

Family Group Sheet for Leonora Share

Husband:	Edward Augustus Kracke
	b: 29 Nov 1882 in NY, NY
	d: 02 Mar 1960 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL
	m: 14 May 1905 in Kings Co., NY
	Father:
	Mother:
Wife:	Leonora Share
	b: 03 Jul 1884 in NJ
	d: 09 May 1968
	Father: Henry Pruett Share
	Mother: Selena Virginia Waud
Children:	
1	Name: Edward Augustus Kracke
M	b: 22 Jan 1908 in NY
	d: 08 Jul 1976 in Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA
	m: 1935 in Cambridge, Middlesex Co., MA
	Spouse: Joan Hocking
2	Name: Virginia Louise Kracke
F	b: 16 Apr 1919 in Evanston, Cook Co., IL
	d: 06 Oct 2009 in Augusta, Kennebec Co., ME
	m: 1969 in Madison, Carroll Co., NH
	Spouse: Charles Leavitt Text

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Edward Augustus Kracke

Lengthy obituary in the New York Times, March 2, 1960 -- Montclair NJ, March -- Edward A Kracke of 83 Plymouth Street, a partner in Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants, died today in Chicago while on the way home from a vacation in Arizona. His age was 77. Accountant, graduated from Harvard 1904, in 1924 went to Germany to establish the company's office there, returned in 1930. Did work for Hoover Commission. Leaves his wife Leonora; a son Edward A Jr, an associate professor at the University of Chicago; a daughter Miss Virginia Kracke; a brother Arthur, and two grandchildren.

Biography appears in The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants: Foundation for a Profession, By Julia Grant (Taylor & Francis, 1995) Harvard graduate 1904, joined Haskins & Sells in 1912, became partner in 1921.

Leonora Share

Brooklyn Life, 2 Jan 1904, accessed @ newspapers.com — "Of particular interest to the Flatbush section is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Leonora Share, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pruett Share, of 84 Winthrop street, Flatbush, to Mr. Edward H. Kracke. Miss Share, whose father, I need not say, is well known as an illustrator and etcher, is a former Packer student, while her fiancé is a Harvard man of the class of '03. Both are members of the Knickerbocker Field Club."

Marriage date is from a snippet from a Harvard publication found via Google Books, clearly about Edward Kracke -- Secretary's Second Report by Harvard College (1780-). Class of 1907, 1910 - 88 pages. Page 175. Married Leonora Share, daughter of Henry Pruett Share and Selena V. Share, May 14, 1905, at Brooklyn, NY A son, Edward Augustus Kracke. ...

New York, NY, Marriage Index 1866-1937 @ ancestry — Edward H Kracke married Leonora Share, 14 May 1905, Kings, New York. Certificate no. 4229.

1910 Kings NY, Brooklyn Ward 29, ED 933. Edward Kracke (24?, m 4 yr, NY/Ger/Ger, real estate broker), Leonora (20?, NY/CA/NH), Edward A (2, NY) Same page and Henry Kracke, 38 (asst commissioner, dept agriculture, NY state) and Henry Kracke, 68 (merchant, butter and eggs)

1915 NY State Census, Kings Co. AD 18 ED 26. Edward A Kracke (32, auditor), Leonora (30), Edward A Jr (7), Henry P Share (brother, 26, automobile garage). Many other Kracke families nearby.

1920 Cook IL, New Trier, ED 122. Edward Kracke (36, NY/Ger/Ger, accountant), Leonora (35, NJ/CA/NH), Edward A Jr (11, NY), Virginia (8/12, IL)

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NY Passenger Lists, Dec 26, 1927, Deutschland, sailing from Southampton Dec 17, 1927, arriving NY Dec 26, 1927. Edward A Kracke (45, b. Nov 29, 1882, New York, NY), Leonora S (44, b. Jul 3, 1884, New York), Edward A Jnr (19, b. Jan 22, 1908, New York), Virginia Louise (8, b. Apr 16, 1919, Evanston IL). Address — c/o Haskins & Sells, 30 Broad St, NY, NY

1930 Essex NJ, Montclair, ED 528. Edward A Kracke (47, m@21, NY/Ger/Ger, accountant), Leonora S (46, m@20, NJ/CA/NH), Edward A Jr (21, NY/NY/NJ), Virginia L (11, IL/NY/NJ), Henry P Share (bro-in-law, 40, div, NY/CA/NH, ___ salesman), and a servant and chauffeur). (Home valued at \$70,000)

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)
Leonora Kracke is found on 6 NY Passenger Lists, dating 1927-1955

Death date of 1968 is from Kracke Family Tree @ ancestry.com (owner krackdog01) -- a small family tree from someone who must be a descendant of Leonora. This tree provided the link for me to discover that Henry Pruett Share had moved from CA to NY and become an artist of note.

Obituary in New York Times, May 12, 1968 -- Leonora Share Kracke of Montclair, NJ on Thursday, May 9, 1968, wife of the late Edward A, mother of Edward A Jr and Virginia Kracke, grandmother of Maud [sic, Waud] and Ernesta Kracke. Service will be held at Arthur K. Brown, Inc. Interment private.

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)

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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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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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Virginia Louise Kracke

Virginia (Kracke) Leavitt
Obituary

HALLOWELL -- Virginia (Kracke) Leavitt, 90, of Granite Hill Estates died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, at Maine General Medical Center in Augusta.

She was born in Evanston, Ill., on April 16, 1919, the daughter of Edward A. and Leonora (Share) Kracke.

During her childhood, her father's work kept the family traveling in Europe, where she was home schooled. Upon their return, she attended her first school, the Kimberley School in Montclair, N.J., now Montclair Kimberley Academy, from which she graduated in 1937. She then attended Wellesley College and graduated in 1941.

Virginia began her working career as the assistant to the editor of music at Silver Burdette in New York City, then worked in editing at the University of Chicago Press from 1949-51.

Virginia returned home to care for her aging parents, devoting herself to them until their deaths. From 1951-69, she served in a variety of positions in the Adult School of Montclair, which became the largest adult school in New Jersey during that period and received the Award of Excellence from the New Jersey Association for Adult Education.

She was active with the College Women's Club of Montclair and the local branch of the American Association of University Women, including its annual book sale. She was a member of the Three

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O'Clock Club, producing extensively researched papers.

One of the professors she hired to teach at the Adult School was Charles Leavitt, and in 1969 she married him in a ceremony in Madison, N.H.

On their honeymoon, they circled the globe, and throughout their marriage they traveled extensively. In 1995, Charles calculated that they had visited more than 75 countries.

In her marriage to Charles, she supported his teaching and the work he did with the New York theater. They resided in Montclair, where she spent more than 70 years of her life, and summered in Peacham, Vt., spending half of each year there after Charles retired.

In 2001, they moved to Hallowell. They were devoted to each other until his death in Hallowell in 2004.

Virginia was the great-granddaughter of noted Civil War artist Alfred R. Waud and granddaughter of artist H.P. Share.

She is survived by her nephew, Waud H. Kracke, of Chicago, Ill., her niece, Ernesta K. Krackiewicz, of Watertown, Mass., and two grandnephews, Peter Kracke, of Arlington, Mass., and Andrew Krackiewicz, of New York City.

A celebration of her life will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, in the media room at Granite Hill Estates in Hallowell. Burial will be in the spring in Peacham, where her husband is buried.

Arrangements are under the care of Staples Funeral Home, 53 Brunswick Ave., Gardiner.
