jul 1965, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA
Buried: St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Married: 24 Sep 1907, St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

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5M: Edward ALMETER

Born: 15 Jan 1890, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 27 Jan 1890, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: Undetermined

6M: Cyracous "Cyrus" P. ALMETER

Born: 17 May 1892, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 16 May 1893, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

7M: Madelen ALMETER

Born: 25 Oct 1895, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 15 May 1897, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: Undetermined

8F: Loretta ALMETER

Born: 06 Mar 1897, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 17 Apr 1973, Ft. Lauderdale, Broward Co., FL
Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, Erie Co., NY
& Spouse: Edward C. SOLLY
Born: 01 Nov 1890, New York
Died: 24 Jan 1940, Blasdell, Erie Co., NY
Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, Erie Co., NY
Married: 1919

9F: Leona E. ALMETER

Born: 23 Dec 1899, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 09 Sep 1980, Last residence: Strykersville, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
& Spouse; Clarence A. ASH
Born: 02 Feb 1897, Denver, Denver Co., CO
Died: 13 Oct 1980, Last residence: Strykersville, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Married: 12 Oct 1920, St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

10F: Caroline ALMETER

Born: 13 Dec 1902, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 08 Feb 1968, Largo, FL
Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, Erie Co., NY
& Spouse: Adolph METZGER
Born: 05 Aug 1896, Ebenezer, Erie Co., NY
Died: 22 Dec 1985, Blasdell, Erie Co., NY^a
Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, Erie Co., NY
Married: 24 Oct 1922

^a The Social Security Death Index lists his last residence as Buffalo, NY and his last benefit check was sent to Keego Harbor, Oakland Co., MI. His 1985 obituary published in *The Buffalo News* reads "of Blasdell, NY.

In 1880 Margaret married Frank A. Almeter, the son of Anton Almeter and Caroline Muller, at Sheldon's St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church in Wyoming County, New York. According to the 1880 Federal Census the newlyweds were living in Sheldon with Frank's recently widowed father and his younger sister Anna. Frank and his father were engaged in farming. According to information posted by Kim Conrad on her family

tree¹ Frank purchased 74.25 acres in 1881 from Chauncey and Maria Persons. Levi or Peter Kehl on Route 20A now owns the farm in Sheldon.

Frank and Margaret had ten children. Their sons Edward and Cyrus and daughter Madelen died as infants. Frank passed away in 1929 and is buried in the St. Cecilia Catholic Church Cemetery. According to the 1930 Federal Census Margaret was living in Sheldon with her daughter Leona and son-in-law Clarence Ash and their family. Margaret passed away in 1934 and is also buried in the St. Cecilia Church Cemetery.

JAVA RESIDENT'S WILL MENTIONS A BATAVIAN

Warsaw, Sept. 19.—George A. Almeter of Java has been granted letters testamentary on the estate of his father, Frank A. Almeter, late of Sheldon, who died July 23, 1929, leaving a will dated July 10, 1929. The value of the real estate is given as \$12,000 and personal property in the sum of \$2,500. By the terms of the will the property is to be divided in equal shares between the testator's six children and one grandson, namely, Odella Kirsch of Arcade, George A. Almeter of Strykersville, Mary Miller of Varysburg, Loretta Solly of Blasdell, Leona Ash of Strykersville, Carolina Metzger of Blasdell and Charles Sherman Donahue, grandson, of Batavia.

¹ <http://awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=kimcon67&id=I28586>



Margaret (Tharnish) and Frank Almeter
 St. Cecilia Cemetery, Wyoming Co., New York
Courtesy of Marcella (Tharnish) Peters

[George Anton Almeter \(1880 – 1973\) and Spouse Mary Josephine Winch \(1887 – 1952\)](#)

Son **George** married Mary Josephine Winch, the daughter of Francis Joseph Winch and Catherine George, in 1914 at the St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Strykersville, Wyoming County, New York. In 1920 George, Mary, their four-year-old daughter Adell and Mary's widowed mother Catherine were living on their farm in Java, Wyoming County, New York. In 1929, George inherited an equal share of his father's estate along with his five sisters, Odella, Mary, Loretta, Leona and Caroline and grandson Charles Sherman Donahue who was the son of his deceased sister Florence Mary.

George and Mary raised a daughter Adell. Mary passed away in 1952 and George in 1973. Both are buried in the St. Mary Catholic Church in Strykersville.

Daughter Adell ALMETER

Born: 09 Oct 1915, Wyoming Co. NY
 Died: 15 Aug 2009, Last residence: Strykersville, Wyoming Co., NY
 Buried: St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Strykersville, Wyoming Co., NY
 & Spouse: Edward Joseph GALLIGAN
 Born: 30 Jan 1907, Java, Wyoming Co., NY
 Died: 20 Aug 1969, Buffalo, Erie Co., NY
 Buried: St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Strykersville, Wyoming Co., NY
 Married: after 1943

Adell married Edward Joseph Galligan, the son of Edward Galligan and Mary Dominesey, sometime after 1943. According to the 1930 Federal Census Edward was living at home in East Aurora, Erie County, New York, with his widowed mother and working as a printer in a print shop. In 1943 he enlisted as a Private in the U. S. Army at which time his record shows him as living in Wyoming County and still single.

Adell and Edward raised a family of three children, Donald E., Mary A. and Jean M. For many years Edward was a pressman for the East Aurora Advertiser and later engaged in farming with his son Donald. Edward passed away in 1969 and is buried in the St. Mary Cemetery in Strykersville, Wyoming County, New York. Adell passed away in 2009 and is also buried in the St. Mary Cemetery. Son Donald preceded his mother in death in 1985 and is buried in St. Patrick Cemetery in Java Center, Wyoming County, New York.

[Florence Mary Almeter \(1882 – 1922\) and Spouse Edward Donahue \(1877 – 1965\)](#)

Daughter **Florence** married Edward Donahue, the son of John and Emma Donahue, in 1902, at the St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Sheldon, Wyoming County, New York. Florence and Edward owned a farm in Batavia, Genesee County, New York. They had one son Charles Sherman. Florence passed away in 1922 and is buried in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Batavia.

According to the 1930 Federal Census, Edward and his son Charles were living in Batavia with brother-in-law Edward and sister Clara Zehler and their son Joseph. Edward passed away in 1965 and is also buried in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Batavia. According to the Social Security Death Records his last residence was in Missouri. He was perhaps living with his son Charles who was living in Missouri.

Son Charles Sherman DONAHUE

Born: 13 Aug 1921, Batavia, Genesee Co., NY
Died: 29 Dec 1992, Rocky Mount, Morgan Co., MO
Buried: Cremation
& Spouse: Lois LAUR
Born: 21 Jan 1922, Normal, IL
Died: 30 Jun 1994, Rocky Mount, Morgan Co., MO
Buried: cremation
Married: after 1942

Son **Charles** married Illinois-born Lois Laur probably the daughter of Emil and Lola Laur. They raised two children, Charles S. Jr., and Debbie. Before moving to Rocky Mount, Morgan County, Missouri in 1976 they lived in Kansas City. Charles was a pharmaceutical salesman for A.H. Robins before he retired. He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II and a member of the AMVETS. He was active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a member of the Rocky Mount Lions Club, the Scottish Rite and

Ararat Shrine. He was a graduate of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. Lois formerly was a plant nurse for the Allis-Chalmers Company. Charles died in 1992 and Lois in 1994. Both were cremated.

[Anna Ottilia "Odell" Almeter \(1884 – 1954\) and Spouse Balser John Winch \(1876 – 1938\)](#)

Daughter **Anna Odell** and Balser John Winch, the son of Francis Joseph Winch and Catherine George, were united in marriage in 1906, at the St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church in Sheldon, Wyoming County, New York. Balser's sister Mary Josephine later married Anna's older brother George.

According to the 1910 Federal census Balser and Odell and their two sons George and Herbert were living in Java Township in Wyoming County. Daughter Mary Mabel was born the following year. Balser's brother Joseph was also living in the household and both listed their occupations as farming. Balser passed away in 1938 and Odell in 1954 and both are buried in the St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Strykersville, Wyoming County, New York.

It is interesting to note that Odell's surname is listed as Kirsch in the above newspaper article regarding her father's 1929 will. The author was unable to determine the significance of the different surname and it is suspected that the newspaper perhaps made an error.

Son **George W. WINCH**

Born: 25 Jul 1907, Wyoming Co., New York
Died: 19 Sep 1989, New York
Buried: St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Elmira, Chemung Co., NY

& Spouse: Louetta CLARKSON

Born: 03 Sep 1914, Yakima, Yakima Co., WA
Died: 29 Sep 2008, Last residence: Horseheads, Chemung Co., NY
Buried: St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Elmira, Chemung Co., NY
Married: after 1930

Son **Herbert Frank WINCH**

Born: 13 Mar 1910, Wyoming Co. NY
Died: Jul 1981, Last residence: Arcade, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: St. Mary Roman Catholic Cemetery, Strykersville, Wyoming Co., NY

Daughter **Mabel Mary WINCH**

Born: 12 Nov 1911, Wyoming County, New York
Died: 27 Oct 1994, Last residence: Arcade, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: Java Village Cemetery, Java Village, Wyoming Co., NY

& Spouse: Clarence D. WHALEY

Born: 22 Oct 1909, Java, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 15 Aug 2005, Warsaw, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: Java Village Cemetery, Java Village, Wyoming Co., NY
Married: 23 Aug 1932, St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

In 1930 son **George** was living in Java Township in Wyoming County with the Rolland S. Fisher family working on their family farm on Cooper Road. Sometime after 1930 George married Washington-born Louetta Clarkson who in 1930 was living with her mother Catherine and brother and sister in Elmira, Chemung County, New York. George and Louetta had a son and a daughter. George passed away in 1989 and Louetta in 2008. Both are buried in the St. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Elmira, Chemung County, NY

Son **Herbert** in 1930 was living with his parents and sister Mabel Mary on the family farm located on Arcade Road in Java Township, Wyoming County, New York. He passed away in 1981 and is buried in The St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Strykersville, Wyoming County, New York.

Daughter **Mabel Mary** and Clarence D. Whaley, the son of Riley Whaley and Bernice Day, were united in marriage in 1932, at the St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church in Sheldon, Wyoming County, New York. Clarence was living with his parents and two sisters, Laura and Shirley on the family farm on Whaley Road.

Clarence and Mabel owned and operated a dairy farm in Arcade, Wyoming County, New York. Clarence also sold fire insurance for many years. He passed away in 2005 and Mabel preceded him in death in 1994. Both are buried in the Java Village Cemetery, in Wyoming County, New York. Their son Bernard is still living.

[Mary Elizabeth Almeter \(1887 – 1933\) and Spouse Augustus J. Miller \(1884 – 1965\)](#)

Mary Elizabeth married Augustus J. Miller in 1907 at the St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church in Sheldon, Wyoming County, New York. Augustus was the son of Peter Miller and Catherine Martin. In 1900 the Miller family was living in Bennington, Wyoming County and were close neighbors to the author's great grandparents Joseph Fischer and Elizabeth (Tharnish) Fischer and their daughter Florence Eva Fisher.

In 1910 Augustus and Mary and their seven-month-old daughter Margaret were living in Wales, Erie County, New York. Augustus listed his occupation as a hotelkeeper. According to his 1918 Draft Registration the family was living in a hotel he owned at 2715 Seneca Street, Buffalo, Erie County, New York. By 1920 the family had moved to sunny Southern California and were living on Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach, Los Angeles County. In 1930 the family moved to nearby Huntington Park where they were living on Stafford Street. Augustus was a real estate agent and daughter Margaret was a bookkeeper for a wholesale company.

Mary passed away in 1933 in New York. Her obituary published in the *Buffalo News* states that she was a resident of Huntington Park, California. It is suspected that she may have returned to New York to visit family or friends. The funeral took place from the residence at 65 Miriam Avenue and the St. Cecilia Church in Sheldon. Mary was buried in the St. Cecilia Church Cemetery.

Augustus passed away in 1965 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, and is also buried in the St. Cecilia Church Cemetery.

Daughter **Margaret MILLER**

Born: 24 Sep 1909, New York

Died: 23 Jan 1947

Buried: Undetermined

& Spouse: **Walter SOLLY**

Born: 23 Nov 1896, New York

Died: 25 Sep 1984, Last residence: Ocala, Marion Co., FL^a

Buried: St. Vincent Catholic Cemetery, Attica, Wyoming Co., NY

Married: 24 Sep 1931

^a According to the Social Security Death Index Walter's last residence was Ocala, Marion Co., FL and his last benefit check was sent to Attic, Wyoming Co., NY

Daughter **Margaret** married Walter Solly, the son of Anthony R. Solly and Julia Barbara Metzger, in 1931. Margaret passed away in 1947 and Walter in 1984. He is buried in the St. Vincent Catholic Cemetery in Attica, Wyoming County, New York as is his second spouse Barbara (Williams) Solly. Walter's tombstone notes that he was a Corporal in the US Army during World War One. According to his Social Security Death Record his last residence was Ocala, Marion County, Florida, however, his last Social Security benefit was received in Attica, New York.

Walter's brother Edward C. married Loretta Almeter who was Margaret's aunt and Mary's younger sister.

[Edward \(1890 – 1890\), Cyracous \(1892 – 1893\) and Madelen \(1895 – 1897\) Almeter](#)

The years of 1890 through 1897 were very unfortunate for Margaret and Frank. Their children Edward, Cyracous and Madelen died as Infants. Cyracous is buried in the St. Cecilia Church Cemetery in Sheldon. The author was unable to determine where Edward and his sister Madelen were buried.

[Loretta Almeter \(1897- 1973\) and Spouse Edward C. Solly \(1890-1940\)](#)

Daughter **Loretta** and Edward C. Solly were united in marriage in 1919. They settled in Buffalo, Erie County, New York, on Stewart Avenue in a rented home. Edward was the manager of a meat market. Their second-born child Clarence died as an infant at the age of 18 months and is buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York. By 1930 Loretta and Edward and their two daughters Ethel and Betty had moved to Blasdell, Erie County, New York, and were living on Kake Avenue and Edward was engaged in the retail grocery business. Edward passed away in 1940 and Loretta in 1973. Both are buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York.

Daughter **Ethel M. SOLLY**

Born: 13 Feb 1922, New York
Died: 20 Feb 2005, Hamburg, Erie Co., NY
Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, Erie Co., NY
& Spouse: **Robert LESTER**
Born: 26 Aug 1922
Died: 06 Oct 2007, Palm Harbor, FL
Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, Erie Co., NY

Son **Clarence SOLLY**

Born: about 1924
Died: 10 May 1926, New York
Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, Erie Co., NY

Daughter **Betty J. SOLLY** (still living)

& Spouse: **Howard BROWN**
Born: 30 Dec 1926, New York
Died: 24 Apr. 2005, last residence: Bemus Point, Chautauqua Co., NY
Buried: Our Mother of Good Counsel Church Cemetery, Blasdell, Erie Co., NY

Daughter **Ethel** married Robert Lester, the son of Silvester and Helen Lester. They had three children, Diane, Karen, Joseph. Ethel was a member of Chi-Omega and NYS Retired Teachers Association. Robert was a member of the Hamburg, New York, Knights of Columbus. . Ethel passed away in 2005 and Robert in 2007. Both are buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, Erie County, New York.

Daughter **Betty** married Howard Brown. They have four children, David, Sandra, Donna and Edward. Howard passed away in 2005 and is buried in the Our Mother of Good Counsel Church Cemetery, Blasdell, Erie County, New York. Betty is still living.

[Leona Almeter \(1899 – 1980\) and Spouse Clarence A. Ash \(1897 – 1980\)](#)

Leona and Colorado-born Clarence Ash were united in marriage in 1920 at Sheldon's St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church in Wyoming County, New York. Clarence was the son of William Ash and Catherine Deheck.

In 1900, three-year-old Clarence, his older brother Raymond and their widowed mother were living in Sheldon with Catherine's widowed mother and her children Josephine and Albert. According to the 1910 Federal Census Clarence and Raymond were still living in Sheldon with their aunt Rose (Deheck) and uncle John Martin. Their grandmother Mary Deheck is also living in the household. Clarence continued to live with John and Rose Martin as a hired hand until his marriage to Leona.

Clarence and Leona remained in Sheldon where they raised a family of three sons, Richard, Donald and Clarence and by 1930 they owned a farm home on Center Line Road. Leona's seventy-year-old mother Margaret was living with the family.

Clarence and Leona both passed away in 1980 and are buried in the St. Cecilia Catholic Church Cemetery.

Son Richard William ASH

Born: 07 Jun 1922, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 07 Jan 1998, Warsaw, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: St Cecilia Catholic Cemetery, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

& Spouse: Cecelia Rita PERL

Born: 19 Oct 1924, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 16 Jul 1968, Buffalo, Erie Co., NY
Buried: St Cecilia Catholic Cemetery, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

Married: 29 Jun 1946, St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

Son Donald C. ASH

Born: 26 Jun 1924, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 06 May 2007, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Buried: St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY

& Spouse Irma DOLE (still living)

Son Clarence Anthony ASH

Born: 02 May 1929, Sheldon, Wyoming Co., NY
Died: 26 Apr 1994, Buffalo, Erie Co., NY
Buried: St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Strykersville, Wyoming Co., NY

& Spouse: Mildred H. RICHARDSON (still living)

Son **Richard** married Cecelia Rita Perl, the daughter of Michael Perl and Mary Kirsch, in 1946 at Sheldon's St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church. They raised five daughters, Patricia, Joan, Judy, Donna and Sandra and three sons, Edward, Ronald and Scott. Richard served in the US Army during World War II and worked as a grader operator for the Sheldon Highway Department. Cecelia passed away in 1968 and Richard in 1998. Both are buried in the St. Cecilia Catholic Church Cemetery.

Son **Donald** and Irma Dole, the daughter of Robert Dole and Evalyn Enser, were united in marriage in 1949 at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Strykersville. They raised a family of three daughters, Carol, Connie and Beth Ann. Donald was a member of the Sheldon Fire Company for more than 66 years and in 2002 won the Company's Fire Service Award. He was elected chief of the fire company in 1958 and held that position for 10 years. He was the representative to the Wyoming County Fire Advisory Board for 18 years and later was elected to the Board of Directors of the Sheldon Fire Company. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling. Donald passed away in 2007 and is buried in the St. Cecilia Catholic Church Cemetery in Sheldon.

Their daughter Beth Ann passed away in 2006 and is also buried in the St. Cecilia Cemetery. Irma is still living.

Son **Clarence** married Mildred Richardson, the daughter of Ivan and Helen Richardson. Their family included three daughters, Diana, Lisa, and Kathleen and three sons, Michael, Jeffrey, and Brian, Their son Kenneth died as an infant. Clarence worked for the Westinghouse plant in Cheektowaga and after retiring in 1988 he worked at the Java Keystone Station. He was a former president and assistant chief of the Strykersville Fire Department and a member of the Firemen's Association, the Chiefs' Association of Wyoming County and the county's fire advisory board. Clarence passed away in 1994 and is buried in the St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Strykersville. Mildred is still living.

Caroline Almeter (1902 – 1968) and Spouse Adolph “Dell” Metzger (1896 – 1985)

In 1922 **Caroline** married Adolph “Dell” Metzger, the son of Louis Metzger and Kunigunda Gross. In 1920 Adolph was living at home on Seneca Street in West Seneca in Erie County, New York, with his widowed mother and seven of his eight living brothers and sisters. The children were engaged in various occupations to support the family. Adolph was a farm laborer, brother Andrew was an auto mechanic, Peter was a tinsmith, sister Lorena was a “rubber” in a pottery factory and Cecelia was a clerk in a soap company.

Caroline and Adolph remained in Erie County and according to the 1930 Federal Census they were living on Helen Avenue in Blasdell Village within the Township of Hamburg. Adolph was a truck driver for a steel mill. The foreman of the steel mill, William Funke, lived next door and most of their neighbors worked at the steel mill.

Caroline and Adolph had seven children, Geraldine, Roselyn “Rosie”, Edward, Kathleen, Mary Lou, Carmella and Paul. Caroline passed away in 1968 and is buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York. Adolph later married Georgianna (undetermined maiden name) and passed away in 1985. He is also buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery. According to his Social Security Death Record his last residence was Buffalo, Erie County, New York, and his last benefit check was sent to Keego Harbor, Oakland County, Michigan. His daughter Geraldine preceded him in death in 1960. Adolph was a member of the Harry Clifton American Legion Post Number 60.



Caroline (Almeter) and Adolph Metzger
Mary Lou (Metzger) Thomas

Daughter **Geraldine METZGER**

Born: 25 Feb 1924, New York

Died: 16 Jan 1960

Buried: Hillcrest Cemetery, Hamburg, Erie Co., NY

& **Spencer C. PLARR**

Born: 08 Oct 1923, New York

Died: 02 Jul 1986, Buffalo, Erie Co., NY

Buried: Hillcrest Cemetery, Hamburg, Erie Co., NY

Daughter **Roselyn "Rosie" METZGER (still living)**

& **James FANNING**

Born: 01 Jan 1922, New York

Died: 02 Oct 2002, Blasdell, Erie Co., NY

Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, Erie Co., NY

& Other spouse: **Vernard CLINE (still living)**

Son **Edward METZGER (still living)**

& **Doris ERVALINA**

Born: 01 Jul 1929, New York

Died: 16 Jun 1991, New York

Buried: Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg, Erie Co., NY

& Other spouse: **Mary BIRES (still living)**

Daughter **Kathleen METZGER**

Born: 02 Jun 1932, New York

Died: 12 Jul 2007, Erie Co., New York

Buried: St. Mary's Cemetery, East Eden, Erie Co., NY

& **William PYE**

Born: 09 Jan 1929

Died: 02 Aug 2001, East Eden, Erie Co., NY

Buried: St. Mary's Cemetery, East Eden, Erie Co., NY

Daughter **Mary Lou METZGER** (still living)
& Gerald REUTHER
Born: 19 Jun 1932
Died: 11 Jul 1991
Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, Erie Co., NY
& Other spouse: Joseph THOMAS (still living)

Daughter **Carmella METZGER** (still living)
& Spouse: Daniel KANE (still living)

Son **Paul METZGER** (still living)
& Helen LICHOTA
Born: 30 Jun 1943
Died: 21 Dec 1994
Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, Erie Co., NY
& Other spouse: Mary Ann Drabek (still living)

Daughter **Geraldine** married Spencer C. "Bud" Plarr sometime after he had enlisted in the US Army in 1943. Geraldine passed away in 1960 and is buried in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Hamburg, Erie County, New York. Spencer then married Rita H. Goraj. Spencer was a member of the Blasdell Volunteer Firemen's Exempt Benevolent Association, the American Legion Post 527, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Southtown Walleye Association, and the Masonic Lodge No. 625. Spencer passed away in 1986 and is buried in the Hillcrest Cemetery. His obituary reports that his wife Rita and children Joyce, Dinah, Harriet and Spencer survive him. Son Spencer reported that his mother is Rita. Rita passed away 11 January 2003 and is buried next to Spencer in the Hillcrest Cemetery

The Buffalo News July 3, 1986

PLARR—Spencer C. (Bud)

Suddenly, July 2, 1986, beloved husband of Rita H. Goraj and the late Geraldine Metzger; father of Joyce G. Plarr, Mrs. Dinah (Kenneth) Taylor, Mrs. Harriet M. (Michael) Wedzina and Spencer Conrad (Janet) Plarr; brother of William (Mary) Plarr, Mrs. Dorothy (Paul D.) Jewart; survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Friends may call at the FRANKLIN F. MILLER FUNERAL HOME, 54 Lake Ave., Blasdell, Thurs. 7-10 and Fri. 2-4:30 and 7-10. Funeral from the Union Presbyterian Church, Lake Ave., Blasdell, Sat. morning at 11. Friends invited. Mr. Plarr was a member of the American Legion Post No. 527, Veteran of Foreign War Post 898 Colonel John B. Weber Post, the Blasdell Volunteer Firemen's Exempt Benevolent Assoc., F.O.T.S.A., Southtown Walleye Assoc., Fraternal Lodge No. 625-PEAM under whose auspices a Masonic Memorial Service will be conducted Thurs. evening at 7:30. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Union Presbyterian Church in his name.

Daughter **Roselyn “Rosie”** married James T. Fanning. They raised a family of two daughters, Colleen and Nancy and two sons, Sean and Michael. James was a veteran and a member of the American Legion Harry H. Clifton Post #60, the VFW Col. Weber Post #898 and a lifetime member of the Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department. He passed away in 2002 and is buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York. Roselyn is now married to Vernard Cline. Roselyn and Vernard are both still living.

Son **Edward** married Doris Ervalina, the daughter of Carmen and Elsie Ervalina. They raised a family of six children, Deborah, Daniel, David, Douglas, Doris Ann and Dean. Doris passed away in 1991 and is buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Hamburg, Erie County, New York. Edward is presently married to Mary Biers. They are both still living.

Daughter **Kathleen** married William Pye. They raised a family of four daughters, Carol, Peggy, Georgia and Jeanette and two sons, Donald and William D. William served in the Korean War and was a member of Hamburg VFW Post 1419, the Hamburg American Legion, Highland Rod and Gun Club, Hamburg Moose Lodge and Steamfitters Union 395 Local 22. He passed away in 2001 and Kathleen in 2007. They are both buried in the St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in East Eden, Erie County, New York.

Daughter **Mary Lou** first married Gerald Reuther and they raised three children, Cynthia, Gary and Lori. Gerald passed away in 1991 and is buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York. Mary Lou later married Joseph Thomas. They are both still living and have no children.

Daughter **Carmella** married Daniel Kane. They are both still living and presently divorced. They have three children, Linda, Thomas and Daniel.

Son **Paul** first married Helen Lichota and they have a daughter Kim and a son Kenneth. Helen passed away in 1994 and is buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna, Erie County, New York. Paul later married Mary Ann Drabek. They are both still living and have no children.