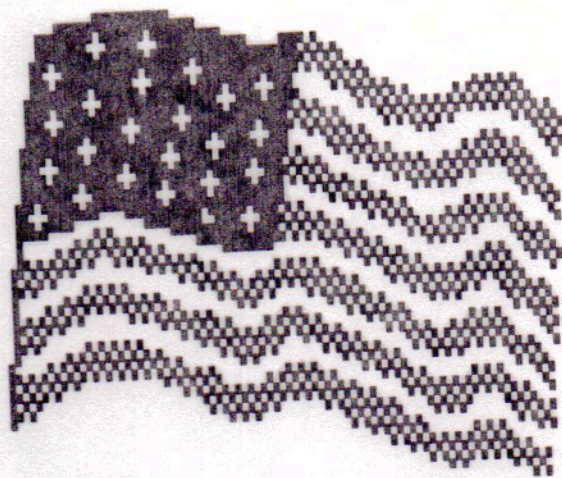


EGNER FAMILY HISTORY



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1727 - 1992

Introduction

The story of the first five generations in this history of the Egner family is based mostly on information in letters from Jennie (Egner) Nelson to Lois (Egner) Brask which were written in 1964. The letters did not include much information for dates of births, marriages or deaths, nor much information about specific geographical locations for such events. However, as discussed in Table 1, the Egners originally settled in or near what became Bucks or Lehigh Counties. Jenny Nelson's letters did indicate that the later generations lived in that area, and Sylvester Egner (Table 7) lived in or near Limeport as late as the 1940's.

Information for the later generations is more complete. It was provided by Adele (Egner) Ireland, Lois (Egner) Brask, and Diane (Egner) Pelosi.

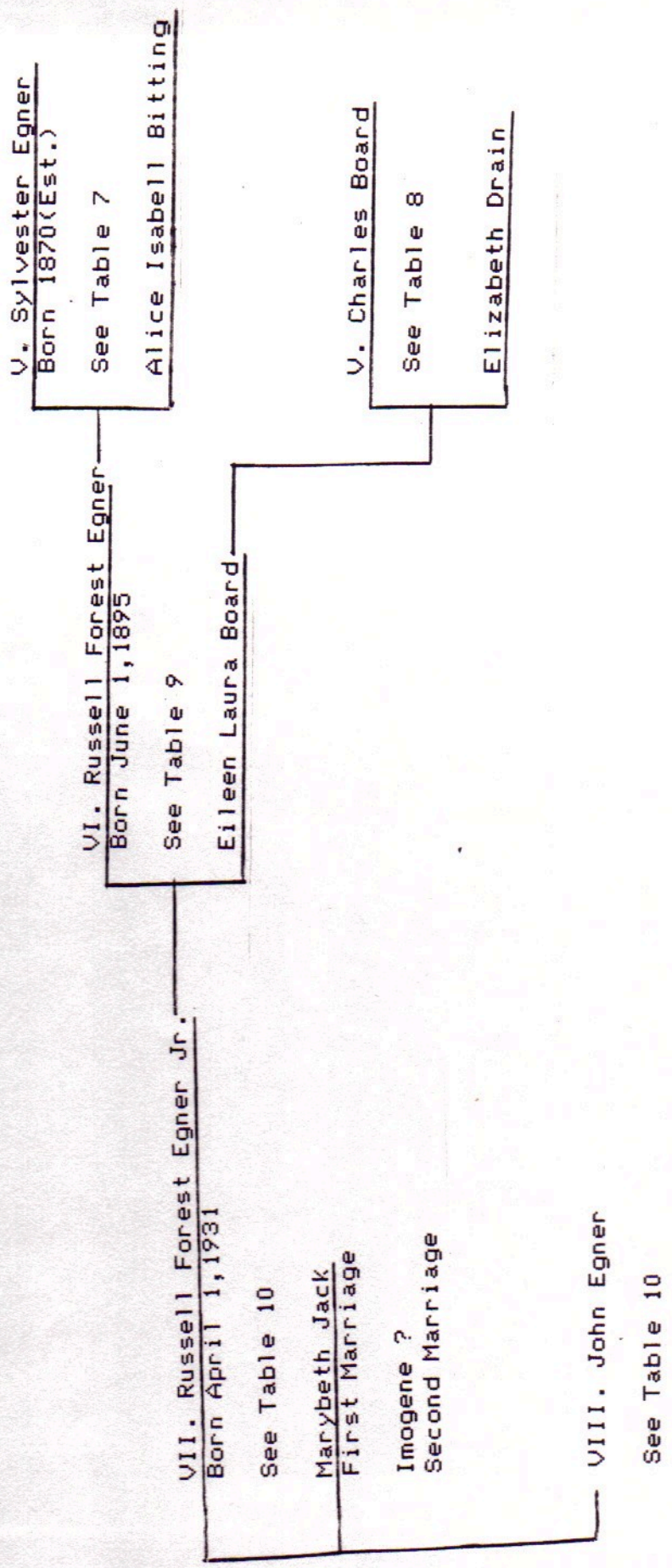
The information is set forth in charts and a series of tables. These tables include male Egners in the direct line from John Mathers Eichner (Generation I for the purposes of this history), through Russell Forrest Egner Jr. (Generation VII), and John Egner (Generation VIII). There are also tables which present maternal side history for some generations, as well as special sub-tables to present information about female family members and their marriages.

Roman numerals are used in the charts and tables for numbering generations. Arabic numbering is used for the tables, but these have no sequential significance. Cross-references in the tables, asterisks in the tables at names in the direct Egner line, and the charts, should permit the reader to follow the history.

More detailed Egner family information could likely be found. Apparently much of it exists in a book mentioned by Jennie Nelson, which was in the possession of "Mrs. Decks or Forney" in 1964. Jennie also mentioned the headstones at the old and new cemeteries at Blue Church, located between Limeport and Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. Apparently some of the inscriptions are in "High German".

The family name was originally Eichner, later changed to Egener, and finally changed to Egner. Since no dates concerning the changes were available to this writer, this history arbitrarily uses Eichner for Generation I, Egener for Generation II, and Egner thereafter.

Gerald I. Brask
July, 1992



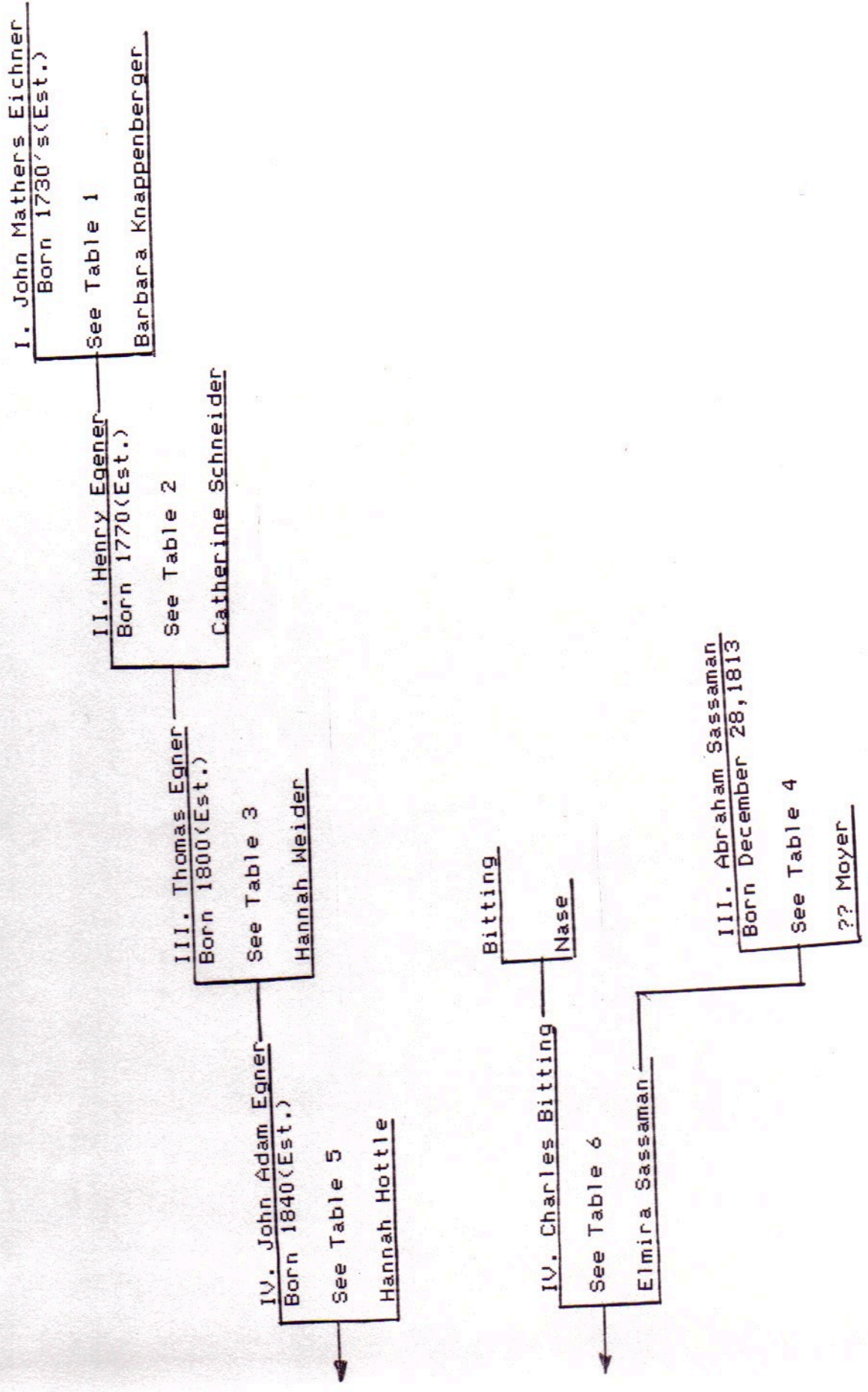


TABLE I.

JOHN MATHERS EICHNER's family emigrated to America from the Palatinate in Germany in 1727, according to information provided by Jennie Egner Nelson. In the 11th century, the area was ruled by a Count Palatine (a Palatine being a person with royal connections). Eventually, the area became a part of Bavaria, was incorporated into West Germany after World War II, and as of 1992, is part of the unified German Republic.

Based on birthdates in later generations, it appears that John Mathers was born in the 1730's in the Pennsylvania Colony.

John married Barbara Knappenberger. Children of the marriage:

Mathias--Married a member of the Aughster family, two children.

Peter--Married Susanna Stout, two children.

*Henry, see Table 2. Married Catherine Schneider.

John, married Catherine Boger, six children.

Other children included Daniel, Solomen, Christian, Catherine, Eva, Elizabeth.

In the mid 1800's, Egners were living in what had become Lehigh and Bucks Counties in the State of Pennsylvania. This is likely the area in which John Mathers Eichner's family originally settled, as did numerous other Germans, as a result of William Penn's liberal policies. (In just the short period between 1683 and 1685, more than 3000 Quakers and Palatinate Germans settled in the Pennsylvania Colony).

TABLE 2

II. HENRY EGENER, son of John Mathers Eichner (See Table 1), was born in the Pennsylvania Colony, probably in the 1770's. He married Catherine Schneider. Children of the marriage:

*Thomas, see Table 3. Married Hannah Weider.

Other children included Sarah, Catherine, Esther, Elizabeth, and Judith.

TABLE 3

III. THOMAS EGENER, son of Henry Egener (see Table 2), was born in Bucks or Lehigh County, Pennsylvania in about 1800. He married Hannah Weider. Children of the marriage:

*John Adam, see Table 5. Married Hannah Hottle.

Charles B., married Amanda Fatzinger, four children.

Daniel, married Lydia Mohr, two children.

Ambrose, married Mary Young, two children.

Mary, married Soloman Weaver.

Sarah, married Charles Blank.

Amanda, married Charles Schneider.

TABLE 4

IV. ABRAHAM SASSAMAN was born on December 28, 1813, and died on July 2, 1896. He married a Moyer who was born on April 27, 1810, and who died shortly after Abraham on August 9, 1896. Children of the marriage:

Anna, born November 30, 1838, died April 26, 1858.

John, born October 5, 1840.

Matilda, born August 8, 1842, died October 28, 1866.

×Elmira, born August 18, 1844. Elmira married Charles Bitting, see Table 6.

Sarah, born August 15, 1846; died November 11, 1866.

Abraham, born April 13, 1848.

Susan, born December 5, 1849; died November 9, 1866.

Daniel, born October 23, 1851; died November 8, 1866.

All of the children were born in Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, except Anna, who was born in Harford Township, Bucks County.

The Sassamans lost four of their eight children to typhoid fever in the two week period from October 28 to November 11, 1866. Their first born, Anna, died in 1858 of "Hasty Consumption, a very short illness."

Fortunately for Egners born after 1870, the Sassaman's fourth child, Elmira, survived the typhoid epidemic, married Charles Bitting, and was the mother of Alice Isabell, who married Sylvester Egner.

Jennie Nelson recalled her great-grandparents, the Sassamans, in her letters. She mentions that both were pipe smokers. She also told of walking from South Bethlehem to Seidersville to get cabbage from Abraham, who gave her twenty-five cents worth. This was so much cabbage that Jennie had to take the trolley home, which cost three cents,

TABLE 5

IV. JOHN ADAM EGNER, son of Thomas Egner (See Table 3), was born in Bucks or Lehigh County in about 1840. He married Hannah Wieder. Children of the marriage:

*Sylvester, see Table 7. Married Alice Isabell Bitting.

Malinda, married a Schuler.

There were seven other children.

TABLE 6

IV. CHARLES BITTING was the son of Francis Bitting and a daughter of the Nase family. He married Elmira Sassaman, daughter of Abraham Sassaman (Table 4). Children of the marriage:

Alice Isabell, who married Sylvester Egner. (Table 7)

Ida, who married Charles Harwick.(4 children)

Dora, who married Henry Ritter.(3 children)

Annie, who married Howard Cressman.(3 children)

Sally, who married Titus Erney.

Maggie, who married Elmer Shoemaker.(2 children)

Photographs of Charles Bitting with his grand-daughters, Alice and Adele Egner, were taken after he had lost his left arm at age 80 in an accident, which is related in one of Jennie Nelson's letters. It seems that Charles was driving a horse drawn wagon, delivering a load of corn. When he was near a railroad crossing at Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, the horse shied as a train approached, throwing Charles from the wagon and into the path of the train. His arm was injured and amputated. He lived to age 86.

TABLE 7

V. SYLVESTER EGNER, son of John Adam Egner (Table 5), was born in about 1870, apparently in Bucks or Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. He died in the 1940's in or near Limeport, Pennsylvania, where he had lived for most, if not all of his life. Sylvester married Alice Isabell Bitting (Table 6), and they had four children, all born in Limeport:

Charles

Jenny, born June 3, 1898. Died in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in the 1970's. Jenny was married to Lloyd Nelson.

Lloyd

*Russell Forrest, born June 1, 1895. See Table 9.

Lois Egner Brask recalls her Grandfather Sylvester visiting the Russell Forrest Egner family in Minneapolis in the 1940's. Sylvester took the children fishing, and during that outing a fish hook became lodged in Lois' back. Grandfather successfully removed the hook.

TABLE 8

V. CHARLES BOARD, married Elizabeth Drain. They had one daughter, Eileen Laura, who was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on March 19, 1899, or 1900. Eileen married Russell Forrest Egner. (see Table 9)

Charles Board was a retail grocer. His store and the family residence was located at 812 North 5th Street in Sheboygan. Charles was also an accomplished violinist.

Elizabeth Board was a school teacher, and probably also worked in the grocery store. During her later years she lived in the St. Clements home, since Charles preceded her in death. She was very active there, and enjoyed being visited, as well as visiting others. Elizabeth, called "Gonnie", by her Grandchildren (and most other relatives), died in the 1950's. She is buried in St. Clement's cemetery in Sheboygan, as is Charles.

"Auntie" Sanville was a sister of Elizabeth who lived with the Board's and worked in Charles' grocery store. She had two children, Charlotte and William. Charlotte married Roy Zepherin. They frequently visited Elizabeth at St. Clement's from their home in West Allis, Wisconsin.

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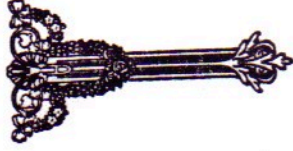
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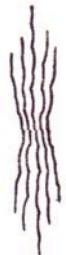
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Program



- "Il Trovatore" Verdi
- High School Orchestra
- Salutatory Ruth Rummele
- Class Oration—"America, the Refuge of the Oppressed"
Corneil Vetten
- Vocal Solo Elmer Hintz
- Commencement Address—"The Mastery of Destiny"
Prof. Paul F. Voelker, University, Wisconsin
- "Flower Song" E. T. Davies
- Senior Girls Glee Club
- Valedictory—"Real Preparedness" Jacob Segel
- Presentation of Class Prin. Wm. Urban
- Presentation of Diplomas Supt. W. P. Roseman
- "With Courage and Faith" Meyerbeer

Class Song



GRADUATES

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| Dewey Armstrong | Meta Pauly |
| Hertha T. Bergner | Lorene Peasley |
| Eileen Board | Coreta E. Peters |
| Hiram H. Born | Cornelius Poppe |
| Karl William Braasch | Anna J. Prange |
| Michael Brand | Albert Reinecke |
| Irene Brockmann | Fred E. Ries |
| Kenneth Okley Crane | Joseph V. Kingis |
| Walter De Smith | Hildegard Roeder |
| Wilhelmina Deuss | Ruth E. Rummele |
| Kathleen Edwards | Pat Ryan |
| Ella Erma Eichstaedt | Harold Satre |
| Lucile L. Freyberg | Crescentia Sauer |
| Rose Goodstein | Harold Schermeister |
| Robert Grashorn | Lawrence Schropp |
| Viola A. Grasse | Alma Schuelke |
| Ervin E. Grimm | Lillian Segebrecht |
| Margaret E. Gunther | Jacob Segel |
| Elva L. Hertensteiner | Hildegard A. Selka |
| Elmer M. Hintz | Gladys D. Sell |
| Jennie A. Hoekstra | Edna L. Seller |
| Theodora M. Holling | Elmer Sneider |
| Solomon B. Holman | Frederick E. Sonke |
| Benjamin Hoppert | Florence C. Sonneborn |
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| William E. Jerving | Anita E. Stubenrauch |
| Gladys E. Kohlhaugen | Rhea Corrina Stoltz |
| Gertrude Kowalke | Leslie W. Tasche |
| Clara M. Krueger | Gladys M. Trossen |
| Palmer K. Leberman | Ernest Constantine Vasselos |
| Ruth Loomis | Cornelius N. Vetten |
| Gertrude Luecke | Mabel L. Wagner |
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| Valeria M. Mehlberg | Hildegard V. Wirtz |
| Raymond Nagel | John Witte |
| Carl Neumeister | E. Janet Wood |
| Viola G. Nussbaumer | Irene T. Ziegler |
| | Virginia Zillier |

TABLE 9

VI. RUSSELL FOREST EGNER, son of Sylvester Egner (see Table 7), was born in Limeport, Pennsylvania on June 1, 1895. He died at the Washington Adventist Hospital in Tacoma Park, Maryland on February 11, 1978.

Russell married Eileen Laura Board (see Table 8), who was born on March 19 in 1899 or 1900, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. She died in February, 1983, in a nursing home in Will County, Illinois.

Children of the marriage:

Alice Elizabeth, born October 27, 1920. See Table 9.1.

Adele Isabell, born October 27, 1920. See Table 9.2.

The twins, Alice and Adele, were born at the home of grandparents, Sylvester and Alice Egner, in Limeport, Pennsylvania.

Lois Beverly, born March 29, 1927 in Salt Lake City, Utah. See Table 9.3.

Russell Forrest Jr., born April 1, 1931 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. See Table 10.

Diane Eileen, born October 24, 1933 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. See Table 9.4.

Russell Egner and Eileen Board met in Washington, D.C. in 1917 or 1918. Russell was in the U.S. Army and Eileen was working as a secretary in the "State War and Navy Building". Russell later worked for the U.S. Bureau of Education, the University of Pittsburg, and the University of Utah. He worked for a long period in the sales aspect of motion picture distribution. In the mid 1940's he established the United Realty Service in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

TABLE 9.1

VII. Alice Elizabeth Egner, daughter of Russell and Eileen Egner (See Table 9), was born in Limeport, Pennsylvania on October 27, 1920. She attended the University of Omaha. She was employed by the United Nations when she met John Fletcher-Cook, a member of the United Kingdom delegation, whom she married. There were two children of the marriage, Richard and Gillian. In 1992, Alice was living in London near her children and grandchildren.

Russell Egner Honored at Party

Dr. and Mrs. Russell Forrest Egner of Chillum, Md. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They were honored at a party given by 30 friends, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gottfried and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Albright.

Their courtship began here during the First World War. Dr. Egner was in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army at the time of their marriage. Mrs. Egner came here from Wisconsin to work as a secretary in the State War and Navy Building.

Dr. Egner has worked with the U.S. Bureau of Education and later was head of visual education at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Utah.

Dr. and Mrs. Egner have five children and 14 grandchildren, including a son who is a golf pro in California and a daughter, Lady Fletcher, Coober of England. Her late

husband was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. A former member of Parliament.

TABLE 9.2

VII. Adele Isabell Egner, daughter of Russell Forrest Egner (See Table 9), was born in Limeport, Pennsylvania on October 27, 1920. She attended the Unilversity of Omaha where she met George Ireland, who was born May 30, 1920. Adele and George were married in Minneapolis on June 8, 1946. The Irelands had four children:

Colleen, born January 19, 1954 in Omaha, Nebraska; married David Medlock August 15, 1982; and had one child, Dennis Ray Medlock, born November 8, 1986.

Kathleen, born August 25, 1956 in Evanston, Illinois; married Steven Kenneth Hodge on October 3, 1979; and divorced June 6, 1991. The Hodges had two children, Aaron Steven born November 22, 1983, and Tyson Shea born October 2, 1987.

George, born June 8, 1958 in Evanston, Illinois and married Jeanette Marie Martin on December 20, 1985. They have a daughter, Jennifer Marie, born March 2, 1986.

James, born November 29, 1959 in Evanston, Illinois and married Rhonda Mayberry on July 1, 1984. They have a son, Chad Michael, born September 26, 1986.

In 1992, George and Adele were retired and living in the Mount Vernon, Illinois area.

TABLE 9.3

VII. Lois Beverly Egner, daughter and third child of Russell and Eileen Egner (See Table 9), was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on March 29, 1927. Lois married Gerald Brask. Their marriage and their children are discussed in the following Tables 111 through 116, which are extracts from the February 28, 1991 supplement to the Brask family history.

Brask history extracts-re Table 9.3.

Table 111

X Gerald Irving Brask (Son of Irving John Brask and Mary Gerold, Table 110) born October 19, 1927 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a Civil Engineer specializing in municipal and industrial wastewater treatment, he was with the Consulting Engineering firm of Consoer, Townsend & Associates, Chicago, Illinois from 1950-1991 when he retired.

Married June 3, 1950 to Lois Beverly Egner, born in Salt Lake City, Utah on March 29, 1927, Daughter of Russell Forrest Egner and Eileen Laura Board. Lois taught school in Mound, Minnesota and Chicago, Illinois in 1949-1951.

Gerald and Lois Brask moved to Chicago in 1950, and to Arlington Heights in 1954. They were living in Arlington Heights in 1991, and also maintained a residence at Apple Canyon Lake near Apple River, Illinois.

XI

Children.

All born in Chicago, Illinois.

Gerald Irving, Jr., September 30, 1951 (See Table 112)

David Andrew, August 25, 1953 (See Table 113)

Kenneth Stephen, October 10, 1956 (See Table 114)

Jeffrey Peter, March 18, 1959 (See Table 115)

Paul Daniel, August 26, 1961 (See Table 116)

Table 112

XI

Gerald Irving Brask, Jr. (Son of Gerald Irving Brask, Table 111), born September 30, 1951 in Chicago, Illinois.
Profession: Lawyer, associated with Prairie State Legal Services in 1991.

Married on April 4, 1986 to Karen Johnson, also a Lawyer, born September 7, 1956, Daughter of Randle and June Johnson of Elgin, Illinois.

Gerald Brask, Jr. and Karen Johnson were living in Elgin, Illinois in 1991.

XII

Children.

Michael Johnson Brask, born October 13, 1987 in Elgin, Illinois.

Anne Johnson Brask, born July 29, 1990 in Elgin, Illinois.

Brask history extracts-re Table 9.3.

Table 113

XI David Andrew Brask (Son of Gerald Irving Brask, Table 111) born August 25, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois.
Profession: Computer Science, specializing in system analysis and design.
Married August 8, 1987 to Leslie Schwartz, a Registered Nurse, born August 6, 1954, Daughter of Donald and Ruth Schwartz of Franklin Park, Illinois.
David Andrew and Leslie Brask were living in Long Grove, Illinois in 1991.

XII Children.
Steven Andrew Brask, born June 19, 1989 in Downers Grove, Illinois.
Mark David Brask and Laura Elizabeth Brask, Twins born January 9, 1991 in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Table 114

XI Kenneth Stephen Brask (Son of Gerald Irving Brask, Table 111) born October 10, 1956 in Chicago, Illinois.
Profession: Civil Engineer, employed in 1991 by Waste Management, Inc.
Married on July 11, 1981 in Apple River, Illinois to Karen Clark, born March 7, 1956, Daughter of Kenneth and Frances Clark of Waukesha, Wisconsin.
Kenneth Steven and Karen Brask were living in Carol Stream, Illinois in 1991.

XII Children.
Julie Marie, born December 16, 1987 in Langhorne, Pennsylvania.
Andrew James, born May 14, 1990 in Langhorne, Pennsylvania.

Brask history extracts-re Table 9.3.

Table 115

XI Jeffrey Peter Brask (Son of Gerald Irving Brask, Table 111) born March 18, 1959 in Chicago, Illinois.
Profession: CPA, employed in 1991 by Allstate Insurance.
Married November 15, 1986 in Arlington Heights, Illinois to Suzanne Renner, an Art Teacher, born March 11, 1962, Daughter of William and Loretta Renner of Arlington Heights.
Jeffrey, Peter and Suzanne Brask were living in Arlington Heights, Illinois in 1991.

XII Chilreen.
Peter William, born June 26, 1988 in Barrington, Illinois.
Daniel Gerald, born January 23, 1990 in Barrington, Illinois.
Erica Marie, born March 9, 1991 in Barrington, Illinois.

Table 116

XI Paul Daniel Brask (Son of Gerald Irving Brask, Table 111) born August 26, 1961 in Chicago, Illinois.
Profession: Lawyer, employed by Sears Mortgage Corporation in 1991.
Married November 7, 1987 to Karen Kowall, a Journalism Major, specializing in management and administration, born August 4, 1961, Daughter of Lawrence and Lois Kowall of Mount Prospect.
Paul Daniel and Karen Brask were living in Mount Prospect, Illinois in 1991.

TABLE 9.4

VII. Diane Eileen Egner, daughter of Russell and Eileen Egner, was born on October 24, 1933 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She attended the University of Minnesota. On December 26, 1955, Diane married Nicholas Michael Pelosi in Buffalo, New York. Nick, the son of Nicola Pelosi and Margaret Naples Pelosi, was born December 31, 1927. Nick and Diane have two children:

Linda Ann, born December 20, 1956. Linda married Edward McGowan, (born July 30, 1957) on August 24, 1975 in Grand Island, New York. In 1992, the couple have two children, Stephanie and Lauren.

David Michael, born April 3, 1959. David married Sue Sayjek, (Born August 16, 1962) on October 3, 1987 in Dunkirk, New York.

Nick Pelosi founded Contract Interiors, a carpeting and home furnishings firm on Grand Island, New York. In 1992, Nick and Diane, as well as their children and grandchildren, were living on Grand Island.

TABLE 10

VII. RUSSELL FORREST EGNER JR. son of Russell Forrest and Eileen Egner (Table 9), was born April 1, 1931, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He died November 23, 1986, in Napa, California. Russell had a successful career as a professional golfer in California.

Russell married Marybeth Jack. They had one child, John Egner, who is an eighth generation Egner as measured from John Mathers Eichner (Table 1).

Russell and Marybeth were divorced. Russell's marital survivor was his second wife, Imogene.