



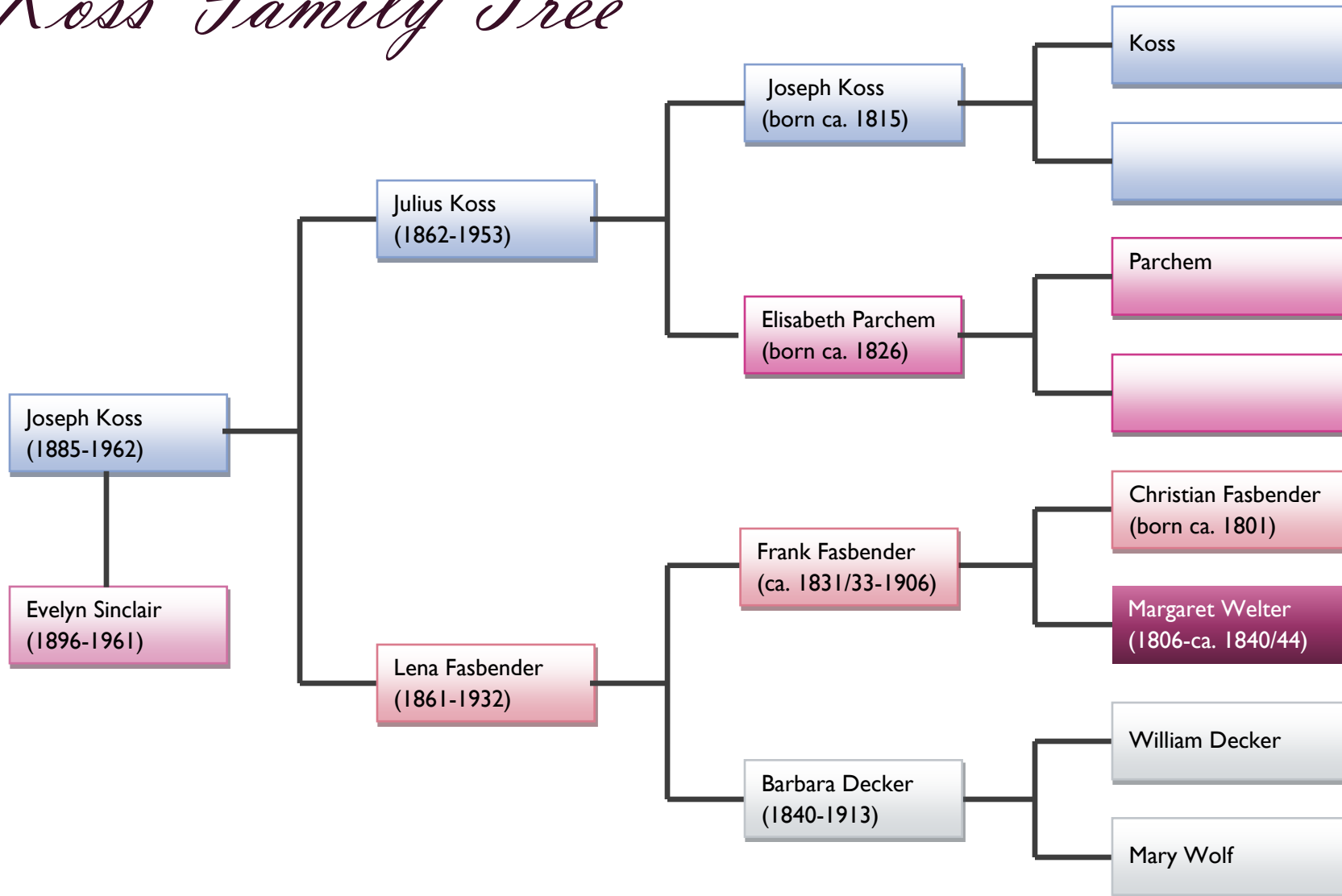
KOSS & SINCLAIR FAMILIES



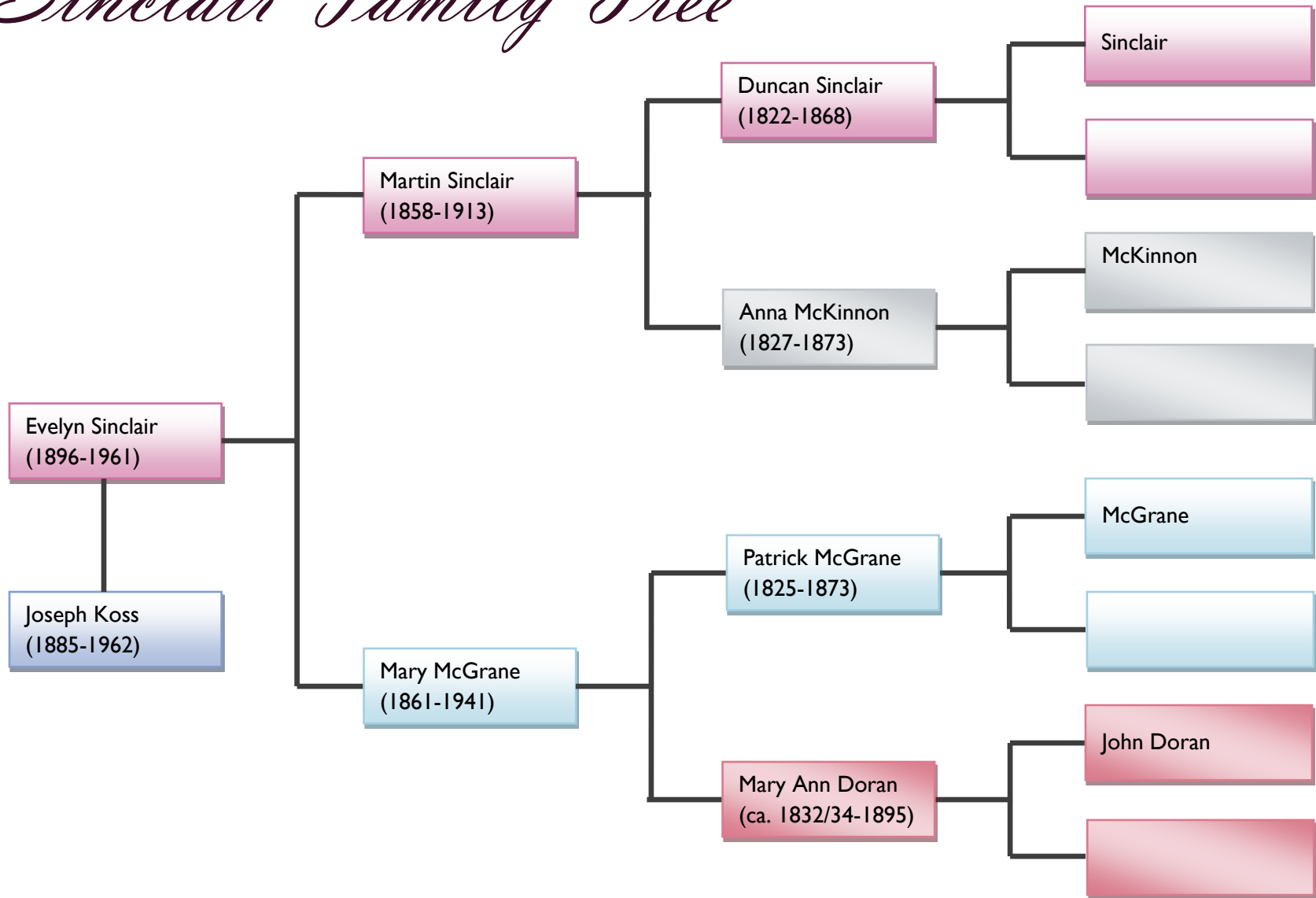
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Koss Family Tree



Sinclair Family Tree



Koss Family

Joseph Koss was the paternal grandfather of Joseph Leo Koss.

Joseph Koss

Joseph Koss (born ca. 1815)
Elisabeth Parchem (born ca. 1826)

Joseph Koss was born about 1815.¹ Elisabeth Parchem was born about 1826.²

Joseph married Elisabeth on 4 September 1854 in Oxhöft, Putzig, Westpreußen, Preußen, Deutschland.³

The Other Known Children:

Xaver August Koss, son, was born 24 September 1864 and baptized the next day in Westpreußen, Preußen, Deutschland.⁴

Martin Franz Koss, son, was born 15 November 1859 and baptized five days later in Westpreußen, Preußen, Deutschland.⁵

Anton Johann Koss, son, was born 22 June 1856 and baptized four days later in Groß Starsin, Putzig, Westpreußen, Preußen, Deutschland.⁶

Known Children of Joseph Koss and Elisabeth Parchem

Anton Johann

(born 1856)

Martin Franz

(born 1859)

Julius Michael *Ancestor

(1862-1953)

Xaver August

(born 1864)

Julius Michael Koss and Lena Fasbender

Julius Koss (1862-1953)
Lena Fasbender (1861-1932)

Julius Michael Koss,⁷ son of Joseph Koss and Elisabeth Parchem, was born 29 June 1862 in Preußen (Prussia).⁸ At the time of his birth in 1862, the area was Preußen (Prussia), but became Westpreußen (Province of West Prussia) within the German Empire in 1878.⁹ He was baptized on 6 July 1862 in Westpreußen, Preußen, Deutschland.¹⁰

with their son, Ferdinand's, family at 5151 Brooklyn Avenue in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, where they resided until their respective deaths.²²

Julius was employed as a tailor from 1880 and into the 1930s and was a manager in 1940.²³

Lena died on 4 October 1932 in Nankin, Wayne County, Michigan.²⁴ Julius died in 1953. He was buried at Saint Patrick Cemetery in Bay City, Bay County, Michigan.²⁵

The Other Known Children:

Frank W. Koss, son, was born 21 September 1887 in Bay City, Bay County, Michigan; married Frances Aspenwall on 26 June 1917 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan; and died in May 1965.²⁶

Maria "Mary" Koss, daughter, was born 23 April 1890 in Bay City, Bay County, Michigan. She married Charles Hoff, son of Valentine and Emma Hoff, on 5 June 1917 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan by F. J. Van Antwerp, Pastor. Robert J. Koss, her brother, was a witness to the ceremony.²⁷

Margaret I. "Maggie" Koss, daughter, was born 7 February 1892 in West Bay City, Bay County, Michigan; died 4 September 1908 in Bay City, Bay County, Michigan; and buried at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Bay City.²⁸

Carl E. Koss was born 2 September 1895 in West Bay City, Bay County, Michigan and died on 1 December 1914 in Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana.²⁹

Robert J. Koss was born about 8 June 1898 in Bay City, Bay County, Michigan. Robert married Elvira Carchon on 30 April 1927 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. The ceremony was performed by W. D. Herrigan, a Catholic Priest. He died 15 November 1970 and was buried at St. Juliana Church in Detroit, Michigan.³⁰

Ferdinand Julius Koss was born 28 August 1900 in Bay City, Bay County, Michigan; married Marion M. Cooper on 29 March 1924 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan; died 30 August 1970 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, and was buried at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.³¹

Known Children of Julius Koss and Lena Fasbender	
Joseph Leo *Ancestor	(1885-1961)
Frank W.	(1887-1965)
Maria "Mary"	(born 1890)
Margaret "Maggie" I.	(1892-1908)
Carl E.	(1895-1914)
Robert J.	(1898-1970)
Ferdinand Julius	(1900-1970)

Joseph Leo Koss and Evelyn Marie Sinclair

Joseph Koss (1885-1962)
Evelyn Sinclair (1896-1961)

Joseph Leo Koss, son of Julius Koss and Lena Fasbender, was born 16 November 1885 in Bay City, Bay County, Michigan.³²

Evelyn Marie Sinclair,³³ daughter of Martin Sinclair and Mary Decker,³⁴ was born 2 July 1896 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.³⁵

Joseph's parents moved the Koss family from Bay City to Detroit between 1910 and 1917. Joseph was a resident of Detroit when he married Evelyn on 4 June 1917 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.³⁶

A year later, Joseph registered for the World War I draft on 11 September 1918 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. His physical description was given as short in height with a medium build, gray eyes and brown hair.³⁷ Nearly fourteen years later, Joseph was also required to register for the World War II draft in Grand Traverse County, Michigan on 27 April 1942, when he was described as 5 foot 5 inches, 185 pounds, light complexion, brown eyes and gray hair. This registration was known as the "old man's registration" because it was for men between 45 and 64 years old.³⁸

Joseph and Evelyn rented a number of properties through the decades in Detroit and East Bay, Michigan and Canton, Ohio. They resided at 809 Howard Street in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan in 1918.³⁹ Then two years later, they rented a home on Mahoning Road in Canton, Stark County, Ohio. Evelyn's mother, Mary, lived with them at this time.⁴⁰ They returned to Detroit, and rented a house at 1285 Lenox Avenue in 1930 for \$55 per month (\$977.51 today).⁴¹ A decade later, they rented property at 1602 ½ Harding in Detroit in 1940 for \$40 per month (\$848.02 today).⁴² Two years later, they had moved to East Bay Township, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, more specifically at 147 Brown Bridge Road, near Arbutus Lake, in 1950.⁴³

Joseph worked in several industries. He was employed as a Chief Clerk at the Walbridge and Aldinger Company, which was a construction company at 3356 Penobscot Building in Detroit in 1918.⁴⁴ Two years later, Joseph was still employed by the Walbridge Company in Canton, Ohio as a traffic man at in 1920.⁴⁵ Then he worked as a salesman in the machinery industry in Detroit in 1930.⁴⁶ He was a District Manager at a local brewery in 1940, which was possibly the Pfeifer Brewing Company at 3740 Bellevue Avenue in Detroit, where he worked in 1942.⁴⁷ His annual income in 1940 was \$2,680 (\$21,401.13 today).⁴⁸ He was a Sales Manager at a beverage company in 1950.⁴⁹

Evelyn died 26 September 1961 in Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, Michigan and was buried in the Alma Catholic Cemetery.⁵⁰

Her obituary stated:⁵¹

“The couple operated a hotel at Arbutus Lake for many summers and after retirement in Detroit in 1943, moved to the area to make their home.

Mrs. Koss was a member of Hannah St. Mary’s church, was a member and past president of Kingslay Women’s Civic Club, belonged to the Catholic Daughters of Traverse City and Traverse City VFW Auxiliary, and was past president of the Grand Traverse county Federation of Women’s Clubs.”

Joseph died 12 March 1962 “at his son’s home in Alma, Michigan”⁵² and was buried at Riverside Cemetery. At the time of his death, Joseph resided at 332 N. Grove Street in Alma.⁵³

His obituary declared:⁵⁴

“Mr. Koss was a retired salesman for a brewery and a former owner and operator of a resort at Arbutus lake. He was a member of the Elks lodge in Traverse City.”

Another obituary said:⁵⁵

“He was a member of St. Mary’s church. Hannah, past president of Dads of Foreign Wars, Traverse City, and a member of the Elks.”

Fasbender Line

Christian Fasbender migrated his family to the United States. He was the maternal great-grandfather of Joseph Leo Koss, grandfather of Lena (Fasbender) Koss, wife of Julius Michael Koss.

Christian Fasbender

Christian Fasbender (born ca. 1801)
Margaret Welter (1806-ca. 1840/44)

Christianus “Christian” Fasbender,¹ son of Francis Wilhelm Fasbender and Annae Catharinae Meurer, was born around 1801 in Prussia.²

Margaretha “Margaret” Welter,³ daughter of Antonius Welter and Anna Maria Hommen, was christened on 11 November 1806 in Heimersheim, Ahrweiler, Rhein, Preußen, Deutschland.⁴

Christian married Margaret on 10 June 1828 in Remagen, Ahrweiler, Rheinprovinz, Preußen, Deutschland.⁵

It is believed that Margaret died in Prussia and that Christian married Anna Mary Rush between 1840 and 1844. Christian and Margaret’s son, Ludovicus, was baptized in April 1840 and Christian and Anna’s son, Peter, was born between 1843 and 1844.⁶ Anna Mary Rush was born between 1810 and 1811 in Prussia.⁷

Christian arrived in New York, New York on 23 December 1851 on the S.S. Emblem. He traveled with his children, Catharine, Franz, and Carl, when the ship departed from Antwerp, Belgium.⁸

DISTRICT OF NEW YORK—PORT OF NEW YORK.

I, *J. A. Distrikwater* do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear that the following List or Manifest of Passengers, subscribed with my name, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs for the District of New York, contains, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a just and true account of all the Passengers received on board the ship *Emblem* whereof I am Master, from *Antwerp* So help me God.

Sworn to this *23rd* December 1851
Before me *Hommes*

List or manifest OF ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the American Ship *Emblem* whereof *J. A. Distrikwater* is Master, from *Antwerp* to *N. York* burthen _____ tons.

116	<i>Christoph Fasbender</i>	49	<i>Van Sormeren Hoove</i>	
117	<i>Catharine</i>	21	<i>f do</i>	<i>do</i>
118	<i>Franz</i>	20	<i>do do</i>	<i>do</i>
119	<i>Carl</i>	19	<i>do do</i>	<i>do</i>

Fasbinder Passenger List⁹

A few years later, Anna arrived in New York, New York from Antwerp, Belgium on 14 June 1854 on the S.S. Sea Eagle. She traveled with her children, Peter, Johann, Johann, and Catharine.¹⁰

List or Manifest of all the Passengers taken on board the Ship <i>Sea Eagle</i>		whereof <i>A. N. Williams</i> is Master, from <i>Antwerp</i>		burthen _____ Tons.	
<i>Francisca Beuschbach</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Ne S. M.</i>
<i>Henriette</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Maat Gijb</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Anna & Mat</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Thusa</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Anna Faysbender</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Peter</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Johann</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Catharine</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>

Faysbender Passenger List¹¹

Christian purchased property in St. Clair, St. Clair County, Michigan, for \$125 (\$4,488 today), from Peter and Margareth Penn on 20 December 1859 in a deed recorded on 26 July 1860. The land was described as:¹²

“Ten acres of Land on Section number twenty four (24) in Towns no five (5) north of Range number sixteen (16) East and bounded as follows North by land owned by Peter Penn, West by William Romasis land, South by Lewis Johnson’s Land and East by the East line of Section twenty four aforesaid.”

The family resided in St. Clair, St. Clair County, Michigan, where Christian was a farmer with real estate valued at \$200 (\$7,181 today) and \$300 (\$6,824 today) and personal estate of \$100 (\$3,590 today) and \$50 (\$1,137 today), in 1860 and 1870 respectively.¹³

Anna M. Fasbender was buried at St. Mary’s Cemetery in St. Clair, St. Clair County, Michigan.¹⁴

The Other Known Children:

Catharine Fasbender, daughter, was born about 1830.¹⁵

Carl Fasbender, son, was born about 1832.¹⁶

Bernardina Albertina Fasbender, daughter, died 18 February 1837 in Remagen, Ahrweiler, Rheinprovinz, Preußen, Deutschland.¹⁷

Antonius Aloysius “Anthony” Fasbender, son, was born 30 December 1837; baptized four days later on 3 January 1838 in Remagen, Ahrweiler, Rheinprovinz, Preußen, Deutschland; and died on 27 October 1919 in St. Clair, St. Clair County, Michigan.¹⁸

Ludovicus Fasbender, son, was baptized 1 April 1840 in Remagen, Ahrweiler, Rheinprovinz, Preußen, Deutschland.¹⁹

Peter Fasbender, son, was born between 1843 and 1844 in Prussia and died 28 December 1883 in St. Clair, St. Clair County, Michigan.²⁰

Catharine “Kate” Fasbender, daughter, born between 1845 and 1846 in Prussia.²¹

Johann “John” Fasbender, son, born about 1848 in Prussia.²²

Anna Fasbender, daughter, was born 2 April 1850 in Prussia and died 5 April 1915 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.²³

Johann Fasbender, son, born about 1851 in Prussia.²⁴

Known Children of Christian Fasbender and Margaret Welter

Franz “Frank” *Ancestor
(ca. 1831/33-1906)

Catharine
(born ca. 1830)

Carl
(born ca. 1832)

Bernardina Albertina
(died 1837)

Antonius Aloysius “Anthony”
(1837-1919)

Ludovicus
(born 1840)

Known Children of Christian Fasbender and Anna Rush

Peter
(ca. 1843/44-1883)

Catharine “Kate”
(born ca. 1845/46)

Johann “John”
(born ca. 1848)

Anna
(1850-1915)

Johann
(born ca. 1851)

Robert J.
(1898-1970)

Ferdinand Julius
(1900-1970)

Frank Fasbender and Barbara Decker

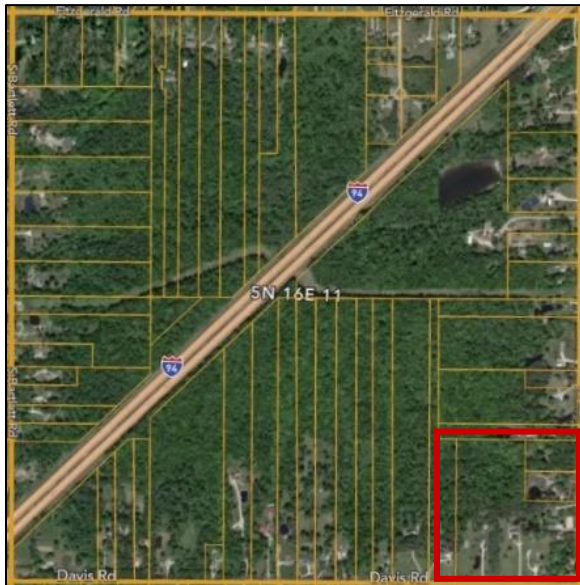
Frank Fasbender (ca. 1831/33-1906)
Barbara Decker (1840-1913)

Franz “Frank” Fasbender,²⁵ son of Christian Fasbender,²⁶ was born in about November between 1831 and 1833 in Prussia.²⁷ Barbara Decker, daughter of William Decker and Mary Wolf, was born 2 April 1840 in Prussia.²⁸

Frank arrived in New York, New York on 23 December 1851 on the S.S. Emblem. Frank, along with his father and siblings, departed from Antwerp, Belgium.²⁹ He had filed his first papers or a declaration of intent to become a U.S. citizen by 1900.³⁰ Barbara immigrated to the U.S. in 1853.³¹

Frank married Barbara in 1857.³²

Frank paid \$600 (\$12,032 today) to Daniel S. Rawley for property in St. Clair County, Michigan, on 29 January 1867. The land description was the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section No. eleven (11) in Township No. five (5) North of Range No. Sixteen (16) East, containing forty acres of land.³³



Location of Fasbender family farm³⁷

This became the farm Frank worked, located on Turnpike Road in St. Clair, St. Clair County, Michigan until his death in 1906, then the property transferred to Barbara until her death in 1913.³⁴

Frank died on 19 March 1906 at “his homestead” in St. Clair, St. Clair County, Michigan and was buried at the St. Mary’s Catholic in St. Clair.³⁵ Then Barbara died 16 June 1913 in St. Clair and was buried at the Catholic Cemetery.³⁶

The Other Known Children:

Mary Fasbender, daughter, was born about 1859 in Michigan.³⁸

William Fasbender, son, born 22 January 1863 in St. Clair Township, St. Clair County, Michigan;³⁹ married Grace Freeman on 10 September 1924 in St. Clair in a ceremony performed by Ed J. Kromenaker, a Priest;⁴⁰ died 19 April 1935 in St. Clair; and was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery.⁴¹

Katherine "Kate" Fasbender, daughter, was born about 1865 in St. Clair, St. Clair County, Michigan. She married Joseph Goulait on 9 October 1888 in St. Clair, in marital rites completed by K. Schenkelberg, a Priest, and witnessed by Kal A. Fasbender.⁴²

Anthony Fasbender, son, was born 18 July 1868 in St. Clair, St. Clair County, Michigan and died 28 April 1894 in St. Clair.⁴³

John Fasbender, son, born 29 September 1870 in St. Clair, St. Clair Township, Michigan and was married Lola Lampton on 16 February 1914 in Port Huron, St. Clair County, Michigan by John H. McLean, Minister.⁴⁴

Frank J. Fasbender, son, born about 9 January 1881 in St. Clair Township, Michigan, died 15 March 1942 in St. Clair, Michigan, and was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in St. Clair.⁴⁵

Known Children of Frank Fasbender and Barbara Decker

Mary
(born ca. 1859)
Lena *Ancestor
(1861-1932)
William
(1863-1935)
Katherine "Kate"
(born 1865)
Anthony
(1868-1894)
John
(born 1870)
Frank J.
(1881-1942)

Sinclair Family

Duncan Sinclair was the paternal grandfather of Evelyn Marie (Sinclair) Koss.

Duncan Sinclair

Duncan Sinclair (1822-1868)
Ann McKinnon (1827-1873)

Duncan Sinclair was born 20 March 1822 in Oban, Argyllshire, Scotland.¹ Ann McKinnon² was born in June 1827 in Vaughan Township, York County, Ontario.³

Duncan and Ann lived in a single story, single family, frame home in Chatham, Kent County, Canada in 1861. At the time, Maggy Mckinnon, Ann's 13 years old sister, lived with the family. Duncan worked as a school teacher.⁴ He died 30 October 1868 in Chatham.⁵ Ann and the children lived in Chatham, Kent, Ontario, Canada, in 1871⁶ until her death two years later on 19 July 1873 in Chatham.⁷ Both Duncan and Ann were buried in Gosnell Cemetery in Highgate, Chatham-Kent Municipality, Ontario, Canada.⁸



Duncan and Ann Sinclair's Graves⁹

The Other Known Children:

Annie Sinclair, daughter, born 19 March 1860 in Ontario, Canada; married Charles G. Wilson; died 23 April 1932 in Portland, Washington County, Oregon; and was buried at Riverview Cemetery.¹⁰

David McKinnon Sinclair, son, was born 4 February 1861 in Chatham, Ontario, Canada. He married Grace West on 1 September 1887 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The ceremony was performed by George H. Ide, Pastor of Grand Ave. Congregational Church. He died 14 October 1938 and was buried at Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.¹¹

Known Children of Duncan
Sinclair and Ann McKinnon
Martin Alexander *Ancestor
(1858-1913)
Annie
(1860-1932)
David McKinnon
(1861-1938)

Martin Alexander Sinclair and Mary Evelyn McGrane

Martin Sinclair (1858-1913)
Mary McGrane (1861-1941)

Canada.¹²

Martin Alexander Sinclair, son of Duncan Sinclair and Ann McKinnon, was born 8 September 1858 in Chatham, Ontario,

Mary Evelyn “Mamie” McGrane, daughter of Patrick McGrane and Mary Ann Doran, was born about 4 August 1861 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.¹³

Martin immigrated to the U.S. either in 1862 or 1875.¹⁴ He was a boarder at 2 Shelly Street in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, employed as a check clerk in 1880.¹⁵ Martin was admitted as a citizen of the U.S. before Judge Jennison at the Wayne Circuit Court according to Court News published in the *Detroit Free Press* on 27 October 1883.¹⁶

COURT NEWS.
SUPERIOR.
Phillip Kerchner vs. Adelaine C. Hotchkiss. In progress.
Karl A. Berger and John Meyer aliens, admitted to citizenship.
WAYNE CIRCUIT.
BEFORE JUDGE SPEER.
Philetus P. Birch vs. Maxwell M. Fisher et al. In progress.
Robert Clement vs. William Plass. Judgment on nonsuit, and defendant taxed \$10 costs.
BEFORE JUDGE CHAMBERS.
Thomas Rooks, an alien, admitted to citizenship.
BEFORE JUDGE JENNISON.
Joseph Herzor vs. Joseph L. Koester. Judgment on default for \$101 00.
Emma Alleman vs. Peter Alleman. Defendant's bond fixed at \$500.
In re the assignment of J. T. R. Brown et al. Petition and order for sale of real estate.
George H. Grienville vs. American Accident Association. Judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$173 15.
Alice L. Monaghan vs. John Monaghan. Decree annulling marriage.
In the matter of the petition of John Murphy, Edward Dillon and Martin A. Sinclair. Admitted to citizenship.
Edward R. Rayner vs. Hamilton Balus et al. In

Detroit Free Press, 27 October 1883¹⁷

Martin and Mary were married on 11 December 1883 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. Their marriage announcement in the *Detroit Free Press* chronicled the day:¹⁸

“The marriage of Mr. Martin A. Sinclair to Miss Mamie McGrane took place Tuesday morning at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Rev. Father Walshe officiating. Mr. Wright Benson acted as best man, and Miss Jennie Stirling as bridesmaid. In the evening a reception was held at the residence of the bride’s mother. No. 117 West Larned street, only the relatives and a few friends of the contracting parties being present. The wedding presents were many and costly. The happy couple left the same evening on a trip through Ohio and on their return to the city they will reside at No. 17 Harrison avenue.”

Martin and Mary resided at 126 14th Avenue in Detroit in 1900 and were renting a home at 811 Howard Street in Detroit in 1910.¹⁹ Martin was employed by the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company in a number of capacities, such as a deck fireman in 1900, a railroad superintendent in 1910 and a dock superintendent for a steamboat in 1913.²⁰

Martin died on 28 December 1913 in Detroit, Michigan and was buried at Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit.²¹

Mary lived with her daughter, Evelyn Koss's, family on Mahoning Road in Canton, Stark County, Ohio in 1920.²² She died 6 September 1941 at her residence of 1600 Harding in Detroit and was buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.²³

The Other Known Children:

Walter E. Sinclair, son, was born 1 February 1889 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. He died on 13 September 1897 in Anderdon Township, Essex County, Ontario, Canada, while the family vacationed in Amherstburg. Walter was transported and buried at Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.²⁴

Edith Sinclair, daughter, was born 28 September 1884 in Detroit and died at 10 months of age on 31 July 1885 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.²⁵

Known Children of Martin Sinclair and Mary McGrane

Walter E.
(1889-1897)

Edith
(1884-1885)

Evelyn Marie *Ancestor
(1896-1961)

McGrane Line

Patrick McGrane was the maternal grandfather of Evelyn Marie (Sinclair) Koss, father of Mary Evelyn (McGrane) Sinclair, wife of Martin Alexander Sinclair.

Patrick McGrane

Patrick McGrane (1825-1873)

Mary Ann Doran (ca. 1832/34-1895)

Patrick McGrane¹ was born about 1825 in Dublin, Ireland.²

Mary Ann Doran,³ daughter of John Doran,⁴ was born between 1832 and 1834 in Detroit, Michigan.⁵

Patrick was part owner of McGrane, Walker & Robinson, a pioneer firm of coppersmiths in Detroit.⁶ On 10 October 1866, Samuel Zug and Anne Zug sold property to Patrick McGrane, James Walker, and Charles C. Robinson for \$3000. The land description filed with Wayne County on 7 March 1867 was:⁷

"Beginning on the Cass line at the intersection with the Northern line of Jefferson Avenue at a Post, thence North Sixty Degrees East along said Avenue Twenty Two 46/100 feet (22 46/100) feet to a post thence North Twenty Six degrees Twenty Three & one half minutes West (43 6/100) Forty Three 6/100 feet to a post thence North Twenty Two degrees & forty seven minutes West Fifty Two 18/100 feet to a Post thence North Twenty Six degrees & Twenty Three & one half minutes West Five 34/100 feet West thence along said line South Twenty Two degrees & forty Seven minutes East one Hundred & 8/100 feet to the place of beginning."

Nearly a year after the deed was filed for the business property, an announcement was published in the *Detroit Free Press* in March 1868 concerning C. C. Robinson retiring and the firm being renamed to McGrane & Walker.⁸

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—
The firm of McGrane, Walker & Robinson is this day dissolved by mutual consent, C. C. Robinson retiring. Patrick McGrane and James Walker will continue the business under the firm name of McGrane and Walker, and will settle all claims and accounts of the late firm.
**PATRICK McGRANE,
JAMES WALKER,
C. C. ROBINSON,**
Detroit, March 9th, 1868. mr12-8t

Detroit Free Press, 18 March 1868⁹

Two years later on 31 March 1870, Charles C. Robinson sold his portion of the property to Patrick McGrane and James Walker for \$600.¹⁰

In the meantime, Patrick McGrane purchased property for his family. He paid \$1,600 to Mathew Finn and Margaret Finn on 19 August 1871 for the following property:¹¹

“Lot Number three of the subdivision of the North part of Lot Number Twenty three (23) on the Porter farm so called in said city according to the plat thereof made by Benjamin Fisher and recorded in the Registers Office in the City of Detroit County of Wayne and State of Michigan in Liber one (1) of Plats on page one hundred and fifty five (155).”

The children recalled that the family “lived on First Street near Michigan Avenue” prior to “moving to Cass Avenue and Larned Street.”¹²

Another announcement about the firm was posted in the *Detroit Free Press* in February 1873 stating that McGrane & Walker was dissolved on 4 February 1873 and James Walker had purchased McGrane’s interest and would continue the business.¹³

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.—The partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of McGrane & Walker was dissolved on the 4th of February, 1873, by mutual consent. James Walker has purchased the entire interest of Mr. McGrane in all the firm property and will continue the business as heretofore, and will settle the affairs of the late firm.
PATRICK McGRANE,
JAMES WALKER.
Feb. 13th, 1873. fell-lw*

Less than two months after leaving the firm he had co-founded, Patrick McGrane died 3 April 1873.¹⁴

Detroit Free Press, 15 February 1873¹⁵

At the time of his death, Patrick had an estimated real and personal estate valued at \$11,000 that was processed through the Wayne County Probate Court.¹⁶

Patrick’s Will was filed with the Probate Court to begin the probate process.¹⁷

“In the name of God Amen,

I Patrick McGrane of the City of Detroit County of Wayne, State of Michigan, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make ordain, publish and declare this as and for my last will and testament.

It is my will that my lawful debts, if any there should be against me at the time of my death shall be paid out of my personal estate.

I devise my real estate to my wife Mary Ann McGrane to hold so long as she shall remain unmarried. I wish it to be understood that she shall have no power to convey away or dispose of the same unless it should be deemed wise and proper and for the interest of my said wife and children in the discretion of my executors.

Should my said wife marry again it is my desire that she shall have what is allowed her by law, the remaining interests in said real estate to vest in my executors in trust for the interests of my children.

At the time of my wife so marrying and the residue of my real estate so vesting in trust-in my said executors it is my desire that my said executors shall apportion to such of my children as are of age a one-fifth part or interest of the real estate vested in therein in trust-in such manner as they shall deem most advantageous and just.

It is my desire that at the death of my wife unmarried that my real estate should vest in trust-in my executors for the benefit of my children a one fifth part or interest of the real estate to be apportioned to such of my said children as may be of age and the residue to remain in trust-in my executors for the benefit of such of my children as may not have attained their majority.

It is my desire that the business in which I am engaged with Mr. James Walker, said business being conducted under the firm name and style of McGrane and Walker shall continue only so long as is necessary for my executors to settle all the accounts and interests of the said business with power to act in all matters affecting the settlement of said business as sums best in their judgment.

It is my desire that whatever moneys or other interests are realized from the settlement of the business before mentioned shall remain in the hands of my executors and be used by them for the support of my wife and children and to be invested by them in such manner as they shall deem best, should there be more than sufficient for the immediate wants of my said wife and children.

It is my desire that that the fund or moneys last mentioned shall remain in the hands of my executors to be used as above-mentioned and what is left to be divided among my children equally, share and share alike at the time when my youngest child shall have attained his majority.

I hereby appoint Patrick Keveney and Henry Smith both residents of the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan executors of this my last will and testament reposing my utmost confidence in their honor and integrity in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.”

As requested in his will, Patrick Keveney and Henry Smith, were appointed by the Wayne County Probate Court as Executors of Patrick’s Estate on 13 May 1873.¹⁸

An inventory they completed of Patrick McGrane’s Estate on 31 October 1873:¹⁹

“Personal property turned over by widow. As follows; Cash in Wayne County Savings Bank. Made payable to the Order of Executors.	\$2155.48
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Mortgage of James Walker and wife to Patrick McGrane, Testator date February 4 th AD 1873, for the sum of \$2200.00 and receiving five years from date without interest; said Mortgage was executed to Patrick McGrane by said Walker as part of consideration on settlement of partnership business of the firm of McGrane and Walker.	\$2200.00
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A promissory note of J. M. Jones date May 26, 1871, and due two months thereafter, for the sum of \$231.68 and on which some payments have been indorsed.	\$ 10.00
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Cash received from widow - \$500.00	\$ 500.00
Household furniture, consisting of Kitchen, Bed Room, and Parlor Sets.	\$ 100.00

Real Estate as follows.

Lot three (3) in sub division of North part of lot number twenty-three (23) on Porter Farm so called in the City of Detroit. According to the plat of said Farm Recorded in Liber One of Plats on page 155 in Wayne County Registry.	\$2500.00
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Also, that piece and parcel of land owned and accepted as a homestead situate on Larned Street West in the City of Detroit and described by meters and bounds as follows: beginning at a point on the south side of Larned street, ninety eight – 98 – feet from the west line of Cass Street, and running thence south on a line parallel with the said West line of Cass Street Eighty (80) feet to the Northernly line of an alley, thence West along the Northernly line of said alley twenty two & 20/100ths feet, thence North on a line parallel with said West line of Cass Street to the {?} line of the South line of Larned Street thence Easterly along the south line of Larned street to the place of beginning -----

\$4000.00

\$11465.48”

After eight years of managing the Estate, Keveney and Smith resigned as executors on 1 March 1881, leading to Mary Ann petitioning the court on 30 March 1881, stating that the Estate had not been fully discharged. The Probate Court appointed Mary Ann the administrator of Patrick’s Estate on 26 April 1881.²⁰

Mary Ann was still the administrator of Patrick’s Estate at the time of her death on 12 April 1895 in Detroit.²¹ Her son, Edward P. McGrane, petitioned the court requesting that he and Martin A. Sinclair, his sister Evelyn’s husband, be appointed administrators of the Estate on 20 May 1895. The Court chose Edward as administrator on 5 August 1895.²²

As administrator, Mary Ann had been permitted to sell real estate in order to reinvest in other property, so as of July 1896, Patrick McGrane’s Estate owned the following two properties; No. 425 Third Street and No. 955 Fort Street West.²³

When Edward settled Patrick’s Estate on 22 July 1896, he requested that the court assign the five children as “tenants in common” of the real estate and that the cash be divided between the five children for the total of \$1,325.56 each (\$47,027 today). Receipts for the residue of the Estate that was given to each of the children were filed on 8 August 1898, twenty-five years after Patrick McGrane’s death.²⁴

Patrick and Mary Ann were buried at Mount Elliott Cemetery in Detroit.²⁵



Location Key
 1 - Home on Ist St. near Michigan Ave.
 2 – Home on Cass Ave. & Larned St.
 3 – Firm on Cass Ave. & Jefferson
 4 – 425 3rd St. / Ave.
 5 – 955 Fort St. West

1895 Map of Detroit, MI²⁶

The Other Known Children:

Ann Eliza “Ida” McGrane, daughter, was born 9 November between 1853 and 1858 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.²⁷ Ida and her brothers, Edward and Harry, resided together at 415 3rd Avenue in Detroit, between 1900 and 1910.²⁸ Ida was “for more than 50 years a leader in the Catholic Church and charitable work in Detroit.”²⁹ Ida never married. She died at her home, 1600 Harding Ave. in Detroit, on 29 December 1927 and was buried “in the family plot at Mt. Elliott Cemetery.”³⁰

Edward Phillip McGrane, son, was born 28 August between 1862 and 1868 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.³¹ Edward and his siblings, Ida and Harry, resided together at 415 3rd Avenue in Detroit, between 1900 and 1910.³² Edward never married. He died 17 November 1913 at 402 Hamilton St. in Detroit and was buried at Mt. Elliott Cemetery.³³

Nellie Francis “Helen F.” McGrane, daughter, was born 6 May between 1867 and 1869 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan; married William H. O’Keefe on 9 October 1889 in Detroit, in a

Known Children of Patrick McGrane and Mary Doran
 Ann Eliza “Ida”
 (ca. 1853/58-1927)
 Mary Evelyn *Ancestor
 (1861-1941)
 Edward Phillip
 (ca. 1862/68-1913)
 Nellie Francis “Helen F.”
 (ca. 1867/69-1912)
 John Henry “Harry”
 (ca. 1869/70-1944)

ceremony performed by Charles O'Reilly, Pastor; and died 29 February 1912 in Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan.³⁴

John Henry "Harry" McGrane, son, was born 20 September 1869 or 1870 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.³⁵ Harry and his siblings, Ida and Edward, resided together at 415 3rd Avenue in Detroit, between 1900 and 1910.³⁶ He was an "official of the juvenile division of the Wayne County probate court and for four terms sergeant-at-arms of the state house of representatives."³⁷ Harry never married. He died 12 October 1944 at his home at 1600 Harding in Detroit and was buried at Mt. Elliott.³⁸