



On Joseph Kaufmann's ninetieth birthday his family gathered to pay him homage in Lewiston, Idaho. Shown on the above picture are his children with their children and several very close relation. Joseph, with white beard, seated near center of picture has his seven sons to his right and his wife and five daughters to his left. Picture taken 1946.

Maria Elizabeth
1-7-1907 -

Anna Maria
2-15-1909 -

Ferdinand Johannes
Heinrich
7-26-1911 -

Married
4-18-1926

Married
9-6-1933

Married
1932

Married
3-12-1945

Walter Morris Sipes
3-5-1904 -

William Hagen (divorced)
4-11-1910

Bernita Boppe
(divorced)

Margaret Young
3-19-1925



This picture is the Joseph Kaufmann family taken in 1946.

Standing left to right: Aloysius, Ferdinand (Bud), Laurence, Anthony, Kathryn (Mrs. Peter Seubert), Elizabeth (Mrs. Gust Seubert), and Mary (Mrs. Morris Sipes).

Seated left to right: Henry, Joseph Jr., Frank, Joseph Sr., Elizabeth, Josepha (Mrs. Fred Romain), and Anna (Mrs. Bill Hagen).

PART THREE

The following section will relate short chronological sketches of the lives and doings of the children of Joseph and Elizabeth Kaufmann including a list of their children and pertinent family data. The sketches follow in the order of the births of the children.

FRANK

Frank Ferdinand Kaufmann was the first child born to Joseph and Elizabeth, in their apartment in the back of the Schoolhouse in Greencreek, Illinois, on September 27, 1886. He attended early grade school there where his father taught; and after the family moved to the Bull Flats farm, he attended school there while also helping with the farm chores.

At age 15, Frank moved to a farm near Greencreek, Idaho with his parents where he managed the farm work and also occasionally rode as a cowboy to help the Rhoades brothers in rounding up wild horses which roamed on Camas Prairie then. Frank took great pride in his saddlehorse. On one occasion his horse's saddle was stolen by one of the other cowhands. Frank quickly adapted to the ways of his new life in Idaho.

Shortly after the Kaufmann family moved to Cottonwood, Frank met Clara Forsmann riding on the road near town. It was love at first sight; and after a short courtship, they were married on October 1, 1907. They moved to the J. B. Forsmann farm after their wedding, operating same for several years; and then they moved to Clarkston, Washington for a short time, after which they returned to Cottonwood for several years. During this time, they lost two children in infancy and had two more who survived.

In the fall of 1913, Frank moved his family to California; but not being satisfied there, mostly because they were so isolated from the rest of the family, he soon returned to Cottonwood, Idaho to farm and also operated a pool hall for a time.

Frank was a restless young man, always looking for something better. He lived at Cottonwood on the farm until 1919 and then went to Montana, where his sister lived, to look over the prospects there; he finally returned to Tammany, near Lewiston, and settled on a farm there. Some time later he bought a ranch on the Salmon River from John Nuttman - a deal that turned out to be very bad for him financially.

In 1925, Frank bought a small ranch and woodlot on Icicle Flat, near Westlake, Idaho, where they lived for the ensuing ten years and where the last four of their children were born.

In 1935, Frank sold out again and moved to the Lewiston Orchards; six years later they moved to Lewiston and then in 1950 to Clarkston, Washington. During these sixteen years, Frank and Clara were engaged in the upholstery business. Also, during this time their son Leonard was lost while in the armed service.

Cornelius Anthony
4-19-1927

Not married

Ester Josepha
3-6-1929 -

Married Alva A. Woodard
4-5-1947

Lorena Elizabeth
2-18-1931

Married Robert H. Albright
9-25-1951

SAFA KAUFMANN ROMAIN

Josepha Catherine Kaufmann was born December 2, 1888, in Greencreek, Illinois, the second child of Joseph and Elizabeth Kaufmann. At that time, they lived in a small apartment in the back of the schoolhouse where Joseph was the schoolmaster.

When Josepha, nicknamed Safa, was six years old, the family moved to a farm on Bull Flats; and she attended a country school about a mile from her home. She played with her brothers along the Little Wabash River on the bottom lands ("the bottoms"), where the corn and grain crops grew. She had plenty to do, as work went, helping at home with canning and other chores; in those days, when one was old enough to walk, one was old enough to work.

She remembers her grandmother and worked with her many times before coming west; but as her grandfather had died many years previous, she had no first hand knowledge of him.

In 1901, at age 12, Josepha accompanied her family to Greencreek, Idaho. As this was her first train ride, everything was interesting, and her anticipation of the new country was great indeed. As she was needed to help her mother after arriving in Idaho, she never went back to school but did housework and looked after the little Kaufmanns for the next seven years.

As a young teenage girl, she eagerly looked forward to the area dances and Sunday company and was much in demand with the young folks. She usually attended these socials in company with her folks or brothers and also was dated frequently by approved young squires. In 1907, she met, and was "smitten" with, a young man of the Keuterville area who had been working on the new railroad. Dad Kaufmann was not too pleased with this as he preferred a local youth; however the courtship persisted, and on the 8th of May, 1908, Josepha and Fred Romain were married in St. Mary's Church in Cottonwood.

Following the wedding festivities, they moved to an apartment in a Keuterville store that Fred bought from a Paul Bergans. They ran this store for five years, and their first two children were born there. In 1913, they sold the store and moved by train to Montana and settled on an isolated farm near Marias, between Chester and Fort Benton, on which there were no buildings. Arriving at Carter, the station nearest their land, Fred and the baby girl were sick with scarlet fever. They took Lena to the hospital in Fort Benton, and the rest lived in a tent for six weeks; later Fred erected a tent with a board floor at the farm in which the family lived until fall when they returned to Cottonwood for the winter. There their third child was born. The next summer they returned to Montana.

Delores
6-8-1925 -

Married Irvin Hutchison
6-8-1943

John Dominic
3-25-1927 -

Married Meradel Vaughn
12-14-1952

Three children died in infancy.