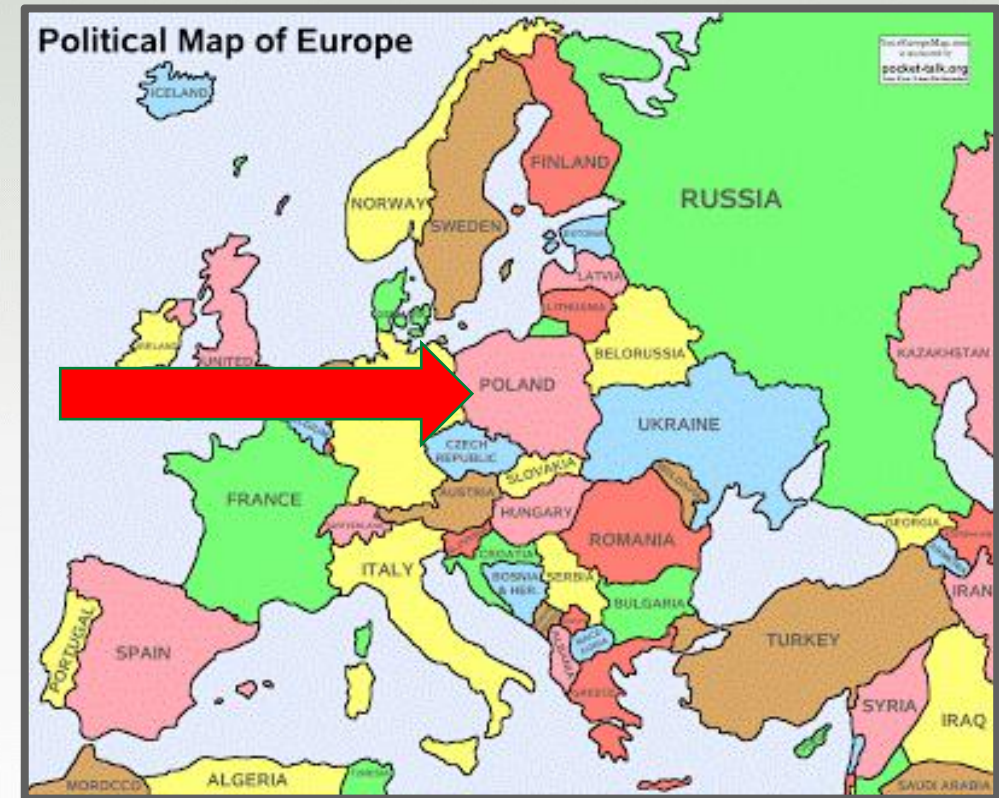




The Kudabeck Family History

“The Kudabeck Clan”

- ❖ Your great, great, grandparent's story begins in Poland. John Kudabeck, (spelled Kadlubeck at the time) came from Poland in Eastern Europe. He married Marie Straneki. They had 8 children: Six were born in Poland. Their names were Ignatz, John, Joe, Ray, Stanley, and Vincent. Stephen, your great grandfather, and his sister Helen were born in the United States.



The Kudabeck family came through the Port of Quebec, in Canada.

Because Kudabeck was quite a different name than the Canadian customs' people were used to, when taking the children through to register them, the name was spelled in different ways.

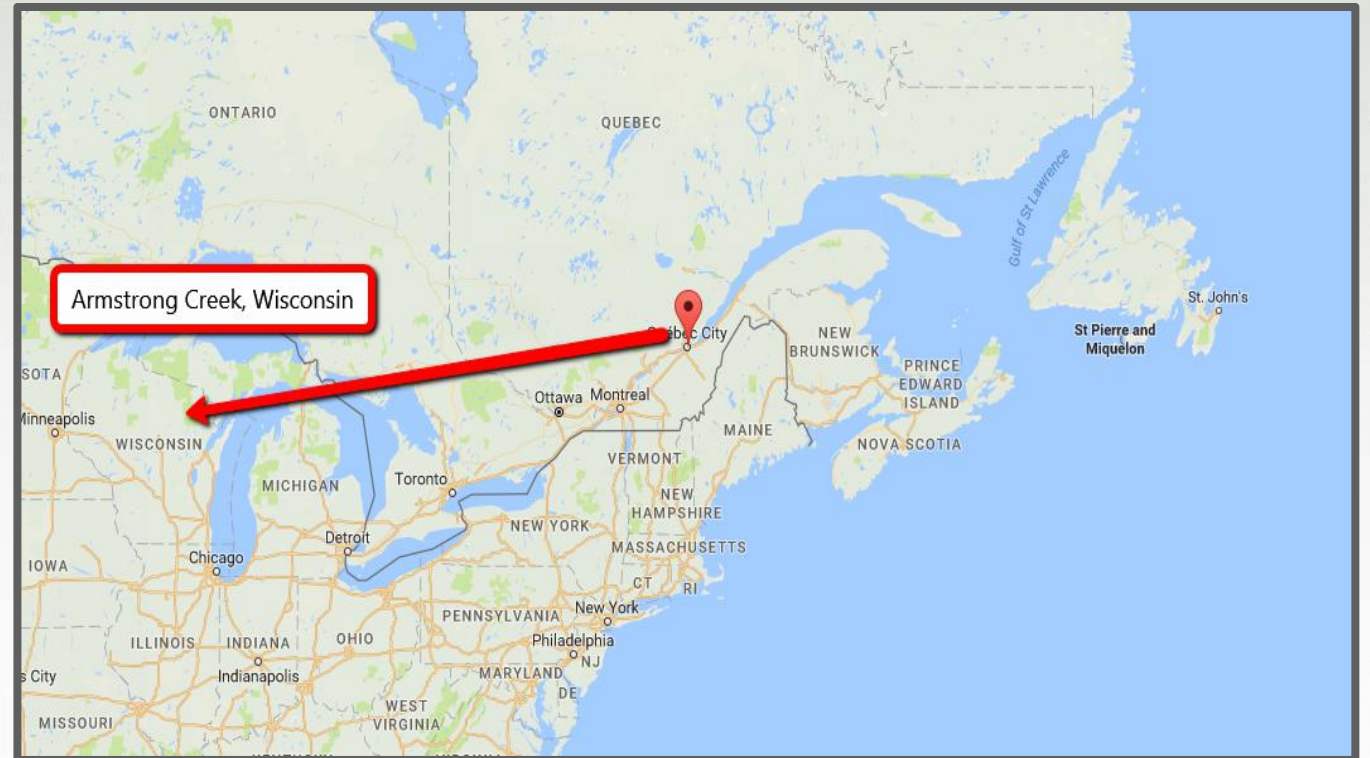
Some were registered as Kudabeck, and others as Kadubek, Kodubeck, Kadlubeck, and other spellings. You have many relatives. Their last names, however, may be spelled differently from yours which is a bit unusual.

The first picture to the right is what the Quebec harbor looks like now, and the photo below shows how it was in the early 1900's when your great, great grandparents entered the port.

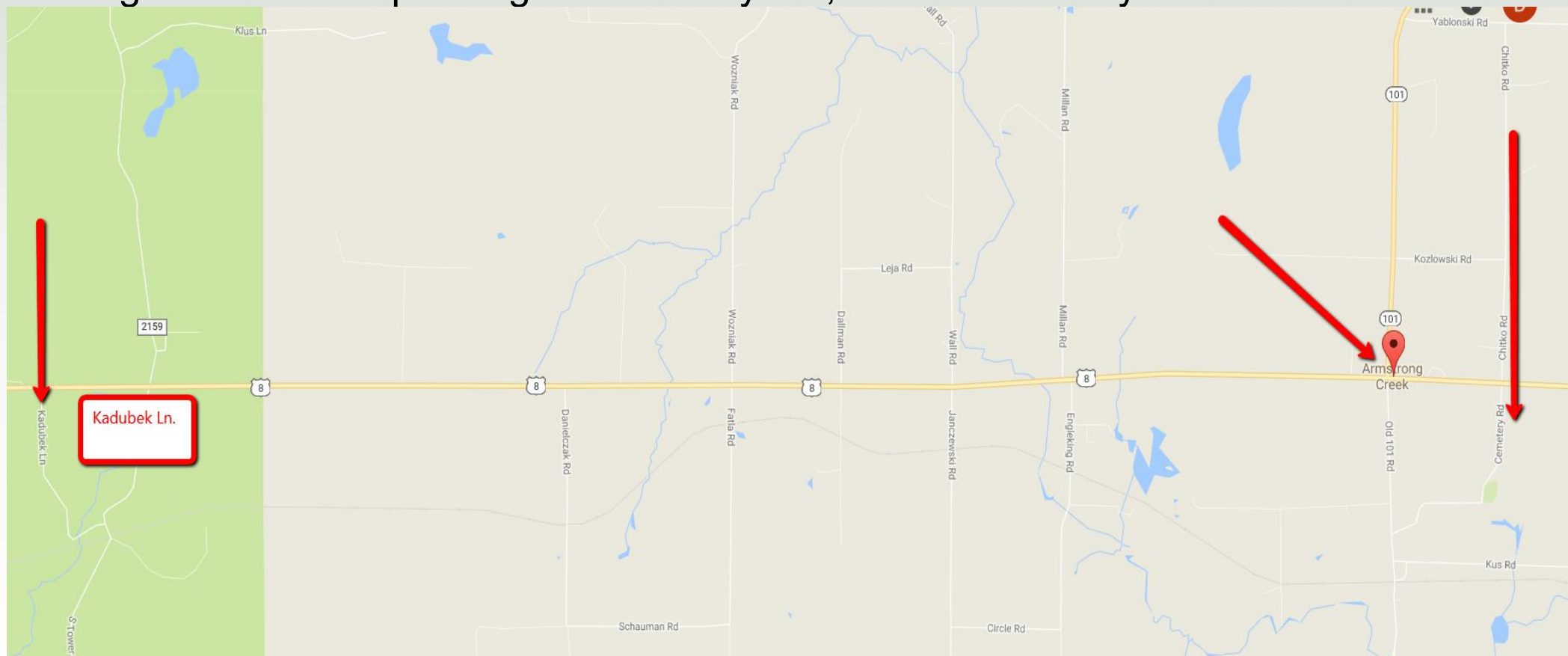


From Quebec to Armstrong Creek, Wisconsin

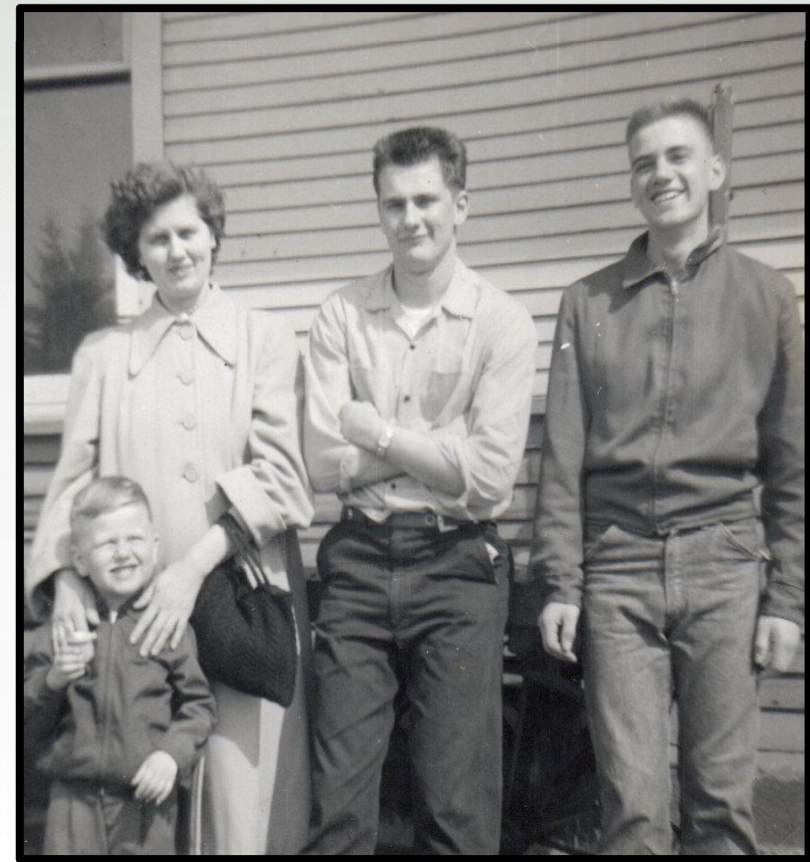
- ❖ The family traveled from Quebec to Armstrong Creek, Wisconsin, not very far from the Canadian border. That was where your great, great grandfather purchased a farm. The farm is about where the arrow points. Your Great Grandpa Kudabeck was born there on March 7, 1921.
- ❖ The different Kudabeck names can be shown today by the spelling of the street where your third cousins live on which your great Uncle Stanley's farm is located in Armstrong Creek. It is a very small town. The next slide will show that.:)



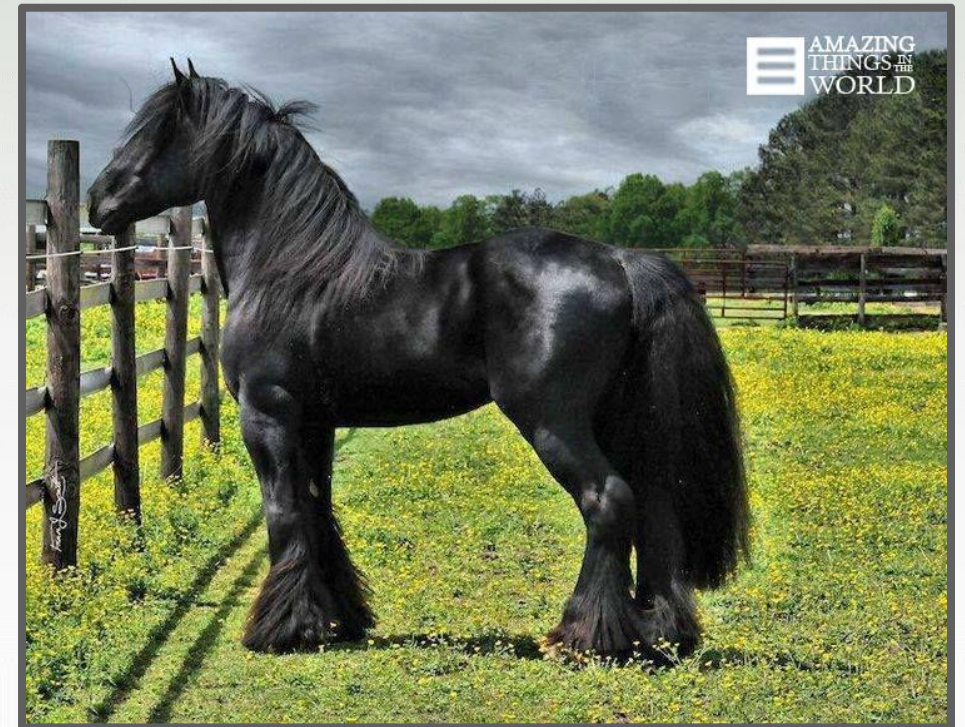
Here is a map of Armstrong Creek. Way to the left is an arrow showing Kadubek Ln. That was how Uncle Stanley spelled the family name. And, the marker shows Armstrong Creek. It just has St. Stanislaskostka Church, a tiny restaurant, and a gas station. All the way to the right is an arrow pointing to Cemetery Ln., where the family farm was located.



Years later, after the family moved to Chicago, Papa and Uncle Gordon would spend their summer vacations on Uncle Stanley's farm helping with the chores. The photo on the left was taken with Great Grandmother Kudabeck, and Uncle Stanley's three sons, Arty, Marty, and little Wesley. The photo on the right is Great Aunt Irene with her boys, your third cousins.



- ❖ It was on the family farm on Cemetery Ln. that your great, great, grandfather raised black Cydesdale horses to do work on his farm. They are so beautiful, and very big and strong.
- ❖ The horses worked very hard, but that is what they loved to do. They did plowing, and they helped him move many heavy rocks that were on the farm. He was so proud of his horses!



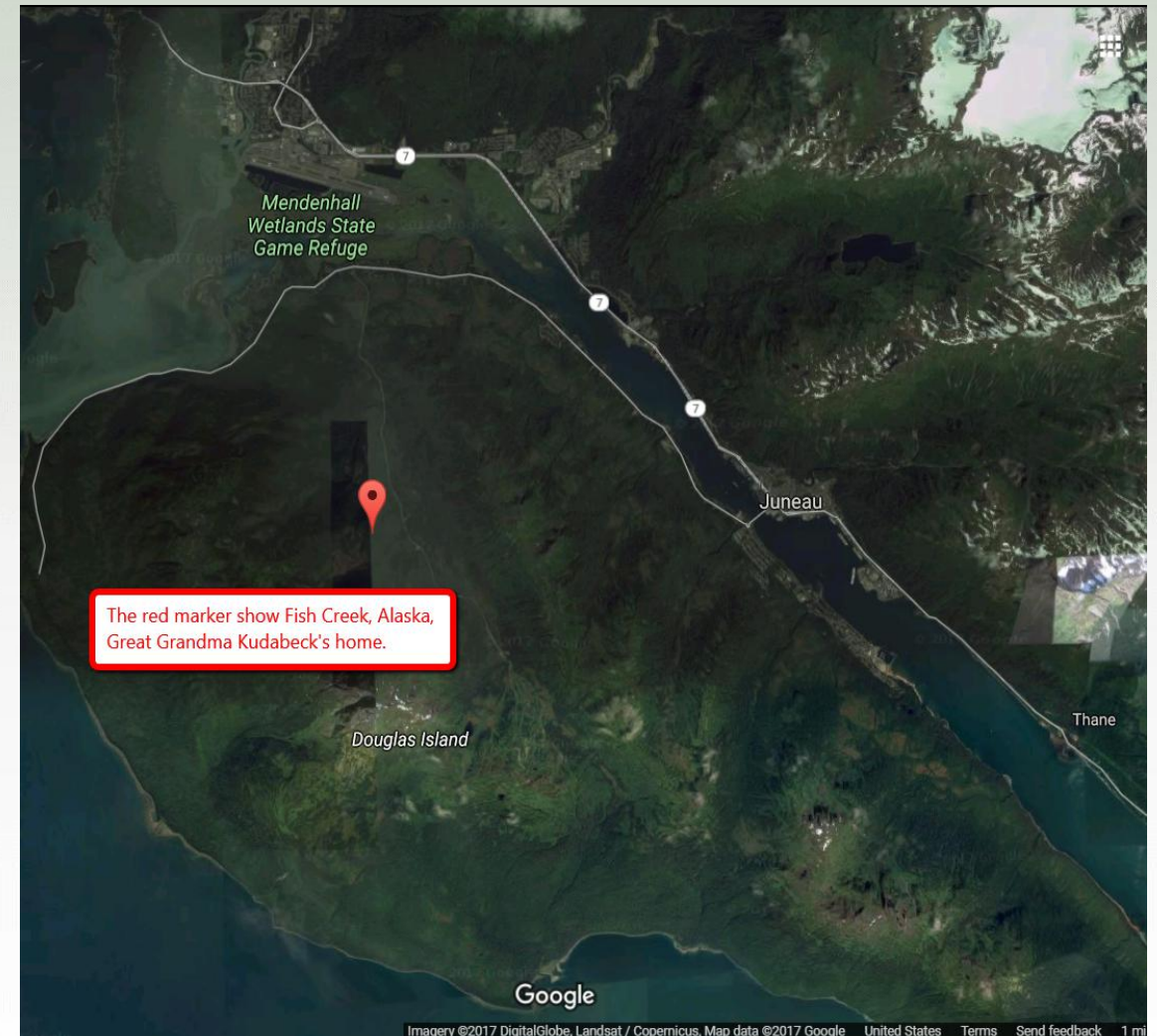
When Great Grandfather Kudabeck was older, he joined the Coast Guard. He was assigned to Alaska.

And, that is where he met your Great Grandmother Violet Hartley. She was reared in Fish Creek, on Douglas Island, in Alaska. It was near the beautiful Mendenhall Glacier.

If you look to the right of Fish Creek, you will see Juneau, the capitol of Alaska. That was the closest main city to where she lived.

Interestingly, you can only get to Juneau by plane or boat because of all the mountains.

Great Gandmother had two brothers, Charles, and Eddy. On the next page you will see some pictures of the family.



Family Photos: Great Grandmother had two brothers, Charles, and Eddy.

**Violet, Charles, and their mother,
Great, Great Grandmother Molly**



Great Grandmother



**Great Grandma Kudabeck and her
mother in Fish Creek when she was a
teenager**



More from Douglas Island

Great Grandmother's House



The School

Car Totem Pole



Your Great Grandparents Get Married

Your great grandparents met when Great Grandpa got off the boat in Juneau one day while in the Coast Guard when he was on leave. As I was told, your great grandmother was standing near the docks with some friends, and he saw her. It was love at first site.

Not long thereafter, he asked her to marry him. This is their wedding picture.

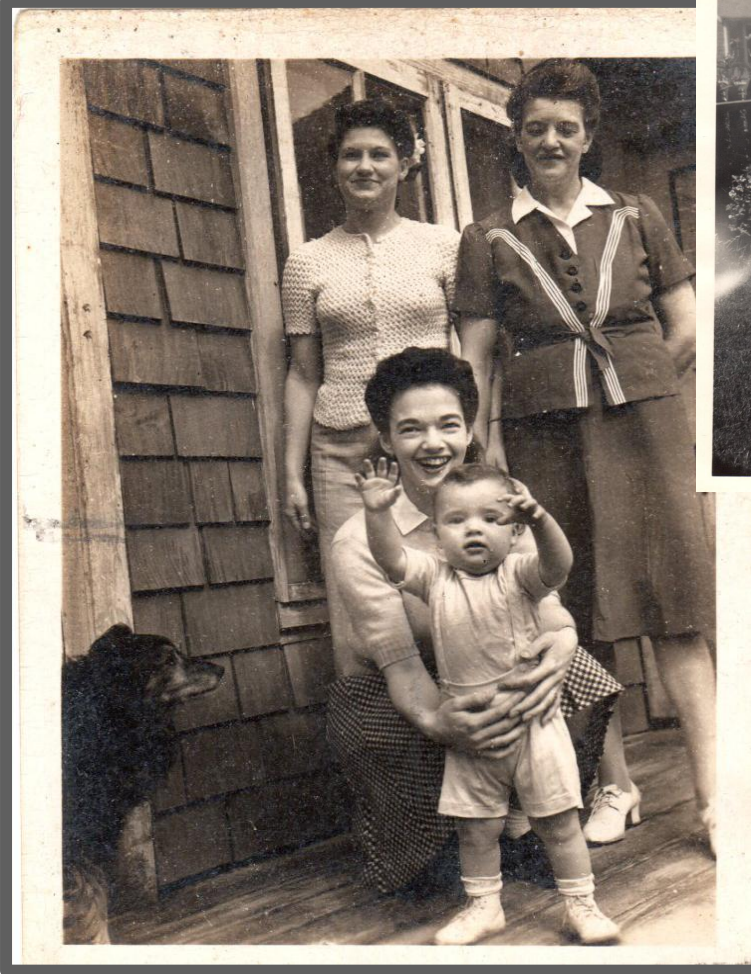


The Move Back to Armstrong Creek

Great Grandmother had been married before and had a son, your Great Uncle Gordon, shown here with his mother, grandmother, and another relative, and in the photo to the right. There's another photo with Great Grandma, her mom, and a friend.

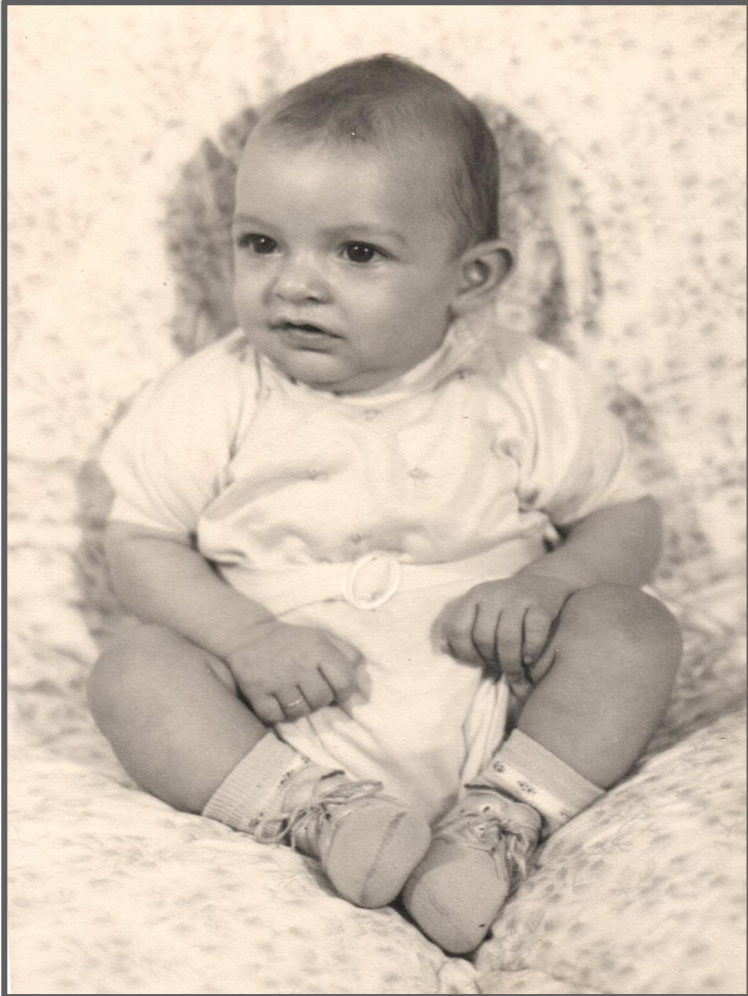
After your great grandparents were married, they all traveled from Alaska to Armstrong Creek, back to Great Grandfather's family home.

It wasn't long before they were expecting a baby. And on December 9, 1946, Stephen Leonard Kudabeck, your grandfather, was born.



Papa's Baby Pictures

3 Months



10 months old



Papa & Uncle Gordon



Family Photo



Back to Juneau

When Papa was 5, the family moved back to Juneau. Great Grandmother was homesick. She missed her family and Alaska.

They lived very close to the Douglas/Juneau Bridge. Papa and his brother would go fishing off the docks. See the map to the right.

The boys and their dad went fishing quite often. They would park their car and hike some 4 miles to Salmon Dam Creek to catch trout.

Great Grandfather Kudabeck loved to go fishing whether it was in Alaska, Wisconsin, Illinois, or later in California.



Photos from Juneau

Great Geandpa holding the salmon he caught.



Great Uncle Charles caught this 313 pound halibut.



This was a trout Great Grandpa caught.



More Photos from Juneau



Your Great Uncle Charles-Grandmother's Older Brother

**Great Uncle Charles and his
new wife at their wedding.**



**Charles & Jeanie in 1988
in Juneau**



Charles with his Mother



About 5 years after moving to Juneau, the family headed back East to Chicago, Illinois. It was there that your great grandparents reared your Papa and Uncle Gordon.



**Great Grandma, her mother,
Papa, and Uncle Gordon
at the apple orchard.**



Great Grandpa was a meat cutter.

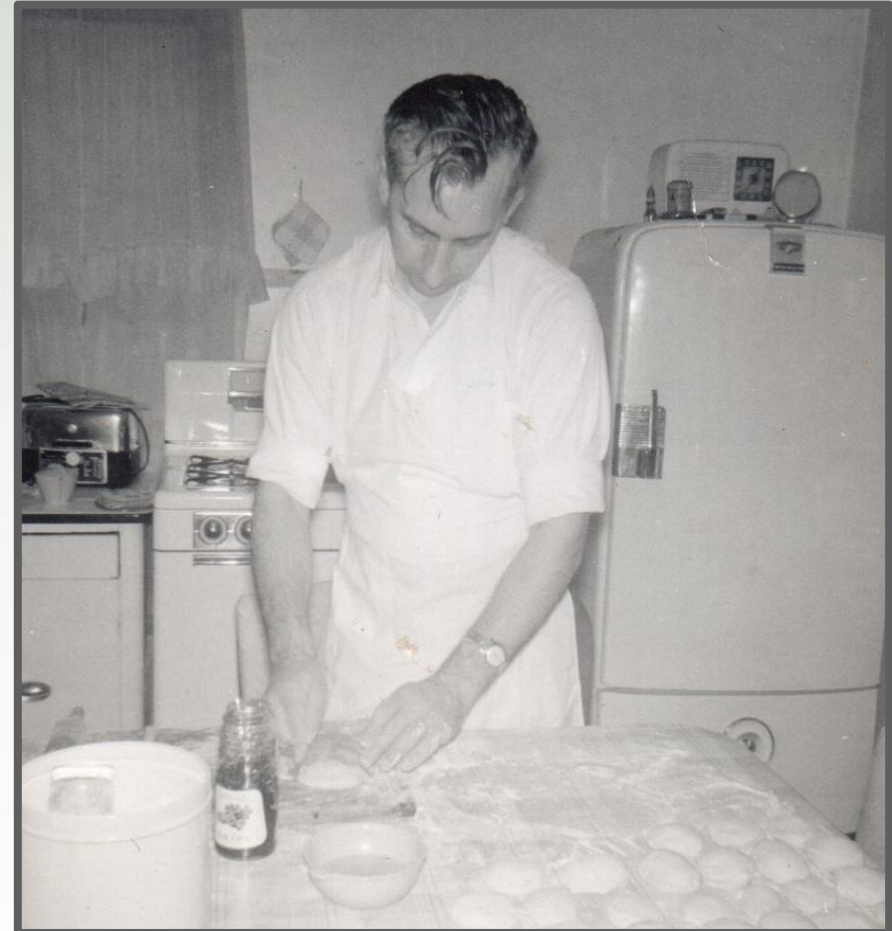


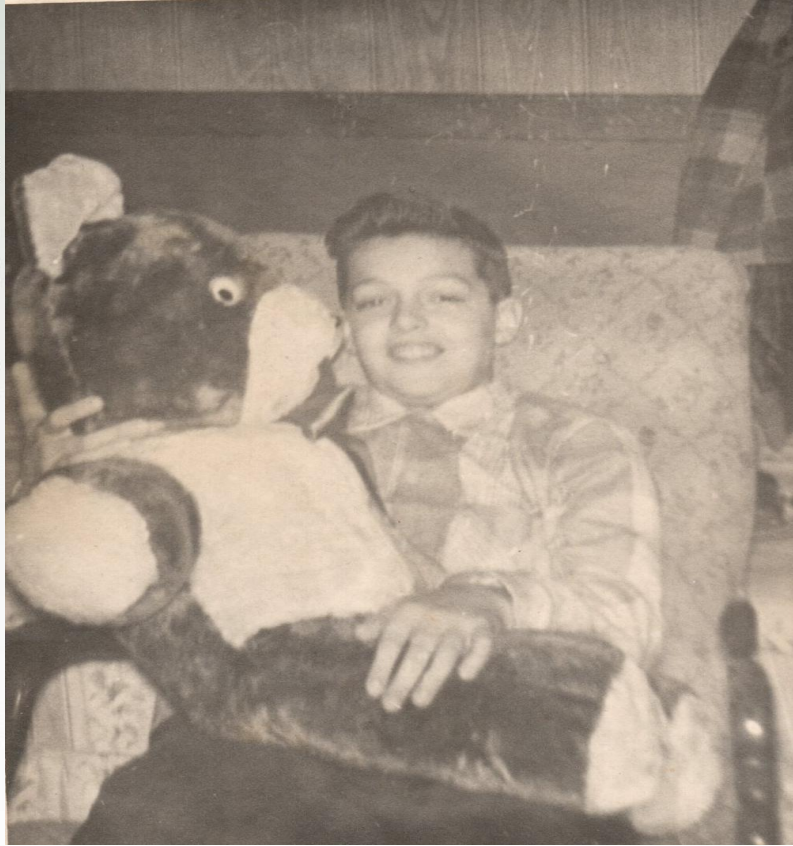
**Papa & Gordon enjoying
chocolate rabbits**

Great Grandma being her pretty self.:)



**Great Grandpa making
custard-filled bismarks, his specialty.**





Papa with his new Teddy Bear

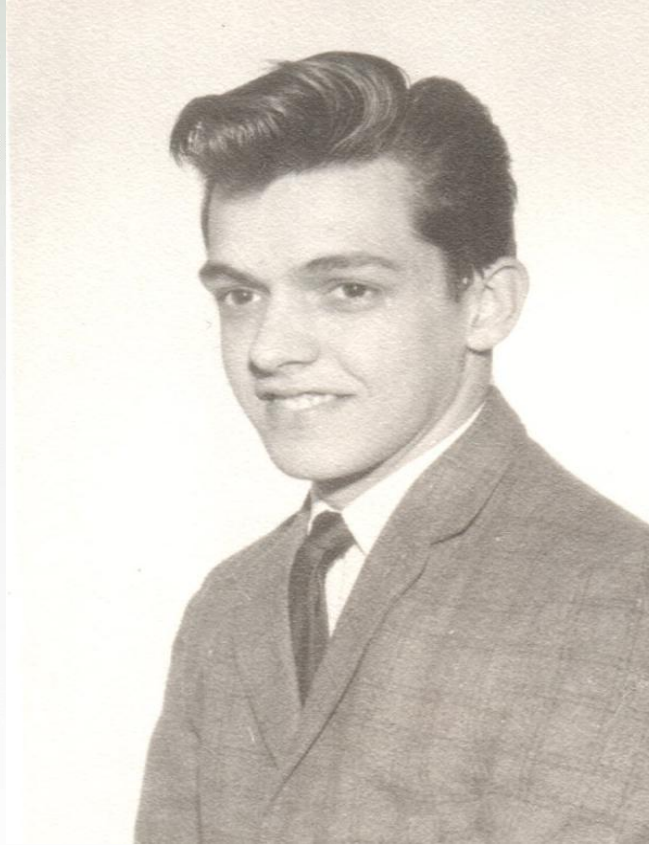


Papa warming himself on a cold Chicago night

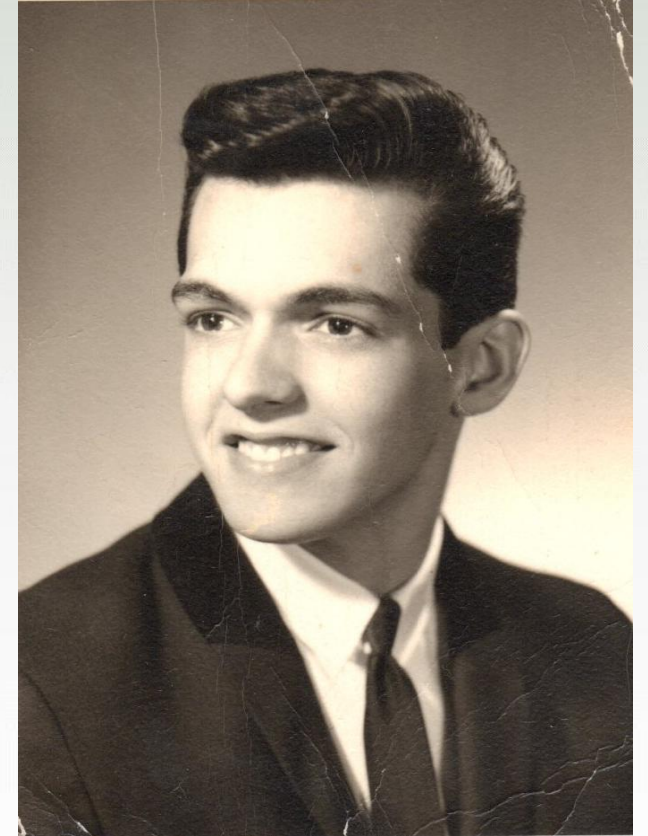
Papa's School Pictures



7 Years Old



13 Years Old



18 Years Old

When Papa was 16, the family welcomed another baby to the family.
They named him Ronald Scott Kudabeck.



Papa's first trip to California and Disneyland



Great Grandmother Kudabeck and Great Grandmother Holub at Our Wedding in 1969



**Your Great Grandparents and Ron Moved to California after Papa completed high school.
Moving there was a dream of Great Grandmother for quite some time.**

Photo of your Great Grandparents with Ron, Great, Great Grandma Molly, Great Aunt Jeanie, and her children. The next is Ron with a fish he caught in California.



More Family Pictures

Great Grandma with a prize she got.



Great Grampa with Speedy, their turtle.

Great Grandma relaxing at the waterfront



Great Grandma found Speedy on the road in Kentucky when she was going home to California from our wedding in 1969. She snuck him on the plane with her. Speedy was their much loved pet, staying in their back yard, for many, many years.



**Great Grandma with her family in Alaska
when her mother died, and with her uncle, Frank Hartley.**



Great Grandpa with a nice ocean catch.

Our First Trip to California with Julia & Stephen

Sitting on the deck of the backyard pool



**At Disneyland at night-
Disneyland was very
close to
your great grandparent's
home in California.**



**Stephen in their
living room**



More Photos Taken in California



Great Grandma relaxing on Catalina Island, California

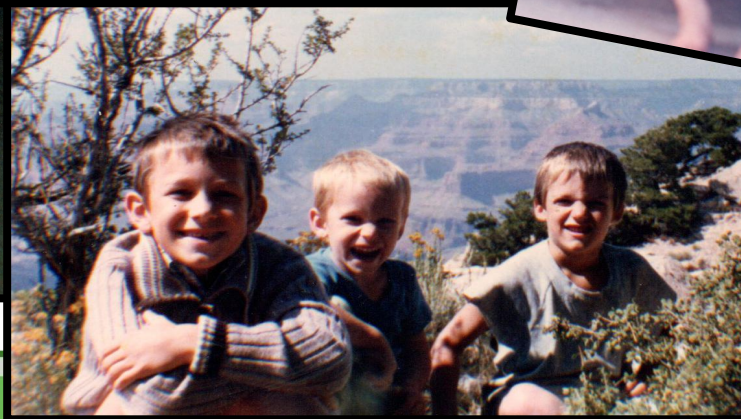


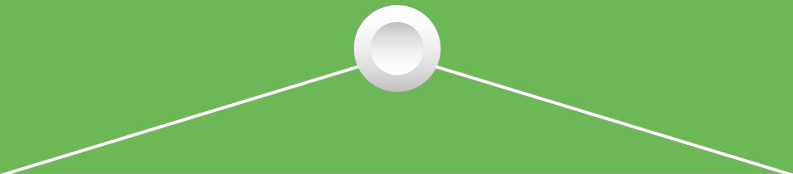
Great Grandfather with Uncle Gordon and Papa in Chicago at the airport around 1982 when your great grandparents came to visit, and your great grandparents holding your Uncle Jordan. Jordan was around 2 months old.



**These were the last photos of Great Grandfather Kudabeck taken with us.
He sadly passed away on June 20, 1984.**

Great Grandma and Great Grandpa Kudabeck are no longer with us; however, a spark of them in each one of you that you have inherited. Between Great Uncle Gordon, Great Uncle Ron, and Papa, they have 12 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren so far. And, I know they would be very proud of each of you, just as Papa and Nana are. You have a big family that loves you very much. Some photos from the past of Kudabeck children and cousins.





We Love You,

Nana and Papa