
Henry and Anna Bertha (Witzke) Kloempken

Generation 1

1. **Anna Bertha Witzke-1** [1, 2]. She was born on 18 May 1877 in Germany [3, 4, 2]. Fact 1900 in Glencoe, McLeod, Minnesota, USA (Lived w/ parents and daughter.) [3]. Fact 2 1905 in Stillwater, Washington, Minnesota, USA (Resided w/ husband Henry Kloempken, children, and mother Adolphine.) [2]. Fact 3 1910 (Resided w/ family in Stillwater, Washington Co, Minnesota.) [5]. Fact 4 1920 (Resided w/ family in Whitefish, Flathead Co, Montana.) [6]. Fact 5 1930 (Resided w/ family in Hoquiam, Grays Harbor Co, Washington.) [7].

___ **Bender** [3]. He was born in Wisconsin, USA [8].

___ Bender and Anna Bertha Witzke. They were married Abt. 1895 in Wisconsin, USA [3]. They had 1 child.

- i. **Lucy Bender** [3, 2, 5]. She was born Dec 1897 in Wisconsin, USA [3, 2].

Henry Kloempken [2, 9]. He was born Abt. 1873 in Minnesota, USA [2]. Occupation Bet. 1905–1930 in Minnesota and Washington (Carpenter) [10, 11, 12]. Residence in McLeod, Minnesota [13].

Henry Kloempken and Anna Bertha Witzke. They were married on 10 Feb 1903 in Lester Prairie German Evangelical Church, Lester Prairie, Minnesota [14]. They had 6 children.

- i. **Lucy Bender** [3, 2, 5]. She was born Dec 1897 in Wisconsin, USA [3, 2].
- ii. **Ingard Kloempken** [2, 5, 6]. She was born on 29 Feb 1904 in Minnesota, USA [2, 5, 15]. She died on 05 Jul 1983 in Alameda, Alameda, California, USA [15]. She married ___ Keading. They were married Unknown. She was also known as Irma I Kloempken [15].
- iii. **Raymond J. Kloempken** [5, 7, 6]. He was born on 01 Oct 1906 in Minnesota, USA [5, 7, 16]. Military Service on 11 Mar 1942 in U.S. Army. He died on 09 Jun 1971 in Yuba, California, USA [16].

Notes for Raymond J. Kloempken:

General Notes:

[U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946, Ancestry.com]

Given the 1930 Census records that place Raymond's family in Grays Harbor County, Washington, this record for Raymond J Kloempken (born 1906 in Minnesota, living in Grays Harbor County, WA) probably identifies the same person. Raymond enlisted 11 Mar 1942 at Seattle as a Private. The record indicates he was married, 70 inches tall, and 142 lbs.

[New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 , Ancestry.com]

Lists Raymond J Kloempken, Staff Sgt, as a passenger on the USS General William M. Black arriving in New York from Naples, Italy 12 March 1945.

- iv. **Eugenia Kloempken** [5, 7, 6]. She was born Abt. Nov 1909 in Minnesota, USA [5, 7].
- v. **Faith Kloempken** [7, 6]. She was born Abt. 1912 in Minnesota, USA [7].

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- vi. **Teddy Gilbert Kloempken** [7, 17, 6]. He was born on 21 Jun 1916 in Montana, USA [7, 17]. He died on 10 Jan 1991 in Fresno, California, USA [17].

Sources

- 1 Ruth (Witzke) Lockerby, Faribault, MN 2001., Witzke Family Bible, Ruth Lockerby, 631 5th Ave SW, Faribault, MN 55021 (as of Apr 2001), Mrs. Lockerby sent me (Apr 2001) a photocopy of a family record page from a family bible, the handwriting of which she positively identified as her father's (Hans Baldwin).
- 2 Washington Co. (Minnesota) 1905 U.S. Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Stillwater city, 405 Sherburne & Pine. Henry Kloempken (age 32, b. MN, carpenter), Annie (age 28, b. Germany), Josie (age 8, b. MN), Inga (age 1 yr 8 m, b. MN), and Adolphine Witzke (age 66, b. Germany).
- 3 McLeod Co. (MN) 1900 Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Glencoe village. John R Witzke (age 57, b. Jan 1843 Germany, m. 34 yrs, immigr 1882, minister), wife Adolphine (age 58, b. Sep 1841 Germany, m. 34 yrs, immigr 1882, 6/2 children/living), dau Annie Bender (age 23, b. May 1873 Germany, m. 5 yrs, 1/1 child/living, immigr 1882), and granddau Lucy Bender (age 2, b. Dec 1897 WI).
- 4 Ruth (Witzke) Lockerby, Faribault, MN 2001., Witzke Family Bible, Ruth Lockerby, 631 5th Ave SW, Faribault, MN 55021 (as of Apr 2001), Mrs. Lockerby sent me (Apr 2001) a photocopy of a family record page from a family bible, the handwriting of which she positively identified as her father's (Hans Baldwin). Family record indicated a birth date for Anna Bertha Witzke of 18 May 1877.
- 5 Washington Co. (MN) 1910 Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Stillwater, Ward 2, 405 S. Sherburne St. Henry Kloempken (age 36, m1 for 15 yrs, b. MN, carpenter), wife Anna B. (age 32, m1 for 15 yrs, 6/4 children/living, b. Germany), dau Lucie (age 13, b. WI), dau Ingard (age 6, b. MN), son Raymond (age 3, b. MN), and dau Eugenie (age 7m, b. MN).
- 6 Flathead Co. (MT) 1920 Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Whitefish twp or town, South Whitefish. Henry Kloempken (age 45, b. MN, carpenter on railroad), wife Anna (age 40, b. WI), dau Ingard (age 15, b. MN), son Raymond (age 13, b. MN), dau Eugenie (age 10, b. MN), dau Faith (age 8, b. MN), and son Gilbert T. (age 3y 7m, b. MT).
- 7 Grays Harbor Co. (WA) 1930 Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Hoquiam city, 2312 Sumner Ave. Henry Kloempken (57 yrs, born Minnesota, carpenter), Anna (52 yrs, born Wisconsin), Ray (23 yrs, born Minn, civil engineer), Eugenie (20 yrs, born Minn, clerk), Faith (18 yrs, born Minn, stenographer), and Teddy (14 yrs, born Montana).
- 8 McLeod Co. (MN) 1900 Federal Census (Ancestry.com), The birthplace of the father of Lucy Bender (dau. of Anna Witzke Bender) was listed as Wisconsin. Furthermore, the census indicates that Anna Bender had been married for 5 years which would put her marriage date at 1895.
- 9 The Lester Prairie News, Obituary of Hans Baldwin Witzke (16 Aug 1928), Henry Kloempken identified as husband of Anna Witzke.
- 10 Washington Co. (Minnesota) 1905 U.S. Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Kloempken, Henry (32 yrs old) resident of MN 32 yrs, 1 yr in Enum. Distr., carpenter; Annie (daughter of Adolphine?) (28 yrs old, b. Ger) resident of MN 8 yrs; Josie (sp?) (granddaughter of Adolphine?) (8 yrs old) resident of MN 8 yrs; ___?___ (1 yr old female) resident of MN 1 yr 8 mth, and Witzke, Adolphine (66 yrs old) resident of MN 8 yrs, all residing at 405 Sherburne & Pine in Stillwater.
- 11 Washington Co. (MN) 1910 Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Kloempken, Henry (36 yrs old), m. 15 yrs, b. MN, carpenter; Annie B. (32 yrs old), 6 children/4 living; Lucie (18 yrs old), b. WI; Ingard (sp?) (6 yrs old), b. MN; Raymond (3 yrs old), b. MN; Eugenia (7 mths old), b. MN.
- 12 Grays Harbor Co. (WA) 1930 Federal Census (Ancestry.com), Henry Kloempken listed as carpenter.
- 13 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: McLeod County, Minnesota; Roll: 1675517; Draft Board: 0. Record for Henry Christoff Kloempken.
- 14 Church Records, Lester Prairie Evangelical United Church of Christ (Copy at McLeod County Historical Society.), Henry and Anna were married in 1903 by her father H. Baldwin Witzke.

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- 15 California Death Index, 1940-1997 [database on-line] (Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., Ancestry.com, 2000), Record for Irma I Keading, born 29 Feb 1904 in Minnesota, died 5 July 1983 in Alameda California. Mother's maiden name was "Witzke". Father's surname was "Kloempken". The given name in this record disagrees with that of "Inga" or "Ingard" found in early census records, but those were difficult to read anyway.
- 16 California Death Index, 1940-1997 [database on-line] (Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., Ancestry.com, 2000), This record cites the death of Raymond J Kloempken, born 1 Oct 1906 in Minnesota, on 9 June 1971 in Yuba, California. The similarity in birth year and state leads me to speculate that this is the same Raymond Kloempken, son of Henry and Anna Bertha Witzke Kloempken.
- 17 California Death Index, 1940-1997 [database on-line] (Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., Ancestry.com, 2000), Record for Teddy Gilbert Kloempken, born 21 June 1916 in Montana, died 10 January 1991 in Fresno California. Mother's maiden name was "Witzke".

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