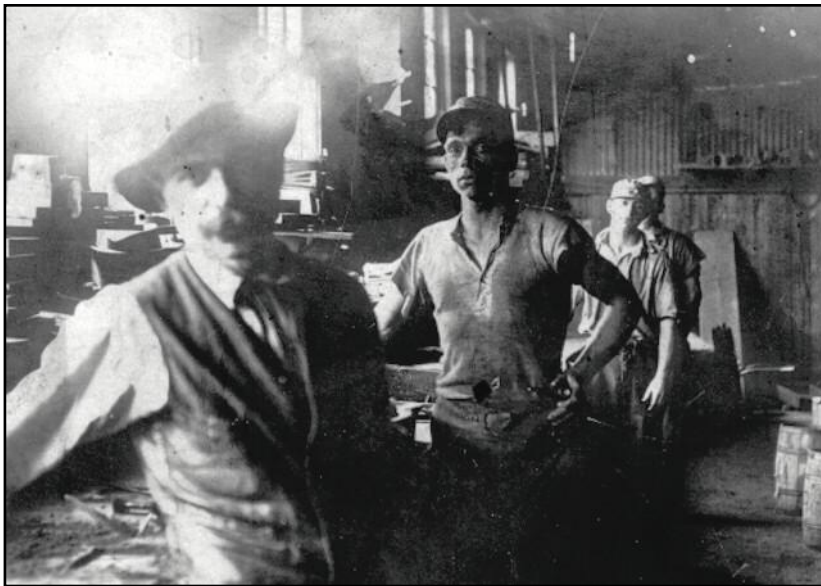


## **Albert Sinkovitz Family**

Albert was born on 15 May 1892 also in Budapest, Hungary. He was listed as a “moulder” indicating he built molds for the foundry and casting industry. Albert worked for the US Sanitary Company in Monaca, Pennsylvania. US Sanitary Company became Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company. American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Company who later changed their name to the American Standard Company, was and is today, one of the world’s largest producers of porcelain fixtures such as lavatories, sinks, bathtubs and commodes.

American Standard was created from the 1929 merger of the American Radiator Company and the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company. Through these companies and others, American Standard traces its lineage to several pioneering businesses established during the Industrial Revolution of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The following photograph depicts Albert working in the early hazardous work environment that workers were exposed to during the early 1900s. Foundries were known for their high exposures to silica particulates, and phenol resins that were used as sand binders for iron castings.



**Albert, 18, center, as a Standard Sanitary Company foundry worker, c. 1910, Monaca, Pennsylvania**

No 41977

To be given to the person Naturalized

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**      **NATURALIZATION**

Position Volume 1 page 39 Sub. Volume 3458 page 21

Description of holder Age 34 years; height 5 feet 6 inches; color, white; complexion, light; color of eyes, blue; color of hair, dark; visible distinguishing marks, None

Name, age and place of residence of wife Odelia, age 54, Zelienople Pa.

Name, ages and places of residence of minor children Albert, age 17, Zelienople Pa.

**ORIGINAL**

State of Pennsylvania      Joseph Sinkovics  
 County of Butler      (Signature of holder)

That I do hereby certify that at a Regular term of the Common Pleas court of Butler County held at Zelienople Pa. on the 25 day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and Thirteen Joseph Sinkovics who previous to his naturalization was a subject of Austria as present residing at number Zelienople and born Zelienople State of Pennsylvania having applied to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, pursuant to law and the court having found that the petitioner had resided continuously within the United States for at least five years and on this 25th day for one year immediately preceding the date of the hearing of his petition, and that said petitioner intends to reside permanently in the United States and in all respects complied with the law in relation thereto, and that he was entitled to be so admitted, it was thereupon ordered by the said court that he be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof the seal of said court is hereunto affixed on the 25 day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and Thirteen and of our Independence the one hundred and Thirtieth

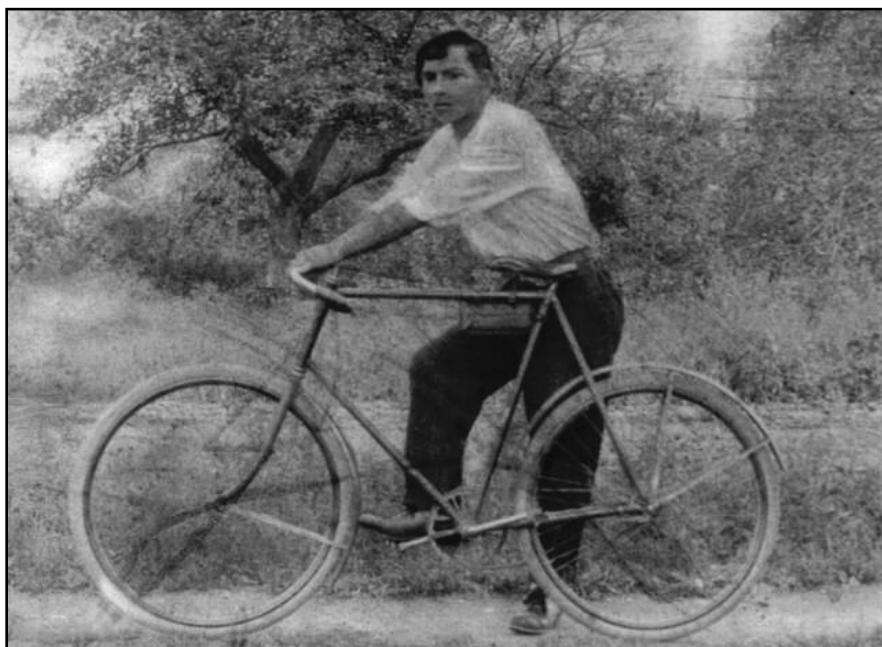
James M. Quishkaub  
 Prothonotary  
 (Official character as aforesaid)

**Certificate of Naturalization**  
**Joseph Sinkovics, Sr., 1855, Wife, Odelia, 1855, and Son, Albert, 1892**  
**Zelienople, Butler County, Pennsylvania, 25 June 1909**

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- The American flag had 45 stars.
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- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.
- There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
- Two out of every 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write.
- Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school. Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion."

Ref: Dick Williamsport, MD. [www.humor@emmitsburg.net](http://www.humor@emmitsburg.net)

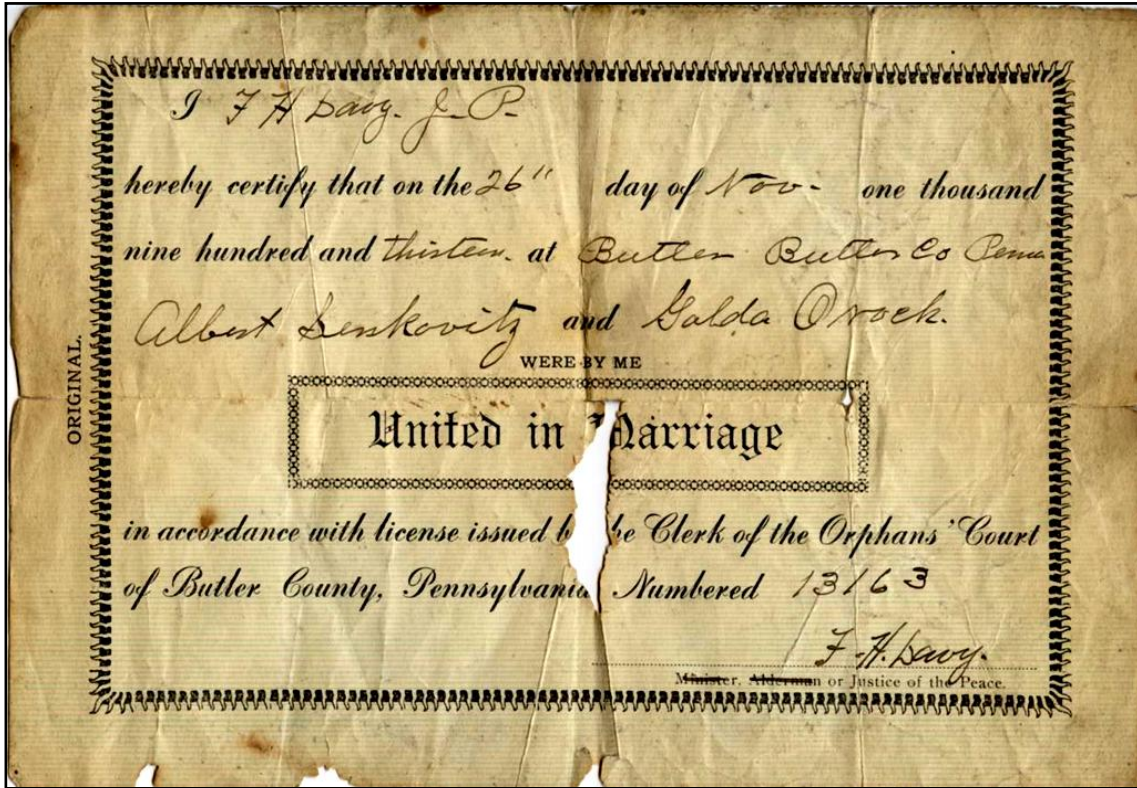


**Albert c. 1908, Beaver Valley, Pennsylvania**

This photograph of Albert, age 16, was about a year before his Citizenship Naturalization. Albert was then working at a foundry, but I am unsure of which one. His father, Joseph, worked for Iron City Foundry Works in Zelienople, Pennsylvania and they may have worked together.

We also have the same problem here as we have with his brother, Joseph, in discerning just how Albert arrived here in America. I have not found a Ship Manifest showing either young man. It is possible both worked onboard for their passage and were not listed as passengers at all. His Naturalization Record merely shows his arrival as 25 June 1909.

Four years later, Albert met, courted, and on 26 Nov 1913, married Golda (Goldie) Leona Orock. "Pa," as I called him, worked hard and as long as I remember, worked both at his foundry job and took on other jobs afterwards. He built several homes through his own toil, although there were apparently many friends who provided a helping hand to "Ole Al," as he was known. I was told early on that everyone loved Ole Al!



**Marriage Certificate of Albert and Golda Sinkovitz  
26 November 1913**

I remember asking my Grandfather Albert, when I was a young lad of about ten years of age to share with me what it was like growing up in Hungary when he was a young lad. Grandpa Sinkovitz would slowly and thoughtfully gaze his furrowed eyes upward in search of some friendly answer he would never find, but would always be uttered the same. "I don't talk about the ole' country, Sonny... I am here in America... this is where I now live... I don't talk about the ole' Country"... and he never would.

I could sense a warm recollection of some of his memories about his ole' country when Pa would pick up his mandolin and play his old Hungarian music. No words... just the beautiful music he remembered, and with a gentle smile on his face.

Pa had a resounding effect upon my life in many various ways, and my genetic makeup ostensibly bonds more so to my Sinkovitz line than my Adams family line. I have always felt a greater influence in my life from my mother and her Hungarian Sinkovitz family than I've had from my father's Ulster Scot family line.

The Albert Sinkovitz name has appeared with many spelling variations. While Albert's 1917 WWI draft registration cards that he filled out showed "Senkovitz," his Certificate of Naturalization papers indicated his name to be "Sinkovics." With the "V" having a Hungarian "W" sound they would be pronounced the same by one with a Hungarian accent.

Pa indicated to his daughter, Margaret that he used "Senkovitz" spelling as that was the spelling he was given when he came over from the "old country".

| REGISTRATION CARD   |                     | 21    |
|---|---------------------|-------|
| 1 Name in full  | Albert Senkovitz    | 25    |
| 2 Home address  | Monaca Pa           |       |
| 3 Date of birth   | May 15 1892         |       |
| 4 How you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention to become a citizen? | Naturalized citizen |       |
| 5 Where born  | Budapest Hungary    |       |
| 6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen of?   |                     |       |
| 7 What is your present trade, occupation, or profession?  | Core Maker          | 19    |
| 8 Do you belong to any organization?  | U.S. Sanitary       |       |
| 9 Where employed?   | Monaca Pa           |       |
| 10 How many a father, mother, wife, or child, or a person or persons, aged 16, which depend on the person registered, legally entitled?     | Wife & 1 Child      |       |
| 11 Married or single (check)?   | Married             | White |
| 12 What military service have you had? Rank   | None                |       |
| 13 Do you have any other persons dependent on you?  | Dependants          |       |
| I affirm that I have certified above answers and that they are true.  |                     |       |
| Albert Senkovitz  |                     |       |

| REGISTRAR'S REPORT   |                  |
|--|------------------|
| 1 Full name of person registered   | Albert Senkovitz |
| 2 Color of eyes  | Gray             |
| 3 Color of hair  | Black            |
| 4 How person has been brought to this country (1) as a soldier, (2) as a sailor, (3) as a stowaway, (4) as a fugitive, (5) as a deserter, (6) as a convict, (7) as a parolee, (8) as a deportee, (9) as a naturalized citizen, (10) as a natural born citizen, (11) as a citizen of another country? | No               |
| I certify that the answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:  |                  |
| V. A. Halzell  |                  |
| 14 Regiment  | Moore Troop      |
| 15 City or County  | Beaver           |
| 16 State   | Pa               |
| June 5 1917  |                  |

1917 WW1 Draft registration card for Albert "Senkovitz"

| REGISTRAR'S REPORT        |                  |                  |             |   |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|---|
| DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT |                  |                  |             |   |
| RACE                      | HEIGHT (Approx.) | WEIGHT (Approx.) | COMPLEXION  |   |
| White                     | 5' 5"            | 168              | Sallow      |   |
|                           | EYES             | HAIR             | Light       | ✓ |
| Negro                     | Blue             | Blonde           | Ruddy       |   |
|                           | Gray             | Red              | Dark        |   |
| Oriental                  | Hazel            | Brown            | Freckled    |   |
|                           | Brown            | Black            | Light brown |   |
| Indian                    | Black            | Gray             | Dark brown  |   |
|                           |                  | Bald             | Black       |   |
| Filipino                  |                  |                  |             |   |

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification  
*on lower right arm*  
*tattoo - bird, rose, hand word "love"*

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Registrar for Local Board: *Sarah R. Schragin*  
 (Number) *9* (City or county) *Phila.* (State) *Pa.*

Date of registration: *April 27, 1942*

LOCAL BOARD NO. 9  
 CITY OF PHILADELPHIA 33  
 10th & Buttonwood Streets 101  
 PHILADELPHIA, PENNA. 600  
 (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

16-21620-3

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER: *102* NAME (FIRST): *Albert* NAME (MIDDLE): *None* NAME (LAST): *Senkowitz* ORDER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BIRTH (FIRST): *New Sewickley* (MIDDLE): *Pa.* (LAST): *Pa.*

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (FIRST): *R D & New Brighton Pa* (MIDDLE): *Pa.* (LAST): *Pa.*

DATE OF BIRTH: *May 15 1892* PLACE OF BIRTH: *Budapest*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WITH WHOM YOU WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: *Mrs. Goldie Senkowitz*

PROFESSION, TRADE, BUSINESS, OR OCCUPATION: *U.S. Sanitary*

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: *None as above*

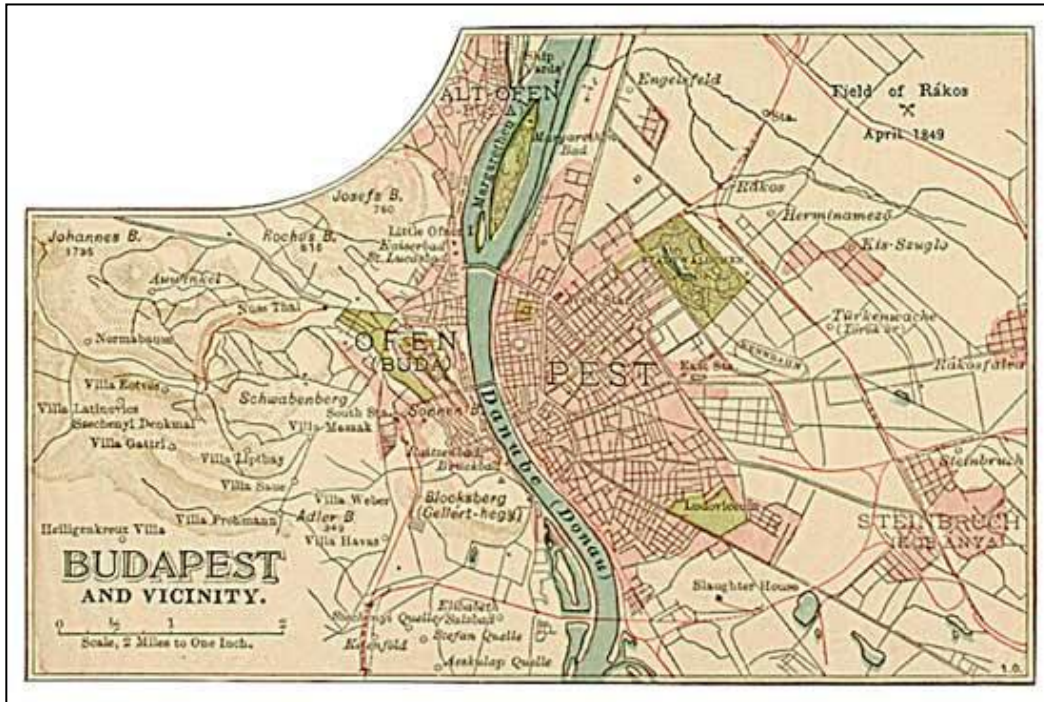
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

16-21620-3

1942 WW11 draft registration card for Albert Senkowitz

Note the spelling of "Senkowitz". It may have stemmed from Ellis Island spelling...?

Albert was a small man of 5' 5" stature and 168 pounds, but was physically strong and exhibited an even stronger constitution. He was humorous and devilish in a Hungarian sort of way. He was an avid and accomplished outdoorsman, hunter and fisherman. Pa had his favorite fishing holes he would take me to teach me his skill. He would routinely shoot squirrel, rabbit, groundhog and other small game himself. He had hunting friends with which he would shoot large game and share the meat. . Pa never discussed why his father, brother and he emigrated from Hungary to America. Hungary, he referred to as "the old country" and "in the past". His reluctance to discuss his "old country" was interpreted by me as to as to hold unpleasant memories.



**Budapest, 1900**



Earlier mentioned Cousin Jack Edward Loder related a story to me about his Grandfather, Joseph Sinkovitz Jr., who shared with him his recall of the Buda-Pest Chain Bridge lions. Chain Bridge crosses over the Danube and connects Buda with Pest. On both ends of the bridge, there are two lions "in guard", and there is a legend about them not having tongues. Apparently, they actually do! They do have tongue, but they are just not visible from the ground below. According to legend János Marchalkó who created the sculptures, after hearing the people making fun of the tongue story jumped to his death into the Danube. This legend is apparently known from a report with the caretaker of the Bridge for decades, Mr. János Fazekas, who lived in an apartment in the tunnel in front of the Bridge. Apparently, if you go to the tunnel, you will see his front door on the right hand side, but please don't bother him; he has his hard duty by keeping this wonderful bridge in good shape!

**Ref: <http://www.goldenstarsapartments.com/information/chain-bridge-lions.html>**





### Chain Bridge, Budapest... A different version.

Two neoclassical pillars support the chains on which the deck of the bridge is suspended, hence the name chain bridge. The bridge is guarded at both ends by sculptor János Marschalkó's lions baring their teeth.

It is a well-known local legend that the lions have no tongue. The story goes that an apprentice shoemaker discovered the lions' "disability". The news that the lions had no tongue spread quickly. The whole of Budapest was talking about it and János Marschalkó became the butt of ridicule and scoffing. For a while he ignored it, until one evening, when taunted again, he sharply retorted, "I'll wager five hundred forints that when a lion holds his mouth open in the way my lions do, you can't see the tongue as it is drawn back low." The bet was accepted, and Marschalkó and his pals went off to a menagerie on István Square and there he was proved right.

Can the tongue be seen or not? Some people say that it can when viewed from above, while others allege there is also something in the mouth of the one with a slightly broken tooth on the Buda side.

**Ref:** <http://www.thecity.hu/category/5/3> (Budapest City site)

Will we ever know the truth?

Following the defeat of the Austro-Hungarian Dual Monarchy (1867-1918) at the end of World War I, Hungary lost two-thirds of its territory and one-third of its population. It experienced a brief but bloody communist dictatorship and counter-revolution in 1919, followed by a 25-year regency under Admiral Miklos Horthy. Although Hungary fought in most of World War II as a German ally, it fell under German military occupation on March 19, 1944 following an unsuccessful attempt to switch sides. Under Nazi occupation, the Hungarian Government executed or deported and seized the property of hundreds of thousands of its minority citizens, many of them members of the Jewish community. Our Sinkovitz were generally noted to follow the Catholic faith.

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- **Ref: Dick Williamsport, MD. [www.humor@emmitsburg.net](http://www.humor@emmitsburg.net)**

The 1920 Census shows our Hungarian - immigrated families "from" Austria, not Hungary, as the land and people had been torn apart by war. The dual monarchy existed for 51 years until it dissolved in 1918 before a military defeat on the Italian front of the First World War. By 1930 the census records again recognized Hungary and again identified their home country.

**Albert, Goldie, Margaret and Helen Sinkovitz**  
**Ref: 1920 Partial Federal Census, Monaca, Beaver County, Pennsylvania**

- Albert and Goldie had five children:
- 1) Margaret Violet, 1914-2002
  - 2) Carl, 1916-1917
  - 3) Helen Ruth, 1918-2004
  - 4) Mildred Mae, 1923-1999
  - 5) Julia Ann, 1932-1935

Carl died on 18 October 1916 from an infant sickness when he was only six months old. Julie Ann died on 03 March 1935 from spinal meningitis when she was three years of age.

State: Pennsylvania  
 County: Beaver  
 Ward of city: Precinct 2  
 Township or other division of county: Moon Township  
 Incorporated place: Colona Village

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930  
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumeration District No. 4-74  
 Supervisor's District No. 7  
 Enumerated by me on April 17, 1930, Mrs. W. J. Blinnson

| PEACE OF ABODE | NAME                     | RELATION | HOME DATA | PERSONAL DESCRIPTION | EDUCATION | PLACE OF BIRTH |                |                | MOTHER TONGUE OR NATIVE LANGUAGE OF FOREIGN BORN           |            |  | CITIZENSHIP, ETC. | OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY |      | EMPLOYMENT |   | VETERANS             |  |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------|------|------------|---|----------------------|--|
|                |                          |          |           |                      |           | PERSON         | FATHER         | MOTHER         | Language spoken in home before coming to the United States | CODE       | Language spoken in home before coming to the United States |                   | CODE                    | Code | Code       | Whether a member of U.S. military or naval forces | When entered service |  |
| 1              | Paul Son                 |          | 7/10      | M W 15 S             | N None    | Pennsylvania   | Czechoslovakia | Czechoslovakia | English  | 58 15 10   | Yes  | None              |                         |      |            |   |                      |  |
| 2              | Bessie Daughter          |          |           | F W 9 S              | N None    | Pennsylvania   | Czechoslovakia | Czechoslovakia | English  | 58 15 10   | Yes  | None              |                         |      |            |   |                      |  |
| 3              | John Son                 |          |           | M W 6 S              | N None    | Pennsylvania   | Czechoslovakia | Czechoslovakia | English  | 58 15 10   | Yes  | None              |                         |      |            |   |                      |  |
| 4              | Margaret Violet Daughter | Head     | 9,000 R   | F W 35 M 20          | H Grad    | Hungary        | Hungary        | Hungary        | Hungarian  | 17 12 1900 | Yes  | Farmer            | Merchant 4/21/67        | Yes  | No         |   |                      |  |
| 5              | Goldie Daughter          | Head     |           | F W 33 M 17          | H Grad    | Hungary        | Hungary        | Hungary        | Hungarian  | 59 12 1900 | Yes  | None              |                         |      |            |   |                      |  |
| 6              | Margaret Daughter        |          |           | F W 16 S             | N None    | Pennsylvania   | Hungary        | Hungary        | Polish   | 58 17 11   | Yes  | Merchant          | Merchant 9/5/96         | Yes  |            |   |                      |  |
| 7              | Helen Daughter           |          |           | F W 12 S             | N None    | Pennsylvania   | Hungary        | Hungary        | Polish   | 58 17 11   | Yes  | None              |                         |      |            |   |                      |  |
| 8              | Mildred Daughter         |          |           | F W 7 S              | N None    | Pennsylvania   | Hungary        | Hungary        | Polish   | 58 17 11   | Yes  | None              |                         |      |            |   |                      |  |
| 9              | Margaret Daughter        | Head     | \$900     | F W 75 M 20          | H Grad    | Hungary        | Hungary        | Hungary        | Magyar   | 17 12 1900 | Yes  | Farmer            | Merchant 1/1/10         | Yes  | No         |   |                      |  |
| 10             | John Son                 | Head     |           | M W 35 M 20          | H Grad    | Hungary        | Hungary        | Hungary        | Magyar   | 17 12 1900 | Yes  | Farmer            | Merchant 1/1/10         | Yes  | No         |   |                      |  |
| 11             | Wayne Robert Son         | Head     | \$700 R   | M W 12 S             | N None    | Hungary        | Hungary        | Hungary        | Magyar   | 58 17 11   | Yes  | Merchant          | Merchant 3/1/24         | Yes  | No         |   |                      |  |

**1930 Federal Census, Moon Township, Colona Village, Beaver County, Precinct 2**

The above census record has been truncated at the bottom for easier reading. I comment on page 30 about the errors found in this enumeration of Albert, not "John" Sinkovitz.

**Albert, clowning with painted-on moustache at work likely, US Sanitary Company**



Also see Albert clowning with painted-on moustache, at his farm. c. 1930. See also photo in Part 6.



**Albert c. 1938, unknown location, with his casual, sauntered stance**

Pa had a characteristic friendly, sauntered, disarming stance as shown in the photograph above. He was well liked, hard working, helpful and had a wonderful, almost mischievous, sense of humor.

**Albert and Goldie Sinkovitz  
1946, Unionville, PA**



Grandpa Sinkovitz built their home “up on the hill” in Monaca Heights, Pennsylvania. Pa still worked at American Sanitary Company as a molder which was located below their home in the Beaver Valley town of Monaca. Albert also worked for Stauffer Chemical Company and Correct Mfg. Co. in Rochester, Pennsylvania during the Second World War years of 1943-1944.

**Albert Sinkovitz Home in 1946, Unionville, New Sewickley Township, Beaver County, PA**

## New Sewickley History

New Sewickley Township was created in 1801 from the original Sewickley Township which was divided, and the remaining land became North Sewickley Township. Eventually, 13 other boroughs and townships were formed from New Sewickley.

### Fun facts about New Sewickley:

Big Knob, a dome-shaped hill, is the highest point in Beaver County at 1382 feet.

Unionville was a prominent village in the township and was situated where Zelenople Road/Route 68 crosses Brush Creek.

Wallace City was a booming oil town in the 1890's.

In the past, the North Shore Railroad serviced Wallace City and the Park brickyard and quarries along Crow's Run.

Early post offices in the township were: Brush Creek at Unionville, Sunflower, Knob, Lovi and Park Quarries.

Early churches in the municipality were: Unionville United Methodist, prior to 1842; Oak Grove Lutheran Church, 1873; House of Mercy Lutheran Church, 1878; Burry's Church, the United Evangelist Protestant St. Johns Congregation, 1855.

The Big Knob Grange holds the yearly Big Knob Fair.

New Sewickley is part of the Freedom Area School District.



**Pa and Vaughn (Sonny), c. 1940**

Grandpa Sinkovitz was not a tall man but I always remember him as such. He had a slender, upright and proud stature and walk. He was wise and pragmatic in the ways of life... hard working, gentle and soft spoken. I never knew him to raise his voice or demonstrate anger. I recall him as patient and understanding in his teaching me to fish, make wooden thread spool, rubber-band windup toy tractors and calcium carbide detonated *Prince Albert* can lid fireworks. Pa had a wry devilish wit and a humorous matching smile. He was a master mandolinist and loved to play.

The above photograph was added to capture my grandfather in the stature I held him up to be, but seldom personally eye witnessed. I generally saw Pa in his fishing gear or his foundry work clothes. Here, he must have been dressed up for church, sporting a vest and tie. Pa is fondly remembered as a kind, loving, soft spoken and hard working sportsman.

For as little contact as I had with my grandparents, I cherish and remember in vivid detail the wonderful memories of our time together. Our family and my father's sales work caused us to incessantly move around the country... Ohio, Pennsylvania, California, Indiana, and Illinois... wherein we moved more times than the number of grades I attended in my 12 years of early school.

I must have resisted the turbulent moving around... as I have lived in the greater Phoenix, Arizona area for the past 55 years with no earthly desire to ever move, except for the summer where we spend three plus months at our mountain Cabinlot.

Grammy and Pa Sinkovitz lived within walking distance when I was young in a modest but well manicured home that had a garage in their basement with their home on a rise above. I remember their grey, sandy-shingled home in later years when we would visit. Their home was always warm and cozy. Grammy always had wonderfully aromatic food such as Hungarian Chicken Paprikash cooking on the stove and pies or strudel baking in her oven. Grammy would also place handmade rag throw rugs on her shiny wood floors that I apparently could never walk over without disarranging their otherwise neat, flat placement... thereby sending Grammy into a little tizzy. "*Pick up those feet, Sonny!*" she would bellow with her hands powerfully and dominantly resting on her broad, strong hips.

The Sinkovitz's "restroom" consisted of a wooden, single seat outhouse some fifty small paces behind their home wherein no one I ever knew... "rested", but rather, scrambled from... quickly. This was especially true at night, when all the creepy, crawling spiders and other ugly, undefined creatures were all on the prowl and wanting to climb upon and devour those who were either naively brave or sufficiently distressed... to enter. I would either spend a miserable night or would otherwise wait until morning when the creatures would crawl back into their dark, eerie and webby tunnels they called home and eagerly await for dusk to loom.

Grandpa, finally in the late 1940's, built a modern, new bathroom in their home in Unionville for Grammy, but much to the delight of all... particularly, me.

Albert Sinkovitz was a man of many talents.

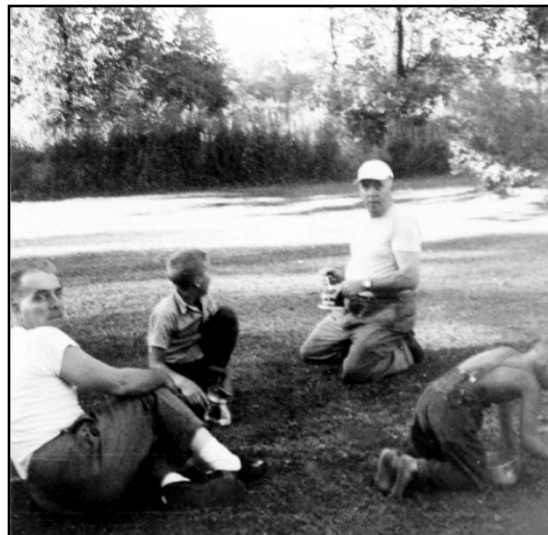


**Pa fishing at our home on the Fox River in St. Charles, Illinois c. 1948**

I remember carp and catfish fishing with visiting Grandpa Sinkovitz off the banks of the Fox River in St. Charles, Illinois where we lived. Pa would use a mixture of dried mustard and water to chase night crawlers from their holes to use as bait.

Grammy was a wonderful cook and knew how to “fix” the bottom feeding carp and channel catfish for proper eating.

**Dad, far left, Vaughn, Uncle Bill, Ron, c. 1948, catching night crawlers.**



The photograph was taken at our home adjacent to the Fox River in St Charles, Illinois. If Pa was visiting there, he was most likely already fishing.





### **The infamous red, Prince Albert tobacco can!**

<http://usadata.blogspot.com/2011/01/prince-albert-tobacco.html>

I remember one afternoon when I was about seven he took me by one hand and with the other he carried one of his large, empty, red, Prince *Albert* tobacco cans that he filled with secret supplies. Pa punched a hole in the bottom center of the can with a nail and sprinkled in a few crystals of calcium carbide to which he added a small amount of water. Pa then pressed the friction lid down tightly with his heel, and then toppled the can over on its side with his foot. Out from the small nail hole there flowed a white smoke stream of what I much later learned was acetylene gas. Pa lit one of his wood pipe matches, and, keeping his foot firmly on the side of the can, reached down and placed the business end of the match to end of the small plume of escaping white explosive gas. I was convinced the detonation was heard throughout Beaver County! The lid that I had trained my eyes upon exploded from the can and instantly sailed completely out of sight! Pa just smiled and chortled during the entire process... knowing that I had never before witnessed such an amazing spectacle... and I had not!

I also remember Pa making toy wind-up tractors for me, using Grammy's wooden thread spools, rubber bands, Popsicle sticks and wax. Pa would vee-notch both rims of the spools with his knife (that he always carried) to provide traction to the drive spools. The rubber band was threaded through the holes of the spools, and the applied wax provided manageable frictional release between the stick and spool. Pa introduced me early in my life to not only the basic elements of chemistry and physics, but also a lot of creative, low cost fun.

One treat we kids would always look forward to when visiting Grammy and Pa was the disbursement of Pa's collected coins that he kept in their chain hung, hollowed out log stub in Grammy's Unionville kitchen. Our sister, Be Be, (Alberta) 10, older and wiser in such fiscal matters, would naturally assume leadership in our pecuniary disbursements and we would look to her to commence the process. I tried (in vain) to carefully audit our sister-leader. Little Ron, 4, was always maneuvered to sit between Bertie and me, and never quite caught on to the coin values or the double counts on the ends. Ron just smiled and was tickled to be part of the otherwise undemocratic "coin disbursement" procedure.

Our family moved around the country numerous times across our younger years. Regrettably, we did not live near Grandpa and Granma Sinkovitz for most of our growing up years. The little time I did spend, however, were most precious and memorable.

Grandpa Al's many years of working in the foundry with phenol resins and sand likely led to much health related exposures that could likely have played a role in his early demise at 49 years of age.

Grandpa Sinkovitz died on 25 February 1951. Apparently Pa came home from work, ate dinner, worked around the farm awhile and was resting in his living room. He apparently lit his pipe, closed his eyes and quietly passed away.

Our family was still living in Calumet City, Illinois. We drove back to Unionville, Pennsylvania to bid our loving farewells. I remember sadness, and a cold, gray, slow moving winteriness to the trip, services and internment, most of which I did not seem to appreciate or understand. I would miss my Pa greatly.

Pa is interred in the Union Cemetery located at Brodhead Road & Chapel Road in Monaca, PA 15061

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING  
WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD  
CORONERS should state CAUSE OF DEATH  
in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact Statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

| HVS-20007—85M—5-49  |                                  | COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA<br>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH<br>BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS<br>CERTIFICATE OF DEATH |   | File No. <b>10602</b>   |
|---|----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Primary<br>Dist No. <u>04-11-82</u>   |                                  |  |   | Registered No. <u>61</u>  |
| BIRTH NO.   |                                  |  |   |   |
| 1. PLACE OF DEATH<br>a. County <u>Beaver</u>  |                                  |  | 2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission)<br>a. State <u>Pa.</u><br>b. County <u>Beaver</u> |   |
| b. City (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township)<br>or<br>Borough <u>New Sewickley Twp.</u>   |                                  | c. Length of Stay (in this place)<br><u>8 yrs</u>  | c. City (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township)<br>or<br>Borough <u>New Sewickley Twp.</u>                         |   |
| d. Full Name of Hospital or Institution (If not in hospital or institution, give street address or location)<br><u>Near Unionville</u>  |                                  |  |   |   |
| 3. NAME OF DECEASED<br>(Type or Print) a. (First) <u>ALBERT</u> b. (Middle) <u>SINKOVITZ</u> c. (Last) <u>SINKOVITZ</u>   |                                  |  | 4. DATE OF DEATH<br>(Month) <u>Feb</u> (Day) <u>25</u> (Year) <u>1951</u>   |   |
| 5. SEX<br><u>Male</u>   | 6. COLOR or RACE<br><u>White</u> | 7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify)<br><u>Married</u>                                   | 8. DATE OF BIRTH<br><u>May 15 1892</u>  | 9. AGE (in yrs. last birthday) <u>58</u> If Under 1 Yr. Months Days If Under 24 Hrs. Hours Min. |
| 10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired)<br><u>Moulder</u>   |                                  | 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY<br><u>Machine shop</u>   | 11. BIRTHPLACE (also give State or foreign country)<br><u>Hungary</u>   |   |
| 13. FATHER'S NAME<br><u>Joseph Sinkovitz</u>  |                                  |  | 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?<br><u>USA</u>  |   |
| 15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no or unknown) (If yes, complete reverse side of certificate)<br><u>No</u>  |                                  |  | 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.<br><u>211-05-8899</u>   |   |
| 17. INFORMANT'S OWN SIGNATURE<br><u>Max Solter Sinkovitz - R. B. 2 New Brighton Pa.</u>   |                                  |  | ADDRESS   |   |
| 18. CAUSE OF DEATH<br>Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)   |                                  |  | 17. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION   |   |
| I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH*<br><u>Acute Cardiac Dilatation</u>   |                                  |  | INTERVAL Between ONSET and DEATH<br><u>Sudden</u>   |   |
| II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS<br>Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.   |                                  |  | Antecedent Causes<br><u>Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last.</u>            |   |
| 19a. DATE OF OPERATION  |                                  |  | 19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION  |   |
| 20. AUTOPSY?<br>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   |                                  |  |   |   |
| 21a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify)  |                                  | 21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)                   | 21c. (CITY, TOWN AND TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE)   |   |
| 21d. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) Hour OF INJURY   |                                  | 21e. INJURY OCCURRED While at Work <input type="checkbox"/> Not While at Work <input type="checkbox"/>     | 21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?  |   |
| 22. I hereby certify that a view (an inquest) was held upon the body of the above named deceased on <u>Feb. 27, 1951</u> , and that death occurred at <u>11:30 a.m., E.S.T.</u> , from the causes and on the date stated above. |                                  |  |   |   |
| 23a. SIGNATURE OF CORONER<br><u>Margaret Sanders, Deputy</u>  |                                  |  | 23b. ADDRESS<br><u>Dunkington Pa.</u>   | 23c. DATE SIGNED<br><u>2-27-51</u>  |
| 24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify)<br><u>Burial</u>  |                                  | 24b. DATE<br><u>Feb 28 1951</u>  | 24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY<br><u>Union Cemetery</u>   | 24d. LOCATION (Town, township and county) (State)<br><u>Center Twp. Beaver, Pa.</u>             |
| DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG.<br><u>Feb 28 1951</u>  |                                  | REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE<br><u>Clara Grunme</u>   | 25. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR<br><u>James T. Anderson - Rochester Pa.</u>   |   |
| ADDRESS<br><u>BACHELOR BROS. INC. Rochester, Pa.</u>  |                                  |  |   |   |

Albert Sinkovitz Death Certificate

| <b>Husband: Albert Sinkovitz</b> |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
|                                  | Born 1: 15 May 1892 in: Budapest, Hungary   |
|                                  | Born 2: 15 May 1892   |
|                                  | Born 3: 1895 in: Hungary  |
|                                  | Born 4: 1895 in: Hungary  |
|                                  | Married 1: 26 Nov 1913 in: Butler, PA   |
|                                  | Married 2: 26 Nov 1913 in: Butler, Butler, PA   |
|                                  | Died: 25 Feb 1951 in: Unionville, Butler Co., PA  |
|                                  | Father: Joseph Sr. Nemet Sinkovitz  |
|                                  | Mother: Mary Jaros  |
| <b>Wife: Goldie Leona Orock</b>  |   |
|                                  | Born 1: 19 Oct 1896 in: Mansfield, Richland Co., OH   |
|                                  | Born 2: 1897 in: Ohio   |
|                                  | Died: 03 Oct 1961 in: Chicago, Cook Co., IL, S. Suburban Hospital   |
|                                  | Father: William James Orock, Sr.  |
|                                  | Mother: Mary Kromer   |
| <b>CHILDREN</b>                  |   |
| 1<br>F                           | Name: Margaret Violet Sinkovitz<br>Born 1: 23 Jan 1914 in: Rochester, Beaver Co., PA<br>Born 2: 23 Jan 1914<br>Born 3: 23 Jan 1914<br>Born 4: 1915 in: Pennsylvania<br>Died 1: 07 Apr 2002 in: New Port Richey, Pasco County, FL<br>Died 2: 07 Apr 2002 in: Port Richey, Pasco, Florida, United States of America<br>Married: 11 Sep 1933 in: Beaver County, PA<br>Spouse: Vaughn Paul Adams, Sr.<br>Married: 03 Nov 1962 in: Hammond, Cook Co., IN, First United Methodist Church, Hammond, IN<br>Spouse: Lawrence Elmer Taylor<br>Married: 15 Jul 1989 in: Holy Cross Lutheran Ch., Port Richey, Pasco, FL<br>Spouse: Donald Hansen |
| 2<br>M                           | Name: Carl Sinkovitz<br>Born: 18 Oct 1916 in: Monaca, Beaver Co., PA<br>Died: 04 Apr 1917 in: Monaca, Beaver Co., PA  |
| 3<br>F                           | Name: Helen Ruth Sinkovitz<br>Born: 02 Apr 1918 in: Monaca, Beaver Co., PA<br>Died: 28 Apr 2005 in: Sanford, FL 32771<br>Married: in: Miami, Dade Co., FL<br>Spouse: Charles Jaros<br>Married: 23 Dec 1936 in: Rochester, Pa<br>Spouse: Lewis E. Kammerer   |
| 4<br>F                           | Name: Mildred Mae Sinkovitz<br>Born 1: 25 Apr 1923 in: Monaca, Beaver Co., PA<br>Born 2: 26 Apr 1923<br>Died 1: 18 Oct 1999 in: Beaver Falls, PA<br>Died 2: 18 Oct 1999 in: Beaver Falls, Beaver, Pennsylvania, United States of America<br>Married: 30 Nov 1945 in: Monaca, Beaver Co., PA.<br>Spouse: Richard Carl Graham<br>Married: 1958 in: Zelenople, PA.<br>Spouse: Leroy John Dishler   |
| 5<br>F                           | Name: Julia Ann Sinkovitz<br>Born: 19 Feb 1932 in: Monaca, Beaver Co., PA<br>Died: 03 Mar 1935 in: Monaca, Beaver Co., PA   |

### Family Group Record for Albert Sinkovitz

## Golda Orock Family

I do not have much information on the Orock family aside from a few photographs and a few items my mother shared. Golda, apart from her Marriage Certificate, went by Goldie. She was the second of seven children of William James Orock, Sr. and Mary Kromer, or, Krohmer, as it was also shown. The name was of German origin.

I was told that Orock was apparently a phonetic variation of a French name that sounded like Orock but spelled in a confusing manner.



Goldie's sister, Clara Violet Orock married Clayton Lawrence Gourley, Sr. and had two children, Daniel and Clayton, Jr.

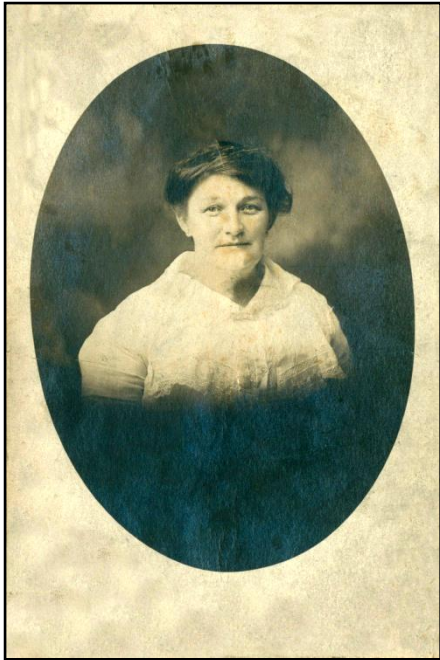
Clayton's family includes daughters Julia, Janet and Shawn and lives in the Mesa, Arizona area.

**Goldie Leona Orock, 6 Months, January, 1897**

The age and development process used in the photograph resulted in a unique color, mottle and radiance.



**Left- Goldie, daughter Helen, Goldie's sister, Clara and Mary Kromer Orock**



**Mary Kromer Orock**



**Mary Kromer Orock**

After Pa passed on in 1951, Grammy sought a job. While she had never worked outside her home she found that her services were warmly received at the Beaver Valley Country Club in Beaver Falls, where she served as their pastry chef for many ensuing years.



**Baker Grammy (Goldie Orock Sinkovitz) at the Beaver Valley Country Club, shown with her two husky co-workers.**

Goldie was a large but modest woman with an enormous heart, a caring understanding of the important aspects of her life, a warm smile, an excellent cook and baker, and she possessed kind, plaintiff, and loving eyes.

Grammy moved out to Hammond, Indiana to live with Mom after she became ill. She passed away from breast cancer on 03 Oct 1961 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, at the South Suburban Hospital. After the services, she was transported back to Monaca, Pennsylvania where she was buried.

Both Albert and Goldie Sinkovitz are interred in the Union Cemetery located at Brodhead Road & Chapel Road in Monaca, Pennsylvania. Their united headstone is shown below.



**Combined Headstone for Albert and Goldie Leona Orock Sinkovitz**

**Union Cemetery. Lot 75, Sec. C  
Monaca, Beaver County, Pennsylvania**