

Early on, Gus got a job as a toolmaker in the General Electric Company. Barbara did housework for affluent people. Before long, they were able to buy land and build a house at 73 Roosevelt Avenue in the Woodlawn neighborhood of Schenectady.

While living on Pleasant St., various members of the Wurth/Thron family all pitched in to build my Grandpa Gus' house at 73 Roosevelt Avenue.

A home made to his own specifications and life style. Gus' house, on Roosevelt Ave. in Woodlawn was the first family house built. It was a two story house with a full basement. The basement had a full size root/wine cellar with unfinished walls and floor so it was like a cave for storing homemade canned foods and wine. He also had a built-in wine press in the cellar. He enjoyed making his own wine.

By 1926, they were in the house. (Source: On the title search in 1984 when the property sold, Anna Massal indicated that she, with her parents, lived in the house from 1926—1971.)

Various members of their family lived with them or in the apartment upstairs at various times. Census records on ancestry.com also tell us that in 1928 and 1929 on they lived at 73 Roosevelt Ave., in Schenectady, NY. Also living there: Henry, Adam and Herman Thron.

My Mom always said that she had two brothers: Uncle Reiny and Henry Thron, Jr. because they lived with them or very close by for many years.

Many family gatherings were held at Roosevelt Avenue.

Pictures from early on. Havin' Fun! *(Enlarged pictures can be found in the Original Scans file.)*



famhist.jpg Taken next to Roosevelt Ave. house. I can't identify everybody but Uncle Reiny on the left and on the right is Grandpa Gus, with the hat on, next to him is Grandma Barbara and daughter Anna. The woman kneeling is Tante Anna, and her baby Henry. Loni is next to her.

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