# Parentage of Adeline Krause Mulholland

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# Research Objective

The objective of this project is to confirm the identity of the biological parents of Adeline Krause. What happened to their relationship?

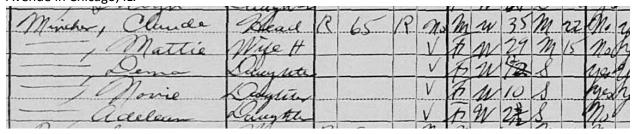
## **Overview Information**

Adeline Krause was born 28 March 1928 in Chicago, Illinois. Growing up in Chicago with her younger brother Archie, she knew her parents to be Dorothy "Mattie" Graves (Haney) and Earl William Krause. In 1949, she married William K. Mulholland. The couple had 4 children. Adeline passed away 16 November 2012 in Illinois. Since her passing, the surviving family members have had questions regarding Adeline's biological father.

# **Research Findings**

A civil birth record could not be found for Adeline. Reasons for this can vary: It could be lost or destroyed, the handwriting is not legible and therefore can be properly indexed, it is not released for public viewing, etc. None of these reasons could be confirmed.

The earliest documentation of Adeline is found in the 1930 US Federal Census at age 2, living at 6819 Addison Avenue in Chicago, IL.<sup>1</sup>



Head of household is listed as Claude Mincher, age 35. Mattie is identified as his wife, age 29. The daughters listed are Dema (age 12), Novie (age 10) and Adeline (age 2). Later records confirm Mattie lied about her age in this census, she was actually 19. With Adeline being 2, that means Mattie was 17 at the time of Adeline's birth and Claude was 33. While the census indicates they are married, no marriage record was found.

The other children listed (Dema and Novie) were born in Missouri to Claude's 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Anna Woods. Claude, Anna, Dema and Novie lived and farmed in Crawford County (Osage Township) thru 1920.<sup>2</sup> However, in the 1930 US

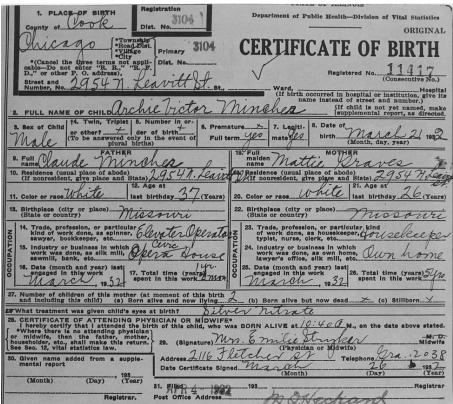
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 1920 U.S. Census, Crawford, Missouri, population schedule, Osage Township, 17A, enumeration district (ED) 12, sheet 9735, dwelling 276, family 248, Mincher Claude; image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 1 Jun 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 905.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 1930 U.S. Census, Cook, Illinois, population schedule, Precinct 15, 266, enumeration district (ED) 16-1382, sheet 6, dwelling 104, family 106, Mincher Claude; image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 Jun 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 2,667.

Federal Census, Anna is found living at the State Hospital for the Insane located in St. Francois County, Missouri.<sup>3</sup> She continued to live in an institution until her death at a nursing home in 1991.<sup>4 5</sup> No divorce record was found for the couple.

On 21 March 1932, brother Archie is born.



From this we learn that Archie was born at home, 2954 N Leavitt St, Chicago, IL. His biological parents are listed as Claude Mincher and Mattie Graves. Claude is employed as an elevator operator at an Opera House, while Mattie keeps house at home.<sup>6</sup>

Documentation of the family is not found again until 1940. In the 1940 US Federal Census, Mattie, Adeline, and Archie are found on two separate census entries for the same year, which is unusual.

The first occurrence finds the family listed at 2712 Chicago Ave W, Chicago, IL.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Illinois Department of Public Health, birth certificate 11417 (1932), Archie Victor Mincher; Office of Vital Statistics, Springfield, IL; image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 Jun 2022).

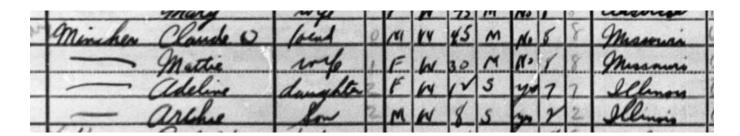


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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 1930 U.S. Census, St. Francois, Missouri, population schedule, St. Francois Township, 43, enumeration district (ED) 0029, sheet 2A, dwelling 1, family 136, Wood Anna; image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 Jun 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 2667.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 1940 U.S. Census, St. Francois, Missouri, population schedule, St. Francois Township, 14A, enumeration district (ED) 94-33, sheet 2A, dwelling 1, family 1061, Mincher Anna; image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 Jun 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication T627, roll 2146.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> "Anna Mincher," The Daily Journal (Flat River, Missouri), 29 Oct 1991, 2; digital images, Newspaper.com (www.newspapers.com: 1 Jun 2022).



The above census entry shows Claude as the head of household at age 45, he is employed as an elevator operator in a business building. Mattie is listed as his wife (age 30). Adeline (age 12) and Archie (age 8) are identified as the daughter and son.<sup>7</sup> Dema and Novie are not listed; Dema has married and Novie died 1934.

The second occurrence in the same census of 1940, show them living at 1235 North Lasalle Street, Chicago, IL.<sup>8</sup> This address is about 4 miles east of the address listed above.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 1940 U.S. Census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Ward 42, no page number, enumeration district (ED) 103-2634, sheet 8A, dwelling 2635, family 106, Mincher Mattie; image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 Jun 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication T627, roll 2634.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 1940 U.S. Census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Ward 31, no page number, enumeration district (ED) 103-1955, sheet 14B, dwelling 2712, family 303, Mincher Claude; image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 Jun 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication T627, roll 4643.

On 11 April 1942 Dorothy Mattie Graves marries Edward William Krause in St. Louis, Missouri.

The couple were married by Rev. George W Wittmer, who was the pastor at the Messiah Lutheran Church located at 3547 Pestaluzzi Street in St. Louis, MO.<sup>9</sup>

Their marriage was brief as Earl Krause died 4 May 1949. He is buried at the Mount Emblem Cemetery in Elmhurst, IL.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Find A Grave, database with images (www.findagrave.com : accessed 1 Jun 2022), image of headstone of Earl Krause, Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, DuPage County, Illinois. Photographed by E Lennon.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Missouri State Recorders Office, marriage certificate 435896 (1942), Earl Wm. Krause and Mattie Graves; Missouri State Arcihves, Jefferson City, MO; image, FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org: accessed 1 Jun 2022).

In October 1942, Claude Mincher returns to Iron County, MO, where he grew up as a boy. There he marries Mona Mayfield in a JP ceremony performed at the county courthouse in Ironton.<sup>11</sup> She is aged 18 years and he is 47.

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STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF IRON:  THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, or who is president of and a pastor of any Church in this State, to SOLEMNIZE MARKIAGE between Claude Muncher of June Ordained Preacher of And State of Missouri and State of Missouri In the County of June Ordained Preacher of And State of Missouri In the County of June Ordained Preacher of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Peace, or an
WITNESS my hand as Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds, with the goal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Ironton, Missouri, this /274/2 day of October 1984/2  [Seal ].  By Clara Schwab Deputy. Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds.
STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF Lion St. This is to certify that the undersigned Berry Lutton, Judge of Probate did, at
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The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for record in my office on the 12th day of October , A. D. 1942.  By Clara Schwalt Deputy. Circuit Clerk and Ex Ogrio Recorder of Deeds.

Claude and Mona live in Illinois where they have two children (Betty and Jack). By 1946, the family moves to Dent County, MO where Claude is the postmaster for the town of Linn. They have two more children (Henry and W. Clyde).

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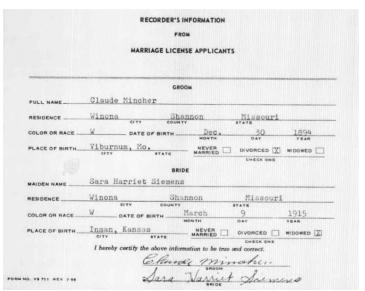
Note: Henry and W.Clyde not show in this image, they are recorded on the following census page.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 1950 U.S. Census, Dent County, Missouri, population schedule, Linn, Enumeration District (ED) 33-5, sheet 3, dwelling 27, line 27, Claude Mincher household; digital image, *Ancestry*, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : 1 Jun 2022).

<sup>13</sup> Ibid



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Missouri Iron County, marriage certificate page 392 (1942), Claude Mincher and Mona Mayfield; Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City, MO; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: 1 Jun 2022).



Eventually, Claude and Mona divorce.<sup>14</sup> At age 69, Claude marries Sara Harriet Siemens in Shannon County, MO in June 1963.<sup>15</sup> She is 48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Missouri State of Missouri, marriage application no certificate number (1963), Claude Mincher and Sara Harriet Siemens; Department of Health; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: 1 Jun 2022).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> This is an assumption based on Marriage License Application for Claude Mincher and Sara Harriet Siemens. Claude identifies his marriage status as "divorced". However, no divorce records were found for Claude and Mona Mincher (Mayfield).

By this time, Adeline had started her own life. At age 20, she marries William K Mulholland on 4 February  $1949^{16}$  and by 1950 they are found living with his adoptive parents and their  $1^{st}$  child at 1125 Altgeld W, Unit 121, Chicago, IL.<sup>17</sup>

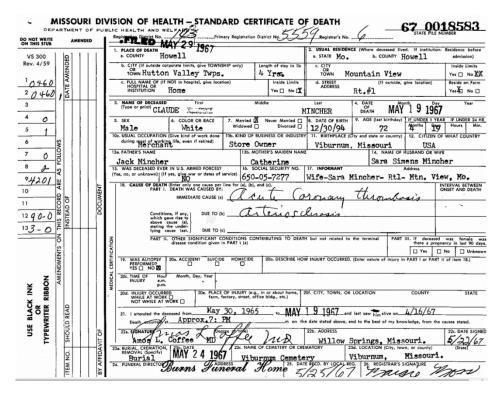
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> 1950 U.S. Census, Cook County, Illinois, population schedule, Chicago, Enumeration District (ED) 103-4253, sheet 1, dwelling 121, line 3, Adeline Mulholland household; digital image, *Ancestry*, Ancestry (www.ancestry: 1 Jun 2022).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Law Jones Funeral Home, Law Jones Funeral Home Website, Obituary (https://www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Adeline-Mulholland/#!/Obituary: 1 Jun 2022), Adeline Mulholland.

Claude E Mincher dies at age 72 on 19 May 1967 at home in Howell County, MO. Cause of death is acute coronary thrombosis (heart failure). At the time, he and Sara were still married.<sup>18</sup>



Claude is buried at the First Baptist Church Cemetery in Viburnum, MO.<sup>19</sup> This is the church where his father was pastor for many years.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Find A Grave, database with images (www.findagrave.com: accessed 1 Jun 2022), image of headstone of Claude Mincher, First Baptist Church Cemetery, Viburnum, Iron County, MO. Photographed by Diana St Cin Berkel.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Missouri Department of Health, death certificate 18583 (1967), Claude Mincher; Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City, MO; digital images, *Missouri Digital Heritage* (www.sos.mo.gov/mdh:accessed 1 Jun 2022).

#### **DNA Evidence**

DNA sample provided by the client was submitted to Ancestry.com in 2017. Reviewing the individuals that matched, many also have shared ancestry to Jackson Mincher (father of Claude Mincher).

EXAMPLE 1: Ancestry customer1 has 265 cM of DNA in common with the client. This amount of common DNA indicates a relationship of 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> cousin. Ancestry customer1 has documented his direct relationship to John Mincher, who is brother to Claude Mincher. This confirms the relationship between Ancestry customer1 and the client.<sup>20</sup>

EXAMPLE 2: Ancestry customer2 shares 296 cM of DNA in common with the client. Again, this puts the two men in a relationship of  $2^{nd}$ - $3^{rd}$  cousin. Ancestry customer2 has documented a direct relationship to Jackson Mincher. This confirms the relationship between Ancestry customer2 and the client.<sup>21</sup>

There are many more matches that the client has DNA matches with, who are also descendants of Jackson Mincher. One reason for this large number is because Jackson and Catherine (his wife) had 13 children during the years 1866-1895. The number of descendants grew with each following generation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> "AncestryDNA Results for the client," personalized database, *AncestryDNA* (https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-matches/compare/F256D623-7884-487A-A9FC-EDEE03C0E137/with/14311125-FD36-4619-BA53-42DD27405F65: accessed 6 Jun 2022), predicting "2nd-3rd cousin" genetic match with "Ancestry customer2" at 99% confidence. This person has a documented tree, but does not identify his connection.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> "AncestryDNA Results for the client," personalized database, *AncestryDNA* (https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-matches/compare/F256D623-7884-487A-A9FC-EDEE03C0E137/with/D26F6DCB-3010-4F5A-9FD1-4BEF75FBB783: accessed 6 Jun 2022), predicting "2nd-3rd cousin" genetic match with "Ancestry customer1" at 99% confidence. This person has a documented tree, but does not identify his connection.

#### Conclusion

Based on the evidence found, it can be proven the biological father of Adeline (Krause) Mulholland is Claude Mincher. Both Claude and Mattie (Adeline's mother) lived together for many years. They raised children together. Adeline's brother (Archie) is documented to have Claude and Mattie as his biological parents on his birth certificate. Mattie and Earl Krause did not marry until 1942, when Adeline would have been 14. This combined with the DNA evidence confirms the relationships between all of these people.

When people marry with children from prior relationships, (as with the marriage of Mattie Graves and Earl Krause), it was not uncommon for these children to be informally adopted into a single family unit. No legal documents were found concerning adoption formalities. Instead, the parents just committed to a surname change and moved ahead without looking back.

Of course, families are more than shared DNA. And the fact that Adeline and Archie looked towards Earl and Mattie Krause as their parents does not change that fact.

## Areas of Interest and Further Research

Order the original birth record for Adeline Mincher/Krause, born in Cook County, IL 1928. Further research to find the marriage record for Mattie and Claude, if it exists



# Source Listing

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