

## CHAPTER – 4A

### *Joseph Adam & Maude “Young” Laux & Children*

#### Adam Joseph Laux & Maude “Young” Family



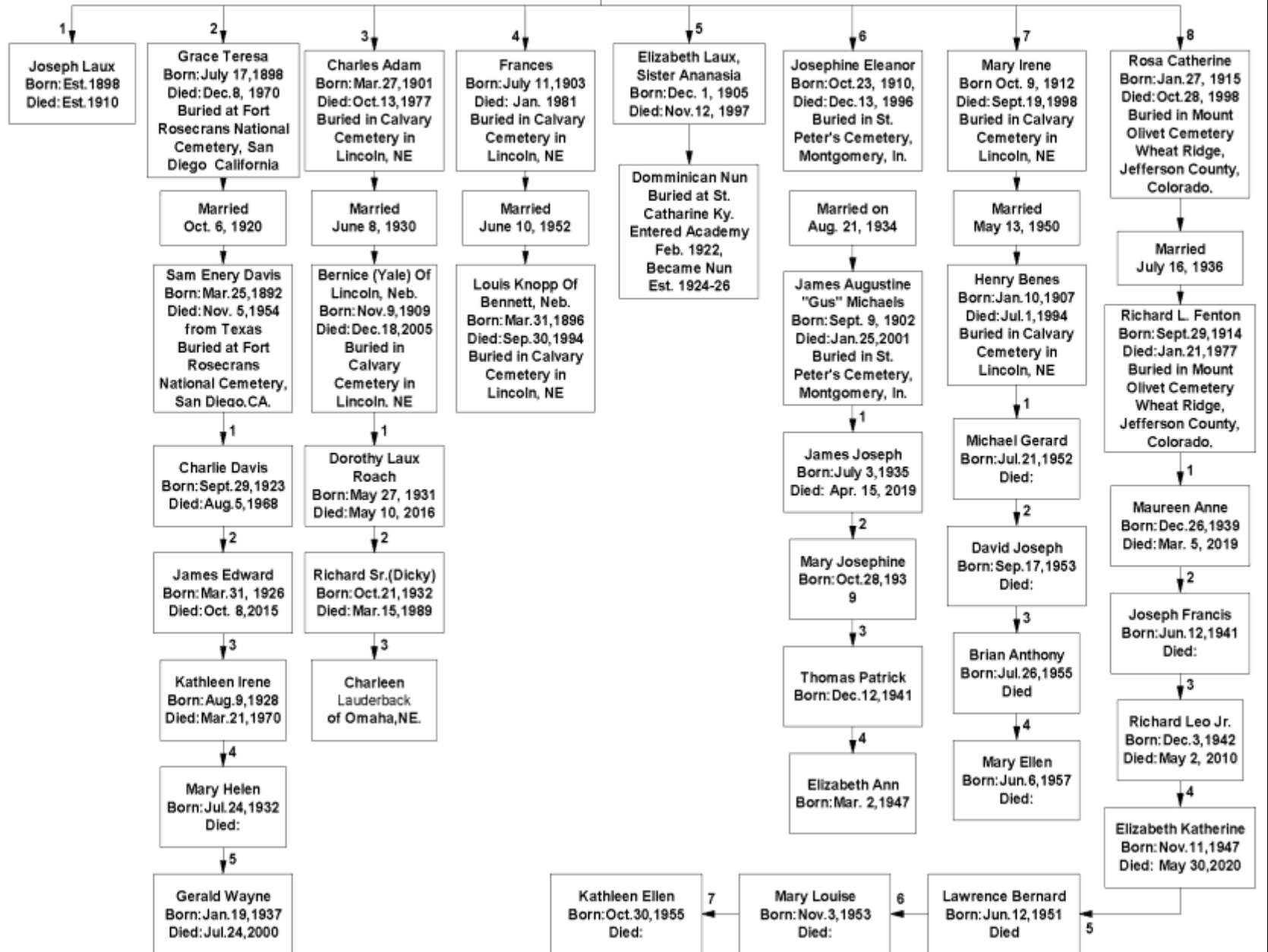
**Pictured here, is the Joseph & Maude “Young” Laux Family:** Front (L-R) Rosa, Joseph Adam, Eva Maude, Josephine, Back Row, (L-R) Grace, Sister Anastasia (Aunt Elizabeth), Charlie, Frances, (She was a Nun at the time of the picture. Not sure what her Name was as a Nun) and Mary. We believe this picture was taken in the early 1920s and may have been taken in a picture studio. Rosa married Richard Fenton, Josephine married Gus Michaels, Frances left the convent and married Louis Knopp, Grace married Sam Davis, Mary married Henry Benes and Charlie married Bernice “Yale”.

Decendants of Adam Joseph Laux & Maude Young

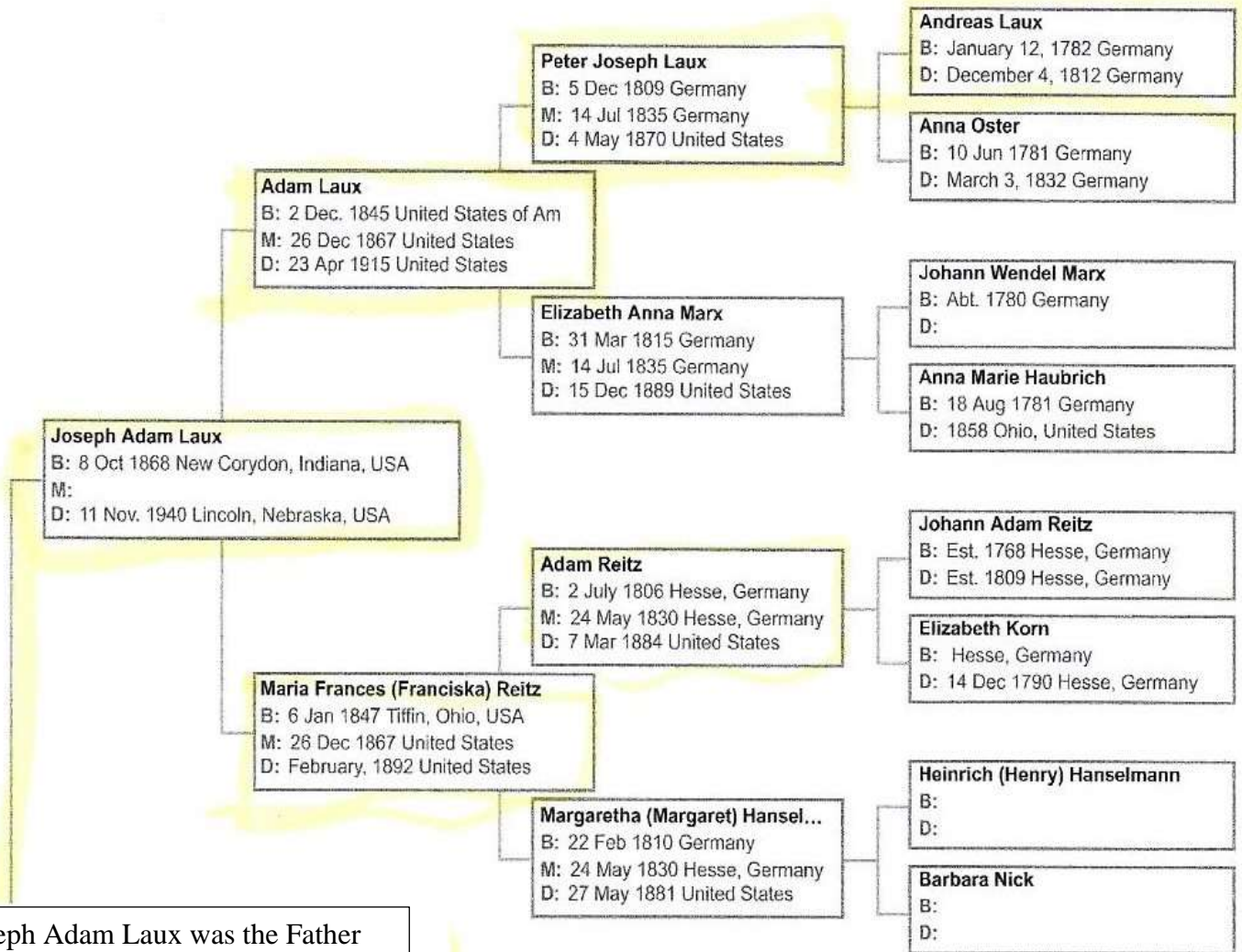
Joseph Adam Laux  
Born: Oct. 8, 1868  
Died: Nov. 11, 1940

Married  
April 8, 1897  
in Rantool, ILL.

Eva Maude Young  
Born: Nov. 26, 1877  
Died: Jan. 31, 1954



## Family Tree of Josephine “Laux” Michaels on her Dad’s Side of the Family

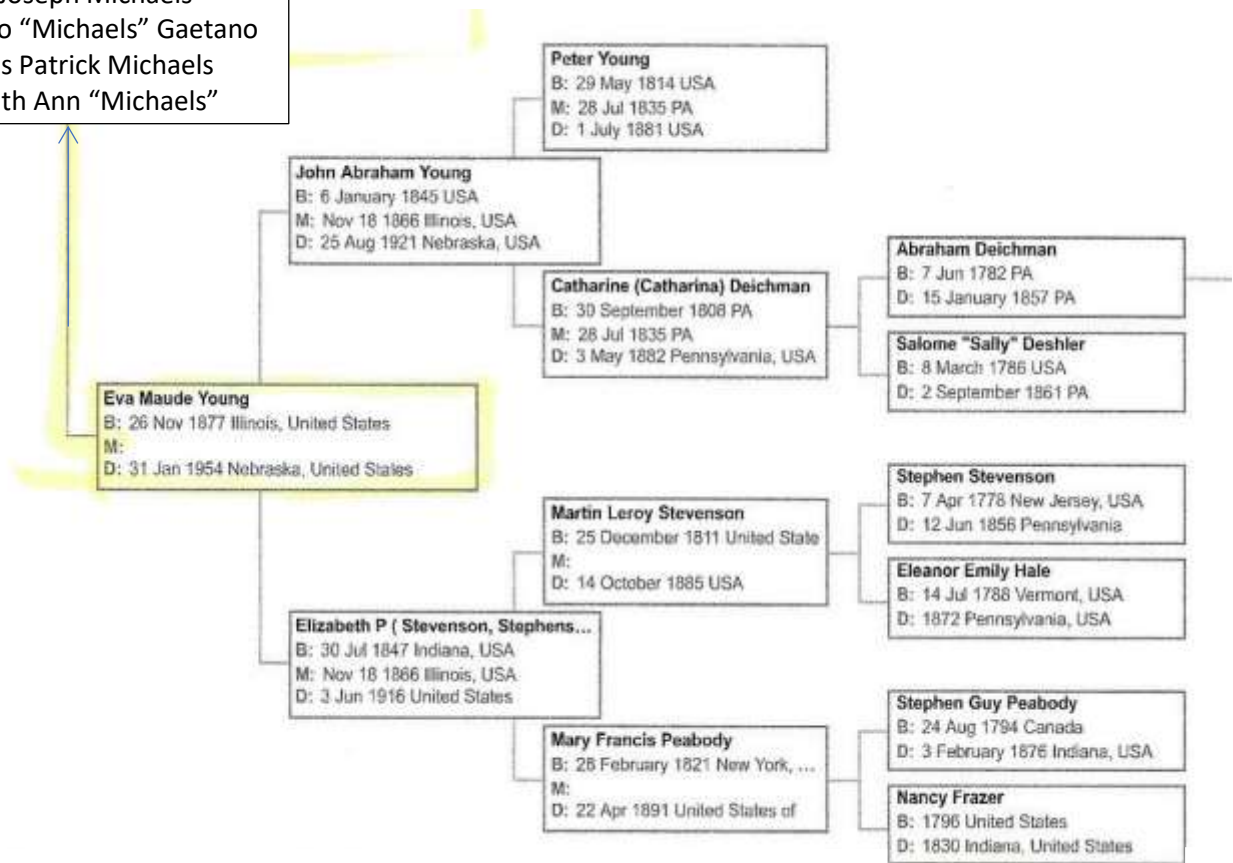


Joseph Adam Laux was the Father of Josephine “Laux” Michaels who married James “Gus” Michaels and their children were:

1. James Joseph Michaels
2. Mary Jo “Michaels” Gaetano
3. Thomas Patrick Michaels
4. Elizabeth Ann “Michaels” Kavanaugh

Maude “Young” Laux was the Mother of Josephine “Laux” Michaels who married James “Gus” Michaels and their children was:

5. James Joseph Michaels
6. Mary Jo “Michaels” Gaetano
7. Thomas Patrick Michaels
8. Elizabeth Ann “Michaels”



**Bios-Joseph-Maude Laux -Children**

**PARENTS**

**Joseph Adam Laux married Eva Maude “Young” in Rontou, IL and they had eight Children, Joseph, Grace, Charlie, Frances, Elizabeth who became a Nun, Josephine, Mary and Rosa.** Joseph was born on Oct. 8, 1868 and died on Nov. 11, 1940. Maude, as she was known by, was born on Nov. 26, 1877 and died on Jan. 31, 1954. The first child Joseph was born sometime around 1896-97 timeframe and died in 1910. Not sure what happened to him or how he died. Joseph & Maude are buried in the Catholic Cemetery there in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**CHILDREN**

- 1. Joseph Laux was the first Child of Joseph & Maude Laux.** He was born sometime around 1896-97 time frame and died when he was about 13 years of age. Little is known about Joseph Laux.
- 2. Grace Teresa “Laux” Davis was the second Child of Joseph & Maude Laux.** She was born on July 17 of 1898 in Lincoln, Nebraska and died on Dec. 8, 1970 in Montgomery, Indiana. Grace married Sam Davis on Oct. 6, 1920 and had 5 children, Charlie, James, Kathleen, Mary and Jerry.

Grace and Sam lived in Omaha, Nebraska up until about 1942 when Sam went to Oakland, California to work in the Shipyards there. The family did not join him for several years until 1946. That is where several of their children lived out their lives. Grace was a homemaker most of her life, but her daughter did say she worked in one of the factories in California during World War II. After the children were raised and Sam passed away in November of 1954, Grace moved back to Lincoln, Nebraska and lived with her Sister, Frances Knopp and her husband, Louis, and also spent some time with her sister, Josephine Michaels in Montgomery, Indiana. In her last years she lived with her sister, Josephine and babysat with her grandniece, Sheri Kavanaugh. It was there while staying at her niece's house (Louie & Liz Kavanaugh) she died suddenly in the morning hours on Tuesday Dec. 8, 1970. Grace's body was then flown back to Lincoln, Nebraska for the funeral at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and then on to Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California for burial. This cemetery is on a high hill near South Island Navy Base. She is buried with her husband, Sam Davis.

- 3. Charles Adam Laux was the third Child of Joseph & Maude Laux.** He was born on March 27 of 1901 in Lincoln, Nebraska and died on Oct. 13, 1977 in Nebraska. He married Bernice Yale on June 8, 1930 and they had three children, Dorothy, Richard and Charleen. Charlie, as he was known by, and his wife, Bernice are buried in Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- 4. Frances "Laux" Knopp was the fourth Child of Joseph & Maude Laux.** She was born on July 11 of 1903 in Lincoln, Nebraska and died suddenly in Jan. of 1981 in Lincoln, Nebraska. When Frances was in her younger years, she entered the convent of The Dominican Order. She was there for several year doing jobs such as cleaning and cooking for the other nuns and after a period of time the work was so harsh, she decided to leave the convent. She married Louis Knopp on June 10 of 1952 when she was 47 years old. Louis and Frances did not have any Children. Before Frances got married, she worked as a housekeeper for Priests in the Lincoln area and it is believed one those churches is St. Patrick's in Lincoln. Louis and Frances made their home at 4300 N. 61<sup>st</sup> St, Lincoln, NE 68507, Just a block north of St. Patrick's Church. Louis worked for the United States Postal Service as a Custodian. Louis had two brothers, Willie and Bernard and a sister that lived in Arizona. After Frances died, Louie lived on in the house for many years before going to a nursing home and that is where he died at 98 years of age.
- 5. Elizabeth Laux (Sister Athanasia) was the fifth Child of Joseph & Maude Laux.** She was born on Dec. 1 of 1905 in Lincoln, Nebraska and died at the Infirmary at the Dominican Convent in St. Catharine, Kentucky on Nov. 12 of 1997. She attended grade school in Lincoln, Nebraska and after only a year and a half at Cathedral High School in Lincoln, Elizabeth transferred to St. Catharine Academy in Kentucky in February of 1922 at the age of sixteen. In September of that year, she entered the Postulate at St. Catharine's and made her first vows on March 7, 1924. She took the name of Sister Athanasia. She obtained her high school diploma from St. Catharine's Academy, and a bachelor's degree from Siena College. She also studied at Boston College and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Sister worked in the field of education in Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Arkansas, and Kentucky. Finally in 1947, she returned to Nebraska where she earned a Lifetime Teachers' Certificate and ministered until 1967. In 1967, she moved to St. Catharine Convent in McCook and into an apostolate of prayer. In 1991 after having open heart surgery, she came to reside in Sansbury Infirmary and spent the rest of her life in prayer before going to her Heavenly home on November 12 of 1997. She was 91 at the time of her passing and is buried there in the Convent Cemetery.
- 6. Josephine Eleanor "Laux" Michaels was the sixth Child of Joseph & Maude Laux.** Josephine was born on Oct. 23 of 1910 in Lincoln, Nebraska and died on Dec. 13 of 1996. It was said that

Josephine was given that name for her older brother, Joseph, who died around the age of 13. Josephine attended schools in Lincoln, Nebraska and met James “Gus” Michaels who was originally from Montgomery, Indiana, but was working as a typewriter repairman for Remington Rand there in Lincoln, Nebraska. Josephine married Gus Michaels on August 31 of 1934 and then lived in Oshkosh, Wisconsin where her husband had been transferred with Remington Rand. They lived there for several years and three of their four children were born in Oshkosh, including Jim, Mary Jo and Tom. They moved to Indiana in 1940 and Elizabeth Ann was born in 1947 to complete their family. Josephine went to work as an Accounting Clerk for the Crane Naval Base, retiring in 1970. She was active in her church, St. Peter’s Catholic Church and volunteered for various organizations and did a lot of babysitting for her Grand kids. As her health failed, she stayed close to home in her last years and her husband Gus took good care of her. Finally, on Friday Dec. 13 of 1996 around 3AM in the morning, Josephine passed away. Her viewing was held on Sunday Dec. 15 and the Funeral was held at St. Peter’s Church on Monday Dec. 16. She was laid to rest at St. Peter’s Cemetery.

**7. Mary Irene “Laux” Benes was the seventh Child of Joseph & Maude Laux.** Mary was born on Oct. 9 of 1912 in Havelock, Nebraska and died on Sep. 19 of 1998. She married Henry Benes on May 13 1950 at the age of 37 years old. Mary and her husband are buried in Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska.

They had four children, Michael, David, Brian and Mary Ellen. All live in the Lincoln, Nebraska area. Mary’s husband, Henry died on July 1, 1994 and Mary passed away on September 19 of 1998. Mary and Henry met at a dance at the Pla-mor Ballroom (still in existence today and owned by Henry’s nephew, Bobby Lane (Eugene Benes). Mary at one time was engaged to a guy that lived in Hawaii. Henry had been engaged a couple of times too, but never married until he met Mary. They married on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1950 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Omaha, the same parish where Mary had worked as a housekeeper for the parish priests.

Henry played in a couple of polka bands before he was married. He loved playing the clarinet, trumpet and saxophone. Because of his love for music, he wanted each of his children to be able to play an instrument. So, they had their own “family band” for a while (only for their own enjoyment and for anyone that came over – they never went on the road). Henry played the sax, Mike the trumpet, Dave was on clarinet, Mary Ellen was on drums, Brian on the Banjo and when Aunt Elizabeth would come for a couple of weeks in the summer, she would play the piano – we would have “jam” sessions.

Mary and Henry bought a farm in 1955 and its location was between Crete and Denton. They farmed for many years before moving into Lincoln, when Henry retired in 1972 to a small acreage at 722 Hill Street. They kept a couple cows and a pony from the farm, but that was all. Mary was a “stay at home” mom after she got married and never worked outside the home except at some the voting booths at election time. Mary and Henry had 44 years together until his death in 1994.

**8. Rosa Catherine “Laux” Fenton was the eight Child of Joseph & Maude Laux.** Rosa was born on Jan. 27 of 1915 in Lincoln, Nebraska and died on Oct. 28 of 1998. Rosa married Richard “Dick” Fenton on July 16, 1936 and they had seven children, Maureen, Joseph, Richard, Elizabeth, Lawrence, Mary and Kathleen. Rosa’s husband, Dick, passed away on Jan. 21, 1977 and Rosa passed away on Oct. 28, 1998. Rosa was the last of her family to pass away. As of this writing, three have passed away from Rosa and Richard’s Family. Richard Jr. passed away on May 2 2010 and Maureen passed away on March 5, 2019 and Betty Kay passed away on May 2020.

**Marriage License for Joseph A. Laux & Eva Maude Young, Form Completed on April 8, 1897 in Terraville, South Dakota.** Print may be hard to read but see Info. below. In this form, Miss Young spelled her name as Maud Young, not Maude. Terraville was a mining town and Joseph worked in the gold mine putting in track.

→ MARRIAGE LICENSE ←

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

Circuit Court for the County of Lawrence

To any Person Lawfully Authorized to Solemnize Marriages within said State:

KNOW YE, That License is hereby granted to join together as Husband and Wife, Joseph A. Laux of Terraville County of Lawrence and State of South Dakota, and Eva Maude Young of Terraville County of Lawrence and State of South Dakota, being satisfied by the Testimony of James B. Harris that there is no legal impediment thereto.

THEREFORE, This shall be your sufficient authority for solemnizing the Marriage of said parties, and making return thereof as provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Circuit Court, at St. Paul this 8th day of April, 1897.  
Louis R. Baulfield  
by H. B. Schopf Dep. Clerk.

— CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE. —

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, }  
 County of Lawrence } ss. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on the 13th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven, at Terraville in said County, I, the undersigned, a Minister of the Gospel did join in the holy bonds of Matrimony, according to the laws of this State, Mr. Joseph A. Laux of Terraville County of Lawrence, State of South Dakota, and Miss Eva Maude Young of Terraville County of Lawrence, State of South Dakota.

In Presence of }  
Benn. Williams } Witnesses. Wesley D. Streater  
Lulu B. Williams } Central City, South Dakota  
 Signed: Joseph A. Laux Groom.  
 Signed: Maud Young Laux Bride.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, }  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_ } ss. On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year A. D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 eighteen hundred and ninety \_\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_  
 known to me to be the person who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Filed for Record this 19 day of April, A. D. 1897.  
 By E. B. M. Sautau Deputy. Louis R. Baulfield Clerk.

Terraville is now a ghost town in Lawrence County, South Dakota, United States. It was founded in 1877 as a mining camp and later evolved into a town. It was purchased by the Homestake Mining Company and was destroyed in 1982 to make way for a new mine. Terraville, North Dakota is in Lawrence County.



Picture of **Joseph Adam Laux** taken in 1896. Joseph would marry Eva Maude Young a year later in 1897.



Wedding Picture of **Joseph Laux and Maude Young** who were married on April 13, 1897.



This is a picture of **Joseph Laux** as dressed in his Sunday Best at the age of 22.





**Maude (Young) Laux**

Records have her name recorded as "Eva Maude Young", "Rose Maude Laux", "Maude Rosa Laux" and "Rosa Maude Laux". I guess back then you could switch your name around to suit your mood! Sure made it difficult when searching through the census records!

This is a clipping from another **Family History on Maude “Young” Laux**. As you can see, we have two different poses. In the verbiage above, it points out the many different ways Maude spelled her name. We can also point out that Maude did not like to smile when her picture was taken as she looked in some pictures that she really did not want her picture taken. But from what I understand, she was a very sweet person and very loveable. So, pictures don't always tell the

**The Following Articles Was Written by Sister Athanasia (Elizabeth Laux)**

The following article was put together by Elizabeth Laux (Sister Athanasia), the daughter of Joseph and Maude Laux who grew up in Havelock, Nebraska which was a small city now incorporated into Lincoln, Nebraska. Elizabeth did not put the events of Joseph and Maude (Her Parents) in the order as they occurred but we have tried to arrange them in order by date as best we can ascertain them. It does give you some information where Joseph Laux (Her Father) was born, Jay County, Indiana and when he met Maude "Young" (Her Mother) in Illinois and then moved to Terryville, South Dakota where they were married and lived there for nine years and six months. They then moved to Havelock, Nebraska where they raised their family.

**Joseph & Maud Laux By their daughter Elizabeth Laux, Sister Athanasia**

Mom (Maude Laux) was born in Rantoul, Illinois in 1877. She lived there about five years, then moved to South Dakota on a farm (Kabora), 10 miles from Huron. The family left there when she was about 12 years old, and then went to Fisher, Illinois to the Stevenson's Farm. (Here is where Grandpa "Young" left Grandma "Young"). Grandma and the two boys and Mom went to Gibson, Illinois.

Pop (Joseph Adam Laux) met Mom (Maude Laux) in Gibson Illinois. Pop worked in the tile factory. Mom worked for Aunt Mollie. Pop came out with two white ponies and carriage to take Mom out. Mom and Pop went to Terryville, South Dakota to be married. They got their license in Deadwood South Dakota and were married on a Wednesday. Mom's Dress was made out of cashmere, pale blue trimmed in white satin. She also had a white silk hat with two white plumes. Pop wore a black suit when he was married.

Pop was born in 1868 in Jay County, Indiana on the family farm. He lived there 23 or 24 years working on the farm. He moved to Ft. Recovery off and on every winter. He worked in Illinois five year in a tile factory. He then moved to South Dakota and married Mom in 1897. Lived there nine years and six months. Moved to Havelock in February. While in Terryville, South Dakota, Pop worked in the gold mines 1250 feet underground putting in tracks. He carried a gun all the time.

**Concerning John and Elizabeth Young:**

Later, "Grandpa", who is John Young, returned to Havelock and remarried his former wife, Elizabeth. She had remarried, but her husband was a drunk and refused to support her, so she divorced him. John swept in and remarried Elizabeth. The husband she then divorced committed suicide over the loss of his wife. There are news articles about it.

**Occupations of Joseph Adam Laux, Taken from Census Records:**

Joseph Adam Laux worked on farm in Jay County, Indiana until about age 24. He then worked in tile factory during the winters in Gibson, Illinois from about 1892 to 1897.

He Move to Terryville, South Dakota, Married in 1897 and worked in the Gold Mines in South Dakota 1250 Ft. underground, putting in tracks.

In 1911, Joseph and his brother, Al, were living in Lincoln, Nebraska and their occupations were listed as carpenters.

In 1913, Joseph's occupation was listed as a machinist for the DB & QR Railroad Shops. Here he is living at 817 N. St. in Havelock.

In 1913, Al is still living with Joseph and Al's Occupation is listed as a Paperhanger.

In 1915, Joseph is listed as a Boilermaker Helper with the railroad. He continued to work as a Boilermaker until his retirement.

In 1916-17, Joseph is listed as a Flue setter with the Railroad.

Later, His younger brother, Al, also began working at the Railroad. I believe that Joseph took it upon himself to watch over Al, his little brother, as Al was only 14 years old when their mother, Frances, Died. Two years after the death of their mother, their Father Adam, married his high school sweetheart, Mary Finnerty. Adam Laux and Mary Finnerty were married for many years and are buried side by side plots. Joseph and Al remained in Havelock, Nebraska. Both Working at the Railroad, Living next door to each other.

### **Burlington Railroad Shops, Havelock, Nebraska**

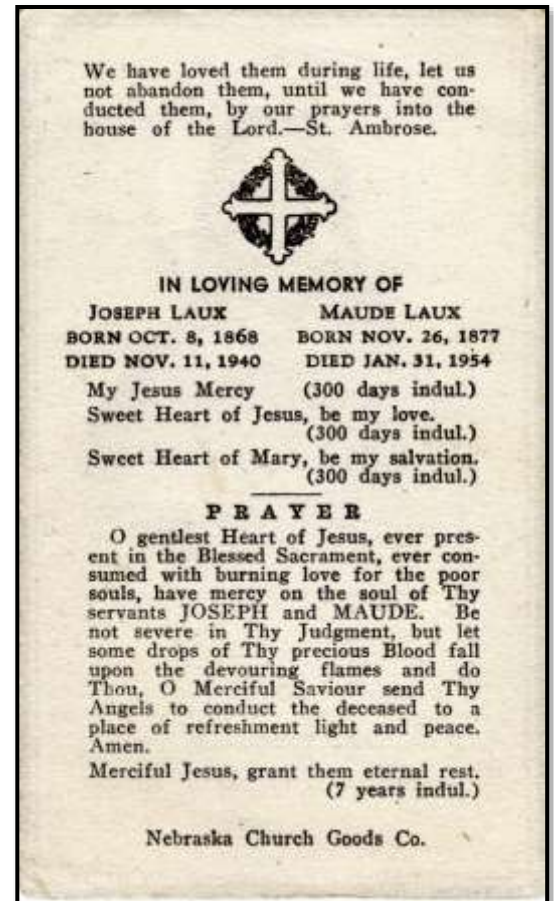
Havelock was formed in 1890, alongside the new shops of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad. Incorporated in 1893, the bustling, blue collar town had nearly 1500 residents by 1900. Friction between Havelock and the neighboring college town was reflected in events such as a dispute in 1908 over the extending a streetcar line through University Place to Havelock. The Methodist Town's opposition evaporated when Havelock leaders threatened to license saloons on their common border. Havelock grew to 3602 residents by 1920 and actively opposed annexation by Lincoln until a strike by the Burlington Shops in 1922 (Which Grandpa (**Joseph Laux**) and his brother Al (**Laux**) participated in the strike) dragged on without resolution. The 1930 census counted 3653 individuals in Havelock – essentially stagnant from the decade before. At that time, annexation was approved by a 2-1 margin. The formerly autonomous towns are still counted among Lincoln's distinctive neighborhoods.



Shown here, is the **tombstone of Maude “Young” Laux**, Wife of Joseph Adam Laux. Maude Laux was born on Nov. 26, 1877 and died Jan. 31, 1954. She is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln Nebraska.



Shown here, is the **tombstone of Joseph Adam Laux**, Husband of Maude “Young” Laux. Joseph Laux was born on Oct. 8, 1868 and died Nov. 11, 1940. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska.



**Funeral Cards for Joseph & Maude Laux** Joseph passed away on Nov. 11 of 1940 and Maude passed away Jan. 31, 1954. Joseph and Maude Laux had 8 children. Their children were Josephine Michaels, Frances Knopp, Grace Davis, Sister Athanasia, Rosa Fenton and a son Charles Laux. Joseph a son died as a young child.

This was the Obituary and follow up information that appeared in the Lincoln, Nebraska Newspaper on the death of Joseph Laux. Joseph died on Nov. 11, 1940 and was married to Maude "Young" Laux and they had eight children. Joseph was the father of Josephine Michaels, who was the mother of Elizabeth "Michaels" Kavanaugh.

**LAUX**—Joseph A. Laux, 72, of 5612 Morrill ave., died Monday. Surviving are his wife, Maude; son, Charles; six daughters, Mrs. Grace Davis of Omaha, Frances of Oshkosh, Wis., Sister Mary Athanasia of Forest City, Ark., Mrs. Joseph Michaels of Oshkosh, Wis., Mrs. Rosa Fenton of Denver; Mary at home; brother, Albert P. Laux of Lincoln; sister, Mrs. Irene Pottkotter of Fort Recovery, O., and 10 grandchildren. Splain, Schnell & Griffiths.

(The Nebraska State Journal, 12 Nov 1940)

**NEBRASKA STATE JOURNAL,  
LINCOLN, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1940.**

**Deaths**

**1**

**LAUX**—Funeral of Joseph Laux at 9:30 Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. Father Godfrey, O. F. M., officiating. Calvary. Rosary will be recited at the home, 5612 Morrill, at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

**NEBRASKA STATE JOURNAL,  
LINCOLN, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1940**

**Deaths**

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**Death Certificate for Joseph Laux:** Joseph Died on Nov. 11, 1940. Joseph was the son of Adam & Maria "Reitz" Laux.

**STATE OF NEBRASKA**

WHEN THIS COPY CARRIES THE RAISED SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, IT CERTIFIES THE DOCUMENT BELOW TO BE A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD ON FILE WITH THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VITAL RECORDS OFFICE, WHICH IS THE LEGAL DEPOSITORY FOR VITAL RECORDS

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 DEPARTMENT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**NEBRASKA (STATE) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
Division of Vital Statistics

L10903

**STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_ State File No. \_\_\_\_\_

**1. PLACE OF DEATH:**  
 (a) County Lancaster  
 (b) City or town Lincoln  
 (c) Name of hospital or institution: 4203 No. 60 St.  
 (d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify whether year, months or days)  
 In this community 73 yrs.

**2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:**  
 (a) State Nebr. (b) County Lancaster  
 (c) City or town Lincoln  
 (d) Street No. 5612 Morrill  
 (e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A. ? \_\_\_\_\_ years

**3(a) FULL NAME** Joseph A. Laux L-200  
 3(b) If veteran, name war \_\_\_\_\_

4. Sex Male 5. Color or race White 6(a) Single, widowed, married, divorced MARRIED

6(b) Name of husband or wife AUGA LAUX 6(c) Age of husband or wife if alive \_\_\_\_\_ yrs.

7. Birth date of deceased Oct. 3, 1868  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE: Years 72 Months 1 Days 3  
 If less than one day hr. \_\_\_\_\_ min. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Birthplace Indiana  
 (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

10. Usual occupation Shoemaker  
 11. Industry or business C. & N. Railroad

12. Name of father Adam Laux

13. Birthplace Germany  
 (City, Town, or county) (State or foreign country)

14. Maiden name Mont Anow

15. Birthplace Pont Know  
 (City, Town, or county) (State or foreign country)

16. (a) Informant's own signature Mrs. Maude Laux  
 (b) Address 5612 Morrill, Lincoln, Nebr.

17. (a) Burial (b) Date thereof 11/15/40  
 (Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)

(c) Place: burial or cremation Calvary

18. (a) Signature of funeral director SPAIN, SCHNELL & GRIFFITHS  
 (b) Address 105 E. ST. LINCOLN, NEBR.

19. (a) NOV 13 1940 (b) M. F. ARNHOLT  
 (Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATION**  
 20. Date of death: Month Nov. 11 day 1940 19\_\_\_\_  
 6:15 A.M. hour \_\_\_\_\_ minute \_\_\_\_\_  
 21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ to 11-11 1940;  
 that I last saw him \_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_;  
 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above. Duration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Immediate cause of death Heart attack  
Cholesterol of heart  
 Due to Arteriosclerosis  
 Due to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other conditions (include pregnancy within 3 months of death) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major findings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Of operations \_\_\_\_\_  
 Of autopsy \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICIAN**  
 Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:  
 (a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Date of occurrence \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Where did injury occur? \_\_\_\_\_ (City or town) \_\_\_\_\_ (County) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify type of place) \_\_\_\_\_

While at work? \_\_\_\_\_ Means of injury \_\_\_\_\_  
 23. Signature J. P. Parker (M. D. or other) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 6900 Morrill Date signed 11-12-40

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## **Mrs. Maude Laux, Former Resident Ofe Denver, Dies**

Mrs. Maude R. Laux, 76, 4335 No. 64th, died Sunday.

A resident of Denver the past few years, she had been in Lincoln only about a month.

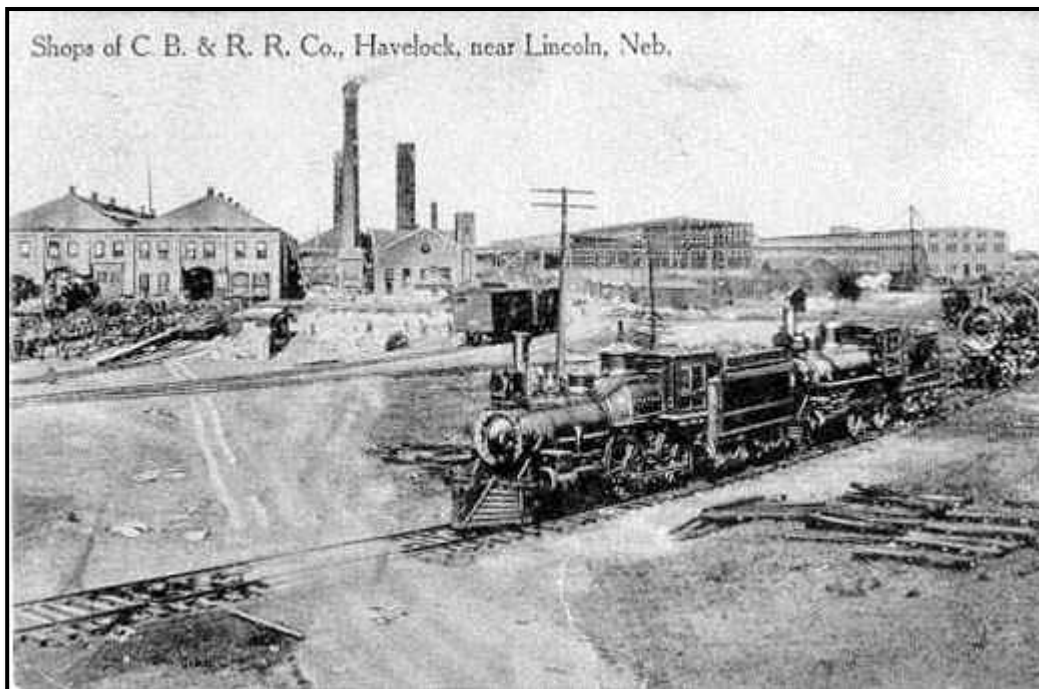
Mrs. Laux was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Surviving are her daughters, Sister M. Athanasia of McCook, Mrs. S. E. Davis of Oceanside, Calif., Mrs. J. A. Michaels of Montgomery, Ind., Mrs. R. L. Fenton of Denver and Mrs. Louis Knopp and Mrs. Henry Benes, both of Lincoln; a son, Charles of Omaha; a brother, Henry Young of Elwood; 20 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

**This is the announcement of the Death of Maud Laux** in the Lincoln Newspaper. Maude had lived with her children from time to time and was living with Rosa "Laux" Fenton when she passed away. Maude passed away on Jan. 31 of 1954.



Shown above, are **Joseph and Maude Laux** and it appeared it may have been after Joseph got off work from the Railroad yards there in Lincoln, Nebraska. Joseph worked in the railroad yards for many years and retired early because he suffered a heart attack.



**Burlington Shops in Havelock/Lincoln, Nebraska:** These are the railroad shops/yards that Joseph Laux worked for many years. He was forced to retire because of a bad heart, but not sure at the age that happened. Back then, there was no retiring at age 65. You worked till not able. Joseph Laux was Josephine Michaels Father.





Picture of  
**Grace Laux**  
on her First  
**Communion**  
Day in  
1904 or  
1905



**Picture of Maude and Joseph Laux:** This picture was taken in front of their house at 5612 Morrill Ave. in Lincoln, Nebraska. In the background you can see some of the Grandchildren, some think it is Aunt Grace Davis's children. Picture may have been taken around 1930 timeframe.



Right, **Grandma Laux with her Daughter Josephine Michaels and her son, Jim.** Picture taken about 1935-36 time frame. Maybe when Gus /Josephine lived in OshKosh, Wisconsin.



This is the **First Communion Day and Confirmation on May 18, 1913**. Pictured, here from left to right are Marie Mehring, France Laux and Elizabeth Laux who later became Sister Athanasia. Frances was the older of the two Laux sisters and we presume they both made their First Communion on the same day. Frances would have been 12 and Elizabeth would have been 10 in this picture.



**Maude Laux with her daughter Grace "Laux"**. Grace eventually married Sam Davis. This picture was taken about 1900.

**Joseph and Maude Laux Family:** Shown here, are a picture of Joseph & Maude's family Taken around 1940. Joseph and Maude Laux are sitting in the middle of the picture, in back, (L-R), are Josephine "Laux" Michaels, Rosa Laux, Bernice & Charlie Laux, Mary Laux, Sister Athanasia (Aunt Elizabeth Laux) and Grace "Laux" Davis holding son Jerry. In front, (L-R), Jim Davis, Kathleen Davis, Dick Laux. On the left of



Grandpa Laux are Dorothy Laux, Jim Michaels (between Grandpa & Grandma Laux) and Mary Helen Davis on the right of Grandma Laux.

**Shown here, are Grandchildren of Joseph and Maude Laux** and we believe the picture was taken about 1937. The two children in front we know are Jim Michaels on the bike and Mary Jo Michaels sitting on the ground. In back (L-R), are Dick Laux, Mary Helen Davis, Dorothy Laux, Kathleen Davis, Jim Davis and Charlie Davis. Dick and Dorothy Laux were children of Charles and Bernice Laux. Mary Helen, Kathleen, Jim and Charlie were children of Grace "Laux" and Sam Davis. Mary Jo and Jim Michaels were children of Josephine "Laux" & Gus Michaels.





Pictured on the left and right, are Joseph & Maude Laux with their grandson, Jim Michaels who was the son of Gus & Josephine "Laux" Michaels. Josephine was the daughter of Joseph & Maude Laux. This picture was taken sometime in 1938.



Pictured here, are Maude Laux and her daughters, Aunt Elizabeth, Sister Athanasia, Josephine and in front Mary Laux.



Picture of Maude Laux with her daughter, Sister Athanasia (Elizabeth). Picture may have been taken in the 1930s.



**Grandma Maude Laux with Father Hemmen, who was a family Friend.**



Pictured above, is **Father Hemmen**, a good friend of the Laux family as he paid a visit to Gus & Josephine Michaels home North of Montgomery. Father was also known as Monsignor Hemmen. He was holding Elizabeth Michaels and she would have been about 6 months old, so the picture would have been taken in the fall of 1947.



**Picture of Maude "Young" Laux: Picture was taken sometime in the late 1940s. I believe the picture was taken when she lived with Gus and Josephine on the farm North of Montgomery.**



Shown here, are Josephine Michaels (back to the camera) and her daughter Elizabeth (about 3 years old) and Grandma Laux walking down the walk. This was taken behind the Michaels' Farm House north of Montgomery on Co. Rd. 650 East. Picture was taken about 1950.



Shown here, are Young Jim Michaels in front with his mom, Josephine "Laux" Michaels sitting in chair and in back, is Grandma Maude Laux. This picture was taken on the Michaels' Farm on County Rd. 650 East. just north of Montgomery. Picture was taken about 1951 when Grandma Laux lived with the Michaels for a time. Grandma Laux later lived with her other daughter, Rosa in Colorado when she passed away in 1954. Young Jim was the man of the house when his Dad was on the road and had to do a man's job.



Pictured here, are Josephine "Laux" Michaels holding her daughter, Elizabeth and Josephine's Mother, Maude Laux on the right. Maude came to live with Gus and Josephine after her husband Joseph Laux had passed away and we believe this picture might have been in the summer of 1950. Joseph had passed away in 1940 and Maude passed away in 1954. This picture was taken at Gus/Josephine's farm house North of Montgomery.

Pictured here, are (front) Tom and Elizabeth Michaels, in back are Gus, Josephine and Maude Laux. (Josephine's Mother). Maude actually stayed with Gus and Jo on the Farm in her last years. This picture was taken there about 1952 and Maude passed away in 1954.





Pictured here, are **Aunt Elizabeth, Grandma Maude Laux, in front are Josephine and Mary Laux.** It is believed the picture was taken when they visited Aunt Grace in California.



**Maude Laux** on the left and not sure on the right. Maude cleaned St. Patrick's Church in Lincoln for many years and I heard her daughter Josephine say that she also helped clean when she could. Of course, this was a volunteer job.





Pictured here, are (L-R), **Charles Laux, Frances Laux and Grace Laux.** This picture was taken sometime around the 1905, as Frances was born in 1903 and she would be about 2 years old in this picture.



Pictured here, are **the Children of Joseph and Maude Laux.** Shown here, are Grace, Elizabeth, Charlie, Frances and in front Josephine. Picture was taken about 1911 and may have been taken in Havelock, Nebraska where they lived.



Pictured here, are Joseph Laux, Grace "Laux" Davis, Maude Laux, and Maude's Father Mr. Young. This Picture was taken at the Laux home in Lincoln, Nebraska and it was taken about 1915-20 time frame.



**Josephine Laux** when she would have been about 12 years old in front of her home in Havelock or Lincoln, Nebraska about 1917.



**Five of Six of the Laux Sisters:** Back, Elizabeth, holding Rosa, Frances. Front, Mary and Josephine. We are not totally sure of the two youngest in this picture, but we feel it is Mary and Rosa.



Picture of **Josephine “Laux”** (left) and her sister **Mary “Laux”** (right). This picture was taken about 1918 at the side of their home in Havelock, Nebraska.



Pictured here, is **Charlie Laux** and his **Sister Elizabeth Laux**. This was before Elizabeth entered the Convent and became a Nun. Picture was taken at their home in Lincoln around 1920.



Picture of **Josephine “Laux”**. These two pictures may have been taken for her high school graduation around 1928. Josephine would later marry James “Gus” Michaels in 1934.



**Mary Laux** relaxing in the sun. Mary later married Henry Benes when Mary was 37 years old and had 4 children.



Above, **Josephine Laux** and her sister **Rosa Laux** pose on the running board of what could be Josephine's Boyfriend Gus Michael's car when they were dating in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Pictured, is **Mary "Laux"** as she holds Jim Michaels around 1938.

Right, Picture of **Josephine Laux** probably when she was 18-20 years old when she lived in Lincoln before she was married.



JERRY OF JERICHO ROAD

The modern operetta, "Jerry of Jericho Road," by Clark and Clark, is being presented at Havelock high school, Friday evening, March 28. This play appearing for the first time last year has swept the country by storm and Havelock is fortunate to be the first to present it in this community.

"Jerry of Jericho Road," is clean and clever. The music is delightful and varies from the stately minuet to the snappiest fox trot of the day. A dance by cow girls and an aggregation of ghosts furnishes a riot of fun.

Maxine Malone of "Miss Cherry Blossom" fame rises to new heights as "Jerry of Jericho Road." Her Indian Love Call will win her a host of new admirers.

Picture charming Elizabeth Webster in the role of Sandy, a city girl who is required by her lover to scrub the ranch house steps.

Kenneth Clerk and Keith Vail, who appeared recently in "The Whole Town's Taking," do a pretty piece of work.

The modern flapper, Rosa Laux, makes many a heart flutter.

Norman Bykerk will be remembered for his success in "Windmills of Holland." He is a riot as Amos Bank and with his wife, Lettuce Bank, the vivacious Marcella Laux, makes a merry evening of it. Nellie Marie Fordyce, Thomas Bare, John Bourke and Eugene Hulbert contribute much to the humor of the play.

"The Buccaneers," a modern dance orchestra, and the large choruses bring the personnel of the operetta to nearly a hundred.

HAVELOCK HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

*The Modern Operetta*

*Jerry of Jericho Road*

by Estelle Merrymon and Palmer John Clark

**75** A STUPENDOUS PRODUCTION OF SEVENTY-FIVE PEOPLE, MODERN DANCE ORCHESTRA CHORUSES, DANCES AND NEW SCENIC EFFECTS. **75**

*High School Auditorium*

**Friday, March 28th**

AT 8:00 P. M.

Reserved Seats 35c on sale Monday at Scofield's  
General Admission 25c

Shown here is the write up after the event and the advertisement of the Operetta that Rosa "Laux" Fenton starred in back in March of 1930. Rosa, who was the youngest daughter of Joseph and Maude Laux, was a very beautiful young lady and sounds like she was quite a hit on stage. Also in this Operetta was Marcella Laux who was a 1<sup>st</sup> cousin of Rosa. Marcella's father/mother was Aloysius & Eleonora "Mehring" Laux and Aloysius was a brother to Joseph Laux, Rosa's Father.



A picture of the entire cast of the Operetta.



**Children of Joseph & Maude Laux:** Pictured, the children of Joseph & Maude Laux taken most likely in the late 1930s. Shown here, are (L-R), Rosa (Fenton) Mary (Benes), Josephine (Michaels), Sister Athanasia (Elizabeth), Frances (Knopp), Charlie Laux, Grace (Davis). It appears the picture was taken outside of their family home. Mary and Frances were not married at the time of this picture.



Picture of **Mary Laux feeding the birds.** This may have been when they went to California to visit her Sister Grace Davis.

**Four of the Laux Sisters with their Niece's Husband, (Marine Ed Lesneski)**

Pictured here, (L-R), Sister Athanasia, Frances, Ed Lesneski, Mary and Josephine. The picture was taken when they all made a west coast trip to see their sister Grace. Ed was married to Grace's Daughter, Mary Helen. The picture was probably taken in the 1950s.





Three of the Laux Sisters, Frances Knopp, Sister Athanasia (Aunt Elizabeth), Josephine Michaels. Picture may have been taken at Gus/Josephine's house North of Montgomery when Frances and Elizabeth were visiting.



Shown here, are Sister Austina, Tom Michaels, Dot "Patterson", Tom's first wife and Sister Athanasia when they were visiting Jim/Fran Michaels in Indianapolis around 1964.



Picture of Tom Michaels on the left and Mary Jo Michaels with Sister, Austina, who was a traveling companion of Sister Athanasia, (their Aunt and their Mother's Sister).



Pictured here, is Mary Jo Michaels "Gaetano" and Aunt Frances Knopp. taken sometime in the mid 1960's.



Pictured left, is **Mary "Laux" Benes** as she is cooling her feet in a pan of water by the well on the Gus/Josephine Michaels Family Farm. She was here visiting her sister Josephine and Mother Maude Laux. We believe it was taken about 1950, before she got married to Henry Benes.



Shown here, are Louis and Frances Knopp, Tom Michael and Dot Michaels (Tom's first wife) when they were visiting Tom's brother and his wife Jim/Fran Michaels in Indianapolis. Picture was taken around 1964



This is a picture of (L-R), Jim Michaels Sr. holding his son, Kevin and in front, is his daughter, Kathy, next is Jim's dad, Gus Michaels, Louis Knopp and Gene Gaetano. Gene was engaged to marry Gus's Daughter Mary Jo. Louis Knopp and Gus were married to sisters, (Josephine & Frances). This picture was probably taken at a family gathering when Louis & Frances Knopp were here in Indiana visiting from Nebraska and Gene and Mary Jo were here visiting from Chicago. Picture was taken about





Pictured right, are **Gus Michaels and Louis Knopp** as they pause in front of the old Ford car. Both were married to the Laux Sisters, Gus was married to Josephine and Louis was married to Frances. This picture was taken in the 1940s when Louis and Frances were in Indiana to visit Gus and Josephine.



**Picnic In the Park:** Shown here (Picture-1 and Picture-2), is the Laux family dining in the park. Looking at both of these pictures, you can see on the left side, Louis Knopp, Gus Michaels, Frances Knopp holding Michael Benes, Charleen Laux (Charlie/Bernice Daughter), Mary Benes. On the right side of the table are Henry Benes, Charlie Laux, Elizabeth Michaels, Josephine Michaels, Bernice Laux, not sure on the last person on the right side but it may have been a Laux cousin. This picture could have been taken at the time when Frances Laux married Louis Knopp. That could have been in June of 1952.





Left, **Gus Michaels and Louis Knopp** on one of the trips with their wives to all parts of the country. This picture was taken in the 1960s.

Pictured right, are Josephine “Laux” Michaels, her brother, Charlie Laux, his sister, Mary “Laux” Benes and Mary’s husband, Henry Benes. Picture was taken at Louis and Frances Knopp’s House in the 1970s.





**The Laux Sisters in the 1990s:** Here is another visit to Sister Athanasia in Kentucky as her other sister, Mary “Laux” Benes (from Lincoln, Nebraska) came to visit along with Josephine “Laux” Michaels from Montgomery, Indiana. This picture was taken when Sister Athanasia was in the Infirmary there at the St. Catharine Mother House.

**Laux Sisters:** Here is another picture of three of the Laux Sisters taken in the early 1990s. Shown here are Rosa “Laux” Fenton, Sister Athanasia Laux, Josephine “Laux” Michaels and her Husband Gus Michaels. This picture was probably taken when Rosa traveled from Colorado to visit her sister Josephine in Indiana and her Sister at the Mother House in St. Catharine Kentucky.

**Shown Right, are (L-R), Gus Michaels, Mary Ellen “Benes” Doherty, Mary Benes, Josephine Michaels.** This picture was taken when Mary Benes from Lincoln, Nebraska came to visit her sister Josephine and they went on to visit their other sister, Sister Athanasia in Kentucky. Mary’s daughter Mary Doherty came along on this trip. This picture was taken about 1992 at Gus and Josephine’s home in Montgomery.





**Picture of the Three Laux Sisters in Early 1990's:**

Shown here, are three of the Laux Sisters at the Sansbury Infirmary at the Mother House for Dominican Sisters in St. Catharine Kentucky. Pictured here, are (L-R) Rosa Fenton, Sister Athanasia Laux, Josephine Michaels and Josephine's daughter Elizabeth Kavanaugh. This picture was taken when Rosa and Josephine, who were sisters to Sister Athanasia, made the trip to Kentucky to visit sometime in the early 1990s. Elizabeth went along to help do the driving. In 1991 Sister Athanasia moved to the Infirmary after open heart surgery and remained there until she passed away in Nov. of 1997. Josephine would pass away in Dec. of 1996 and Rosa passed away in Oct. of 1998.



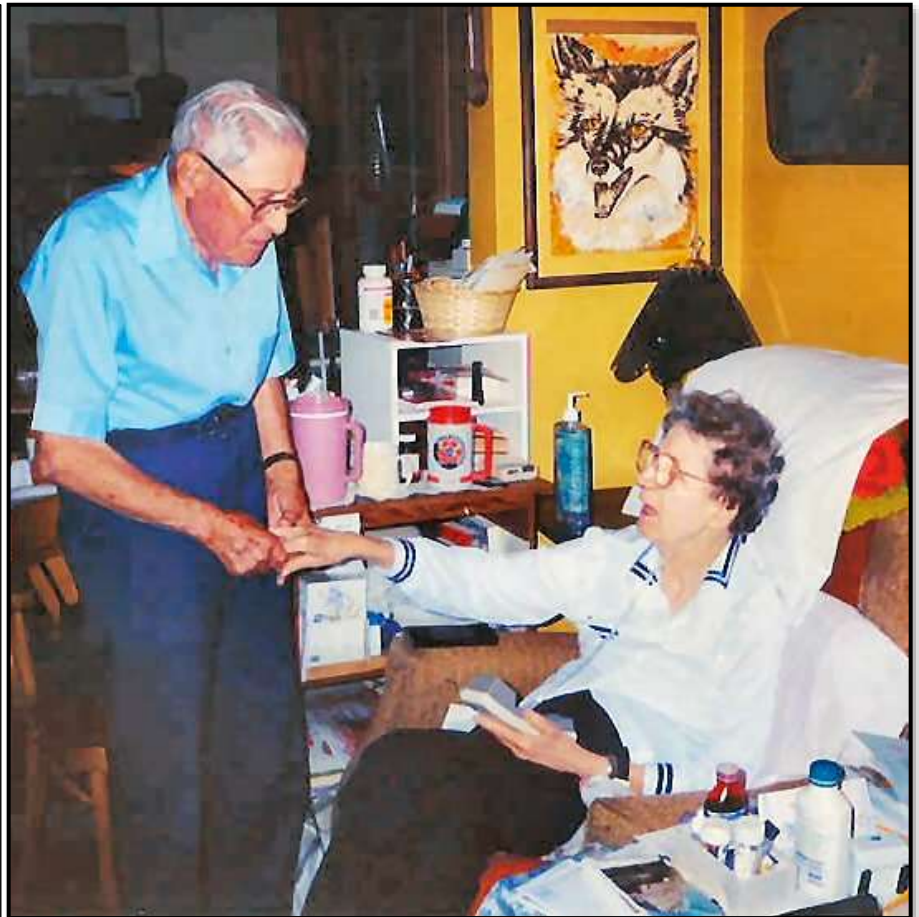
**Sansbury Infirmary in Kentucky**

This is a picture of the front of the Sansbury Infirmary where Sister Athanasia spent her last years of her life at St. Catharine, Kentucky. In this picture, you can see Josephine Michaels as she makes her way up the hill to the parking lot from her visit with her sister in 1992. Gus and Josephine visited Sister Athanasia several times there until Josephine's health failed and she was not able to travel. Josephine passed away in Dec. of 1996 and Sister Athanasia passed away in Nov. of 1997. On this trip some of Josephine's sisters came from Lincoln and Colorado to visit and it may have been the last time they were all together.



Picture here is (L-R) Liz “Michaels” Kavanaugh, her father Gus Michaels, Jim & Irene Davis. Jim Davis’ mother was Grace “Laux” Davis and was a sister to Gus Michael’s wife, Josephine “Laux” Michaels. This picture was taken in Lincoln, Nebraska when Gus and his two daughters traveled from Indiana to see his wife’s families after Josephine had passed away in 1996. We believe this picture was taken in Sept. of 1998. This picture was taken in the home of Mary Benes’ daughter, Mary Ellen Doher. Mary Benes was also a sister to Gus Michaels wife Josephine.

**Gus Michaels and Mary “Laux” Benes:** Shown here, is Gus Michaels on the left, as he visits with Mary “Laux” Benes on his trip to Lincoln, Nebraska in the summer of 1998. Mary was a younger sister of Gus’s wife, Josephine. Gus’s wife, Josephine, passed away in Dec. of 1996 and Mary, shown here, passed away a week after Gus’s visit with her in September of 1998. This picture was taken in Mary’s daughter’s (Mary Ellen Doher) home there in Lincoln. Gus was 96 years of age at the time of this picture, but did not look it. His two daughters, Mary Jo and Elizabeth, accompanied him on this trip. The next week after Gus’s visit, Mary was not feeling well and went into the hospital and took a turn for the worse and passed away suddenly on Sept. 19 of 1998.





Picture of Frances "Laux" Knopp as she drives the tractor on Gus and Josephine's farm North of Montgomery. This was probably the first time Frances was able to drive a Tractor.

Left: Rosa & her sister Josephine. Picture may have been taken sometime in the early 1930s.

Shown here, are Sister Athanasia and her sisters Josephine, Grace and Frances. In back, is Sister Athanasia's traveling companion, Sister Austina. Picture may have been taken Oct. of 1961 when all were in Montgomery for the wedding of Josephine's daughter, Mary Jo. The picture was taken on the front porch of Gus and Josephine's home in Montgomery.





**Josephine and Gus Michaels** on one of the many trips they took with Josephine's Sisters Frances and Elizabeth. Gus gave the impression that he was enjoying the trips, but he would have been happy to be home working in his garden.

**Josephine "Laux" Michaels and her Sisters** on one of the many trips across the country: Shown here, (L-R) are Josephine and Gus Michaels, in back, Sister Athanasia, (Aunt Elizabeth), Louie Knopp, Frances Knopp and Sister Austina. Sister Austina traveled with Sister Athanasia on many trips and visits to Indiana and other parts of the country. They taught school together in Nebraska.



Shown, are four of the five Laux sisters. Pictured, here, are Frances Knopp, Josephine Michaels, Grace Davis, Sister Athanasia. We believe this picture was taken at Aunt Frances' house in Lincoln, Nebraska in the late 1960s. Aunt Grace died suddenly in Dec. of 1970, Aunt Frances in Jan. of 1981, Josephine in Dec. of 1996 and Aunt Elizabeth in Nov. of 1997. Aunt Grace spent the last few months of her life with her sister, Josephine in Indiana.



**Laux Sisters:** Shown here, at a gathering in the home of Louis and Frances “Laux” Knopp in October of 1967. Pictured here, are (L-R Bernice Laux, Grace Davis, ????, Frances Knopp, Mary Benes, Josephine Michaels and Irene Davis. Grace, Frances, Mary and Josephine were Laux sisters, Irene Davis was married to Grace Davis son, Jim and Bernice Laux was married to the Laux sister’s brother, Charlie.