

Chapter 7: Timeline of the Family Mary Bloedow Kuehl and William Kuehl

1797 is the first known date in the timeline of our ancestors. We know names, but not birth and death dates, of early relatives. If we have no information on the great grandparents of William Kuehl, how is it that we have their names? The answer is that on his death certificate, Friedrich Kuehl is said to be “son of Michael Kühl and Sophie Berkmann/Burkman/Bukmann Kühl.” And on the birth/baptism certificate of Wilhelm Haseleu, is “father: Wilhelm Haseleu. Mother: Sophia Neumanns Haseleu.”

Information on the paternal Bloedow and maternal Lück grandparents of Mary Bloedow Kuehl comes from family genealogist Otto Fredrich Bloedow. After the great grandparents, the timeline in this chapter is more complete. It is a handy reference to major events in the life histories of Mary and William going back over 200 years.

NOTE: In the timeline below, where birth dates are not known, we made estimates, writing them as “birth circa (plus a date range).” We began with the known birth date of our relative and worked backwards taking into account several factors: 1) In the 1700s, because average life spans were shorter than today, 20 years was considered a generation, rather than today’s 25 years. 2) The husband was often a few years older than the wife. 3) We made an allowance for not knowing where in the birth order our forbear was in each family.



Paternal Great Grandparents of William Kuehl

Note: both William’s paternal and maternal grandmothers were similarly named - Sophie and Sophia

(date unknown) Michael Kühl, farmer; lived in Zadelow, County of Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, Kingdom of Prussia, Holy Roman Empire
Birth circa 1774-1784

- paternal great grandfather of William Kuehl

(date unknown) Sophie Kühl nee Berkman/Burkman/Bukman; lived in Zadelow, County of Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, Kingdom of Prussia, Holy Roman Empire
Birth circa 1777-1787

- paternal great grand-mother of William Kuehl

Maternal Great Grandparents of William Kuehl

(date unknown) Wilhelm Haseleu
Birth circa 1763-1773

- maternal great grandfather of William Kuehl
- We have no further information on this generation

(date unknown) Sophia Haseleu nee Neumanns
Birth circa 1766-1776

- maternal great grandmother of William Kuehl
- We have no further information on this generation

Paternal Great Grandparents of Mary Bloedow Kuehl

(date unknown) We have no information on this generation
Birth circa 1776-1789

Maternal Great Grandparents of Mary Bloedow Kuehl

(date unknown) We have no information on this generation
Birth circa 1784-1797

NOTE: In the next few sections of timeline, we’ve written the word Germany in brackets - [Germany]. The modern nation of Germany did not exist in the time of our early ancestors. There were many Germanic states, and they made various alliances in their years as the Holy Roman Empire, the North German Confederation, and the German Empire. Many of these states, though not all, ultimately became modern Germany. We use “Germany” to indicate that regardless of this varied history, most of the area eventually became known as the nation of Germany.

Grandparents of Marie (Mary) Bloedow Kuehl

Note: Both Mary's paternal and maternal grandfathers were named Gotlieb

- (date unknown)**
Birth circa 1803-1813 **Gotlieb Blödown - likely born, died and lived in the area of Klein Silber, Kreis (county) Arnswalde, Province of Brandenburg, Kingdom of Prussia, [Germany]**
- paternal grandfather of Mary Bloedow Kuehl
- (date unknown)**
Birth circa 1806-1816 **Maria Blödown nee Lentz - likely born, died, and lived in the area of Klein Silber, Kreis (county) Arnswalde, Province of Brandenburg, Kingdom of Prussia, [Germany]**
- paternal grandmother of Mary Bloedow Kuehl
- (date unknown)**
Birth circa 1811-1821 **Gotlieb Karl Lück - likely born in the Province of Brandenburg or Province of Pomerania, Kingdom of Prussia, [Germany]; thought to have died in the area of St James, MN**
- maternal grandfather of Mary Bloedow Kuehl
- (date unknown)**
Birth circa 1814-1824 **Wilhelmina Lück nee Schlabritz/Schlabritzke - likely born, lived in area of Klein Silber, Kreis (county) Arnswalde, Province of Brandenburg, or in the neighboring Province of Pomerania, [Germany], and died in Brandenburg or neighboring Pomerania, Kingdom of Prussia, [Germany] between 1846-56**
- maternal grandmother of Mary Bloedow Kuehl

Grandparents of William Kuehl

- Nov. 14, 1797** **Wilhelm Haseleu - born November 14, 1797 in Guntersberg, Kreis (county) Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, Holy Roman Empire, [Germany]. Died on November 17, 1858 in Ziegenhagen, Kreis (county) Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, Kingdom of Prussia, Holy Roman Empire, [Germany], age 61 (farmer)**
- maternal grandfather of William Kuehl
- March, 1800** **Hanna Luise Haseleu nee Zühlke - born in March of 1800. Died on July 4, 1871, in Ziegenhagen, Kreis (county) Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, Kingdom of Prussia, Holy Roman Empire, [Germany], age 71**
- maternal grandmother of William Kuehl
- 1808** **Friedrich Kühl - born in 1808 in Zadelow, Kreis (county) Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, Kingdom of Prussia, [Germany]. Died on February 24, 1881, in Ziegenhagen, Kreis (county) Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, Kingdom of Prussia, [Germany], age 73, (property owner, farmer, "the shoemaker")**
- paternal grandfather of William Kuehl
- April 3, 1811** **Christina Kühl nee Hencke - born April 3, 1811 in Ziegenhagen, Kreis (county) Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, Kingdom of Prussia, [Germany]. Died April 27, 1879, age 68**
- paternal grandmother of William Kuehl

Parents of Mary and William Kuehl

- January 23, 1838** **Ferdinand Friedrich Wilhelm Blödown - born January 23, 1838, likely in Klein Silber, Kreis (county) Arnswalde, Province of Brandenburg, Kingdom of Prussia, a Germanic state. Died February 19, 1900, at home on his farm, Willow Lake Township near Wanda, Redwood County, MN.**
- father of Marie (Mary) Bloedow Kuehl
- April 22, 1839** **Karl Friedrich Kühl - born April 22, 1839 in Ziegenhagen, Kreis (county) Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, Kingdom of Prussia, [Germany]. Died January or February 1871, in Glogan, German Empire, of typhus as a soldier in the Franco-Prussian War.**
- father of William Kuehl
- May 18, 1844** **Auguste Christine Tugendreich Lück Blödown - born May 18, 1844, likely born, lived and died in Klein Silber, Kreis (county) Arnswalde, Province of Brandenburg, Kingdom of Prussia, [Germany]. Died October 21, 1933 at home of her daughter in Lamberton, Redwood County, MN.**
- mother of Marie (Mary) Bloedow Kuehl
- October 29, 1844** **Minna Maria Luise Haseleu Kühl - born October 29, 1844 in Ziegenhagen, Kreis (county) Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, Kingdom of Prussia, [Germany]. Died July 21, 1922, at her farm home near Konstantinopel, Saatzig, Pomerania, Prussia, [Germany].**
- mother of William Kuehl

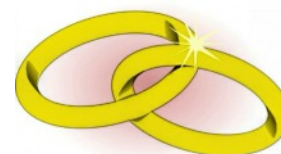
The family life is about to begin in America

- May 28, 1862** **Joseph Veigel - born May 28, 1862, first husband-to-be of Mary Bloedow**
- October 6, 1865** **Auguste Lück and Ferdinand Blödown married [in Germany] (parents of Mary Bloedow Kuehl)**
- June 28, 1866** **Wilhelm (William) Kühl - born June 28, 1866 in Ziegenhagen, Kreis (county) Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, the Kingdom of Prussia, [Germany], husband-to-be of Mary Bloedow**
- William is our grandfather
- 1867-1871** **22 independent German states, including Prussia, form the North German Confederation**
- September 1, 1870** **Marie (Mary) Blödown (Kuehl) - born September 1, 1870, Born in Klein Silber, Kries (county) Arnswalde, Province of Brandenburg, Germany**
- Mary is our grandmother
- January 18, 1871** **The Empire of Germany replaces the North German Confederation**
- January or February 1871** **Karl Friedrich Kuhl, age 31, dies January or February 1871 of typhus, as a soldier at Glogan in Franco-Prussian War of 1870–1871. Karl was born on April 22, 1839; he was the father of our grandfather William.**
- William is four and a half years old. (William is husband of Mary; he is our grandfather)
- July 4, 1872** **Minna Haseleu Kuhl (William’s widowed mother) marries Johann Friedrich Luloff**
- This is 1.5 years after death of William’s father. William is six years old.
 - Minna brings three Kühl sons to the marriage: August b. 1863, William b. 1866, and Siegfried b. 1869.
 - Together Minna and Johann have seven little Luloffs.
 - Lives on farm in Konstantinopel, Kreis (county) Saatzig, Province of Pomerania, Germany
- July 28, 1880** **Ferdinand and Auguste Bloedow and six children – including Mary, age 9 - arrive in New York City and establish residency in Springfield, MN**
- November 15, 1884** **Ferdinand’s first land purchase – the Bloedow Family homeplace**
- House and well, 40 acres in section 18, Willow Lake township, near Wanda
 - Ferdinand will purchase additional 40 acres in each of the next three years, to total 160 acres, a quarter section - the land that he will farm
 - Throughout his years as farmer, Ferdinand buys additional 200 acres which he gifts to sons William, Herman and August
 - In total, Ferdinand purchased 360 acres, over a half section of land



- Spring, 1885** **The Bloedow Family – Mary, age 15 - leaves Springfield, settles on land - 40 acres, the homeplace - near Wanda, MN**
- February 15, 1887** **Joseph Veigel’s land purchase, 160 acres, a quarter section in Section 6, Willow Lake township**
 ▪ Joseph’s farm is 2 miles north of where Mary Bloedow lived with her parents
- May 20, 1889** **William Kuehl, Mary’s future husband, arrives in New York City, USA at age twenty-two**
- October 30, 1889** **Mary Bloedow and Joseph Veigel - Marriage Date**
 ▪ Mary, age 19, Joseph at 27 is eight years older than Mary.
 ▪ Joseph Veigel was born in Minnesota, USA. Therefore, upon her marriage to Joseph Veigel, Mary becomes a citizen.
- March 05, 1891** **Anna Veigel - Birth Date**
- April 26, 1892** **George Veigel - Birth Date**
- August 15, 1893** **Joseph Veigel - Death Date, Age 31. Joseph dies of consumption (tuberculosis)**
 ▪ Mary, widow at age 22

William and Mary begin life together



- February 15, 1894** **Mary Bloedow and William Kuehl - Marriage Date**
 ▪ Mary (age 23) and William (age 27) marry six months after the death of her first husband
 ▪ Mary brings children Anna (2 years, 10 months)and George (1 year, 9 months) to the marriage
- October 17, 1894** **Albert Kuehl - Birth Date**
 ▪ Albert is born eight months after marriage of William and Mary
- December 29, 1894** **Land of Joseph Veigel transferred to “Mary Kuehl, formerly Mary Veigel, widow of Joseph Veigel, deceased” (as stated on deed)**
 ▪ Mary and William begin their marriage with a quarter section of land, which became known as the “Kuehl homeplace”
 ▪ The homeplace is where Mary gave birth to all seven of her children and where Charlie, Gustie, Ted, and Bill spend their childhood

The sorrows and joys of children

- February 14, 1895** **Albert Kuehl - Dies at 3 months 28 days of grippe (flu)**
- January 18, 1896** **Charles Kuehl (Charley) Birth Date**
 ▪ Given the name of Mary’s brother
- February 8, 1896** **Anna Veigel - Dies at 4 years 11 months and 3 days of age**
- February 8, 1896** **George Veigel - Dies at 3 years 9 months and 12 days of age**
 ▪ Anna and George Veigel die the same day of diphtheria
- February 1, 1897** **William, Mary’s husband, becomes citizen of United States of America**
 ▪ Ferdinand Bloedow, signs as witness for his son-in-law
 ▪ Mary has been three years a citizen

- February 4 1897** **Ferdinand Bloedow, Mary's father, becomes citizen of United States of America**
- William, married three years to Ferdinand's daughter, signs as witness for father in law
 - William has now been a citizen for three days
- August 18 1899** **Augusta Marie (Gustie) Kuehl - Birth Date**
- Given the name of Mary's mother (and sister)
- February 19, 1900** **Ferdinand Bloedow, Mary's father's Death Date (born January 23, 1838) Age 62**
- Augusta lives as widow another thirty-three years

Expanding the farm ... and family

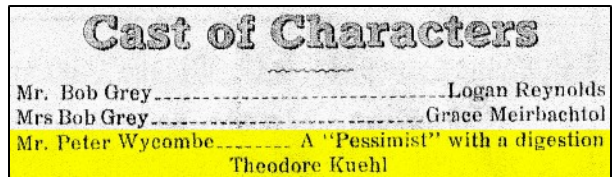
- November 30, 1901** **William Kuehl purchases 80 acres in section 5, Willow Lake Township, adjacent to the homeplace**
- February 17, 1903** **Theodore Edward Kuehl (Ted) - Birth Date**
- June 14, 1905** **William Arthur Kuehl (Bill) - Birth Date**
- The last child to be born to Mary and William. Bill is given the name of his father
- February 27, 1907** **Augusta Bloedow pays off the homeplace, entire 160 acres - a quarter section - purchased by Ferdinand**
- She receives Patent (deed of ownership) from State of Minnesota
- March 13, 1907** **Augusta gives the 160 acre Bloedow Family Homeplace to son Charlie for \$1.00**
- July 10, 1913** **William Kuehl adds to 160 acres and 80 acres with purchase of 80 acres one and a half miles south of Kuehl homeplace - "the Lower 80" in Section 18, Willow Lake.**
- William now farms 320 acres, a half section of land
- February 20, 1917** **William and Mary sell "Lower 80" acres in section 18 to son Charley**
- March 8, 1919** **Charley returns "Lower 80" acres to father William for one dollar**
- Apparently Charley continued to work this land, as Elvera and Ardyce remember Charley writing rent checks to his dad
- 1919** **Son Charley purchases 160 acres in Section 5, Willow Lake Township**
- The land is connected at a point to the farm of Charley's parents, William and Mary

Beginning of the empty nest

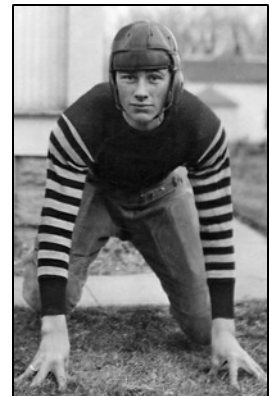
- September 11, 1919** **Charley Kuehl marries Martha Frederika Lehne of rural Springfield. Married at St Paul Lutheran Church, Springfield**
- The newly married couple moves onto the newly purchased farmstead where they will raise their three daughters and reside for the next 58 years
- September 16, 1920** **Augusta Marie (Gustie) Kuehl marries Edward (Ed) Sandmann. Married at Christ Lutheran Church, Wanda**
- Gustie and Ed live on homestead in Burnstown Township, Springfield for the next 38 years.
 - In 1958 they build a house on the vacant lot aside of and owned by Gustie's mother Mary. Gustie looks after our Grandma Kuehl washing her clothes, doing the bigger house cleaning chores and many little caretaking tasks that enable Mary to live in her home for the rest of her days

Mary and William leave the farm and move to Springfield

- 1920** **Mary and William leave the farm in Willow Lake Township, near Wanda and move with Ted and Bill to 415 North Cass Avenue, Springfield, Minnesota**
- House at 415 North Cass Avenue is built in 1920. Mary and William have a brand new home. (Source: Brown County online property records)
 - For Mary, it was moving back to the town where she lived when she was nine to her fifteenth year. For William it is where he spent his first five years in Minnesota.
 - Charley age 24 is married. Gustie age 21 is married. Ted is 17. Bill is 15
- February 16, 1921** **William and Mary sell 168 acres (the Kuehl homeplace) to Edward Baune of Granville, Sioux County, Iowa**
- February 16, 1921** **William and Mary sell 80 acres (adjacent to 168 acres) to Lawrence Baune of Granville, Sioux County, Iowa**
- July 21, 1922** **Minna Kuehl Luloff, William’s mother, dies on her farm in Konstantinopel, Kreis Saatzig, Pomerania. (Born: Oct 29, 1844) Age 78**
- Spring 1923** **Ted graduates from Springfield High School**
- He was in the senior class play “The time of His life”
- May 29, 1924** **Bill graduates from Springfield High School**
- He plays football for the Springfield Tigers
- 1924-1925** **Ted and Bill attend and graduate from the Minneapolis Business College in banking, June 15, 1925**
- Ted’s daughter Marion says Ted wanted to be an attorney; Bill, a banker. But the boys were each other’s best buddy and stuck together. They became bankers and best man for each other on their wedding days.



Ted’s character in senior class play



Bill is left guard on his high school team

William dies; Mary’s long life as a widow

- October 26, 1926** **William Kuehl, Mary’s husband Death Date, age 60**
- Mary lives as a widow for another thirty-eight years
- July 05, 1931** **Theodore (Ted) Kuehl marries Gertrude Anthonisen at 221 Bedford SE, Minneapolis, home of her parents**
- Before marriage, Gert teaches home economics and biology in the Lamberton high school. Ted is the assistant cashier at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. The couple make their home and raise their family in Lamberton.
- October 21, 1933** **Auguste Lueck Bloedow, Mary’s Mother’s Death Date (born May 18, 1844) Age 89. She died at the home of daughter Augusta (Gustie) Lauer, Lamberton, MN, where she had lived her final ten years.**
- November 5, 1936** **William (Bill) Kuehl marries Elizabeth Augusta Gertrude von Fischer at St Paul Lutheran Church, Springfield, her father officiating**
- The couple make their home and raise their family in Walnut Grove.
 - Bill was the last to leave the nest, having lived nine years with his widow mother Mary
 - Bill spent the year before marriage in Walnut Grove encouraging businessmen to become major bank stockholders. Upon this success, he secured a charter for the new Citizens State Bank in Walnut Grove.

- January 24, 1962** **Mary Kuehl sells the “lower 80” acres, 45 years after purchase, to Joe W. Schilling**
- Mary, widow, is now 92 years of age
 - For Joe Schilling this is prize property. He farms 160 acres just across the road

The passing of Mary and her children

- November 14, 1964** **Mary Bloedow Kuehl - Death Date Age 94**
- Mary dies in her own home, her children at her bedside, grandchildren, son-and-daughters-in-law fill her home, each having said their goodbyes

- June 22, 1975** **William Arthur (Bill, Wm. A) Kuehl - Death Date, Age 70.**
- Banker, President and Founder of Citizens State Bank, Walnut Grove
 - Wife Elizabeth (Lee); Children William Lloyd (married to Marilyn Elkins), Ronald Lee (married to Debra Kampa), Phyllis AnnMarie (married to Allen Zumach)

- August 19, 1981** **Charley Ferdinand Kuehl - Death Date, Age 85**
- Farmer of land connected at a point to that of his parents William and Mary, the farm of his birth, childhood and youth
 - Wife Martha; Children Lydia, Elvera Augusta (married to Elmer Hoffman), Marie Ella (married to Marvin Rhodes), Ardyce Elaine (married to Vernon Anderson)

- August 21, 1981** **Augusta Marie (Kuehl) Sandmann - Death Date, Age 82**
- Homemaker, Caregiver, Partner in Farming, Springfield
 - Husband Edward Sandmann; Children Arnold (married to Marjorie Kersten), Dorothy Marie Ernestine (married to Robert Simon)

- May 7, 1983** **Theodore Edward (Ted, T.E.) Kuehl - Death Date, Age 80**
- Banker, President of Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Lamberton
 - Wife, Gertrude; Children Norma Jean (married to Bill Click), Marion Borghild (married to Rufus Robbins), James J. (Married to Judith Luttmann)

In her later years, this small two-windowed room was Grandma Mary’s bedroom. It was here that she peacefully slipped away.



On left Former home of William and Mary Kuehl , Photo 2013
 415 N Cass Avenue, Springfield, MN; built 1920.

On right Former home of daughter Gustie and Ed Sandmann,
 411 N Cass Avenue, Springfield, MN; built in 1950



Grandma Kuehl and Grandchildren - Dorothy and Arnold Sandmann, and Elvera Kuehl

Circa 1926