

# Andy Corpstein, born in Folschette, Luxembourg





**Springfield Cemetery( Cline Family)-Burial Site  
of Lizzy Lucius-Cline, Sister of Jean Lucius,  
born in Breinert, Luxembourg**





## **Ruins of Pensoneau's Indian Trading Post (1844)-Alongside Mt. Pleasant, Kansas**



*Ruins of Pensoneau's French-Indian Trading Post in Stranger Creek Valley*

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# Across the Stranger Creek Valley to Pensoneau's Indian Trading Post





# Looking from Mt. Pleasant Toward Missouri River Valley

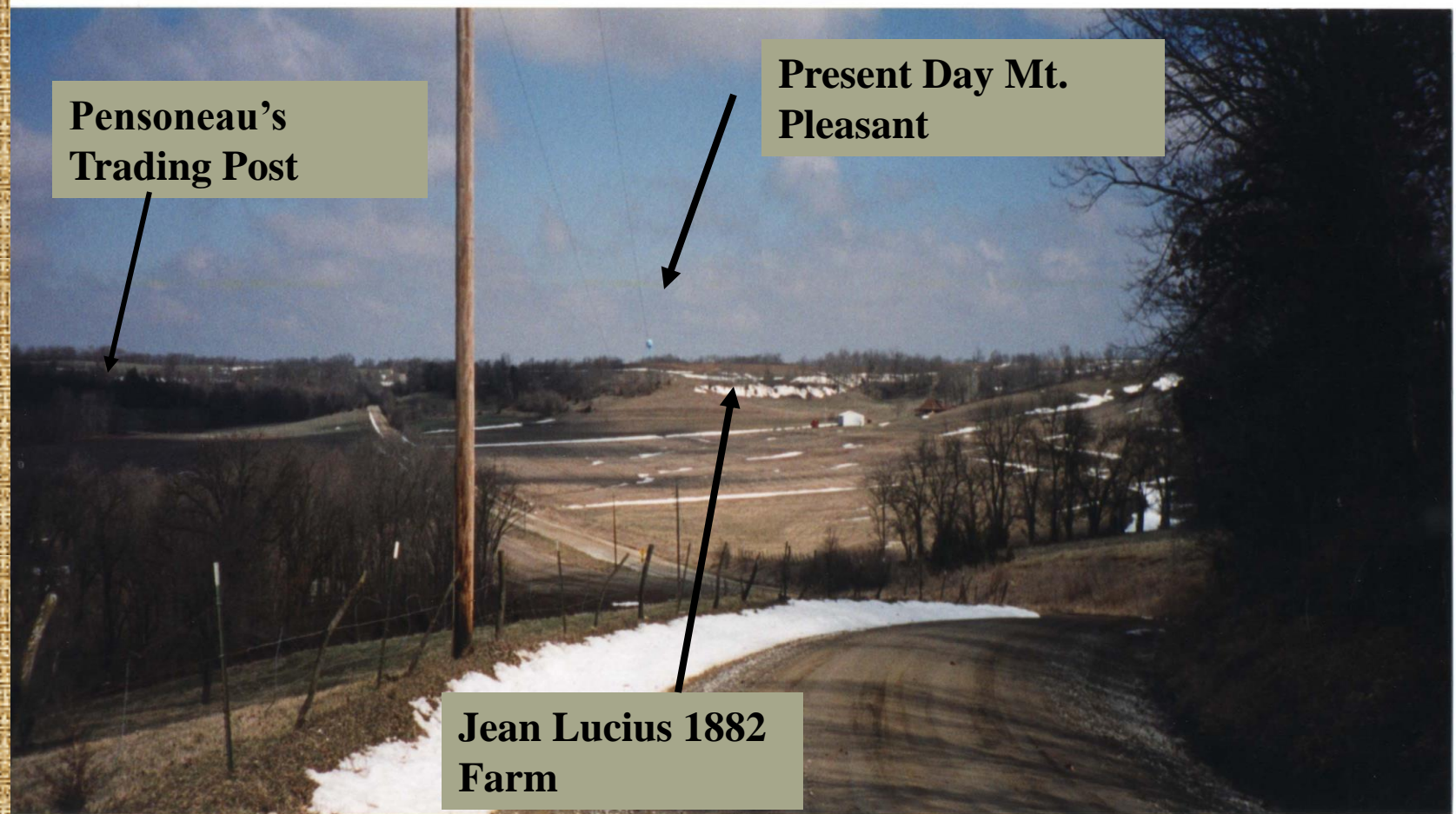
*North side of Jean Lucius's farm at Mt. Pleasant  
Along side of Great Military Road from Ft. Leavenworth, Ks to Fr. Kearney Nebraska*



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# John Lucius's First Farm(1882) in USA at Edge of Stranger Creek Valley





**North End of Jean Lucius's 1882 Farm  
Looking into Stranger Creek Valley**





**Tombstone of John Weber, First Luxembourger (from Breinert, Biwer) in Mt. Pleasant Area (1859)**





# Lorenz Kieffer Tombstone (Early Settler from Breinert, Luxembourg)





# Tombstone of Mary Hess, wife of Lorenz Kieffer





# Matt Beien and Lizzie Kieffer's( Lorenz Kieffer's Daughter) Tombstone-Both from Breinert, Luxembourg



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# Tombstone of Nicolas Wagner (Spouse of Anna Beien)





# Peter Penning's Tombstone (Among First Settlers)-From Biwer, Luxembourg



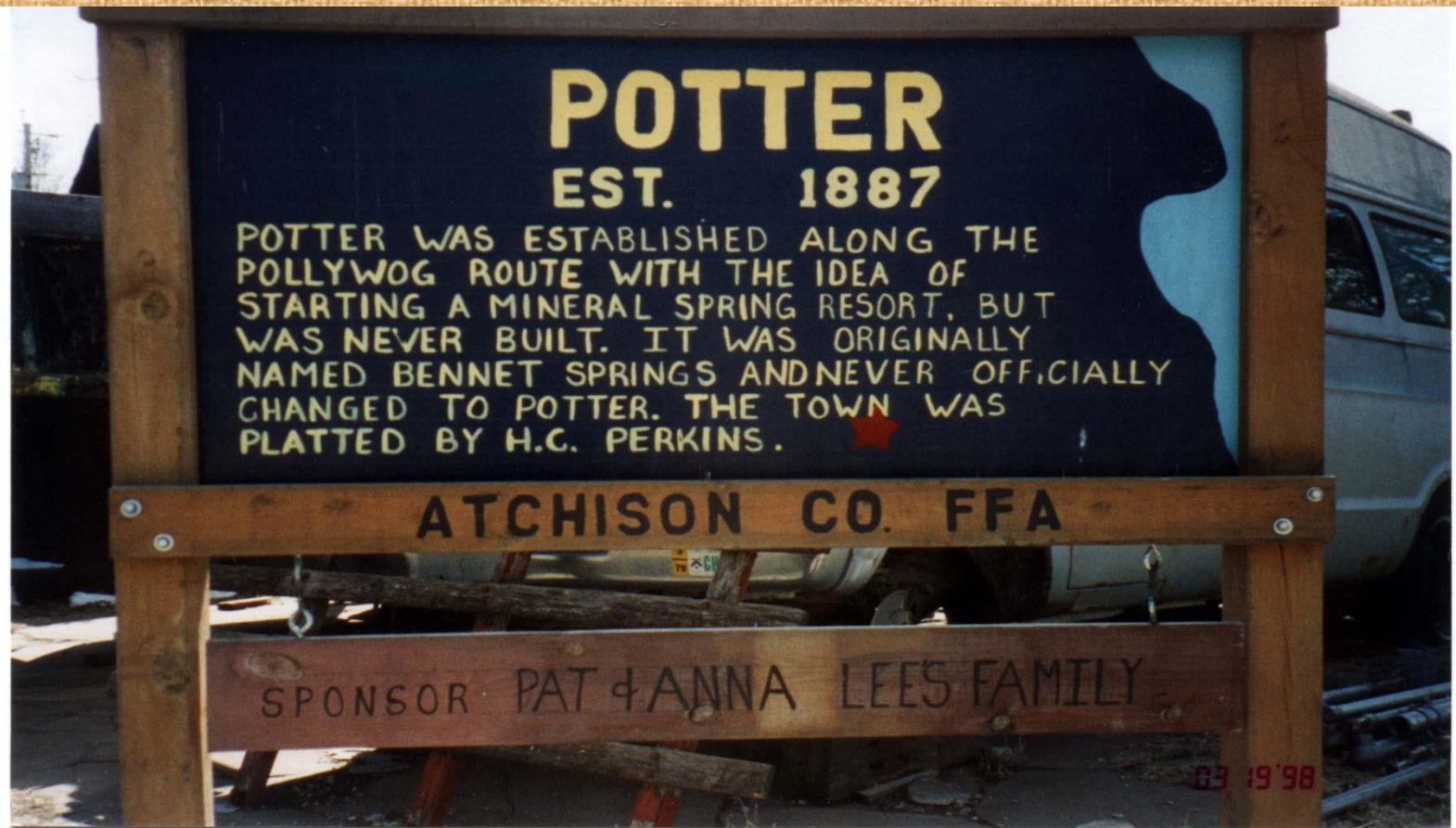


# Peter Wagner (Anna Beien's Son) and Barbara Kieffer's (Lorenz Kieffer's Daughter) Gravestone





# Town of Potter, Kansas (Immediately south of Mt. Pleasant)





# Town of Potter, Kansas





# **St. Patrick's Catholic Church ( From the East )**





# St. Patrick's Catholic Church from a Distance

Land Purchased in 1860's by  
John Weber and brothers,  
Hub and Lorenz Kieffer, and  
Peter Wagner

St. Patrick's  
Catholic Church

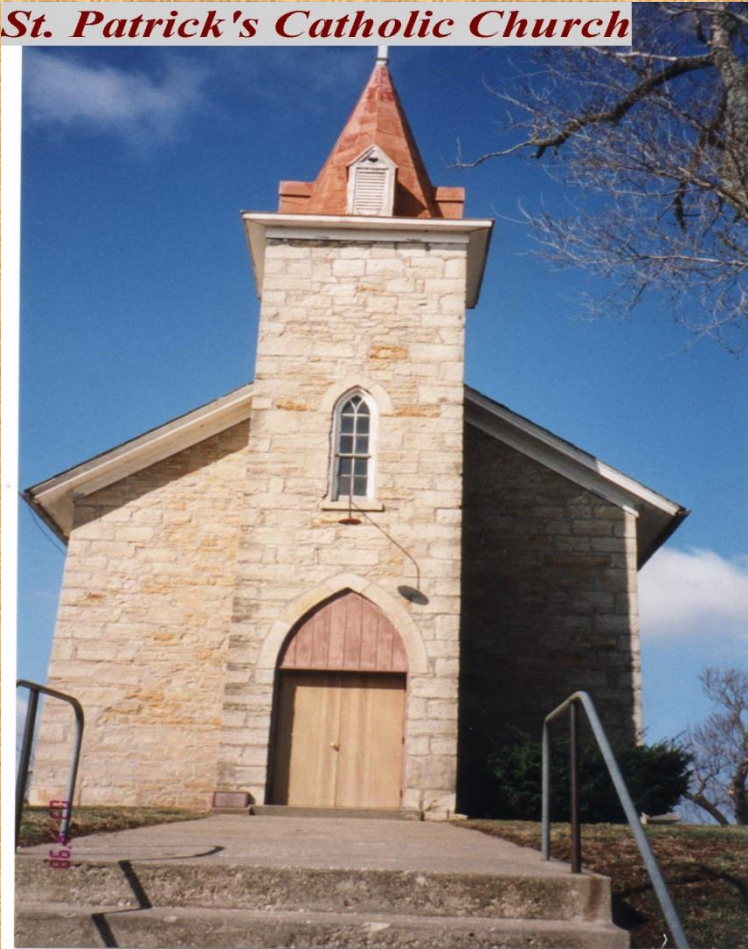
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# Front of St. Patrick's Catholic Church

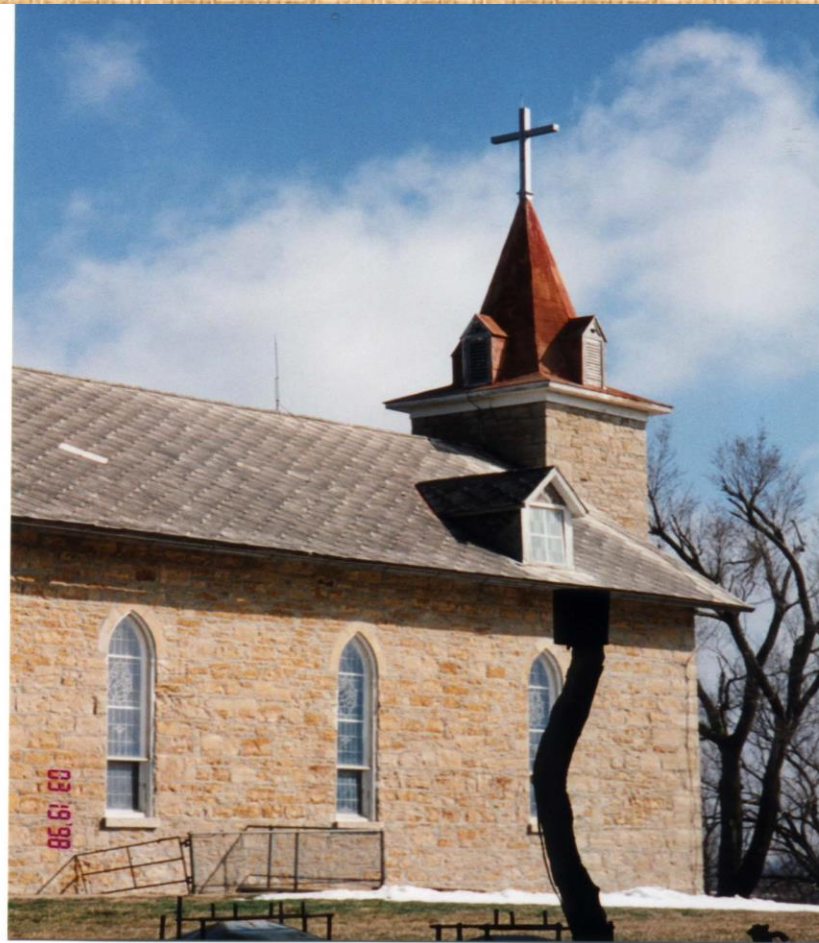
(Early Luxembourg Settlers Helped to Build)

*St. Patrick's Catholic Church*





# Side View of St. Patrick's Church





# The St. Patrick's Community





# **First County Road through Mt. Pleasant (Constructed in 1868)-Rock Sidewall**





# **Rock Wall and County Road (to the right)**





**Another View of 1868  
County Road (Luxembourgers Owned  
Land on all Sides)**





# The Old County Road in Springtime





# Demographic Characteristics of Mt. Pleasant Luxembourgers

- The following numerous slides present various demographic **characteristics of the Luxembourgers and their descendants who settled in the Mt. Pleasant area from 1859-1935.**
- We have grouped these data in the following way and have presented the charts in this order:
  - *Summary statistics*
  - *Fertility variables*
  - *Mortality variables*



# Summary Statistics

- The following slide includes overall figures on the Luxembourgers that settled in the Mt. Pleasant community from 1860-1880:
  - **Number of Individuals**
    - *Born in Luxembourg*
    - *Born in United States*
    - *Born Elsewhere*



# Summary Statistics (cont'd)

- **Number of Households**
- **Mixed Households** (Luxer and Non-Luxer)
- **Surnames**
  - *Number of*
  - *Individual Surnames*



# Sources of Information on Demographics of Mt. Pleasant Luxembourg Community

- [St. Patrick's Parish Baptism Records](#)
- [St. Patrick's Parish Marriage Records](#)
- [St. Patrick's Parish Burial Records](#)
- [St. Patrick's Parish Cemetery Plot Owners](#)

– *Please click on the above for the  
complete records of Luxembourgers in  
this Parish*



As of the Census of ----->	1860	1865	1870	1875	1880
Characteristics of Luxembourgers					
Number of Individuals	11	→ 22	→ 53	→ 79	← 54
Individuals Born in Luxembourg	11(100%)	12 (55%)	30 (57%)	42 53%	30 (56%)
Individuals Born in USA	0	→ 10	→ 22	→ 35	← 23
Other Countries	0	0	1	2	1
Number of Households	4	→ 5	→ 11	→ 18	← 15
Mixed Families (Lux/USA)	0	4 of 5 (80%)	7 of 11 (64%)	13 of 18 (72%)	8 of 15 (53%)
Surnames	5	→ 7	→ 14	→ 22	→ 24
Individual Surnames	Weber	add Greiner	add Kieffer	add Dahm	add Petesch
	Penning		Bryan	Corpstein	Kohn
	Neu		Brown	Schroeder	
	Weins		Hess	Mollack	
	Leonardi	add Barry	Klein	Funk	
			Wagner	Schandel	
			Winandi	Mathias	
				Posser	

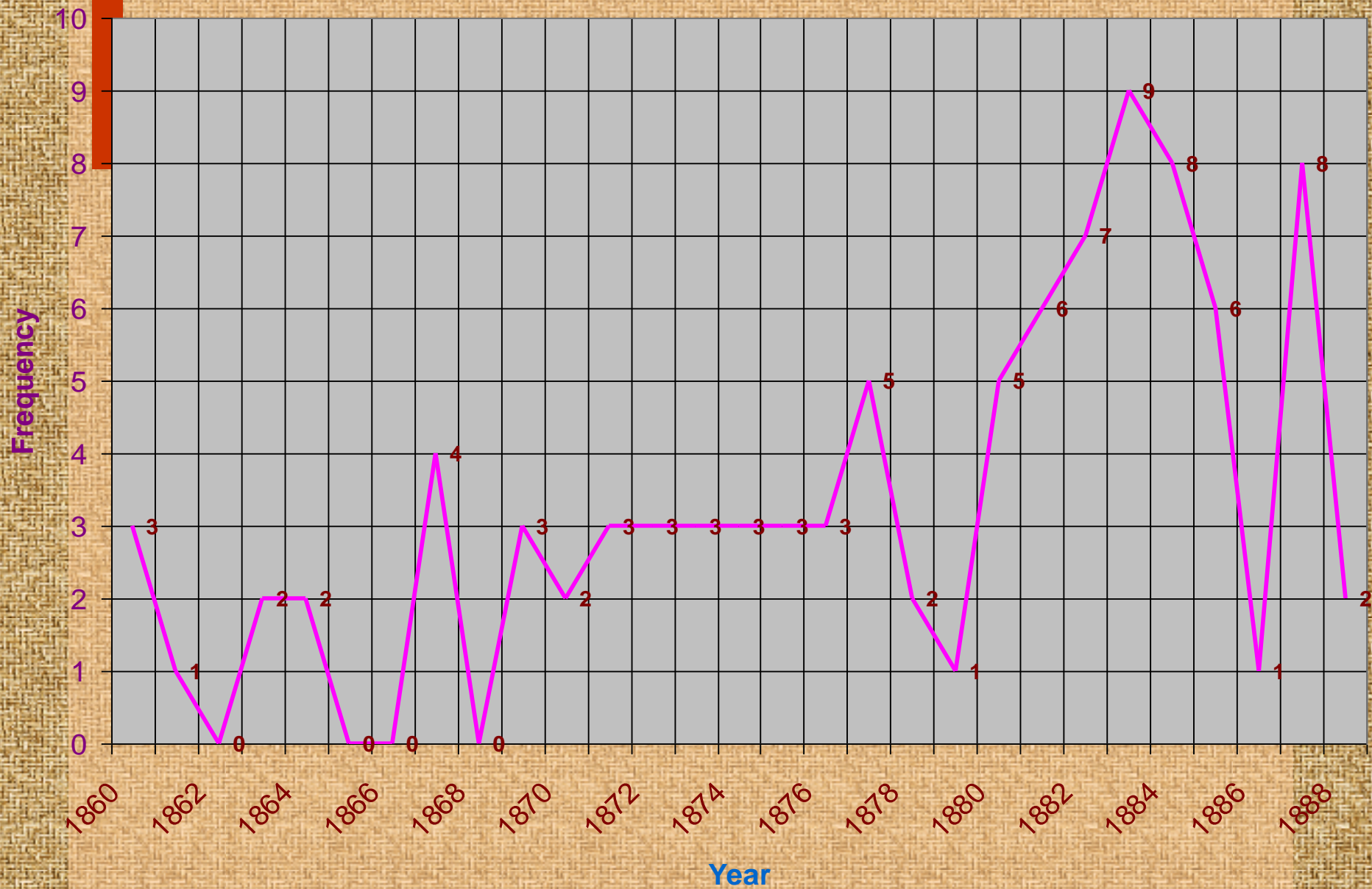


# Fertility Characteristics

- The following aspects of **Luxembourger fertility** are summarized in the slides that follow:
  - *Births (1860-1888) → The Early Settlement*
  - *Births (1860-1901)- → The Later Settlement*
  - *Baptisms (1860-1891)*
- **Other fertility** related characteristics:
  - *Taking name of godparents*
  - *Ethnicity of godparents*
  - *Naming Practices*

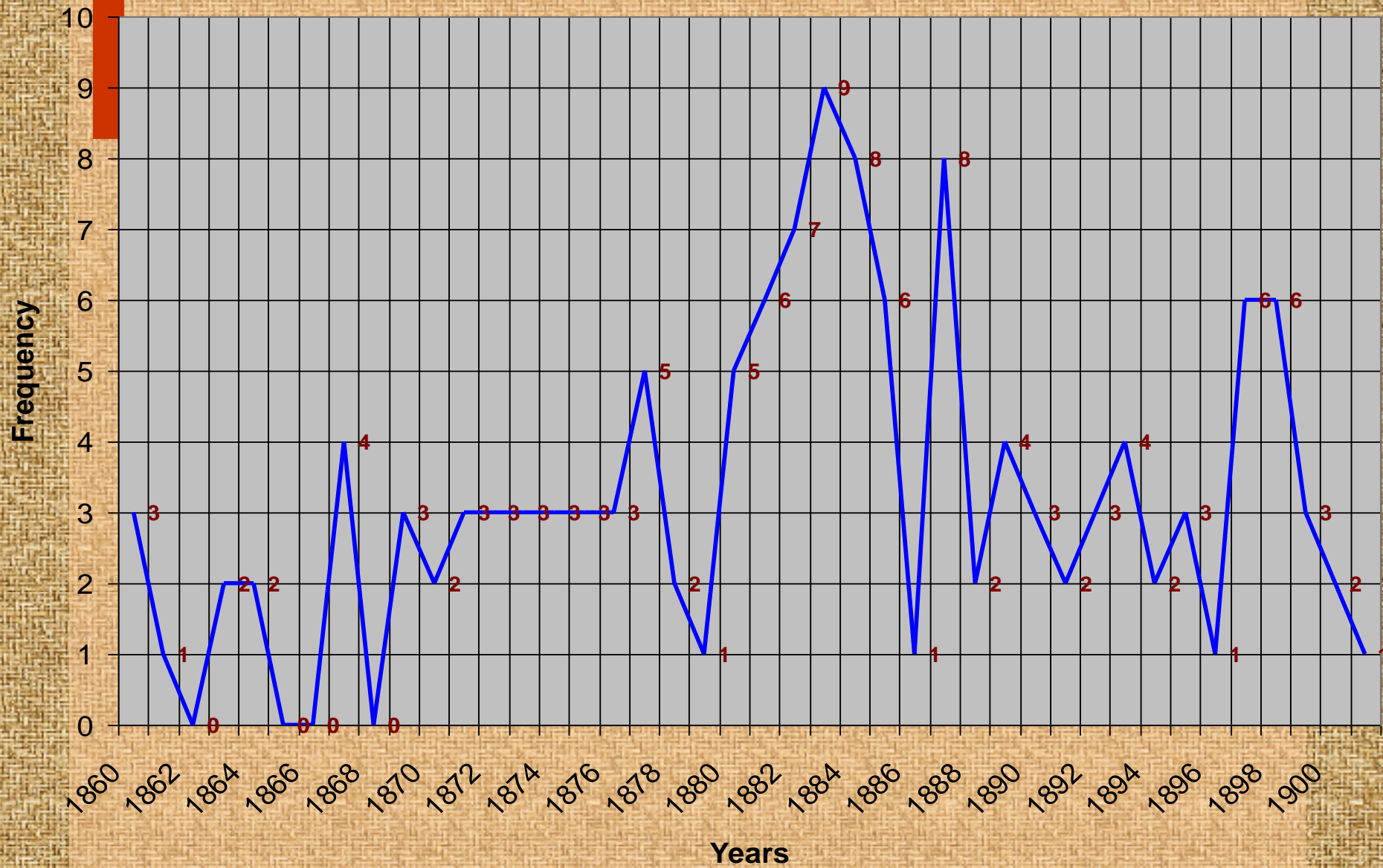


## Births (1860-1888)



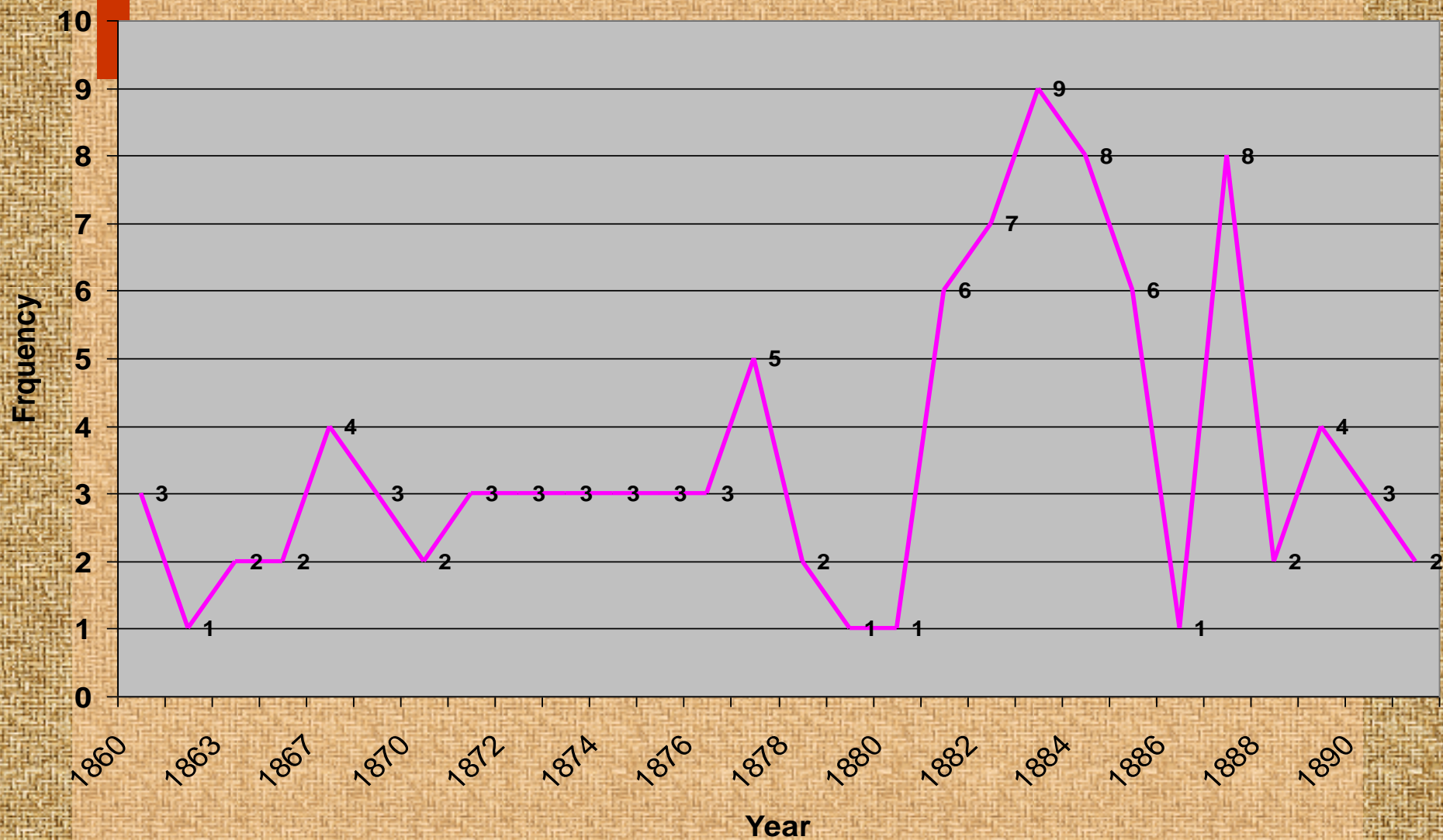


## Births 1860-1901





## The Frequency of Baptisms to Luxembourgers By Year (1860-1891)



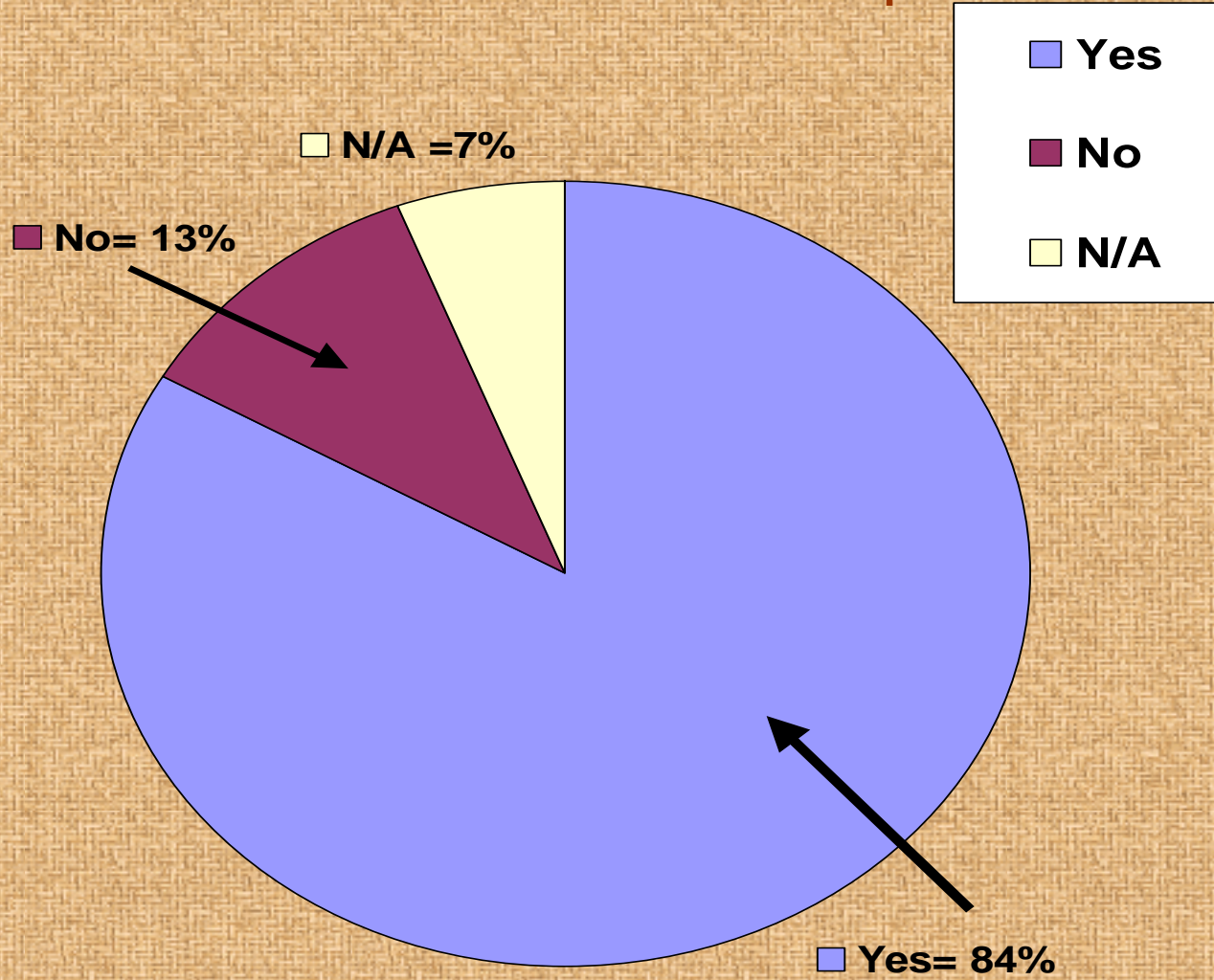


## Did the Child of a Luxembourger Take the Name of His Godparent?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>101 (83%)</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>13 (10%)</b>
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>7 (5%)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>N=121 (100%)</b>



## Children that took Name of Godparent





## **Baptismal Ethnicity of Sponsors (Godparents) Of children Born to Luxembourgers**

<b>Both Sponsors Luxembourgers</b>	<b>89 (66%)</b>
<b>One Sponsor Luxembourger</b>	<b>36 (27%)</b>
<b>Neither Sponsor Luxembourger</b>	<b>9 (7%)</b>
<b>TOTAL Godparents</b>	<b>134 (100%)</b>



# Top 5 Names Given to God Child By God Parent By Sex and Year of First Usage

<b>Males</b>		<b>Females</b>	
<b>1. Peter (1860)</b>	<b>17 (34%)</b>	<b>1. Mary (1863)</b>	<b>22 (35%)</b>
<b>2. John Peter (1869)</b>	<b>11 (22%)</b>	<b>2. Anna (1867)</b>	<b>13 (21%)</b>
<b>3, Nicholas (1871)</b>	<b>8 (16%)</b>	<b>3. Catherine (1864)</b>	<b>12 (19%)</b>
<b>4 Matt (1860)</b>	<b>7 (14 %)</b>	<b>4. Barbara (1867)</b>	<b>10 (16%)</b>
<b>5 Jacob (1860)</b>	<b>7 (14%)</b>	<b>5. Elizabeth (1867)</b>	<b>6 (9%)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>N= 49 (100%)</b>		<b>N=63 (100%)</b>



	NAMES GIVEN TO	LUXEMBOURG CHILDREN BY THEIR
		IN THE FIRST 11 YEARS OF SETTLEMENT
YEAR	GODCHILD	GODPARENTS
1860	<b>Peter</b> Greiner	<b>Peter</b> Weber
1860	<b>Matt</b> Weber	<b>Matt</b> Penning and Catherine Borg
1860	<b>Jacob</b> Penning	<b>Jacob</b> Neu and Mary Penning
1863	<b>Mary</b> Penning	<b>Mary</b> Weber and Bernard Neu
1864	<b>Mike</b> Weins	<b>Mike</b> Leonardi and Catherine Winandi
1864	<b>Catherine</b> Greiner	Peter Weins and <b>Catherine</b> Winandi-Leo
1867	<b>Barbara</b> Wagner	Hubert Kieffer and <b>Barbara</b> Wagner
1869	<b>John Peter</b> Weber	<b>John Peter</b> and Agnes Penning
1871	<b>Nicolas</b>	<b>Nicolas</b>




Names Given To Male Children

Names Given

Year

Number of Times Used For Males

Top 5

1860	<i>Peter</i>	17
1860	<i>Matt</i>	7
1860	<i>Jacob</i>	7
1869	<i>Jacob Peter</i>	11
1871	<i>Nick</i>	8

Year

Top 5

1863	<i>Mary (Maria)</i>
1864	<i>Catherine</i>
1867	<i>Elizabeth</i>
1867	<i>Barb</i>
1867	<i>Anna</i>

All Other

Total Times Top 5 Names Used=52 (78%)

All Other

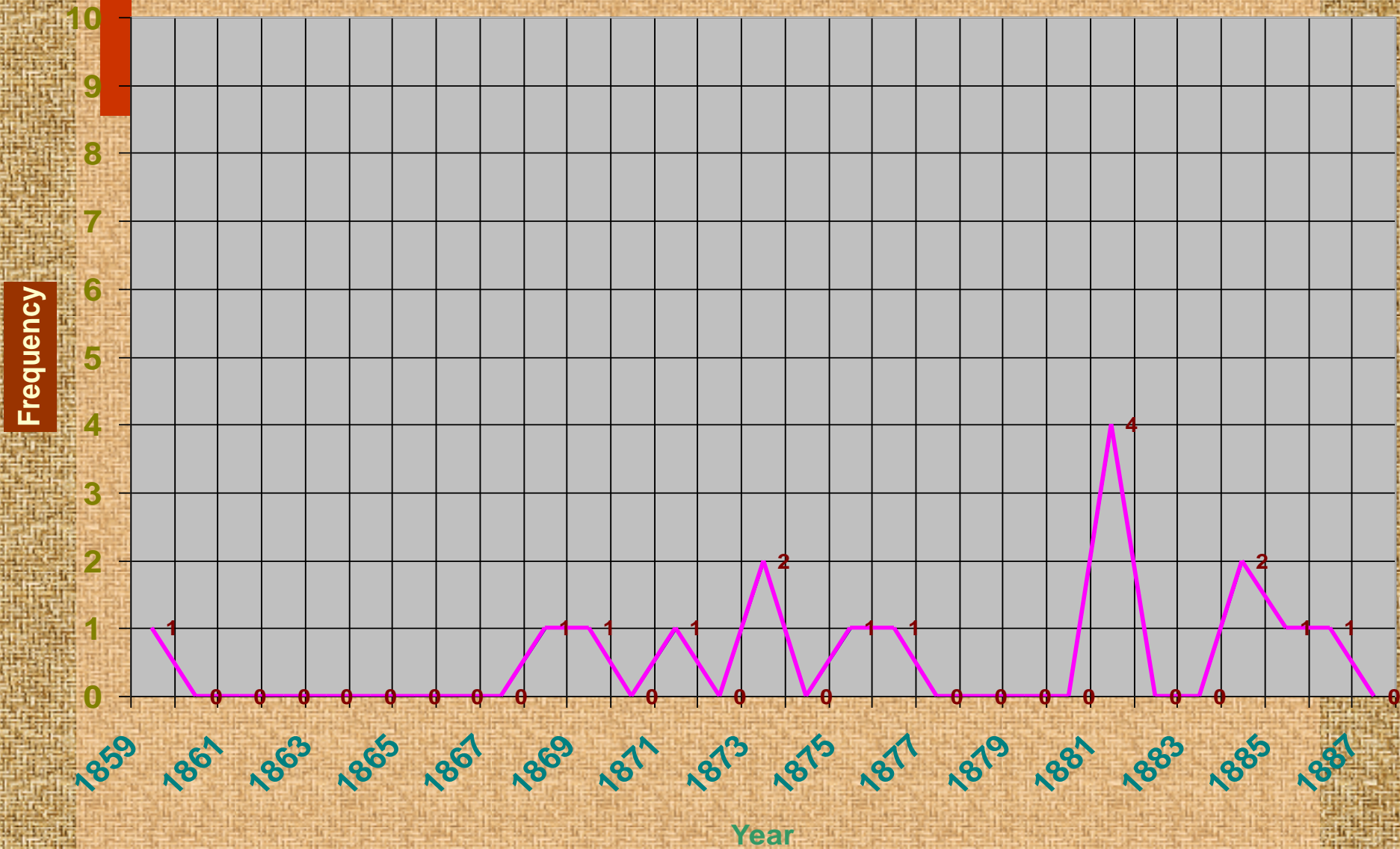


# Marriage Characteristics of Luxembourgers

- *Marriages (1859-1887)*
- *Ethnicity of Marriage Witnesses*



## Marriages (1859-1887)





## **Ethnicity of Marriage Witnesses In Marriages of Luxembourgers**

<b>Both Witnesses Luxembourgers</b>	<b>34 (51%)</b>
<b>One Witness Luxembourg</b>	<b>28 (42%)</b>
<b>Neither Witness Luxembourg</b>	<b>5 (7%)</b>
<b>Total Marriages</b>	<b>67 (100%)</b>

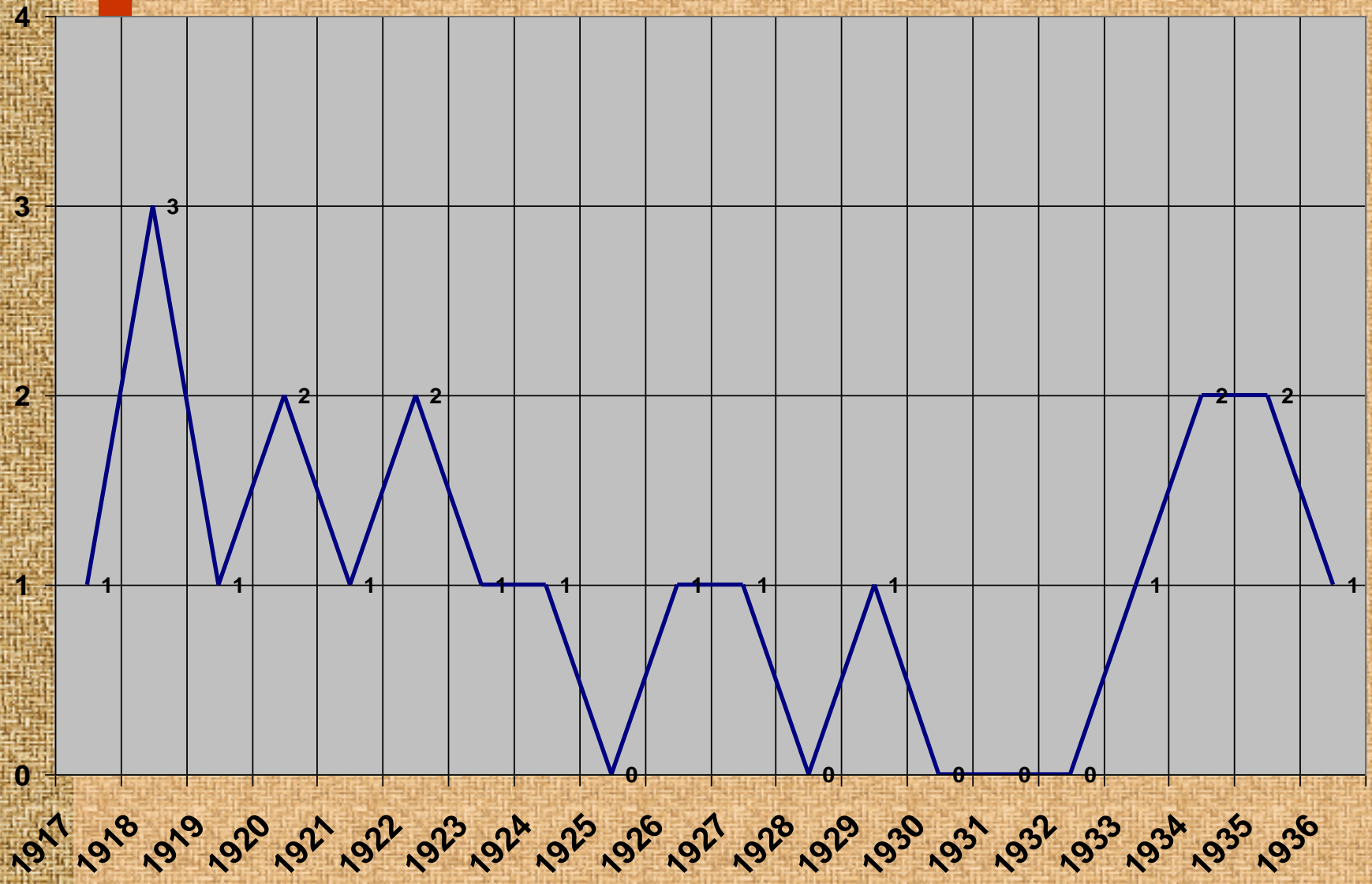


# Mortality Characteristics of Luxembourgers

- Deaths (1917-1936)
- Sex of Those Dying (1884-1936)
- Sex of Those Dying (Birth to 5 years of Age)
- St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery by Section and Lot with Location of Luxembourgers
- Age at Death
- Deaths by Decades (1880's-1930's)
- Year of Death by Individual Person Dying (1884-1918)
- Causes of Death
- Causes of Death by Age
- Frequency of Infant and Child Mortality



## Deaths (1917-1936)





## Sex of Luxembourgers Dying Between 1884-1936

<b>Male</b>	44 (62%)
<b>Female</b>	27 (38%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	71 (100%)



**Sex of Luxembourg Children  
Who Died from Birth  
To 5 Years of Age**

<b>Male</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>(74%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(22%)</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(4%)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>(100%)</b>



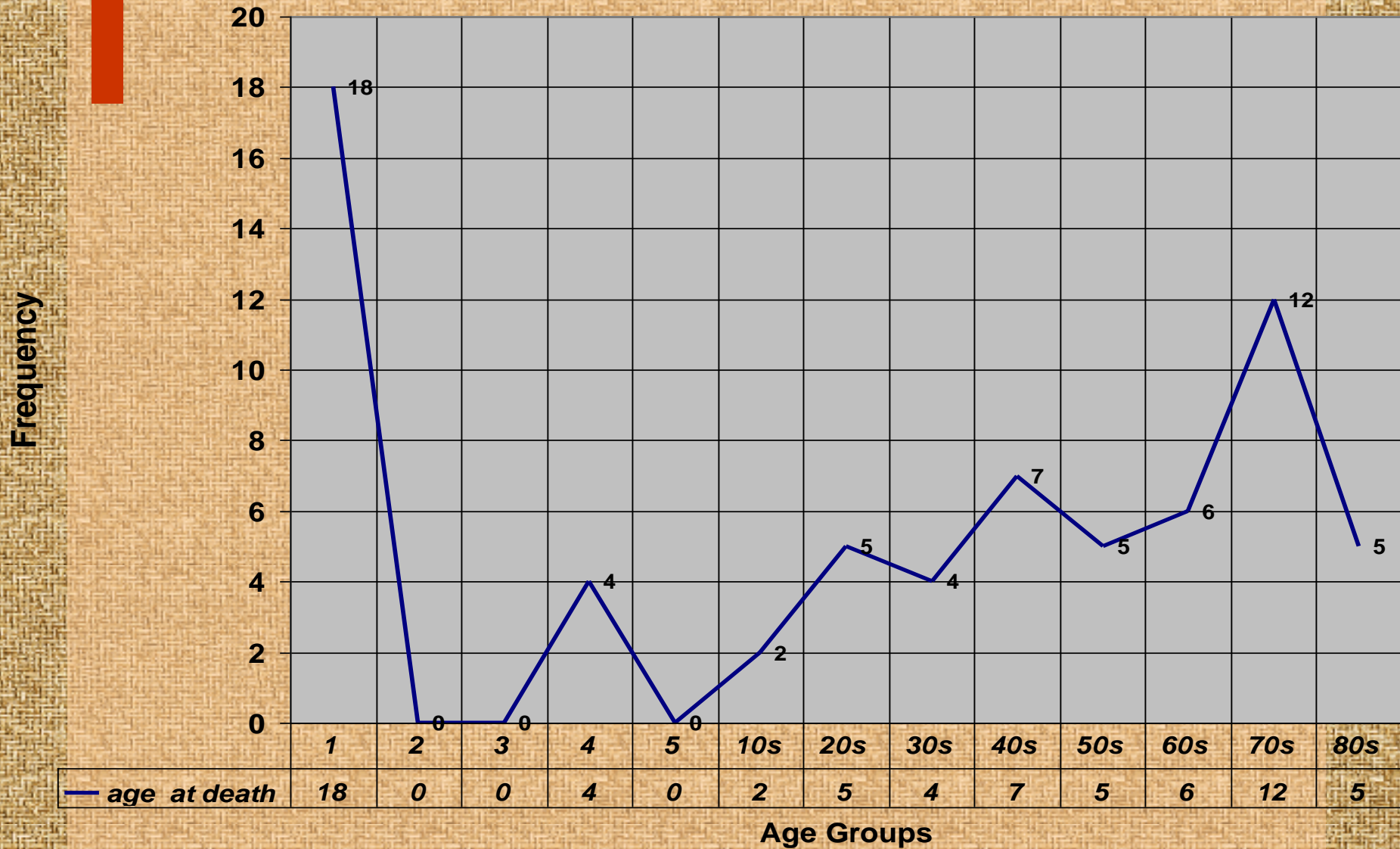
# St. Patrick's Cemetery by Lots and Owners.

**Most Luxembourgers are buried together on the South side of the Cemetery (Marked in Orange) whereas the Irish on together on the North side.**

100 P Penning 89 Jno Weber	101 SS Penning 90	102 P Wagner 91 Mic. Wagner	103 No. 1 Brown 92 P Wagner	104 A Corps 93 Jas. Coles
Nicholas W. 1872-1909				
78 Matt Bein	79 Matt Wagner	80 Theo	81	82 J.K. Coleman
67 Mathias Kaiser	68 Jno Funk	69 Vander- Weide	70 Jno Wagner	71 J.P. Weber
56 N.L.	57 Kramer	58 Nick Greiner	59 N. Beying	60 P.C.
45 N.L. Petesch	46 Kramer	47 Matt Krier	48 Matt Funk	49 Greiner
34 Matt Weber	35 Peter Weber	36 Lawrence Wagner	37 Matt Sithener	38 Matt
23 13, Holath	24 Jno Dunkin	25 P. Dunkin	26 W.F. Dunkin	27 Ernzen
2 P O'Drine	13 I.B. McCune	14 T.H.S. Gleeson	15 Jake FUNK	16 Max Scholbrg
1 F. Kroll	2 Jno Dolan	3 Jno Dolan	4 P.J. Hugan	5 Felv Corpstein
6 P. Bruckner	7 a Leacy	8 Jno Baron	9 Jno Cavanagh	10 W.S. Thirrell
11 a Leacy	12 Jno Schultz	13 P. Expolding	14 W.S. Thirrell	15 Jno Thirrell
16 P. Bruckner	17 a Leacy	18 Jno Baron	19 Jno Cavanagh	20 W.S. Thirrell
21 Jno Kane	22 Jno Kane	23 Jno Kane	24 Jno Kane	25 Jno Kane
26 J.F. Hegarty	27 P. Hegarty	28 Jno. Hegarty	29 Jno. Hegarty	30 Jno. Hegarty
31 Jno. Hegarty	32 Jno. Hegarty	33 Jno. Hegarty	34 Jno. Hegarty	35 Jno. Hegarty
36 Jno. Hegarty	37 Jno. Hegarty	38 Jno. Hegarty	39 Jno. Hegarty	40 Jno. Hegarty
41 Jno. Hegarty	42 Jno. Hegarty	43 Jno. Hegarty	44 Jno. Hegarty	45 Jno. Hegarty
46 Jno. Hegarty	47 Jno. Hegarty	48 Jno. Hegarty	49 Jno. Hegarty	50 Jno. Hegarty
51 Jno. Hegarty	52 Jno. Hegarty	53 Jno. Hegarty	54 Jno. Hegarty	55 Jno. Hegarty
56 Jno. Hegarty	57 Jno. Hegarty	58 Jno. Hegarty	59 Jno. Hegarty	60 Jno. Hegarty
61 Jno. Hegarty	62 Jno. Hegarty	63 Jno. Hegarty	64 Jno. Hegarty	65 Jno. Hegarty
66 Jno. Hegarty	67 Jno. Hegarty	68 Jno. Hegarty	69 Jno. Hegarty	70 Jno. Hegarty
71 Jno. Hegarty	72 Jno. Hegarty	73 Jno. Hegarty	74 Jno. Hegarty	75 Jno. Hegarty
76 Jno. Hegarty	77 Jno. Hegarty	78 Jno. Hegarty	79 Jno. Hegarty	80 Jno. Hegarty
81 Jno. Hegarty	82 Jno. Hegarty	83 Jno. Hegarty	84 Jno. Hegarty	85 Jno. Hegarty
86 Jno. Hegarty	87 Jno. Hegarty	88 Jno. Hegarty	89 Jno. Hegarty	90 Jno. Hegarty
91 Jno. Hegarty	92 Jno. Hegarty	93 Jno. Hegarty	94 Jno. Hegarty	95 Jno. Hegarty
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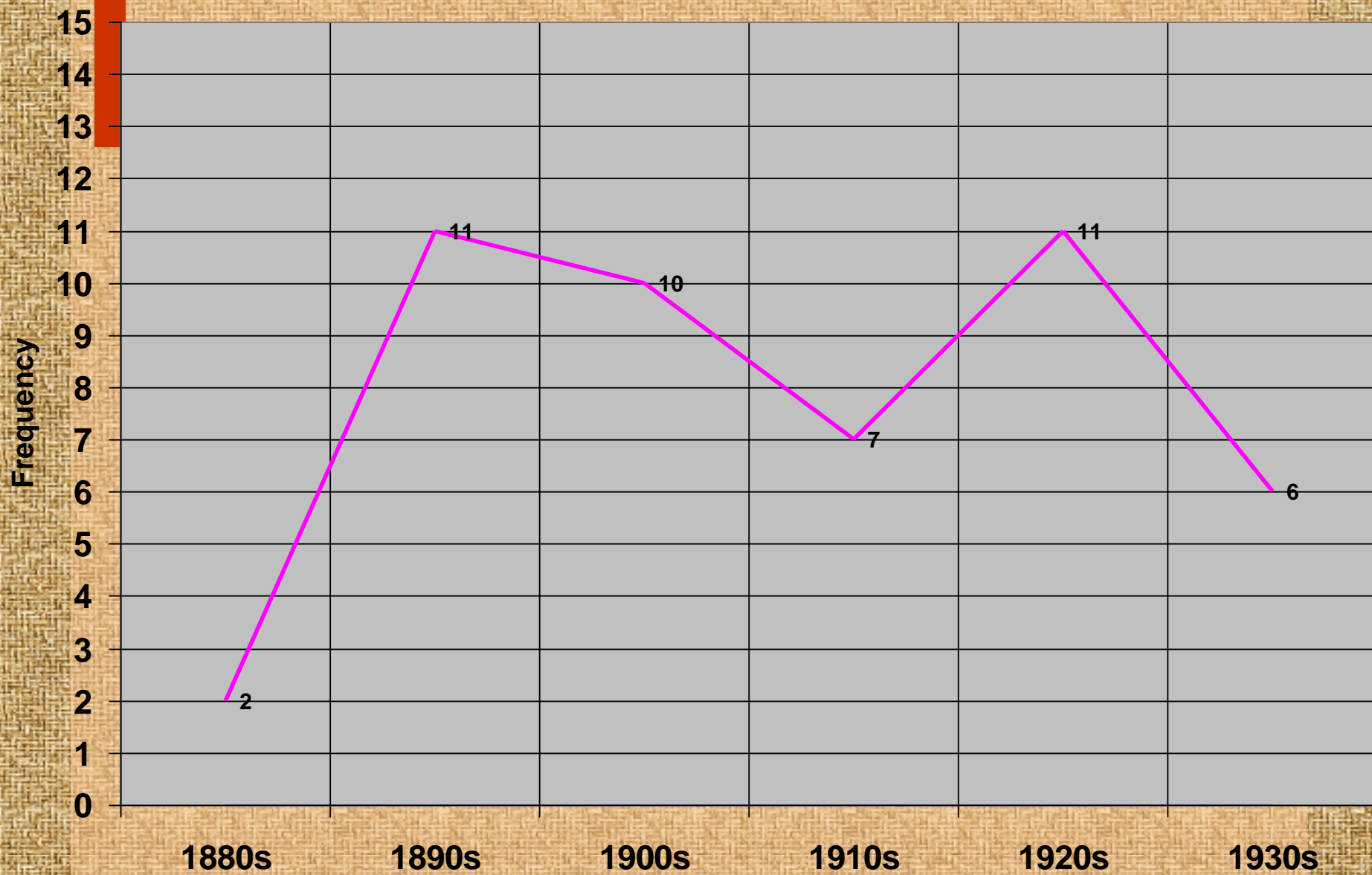


# Age at Death





# Luxembourger Deaths by Decades (1884-1936)



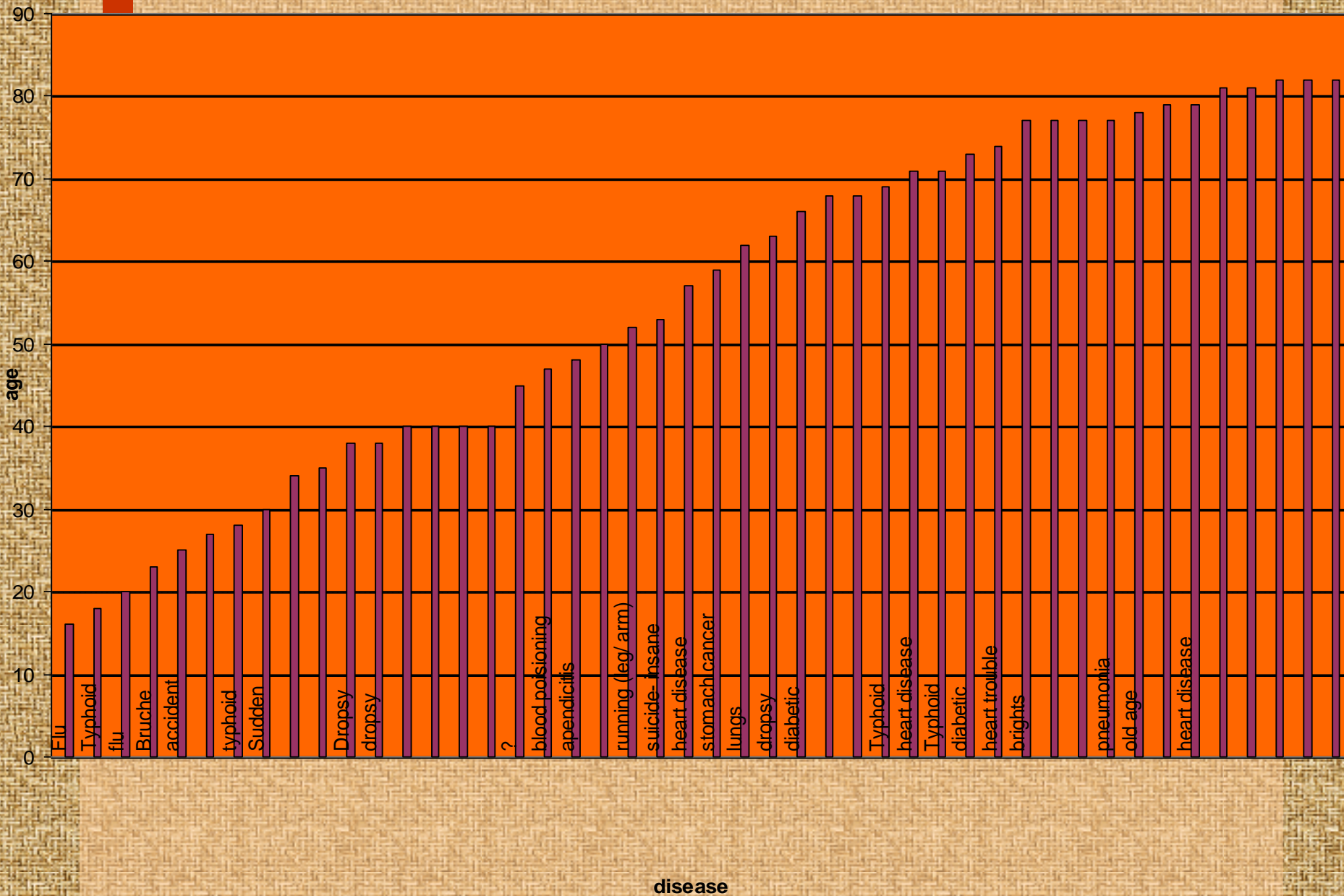
**\*\*Until 1936**



<i><b>Year of Death</b></i>	<i><b>Name of Deceased</b></i>	<i><b>Married to:</b></i>
<b>1884</b>	Catherine Kohn	John Kohn
<b>1887</b>	Peter Winer	Liz Leonardi
<b>1890</b>	Peter Penning	
<b>1892</b>	John P Kayser	
<b>1892</b>	Anna Funk	(Schandel)
<b>1893</b>	Marg Corpstein	(Schraeder)
<b>1894</b>	Peter Erpelding	
<b>1895</b>	Agnes Neu	Penning
<b>1895</b>	Lawrence Kieffer	
<b>1897</b>	John Kohn	
<b>1897</b>	Peter Brucher	
<b>1898</b>	Christina Falk	Haag
<b>1898</b>	Anna Haag	(single)
<b>1901</b>	Maria Penning	Weber
<b>1903</b>	Mary Skarali	Kieffer
<b>1903</b>	Matt Kieffer	
<b>1905</b>	John Weber	
<b>1905</b>	Maria Wagner	Weber
<b>1906</b>	Anna Weins	Greiner
<b>1908</b>	Andy Corpstein	
<b>1908</b>	Anna Brucher	Rolfes
<b>1908</b>	Nick Greiner	
<b>1909</b>	Nick Wagner	
<b>1911</b>	Alicia Hegarty	Penning
<b>1911</b>	Matt Krier	
<b>1916</b>	Dorothy keimpter	Corpstein
<b>1918</b>	August J Petesch	
<b>1918</b>	Thomas Ernzen	
<b>1918</b>	Peter Ernzen	

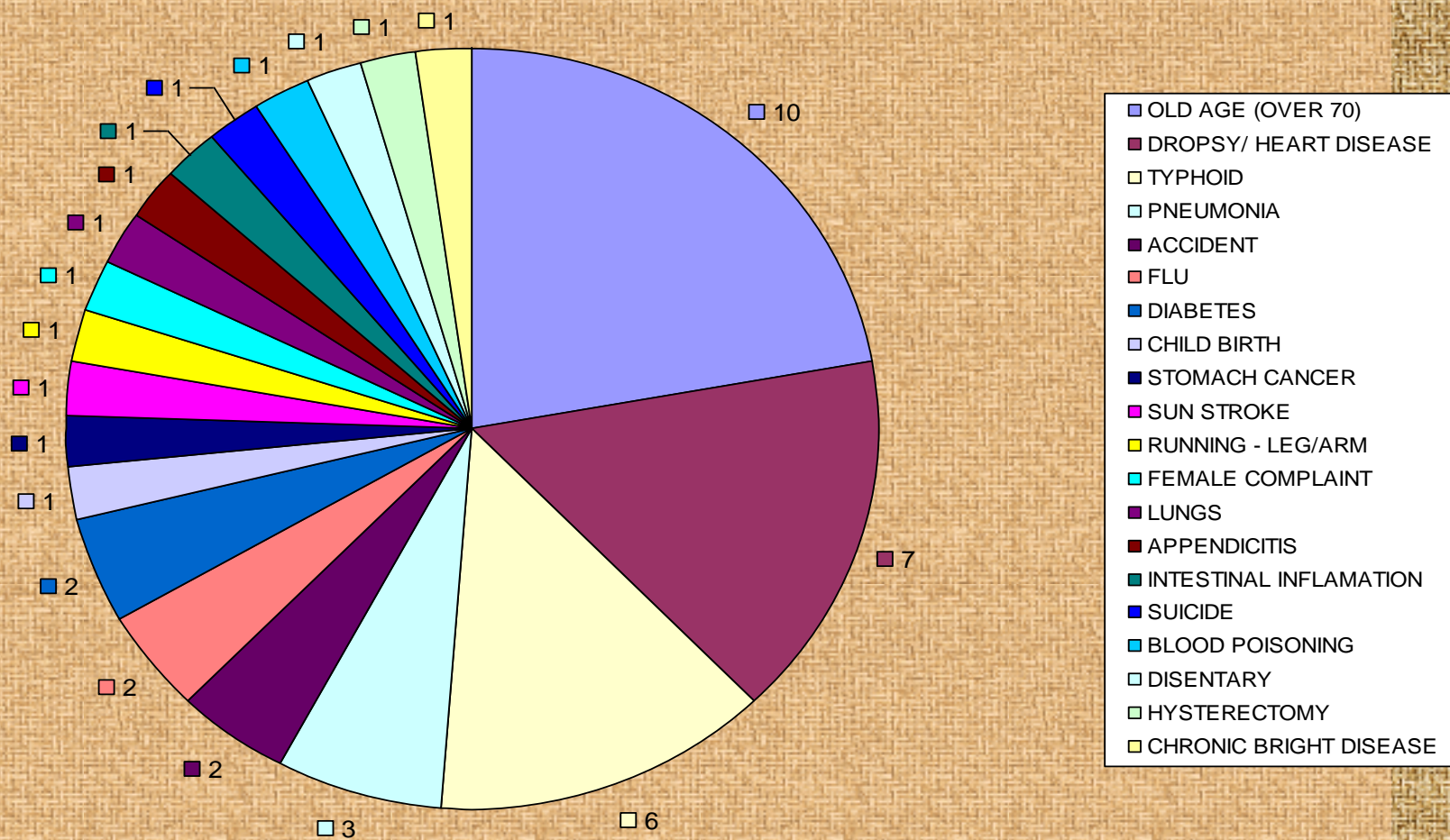


mortality by age and disease





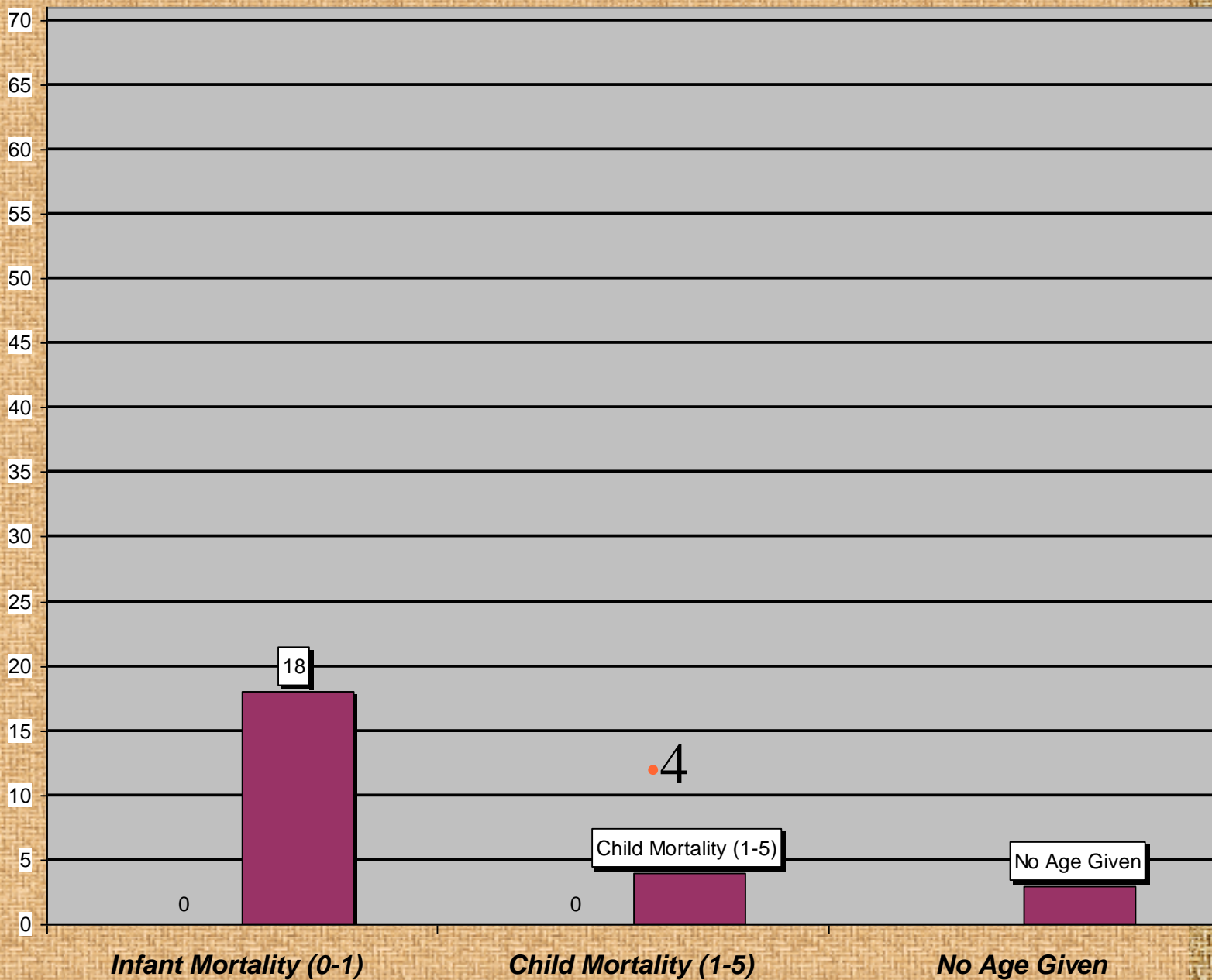
# RANKING OF CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG LUXEMBOURGERS FROM 1884-1936





## Frequency of Infant and Child Mortality

Number of  
Deaths



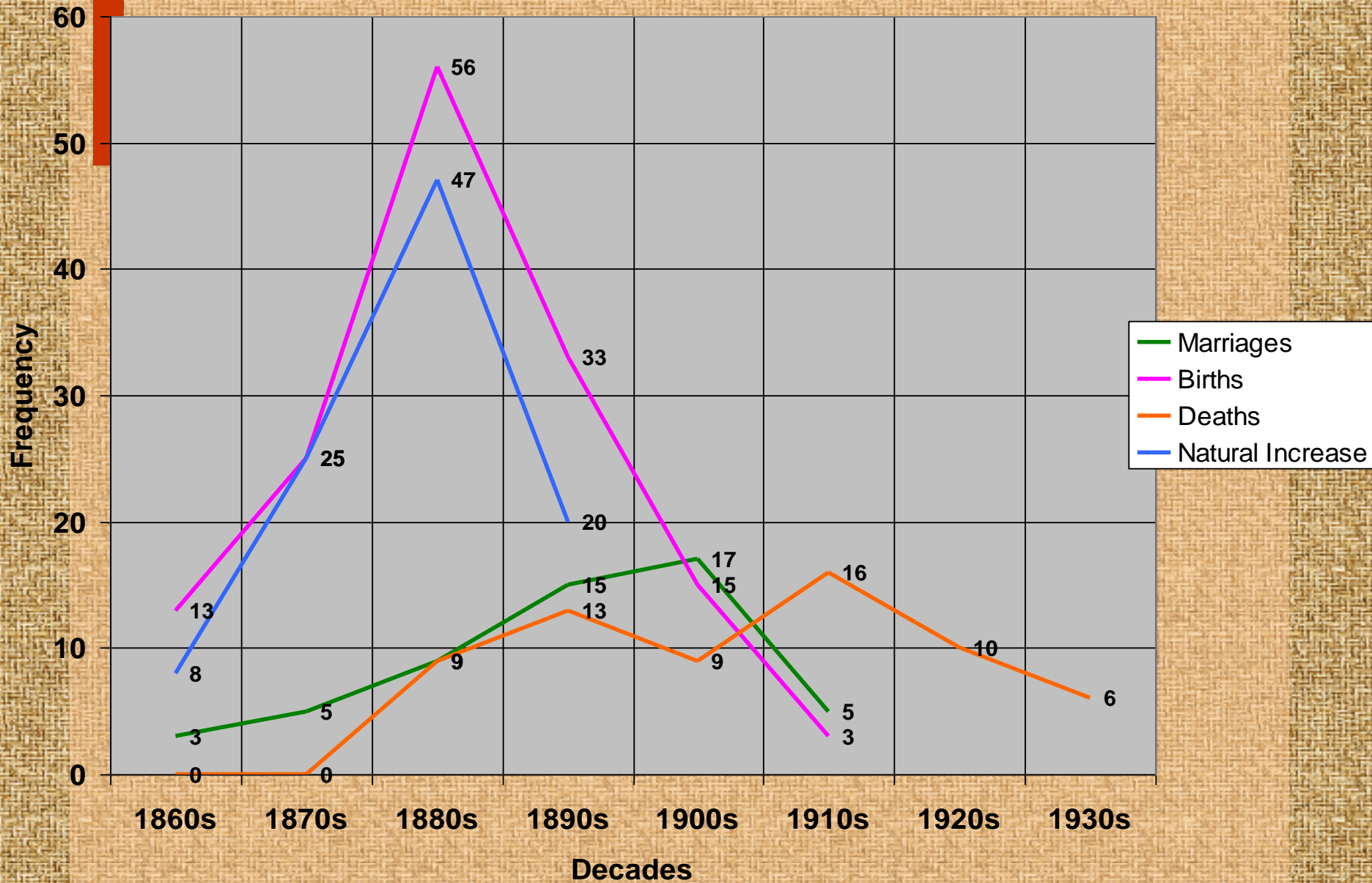


# A Composite of Luxembourger Demographics

- The following slide presents a table which superimposes four demographic characteristics. The advantage of this approach is to see how these characteristics varied together over this time period
  - *Marriages*
  - *Births*
  - *Deaths*
  - *Natural Increase = Births - Deaths*



# Luxembourger Statistics for 1860s through 1936





# • Phase II of Research on Mt. Pleasant Luxembourgers

## I. Cognitive Folk Culture

- 1) Beliefs
- 2) Patterns of Meaning
- 3) Spirit of the People/community
- 4) World Views
  - a) Luxembourg community
  - b) Sacred
  - c) Ethnicity
  - d) Catholic → Kirmes, Schoeberfeur
  - e) Secular
- 5) Legends
- 6) Tales
- 7) Body of Knowledge
- 8) Values
- 8) Assumptions
- 9) Visions
- 10) Ethos
- 11) Identities
- 12) Justifications



# Phase II of Research on Luxembourgers at Mt. Pleasant

## II. NORMATIVE FOLK CULTURE

- 1) **Laws**
  - a. **Governance**
  - b. **Township**
- 2) **Customs/ traditions**
  - a. **Naming and nicknames**
  - b. **Family and birthing/child rearing**
- 3) **Heritage they brought from the Old Country**
- 4) **Folk ways**
  - a. **Manners**
  - b. **Common Ways of Doing Things**
- 5) **Mores**
  - a. **Notions of Right and Wrong**



# Phase II of Research on Luxembourgers at Mt. Pleasant

## III. Behavioral

- 1) **Skills**
  - a. **Quilting**
- 2) **Singing and Music**
- 3) **Recreation**
  - a. *Hunting*
  - b. *Games*
  - c. *Barn dances*
- 4) **Stories**
  - a. *Founding of the Community*
  - b. *Relations with Irish*
- 5) **Personal experience**
  - a. *Devotions*
  - b. *Opinions*
  - c. *Memories*
  - d. *Meanings*
  - e. *Interpretations*
- 6) **Rites**
- 7) **Holydays**
- 8) **Holidays**
- 9) **Celebrations**
- 10) **Religious rituals**
- 11) **Habits**
- 12) **Tempo/rhythm of life**
- 13) **Ceremonies**
- 14) **Patterns of interaction**
- 15) **Language**
- 16) **Jargon**
- 17) **Informally understood rules**
- 18) **Tacit understandings**



# Phase II of Research on Luxembourgers at Mt. Pleasant

## **IV. Material Artifacts**

### **1) Recipes → Foods**

- a. Wine/ beer/ spirits → brewing
- b. Gardening
- c. Butchering meats
- d. Canning
- e. Butter making
- f. Smoking
- g. Cheese making
- h. Chicken raising → selling eggs

### **2) Poems**

### **3) Letters**

- a. Old country
- b. To and from the American colonies

### **4) Newspaper accounts → Potter newspaper**

### **5) Architecture**

- a. Dishes
- b. Houses
- c. Farm buildings
- d. Heating/ cooking wood stoves
- e. Role of kitchen
- f. Out house/ slop jars
- g. Quilts/ comforters
- h. Out buildings
- i.

### **6) Diaries**

### **7) Wills**

- a. For artifacts passed on

### **8) Bibles**

### **9) Domestic arts**

- a. Cooking
- b. Clothes making
- c. Washing
- d. Quilting bees

### **10) Art**

### **11) Heroes**

### **12) Sales notices**

### **13) Pictures → Weddings, baptismal, confirmation**

### **14) Work ledgers → farm records, budgets**