

Frederick Edward and Ida Wilhelmine (Witzke) Ranfranz

Generation 1

1. **Ida Wilhelmine Witzke-1** [1, 2, 3, 4]. She was born on 02 Sep 1883 in Hammond, Wabasha, Minnesota, USA [1]. Baptism on 14 Oct 1883 in Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Congregation, Bremen, Wabasha, Minnesota [2]. Confirmation on 03 Apr 1898 in Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Congregation, Bremen, Wabasha, Minnesota [2]. Fact 1900 (Waiter in hotel in Rochester, Minnesota) [5]. She died on 15 Nov 1977 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1].

Frederick Edward Ranfranz is the son of William Ranfranz and Ottilie Kuehn [1, 6, 7, 8]. He was born on 29 Apr 1877 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [5, 7, 8]. He died on 25 Jan 1970 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1].

Notes for Frederick Edward Ranfranz:

General Notes:

Fred's father either passed away or divorced his mother prior to about 1890. His mother, Ottilie, remarried Daniel Sonnenberg about 1890. They lived in Rochester Minnesota where Daniel either owned or managed a hotel (1900 Federal Census).

Frederick Edward Ranfranz and Ida Wilhelmine Witzke. They were married on 11 Oct 1900 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1]. They had 5 children.

Relationship Notes:

Ida likely met Fred while working as a waiter in his step-father's hotel in Rochester, Minnesota (1900 Federal Census).

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 - i. **Leo A. Ranfranz** [1]. He was born on 10 Jul 1901 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1]. He married Ivy Clark. They were married on 21 Aug 1925 [1]. He died on 20 May 1965 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1].
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 - ii. **Florence Clara Ranfranz** [1]. She was born on 24 Jul 1903 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1]. She married Rinehardt Schwanke. They were married on 30 Oct 1924 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1]. She died on 28 May 1982 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1].
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 - iii. **Carl A. Ranfranz** [1]. He was born on 29 May 1905 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1]. He married Pearl Roose. They were married on 02 Jul 1927 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1]. He died on 08 Dec 1967 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1].
 - iv. **Edna Ranfranz** [1]. She was born on 21 Oct 1908 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1, 9]. She married Roy Howard. They were married on 06 Sep 1945 [1]. She died on 17 Apr 1974 in New Mexico [1, 9]. Burial in Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas [10].
 - v. **Harold Frederick Ranfranz** [1, 11]. He was born on 26 Sep 1915 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1, 11]. He married Catherine Griffin. They were married on 11 Jun 1942 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1]. He died on 23 Jun 1972 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1, 11].

Generation 2

2. **Leo A. Ranfranz-2** (Ida Wilhelmine Witzke-1) [1]. He was born on 10 Jul 1901 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1]. He died on 20 May 1965 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA [1].

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Ivy Clark ^[1, 12]. She was born on 28 Oct 1902 ^[1]. She died 1983 in Wabasha, Minnesota, USA ^[12].

Leo A. Ranfranz and Ivy Clark. They were married on 21 Aug 1925 ^[1]. They had 2 children.

5. i. **Myrtle Ranfranz** ^[1, 12]. She was born on 01 Aug 1926 ^[1, 12]. She died Mar 1987 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA ^[12]. She married Frank Simmons. They were married Unknown.

6. ii. **Glen Ranfranz** ^[1]. He was born on 17 Jul 1928 ^[1]. He married Lois Rollins. They were married Unknown.

3. **Florence Clara Ranfranz-2** (Ida Wilhelmine Witzke-1) ^[1]. She was born on 24 Jul 1903 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA ^[1]. She died on 28 May 1982 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA ^[1].

Rinehardt Schwanke ^[1]. He was born on 02 Apr 1895 ^[1]. He died on 14 Dec 1943 ^[1].

Rinehardt Schwanke and Florence Clara Ranfranz. They were married on 30 Oct 1924 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA ^[1]. They had 3 children.

7. i. **Dorothy Schwanke** ^[1]. She was born on 14 Feb 1926 ^[1]. She married Victor Kretzmann. They were married on 14 Nov 1948 ^[1].

ii. **Donald Schwanke** ^[1]. He was born on 20 Jul 1932 ^[1]. He died on 06 Dec 1932 ^[1].

8. iii. **Marjorie Schwanke** ^[1]. She was born on 05 Aug 1936 ^[1]. She married Melvin Stephan. They were married on 14 Dec 1957 ^[1].

Andy Olson ^[1]. He was born on 02 Apr 1891 ^[1]. He died on 31 May 1959 ^[1].

Andy Olson and Florence Clara Ranfranz. They were married on 02 Jun 1946 ^[1]. They had no children.

4. **Carl A. Ranfranz-2** (Ida Wilhelmine Witzke-1) ^[1]. He was born on 29 May 1905 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA ^[1]. He died on 08 Dec 1967 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA ^[1].

Pearl Roose ^[1]. She was born on 02 Sep 1904 ^[1]. She died on 27 May 1963 ^[1].

Carl A. Ranfranz and Pearl Roose. They were married on 02 Jul 1927 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA ^[1]. They had 1 child.

i. **Richard Ranfranz** ^[1]. He was born on 25 Apr 1928 ^[1]. He died on 08 Oct 1951 in Korea ^[1].

Generation 3

5. **Myrtle Ranfranz-3** (Leo A. Ranfranz-2, Ida Wilhelmine Witzke-1) ^[1, 12]. She was born on 01 Aug 1926 ^[1, 12]. She died Mar 1987 in Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, USA ^[12].

Frank Simmons ^[1].

Frank Simmons and Myrtle Ranfranz. They were married Unknown. They had 2 children.

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- i. **Randy Simmons** ^[1]. He was born on 26 Nov 1952 ^[1].
 - ii. **Bryan Simmons** ^[1]. He was born on 26 Jun 1956 ^[1].
6. **Glen Ranfranz-3** (Leo A. Ranfranz-2, Ida Wilhelmine Witzke-1) ^[1]. He was born on 17 Jul 1928 ^[1].
- Lois Rollins** ^[1, 12].

Glen Ranfranz and Lois Rollins. They were married Unknown. They had 3 children.

- i. **Tommy Ranfranz** ^[1]. He was born on 02 Jun 1951 ^[1].
 - ii. **Suanna Ranfranz** ^[1]. She was born on 29 Apr 1954 ^[1].
 - iii. **Sandra Jean Ranfranz** ^[1]. She was born Jun 1958 ^[1].
7. **Dorothy Schwanke-3** (Florence Clara Ranfranz-2, Ida Wilhelmine Witzke-1) ^[1]. She was born on 14 Feb 1926 ^[1].

Victor Kretzmann ^[1]. He was born on 15 Jul 1922 ^[1].

Victor Kretzmann and Dorothy Schwanke. They were married on 14 Nov 1948 ^[1]. They had 3 children.

- i. **David Kretzmann** ^[1]. He was born on 05 Sep 1949 ^[1].
9. ii. **Mark Kretzmann** ^[1]. He was born on 20 May 1951 ^[1].
- iii. **Charles Kretzmann** ^[1]. He was born on 05 Mar 1953 ^[1]. He married Chin Hui. They were married on 17 Nov 1979 ^[1].
8. **Marjorie Schwanke-3** (Florence Clara Ranfranz-2, Ida Wilhelmine Witzke-1) ^[1]. She was born on 05 Aug 1936 ^[1].

Melvin Stephan ^[1]. He was born on 08 Mar 1933 ^[1].

Melvin Stephan and Marjorie Schwanke. They were married on 14 Dec 1957 ^[1]. They had 3 children.

- i. **Gale Stephan** ^[1]. He was born on 08 Jul 1962 ^[1].
- ii. **Troy Stephan** ^[1]. He was born on 19 Nov 1964 ^[1].
- iii. **Bruce Stephan** ^[1]. He was born on 22 Jan 1968 ^[1].

Generation 4

9. **Mark Kretzmann-4** (Dorothy Schwanke-3, Florence Clara Ranfranz-2, Ida Wilhelmine Witzke-1) ^[1]. He was born on 20 May 1951 ^[1].

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9. Mark Kretzmann and unknown spouse. They had 1 child.

i. **Eric Kretzmann** ^[1].

Sources

- 1 Pittman, Esther (Witzke) (Personal communication).
- 2 Parish Records of Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Congregation Bremen, Hammond, Minnesota (Church and cemetery are located south and east of Hammond, Minnesota., Transcribed by RLNielsen).
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 Olmsted Co. (MN) 1900 Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Rochester city, 25 W. 5th St. Daniel Sonnenberg (age 51, b. Oct 1848 Germany, hotel operator), wife Otilie (age 51, b. Feb 1849 Germany, m. 10 yrs), son Herman (age 24, b. Mar 1876 Minn), stepson Fred Ranfranz (age 23, b. Apr 1877 Minn, bartender), stepson Henry Ranfranz (age 18, b. Jan 1882 Minn, butcher), stepson Albert Ranfranz (age 15, b. June 1884), stepson Eddie Ranfranz (age 12, b. June 1887), servant cook Anna Witzke (age 22, b. Feb 1878 Germany, immigr 1880), servant waiter Ida Witzke (age 16, b. Sept 1883), plus a few other servants and boarders.
- 6 Olmsted Co. (MN) 1910 Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Rochester city, 107 Winona Ave. Household of Fredrick E Ranfranz (age 32, m. 10 yrs, b. Minn, laborer at brewery), wife Ida M (age 26, m. 10 yrs, b. Minn), son Leo A (age 8, b. Minn), dau. Florence C (age 6, b. Minn), son Carl A (age 4, b. Minn), dau. Edna D (age 1, b. Minn), and sister-in-law Olga A Witzke (age 18, b. Minn, weaver at rug factory).
- 7 Olmsted Co. (MN) 1880 Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Rochester city. Household of William Ranfranz (age 33, b. Ohio, cooper), wife Orthelia (age 29, b. Minn), son Gustave (age 10, b. Minn), dau. Emma (age 6, b. Minn), son Fritz (age 3, b. Minn), and son William (age 11m, b. July, Minn). RLN speculates that "Orthelia" is the same person as "Otilie" identified as the mother of Fred Ranfranz in the 1900 Olmsted Co census; in which Fred and his bro's are identified as step-sons of Daniel Sonnenberg. If true, then William Ranfranz is the father of Fred.
- 8 Ancestry.com, World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005), www.ancestry.com, Database online. Registration Location: Olmsted County, Minnesota; Roll: 1675771; Draft Board: 0. Record for Frederick Edward Ranfranz.
- 9 Ancestry.com, Social Security Death Index (Provo, UT, USA, The Generations Network, Inc., 2007), www.ancestry.com, Edna Howard, b. 21 Oct 1908, d. Apr 1974, last residence Aztec, San Juan, New Mexico.
- 10 Find-a-Grave Web Site (<http://www.findagrave.com>,), Edna Pauline Howard, b. 21 Oct 1908, d. 17 Apr 1974, SK2 US Navy; Plot I, 0, 2756. Fort Bliss National Cemetery; <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=807921> (Given the identical birth and death dates plus the existence of a memorial for Roy Howard in the same cemetery, RLN speculates this is indeed the daughter of Fred and Ida (Witzke) Ranfranz.).
- 11 Ancestry.com, Minnesota Death Index, 1908-2002 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2001), www.ancestry.com, Database online. Record for Harold Frederick Ranfranz.
- 12 Ranfranz Family Tree (<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/12625474/person/-213516610>, Ancestry.com, Accessed March 2010).

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