

THEODORE RICHARD ROTH
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OUR FAMILY TREASURY

THEODORE RICHARD ROTH

1864 - 1938

[RN1071]

My maternal step-grandfather



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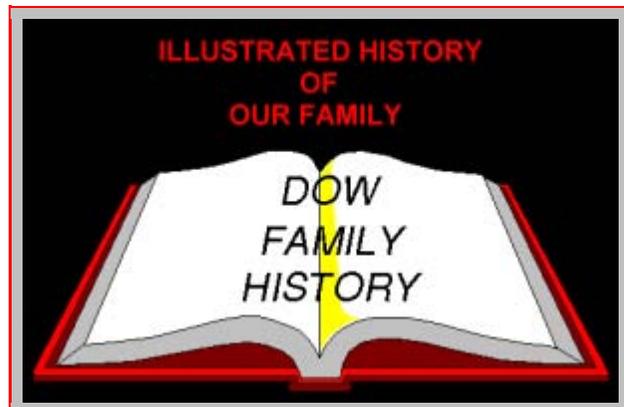
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ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF OUR FAMILY



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FOREWORD

This infobase was initially prepared in 1995. The "Revision date" on the "information" screen under "File", above, indicates when additions, revisions, corrections etc. were last made.

INTRODUCTION

This infobase is the master infobase about my step-grandfather (my mother's step-father), **Theodore Richard Roth** [RN1071] [photos].

My step-grandfather, Theodore Richard is one of the few of my ancestors that I actually knew as a child and about whom I have first-hand recollections. In point of fact, though, I probably spent less than fewer than 10 days with him (when he was around) in my whole lifetime.

From the time of my earliest memory, around age 5, until he died when I was only 5-1/2 years old, I can recall visiting him for only a couple of days when he and my grandmother, **Katherine (Kreer) Seibel Roth [RN 163]** lived in Riverside CA on Highland Place.

He had been retired for nine years (age 74 then) and I remember him as usually wearing bib-overalls around their home. He was a very big, tall man, and I have memories of him plowing his vegetable garden in their backyard on Highland Place in Riverside with a push plow that had a big wheel on the front (hard work!) and I recall that, as a hobby, he made home-made root beer, which was very, very good.

BIRTH

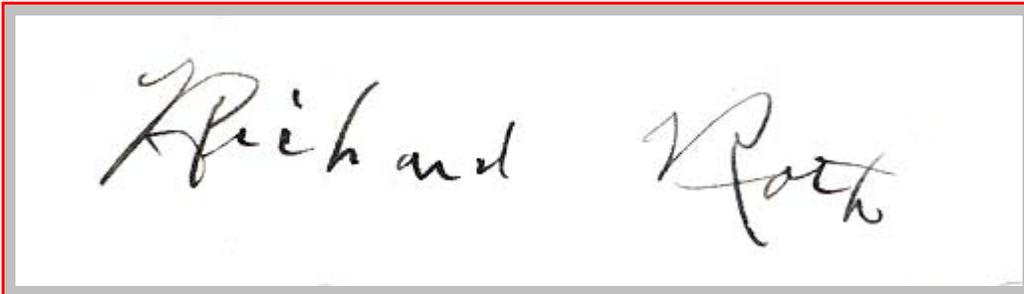
Theodore Richard Roth [RN1071] was born **4 January 1864** in **Lafayette, Tippecanoe, Indiana USA.**(4)

NAME

Theodore Richard Roth [RN1071] went by the names **Richard**.

SIGNATURE

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A rectangular box with a red border containing a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Richard Roth".

PARENTS

I have yet to determine who **Theodore Richard Roth's [RN1071]** parents were.

SIBLINGS

I have yet to determine whether **Theodore Richard Roth [RN1071]** had any brothers or sisters.

EDUCATION

I know nothing about **Theodore Richard Roth's** [RN1071] schooling. My mother did not think any members of her family completed more than the sixth grade.

MARRIAGE

Theodore Richard Roth [RN1071] married twice.

His first wife was **Ellen (Kelly) Roth** [RN1073]. Ellen was born in **June 1867** in **Indiana** and they were married **around 1897**, place unknown. Ellen died **28 October 1915** in **Chicago, Cook, Illinois USA**. She had a brother named **John Kelly** [RN5872] who was born **1856** in **Massachusetts**.

His second wife was my grandmother, **Katherine (Kreer) Seibel Roth** [RN 163]. This was Katherine's second marriage (she was widowed from her first husband - my mother's father- **Edward Frank Seibel** [RN1066]). Richard and Katherine were married **12 April 1917** in **Chicago, Cook, Illinois USA**. For details about Katherine and her descendants, see the separate infobase titled:

KATHERINE (KREER) SEIBEL ROTH



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CHILDREN

Theodore Richard Roth [RN1071] had five children. *[Double-click on their names for more information about them]:*

Three of his natural children were by his first wife, **Ellen**:

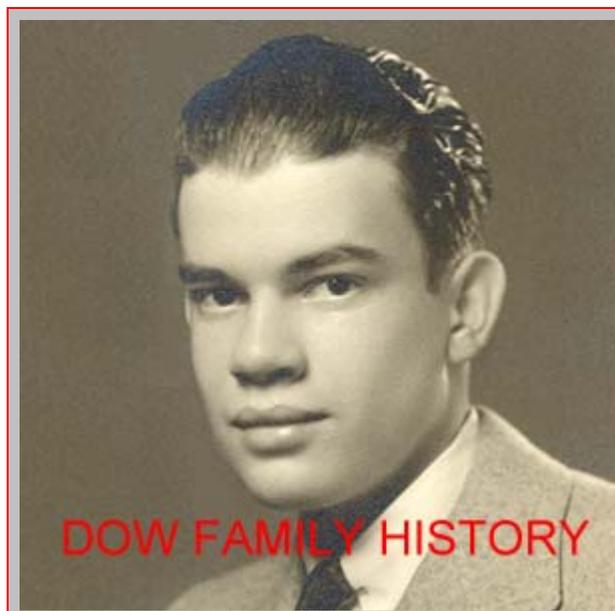
A son, **Eugene Ralph Roth** [RN1074]. He was born **27 April 1898** in **Chicago, Cook, Illinois USA**. Eugene married **Ethel Polinsky** [RN1075] around **1897** and had two children, **John Roth** [RN1080], who was a salesman for the appliance maker, Norge, and **Richard Roth** [RN1079], who was a teacher in Washington and who married a non-Catholic, who later left him. Richard was known to be in Germany in the Summer of 1965. Eugene was a **Conductor for the Illinois Central Railroad(7)** and later worked in a bank. He retired in 1964 and died in **January 1973**, at **West Frankfort, Franklin, Illinois USA**. **Ethel (Polinsky) Roth** [RN1075] was born in **June 1867** in **Indiana, USA**, and died **20 October 1915** in **Chicago, Cook, Illinois USA**.

A son, **Vincent Roth** [RN1078]. He was born around **1900** in **Illinois USA**.

And a daughter, **Josephine Mary Roth** [RN1076] [photo]. She was born **19 March 1904** in **Chicago, Cook, Illinois USA**. Josephine went by the name "**Sissie(8)**" and was married to **William Casey** [RN1077]. She died sometime after **1947**.

His fourth natural child was by his second wife, **Katherine**, my grandmother. He was a son, **Harry Robert Roth** [RN1072] [photo]. Harry was my mother's half-brother (my uncle). For information about him, see the separate infobase titled:

HARRY ROBERT ROTH



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In addition, when he married my grandmother, he adopted my mother, **Ruth Elizabeth (Seibel Roth) Dow** [RN 8] [photo]. For information about her, see the separate infobase titled:

RUTH ELIZABETH (SEIBEL ROTH) DOW



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[Note: at the time **Theodore Richard Roth** [RN1071] married my grandmother, he did not adopt my mother's older sister (my aunt), **Estella Helen Seibel** [RN1064] since she was already age 18.]

OCCUPATIONS

Theodore Richard Roth [RN1071] worked all his life as a Fireman and Car Foreman for the Illinois Central Railroad. At the time of his retirement he was a Supervisor Fireman or Supervisor of Fireman. This was the era of the steam locomotive and Richard was a fireman both during the period when steam locomotives were fired with both wood and coal. His employment by the Illinois Central entitled him to a free pass for both himself and his family on any railroad in the United States - which was the way he and my Grandmother came west to Riverside, California, after he had retired (and the way they got back to Chicago immediately prior to his death).

RESIDENCES

Theodore Richard Roth [RN1071] lived most of his life in Chicago, Cook, Illinois USA, although he was born, raised and first married and in Indiana. The only other place he was known to live was the period he lived in Riverside, California, where he came for his health (approximately 1922-1937).

A review of the [census records](#) attached to [his descendants chart](#) indicates where he was on the census dates.

MILITARY SERVICE

Theodore Richard Roth [RN1071] never served in the military.

TRAVEL

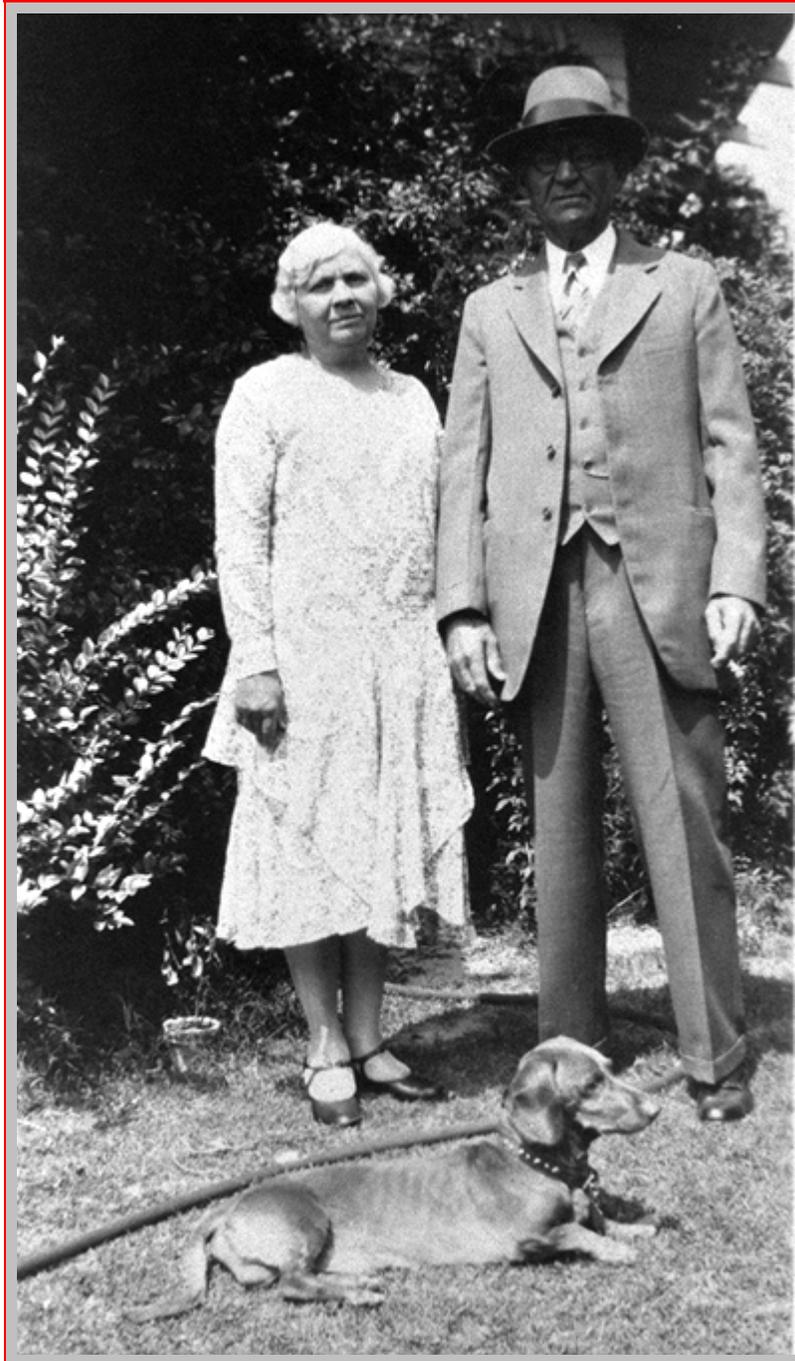
I know little about any travels that **Theodore Richard Roth [RN1071]** had other than the round trip he made from Chicago, Illinois, to Riverside, California, and return (short before his death).

PHOTOGRAPHS

KATHERINE and RICHARD ROTH

[\(enlargement of Richard only\)](#)

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BILL WAYNE, KATE, RICHARD ROTH and MARY WAYNE - 1935

William Wyatt Wayne [RN1114], Katherine (Kreer) Seibel Roth [RN 163], Theodore Richard Roth [RN1071] and Mary (Wayne) Ashcroft [RN5692] in 1935, probably the yard of the Roth's house on Larchwood Place, Riverside, California. This was about two-three years before Richard died. Richard was a very big, tall man.

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JOSEPHINE (SISSIE) ROTH, KATHERINE ROTH, HARRY ROTH AND RUTH ROTH

This photo was taken in the mountains (around Lytle Creek or Blue Jay, San Bernardino, California ?), about 1921.

From left to right: **Josephine Mary (aka "Sissie") Roth [RN1076]**, **Katherine (Kreer) Roth [RN 163]**, **Harry Robert Roth [RN1072]**, and **Ruth Elizabeth Winifred Seibel Roth [RN 8]**. Harry was about 2 years old; Ruth was about 10 years old; and Sissie was about 17 years old. (13)



DEATH

Theodore Richard Roth [RN1071] died 14 January 1938 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois USA.(14)

ESTATE

To the best of my knowledge, **Theodore Richard Roth's [RN1071]** left essentially no estate at the time of his death. He did have a [pension from the Railroad Retirement Board](#) (see below) as the result of his long service with the Illinois Central Railroad), which not only provided for payments to him during his life, but also to my grandmother after his death, and even a small payment to my mother at the time of her mother's death.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD
844 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

BUREAU OF RETIREMENT CLAIMS

RNB

┌ Mrs. Ruth Roth Dow
• 3764 Hoover Street
└ Riverside, California

In reply refer to
R.R.B. No. H-34935

Dear Madam:

Based on your application for benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act upon the death of Theodore Richard Roth, Katherine Roth and the evidence of record, you have been awarded survivor insurance annuity payments due the above-named deceased, but not yet paid at death in the amount of \$8.91, which represents your share of the annuity due for the month of January 1947. In due course of business and at the earliest practicable date, you will receive a check for this amount. This certification constitutes payment in full of the accrued annuity benefits due you.

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Any further information you may require concerning this award may be obtained by writing to this office. If you disagree with our finding you have a right to appeal provided that the appeal is filed with the Board (on the proper form) within one year from the date of this letter.

Yours very truly,

John W. Callender

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Director of Retirement Claims

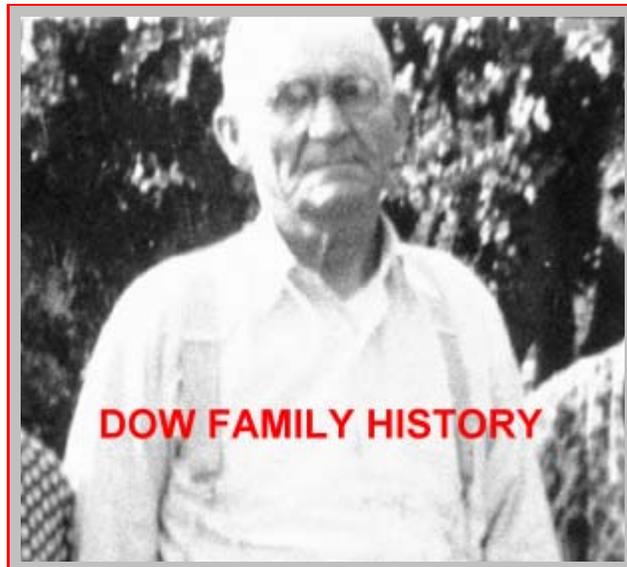
ANCESTORS

To date, I have developed no information about any of **Theodore Richard Roth's** **[RN1071]** ancestors.

DESCENDANTS

The descendants of **Theodore Richard Roth** **[RN1071]** and **Ellen (Kelly) Roth** **[RN1073]** are shown in a separate infobase titled:

**DESCENDANTS OF THEODORE RICHARD and ELLEN
(KELLY) ROTH**



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4 (Note)

I have yet to find a formal record of his birth.

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6 (Note)

The name of this linked infobase is KATHERINE (KREER) SEIBEL ROTH. Its DOS file name is KATESERO.NFO and it can be found on OUR FAMILY TREASURY-DVD5.

7 (Popup)

Eugene apparently belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Greater Pullman Post No. 2240, and [enrolled his youngest half-brother, Harry R. Roth in the post.](#)

8 (Popup)

"Sissie" was a non- relative of my first cousin, **Clifford Dale Jones [RN1092]**, whom he called "Aunt Sissie".

9 (Note)

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PhotoCD #1414-8;photo# VV19.

14 (Note)

I have not yet attempted to get a copy of his death certificate, obituaries etc..

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