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fgs Peter, Jr. 12 July 1979

Mrs Camilla A. Berger
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Dear Camilla:

Your welcome letter arrived like a bolt from the blue - and what a delightful surprize ! I have researched these people often and never been able to untangle what I found. They are on my husband's side of the family. I had good luck in the Salt Lake City library last year, tracing the BAUGHMANs back several more generations, but the ORNDORF's were a different story.

I am enclosing an ancestor sheet, with my current findings to date, and also another one, partially filled in, for you to add the previous generations that you said you had of John's parents and grandparents. What a joy it will be to be able to tell Chuck's folks about this. I am also enclosing a family group sheet as I had worked it out to be from census and marriage records in Starke Co, Ohio. Do you agree with my findings, or have I put some people in the wrong family ? Do you know anything about this "John ORNDORF Jr," who married Elizabeth BAUGHMAN ? I haven't checked Starke Co for land records - they aren't as helpful as some counties. Since you say he did not leave any male descendants who left children, I hope you can clear this up for me. I cannot recall if I checked the 1850 Starke Co, Ohio census for him or not. It has been about a year since I worked on this family.

I would be most happy to have copies of John ORNDORF's death notice and the information of the cemetery records, if you have those. I had not know either when they died or where they were buried. I can have one of Chuck's relatives go look at the cemetery for me, if you can describe where exactly it is.

My husband was born and grew up in St Joseph Co until he was 15 - when he migrated to Fullerton, Calif, where he finished high school and Jr college. I grew up in Anaheim, and we married during WW II in Ariz - moved for 28 years with the army and finally settled down here. My mother still lives in Anaheim, as do Chuck's two brothers. His father and mother live in a mobile home court in Santa Ana. So, the next time I come out to see MOM, I would love to come visit you and get acquainted! I am sure Mom and Dad Summers would love to meet a distant cousin, too.....

Anything you have concerning the ORNDORF or GARBER families - and the rest of the brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles, etc, I would dearly love to have copies of. I know from my own research that the small expenses mount up - so I will enclose \$5. to pay for copies, your time, etc. Also enclosed is an SAE and extra stamps.

We will be on vacation to Northern Calif for the next three weeks - but I am hoping to have further news from you when I return. Many, many thanks for writing and offering to share with me. I appreciate it more than I can say.

Sincerely,

Betty

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*Church
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December 9, 1977

Mrs. Camilla A. Berger
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Dear Mrs. Berger:

Another item on the Orndorff family has come to light. It is an obituary of John Orndorf, who died in 1866 at the age of 81. From the dates, this appears to be the John Orndorf who married Rebecca Garber. However, the obituary is very brief and really does not add any new information that I can see unless it would be the name of the congregation he attended.

Also, our researcher has reported that she found the name Eicher used 22 times in the book, DESCENDANTS OF BARBARA HOCHSTETLER, by Harvey Hostetler, published by the Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, PA, 1938. This book is now out-of-print. If you wish, these pages could be copied for you, but it might be more satisfactory to locate a copy of the book to examine for yourself. I don't know in what part of California your city is located, but it may be that there is a copy of this book in the La Verne College Library at La Verne, California, near Los Angeles. Of course it may be found in other libraries, too.

Strassburger & Hinke in PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN PIONEERS give only one other spelling for Eicher and that is Eyeger. They list Eichert and Eichart as separate names. According to them, the first Eicher seems to have been Abraham Eicher who came on the ship COLUMBIA, from Amsterdam. Unfortunately, no date is given for the ship's arrival. There were 149 passengers.

Cordially yours,

Gwendolyn Bobb
Coordinator/Historical Resources

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Enclosure



*Church
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July 5, 1977

Mrs. Camilla A. Berger
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Dear Mrs. Berger:

This is in response to your March letter asking for assistance with your research on the Orndorff family.

First of all I need to indicate that our churches did not generally keep baptismal records. Ours is a denomination that has never baptized infants. Many of our churches did not keep other kinds of records either, which is most unfortunate. However, we do have a number of written histories of various churches, some of which are well researched but others are not.

I am enclosing for you some pages from A HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN IN MARYLAND published in 1936 which contain histories of Beaver Dam and Pipe Creek churches and a biography of John Garber, a prominent minister in the two churches. Of special interest to you may be the bequests of John Garber because of the names that are mentioned. Also enclosed are some excerpts from the HISTORY OF FREDERICK COUNTY by Williams and McKinsey, published in 1967; and from NAMES IN STONE, Frederick County, Maryland, by Holdcraft. On these pages you will find some references to the name Orndorff.

I am sorry that our researcher apparently did not find information on the name Eicher.

In Roger Sappington's THE BRETHREN IN VIRGINIA, I found mention of Samuel and Martin Garber, sons of John, who married sisters.

You asked about the records for Indiana and Stark and Harrison counties, Ohio. At this point, I am not aware of records in existence other than what may be found in published histories of the Brethren in Indiana and in Southern Ohio. I don't know whether Stark and Harrison counties are in Northern or Southern Ohio. The history of the Brethren in Northern Ohio has not yet been written, although I believe there is one in the planning stages.

I feel as though we have not exhausted our resources in searching for information on the names in which you are interested, but we are really not in a position to do research in depth. The researcher who assists me

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July 5, 1977

is here one day a week on a volunteer basis, which means that there are limits to the service that we can provide, even though we would like to do more. Many of our records are not indexed, and it takes many hours of searching to find information.

I am now in the process of transferring to a newly created full-time position related to historical resources. I am hopeful that later on we will have our materials arranged so that it is easier to find things. If you wish, you may try us again in a few months and by that time it is possible that something more will have come to light related to your names. Another option would be for you to stop and do your own research if you should be able to make a trip this way.

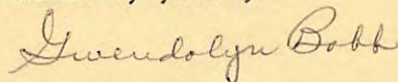
If the information I am sending you on Orndorff ties in with anything you have, I would indeed be glad to receive copies of information that you have on this family, as you offered in your letter.

The cost of photocopying is five cents per page, and the copies I am sending you required 17 pages. We also appreciate being reimbursed for postage.

I should mention one caution in regard to the excerpts from the HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN IN MARYLAND. This is one of the histories that was not very well researched or documented. In my own personal research I have found a number of errors in the information ^{given in this book.} I try to find some documentation for all data taken from this book before I accept it as factual.

I am hopeful that something in the material I am sending will be of help to you.

Cordially yours,



(Miss) Gwendolyn Bobb
Coordinator of Historical Resources

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September 8, 1977

Mrs. Camilla A. Berger
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Dear Mrs. Berger:

Thank you for the information in your letter concerning deeds related to the Garber and Stoner families and for the additional information on the tie-in with the Orndorff family. A copy of your letter is being placed in the Historical Library for the use of other researchers on these families.

Enclosed are several pages from a book, The German Sectarians of Pennsylvania 1708-1742, by Julius Friedrich Sachse. They contain some information on the Eichers who were in the Ephrata cloister. It may be that you have already seen this book, but I thought I would send it along anyway.

Thank you for your check for \$2.00. It was entirely adequate to cover costs of previous material sent as well as that which is enclosed now.

I am sure that our researcher will keep the Orndorff name in mind and that if information comes to light, she will let me know.

Cordially yours,

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Coordinator of Historical Resources

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PS - Also enclosed is an obituary on Rebecca Eicher that our researcher discovered in the Gospel Visitor. I don't know whether or not this item will help you but one never knows.

ANCESTOR CHART NO. B

Date November 1978
 Name of compiler (Mrs) Charles W. SUMMERS
 Address 1404 Belkair Drive
Colo Springs State Colo
 Person No. 1 on this chart is identical to person
 No. 1 on chart No. B

b Date of birth
 pb Place of birth
 m Date of marriage
 d Date of death
 pd Place of death

William Henry SUMMERS
 (Father of No. 1)

b 7 Dec 1871
 pb No Liberty, St Joseph Co, Ind.
 m 14 Oct 1893
 d 4 Dec 1940
 pd St Joseph Co, Ind.
Bur: "Fair" Cemetery
No Liberty, Indiana

Harmon William SUMMERS

b 31 July 1901
 pb No Liberty, Ind
 m 1 May 1920
 d
 pd

Clara Lavina HILDEBRAND
 (Mother of No. 1)

b 15 Feb 1873
 pb Walkerton, Ind.
 d 28 Oct 1938
 pd No. Liberty, Ind.

Spouse of #1:

Mary Elizabeth NARAGON

Jacob ("Jehu") SUMMERS
 (Father of No. 2)

b 22 June 1845
 pb Tennessee
 m 20 Oct 1867
 d 5 Nov 1885
 pd St Joseph Co, Ind.

Rebecca BAUGHMAN
 (Mother of No. 2)

b 19 Aug 1849
 pb Indiana
 d 25 July 1925
 pd St Joseph Co, Ind.

Rev. Jacob HILDEBRAND
 (Father of No. 3)

b 25 Nov 1841
 pb Starke Co, Ohio
 m 18 May 1872
 d 16 June 1919
 pd No Liberty, Indiana

Mary ULLERY
 (Mother of No. 3)

b 11 Jan 1849
 pb St Joseph Co, Ind.
 d 27 Sept 1930
 pd California
Bur: No Liberty, Ind.

William SUMMERS
 (Riley?)
 (Father of No. 4)

b C 1809
 pb North Carolina
 m c 1833 Tennessee
 d 20 April 1887
 pd St Joseph Co, Ind.

Elizabeth LONG
 (Mother of No. 4)

b c. 1809
 pb Tennessee (Jefferson Co)
 d 2 April 1882
 pd St Joseph Co, Ind.

Henry BAUGHMAN
 (Father of No. 5)

b c 1822 18 June 1821
 pb Ohio - Starke Co
 m 5 June 1842
 d 27 Mar 1880
 pd St Joseph Co, Ind.

Mary Ann ORNDORF
 (Mother of No. 5)

b 10 Dec 1820
 pb Maryland
 d 28 April 1889
 pd Indiana

David (Jacob) HILDEBRAND
 (Father of No. 6)

b 1 Sept 1797
 pb Pennsylvania
 m 24 Mar 1823 (Ohio)
 d 26 Aug 1880
 pd

Hannah SHIVELY
 (Mother of No. 6)

b 6 Mar 1803
 pb Starke Co, Ohio
 d 12 Sept 1885
 pd

Jacob ULLERY
 (Father of No. 7)

b 2 Aug 1811
 pb Ohio
 m 22 June 1837 (Ind)
 d 26 April 1865
 pd Indiana

Lavina STUTSMAN
 (Mother of No. 7)

b 21 June 1817
 pb Ohio
 d 19 Mar 1886
 pd Indiana (bur: So. Bend)

16 William SUMMERS
 (Father of No. 8) Continued on chart BA

17
 (Mother of No. 8) Continued on chart BB

18 George LONG
 (Father of No. 9) Continued on chart BC

19 Sarah FORO
 (Mother of No. 9) Continued on chart BD

20 Henry BAUGHMAN
 (Father of No. 10) Continued on chart BE

21 Susannah MATTHIAS
 (Mother of No. 10) Continued on chart BF

22 John ORNDORF
 (Father of No. 11) Continued on chart BG

23 Rebecca GARBER
 (Mother of No. 11) Continued on chart BH

24 Henry HILDEBRAND
 (Father of No. 12) Continued on chart BJ

25 Mary
 (Mother of No. 12) Continued on chart BK

26 Jacob SHIVELY (Jr)
 (Father of No. 13) Continued on chart BL

27 Barbara THOMAS
 (Mother of No. 13) Continued on chart BM

28 Joseph ULLERY
 b 1778 Pa. (ULRICH) Continued on chart BN

29 Catherine CRIPE
 (Mother of No. 14) Continued on chart BP

30 John STUTSMAN
 (Father of No. 15) Continued on chart BQ

31 Esther CRIPE
 (Mother of No. 15) Continued on chart BR

11 Aug 1979

Mrs Camilla A. Berger
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Dear Camilla:

Just wanted to let you know that I have sent the material on the ORNDORFFs - that is, the family sheet and pedigree sheet to my husband's parents, Harmon and Mary Summers. I took the liberty of giving them your address, and they may be calling you. Dad is intensely interested in family relationships. He is a bit hard of hearing and quite a talker, so if they do call, you might not get too many words in edgewise! At any rate, if it isn't convenient for you to have them visit, rest assured I won't be offended - but if you can spare the time when and if they do call, I know they would enjoy meeting you. They were both raised in St Joseph Co, Ind, and were Church of the Brethern for most of their lives. (I may have told you this, but I am not sure).

I am enclosing a pedigree sheet showing the line of descent from Mary Ann and John Orndorf to Dad Summers - cannot remember if I sent this before or not, either. I made them a SUMMERS book for last Christmas, and continue to add to it as I get more information, as you sent.

Do you have the Book "John Orndorff, Penna pioneer and his ancestors : Johannes Peter Orndorff, John Orndorff Jr, William Orndorff and John Orndorff" Compiled by John Barclay Orndorff & daughter 50 pp illus. Waynesburg, Penn 1953 - or have you ever seen it or heard of it? I have had a card in my files since about 1972 referring to this and cannot find it anywhere I've looked. If we could find it, it would seem to be relating to our family! A Mrs John Wl Rowell, of Carr Hill Rd, Route 6, Columbus, Ind, 47201, was the person who sent me the reference - saying that it was listed as one of the genealogies on file at the Library of Congress. Do you know anything about getting photocopies or such of books in that library? I have never dealt with them at all.

I have the following information - if you want any copies of any of it, just ask:

census readings - 1820 Fredrick Co, Md - Orndorff
- 1830 ditto

1800 heads of households Md - Orndorff
1830 Richland Co, OH - John ORNDORFF (Springfield TWP)
1840 Richland Co OH - John Orndorff - probably same man
1840 Preble Co, Ohio - Monroe TWP - Matthias ORNDORFF

I also have this, from a Jerry Garmon, Milwaulee, Oregon (1975): Ina Florence ORNDORFF, b. 1862 --- Lorenzo O b. 1839 -- Harrison b. 1815, md Hannah Harbough -- Phillip & his????? md Eleanor Williams. They had 10 children. -- John b. ? died 1798 m. # 1 Elizabeth MENTZ # 2 Hannah McIvee? or Mc Shee. John had 5 children by wife # 1 and about 12 by wife # 2.. At the time she wrote, I couldn't help her any - do you think she fits in with any of the family you have researched?

I also have 7 family group sheets from the Salt Lake City Library - would you care for copies of them? Some are West VA, some Ohio and a couple are VA. I copied them on one of my trips there (to Salt Lake, I mean), but have never been able to match them up with anything I've known about the family.

Enough for now.

Sincerely,



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10 Aug 1979

Mrs Camilla A. Berger
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Dear Camilla:

Your letter of 18 July received when we got back from vacation 5 Aug. Thank you ever so much ! I will copy this off for Chuck's folks to put in their book. They will be pleased, I know.

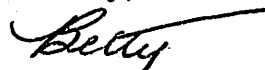
Then today, I received the pkg of other things. Such a wealth of information - I am flabbergasted. Again, thanks, although just "thank you" seems inadequate. I have not had time to go through the material as yet, nor will I for a few days, because we are getting one daughter ready to go off to college again, next week. That takes time, particularly the sorting and packing, as you may or may not know. But anyway, I know I shall thoroughly enjoy reading the results of your research. It would seem that you have been very active & very thorough with what you have done. I congratulate you !

Re: Jack Miller. I have met him - and corresponded with him one time. He is a rather odd character, in some ways. I am also working with another HILDEBRAND researcher in Indiana - a lady - whom apparently he thoroughly dislikes. Her opinion is undoubtedly biased, but she seems to think Jack prefers to receive information rather than share it. In any case, I have not received very much from him - except the name of Rebecca GARBER. Perhaps he was not aware that I was researching ORNDORFF. We don't keep in very close touch.

I am glad to know the name of the congregation to which John and Rebecca belonged. We had hoped to go to Indiana this year - the gas shortage stopped us, unfortunately. But sooner or later, I will get there, and can go to the cemetery myself. Gradually I am getting my husband more interested in all this, hopefully eventually to the point where he will be helping me do some research when we travel. After all, it is his family !

I do not expect to get to Anaheim this fall, because Mother has decided she would like to come here instead. But perhaps next spring we can meet. Thank you again.

Sincerely,



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July 31, 1979

Dear Camilla,

Your letter arrived while we were in St. Petersburg, Fla. helping our eldest son, Peter and his family get settled in their new home. I do appreciate your sending it, and will put the additional information with the rest of my records. As soon as I can, I will contact the J.T. Reilly Historical Society. Thank you for alerting me to its existence. Part of my Orndorff ancestors professed to be Catholic, and the rest were Church of the Brethren, I believe. John A. was Catholic, but not his wife-which is why my grandmother was not. My father converted when he met my Irish mother. Thankfully, there was never any hard feelings, and my ecumenical heritage is something for which I have always been thankful.

When our son, Bob, gets settled in his new home in Fairfax, Va., I am hoping that we will be able to spend some time in Washington and I will be able to make some progress with my research. As it is now, I have done nothing at all since I last wrote you. Do you ever hear how Mrs. Jamieson is doing in her search for Johann?

Our youngest daughter, Sarah, has been accepted at Univ. of Pittsburgh Medical School. We are happy that she chose that and not Oregon, where she was also accepted. At least we will get there easier.

We still have Kevin in San Diego, and our daughter, Martha, in Los Altos (Martha, by the way, is now Asst. Editor of The Hudson Home Guide magazines). We would like very much to get back out to California, but at present are planning no trip west in the near future. We have a grandson, Patrick, out there that we have not seen as yet, so we surely will get there eventually! Our niece has moved to Playa Del Rey, also, and we would like to see her for a visit.

You have done a monumental amount of work on the Orndorffs. I admire your effective organization of facts, and your persistence. I get frustrated and discouraged too easily when the results of my efforts are not forthcoming. Many times I resent the cry for money that comes, with no solid assurance that anything will come of their efforts. To put it in the vernacular, it is like "buying a pig in a poke". However, I do not give up easily either, so I will try again, as I stated above, and hope that I can add something of interest or value to the records.

Sincerely,

Thaine E. Casgriff

Charles W. Summers 22 Aug 1921
Howard E. Summers 22 July 1923
Delos O. Summers 8 Dec.

In finding and bringing together the records of our ancestors and descendants, we show our appreciation for the heritage we have received from them, our desire to pass it on to those who follow after us, and our faith in the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man.

2 William Henry Summers 4 - - - - Jacob Summers 8 William Riley Summers 16 William Summers 32

FATHER OF NO. 1 BORN 7 Dec 1871
WHERE No Liberty, Ind.
MARRIED 14 Oct 1893
DIED 4 Dec 1940
WHERE No Liberty, Ind.
BURIED AT No Liberty, Ind.

FATHER OF NO. 2 BORN 22 June 1845
WHERE Tenn
MARRIED 20 Oct 1867
DIED 5 Nov 1885
WHERE St Joseph Co, Ind.
BURIED AT Lutheran Cem.
No Liberty, Indiana

BORN c. 1809 N.C.
WHERE
MARRIED c. 1833 Tex.
DIED 20 April 1887
WHERE St. Joseph Co, Ind.(?)

9 Elizabeth Long
BORN c. 1809
WHERE Jefferson Co, Tenn.
DIED 2 April 1882
WHERE St. Joseph Co, Ind.

BORN c. 1780-1800 (d.c. 1859 Tenn)
WHERE
BORN
WHERE
BORN
WHERE Tenn. (m. 4 Feb 1807)

18 George Long
BORN
WHERE
BORN
WHERE

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No. 4 Harmon William Summers
FATHER OF NO. 1 ON CHART NO.
BORN 31 July 1901
WHERE St Joseph Co, Ind.
MARRIED 1 May 1820
DIED
WHERE
BURIED AT
Mary Elizabeth Namagon
SPOUSE OF NO. 1
BORN 17 Nov 1899
WHERE St Joseph Co, Ind.
DIED
WHERE
BURIED AT

5 Rebecca Baughman
MOTHER OF NO. 2
BORN 19 Aug 1849
WHERE Indiana
DIED 25 July 1925
WHERE St Joseph Co, Ind.
BURIED AT Lutheran Cem.
No. Liberty, Ind.

10 Henry Baughman
BORN 18 June 1821
WHERE Ohio - Starke Co.
MARRIED 5 June 1842
DIED 27 Mar. 1880
WHERE St Joseph Co, Ind.

11 Mary Ann Orndorf
BORN 10 Dec 1820
WHERE Maryland
DIED 28 April 1889
WHERE Indiana

20 Henry Baughman
BORN c. (1788)
WHERE (m. 27 May 1819)
2 Susannah Matthias
BORN c. (1796)
WHERE
22 John Orndorf
BORN c. 1786
WHERE c. Maryland

23 Rebecca GARBBER
BORN c. 1795 Md.
WHERE

40 Henry Baughman c. 1730
41
42 Matthias
43
44 Orndorf
45
46
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48 Hildebrand
49

3 Clara Lavina Hildebrand
MOTHER OF NO. 1
BORN 15 Feb 1873
WHERE Walkerton, Ind.
DIED 28 Oct 1938
WHERE No Liberty, Ind.
BURIED AT No Liberty, Ind.
Betty K. Summers
(w. of Charles W. Summers)
1404 Bellaire Drive
STREET ADDRESS
Colo Spgs, Colo 80909
CITY STATE
22 April 1978
DATE

6 Rev. Jacob Hildebrand
FATHER OF NO. 3
BORN 25 Nov 1841
WHERE Starke Co, Ohio
MARRIED 18 May 1872
DIED 16 June 1919
WHERE No Liberty, Ind
BURIED AT Fair Cem, No Liberty
Indiana

12 (David) Jacob Hildebrand
BORN 1 Sept 1797
WHERE Penn.
MARRIED 24 Mar 1823 Ohio
DIED 26 Aug 1880
WHERE
13 Hannah Shively
BORN 6 Mar 1803
WHERE Stark Co, Ohio
DIED 12 Sept 1885
WHERE

24 Henry Hildebrand
BORN
WHERE Penn.
25 Mary
BORN
WHERE
26 Jacob Shively, Jr.
BORN c. 1763-69 d. 1814 Ohio
WHERE Penn.

27 Barbara Thomas
BORN
WHERE

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52 Jacob Shively Sr. c. 1730
53 Elizabeth Snyder
54 Thomas
55
56 Stephen Ulrich c. 1730
57 Susannah Rench c. 1730
58 John Cripe c. 1744
59 Elizabeth Rench

7 Mary Ullery
MOTHER OF NO. 3
BORN 11 Jan 1849
WHERE St Joseph Co, Ind.
DIED 27 Sept 1930
WHERE California
BURIED AT Fair Cem, No Liberty
Indiana

14 Jacob Ullery
BORN 2 Aug 1811
WHERE Ohio
MARRIED 22 June 1837 (Ind.)
DIED 26 April 1865
WHERE Indiana

15 Lavina Stutsman
BORN 21 June 1817
WHERE Ohio
DIED 19 Mar. 1886
WHERE Indiana (bur. So Bend)

28 Joseph Ulrich Sr.
BORN 1778
WHERE Penn. (m. 1803)
29 Catherine Cripe
BORN
WHERE
30 John Stutsman
BORN 1782
WHERE Penn. (d. 1862 Ind.)

60 David Stutsman c. 1730
61 #2 Ann Nesbitt
62 Daniel Cripe, Sr. c. 1730
63 Lovina Replogle
(or Louise)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:
family bible, cemeteries,
m. certificates, census
personal family info.
state + county records.

Three numbers grouped together, 16 32 representing, Child Father, enables one to trace ancestor or descendants from one generation to the next, without the aid of connecting lines, thereby allowing many more generations to be recorded in a given space. EXAMPLE: The child, represented by 16 above, will be recorded on line 16, in the group 8 16 here, 17. The parents of 32, above, will be recorded on lines 64 and 65, in group 32 64 here, 65 here. The male is always the even and the female the odd number, except No. 1, which may be either male or female. Copyright © 1957 - Joseph C. Call,

Sent to Betty Summers?
FG5 Peter Jr & Sr.

John m. Rebecca (send updates)

Correspondence:

Brethren Archives

Jack Miller

Church history:

DWO Peter & Conrad

Resurvey

Identity graph

Peter Sr

Peter Jr p. 1

1771 tax list

Hildebrand

62059 Turkey Trail
South Bend, Indiana
46614

Dec. 31, 1976

Hello, Camilla, shall I say cousin Camilla ?

You are a peach. Of all the Orendorff letters I have written, yours is the only one to come back and it really came back loaded and I appreciate it. Fellows are random comments on your letter as I go through it again.

To be sure I'll give you everything that I dig up on this line, however, I have had not much luck locating this name in the public archives of St. Joseph Co. I have not done too much as I look for several names at a time and follow those that have some follow-up available. Joseph Hildebrand married Rebecca and that is all that I know except that she is buried in this county, about 15 miles from here. The date of 3-9-1887 is correct as given to me by a friend that copied it from the stone. I mistyped it. This is absolutely all I know about the family as I fail to find anything in the local records so far.

The local gen. Soc. is copying all of the obits from all of the papers in this Co. pub. since about 1835. When this is finished it will provide lots of leads. All I need is some kind of lead on these names and you have given me lots of spark. (I just got the mail about 15 min. ago.) Some years ago the DAR copied all of the stones in all of the Co. Cemeteries. We have lists of Birth, death and marriage records in the library but I find a lot of names missing that I positively know should be in the books. The local Historical Society has a vast amount of information that I have never even seen yet.

Keep me posted on any people in my line and I'll send you anything on this name and its variations that I happen to run across. Another thing, I don't know how old you are or the extent of your interest in this name but if the time ever comes when you are no longer interested or able to keep the history going, I'll do it, unless you have someone else that is interested.

I would also, like to have all the source information available for my line. These bits and pieces provide valuable clues on where to look for more. I am familiar with the "Mill Wheel" Book. Saw it advertised. Nearly bought it but didn't. They wanted \$12.50, I think. Probably worth it.

Joe Hildebrand had an awful lot of descendants. I'll provide them for you but it will be a while before I get it done. He was my great grandfather. Where did you get the birth of Rebecca ? But I guess that I already ask that question above in the "sources".

13 miles south of So. Bend would be in Union Twp. where all of my Eldreds, Hildebrands, Millers etc settled and where I grew up. (Incidentally I'll be 55 Feb. 3.) When I was about 20 I knew every person in the Twp but I got in the Navy in WW2 and haven't lived there since. Don't know very many people now other than those who I grew up with and if they are still there and some of them I don't recognize anymore. I now live in Centre Twp. next one north and between Union and So. Bend. I'm Twp Trustee here but that doesn't mean too much. I have absolutely nothing nor any knowledge of the Orendorffs except her name and that she was married to Joe. My mother and dad are in their 80's and do not know as much about their family background as I do. In asking questions my mother couldn't remember what her grandfather Hardy's name was. There is not much history in her trunks as I looked. She has a cousin who may be a relative of Joe who is about 90 and still sharp. Mom has been wanting to go see her so I'll take her and take my tape recorder along. Perhaps she can give some information. I know she is a Hildebrand but I don't think she is desc. of Joe. I should have her on my chart but don't.

Just by coincidence, my daughter lives in Burlington, Iowa. I visited there Thanksgiving and gave a fast look at the Gen Section. Got nothing on Orendorff. Copied one name out of the phone book, talked to the lady and she said her daughter was the one that could do the most good. Wrote about two weeks ago but haven't heard yet. While there I looked

at lots of Iowa town directories. Got several names. Wrote to some so far. In fact I got a mis-addressed letter back yesterday and am remailing it today. I'll open it and give the info that I have some Orendorff history that relates to Iowa and that will be the bait for them to pursue it. Some people aren't interested. Wrote to a 25 year old Hildebrand girl in Burlington and got her interested in her tree. There was a Hildebrand that went west and I'm trying to find him. One went to Ka. before 1800. I'll write to this girl and ask her to look out for us Orendorffs too.

There was some wrong data on the sheet that I sent you.

Eaker should be Eake according to the tombstone. Mistype.
Adron should be Akron, Ohio.

I wrote, some months ago, to an uncle in Mo. and a cousin in Calif. for family sheet information but have not heard from them. They are required to complete both the Hardy and Hildebrand lines. Rebeccas daughter was Savilla Hildebrand who married John Hardy.

I am stumped with miller until I get to a library that has some Va. film or someone gives me some dates and leads. If I knew John Jay Millers date of death I could look for an obit. A few days ago got a letter from Miller cousin whose mother is about 90 and mother says it must have been in Oct according to something she recalled. It is unseasonably cold here and I don't go any more than I have to. The Mosteller and Eake names haunt me too. Where the names change in spelling over the years really tightens the screws on the subject and requires some hard proof on paper.

Just talked on the hook to another Hildebrand digger. She says that in the Bowman cem. near her house there is a John Orendorff b 3-10-1779 Pa. d 8-20-1826. His wife was Rebecca b 12-17-1896 d 9-7-1868. She thinks these are Bebecca Oren. Hilde. parents. Not so according to your chart. We'll have to find out who these people are. She tells me Rebecca was born 12-44-22. Different from your chart.

She says there are some Olinger, Hostetler and Steel desc from William and John Reed in The Liberty Twp area. I don't know if she has hard evidence or is assumming the connection. She is rather flighty and nervous, has high blood pressure and wants to do all the talking. This makes her hard to talk to and I have to find an excuse to get off the phone.

In the last sundays paper it listed the 10 resolutions for genos and nr 1 says, I will not get discouraged by a lengthy "dry spell" but will reread all sources and search for new leads."

Believe me I had a long dry spell. There is plenty of work to do but I keep looking for more sources and new news before I get my old work caught up. Res #3 says, " I shall put all information on family sheets and have a separate family sheet for each family." This I do not have done yet. I have a very big cache of unorganized data. Mostly on Hildebrands and Hardys.

Lets get this thing in the mail.

Happy new year to you and yours,

Tell me a little about yourself next time.

Jack

Jack L. Miller

In regard to my own line should I continue to look for "Orendorff" ? Or do you think that the other spellings are pertinent to me ? When do you suppose this spelling changed from another spelling?

FOUND YOUR NAME IN HELPER