



The Family Tree

Genealogy and History

Preface

In 2006 I volunteered to consolidate numerous related family histories into a single digital composition. In my first foray into genealogy, I was successful in correlating the history of nearly 4,500 individuals from 4 separate books into one seamless piece of genealogy. I soon came to realize the significance of what I was doing and it's importance to the many relatives who shared a genuine interest in our ancestors.

Since the initial task in 2006, my interest and curiosity has resulted in extensive research to build upon the history to date as well as coordinating with other genealogists to expand upon the lineage of our family ancestors. To date, there are over 14,800 individuals who are in one form or another related within our family tree. This book comprises only a partial summary of our entire family. Additional books and the entire genealogy and history of our family can be viewed online at www.thefamilytree.net

This project was developed to actively share and build upon our family history. I encourage you to provide any information or knowledge you may have. Your help to establish and preserve the countless generations before us, paves the way for the education and enjoyment of the countless generations that will follow us.

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Descendants of Martin DEFRANG

First Generation

1. Martin DEFRANG.

Martin married **Elisabeth FABER**, daughter of **Jacques FABER** and **Suzanne JADO**. Elisabeth died on September 10, 1780 in Bofferdange, Luxembourg.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 2 M i. **Ludwig DEFRANG** was born in 1771.

Second Generation

2. Ludwig DEFRANG was born in 1771.

Ludwig married **Elisabeth FRISCH** on July 16, 1806 in Lorentzweiler, Luxembourg, Europe.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 3 M i. **Jacob DEFRANG** was born on May 29, 1807 in Bofferdange, Luxembourg.

Third Generation

3. Jacob DEFRANG was born on May 29, 1807 in Bofferdange, Luxembourg.

Jacob married **Anna HEBERT**, daughter of **Jacques HEBERT** and **Anna BRAUN**, on October 5, 1831 in Lorentzweiler, Luxembourg, Europe. Anna was born on April 8, 1801 in Dippach.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 4 F i. **Anne DEFRANG** was born on November 12, 1834 in Bofferdange, Luxembourg.

Fourth Generation

4. Anne DEFRANG was born on November 12, 1834 in Bofferdange, Luxembourg.

Anne married **Guillaume (Wilhelm) SCHMIT**, son of **Christoph Jr. SCHMIT** and **Maria WANDERSCHIED**, in Lorentzweiler, Luxembourg, Europe. Guillaume was born on February 19, 1837 in Luxembourg, Europe.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 5 M i. **Jean Guillaume SCHMIT** was born on July 6, 1866 in Rumelange, Luxembourg, Europe and died on October 22, 1924 at age 58.

Fifth Generation

5. Jean Guillaume SCHMIT was born on July 6, 1866 in Rumelange, Luxembourg, Europe and died on October 22, 1924 at age 58.

Jean married **Catherine SCHILS**. Catherine was born on July 12, 1867 in Lorentzweiler, Luxembourg, Europe and died on November 14, 1938 at age 71.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 6 M i. **William John SCHMIT** was born on January 26, 1889 in Escanaba, Delta, MI and died in April 1963 in Escanaba, Delta, MI at age 74.

+ 7 F ii. **Mary Agnes SCHMIT** was born on September 13, 1899 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

+ 8 M iii. **John SCHMIT** was born on September 29, 1890 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

Sixth Generation

6. William John SCHMIT was born on January 26, 1889 in Escanaba, Delta, MI and died in April 1963 in Escanaba, Delta, MI at age 74.

William married **Gladys Johanna ISAACSON**, daughter of **Nils Gustaf ISAACSON** and **Louisa KARLSSON**, on June 20, 1912. Gladys was born on September 20, 1889 in Escanaba, Delta, MI and died on September 11, 1975 in Escanaba, Delta, MI at age 85.

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Children from this marriage were:

- + 9 M i. **William John Jr. SCHMIT** was born on November 4, 1913 in Escanaba, Delta, MI and died on April 30, 1998 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA at age 84.
- + 10 M ii. **Roy Walter SCHMIT** was born on April 4, 1924 in Escanaba, Delta, MI and died on February 10, 2004 in Escanaba, Delta, MI at age 79.
- + 11 M iii. **Robert Francis SCHMIT** was born on March 18, 1918 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

7. **Mary Agnes SCHMIT** was born on September 13, 1899 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

8. **John SCHMIT** was born on September 29, 1890 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

Seventh Generation

9. **William John Jr. SCHMIT** was born on November 4, 1913 in Escanaba, Delta, MI and died on April 30, 1998 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA at age 84.

William married **Evelyn CASS** on January 2, 1936. Evelyn was born on August 17, 1914 in Escanaba, Delta, MI and died on October 28, 1945 at age 31.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 12 M i. **John "Jack" SCHMIT** was born on June 4, 1938 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.
- + 13 M ii. **James Robert SCHMIT** was born on July 22, 1941 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.
- + 14 M iii. **Donald Giles SCHMIT** was born on August 5, 1936 in Escanaba, MI.

William next married **Loretta Evelyn SCHILLER**, daughter of **Edward Bernard SCHILLER** and **Ruth Lucille MEGQUIER**, on April 22, 1947. Loretta was born on June 14, 1923 in Chicago, Cook, IL and died on October 1, 2008 in Edgewood, Pierce, WA at age 85.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 15 F i. **Claudia Jean SCHMIT** was born on July 2, 1948 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.
- + 16 F ii. **Paulette Bernadine SCHMIT** was born on September 18, 1952 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.
- + 17 F iii. **Annette Lucille SCHMIT** was born on January 18, 1954 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.
- + 18 F iv. **Lorraine Beatrice SCHMIT** was born on December 19, 1955 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.
- + 19 F v. **Rebecca "Becky" Marie SCHMIT** was born on July 22, 1966 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

10. **Roy Walter SCHMIT** was born on April 4, 1924 in Escanaba, Delta, MI and died on February 10, 2004 in Escanaba, Delta, MI at age 79.

Roy married **Anna Mae GALLAGHER** on June 2, 1945 in Escanaba, Delta, MI. Anna was born on April 30, 1923 and died on September 19, 1989 at age 66.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 20 F i. **Barbara Jean SCHMIT** was born on January 22, 1950 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.
- + 21 F ii. **Margaret M SCHMIT** was born on November 5, 1955 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.
- + 22 F iii. **Peggy SCHMIT** was born on November 5, 1955 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

11. **Robert Francis SCHMIT** was born on March 18, 1918 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

Robert married **Anne Cordelia MICHAUD** on November 6, 1948. Anne died on April 20, 1986.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 23 F i. **Mary Anne SCHMIT** was born on February 11, 1950 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.
- + 24 F ii. **Margaret Jean SCHMIT** was born on July 11, 1951 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

Eighth Generation

12. **John "Jack" SCHMIT** was born on June 4, 1938 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

John married **Joan Mary KURZ** on June 20, 1959 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA. Joan was born on January 14, 1941 in Ladysmith, Rusk, WI.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 25 F i. **Evelyn Marie SCHMIT** was born on April 20, 1964 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.
- + 26 M ii. **Michael John SCHMIT** was born on March 12, 1965 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

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+ 27 M iii. **Dennis Lee SCHMIT** was born on September 28, 1962 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

13. James Robert SCHMIT was born on July 22, 1941 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

James married **Mildred McGILL**.

14. Donald Giles SCHMIT was born on August 5, 1936 in Escanaba, MI.

Donald married **Beverly Jean McCLUSKEY**. Beverly was born on April 18, 1938 in WA.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 28 F i. **Deborah Jean SCHMIT** was born on November 9, 1956 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.
- + 29 M ii. **Lawrence Donald SCHMIT** was born on August 30, 1958 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.
- + 30 F iii. **Karen Kay SCHMIT** was born on May 22, 1961 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.
- + 31 F iv. **Diane Renee SCHMIT** was born on February 27, 1965 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.
- + 32 F v. **Janet Marie SCHMIT** was born on March 4, 1966 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

15. Claudia Jean SCHMIT was born on July 2, 1948 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

Claudia married **George Thomas CHASE** on June 4, 1977 in Bellevue, King, WA. George was born on August 6, 1939 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 33 F i. **Teresa Lynn CHASE** was born on September 12, 1979 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.
- + 34 M ii. **Steven Thomas CHASE** was born on October 28, 1983 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

16. Paulette Bernadine SCHMIT was born on September 18, 1952 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

Paulette married **Dennis Lynn MORTENSON**. Dennis was born on January 20, 1949 in WA.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 35 M i. **Aaron Justin MORTENSON** was born on June 12, 1980 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.
- + 36 M ii. **Matthew Ryan MORTENSON** was born on April 7, 1987 in WA.
- + 37 M iii. **Nicholas Brandon MORTENSON** was born on April 7, 1987 in WA.

17. Annette Lucille SCHMIT was born on January 18, 1954 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

Annette married **Bradley Martin COOPER** on June 23, 1979 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA. Bradley was born on December 8, 1953 in Seattle, King, WA.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 38 M i. **Christopher George COOPER** was born on April 25, 1980 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA and died on April 25, 1980 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.
- + 39 F ii. **Kristina Marie COOPER** was born on December 28, 1984 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

18. Lorraine Beatrice SCHMIT was born on December 19, 1955 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

Lorraine married **Dennis Paul MORGAN**. Dennis was born on August 28, 1943 in MO.

The child from this marriage was:

- + 40 M i. **Michael Ray MORGAN** was born on April 19, 1981 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

19. Rebecca "Becky" Marie SCHMIT was born on July 22, 1966 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

Rebecca married **Ernest Edward KAISER**. Ernest was born on September 30, 1959 in SD.

20. Barbara Jean SCHMIT was born on January 22, 1950 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

Barbara married **Dennis PORIOR** in October 1973.

21. Margaret M SCHMIT was born on November 5, 1955 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

Margaret married **Joseph VAN HORN** on June 21, 1974.

22. Peggy SCHMIT was born on November 5, 1955 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

Peggy married **Lynn LATSCH** on March 3, 1984.

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23. **Mary Anne SCHMIT** was born on February 11, 1950 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

Mary married **Ray T McINERNY** on November 6, 1948 in Escanaba, Delta, MI. Ray was born on June 1, 1949.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 41 M i. **Thomas Raymond McINERNY** was born on June 30, 1984 in New Berlin, Waukesha, WI.

24. **Margaret Jean SCHMIT** was born on July 11, 1951 in Escanaba, Delta, MI.

Margaret married **Robert BUCKEE**.

Margaret next married **Randy LANCOUR**.

Ninth Generation

25. **Evelyn Marie SCHMIT** was born on April 20, 1964 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

Evelyn married **Kenneth Howard NICHOLS** on June 14, 1986 in Des Moines, King, WA. Kenneth was born on June 14, 1961 in Odessa, Midland, TX.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 42 M i. **Scott Wesley NICHOLS** was born on August 2, 1993 in Ballard, King, WA.

+ 43 F ii. **Anna Chloe NICHOLS** was born on September 19, 1999 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

26. **Michael John SCHMIT** was born on March 12, 1965 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

Michael married **Deneen (UNKNOWN)** in WA. Deneen was born in 1966 in WA.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 44 F i. **Rachel Ann SCHMIT** was born on April 13, 2000 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

Michael next married **Cathy (UNKNOWN)**. Cathy was born in 1953.

27. **Dennis Lee SCHMIT** was born on September 28, 1962 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

Dennis married **Nancy Elaine LOWRANCE** on September 11, 2008 in Kauai, Waimea, HI. Nancy was born on March 24, 1965 in Palos Verdes, Imperial, CA.

28. **Deborah Jean SCHMIT** was born on November 9, 1956 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

29. **Lawrence Donald SCHMIT** was born on August 30, 1958 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

Lawrence married **Leonora Noble LEE**.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 45 F i. **Lauren SCHMIT** was born on May 26, 1982.

30. **Karen Kay SCHMIT** was born on May 22, 1961 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

31. **Diane Renee SCHMIT** was born on February 27, 1965 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

32. **Janet Marie SCHMIT** was born on March 4, 1966 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

33. **Teresa Lynn CHASE** was born on September 12, 1979 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

34. **Steven Thomas CHASE** was born on October 28, 1983 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

35. **Aaron Justin MORTENSON** was born on June 12, 1980 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

Aaron married **Holly (UNKNOWN)**.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 46 F i. **Ellie Lauren MORTENSON** was born 11/14/06.

36. **Matthew Ryan MORTENSON** was born on April 7, 1987 in WA.

37. **Nicholas Brandon MORTENSON** was born on April 7, 1987 in WA.

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38. **Christopher George COOPER** was born on April 25, 1980 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA and died on April 25, 1980 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

39. **Kristina Marie COOPER** was born on December 28, 1984 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

40. **Michael Ray MORGAN** was born on April 19, 1981 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

41. **Thomas Raymond McINERNY** was born on June 30, 1984 in New Berlin, Waukesha, WI.

Tenth Generation

42. **Scott Wessley NICHOLS** was born on August 2, 1993 in Ballard, King, WA.

43. **Anna Chloe NICHOLS** was born on September 19, 1999 in Tacoma, Pierce, WA.

44. **Rachel Ann SCHMIT** was born on April 13, 2000 in Puyallup, Pierce, WA.

45. **Lauren SCHMIT** was born on May 26, 1982.

46. **Ellie Lauren MORTENSON** was born 11/14/06.

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