

EMIGRATING FAMILIES/ HISTORY

Buchmann--Grandt--Orlowski--Lemke

Pintacura -- Lisauka

Jan 27, 1985

Dear Al,

Enclosed a brief history of the Pintacura family for the book. They live near the Southwest corner of Wolf & Henty Roads. Their property was annexed into Wheeling some years ago so they are Wheeling residents.

We are still home. Reports say its down to 34° in the Valley and when Texas is that cold we may as well stay snug in a warm house in the North. Should be moving shortly. Hope all is going well with your plans and the book.

Love Regards

Gene

From telephone interviews with
Gene & Verian

Some from memory, my youngest daughters were
her students

LOUIS PINTACURA - VIVIAN STOCCO

Louie and Vivian fairly danced into Wheeling...

Both had been born in Chicago and raised in the Chicago area. Vivian's family moved to Elmwood Park when she was eleven years old. It wasn't until the mid 1940s, after both had become professional dancers, that they met. They just happened to be in their theatrical agent's office at the same time. Each had worked as a soloist and with dance groups, but until that fateful day, their entertaining steps had not crossed. Vivian refuses to say that they had NEVER MET BEFORE because they were to discover that their respective Godparents -- aunts and uncles of each -- had been living in homes situated back-to-back in Benton Harbor, Michigan since long before either Louie or Vivian had been born. "Who knows," Vivian laughs, "we may have played together as children."

Mutually attracted and sharing a love of dance, they soon teamed up on the stage floor, dancing their way to a lifetime commitment. On July 31, 1947, St William's Catholic Church in Chicago, became the setting where Louis Pintacura (born January 15, 1911) and Vivian Stocco (born March 10, 1927) exchanged their marriage vows. Continuing to work their dance routines in night clubs, theaters and at fairs, they traveled all over the United States and into Canada. Louie invented an instrument he called "musical drums" and he worked an open routine with this instrument. They fondly recall dancing at the Bon Air Country Club in the late 1940s, long before it

was renamed Chevy Chase Country Club and then ^{later} became part of the Wheeling Park District's holdings. They traveled the circuit pulling a house trailer, which they parked at the Park Ridge Trailer Park when they worked in the midwest area. The trailer camp was a popular parking place with many entertainers particularly after WW II , when rents were astronomically high. Their first child, Sam, was born November 22, 1950, joining his parents in their travels. They soon decided however, that they wanted a more stable upbringing for their son and in 1952 they found acreage they liked in unincorporated Wheeling Township and bought it. The land was part of an estate settlement ^{Not sure} ~~Willis~~ ^{which one.} bought through a Mr. Peterson who worked for Louis Anderson ^{think Louie's}

Real Estate, Louie says. They played their last engagement in ^{1954.} A daughter, Angela, was born June 2, 1956, and they moved into their new home in early 1957, where they remain today near the corner of Wolf and Hintz Roads. The property was later incorporated into Wheeling and will soon face the condemnation of eminent domain to establish a safety zone for the now publicly acquired Palwaukee Airport.

Louie started his own business as a Mill Supply Distributor, and was again 'on the road', while Vivian stayed home with their youngsters. Among the better known chemical companies that Louie represented were the Lein Chemical Company on Grand Avenue in Franklin Park and the Johnson Wax Company (Pride product) of Racine, Wisconsin. Louie's civic interests

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included membership in the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, the VFW, the American Legion and the Citizens Airport Activity Group (CAAG). For many years he was active in the Democratic Party and served as Precinct Captain. He is a WW II veteran, having served in Europe during the war.

Meanwhile, Vivian was not idle. Along with her duties of motherhood and housewife, she gave dancing and music lessons to local youngsters and soon developed a full time business which she operates today, "Vivian's School of Music and Dance", the "Entertainment Service" added later, having naturally evolved along the way. Vivian teaches piano, organ, accordian, guitar and violin to her music students and ballet and tap dancing to the fledgling dancers. She puts on an annual talent show, giving her students the experience of public exposure to develop this necessary self-confidence. She is choreographer for the shows and designs many of the costumes, which the student's mothers either make or have made for them. Louie didn't give up entertainment entirely, but kept his hand in up until the last few years, by being the Master of Ceremony for Vivian's Annual Talent Show. Sam worked with them for several years teaching drums and Angie still works with her mother in the school. Vivian says, "Times have changed." Where she once taught all young students, she now has students who range in age from a sixty one year old student ^{to the woman} ~~who's~~ ^{who} granddaughter is also a student.

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Angie is now married to Gregory Hill.

Sam is married to Sheryl Shelly and is employed in the Cook County Assessor's Office.

The Pintacuras are members of St Joseph The Worker Catholic Church in Wheeling. Their now married children live in the nearby suburbs of Arlington Heights and Mundelien.

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MINERVA GRANDT -- FRED LEMKE, JR.

Minerva, "Minnie", the oldest of Henry Grandt, Sr's children was born in Chicago, January 19, 1882. In 1909 she married Fred Lamke, Jr., who was born September 17, 1882, the son of Fred Lemke, Sr. Their first residence was North of the farm in a house subsequently rented (or purchased) by the Samsel family. A son and a daughter of the Samsel's attended Wheeling Public School (Walt Whitman) in the early 1930's. Five children were born to them. Helen who died when she was 14 years old of ruptured appendix. Alfred F, who married Mable Kramer, Alma, who married George Grothpietz, Clarence who married Edna Gaitsch and Robert, who married Betty Michelsen. Only Clarence remained in Wheeling with his wife Edna. Fred's parents are also an old-time Wheeling area family.

Minnie and Fred were given the five acres which contained the "new" homestead, occupying the main floor apartment, while her parents lived in the second floor apartment. That apartment had been expanded to allow more space and exterior evidence of this expansion can be seen today with the flat faced block unmatched to the original contoured block used in the early construction. One of Henry's sons, Fred told his own children that he helped "manufacture" the contoured block, pouring cement into forms which were than allowed to harden.

Minnie and Fred farmed the land, raised cows, chickens, ducks and geese. Milk was quickly cooled in five gallon cans in a trough in a small "milkhouse" where ice cold water was pumped up from a deep well. with the exception of a chicken house, all the buildings remain standing today. Cows were stanchioned in the barn and hay was stored in the overhead loft.

Their garden stocked a large fruit celler in their basement each summer with canned fruit and vegetables. Peppers stuffed with sweet-sour cabbage slaw, dilled, sweet cucumber, and watermelon rind pickles graced their table all year round along with many kinds of jams, jellies and relishes. Fruit for cakes, pies, or just good eating were 'put up' every summer. All of these goodies were shared with the entire family at family gatherings or occasional visits. A niece, Betty (Grandt) Gorski, recalls the Angel Food cakes and Sunshine cakes made by Minnie's daughter, Alma. None of her cousins could

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Minnie and Fred farmed the land, raised cows, chickens, ducks and geese. Milk was quickly cooled in five gallon cans in a trough in a small 'milkhouse' where ice cold water was pumped up from a deep well. With the exception of a chicken house, all the buildings remain standing today. Cows were stanchioned in the barn and hay was stored in the overhead loft.

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She was born in Indiana Harbor, Indiana on January 25, 1926. Premature, she was so tiny, she was brought to Chicago in a shoe box to be baptized at St. Stanislaw's Haska. This was a permanent move for her parents and along with the new baby, they brought Harriet's older sisters, Marie and Helen and her older brother Stanley "Stash".

In very early childhood, Harriet was nicknamed "Cypa". Unable to pronounce the words for mashed potatoes z?? she would point to them and lisp "Cypa". The name stuck as an expression of endearment and those closest to her can be heard using that name for her.

Her naturally red hair led to the teen-age nickname "Red, dubbed by her peers.

When she came to the Polska Weis to work, "MaMa O" -- the wife of the owner issued a costume to her. All the waitresses were garbed in the ethnic costume and the one Harriet got was predominately green. When MaMa O saw her in the dress, she exclaimed, "Oh, my God! You look more IRISH than Polish". Along with the costume, she'd been issued her third nickname and that name also stuck. Thereafter, depending on the mood and the particular communicator, she was Harriet-Irish-Red- Cypa.... She answers to all her nicknames as well as her given name.

Her parents died when she was in her early teens, her mother on April 4, 1942, and her father on November 17, 1940. It was vital now that Harriet work and help support herself and she says, "It was fortunate that I was big enough to pretend to be older than I was, and was able to get this week-end work." MaMa O, always wanting a daughter of her own -- she had only one child, a son -- became fond of the young hard working girl and took Harriet under her wing in pseudo-adoption.

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Harriet attended nurses training at Mary Thompson's School of Nursing in Chicago, graduating in 1945. She took post-graduate work at Michael Reese Hospital in the new born nursing and premature babies departments.

She met George when he was a GI during WW II and they were married in 1949. They lived in an apartment in Chicago and their only child, a daughter, Gail, was born then. (March 29, 1951). In 1954, they built a home on Wolf Road in Wheeling. Harriet and George were then both employed at Ekco Alcoa, Harriet as an Industrial Nurse and George in Office Service. Harriet left Ekco in 1955, taking a position as Industrial Nurse at Sara Lee in Deerfield, which position she still holds.

Their daughter, Gail, married Donald Henderson Hill on _____. The couple moved to Denton, Texas (a suburb of Dallas) where Gail pursued and earned her nurses's registration. Donald is employed as a county auditor for Denton County, Texas. The couple has no children .

Harriet served on the Wheeling Youth commission from 1971 to 1974. She served on the School Dist 214 Drug Study Committee and as a member of the Omni-House Board of Directors, became a founding member of their Hot-Line Service to the community. George also donated many hours to the Hot-Line Service during its early years. Harriet is an Honorary Member of the OH Board. She is a member of St. Joseph the Worker Woman's Club, but had to relinquish active participation when it conflicted with her working hours both at Ekco and at Sara Lee.

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