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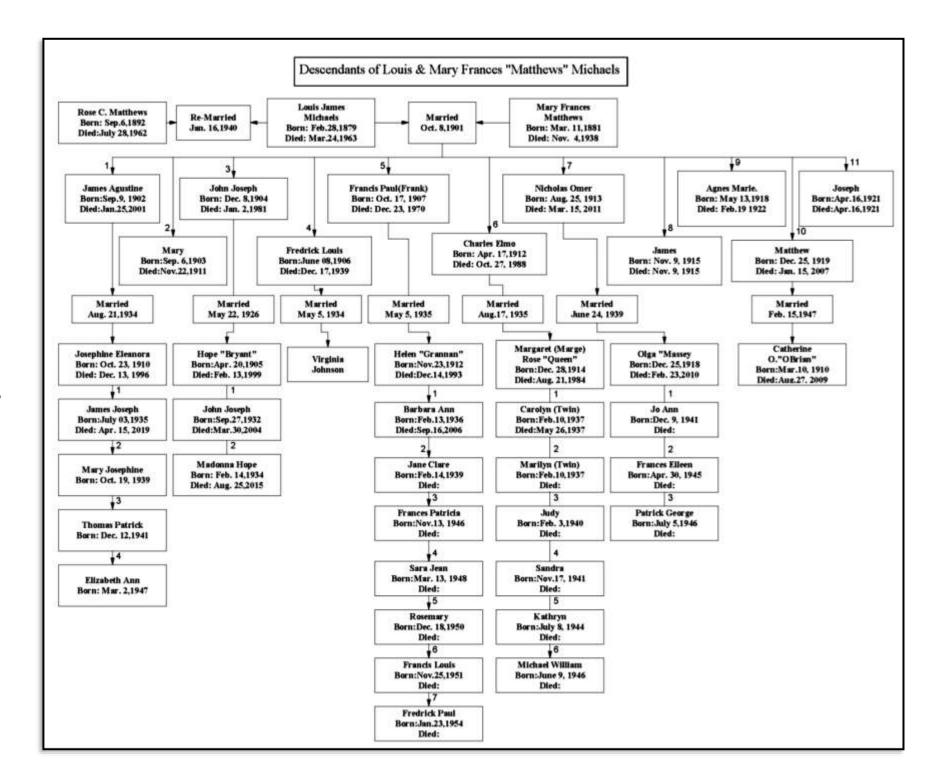
Louis & Mary "Matthews" Michaels Families

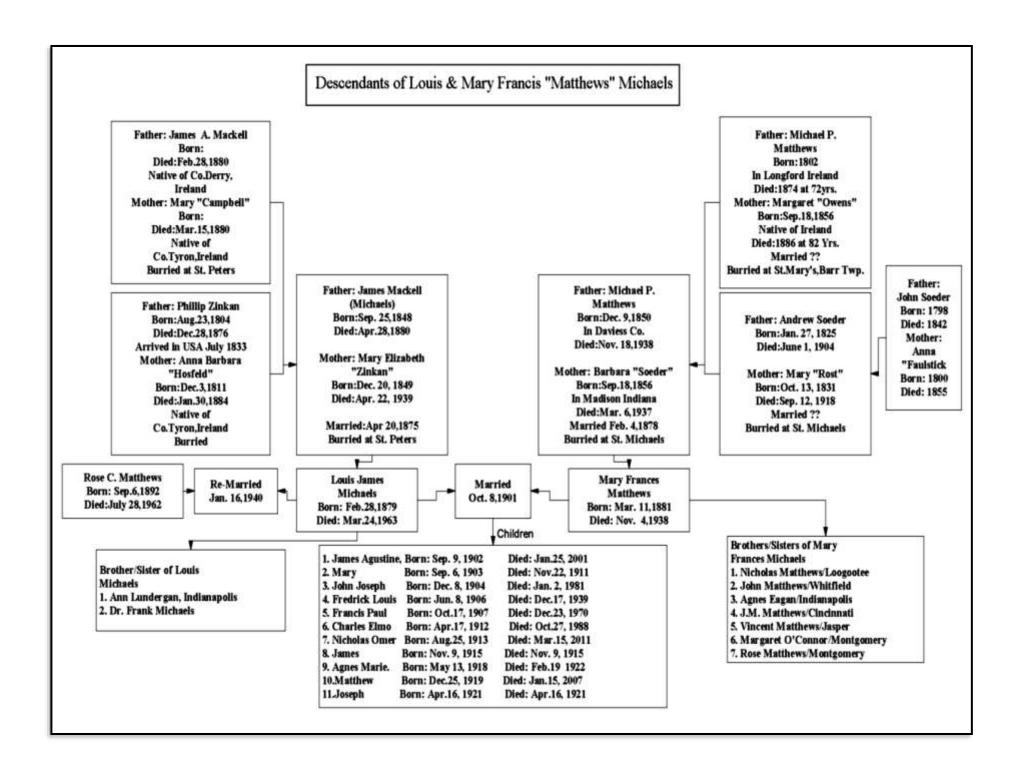
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Wedding Picture for Louis Michaels and Mary Frances Matthews: Married on Oct. 8, 1901. Not sure who stood up with the Louis and Mary Michaels in this picture. Louis and Mary were the Parents of Gus Michaels and they had 11 children in all. Louis' parents were James & Mary "Zinkan" Michaels or Mackell and Mary Frances' parents were Michael & Barbara "Soeder" Matthews. Both the Michaels and the Matthews and Soeder families lived north of Montgomery.

Bio for Gus Michaels-and-Brothers-Sisters

Parents: Louis James Michaels was born on Feb. 28, 1879 and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels was born on March 11, 1881 and were married on October 8, 1901. Louis & Mary Frances Michaels were the parents of 11 children: James "Gus" Michaels along with Mary, John, Fred, Frank, Elmo, Omer, James, Agnes Marie, Mack and Joseph in that order. The Michaels Family lived north of Montgomery. Gus was the oldest of the 11 children and Mary Agnes died when they were around 4 years old and James & Joseph died at birth, Fred lived to be 33 years of age. After Mary Frances died suddenly on Nov. 4, 1938, Louis married her sister Rose Matthews who had never married before. They continued to live in the home place north of Montgomery. Rose died on July 28 of 1962 and Louis died

March 24 of 1963. All the four children are buried at St. Peter Cemetery along with Louis & Mary Frances, and Rose is also buried there. Louis and his wife Mary Frances made their living on the family farm north of Montgomery and raised their 11 children there.

- 1. James Augustine "Gus" Michaels was the first Child born to Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels on September 9, 1902. He was very small at the time of his birth and story has it that he only weighed about 2 lbs. or so when he was born. Gus was educated in a one room school house not far from the home where he grew up. After the 8th Grade, Gus went to Montgomery High School and after graduation in 1921, he helped on the farm till he decided to strike out on his own. He married Josephine "Laux" on August 21, 1934 and after living in Oshkosh, Wisconsin for 7 years, they moved back to Indiana where Gus went to work for the B & O Railroad. They had 3 children while living in Wisconsin, Jim, Mary Jo and Tom. After they moved back to Indiana, they had the fourth child, Elizabeth Ann. Gus worked for the railroad and his wife Josephine worked at the Crane Naval Base. Josephine passed away on Dec. 13, 1996 and Gus passed away on Jan. 25, 2001 at the age of 98 years old. Both are buried in St. Peters Cemetery near the Plaza Cross on the North Section of the Cemetery.
- **Mary Michaels** was the second Child born to Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels on September 6, 1903. Mary Lived to be just over 4 years of age and died on Nov. 22, 1911. She is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in the Family plot.
- 3. <u>John Joseph Michaels</u> was the third Child born to Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels on December 4, 1904. John married Hope "Bryant" of Worthington, Indiana on May 22 of 1926. John and Hope had two children, Johnny Joe and Madonna, and they all made their home in Dayton Ohio. John was a Prudential Insurance Agent and started his career in Washington, Indiana before settling in Dayton, Ohio where he raised his family. John died suddenly on Jan. 2 of 1981 while at his winter home in Florida. His funeral was at St. Peter's Church in Montgomery and he is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery near the Plaza of the Cross near his brothers Gus and Mack. John worked in the Insurance Business in Dayton Ohio most of his life.
- **4.** <u>Fredrick Louis "Fred" Michaels</u> was the fourth Child born to Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels on June 8, 1908. Fred married Virginia "Johnson" on May 5 of 1934. Fred and Virginia never had any children and Fred died at the young age of 33 years on Dec. 17, 1939. It is believed he had cancer. Fred is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery near his parent's grave in the center section of the Cemetery. Not much is known of Fred's wife Virginia after that. Story had it that after Fred died, she moved up east somewhere and the family lost contact with her and no one seems to know what ever became of her.
- 5. Frances Paul "Frank" Michaels was the fifth Child born to Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels on Oct. 17, 1907. Frank married Helen "Grannan" on May 5 of 1935. Frank and Helen had seven children, Ann, Jane, Patty, Sarah, Rosemary, Frank and Fred. Frank died suddenly on Dec. 23, 1970. He was driving a car in the city of Washington and it is believed he had a heart attack and died a short time later at the hospital. Helen, his wife, died on Dec. 13, 1993 and Frank & Helen are buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in the west section. Frank owned and ran a Feed Mill in Montgomery for many years before he sold out and retired. He and his wife Helen lived north of Montgomery at what was referred as the Michaels Crossroads.

- 6. Charles "Elmo" Michaels was the sixth Child born to Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels on April 17, 1912. Elmo, as he was known by, married Margaret "Queen" on Aug. 17 of 1935. Elmo and Marge, as she was known, had six children, a set of twins, Carolyn and Marilyn, (Carolyn lived just 3 mos.), Judy, Sandra, Kathryn and Michael. Marge, his wife, was from Washington, Indiana and she passed away on Aug. 21, 1984. Sometime after that, Elmo remarried and his second wife lived to be in her 90's and passed away sometime before 2010. Elmo made his home with his family in South Bend, Indiana. Elmo passed away on Oct. 27, 1988 and is buried at a cemetery there in South Bend, Indiana. Elmo worked for Travelers Insurance Company there in Fort Wayne. He also taught school in his early years.
- 7. Nicholas Omer Michaels was the seventh Child born to Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels on Aug. 25, 1913. Omer, as he was known by, married Olga "Massey" on June 24 of 1939. Omer and Olga had three children, Jo Ann, Eileen and Pat. Olga was from Washington D.C. and that is where they got married. Olga passed away on Feb. 23, 2010 and Omer passed away a little over a year later, on March 15 of 2011. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana where they made their home. Omer worked as an IRS Agent for the Federal Government.
- **8.** <u>James Michaels</u> was the eight Child born to Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels on November 9, 1915. James was born and died on the same day of Nov. 9, 1915. He is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in the Family plot in the middle section.
- 9. <u>Agnes Marie Michaels</u> was the ninth Child born to Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels on May 13, 1918. Agnes lived to be about 3 ½ years old when she died on Feb. 19, 1922. She is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in the Family plot in the middle section.
- Matthew "Mack" Michaels was the tenth Child born to Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels on December 25, 1919. Mack, as he was known by, married Catherine "O'Brian" on Feb. 15 of 1947. Mack and Katie, as she was known by, did not have any children. Katie was from the area north of Montgomery just north of St. Michael's Church. (Church is no longer there, but Cemetery is there) Mack was an officer in the Air Force during World War II and was a gunner for bombing missions. However, Mack was shot down on his first bombing mission after arriving in his new post. He was a prisoner of war for over two years during World War II and when the Allies freed the prison camp, the POW's had to find their own way back to England. When Mack got out of service after the war, he married Katie O'Brian and they made their home along Hwy. 257, south of Washington for much of their lives. Mack died on Jan. 15, 2007 and Katie died on Aug. 27, 2009. Both are buried in St. Peter's Cemetery near the Plaza of the Cross close to his brothers, Gus and John. Mack worked for the State Board of Accounts for the State of Indiana and Katie worked for the Old Citizens Banks in Washington, which has now been bought out by one of the larger banks.
- **11.** <u>Joseph Michaels</u> was the eleventh Child born to Louis and Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels on April 16, 1921. Joseph was born and died on the same day of April 16, 1921. He is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in the Family plot in the middle section.

<u>Note</u>: **Joseph, James and Agnes Marie** are buried close together and all three names are on the same tombstone, while Mary is on a separate tombstone. They died at a very young age. Mary was born

in 1903 and died in 1911, while the other two were born and died the same day. It is interesting to note that Louis & Mary France "Matthews" had 11 children all together, but two died on the day they were born, one lived to about 3 years old, one was 8 years old and one was 33 years old. So, that leaves 6 of the children that lived to be well over middle age and two members were pushing the century mark.

In Loving Memory of Louis J. Michaels Born | Died Feb. 27, 1879 | March 27, 1963 GENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament. ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment, but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou, O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. ND 7066 PRINTED IN ITALY (In

Funeral Card for Louis Michaels who married Mary Frances "Matthews". Louis died on Feb. 24. 1963. You can see the Funeral Home had the wrong date (23rd) on this card and someone in the family penciled in the correct date.

Obituary for Louis Michaels who was married to Mary Frances "Matthews." When she died, He married her sister Rose Matthews. Both Mary Frances and Rose had passed away at the time of Louis Michaels death. Louis "Lou" Michaels was Born on Feb. 27, 1879 and Died on March 24, 1963.

Deaths in Area

Louis J. Michaels

Louis J. Michaels, age 84, R. 1, Montgomery, died at 10:50 p. m. Sunday at Daviess County Hospital. Cause of death was reported as complications. He had been in failing health for one year and was seriously ill for two weeks.

Mr. Michaels was born in Daviess county, February 27, 1879, the Son of the late James C. and Mary Elizabeth Zinkan Michaels. He was married twice. Firstly to Mary Frances Matthews and she died in 1938. His second wife, Rose C. Matthews, died in 1962.

Six sons survive, They are: James A. Michaels of R. 2, Montgomery; John D. Michaels of Dayton, Ohio: Frank Michaels of R. 1., Montgomery; Elmo Michaels of South Bend: Omer Michaels of Ft. Wayne; and Matthew Michaels of R. 4, city. Five children, Mary, Fred, Agnes, Marie, James and Joseph preceded him in death. There are 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Mrs. Anna Lundergan of Indianapolis, also survives. One brother, Dr. Frank Michaels, is deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 9:00 a. m. Wednesday at the St. Peters Church with burial in the St. Peters cemetery.

Friends may call at the Lee & York Chapel here in Washington after 7:00 p. m. today. The Rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

MARY FRANCES MICHAELS DIES AT RURAL HOME

Well Known Barr Township Woman Died Suddenly Last Night

Mrs. Mary Frances Michaels, 58, wife of Louis J. Michaels of Barr Township and mother of John J Michaels of Washington, died suddenly Friday Evening about 6 o'clock, of a heart attack, at the family home.

Although in failing health for serval months, Mrs. Michaels had not been considered serious although she had suffered a severe attack about a week ago. She had become better and was able to be up and about her home, and last evening ate a hearty meal. She suffered a recurring attack while at the table, and died within a few minutes.

A native and lifelong resident of Barr Township, Mrs. Michaels was widely and favorably known in the community and word of her death came as a distinct shock to her legion of friends and relatives.

Born of March 11, 1880, the deceased was a daughter of Michael and Barbara (Soeder) Matthews and she spent her entire life in the community north of Montgomery. The aged father survives Mrs. Michaels, but her mother died several months ago. Mrs. Michaels was married October 8, 1901, and to this union 11 Children were born, seven being survivors along with the husband.

The surviving children are Augustine Michaels of Oshkosh, Wis., John J. Michaels of Washington, Fred Michaels of Boston, Elmo Michaels of Logootee, Frank Michaels of Montgomery, Omer Michaels of Washington, D. C., and Matthew Michaels at Home. James and Joseph died at birth, Agnes Marie died at the age of four, and Mary died at the age of eight.

Brothers and sisters surviving are Nicolas F. Matthews of Loo-gootee, John Matthews of Whitfield, Mrs. George Eagan of Indianapolis, J. M. Matthews of Cincinnati, Vincent Matthews of Jasper, Mrs. James O'Connor and Mrs. Rose Matthews both living north of Montgomery.

Mrs. Michaels was a member of St. Peter's Catholic church in Montgomery and was a devout worker in the parish.

Funeral services are to be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Peter's Catholic church with interment following in St. Peter's cemetery. Emil Norris & Sons will have charge of the funeral.

The body of Mrs. Michaels will be returned to the family home two and a half miles northeast of Montgomery early this afternoon. The Obituary of Mary Frances "Soeder" Matthews was retyped to make it more readable. The original copy from microfilm was very hard to read as it had a number of black streaks running through the obituary. Hopefully, this is much easier to read.

ROSE CECILIA MICHAELS

Funeral services for Mrs. Rose Cecilia Michaels, 69, will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Montgomery, with burial in the church cemetery. Friends may call now at the Miller Funeral Home in Loogootee. Rosary services will be prayed there this evening at 7:30 d'clock.

Mrs. Michaels, who died at the Memorial Hospital in Jasper Saturday at 10:50 a.m., was born in Daviess county September 6; 1892, the daughter of the late Michael and Barbara Soeder Matthews. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Parish and the Altar Society.

She married Louis Michaels on January 16, 1940, and he survives. The following step-children survive:

James A. Michaels, Montgomery; John Michaels, Dayton, O.; Frank Michaels, R. R. 1, Montgomery; Elmo Michaels, South Bend; Omer Michaels, Fort Wayne, and Matthew Michaels of this city. There are 21 step-grandchildren and 14 step-great grandchildren.

Other survivors include two sisters and two brothers. They are Mrs. Margaret Walker, Montgomery; John S. Matthews, Loogootee; Mrs. Agnes Egan, Indianapolis, and Vincent Matthews of Jasper.

Tombstone for Rose C. "Matthew" Michaels. Born on Sept. 6, 1892 and died July 28, 1962. Rose Married Louis Michaels after her sister (Mary), who was married to Louis, passed away.

Obituary for Rose "Matthews" Michaels, who was the wife of Louis J. Michaels. She Married Louis Michaels after her sister passed away, who was the first wife of Louis Michaels. Rose and Louis did not have any children together. Rose was born on Sept. 6, 1892 and died on July 28, 1962. She is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery.



Tombstone for Louis James & Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels. James & Mary are buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in Montgomery. Louis was born Feb. 28, 1879 and died on Mary 24, 1963. Mary was born on Mar. 11, 1881 and died on Nov. 4, 1938. After Mary died Louis later married her sister Rose in 1940





Tombstone for 3 children of Louis & Mary Michaels. <u>James</u> was born on Nov. 9, and died the same day. <u>Agnes</u> was born on May 13, 1918 and died Feb. 19, 1922. <u>Joseph</u> was born on April 16, 1921 and died the same day.

Tombstone for Mary Michaels daughter of Louis & Mary Michaels. Mary was born on Sept. 6, 1903 and died on Nov. 22, 1911.



Little Girl Dies From Scarlet Fever

Little Mary Michaels, age eight years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Michaels, residing about two miles north of Montgomery, died today from scarlet fever. The child had been sick for only four days and it came as a blow to the parents. The Funeral will take place Friday morning, burial In St. Peter's Cemetery. Two other children in the family, John age five and Frank, age three, are suffering from the disease.

The Article on the Left appeared in the Washington Democrat Newspaper on Wednesday November 22, 1911 concerning the death of Mary Michaels. age 8, daughter of Louis and Mary France Michaels of rural Montgomery. This has been Retyped because it was hard to read.



This picture was taken at the Louis and Mary Frances Michaels' home place north of Montgomery. on Co. Rd. 750 East. In this picture the boy on the left is Joe Matthews, the one holding the BB gun is Matthew "Mack" Michaels and the boy who has the BB Gun on his shoulder is Rommie Matthews. Joe and Rommie were brothers and sons of John/Elizabeth Matthews and Mack would have been their first cousin. Mack would have been about 6-8 years old in this picture as he was born in 1919. So, this picture was probably taken in 1926 or around that time. You can note the old cars parked along the road next to the front yard. Next to the house was an old Milk Can that as used to transport the milk from the farm into the city to sell.



Michaels/Matthews Family: Shown here, is a picture of the Matthews and the Michaels Families gathering in the front yard of Louis and Mary Frances Michaels' home north of Montgomery. Pictured here, are (front L-R) Michael & Barbara Matthews, Agnes "Matthews" Eagan, Bernadette & Vince Matthews & three of their children (Charles, Austin, George) Elmo Michaels, Mary France & Louis Michaels, Back row: (L-R) John Michaels, Gus Michaels, Fred Michaels, Rose "Matthews,"?? Smith and Frank Michaels. In the very front, are Omer Michaels and sitting on the large flower pot is Mack Michaels. Louis & Mary Frances' children in this picture, are Gus, John, Fred, Frank, Omer, Mack and Elmo. Michael and Barbara Matthews children in this picture, are Agnes, Rose, Vince and Mary Frances.



Picture of Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels and her husband Louis Michaels. Standing on the flower pot was their son Matthew "Mack" Michaels. The picture was taken in their front yard of their home north of Montgomery. The picture was taken about 1926 when Mack was about 5-6 years old.

This is a picture of Louis and Mary Frances family at their home north of Montgomery. We cannot identify all in this picture, but here is what we think. In front, sitting on the left, may be George Eagan and in front, may be his son, Bob, and the other one sitting is John Michaels. In the back from Left to right, not sure who is the first person holding a little child, next is Agnes "Matthews" Eagan, her husband was



front, then Louis & Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels, Rose Matthews, Frank Michaels and then Josephine "Laux" & Gus Michaels. Gus and Josephine may have been married a short time when this picture was taken. Agnes, Mary Frances and Rose were sisters and they gathered together a lot on Sundays. John, Frank and Gus were Brothers and sons of Louis and Mary Frances Michaels. We believe this picture may have been taken in 1934.



Michaels/Matthews Pictured here. Gathering. starting from the gentleman in the vest from the left, are Michael Matthews Jr., Agnes Matthews, Louis Michaels, Rose Matthews. Marv Frances "Matthews" Michaels, Barbara "Soeder" Matthews, and not sure, but the lady holding the baby on the right side of the picture maybe Josephine "Laux" Michael" holding her son, Jim Michaels. In front, the older boy is Mack Michaels.

not sure of the younger boy. In back of Agnes Matthews, it looks like it could be Jim O'Connor who was Margaret "Matthews" 1st husband. (Not sure why Margaret would not have been in the picture?) The young men on the left side of the picture may have been some of the younger Matthews, sons of Michael Jr. and his wife Barbara. This picture may have been taken about 1935-36.



of Louis and **Picture** Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels and on the right is Son Frank Michaels. Louis Michaels is holding his Grandchild and it may have been Frank's oldest daughter Ann. It is believed the picture was taken sometime late 1936 or in the spring of 1937. Frances died suddenly in the November of 1938. After Frances died in 1938, Louis married her sister Rose Matthews who had not been married before. Rose died in 1962 and Louis died in March of 1963.



Picture of Louis & Mary Frances Michaels relaxing in their front yard. Louis and Mary lived northeast of Montgomery and raised 11 children in that home. This picture was taken sometime in the 1930's. Mary Frances died suddenly on Nov. 4 of 1938 while having dinner with the family and relatives.



Pictured here is **Rose**, "Matthews" & Louis Michaels. After Louis lost his first wife, Mary Frances, he married Mary's Sister Rose. In this picture, Rose is holding Mary Jo Michaels and standing is Mary Jo's older brother Jim. The picture was taken at Louis Michaels farmhouse northeast of Montgomery.

Louis & Mary Frances "Matthews" Michaels Family



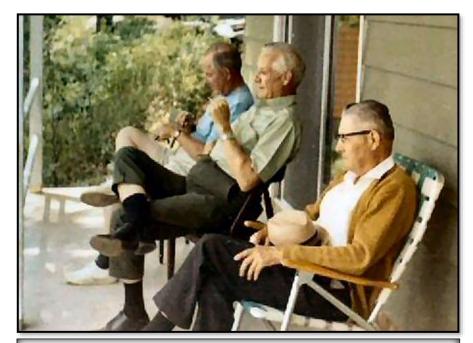
Shown are the **Children of** & Louis Frances Michaels Family. In front, are (L-R) Omer, John and Mack Michaels. In Back. are Fred, Gus, Louis & Mary Frances, Elmo and Frank. This picture was taken at the Home Place of Louis and Frances, north of Montgomery, IN. It is believed that Mack was just 16 years of age when this picture was taken and that would mean picture was taken about 1935.

Shown right, are the Children & wives of Louis & Frances **Michaels** and their Family. In front, are (L-R) Mack, John & Hope, Helen & Frank, Omer (who was not married at the time). In Back, are Virginia & Fred, Gus & Josephine, Louis & Mary Frances, Elmo & Marge. This picture was taken at the Home Place of Louis and Frances north of Montgomery. It is believed that Mack was just 16 years of age when this picture was taken and that would mean the picture was taken about 1935.





Wives of the Michaels Boys: (L-R) Hope "Bryant", (John's Wife) Josephine "Laux", (Gus's Wife) "Johnson", Virginia (Fred's Wife), Helen "Grannan", (Frank's Wife), Marge "Queen", (Elmo's Wife). The picture was taken at the old Michaels Home place north of Montgomery of Louis & Mary Frances Michaels. The picture may have been taken in the 1930's. Omer and Mack were not married at the time this picture was taken.

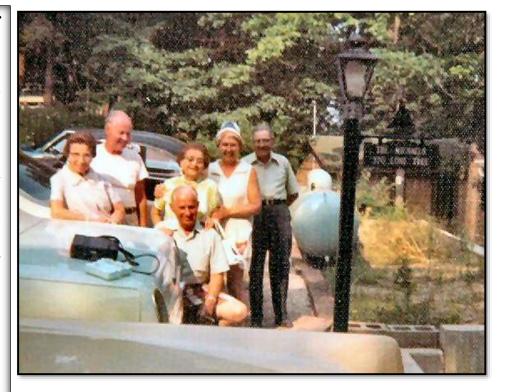


Gus Michaels & two of his Brothers: Picture here, are Gus Michaels on the right, Elmo Michaels in the middle and Omer Michaels on the left. This picture was taken in July of 1973 when several of the Michaels brothers got together at Omer/Olga Michaels Summer home on the Lake near Fort Wayne, Indiana. The boys were relaxing after a boat ride on the lake.



Shown here, are **Omer and Olga Michaels** at that get-together of the Michaels Brothers. This picture was taken in July of 1973.

Another Picture from July of 1973 Get Together. Shown in this picture, are (L-R) Agnes Eagan, John Michaels sitting down, in back is Omer Michaels, Mag Walker, Olga Michaels and Gus Michaels. Also, John's wife Hope and Gus's wife Josephine were present but not in this picture. Mack and Katie were probably there too, but not in the pictures. Frank Michaels had passed away about three years prior to this. We remembered how they all talked about what a good time they all had at this family gathering. Agnes Eagan and Mag Walker was a sister to the Michaels Boys Mother and they always included them in their family events. Agnes and Margaret's husbands had passed away by this time.





Picture of **Aunts Agnes Eagan and Mag Walker** as they drop Agnes off at her home in Indianapolis. We believe that they rode up to Fort Wayne with Gus and Josephine for the family gathering at the lake. Both ladies were always very pleasant to be around and always had a smile on their face.



Shown here, are three of the Michaels Brothers: Pictured here, are (L-R) Mack & Katie Michaels, Gus Michaels, Olga and Omer Michaels. This picture was taken in Gus's Michaels basement dining area for a family get-together. This picture was taken about 1999. Gus's wife Josephine had passed away in Dec. of 1996.

Meeting the Mackells: Pictured here, are (L-R) Mack Katie and Michaels. Gus Michaels and standing is Rosemary and John Mackell. This get-together was a chance for the family to meet John Mackell and his wife who was a distance cousin to Gus and Mack Michaels. This picture was taken at Gus's home in Aug. of 2000.





Michaels Brothers at Gus's Funeral: Pictured here, are Mack and Katie Michaels, Pat Michaels, Olga and Omer Michaels. This picture was taken at the cemetery following the funeral of Gus Michaels on Jan. 27, 2001. Pat or Patrick was the son of Omer and Olga Michaels and they had to leave just after the funeral to drive back to Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The weather that day had improved but it was not good driving conditions for a 5 hour trip. At this point, Mack and Omer were the only two brothers left as Gus, John, Elmo, Frank had already passed away. Of course, Fred died in 1939 when he was only in this 30's. There were other children who died in their early years. Mack would pass away in 2007 and Omer would pass in 2013.