

Andrew Matthew Dettling
b. 3/24/1859 d. 7/6/1898
Wilmington, Delaware
m. 11/26/1884
A. M. Dettling & Co. Machine Shop
m. Sophia Julie Hanselman
b. 6/7/1862 d. 2/2/1925
America: 1881
Sindringen, Wurttemberg

Kate
m. Maris Vandever

Wilhelmina
died young

Mary
b. 1863 d. 1947
m. Harry Hurff

Charles
b. 1870 d. 1946

Wilhelmina (Mena) Rose
b. 1/15/1886 d. 1/22/1974
b. Wilmington, Delaware
d. Alhambra, California
m. 1923 Chicago
m. Edward Nathaniel Spier
b. 1/23/1895 d. 12/6/1990
b. Wilmington, Delaware
d. Carlsbad, California
no issue

Mary Frieda
b. 4/18/1887 d. 12/24/1965
Wilmington, Delaware
m. 11/22/1912
Michael John
b. 9/27/1879 d. 11/9/1969
Wilmington, Delaware

See Michael John
branch of
Martin and Bridget
Family Chart

Katharine (Katie) Sophia
b. 1/18/1890 d. 10/27/1970
Wilmington, Delaware
m. Emil G. Tessmann
no issue

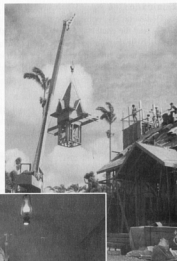
Andrew
b. 4/13/1892 d. 4/18/1961
Wilmington, Delaware
no issue

Pauline
b. 11/16/1897 d. 9/9/1975
Wilmington, Delaware
no issue

Hurricane Iwa

Dawn revealed the full extent of the damage to the Lihue Lutheran Church. When the wind ripped off the roof, the walls and tower had crumbled to the ground. Sections of the roof lay upside down in the cemetery. The tower had smashed into pieces when it hit the ground. The church had been literally lifted off its foundation.

After 11 months and with the help of \$300,000 in donations, the church was rebuilt in 1983, with Eddie's supervision. Its cemetery (opposite page) is the final resting place of Eddie Spier.



APPENDIX B

Letter sent to friends by Eddie Spirer after Hurricane Iwa struck in November 1982.

Dearly Beloved:

It is with a heavy heart that I pen these lines, yet a big hope fills me with encouragement. Our God is able, able to use all this to the glory of His Son.

What a privilege we have as Christians to show our color and prove our faith that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

No doubt you are fully acquainted with our loss. T.V. coverage brought phone calls of sincere concern. Thank God not one hair of my spare head is out of place. Marie, too, proved to be a real trouper and in her ability and skill is a tremendous help to both me and the Congregation. It could well be that the Lord has reserved this day of need for our ministry. We just pray (and hope you will join us) for physical strength to carry on in His Name.

We are not one bit concerned. We know in whom we believe and He is able. We do believe that you desire a share in the rugged task of digging ourselves out and to bring back the glory of former days to the "Little Church on German Hill."

Our plan definitely is to honor those who labored so faithfully to establish the witness of Christ on stricken Kauai by restoring the Church to its original state.

My brother Irv, whose profession is architecture and for years has been an outstanding one, has offered his service without charge to make the plans possible. With the aid of photographs, we should be able to accomplish this. With our present-day methods of construction, a repeat (God forbid) of a similar disaster should leave us intact.

At any rate, we sorrow not for the loss of building—thank God we still have a Church. I assure you the body of believers are still intact and full of hope.

God bless you for your prayers in the past as well as your interest. Just remember us now and uphold our hands in prayer and support. We have always been grateful for your past feelings in Christ for us.

Our Newsletter was all ready for mailing when the storm arrived. For some unknown reason, I neglected to take them to the Post Office; hence this letter to let you know God is answering your prayer and we are here to do His will and maintain His testimony.

We love you much,

Sincerely,

The Little Minister & Marie

APPENDIX C

A chronology of the life of Edward Nathaniel Spirer

1895	Born on January 23 in Wilmington, Delaware to Frank and Dena Markowitz Spirer.
1906	Bar Mitzvah
1913	Graduated from Wilmington High School, Wilmington, Delaware
1913-1915	Attended University of Delaware
1916-1918	Attended University of Pennsylvania
1918-1921	Works in the construction business with his father
1918	Meets Wilhemena Dettling
1918	Attends Zion Lutheran Church and is given his first Bible
1921	Frank Spirer orders his son to leave home
1921	Eddie moves to Los Angeles
1921	Eddie is baptized in First Lutheran Church, Los Angeles
1921-1922	Eddie works as a carpenter in Los Angeles
1923	Eddie joins Hollywood Lutheran Church
1923	Eddie and Mena get married
1923	Eddie gets his contractor's license
1926-1929	Eddie ill with nephritis
1929-1930	Eddie attends Western Seminary in Nebraska
1930	Eddie is ordained as a minister
1930	Eddie is installed at St. Luke's in Omaha, Nebraska
1931	Eddie and Mena return to Los Angeles
1931	St. Matthew's Lutheran Church organized in North Hollywood. Eddie is the pastor
1934	Eddie is given the nickname "The Little Minister"
1935	New building dedicated at St. Matthew's
1942-1945	Eddie serves as a U.S. Army Chaplain
1946	The Alhambra Home property is renovated
1947	Alhambra Home property dedicated
1948-1958	Eddie works as director of Church Extension
1958	Eddie honored at Lutheran convention as his church extension work is completed
1958-1976	Eddie is a supply minister
1973-1976	Eddie is pastor of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Sun Valley
1974	Mena Dettling Spirer dies on January 22
1976	Installed as pastor of Lihue Lutheran Church in Hawaii
1976-1981	Lihue Church renovated
1981	Lihue Church dedicated and Eddie marries Marie Carranza
1982	Hurricane Iwa destroys Lihue church
1983	Reconstructed Lihue church dedicated on November 13
1984	Dr. Edward Spirer Day on the Island of Kauai (November 10)
1984	Eddie retires, moves with Marie to Laguna Hills, California
1990	On December 6, Eddie dies in Carlsbad, California

APPENDIX E

Eddie Spire's Spires—The Churches Eddie Built

Church/Project Name	Location	Type of Unit
1935		
St. Matthew's	North Hollywood, CA	Church
1943		
Lockheed	North Hollywood, CA	Chapel
Alhambra Home	Alhambra, CA	Renovated Home for the Aged
Salem Lutheran	Whittier, CA	Church
1948-1949		
St. Paul's Lutheran	Vallejo, CA	Church
St. Andrew Lutheran	San Mateo, CA	Church
Beverly Hills Lutheran	Beverly Hills, CA	Expansion
Trinity Lutheran	Pomona, CA	First Unit
Good Shepherd Lutheran	Altadena, CA	Church
Christ Lutheran	Pacific Beach, CA	First Unit
St. Peter's-by-the-Sea	San Diego, CA	Church
Luther Memorial Lutheran	Burbank, CA	Church
Lakewood Village Lutheran	Long Beach, CA	Church
St. Luke's Lutheran	Huntington Beach, CA	Church
Gloria Dei	Long Beach, CA	Chapel
St. Paul's Lutheran	Monterey Park, CA	First Unit
Our Savior's Lutheran	Orange, CA	First Unit
1950		
Inglewood Lutheran	Inglewood, CA	Sunday School
St. Luke's Lutheran	Long Beach, CA	Church
Our Savior's Lutheran	Alhambra, CA	Church
Beverly Hills Lutheran	Beverly Hills, CA	Fire Damage, Repair
1951		
Epiphany Lutheran	San Leandro, CA	Chapel
Christ Lutheran	San Diego, CA	Chapel and Education Unit
St. James Lutheran	Richmond, CA	Chapel
Trinity Lutheran	Alameda, CA	Church
Sunset Lutheran	San Francisco, CA	Church
Trinity Lutheran	Manhattan Beach, CA	Church
1952-1953		
Our Savior's Lutheran	Alhambra, CA	Church
Bethany Lutheran	San Jose, CA	Church
Transfiguration Lutheran	Los Angeles, CA	Church
Pacific Lutheran Seminary	Berkeley, CA	School

Church/Project Name	Location	Type of Unit
Trinity Lutheran	Pomona, CA	Church
Good Shepherd Lutheran	Reno, NV	Church
Grace Lutheran	Richmond, CA	Church and Education Unit
St. Paul's Lutheran	Globe, AZ	Church
St. John's Lutheran	Norwalk, CA	Church
Bethany Lutheran	Norco, CA	Church
Calif. Lutheran Homes	Alhambra, CA	Cottages
First Lutheran	San Bernardino, CA	Church
Honolulu Lutheran	Honolulu, HI	Church
United Lutheran	Santa Ana, CA	Church
Grace Lutheran	Culver City, CA	Church
1954-1955		
Calif. Lutheran Homes	Alhambra, CA	Infirmery
St. Peter's-by-the-Sea	San Diego, CA	Church
St. Paul's Lutheran	Honolulu, HI	Chapel, Education Unit
St. Matthew's Lutheran	North Hollywood, CA	New Unit
First Lutheran	Glendale, CA	Church
St. Mark's Lutheran	San Fernando, CA	First Unit
Mt. of Olives Lutheran	Phoenix, AZ	First Unit
Faith Lutheran	Fresno, CA	Church
First United Lutheran	San Francisco, CA	Church
Calvary Lutheran	Azusa, CA	Church
St. Paul's Lutheran	Monterey Park, CA	Sanctuary
1956-1957		
Messiah Lutheran	Redwood City, CA	
Trinity Lutheran	Riverside, CA	Church
Redeemer Lutheran	El Monte, CA	Church
St. Andrew's Lutheran	Van Nuys, CA	Church
Calif. Lutheran Homes	Alhambra, CA	Expansion
Trinity Lutheran	Pomona, CA	Education Unit
St. Paul's Lutheran	Monterey Park, CA	Education Unit
Bethany Lutheran	Santa Clara, CA	First Unit
Camp Yoliwa	Yucaipa, CA	Camp
St. James Lutheran	Richmond, CA	Education Unit, Fellowship Hall
Bethany Lutheran	Norco, CA	Church
Salem Lutheran	Whittier, CA	Sanctuary
1983		
Lihue Lutheran Church	Lihue, HI	Restored