

# Conrad Vornkahl, Randol Township, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, U.S.A., and Hackenstedt, Niedersachsen, Germany

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The following commentary, adapted from a history of the Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cape Girardeau,<sup>[2867]</sup> may provide some insight into the reasons behind the emigration of Conrad Vornkahl and many others from Germany to the United States in the mid-nineteenth century. In 1824, a German physician, Gottfried Duden, came to the conclusion that relief from social injustice and economic suffering of German peasants could be achieved by emigration from Germany. He imagined a German settlement in the New World where the language and customs of Germany would be preserved. He travelled to America and settled near the present day town of Hermann, Missouri. From there in 1829 he wrote a series of thirty-six letters that were published in Germany under the title of “A Report of a Journey to the Western States of North America.” (A copy of the report is held by the Hanover Lutheran Church.) “This report was probably the single most influential factor in bringing Germans to Missouri during the next two decades.”<sup>[2867]</sup> His imagined colony, however, was never established.

It is possible that the German settlers in Cape Girardeau County were among those who read or heard of Duden’s descriptions of Missouri as an emigration destination. Daniel Bertling left Germany and settled in Cape Girardeau in 1839. He was a carpenter and once settled, he permitted his carpentry shop to be used as a place of worship for the German Lutheran families in the area. In 1846 a log church was built on a parcel of land donated by Bertling. The church was named The German Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, Hanover, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. In Germany at this time, political unrest prompted increased emigration. Many of the early members of the Hanover church came to Missouri at this time, 1846-1851, including the families of: Meyer, Krueger, Kelpe, Brinkopf, Lowes, Vornkahl, Heise, Lorberg, Rau, Niemeier, Heuer, and Reimann. The log church building was replaced in 1887 by a brick structure (Figure 16) located two miles northwest on Perryville Road<sup>[2867]</sup> on land donated by Henry Krueger.<sup>[2868]</sup> Further expansion of the congregation led to construction of a new church in 1969 across the road from the existing building. The 1887 church building remains and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. With the passing of time, the church has become known as the Hanover Lutheran Church of Cape Girardeau.

The Vornkahl name is among the families of emigrants listed in the records of the Hanover Lutheran Church. This must be the family of Conrad Vornkahl who emigrated from Hackenstedt, Germany, in about 1852 with his wife Magdalena, and their seven children. The date for their emigration can be approximated by several events. Their oldest daughter, Wilhelmina, was confirmed in Hackenstedt on 27 Apr 1851.<sup>[2869]</sup> In 1852, Conrad sold his house in Hackenstedt to another family. Land records show that he next bought a farm in Cape Girardeau County from Milford S. Randol in 1854.<sup>[2870]</sup> From these dates, it is probable that the family emigrated in 1852 or 1853.

Conrad Vornkahl was born in about 1802, the son of Johann Heinrich Vornkahl and Johanne Dorothee Friederike Ernestine Göcken. Conrad had two sisters, Johanna Maria Elizabeth (b. 17 Oct 1804<sup>[2870a,2873]</sup> or 18 Oct 1805<sup>[2871]</sup>) and Johanna Maria Wilhelmina (b. 28 Apr 1808).<sup>[2872,2873]</sup> Elizabeth married Philip Christoph Klages (4 Oct 1827) in Hackenstedt.<sup>[2871,2875]</sup> They were the parents of seven children before emigrating from Wehrstedt, Germany, to Cape Girardeau County. Elizabeth died in Cape Girardeau on 1 Nov 1898<sup>[2871,2876]</sup> at the age of ninety-three years.

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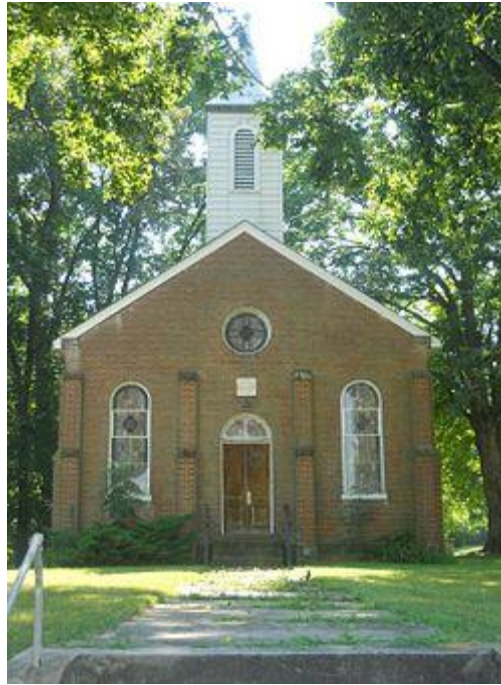


Figure 16. Hanover Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, built in 1887 and used until 1969. (Photo from Wikipedia.)

Wilhelmina married Christian Lowes (5 May 1829) in Hackenstedt.<sup>[2877]</sup> They were the parents of eight children before emigrating from Hackenstedt to Cape Girardeau County in 1851. The following is an excerpt from an account written about the passage taken by Wilhelmina, her husband, Christian Lowes, and their seven children (one child died as an infant in Germany) when they came from Germany to the U.S.A. aboard the ship, the *Ernestine*:

“In the fall of 1851, 283 immigrants boarded the German ship, *Ernestine*. Most came with all their worldly possessions, and most would never see their German homeland again. They came with faith that the perilous voyage would be completed and they would arrive safely in a new country where greater opportunities existed for them and their children. Most were young families, a few came alone and a few brought an aged parent. The oldest immigrant was sixty-nine and the youngest was three months. A seven year old boy and a two year old girl died about halfway through the voyage and were placed overboard into the sea. There was no minister aboard. The voyage took two months. Arrival in New Orleans was on 8 Nov 1851.

“Our ancestors left little written about this voyage. Only notes in the margin of a prayer book tell of the loneliness of this ocean voyage, the fear of sinking, the meeting of a friend and the anticipation of arriving in a strange land. A note scratched on a pine trunk lid tells of a second ship, the *Olbers*, that apparently was within view at times and arrived in New Orleans on the same day.

“One bit of family memory tells of how the movement of passengers about the deck was restricted so the balance of the ship was kept stable. With all the baggage secured deep within the ship, there was very little most passengers could do except sit and talk and play with the children. The Atlantic Ocean would be very stormy in October and November, so the southern route would be followed. Few captains would chance the North Atlantic after September due to the storms.



Figure 17. Index entry of land purchase by Conrad Fernkahl in 1854. A transcription of the hand written record of the sale is given in Appendix 2. Copies of the original records courtesy of Drew Blattner.

“The immigrant, Christian Loves, Sr., (Lowes), and his family from Hanover came from New Orleans to Cape Girardeau, arriving about mid-November. Christian Loves spent a short time in Cape Girardeau, then bid his friends goodbye, and with his family, traveled to northern Cape Girardeau County near Arnsberg. There he bought property and settled near the present I-55 highway, on a farm on the right side going north, before the exit to Friedheim. His son Peter, later lived on the farm and it now belongs to a descendant, a family named Zschille.”

- The above account accompanies the transcription of the passenger manifest for the ship, *Ernestine*, by the Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild. The transcription was done by Bill Koechig. The document is part of “November Winds – The Voyage of the German Ship *Ernestine*” kept by the Cape Girardeau County Genealogical Society at the Cape Girardeau County Archive Center, Jackson, Missouri.

Wilhelmina is pictured together with Christian and their daughter, also named Wilhelmina, in Figure 24. She died in Arnsberg, Missouri, on 10 Dec 1895 at the age of eighty-seven years.<sup>[2878]</sup> Christian died 16 Mar 1865 at the age of sixty-three years.<sup>[2882]</sup>

Conrad was thirty-four years old when he married (11 Feb 1836) Maria Magdalena Brönnecke in Hackenstedt.<sup>[2879]</sup> Little is known as yet about Conrad’s father and mother. The only records we have found to date in which they are named are entries in the Hackenstedt church books for their deaths. Johann Heinrich died of the “infirmities of old age” on 18 Aug 1839 at the age of 71 years.<sup>[2880]</sup> We learn further from the record that he left a spouse, one adult son, and two adult daughters at the time of his death. He was described as a shepherd and “brinksitzer.” Conrad’s mother, Dorothee Friederike (nee Göcken), also died due to old age on 7 Aug 1848 at the age of 82 years, 8 months, and 0 days.<sup>[2881]</sup> The record states that she left one adult son and two adult daughters at the time of her death. She was further identified as the widow of the shepherd and brinksitzer, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl. We have been unable to find places of birth for Conrad’s parents. However, a speculative hypothesis for Johann Heinrich’s origins is outlined in Appendix 1.

Magdalena nee Brönnecke Vornkahl (name entered as “Lana Farnakul” in the 1860 U.S. census<sup>[2883]</sup>) was born 10 Jun 1814.<sup>[2869]</sup> Magdalena remained in Cape Girardeau County until her death at the age of 73 on 24 Feb 1887.<sup>[2869]</sup> She is buried in the Thompson cemetery located near the original Conrad Vornkahl farm.<sup>[2869]</sup> The 1860 census does not include Conrad. It is not known when he died or where he was buried.

Once arrived in Missouri, Conrad promptly (18 Dec 1853) applied for citizenship.<sup>[2884]</sup> He also purchased a farm in Randol township of Cape Girardeau County from Milford S. Randol. The hand written deed to the farm is dated 11 Sep 1854 and is recorded in the Cape Girardeau County Recorder’s office. A transcription of deed is given in Appendix 2 and the index entry of the record is shown in Figure 17. The farm remained in the family for three generations, passing from Conrad to his son August and then to August’s son, Henry.<sup>[2885]</sup> The location

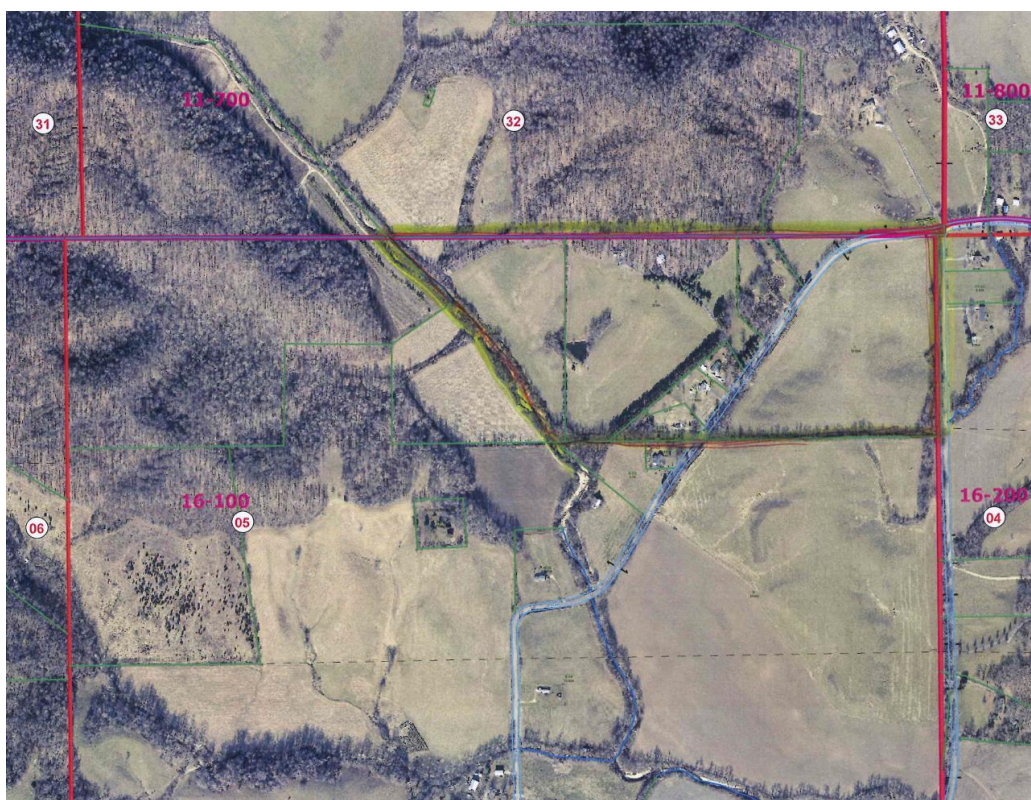


Figure 18. Satellite photograph of Section 5, Randol Township, with the boundaries of the land purchased by Conrad Vornkahl in 1854 outlined in yellow-green. The red lines mark section boundaries. Little Flora Creek can be seen running approximately diagonally from northwest to the southeast. Map provided by courtesy of Drew Blattner.

of the original land purchase is outlined in a satellite photo shown in Figure 18. Plat maps show August with title to the farm in 1901, (Figure 19) and Henry with title in 1930 (Figure 20). The two plat maps also show how the farm changed in size over the years. Note that in 1900, the land to the southeast of August Fornkohl is in the name of Wilhelmina Ehlers who was Conrad Vornkahl's eldest daughter.

The 1860 U.S. census lists only Conrad's wife, Magdalena ("Lana Farnakul") and four of their children, August, Henry, Conrad, and Elizabeth.<sup>[2883]</sup> Their eldest daughter, Wilhelmine, was married to Henry Ehlers in 1857. For some reason, youngest daughter, Johanna, was not included. At the time of the 1870 U.S. census the three brothers each were living in separate households and each was described as being a farmer.<sup>[2886]</sup> August and his mother were in one household, Henry and his wife Caroline were living in a second household, and Conrad and his wife Augusta were living in a third household. The family name of all the brothers was spelled as Ferncaul in the 1870 census.

In the 1880 U.S. census, all three brothers still were farming.<sup>[2887]</sup> August was not yet married and the census recorded he and his mother as one household, Henry and Caroline had three children and Conrad and Augusta had two children. The farm owned by Henry and Caroline was a short distance north of Conrad's original farm. The house and its contents on this farm were destroyed by fire.<sup>[2885]</sup>

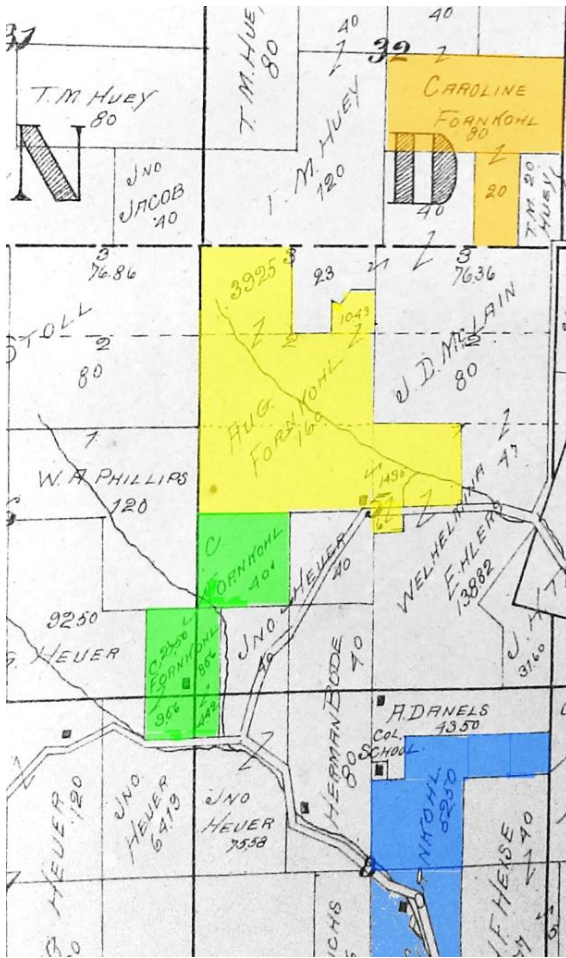


Figure 19. Detail of 1901 plat map showing Section 5, Randol Township., center-right.

- Yellow – Aug. Fornkohl (original farm).
- Orange – Caroline Fornkohl.
- Green – C. Fornkohl.
- Blue – C. Fornkohl

Map courtesy of Drew Blattner.

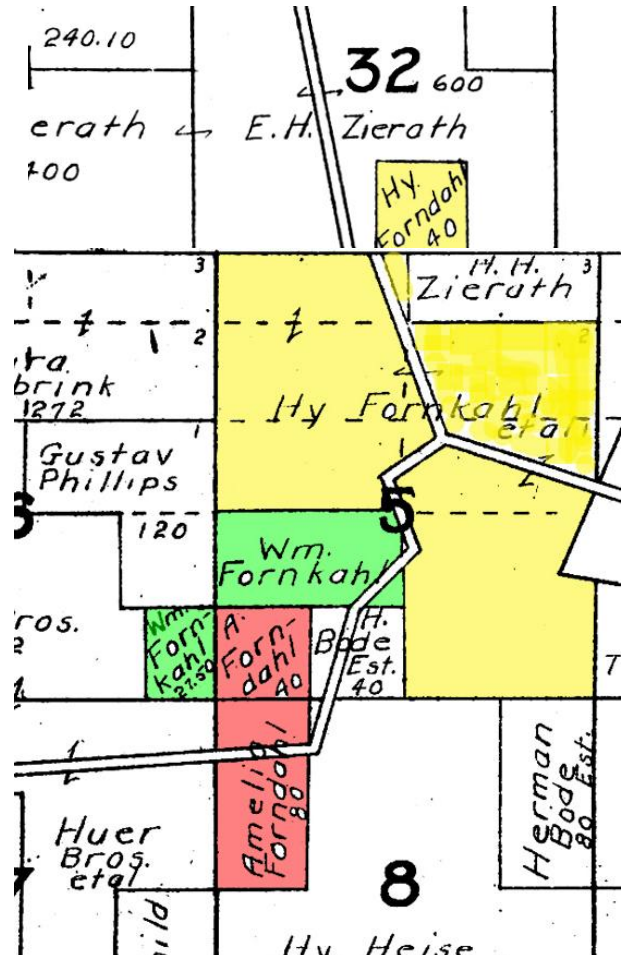


Figure 20. Detail of 1930 plat map showing Section 5, Randol Township., center-right.

- Yellow – Hy (Henry) Fornkohl (original farm).
- Red – Amelia Fornkahl.
- Green – Wm. Fornkahl.

See Fig. 21 for location of above area in Randol Township.

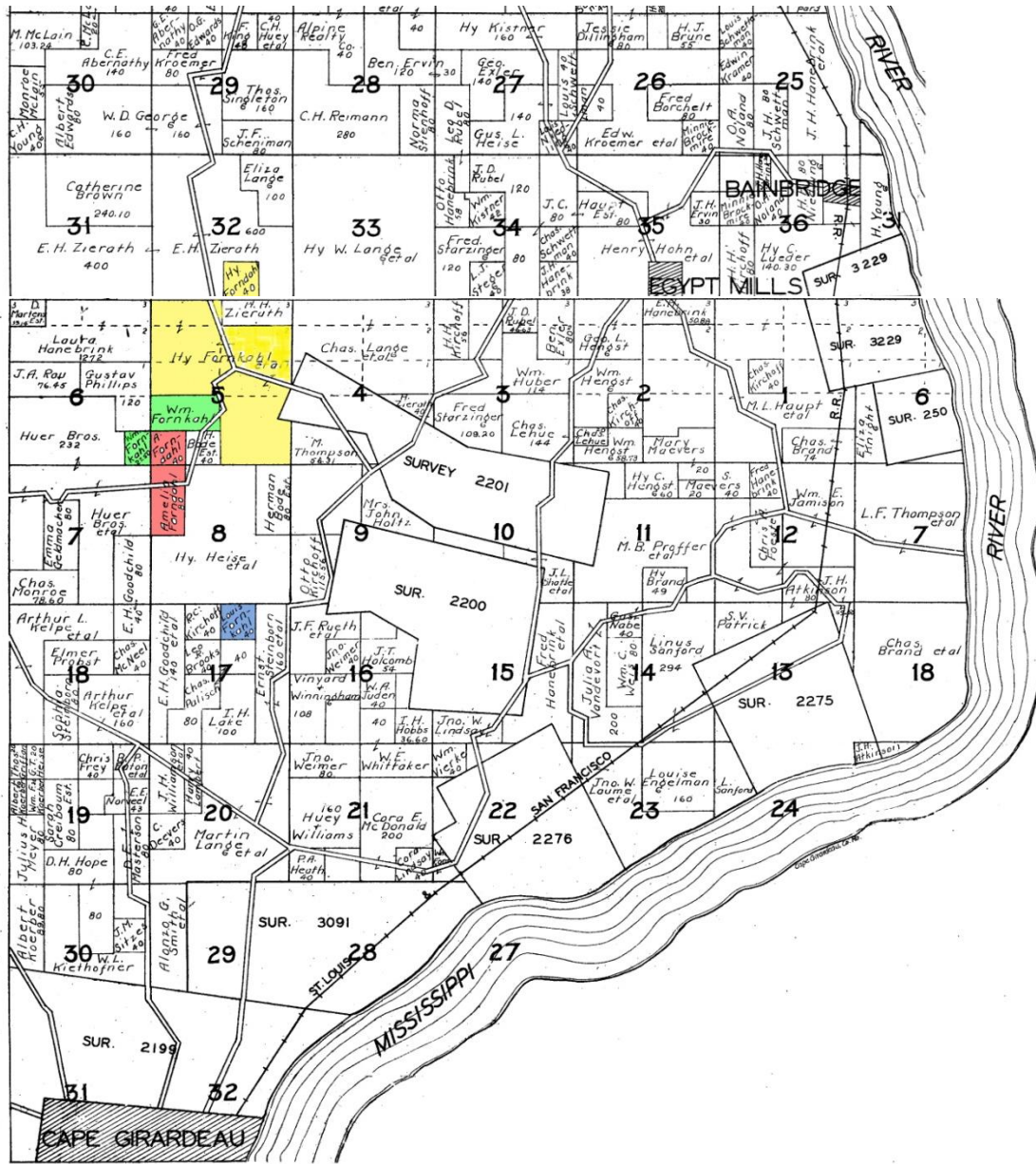


Figure 21. Township plat map, 1930. The upper two rows of sections (25-36) are in Shawnee Township. The lower sections (1-32) make up Randol Township. Conrad Vornkahl's original purchase of land was in the area shaded yellow although of a smaller area. See Figure 18 for an aerial view showing the original location of his land purchase.

## Family and Descendants of Conrad Vornkahl

### Generation 1 (Conrad's father and mother)

1. **Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1.** His place and date of birth are not known with certainty, however, see Appendix 1 for an hypothesis about his origins. His death on 18 Aug 1839 is recorded in the Hackenstedt, Germany, church book (see Figure 22).<sup>[2724,2880]</sup>



Figure 22. Entry in the Hackenstedt parish book recording the death of Johann Heinrich Vornkahl.

- Johanne Dorothee Friederike Ernestine Göcken.** She died on 7 Aug 1848 in Hackenstedt, Germany as recorded in the Hackenstedt parish record book (see Figure 23)<sup>[2725,2881]</sup>



Figure 23. Entry in the Hackenstedt parish book recording the death of Johanne Dorothee Friederike Ernestine Vornkahl, nee Göcken, 7 Aug 1848.

Johann Heinrich Vornkahl and Johanne Dorothee Friederike Ernestine Göcken were married on an unknown date.

Children:

2. i. **Conrad Vornkahl** was born about in 1802. He married Maria Magdalena Brönnecke on 11 Feb 1836.<sup>[2869,2879]</sup> His date of death is unknown.
3. ii. **Johanna Maria Elizabeth Vornkahl** was born on 17 Oct 1804 <sup>[2870a,1873]</sup> or 18 Oct 1805.<sup>[2871]</sup> She married Philip Christoph Klages on 4 Oct 1827 in Hackenstedt, Germany.<sup>[2871,2875]</sup> She died on 1 Nov 1896 in Cape Girardeau, Mo., USA.<sup>[2871,2876]</sup>
4. iii. **Johanna Maria Wilhelmina Vornkahl** was born on 28 Apr 1808.<sup>[2872,2873]</sup> She married Christian Lowes on 5 May 1829 in Hackenstedt, Germany.<sup>[2877]</sup> She died on 10 Dec 1895 in Arnsberg, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2876,2882]</sup>

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2. **Conrad Vornkahl-2** (Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born about in 1802 and was a Schäfer (shepherd) in Hackenstedt, Germany. He died on an unknown date.

Notes for Conrad Vornkahl: “Conrad and Magdalena's oldest daughter, Wilhelmina, was confirmed in Hackenstedt on 27 Apr 1851. Conrad sold his house in Hackenstedt in 1852 to another family. This house still stands to this day. Soon after this, Conrad bought a farm from the Thompson family at the headwaters of the Little Flora Creek north of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. It is not

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known when Conrad died or where he is buried. He is not listed in the 1860 U.S. census. Magdalena is buried at the Thompson cemetery near the original farm.” - Ronald R. Fornkahl

**Maria Magdalena Brönnecke.** She was born on 10 Jun 1814.<sup>[2878]</sup> She died on 24 Feb 1887.<sup>[2878]</sup>  
Conrad Vornkahl and Maria Magdalena Brönnecke were married on 11 Feb 1836.<sup>[2872,2879]</sup>

Children:

5. i. **Johanne Caroline Wilhelmina Vornkahl** was born on 9 Apr 1837 and baptized on 16 Apr 1837 in Hackenstedt, Germany.<sup>[2869,2888]</sup> She married Henry Ehlers on 28 Jun 1857 in St. Marcus United Church of Christ, St. Louis, Missouri.<sup>[2889]</sup> She died on 14 Jan 1922.<sup>[2869]</sup>
  6. ii. **Heinrich Friedrich August Vornkahl** was born on 19 Apr 1839 and christened on 28 Apr 1839 in Hackenstedt, Germany.<sup>[2869]</sup> He married Mary Frank on 3 Oct 1881.<sup>[2869]</sup> He died on 17 Jan 1922 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and is buried in the Thompson Cemetery, Egypt Mills, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup>
  7. iii. **Johann Heinrich (Henry) Gottfried Vornkahl** was born on 30 Apr 1841.<sup>[2869]</sup> He married Caroline Stausing on 11 Jun 1870.<sup>[2869]</sup> He died on 30 Jun 1890.<sup>[2869]</sup>
  8. iv. **Heinrich Conrad Vornkahl** was born on 17 May 1844,<sup>[2869]</sup> 20 May 1843<sup>[2890]</sup> or 21 May 1844<sup>[2891]</sup> and was christened on 27 May 1844 in Hackenstedt, Germany.<sup>[2891]</sup> He married Augusta Kurre on 23 Sep 1869.<sup>[2869]</sup> He died on 25 Mar 1918.<sup>[2869,2891]</sup>
  - v. **Johanna Marie Elizabeth Vornkahl** was born on 17 May 1844 and was christened on 27 May 1844 in Hackenstedt, Germany.<sup>[2869]</sup> She married Frederich Nolte on 27 Jan 1870.<sup>[2869]</sup>
  - vi. **Friedrich Carl Vornkahl** was born on 15 Jan 1847 in Hackenstedt, Germany.<sup>[2869]</sup>
  9. vii. **Johanna Sophie Vornkahl** was born on 4 Oct 1849.<sup>[2869]</sup> She married Peter Lowes, 28 Oct 1869.<sup>[2873]</sup> She died on 28 Dec 1928.<sup>[2869]</sup>
3. **Johanna Maria Elizabeth Vornkahl-2** (Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). She was born on 17 Oct 1804<sup>[2870a,2873]</sup> or 18 Oct 1805 in Germany.<sup>[2871]</sup> She died 1 Nov 1896 in Cape Girardeau, Mo.<sup>[2871,2876]</sup>

**Philip Christoph Klages.** He was born on 19 Sep 1801 in Wehrstedt, Germany.<sup>[2892]</sup>

Notes for Philip Christoph Klages: Data for the children of Philip Klages and Elisabeth Vornkahl are from family group sheets prepared and shared by Kay Stein.

Philip Christoph Klages and Johanna Maria Elizabeth Vornkahl were married on 4 Oct 1827 in Hackenstedt, Germany.<sup>[2871,2875]</sup>

Children:

- i. **Johanne Marie Elisabeth Klages** was born 3 Jan 1829 and died 17 Sep 1829.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- ii. **Johanne Dorothee Wilhelmina Klages** was born on 12 Oct 1830 in Wehrstedt, Germany.<sup>[2874,2893-96]</sup> She married Wilhelm Traupe on 27 Dec 1853. She died on 6 Feb 1921 at her home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, USA.<sup>[2893,2894,2896,2897]</sup>
- iii. **Christian Heinrich Conrad Klages** was born on 11 Jul 1833.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- iv. **Johanne Marie Christine Klages** was born on 19 Nov 1835.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- v. **Johann Heinrich Christian Klages** was born on 19 Apr 1839 in Wehrstedt, Germany.<sup>[2873,2874,2898,2899]</sup> He married Henriette Bode on 23 Jan 1866.<sup>[2900]</sup> He married the widow, Josephine Hartung, on 11 Feb 1892.<sup>[2901]</sup> He died on 4 Jun 1923 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, USA.<sup>[2898,2899,2902]</sup>
- vi. **Heinrich August Klages** was born on 31 Oct 1841.<sup>[2874]</sup>
- vii. **Johann Heinrich Christian Klages** was born 11 Nov 1847.
- viii. **Charles Klages** date of birth is unknown. He married Anna Sander on 26 Nov 1874.<sup>[2904]</sup> He died on 17 May 1895.<sup>[2905]</sup>





Figure 24. Photograph courtesy of Drew Blattner.

4. **Johanna Maria Wilhelmina Vornkahl-2** (Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). She was born on 28 Apr 1808.<sup>[2872,2873]</sup> She died on 10 Dec 1895 in Arnsberg, Missouri.<sup>[2872,2873,2882]</sup>

**Christian Lowes.** He was born on 1 Mar 1802.<sup>[2869,2872]</sup> He died on 16 Mar 1865.<sup>[2869,2872,2882]</sup>

Notes for Christian Lowes: Christian Lowes surname is spelled Lobes in the Hackenstedt marriage record book. He emigrated from Germany in 1851 and arrived with his family at New Orleans aboard the ship, the *Ernestine* (see page 186-187 for an account of the ocean voyage). His name was recorded as Loves in the passenger list for his passage from Germany to the United States.

Christian Lowes and Johanna Maria Wilhelmina Vornkahl were married on 5 May 1829 in Hackenstedt, Germany.<sup>[2877]</sup> A photograph of Christian and Wilhelmina together with their daughter is shown in Figure 24.

Children:

- i. **Christian Christoph Lowes** was born on 28 Apr 1831.<sup>[2873]</sup> He married Wilhelmina Grebe in Nov 1855; they were the parents of eight children.<sup>[2873]</sup> He died on 14 Dec 1919 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, USA.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- ii. **Johanna Louise Lowes** was born 1833.<sup>[2873]</sup> She married Heinrich Buchterkirchen on 18 Dec 1852.<sup>[2873]</sup> They were the parents of five children.
- iii. **Conrad Lowes** was born on 3 Aug 1834.<sup>[2873]</sup> He married (1) Sophie Hannah Marie

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- Kaiser on 7 Nov 1860; they were the parents of one child.<sup>[2873]</sup> He married (2) Marie Klaus.<sup>[2873]</sup> He died on 20 Jun 1871.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- iv. **Christina Wilhelmina Lowes** was born on 20 May 1836.<sup>[2873]</sup> She married August Hubert Brinkman on 16 May 1859.<sup>[2873]</sup> They were the parents of eight children. She died on 6 Apr 1926.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- v. **John Heinrich Lowes** was born on 19 Aug 1840.<sup>[2873]</sup> He married Louisa Mary Kiepe on 17 Jan 1865.<sup>[2873]</sup> They were the parents of seven children. He died on 9 Apr 1882 in Arnsberg, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- vi. **Peter Lowes** was born on 28 Feb 1842.<sup>[2873,2882]</sup> He married (1) Anna Klaus on 10 Aug 1865. He married (2) Johanna Sophie Vornkahl on 28 Oct 1869?; they were the parents of five children.<sup>[2873]</sup> He died on 8 Sep 1917 in Arnsberg, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2882]</sup>
- vii. **Hermine Lowes** was born in 1845.<sup>[2873]</sup> She died in 1845.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- viii. **Wilhelmine (Minnie) Lowes** was born on 28 Nov 1845.<sup>[2873]</sup> She married George Heinrich Theodor Weiss on 13 Aug 1865.<sup>[2873]</sup> They were the parents of eight children. She died on 8 Feb 1931.<sup>[2873]</sup>

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### Generation 3

5. **Johanne Caroline Wilhelmina Vornkahl-3** (Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). She was born on 9 Apr 1837 and baptized on 16 Apr 1837 in Hackenstedt, Germany.<sup>[2869,2888]</sup> She died on 14 Jan 1922.<sup>[2869]</sup>
- Henry Ehlers** was born 1830 in Germany.<sup>[2869]</sup>
- Henry Ehlers and Johanne Caroline Wilhelmina Vornkahl were married on 28 Jun 1857 in St. Marcus United Church of Christ, St. Louis, Missouri.<sup>[2889]</sup>
- Children:
- i. **Friedrich Ehlers** was born 1860. He married Elizabeth A. -?- in 1882. They were the parents of seven children.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- ii. **Minnie Ehlers** was born 1865.<sup>[2873]</sup> She married James Thompson, date unknown.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- iii. **August Ehlers** was born on 14 Apr 1867.<sup>[2873]</sup> He died on 28 Sep 1894.
- iv. **Johann Christian Ehlers** was born on 14 May 1879 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup> He married Mathilde Bode on 15 Oct 1902 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died on 11 Jul 1839.
6. **Heinrich Friedrich August Vornkahl-3** (Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born on 19 Apr 1839.<sup>[2869]</sup> He died on 17 Jan 1922 and was buried on 22 Jan 1922 in Thompson Cemetery.<sup>[2869]</sup>
- Note for August Vornkahl: August Vornkahl was in the 56<sup>th</sup> Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia during the Civil War. A brief description of the Enrolled Missouri Militia can be found on the website of the Cape Girardeau County Archive Center under the heading of Civil War. August is found twice in the listing of militia members, once as August Farncall and once as August Forhncall. The normal term in the militia was six months but many men served more than one tour of duty. It may be that August served more than one tour and his name was entered into the roster differently on two occasions.
- August Vornkohl's name also is found in an appeals case heard by the Missouri State Supreme Court in October, 1900. The case under appeal was the verdict against a defendant found guilty of

robbing Vornkohl of thirty-three dollars and fifty-five cents on September 3, 1898. Vornkohl and the defendant were returning home from the town of Cape Girardeau in the defendant's wagon when a man stepped out from behind a tree, stopped them, and demanded their money. The defendant was accused of arranging the robbery with the man while they had been in town and was found guilty and sentenced to five years in prison by a jury in Cape Girardeau. Upon appeal to the state Supreme Court, the instructions given by the judge to the jury in the case were found to be in error. The verdict of the lower court was "reversed and the case remanded."<sup>[2906]</sup>

**Mary Frank.** She was born on 13 Jan 1857.<sup>[2869,2907]</sup> She died on 21 Mar 1917 and was buried on 22 Mar 1917 in Thompson Cemetery.<sup>[2869,2907]</sup>

Heinrich Friedrich August Vornkahl and Mary Frank were married on 3 Oct 1881.<sup>[2869]</sup>

Children:

17. i. **Theodore August Fornkahl Sr.** was born on 8 Nov 1882 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup> He married Ora Lee McLain on 28 Oct 1909.<sup>[2869,2908]</sup> He died on 11 Nov 1935 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup>
  18. ii. **Amalie Josephine "Phoebe" Fornkahl** was born on 28 Feb 1884 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup> She married Ernest Herman Zierath on 16 Apr 1903.<sup>[2869,2908]</sup> She died on 1 Apr 1947 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, and was buried in Thompson Cemetery, Egypt Mills, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
  19. iii. **Maria Dena Fornkahl** was born on 28 Nov 1885 in Egypt Mills, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup> She married John Lange on 17 Mar 1906.<sup>[2869,2908]</sup> She died on 7 Aug 1947 and was buried on 8 Aug 1947 in Thompson Cemetery, Egypt Mills, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup>
  20. iv. **Henry Christian Fornkahl** was born on 3 Aug 1887 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup> He married Mary Day Comer on 25 Jun 1918.<sup>[2869,2908]</sup> He died on 29 Dec 1968 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2909]</sup>
  21. v. **Mary Wilhelmine Fornkahl** was born on 12 Feb 1889 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup> She married William Ernest Rodenberry on 3 Feb 1923 in Jackson, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2908]</sup> She died on 8 Jun 1975 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
  22. vi. **Minnie Mary Fornkohl** was born on 20 Feb 1891 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup> She married Louis Albert Myer on 9 Feb 1932 in Jackson, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2908]</sup> She died on 1 Jun 1942 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
  23. vii. **Bertha Rosa Fornkahl** was born on 20 Jan 1893 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup> She married Johann Heinrich F. Sticht on 31 Aug 1922.<sup>[2873,2908]</sup> She died on 16 Jan 1953 and is buried in Thompson Cemetery.<sup>[2869]</sup>
  - viii. **John Louis Fornkahl** was born on 8 Dec 1894 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup> He died on 9 Feb 1895 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>
  24. ix. **Peter Theodor Martin Fornkohl** was born on 30 Jul 1896 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873,2910]</sup> He married Edith Smith on 2 Jan 1923.<sup>[2869]</sup> He died on 24 Apr 1956 and is buried in Thompson cemetery.<sup>[2869,2910]</sup>
7. **Johann Heinrich (Henry) Gottfried Vornkahl-3** (Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born on 30 Apr 1841 in Hackenstedt, Germany.<sup>[2869]</sup> He died on 30 Jun 1890.<sup>[2869]</sup>
- Caroline Stausing** was born 1851.<sup>[2869]</sup> She died Apr 1897.<sup>[2869]</sup>
- Notes for Johann Heinrich (Henry) Gottfried Vornkahl and Caroline Stausing: Caroline Stausing was the daughter of Casper Stausing and Friederike Schaefer. Heinrich (Henry) died while hauling hay in the summer heat. He said he was feeling bad and went over and sat under an apple tree where he died. It is said that the tree died soon after. Caroline was drowned while returning to her house. (The newspaper account of her death is given in Appendix 3.) She attempted to cross the rain-

swollen Juden Creek with a wagon and a team of horses. Her body was found some distance down the creek the next day. Her place of burial was at the Thompson church. Henry is buried next to his mother in Thompson Cemetery. -Ronald R. Fornkahl.

At some time in the 1890s, the house on the family farm was destroyed by fire. -R.R.F.

Johann Heinrich (Henry) Gottfried Vornkahl and Caroline Stausing were married on 11 Jun 1870.<sup>[2869]</sup>

Children:

- i. **Frederick Vornkahl** was born Apr 1871.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup> He died on 18 Sep 1874.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>
  25. ii. **Herman Heinrich Fornkahl** was born on 19 Jul 1873.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup> He married Amelia Holtz Heuer on 6 Mar 1907.<sup>[2908]</sup> He died on 17 Dec 1944.<sup>[2869]</sup>
  - iii. **August Heinrich Fornkahl** was born on 28 May 1876.<sup>[2869]</sup> He died on 11 Mar 1951 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, USA.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>
  26. iv. **Bertha Rose Fornkahl** was born on 12 May 1879 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup> She married Nicholas Koepfel on 6 Mar 1907. She died on 19 Aug 1951.<sup>[2869]</sup>
  27. v. **Heinrich Wilhelm Fornkohl** was born on 29 Dec 1882.<sup>[2869]</sup> He married Augusta Kistner on 15 Jul 1906.<sup>[2869]</sup> He died on 5 Feb 1908.<sup>[2869]</sup>
  - vi. **Caroline Friedericke Fornkahl** was born on 25 Apr 1887.<sup>[2869]</sup> She married Alfred Henley, date unknown. She died on 1 Jan 1963.<sup>[2869]</sup>
8. **Heinrich Conrad Vornkahl-3** (Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born on 17,<sup>[2869]</sup> 20 May 1843<sup>[2890]</sup> or 21 May 1844.<sup>[2891]</sup> He died on 25 Mar 1918.<sup>[2869,2891]</sup>

Notes for Heinrich Conrad Vornkahl: From his obituary in *The Southeast Missourian*, March 26, 1918, p. 1. "Mr. Fornkahl would have been 75 years old had he lived till May. He was born in Hanover, Germany, and when eight years old was brought to America by his parents, who tired of Prussianism and desired to live in a country free from the rule of tyranny. His parents settled on a farm between Cape Girardeau and Egypt Mills and he spent the rest of his life there with the exception of three years, which he spent in the army during the Civil War. Following the war he returned to the farm and was married to Miss Auguste Kurre. To the union six children were born, five sons and one daughter."

Conrad served in the 1st Engineer Regiment Missouri during the Civil War. An account of the actions of the regiment may be found in: "Illustrated History of the Missouri Engineer and the 25th Infantry Regiments;" subtitle, "Together with a Roster of Both Regiments and the Last Known Address of All That Could be Obtained;" edited and compiled by Dr. W.A. Neal, Assistant Surgeon 1st Missouri Engineers, Secretary and Historian of the Society of the 1st Missouri Engineers; Donohue and Henneberry, Chicago, 1889.

The roster entry (p. 239) for Conrad reads: "Vornkuhl, Conrad, P. Cos. G, I and D, Eng.; e. Aug 18, 1862, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; ad same; pensioner." In this entry, the abbreviations stand for: P = private; Eng. = engineer regiment; Co = company; e = enlisted; ad = present address.

**Augusta Kurre.** She was born on 27 Jun 1850.<sup>[2911]</sup> She died on 13 Mar 1927.<sup>[2911]</sup>

Heinrich Conrad Vornkahl and Augusta Kurre were married on 23 Sep 1869.<sup>[2869]</sup>

Children:

- i. **August Robert Fornkohl** was born on 28 Jan 1870 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup> He died on 24 Sep 1874.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>
28. ii. **William Friedrich Fornkohl**<sup>[2873]</sup> was born on 17 Feb 1876 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup> He married Regina Huey on 5 Feb 1903.<sup>[2873]</sup> He died on 29 Apr 1962 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup> Regina died 29 Jul 1933.<sup>[2912]</sup>

29.   iii.   **Louis August Fornkohl**<sup>[2873]</sup> was born on 5 Jan 1879.<sup>[2869,2873,2913]</sup> He married Rosanna "Sannie" Louisa Foeste on 2 Oct 1904.<sup>[2873,2908]</sup> He died on 09 or 10 Apr 1943.<sup>[2869,2913]</sup>
- iv.   **Frederich Conrad Fornkohl** was born on 2 Nov 1882.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup> He died on 16 Mar 1902.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>
30.   v.   **Conrad Peter Fornkohl** was born on 10 Jan 1885 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873,2914]</sup> He married Mayme McKinnis on 2 Feb 1913.<sup>[2873,2908]</sup> He died on 8 May 1950 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2914]</sup>
31.   vi.   **Augusta H. Fornkohl** was born on 11 Jun 1889.<sup>[2915]</sup> She married Harry Hanebrink. on 10 Sep 1908.<sup>[2873,2908]</sup> She died 11 Jul 1961 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2915]</sup>
9.   **Johanna Sophie Vornkahl-3** (Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). She was born on 4 Oct 1849.<sup>[2869]</sup> She died on 28 Dec 1928.<sup>[2869,2882]</sup>
- Peter Lowes.** He was born on 28 Feb 1843.<sup>[2882]</sup> He died on 8 Sep 1917.<sup>[2869,2882]</sup>
- Peter Lowes and Johanna Sophie Vornkahl were married 28 Oct 1869.
- Children:
- i.   **Minnie Marie Lowes** was born 30 Apr 1870.<sup>[2873]</sup> She married Theodore Grebe, Jr., on 22 Sep 1895. She died on 6 Jan 1942 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.
- ii.   **Henry John Lowes** was born 7 Jan 1873. He died on 7 Feb 1913.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- iii.   **August Heinrich Lowes** was born 9 Jun 1874.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- iv.   **Edward H. Lowes** was born 19 Dec 1877.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- v.   **William August Lowes** was born 1 Aug 1882 in Arnsburg, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup> He married Lydia Frieda Bartels on 18 Apr 1918 in Whitewater, Missouri. He died on 4 Aug 1967 in Jackson, Missouri.
- vi.   **Anna Mary Lowes** was born 10 Jun 1885. She married Charles H.T. Grass on 27 Nov 1924. She died 24 Sep 1973.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- vii.   **Henry Herman Lowes** was born on 10 Jun 1885. He died on 9 Mar 1900.<sup>[2873]</sup>

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17.   **Theodore August Fornkahl, Sr.-4** (Heinrich Friedrich August Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born on 8 Nov 1882 in Cape Girardeau Co, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2916]</sup> He died on 11 Nov 1935 in Cape Girardeau Co, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2917]</sup>
- Ora Lee McLain.** She was born on 16 Jan 1893 in Cape Girardeau Co, Missouri. She died on 2 Aug 1969 in Cape Girardeau Co, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- Theodore August Fornkahl Sr and Ora Lee McLain were married on 28 Oct 1909.<sup>[2908]</sup>
- Children:
- i.   **Mary Katherine Fornkohl** was born on 28 May 1911 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2918]</sup> She married Roland P. Weissinger on 15 Jun 1932 in Anna County, Illinois. She died on 28 May 1984.<sup>[2873,2918]</sup>
- ii.   **Arthur Clifton Fornkohl** was born on 25 Mar 1913 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He married Rita Alleen Brant on 20 Nov 1938 in Poplar Bluff, Butler County, Missouri. He died on 12 Sep 1992 in Cape Girardeau Co., Missouri.<sup>[2873,2919]</sup>
- iii.   **Melvin L. Fornkahl** was born on 6 Feb 1915 in Oriole, Missouri. He married Dorothy Fitzgerald. He died on 5 Aug 1975 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and is buried in Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2920]</sup>

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Note for Melvin Fornkahl: From the *Southeast Missourian*, 6 Aug 1975: "Melvin L. Fornkahl, 108 North Boulevard, died at 9:49 Wednesday night at Southeast Missouri Hospital here. He was 60 years old.

"Mr. Fornkahl was born Feb. 6, 1915, in Oriole, and was married to the former Miss Flora L. Barks on Nov. 27, 1943 here. He was a member of Hanover Lutheran Church here and had worked for 22 years for Kimbel and Delta Truck Lines before retiring in 1965. Mr. Fornkahl had also farmed.

"Uncle Melvin was a character. My cousin, Beverly, and I were six months apart in age, and when we were toddlers, he would get us to fighting. He would take cigars to my great-grandma, Emma Bailey, because he got a kick out of watching her smoke them. He also liked to play checkers with her because it would tickle him to see her cheat.'" Info from Brenda Joyce.

iv. **Theodore August Fornkohl, Jr.** was born on 28 Feb 1917 in Egypt Mills, Missouri. He married Margaret Louise Verble on 25 Jan 1948 in Cairo, Illinois. He died on 4 Jul 2000 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2921]</sup>

v. **Raymond Wallace Fornkahl** was born on 31 Mar 1919 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died on 1 Mar 1942 in Sunda Strait, The Philippines.

Notes for Raymond Wallace Fornkahl: His name is listed on the tablet of the missing, Manila American Cemetary and Memorial; data from Joe Voshage; Paul Eugene Hahn; and statlerfamily.com. Declared dead December 15, 1945.

vi. **Victor Burette Fornkahl** was born 9 May 1921 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2922]</sup> He married Elisabeth R. Kiefer on 30 Jun 1951.<sup>[2922]</sup> He died on 9 Jul 1963 in Chicago, Illinois.<sup>[2873,2922]</sup>

vii. **Carl Eugene Fornkahl** was born on 24 Jun 1923 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died on 8 Jan 1948 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>

viii. **Mildred M. Fornkahl** was born on 3 May 1926 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2923]</sup>

ix. **Ella Marie Fornkahl** was born on 13 Aug 1929 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She married Verlin R. Tidwell. She died on 23 May 2000 in Raytown, Jackson County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2924]</sup>

18. **Amalie Josephine "Phoebe" Fornkahl-4** (Heinrich Friedrich August Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). She was born on 28 Feb 1884 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She died on 1 Apr 1947 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, and is buried in Thompson Cemetery in Cape Girardeau Co., Mo.<sup>[2869,2916]</sup>

**Ernest Herman Zierath.** He was born on 28 Dec 1873 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died 1967 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. Burial in Thompson Cemetery in Cape Girardeau Co, Mo.<sup>[2869,2916]</sup>

Ernest Herman Zierath and Amalie Josephine "Phoebe" Fornkahl were married on 16 Apr 1903.<sup>[2908]</sup>

Children:

i. **Theodore August Zierath** was born on 30 Nov 1903 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died Nov 1980 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>

ii. **Marie Caroline Zierath** was born on 12 Jan 1905 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She died on 3 Apr 1922 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>

iii. **Marie Cora Zierath** was born on 24 Apr 1906 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She died on 21 Jan 1924 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>

- iv. **Alma Emilie Zierath** was born on 30 May 1907 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She married Carl George Koessel. They were married on 23 Aug 1941. She died on 9 Sep 2003 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2916]</sup>
- v. **Hattie Josephine Zierath** was born on 22 Jan 1909 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She died on 4 Jul 1911 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- vi. **Erna Emma Zierath** was born on 13 May 1912.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- vii. **Ernest Herman Zierath, Jr.**, was born on 24 May 1913 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2925]</sup> He died on 4 Jul 1923 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2925]</sup>
- viii. **Minnie C. Zierath** was born on 24 Apr 1916 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She died on 21 Jan 1924 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- ix. **Lawrence Eugene Zierath** was born on 22 Jul 1927 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died on 28 Jul 1928 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2926]</sup>

19. **Maria Dena Fornkahl-4** (Heinrich Friedrich August Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). She was born on 28 Nov 1885 in Egypt Mills, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2927]</sup> She died on 7 Aug 1947 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Burial on 8 Aug 1947 in Thompson Cemetery, Egypt Mills, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873,2927]</sup>

**John Lange** was born on 16 Feb 1868 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died on 15 Sep 1916 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2916]</sup>

John Lange and Maria Dena Fornkahl were married on 17 Mar 1906.<sup>[2869,2908]</sup>

Children:

- i. **Robert Johann Lange** was born on 8 Sep 1906.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- ii. **John Robert Lange** was born on 25 Jun 1909. He died in 1999.<sup>[2873,2916]</sup>
- iii. **Frieda Mary Lange** was born on 27 Dec 1910 in Egypt Mills, Missouri. She married Claude Trickey on 3 Dec 1929 or 1 Mar 1930 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She died on 15 May 2000 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Burial in Oriole, Mo., Iona Cemetery.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- iv. **August Martin Lange** was born on 25 Jul 1912.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- v. **Esther Cora Lange** was born on 18 Dec 1917 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She married Lawrence G. Farrow on 15 Mar 1932.<sup>[2916]</sup> She died on 8 Oct 1947.<sup>[2873]</sup>

20. **Henry Christian Fornkahl-4** (Heinrich Friedrich August Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born on 31 Aug 1887 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2927a]</sup> He died 1969 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2909,2927a]</sup>

**Mary Day Comer** was born on 19 Jan 1901.<sup>[2869]</sup> She died on 5 Mar 1939.<sup>[2869]</sup>

Henry C. Fornkahl and Mary Day Comer were married on 25 Jun 1918.<sup>[2908]</sup>

Children:

- i. **Oscar Henry Fornkahl** was born on 19 Oct 1919.<sup>[2873,2928]</sup> He married Dorothy Juanita Clubb on 17 Aug 1945 in Jackson, Missouri. He died on 21 Jul 1977.<sup>[2869,2928]</sup>
- ii. **Opal Day Fornkohl** was born on 21 Dec 1920 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She married Raymond Golden.<sup>[2873]</sup> She died on 15 Dec 1993 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2923]</sup>
- iii. **Mabel May Fornkahl** was born on 19 May 1922 in Egypt Mills, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2923]</sup> She died 5 Jan 1976 in Hallandale, Broward Co., Florida.<sup>[2923]</sup>
- iv. **Glenn Eugene Fornkahl** was born on 23 Nov 1923 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He married Delores Humes in 1968. He died on 13 Nov 1996 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2929]</sup>

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- v. **Esther Doris Fornkahl** was born on 30 Sep 1926 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She married Lester Eagle. She died on 2 Aug 1998 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2930]</sup>
  - vi. **Lester Marvin Fornkahl** was born on 17 Oct 1928.<sup>[2873,2931]</sup> He married Barbara Jean Moore on 23 Jan 1950. He died 17 Apr 2014 in Cape Girardeau, Mo.<sup>[2873,2931]</sup>
  - vii. **Lawrence Arnold Fornkahl** was born on 10 Jan 1931 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died on 4 Nov 1997 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2923]</sup>
  - viii. **Eva Myrtle Fornkohl**.<sup>[2873]</sup>
  - ix. **Norman Jessie Fornkahl**.<sup>[2873]</sup>
  - x. **Bobby Gene Fornkahl** was born on 21 Apr 1936 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died on 22 Jun 2011 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2932]</sup>
  - xi. **Delbert Comer Fornkahl**.<sup>[2873]</sup>
21. **Mary Wilhelmine Fornkahl-4** (Heinrich Friedrich August Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). She was born on 12 Feb 1889 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2933]</sup> She died on 8 Jun 1975 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873,2933]</sup>
- William Ernest Rodenberry**. He was born Nov 1891 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup> He died on 4 Oct 1933 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>
- William Ernest Rodenberry and Mary Wilhelmine Fornkahl were married on 3 Feb 1923<sup>[2873,2908]</sup> in Jackson, Missouri.
- Children:
- i. **Willie Ernest Rodenberry** was born on 2 Aug 1922. He married Vernell Graden.<sup>[2873]</sup>
  - ii. **Anna Mary Rodenberry** was born on 7 Jul 1923. She married Woodrow W. Price.<sup>[2873]</sup>
  - iii. **John August Rodenberry** was born on 28 Dec 1924 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died on 17 Feb 1980 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
  - iv. **Irene Rodenberry** was born on 31 Dec 1928 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She died on 22 Jan 1929 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
  - v. **Isis Rodenberry** was born on 31 Dec 1928 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She died on 23 Jan 1929 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
22. **Minnie Mary Fornkohl-4** (Heinrich Friedrich August Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). She was born on 20 Feb 1891 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup> She died on 1 Jun 1942 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- Louis Albert Myer**. He was born on 5 Mar 1906 in New Wells, Missouri. He died on 27 Apr 1973 in Whitewater, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- Louis Albert Myer and Minnie Mary Fornkohl were married on 9 Feb 1932<sup>[2908]</sup> in Jackson, Missouri.
- Child:
- i. **Mamie M. Myer** was born on 18 May 1933 in Egypt Mills, Missouri. She married Cecil Starkey on 30 Sep 1950. She died on 26 Feb 2002 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup> Obituary in *Southeast Missourian*, collected by David Statler.
23. **Bertha Rosa Fornkahl-4** (Heinrich Friedrich August Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). She was born on 20 Jan 1893 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup> She died on 16 Jan 1953 and is buried in Thompson Cemetery in Cape Girardeau Co., Mo. <sup>[2869,2873]</sup>



**Johann Heinrich F. Sticht.** He was born on 23 Feb 1876 in Farrar, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2973]</sup> He died on 14 Sep 1942 in Egypt Mills, Missouri and is buried in Thompson Cemetery in Cape Girardeau Co., Mo.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>

Johann Heinrich F. Sticht and Bertha Rosa Fornkahl were married on 31 Aug 1922.<sup>[2873,2908]</sup>

Children:

- i. **Frieda Mary Sticht** married Fred Hoffman. She died in 1963 and is buried in Lormier Cemetery, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- ii. **Arnold Sticht** was born on 12 Feb 1925 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died on 29 Mar 1999 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, and is buried in Thompson Cemetery in Cape Girardeau Co., Mo. <sup>[2873]</sup>
- iii. **Harold M. Sticht** was born on 18 Jun 1926 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He married Erma Pender. He died on 4 Dec 1992 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri and is buried in Thompson Cemetery. <sup>[2873]</sup>
- iv. **Viola Sticht** born on 28 Jan 1928 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She married Wilbur Davis. She died on 16 Nov 1999 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri and is buried in Thompson Cemetery, Cape Girardeau Co., Mo. <sup>[2873]</sup>
- v. **Louis Sticht** was born on 7 Jun 1929 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He married Sharon Pender. He died on 2 Apr 1993 in Cape Girardeau Co., Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- vi. **Raymond Sticht.**<sup>[2873]</sup>

24. **Peter Theodor Martin Fornkohl-4** (Heinrich Friedrich August Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born on 30 Jul 1896 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup> He died on 24 Apr 1956 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri and is buried in Thompson Cemetery.<sup>[2869,2873,2910]</sup>

**Edith Smith.** She was born on 12 Feb 1907.<sup>[2869]</sup> She died on 5 Feb 1942 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup>

Peter Theodor Martin Fornkohl and Edith Smith were married on 2 Jan 1923.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>

Children:

- i. **Alma Irene Fornkohl** was born on 27 Oct 1924.<sup>[2873]</sup> She died 5 Apr 1973.<sup>[2923]</sup>
- ii. **Junior Martin Fornkohl** was born on 3 Jun 1926 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He married Leona Fredoff on 23 Feb 1957.<sup>[2934]</sup> He died on 23 Mar 1994 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2934]</sup>
- iii. **Ruby Mae Fornkohl** was born on 10 Aug 1928. She died on 6 Jun 1964 in Sacramento, California. She married Utah L. Revell. Burial in Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, Sacramento, California; Plot: Sec. C Tier 1 Gr 38.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- iv. **Margie Marie Fornkohl** was born on 10 Oct 1931 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She married Edwin Earl Brunke. She died on 18 Jan 1968 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- v. **Evelyn Ruth Fornkohl.**<sup>[2873]</sup>
- vi. **August William Fornkohl** was born on 12 Mar 1937 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He married Dorothy Hand on 3 Oct 1959 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died 2 Jun 1988 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2935]</sup>
- vii. **Ivan Eugene Fornkohl.**<sup>[2873]</sup>

25. **Herman Heinrich Fornkahl-4** (Johann Heinrich Gottfried Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born on 19 Jul 1873.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup> He died 17 Dec 1944.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>

**Amelia Theodora Elizabeth Holtz.**<sup>[2936]</sup> She was born on 20 Jul 1875. She died on 25 Jan

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1968.<sup>[2869,2936]</sup>

Note for Amelia Holtz: Amelia Holtz was first married (21 Dec 1893) to John Heuer. Following his death, she married Herman Heinrich Fornkahl in about 1897. -1910 U.S. census.

They had one child:

- i. **Robert Alfred Fornkahl** was born on 12 Mar 1911.<sup>[2869]</sup> He married Leona Caroline Hedwig Rehkopf on 28 Nov 1935 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2869]</sup> He died 11 Feb 2007 and is buried in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Egypt Mills, Missouri, cemetery.<sup>[2937]</sup> He was the father of Ronald R. Fornkahl, co-author of this chapter.

26. **Bertha Rose Fornkahl-4** (Johann Heinrich Gottfried Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). She was born on 12 May 1879 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup> She died on 19 Aug 1951.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>

**Nicholas Koepfel** was born on 15 Aug 1857 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He died on 22 Feb 1918 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>

Nicholas Koepfel and Bertha Rose Fornkahl were married on 6 Mar 1907.<sup>[2908]</sup>

Children:

- i. **Amanda Leona Koepfel** was born on 14 Oct 1898.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- ii. **Laura Maria Koepfel** was born on 7 Sep 1900.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- iii. **Katie Amelia Koepfel** was born on 4 Oct 1904.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- iv. **Dorisia Augusta Koepfel** was born on 20 May 1907. She died on 29 Sep 1978.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- v. **Friedrich August Koepfel** was born on 29 Apr 1911. He died on 13 Dec 1997.<sup>[2873]</sup>

**Robert Huey** was born 3 Apr 1877 and died on 11 Mar 1947.<sup>[2938]</sup>

Robert Huey and Bertha Rose Fornkahl were married on 29 Nov 1918.<sup>[2873]</sup> They had no children.

27. **Heinrich Wilhelm Fornkohl-4** (Johann Heinrich Gottfried Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born on 29 Dec 1882.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup> He died 05 Feb 1908.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>

**Augusta Kistner.**

Heinrich Wilhelm Fornkohl and Augusta Kistner were married on 15 Jul 1906.<sup>[2869,2873]</sup>

Child:

- i. **Henry Charles Walter Fornkohl.** He was born on 21 Dec 1907 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup> He married Gertrude R. Hecht on 28 Jun 1936. She was born 27 Mar 1911 and died on 30 Dec 2003.<sup>[2939]</sup> He died 18 May 2000 in Perryville, Perry County, Missouri.<sup>[2940]</sup>

28. **William Friedrich Fornkohl-4** (Heinrich Conrad Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born on 17 Feb 1876 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He died on 29 Apr 1952 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2873,2948]</sup>

**Regina Huey** was born on 23 Jan 1877 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She died on 29 Jul 1933 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2912,2948]</sup> Obituary, published in *seMissourian*, provided by David Statler (statlerfamily.com).

William Friedrich Fornkohl and Regina Huey were married on 5 Feb 1903<sup>[2873]</sup> in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.

Children:

- i. **Vera Amelia Fornkohl** was born on 1 Dec 1903 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She married Martin A.F. Heise on 14 Oct 1922 in Jackson, Missouri. She

- died on 8 Feb 1937 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2923,2948]</sup>
- ii. **Dahlia Regenia Fornkohl** was born on 25 Dec 1905. She married Arnold E. Lohmann on 15 Nov 1933 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2948]</sup> She died on 28 Jan 1986.<sup>[2923]</sup>
  - iii. **Clarence H. R. Fornkohl** was born on 09 Feb 1908 in Egypt Mills, Missouri. He married Thelma Rose Halter on 31 Jan 1939 in Benton, Missouri. He died on 21 Jul 1947 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2948]</sup> Obituary in *seMissourian* provided by David Statler (statlerfamil.com).
  - iv. **Harlem Charles Fornkohl** was born on 30 Jan 1910 in Egypt Mills, Missouri. He married Hazel Marie Steeg on 2 Jul 1932 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He died on 10 Dec 1975 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2941,2948]</sup>
29. **Louis August Fornkohl-4** (Heinrich Conrad Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born on 5 Jan 1879. He died on 9 Apr 1943.<sup>[2869,2873,2913]</sup>  
**Rosanna "Sannie" Louisa Foeste** was born on 9 Dec 1887. She died on 19 Nov 1962.<sup>[2869]</sup>  
August Louis Fornkohl and Rosanna "Sannie" Louisa Foeste were married on 2 Oct 1904.<sup>[2908]</sup>  
Children:
  - i. **Mildred M. Fornkohl** was born on 23 Oct 1906.<sup>[2942]</sup> She died on 12 Jan 1975 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2942]</sup>
  - ii. **Hadley Elmer Fornkohl** was born 25 Sep 1909.<sup>[2873]</sup> He died 6 Oct 1981.<sup>[2873,2943]</sup>
30. **Conrad Peter Fornkohl-4** (Heinrich Conrad Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). He was born on 10 Jan 1885 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He died on 8 May 1950 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2914,2948]</sup> Obituary in *seMissourian* on (statlerfamily.com) as provided by David Statler.  
**Mayme McKinnis** was born on 3 Jan 1892 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She died on 29 Jun 1969 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2869,2948]</sup>  
Conrad Peter Fornkohl and Mayme McKinnis were married on 02 Feb 1913.<sup>[2908]</sup>  
Children:
  - i. **Wilson Charles Fornkahl** was born on 9 Nov 1913.<sup>[2873,2948]</sup> He died 4 Mar 1976 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2944]</sup>
  - ii. **Lillian Mary Fornkohl** was born on 29 Dec 1914.<sup>[2873]</sup> She died on 12 Dec 1991.<sup>[2923]</sup>
  - iii. **Grace Lela Fornkohl**. She was born on 20 May 1916.<sup>[2873]</sup> She died on 7 Jul 1987 in Memphis, Tennessee.<sup>[2923]</sup>
  - iv. **Della Mae Fornkohl**. She was born on 6 Jul 1922. She married Robert M. Jungers on 24 Dec 1941 in Egypt Mills, Missouri.<sup>[2873]</sup>
31. **Augusta H. Fornkohl-4** (Heinrich Conrad Vornkahl-3, Conrad Vornkahl-2, Johann Heinrich Vornkahl-1). She was born on 11 Jun 1889 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2945]</sup> She died on 11 Jul 1961 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.<sup>[2945]</sup>  
**Harry Hanebrink** was born on 21 Oct 1866 in Egypt Mills, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.<sup>[2873,2946]</sup> He died in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on 3 Nov 1968.<sup>[2973,2946]</sup>  
Harry Hanebrink and Matilda Auguste Fornkohl were married on 10<sup>[2873,2908]</sup> or 12<sup>[2946]</sup> Sep 1901.  
Children:
  - i. **Aline Fay Hanebrink**.<sup>[2873]</sup>
  - ii. **Lloyd Henry Harry Hanebrink** was born on 5 Oct 1921. He died on 18 Jan

1923.<sup>[2873]</sup>

- iii. **Earl Lee Hanebrink** was born on 24 Mar 1924.<sup>[2873]</sup>
- iv. **Mary Janette Hanebrink** was born on 10 Apr 1927.<sup>[2873]</sup>

### Appendix 1. A hypothesis for the origins of Johann Heinrich Vornkahl of Hackenstedt.

The origins of Johann Heinrich Vornkahl of Hackenstedt, Germany, have not yet been discovered. He and his wife, Johanne Dorothee Friederike Ernestine Göcken, were the parents of three children, all of whom married in Hackenstedt and then emigrated to the United States. The deaths of both parents are recorded in the Hackenstedt Kirchenbücher (church books) but information about their births is lacking.

Johann Heinrich died on 18 Aug 1839. His age at the time of his death is recorded as 71 years. The entries in the columns for months and days are ambiguous, *i.e.*, there are no numbers in the columns but there are faint markings that may or may not be ditto marks. However, from his age at the time of death, we can calculate that he was born in 1768. When we look at our database (for the parishes of Nettlingen and Berel) for the years 1767-1769, there is one birth of a boy named Johann Heinrich.<sup>[586]</sup> He was the illegitimate son of Ilse Elisabeth Schrader of Nettlingen. A transcription of the birth as recorded in the year 1768 follows:

21ten Aug. Ilse Elisab. Schraders hur Kind getaufft. Nahmens Johann Heinr. Gevattern war (1) der Bade Mutter Struben Sohn (2) sehl Courd Vornekahls Sohn. Es hat gedeckt Schraders tochter dezses Courd Vornekahls Sohn Nahmens Joh. Heinr. als Vater beteuert.

An approximate translation is:

On the 21st of August, Ilse Elisabeth Schrader's illegitimate son was baptized. Named Johann Heinr[ich]. God-parents were (1) the bath mother [*i.e.*, midwife] Struben's son, (2) deceased Courd Vornekahl's son. Said Schrader's daughter has confided this Courd Vornekahl's son named Joh[ann] Heinr[ich] (as) the father.

We can search for Johann Heinrich Vornekahl, son of Courd Vornekahl. Using the thirty years-per-generation rule, we can search in about 1738 for the birth of a Johann Heinrich Vornkahl. The only birth satisfying this requirement is found in 1744. In that year, Curdt Fornkahl was the father of a son named Johann Hinrich, baptized on 19 July 1744.<sup>[416]</sup> There are no other births of a Johann Heinrich Vornkahl recorded in this period.

There is nothing in the 21 Aug 1768 birth record that tells us which surname, Vornkahl or Schrader, was given to the child born on that date. However, in the church lists of confirmations for 1781-1783 (this range of years is derived from 1768 plus 14 years – the typical age of confirmation) there is no Johann Heinrich Schrader but there is a Johann Heinrich Vornkahl. He is in the list of those confirmed in Nettlingen in 1782.

Taken together, these bits of information suggest that Ilse Elisabeth Schrader's illegitimate son was given the Vornkahl surname and that he lived through childhood at least to the age of a young adult. Whether he relocated as an adult to Hackenstedt remains to be determined.

Appendix 2. Transcription of the deed to Conrad Vornkahl's farm in Randol Township, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, recorded in 1854.

A photographic copy of the original deed was kindly provided to us by Andrew "Drew" David Blattner. The original is hand written in the Record Book of Deeds, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.

**"This Deed**, made and entered into this eleventh day of September eighteen hundred and fifty-four by and between Milford S. Randol of the County of Cape Girardeau in the state of Missouri, party of the first part, and Conrad Fornekohlen of the County and State aforesaid, party of the Second part, **Witnesseth.** That the said party of the first part in consideration of Four hundred dollars to him paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents, grant, bargain and sell unto the party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, the following described real estate, lying and being in what is commonly called the big bend of the Mississippi river in said County of Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, and more particularly described as the lot № three of the north east quarter of Section № five in Township № thirty-one north of Range № fourteen east containing Seventy-six and 66/100 acres, also that part of the one half of the east half of Lot № three, northwest quarter of Section № five in Township № 31 North of Range № 14 east which lies north of creek running through said lot called Thompson's Creek: the above land having been conveyed to said Randol by deed from William Morgan Shiriff of said county dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 1854, and was sold for the purpose of making partition thereof among the heirs of James Thompson deced. with all and singular the appurtenances and improvements thereon and thereto belonging **To have and to hold** the same, together with all the rights, immunities, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging such the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever; the said Milford S. Randol hereby covenanting that he, his heirs, executors and administrators, shall and will warrant and defend the title to the premises to the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever, claiming the same or any part thereof and especially against the claims of Sarah Thompson, the late Sarah Randol for any claim of divorce in said land. **In witness whereof** The said party of the first part has herewith set his hand and seal the day and year above written Milford S. Randol -seal-

Executed in presence of Jacob Tobler

**State of Missouri, County of Cape Girardeau } SS,** Be it remembered That on this eleventh day of September AM Eighteen hundred and fifty-four, before me the undersigned Clerk of the County Court, with-in and for said county came Milford S. Randol who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument of writing as a party thereto and he acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, for the purposes therein mentioned. Witness my signature and Official Seal of Office - LS- in Jackson, County aforesaid. Jacob Tobler. Clk Co. Ct  
Received and recorded Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1854 Hy Sandforde Clk."

Appendix 3. A newspaper account of the death of Caroline (Stausing) Vornkahl.

The following is a translation, by Ulli Schröder, of an account of the death of Caroline Vornkahl that appeared in the German language newspaper, *Deutscher Volksfreund*, published in Jackson, Missouri. The article was published in the 8 Apr 1897 edition of the newspaper. The article was datelined from Egypt Mills on 3 Apr 1897.

"A terrible accident happened here on the evening of March 31rst, costing the life of a poor widow. The details are the following: In the morning of the mentioned day, Mrs. Car-

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oline Vornkahl took a ride on her wagon into town. She left the Cape at 4 o'clock and got four miles homeward when she was surprised by rain and stopped off at a Negro's home. When the rain subsided a little, she continued to make her way home and got to Juden Creek which had already risen considerably.

"It is assumed (because there was no eyewitness) that she made it to the raging creek at the crossing of Wm. Heise where the wagon box was torn off the wagon and she that way was swept away by the torrential flood. Her body was found by chance the next morning not far from the house of Sarah Brooks, one mile from the mentioned crossing, on a "gravel bank" by Frank McDonald, where the coroner also performed the post-mortem examination. A small wound on the cheek and a broken nose were seen on the unfortunate (woman). The wagon box was found  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile further downstream and the team of horses standing up to their knees in the water about 150 yards below the place of the accident with the upset wagon. After the post-mortem examination she was transported to her home in the same wagon, and yesterday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, at 11 o'clock was buried in the Thompson churchyard. She leaves behind five children, three sons and two daughters."

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