

**Carl Henry Vornkahl, Decatur, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California, and
Else Frieda Minna (Vornkahl) Hesse, Pekin, Illinois;
both from
Holtorf/Nienburg, Niedersachsen, Germany**

Johann Carl Heinrich Vornkahl, born in Nettlingen in 1863,^{[1269][2223]} and his second wife, Johanne Dorothee Minna Flentje of Betheln, were the parents of nine children born from 1898 to 1914.^[2223] Two of these children, Carl Henry (b. 27 Oct 1899)^[2225] and Else Frieda Minna (b. 9 May 1902)^[2227] emigrated to the United States.

Else Frieda Minna was the first to emigrate. She married (28 Apr 1922) Diedrich Heinrich Hesse in Holtorf/Nienburg.^[KV01] The couple's first child, Heinrich Carl, was born in Holtorf/Nienburg in 1923. The family of three arrived in the United States on 15 Dec 1924 aboard the steamer Bremen, sailing from Bremen, Germany.^[KV02] A daughter, Jean Dorothy, was born in Saginaw, Michigan, in 1929.^[KV01] The family relocated to Illinois where they were listed in the Rockford, Illinois, City Directory in 1930 and in the Pekin, Illinois, City Directory from 1937 - 1956.^[KV03] Else Frieda (Vornkahl) Hesse died in Pekin, Illinois, on 14 Dec 1994.^[KV01]

The second family member to emigrate was Carl Henry. He arrived in the United States on 3 May 1926 aboard the S.S. Albert Ballin, sailing from Hamburg, Germany.^[KV04] The ship's manifest described him: as age 26; bound for Decatur, Illinois; his last permanent residence was Nienburg; and gave as his closest relative in the country from which he came as "wife, Gertrud Fischer," address: Nienburg, Holtorfstr. 220. He resided for some time in Decatur, Illinois, where he was listed in the City Directory from 1927 – 1951.^[KV05] He was listed alone in 1927 and 1931; thereafter listed with him as his spouse was Hattie A.^[KV05] (b. 3 Jun 1903),^[KV06] whose maiden name did not appear. The California death records^[KV06] and the Social Security Death Index reveal that both Carl Henry and Hattie died in Los Angeles County, California. Carl's date of death is reported as 19 Jul 1978 and Hattie's is reported as 15 Feb 1976. He was 78 years old and she was 72 years old at the time of death.