

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL KOHLHOFF
Part V

B. MICHAL FRIEDRICH MARTIN ERHARDT KOHLHOFF was born in Prussia. In Prussia/Germany his occupation was that of a “Büdner.” A Büdner has been defined as “a very small farmer.” (68) The profession Büdner needs some explaining though as it was special to Germany. Büdner is derived from “Büde” = shack. The person who lived there, as a farmer, was called a Büdner, or in other parts of Germany, Baudner. A Büdner mostly owned the house he lived in, but was more or less dependent as he could not possess the land that was given him on his own, and/or the land could not feed him, and a mostly larger family, and he had to offer his services, e.g. as a Tagelöhner (day laborer).(69)

About 1844 he married **CHRISTINE FRIEDERIKE (FREDERIKA) WILHELMINA KNOLL**. A copy of the marriage has not been located however **Johanna Wilhelmine Charlotte's** birth certificate lists **Michal Friedrich Martin Erhardt Kohlhoff** and **Christa Friederika Wilhelmine Knoll** as her parents. (70)

He and his family immigrated from Bremen, Germany to Baltimore, Maryland, aboard the SS Nürnberg, arriving on 4 May 1874. The following was taken from: National Archives, Washington, D.C., comp., *Baltimore Passenger Lists, 1820-1947*, Micropublication T844. RG085, Rolls #10-150; Micropublication M255, RG036, Rolls #1-159. . (Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com, The Generations Network, Inc., 2006). (71)

Name of Vessel, Steamship "Nürnberg"
 Nation of do, Germany
 Name of Master, A. Jaeger
 Port Sailed from Bremen
 Number of Aliens, 726
 Name of Citizens, 18 744 together
 Consignees, A. Schumacher & Co.
 Owners: the North German Lloyd of Bremen

Alien Passengers landed at the Port of Baltimore from the German Steamship Nürnberg of which
 A. Jaeger is Master, on the fourth day of May 1874 from Bremen

No.	Name of Passenger and	Age	Country of Birth	Last Legal Residence	Country Claiming	Occupation	Remarks
			+++++	+++++	Nationality		Remarks
74.	Friedrich Kohlhoff Farmer	58	Germany	Germany	Germany		
75.	Friederike "	50	"	"	"		
76.	Herman "	25	"	"	"		"
77.	Wilhelmine Kohlhoff	23	"	"	"		
78.	Bertha "	17	"	"	"		

Note that his son August Friederich Kohlhoff did not accompany them at this time as he still had not completed his reserve military service.

Further information about the ship Nürnberg can be found at:

<http://www.geocities.com/mppraetorius>

then click on N and then click on Nürnberg.

He and his wife are shown on the 1880 US Census for Liberty Grove Township, Door County, Wisconsin as part of the family headed by **HENRE UTECH**, husband of **WILHELMINE**.⁽⁷²⁾ **Friedrich's** and **Wilhelmine's** last name is shown as **CAHLHOFF**. Various documents also show their last names as **KOHLHOF**, **KOLOF**. As indicated on the ship's manifest they have dropped their spiritual/saints name.

He died on 29 March 1890 at Sister Bay, WI and buried in Section 7, Little Sister Cemetery, Liberty Grove, WI.⁽⁷³⁾

CHRISTINE FRIEDERICKE WILHELMINE KNOLL, wife of **Michal Friederich Martin Erhardt Kohlhoff**, was born 27 December 1823 in Prussia. ⁽⁷⁴⁾ The U.S. Census, 1900, Liberty Grove Twp, WI,⁽⁷⁵⁾ still has her living with her son-in-law, however he had changed his name to **HENRY** UTECH. She died 1 June 1903 of "Old Age" at Sister Bay, WI and is buried at Little Sister Cemetery, Liberty Grove Township, WI. Her death certificate has her last name spelled KOHLOF.⁽⁷⁴⁾

MICHAL (FRIEDERICH) AND CHRISTINE (FRIEDERICKE) had six children:

1. **JOHANNA WILHELMINE CHARLOTTE KOHLHOFF** born 9 February 1844.
2. **AUGUST FRIEDRICH WILEHLM KOHLHOFF** born 16 July 1846
3. **CARL FRIEDRICH HERMAN KOHLHOFF** born 24 November 1848
4. **WILHELMINE KOHLHOFF** born 1851
5. **AUGUST FRIEDRICH WILHELM KOHLHOFF** born 27 May 1952
6. **BERTHA EMELIE AUGUSTA KOHLHOFF** born 5 Jul 1856.

1. **JOHANNA WILHELMINE CHARLOTTE KOHLHOFF** was born 9 February 1844 in Rütznaw, Prussia.⁽⁷⁰⁾ and confirmed on 28 Mar 1858 in Rütznaw ⁽⁷⁶⁾ She married **HEINRICH AUGUST UTECH** in Rütznaw on 9 February 1844. ⁽⁷⁷⁾ She, her husband and three children immigrated from Hamburg, Germany, leaving on 24 September 1879 via Le Havre, France to New York, N.Y. on the SS Lessing arriving on 8 October 1879. ⁽⁷⁸⁾

	No	Family Name	First Name	Male	Female	Age	Residence				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		*	*	*	*
	8	Utech	Heinrich	X		35					
	9	"	Hilde		X	35	Wefelow				
	10	"	Gustav	X		7	Pommern				
	11	"	Elisabeth		X	3					
	12	"	Emma		X	10 MO					

After departure from Germany Johanna never again used this spiritual/saints name. She was then known as Wilhelmine or Mina. The 1880 and 1900 US Census shows that she resided with her

husband and children in Liberty Grove, Door County, WI. The 1900 Census listed the family with the last name of **ULTECH**. This census also listed her as **MINA**. She died 25 June 1901 at Liberty grove, WI due to Cancer of the Stomach. The death certificate lists her as **MINA UTECH**; maiden name **Mina Kolaf**; Name of Husband: **Henry Utech**. (79) She was buried 28 June 1901 in Little Sister Bay Cemetery. Her tombstone lists her as: “**Wilhelmina Frau von Henry Utech**.”

Heinrich Utech was also known as **Henry Utick**, **Hendre Utech**, and his last name is also spelled **UTTECH**. His occupation was listed as Bediente (Servant) on his son **Gustav’s** birth certificate, (80)

HEINRICH AUGUST UTECH and WILHELMINE CHARLOTTE KOHLHOFF had six children:

- a. **GUSTAV HERMANN OTTO UTECH** born 26 April 1872
- b. **ELIZABETH UTECH** born 1876
- c. **EMMA UTECH** born Dec 1878
- d. **JOHN F. UTECH** born May 1881
- e. **GEORGE UTECH** born Jun 1884
- f. **MARY UTECH** born September 1887

a. **GUSTAV HERMANN OTTO UTECH** was born 26 April 1872 in Wefelow, Greifenberg Kreis, Pommern, Germany. (80) HE was christened 12 May 1872 in Wefelow, Germany with **Johanna Sohrveide** wife of **Carl Sohrveide** in Hoff, **Hermann Kohlhoff** in Greifenberg, and **Otto Kohlhoff** in Rütznaw as witnesses. (80) He accompanied his parents when they came to the U.S. in 1872. (78) He appears with his family in the 1880 US Census, Liberty Grove, WI.(81) and the 1900 US Census for Liberty Grove, WI (81) He married **ANNA HELING** 2 November 1904 Sister Bay, Door County, WI. (82) The marriage certificate lists **GUSTAV’s** occupation as Farmer residing in Sister Bay, WI. His parents are listed as **HENRY UTECH** and **WILHELMINE KOLHOFF**. **ANNA’s** parents are listed as **LUDWIG HELING** and **WILHELMINE BONIN** also of Sister Bay, WI. Witnesses were **GEORGE UTCH, L. SCHMIDT, ERNEST HELILNG, W. HELING**.

b. **ELIZABETH UTECH** was born 1876 in Germany. The year of birth is based on her age as she appears on the 1880 U.S. Census Liberty Grove, WI. (81) She also accompanied her parents to the Unites States in 1879. (78)

c. **EMMA UTECH** was born December 1878 in Germany. The year of birth is based on her age as she appears on the 1880 U.S. Census Liberty Grove, WI. (81) She also accompanied her parents to the Unites States in 1879. (78)

d. **JOHN F. UTECH** was born May 1881 in Wisconsin. Year of birth and place of birth is based on the 1880 US Census, Liberty Grove, WI. (81) He appears with his family on the 1900 US Census, Liberty Grove, WI (81)

e. **GEORGE UTECH** was born June 1884 in Wisconsin. He died in 1968 in Sister Bay, WI and was buried in Sister Bay Cemetery, WI. (82A) He appears with his family on the 1900 US Census, Liberty Grove, WI (81)

f. **MARY UTECH** was born September 1887 in Wisconsin. She appears with his family on the 1900 US Census, Liberty Grove, WI (81)

2. **AUGUST FRIEDRICH WILHELM KOHLHOFF** was born 16 July 1846 in Rütznaw, Prussia (83).

“5(9) August Friedrich Wilhelm Kohlhoff, des buedners Michal Friedrich Martin Erhard Kohlhoff and siener Ehefrau Christine Friedricke Wilhelmine Knoll, 1st Sohn geboren am 16. July, Nachmittags 2 1/2 Uhr und am 26, getauft. - Pathen : 1, der Einwohner Wilhelm Kohlhoff; 2. Der Schmidgehilfe August Kohlhoff; 3. Jungfrau Wilhelmine Knoll alt im Ort”.

Translation: 5 (9) August Friedrich Wilhelm Kohlhoff, born July 16, 1846, at 2:30 in the afternoon (1st Son) of the Small farmer Michael Friedrich Martin Erhard Kohlhoff and his wife Christine Friedericke Wilhelmine Knoll, and Christened on the 26th, - Witnesses: 1, Resident Wilhelm Kohlhoff, 2. Blacksmith's Assistant August Kohlhoff, 3. Miss Wilhelmine Knoll all locally.

He died 20 days later on 6 August 1846. (84)

3. **CARL FRIEDRICH HERMAN KOHLHOFF** was born 24 November 1848 in Rütznaw, Prussia . (85) He was christened on 3 December 1848; witnesses were: 1. Laborer **Knollaur**, Zickor, 2. Laborer, **Karl Kohlhoff**, Rütznaw and 3. **Ernestine Kohlhoff**, nee **Kroh**. (85) He was confirmed 28 September 1862 (86) He accompanied his parents when they immigrated to the United States on 4 May 1874. On the ship manifest he was listed as **HERMAN KOHLHOFF**, age 25.(71) At this time his occupation was listed as a farmer. He married **BERTHA HULDA EMILIE BENZ** on 26 December 1876 at Liberty Grove. Sister Bay, WI(86A). This is only one of various marriages between the **Kohlhoff** and **Benz** families. The families lived in Rütznaw, Greifenberg Kreis, Pommern, Prussia/Germany, a very small village. Some married in Germany and came to the United States later, others came to the United States and then got married. His first name is spelled **HERMANN** and he is listed as a Shoemaker. The marriage certificate shows:

Parents of Husband: Frederich and Friedericke Kohlhoff
Parents of Wife: Johan and Ernestine Benz.
Witnesses: Edward BENZ and Fred BONINE

While certificate shows bride as **BENZ BENZ**, I believe this is in error and that she is actually **Bertha**, daughter of **Johan & Ernestine Benz**. Later documents, i.e. U.S. Census shows this to be true.

He appears on the census of 1880(81), 1900(81) (Head of Household listed as; **Kohlhoff, August**, born Nov 1848, 51; married to **Bertha Kohlhoff** born Mar 1850. Based on children listed, family composition in 1880 census. and birth dates of husband and wife, believe that **August** should be shown as **HERMAN**), 1910 (81), and 1920 (81) , U.S. Census, and the 1895 Wisconsin State Census (87) where his last name is listed as **KOLHOFF**, and 1905 Wisconsin State Census (88). All listed that he lived in Liberty Grove, WI. The 1910 Census (81) shows that he was a widower, a shoemaker who owned his own shop, and resided with the **STOEVEER** family. In 1920 (81) he was once again the head of the household.

He died 7 January 1924 of a Cerebral Hemorrhage Liberty Grove, Door County, WI. At the age of 73 years 4 months and 24 days (89). His name is shown as **HERMAN KOHLHOFF**. His age at death, with the name of his father as **Frederick Kohlhoff**, that he was born in Rütznaw, Germany, wife's name as **Bertha Kohlhoff**, Maiden name of wife as **Benz** born in Rütznaw, with information about the family furnished by **Herman Johns**, all together leads to the only

conclusion that he was in fact **CARL FRIEDRICH HERMAN KOHLHOFF**. He was buried at Little Sister Cemetery, Liberty Grove, WI.(89)

His obituary shows his name as HERMAN KOLAFF and had the following:

“The death of Herman Kolaff, 78 years of age, occurred January 9. He was born in Germany, and was about 78 years of age, and had resided in northern Door county during the past forty years. He suffered a paralytic stroke two years ago, which left him in poor condition physically. He had since made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Herman Johns. The funeral was held from the German Lutheran church, Rev. Mercer conducting the service. “ (90)

BERTHA HULDA EMILIE BENZ was born 15 February 1859 in Rütznaw, Prussia. (91) Her parents were **FRIEDRICH WILHELM BENZ**, a brick maker in Rütznaw and **WILHELMINE ULRICH**. She was christened on 24 February 1859 .(91) Witnesses were: Tailor **Friedrich Krauhs** in Greifenberg, Widow **Laabs** born **Stoewer** in Rütznaw, and **Bertha Kirnhöfer** in Wind, Pribbernow. She was confirmed on 27 March 1864in Rütznaw.(92) She appears as a member of the family on the 1880 U.S. Census (81) and 1900 U.S. Census (81) and the 1895 Wisconsin Census.(87) She died 9 August 1904 at Sister Bay, WI (93) of Consumption and was buried in Section 7, Little Sister Cemetery, Liberty Grove, WI .

CARL FRIEDRICH HERMAN KOHLHOFF AND BERTHA HULDA EMILIE BENZ had three children:

- a. **HOLDA KOHLHOFF** born October 1877
- b. **PAULENA KOHLHOFF** born June 1880
- c. **ALMA LIA AUGUSTA KOHLHOFF** born 6 May 1882

a. **HOLDA KOHLHOFF** was born October 1877 in Wisconsin. She appears as part of her father’s household on the 1880 U.S. Census (81), 1900 U.S. Census (81), 1895 Wisconsin State Census (87), 1905 Wisconsin State Census (88). She married **JOHN JENSEN** on 16 January 1909 (94) Some documents have her first name as HULDA.

b. **PAULENA KOHLHOFF** was born June 1880 in Wisconsin. She appears as part of her father’s household on the 1880 U.S. Census (81) , the 1900 U.S. Census (81) , and the 1895 Wisconsin State Census (87). She married **EDWARD H. A. JOHNS** on 25 May 1906, Door County, WI.(95)

c. **ALMA LIA AUGUST KOHLHOFF** was born 6 May 1882 in Liberty Grove, WI (96). She was christened 30 July 1882 (96). She is part of her father’s household on the 1900 U.S. Census (81), the 1920 U.S. Census (81), and the 1905 Wisconsin State Census (88). While the 1920 U.S. Census lists her as being single there is a child listed as Grandson. The census only listed her father, herself and the child:

(1) **HAROLD KOHLHOFF** born 1915. The year of birth is based on his age of 4 ½ years at the time of the census 9 January 1920 (81)

4. **WILHELMINA KOHLHOFF** was born in 1851. (71) Year of birth is based on her age at time of immigration to the United States with her family. I could find no further record of her in the census for Liberty Grove, WI. Being of marriageable age it could very well be that she was married soon after arrival in the U.S. and did not live in the vicinity of her parents

