

The Bethke Family of Baltimore, Maryland, the Adopted Family

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The Bethke family of Rossville, Baltimore County has its beginnings with Robert Bethke (*b. March 27, 1861 – d. January 2, 1942*¹), the son of Karl Bethke.²

Robert was born in Saleche, West Prussia.

On December 26, 1886, Robert Bethke married Agnes Minna Ernestine Höher (*b. May 27, 1870³ – d. September 27, 1943*⁴). The daughter of Carl Höher and Ernestine Höher, at the Evangelische Kirche [Evangelical Church] in Bukowitz, West Prussia. The registry recorded Robert's age as 25 years and Agnes as 16 years.⁵ Bukowitz, West Prussia is now Bukowiec, Poland and is situated approximately 8 miles northeast of Swiecie and the Vistula River.

In 1890, Robert emigrated from Germany to the United States and settled in Baltimore County, Maryland.^{6,7}

Together, Robert and Agnes had fourteen children: Elizabeth W. (*b. December 1889⁸ – d. March 25, 1969*); Henry John (*b. September 5, 1890⁹ – d. October 11, 1971*); Joseph Robert (*b. September 3, 1892 – d. September 18, 1979*); Frederick Charles (*b. October 23, 1895 – d. July 26, 1976*¹⁰); Molivena A. (*b. August 1896¹¹ – d. aft. April 12, 1940*); Julius (*b. August 1897*¹²); Charlotte Marie (*b. February 21, 1903*¹³ – *d. November 11, 1974*¹⁴); Conrad R. (*b. May 1899*¹⁵ – *d. aft. 1920*); Carl Conrad (*b. March 19, 1900*¹⁶); Herman Ferdinand (*b. May 12, 1901 – d. August 11, 1985*¹⁷); Wilhelm (*b. September 30, 1901 – d. March 30, 1946*); Albert W. (*b. 1903 – d. December 1, 1993*¹⁸); Carl (*b. 1907*); and Ludwig (*b. April 7, 1912 – d. August 1989*). All their children were born in Maryland.

On June 2, 1900, the federal census recorded Robert Bethke residing in Baltimore County, Maryland as a farmer. He cited that he had emigrated in 1890 and had petitioned for Naturalization. Enumerated with him were his wife Agnes, and children: Elizabeth W. (11), Henry J. (9), Robert C. (7), Frederick C. (5), Molivena A. (3), Julius (2), and Conrad R. (1). Both Robert and Agnes recorded their place of birth as Germany and all their children as Maryland. Robert and Agnes had been married for 13 years. It is interesting that they are cited as the parents of six children all of which were living, however, seven children were enumerated.¹⁹

On October 3, 1904, Robert Bethke became a naturalized citizen of the United States at the County Court house in Towson, Baltimore County. Judge Burke administered the oath to nine petitioners.²⁰

On April 23, 1908, Robert Bethke purchased 41 acres, 2 rods, and 22 square perches from Ellen, H. Brown for \$500.00. The land was described as being on Philadelphia Road in Baltimore County.²¹

On April 27, 1908, Robert Bethke and Agnes, his wife, mortgaged 41 acres to The Golden Ring Permit Land and Loan Association of Baltimore County for \$200.00. The three year mortgage was payable every six months with interest. Robert signed his name and Agnes made her mark.²²

On May 12, 1910, the federal census recorded Robert Bethke residing in the 14th election district, Baltimore County as a farmer. Enumerated with him were his wife, Agnes, and children: Robert (18), Frederick (16), Marina (13), Lottie (11), Wilhelm (9), Albert (7), Carl (3), and Herman (1). Robert and Agnes reported that they had been married for 22 years and were the parents of thirteen children of which ten were still living. Both sons, Robert and Frederick, were farm labor.²³

On May 26, 1910, Robert Bethke, Leonard Tremper, and Simon Foster granted rights to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company "all rights and privileges and authority to construct, operate, and maintain a conduit with duct wires, cables and fixtures upon, along, across and under the highways passing over or adjoining the property ... along the north side of Philadelphia Road" for \$1.00 and other valuable considerations.²⁴

On September 11, 1914, Richard Abrams, and Catharine, his wife, mortgaged one half part of lot 24 in "Kenwood Park" to Robert Bethke, and Agnes, his wife, for \$800.00. The five year mortgage was payable every six months. Lot 24 was described as having 132 feet frontage on East Avenue.²⁵

Robert Bethke was listed in *Der Deutsche Coorespondent*, a German newspaper in Baltimore, as a member of the Zions of Stemmers Run and contributed \$5.00 on September 19, 1914.²⁶

The 1915 Farmer's Almanac for Baltimore County recorded Robert Bethke and his wife, Agnes, as a farmer with 11 children, owning a 42 acre farm. The farm included four horses and six cows and was located at Box 43 Rossville.²⁷

There is an ore deposit commonly known as the Bethke Ore Mine having been owned by Robert Bethke. The site of this mine is located along Fontana Lane on the north side of Philadelphia Road between what is today Rossville Boulevard and I-695.

The Bethke Ore Bank, located on Robert Bethke's farm, was described as an old bank which, together with its dumps, covers and area of about 6 acres. In 1911, it was noted that with the exception of a little mining performed by Robert in the early 1880s the bank was reported as being little mined in 30 years.²⁸

On June 5, 1917, Henry John Bethke registered for the World War I draft. He reported his residence as Rossville Post Office, Baltimore County. At the time he was employed as a crane operator at the Canton Copper Works, in Baltimore City. He was described as tall, medium build, blue eyes, and dark brown hair.²⁹

On December 7, 1917, Richard G. Abrams and Catharine, his wife deeded their half part of lot 24 in "Kenwood Park" to Robert Bethke and Agnes, his wife, for \$5.00. The property was forfeited to Robert by Richard's failure to pay the mortgage.³⁰

On May 9, 1918, The Baltimore Sun reported that Robert Bethke and his wife purchased two lots in Kenwood Park, Baltimore County for \$5.00 from R. G. Abrams and his wife.³¹

On February 26, 1919, Robert Bethke, and Agnes, his wife sold half part of lot 24 in "Kenwood Park" to Howard L. Rehnert and Malven, his wife, for \$800.00.³²

On January 22, 1920, the federal census recorded Robert Bethke residing in the 14th election district, Baltimore County as a farmer. Both Robert and Agnes were naturalized in 1900. Enumerated with him were his wife, Agnes, and children: Henry (28), Robert (26), Fred (24), Charles (20), Herman (18), Wilhelm (14), Albert (12), and Louis (10). Wilhelm, Albert, and Louis had attended school. Robert and his sons, Henry, Robert, Charles, and Herman were working on their home farm while Fred was recorded as a machinist at a shipyard.³³

Henry John Bethke married Marie Hölscher (*b. September 1, 1904 - d. October 17, 1928*)³⁴, the daughter of Karl Hölscher, in 1924.

Marie Hölscher, age 18 years, emigrated from Hamburg, Germany November 24, 1921 on board the *S.S. Bayren* and arrived in New York, New York on December 10, 1921 accompanied by her sister Lina Hölscher age 14 years.³⁵ She reported she was a milliner and that her last address was with her uncle, Friederich Hölscher, at Hüllenstraße 15, Hanover, Germany and that she was destined to Raspeburg, Maryland.³⁶

Upon arriving in the United States, Marie and her sister were detained for special inquiry because Lina was under age 16. They were admitted on December 16, 1921.³⁷

Together, they had two children: William Robert (*b. May 25, 1927 - d. September 16, 2017*)³⁸; and Henry Carl "Pete" (*b. October 16, 1928*³⁹ - *d. February 24, 2013*)⁴⁰

Marie (Hölscher) Bethke hemorrhaged to death after the birth her son Henry. She died at age 24 years and was buried at Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery in Baltimore County.⁴¹

Blamed by his father for the death of his mother, Henry was sent away to reside with his grandparents until he was about age 10. He was allowed to return home only after his father had married again.⁴²

Shortly after the death of his wife, Henry John Bethke married secondly Lena DeVries (*b. October 26, 1905*⁴³ - *d. November 8, 1972*), the daughter of Boelke DeVries and Lena (Klover) DeVries (*b. October 9, 1874*), on October 29, 1929 in Rossville, Baltimore County.

Lena DeVries was born Gebkelina de Vries in Lannertsfen, Germany. Her last residence in before her immigration was in Loroc Neermoor, Germany. She emigrated from Bremen, Germany on board the *S.S. President Harding* and arrived in New York, New York on May 4, 1929. She made her petition for citizenship on October 22, 1929.⁴⁴

Together, Henry and Lena had six children: Lena Agnes (*b. November 14, 1930*)⁴⁵; Alvina Anna (*b. July 21, 1932*⁴⁶ - *d. February 12, 2019*)⁴⁷; Hilda Antje Margaret (*b. August 14, 1934*)⁴⁸; Howard H. (*b. December 1, 1935*)⁴⁹; Marie Livire (*b. January 15, 1939*⁵⁰ - *d. December 15, 2018*)⁵¹; and "Daisy" May Lena (*b. 1940*).

On April 5, 1930, the federal census recorded Robert Bethke as a farmer residing in Stemmers Run Village, Baltimore County. Enumerated with him were his wife, Agnes, and children: Robert, Jr. (36), William (23), Albert (10), Ludwig (18), and Herman (26). Herman was recorded with a son of his own, William age 2 years 9/12. All the sons with the exception of Herman, who was employed as a laborer in a power plant, were recorded as farm labor. The census further recorded that the family owned their farm and that they had a radio.⁵²

On July 3, 1940, the federal census recorded Henry Bethke as a brick yard laborer residing at Stemmers Run. Enumerated with him were his wife, Lena, and children: William R. (12), Henry C. (11), Lena A. (9), Alvena A. (7), Hilda M. (5), Howard H. (4), and Marie L. (1). Lena had petitioned for citizenship. The census recorded the Bethke family as residing along the Philadelphia and Race Roads. The highest grade completed for Henry, the head of house, was third grade.⁵³

Robert Bethke died January 2, 1942 at age 80 years and was buried at Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery.^{54,55}

On April 6, 1942, Henry John Bethke registered for the World War II draft. He reported his residence as Race Road and U.S. Route 40, Raspeburg, Baltimore County. He was employed by the Baltimore Brick Company located in Raspeburg. He was described as being 5' 8 1/4" tall, 160

pounds, with gray eyes, gray hair, and light brown complexion. Noticeable marks included an appendectomy scar.⁵⁶

Agnes Minna Ernestine (Höher) Bethke died September 27, 1943 at age 73 years and was buried at Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery.⁵⁷ Her headstone records her as having been born in 1872.⁵⁸

Henry John Bethke died October 11, 1971 at age 81 years and was buried at Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery.⁵⁹

Lena (DeVier) Bethke died November 8, 1972 at age 67 years and was buried next to her husband at Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery.⁶⁰

Of Henry and Marie's children the following can be said. William Robert Bethke married Mary Agnes Stallings (*b. April 9, 1928 - d. October 21, 2007*)⁶¹, the daughter of Reuben K. Stallings (*b. December 16, 1908*⁶² - *d. July 7, 1983*)⁶³ and Agnes T. (Holden) Stallings (*b. October 7, 1908 - d. May 7, 1977*)⁶⁴. Together, they had one child: Robert William (*b. February 22, 1951*⁶⁵ - *d. July 28, 2015*)⁶⁶. William Robert Bethke died on September 16, 2017 at age 90 years and was buried at Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Goochland County, Virginia.⁶⁷

Henry Carl "Pete" Bethke married Margarata (Schönig) Wenk (*b. July 16, 1912*⁶⁸ - *d. November 20, 1985*)⁶⁹, the daughter of Johann Georg Schönig (*b. February 2, 1890 - d. September 14, 1956*)⁷⁰ and Adele Amanda (Scholte) Schönig (*b. February 6, 1892 - d. January 21, 1986*)⁷¹, in Ludwigsburg, Germany on February 20, 1954.⁷² Together, they had no children, however, Henry adopted two of Margarata's three children: Rudi Wenk (*b. July 29, 1940*⁷³ - *d. February 1, 2010*)⁷⁴; and Karin Wenk (*b. March 18, 1944*⁷⁵ - *d. March 13, 2021*)⁷⁶. The family returned to the United States onboard the *U.S.S. General H. W. Butler* in Brooklyn, New York on October 10, 1958.⁷⁷ After retiring from the U.S. Army Sergeant Bethke returned to Maryland and resided at 1701 Leisure Lane in Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel County and worked with the State Highways Division. Margarata (Schönig) Bethke died November 20, 1985 at age 73 years and was buried at Glen Haven Cemetery in Glen Burnie.⁷⁸ Henry Carl Bethke died February 24, 2013⁷⁹ at age 84 years and was buried alongside his wife.

Of Henry and Lena's children the following can be said. Lena Agnes Bethke (still living near Martins) married Donald William Knauff (*b. November 23, 1925 - d. November 22, 2001*)⁸⁰, the son of Bruce Wilmer Knauff (*b. September 10, 1894 - d. November 24, 1961*)⁸² and Ruth Elizabeth (Johnson) Knauff (*b. July 5, 1900 - d. March 9, 1953*)⁸³. Together, they had two children: Nancy Ruth (*b. December 1952*)⁸⁴; and Jeannie (*b. August 1956*)⁸⁵. After her divorce she married Robert Tilden Anstine (*b. March 25, 1937*)⁸⁶, the son of LeRoy Tilden Anstine (*b. September 13, 1910 - d. August 25, 1980*)⁸⁷ and Catharine A. (Landon) Anstine (*1914 - d. March 13, 1999*).

Alvina Anna Bethke married William Robert Schneider (*b. May 10, 1931 - d. September 16, 1988*)⁸⁸, the son of Charles H. Schneider (*b. October 27, 1896 - d. March 18, 1954*)⁸⁹ and Mary Anna (Rivers) Schneider (*b. February 20, 1905 - d. January 21, 1969*)⁹⁰, in 1956.⁹¹ Alvina died February 12, 2019 at about age 86 years and was buried at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Harford County, Maryland alongside her husband.⁹²

Hilda Antje Margaret Bethke married Raymond Elmer Zink (*b. March 22, 1927 - d. May 8, 2020*), the son of Joseph Zink (*b. January 21, 1894 - August 18, 1969*)⁹³ and Ann E. (Wiseman) Zink (*b. August 10, 1893 - d. April 4, 1937*)⁹⁴. Together, they had three children: Debbie (*b. c.1956*);

Raymond (c.1960); and Joyce (b. c.1963). (Both dead and buried at Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery.

Howard H. Bethke married Mary Elizabeth Ritter (b. July 17, 1947 – d. October 6, 2018²⁵), the daughter of Oliver E. Ritter (b. September 25, 1918 – d. October 21, 1982)²⁶, on September 14, 1969 at the Zion Lutheran Church, Baltimore County.²⁷ Together, they had two children: Patricia Jean (b. January 27, 1972)²⁸; and Howard Timothy (b. February 7, 1976)²⁹. Mary E. (Ritter) Bethke was buried at Zion Evangelical Lutheran United Church of Christ Cemetery in Essex, Maryland.³⁰

Marie Livire Bethke married Frederick William Solowski (b. August 23, 1937 – d. April 13, 2018)³¹, the son of Frederick Solowski (b. December 31, 1901 – d. April 28, 1941)³² and Lillian M. (Garrison) Solowski (b. May 11, 1900 –

d. January 22, 2000)³³. Together, they had two children: Sondra Marie; and Brenda Lynn. Marie Livire (Bethke) Solowski died December 15, 2018 at age 79 years and was buried at Zion Church Cemetery.³⁴

“Daisy” May Lena Bethke married Gerald Townsley by marriage license dated June 28, 1961.³⁵ Together, they had two children: Diane (b. December 6, 1963)³⁶; and Gerald (b. June 12, 1967)³⁷.

The Bethke farm remained in family hands for a number of years abandoned. It was sold in the early 1980s and the proceeds from the sales were divided among the eight children of Henry Bethke.

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²⁰ *The Baltimore Sun*. Baltimore MD. www.newspapers.com. October 4, 1904, p. 7

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²² *Baltimore County, MD, Mortgages*. Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis, MD, Book 303, pp. 249-252

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²⁶ *Der Deutsche Correspondent*, Baltimore, MD, www.newspapers.com, September 19, 1914, p. 8

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²⁸ *Maryland Geological Survey*. Johns Hopkins Press. Baltimore, MD, 1911, Vol. 9, p. 266

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³² *Baltimore County, MD, Land Records*. Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis, MD, Book 508, pp. 472-473

³³ *Federal Census of Baltimore County, MD, 1920*. www.ancestry.com

³⁴ Marie Holscher Bethke, grave marker, Zion Church Cemetery, Golden Ring, Baltimore County, Maryland

³⁵ *Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934*. www.ancestry.com. 1921, Band 285, pg. 1510

³⁶ *New York, U.S. Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (Including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957*. www.ancestry.com

³⁷ *New York, U.S. Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (Including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957*. www.ancestry.com, p. 28

³⁸ William R. Bethke, grave marker, Greenwood Memorial Gardens, Goochland County, VA. www.findagrave.com

³⁹ Rudi Wenk Adoption papers. Deed No. 1266/57 Kaiserslautern, Germany

⁴⁰ Henry C. Bethke obituary

⁴¹ Marie (Hölscher) Bethke, grave marker, Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery, Baltimore County, MD. www.findagrave.com

⁴² Oral history from Hilda Antje (Bethke) Zink about 1986

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⁶⁰ Lena (Devier) Bethke, grave marker, Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery, Baltimore County, MD, www.findagrave.com

⁶¹ Mary A. (Stallings) Bethke, grave marker, Greenwood Memorial Gardens, Goochland County, VA, www.findagrave.com

⁶² Reuben K. Stallings, grave marker, New Cathedral Cemetery, Baltimore, MD, www.findagrave.com

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⁶⁷ William R. Bethke, grave marker, Greenwood Memorial Gardens, Goochland County, VA, www.findagrave.com

⁶⁸ Schönig Family Tree

⁶⁹ Glen Haven Cemetery, Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, grave of Margarata (Schönig) Bethke

⁷⁰ Schönig Family Tree

⁷¹ *ibid.*

⁷² Rudi Wenk Adoption papers, Deed No. 1266/57 Kaiserslautern, Germany

⁷³ Wenk / Schönig family tree of World War II

⁷⁴ Rudi Bethke, Sr., New Jersey Death Certificate

⁷⁵ Document #1R139/48 by Dr. von Brentano Erwin Löhlein, Rechtsanwalte, 16 Darmstadt, Landwehrstrasse 6, dated March 22, 1948

⁷⁶ Oral History of Rudi Bethke, Jr.

⁷⁷ Bundesrepublik Deutschland Reisepass of Rudi Bethke #B0472145

⁷⁸ Margaret (Schönig) Bethke Maryland Death Certificate

⁷⁹ Henry C. Bethke obituary

⁸⁰ *The Baltimore Sun*, Baltimore, MD, Saturday, November 24, 2001, www.newspapers.com, p. 19

⁸¹ Donald William Knauff, grave marker, Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery, Baltimore County, MD

⁸² Bruce Wilmer Knauff, grave marker, Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery, Baltimore County, MD

⁸³ Ruth Elizabeth (Johnson) Knauff, grave marker, Zion United Church of Christ Cemetery, Baltimore County, MD

⁸⁴ *U.S. Public Records Index, 1950-1993*, www.ancestry.com, Vol. 1

⁸⁵ *U.S. Public Records Index, 1994-2019*, www.ancestry.com, Vol. 1

⁸⁶ *U.S. Public Records Index, 1950-1993*, www.ancestry.com, Vol. 2

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⁸⁸ William R. Schneider, grave marker, Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, Harford County, MD, www.findagrave.com

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¹⁰³ Lillian M. (Garrison) Solowski, grave marker, Evangelist Lutheran Cemetery, Baltimore, MD, www.findagrave.com

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¹⁰⁵ *The Evening Sun*, Baltimore, MD, Wednesday, June 28, 1968, www.newspapers.com, p. 68

¹⁰⁶ Oral history of "Daisy" Lena May Bethke May 6, 2021

¹⁰⁷ *ibid.*