

Marie Auguste (Geier) Purfürst  
a.k.a.  
Marie Purfuerst  
Spouse of  
Christian Friedrich Purfürst

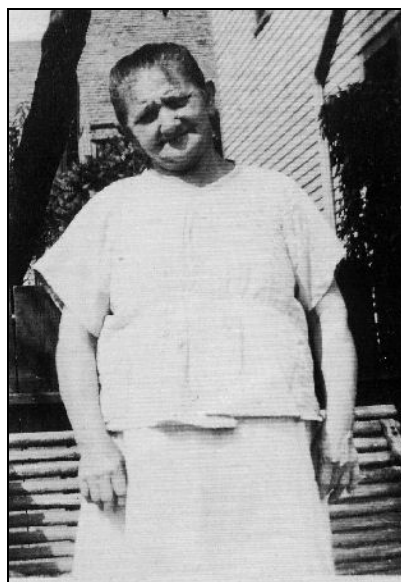
Christian Friedrich Purfürst was born March 15, 1830 in Langenhessen, Germany. He was the youngest of three children born to Carl Heinrich Purfürst (1796-1865) and Christiana Rosina Seiler (1797- ?). On February 10, 1857 he married Maria Auguste Geier. The daughter of Johann David Geier and Marie Liche, she was born January 07, 1831 in Ellerau, Germany. Christian was a watchmaker in the nearby city of Werdau.

Christian died March 3, 1877 in Leubnitz, Germany. His death would apparently put in motion a movement to America for his surviving family members.

Son Eduard Bruno Purfürst (1868-1941) was the first to immigrate to America. Although his passenger record has not yet been found, his 1900 census indicated he emigrated in 1882. On May 3, 1890, the family mother, Marie nee Geier Purfürst (1831-1907), sailed from Bremen, Germany aboard the vessel *Karlsruhe* which arrived at the Port of Baltimore, Maryland on May 16, 1890. Accompanying her was daughter Hedwig Klara Purfürst (1873-1961) as well as daughter Anna Pauline Purfürst (1863-1935) who, in turn, was accompanied by her husband Gottfried Hermann Kunze (1858-1933). The last to arrive in America was daughter Anna Auguste Purfürst (1857-1926) who arrived at the Port of Philadelphia on June 18, 1892 aboard the vessel *Illinois*, accompanied by her husband Franz Eduard Weiss (1861-1917).

In America the family adopted the surname variation of Purfuerst.

Marie (Geier) Purfuerst died November 23, 1907 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was interred at Union Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.



**Anna Auguste (Purfuerst) Weiss - 1916**

1. Christian and Marie Purfürst's eldest surviving child, daughter Anna Augusta Purfürst, was born February 25, 1859 in Werdau, Germany. On July 9, 1889 in Werdau, Germany she married Franz Eduard 'Edward' Weiss. The son of Christian Friedrich Weiss and Christiana Friederike Schlegel, he was born August 20, 1861 in Leubnitz, Germany. On June 18, 1892 Edward and Augusta, the given names they preferred to use, immigrated to the port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania aboard vessel *Illinois*.

Augusta died May 11, 1926 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin and was interred at Valhalla Memorial Park, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Edward had previously died on May 30, 1917 and was initially interred at Union Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On May 07, 1926, shortly after the death of Augusta, Edward was exhumed and re-interred with his wife in a family plot at Valhalla Memorial Park, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. In their 1900 US census, eight years after immigration, Augusta was to state that said she had bore 7 children but only 3 where yet alive. Those three surviving children, all born in Wisconsin, were Edward Weiss, Edna Weiss and Frieda Weiss:

- 1.1. Edward and Augusta Weiss' eldest surviving child, son Edward Fredrick Weiss, was born June 3, 1894 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He remained unmarried and died October 12, 1938 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He was interred in Valhalla Memorial Park, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.
  - 1.2. Edward and Augusta Weiss' second surviving child, Edna Weiss, was born September 19, 1895 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On November 23, 1920 she would marry Herbert Emil Knuth. The son of William and Ida Knuth, he was born July 03, 1894 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Herbert died April 29, 1989 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Edna died February 10, 1932 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They were interred in Valhalla Memorial Park, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They would have one child: Howard Knuth.
    - 1.2.1. Herbert & Edna Knuth's only child, Howard Herbert Knuth, was born March 22, 1922 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He remained unmarried and died September 26, 1995 in Anchorage, Anchorage County, Alaska.
  - 1.3. Edward and Augusta Weiss' youngest surviving child, daughter Frieda A. Weiss, was born May 14, 1900 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On May 8, 1920 she would marry William David Schultz, Sr. The son of August Schultz and Augusta Liebers, he was born in December 1898 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. William died January 6, 1978 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Frieda died March 24, 1981 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They were both interred in Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery, Brookfield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. They would have one son, William D. Schultz, Jr., who married Yvonne D. DeSwarte.
2. Friedrich and Marie Purfürst's second surviving child, daughter Anna Pauline Purfürst, was born April 5, 1863 in Werdau, Germany. On January 27, 1885 in Werdau, Germany she married Gottfried Hermann Kunze. The son of Johann Gittfried Kunze and Christiana Carolina Trümmer, he was born March 21, 1858 in Rodewisch, Germany. On May 16, 1890 they immigrated to the Port of Baltimore, Maryland aboard the vessel *Karlsruhe*. Accompanying them was their son Richard, age 3; however, no later record of Richard was to be found.

Herman and Anna, the given names they preferred to use, initially established residence in Lincoln County, Wisconsin but later moved to Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. In their 1910 census Anna stated that she had given birth to twelve children of which only four were yet alive. Those four surviving children, all born in Wisconsin, were Marie Kunze, Edward Kunze, Alma Kunze, and Edna Kunze.

- 2.1. Herman and Anna Kunze's first surviving child, daughter Marie Kunze, was born January 21, 1891 in Lincoln County, Wisconsin. On September 7, 1912 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin she would marry Adam P. Krieger. The son of William and Elizabeth Krieger, he was born March 1891 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They would have one daughter: Marian Krieger, born December 12, 1914 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin who married Raymon Williams and had sons Richard Williams and Michael Williams.
- 2.2. Herman and Anna Kunze's second surviving child, son Edward H. Kunze, was born April 19, 1896 in Lincoln County, Wisconsin. On August 24, 1929 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin he married Hazel Weickelt. The daughter of Paul and Minnie Weickelt, she was born December 8, 1909 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Edward died November 26, 1984 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Hazel died June 25, 1991 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They were interred in Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery, Brookfield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. They had three children: Sharon Kunze; Lenore Kunze who married Gordon Resch; and Jeanette Kunze who married Gerald Dietrich.
- 2.3. Herman and Anna Kunze's third surviving child, Alma Kunze, was born February 17, 1901 in Lincoln County, Wisconsin. On July 2, 1925 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin she married Danial Behm. The son of George and Ella Behn, he was born March 1897 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Daniel died July 1967 in Wayzata, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Alma would later marry George L. Bitto on November 24, 1938 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. George Bitto died March 23, 1985 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He was interred in the Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery, Brookfield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. Alma died February 12, 1951 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. She was interred in the Valahalla Memorial Park Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Neither marriage resulted in children.
- 2.4. Herman and Anna Kunze's fourth child, daughter Edna Kunze, was born August 27, 1905 in Lincoln County, Wisconsin. On November 24, 1928 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin she married Clarence J. Kroll. The son of Rudolph and Anna Kroll he was born February 16, 1903 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Edna died May 1980 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Clarence died March 10, 1995 in Rio Rancho, Sandoval County, New Mexico. They had a daughter Patricia Kroll.
3. Friedrich and Marie Purfürst's third surviving child was Edward Bruno Purfürst. Hereafter referred to by his chosen Anglicized name of Bruno Purfuerst, he was born November 25, 1868 in Werdau, Germany. Although his passenger record has not yet been found, he stated in his 1890 Census that he arrived in 1886, making him the first family member to immigrate. On February 21, 1891 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin he married Augusta Becker. The daughter of Karl Becker and Henrietta Barth, she was born Jun 29, 1871 in Colburg, Pomerania (an area now divided between Germany and Poland). Augusta was to later state she immigrated in 1882. Bruno died November 25, 1941 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Augusta died January 25, 1917 in Milwaukee,

Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They were interred in Wanderer's Rest Cemetery, now Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They would have nine children: Mary Bertha Purfuerst, Lillian Bertha Louise Purfuerst, Frederick Carl Herman Purfuerst, Edward George Purfuerst, Ervin Charles Purfuerst, William Paul Purfuerst, Ella Ida Purfuerst, Helena M. Purfuerst and Alice Amanda Alvina Purfuerst.

- 3.1. Bruno and Augusta Purfuerst's first child, Mary Bertha Purfuerst, was born June 9, 1891 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Surviving but a month, she died July 10, 1891 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. She was interred in Union Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.
- 3.2. Bruno and Augusta Purfuerst's second child, Lillian Bertha Louise Purfuerst, was born July 10, 1892 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. About 1911 she married Edwin Henry Maegli. The son of Jacob and Paulina Maegli, he was born November 1890 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Edwin died on September 3, 1946 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Lillian died February 7, 1972 in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona. Both are interred in the Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery, Brookfield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. They would have one daughter, Virginia Maegli.
  - 3.2.1. Edwin and Lilly Maegli's daughter, Virginia Maegli, was born July 26, 1912 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. In Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin she married Ansel Knudsen who was born December 16, 1906 in Wisconsin. Virginia died December 16, 1993 in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona. Ansel died April 7, 1987 in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona. They were interred in the Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery, Brookfield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. Theirs was a childless marriage.
- 3.3. Bruno and Augusta Purfuerst's third child, Frederick Carl Herman Purfuerst, was born September 10, 1895 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On February 4, 1922 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin he married Pauline Thayer. The daughter of Edgar Thayer and Ama Bromberg, she was born June 22, 1893 in Jay, Essex County, New York. To this union Pauline brought three children from a previous marriage; children who had remained in Essex County, New York. Frederick died on April 21, 1946 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin and was interred in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Following his death Pauline moved to Orlando, Florida where she married John Smith. He died August 27, 1969 in Orlando, Orange County, Florida. Following his death Pauline moved to Wilmington, Essex County, New York where she died December 30, 1969. She would have childless marriages with both Frederick Purfuerst and John Smith.
- 3.4. Bruno and Augusta Purfuerst's fourth child, Edward George Purfuerst, was born April 5, 1897 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On June 2, 1925 in Princeton, Wisconsin he would marry Gladys Janson. The daughter of John Janson and Mary Schneider, she was born March 7, 1903 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Edward died June 28, 1970 in Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin. Gladys died March 7, 1991 in Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin. They were interred in Wanderer's Rest Cemetery, Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin. They would have one daughter, Ardyce Purfuerst.
  - 3.4.1. Edward and Gladys Purfuerst's daughter, Ardyce Purfuerst, was born March 31, 1924 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On November 12, 1946 in Green Bay,

Brown County, Wisconsin she married Richard Henry Boland. The son of Henry Boland and Hazel Despina, he was born March 1, 1919 Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin. Richard died April 11, 1991 in Gulf Breeze, Santa Rosa County, Florida. They would have five children: Mark R. Boland, Susan E. Boland, Bruce Boland, John M. Boland and Richard Henry Boland, Jr.

3.4.1.1. Mark R. Boland married Colleen Zeller and had children Timothy Mark Boland and Emily Hayden Boland.

3.4.1.2. Susan E. Boland married Robert Toonen and had children Samatha Ann Toonen and Melissa Sue Toonen.

3.4.1.3. Bruce Boland

3.4.1.4. John M. Boland married Anna Streckert and had children Ardianne Marie Boland and Christopher Boland.

3.4.1.5. Richard Henry Boland, Jr.

3.5. Bruno and Augusta Purfuerst's fifth child, Ervin Charles Purfuerst, was born October 20, 1899 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On June 4, 1921 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin he would marry Ruth Jennrich. The daughter of Anton Jennrich and Beata Bauman, she was born October 20, 1901 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They would have three children:

3.5.1. Bradford Purfuerst was born July 22, 1922 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County Wisconsin.

3.5.2. Irving Charles Purfuerst was born February 15, 1924 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

3.5.3. Kenneth Harlon Purfuerst was born July 27, 1925 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

About 1929 Ervin and Ruth Purfuerst would divorce. On May 11, 1935 Erwin Purfuerst remarried to Margaret Brown Scorgie. The daughter of Robert Scorgie and Margaret Brown, she was born May 15, 1902 in Aberdeen, Scotland. Ervin Purfuerst died September 17, 1968 in Redgranite, Waushara County, Wisconsin. Margaret died August 6, 1993 in Redgranite, Waushara County, Wisconsin. They were interred in the Foster Road Cemetery, Redgranite, Waushara County, Wisconsin.

On October 15, 1937 a formal Declaration of Name Change was filed with the County Court in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. The surnames of Erwin and Ruth Purfuerst's three children were to be changed to Pergande. Bradford and Kenneth were to retain their original given names; however, Irving Charles' name was to be changed to Phillip Edward Pergande. Although a marriage record has not yet been located it can be assumed that the name changes were associated with Ruth's marriage to Gilbert Pergande at a point in time prior to 1937.

Previous to that however, at the time of the 1930 census, Ruth Purfuerst and the three boys, ages 7, 6 and 4, were living with Ruth's parents, Anton & Beata Jennrich in Milwaukee,

Milwaukee County. In that census Pauline reported the names of the boys as being Bradford, Phillip E. and Kenneth H. Purfuerst. The significance here is the fact that son Irving Charles is already being reported under the given name of Phillip Edward in spite of the fact that there is no indication that a name change request had not even been filed with the Court much less a final Court order having been granted. Although the final Pergande name change Court order was apparently not issued until March 15, 1945, the name changes were already in use as indicated by the events that follow.

All three sons were to precede their parents in death.

On November 10, 1942 Bradford Pergande (Purfuerst) was drafted into the US Army Air Corp in support of World War Two. In January 1943 the 577th Bomb Squadron, 392 Bombardment Group was activated at Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona. Bradford Pergande became a member of that organization. The unit trained at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas and at Alamogordo Army Air Base, New Mexico. Military orders dated December 19, 1944 transferred the crew from the 70th Replacement Depot to the 392nd Bomb Group at Wendling Air Base, England. On December 21, 1944 he was assigned to the 577th Squadron.

Bradford Ervin Pergande was a crewman in B-24 aircraft number 41-288841. On February 9, 1945 the plane and crew were on a bombing raid of oil refineries north of the city of Magdeburg, Germany. The bomber was last seen about 1356 hours over the English Channel and apparently short of fuel. It was seen to turn back toward the coast of the Continent, flying at an altitude of about 14,000 feet. It was speculated beyond a reasonable doubt that this aircraft and crew went down in the North Sea off the coast of the Netherlands attempting ditching. They flew just five missions: January 16, 21, 28 and Feb 3 and 9, 1945.

Sgt Bradford Pergande was officially declared Missing In Action on February 9, 1945. Bradford's personal effects were forwarded to his parents, mother Ruth L. Pergande and step-father Gilbert F Pergande of Falls Church, Virginia on October 18, 1945.

On three different occasions between December 1944 and June 25, 1945 remains of military personnel were found by Dutch civilians on the shore of the North Sea. By order of the German Mayor of Velsen County, the remains were processed and interred at the general Havenkade Cemetery, Ijmuiden, Holland. Based on notification given to the American Red Cross, US military personnel met with local municipal authorities on May 11, 1945 where it was determined that the remains were American citizens. On April 2, 1946 the remains of the three were removed from Havenkade and re-interred in a temporary military cemetery at Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium. The temporary cemetery later became the Ardennes American Cemetery.

On July 22, 1946 an inspection of clothing articles and dental chart comparisons identified one of the individuals as Sgt Bradford Pergande. The Holland cemetery records indicated those remains corresponded with the individual found April 26, 1945 on the shore of the North Sea, 25 miles from Ijmuiden, Holland and interred at the local civilian cemetery on April 27, 1945. Based on this favorable identification, Bradford's status was changed to officially declared as presumed Killed In Action; a death to have occurred on February 10, 1945.

Bradford's brother, Phillip Pergande (Purfuerst), possibly assuming that a draft notice was just a matter of time, enlisted in the US Army on January 11, 1943. He was assigned to the 113

Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, 113 Cavalry Group, which saw action in Normandy, northern France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. The 113 Cavalry Group, which had just made the transition from horses to tanks, began training as a mechanized cavalry group at Camp Bowie, Texas. Sent to Scotland for additional training early in 1944, the unit landed at Omaha Beach in Normandy on June 29, 1944. Some advance elements of the Group had been on the beachhead since D-Day (June 6). Phillip Pergande's organization was involved in *The Battle of the Bulge* which began on December 16, 1944. The "Bulge" refers to the extension of the German lines forming a pocket into allied controlled territories. The geographical battle area significantly involved the Ardennes forest which is primarily in Belgium and Luxemburg but stretches into France. The battle, which ended on January 15, 1945, resulted in 80,987 American casualties.

One of those casualties was TEC 5 Phillip Edward Pergande who died January 3, 1945 as a result of wounds received in military action. On January 4, 1945 he was interred in the American military cemetery, Margraten, Holland. Phillip's personal effects were forwarded to his parents on June 26, 1945; just four months before his brother Bradford's personal effect were to arrive.

Brothers Bradford and Phillip Pergande died within a month of each other.

On November 28, 1947 the military sent Gilbert and Ruth Pergande a letter requesting disposition instructions for the remains of their son Philip who had been interred in Holland. Two months later, on January 15, 1948, they received the same letter regarding their son Bradford, who had been interred in Belgium. There were four options: (1) Inter the remains in a permanent US military cemetery overseas; (2) Return the remains to the US for interment in a private cemetery; (3) Inter the remains in a private cemetery overseas; or (4) Return the remains to the US for interment in a national cemetery. The Pergande parents asked for their sons to be returned to America for burial in a private cemetery.

Whether the remains were buried overseas or returned to the US, the casketing procedures were the same. Mr. Vincent Joris, Cemetery Associate at the Ardennes American Cemetery in Belgium, explains, "The casket consisted of an inner leaden casket containing the remains (which were wrapped in a shroud and a blanket, and maintained in place by straps and cushioning). This inner casket was welded shut and inserted in an aluminum sarcophagus anodized with bronze alloy. The sarcophagus' lid was locked down by 24 bolts. The ensemble was then bolted to a plywood base over which a plywood cover was placed and latched shut. This plywood box was the transportation box. A special stencil sheet was used to mark the box on the head panel, with the name, rank, and branch of the deceased, and the American Graves Registration Command region. An aluminum ID plaque was attached to the blanket containing the remains, one to the sarcophagus handle, and one to the head panel of the box."

On July 19, 1948 and again on October 26, 1948 military authorities advised the family that efforts were being taken to ensure that the remains of brothers Bradford E. Pergande and Phillip E. Pergande would be disinterred from their respective locations and delivered simultaneously for side-by-side burial in America.

In its pamphlet, *Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead*, the War Department reminded next of kin that "The re-interment of these honored dead is a tremendous undertaking. It will be carried out, area by area, from all over the world. It is an undertaking

that will require many months, probably years, to complete.” This was certainly true. The Second World War was a global military conflict that took place in 1939–1945. It was the largest and deadliest war in history, culminating in the Holocaust and the dropping of the atom bomb. Over 16 million Americans served (13 percent of the population) and over 400,000 lost their lives during the conflict. During the war, 825 airmen from Bradford Pergande’s unit, the 392 Bomb Group, were killed.

On July 19, 1948 Phillip Pergande’s casket was disinterred from Margraten, Holland and prepared for shipment. On December 7, 1948 he was placed aboard the military vessel USAT Barney Kirschbaum at Antwerp, Belgium and received at the New York City Port of Embarkation on January 3, 1949. There he was held awaiting arrival of his brother.

On November 19, 1948 Bradford Pergande’s casket was disinterred from Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium and prepared for shipment. On February 19, 1949 he was placed aboard the military vessel USAT Barney Kirschbaum at Antwerp, Belgium and received at the New York City Port of Embarkation on March 10, 1949.

On March 28, 1949 the family’s funeral home was notified that the remains of the Pergande brothers would arrive in Washington, D.C. that day via train from Jersey City, New Jersey. Interment was made in the Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3201 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, Prince George’s County, Maryland.



**Philip Pergande – 2006**



**Bradford Pergande – 2006**

On October 5, 1943 the third son of the family, Kenneth Pergande (Purfuerst) followed his brothers by also enlisting in the US Army Air Corps. It is likely that Kenneth Pergande did not remain in the military for an extended period of time. Sole surviving sons or daughters, may request a discharge or assignment to duties where the member would not be subjected to hostile fire. This request may also be initiated by the service member’s family which, in this particular case, would seem quite probable.

Kenneth Harlon Pergande died December 8, 1976 in Westchester, Los Angeles County, California as a result of a self-inflicted gun shot wound. Noting that the death took place on the day following the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, he was probably reminded of his brother’s fate. Was there guilt being felt because he was spared?

Ruth Jennrich-Purfuerst-Pergande died March 6, 1985 in Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, Florida. Her husband, Gilbert Pergande, died December 31, 1981 in Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County,



Florida. Gilbert Pergande, the son of Frank Gilbert and Martha Damn, was born in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Ruth and Gilbert were both cremated but disposition of their remains has not yet been determined. Their obituaries made no mention of their deceased sons. Probate records indicate their personal estate was left entirely to charity.

3.6. Bruno and Augusta Purfuerst's sixth child, William Paul Purfuerst, was born Dec 1, 1901 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On January 19, 1924 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin he would marry Lucille Julia Thayer. The daughter of Edward Thayer and Ama Bromberg, she was born February 20, 1902 in Jay, Essex County, New York. She was a sister of Pauline Thayer, the wife of William's brother, Frederick Purfuerst. William died February 14, 1984 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Lucille would die July 31, 1968 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They were interred in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They would have two children: Audrey Phillis Purfuerst and William Thayer Purfuerst.

3.6.1. William and Lucille Purfuerst's first child, Audrey Phillis Purfuerst, was born January 1, 1925 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On November 20, 1948 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin she married Lester Bloedorn. The son of Edward Bloedorn and Wilhelmina Kaliebe, he was born July 25, 1918 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Audrey died January 20, 1983 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Lester died October 18, 1899 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They were interred in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Theirs was a childless marriage.

3.6.2. William and Lucille Purfuerst's second child, William Thayer Purfuerst, was born October 22, 1928 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On March 4, 1950 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, he married Ruth Weyland. The daughter of Raymond Weyland and Edith Hansen, she was born April 30, 1930 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They would have five children: Sharon Lee Purfuerst who married Carter Protzmann; James William Purfuerst who married Jan Henrichs; Karen Purfuerst who married Kenneth Kegley, Thomas Purfuerst who married Debra Sneen and Rebecca Purfuerst who married Brad Hielsberg.



**Ella (Purfuerst) Wolter - 1950**

3.7. Bruno and Augusta Purfuerst's seventh child, Ella Ida Augusta Purfuerst, was born January 23, 1904 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On December 22, 1920 in Milwaukee,

Milwaukee County, she married Rudolph Walters. The son of Frederick Walters and Christina Wagner, he was born May 28, 1898 in Columbia, Columbus County, Wisconsin. Ella died August 26, 1974 in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. She was interred in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, San Francisco, San Francisco County, California. Rudolph died in Mountain Home, Washington County, Tennessee. He was interred in Shelby Hills Cemetery, Bristol, Sullivan County, Tennessee. They had six children: Robert Alfred Walters who married Jaqueline Swennes, Betty Helen Walters who married Alfred Ingle, Richard Rudolph Walters, Ronald Lee Walters, James Ervin Walters and Joyce Ann Walters who married Jack Battle III.

- 3.8. Bruno and Augusta Purfuerst's eighth child, Helena M. Purfuerst, was born June 4, 1906 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On April 11, 1925 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin she married Carl J. Schuttel. The son of Albert Schuttel and Lydia Lutz he was born December 24, 1902 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Helena died November 25, 1991 in Waukesha, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. Carl died November 9, 1985 in Waukesha, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. They were interred in Holy Cross Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They would have three children: Kenneth C. Schuttel, Jean Schuttel and Bambi Schuttel.
- 3.9. Bruno and Augusta Purfuerst's ninth child, Alice Amanda Alvina Purfuerst, was born August 17, 1908 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On November 20, 1948 she married Rudolph A. Krueger in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. The son of Fred Krueger and Ernstine Matzke, he was born on February 16, 1899 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Alice died April 7, 1989 in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida. Rudolph died June 26, 1989 in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida. They were interred in Lauderdale Memorial Park, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida. Theirs was a childless marriage.
4. Friedrich and Marie Purfürst's fourth and eldest surviving child was daughter Hedwig Klara Purfürst who was born July 22, 1873 in Werdau, Kingdom of Saxony, Germany. On May 16, 1890 she immigrated through the Port of Baltimore, Maryland aboard the vessel *Karlsruhe* with her mother and sister Anna. On June 28, 1882 she married August Henning in Milwaukee, Wisconsin County, Wisconsin. The son of Friedrich Henning and Fredericka Klug, he was born in April 1864 in Pomerania, Germany. August died June 13, 1931 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Klara died March 03, 1961 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They were interred in Valhalla Memorial Park, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They had five children: Elizabeth Henning, George Henning, Alvin Henning, William Paul Henning and Clara Henning.
  - 4.1. August and Klara Henning's first child, Ella Gretchen Henning, was born February 13, 1893 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. No later record of her has yet been found.
  - 4.2. August and Klara Henning's second child, George W. Henning, was born October 17, 1896 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On January 18, 1919 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin he married Helene M. Finger who was born October 13, 1899 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Helen died October 22, 1990. George died November 9, 1992. They were interred in Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery, Brookfield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. They had two children: Kenneth A. Henning who married Audrey \_\_\_\_\_ and Shirley M. Henning who married Raymond A. Ehn.
  - 4.3. August and Klara Henning's third child, Alvin A. Henning, was born July 10, 1898 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He remained unmarried and died December 8, 1978

in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He was interred in Valhalla Memorial Park Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

- 4.4. August and Klara Henning's fourth child, William Paul Henning, was born June 8, 1902 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On September 29, 1923 he married Dorothy C. Schneider in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. The daughter of Henry and Anna Schneider, she was born September 2, 1903 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Dorothy died August 30, 1986 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. William died July 9, 1992 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They were interred in Valhalla Memorial Park Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They had a daughter, Betty Henning who would marry Mr. Gass.
- 4.5. August and Klara Henning's fifth child, Clara Henning, was born June 2, 1906 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. On June 4, 1927 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin she married Ernest H. Tank. He was born August 14, 1897 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Clara died April 30, 1996 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Ernest died February 13, 1992 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. They were interred in the Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery, Brookfield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

Author's Comment: In September 1894 Anton Purfürst immigrated to Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He was the illegitimate son of Ernestine Purfürst (who later married Johann Herman Müller). Anton was born December 15, 1861 in the German village of Ponitz which is located some 20 miles north of Werdau, Germany where the aforementioned members of Marie Purfürst's family were born. A relationship between the two families is assumed but not yet confirmed. For more details see the history of Anton elsewhere in this volume