Husband	Gustave Martin Keson [2397] <sup>1</sup>		
AKA			
Born	3 Dec 1866	Drenow, Germany <sup>2</sup>	
Died	14 Jul 1911 <sup>1</sup>	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Father	[MRIN:389]		
Mother			
Marriage	1 Jan 1902	Amber Township., Mason County, Michigan, USA[MRIN:390]1	
Events			

He has conflicting birth information of Gustave Keson's obituary, 3 Dec 1865 and Germany. Obit-"Mr. Keson was born in Germany Dec 3, 1865. For many years he had resided in Mason county and was first given the management of the poor farm in 1903. He is survived by a widow and four small children, Robert, Margaret, George and Harold the latter a baby six months old."

Wife	Anna Louisa Bittel [2396] <sup>1</sup>		
AKA			
Born	3 Aug 1875	Manistee, Michigan, USA <sup>4</sup>	
Died	31 Dec 1962	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Father	Phillip Bittel [2394] (1847-1926) 1 [MRIN:389]		
Mother	Elizabeth Rainwalt [2395] (1847-1931) <sup>1</sup>		
Children			
1 M	Robert Gustave Keson [2398] 1		
Born	8 Sep 1903	Amber Township., Mason County, Michigan, USA <sup>1</sup>	
Died	6 Apr 1992 <sup>5</sup>	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse			
2 F	Margaret Anna Keson [2399] 1		
Born	15 Dec 1904	Amber Township., Mason County, Michigan, USA <sup>1</sup>	
Died	Nov 1983 <sup>6</sup>	place:	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse	Edgar W. Smith [2400] ( - ) <sup>1</sup>		
Marr. Date	25 Nov 1936 - Wyandotte, Michigan, USA [MRIN:391]1		
Events			
She has co	onflicting birth inf	formation of From Social Security Records and 25 Dec 1904.	
3 M	George Frederick Keson [2402] 1		
Born	24 Mar 1908	Amber Township., Mason County, Michigan, USA <sup>1</sup>	
Died	May 1974	Manistee, Michigan, USA <sup>5</sup>	
Buried	date:	place:	
Spouse			

## **Family Group Record for Gustave Martin Keson**

Children (cont.)						
4	M	Harold William Keson [2403] 1				
Born		10 Jan 1911	Amber Township., Mason County, Michigan, USA <sup>1</sup>			
Died		Apr 1975 <sup>5</sup>	place:			
Burie	d	date:	place:			
Spous	se					

## **General Notes: Husband - Gustave Martin Keson**

Obituary...Gustave Keson Dies from Fall...Strikes Temple in Short Drop From Wagon, Unloading Hay...Death Follows in Few Hours

Gustave Keson, for eight years keeper at the county poor farm, fell from a load of hay to the barn floor at the farm Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock and received injuries which resulted in his death three and a half hours later.

Mr. Keson was standing on the edge of a partially unloaded wagon when he lost his balance and pitched head foremost to the floor. He fell but five feet, striking on his temple. He did not immediately lose consciousness but after being carried to the house and placed in bed fell into a deep sleep from which he never rallied. A physician hurriedly summoned did everything possible for Mr. Keson, but he was beyond human aid.

Mr. Keson was born in Germany Dec. 3, 1865. for many years he had resided in Mason county and was first given the management of the poor farm in 1903. He is survived by a widow and four small children, Robert, Margaret, George and Harold, the latter a baby six months old. His parents, a sister Mary and four brothers also survive him; the latter are Robert, William and Fred of Amber township, and Otto Keson of the firm of Keson & Dittmer, Ludington.

Rev. Sonnon, German Lutheran pastor of Manistee, was in charge of the funeral services Monday afternoon, held at the county farm. The sincerest sympathy is extended the bereaved members of the family.

At present it is now known who will bereaved Mr. Keson as keeper at the poor farm, but it is probable that a temporary substitute will be placed in charge until fall, when a permanent keeper will be chosen. Copy in envelope from Sandi Bittel marked "Documents- 31 January 2005 File in Balser Bittell bucket file"

## **General Notes: Wife - Anna Louisa Bittel**

- 1) Mrs. Anna Keson attended the Bittell/Yager Family reunion in 1936. Bittell/Yager Family Reunion records-Mailing list 1938-39 and revised for 1940, give Mrs. Anna Keson's address as Manistee, MI RR#2
- 2) Mrs. Anna Keson, 87, of route 2 Manistee, Grant Township, Mason County, died this morning after a short illness. She was born in Manistee Aug. 3, 1875 and lived in this vicinity all her life. She is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Manistee. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Smith of Wyandotte, Mich., three sons, Robert, George and Harold, all of Manistee, three brothers, Charles Bittle of Scottville, William and Albert of Florida, eight grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be thursday at 2 p.m. from Trinity Lutheran Church in Manistee...Obituary sent to me by Sandi Bittel. Copy in envelope from Sandi Bittel marked "Documents- 31 January 2005 File in Balser Bittell bucket file"

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