



THEY CAME



BEEBE, PERLEBERG, QUADE, ZILLES & SEARLES FAMILIES



From Germany to America

Beebe
Pereleberg
Quade
Zilles
Searles

Germany



They left their countries
They crossed the oceans
They came to America
The land of freedom and liberty

From Germany came some of my ancestral relatives and they are brought to light here in this book. Old photographs were gathered and selected, some got the nod for high-quality restoration and others presented just for their everyday snapshot value to depict the times.

Some anecdotal memories are recounted along with dates of birth, marriage and death.

Our ancestors, through their hard work and strong spirit, managed to assimilate themselves into the cultural tapestry, first in their ethnic communities and then setting out in diverse ways to become the new Americans.

Dedicating this book to my mother who's life spanned over a hundred years, who lived in the old days as well as the modern times, and who inspired the ancestral spirit in myself, is the obvious choice. —James Searles

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Beebe

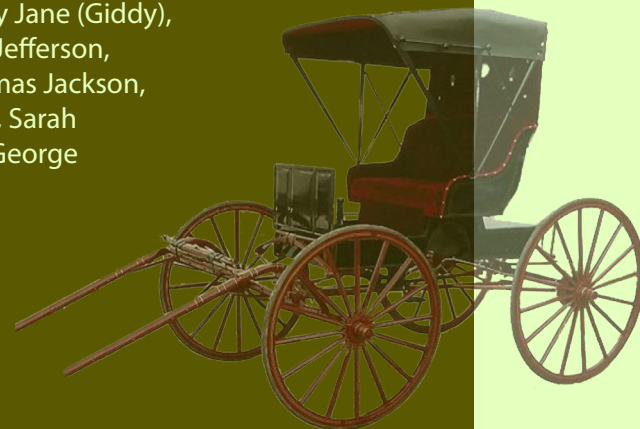
Lemuel Charles Beebe,
born 1829, died 1875.

Born the son of John D and Sarah Beebe. During the Civil War years in Harpers Ferry, Virginia, he burned down his store to keep the advancing enemy from getting supplies. He married Mary Hughes in 1850, later moved to Springfield, Ohio where son Charles Beebe was born. The family then moved to Vandalia, Illinois.

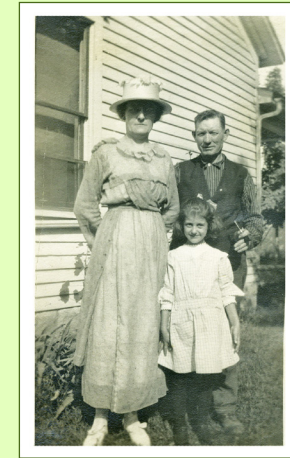


Lemuel Charles Beebe,
1829-1875 and
Mary (Hughes) Beebe,
1828-1877

They had five sons and two daughters, Mary Jane (Giddy), James William, Jefferson, George C., Thomas Jackson, Charles Lemuel, Sarah Catherine and George Franklin Beebe.



Charles Beebe toting his young passenger Quadine Zilles.



Mrs. Jacobson, Charles Beebe, Quadine Zilles

KAUKAUNA NEWS

SURPRISE PARTY

Mrs. Charles Beebe was pleasantly surprised on Saturday by a number of friends, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. Cards were played and prizes won by Jacob Regenfuss, Henry Meinart, Mrs. Henry Meinart and Mrs. Jacob Regenfuss. Lunch was served following cards. The guests presented Mrs. Beebe with several nice gifts.

CHARLES BEEBE SUCCUMBS AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Charles L. Beebe, 71, passed away at his home, 723 Oviatt Street, Friday following a two-month illness.

The deceased was born in Springfield, Ohio, on October 28, 1865. He came to Kaukauna in 1900 from Batavia, Illinois, when the Union Bag and Paper Corporation opened its mill here. He was employed for a time in that mill. Later he worked as a millwright at the Thilmany Pulp and Paper Company. He also worked at the Chicago and North Western railroad shops. He was a member of the Borkaw Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, the Odd Fellow Lodge and the Loyal Order of Moose.

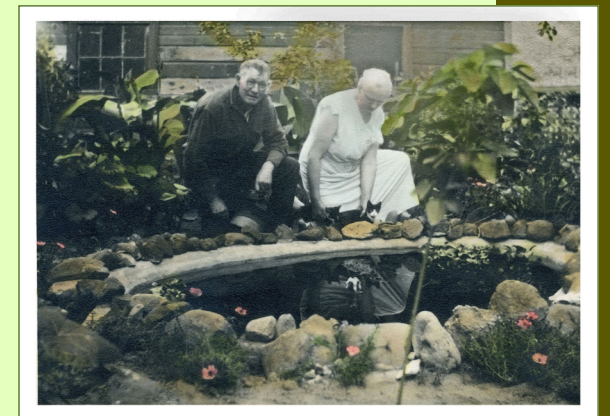
He was employed as bridge tender on the Lawe Street bridge prior to his illness.

Survivors are his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Staley of Aurora, Illinois and Quadine at home; one son, C. Frank Beebe, Downers Grove, Ill. Eight grandchildren and one grandchild also survive.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the home at 1:30 and from Brokaw Memorial Methodist Episcopal church at 2 o'clock. Rev. G.C. Sauderson, pastor, officiated. Interment was in the parish cemetery. Members of the Odd Fellow Lodge attended the funeral services in a body.

Pall bearers were Jacob Regenfuss, Louis Rogers, Ralph Whitman, Harold Frank, Alex Wolf and John Gerharz.

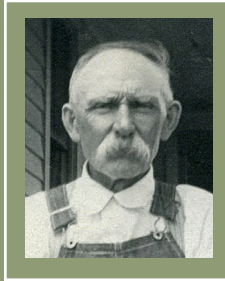
Out-of-town people who attended the funeral services included Mr. and Mrs. C. Frank Beebe, and son Richard of Downers Grove, Illinois; Mrs. William Staley, and Mrs. Theresa Nicholson of Aurora, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Gust Bauman of Tomah; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Perleberg, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McLaughlin of Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Zilles of New Butler; Mrs. Charles Gerds and daughter Alice of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. August Perleberg, sons Edwin and Clarence, of Lena; Mrs. Levern Peebles and Lorraine Perleberg of Shiocton, and Mrs. Charles Christensen of Appleton. (1937)



Charles Beebe and wife Minnie look over the water lily pond Charles constructed.

Perleberg

August Perleberg
b. 1853, in Germany
d. 1936 in Kaukauna,
Wisconsin



Johanna Quade b. 1857,
in Germany - married
August Perleberg, 1877.

Johanna and August,
50th Anniversary.



August Perleberg – b. 1853 in Germany d. -1936, Kaukauna, Wisconsin

Johanna Quade – b. 1857 in Germany. Married circa 1877

Wilhelmine (Minnie) Perleberg b. Nov. 28, 1877 in Germany, d. Feb. 7, 1953 in Kaukauna
m. **Charles Beebe**, Sept. 19, 1901

Bertha Perleberg – b. Aug. 27, 1881, d. July 28, 1913

August Perleberg – b. Jan. 12, 1889, d. Nov. 5, 1970

m. **Katherine Van Horn**, b. July 4, 1891, d. Apr. 7, 1982

Alice Perleberg – b. 1913

Clarence Perleberg – b. July 27, 1921

Frank E. Perleberg – b. April 23, 1892, d. Jan. 26, 1983, m. **Anna**

Ernest Perleberg – b. Sept. 15, 1895, d. Sept. 13, 1970

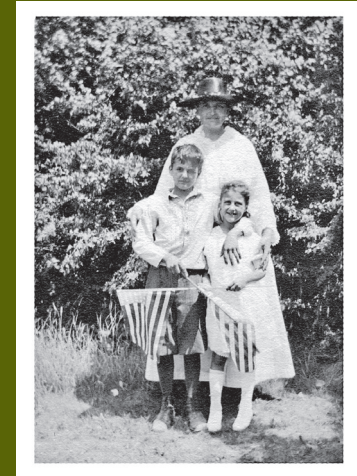
Matlida (Tillie) Perleberg – b. Nov. 16, 1896, d. Mar. 10, 1985

Phillip Perleberg – b. Sep. 15, 1895, d. Sept. 13, 1970

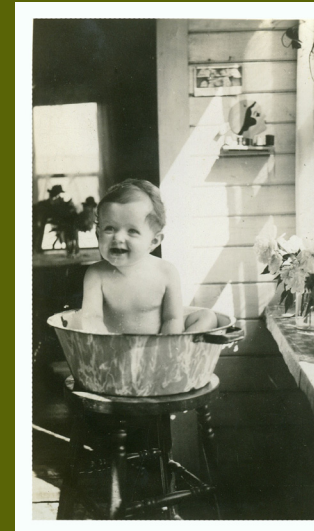
Hermann Perleberg – b. Feb. 4, 1899, d. Feb. 7, 1899



August Perleberg Jr. and August Perleberg Sr.,
father and son, enjoying the moment.



"Minnie" (Perleberg) Quade,
John M. Zilles and Quadine Zilles.



Baby's bath, typical of
the day.



August Perleberg Jr. out in the field with two
helpful steeds.



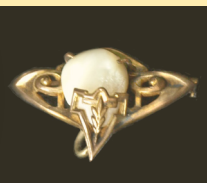
Time for milking. Hannah (Quade) Perleberg,
Elsa (Quade) Zilles with pail and stool, Minnie
(Perleberg) Beebe, Quadine Zilles, Alice Perleberg.

Ox cart or horse and buggy transportation was common in rural Wisconsin as it was in most of the country at the time. Dirt roads changed to paved streets as one approached the towns or cities. Even the lucky few who had autos would still use bicycles regularly, using the family car only for special occasions. Going into Kaukauna to see a movie at the Vaudette was a big event. Downtown parades were an exciting attraction and a shopping trip was always something special.

Quade

**Ferdinand Quade, 1831-1914 and
Johanne Augusta Sell, 1838-1921.**

From Prussia, they emigrated at Bremerhaven Germany with six of eight children. Arrived in Baltimore in 1883 and settled in Michigan.



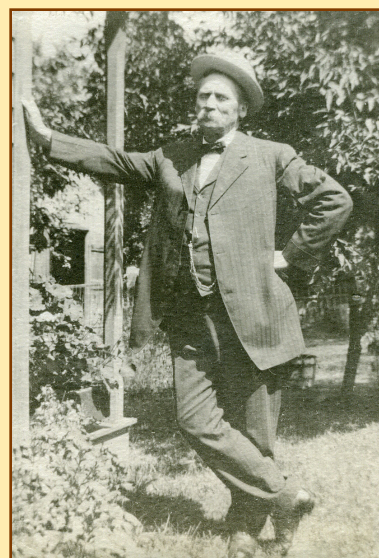
A jewelry pin worn by Augusta, has been passed down and is now in possession of the Searles family.

FAMILY OF PAPER MAKER DROWNED IN FOX RIVER

—Kaukauna, Wis. Sept. 6, 1900

Disaster overtook the family of Henry Quade, an employee of the Union Bag and Paper Company last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Quade and his family, consisting of his wife, three girls and four boys were attending a picnic below the fifth lock, and went out on the river in a boat. When about half way across the river, in about 12 or 13 feet of water, the boat was tipped over. Not one of those in the boat could swim and all sank in the water. Elsie, the girl clung to her father and when they came up he got hold of the boat and the two were thus saved.

These were drowned: Mrs. Matilda Quade, aged 33 years; Harold Quade, aged 10 years; Willie Quade, aged 8 years; Freddie Quade, aged 6 years. The oldest daughter 14 years of age had remained on shore to care for the infant boy Henry, three months old and her youngest sister Holdina, aged 3 years, else the whole family might have gone to the bottom.



Heinrich (Henry) F. Quade married Mathilda Buelow. They had seven children. After Mathilda died in 1900 as a result of a boating accident, he married Christine Ringer, resulting in two more children.

Ernst Ferdinand Quade – b. Oct. 15, 1831 in Germany, d. June 21, 1914, Manistee, Michigan

Johanne Augusta Sell – b. July 22, 1838 in Germany, d. Dec. 10, 1921, Manistee, Michigan

Heinrich (Henry) Ferdinand Quade – b. June 29, 1861, in Germany, d. Oct. 26, 1934, Ogdensburg, Wis.
m. 1. **Mathilda (Tillie) Buelow**, b. May 29, 1865, d. Aug. 26, 1900, Kaukauna, Wis.

Anna M. Quade – b. Oct. 9, 1886, in Milwaukee, d. May 26, 1981, Tomah, Wis.
m. **Edward M. Bluhm**

Edward W. Bluhm, b. July 2, 1912, Milwaukee

George Bluhm, b. July 2, 1915, Milwaukee

Elsa M. Quade – b. Jan. 12, 1889, in Kaukauna, d. Nov. 5, 1970, Milwaukee, Wis.
m. **John A. Zilles**, b. Dec. 25, 1885, married in 1907, Green Bay, Wis.

John Milton Zilles, b. Sept. 24, 1908, d. Dec. 14, 1980, West Allis, Wis.

Norman Scott Zilles, b. Dec. 27, 1938, d. Dec. 14, 1980, West Allis, Wis.

Donna Rae Zilles, b. Jan 4, 1944

Quadine E. Zilles, b. Mar. 6, 1913, Milwaukee, Wis.
m. **Kenneth E. Searles**, b. 1915, d. 2002, married 1941, Kaukauna, Wis.

Richard Searles

James L. Searles

Stewart Searles

Harold C.H. Quade – b. Feb. 18, 1890, in Kaukauna, d. Aug. 26, 1900, Kaukauna, Wis.

William F. Quade – b. July 18, 1892, in Kaukauna, d. Aug. 26, 1900, Kaukauna, Wis.

Fritz J. Quade – b. Sept. 7, 1894, in Kaukauna, d. Aug. 26, 1900, Kaukauna, Wis.

Holdina J. Quade – b. Nov. 26, 1897, d. Jan. 25, 1920, Milwaukee, Wis.
m. **Helmuth Krueger**

Harold Krueger, d. Nov. 25, 1977, Tomah, Wis.

Howard Krueger

Earl Krueger, d. Feb. 26, 1990, Long Beach Calif.

Henry Alvin Quade – b. May 28, 1900, d. Sept. 23, 1995, New York, NY
m. **Henrietta M. M. Weil**

Heinrich (Henry) Ferdinand Quade – b. June 29, 1861, in Germany, d. Oct. 26, 1934, Ogdensburg, Wis.
m. 2. **Christine Ringer**, b. Mar. 28, 1871, d. Nov. 3, 1902, Kaukauna, Wis.

Florence Ann Quade – b. Sept. 22, 1903, in Green Bay, d. July 15, 1945, Milwaukee, Wis.

George Quade – b. July 2, 1915, in Milwaukee

Milwaukee, Wis.
Nov. 28, 1940

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I August Quade am an uncle to Mrs. Chas. Beebe (My niece was born in the village of Naenschoff, the nearest city, Stat Neuwaedil, Kreuzarnatwalden, the Providence, Brandenburg, Germany.

Yours truly,

August Quade
5650 - No. 26th. St.
Milwaukee, Wis.

Letter from August Quade verifying that he is the uncle of Mrs. Charles Beebe (Wilhelmine "Minnie" Perleberg) and stating where she was born. August Quade's sister was Johanna Quade who married August Perleberg in 1877.



Henry Alvin Quade, 1900-1995, son of Heinrich (Henry) Ferdinand Quade, Kaukauna, Wisconsin and wife Henrietta Weil, 1899-1970 of Manila, Philippines were married in Shanghai, China on February 1, 1923. Eventually they moved to and spent the rest of their lives in New York City.

(Form No. 87—CONSULAR.)

TRIPPLICATE

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

American Consular Service,

Shanghai, China,

February 1, 1923.

I, N. F. Allman, Consul of the United States of America at Shanghai, China, do hereby certify that on this first day of February A. D. 1923, at No. 6 Young Allon Terrace, in the city of Shanghai, China, Henry Alvin Quade, a CITIZEN of the United States of America, aged twenty-two years, born in Kaukauna, Wis., and now residing in Shanghai, China, and Henrietta M. M. Weil, a CITIZEN of the Philippine Islands, aged twenty-four years, born in Manila, P. I., and now residing in Shanghai, China, were united in marriage before me, and in my presence, by Rev. A. P. Parker, an ordained clergyman of the United States of America, ~~who is authorized by the laws of the Methodist Episcopal Church South to perform such ceremony.~~

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my office at Shanghai, China, this first day of February, A. D. 1923, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-seventh.

(L. S.) N. F. Allman
Consul of the United States of America.

FEE NO. 11. ONE DOLLAR. TO BE ISSUED IN TRIPPLICATE.

Certificate of Marriage for Henry A. Quade and Henrietta Weil, February 1, 1923 in Shanghai, China.

By Studio
MANILA.

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014 about Henrietta Weil

Name:	Henrietta Weil
SSN:	107-20-0307
Last Residence:	11238 Brooklyn, Kings, New York, USA
BORN:	29 Dec 1899
Died:	Apr 1970
State (Year) SSN issued:	New York (Before 1951)

Source Citation: Number: 107-20-0307; Issue State: New York; Issue Date: Before 1951.

Source Information:
Ancestry.com, U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2011.
Original data: Social Security Administration. Social Security Death Index, Master File. Social Security Administration.

Description:
The Social Security Administration Death Master File contains information on millions of deceased individuals with United States social security numbers whose deaths were reported to the Social Security Administration. Birth years for the individuals listed range from 1875 to last year. Information in these records includes name, birth date, death date, and last known residence. [Learn more...](#)

Kaukauna News

BREAKS ARM — 01/05/1934

Mrs. Charles Beebe, Oviatt Street, had the misfortune of falling Tuesday in her yard at which time she broke her arm.

BRIDGE TENDERS ARE REAPPOINTED — 3/26/1937

Lawe Street and Wisconsin Avenue Bridges, Elmer Johnson, William Ploetz, Charles Beebe, Lawrence Boehm, Chris Kindler Sr., Hiram O'Dell.

ODD FELLOWS ATTEND MEET — 10/18/1927

Kaukauna Odd Fellows, Fred Grimmer, J. Grimmer, Oscar Meinert, Henry Meinert, Charles Winge, Charles Beebe, Peter Hanson, August Weirauch, J.B. Kendall, Dave Jacobson, John Hahner, Herman Dolven, Bert Mooney, Alex Wolf.

MAYOR FARGO NAMES COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS AT REORGANIZATION MEETING OF COUNCIL — 10/18/1927

Kaukauna City Council, William Carnot, Fargo, Brewster, William Gillen, Edward Krebsler, George L. Smith, Oscar Alger, Ludtke, Bell, Roberts, Cooper, Lummerding, Gertz, Roberts, Jos. W. Lefevre, C. D. Boyd, Ceil Flynn, Thos. H. Reardon, R. H. McCarty, Hiram O'Dell, C. L. Beebe, William Ploetz, Elmer Johnson, Oscar Grimmer, Lawrence Boehm, Herbert F. Weckwerth.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF AID SOCIETY IS CELEBRATED — 02/16/1938

Women's Aid society of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church, Rev. Paul Th. Oehlert, Mrs. August Mill, Mrs. J. Borchardt, Mrs. William Weinkauff, Mrs. G. Fleck, Mrs. Mary Warnecke, Mrs. L. Lorenzen, Mrs. F. Kloehn, Sr., Mrs. F. Bullert, Mrs. M. Lemke, Mrs. C. Beebe, Mrs. A. Piepenburg, Mrs. Mollie Meyer, Mrs. William Treptow, Mrs. Mike Gerharz.

The population of Kaukauna in 1910 was 4,717. The roads outside Kaukauna were mostly dirt roads often with no signage. As the number of motor vehicles reached tens of thousands, state and local governments assumed a new power: authorizing vehicles and drivers to have their autos registered and by 1918 to have license plates. Later in the 1930s driver tests were required by mostly all states.

90% of city residents had electricity by 1930. Only 10% of the rural areas had electricity. The private utility companies would not run the lines to the rural areas as they thought it would be too expensive and they would not get their money back plus they thought the rural areas were too poor to pay the electric bills. The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 got electric lines to run through the rural areas. The farmer had to pay to run the lines in from the road.



The Kaukauna High School Basketball Team, 1908. Photo was taken by Frank I. Richardson, Richardson Photography, Kaukauna Wis. Richardson opened his Kaukauna Studio in 1892. The Studio did the photography for the 1935 Kaukauna Papyrus high-school year book.



July 4th, 1919



July 4th, Picnic, Kaukauna

Quade

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Mathilda (Tillie) Buelow 1867-1900

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John Anthony Zilles



Elsa Quade and John Zilles

Elsa Quade and
Sgt. Wagner at Lilly
Pond in Juneau Park,
Milwaukee, 1919

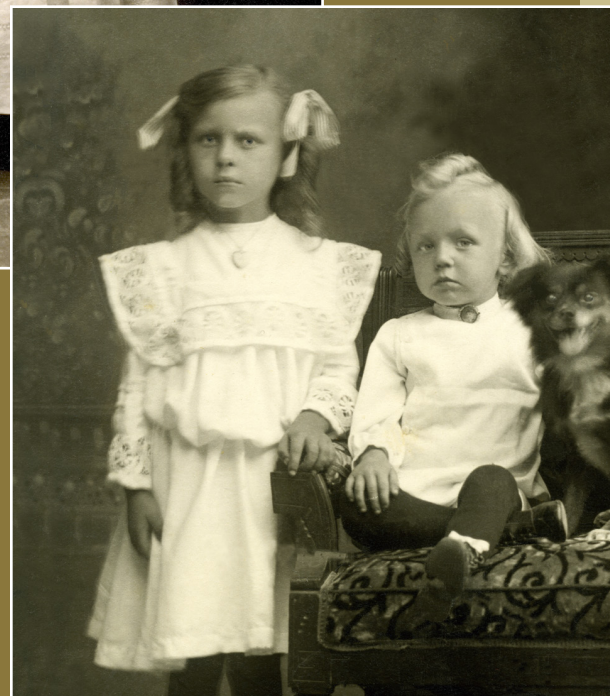


Elsa Quade and John Zilles
were married in 1907, in
Green Bay, Wisconsin





Helmuth and Holdrina
(Quade) Krueger wedding



Holdina and
Henry A. Quade



Mathilda Quade and Walter
Bantam wedding. Photo
by: H. Hercher Studio,
Milwaukee. Note high
fashion "Bird cage" dress,
with upper waist filled in



Grandchild of
Ferdinand and
Augusta Quade



Elsie and Hannah
Perleberg, Kaukauna, Wis.

Quadine Zilles



Kaukauna High School achievements include activity in theater, operetta and piano recital. At Kaukauna High School Quadine had a 3.99 grade average missing class Valedictorian by a fraction of a point. She graduated June 6, 1931. She had a photographic memory along with a high IQ. She could type at least 120 words a minute with no errors. Quadine was active in sports – girls’ basketball and girls’ baseball teams. She also was on the school debate team. Every school has it’s clicks. Quadine was “labeled” one of the bright girls. That made it hard to get dates. Her friends called her Susie – also used my some of her teachers.

On graduating Quadine went to the Oshkosh Business School taking the bus to get there. That was about a half hour ride by bus. To get the money for school Charles Beebe sold the garden. Quadine went for just about a year. After that there was no more money for school. Quadine got a job working for AAL in Appleton taking a train back and forth every day.

Having developed an interest in photography, Quadine would “hang” around the Peckman Photo Studio. Later she was instrumental in starting the Kaukauna Kamera Klub where she remained active through 1940.

Quadine received a New York World’s Fair Photo Merit Award for a photo she took and entered in the Ford Exposition Photographic Contest. She used a Voigtlander camera at the time.



Layout featuring the award-winning photo of Quadine Zilles along with photos, certificate and brochures from the tour stops where the photo was on display

Zilles

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Quadine E. Zilles 1913-
Kenneth Searles 1915-2002



Quadine Zilles at 21 years



Quadine Zilles at a young age posing for the camera of H. W. Donner Studio, Kaukauna, Wis.



Quadine Zilles and Kenneth E. Searles on their wedding day, September 13, 1941



Kenneth Searles as a young patriot



Quadine Zilles all wrapped up with her doll

Quadine (Zilles), Kenneth Searles



Kenneth Searles relaxing at home



Quadine Zilles and Kenneth Searles were married on September 13, 1941

Kenneth met Quadine at a dance hall on the lake. She was going there with her "gang" of 4 or five friends that she hung out with. Kenneth was working in Madison at that time. He hung out with his roommate at the rooming house. Kenneth had a 1936 red Oldsmobile roadster with a rumble seat. He wore zoot suits and was a flashy dresser. Kenneth went to Kaukauna to visit there. He also ended up at the dance hall. He slept in a row boat so he could see her the next day. Sometime after that Quadine sent Kenneth a telegram. It read as follows: "Will I be seeing you again" For a woman in that era to send a message like this was quite bold. Her brother, John M. Zilles, (age 14) was working for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Telegraphs were delivered by bicycle. John Zilles ended up delivering the telegram to Kenneth's rooming house. When he got home from work the telegram was waiting. He went to Kaukauna to see Quadine. He stayed on a neighbor's porch. Minnie Perleberg decided that Kenneth was okay. After that he could sleep in their house. Kenneth let Quadine drive his roadster. A week after they got married Kenneth sold the roadster buying a plain 4-door Plymouth sedan.



Kenneth Searles with his mother Martha (on left), and friend "aunt" Grace, along with Kenneth's sporty roadster



Kenneth Searles as a well-dressed young man



James Searles wearing a hand-made cowboy outfit, 1950



Kenneth and Quadine Searles had three sons, Stuart, James and Richard

Quadine belonged to a rather conservative Lutheran Church. They were not supposed to dance. If you danced you might touch some one and that was bad. When asked if she danced, Quadine replied, "Of course we did". Every Sunday Minnie Perleberg went to a poetry reading in the front parlor of a friend's house. Normally women would not have been there but Minnie was included as she was quite smart. Minnie was gone about two hours. That left the house to Quadine and the "gang" – and of course some mischief. They rolled up the rug, cranked up the Victrola and danced and laughed.

My Mom and Dad were living at 1237 N. Van Buren Street – (Lower East Side of Milwaukee) in a 3 story walk up apartment sometime after 1941.

After all the kids were out of the house, Quadine got a job at the First Wisconsin Bank located on Wisconsin Ave – downtown Milwaukee. To get there she had to take the bus starting at 26th and Silver Spring. That required one wait at a transfer house. Then the bus headed down 3rd St., ending up at 111 East Wisconsin Ave – at least a half hour ride.

Family Album Snapshot Gallery



Sgt. Wagner back from overseas and wearing his uniform, visiting with Elsa in her navy dress and Mary O'Brien, 1919



John M. Zilles marries Daisy Kukrika, Feb. 24, 1933. Also pictured are Daisy's sister Ann and Tony Faller.



Elsa Zilles with new-born daughter Quadine. In 1914 Elsa Zilles gave her daughter Quadine to her cousin Minnie (Wilhelmina Perleberg) Beebe because Elsa was supposed to die within six months from TB. John Milton Zilles (Quadine's brother) was sent to an orphanage. Donna Zilles said "I really do not know the name of the home my father (John) was in. As a youngster I just heard he was in the Milwaukee Boys' Home". Quadine said that it was the Milwaukee Protestant Home matching up with a photo of him there. Elsa survived the TB. Minnie told Elsa that she had given Quadine to her for keeps and would not give her back. Elsa was able to get John back from the Protestant Home. Elsa and John visited Quadine often. Quadine calls Minnie mom and calls Elsa Elsa mom. So Quadine was raised by Minnie and Charles Beebe and used the Beebe name through high-school.



Schneider,

Green Bay, Wis.

Mathias and Johanna Zilles Family, children l. to r.: Johanna Elizabeth, Margaret, John Anthony and Mary



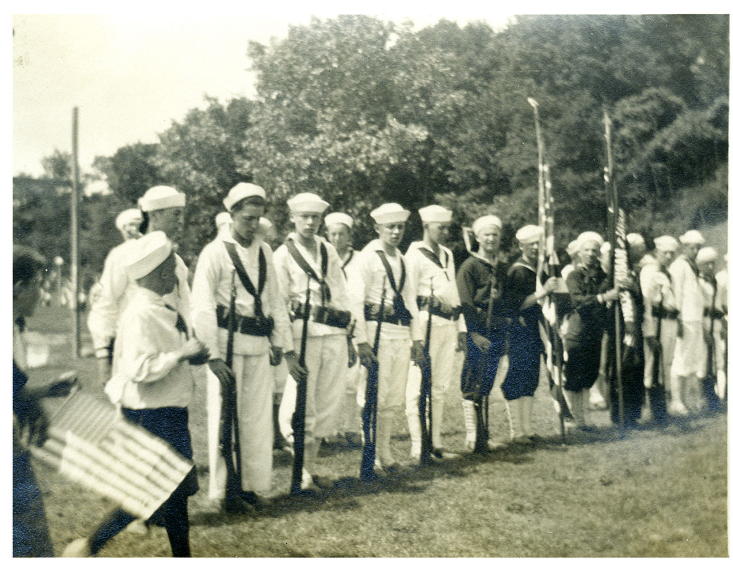
Leone Perleberg, Waverly Beach, Lake Winnebago, sister to Elroy Perleberg



Harold Krueger, standing, Howard and Earl seated with two neighbor boys.



Mathias Zilles father, and wife, Johanna Mary Ockstadt, holding George, Johanna Elizabeth with hand on mothers chair, John Anthony, middle back, Margaret in front of John, Emma in front of Margaret, Mary Catherine, left rear and Edith in front of Mary Catherine, circa 1898



Fourth of July, 1919, Lake Park, Milwaukee



Mathilda Quade, Kaukauna, Wis.

In order to get a driver's license I had to mail in a quarter. I also had to sign a statement that I had driven a hundred miles. Then I got a "permanent" driver's license. There were very few cars at the time – mostly horses and buggies.
— Quadine Zilles



John M. Zilles and Lorraine Quade stand in front of an auto of the day.

When I was six, I told my cousin Alice Perleberg that I was going to show her how to fly. I climbed up the tree behind Minnie's house and flapped my arms. I flew off the branch ending up with a broken arm.
— Quadine Zilles



Lorraine Quade, Alice Perleberg, Quadine Zilles, Edwin Perleberg with their dolls and teddy bear



Fun in a tub

1910 United States Federal Census & Voter Lists — Name: Elsa Zilles, Birth About 1889, Spouse: John Anthony Zilles, Residence: The 1910 US Census listed their residence as West Allis, Ward 2, Wis. John A Zilles was age 25 at the time of the census listed as born 1885 in Wis. Elsa Zilles was listed as age 21, Marital Status: married & John Milton Zilles as age one.



Kaukauna, July 4th parade



Bill Schudlich shows cannon to John M. Zilles, 1920



Minnie (Perleberg) Beebe, left and Shanter, dressed for a party, Milwaukee



Quadine Zilles at age 4, showing off her familiar dolls



Christmas visit with Santa, Carolyn and Linda Perleberg, Norman and Alice's children, 1951



Leon Searles all dressed up for the photographer



The "gang" together on their horses, Quadine on right



Harold Krueger looking good

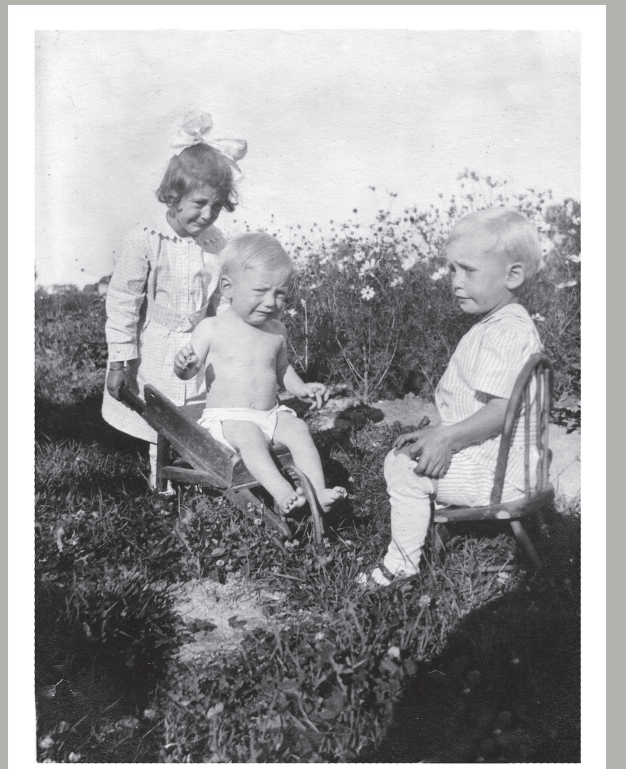
"When my parents did not want us to know what they were talking about, they switched to speaking German. Naturally I had to learn it as they always were up to something" — Quadine



In their summer styles, ladies enjoying the day



Girls having fun with playing "wedding". Bride: Evelyn Hildebrandt, left, boquet compliments of Nature, Train bearer: Arnita B., Bridesmaids: Gert Buetow (red, white and blue), Erma Nagel, right, Ring bearer: Quadine Zilles, front. Miner Lake, Waupaca, 1938



Kids at play, Quadine Zilles, Howard and Harold Krueger,

Photo Restoration

In order to have ancestral photos for display on the pages of this book, there was considerable restoring and retouching needed to make them presentable. Here's a glimpse of a few examples of before and after aspects.

Photo of Lemuel and Mary Beebe, before and after restoration

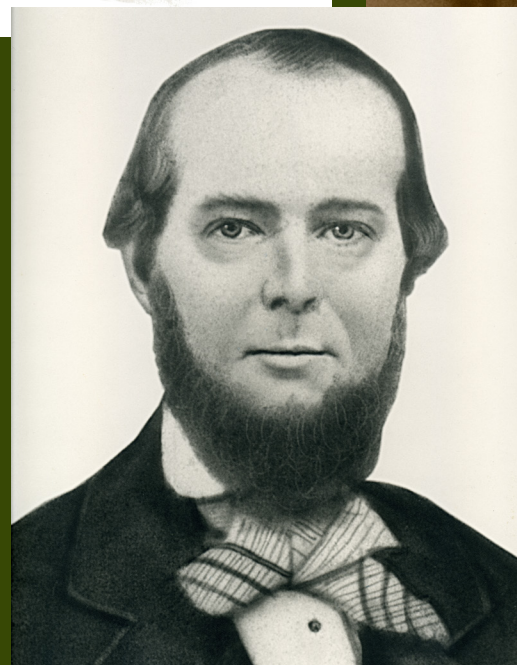
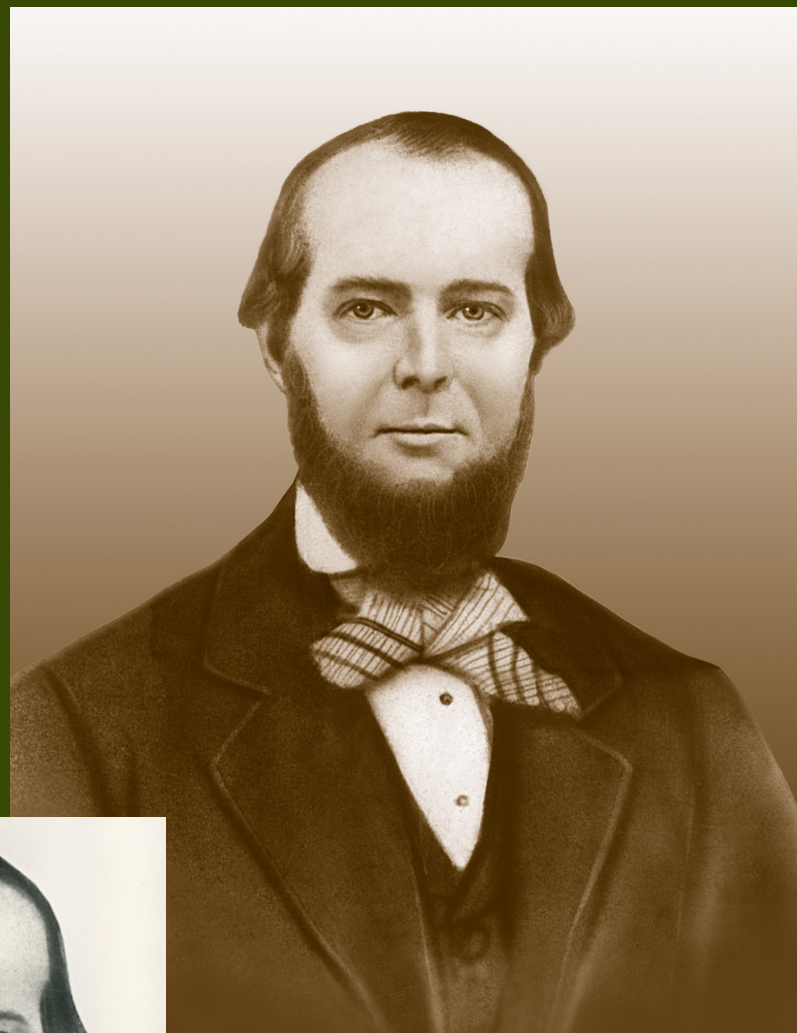
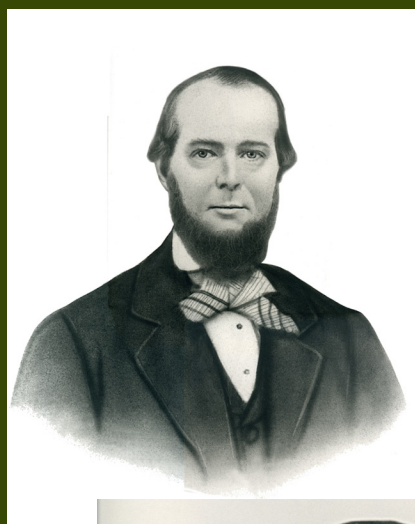


This original tin-plate photo was in poor condition before work began to restore the image. The image was hardly legible but by scanning the tin-plate with a flat-bed scanner, the image was brought to light literally because the scanner light passes over the plate at an infinite number of angles which reveals the image as shown at left. Then the tedious work of retouching begins and finally the process ends up with the image shown above.



Another original tin-plate photo shown at left (actual size) was scanned at a very high resolution to help bring out the necessary detail needed to work with. The surface was covered with natural crazing which was preserved in the restoration. (see enlarged area) Parts of the photo had to be added through retouching in order to complete the oval image presentation.

Photo Restoration



This is an old black and white photo which had some retouching done previously. The photo was scanned and retouched, adding more visual area to the image. The image was then toned and a color ramp added to the background. It appears that the photo of the subjects head was mounted on a hand-drawn generic body which was common at the time.



The original oval photo needed to be enlarged and converted to a rectangular format. This represents a more simple operation in restoration and retouching. Care must be taken to match surrounding areas when adding to the photo.

A great deal of ancestral information needed to be gathered and many photos to be edited in order to make the preparations necessary to set out on this book adventure. My astute mother was able to keep records of her relatives throughout the years and did manage to save a box-full of snapshots along the way. Having had some old photos restored recently gave me the idea to do something more with these photos so creating this book was a logical way to show-case them and pass on for future generations.
—James Searles

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