

# Emile Buehner of Knox County, Missouri (1856-1930)

1. EMIL<sup>1</sup> BÜHNER was born 19 Aug 1856 in Vieux-Thann, Haut-Rhin, France.<sup>1</sup> He married Catherine Genevieve Reid in Edina, Knox County, Missouri 30 Oct 1890.<sup>2</sup> Catherine Reid was born 31 Jul 1860 in Edina to James A Reid and Rose Ann Call<sup>3</sup> and died 26 March 1954 in Queens County, New York.<sup>4</sup> Emile Buehner died 12 May 1930 in Elmhurst, Queens County, New York.<sup>5</sup>

## *Emile's parents*

George Grégoire Bühner and Catherine Daul presented their baby boy to the mayor of Vieux-Thann, Haut-Rhin, France on 19 Aug 1856, the day he was born, and gave him the name Emile.<sup>6</sup> Georges Bühner and Catherine Daul were enumerated with their children

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<sup>1</sup> Commune de Vieux Thann, Haut Rhin, France birth register, 1856, folio 9r, entry 49, Emile Bühner; digital image, *Archives d'Alsace* (<https://archives68.alsace.eu/ark:/46858/2c4q7p1kx905/dd986ae7-78d5-4cf7-a9fa-c243a49678c1> : accessed 21 Oct 2023); état civil, naissances 1848-1862, Archives Alsace - Colmar.

<sup>2</sup> Knox County, Missouri marriage record 2:65, Emile Buehner and Catherine G. Reid, 30 Oct 1890, license 29 Oct 1890, recorded 5 Nov 1890; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-8989-941V> : accessed 3 Nov 2023); County Courthouse, Edina.

<sup>3</sup> Lizzie A. Reid, minor's pension application 575953, service of James A. Reid (1 Lt., K Co., 11th Regiment, Missouri State Militia Cavalry, Civil War), certified record of births from St. Joseph's Church (Edina, Knox County, Missouri); National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, DC. See also 1880 US Federal Census, Knox County, Missouri, population schedule, Edina, Center Township, ED 37, sheet 16A, dwelling 343, family 362, Emile Buehner household; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4118796\\_00681](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4118796_00681) : accessed 21 Oct 2023 ); NARA microfilm publication T9. Catherine was not yet born when the Reid family was enumerated 22 Jun 1860: 1860 US Federal Census, Knox County, Missouri, population schedule, Center Township, page 52, dwelling 380, James A Reid household; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4233976\\_00056](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4233976_00056) : accessed 21 Oct 2023 ); NARA microfilm publication M653. For Catherine with her parents at age 10, see 1870 US Federal Census, Knox County, Missouri, population schedule, Center Township, Edina post office, page 21 (penned), dwelling 172, family 154, James A Reid household; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4273669\\_00113](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4273669_00113) : accessed 21 Oct 2023); NARA microfilm publication M594.

<sup>4</sup> "New York, New York, U.S., Death Index, 1949-1965," database with images, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61461/images/47769\\_B353861-00042](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61461/images/47769_B353861-00042) : accessed 21 Oct 2023), 1954, entry for Catherin Buehner (indexed as Buehmler).

Catherine was interred at St. John's Cemetery 29 Mar 1954; Phone call from Anne, customer service representative at Diocese of Brooklyn Catholic Cemeteries, 20 Oct 2023.

<sup>5</sup> Department of Health of the City of New York death certificate 3142, Queens, Emile Buehner, 12 May 1930; *NYC Historical Vital Records* (<https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/6178304> : accessed 21 Jun 2023); New York City Municipal Archives.

<sup>6</sup> Vieux Thann birth register, 1856, entry 49, *Archives d'Alsace*.

Emile (age 10), Adolphe, Marie, and Leonie in Vieux-Thann, Haut-Rhin, France in 1866.<sup>7</sup> George and Kate Buehner, born in Alsace, were enumerated 14 Jun 1880 in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois with their children Emile age 24 and Mary age 19.<sup>8</sup> Emile was named administrator of George Buehner's estate and was George's only legal heir according to George's will.<sup>9</sup> Conflicting evidence regarding Emile's parental relationships is unlikely to be discovered, considering the breadth of research and significance of these sources, which were either created by eyewitnesses very close to the event or subject to legal scrutiny by disinterested parties. Emile Buehner of Knox County, Missouri was the son of George Grégoire Bühner and Catherine Daul of Vieux-Thann, Haut-Rhin and Adams County, Illinois.

### *Born in Alsace*

If one were to leisurely walk half the day west from Mulhouse on the modern French side of the River Rhine, following the River Thur into the rolling foothills of the Vosges Mountains, one could wander into the town of Vieux-Thann, population 2,318 in 1905. Life centered around the Catholic church and its Christian communities along with industries of papermaking and viticulture in this small Alsatian commune for over 600 years.<sup>10</sup> Emile was born there on 19 Aug 1856 to George Grégoire Bühner and Catherine Daul. Grégoire worked as a “chauffeur” in 1866, meaning that he worked to stoke coal fires in engines and boilers, perhaps on a locomotive running on the railroad from Thann south to Mulhouse or Basel, and north to Strasbourg.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> 1866 Recensement de France, Haut-Rhin, Vieux-Thann, page 19, maison 14, ménage 32, Georges Bühner; digital image, *Archives d'Alsace* (<https://archives68.alsace.eu/ark:/46858/tmqz0d3x8r2g/75788263-bd75-4a88-b0b5-998cfe05cb2f> : accessed 3 Nov 2023); series 6 M 212, Archives Départementales du Haut-Rhin, Colmar.

<sup>8</sup> 1880 US Federal Census, Adams County, Illinois, population schedule, Quincy, ED 32, sheets 49-50, dwelling 471, family 522, George Buehner household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6742/images/4240452-00391> : accessed 25 Oct 2023); NARA microfilm publication T9.

<sup>9</sup> Adams County, Illinois estate box 374, George Buehner (1911); digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C95R-J96B-Y> : accessed 27 Oct 2023); County Courthouse, Quincy.

<sup>10</sup> “Histoire,” *Ville de Vieux-Thann* (<https://www.vieuxthann.fr/vie-citoyenne/services-municipaux1> : accessed 3 Nov 2023).

<sup>11</sup> 1866 Recensement de France, Haut-Rhin, Vieux-Thann, page 19. “Chauffeur” is attested as a railroad occupation in literature from this time period; the common meaning for the driver of an automobile was not prevalent until the mid-1890's. See *Trésors de la Langue Française*, s.v. “chauffeur,euse, subst.,” section Étymol. et Hist. I. 1. (<http://stella.atilf.fr/Dendien/scripts/tlfiv5/advanced.exe?8;s=618392850> : accessed 4 Nov 2023). See also “Carte des routes et chemins de fer de la frontière Franco-Allemande,” *BnF Gallica* (<https://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/btv1b102239025> : accessed 3 Nov 2023); Bibliothèque Nationale de France.



**Figure 1:** The village of Thann on the river Thur, which is directly adjacent to the west of Vieux-Thann, and closely connected in geography, culture, society, and industry. Photo by Rémi Stoskopf, *Wikimedia Commons* ([https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Thann\\_vue\\_depuis\\_le\\_Rangen.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Thann_vue_depuis_le_Rangen.jpg) : accessed 3 Nov 2023), CC BY-SA 3.0 DEED.

French and German have always mingled in Alsace, at times in peace, but often in conflict, and even war. For centuries the region developed both German and French cultural and linguistic heritage, and was transferred between rulers relatively peacefully. After the conclusion of the Thirty Years War in 1648, Alsace became increasingly tied to France, and by the mid-19th century the population considered themselves French.<sup>12</sup> The region was forcibly annexed by Germany in the Franco-Prussian War in 1872, administered by Germany until 1918, then occupied again by Germany during World War II.<sup>13</sup> Only within the last century has true cooperation and mutual respect between neighboring powers become the defining feature of this border region, which also touches Switzerland.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> C. C. Eckhardt, "The Alsace-Lorraine Question," *The Scientific Monthly* 6:5 (May 1918), 431-443; digital images, *JSTOR* (<https://www.jstor.org/stable/22512> : accessed 3 Nov 2023).

<sup>13</sup> "Alsace," *Britannica* (<https://www.britannica.com/place/Alsace> : accessed 6 Oct 2023).

<sup>14</sup> For recent diplomatic efforts between France and Germany see "Elysée Treaty," *France Diplomacy* ([https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/germany/france-and-germany/elysee-treaty/#sommaire\\_1](https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/germany/france-and-germany/elysee-treaty/#sommaire_1) : accessed 3 Nov 2023).

The clash between the German Empire and France in 1871 came to the doorstep of the Bühner family. Emile later recollected that he and his sister were traveling west to Belfort with their father when they glimpsed, from the safety of the foliage, Prussian soldiers burying bodies with quicklime in trenches along the road. Emile remembered that his father decided to send the children to America to protect them from Prussian military service and “the ruthlessness which it preached.”<sup>15</sup> With such a violent upheaval in this region, many chose to emigrate during the period leading up to 1 Oct 1872 designated by the Empire as a sort of grace period for inhabitants to leave if they wished.<sup>16</sup> George Bühner and his family were among them.



**Figure 2:** L'Église Saint-Dominique of Vieux-Thann, which the Bühner family may have attended as part of their Catholic faith evidenced later, was constructed, reconstructed, and repaired several times between the 14th and 20th centuries due to damage from wars; *POP: la plateforme ouverte du patrimoine* (<https://www.pop.culture.gouv.fr/notice/merimee/PA00085727> : accessed 3 Nov 2023); Ministère de la Culture Français.

<sup>15</sup> “Nearly fifty years ago,” *The Quincy Daily Journal* (Illinois), 16 Sep 1918, pg 6, col 4-5; digital image, *Quincy Community History Archive* ([https://quincypublicil.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?fn=the\\_quincy\\_daily\\_journal\\_usa\\_illinois\\_quincy\\_19180916\\_english\\_6](https://quincypublicil.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?fn=the_quincy_daily_journal_usa_illinois_quincy_19180916_english_6) : accessed 1 Nov 2023).

<sup>16</sup> Eckhardt, “The Alsace-Lorraine Question,” 434.

## *A Teenager's Journey to the United States*

Emile Buhner, 16 years old, arrived in the United States 25 May 1872 aboard the SS *Denmark* steerage section sailing from Le Havre, France. His 14 year old brother Adolphe traveled with him, among 841 passengers from Germany, France, and Italy.<sup>17</sup> The SS *Denmark* was a passenger steam ship with an iron hull and supplemental sails, which would have allowed it to cross the Atlantic from London to New York in 8 to 10 days, assuming no storms, obstacles, or detours.<sup>18</sup>



**Figure 3:** SS Denmark - National Line steamship, Norway-Heritage

([http://www.norwayheritage.com/p\\_ship.asp?sh=denma](http://www.norwayheritage.com/p_ship.asp?sh=denma) : accessed 3 Nov 2023); CC BY-NC-ND 4.0.

Emile's parents and sisters arrived in the United States nearly one year later on 3 May 1873, also aboard the SS *Denmark*.<sup>19</sup> The Buehner family uprooted from their ancestral village among millions of Germans who came to start a new life in the United States between 1870 and 1900; potentially easing the difficulty of leaving home behind, a community of German Americans awaited them in the Midwest.<sup>20</sup>

### *Life in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois*

Emile later recollected that “he was packed off to [the United States] and came to an uncle in Quincy, [Illinois].”<sup>21</sup> Upon arriving in New York, Emile and Adolphe could have

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<sup>17</sup> “New York Passenger Lists 1820-1891,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939V-5P82-D> : accessed 6 Oct 2023), entries for Emile and Adolphe Buhner, SS *Denmark*, 25 May 1872, unpaginated.

<sup>18</sup> Jean-Paul Rodrigue, “Liner Transatlantic crossing Times, 1833-1952,” *The Geography of Transport Systems* (<https://transportgeography.org/contents/chapter1/emergence-of-mechanized-transportation-systems/liner-transatlantic-crossing-time/> : accessed 3 Nov 2023).

<sup>19</sup> “New York Passenger Lists 1820-1891,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939V-R9S4-4T> : accessed 3 Nov 2023), entries for Georges, Cath<sup>ne</sup>, Marie, and Leonie Buhner, SS *Denmark*, 3 May 1873, unpaginated.

<sup>20</sup> “The Germans in America: Chronology,” *Library of Congress* (<https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/imde/germchro.html> : accessed 3 Nov 2023).

<sup>21</sup> “Nearly fifty years ago,” *The Quincy Daily Journal*, 16 Sep 1918, pg 6.

taken a series of trains to his uncle's residence in Quincy, Illinois; they might have also ended a train journey with fewer transfers in St. Louis and rode a steamboat up the Mississippi River. The uncle was probably George's brother John Buner, who lived in Quincy with his wife Elizabeth and his son John in 1870.<sup>22</sup> George and another Buehner brother living in Lincoln, Nebraska are mentioned in John Buehner's obituary, but this Nebraska brother has not yet been identified.<sup>23</sup>



Walking the streets in Quincy, Emile glimpsed “a parade headed by Kuehn’s band” and “being fond music decided as soon as [he] could earn money enough and learn enough English to make [him]self understood, [he] would go to Prof. Kuehn and ask him to give [him] music lessons.”<sup>24</sup> Louis Kuehn was a music professor who played cornet, violin, and piano; he directed and organized the Kuehn Band in Quincy, and his four sons also played in the group.<sup>25</sup> The Kuehn brothers probably knew Emile. Emile gained employment at Harris & Beebe tobacco factory as a stripper boy and thereafter began his lessons with Dr. Kuehn, eventually becoming a member of the band. Emile would have spent his working hours removing and sorting leaves from tobacco plants, and probably learned how to grade the leaves for color, size, and damage to identify which are best for wrapping cigars and which are best for filler.<sup>26</sup> After a day’s work at the tobacco shop, where he may have also learned English on the job, one can imagine Emile walking over to Louis Kuehn’s music lessons to enjoy his hobby.

**Figure 4:** an advertisement for Harris, Beebe, & Co. 's tobacco, which seems to have very little to do with smoking; *Library of Congress* (<https://lccn.loc.gov/2001697746> : accessed 1 Nov 2023).

<sup>22</sup> 1870 US Federal Census, Adams County, Illinois, population schedule, Quincy, ward 1, page 18, dwelling 155, family 156, John Buner household; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6F3V-6W> : accessed 3 Nov 2023); NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 187.

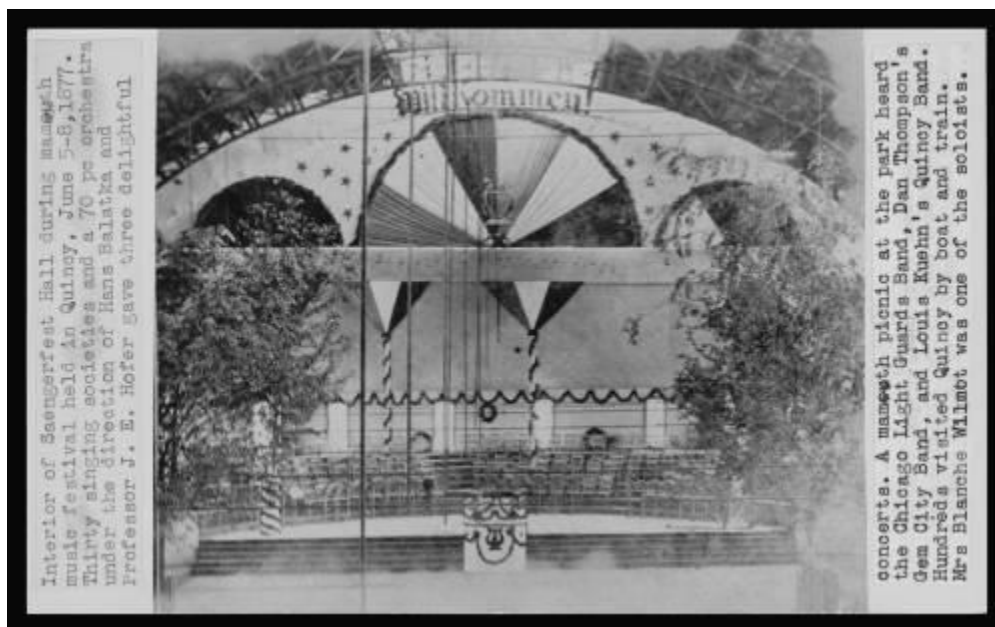
<sup>23</sup> “The Death of John Buehner,” *The Quincy Weekly Herald* (Illinois), 5 Aug 1904, pg 5, col 6; digital image, *Quincy Community History Archive* ([https://quincypublicil.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?fn=the\\_quincy\\_weekly\\_herald\\_usa\\_illinois\\_quincy\\_19040805\\_english\\_5](https://quincypublicil.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?fn=the_quincy_weekly_herald_usa_illinois_quincy_19040805_english_5) : accessed 1 Nov 2023).

<sup>24</sup> “Nearly fifty years ago,” *The Quincy Daily Journal*, 16 Sep 1918, pg 6.

<sup>25</sup> “Louis Kuehn, Sr. (1836,1917),” *Illinois Digital Archives* (<http://www.idaillinois.org/digital/collection/gpl/id/1571> : accessed 1 Nov 2023); Quincy Area Historic Photo Collection, Quincy Public Library.

<sup>26</sup> See for example AmishPA’s video with a tobacco grading quiz, “A Job for Winter... Stripping Tobacco on Amish Farm in Lancaster County, PA,” *YouTube* ([https://youtu.be/qOO3tUK1\\_lM?si=KMu\\_civDnAkKLk-I](https://youtu.be/qOO3tUK1_lM?si=KMu_civDnAkKLk-I) : accessed 1 Nov 2023).

The Band performed at such events as the Sangerfest held 5-8 Jun 1877.<sup>27</sup> Singing festivals were common in German American communities from 1850 to 1920, since immigrants brought choral traditions from Germany, especially the southwest areas. As early as the 1840's there were regional German American choral organizations and events in the United States. The Sangerbund des Nordwestens formed in the 1850's and 1860's with choirs from the upper midwestern states, including Illinois. Sangerfest concerts tended to include formal elements such as addresses and programmed classical concerts that created structure and reflected more serious cultural values, whereas the typical festival would have included carnivals, parades, and dances.<sup>28</sup> Emile, as interested in music as he was, was most likely a performer or spectator at the Quincy Sangerfest. Such a festive event could have further inspired his later involvement in musical communities as a violinist, singer, and music teacher.



**Figure 5:** The decorated concert stage on which Emile might have played with Louis Kuehn's band in 1877. "Saengerfest", *Illinois Digital Archives* (<http://www.idaillinois.org/digital/collection/gpl/id/1869> : accessed 1 Nov 2023); Quincy Area Historic Photo Collection, Quincy Public Library.

While the George Buehner family successfully reunited in Quincy, tragedy struck in 1880 when Emile's three siblings died of infectious diseases. When the census

<sup>27</sup> "Saengerfest," *Illinois Digital Archives* (<http://www.idaillinois.org/digital/collection/gpl/id/1869/rec/9> : accessed 1 Nov 2023); Quincy Area Historic Photo Collection, Quincy Public Library.

<sup>28</sup> Summarized from Heike Bungert, "The Singing Festivals of German Americans, 1849-1914," *American Music* 34:2, Summer 2016, 141-145.; digital article, *JSTOR* (<https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5406/americanmusic.34.2.0141> : accessed 1 Nov 2023).

enumerator visited their household 14 June,<sup>29</sup> what was a thriving family of six had already lost two of its young people that year: Leonie died 17 March 1880 at the age of 14 of diphtheria<sup>30</sup> and Adolphe died 17 May 1880 at the age of 21 of typhoid fever and a nosebleed that could not be stopped.<sup>31</sup> Adolphe had worked as a cigar maker, perhaps in the same factory as Emile. Mary, age 19 and working as a dressmaker, died of typhoid fever only two weeks after a snapshot of the Buehner family was recorded by the census taker.<sup>32</sup> All three were buried at St. Francis Solanus Catholic Church in Quincy.<sup>33</sup> For Emile, George, and Catherine to lose half of their family in the span of a few months undoubtedly reshaped their dreams, plans, and outlook on life. Perhaps their Catholic Christian faith provided some way to make sense of their loss.

Emile joined a minstrel company that organized in Quincy in 1887, and the troupe traveled through Missouri towns. While in Edina, Emile learned of a business opportunity to buy a photography studio business “for a small sum.”<sup>34</sup> Seizing this opportunity led him to settle, marry, and grow a business there, about forty miles down the Quincy, Omaha, and Kansas City railroad.

### *Business in Edina, Knox County, Missouri*

Emile Buehner bought Charles F. Moelk’s photography business in Edina around March 1887 and invested time, money and effort updating equipment.<sup>35</sup> Later that same year, he exhibited photographs at the Knox County Fair and was awarded first prize; J. C. Claypool, the publisher of the *Edina Sentinel* called his exhibit “the finest of the kind that was ever exhibited on the Edina fair grounds.”<sup>36</sup> Emile seems to have been quite popular and successful as a photographer, since he remained in business until at least 1893<sup>37</sup> and

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<sup>29</sup> 1880 US Federal Census, Adams County, Illinois, population schedule, Quincy, ED 32 , pages 49-50, dwelling 471, family 522, George Buehner household (indexed as Buchner); digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YYN-3WO7> : accessed 6 Oct 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication T9.

<sup>30</sup> Adams County, Illinois register of deaths 1877-1879 (includes deaths from 1880), folios 114v and 115r, entry 1446, Leonie Buhner; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS79-K8GY-C> : accessed 21 Oct 2023); County Clerk, Quincy.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, folios 132v and 133r, entry 1659, Adolphe Geo Buehner; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS79-K8GP-V> accessed 21 Oct 2023).

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, folios 131v and 132r, entry 1654, Mary Buehner; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS79-K8GL-1> : accessed 21 Oct 2023); County Clerk, Quincy.

<sup>33</sup> St. Francis Solanus Catholic Church (Quincy, Illinois), death register 1872-1971, 1880, entries 5 (Helena Bühner), 10 (Georgius Adolphus Bühner), and 14 (Maria Bühner); digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61682/> : accessed 10 Jan 2023).

<sup>34</sup> “Nearly fifty years ago,” *The Quincy Daily Journal*, 16 Sep 1918, pg 6.

<sup>35</sup> “NOTICE,” *The Knox County Democrat* (Edina, Missouri), 24 Mar 1887, pg 1, col 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861807078> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>36</sup> “The Fair,” *The Edina Sentinel* (Edina, Missouri), 8 Sep 1887, pg 2, col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861788511> : accessed 19 Oct 2023).

<sup>37</sup> *Missouri State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1893-1894*, vol VIII (St. Louis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1893), page 310; digital images, *UMSL Digital Library*

was often referred to in newspaper endorsements as “the well known picture man”<sup>38</sup> or “a splendid artist.”<sup>39</sup>



**Figure 6:** Photographs taken by Emile in his Edina studio between 1887 and 1898, from left to right: An unidentified older man in a top hat; Private collection of Ryan Johnson, Indianapolis. A woman who appears to be married, with rings on her left hand; and the artist’s imprint on the reverse; Frances Cook Kemondo Photograph Collection, State Historical Society of Missouri, collection P0104, digital images provided by Tatyana Shinn, Assistant Director of Reference, 6 Nov 2023.

Despite his popularity, Emile later remarked that “the picture business did not prove a paying investment,”<sup>40</sup> so he turned back to his experience making cigars. From May 1897 to April 1898, Emile traveled to Ventura, California to work as a foreman at the Wilson & McGonigle cigar factory.<sup>41</sup> John McGonigle was a former resident of Edina, and probably

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(<https://dl.mospace.umsystem.edu/umsl/islandora/object/umsl%3A74499#page/310/mode/2up> : accessed 18 Oct 2023); University of Missouri Library.

<sup>38</sup> “Calle at Buehner’s,” *The Knox County Democrat*, 29 Oct 1891, pg 8 col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861825406> : accessed 1 Nov 2023).

<sup>39</sup> “Mere Mention,” *The Knox County Democrat*, 14 Jul 1892, pg 6, col 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861828971> : accessed 1 Nov 2023).

<sup>40</sup> “Nearly fifty years ago,” *The Quincy Daily Journal*, 16 Sep 1918, pg 6.

<sup>41</sup> “E. Buehner left Tuesday,” *The Edina Sentinel*, 6 May 1897, pg 8, col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861743119>; accessed 17 Oct 2023). See also “E. Buehner returned home,” *The Edina Sentinel*, 14 Apr 1898, pg 8, col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861747003> : accessed 17 Oct 2023).

knew Emile; he may have invited Emile to work at his factory.<sup>42</sup> National travel was very common for cigar makers during this time period, especially for members of the cigar maker unions, since the organizations would often provide travel loans. Consistent with learning an artisanal craft, cigar makers would observe different factories and methods as part of their professional training.<sup>43</sup> Having been involved in cigar making in Quincy, Emile likely had contacts in the industry that led to this venture in California. A reporter wrote that Emile intended to move his family there to Ventura: “Mr. Buehner likes this section of the country very much, but business has called him back to Missouri and it is not unlikely that he will return, in the near future, to stay, bringing his family with him.”<sup>44</sup> Some business or family matter must have intervened, as it seems that Emile never returned.

Taxes on rolled tobacco were introduced with the Internal Revenue Act of July 1, 1862 as a measure to collect funds for the Civil War. Each state was divided into assessment districts, and the district assessor would calculate taxes after the tobacco was sold.<sup>45</sup> In 1872, a stamp system was implemented to address fraud whereby tobacco manufacturers prepaid taxes in exchange for stamps which were placed on their boxes.<sup>46</sup> Strong unions and reduced taxes led to the “Golden Era” of cigar manufacturing and consumption from about 1878 to 1915. Within such a favorable business climate, and perhaps inspired by his experiences in Quincy and Ventura, Emile set out to start his own cigar factory.



**Figure 7:** Buehner’s Little Bouquet cigar box shows some custom commercial cigar imagery along with the paper notice label required by the IRS. Private collection of Brent Karhoff, Edina; photos used with permission courtesy of owner.

<sup>42</sup> “Back at the Old Home,” *The Edina Sentinel*, 2 Aug 1900, pg 1, col 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861808274> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

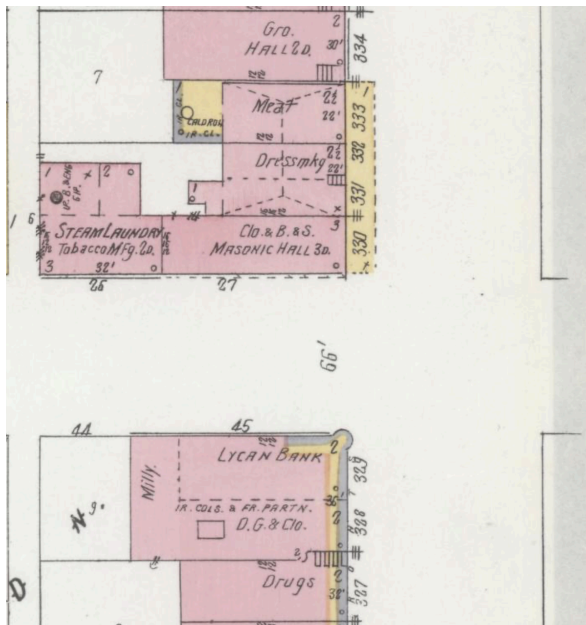
<sup>43</sup> Patricia A. Cooper, “The ‘Traveling Fraternity’: Union Cigar Makers and Geographic Mobility, 1900-1919,” *Journal of Social History* vol 17, Autumn 1983, pages 127-138, especially pg 128.

<sup>44</sup> “Emile Buehner,” *The Ventura Weekly Post and Democrat* (California), 8 Apr 1898, page 3, col 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/932792091> : accessed 20 Oct 2023).

<sup>45</sup> “Internal Revenue Service,” *National Archives at Chicago* (<https://www.archives.gov/chicago/finding-aids/irs> : accessed 3 Nov 2023).

<sup>46</sup> Frank L. Olmsted “The Tobacco Tax,” *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 5:2 (Jan 1891), 205; digital images, *JSTOR* (<https://www.jstor.org/stable/1882971> : accessed 3 Nov 2023).

Buehner's cigar factory opened 1 Nov 1898.<sup>47</sup> The factory launched five brands of cigars: La Belle Creole, A Peach, Just Out, Square Deal, and Buehner's Little Bouquet.<sup>48</sup> Some time in the first year of business, Emile began to produce a long Cuban cigar called Longfellow advertised as "5 inches, 5 cents."<sup>49</sup> The factory was located in the Hirner building on North Main Street, at the intersection with East Front Street and on the west side of the public square.<sup>50</sup> The quality of Buehner's cigars was touted in newspaper endorsements ("connoisseurs all admit their excellence") and Emile shipped his cigars as far as California. In addition to the quality of his craft, others praised him as a "public spirited citizen" who "cause[d his] fellowmen to point with pride to [his] character and career."<sup>51</sup> Emile also planned to open a retail cigar store in Edina around 1904; at what point he was able to finalize this plan is uncertain.<sup>52</sup>



**Figure 8:** The northwest corner of N Main and E Front Streets in Edina in 1906 shows a steam laundry behind the Masonic Hall, with Emile's tobacco manufacturing business on the second floor. Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Edina, Knox County, Missouri, map 4, 1906, Library of Congress ([http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g4164em.g4164em\\_g046431906](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g4164em.g4164em_g046431906) : accessed 20 Oct 2023).

The business developed into a partnership with Henry Mescher, a cigar manufacturer in Quincy, when Emile and Henry formed the Edina Tobacco Company in 1912; they leased the entire building where Emile's operation was already located, and they planned to employ at least 50 people.<sup>53</sup> Emile's factory produced Little Bouquet until at least 1917 and probably for the entire span of the

<sup>47</sup> "E. Buehner opened his cigar factory," *The Edina Sentinel*, 3 Nov 1898, pg 8, col 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861800254>; accessed 17 Oct 2023).

<sup>48</sup> "The New Cigar Factory," *The Knox County Democrat*, 3 Nov 1898, pg 1, col 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861832599> : accessed 17 Oct 2023).

<sup>49</sup> "A Short Story," *The Edina Sentinel*, 26 Oct 1899, pg 16, col 1-2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861804484> : accessed 17 Oct 2023). See also "Our Personal Column," *The Knox County Democrat*, 5 Oct 1899, pg 2, col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/862552463> : accessed 17 Oct 2023).

<sup>50</sup> "Two Business Places to Move," *The Edina Sentinel*, 12 Apr 1917, pg 1, col 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861801302> : accessed 18 Oct 2023). The modern address of the Hirner Building was 201 N Main St before the structure was demolished in 1996; see Edina Double Square Historic District, National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, section 7, page 4, entry 9; *Missouri State Parks* (<https://mostateparks.com/sites/mostateparks/files/Edina%20Double%20Square%20HD.pdf> : accessed 20 Oct 2023).

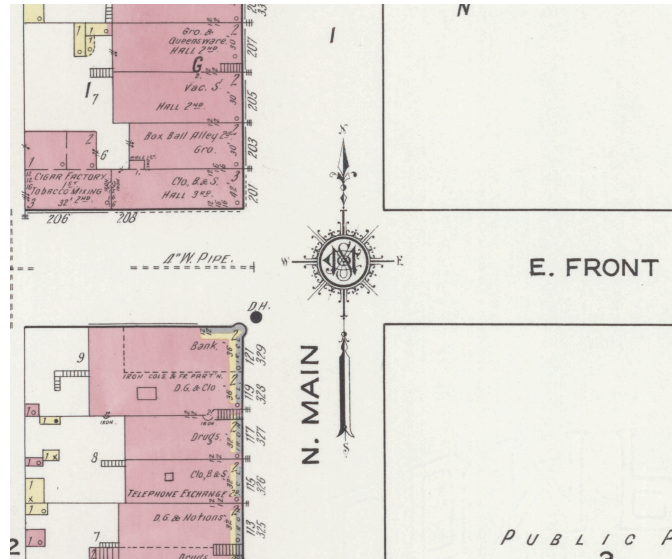
<sup>51</sup> "Emile Buehner," *The Knox County Democrat*, 19 Jun 1902, pg 2, col 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/862556584> : accessed 17 Oct 2023).

<sup>52</sup> "Emil Buehner, the cigar manufacturer," *The Quincy Daily Journal*, 2 Apr 1904, pg 3, col 1; digital image, *Quincy Community History Archive* ([https://quincypublic.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?fn=the\\_quincy\\_daily\\_journal\\_usa\\_illinois\\_quincy\\_19040402\\_english\\_3](https://quincypublic.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?fn=the_quincy_daily_journal_usa_illinois_quincy_19040402_english_3) : accessed 1 Nov 2023).

<sup>53</sup> "Words of Praise," *Edina Democrat*, 6 Dec 1912, pg 1, col 3, reprinted from the Quincy Herald; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861843288>; accessed 18 Oct 2023).

business, suggesting it could have been his most successful product.<sup>54</sup>

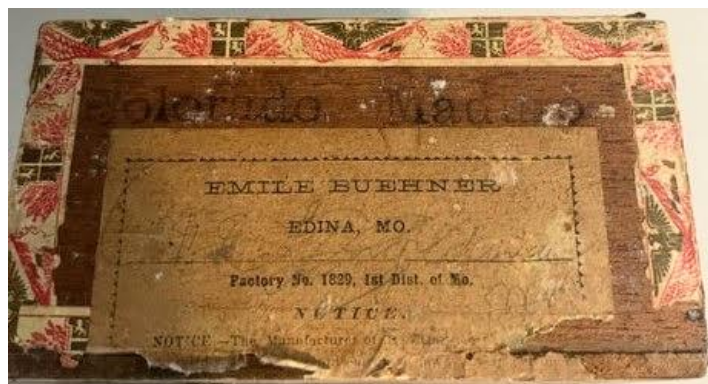
**Figure 9:** By 1916 the cigar factory occupied the entire section of the Hirner building where Emile had been making cigars since at least 1906. Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Edina, Knox County, Missouri, map 4, 1916, Library of Congress ([http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g4164em\\_g4164em\\_g046431916](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g4164em_g4164em_g046431916) : accessed 20 Oct 2023).



Buehner's cigar factory moved out of the Hirner building on the west side of the square and into the former post office on the south side of the square in 1917. He also established a retail cigar shop in the new building. The factory, however, did not stay in production long after the move. By June of 1918, Emile had made plans to close his cigar factory and store.<sup>55</sup>



**Figure 10:** Buehner's Longfellow cigar box bearing the tax stamp on the lid and the factory number and tax district number on the notice label on the side. Private collection of Brent Karhoff, Edina; photos used with permission courtesy of owner.



<sup>54</sup> "Q.G.S. Our Trade Mark," *The Edina Democrat*, 20 Dec 1917, pg 6, col 4-6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/862556584> : accessed 17 Oct 2023).

<sup>55</sup> "Buehner's Cigar Shop to Close," *The Edina Sentinel*, 13 Jun 1918, pg 1, col 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861805798> : accessed 17 Oct 2023).

Emile later stated that the World War “put an end to any profit in [the cigar] business,” since what the average man could afford was less than the production cost of a good cigar. He drew a parallel between the Prussian soldiers that had destabilized his hometown in the war with France, “cheating him out of an education,” and the German provocation of the World War that “ruined” his business.<sup>56</sup> Perhaps it was this former sentiment that led him to become a naturalized citizen in the Knox County Circuit Court on 30 Dec 1910.<sup>57</sup> In addition to the World War’s effect on tobacco labor and economics, the advent of cigar manufacturing machines decreased the demand for artisanal hand-rolled cigars.<sup>58</sup> With his business coming to a close, Emile devoted more attention to his growing family: by this time, his daughter had married and his grandchildren had begun to arrive.

### *Marriage gained him a wife, a daughter, and a sister*

Three and half years after moving to Edina, and while still operating his photography business, Emile Buehner married Catherine G. Reid 30 Oct 1890 in Edina.<sup>59</sup> Catherine was the daughter of one of Edina’s original settlers, James A. Reid who brought his family to Missouri from Virginia around 1838, just before Edina was plotted as a town, and well before Knox County formed from Scotland County.<sup>60</sup> James married his second wife Rosey Ryan 6 Feb 1853 in Knox County, Missouri.<sup>61</sup> Catherine was the fourth of their

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<sup>56</sup> “Nearly fifty years ago,” *The Quincy Daily Journal*, 16 Sep 1918, pg 6.

<sup>57</sup> St. Louis, Missouri naturalization index, entry for Emile Buehner, 1910-P-2; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3W4-M9BN-N> : accessed 8 Nov 2023); Naturalization Index, ca. 1930–1991, box 6, NAID 5988503, RG 21, NARA Kansas City. The Knox County Circuit Court Clerk in Edina, the Missouri State Archives reference staff in Jefferson City, and a NARA Kansas City archives technician all stated in emails that they could not locate the original record in their respective holdings.

<sup>58</sup> Patricia A. Cooper, *Once a Cigar Maker: Men, Women, and Work Culture in American Cigar Factories 1900-1919* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1987), pages 310-311.

<sup>59</sup> Knox County, Missouri marriage record 2:65, Emile Buehner and Catherine G. Reid, 30 Oct 1890, recorded 5 Nov 1890; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-8989-941V> : accessed 16 Oct 2023); County Court, Edina.

<sup>60</sup> Compare birthplaces and dates of children in 1850 US Federal Census, Knox County, Missouri, population schedule, Edina, Center Township, page 2 (penned), dwelling 16, family 16, James Reed household; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8054/images/4200563\\_00170](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8054/images/4200563_00170) : accessed 4 Nov 2023); NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 403.

<sup>61</sup> Knox County, Missouri Marriage Record 1845-1881, page 31, Reid to Ryan, 6 Feb 1853, recorded 29 Mar 1853; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L989-MW9Y> : accessed 16 Aug 2023); County Courthouse, Edina.

five children.<sup>62</sup> After their wedding, Emile and “Cassie” visited Emile’s parents in Quincy before returning to Edina.<sup>63</sup>



**Figure 11:** The Buehner family circa 1891, just after Emile and Catherine’s marriage. From left to right: Emile Buehner, his wife Catherine (Reid) Buehner, Teresa Reid, Elizabeth Reid, and Rose (Call) Reid. Photocopy of original photograph created by [M.S.], private collection of [J.S.], [Location Private], New York.

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<sup>62</sup> 1870 US Federal Census, Knox County, Missouri, population schedule, Center Township, page 21, dwelling 172, family 154, James A Reed household; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4273669\\_00113](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4273669_00113) : accessed 4 Nov 2023); NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 785. John and James W. are children of James A Reid’s first wife Mary. James and Rose’s first child Peter is studying in Wisconsin in 1870; see 1870 US Federal Census, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, population schedule, Lake Township, page 17, dwelling 90, line 19, Peter Reid; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4268780\\_00197](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4268780_00197) : accessed 4 Nov 2023); NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1725.

<sup>63</sup> “By the time this paper reaches,” *The Knox County Democrat*, 30 Oct 1890, pg 4, col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861819214>: accessed 18 Oct 2023).

## *Teresa Virginia Reid*

A baby girl was born to Catherine Reid's brother Peter Joseph Reid and Fannie Nelson in Knox County, Missouri 20 Sep 1883.<sup>64</sup> Just nine weeks later, Fannie died of consumption at her parents' home in Palmyra, Marion County on 25 Nov 1883, leaving behind three small children.<sup>65</sup> Theresa Virginia was this third child.<sup>66</sup>

Peter married Ida C Donnelly in 1886.<sup>67</sup> Peter was the County Collector, and appears to have withheld money from the State Auditor for personal use: he did not pay the state government for some time in 1885 and 1886, before it was discovered and he paid back all the money.<sup>68</sup> Perhaps to escape the controversy, he moved to British Columbia, Canada by 1891 and went by his middle name Joseph.<sup>69</sup> His first daughter Rose Mary Reid married Austin Goward in Victoria, British Columbia.<sup>70</sup> His second child with Fannie, Arthur, also went with him to Canada, along with his second wife Ida and their child Edward.<sup>71</sup>

Theresa lived with Emile and Catherine Buehner in 1900.<sup>72</sup> Teresa later married Anthony Grantges in 1910, and Emile led hymn singing and played violin music at her wedding; the wedding announcement calls Emile and Catherine "her foster parents

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<sup>64</sup> Knox County, Missouri birth register 1883-1893, unpaginated, arranged by initial letter of surname, then by date, third entry on page under letter R, 20 Sep 1883, female Reid; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1170/images/vrmmo1833\\_c3577-0063](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1170/images/vrmmo1833_c3577-0063) : accessed 25 Oct 2023); Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

<sup>65</sup> "A Sad Case," *The Knox County Democrat*, 29 Nov 1883, pg 6, col 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861742753> : accessed 25 Oct 2023).

<sup>66</sup> Texas Department of Health death certificate 13972, Theresa Virginia Grantges, 28 Mar 1961; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394\\_b062587-00481](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062587-00481) : accessed 25 Oct 2023); Texas Department of State Health Services, Austin.

<sup>67</sup> Knox County, Marriage register 1881-1897, page 282, Peter J. Reid and Ida C Donnelly, license 26 May 1886, married 27 May 1886, recorded 27 May 1886; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1171/images/vrmmo1833\\_c3574-0159](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1171/images/vrmmo1833_c3574-0159) : accessed 25 Oct 2023); Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

<sup>68</sup> "A Surprise to Everybody," *The Knox County Democrat*, 17 May 1888, pg 1, col 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861813515> : accessed 25 Oct 2023). See also "Worse Still," *The Knox County Democrat*, 24 May 1888, pg 1, col 6 (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861813635> : accessed 25 Oct 2023).

<sup>69</sup> For example, G. Frost wrote a letter from Seattle that was published in the *Knox County Democrat* stating that he "called around to see if [he] could find our old friend Peter Reid, but he was out of town. His daughter Miss Rose Reid has recently married and I understand did well," 29 May 1902, pg 3, col 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/862556510> : accessed 25 Oct 2023).

<sup>70</sup> "Rev. Father Laterme conducted," *The Victoria Daily Times* (Victoria, British Columbia, Canada), 13 Mar 1902, pg 5, col 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/504863473> : accessed 25 Oct 2023).

<sup>71</sup> 1891 Census of Canada, British Columbia, district 4, Victoria City, subdistrict Johnson Street Was, division 3, page 35, family 154, Joseph Reid; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1274/images/30953\\_148094-00162](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1274/images/30953_148094-00162) : accessed 25 Oct 2023); microfilm reel T-6292, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. The names and ages of this household align with Peter Joseph, Ida C Donnelly, Peter's first and second children with Fannie Nelson Rose Mary and Arthur N, and his child with Ida a son named Edward Donnelly Reid.

<sup>72</sup> 1900 US Federal Census, Knox County, Missouri, population schedule, Center Township, Edina City, ED 37, sheet 16A, dwelling 343, family 362, Emile Buehner household; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4118796\\_00681](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4118796_00681) : accessed 25 Oct 2023); NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 868.

from childhood.” Teresa worked as a deputy circuit clerk in Macon County, but “came back to the scenes of her girlhood” to marry.<sup>73</sup> Why Teresa stayed with the Buehner family is unknown. Perhaps Catherine helped care for the infant to lighten Peter’s burden, since Fannie had died so shortly after giving birth. Peter and Ida may have decided after they married that they wanted Catherine to keep the child. Teresa’s connection with the Buehners appears to have been quite special, since she involved them in her wedding and later visited them with her son.<sup>74</sup> It would seem that when Emile married Catherine, he gained a daughter as well.

### *Elizabeth “Aunt Lizzie” Reid*

Elizabeth Reid was born in 1863, the fifth child of James Reid and Rose Ryan.<sup>75</sup> According to oral tradition, Elizabeth suffered a stroke early in life and was thereby unable to speak.<sup>76</sup> Elizabeth lived with Catherine for nearly her entire life, until she was admitted to the Manhattan State Hospital on Ward’s Island, probably around 1930.<sup>77</sup> Catherine cared for her younger sister for 50 years, according to her own estimate, before Elizabeth went to live at the hospital.<sup>78</sup> Their relationship was likely special to Catherine, since Lizzie A Reid was her attendant at her wedding.<sup>79</sup> In fact, family tradition relates that Catherine was often too busy to go out with Emile, so Emile would

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<sup>73</sup> “Grantges-Reid,” *Edina Democrat* (Edina, Missouri), 1 Jul 1910, pg 1, col 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861724057> : accessed 17 Oct 2023).

<sup>74</sup> “Mrs. Teresa Grantges,” *Edina Democrat* (Edina, Missouri), 14 Jul 1911, pg 1, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861841059> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>75</sup> 1870 US Federal Census, Knox County, Missouri, population schedule, Center Township, Edina post office, page 21 (penned), dwelling 172, family 154, James A Reed household.

<sup>76</sup> Text message from [L.S.], 18 Aug 2023.

<sup>77</sup> Catherine and Elizabeth are together in every extant census from 1870 to 1920: 1870 Ibid. 1880 US Federal Census, Knox County, Missouri, population schedule, Edina, Center Township, ED 37, sheet 16A, dwelling 343, family 362, Emile Buehner household. 1900 US Federal Census, Knox County, Missouri, population schedule, Center Township, ED 37, sheet 16A, dwelling 343, family 362, Emile Buehner household. 1910 US Federal Census, Knox County, Missouri, Edina, ward 3, ED 4, sheet 13A, dwelling 285, family 294, Emile Buehner household; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/31111\\_4330740-00673](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/31111_4330740-00673) : accessed 5 Nov 2023); NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 793. 1920 US Federal Census, Bronx County, New York, Bronx Borough, Assembly district 8, ED 446, sheet 5A, line 42, Wm McDonnell household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4313490-01028> : accessed 5 Nov 2023); NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 1142. Elizabeth is not with Catherine in the 1930 Census; a line by line manual search of New York County, New York ED 842 Manhattan State Hospital, Ward’s Island did not reveal an exact match; however there is an Eliza Anne Read born in New York and an Elizabeth Reid born in Pennsylvania. Considering that the enumerator was probably copying information from alphabetized cards or other records in the Hospital office, there is plenty of room for clerical error; Eliza’s information may have been mixed up with another inmate. The middle name Anne is a good match for Elizabeth A in other census records. However her death certificate is certified by a physician who probably worked at the hospital, stating that she had been admitted 21 Dec 1931. The records the physician referenced may have also created clerical error. In the end the exact date is unknown, since Elizabeth is not definitively found in the 1930 Census and inmate case files at the New York State Archives require documented permission to view medical information.

<sup>78</sup> Department of Health of the City of New York death certificate 11810, Manhattan, Elizabeth Reid, 10 May 1934; digital image, *NYC Historical Vital Records* (<https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/view/6542380> : accessed 20 Oct 2023); New York City Municipal Archives.

<sup>79</sup> “Married,” *The Knox County Democrat*, 30 Oct 1890, pg 4, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861819214> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

take Lizzie out instead; the town folk were surprised that he was to marry the other sister.<sup>80</sup>



### *Baby Rose*

Emile and Catherine's first child Rose Marie Leona Buehner was born 2 Mar 1895.<sup>81</sup> Her middle name honors Emile's youngest sister who died at fourteen. Rose received a \$1,000 share of her grandfather George's estate (about \$29,000 in today's dollars) which Emile held in trust until she came of age.<sup>82</sup> As their only living descendant, Rose was likely to be very special to George and Catherine.

**Figure 12:** A postcard showing St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where Emile was involved in music and likely attended with his family. The postcard writer has corrected a printing error in the name of the church. Private collection of Ryan Johnson, Indianapolis.

### *Church and town musician*

Beyond his business pursuits, Emile distinguished himself through his involvement in music as a violinist, singer, and music teacher. Very soon

after moving to Edina, Emile became involved in concerts at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In February 1888, Prof. W. Winkel organized a Valentine's program of 19 pieces, including a male vocal quartet in which E. Buehner sang baritone, and an overture for violin and organ played respectively by E. Buehner and W. Winkel himself.<sup>83</sup> The violin pieces that Emile played at church concerts over the years included:

<sup>80</sup> Text message from [L.S.] to Ryan Johnson, 5 Nov 2023.

<sup>81</sup> Florida Bureau of Vital Statistics death certificate 84-070299, Rose Marie Mullen, 20 Aug 1984. See also the newspaper report of Emile's child, "Edina has had many a man to jump up and down," *The Knox County Democrat*, 7 Mar 1895, pg 5, col 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861828245> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>82</sup> Adams County, Illinois estate box 374, George Buehner (1911), final account of administrator; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C95R-J9K1-G> : accessed 27 Oct 2023); County Courthouse, Quincy.

<sup>83</sup> "Grand Concert," *The Knox County Democrat* (Edina, Missouri), 9 Feb 1888, pg 5, col 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861812033> : accessed 17 Oct 2023).

- H. Millard, “Ave Maria,” soprano solo with violin obligato<sup>84</sup>
- Boieldieu, “Calif of Bagdad,” overture for violin and organ<sup>85</sup>
- [Wagner,] “Der Engel Lied,” soprano solo with violin obligato<sup>86</sup>
- [Henri] Ernst, “La Prière” [violin and organ]<sup>87</sup>

Emile was a teacher at the Edina School of Music<sup>88</sup> and gave violin lessons.<sup>89</sup> It may have been Professor Kuehn’s teaching and encouragement, particularly on the violin, that Emile passed on to others.

Emile continuously provided musical enrichment and opportunity to his town: he planned musical Fourth of July celebrations<sup>90</sup>; directed the St. Joseph’s Church choir for a time<sup>91</sup>; saw off the Edina Ladies’ Band to their Chautauqua circuit performance tour with a vocal quartet<sup>92</sup>; composed a choral work for the wedding of a friend<sup>93</sup>; and sang the French national anthem on two occasions, once to honor the first Knox County man killed in May 1918, and again, with a children’s chorus joining him, to celebrate the Armistice in November.<sup>94</sup> Even while in Ventura, California working at McGonigle’s cigar factory, Emile found himself playing violin and singing in ensembles for a confirmation service at “the Mission church.”<sup>95</sup>

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<sup>84</sup> “Grand Concert,” *The Knox County Democrat*, 9 Feb 1888, pg 5, col 3.

<sup>85</sup> “Grand Concert,” *The Knox County Democrat*, 9 Feb 1888, pg 5, col 3.

<sup>86</sup> “Christmas at St. Joseph’s Church,” *The Knox County Democrat* (Edina, Missouri), 21 Dec 1888, pg 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861816534> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>87</sup> “The grand organ recital,” *Edina Democrat* (Edina, Missouri), 13 Jul 1906, pg 1, col 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861789799> : accessed 17 Oct 2023). See the sheet music: “La priere [violin and piano],” Music for a nation: American sheet music, 1870-1885, *Library of Congress* (<https://www.loc.gov/item/sm1871.04909/> : accessed 1 Dec 2023).

<sup>88</sup> “Edina School of Music,” *The Knox County Democrat*, 12 Sep 1901, pg 1, col 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/862555439> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>89</sup> “Agnes Pauline Jones,” *The Knox County Democrat*, 12 May 1904, pg 3, col 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861809601> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>90</sup> “Edina Will Celebrate,” *The Knox County Democrat*, 9 Jun 1898, pg 3, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861830812> : accessed 18 Oct 2023). See also “Fourth of July Celebration,” *Edina Democrat*, 8 Jun 1906, pg 5, col 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861789714> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>91</sup> “Emil Buehner,” *The Edina Sentinel*, 15 Nov 1894, pg 4, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861836309> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

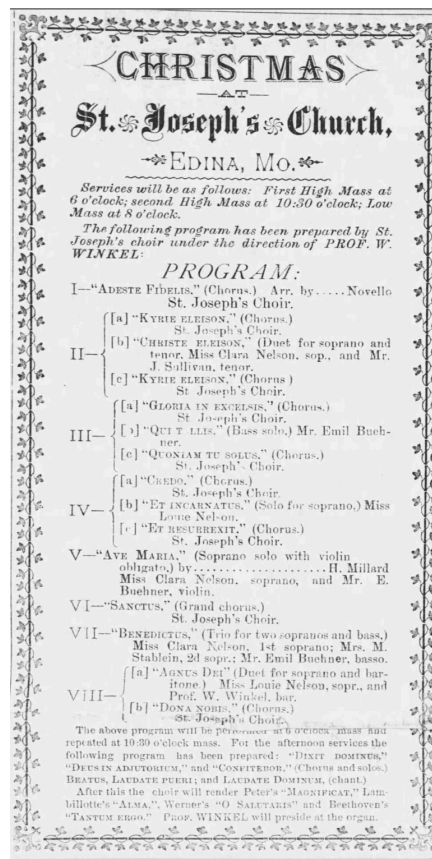
<sup>92</sup> “Pleasant and Safe Trip,” *Edina Democrat*, 26 Jun 1917, pg 1, col 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/864659997> : accessed 18 Oct 2023). Chautauqua circuits became a popular form of entertainment for rural areas of the nation throughout the early 1900’s.

<sup>93</sup> “Easter’s Brilliant Wedding,” *The Knox County Democrat*, 16 Apr 1896, pg 2, col 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861832826> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>94</sup> “Memorial for Dead Soldier,” *The Edina Sentinel*, 23 May 1918, pg 1, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861805566> : accessed 18 Oct 2023). See also “Big Peace Celebration,” *The Edina Sentinel*, 14 Nov 1918, pg 1, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861807330> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>95</sup> “The Rites of Confirmation,” *The Ventura Weekly Post and Democrat* (California), 28 May 1897, page 3, col 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/932791727> : accessed 20 Oct 2023).

**Figure 13:** a published program of music to be performed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church for Christmas 1887. *The Knox County Democrat*, 22 Dec 1887, page 1, col 2-3; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861811323> : accessed 19 Oct 2023).



In the course of Emile's musical activities, William Ellis appears as a frequent associate: Will Ellis and Emile were both involved in the Mozart Club, which seems to have encouraged collaborative chamber music performances at biweekly meetings in member homes for the enjoyment of the group.<sup>96</sup> Will helped Emile provide musical support to the South Methodist Episcopal Church,<sup>97</sup> and sang with him at a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weishar's 25th anniversary.<sup>98</sup>

Their involvement went beyond music. J. W. Ellis accompanied E. Buehner on a five week trip throughout the Western States, including Colorado, Los Angeles, Portland, and Montana in the late summer of 1903.<sup>99</sup> J. W. Ellis was the groom's attendant at Emile's 7 AM wedding with no guests in 1890.<sup>100</sup> Finally, James W. Ellis witnessed Emile Buehner's residence for naturalization in 1910.<sup>101</sup> Such close association in both the regular activities and the momentous occasions of life over decades suggests an enduring friendship.

The photograph below of the Eclipse Band from Edina taken in front of a "Buehner the Photographer" sign painted on an exterior stairwell, probably leading to Buehner's photography studio, might have been taken by Emile himself. The members are probably dressed in "blackface," indicating they were at least at times a minstrel band, like the one Emile joined in Quincy. Minstrel bands of the 19th century caricatured

<sup>96</sup> "Mozart Club," *The Knox County Democrat*, 10 Jan 1889, pg 4, col 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861811578> : accessed 19 Oct 2023). See also pg 1, col 4.

<sup>97</sup> "The choir of the M. E. church South,," *The Edina Sentinel*, 4 Aug 1892, pg 4, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861789429> : accessed 19 Oct 2023).

<sup>98</sup> "A Silver Wedding," *The Knox County Democrat*, 28 Sep 1888, pg 4, col 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861815540> : accessed 19 Oct 2023).

<sup>99</sup> "J.W. Ellis and E. Buehner," *The Edina Sentinel*, 6 Aug 1903, pg 8, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/862502681> : accessed 18 Oct 2023). For their return, "E. Buehner," *The Edina Sentinel*, 17 Sep 1903, pg 8, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861793776> : accessed 17 Oct 2023).

<sup>100</sup> "Married," *The Knox County Democrat*, 30 Oct 1890, pg 4, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861819214>: accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>101</sup> St. Louis, Missouri naturalization index, entry for Emile Buehner, 1910-P-2.

African Americans in ways now widely considered offensive for entertainment of white audiences, often portraying them as dim-witted, mischievous, and gaudily dressed. Even though some groups of African American performers reclaimed this genre of entertainment, it codified persistent racial prejudices that lasted through the decades following the Civil War. By the time Emile arrived in the United States, minstrel bands were a common feature of American communities.<sup>102</sup> The band formed on 29 Jul 1897 and named itself after the eclipse that occurred the same day, but appears to have disbanded by 1904.<sup>103</sup> Considering Emile's consistent involvement in music throughout his life, he himself having played in a minstrel band, one can imagine that Emile himself pressed the shutter button, developed the film, and created this print that now rests in the National Museum of American History. Even though he appears to have given up on his photography business by this time, the memories and bonds of connection his presence created in Edina, as well as the trials of life and racial stereotypes of the times, are evident in the records and images his community left behind.

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<sup>102</sup> "Minstrel Songs," *Library of Congress* (<https://www.loc.gov/collections/songs-of-america/articles-and-essays/musical-styles/popular-songs-of-the-day/minstrel-songs/> : accessed 5 Nov 2023).

<sup>103</sup> "The Eclipse Concert Band," *The Knox County Democrat*, 2 Dec 1897, pg 3, col 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861828656> : accessed 1 Nov 2023). Searches for "eclipse band" in Edina newspapers returned no results after 1903.



**Figure 14:** The Eclipse Concert Band poses in front of the stairway to Buehner’s photography studio; Hazen Collection of Band Photographs and Ephemera, ca. 1818-1931, series 1.6, box 4, folder 35; digital image provided by Kay Peterson, rights and reproduction coordinator, 31 Oct 2023; Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

## *Life in Queens*

For about one year after closing the cigar business, Emile and Catherine spent time visiting Rose and William in New York.<sup>104</sup> The whole family spent Thanksgiving 1920 in Edina.<sup>105</sup> They may have considered moving back to California during this time.<sup>106</sup>

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<sup>104</sup> “Mr. and Mrs. Emile Buehner,” *The Knox County Democrat*, 17 Apr 1919, pg 5, col 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/862603101> : accessed 19 Oct 2023). See also 1920 US Federal Census, Bronx County, New York, Bronx Borough, Assembly district 8, ED 446, sheet 5A, lines 42-47, Wm McDonnell household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4313490-01028> : accessed 5 Nov 2023); NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 1142.

<sup>105</sup> “Mr. and Mrs. William E. H. McDonnell,” *The Edina Sentinel* (Edina, Missouri), 25 Nov 1920, pg 6, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861822658> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>106</sup> “Edina, Mo.,” *The Quincy Daily Journal* (Quincy, Illinois), 13 Mar 1919, pg 11, col 4; digital image, *Quincy Community History Archive* ([https://quincypublicil.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?fn=the\\_quincy\\_daily\\_journal\\_usa\\_illinois\\_quincy\\_19190313\\_english\\_11](https://quincypublicil.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?fn=the_quincy_daily_journal_usa_illinois_quincy_19190313_english_11) : accessed 1 Nov 2023).

However it appears that their connection with their daughter Rose and their grandchildren brought them to Queens County, New York for the remainder of their lives.

Emile continued working in the cigar industry, establishing his business as a “cigar specialist” in “box trade” at 4 Banta St in Elmhurst, Queens, New York.<sup>107</sup> This was the same address as his residence in 1925, indicating that he ran his business from his home.<sup>108</sup> By 1930, Emile and Catherine had moved in with Rose and William at 94-08 41st Ave in Queens.<sup>109</sup> Emile died shortly after the census was taken that year. His estate file reveals that Emile invested in several business opportunities that, in the end, maintained only a small estate.



**Figure 15:** the house at 94-08 41st Ave, Queens where the Buehners and McDonnells lived in 1930. NYC Department of Finance, Queens 1940s Tax Photos, block 1590, lot 5, 94-08 41st Ave; digital image NYC Department of Records & Information Services (<https://nycma.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet/detail/NYCMA~9~9~191290~1004848:9408-41-Avenue> : accessed 20 Oct 2023); identifier nynyma\_rec0040\_4\_01590\_0005.

### *Irrigation Farming in Idaho*

Emile owned land in Twin Falls, Idaho, a company town that boomed in the 1890’s and 1900’s. Under the encouragement of the Federal Government to promote irrigation as a means of reclaiming arid and semi-arid land for farming, the Snake River Valley was advertised nationwide as a fertile crop-growing opportunity. The State of Idaho obtained millions of acres of public land through the Carey Act of 1894, which offered states an opportunity to receive the funds derived from the purchase of the land to subsequently contract with private companies to develop irrigation systems and attract settlers. Carey Act projects varied in their success; Twin Falls South Side was the most successful, developed by Ira B. Perrine and his Twin Falls Land and Water Company. The Company essentially ran the town with its influence and financial resources. Drawings for land

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<sup>107</sup> Business card of Emile Buehner, cigar specialist, private collection of [J.S.], [Location Private], New York.

<sup>108</sup> 1925 New York State Census, Queens County, election district 20, assembly district 3, Elmhurst, block 3, page 7, line 19, Emil Buehner [indexed as Buchner]; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2704/images/32849\\_b094385-00158](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2704/images/32849_b094385-00158) : accessed 15 Dec 2023); New York State Archives, Albany.

<sup>109</sup> 1930 US Federal Census, Queens County, New York, population schedule, New York City, Assembly District 3, block C, ED 41-167, sheet 6A, dwelling 69, family 88-89, Emile Buchner household; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4639138\\_00844](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4639138_00844) : accessed 15 Dec 2023); NARA microfilm publication T626.

were held, and Emile was one of those who registered and purchased a tract of land in Twin Falls County.<sup>110</sup>

Emile Buehner of Edina, Missouri registered for Carey Act Land in Twin Falls 26 Mar 1908.<sup>111</sup> The vast majority of others registering for land lived in Idaho or bordering states. Emile appears to have begun the naturalization process in order to be eligible for this land, since he declared his intention to become a U.S. citizen 2 Apr 1908 in the Knox County (Missouri) Circuit Court.<sup>112</sup> Emile traveled to Twin Falls, Idaho with his family from July to September of 1908 to “prove up” his farm.<sup>113</sup> He had to irrigate a certain



amount of the land, produce crops, and reside on the land for a certain amount of time. That summer of 1908, Emile and his family lived in a 10 foot by 14 foot box house, and grew wheat on 10 acres of irrigated land within the tract.<sup>114</sup> Emile accomplished the proving process and returned to Missouri shortly after filing the final paperwork 9 Sep 1908.<sup>115</sup>

**Figure 16:** Irrigation works built on the Snake River would have brought water to Emile’s farm land in Twin Falls. TWIN FALLS MAIN CANAL HEADWORKS, DOWNSTREAM LOOKING TOWARD THE EAST, Historic American Engineering Record, National Park Service, US Dept of the Interior, Library of Congress (<https://www.loc.gov/resource/hhh.id0139.photos/?sp=24> : accessed 15 Dec 2023).

<sup>110</sup> Summarized from Donald J. Pisani, *Water and American Government: The Reclamation Bureau, National Water Policy, and the West, 1902-1935*, chapter 3, “Case Studies in Irrigation and Community: Twin Falls and Rupert,” (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002), pages 65-91.

<sup>111</sup> Twin Falls County, Idaho Register of Applications for Carey Act Land, page 64, application 2147, 26 Mar 1908, Emile Buehner; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99WR-BPRD> : accessed 29 Nov 2023); Clerk of District Court, Twin Falls.

<sup>112</sup> Knox County, Missouri Circuit Court, certified copy of declaration of intention vol 1, no. 2, Emile Buehner, 2 Apr 1908; Idaho Department of Reclamation, Carey Act, box 11, Twin Falls Land and Water Company Applications, Certificates and Proofs 1986 through 2160, entry 2147, Emile Buehner; Idaho State Archives, Boise.

<sup>113</sup> “E. Buehner and family,” *The Edina County Democrat*, 17 Jul 1908, pg 1, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861851092> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>114</sup> Idaho Department of Reclamation, Carey Act, box 11, Twin Falls Land and Water Company Applications, entry 2147, Emile Buehner, Final Proof of Emile Buehner and letter of E. B. Williams, 21 Aug 1908; Idaho State Archives, Boise.

<sup>115</sup> Idaho Department of Reclamation, Twin Falls Land and Water Company Applications, entry 2147, Emile Buehner, Final Certificate; State Archives, Boise.

Emile met all the requirements of the Carey Act and the Idaho state regulations regarding irrigated land in 1913 and was issued a patent to 80 acres.<sup>116</sup> He paid \$0.50 per acre for the land, a total of \$40<sup>117</sup>; however the water contract to have a company irrigate the land was likely much more expensive.<sup>118</sup> Family tradition holds that Emile and Catherine “homesteaded” for a time, playing music and leading singing for the “lumberjacks” in town.<sup>119</sup> The family story likely refers to this time in Idaho. Emile might have leased his land to an Idaho resident who farmed it and managed relations with the irrigation company after he returned to Edina. Emile later sold his land in 1918 to J. C. Noll for \$9,200.<sup>120</sup> The sale would have been around the time that Emile was closing his affairs in Edina and preparing to move away.

### *Copper Mining in Missouri*

Around 1907, Emile invested \$10,100 in the “Copper Mountain Mining Company.” There were several mines with this name scattered throughout the country. Emile probably invested in the Missouri Copper Mountain Mining Company based in Sedalia, which mined in Franklin and Crawford Counties, southwest of St. Louis.<sup>121</sup> The area is now part of the Southeast Missouri Lead District, where copper production greatly increased in the mid-20th century and continues today.<sup>122</sup> Unfortunately, an appraisal of the stock in 1930 could not find any activity of the company within the previous ten years, rendering it worthless.<sup>123</sup>

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<sup>116</sup> Described as the S ½ of SE ¼ Sec 8 Twp 11 S Range 14 E of the Boise Meridian. Twin Falls County, Idaho, Carey Act Patents, vol 2, pg 307, instrument 74496, Emile Buehner; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99WR-BRLJ> : accessed 29 Nov 2023); Clerk of District Court, Twin Falls.

<sup>117</sup> Half of the amount was due when an application was submitted, and the other half when a final proof was submitted before the Land Board or an authorized Court. *General Laws of the State of Idaho*, 1899, H. B. No. 143, Ch II, Sec 17 and 19, pages 288-9; digital image, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org/details/genlawsidaho99idstate/page/284> : accessed 29 Nov 2023).

<sup>118</sup> For example, the public land sale advertised in April 1908 stated that water contracts were available for \$15.50 per acre payable over six years. Emile would have paid about \$1200 at this rate. “State Land Sale,” *The Twin Falls Times* (Twin Falls, Idaho), 2 Apr 1908, pg 7, col 3; digital image, *Chronicling America* (<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86091218/1908-04-02/ed-1/seq-7/> : accessed 29 Nov 2023); Idaho State Historical Society.

<sup>119</sup> Text message from [L.S.] to Ryan Johnson, 5 Nov 2023.

<sup>120</sup> “March 11,” *Twin Falls Weekly News* (Idaho), 14 Mar 1918, pg 12, col 6; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/566400982> : accessed 6 Nov 2023).

<sup>121</sup> For advertisement of their stock, see *Frisco System Magazine*, Christmas 1903, pg 117; digital image, *Springfield-Greene County Library District* ([https://thelibrary.org/lochist/frisco/magazines/fsm\\_1903\\_12/fsm\\_1903\\_12.cfm](https://thelibrary.org/lochist/frisco/magazines/fsm_1903_12/fsm_1903_12.cfm) : accessed 15 Dec 2023). For description of mining activities, see H. Foster Bain and E. O. Ulrich, *The Copper Deposits of Missouri*, United States Geological Survey bulletin 267 (Washington: GPO, 1905), 9-10, 47-48; digital scan, *USGS Publications Warehouse* (<https://pubs.usgs.gov/bul/0267/report.pdf> : accessed 15 Dec 2023).

<sup>122</sup> “Copper - Pub 2894,” Geological Survey Program fact sheet, *Missouri Department of Natural Resources* (<https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search/copper-pub2894/pub2894> : accessed 15 Dec 2023).

<sup>123</sup> Queens County, New York Surrogate’s Court, probate case 1575-30, Emile Buehner, 1930; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q5O-G9D4-3X7H> : accessed 20 Oct 2023); Clerk of the Surrogate’s Court, Jamaica.

Emile left his property to his widow Catherine consisting of a share in real estate at 94-08 41st Ave and \$1,570 cash<sup>124</sup> (which is almost \$29,000 in today's economy<sup>125</sup>).



Emile Buehner died in Elmhurst, Queens 12 May 1930.<sup>126</sup> He was remembered by friends in Edina in a short obituary.<sup>127</sup> At the age of 73 and nearly 9 months, he had lived a long life and traveled on many adventures from his Alsatian hometown, to the heart of America along the Mississippi River, to the mountainous West, and back to New York City. In a testament to his family commitment, Emile Buehner, Catherine Buehner, and Elizabeth Reid are all buried in the same plot at St. John Cemetery in Middle Village, Queens, New York.<sup>128</sup>

**Figure 17:** The Buehner gravestone. St John's Cemetery (Middle Village, New York), section 025, range H, plot 161, Buehner; photograph by Diocese of Brooklyn Catholic Cemeteries, 2023.

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<sup>124</sup> Queens County, New York Surrogate's Court, probate case 1575-30, Emile Buehner, 1930; digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSO-G9D4-3X7H> : accessed 20 Oct 2023); Clerk of the Surrogate's Court, Jamaica.

<sup>125</sup> *U.S. Inflation Calculator* (<https://www.usinflationcalculator.com/> : accessed 15 Dec 2023).

<sup>126</sup> Department of Health of the City of New York death certificate 3142, Queens, Emile Buehner, 12 May 1930.

<sup>127</sup> "Emile Buehner Died in New York," *The Edina Sentinel*, 15 May 1930, pg 1, col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/862610637> : accessed 19 Oct 2023).

<sup>128</sup> St. John Cemetery (Middle Village, Queens County, New York), section 25, range H, plot 161, Catherine Buehner; letter from Diocese of Brooklyn Catholic Cemeteries, 9 Nov 2023.

## Children of Emile Buehner and Catherine Genevieve Reid:

2. i. ROSE<sup>2</sup> MARIE LEONA BUEHNER was born 2 Mar 1895.<sup>129</sup> She married William E. H. McDonnell 30 Nov 1917 in Edina, Knox County, Missouri<sup>130</sup>; William was born Aug 1889 in New York<sup>131</sup> and died 29 Jan 1966 in Manhattan, New York County, New York.<sup>132</sup> Rose married James Mullen around 1970 in Roosevelt, Queens, New York.<sup>133</sup> Rose Marie Mullen died in Plantation, Broward County, Florida 20 Aug 1984.<sup>134</sup>

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<sup>129</sup> Florida Bureau of Vital Statistics death certificate 84-070299, Rose Marie Mullen, 20 Aug 1984. See also the newspaper report of Emile's child, "Edina has had many a man to jump up and down," *The Knox County Democrat*, 7 Mar 1895, pg 5, col 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/861828245> : accessed 18 Oct 2023).

<sup>130</sup> Knox County, Missouri marriage register, 1897-1920, page 405, William E. H. McDonnell and Rose Marie Buehner, 29 Nov 1917, license 28 Nov 1917, recorded 11 Dec 1917; digital image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1171/images/vrmm01833\\_c3575-0531](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1171/images/vrmm01833_c3575-0531) : accessed 1 Dec 2023); Missouri State Archives microfilm, Jefferson City.

<sup>131</sup> 1900 US Federal Census, Westchester County, New York, population schedule, Eastchester Township, Mt Vernon City, ED 90, sheet 7A, dwelling 118, family 119, Jas C McDonnell household, digital Image, *Ancestry* ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4114939\\_00109](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4114939_00109) : accessed 25 Jun 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1176.

<sup>132</sup> City of New York Department of Health certificate of death 156-66-102202, William E. H. McDonnell (1966); private collection of [L.S.], [Location Private], New York.

<sup>133</sup> Text message from [L.S.] to Ryan Johnson, 18 Aug 2023.

<sup>134</sup> Florida Bureau of Vital Statistics death certificate 84-070299, Rose Marie Mullen, 20 Aug 1984.