

Charles Edward and Luella (Schultz) Witzke

Generation 1

1. **Charles Edward Witzke-1** [1, 2, 3]. He was born on 17 Apr 1881 in Wausau, Marathon, Wisconsin [4, 5]. Confirmation on 18 Mar 1894 in Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Congregation, Bremen, Wabasha, Minnesota [6]. Fact 1920 in Hammond, Wabasha, Minnesota, USA (Was butcher at meat market) [7]. Fact 2 1930 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA (Was a conductor on steam railroad) [8]. He died on 05 Jun 1966 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA [1]. He was also known as Carl Witzke [9]. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Red Wing, MN [4, 10].

Luella Schultz [1]. She died on 01 Jan 1977 [1]. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Red Wing, MN [10].

Charles Edward Witzke and Luella Schultz. They were married on 08 Apr 1912 in Zumbrota, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA [1]. They had 3 children.

- i. **Ethel Birch** [11]. She was born Bet. 1911–1912 [7, 8]. Cause Of Death was tuberculosis at an early age [1].

Notes for Ethel Birch:

General Notes:

Ethel was Luella's daughter by a previous marriage.

[Personal communication: Esther Ruth Witzke Pittman]

- ii. **Viola Mae Witzke** [1]. She was born on 13 Oct 1913 in Hammond, Wabasha, Minnesota, USA [1]. She married Ben Burrell Leeson. They were married on 09 Mar 1943 in Milwaukee, WI [1]. She died on 15 Apr 1991 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA [1]. She was also known as Ade Witzke [1]. Burial in Burnside Cemetery, Red Wing, Minnesota [12, 13].

Notes for Viola Mae Witzke:

General Notes:

[Obituary]

Viola May Leeson, 77, 1062 Sturtevant St., died today at St. Jon's Regional Health Center. She was born Oct. 13, 1913, in Hammond, Minn., to Charles and Luella Witzke. She moved to Red Wing as a young girl and attended school here. She worked for Red Wing Shoe Co. for several years before moving to Milwaukee where she was a secretary. She married Benjamin Leeson in 1943 in Milwaukee, returning to Red Wing after he died in 1951. She again worked as a secretary for Red Wing Shoe Co. and for 3M Co. in Minneapolis. She was a member of First United Methodist Church. She is survived by four nephews and a niece. She was preceded in death by her husband; her brother, Merrill; and sister, Ethel Birch. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. Roger Hessian officiating. Burial will be in Burnside Cemetery.

2. iii. **Merrill Edward Witzke** [1]. He was born on 12 May 1915 [1]. He married Dolores Schaffer. They were married on 17 Sep 1938 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA [1]. He died on 08 Sep 1987 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA [1]. He was also known as Bud Witzke [1]. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Miesville, Dakota, Minnesota [14].

Generation 2

2. **Merrill Edward Witzke-2** (Charles Edward Witzke-1) [1]. He was born on 12 May 1915 [1]. He died on 08 Sep 1987 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA [1]. He was also known as Bud Witzke [1]. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Miesville, Dakota, Minnesota [14].

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Notes for Merrill Edward Witzke:

General Notes:

[Obituary]

Merrill E. "Bud" Witzke, 72, 1902 W. fifth St., died Wednesday at his home. He was born May 12, 1915 in Hammond, Minn., the son of Charles and Luella Witzke. He attended Red Wing schools and served in the U.S. Army at Greenland and Iceland. He worked for 47 years at Red Wing Shoe Co. until retiring in 1981. He married Dolores Schaffer Sept. 17, 1938, in Red Wing. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Daniel and Jack, both of Red Wing; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Viola (Ade) Leeson of Red Wing. He was preceded in death by one sister, Ethel. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. Roger Hessian officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Miesville.

Dolores Schaffer ^[1]. She was born on 18 Sep 1918 ^[1].

Merrill Edward Witzke and Dolores Schaffer. They were married on 17 Sep 1938 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA ^[1]. They had 2 children.

3. i. **Daniel Edward Witzke** ^[1]. He was born on 16 Sep 1939 ^[1]. He married Beverly Bremer. They were married Unknown.
4. ii. **John Raymond Witzke** ^[1]. He was born on 20 Feb 1948 ^[1]. He married Kathy Sturm. They were married on 01 Sep 1974 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA ^[1]. He was also known as Jack Witzke ^[1].

Generation 3

3. **Daniel Edward Witzke-3** (Merrill Edward Witzke-2, Charles Edward Witzke-1) ^[1]. He was born on 16 Sep 1939 ^[1].

Beverly Bremer is the daughter of Harry Bremer and Syvilla ____ ^[15].

Daniel Edward Witzke and Beverly Bremer. They were married Unknown. They had 4 children.

5. i. **Robin Marie Witzke** ^[16]. She was born on 22 Sep 1960 in Tacoma, WA ^[1]. She married Michael Evan Mulde. They were married on 22 Feb 1986 ^[1].
6. ii. **Michelle Anne Witzke** ^[16]. She was born on 05 Apr 1963 ^[1]. She married Todd David Strusz. They were married on 26 Mar 1982 ^[1].
7. iii. **Charles John Witzke** ^[16]. He was born on 17 Jan 1967 ^[1]. He married Barbara Teresa Talbott. They were married on 21 Sep 1991 ^[1].
- iv. **Anthony D. Witzke** ^[16]. He was born on 12 Feb 1969 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA ^[1]. He died on 18 Aug 1990 in Amery, Wisconsin ^[15]. He was also known as Tony Witzke ^[1]. Cause Of Death was Car accident ^[1]. Burial in Burnside Cemetery, Red Wing, Minnesota ^[15].
4. **John Raymond Witzke-3** (Merrill Edward Witzke-2, Charles Edward Witzke-1) ^[1]. He was born on 20 Feb 1948 ^[1]. He was also known as Jack Witzke ^[1].

Kathy Sturm ^[1].

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John Raymond Witzke and Kathy Sturm. They were married on 01 Sep 1974 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA ^[1]. They had 3 children.

- i. **Katie Mary Esther Witzke** ^[16]. She was born on 21 Jul 1976 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA ^[1].
- ii. **Brittany Christine Witzke** ^[16]. She was born on 18 Dec 1978 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA ^[1].
- iii. **Anna Frances Witzke** ^[16]. She was born on 30 Aug 1980 in Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota, USA ^[1].

Generation 4

5. **Robin Marie Witzke-4** (Daniel Edward Witzke-3, Merrill Edward Witzke-2, Charles Edward Witzke-1) ^[16]. She was born on 22 Sep 1960 in Tacoma, WA ^[1].

Michael Evan Mulde ^[16]. He was born on 20 Nov 1961 ^[1].

Michael Evan Mulde and Robin Marie Witzke. They were married on 22 Feb 1986 ^[1]. They had 3 children.

- i. **Joshua Taylor Thygesen** ^[16]. He was born on 01 Mar 1983 ^[1].
- ii. **Danielle Elise Mulde** ^[16]. She was born on 17 May 1987 ^[1].
- iii. **Michael James Anthony** ^[16]. He was born on 10 Aug 1990 ^[1].

Jerome Ernest Thygesen ^[16].

Jerome Ernest Thygesen and Robin Marie Witzke. They were married on 15 Aug 1980 ^[1]. They had 1 child.

- i. **Joshua Taylor Thygesen** ^[16]. He was born on 01 Mar 1983 ^[1].

6. **Michelle Anne Witzke-4** (Daniel Edward Witzke-3, Merrill Edward Witzke-2, Charles Edward Witzke-1) ^[16]. She was born on 05 Apr 1963 ^[1].

Todd David Strusz ^[16]. He was born on 08 May 1963 ^[1].

Todd David Strusz and Michelle Anne Witzke. They were married on 26 Mar 1982 ^[1]. They had 2 children.

- i. **Nicholas David Strusz** ^[16]. He was born on 01 Oct 1982 ^[1].
- ii. **Whitney Ann Strusz** ^[16]. She was born on 29 Feb 1984 ^[1].

7. **Charles John Witzke-4** (Daniel Edward Witzke-3, Merrill Edward Witzke-2, Charles Edward Witzke-1) ^[16]. He was born on 17 Jan 1967 ^[1].

Barbara Teresa Talbott ^[1]. She was born on 24 Jan 1968 ^[1].

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Charles John Witzke and Barbara Teresa Talbott. They were married on 21 Sep 1991 [1]. They had 1 child.

- i. **Cassandra Jean Witzke** [16]. She was born on 18 Mar 1993 [1].

Sources

- 1 Pittman, Esther (Witzke) (Personal communication).
- 2 Wabasha Co. (MN) 1895 State Census (Ancestry.com), Zumbro twp. Gustoff [sic] Witcka [sic] (age 44, b. Germany, laboring), Pauline (age 37, b. Germany), Annie (age 16, b. Germany), Charley (age 14, b. WI), Ida (age 12, b. MN), Armina [sic] (age 9, b. MN), Ella (age 6, b. MN), Olga (age 3, b. MN), and Gustof (age 7m, b. MN). This record indicates that Gustave had been living in Minn for 14 yrs and in the particular district for 12 yrs. This fact plus the age and birthplace of Charles suggests that the family moved to Minnesota shortly after Charles was born in Wisconsin.
- 3 Wabasha Co. (MN) 1900 Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Hammond village. Gustaff Witzke (age 50, b. Oct 1850 Germany, immigr 1880, m. 25 yrs, work in lumberyard), wife Pauline (age 41, b. Oct 1858 Germany, immigr 1880, m. 25 yrs, 8/8 children/living), son Charles (age 19, b. Apr 1881 Wisconsin, section man in RR), dau Ella (age 11, b. Dec 1888 MN), dau Olga (age 8, b. Sep 1891 MN), son Gustaff Jr. (age 5, b. Apr 1895 MN), and dau Laura (age 8y 1m, b. Oct 1899 MN).
- 4 Obituary of Charles Witzke.
- 5 Pittman, Esther (Witzke), The Family of Gustave and Pauline Witzke (Transcribed by Jean Pittman Nielsen, ca 1995), RLNielsen.
- 6 Parish Records of Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Congregation Bremen, Hammond, Minnesota (Church and cemetery are located south and east of Hammond, Minnesota., Transcribed by RLNielsen), Charles Witzke's name was spelled "Karl" in his confirmation record.
- 7 Wabasha Co. (MN) 1920 U.S. Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Household of Charles Witzke in Hammond village (age 38, b. Wisc, butcher), wife Luella (age 33, b. Minn), dau. Ethel (age 9, b. Minn), dau. Viola (age 6, b. Minn), and son Merrill (age 4, b. Minn).
- 8 Goodhue Co. (MN) 1930 U.S. Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Household of Charles Witzke in Red Wing city (age 48, b. Wisconsin, m. at 30 yrs old, conductor on steam railroad), wife Luella (age 45, b. Minnesota, m. at 24 yrs old), step?child Ethel Burch (age 18, b. Minn), dau. Viola (age 16, b. Minn), and son Merrill E (age 14, b. Minn).
- 9 Wabasha Co. (MN) 1885 State Census (Ancestry.com), Zumbro twp, South Troy P.O. Gustof [sic] Witzkey [sic] (age 33, b. Germany), Pauline (age 26, b. Germany), Annie (age 7, b. Germany), Carl (age 4, b. Minn), and Ida (age 1, b. Minn). Carl's birthplace differs from "Wisconsin" identified in his obit. and by Esther Pittman's family records.
- 10 Dalby Database (<http://www.dalbydata.com>, Owatonna Public Library, 2008), Grave located in Sec. C.
- 11 Obituary of Viola Leeson, in "The Family of Gustave and Pauline Witzke", a personal family history by Esther Ruth Witzke Pittman, transcribed by Jean Pittman Nielsen. ...preceded in death by her husband; her brother, Merrill; and sister, Ethel Birch.
- 12 Obituary of Viola Leeson.
- 13 Find-a-Grave Web Site (<http://www.findagrave.com>,), Viola Mae Witzke Leeson. Burnside Cemetery; <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=37544142>.
- 14 Obituary of Merrill Witzke.
- 15 Obituary of Anthony Witzke.
- 16 Nielsen, Jean (Pittman) (Personal communication).

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