Franz (Frank) Gervas Roth
2nd Great Grandfather



Summary

Frank Gervas Roth was born in Baden, Germany in 1833. When he was 11, his family emigrated to the US, moved several times, and settled in Wisconsin, farming the land. Frank married Mary Katherine (Maria Catharina) Weynand in Wisconsin in 1855 when he was 22. They lived in Madison until 1869 when Frank and his family moved to Hannibal. In Hannibal, Frank went into the grocery business where he was very successful. He became "one of Hannibal's oldest and most respected citizens according to the book The Mirror of Hannibal. He and Mary had 5 or 6 children and two – William J. and Carrie E. - survived them. Frank died in 1926 when he was 93 years old.

Per AI, this photo may be Frank Roth. This photo dates 1872-1880, estimated age 35-45. In 1873, Frank would have been 40.

Spellings

Franz, Francis, Frank (but never Franklin)
Gervas, Gervais

Links

Ancestry.com: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/174278004/person/322472904305/facts
MyHeritage.com https://www.myheritage.com/profile-OYYV6DR2IEVJLPS75PBYIOW3HEMVFFQ-2000016/frank-gervas-roth
FamilySearch.org https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/GBT6-HWV
FindaGrave.com https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/275846984/franz-gervas-roth

Detailed Bio

Franz Gervas Roth was born on March 23, 1833, in what is now Breisach, Freiburg, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. In 1833 and until 1871, Baden was a sovereign state, and the formal name was Grand Duchy of Baden. His parents were Maria Anna Meyer, age 38, and Johann Baptist Roth, age 42. The family was Catholic and remained that way throughout his life. He was baptized when he was one day old. Here is the baptism record.

Name	Gervas Roth
Gender	Male
Baptism Age	0
Birth Date	23 Mär 1833 (23 Mar 1833)
Baptism Date	24 Mär 1833 (24 Mar 1833)
Baptism Place	Katholisch, Breisach, Freiburg, Baden
Residence Place	Breisach, Baden, Germany
Father	Johann Roth
Mother	Maria Anna Meyer
FHL Film Number	889840

Frank had two older brothers: Mathaeus born 23 September 1827 who later changed his name to Mathew, Johann Baptist Jr. born on November 21, 1831, and an older sister Caroline born in 1829. Three additional siblings died the same year they were born.

In 1845 when Frank was 11, the entire family emigrated to the US, arriving in New York, NY on Aug 30, 1845. They departed from Rotterdam on a ship called Victor with 133 passengers. Victor may have looked like this:



Per ChatGPT: For 1845, 133 passengers would be very typical on an average packet or emigrant ships with 100–200 passengers. The *Victor* was likely:

- A moderate-sized wooden sailing ship, not a massive packet liner
- Possibly cargo-oriented, with passengers as a secondary function
- Less crowded than later famine-era ships (late 1840s), which were often dangerously packed

🛏️ Living conditions (relative)

- Still cramped by modern standards, but not extreme overcrowding
- Likely multiple shared berths below deck
- Passengers would have had a bit more space than on ships carrying 300+

📏 Rough physical scale (very approximate)

A ship carrying ~130 passengers might have been:

- 100–130 feet long
- 2 or 3 masts, square-rigged
- Crew of perhaps 15–25 sailors
- 35 to 55 days length of voyage, obit says 2 months, probably felt like it.

That passenger count actually hints at a somewhat less chaotic crossing than many others of the era.

Frank used to tell his friends stories about this voyage; it seemed to make quite an impact on him in his youth. Here's the arrival record based in New York with quite a bit of citation detail.

New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Immigration Lists, 1820-1850
https://catalog.archives.gov/id/517414186?objectPage=696 line 65 family is line 60-65

Record details	
Name	**Gervas Roth**
Arrival Date	**Aug 30, 1845**
Age	**11**
Gender	**M (Male)**
Port of Arrival	**New York**
Port of Departure	**Rotterdam**
Place of Origin	**Deutschland**
Ship	**Victor**
Family Identification	**76344**
Microfilm Serial Number	**M237**
Microfilm Roll Number	**59**

Source Date
30 August 1845
Web Page https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1045372701:7488?tid=&pid=&queryid=bb97a5d5-a060-4b6f-aa88-7233d0794d28&_phsrc=idB28676&_phstart=successSource
Where The Record Is Found (Citation)
The National Archives in Washington, DC; Washington, DC, USA; Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1820-1897; Microfilm Serial or NAID: M237; RG Title: Records of the U.S. Customs Service; RG: 36
Describe The Record (Notes)
Passenger manifest for the Victor arriving at New York City on 30 August 1845 Johann Roth age 54 farmer Baden Maria Anna 50 Baden Matheus 17 Baden Carolina, 16 Baden Johann Baptist 13 Baden Gervais 11 Baden

District of Newyork **Port** of Newyork

I A Bartlett do solemny, 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 Newyork contains to the best of my Knowledge and belief, a just and true account of all the PASSENGERS received on board the Victor whereof I am master, at the time of her sailing from the Port of ROTTERDAM.

Sworn to before me, this 30th day of August 1845 A Bartlett

G W Dows Jr

List or Manifest of all the Passengers, taken, on board the Victor of Plymouth, whereof A Bartlett is Master, bound from Rotterdam for Newyork burthen three hundred ninety two 392/95 tons.

	NAMES.	Age. Years.	Age. Month's.	SEX.	OCCUPATION.	The country to which they severally belong.	The country in which they intend to become inhabitants.	REMARKS.
1	Frans [illegible]	26		Male	[illegible]	Prussia		
2	Jos Bennemer	22		do	Weaver	Westphalia		
3	Egon Mordes	21		do	Weaver			
4	[illegible] Schumpf	34		female				
5	Franz Michel	5		Male				
6	Anna Maria	2		female				
7	Gaudin Meier	30		Male	Agriculturist			
8	Caroline Weber	34		female		Bavaria		
9	Theodor	10		do				
10	Amalia	13		do				
11	Augustin	11		do				
12	Joseph	14		Male				
13	Franz Wilhelm	14		do	Weaver	Prussia		
14	Barbara	16		female				
15	Joseph	17		Male	do			
16	Barbara	16		female				
17	Catharine	14		do				
18	Laura	12		do				
19	Betty	11		do				
20	Mary Ann	8		female				
21	Barbara	1		do				
22	Lorenz Gaudin Meyer	35		Male	Farmer	Westphalia		
23	Johanna Weber	33		do	Cooper	Prussia		
24	Gaudenz Meiswenger	27		do	Farmer	Baden		
25	Maria Elisabeth	33		female				
26	[illegible]							
27	Hermann Heinrich	21		Male	Weaver	Westphalia		
28	Catharine	28		female		Baden		
29	Caspar	12		do				
30	Franz Simon	9		Male				
31	Elisabeth			do				
32	Louis Weber	4	3	Male				
33	Barbara	24		female	Farmer			
34	Barbara	4		do				
35	Dorothea		9	do				
36	Xaxier Weber	23		Male	do			
37	Frederika	25		female	do			
38	Franz Hermann Gumpp	32		Male	do			
39	Bernard Stalth	52		do	do			
40	Catharina	52		do	do			
41	Blasius Schumpf	52		female	do			
42	Barbara Weber	52		Male	do			
43	Ottilia	19		do	do			
44	Catharina	5		do	do			
45	Catharina	28		female	do			
46	Johannes	23		Male	Miner			
47	Johann Wendorf	29		do	Weaver			
48	Valentin Nickel	52		do	Gardener			
49	Barbara Meisel	18		female				
50	Johann Georg Stenk	52		Male	Farmer			
51	Conrad Bolle	50		do	do			
52	Valentin Riesen	42		do	Tyler	Palatinate		
53	Margaretha Schumpf	36		female				
54	Margaretha	9		do				
55	Wilhelm	7		Male				
56	Heinrich	4		do				
57	Margaretha	23		do	Maid			
58	Maria Rosenthal	20		female		Westphalia		
59	Heinrich Baier	52		Male	Cooper	Bavaria		
60	Jacob Schumann	30		do	Farmer	Bavaria		
61	Johann Bolle	28		female	Farmer	Bavaria		
62	Maria Anna Schumpf	32		Male				
63	Matthias	14		do				
64	Caroline	13		female				
65	Johann Stephan	13		Male				
66	Ignatz	11		do				
67	Margaretha Baier	19		female		Bavaria		
68	Franziska Baier	17		Male	Shoemaker			
69	Elisabetha Schumpf	36		female				
70	Gottfried	33		Male	Cutler	Bavaria		
71	Magdalena Schumpf	34		female				
72	Elisabeth	11		do				
73	Johann Nikolaus Hausen	32		Male	Shoemaker			
74	Elisabetha Schumpf	34		female				
75	Theresa	4		do				
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77	Catharina Schumpf	30		female				

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In 1845, the Roth family settled in Rome, Oneida, NY where the father Johann bought a farm. (per obituary). Per Mirror of Hannibal book, they settled in Lewis County, NY, which is one county north.

Two years later, they sold the farm and moved west to Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH where they bought another farm (per obituary).

On October 2, 1854, three of the brothers claimed land in Sauk County, Wisconsin by taking out three patents for land at the General Land Office. They were in the name of Mathew, Francis, and John B.

These three brothers were the first to settle these parcels which are located in the Township of Honey Creek, near the towns of Denzer and Leland. Today there is a nature and bird preserve not too far from this land.

This area was home to numerous German immigrants, but most of them were Methodist, making this Catholic family a small minority. They likely walked a few miles to the Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church every Sunday, which was founded in 1852.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE No. 16729

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS Francis Roth of South County, Wisconsin,

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE, at Mineral Point, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

Francis Roth,

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the South East quarter of the North West quarter and the South West quarter of the North East quarter of Section Three, in Township Ten North of Range five East in the District of Lands subject to Sale at Mineral Point Wisconsin containing Eighty acres

according to the official plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said Francis Roth.

NOW KNOW YE, That the **United States of America,** in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said Francis Roth,

and to his heirs, the said tract above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said

Francis Roth, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Franklin Pierce,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON,** the Second day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Fifty four and of the Independence of the United States the Seventy-ninth

BY THE PRESIDENT: Franklin Pierce

By H. E. Baldwin, Asst. Secy.

S. N. Granger

RECORDER of the General Land Office.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE } No. 33,600. }

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS *Matthew Roth, of Dane county, Wisconsin,*

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Milwaukie,* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Matthew Roth,*

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for *the North half of the North East quarter of Section three, in Township nine, of Range eleven, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Milwaukie, Wisconsin, containing eighty-nine acres and thirty hundredths of an acre,*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Matthew Roth,*

NOW KNOW YE, That the **United States of America,** in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said *Matthew Roth,*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Matthew Roth,*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *Zachary Taylor,* PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON,** the *first* day of *March,* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty,* and of the **Independence of the United States** the Seventy-*fourth.*

BY THE PRESIDENT: *Z. Taylor.*

By *Th? Ewing Jr.* Sec'y,

N. Sargent, RECORDER of the General Land Office.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE No. 16728

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS John Baptist Roth, of Sauk County, Wisconsin,

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE, at Mineral Point, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

John Baptist Roth, according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the North East quarter of the South West quarter and the North West quarter of the South East quarter of Section Three, in Township Ten, North, of Range five, East, in the District of Lands subject to Sale at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, containing Eighty acres,

according to the official plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said John Baptist Roth

NOW KNOW YE, That the **United States of America,** in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said John Baptist Roth,

and to his heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said

John Baptist Roth, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Franklin Pierce

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON,** the Second day of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and of the Independence of the United States the Seventy-seventh,

BY THE PRESIDENT: Franklin Pierce

By H. E. Baldwin Jr. Sec'y

S. A. Granger, RECORDER of the General Land Office.

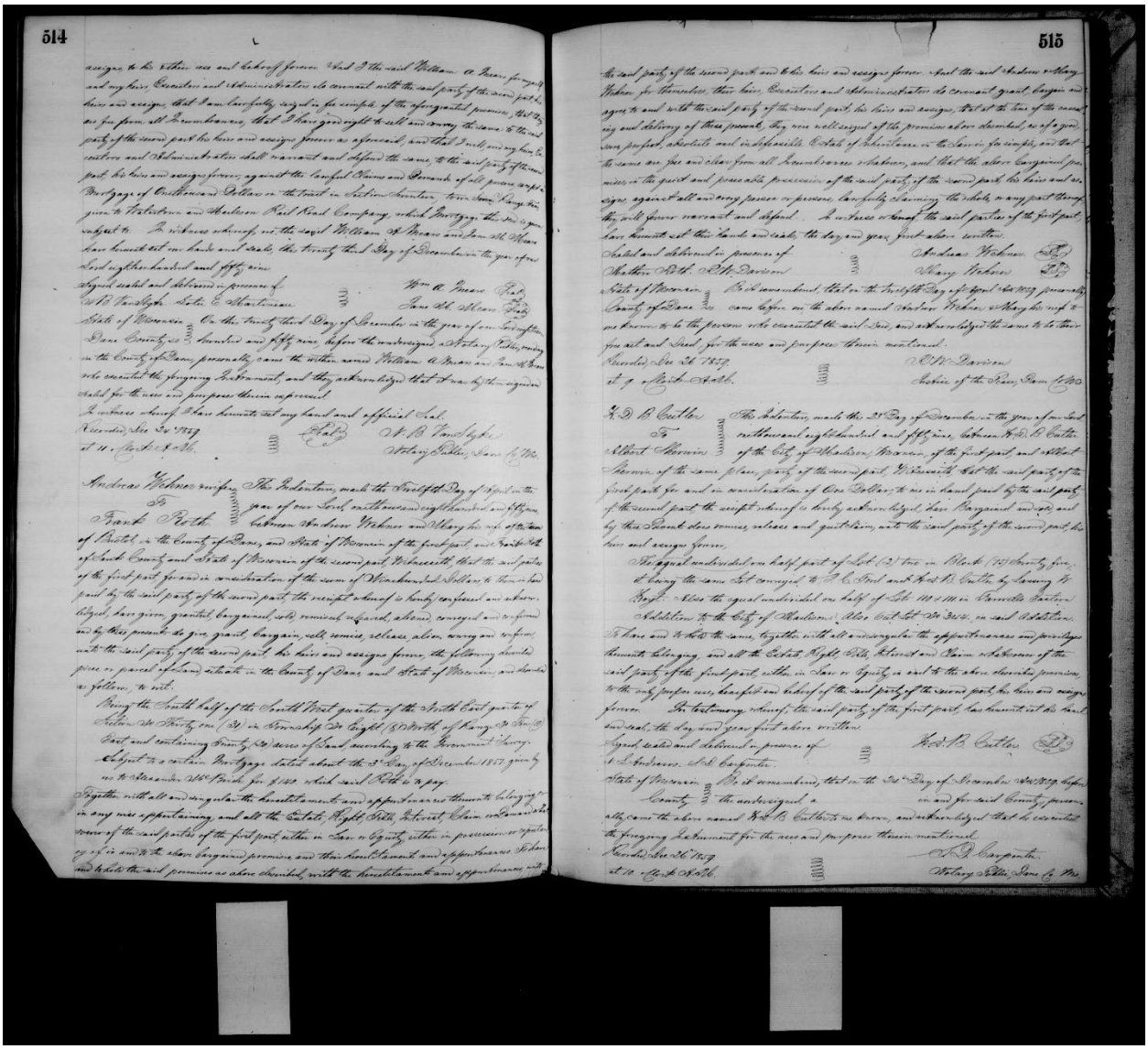
These three land certificates are numbered in order.

By 1855, brother Mathew had married and had his first son. By 1860, that family settled in Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin and would complete their lives there. I cannot find anything about John Baptist Roth beyond the patent.

On September 3, 1855, Frank Gervas Roth married Mary Katherine Weyand in Sauk County, Wisconsin, when he was 22 years old. (unable to find marriage certificate) Frank and Mary had their first son on 27 February 1858, William Jacob Roth (Sr.) in Sauk City, Sauk County, Wisconsin.

In 1859, the small family moved to Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin and stayed until 1869. They likely moved from Sauk County because it was very rural. They were also a religious minority – Catholic, surrounded by a Methodist majority. Plus, brother Mathew was there.

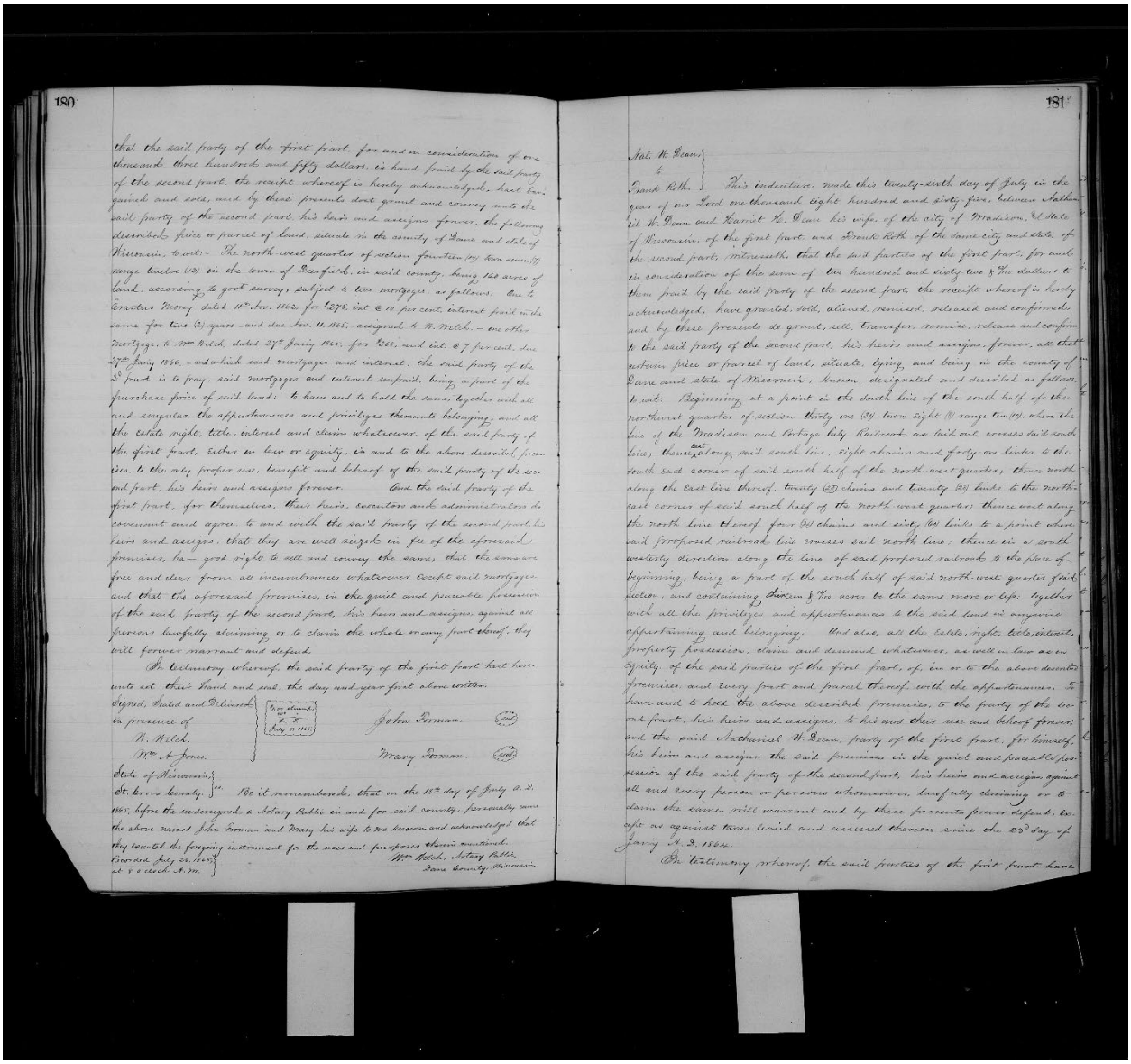
Here is the deed from 1859 when they bought farmland.



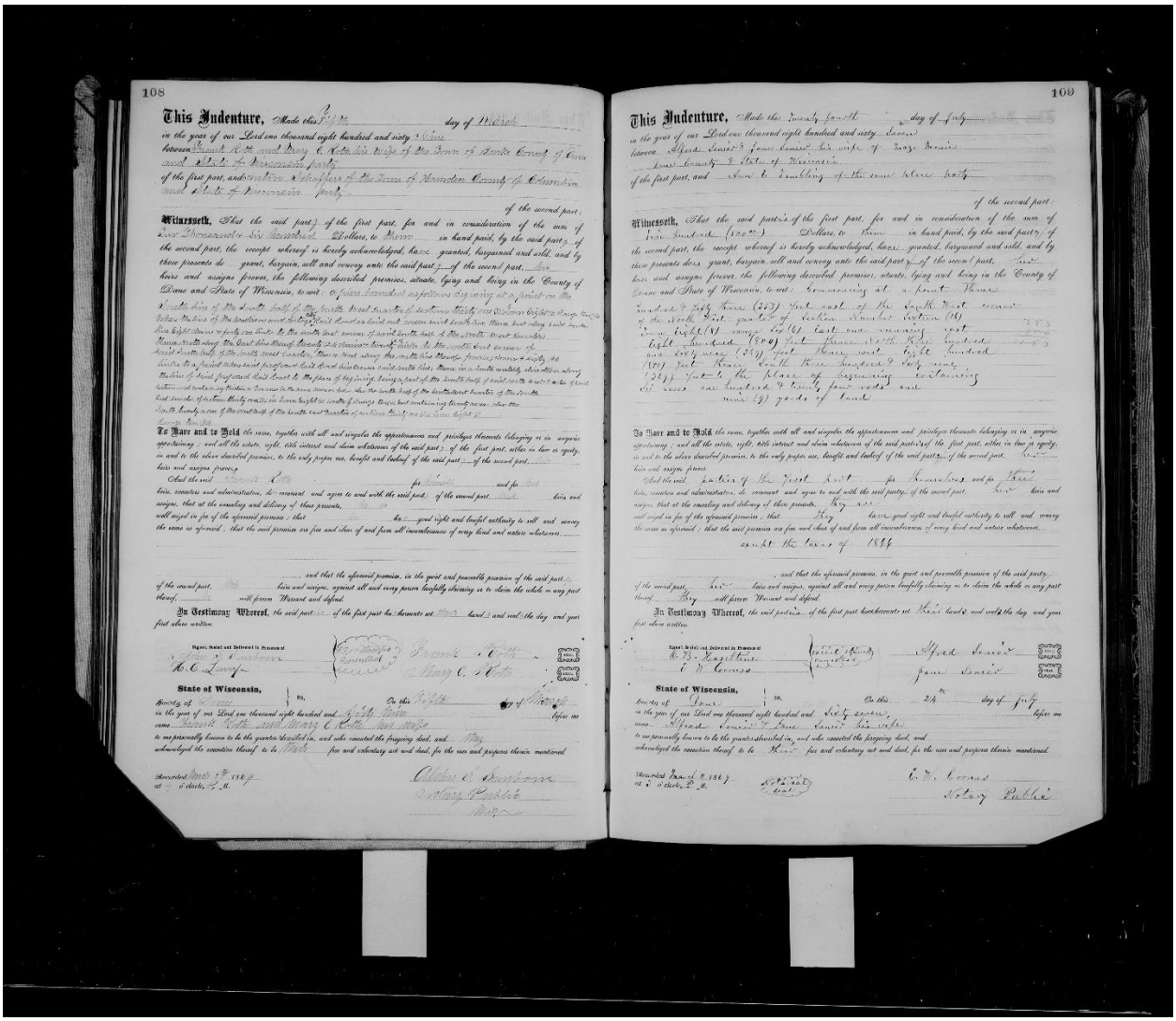
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Carrie Elizabeth was born January 6, 1861 in Dane County.

In1865, Frank bought more land.



And in 1869, he sold his land in Dane County for $2,600. He may have been weary of farming, or there may not have been enough children to support a farm.



In 1869, the family moved to Hannibal, MO at 221 Bird Street. Frank was now in the grocery business, and his stores were listed under F. G. Roth. He started his first store in Hannibal at Fourth and Palmyra and "almost from the first was very successful" (The Mirror of Hannibal).



On 2 February 1871, Mary and Frank had a son Frank J. He died on 2 April 1894 and we just don't know much about him at all. He is buried at St. Mary's. (photo right)

In the Mirror of Hannibal book (p. 477-478), it mentions Frank and Mary as having 5 children. We only know about 3. The two missing children were searched for to no avail. There simply wasn't much paperwork done in Wisconsin in those times. Cemetery records were unsuccessful as well.

1. Likely the first one born 1856 died soon after.
2. William Jacob b. 27 February 1858.
3. Carrie Elizabeth b. 6 January 1861.
4. Another child?
5. Frank J. b. 2 February 1871.

In 1881, Frank sold his business to W. J. Roth and retired from the grocery industry. According to the Mirror of Hannibal, he then got into the residential real estate business:

> "Appreciating the lack of tenement houses in Hannibal, he invested in desirable building lots, upon which he erected from time to time many fine tenements and residential properties. He owns to-day nearly a dozen pieces of real estate in Hannibal, all of which are bringing him in a handsome income."

From 1890-1895, Frank served as alderman on the Hannibal City Council. He represented the First Ward and served a full term and part of another. His constituents gave him praise and gratitude for his integrity and fair dealings. He was a Democrat.

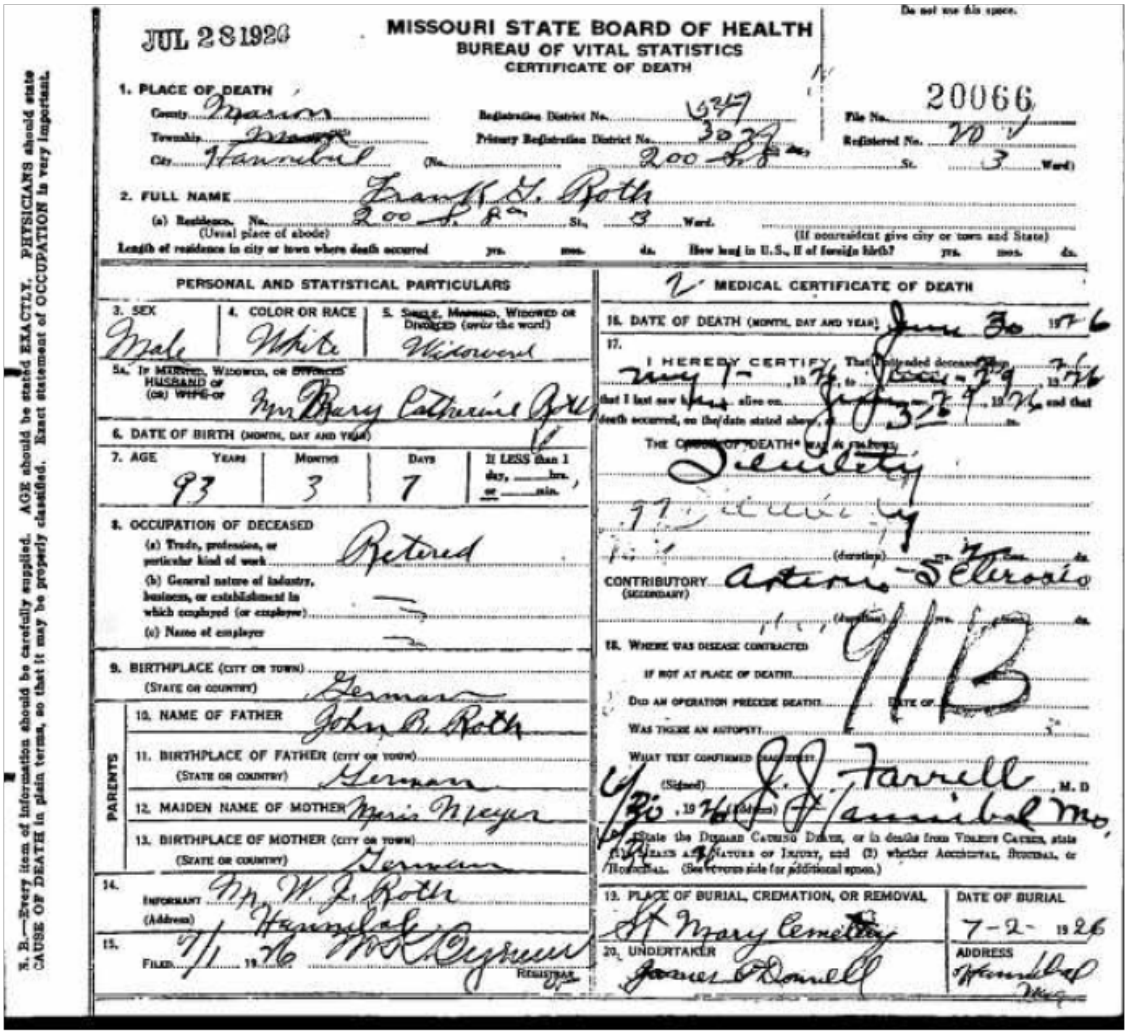
More from The Mirror's profile of F. G. Roth:

> "Socially Mr. Roth has at all times been prominent. He was a leading member of the local order of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for twenty-two years, and also a prominent member of the United Workmen."

By 1900, Frank moved to Ward 3, might have been 201 S. 8th Street, but I could be reading the census wrong. He is listed as a landlord.

Frank's wife Mary Catherine passed away on March 25, 1904, in Hannibal, Missouri, at the age of 71. They had been married 48 years.

Frank Gervas Roth died on June 30, 1926, in Hannibal, Missouri, when he was 93 years old. At the time of his death, he left two children, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Here is his death certificate:



JUL 28 1926

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Do not use this space.

20066

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Marion — Registration District No. 627 — File No. 20066
Township ——— — Primary Registration District No. 307 — Registered No. 70 V
City Hannibal (No. 200 Ft. Bet. Sts.) St. 3 Ward)

2. FULL NAME Frank G. Roth
(a) Residence. No. 200 Ft Bet Sts. St. 3 Ward.
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX: Male
4. COLOR OR RACE: White
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word): Widowed
5a. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF: Mrs Mary Catherine Roth
6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR):
7. AGE: Years 93 | Months 3 | Days 7 | If LESS than 1 day, ____ hrs. or ____ min.
8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: Retired
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer): —
(c) Name of employer: —
9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY): Germany
PARENTS
10. NAME OF FATHER: John B. Roth
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY): Germany
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Maria Meyer
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY): Germany
14. INFORMANT: Mrs W. J. Roth
(Address): Hannibal Mo
15. FILED 7/1 19 26 W. R. Degenhardt Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR): June 30 1926
17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from May 7 1926 to June 30 1926 that I last saw h[illegible] alive on June 27 1926 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3 P.M.
THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Senility
Contributory Arterio Sclerosis
(duration) yrs. mos. ds.
18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED: 918
IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH
DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? DATE OF
WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY?
WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?
(Signed) J. J. Farrell M. D
6/30 1926 Hannibal Mo.
*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)
19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL: St Mary Cemetery
DATE OF BURIAL: 7-2- 1926
20. UNDERTAKER: James O'Donnell
ADDRESS: Hannibal Mo

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

And there are a couple obituaries.

JUNE 30, 1926.

FRANK G. ROTH, AGED 93, DIES

FOUR GENERATIONS SURVIVE AGED HANNIBAL MAN— FUNERAL FRIDAY MORNING.

At the age of 93 years, 3 months and 7 days, Frank Gerves Roth, for more than half a century one of the most prominent residents of Hannibal and northeast Missouri, passed away at 3:10 o'clock this morning, in his home, 200 South Eighth street. Although he had been failing for some time, Mr. Roth had been up and around until a short time ago.

A native of Germany, Mr. Roth was born in Breisch, March 23, 1833, and was the youngest of six children born to John Baptist and Maris Anna Meyer Roth. When Mr. Roth was 12 years old, his father and family embarked on a sail boat for the United States, and were on the ocean for two months. They landed in New York and settled near Rome, N. Y., where his father bought a farm. Two years later, upon selling the farm the family located near Cleveland, O., on a farm and later, disposing of that property, removed to Sauk county, Wis. On November 3, 1855 Frank Gerves Roth and Miss Mary Catherine Weyand were married here, and four years later they removed to Madison, Wis., where they lived for 10 years. Mr. Roth and his family then came to Hannibal and located at 221 Bird street, where he went into the retail business. On January 1, 187. moved his grocery into what was known as the Dickinson Row at the corner of North Fourth street and Mark Twain avenue, where he continued until retirement.

Well Known in Hannibal.

Mr. Roth was prominently identified with the growth of Hannibal as are his children and grandchildren. He was very familiar with the history of the city and the country and his accounts of events of his early life, including his notable trip to the United States, and other events were interesting. Mr. Roth had many friends in Hannibal and Marion county by whom he was highly esteemed and revered, and his high integrity and true friendship compelled the great admiration and respect of all who knew him. He was a familiar figure in Hannibal and was a friend to both young and old.

In politics Mr. Roth was a staunch democrat, and was at all times active for his party. He served in the city council as alderman from the first ward from 1890 to 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Roth were the parents of five children, two of whom survive. They are W. J. Roth, a prominent resident of Hannibal, and Mrs. Carrie E. Seegar of Dallas, Texas. He also leaves four grandchildren, Harry P. Roth, William J. Roth, Jr., Mrs. Viole Roth Appal and Mrs. Mamie Seegar Wilson; eight great-grandchildren Francis W. Roth, Junior H. Roth, William Appal, Mrs. Dorothy Appa Wegehoft, Francis Wilson, Thomas Bernard Wilson, Woodrow Wilson and Oscar Marion Wilson, and two great great-grandchildren, Kenneth and William Wegehoft. The Roth family has had present at several of the family gatherings the five generations the first being represented by Mr. Roth himself and the fifth by his small, great-great-grandson of whom he was very proud.

The remains will be taken to the home of his son, W. J. Roth, 104 Broadway, Thursday afternoon. Funeral services will be held from the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning after which the remains will be laid to rest in St. Mary's cemetery.

MRS. F. G. ROTH DIED LAST EVENING.

Mary Catherine, wife of Frank G. Roth, died at the family home on South Eighth street at 4:12 p. m. yesterday, of paralysis, after an illness of about eighteen months' duration. Her death was not unexpected, but it came as a shock to her many friends, nevertheless. She was an estimable woman in every respect.

The deceased was born in Elesburn, Germany, on February 7th, 1833, and came to America in 1851, landing at Rochester, New York. Eighteen months later she went with her parents to Wisconsin. She was married to the husband who is left to mourn her death on Sept. 3rd, 1855. She came to Hannibal with her husband in 1869 and had lived here continuously ever since.

Besides her husband, two children, William J. Roth and Mrs. Carrie Seeger, both residents of this city, survive. The family have the sympathy of the entire city in their bereavement.

The funeral will occur at 8 a. m. Monday frof the family residence to the Catholic church and thence to St. Mary's cemetery.

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the county and have a host of friends.

Frank G. Roth, aged 93, one of Hannibal's prominent citizens for many years, died Wednesday morning. Two children survive him—W. J. Roth, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, and Mrs. Carrie Seegar of Dallas, Texas. Funeral services will be held Friday morning at the Church of the Immaculate Conception and the body buried in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. King and chil-

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AGED RESIDENT OF HANNIBAL IS DEAD

By The Associated Press.

HANNIBAL, Mo., June 30.—Frank G. Roth, 93, one of the oldest inhabitants of Hannibal, died early today, having lived here 57 years. He is survived by four generations.

Born in Germany, Mr. Roth came to America in 1845 with his parents in a sail boat, two months being required to negotiate the trip. He formerly was active in business and for five years a member of the Hannibal city council.

Here's Frank's and Mary's gravesite at St. Mary's Cemetery in Hannibal, MO:





Notes:
Samuel Clemens - Mark Twain lived in Hannibal from 1839 (age 4) to 1853 (age 18). He worked at age 16 setting type and writing articles for Hannibal Journal. Frank would have been 2 years older than Mark Twain but just arriving in Hannibal on or before 1869 at age 36 since he previously lived in NY, Ohio, and Wisconsin first.

Photo Analysis primarily Gemini AI

Dates 1872-1885 according to 2 sources (Gemini and Ancestry Insights).
Estimates man is 40s.
Clothes – Gemini says middle-class, ChatGPT says poorer. Working man.

Gemini when comparing WJ Roth and this unknown pic: These photos appear to show the **same individual** at different stages of life, or at the very least, two closely related family members (like a father and son).
Key visual comparisons:

- **Facial Structure & Features:** Both men share remarkably similar facial bone structure, including a prominent, straight nose bridge, high cheekbones, deep-set light eyes, and a distinct ear shape.
- **Hairline & Brow:** The hair part (combed to the left) and the natural slope of the forehead and brow line match closely.
- **Grooming Differences:**
    - In unk1.jpg, the man has a full, untrimmed neck-and-chin beard with a shaved upper lip (a style popular in the mid-to-late 19th century).
    - In wjroth.jpg, the man wears a mustache and no full beard (a style common in the late 19th to early 20th century).

If wjroth.jpg refers to W.J. Roth, unk1.jpg is either W.J. Roth earlier/later in life or a direct male ancestor (such as his father).



Gemini Dates this photo to 1872-1880: Here is the breakdown of the physical and visual clues supporting this date range:

- **Card Mount & Corners:** The image format is a *Carte de Visite* (CDV) or small Cabinet Card. Noticeably, the card stock has **rounded corners** rather than sharp square ones. Square corners were standard throughout the 1860s, while rounded corners were introduced around 1870–1871 to make cards easier to slip into photo albums without snagging.
- **Card Stock Weight & Tone:** The mount is a solid off-white/cream heavy cardboard with a plain layout (no heavy printed border line surrounding the image), typical of early-to-mid 1870s cards.
- **Facial Hair Style:** The subject wears a **shenandoah / chin-curtain beard** (a thick chin beard paired with a clean-shaven upper lip). While made famous by Abraham Lincoln in the 1860s, this style remained widely popular among American men throughout the 1870s before giving way to prominent moustaches and full short-trimmed beards in the 1880s.
- **Attire:** The single-breasted suit jacket with high, short lapels over a dark vest (waistcoat) is standard mens fashion from the 1870s.
    - **Style:** A classic single-breasted wool sack coat paired with a matching dark waistcoat (vest) and a collared dress shirt.
    - **Fancy Level: Modest Middle-Class Formal.** The fabric is thick, durable wool with broad, clean tailoring typical of everyday gentleman's suiting rather than fine silk-trimmed high-society formal wear (like a frock coat or morning suit).

Based on visual cues in the portrait, the man in unk1.jpg is approximately **35 to 45 years old**. Here are the key factors used to estimate his age:

- **Skin Tone & Facial Lineage:** He displays smooth, firm skin across his cheeks and forehead, with subtle crow's feet starting to form around the outer corners of his eyes and faint lines along the brow, typical of early middle age.
- **Hair & Beard:** His hair remains thick with minimal thinning at the crown or hairline. While his light hair makes silver hard to spot, there is no pronounced graying around the temples or in his dense beard.
- **Era Context:** Given that this portrait dates to roughly **1872–1880**, someone aged ~40 at this time would have been born in the late 1830s or early 1840s (aligning well with the generation pictured in the subsequent photos).

When comparing to Carrie:

There is a strong visual case that these two individuals are **father and daughter** (or closely related male and female kin from consecutive generations).

Shared Facial Features:

- **Eyes & Expression:** Both subjects share a very distinctive eye structure—slightly wide-set, light-colored eyes with deep sockets and a wide, open gaze.
- **Nose Structure:** Their noses are almost identical in profile and angle: a high, straight nose bridge leading down to a sharp, well-defined tip.
- **Ear & Cheek Alignment:** The placement and outer fold of their ears line up closely, as does the lean structure of their cheekbones.
- **Lips:** Both have relatively thin, set lips with a very straight mouth line.

Era & Timeline Alignment:

- **unk1_2.jpg (Father):** Dated to roughly **1872–1880**, with the man estimated to be around 35–45 years old (born ~1835–1845).
- **crs21878-1882_2.jpg (Daughter):** Dated around **1878–1882**, with the young woman estimated to be around 18–22 years old (born ~1860–1864).

The timeline fits seamlessly for a father-daughter relationship, where the man would have been in his early 20s when she was born.