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SCHUENEMAN TIDBITS

When the genealogy of Johann Heinrich Schuenemann, the patriarch of the Schuenemann clan in the Chicago area, was being researched there appeared several anomalies which left questions in the mind of the genealogist.

For example, the first child and the first born of Johann Heinrich in the United States in 1848 was Bernard Henry. His obituary in the Libertyville Independent newspaper of Thursday, February 12, 1920 does not mention the place of his birth. Fortunately the family bible recorded his birth date as December 1, 1848.

Records of Germany show that Johann Heinrich emigrated to America in 1847 with his wife but without children. The Chicago City Directory of 1848 shows Johann Heinrich living at 298 Cornell St.

Bernard Henry was not baptized in the only Catholic church in Chicago at that time where subsequently a brother and a sister were baptized. Since Bernard Henry leaves no descendants a birth is almost impossible to trace except in a church through a baptism. Most children were born at home and the baptismal record is the formal notification. The family were staunch Catholics so where was Bernard Henry baptized?

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July 19, 1990

I did not find the of **BERNARD (Henry) Schuenemann**.

I found two baptisms of Children of JOHN HENRY SCHUENEMANN: Wife's Maiden - Name is variously: **Greidenhefert** or **Greitenwert** ...
(Probably a phonetic error - -)

I searched through the years of 1847 to 1855 inclusive.
I searched for the Family - Name through almost 200 pages of Baptismal Entries in the seven years.

Fr. Firmin.
Fr. Firmin Stele

This leaves a question in the life of Bernard Henry. He must have been born in Chicago on Cornell St. How did he prove his birth with no records available?

The second child, who lived all his life as John was baptized Lambertum Johannem in Chicago at St. Peter's Church. A clue to his name is in one of his sponsors who was Lambert Greidenhefert.

88. 1850

Junius
13. 1st Baptizari Lambertum Johannem
filium legitimum, 31 Maji, Johannis
Schuenemann, Henrici Schuenemann et Mariae
Catharinae Greidenhefert.
Patrini; Lambertus Greidenhefert
et Barbara Breit.
Pastor J. B. Weikamp.

It was a surprise to learn that all names were registered in Latin. John's name in English was Lambert John Schuenemann as registered on his Baptismal Certificate but why didn't he use his first name of Lambert?

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Baptismal Certificate

According to the Records of this Church

LAMBERT JOHN SCHUENEMANN (son) Son
(dough) (e) of John Henry Schuenemann Father,
 and Maria Catharina GREIDENHEFERT Mother,
 born in the city of Chicago State of Illinois
 on the 31st day of May, 1850

St. Peter's WAS BAPTIZED
 in this Church on the 1st day of June, 1850
 by the Rev. I. B. Weikamp
 in accord with the rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

Sponsors Lambert Greidenhefert
Barbara Breit

Date July 19th 1990

N. B. Maiden - Name of Mother is Greidenhefert

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Ass. Pastor
 Fr. Firmin Weber, OFM Assistant

His mother's maiden name was disclosed as Mariae Catharinae Greidenhefert also in Latin. The only conclusion is that the son known as John was really named after the brother of his mother who left Germany at the same time and is on the same register.

As yet Lambert Greidenhefert's records have not been found. When he came to Chicago from Germany, he came alone. This is recorded in the book-*Beitrage zur Westfalischen Familienforschung*. His name is a single entry whereas Johann Heinrich and his wife were recorded together. (*ed. note-see the following story*)

In all the family legends the name of Lambert Greidenhefert was never mentioned. It would be quite interesting if there was some record of his life in Chicago- did he die in Chicago or did he move on to another place?

Another anomaly is the double n at the end of the Schueneman name.

While researching in the Mormon church library, a distinction was found between Schueneman with one n and Schuenemann two ns. It was explained that the double n was Christian and the single n was Jewish. Today, do all the Schuenemans use only one n?

The original Johann Heinrich kept the double n throughout his life in the U. S. Could he have been aware of the difference or was he just spelling his name following that of his father in Germany? When was the second n dropped in this country? Church records of his children still included the double n but his descendants today use only one n.

Perhaps a history of how the name came about would illustrate this peculiarity. For that, a record would need to be found going back to the time when names began and this is highly improbable.

The derivation of the name Schuenemann with the double n can be found in the book "German-American Names" by George F. Jones who writes that the name means bar n man. Actually Schuenemann is spelled without the first e and the u has an umlaut over it. (an umlaut is an accent of two dots over the letter.)

There is another similar name which is Schoeneman which has the umlaut over the o. This name translates to handsome man.

Nevertheless in the records going back to 1750 in Germany the spelling is always Schunemann with an umlaut over the u and no first e. Perhaps the original Schueneman was a farmer, hence that connotation. Or perhaps the original Schoneman was very good looking. Who knows

There is another question for which no answer has been found. On the marriage license of John (Lambert) it records his mother as Elisabeth

Neinatten. The date is May 3, 1882. His mother died March 1, 1882 but who is Elisabeth Neinatten? His godmother is listed as Barbara Breit. Even the first name is different.

The name of Neinatten is found in some of the records from St. John's church in Johnsburg but why did that person stand in for his mother? Maybe that will never be known. Who was Elisabeth Neinatten and what was the relationship?

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Return of a Marriage to County Clerk.

1. Full Name of GROOM, John Schuenemann
 2. Place of Residence, Johnsburg
 3. Occupation, Merchant
 4. Age next Birthday, 21 years. Color, White Race, Caucasian
 5. Place of Birth, Germany
 6. Father's Name, John Schuenemann
 7. Mother's Maiden Name, Elisabeth Neinatten
 8. Number of Groom's Marriage, 1st
 9. Full Name of BRIDE, Minna Reubner
 Maiden Name, if a Widow
 10. Place of Residence, Johnsburg
 11. Age next Birthday, 22 years. Color, White Race, Caucasian
 12. Place of Birth, Germany
 13. Father's Name, Charles Reubner
 14. Mother's Maiden Name, Elisabeth Reubner
 15. No. of Bride's Marriage, 1st
 16. Married at Johnsburg in the County of Madison
 and State of Illinois, the 3rd day of May, 1882
 17. Witnesses to Marriage, John Schuenemann Minna Reubner
N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 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There was only one way to really authenticate the true spelling. Find a German printed source with the name. Fortunately, two were found. One is from the official records in Munster and the second is from a German book but in comparing the spelling the two names are different.

The last resort was in the church records in German. The final decision is that the name of the wife of Johann Heinrich, Maria Catherine, should be spelled

GREITENEWERT.

NAMEN VON AUSWANDERERN, DIE VON 1832 BIS 1850 OCHTRUP VERLIESSEN

- Gellenbeck, Gerh. Heinrich * 1820. → U.S.A. 1841
- Gellenberg, Joh. Hermann. * 1806. → U.S.A. 1839
- mit Frau Mar. Anna geb. Reckers aus Rheine * 1812. → U.S.A. 1839
- Gerling, Gerh. Hermann * 1810. → U.S.A. 1846
- Greitenwert, Lambert * 1815. → U.S.A. 1847
- Große Holtrop - s. Ostenfelde
- Hagenhoff - s. Bodde
- Hagenhoff, Joh. Heinrich. * 1802. → U.S.A. 1842
- Schünemann, Joh. Heinrich. * 1819. → U.S.A. 1847
- mit Frau Maria Cath. geb. Greitenwert * 1822. → U.S.A. 1847
- Schünemann, Bernh. Hermann. * 1825. → U.S.A. 1847
- mit 1 Bruder
- Sünker, Herm. Heinrich. * 1799. → U.S.A. 1846
- mit 4 Kindern
- Tellen - s. Bodenroff
- Tümmers, Maria Cath. * 1817. → U.S.A. 1848
- Uphoff, Joh. Albert * 1806. → U.S.A. 1846
- Vissing, Herm. Stephan. * 1828. → U.S.A. 1849
- mit den Eltern
- Völker, Bernh. Stephan. * 1795. → U.S.A. 1850
- mit Frau Cath. geb. Zumhaus * 1798. → U.S.A. 1850
- und 3 Kindern
- Völker, Fried. Clemens * 1824. → U.S.A. 1846
- Volkeri, Johann * 1817. → U.S.A. 1846
- Wenning, Herm. Heinrich. * 1802. → U.S.A. 1846
- mit Frau Elis. geb. Pott * 1803. → U.S.A. 1846
- und 4 Söhnen
- Werning, Joh. Bernhard. * 1892. → U.S.A. 1839
- mit Frau Elis. geb. Schulze-Wieling * 1801. → U.S.A. 1839
- und 6 Kindern
- Wiers, gen. Herking, Theodor Heinr. * 1823. → U.S.A. 1846
- Winkelmann, Theodor Anton * 1811. → U.S.A. 1833

BEITRÄGE ZUR WESTFÄLISCHEN FAMILIENFORSCHUNG

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3783 a) p)	WESTFÄLISCHEN GESELLSCHAFT FÜR GENEALOGIE) 1847
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3791 a) p)		5. 1819
3792 a) - c) 1847
3793 a) am		7. 1824
3794 a) No		Nord-
3795 a) - c	4	7 p)
3796 a) Sch	VERLAG ASCHENDORFF	1. 1826
3797 a) 1844	MÜNSTER 1946	Gerl.
3798 a) 1847		- 16. 8.
3799 a) 1847		
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Handwritten church record in German:
 Von dem Tode
 vom 1ten Januar 1822 bis zum letzten Dezember 1843
 zu Ochtrup
 Geborenen und Gestorbenen
 auffallend
 zurechnend sieben und zwanzig Töchter
 nebst
 einem Hannevater
 Angelegt
 von
 Johann B. Filtz

17	Maria Catherine	geb. am 10. 11. 1815	geb. am 10. 11. 1815	geb. am 10. 11. 1815
18	Johann	geb. am 10. 11. 1815	geb. am 10. 11. 1815	geb. am 10. 11. 1815
19	Maria Catherine	geb. am 10. 11. 1815	geb. am 10. 11. 1815	geb. am 10. 11. 1815
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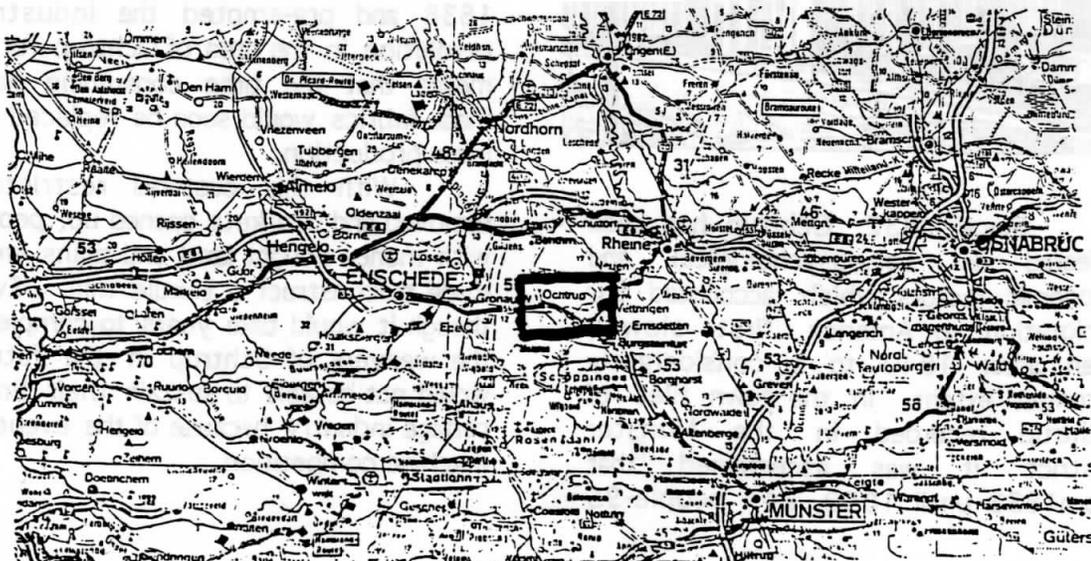
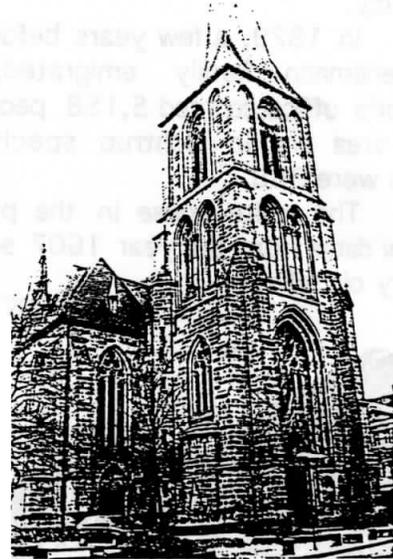
OCHTRUP

AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR GERMAN ROOTS

Johann Heinrich Schuenemann left Germany in 1847 from a little village called OCHTRUP. This was never noted on any census form nor was it passed on through any family legends. After searching for years and talking to many experts on German migration, I was fortunate to find records of the church. This is just a beginning.

Location of Westphalia

The Catholic Church

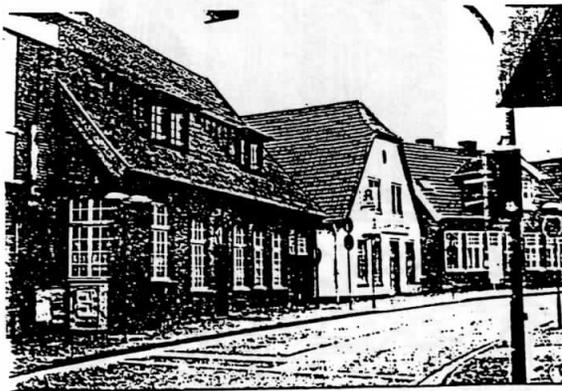


Today, Ochtrup is still a very small town in the district of Munster in Westphalia, the northwest area of Germany. It is not on any large highway but because many small towns are close to large cities, it would be similar to the small towns in the USA where people either commute to the nearby city or work in the only industry which in this case is the textile mill .

The area itself is composed of the farming communities of Oster, Wester, and Weiner Bauerschaft as well as the incorporated villages of Dorfen, Langenhorst, and Welbergen. All in all there are about 17,000 people in this vicinity.

In 1829, a few years before the Schuenemann family emigrated, the mayor's office counted 5,158 people in this area and in Ochtrup specifically there were 958.

The white house in the picture below dates from the year 1607 so it is a very old village.



Since 1832, Ochtrup has been affected by sociopsychological and economic factors which accounted for emigration to America, first slowly, then after 1840 to a considerably stronger extent. In the town files of Ochtrup recorded in the Munster District it was ascertained that from 1833 until 1850, 247 people-95

men, 48 women, 104 children received permission to leave from the government.

The 104 children belonged to 32 families including a few couples without children. Secretly without permission 17 emigrated, mostly young men of military age who didn't want to go into military service. Only 4 of this group went to Holland which is strange for Ochtrup is close to that border.

The report from the district stated that people working in agriculture were the most easily convinced to leave. This report did not say who promoted this emigration.

One can only assume the land did not provide an adequate living.

Also weavers in the handloom linen cottage industry were also convinced that the country across the sea was the answer to the upcoming crisis. Johann Heinrich Schuenemann, his brother and his wife's brother were some of those weavers.

The reasons for the impending crisis were threefold. Before this date all one needed to survive was a small plot of land, a cottage, and a loom.

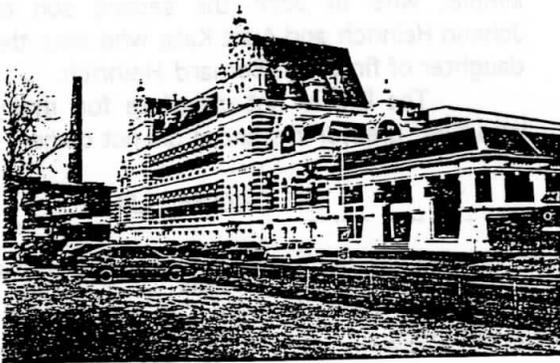
However, customs changes made by the Royal Prussian Minister of Commerce and Finance allowing products to be exported changed the entire weaving industry. This occurred in 1838 and pre-empted the industrial revolution in the area of Ochtrup for it meant that the time consuming hand made fabrics would soon be replaced by mass production.

With this customs restriction removed and markets opened up, people with money bought land and plans were made to construct a textile mill. Even though it would take years to complete, the weavers of Ochtrup in the future would not be able to sustain their linen cottage industry because of the eventual machine competition.

Also, linen was being replaced by cotton which was better adapted to mechanized production.

Therefore, weaving, the primary small cottage linen industry of Ochtrup was doomed. These are the sociopsychological factors that confronted Johann Heinrich just beginning his adult life.

The first mill built in Ochtrup.



These factors and another in the life of Johann Heinrich must have influenced his emigration. His father had died and since he was the eldest son, according to the custom at that time, the eldest son inherited the father's assets..

So in 1847 he and his wife, his brother, her brother and his widowed mother received permission from the government and sailed for Chicago. He arrived in 1848 to begin his new life.

An aerial view of the town he left behind.



OTHER SCENES OF OCHTRUP

