

## BRIEF NARRATIVE HISTORY OF THE SIEGFRIED FAMILY

The Siegfried family is of interest because of the connection between Rachel (Babinger) Stumpf and Josephine (Babinger) Siegfried – they were sisters and both lived in San Francisco and Lodi for extended periods of their adult lives. Jimmy knew the Siegfrieds quite well – his family moved to Lodi from Uniontown, Pennsylvania in 1914, and the Siegfrieds followed from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania in 1917. Jimmy lived in Lodi until 1923, when his family moved to Glendale, California as a result of his father's asthma. The Siegfried family of his generation had the following members, consisting of the parents, 4 sons and 2 daughters

F. Stanley Siegfried

Josephine K. (Babinger) Siegfried (b. , d. March 25, 1970)

William E. Siegfried – WWII pilot, decorated with Oak Leaf Cluster

Jack E. Siegfried

Joseph P. Siegfried

James Francis Siegfried (b. ? ,d. January 7, 1930 in motorcycle accident)

Mrs. Mary Siegfried Yarborough (b. April 23, 1929, d. December 12, 2007) husband Roy died in 1994

Mrs. Regina Siegfried Chalmers

Josephine K. Babinger and F. Stanley Siegfried were married in New York, moved first to Pennsylvania and then to Lodi (in 1917), where Stanley both played and taught violin, as well as running the Siegfried Music Store. He played in the Stockton Symphony Orchestra and was concert master of the Lodi Symphony.

Bill Siegfried visited the Craig family in Los Angeles during the war – he was a pilot, drove a convertible and had just been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster. We were all very impressed, especially since he seemed like a really nice guy!

Article of Interest from Lodi News-Sentinel, May 13, 1959

*May 13, 1959 Article in Lodi News-Sentinel about Stanley Siegfried and his background in playing in the Stockton Symphony Orchestra – Of the six, Stanley Siegfried has been the longest with the symphony – some 41 years. In fact, he began playing with the group when it was still the Stockton Concert Orchestra, and it was he who helped Mr. Silva form the symphony orchestra from the concert group. If one were to search for a Lodi "Mr. Music," Mr. Siegfried would have a good claim to the title. He began his music education in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade back in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. - on the mandolin, but he changed to the violin soon after, and it has been his instrument ever since. He attended the Ithaca Conservatory of Music and graduated with his degree in music, after which he taught music, and played in theaters and in the Wilkes-Barre Symphony. Then in 1917 he came to Lodi for a vacation and never returned East. At that time the Lodi Theater was being built, so Mr. Siegfried directed shows there, as well as giving lessons and playing solos at the Woman's Club. He wasn't busy enough, so he played for shows being given at the Stockton Theater too, and directed musical events at the Fox California in Stockton for 19 years, including the road shows that played there. He was a familiar figure at the Civic Auditorium also, when shows and conventions arrived there, and for 30 years he played at a Stockton ballroom on Wednesday and Saturday nights. Mr Siegfried says he opened his music store in Lodi to get away from teaching – but he didn't get away from it. On the contrary, he taught music in the county public schools for 30 years, retiring only last year, and he still teaches privately after 53 years' activity along this musical line.*