

# Family Group Record for Lewis BURK(E)

Husband		Lewis BURK	
Born	Abt 12 JAN 1828	, , Pennsylvania	
Baptized			
Died	22 MAR 1916	Center Township, Marshall, Indiana <sup>1, 2</sup>	
Buried		Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth, Marshall, Indiana	
Father	J BURK (            -            )		
Mother			
Marriage	21 AUG 1864	De Kalb, Indiana, United States (Divorced)	
<b>Events</b>			
<p>1 He appeared on the census on 27 JUN 1870 in North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana. Lewis appears as a 38 year old male, white, farmer whose real estate is valued at \$1000 and personal property at \$125. He was born in Pennsylvania and both his parents are foreign born.</p> <p>If this age is correct then he was born about 1832.</p>			
<p>2 He appeared on the census on 7 MAY 1910 in Center Township, Marshall, Indiana. Lewis Burke appears as an inmate, male, white, 82 years old, widowed, born in Ohio. His father is listed as born in Pennsylvania and mother in Ohio. He can read and write. He is here when Christina dies in 1911.</p>			
Wife		Christina KAFFER	
Born	14 JUN 1843	Wittenburg, Germany	
Baptized			
Died	22 AUG 1911	Mishawaka, St. Joseph, Indiana <sup>3</sup>	
Cause of Death	Paralysis		
Buried	24 AUG 1911	South Bend, St. Joseph, Indiana	
Father	Unknown KAFFER (            -            )		
Mother	Anna Marie UNKNOWN (Abt 1823-            )		
<b>Events</b>			
<p>1 She immigrated in 1848 to , St. Joseph, Indiana.</p>			
<p>2 She appeared on the census on 27 JUN 1870 in North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana. Christina appears as a 28 year old female, white, keeping house who was born in Wuttenburg and both her parents are foreign born.</p>			
<p>3 She appeared on the census on 11 JUN 1900 in Liberty Township, St. Joseph, Indiana. Christian appears as the mother in the Benjamin Burke household. She is listed as being a 56 year old divorced female born June 1843 in Germany as were both her parents. She immigrated to the USA in 1845 and has been here 55 years.</p>			
<p>4 She appeared on the census on 22 APR 1910 in South Bend, St. Joseph, Indiana. In Portage Township: To the Four J's and one C!!</p> <p>At last...I found your mothers residing with your Grandmother in 1910 in Portage Township, South Bend, St. Joseph, Indiana. The census document states that they are living at 629 S. Columbia. Helen BROWN is a 34 year old white female who has been married once had two children both of whom are living. Interesting she is listed as "Sister". Her occupation is Seamstress doing Day Work.</p> <p>Helen was born in Indiana with her father born in Ohio and her mother born in Germany.</p> <p>Ursula is her two year old single white female daughter. She is listed as born in Illinois.</p>			

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## Events (cont.)

Jean is a 7/12 single white female daughter. She is listed as born in Indiana.

The birthplace of Ursula and Jean's father is recorded as Unknown!

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Walter and both his parents were born in Michigan. He and Ida have been married for 10 years. They both are listed as 38 years old. His occupation is proprietor of a grocery store.

## Children

<b>1</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Anna BURKE</b>	
Born	Abt 1866	North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana	
Baptized			
Died	After 1952		
Buried			
Spouse	Daniel LIGHT (	-Bef 1890)	

### Events

- 1 She appeared on the census on 27 JUN 1870 in North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana. Anne appears as a 4 year old female, white born in Indiana.

<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Benjamin Franklin BURKE</b>	
Born	Abt 4 JUL 1868	North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana	
Baptized			
Died	Abt 1957	North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana	
Buried			
Spouse	Martha E. BUCHER (1875-1965)	31 OCT 1896 -	St. Joseph County, Indiana

### Events

- 1 He appeared on the census on 27 JUN 1870 in North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana. Benjamin appears as a 2 year old male, white born in Indiana.
- 2 He appeared on the census on 17 JUN 1880 in North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana. Benjamin F. Burk appears as a white, male, 12 years old working as a farm laborer born in Indiana. Both his parents were born in Prussia. He is living in another families household.
- 3 He appeared on the census on 11 JUN 1900 in Liberty Township, St. Joseph, Indiana. Benjamin appears as a 32 year old male born July 1867 married for 3 years who was born in Indiana with both parents born in Germany. He is a farmer who can read, write and speak English.

<b>3</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Ida BURKE</b>	
Born	Abt 1869	Liberty Township, St. Joseph, Indiana	
Baptized			
Died	After 1952		
Buried			
Spouse	Walter SIMONS (	-	)

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<b>Events</b>		
1 She resided at the VANSCOIK family according to the 1880 federal census. in 1880 in Liberty Township, St. Joseph, Indiana.		
<b>4</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Albert BURKE</b>
Born	Abt 17 JUL 1869	North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana
Baptized		
Died	Abt 1 JUN 1944	Bremen, Marshall, Indiana
Buried		Center Church Cemetery Marshall County, Indiana
Spouse	Lucelia (Lucy) FREED (1876-1956)	1894-1895 - St. Joseph County, Indiana
<b>Events</b>		
1 He appeared on the census on 27 JUN 1870 in North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana. Albert appears as a one year old male, white born in Indiana.		
2 He resided at with the Steel family based on the 1880 federal census. in 1880 in Liberty Township, St. Joseph, Indiana.		
<b>5</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Helen V. BURKE</b>
Born	Abt 23 MAR 1874	North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana
Baptized		
Died	21 JUN 1952	Skokie, Cook, Illinois <sup>4</sup>
Buried		Skokie, Cook, Illinois
Addr	Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Road, Skokie, Illinois	
Spouse	E. E. BROWN (Abt 1876-Aft 1911)	26 JUN 1906 - Geneva, Kane, Illinois. (Divorced)
Spouse	Unknown MORRISEY ( - )	Abt 1929 - Chicago, Cook, Illinois. (Divorced)
<b>Events</b>		
1 She had a residence from 1930 to 1940 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. Check on her being at 6417 Drexel as married Morrisey....		
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3 She traveled for her mother's death and funeral on 23 AUG 1911 in South Bend, St. Joseph, Indiana.<sup>5</sup> Mrs. Helen Brown, of Chicago, was called to River Park by the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. Christina Burke.

<b>6</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>William Henry BURKE</b>	
Born	Abt 2 JUN 1876	North Liberty, St. Joseph, Indiana	
Baptized			
Died	Abt 20 MAR 1977	South Bend, St. Joseph, Indiana	
Buried	Abt 22 MAR 1977	South Bend, St. Joseph, Indiana	
Addr	Highland Cemetery, South Bend, St. Joseph, Indiana		
Spouse	Georgina WATT (Abt 1879-Abt 1962)	Abt 12 OCT 1905 - South Bend, St. Joseph, Indiana	

<b>7</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>John "Jack" BURKE</b>	
Born	Abt 31 DEC 1877		
Baptized			
Died	Abt JUL 1982	Berne, Adams, Indiana	
Buried			

**Events**

1 His Social Security Number was 311-16-5807 issued in Indiana.

## General Notes (Husband)

The BURKE Family Picture

Top Row: William, Benjamin, John and Albert Front Row: Ida, Christina (Mother), Anna and Helen

Christina Kieffer (sp?) was born 14 June 1843 (?) in Heimerdu ingen, Wittenberg, Germany (?).

She married Lewis Burk(e), who was German born (Saxony?) on 12 January 1828 (according to IGI information).

Lewis and Christina were married in DeKalb County, Indiana on 21 August 1864. DeKalb County was founded in 1835 and the County Seat was Auburn. It is located in Northeast Indiana.

This picture shows their seven children. The oldest was Anna/Anna who may have been born in 1869 and the youngest was William born in 1883(?). The challenge to birth dates and the recorded divorce (see below) needs to be solved.

On 4 January 1878 (a Friday) in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana a divorce was granted to Christina by the Circuit Court. It is Item 117 found on Page 321 and it reads as follows:

Christina Burk vs. Lewis Burk--Divorce

"Now again come the parties by Counsel, and by agreement between them a Jury is waived and this cause is submitted to the Court for trial and the Court having heard the evidence and being fully advised finds for the plaintiff and that the allegations of her complaint are true, and that a Divorce ought to be granted herein in favor of the plaintiff. The Court further finds as Alimony for the plaintiff in the sum of \$400.00

It is therefore considered adjudged and decreed by the Court that the bands of matrimony existing between the plaintiff Christina Burk and the defendant Lewis Burk be and the same are hereby henceforth and forever cancelled, dissolved and set aside. It is further ordered that the plaintiff have the sole care and custody of the four youngest children in her petition mentioned until the further order of this Court, and that she recover of the defendant said sum of Four hundred dollars for Alimony as aforesaid with with interest thereon from this date at six per cent to be collected subject to app.....and

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Christina died 22 August 1911 at the St. Joseph Community Hospital in Mishawaka at the Age of 68 according to the Death Certificate. She is listed as a Female, White and Widowed (perhaps a delicate point!). The cause of death is listed as senile myocarditis paralysis agitaus. The certificate lists her occupation as HWK (Housewife?). In the South Bend Tribune on Tuesday, August 22, 1911 a column heading is "Pioneer Resident Dead in River Park, Succumbs to Paralysis in Hospital, Mrs. Christina Burke, Who Lived With Daughter, Mrs. Walter Simons, Passes Away." The next day, Wednesday, August 23, 1911 a column heading reads "Husband Unable to Attend Wife' Funeral, Lewis Burke in Infirmary and Not Strong Enough for Trip Here."

Louis Burk(e) died 23 March 1916 at Center Township, Marshall County. He was 88 years old according to the Death Certificate and died of arterio-celerosis with J. W. Eidson, M.D. signing. He is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Plymouth, IN and J. C Burnell, Undertaker performed those duties. The death certificate states his birth date as January 12, 1828 in Germany, widowed at time of death (another delicate point!) whose occupation was that of farmer. His father was J. Burke born in Germany; Mothers name not given.

Prepared by Jeffrey L. Vaillant on 14 May 2000.

## Medical Notes (Husband) <sup>5</sup>

HUSBAND UNABLE TO ATTEND WIFE FUNERAL

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## Medical Notes (Wife)

PIONEER RESIDENT DEAD IN RIVER PARK

SUCCUMBS TO PARALYSIS IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Christina Burke, Who Lived With Daughter, Mrs. Walter Simons, Passes Away

Mrs. Christiana Burke, old resident of St. Joseph county,, is dead at the age of 68. She had resided in the county since the age of five. For the last year she made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Walter Simons, of 19th Street. She had been an ivalid five years and dided to-day in St. Joseph's hospital, Mishawaka. Mrs. Burke was born in Wittenburg, Germany, June 14, 1843 and came to this country with her parents when a child of five. She was married in Liberty township, this county, to Louis Burke. Seven children were born, fours sons and three daughters, all of whom survive. They are John D. Burke, of Mishawaka; W. H. Burke, South Bend; Albert Burke, Teegarden; B. F. Burke, North Liberty; Mrs. Anna Light, McClure, O.,; Mrs. Helen Brown, Chicago, and Mrs. Simons. Her husband, Louis Burke, of Teegarden, also survives. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

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