

OERENDORFF, ORENDORFF, ORNDORFF---GENEALOGY

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Honorable William R. Orndorff,
State Senator,
431 Exchange Building,
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Dear Senator Orndorff:

Referring to your letter of April 14th to Miss Julia A. Drake, relative to our book "From Mill Wheel to Plowshare", if you will refer to the small pamphlet, entitled "The American Orndorff Family", published in 1886, under Title #5, Page 17, you will note the name of Henry Orndorff, #1000 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

I was personally acquainted with Mr. Henry Orndorff, and at that time was helping Mr. Darius W. Orndorff, the author of "The American Orndorff Family", referred to above. In conversation with Mr. Henry Orndorff, more than forty years ago, he stated that his Grandmother often spoke of Christian Orndorff who, she said, was a Captain of a Military Company during the Revolutionary War, and was from Washington County, Maryland, as being a connection of the family, but in what way he could not recall, but that perhaps, he was a cousin.

I have a short genealogy of Peter Orndorff, the great grandfather of Mr. Henry Orndorff who resided in Lower Frederick County, now Carroll County.

In going through this genealogy, I find that the grandfather of Mr. Henry Orndorff was also named Peter Orndorff and was married to Rosano Piper of South Carolina, and they had eleven children - John, Elizabeth, Peter, Jacob, Mary, Joseph, Susan, George, David, Anna and Esther. The David referred to was evidently your grandfather.

David was born June 1st, 1803 and lived at Mount St. Mary's Post Office, or Motters, Frederick County, Maryland. He married Althalana Topper who died December 21st, 1832. They had eleven children - Aloysius F., Angus J., Tobias P., James A., Lucinda A., Sylvester M., Henrietta, Ignatius, David H., Virginia and Thaddeus.

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Aloysius F. married Julia Riddlemoser and they had ten children - Emma J., Joseph W., Juliet A. (who married William Adelsperger), James E., Mary E., Adea V., William R., Anna M., John A., and Laura G.

If you will check over the above record with such information as you have and advise me if you think that I have properly connected your family, and if there is any further information that you would like to have, if you will advise, I will endeavor to obtain same through correspondence. Of course, this would entail some expense, as I do not have the time to personally make such investigation.

Yours sincerely,

J. R. Orndorff.

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James E. was your grandfather - see line 3