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Last Will and Testament of August H Krohn

Submitted by Lyn Martin

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I, the undersigned August H Krohn, of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, being of sound mind and memory, and desiring to provide for the disposition, at my death, of all my property, do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all previous wills and codicils by me made.

ITEM I

I order and direct that my Executor, hereinafter named, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses and the liabilities of my estate.

ITEM II

I give and bequeath the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) to my neighbor and friend, Mrs. Selma Amelia Steffen, residing at 916 Harmony Way, Evansville, Indiana, as a token of my gratitude for her many kindnesses shown me.

ITEM III

I direct that the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, of whatsoever nature and wherever situate, real, personal and/or mixed, be divided into two equal parts, and I give, devise and bequeath the same as follows:

I give in undivided one such half part to be divided equally among my cousins: Olga Ann Krohn, Irma E. Goad, and Amelia McDaniels, all of Evansville, Indiana; Maggie Klein, Anna Strack Harmeling, and Phillip Strack, all of New Albany, Indiana; share and share alike; provided, however, that in the event any of them predecease me, I direct that his or her share shall fail and become part of the other half of the residue of my estate.

I give in undivided one such half part to the Evansville Protestant Home for the Aged, 3701 Washington Avenue, Evansville, Indiana.

ITEM IV

I direct that my Executor, hereinafter named, have my body cremated and the remains deposited at the foot of the grave of my wife, Hettie Krohn, at Oak Hill Cemetery, in Evansville, Indiana.

ITEM V

I nominate and appoint Christ J Hahn as Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. If he is unable to act as such Executor, then I nominate and appoint Kenneth H Hahn to serve in his stead.

I, WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, this 11th day of July,

comment of this paper, but it is because of the spirit of honesty and fair treatment that the business has prospered and occupies the high position it does.

Yarbrough & Brune

One of the most progressive stores in Poseyville. [remainder faded out]

G.W. Endicott

One of the best business concerns in Poseyville is the store of G.W. Endicott, dealer in hardware, agricultural implements, etc. The owner of the business, Mr. G.W. Endicott, has lived in the vicinity of Poseyville all his life, being a well known and prosperous farmer. The business was established a year ago. The furniture department is under the management of the sons of G.W. Endicott - these are Messrs. John and Milton Endicott.

Helmann & Engbers

In Poseyville the general merchandise store of Helmann & Engbers easily takes the lead over all others. This business occupies one of the largest and handsomest store buildings in the place and the stock carried is carefully selected and one of the largest in this section. This business is also one of the oldest in Poseyville. It for many years was owned by Mr. Jacob Helmann. In Feb. 1904, Mr. John H. Engbers was admitted to the firm and the new company became Helmann and Engbers. In April 1904, Mr. Helmann died and the business has since continued under the management of the surviving partner, Mr. John H. Engbers. The stock carried comprises a full and complete line of dry goods, clothing and shoes, also ladies wraps and ready made skirts.

Bozeman & Waters Bankers

This flourishing financial institution was founded in 1884 and has since enjoyed a career of unvarying prosperity. The capital stock is \$30,000, individual liabilities, a quarter of a million. A line of deposits to the amount of \$250,000 is carried. The officers are V.P. Bozeman, President; George J. Waters, Cashier. Such an institution as the Bozeman and Waters Bank are an aid and benefit to the community.

The First National Bank of Poseyville

An institution that bids fair to become one of the strongest factors in the financial solidity of Posey County is the First National Bank of Poseyville. This bank was organized Sept. 23, 1903 ... and was ready for business Jan. 1, 1904. The officers of the bank are Isaiah Fletchall, President; James Cale, Vice President; John W. Turner, Cashier.

August H Krohn (SEAL)

his instrument, consisting of two (2) pages, was on the date above, signed, published and attested by the said Testator, August H Krohn, to be his Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses:

Augusta Hahn

Edwin W Johnson



Caption reads: Aug H Krohn & Chas Kultofen, January 24, 1940. Photo Courtesy of Willard Library Archives.



Caption reads: August Krohn's residence [sic] and Jewelry Store, 801 St. Joseph Ave. Photo Courtesy of Willard Library Archives.

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Book Reviews

Submitted by Karin Marie Kirsch

Steigerwald, Jacob Ph.D. *Finding Vital 1796-1945 Data Regarding German and Hungarian Ancestors of Banat(ska) Topola and Novo Selo, Plus an Expose about the Local 1945-1946 Internment Camp for Germans of Yugoslavia.* Translation & Interpretation Service, 5960 S. Estes St., Littleton CO. 2009; 32 pages, soft cover, indexed.

Sooner or later family history will involve us in world as well as local history. Those of us who work with German ancestors need to know that the migration from the German states resulted in large groups of German settlers throughout Europe as well as North and South America and Australia. As both the names and borders of countries changed over time it can be difficult to find the actual ancestral homeland. This pamphlet focuses on a small area of present day Serbia [previously part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire] which had encouraged German settlement in the late 1700s and 1800s. In the 1900s many of these "Danube Swabians" came to America through Ellis Island. Their documentation there lists them as Hungarian citizens with German ethnicity. The largest concentration of this group in the United States is found in North Dakota.

The areas that they settled in the Austro-Hungarian Empire were called the Banat, a region in southeastern Europe between the Danube river in the south, the Theis/Tisza/Tisa river in the west, the Marosch/Maros/Mures river in the north, and the Carpathian mountains in the east. [This area was divided among Serbia, Romania, Yugoslavia and Hungary in the 1920 treaty of Trianon.] The conditions faced by the first group of immigrants were difficult. The land was sparsely settled, and had recently been taken back from the Turkish Empire. Later German immigrants were able to turn the area into successful farming communities and they prospered there.

Dr. Jacob Steigerwald, who was born in the area that is dealt with in this booklet, has a long-standing interest in the history of the Banat's German population, and has published many articles about these people and their history. In this booklet he presents an understandable account of the German settlement in this part of the Banat, as well as a detailed account of the ethnic cleansing after World War II that destroyed many of the Germans who had lived there. Throughout his account his interest in vital records for genealogical research is apparent. He lists websites and books as well as important sources for further information. He gives good suggestions and hints for the beginning researcher who may need to learn how to recognize names and places in the many languages that have recorded the history of these people. He includes a list of local German surnames as well as a list of Hungarian names in the region. The index is a helpful tool for using the booklet.

The definitive history of ethnic cleansing that took place in Europe at the end of World War II has yet to be written. Dr. Steigerwald's account takes the reader through much of the horror that took place in this part of the Banat.

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