

Christine Schoening Hartman May 6 1877

I do not remember too much about Aunt Christine, she was married and living in St. Louis at the time of the Family Reunion 1911, and probably had her third child. I don't remember her ever making a trip to Paducah, but we did go up there several times, Aunt Velma went almost every year and I went with them one time.

Jennie the oldest was about my brother Leo's age, Elsie was Bill's age and Marie was Fred's. Robert and I were the same age, he was the youngest and only boy.

Aunt Velma in her history for Julia gives more about Aunt Christines early life.

She married Adolph Hartman, he was quite a successful farmer, they had a nice large home in suburb of St. Louis called Jewnnings, think it has all been incorporated into St. Louis now.

We would spend a week or so with them some time during the summer I saw her once after I was grown don't remember too much about it.

Jennie married and had one child named Jane, and if I remember correctly she lived in Independence, Mo.

Elsie married a Gruenwald, they were farmers, had two or three children. Elsie's health got bad, Marie (her sister) took the youngest child named Althea to raise. I've never seen her.

Marie married a man by name of Ed Custer, they never had any children.

Robert married and had twins and I believe another child, both Robert and Jennie died young.

Mom and Aunt Velma made several trips to St Louis to see Aunt Christine and I think they were very enjoyable. Aunt Velma loved to drive and did a lot of it as long as she was able, but when she made the last trip up there she told Mom it would be the last for she did not feel too sure of herself and knew reflexes were not as sharp as they should be.

There was a German bakery close to where the Hartman's lived and when we would go there they always treated us to the best German coffee cake and rolls.

Uncle Adolph was quite a tease and he especially enjoyed teasing me.

He had a truck he used for gardening and marketing which was no problem for him to drive, but the automatic shift was a different story. He bought a new Pontiac and never did really learn to drive it. Remember he took us for a drive and nearly scared me spitless. Finally put it up on blocks and it sat there until he died, he would never let the children drive it.

He died several years before Aunt Christine, don't know what caused either of their deaths..