

Addendum to the Pinter Family History Book

*The Herman Gustav Pinter Family
The Lula Katherine Pinter Merkel Family
The Gilbert Louis Pinter Family*

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This report documents three of Gustav Hermann and Katharina “Katie” Leyes Pinter’s children. They are Herman Gustav Pinter, Lula Katherine Pinter Merkel, and Gilbert Louis Pinter. The other 3 children, Harold, Leo, and Lester have been documented in other reports.

For each child, I will provide what I know about that individual. Then this will be followed with information about the family of the spouse.

Regrettably, less is known by the author about these three children than Leo and Lester.

Herman Gustav Pinter

Herman Gustav Pinter, known as Hermie to his siblings, was born to Gus and Katie Pinter on 6 November 1905. He was their first-born. The exact location of the family farm has yet to be determined and is still being researched. However, the possibility that he was born while living in his grand-parents farm home in Westfield Township cannot be discounted.

Herman lead a usual child’s life on a farm in central Illinois in the early 1900s. As he got older, he attended school and helped with chores on the farm. He completed 8 grades of school before going to work full time on the farm.

By 1930, Herman was 24 years old and was at home working on the farm with his brothers. His sister Lula had married in 1928.

Herman probably left the farm between 1930 and 1933 to work at a non-farm job. In 1933, he married Marie Emily Fenwick. His occupation is unknown but, by 1940, he was working and living in Seatonville, IL.

In the 1940 census, the census taker did not record a job title for Herman, but they recorded a total income of \$180 for working 13 weeks in 1939. The census also recorded that Herman did not live in this same home in 1935 but rather made his home in a small town in Bureau County, probably Seatonville.

Sometime after 1940, Herman moved his family to Michigan to live and work. Their destination was Bay City, Michigan, and they spent the rest of their life there. Perhaps the availability of jobs in Michigan was the lure.

Here is the complete Herman Gustav Pinter family:

Herman Gustav Pinter Family					
Name	Born	Died	Married to	Date	Children
Herman G.	11/6/1905	7/29/1967		7/19/1933	7
Marie Fenwick	9/11/1911	6/14/1996			
Herman G, Jr.	5/5/1934	4/8/2006	Josephine Crawford	10/15/1960	3
Wilma K.	11/15/1935		Fred Gallandt	11/22/1952	2
Velma	2/9/1937		Robert Oliver	3/10/1961	3
Patsy	6/16/1940	11/24/2008	Thomas Hawsbeck	6/26/1960	3
William Dale	2/18/1943		Sally L. Vader	6/26/1965	3
Duane	8/11/1945		Carolyn Carmody Marie Shultze	12/11/1968 2/14/1976	1 ??
Warren	8/29/1946		Ann Tadajewski	2/28/1969	2

Lula Katherine Pinter Merkel

Lula Katherine Pinter was born to Gus and Katie Pinter on 19 November 1906. Lula was Gus and Katie's only daughter and their second child. At this time, very little is known about Lula's childhood. However, a number of pictures of her in her early years exist and are contained at the end of this report.

On 10 January 1928, Lula married Phillip J. Merkel.

Lula and Phillip had three children, all boys. This table shows the complete Phillip and Lula Merkel family:

Lula Katherine Pinter Merkel Family					
Name	Born	Died	Married to	Date	Children
Lula Katherine	11/29/1906	7/30/1996		1/10/1928	3
Phillip Merkel	7/30/1903	3/10/1970			
Wayne Carl	3/22/1935	7/5/1981	Jane Genzlinger	12/4/1958	3
Gene H.	4/21/1938		Lois Mitchel	6/7/1959	4
Warren C.	8/29/1943	8/22/2005	Nancy Russell	9/28/1963	3

Lula was the only child of Gus and Katie who engaged in farming as an adult. Lula and Phillip lived on as many as six farms. Here is an approximate list of those residences:

First farm:

- Hall Township – a study of the 1925 and 1930's Hall township plats suggest the farm was in the general area of Ottville
- Per the 1930 census, the farm was rented

Selby Tsp, section 10?

- North of COH
- This is based on inputs from son Gene Merkel
- This area was occupied for a short time between 1930 and 1935.

Berlin Township, south of Zearing, possibly on or near the Angling Road

- Per 1940 census – rented
- Also lived at this same location in 1935
- Site of party for Harold, Lester and Leo home on furlough in 1942 or 44.

Ottville

- Hall Township
- 1948 - 1950

Searl's Ridge:

- Selby Township
- 1950 – 1955
- This farm was absorbed by the adjacent farm and the home and buildings demolished.

Seatonville:

- Selby Township
- Between Seatonville and Hollowayville, just off of Route 6
- 1955 - 1963
- This farm has had significant renovation and is in operation today.

After this farm, Lula and Phillip retired from farming and built a home in Hollowayville, IL.

Remembering Phillip and Lula Merkel and Family

I am a nephew of Phillip and Lula Merkel. As a child, I often visited their farm with my parents. For some years, I would spend a week on the farm in the summer. This occurred on both farm #5 and farm #6.

My recollection of the farm on Searl's Ridge is vague. The home faced south towards an open field. The field was used for July 4th

fireworks. Behind the house was a chicken shed. To the right and back was a machine shed, build somewhat like a lean-to tent. Off to the right and at some distance was a barn with a drive thru opening.

Today, that farm does not exist. That is to say, the buildings are gone, and the land has apparently been acquired by the adjacent farm.

I do recall the accident in the Hudson. The car rolled off the road and hit a tree. I and the dog (Dolly as I recall) were the only ones in the car. This occurred after it stalled in a rain storm as we returned from the watermelon patch. Warren was reprimanded for not setting the brake.

I spent more time at the Seatonville farm. The farm was back off of Route 6. Access was via a narrow dirt road. This road passed a pond where we would swim.

The farm house was almost like a cube in terms of dimensions. An old picture is found in the appendix. Early on, there was no running water in the house. I recall that a hand pump was located in the kitchen in addition to at least one on the outside. My dad (Lula's brother Harold) spent time there plumbing the house and remodeling the kitchen as well as pouring a concrete basement floor. I do not recall if this remodeling involved bathrooms but I do not recall ever having to go outside to an outhouse.

Downstairs had a kitchen, living room, and a separate dining room and perhaps a bedroom. The upstairs had maybe 4 bedrooms.

Aunt Lula would always persuade me to drink coffee in the morning. I think I was in grade school. I recall that coffee was made in a metal, maybe porcelain-covered pot and I recall she would throw an egg into the mix.

Everyone was up early on the farm because the cows needed milking. They seemed to come in to the barn by themselves, but I would hear Uncle Phillip calling out something like "Come Boss" to them. That seemed to bring them in. In the earlier days, the cows were milked by hand. Milk was squeezed from the udder into a bucket and then transferred to larger milk containers. The milk was then taken to a container of water out in front of the house under a tree and placed there until a truck would come by to pick it up. Often Aunt Lula would skim cream off of the top of the milk. The milkers would sit on simple T shaped wood stools while milking. Later as I recall, they purchased milking machines.

Each cow would go to a position in a large stall. Once their head was pushed thru an opening, the opening was closed slightly so that they could not pull out. They had feed in a trough to eat while being milked. Warren had a special cow possibly named Bessie. She had her own stall. If a cow was inclined to kick, they had a device that they would attach to each of the rear legs to prevent this. (like 2 clips with some chain between the clips)

I recall that their fields were mostly comprised of corn. They raised two kinds of corn: field corn and sweet corn. In some fields, a few rows of sweet corn were planted on the outer rows while the rest of the crop was field corn. Sweet corn was eaten. Field corn was stored for winter feed and I assume also sold. The pigs and cows ate the field corn too. Often, a meal of only sweet corn was served for dinner at their home.

Another crop was hay and straw. Straw is what is left after wheat or oats or other grains are removed from the stalk through a process called threshing. Threshing was a common harvest activity in Bureau County. Hay is grass specifically grown to feed horses and cows. I don't know which of these they grew but I do know that they had to annually bail the straw or hay in their field. The bails were then stored in the upper levels of the barn for winter feed.

They also raised pigs I assume for sale. But, farmers raised their own food to eat as well as to sell.

They also had chickens. Once or twice a year, they would catch a few dozen chickens and butcher them for food. First the chicken had to be caught which was no simple task. Then it was tied by the feet to a clothes line. At that point, they decapitated the chicken and let it bleed out. Once done, the chicken was dunked in hot water and all the feathers were plucked. Finally, the chicken was cleaned. We often took home chickens to put in the freezer.

They also had pigs. I recall one particular event. It was very cold night. Large pigs were coaxed over to a large platform on the ground attached to a tractor. The pig was then shot, it fell over onto the board and was then dragged to the barn for butchering. Soon after that we would be taking home a product called liver sausage or blood sausage. The sausage was a ring of pig intestine into which a pork mixture was pressed. It was cooked by boiling but I suppose it could have also been grilled or fried. We would eat it with fried potatoes on Saturday or Sunday morning...delicious.

Cousin Warren was always hard to awaken. Uncle Phillip would stand at the bottom of the stairs and yell “Warnie” as loud as he could until he got up.

Gilbert Louis Pinter

Gilbert Louis Pinter was born to Gus and Katie Pinter on 15 February 1917. Gilbert was Gus and Katie’s 4th child. At this time, very little is known about Gilbert’s childhood. However, a number of pictures of him can be found at the end of this report. He is known by the nickname “Gib”.

While Gilbert’s brothers and sisters went off in different directions, he stayed at home and for a while helped his dad and brother Harold run the Pinter Machine Shop in Ladd. When Harold left, it is believed that Gilbert and his dad were the sole proprietors of the machine shop until it closed in about 1952.

On 24 May 1941, at age 24, Gilbert married Lena Bartoluzzi. Gilbert and Lena had three sons. This table shows the complete family:

Gilbert Louis Pinter Family					
Name	Born	Died	Married to	Date	Children
Gilbert Louis	2/15/1917	2/2/1998		5/24/1941	3
Lena Bartoluzzi	5/24/1918	12/9/2004			
Lester	4/2/1945	5/7/2004	Susan Kastigar	1/8/1966	1
Gary	4/24/1950		Beth Alpaugh	4/22/1972	4
Alan	2/22/1953		Claudette Cormier	4/13/1974	3
			Karleen Kmitta	6/9/1984	1

Here is Gilbert’s obit:

Gilbert L. "Gib" Pinter, 80, of 410 N. Central Ave., Ladd died at 1:35 p.m. Feb. 2, 1998, in St. Margaret's Hospital, Spring Valley, where he was a patient for three weeks. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Hurst Funeral Home, Ladd, with the Rev. Janet Sills of the Ladd Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Valley Memorial Park, Spring Valley.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 15, 1917, in Ladd, to Gustav and Katherine (Leyes) Pinter. He married Lena Bartoluzzi May 24, 1941.

He retired from the Bureau Service Co. in Princeton in 1983. He also had worked as a blacksmith in his younger days.

He was a member and had been a deacon of the Ladd Presbyterian Church. He had served two terms as an alderman in Ladd and was a member of the Ladd Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Lena; three sons, Lester (Susan) Pinter of Biloxi, Miss., Gary (Beth) Pinter of Spring Valley; and Alan (Karleen) Pinter of Spring Valley; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and four brothers. Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice. Published in the News Tribune Feb. 3, 1998.

In addition, these excerpts came for the Ladd Centennial book:

“One of Gilbert’s extraordinary services as councilman was climbing and inspecting Ladd’s 125 foot water tower after maintenance and repair work. After inspection, he sat on the ball (the very top) of the water tower and looked out over the city of Ladd.”

“Gilbert ran Pinter’s Welding and Repair Shop (blacksmithing) in Ladd with his father, Gustav, for 17 years. Walking around Ladd you will see much of Gilbert’s ornamental work.”

Allied Families of Herman, Lula, and Gilbert

This section has detail about the families of the spouses of Herman, Lula and Gilbert. Following this section are three albums of photos.

The Fenwick Family (Marie Emily Fenwick married Herman Pinter)

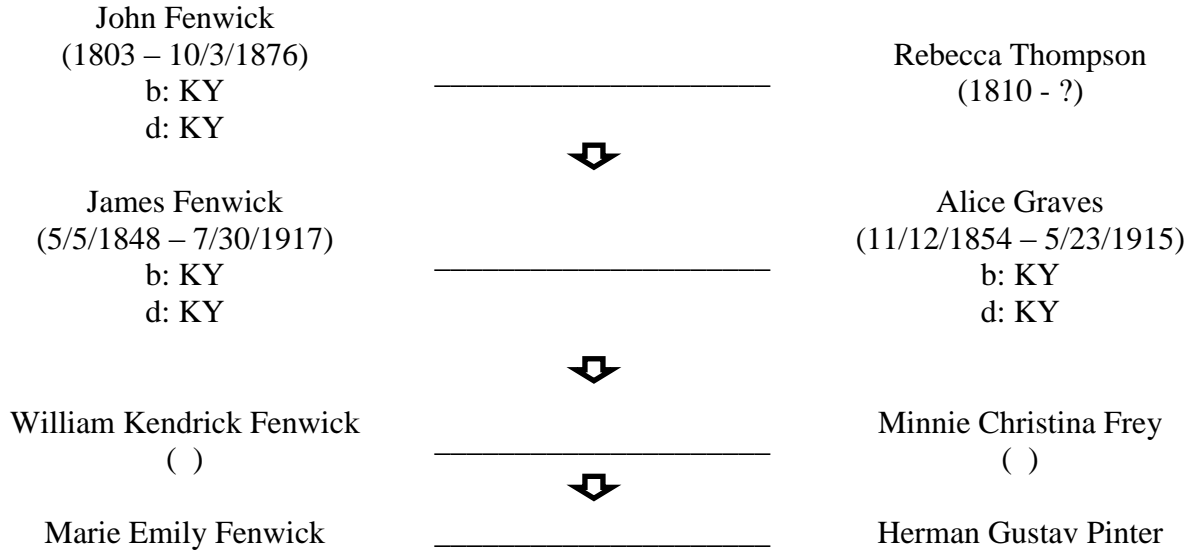
Marie Emily Fenwick has ancestry that has been traced by other researchers back to 14th century England.

The following information was obtained from a public family tree by Blake Warren Pinter (grandson of Herman Gustav Pinter) which was found on www.ancestry.com.

Much research has been done by others on the Fenwick family line that leads to Maria Emily Fenwick. A number of trees exist on www.ancestry.com. For the readers of this report, however, these trees are inaccessible unless the reader has a paid subscription for that website. Therefore, I have extracted key names and dates for this Fenwick branch from the Blake Warren Pinter online tree and have created a simple tree branch extending from Marie back in time to the earliest known Fenwick in England.

That branch will be presented first, starting with John De Fenwick, born 1338, and then a discussion of the branch will follow.

John De Fenwick (1338 – 1412)	_____	Elizabeth De Heaton (1337 – 6/23/1410)	
	↓		
John F. Fenwick (1370 – 1451)	_____	Unknown	
	↓		
John F. Fenwick (1415 - ?)	_____	Elizabeth Widdrington (1424 – 1446)	
	↓		
Roger Fenwick (1440 – 3/1513)	_____	Agnes Barbottle	
	↓		
Ralph Fenwick (1557 - ?)	_____	Margery Mitford (1485 – 8/10/1535)	↓
	↓		
Anthony Fenwick (1484 – 1522)	_____	Isabel Selby (1490 – 1522)	
	↓		
Stephen Fenwick (1522 – 1562)	_____	Elizabeth Haggerston (1529 – 1562)	
	↓		
George Fenwick (1562 – 1615)	_____	Barbara Mitford (1571 – 1616)	
	↓		
Cuthbert Fenwick (1613 – 3/6/1654)	_____	Jane Eltonhead (1618 – 11/24/1660)	
	↓		
Richard Fenwick (1652 – 4/26/1714) b: MD d: MD	_____	Ann Spalding (1736 - ?) b: MD	
	↓		
John Fenwick (1740 – 1759) b: MD	_____	Mary Thompson (1762 – 1837)	
	↓		
Benjamin F. Fenwick (1762 – 1843) b: KY d: KY	_____	Ann Unknown (1765 – 1850) b: MD	
	↓		



Birth locations for the generations of John De Fenwick through Cuthbert Fenwick are believed to be:

Fenwick Tower, Northumberland, England

However, Cuthbert seems to be the family member who migrated to America. His death location was found to be St. Mary’s City, St Mary County, Maryland. Since the first settlers from England landed here in 1634, it is possible that Cuthbert and family were some of the first settlers in this area.

The paragraphs that follow briefly summarize the known points for the period 1338 to 1900. The information from 1900 forward is from my research.

Researchers have traced the Fenwick family line back to John De Fenwick. He was born in 1338 in Fenwick Tower, Fenwick, Northamptonshire, England.

Note about Fenwick Tower from Wikipedia:

Fenwick Tower was a 12th-century tower house at Matfen, Northumberland, England.

The house was the home of the Fenwick family from the 12th century until they moved to Wallington in the 16th century.

In 1378 John Fenwick was granted a license to crenelate the house (add battlement features to the top of a building). The tower was largely demolished in about 1775 at which time a hoard of medieval gold coins was discovered.

The sparse remains of the tower are now incorporated into a 17th-century farmhouse and are protected by Grade II listed building status.

Subsequent generations were found in different locations in England over the next 300 years. In 1613, a Cuthbert Fenwick was born in the same town as noted above. He married Jane Eltonhead and had 6 children. According to the researchers, Cuthbert and Jane and family migrated to the United States sometime between his birth in 1613 and the birth of one child in Maryland in 1652. Cuthbert and his family settled in Maryland. He died in St. Marys, Maryland, on 6 March 1654.

The family line continued in Maryland. In 1652, a Richard Fenwick was born in Maryland. He married Ann Spalding and they had an unknown number of children. One son, John, was born in 1740. He married Mary Thompson and they had an unknown number of children. The family tree shows that one son, Benjamin, was born in 1762 in Washington County, Kentucky, and died there. The data is confusing here because the online tree shows that Benjamin's father was born and died in Maryland. There is also a problem with some of the birth dates in these generations. Nevertheless, we will assume that Benjamin is the family member who migrated to Kentucky but the date of this migration is unknown.

Benjamin married Ann Unknown and had about 5 children, one of which was John Fenwick, born in about 1803. John married Rebecca Thompson and had about 8 children. One son, James Henry Fenwick was born in on 5 May 1848. On 4 November 1873, he married Alice Graves. Alice was born on 8 October 1854. James and Alice had 14 children between about 1879 and about 1901. One child apparently died young.

Here is the complete James Henry Fenwick family in Kentucky:

1900			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
James H. Fenwick	52	5/5/1848	KY
Alice A.	45	11/12/1854	KY
Jessee	21	~1879	
Charles	20	~1880	
Mary O.	18	~1882	
Annie C.	16	~1884	
William K.	15	2/7/1885	KY
Paul B.	13	~1887	
Mary R.	11	~1889	
Mary A.	9	~1891	
Pat	7	~1893	
Fred	7	~1893	
Mary L.	3	~1897	
Joseph L..	2	~1898	
Martha R.		~1901	
Unknown		?	

William K. (Kindrick or Kendrick) Fenwick continued the family line. He was born in Kentucky on 7 February 1885. He married Minnie Christina Frey on 16 January 1907 and had an unknown number of children. One child was Marie Emily Fenwick. The family migrated from Kentucky to Bureau County sometime between 1900 and 1910. Marie was born in Illinois in 1911. James H. Fenwick died on 30 July 1917.

In 1910, the William Kindrick Fenwick family was found in Selby Township of Bureau County, IL:

1910			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
William Fenwick	25	2/7/1885	KY
Minnie	26	~1884	IL
Loretta	2	~1908	
Leola	8 mo	~1909	

William was a farmer and rented his home. They had been married for 3 years (marriage date ~1907).

In the meantime, William's parents James H. and Alice A. Fenwick were still living in Marion Co, Kentucky. Four of their 13 children were still living at home. He was 61 years old, she was 54. The census data showed that they had been married 36 years in 1910 and that she had given birth to 14 children of which 13 were alive in 1910.

William was required to register for the WWI draft. He did so in 1818. He indicated on his registration that he was age 33, born on 7 February 1885, and was a farmer in Spring Valley

In the 1920 census, William indicted that he was a farmer in Hall Township, Bureau County, IL. Their rented farm was on the Peru-Princeton Road. This is the present day US Route 6 which runs east and west a mile or 2 south of Ladd, IL. Here is his family in 1920:

1920			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
William K. Fenwick	34	2/7/1885	KY
Minnie C.	35	~1884	IL
Loretta M	12	~1908	
Leora E.	10	~1910	
Mary E. (Marie)	8	9/11/1911	IL
Gladys D.	5	~1915	
Viola L	2 yr 2mo	~1918	
William K. Jr	1 yr 0mo	~1919	

By examining the location of nearby farmers who owned land and then comparing that to the various township maps, it appears that the farm was south of the villages of Seatonville and Ottville off of Route 6.

By 1930, William and Minnie were living in Hall Township, Bureau Co, IL. He was a farmer on a rented farm which was probably the same farm as in 1920:

1930			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
William K. Fenwick	45	2/7/1885	KY
Minnie C.	46	~1884	IL
Marie E.	18	9/11/1911	IL
Gladys D.	15	~1915	
Viola L	13	~1917	
William K.Jr	11	~1919	

William K. Fenwick cannot be found in the 1940 census.

In 1942, William Kindrick Fenwick registered for the WWII draft as did all males in a certain age range. This information was on his draft registration card:

He was 57 years old, born on 7 February 1885 in Marion County, Kentucky. He listed his occupation as a self-employed farmer in LaMoille Township, Bureau Co, IL. His wife was Mrs. Minnie Fenwick.

William died on 17 February 1960 at age 75 in Unknown location.

Marie Emily Fenwick married Herman Gustav Pinter on 19 July 1933.

Here is the complete William Kindrick Fenwick family:

Name	Born	Born in	Died	Married	Date
William K. Fenwick	2/7/1885	KY	2/17/1960		1/16/1907
Minnie C.	1/5/1884	IL	12/22/1955		
Loretta M.	~1908	IL			
Leora E.	~1909	IL			
Marie E.	9/11/1911	IL	6/14/1996	Herman G. Pinter	7/19/1933
Gladys D.	~1915	IL			
Viola L.	~1918	IL			
William K. Jr	~1919	IL			

The Merkel Family (Phillip Merkel married Lula Katherine Pinter)

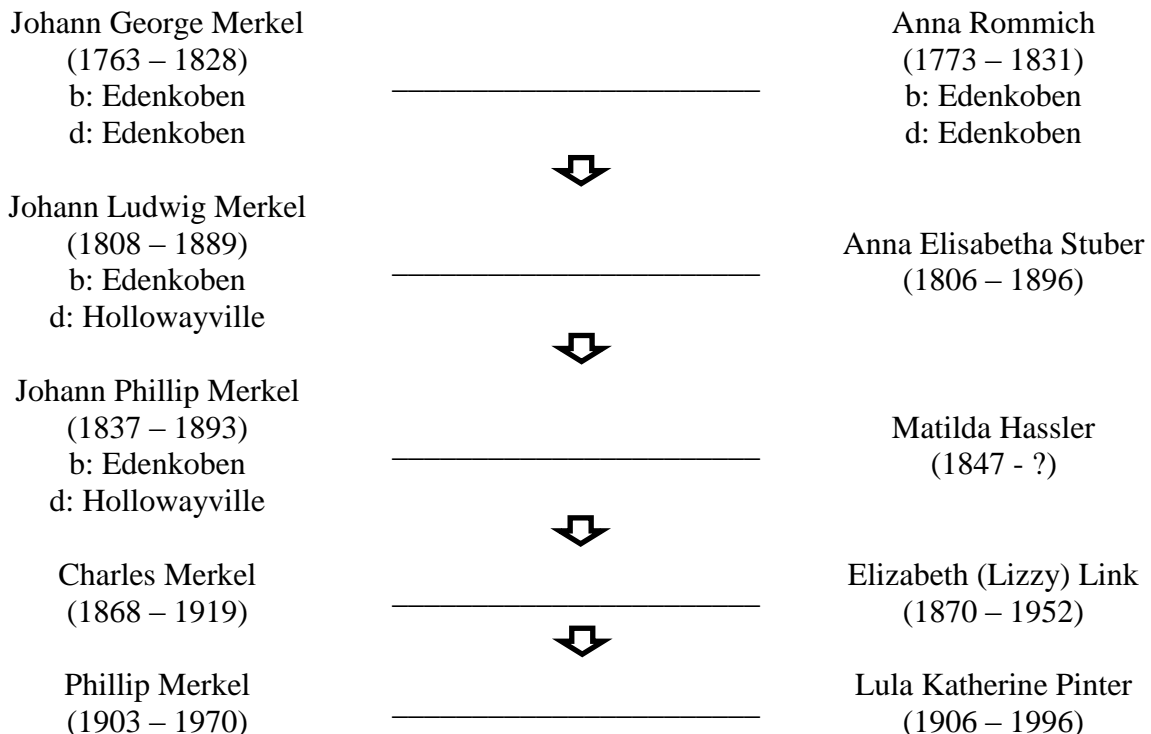
This section of the report will focus on the Merkel family history starting in about 1763 and working forward.

The earliest Merkel family that has been found in available data is Johann George Merkel and his wife Anna Rommich. They lived in Edenkoben in Germany. The number and names of their children currently unknown to me except for one son, Johann Ludwig. This table shows the vital statistics for Johann and Anna:

Name	Born	Born In	Died	Died In
Johann George Merkel	6/7/1763	Edenkoben	1/3/1828	Edenkoben
Anna Rommich	8/4/1773	Edenkoben	4/26/1831	Edenkoben
Johann Ludwig	10/1/1808	Edenkoben	5/8/1889	Hollowayville, IL
Unknown others				

Note, per Wikipedia: Edenkoben is a municipality in the Südliche Weinstraße district, in Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. It lies approximately halfway between Landau and Neustadt an der Weinstraße. Edenkoben is one of the towns situated along the German Wine Route. Edenkoben is the seat of the Verbandsgemeinde ("collective municipality") Edenkoben.

Here is a simple tree branch that shows the lineage from Johann George Merkel to Phillip Merkel who married Lula Pinter:



According to old German church records found in the International Genealogical Index of the Mormon Church genealogy web site, Johann Ludwig Merkel, son of Johann and Anna, married Anna Elisabetha Stuber on 23 February 1832 in Edenkoben. Anna was born in 1806.

According to online family trees, they had about 8 children. The following table shows the complete family.

Name	Born	Died
Johann Ludwig Merkel	10/1/1808	5/8/1889
Anna Elisabetha Stuber	12/28/1806	4/29/1896
Jacob	4/21/1833	
George Jakob	2/8/1835	
Catharina	1/17/1837	
Johann Phillip	10/9/1838	3/1/1893
Maria Elisabetha	2/28/1841	
Ludwig	4/30/1843	5/14/1843
Theobald	7/28/1844	11/26/1844
Maria Rosina	Unk	

It is thought that Johann Ludwig Merkel immigrated to the US in 1846, entering at the Port of Baltimore. A record of their immigration was found online, but only the year and parent's names are available. The ship name, arrival date, location, and names of all family members are not provided. If this is the case, then all of his children were born in Germany and made the trip to the USA as a family.

From this point forward, I will present family information as found in the United States censuses, and other information will be presented if available.

For reasons unknown, the Johann Ludwig Merkel family is not found in the 1850 census even though there were apparently in the US by that time. It is not clear where they were or if that had arrived in Bureau County of they were living in another county or state in 1850.

However, in 1858, Ludwig Merkel participated with a group of residents who organized the German Evangelical Protestant Church of Hollowayville.

By 1860, the family was living in Selby Township, Bureau County, IL. Their post office was Hollowayville. They were farmers. The following table shows the family in 1860:

1860				
Name	Age	Born	Born in	Notes
Lewis Markle (Merkel)	50	~1810	Edenkoben	This is Johann Ludwig Merkel
Elizabeth	53	~1807	Edenkoben	This is Anna Elisabetha Stuber
Phillip	21	~1839	Edenkoben	Johann Phillip
Mary	11	~1849	Edenkoben	
Lewis Kump	23	~1837		Husband of Catherine
Catherine Kump	23	~1837		Daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth

Note that in tables such as this one, I reproduce the name spellings and other information exactly as found on the census pages.

Johann Phillip Merkel continued the family line.

On 26 September 1861, Johann Phillip Merkel married Matilda Hassler. Matilda was born in June 1845 or 20 June 1847 (two dates have been found for Matilda) in the US. She is descended from John Hassler who entered the US in about 1834 and settled later in Bureau County, IL.

Phillip and Matilda had about six children, one of which was Charles Merkel who was born in October 1869 or 20 September 1868 (again, two dates have been found).

In 1870, the Phillip Merkel family was found in Selby Township:

1870			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
Phillip Merkel	32	10/9/1837	Bavaria
Matilda	22	6/20/1847	IL
Henry	6	~1864	IL
Emily	4	~1866	IL
Mina	2	~1868	IL
Charles	1	~1869	IL

Phillip was a farmer. Their post office was listed as Hollowayville. They valued their real estate at \$1800 and personal property at \$1700. They also had three “hands” living with them: Lizzie Croisant, servant, and Louis and Phillip Berringer, farm hands.

A Louis Merkel was also found in Selby Township (post office Hollowayville) in 1870. This is probably Phillip Ludwig Merkel. He valued his real estate at \$16000, a high value in that time. Here is that family:

1870			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
Louis Markel	61	10/1/1808	Edenkoben
Elizabeth	64	12/28/1806	Edenkoben
Jacob	20	~1850	
Mary	22	~1848	

Louis and Elizabeth are clearly the parents of Phillip, but it is not clear how Jacob and Mary are related to Louis and Elizabeth.

By 1880, the Phillip Merkel family looked like this per the census:

1880				
Name	Age	Born	Born in	Notes
Phillip Merkel	40	10/9/1838	Edenkoben	
Matilda	35	6/20/1847	IL	
Henry	17	~1863	IL	
Emma	15	~1865	IL	
Minnie	13	~1867	IL	
Charles	11	9/20/1868	IL	
Elizabeth	9	~1871	IL	
Mary	1	~1879	IL	
Otto Hartig	23			Son-in-law

Again, they were a farming family in Selby Township. Otto Hartig is listed by himself in the same household. His wife, a daughter of Phillip and Matilda, is not listed.

Charles continues this family line.

In addition, in 1880, Lewis (Johann Ludwig) and Elisabeth (Anna Elisabetha) Merkel were found in Hollowayville, Selby Township. He was a retired farmer.

1880			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
Lewis Merkel	71	10/1/1808	Edenkoben
Elizabeth	74	12/28/1806	

The 1890 census was destroyed in a fire.

In 1900, we find that Phillip Merkel had died. His wife Matilda was living in the household of her daughter Mary and her husband William Herzog on a farm in Selby Township, Hollowayville Village. Here is the family:

1900				
Name	Age	Born	Born in	Note
William Herzog	25	7/1874		
Mary	21	1/1879		
Lillie	1	6/1898		
Herbert	3mo	2/1900		
Matilda	54	6/1845		Mother of Mary, Mother in law to William
Katie Merkel	19	3/1881		Sister in law to William
Anna Merkel	14	11/1885		Sister in law to William

The data shows that Matilda gave birth to six children of which five survived. It also shows she entered the US in 1850 and that Matilda and her parents were born in Germany. 1900 census sheets recorded the month and year of birth.

Also, in 1900, we find Charles Merkel as follows in Selby Township:

1900			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
Charles Merkel	30	10/1869	IL
Lizzie	30	1/1870	IL
William	7	4/1893	
Lydia	4	8/1895	
Hilda	2	1/1898	
Clara	5mo	12/1899	

They had married in about 1892. Lizzie is Elizabeth Link and the data showed she had given birth to 4 children all of which were alive in 1900.

In 1910, we find that Charles and Elizabeth were still farming in Selby Township and had added two more children to the family:

1910			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
Charles Merkel	41	9/20/1868	
Elizabeth	40	2/18/1870	
William	16	~1894	
Lydia	14	~1896	
Hilda	12	~1898	
Clara	10	~1900	
Phillip	7	7/30/1903	
Lorina	2	~1908	

The data shows that they had been married 17 years (marriage 6/5/1892) and that Elizabeth had given birth to 6 children.

And, in 1920, the family still farmed in Selby Township. The family looked like this:

1920			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
Elizabeth	50	~1870	
Hilda	22	~1898	
Clara	20	~1900	
Phillip	16	7/30/1903	
Lorina (Lorene)	12	~1908	
Carl	7	~1913	

She owned the farm without a mortgage. Elizabeth was a widow. Charles had died on 19 August 1919.

This Phillip married Lula Katherine Pinter. It is thought that his middle initial was J. but the actual middle name is unknown.

By 1930, Phillip and Lula had married but had no children:

1930			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
Phillip J. Merkel	26	7/30/1903	
Lula K.	23	11/29/1906	

They had been married about 2 years, lived on a farm which they rented somewhere in Hall Township.

By 1940, they had 2 children:

1940			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
Phillip Merkel	36	7/30/1903	
Lula	33	11/29/1906	
Wayne	5	3/22/1935	
Gene	1	4/21/1938	

In 1940, the family lived on a rented farm in Berlin Township (rented for \$12 per month), the same location as 1935. The census data showed that Phillip completed 7 grades in school while Lula completed 8 grades.

Phillip and Lula had one more child, Warren born 10 March 1943. A table with the complete family was presented earlier in this report.

The Bartoluzzi Family (Lena Bartoluzzi married Gilbert Louis Pinter)

This section of the report will focus on the Bartoluzzi family history starting as far back as I can find (about 1877) and working forward. It should be noted that there are a number of discrepancies between the various data sources. These will be noted in the following paragraphs.

The first Bartoluzzi family members found are August and Regina Bartoluzzi. It is thought that August and possibly Regina were born in the commune of Pieve di Alpage in the Province of Belluno which is in the region of Veneto in Italy. This village is about 50 miles north of Venice.

There is conflicting information about their arrival in the USA:

The 1910 census states that both August and his wife immigrated to the USA in 1906 with their first-born child, Gerard.

The 1920 census states that both immigrated in 1907 and that Gerard was born in Italy.

The 1930 census states the immigration year was 1898 for him, 1899 for her and that Gerard was born in Illinois. However, August Bartoluzzi (and all the various spelling variations) was not found in the 1900 census.

The best data available for their arrival in the USA is as follows:

An Agostin Bertoluzzi was found in the passenger list of the ship SS La Savoie which sailed from La Havre, France, on 18 August 1906 and docked in New York on 25 August 1906. Agostin Bertoluzzi was 29 years old, married, and a laborer and was from Pieve di Alpage. His destination was Spring Valley, IL. However, he apparently was not traveling with anyone, particularly his wife.

Also, on 14 June 1907, the ship SS Adriatic arrived in New York from Southampton, England. Onboard was Regina Sitron, age 27, and a son Osvaldo, age 8 months. Regina indicated her home was “di Alpage” in Italy and that she was traveling to Marquette, IL to meet her husband (no name given).

Both of these records were found in the New York Passenger Lists 1820 – 1957 data base. The information derived from these two records provide a very good match with the August and Regina Bartoluzzi families found in the 1910, 1920, and 1930 censuses with the exception of the first born son...Osvaldo on the ship manifest, and Gerard in all three censuses. There is also a good match between the villages of Di Alpage and Marquette. It is possible that Osvaldo’s name was changed by his parents before 1910.

So far, there is no other information to dispute these findings. In addition, two online family trees prepared by other researchers suggest August’s wife was Virginia or Regina Citronia or Citran.

Given this information, we will assume the following: August and Regina married in Pieve di Alpage, Italy, and later immigrated separately to the US and settled in the village of Marquette, IL, where he was employed as a coal miner.

It is thought that they married in 1903 or 1904 in Italy. The 1910 census states that they had been married for 6 years placing their marriage in 1904. The 1930 census states that their marriage was in about 1903 because the census states that he was 26 and she was 24 at their first marriage. This places their marriage at about 1903.

Finally, Gerard’s age is stated in the censuses as 4 in 1910, 13 in 1920, and 23 in 1930. This suggests that he was born in about 1906 or 1907. If he was 8 months on the voyage in June 1907, then he was born in about November of 1906.

Continuing with the family time line, according to the 1910 census (the first census where we find August), he and his family were living in Marquette Village, Hall Township, Bureau County

Illinois. They rented a home on Marquette Rd. August was a coal miner. They added two more children, and this is the family in 1910:

1910			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
August Bartoluzzi	33	~1877	Italy
Regina	31	~1889	Italy
Gerard	4	~1906	Italy or IL
Erina	2	~1908	IL
Genebre	4mo	~1910	IL

Note: the village of Marquette no longer exists. It was located just a few miles east of DePue Illinois. It was a coal mining town. More information about the Village of Marquette is found in the Addendum – Marquette, Illinois.

In 1920, the family was still in Hall Township but it is not known if they were still in Marquette. This time, the census shows that August was a fireman in a Zink plant which was located in DePue.

Here is the family in 1920:

1920				
Name	Age	Born	Born in	Notes
August Bartoluzzi	43	~1877	Italy	
Regina	40	~1880	Italy	
Gerard	13	~1907	It or IL	
Erin	11	~1909	IL	Probably Irene
Unreadable	10	~1910	IL	Probably the same as Genabra in the 1910 census
Frank	7	~1913		
Emma	3 years, 11mo??	~1916		
Lena	1 yr 7mo	~1918		

Here is the family in 1930:

1930				
Name	Age	Born	Born in	Notes
August Bartoluzzi	55	~1875	IT	
Regina	52	~1878	IT	
Gerald	23	~1907	IL	
Irene	21	~1909	IL	
Leno	16	~1914	IL	

Emma	13	~1917	IL	
Lena	11	5/24/1918	IL	
Catherina	8	~1922	IL	
Anna	7	~1923	IL	
John	4	~1926	IL	

In 1930, the family was living in Spring Valley, IL. August was a miner. He valued his real estate at \$1500. They indicated that they married when he was 26 and she was 24 years of age.

It appears that sometime between 1930 and about 1938, August and Regina divorced. In 1938, August was found in the LaSalle and Peru City Directory 1938 by himself (the directory usually gives the wife's name along with the husband's name, but in this case, her name was missing).

In 1940, we find the family living in Spring Valley but August is not with them. We also find that the head of the household was listed as Virginia, and not Regina. It is not clear if Virginia is a second wife that he also was divorced from, or if Regina and Virginia are the same person.

Here is the family in 1940:

1940			
Name	Age	Born	Born in
Virginia Bartoluzzi	61	~1879	IT
Gerald	31	~1909	IL
Lena	21	5/24/1918	IL
Catherine	19	~1921	IL
Ann	17	~1923	IL
John	14	~1926	IL

Lena was employed as a power press operator at a clock factory.

In addition, in 1940, August Bartoluzzi, aged 62 or 63, was found living in the Valley Hotel, Spring valley, IL. The records indicated he was divorced and was working as a coal miner.

Lena married Gilbert Pinter on 24 May 1941.

August died in April, 1964, (possibly on the 29th). Virginia (or Regina's) death dates are currently unknown.

Herman Pinter Family Picture Album



Herman, Gus, Katie, and Lula,
ca 1910



Herman and Marie
wedding



Four Generations:
Herman, Justina, Gus,
and possibly Wilma and
Herman, Jr, ca 1936



Herman and Marie
family, ca 1955-56



Marie and Herman



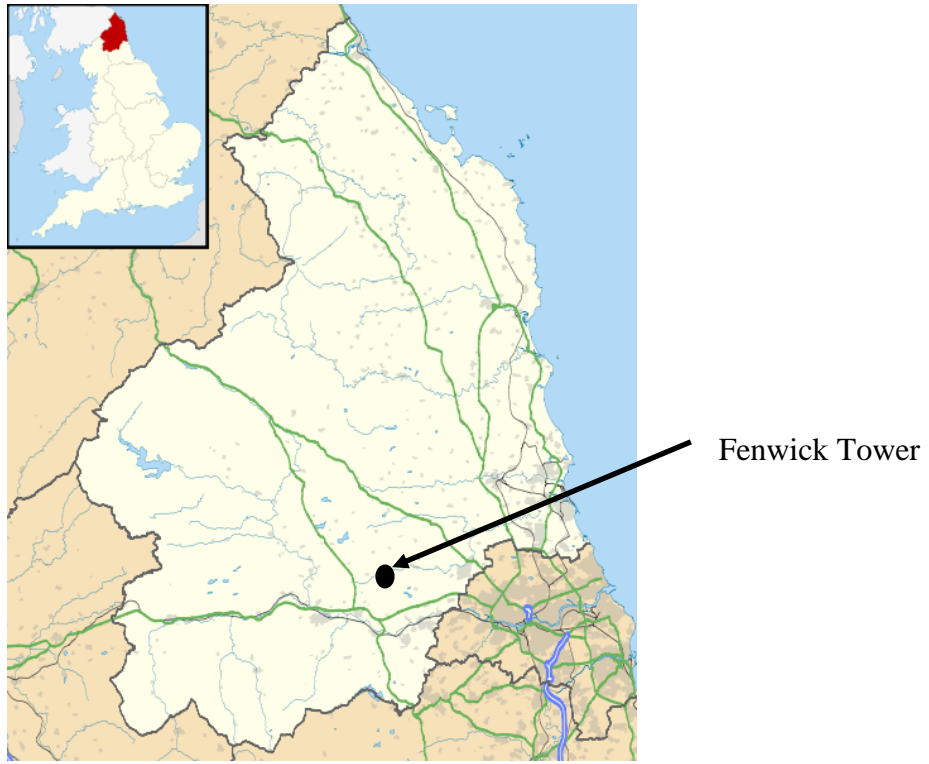
Herman Pinter



Herman Pinter



Harold and Herman
Pinter



Fenwick Tower, Northumberland, England

Phillip and Lula Pinter Merkel Family Picture Album



Herman, Gus, Katie, and
Lula, ca 1910



Lula, front and center



Lula and Phillip on far right



Lula and Phillip wedding



Phillip, Lula, and Wayne,
ca 1935



Wayne, Warren, and Gene
ca 1942



Warren, Wayne, Gene,
Lula and Phillip ca 1955



Phillip with Wayne, Warren, Gene
and others, ca 1942



Seatonville farm



Lula, Phillip, Gene and Wayne
ca 1942



Lula, Phillip, Gene and Wayne,
ca 1938 or 39



Lula and Phillip ca 1928



Lula seated at right,
Date unknown



Seatonville farm house



Warren, Ken, Lester, and Gene



Phillip, Ken, Warren,
Lester, and Gene



Cleaning chickens,
Phillip second from left



Lula Pinter Merkel

40th anniversary, 1968



Edenkoben, Germany



Edenkoben, Germany

Gilbert Pinter Family Picture Album



Gilbert and Lena Pinter,
wedding



Gilbert and Lester



Lena and Lester



Lena and Gilbert Pinter



Gilbert Pinter



Gilbert building house addition – person in foreground may be Gus Pinter



Gilbert Pinter with arc welder



Katie, Julia, Lena, and Gilbert



Julia, Lena, and Gilbert



Gilbert Pinter



Marie, Harold, Julia,
Gilbert, Lena, and Lula



Gilbert and Harold
ca 1918