

Descendants of Johann Friedrich Ferdinand Olp

Generation No. 1

1. JOHANN FRIEDRICH FERDINAND¹ OLP¹ was born 8-26-1807 in Wolin, Kreis Usedom-Wollin, Pommern, Germany, and died 9-30-1892 in Cooperstown Twp, Manitowoc Co., Wisconsin. He married FRIEDRIKE DOROTHEA CHARLOTTE STREGE² 1832 in Pommern, Germany. She was born 9-17-1808 in Chinnow, Kreis Usedom-Wollin, Pommern, Germany, and died 1-26-1882 in Cooperstown Twp, Manitowoc Co., Wisconsin.

Notes for JOHANN FRIEDRICH FERDINAND OLP:

Eff. June, 2005, this is what is known of Ferdinand & Friederike's story:

Johann Friedrich Ferdinand Olp emigrated to America with his family, beginning their journey in May, 1849 from Prussia to America through the ports of Hamburg, Germany and Quebec, Canada and Buffalo, NY. They continued travelling west to Milwaukee, WI where they stayed for approximately 5 yrs. It is estimated the entire trip began in May and concluded in Sept. They would surely have travelled on a sail ship as steam ships came much later. Sail ships were often called coffin ships for their high mortality rates. Parents were in their early 40s, 6 children ages 4-13. Sources: naturalization papers of Ferdinand and sons Robert, Julius and 1850 U.S. Federal Census. No Canadian port passenger lists or U.S.

entry cards archive were required until much later than 1849. Per contact with the Canadian archivists and

http://www.genealogy.gc.ca/10/100802_e.html

it is a better plan to continue the search through the Hamburg, Germany port passenger lists.

On 4-2-1850 in the Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Ferdinand filed a Declaration of Intent to be naturalized which was necessary to vote. It states "Buffalo" as the port of entry. Buffalo, NY is not an ocean immigration port; it is a northern U.S. border Great Lakes U.S. immigration port. At that time it was not necessary to finalize citizenship to live and work in America. Less than 15% immigrants finalized. There is no Milw. County record that Ferdinand finalized.

The family (Ferdinand, Friederike, Julius, Carl, Augusta, Ludwig, Robert, Herman, Matilda) are found in the 1850 U.S. Federal Census, enumerated 7-19-1850 in Ward: City of Milwaukee, WI, District 20. (They are indexed under the spelling "Alp".) All were born in Germany except Matilda who was born in Wisconsin April, 1850 (also per WI civil birth records). Ferdinand's church (joined in 1854) obituary states nine children born, eight were living in Sept., 1892. The 8th is believed to be named John; no further information. Six were born in Germany, the seventh (Matilda) born in Wisconsin. It is presumed there was one miscarriage; Friederike was approx. 41.5 yrs. at Matilda's birth.

In the 1860 U.S. Federal Census (again indexed under the "Alp" spelling), Cooperstown, Manitowoc County, only Robert (age 17), Herman (age 14), Matilda (age 10) were still living at home. By 1870, the parents in their early 60s, are enumerated as still farming, but Robert is listed as Head of Household with his wife and two oldest children. Son Julius' family is enumerated in sequence with Robert's family, apparently living on an adjoining farm.

Son Julius Olp filed a Declaration of Intent to naturalize paper 1-14-1885 in the Manitowoc, WI Circuit Court stating their date of emigration was August of 1849, through Quebec and that he was a minor under 18 yrs. at that time. No record he finalized the intent.

Son Robert filed a Declaration of Intent to naturalize 3-12-1917 in the Fond du Lac, WI Circuit Court. By then, the form required much more information. Although the immigration year seems incorrect (because of the 1850 federal census enumeration), it states his family left Hamburg 5-7-1850 on an "unknown sailship", arriving Quebec 7-7-1850, proceeding to Milwaukee. This would have been possible via water, land or rail. The Erie Canal opened 1825, the St. Lawrence River was actively transporting for commerce and human relocations. (The Quebec and Buffalo ports remain full service emigration ports in 2005.) The form also lists his children's birth dates/location and current residences as of March, 1917.

It is assumed Ferdinand began using his third name almost immediately in the U.S., as no papers are found from Wisconsin using anything except that until his gravestone inscription (see below).

Ferdinand was first a laborer, then a farmer. (Source: U.S. Bureau of Land Mgmt., Doc. #: 21543 Accession #: WI1530__253) On 2-22-1858 he purchased 160.0 acres of public land made available by the U.S. Government in Manitowoc County, which is where they appear as residing in the 1860 census, Town of Cooperstown, which is today in the Green Bay, WI area. (Note: by the 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Robert was farming 185 acres.)

Note about Cooperstown: 1851, November – Town of Kossuth set off (including Cooperstown) from Manitowoc Rapids. First election held at schoolhouse, near the tavern of Joseph Paquin in French Creek; William Eatough, elected chairman. Source: Manitowoc County Chronology, History of Manitowoc County 1674-1911 From "History of Manitowoc County" by Dr. Louis Falge, 1912

By the 1880 U.S. federal census, they were retired and living with Robert's family, passing away in 1892 and 1882 respectively.

Ferdinand and Friederike are buried in the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Cooperstown Twp., Manitowoc County, WI. (In 2005, this is a Wisc. Synod Church) It is located south of the church on the south side of the Village of Maribel on County Trunk A. St John Luth Church, 14211 South Maribel Road, Maribel, WI 54227 Phone: 920-863-2850, Pastor Mark Walters. The family thanks Harry Olp, great-grandson through son Julius' branch, for arranging to have his great-grandparents cemetery stones replaced in 2004.

Gravestone inscription:

"J.F. Ferdinand/Olp/Geb./26 Aug. 1807/Gest./30 Sept. 1892/alter/ 85 jah. 1 mo. 4 ta.Friederike D.C./ehegattin des/J.F. Ferd. Olp/geboren/17 Sept. 1808/ gestorben/26 Jan. 1882"

English translation:

"J.F. Ferdinand Olp, born 26 Aug. 1807, died 30 Sep. 1892, age 85 years, 1 month, 4 days.

Friederike D.C., wife of J.F. Ferd. Olp, born 17 Sept. 1808, died 26 Jan. 1882"

The following is from the obituary book of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Maribel, Wisconsin 1875-1892 kept by Pastor Albert Keibel, transcribed and translated by translator, Robert A. Bjerke.

"Johann Friedrich Ferdinand Olp who passed away on Friday, September 30, in the afternoon was born August 26, 1807, at Wollin, Usedom-Wollin Kreis and lived later in Chinnow. His occupation was miller. In 1832 he married Friederike Strege, who preceded him into eternal life in 1882 after a 50-year marriage. The marriage was blessed with nine children, of whom eight are still alive. In 1849 he emigrated to

America, and after a five-year stay in Milwaukee, he settled here in Cooperstown and was thus since 1854 a member of this congregation. Almost always healthy, he had retained his memory unto old age. He attained the age of 85 years, 1 month, 4 days. May his body rest in peace until...." (ending is exact transcription)

More About JOHANN FRIEDRICH FERDINAND OLP:

Burial church: 1892, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Maribel, WI

Burial location: 1892, St. John's Evan. Lutheran Cemetery, Cooperstown Twp., Manitowoc County, WI

Emigration: 5-1849, Prussia to America thru Quebec, Canada & Buffalo, NY³

Fact 1: 2005, Polish name: Wolin, Usedom-Wollin, Szczecinskie, Poland

Medical Information: Good health; retained memory into old age. He died on a Friday in the afternoon.

Occupation: Miller and farmer

Notes for FRIEDRIKE DOROTHEA CHARLOTTE STREGE:

Born in Chinnow, Kreis Usedom-Wollin, Pommern and baptized there. Confirmed in Colzow (sp. Kolzow) in 1822. Emigrated with husband and family May-Sept., 1849. Lived 5 yrs. in Milwaukee, WI, moving to Cooperstown Twp., Manitowoc Co., WI as a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and is buried with her husband in their cemetery located south of the church, on the south side of the Village of Maribel on County Trunk A. Earliest gravestone is 1859.

The following is from the obituary book of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Maribel, Wisconsin 1875-1892 kept by Pastor Albert Keibel, transcribed and translated by Robert A. Bjerke. The entry was made in German on 28 January, 1882.

Friederike Dorothea Charolotte Olp born Strege, wife of our brother Ferdinand Olp, was born September 17, 1808, in Chinnow, Pommern, and baptized there. She was confirmed in Colzow (sp. Kolzow) in 1822.

In 1832 she entered into holy wedlock with Ferdinand Olp, who survives her and today walks the last mile with her after a journey of almost fifty years together through this life. In America since 1849. After a five-year stay in Milwaukee, she lived here nearly 28 years, and during that time has been a member of this congregation. The marriage was blessed with nine children, of whom eight are still alive. Five of them are grieving beside the coffin of their mother. As far as her health is concerned, she was very hale and hearty, and hardly ever seriously ill in her life. Some time ago, however, her health began to fail, and her condition worsened as time went on. The Lord brought her, as it were, to the school of the Cross, to inner contemplation and devotion to God. He taught her to be mindful of death and eternity, and filled her with the hope of a blessed end. The Lord in His mercy heard our prayer, and let her pass away quietly the day before yesterday in the morning. God console the survivors. Her age was 73 years, 4 months, 9 days. May her body then rest in peace until the great day of resurrection.

More About FRIEDERIKE DOROTHEA CHARLOTTE STREGE:

Baptism: 1808, Kreis Chinnow, Usedom-Wollin, Germany

Burial: 1882, Cooperstown Twp, Manitowoc Co., Wisconsin

Burial church: 1882, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Maribel, WI

Burial location: 1882, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery

Cause of Death: Lingered illness and frailness

Confirmation: 1822, Kolzow, Kreis Usedom-Wollin, Germany

Fact 1: 2005, Polish name: Chynowo, Usedom-Wollin, Szczecinskie, Poland

Medical Information: Enjoyed generally good health in life.

Occupation: Homemaker

More About JOHANN OLP and FRIEDERIKE STREGE:

Marriage: 1832, Pommern, Germany

Children of JOHANN OLP and FRIEDERIKE STREGE are:

- i. **WILLIAM² OLP⁴, b. 1833, Stettin, Prussia, Germany; d. Unknown, Oregon; m. VIENNA MEXICO WIKLE, 11-11-1888, Prairie City, OR, USA; b. 7-25-1851, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia; d. 4-25-1946, Prairie City, Grant County, Oregon.**

Notes for WILLIAM OLP:

Source: Grant County Oregon historical article. Family story:

William assaulted a seaman on the ship for making advances on his mother and left for the west coast upon arrival in America.

Source: Leonard Ruel Olp, son of Charles Samuel Olp and Grace Vivian Viles.

My great uncle Bill (William Olp, b: 1833, married to Vienna Mexico) is listed as a merchant in the 1870 census and my grandfather, Herman Olp (born 1845), as a clerk. My great uncle Bill owned the Prairie City Mercantile. Both uncle Bill and my grandfather left the business, under what circumstances we don't know, and homesteaded ranches near Prairie City. My father (Charles Samuel

Olp (b: 1888) and many of his children were born on that ranch. The family was forced to sell the ranch in 1933 to pay debts due to the effects of the Great Depression. George Hall, who married Ruth Olp (b: 1890), owned a ranch just below the Olp's, bought the Olp homestead. Again, unfortunately, George sold the ranch before his death in 1966, but not to a descendant of Herman Olp.

After the ranch was sold, Charles Samuel Olp became a laborer in a saw mill.

More About WILLIAM OLP:

Burial: Unknown, Unknown

Notes for VIENNA MEXICO WIKLE:

Vienna raised her six children on the Oxbow Ranch on Strawberry Creek near Prairie City,

OR. The children attended a one room grade school on Strawberry Creek and high school in Prairie City. She lived to see 24 grandchildren born. Source: Grant County Oregon historical report.

More About VIENNA MEXICO WIKLE:

Burial: 1946, Unknown

More About WILLIAM OLP and VIENNA WIKLE:

Marriage: 11-11-1888, Prairie City, OR, USA

- ii. AUGUSTA OLP, b. 1835, Pommern, Germany, Prussia; d. Unknown, Unknown.
- iii. JULIUS H. W. OLP⁵, b. 6-17-1836, Pommern, Germany; d. 6-11-1894, Cooperstown, WI; m. JOHANNA NASS⁶, 8-20-1859, Cooperstown Twp., Manitowoc County, Wisconsin⁷; b. 3-14-1841, Pommern, Germany, Prussia; d. 10-22-1904, Manitowoc, WI.

Notes for JULIUS H. W. OLP:

Only mention of Johanna here:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tomanitowoc/44S.html>

More About JULIUS H. W. OLP:

Burial location: 1894, Evergreen Cemetary, City of Manitowoc, WI.

Cause of Death: Kidney disease after 6 wk. illness.

Occupation: Farmer, Cooperstown, WI

Notes for JOHANNA NASS:

Buried with husband, Julius in Evergreen Cemetary, Manitowoc, WI.

The cemetery is bounded by 18th Street on the East, Revere Drive on the Southeast, Prospect Ave. and Michigan Ave. on the North, and by the Chicago & Northwestern R.R. on the West and Southwest. Burials go back to about 1847, and the cemetery is maintained in excellent condition. It contains over 20,000 burials, and because of the size, the transcription was being done one section at a time, with the oldest section being done first. This section was transcribed on five different days in June and July 1976 by Dick and Carol Cote of the Wisconsin State Old Cemetery Society. The balance of the cemetery was copied in the summers of 1980 through 1983 by members of the Manitowoc Old Cemetery Society..

More About JOHANNA NASS:

Burial: 1904

Burial location: Evergreen Cemetary, Manitowoc, WI

Marriage Notes for JULIUS OLP and JOHANNA NASS:

Buried with Julius Olp.

More About JULIUS OLP and JOHANNA NASS:

Marriage: 8-20-1859, Cooperstown Twp., Manitowoc County, Wisconsin⁷

- iv. CARL OLP, b. 1838, Germany; d. Abt. 1899, Cooperstown Twp, Manitowoc Co., Wisconsin.

More About CARL OLP:

Burial: Abt. 1899, Cooperstown Twp, Manitowoc Co., Wisconsin

Burial location: Abt. 1899, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

- v. LUDWIG OLP, b. 1840, Pommern, Prussia, Germany; d. Aft. 1892, Wisconsin; m. AUGUSTA BUTH, Unknown, Wisconsin; b. Abt. 1843, Pommern, Prussia, Germany; d. Unknown, Unknown.

Notes for LUDWIG OLP:

American Civil War soldier

Source: Ancestry.com, U.S. Natl Archives

Name: Ludwig Olp ,

Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Enlistment Date: 12 August 1862

Distinguished Service: DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Side Served: Union
State Served: Wisconsin
Unit Numbers: 3076 3076
Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 12 August 1862
Enlisted in Company I, 24th Infantry Regiment Wisconsin on 12 August 1862.
Mustered out Company I, 24th Infantry Regiment Wisconsin on 10 June 1865 in Nashville, TN

More About LUDWIG OLP:

Military service: 8-12-1862, Enlisted to serve Civil War. See notes for more detail.⁸
Occupation: Aft. 1849, Shoemaker/Grocer/Saloonkeeper in Cooperstown, WI

Notes for AUGUSTA BUTH:

Census writing wasn't clear, could possibly be Augustine.

More About LUDWIG OLP and AUGUSTA BUTH:

Marriage: Unknown, Wisconsin

- vi. ROBERT OLP⁹, b. 3-20-1843, Germany¹⁰; d. 3-23-1924, Maple Grove township, Manitowoc county, Wisc.; m. MATHILDA NASS, 1868, Wisconsin¹⁰; b. 5-2-1850, Germany¹⁰; d. 6-28-1927, Maple Grove township, Manitowoc county, Wisc..

More About ROBERT OLP:

Emigration: 6-1849, Departed from Hamburg, arrived Quebec.
Naturalization: 3-12-1917, Filed a Declaration of Intent to naturalize in the Fond du Lac, WI Circuit Court.
Occupation: 6-28-1900, Farming 185 acres in the Cooperstown, WI area.

More About MATHILDA NASS:

Emigration: 1865, Emigrated from Germany to America.¹¹

More About ROBERT OLP and MATHILDA NASS:

Marriage: 1868, Wisconsin¹²

- vii. HERMAN WILHELM OLP¹³, b. 10-1845, Stettin, Germany; d. 6-25-1913, Prairie City, OR, USA; m. SARAH JANE JOHNSON, 6-15-1874, Prairie City, OR, USA; b. 7-16-1857, Union Gap, IA, USA; d. 11-15-1942, Prairie City, OR, USA.

Notes for HERMAN WILHELM OLP:

In the 1870 census, Herman is listed as a merchantile clerk, which would be in the Prairie City Merchantile with his younger brother, William. They both left the business, under what circumstances the family does not know, and homesteaded ranches near Prairie City, OR. Charles Samuel Olp, son of Herman, and many of Charles' children were born on that ranch. The family was forced to sell the ranch in 1933 to pay debts due to the effects of the Great Depression. Source: Leonard Ruel Olp

Herman is buried in the famiy plot at the Prairie City cemetery with the Prairie City Methodist Church conducting the services.

Sarah's obituary lists another middle name for Herman - it is Christiansian.

More About HERMAN WILHELM OLP:

Burial: 1913, Prairie City, Grant Co, OR
Burial church: 1913, Prairie City Methodist Church
Cause of Death: Colon cancer
Occupation: Clerk
Religion: Methodist

Notes for SARAH JANE JOHNSON:

1874 - Sarah arrived in Oregon via wagon train. Sarah is buried in the famiy plot at the Prairie City cemetery with Sanderson Mortuary handling the arrangements through the Prairie City Methodist church on Wed., Nov. 18 at 3:00 p.m. At her death, Sarah had 34 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. Source: Obituary

Poem dedicated by her grandchildren:

"Grandma Has Fallen Asleep"

Grandma was tired and weary, weary with toil and pain;
Put by her glasses and rocker, she will not need them again.
Into Heaven's mansions she's entered, never to sigh or to weep;
After long years with life's struggles Grandma has fallen asleep.

Near other loved ones we'll lay her, low in the graveyard to lie;
And though our hearts are near broken, yet we would not question - "Why?"
She does not rest 'neath the grasses, though o'er her grave they may creep;
She has gone into the Kingdom - Grandma has fallen asleep.

Rest the tired feet now forever, worn, wrinkled hands are so still;
Blast of the earth shall no longer, throw o'er our loved one a chill.
Angels through Heaven will guide her, Jesus will still bless and keep;
Not for the world would we wake her, Grandma has fallen asleep.

Beautiful rest for the weary, well deserved rest for the true;
When our life's journey is ended, we shall again be with you.
And one day, when Crist comes in Glory for those who,
His promises keep, Grandma will share in the rapture,
Of those who have fallen asleep.

More About SARAH JANE JOHNSON:

Burial: 11-18-1942, Prairie City, OR, USA

Burial church: 1942, Prairie City Methodist Church

Cause of Death: Old age

More About HERMAN OLP and SARAH JOHNSON:

Marriage: 6-15-1874, Prairie City, OR, USA

- viii. MATILDA OLP, b. 4-1850, Wisconsin; d. Unknown, Unknown.
- ix. JOHN OLP, b. Unknown, Pommern, Germany, Prussia; d. 6-11-1894, Cooperstown Twp, Manitowoc Co., Wisconsin.

Endnotes

1. *Source for Ferdinand & Friederike: Peter Batek, researcher, obituary book of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Maribel, Wisconsin 1875-1892, The following is from the obituary book of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Maribel, Wisconsin 1875-1892 kept by Pastor Albert Keibel, transcribed and translated by Robert A. Bjerke. (Entry made 1-28-1882).*
2. Same as Ferdinand Olp.
3. Intent of Naturalization.
4. Grant County Oregon historical article provided by Julius B. Olp, nephew to William..
5. Peter Batek, researcher EVERGREEN CEMETERY CITY OF MANITOWOC, WI.
6. Same as Julius Olp..
7. <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tomanitowoc/marO.html>, OLP: Julius H. m: 20 Aug. 1859 (co. mar. index v.2 p.268 also v.2 p.54) to: Anna C.W. Nass.
8. *Ancestry.com, U.S. Natl Archives.*
9. Sandra Ballenthin Van Erp, gggranddaughter.
10. *1900 U.S. Federal Census; U.S. Naturalization Intent 1868.*
11. *1900 U.S. Federal Census.*
12. *1900 U.S. Federal Census; U.S. Naturalization Intent 1868.*
13. Seattle Genealogical Society, Seattle, WA, All information on Herman Olp and Sarah Jane Johnson Olp family submitted by grandson Julius Ludwig and wife, Nancy.