

# Family Group Sheet for Edward Augustus Kracke

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| <b>Husband:</b>  | Edward Augustus Kracke                         |
|                  | b: 22 Jan 1908 in NY                           |
|                  | d: 08 Jul 1976 in Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA |
|                  | m: 1935 in Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA        |
|                  | Father: Edward Augustus Kracke                 |
|                  | Mother: Leonora Share                          |
| <b>Wife:</b>     | Joan Hocking                                   |
|                  | b: 26 Aug 1911 in CT                           |
|                  | d: 28 Jun 2000 in Concord, NH                  |
|                  | Father:  |
|                  | Mother:  |
| <b>Children:</b> |  |
| 1                | Name: Ernesta Henrietta Kracke                 |
| F                | b: Washington, DC                              |
|                  | Spouse: Krackiewicz                            |
| 2                | Name: Waud Hocking Kracke                      |
| M                | b: 1939 in China                               |
|                  | d: 31 Dec 2013 in Hyde Park, Cook Co., IL      |
|                  | Spouse: Laura                                  |

## Notes:

### Edward Augustus Kracke

MA Death Index @ ancestry — Edward A Kracke, b. NY, d. 8 Jul 1976 in Boston.

Spouse name, dates from Kracke Family Tree @ ancestry.com. Also name of child Ernesta.

New York, New York Birth Index @ ancestry — Edward A Kracke, b. 22 Jan 1908 in Kings Co., NY.

MA Marriage Index @ ancestry — Edward Augustus Kracke Jr, married in 1935, Cambridge, MA. (spouse name not given in this index) Vol. 25, p. 90.

1960 obituary of his father says that Edward Jr is an associate professor at the Univ of Chicago.

Obituary in New York Times -- Edward A Kracke Jr, on July 8, 1976, husband of Joan Hocking Kracke, father of Ernesta and Waud, father-in-law of Laura, brother of Virginia Kracke Leavitt. Services private. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to the American Oriental Society, Sterling Library, Yale University or to the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Passenger lists @ ancestry.com -- "Ile de France" sailed from Southampton England (Aug 23, 1956) to New York (Aug 30, 1956). Edward Kracke (5716 S. Harper Ave, Chicago IL, b. NY), Joan Kracke (b. CT), Waud Kracke (b. China), Ernesta Kracke (b. DC)

1940 Essex Co NJ, Montclair, ED 7-252. Edward Kracke (57, NY, certified public accountant), Leonora (55, NJ), Virginia (20, IL), Edward (31, NY, lived Cambridge MA in 1935), Joan (dau-in-law, 28, CT), Waud H (gson, 5, China)

Biographical Note from the Guide to the Edward A. Kracke Jr. Papers at Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library. (accessed June 2017 at <https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/scrc/findingaids/view.php?eadid=ICU.SPCL.KRACKEEA>)

### Biographical Note

Edward A. Kracke Jr. was a professor of East Asian studies at the University of Chicago, and an expert on early Chinese political institutions during the Sung dynasty (906-1279 A. D.). After joining the Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures at the University of Chicago, he was instrumental in developing its program in Far Eastern studies; when he retired in 1973, they had been brought together as the Department of Far Eastern Languages and Civilizations.

Edward A. Kracke Jr. was born in New York City on 22 January, 1908. He received his A. B. cum laude in Fine Arts in 1932 and a Master's degree in History in 1935, both from Harvard University. That same year, he married Joan Hocking, the daughter of the Harvard idealist philosopher William E. Hocking.

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**Notes: (con't)**

They had two children together: Waud Hocking and Ernesta Henrietta. Also in 1935, Kracke travelled to Paris to study early Chinese and Central Asian History with Étienne Balazs, a leading sinologist, at l'École nationale des langues orientales vivantes, now known as the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales. Afterward, he went to Peiping (Beijing) to study Chinese language and history, receiving assistance and advice from the reputed Chinese historian William Hung. He then returned to Harvard, where he worked with the prominent scholars Edwin O. Reischauer, John K. Fairbank and Serge Elisséeff and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Japanese language.

In 1942, Kracke joined the staff of the Far East Division, Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), in Washington, D.C. He headed the Japanese Political Section, producing reports on political conditions in Japan, Formosa (Taiwan), and Korea, January 1944 to October 1945. When OSS was abolished in 1946, Kracke was reassigned to the Department of State's Division of Far East Intelligence. However, he stayed in the position for less than half a year, resigning in order to devote himself to turning his dissertation into a book. In 1946, he came to the University of Chicago, initially as a visiting professor. He would remain there for the next 27 years, becoming a full Professor in 1970.

Kracke did not publish prolifically, producing only one monograph, *Civil Service in Early Sung China*, which was based on his dissertation and was published in 1953. Most of his publishing was in the form of articles in academic journals. His work examined the organization and functioning of the Chinese government in the first century of the Sung dynasty, and what Kracke called "controlled sponsorship" in its system of promotion.

Kracke taught a number of courses in Chinese history and culture at the University of Chicago. He was intensely involved in the development of Far Eastern studies at the University of Chicago and in North America, in general. At the University of Chicago, he served as Chairman of the Committee on Far Eastern Civilizations 1957-1963 and Chairman of the Committee on Far Eastern Studies 1970-1971. He also served as the Director of the Center for Far Eastern Studies 1961-1964 and again in 1971-1972. Outside of the university, Kracke was actively involved in many scholarly and Asian studies organizations, namely the American Council of Learned Societies (1933-1972), the American Oriental Society (1962-1974, serving as president 1972-1973), the Harvard Visiting Committee on Far Eastern Studies (1960-1965) and the Chicago Literary Club (1956-1976).

Kracke retired from the University of Chicago in 1973, becoming Professor Emeritus. After a long illness, he died 8 July 1976 in Boston, Massachusetts.

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**Joan Hocking**

William Ernest Hocking Correspondence, 1860-1979 (MS Am 2375). Houghton Library, Harvard University.

Snippets from biographical note:

William Ernest Hocking was born on August 10, 1873 in Cleveland, Ohio, son of William Francis Hocking, a homeopathic physician, and Julia Carpenter Pratt. He received his early schooling in Joliet, Illinois, graduating from high school in 1889.

Hocking was married for 50 years to Agnes Hocking (d.1955) and had three children: Richard Hocking (1906-2001), Hester Campbell (b. 1909), and Joan Kracke (b.1911). He died at his home in Madison, New Hampshire on June 14, 1966.

(accessed at <http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou01777> June 2017)

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**Ernesta Henrietta Kracke**

The 2014 obituary of her brother Waud Hocking Kracke lists surviving sister Ernesta Krackiewicz and son Andrew. Not sure if she has taken older form of Kracke name, or if that is a married name.

Obituary of her aunt Virginia lists her as Ernesta K. Krackiewicz.

Spouse may be Thomas Krackiewicz, based on US Phone and Address Directories @ ancestry (Watertown MA, 1999-2002)

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**Waud Hocking Kracke**

Waud Hocking Kracke, b 1939 -- listed in *Who's Who in the Midwest*, 24th edition, 1994-95.

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Waud H Kracke, b. 1939 -- listed in Fifth International Directory of Anthropologists. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1975

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/anth/faculty/kracke.html> -- faculty listing for Waud H Kracke at Univ of Illinois at Chicago, Anthropology Dept. (Sep 2008)

Kracke Family Tree @ ancestry.com shows spouse as "living" Huyssen

Obituary published Jan 22, 2014, Hyde Park Herald (Chicago IL), accessed via genealogybank.com. Hyde Park native Waud Hocking Kracke died of cancer on Dec. 31, 2013 at home surrounded by family and close friends. He lived in Hyde Park for all but the few first years of his life.

Kracke was born in Beijing, China, in 1939 to the late Joan and Edward Kracke, who moved to Hyde Park shortly after his birth. He attended the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools for many years and went on to graduate from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1958. Kracke received his B.A. from Harvard College in 1962, his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Chicago in 1973, and a certificate from the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis in the nonclinical psychoanalytic training program in 1975. He also studied Lacanian psychoanalysis in Quebec, became a member of GIFRIC, a Quebec group devoted to developing more effective methods for treating psychotic patients and helped establish the Chicago Circle of the Freudian School of Quebec.

Kracke carried out fieldwork in the 1960s living with and studying the Parintintin, an indigenous tribe of Indians of the Amazon in Brazil, and continued to make periodic visits there throughout his life. He wrote extensively about his field experiences using an analytic approach to understanding the Indians' behavior.

Kracke was a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago where he taught courses in cultural anthropology and the application of analytic theory to the understanding of culture; he had a particular interest in crosscultural dream analysis and in the psychology of leadership. His teaching was an occupation to which he was devoted, and his students found him an inspirational influence. Though ill, he continued teaching to within days of his death.

Kracke was not only a passionate scholar and researcher, but also worked tirelessly to defend the rights and culture of the Parintintin Indians and indigenous peoples in general; he spent months in the Amazon working to delineate and legally preserve the land belonging to the tribe. His documentation of traditional indigenous beliefs and practices is now instrumental for younger tribal members attempting to relearn and preserve their language and customs. He received awards including one recently from the Brazilian government for his work with indigenous people. He was an active member of many professional organizations.

He was fascinated with linguistics and spoke many languages, including Portuguese, French, Kagwahiv (the complex language of the Parintintin tribe) and was working on Mandarin Chinese and Yoruba (a Nigerian language). His love of people shone through in his warmth, kindness and generosity; he was beloved by those who knew him.

Waud is survived by his wife Lucia Minnerly Kracke; his son Peter Kracke; his stepchildren Robert Minnerly, Katherine Minkin and daughter Emily, and Blake Minnerly and son Milo; his sister Ernesta Krackiewicz and son Andrew.

In lieu of flowers send donations to one of the following organizations: Cultural Survival, Cambridge, Mass.; Native American Education Service College, Chicago, Ill.; or the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis. Plans for Kracke's memorial service are currently being made and will be announced at a later date.

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