

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL KOHLHOFF

Part II

DANIEL KOHLHOFF

I. DANIEL KOHLHOFF is the earliest direct member of the Kohlhoff Clan that I have been able to find. He was born 6 Jan 1777 in Rütznow, Greifenberg Kreis, Pommern (Pommerania), Germany. and died 6 April 1837. He married **CHRISTINA SHALLACK**. **CHRISTINA SHALLACK** was born in 1779 and died 15 February 1841. (10) They had three children:

- A. **JOHANN CARL GOTTLIEB KOHLOFF**,
- B. **MICHAL FRIEDRICH MARTIN ERHARDT KOHLHOFF**, born 8 January 1816.
- C. **JOHANN HEINRICH WILHELM KOHLHOFF**, born about 1820.

A. **JOHANN CARL GOTTLIEB KOHLHOFF** was married to **CHARLOTTE WILHELMINA (LOTTI) KNÜPPEL**. (11) While a birth date and marriage date has not been established he and his wife, **Charlotte Wilhelmine Knüppel** are listed as the parents on the birth of **Hermann Carl Friedrich Kohlhoff**, born 13 Sep 1840.

Later documents record his name as **CARL GOTTLIEB KOHLHOFF**. In the 18th Century it was customary that, at Baptism, if two or more given names were given to the child, the first given name was a spiritual, saint's name. The second given name was the secular or call name, which is the name the person was known by, both within the family and to the rest of the world. So Johann, the spiritual or saint's name, would be dropped and he would be known as Carl. Much more information on the German custom of naming children can be found at <http://www.kerchner.com/germname.htm>. You can see this naming custom used on other ancestors of my family. Carl was a Tagelöhner or Day Laborer. A Tagelöhner was of the lowest standing in a predominantly agricultural society, but, and this was of great importance, this man was free! While the estate laborer on the vast estates, on the whole belonging to titled gentry, had to get the lord's permission for every move he wanted to make ('May I marry this girl?'), the Tagelöhner although very poor, was master of his own destiny. On other documents his occupation is listed as Arbeitsmann (Laborer) and Einwohner (Resident). **Johann Carl** and **Charlotte Wilhelmina** had three children.

- 1. **JOHANN FRIEDRICH LEOPOLD KOHLHOFF**, born 16 Dec 1835
- 2. **HERMAN CARL FRIEDRICH KOHLHOFF**, born 18 Sep 1840
- 3. **AUGUST WILHELM MARTIN KOHLHOFF** was born 4 Apr. 1844

1. **JOHANN FRIEDRICH LEOPOLD KOHLHOFF**, born 16 Dec 1835 in Rütznow, Greifenberg Kreis, Pommern, Prussia. (12) He was confirmed on 7 Oct. 1849.(13) It was the custom for confirmation to be held during the year a person became 14 years of age. He died 27 Dec 1857 of Typhus. I think it is interesting to note that during this time period, on church documents, e.g. confirmations, marriages, and deaths, not only by his name but also who his father was and his father's occupation. I do not know why the father's occupations was shown. For example on his death certificate he is recorded as:

Kohlhof, Johan Friedrich Leopold son
Of Day Laborer Joh. Carl Gott. Kohlhoff
in Rütznow.

2. **HERMAN CARL FRIEDRICH KOHLHOFF**, born 18 Sep 1840 in Rütznow, Greifenberg Kreis, Pommern, Prussia. (13A) He was confirmed 11 Jun. 1854. (13B)

