

Pape Families in Concordia, MO Area

Tracing the Pape surname, one will find three distinct Pape families that settled in the immediate Concordia, MO area, continuing to live in the area through the 1900s. To date, no close connection has been established between these three branches. In addition, there are various other Pape names appearing in the records during the latter half of the 1800s. Again, there is no known connection between some of them and the three pioneer families. The following is a summary of those three branches and some other Papes that appeared in the area through the years.

Heinrich Pape (1834-1890)

[Note. Various Pape families from the area around Selsingen, Germany (including neighboring communities such as Haaßel and Parnewinkel) immigrated to Missouri during the mid- to latter-half of the 1800s. They initially settled in the Benton/Morgan County (Cole Camp) area and spread to other areas such as Concordia. The relationship between these families back in Germany has not been fully established. Information listed in the Ortsfamilienbuch Selsingen (<http://www.ortsfamilienbuecher.de/namelist.php?ofb=selsingen&lang=en&modus=&name=PAPE>) conflicts with research done by other genealogists. In particular, the ancestors of the Heinrich Pape family in this section differ. So the association with the Rebecca Pape Hinck family is in question. Further research into the Selsingen church records is needed to resolve this issue.]

The first of these three families to arrive was Heinrich (Henry) Pape who settled just east of Emma. He was born on 28 Feb 1834 either in Selsingen, Hanover, Germany to Johann Pape and Adelheid Burfeind [Schlue family tree] or in Haaßel to Dreves Pape and Maria Örding [Ortsfamilienbuch Selsingen]. Henry married Anna Marie Dankers in Selsingen on 13 Oct 1864. Anna was born in Zeven, Germany on 30 Dec 1840 to Jost Hinrich Dankers and Sophie Hauschild [Ortsfamilienbuch Selsingen]. Anna appears to have moved to Grafel (just east of Haaßel) working as a maidservant when she met Heinrich.

Their first child Maria was born 27 Aug 1865 in Sassenholz. Soon after, Henry, Anna, and Marie immigrated to the U.S. [Note. A passenger list for the family has not been located. However, in the 1910 census, wife Anna Marie declared that they immigrated in 1867.] It is not known whether the family came directly to Concordia or first stopped in Morgan County, MO where other Papes from Selsingen lived. But by 1870, Henry and his family show up in the Freedom Township (Concordia) census records. Daughter Maria married Edward M. Lavery in Jackson Co., MO and died 4 Mar 1895.

Five more children were born to the family in the Concordia area, namely
Heinrich J. (18 Aug 1870-4 Sep 1958), married Anna Bockelmann
Jacob (16 Jul 1871-21 Jan 1876)
Martha Johanna (25 Jan 1874-?), married Herman Lange
Anna "Sophia" (28 Sep 1876-29 Aug 1959), married John Fuchs
Andrew Joseph (1 Jan 1880-3 Apr 1880)

Henry and his family were members of St. John Evangelical Church, Emma and the family can be traced in that church's records. Henry died on 1 Dec 1890 in Concordia and Anna Marie died on 27 Aug 1927, also in Concordia.

Rebecca Pape (29 May 1841-7 Jan 1908) is thought to be Heinrich's sister. She was born in Selsingen on 29 May 1841 to Johann Pape and Adelheid Burfeind. She married Johann R. Hinck (19 Apr 1846-28 Oct 1887), son of Johann Hinck and Anna Schröder from Parnewinkle, Germany on 12 Jan 1866 in Selsingen. Johann, Rebecca, and their children immigrated to the U.S. on the ship *Fulda* arriving in New York from Bremen on 22 March 1887. [Note. Only Rebecca and four children appear in the passenger list.] According to family history, Johann died from falling off a wagon within a year after coming to the U.S.A. The Hinck family were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia and can be traced in that church's records. Rebecca died on 7 Jan 1908.

A possible brother Gerd Pape was born 7 May 1839 in Germany and died 14 Sep 1921 in Concordia, Lafayette County, Missouri. He immigrated to U.S at age 52 on the ship *Eider* arriving in New York City on 09 Jun 1891. He worked as a laborer in Concordia. He was listed on his death certificate as widowed and shows up in the census records without any family. Perhaps he came to the U.S. after his wife died. [Note. No records of Gerd back in Germany and no connection to Henry have been found. However, this relationship is plausible based on the dates of birth.]

Henry Pape (1869-1943)

The second Pape family was that of another Henry Pape who lived on St. Louis St., Concordia and had a grocery business in the city of Concordia. According to his death certificate, he was born in Germany on 22 Feb 1869 to Jacob Pape and Kathryn Wilpern [Wolpern?].

In a passport he filed on 8 Apr 1904 for a business trip back to Germany (with Christ Eckhoff and Thees Martens), he stated that he was born in Hanover and left to Germany on the ship Eider on 15 Jun 1884 [Note. 1886 in the 1900 census, 1884 in 1910 census.], living continuously in Concordia, MO for 19 ³/₄ years. That would mean he arrived in Concordia in the latter part of 1884 at the age of 15.

[Note. No record of a Henry Pape that age was found in the Eider passenger list.]

After arriving in Concordia, he may have worked for Louis Evert, a merchant in the city. Henry was married to Mary Evert, daughter of Louis Evert, in the Evert home on 1 Apr 1894 by Rev. Carl Dornenburg, pastor of Bethel Evangelical Church, Concordia. By 1900, he was living with his father-in-law's family. The children of Henry and Mary were

Bettie (23 Sep 1894-8 Apr 1983), married Albert J. Damman
Frances (30 Dec 1896-Jan 1983), married Harry "Dick" Oetting
Everett Louis (27 Sep. 1899-16 Feb 1957), married Caroline Hoelscher
Ralph (12 Mar 1906-7 Nov 1991), married Margie Thomas
Edna b. abt. 1909
Dorothy b. abt. 1917, married Arthur Meyer

Henry's family were members of Bethel Evangelical Church in Concordia and the family can be found in that church's records. Henry died on 14 May 1943 in Concordia. His wife Mary preceded him in death on 2 Sept 1935.

Henry's older sister Meta Pape (16 Mar 1863-7 Jul 1950) also came to Concordia from Germany. In the 1900 census, she declared that she emigrated to the U.S. in 1880; whereas, in the 1910 census she stated that it was 1882. After arriving in the U.S., she married Heinrich Eckhoff on 24 Apr 1885 in Concordia, MO.

Henry and Meta adopted several children, a son Henry Gieschen (b. abt. 1886) and a daughter Flora Gieschen (b. Dec 1894). [Note. Their father Diedrich Gieschen had two wives, both of whom died young. Meta Blanck Gieschen died in 1893 and Meta Brasch Gieschen died in 1897.] The Eckhoff and Gieschen families can be found in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church records.

Henry's younger sister Katherine (30 Apr 1874-1 Apr 1954) did not immigrate to the U.S. until 1892 (according to the 1910 census). She married George Cordes in Concordia on 22 Feb 1895. George was born 6 Sep 1870 in Concordia to Henry and Meta Wolters Cordes. George and Katherine had seven children: Bertha, Erna, Emilie, Madeline, Martha, Arthur, and Loretta. George died 21 Jul 1951. Both George and Katherine are buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Concordia.

Jacob Pape (1868-1956)

The third Pape family was that of Jacob Pape, who settled on a farm just northeast of St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Concordia. Jacob was born 16 Dec 1868 in Meinstedt, Germany to Claus Pape and Maria Ropers.

After both of his parents had died, Jacob immigrated to the U.S. as a 15 year old indentured servant on the ship Neckar, arriving in New York City on 2 May 1884. Traveling west to Arkansas to work for the farmer who paid his boat passage, he first stopped in Concordia, MO to visit his sister Adelheid Pape Schlesselmann (1861-1938) who had immigrated to the U.S. two years earlier. Adelheid married Peter Schlesselmann on 3 May 1883 in Concordia, where they settled on a farm just north of the city.

After working several years in Arkansas to fulfill his debt and then traveling to the state of Washington to work in the wheat fields there, Jacob eventually returned to Concordia where he had friends and relatives. On 28 Feb 1897, he married Maria Stuenkel (1876-1951), daughter of Heinrich Friedrich "Louis" Stuenkel and Maria Bruns and granddaughter of Conrad Stuenkel and Marie Gerberding. He purchased the land that became the Pape homestead from his father-in-law Louis.

The children of Jacob and Maria Pape were

- Arthur Claus Louis (7 Mar 1898-29 Jan 1960), married to Alida Bogenpohl (Stillborn) (17 Jan 1900)
- Flora Sophia Adelheid (5 Dec 1901-31 Dec 1978), married Henry Hensiek
- Edwin August (29 May 1904-27 Dec 1966), married Florence Frerking
- Louis Ernst Heinrich (5 Jan 1907-20 Nov 1992), married Cornelia Petering
- Anna Martha Paulina (28 Aug 1910-4 Dec 2001), married Edwin Dieckhoff
- Norbert August (3 Feb 1915-11 Feb 1915)
- Elmer John Theodore (1 Nov 1919-25 Oct 1944), married Concordia Runge

Jacob's family were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia and the family can be traced in that church's records. Jacob died 5 Jan 1956 in Concordia. Maria preceded him in death on 11 Sep 1951, also in Concordia.

An extensive trace of Jacob's ancestry can be found at <http://concordia-memories.org/JacobPapePedigree.html>.

It should be noted that there probably is a distant connection between the Papes from Meinstedt and those from Selsingen. Jacob's 5th great-grandfather Johann Pape (1625-1683) lived in Selsingen, Germany. Johann's son Gerd (abt. 1652-abt. 1729) married Anna Bredehöft (1665-abt. 1729) from Boitzenbostel on 24 Oct 1682 in Heeslingen, Germany and moved to Boitzenbostel from Selsingen. After several generations, the family eventually migrated to Meinstedt. [Note. Meinstedt, Boitzenbostel, and Heeslingen are all within several miles of each other and less than 10 miles from Selsingen.]

Other Papes in Concordia Area during the 1800s

Various others with the Pape surname can be found in Concordia area records during the latter half of the 1800s. Most of them have been difficult to trace and it is not known if they have any connection with the Pape families above.

In the 1860 Freedom Township census records, yet another Henry Pape (b. abt. 1838) can be found. He is listed as 22 years old and working for Wm. A. D. Meyer, a farmer who lived next to Henry and Conrad Stuenkel just north of Concordia. However, no trace of him can be found in the records before or after that time.

The St. Paul's Lutheran Church records list a series of Pape names in their baptismal roles during the 1860s and 1870s, namely

| | <u>Baptized</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Philippine Louise Hanna Pape | 24 Aug 1862 |
| Emma Marie Sophie Pape | 7 Feb 1864 |
| Louis Heinrich Pape | 29 Oct 1865 |
| Anna Maria Adelheid Louise Pape | 9 Feb 1868 |
| Bertha Margarita Sophie Louise Pape | 2 Jan 1870 |
| Louis Pape | 2 Mar 1874 |
| Anna Margarethe Pape | 13 Jun 1875 |

Presumably these were all children and could well be from the same family. However, for some unknown reason, no Pape family with these names can be found in the 1870 or 1880 census records for Freedom Township. However, In the 1870 Salt Pond Township census (pg 42, dwg 269, fam 275), the family of Jacob (age 42) and Louisa (age 43) "Papers" matches the birth years of the first five children in the group and names of the second through fourth child; Emma (6), Louis (4), Anna (2) [The first is listed as Wilhelmina (9) and the fifth child as Elizabeth (3 mo.). There was an older son Henry (15) who may have been baptized before their arrival.] Salt Pond Township is just east of and adjoining Freedom Township.

Another baptism in the same records was that of Wilhelmina Laura Pape, baptized 27 Nov 1896. She was not located in any other records.

During the 1860s, two Pape marriages are also listed in the St. Paul's records, namely

| | | <u>Married</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Heinrich Dedeke | Hannah Pape | 8 Aug 1866 |
| Heinrich Meyer | Wilhelmine Pape | 27 Mar 1868 |

Census records indicate that Heinrich and Hannah Dedeke settled on a farm east of Concordia in Saline Co. They had six children: Heinrich Dietrich Martin (who died at age 2), Dora, Matilda, Annie, Gustave, and Ida. Hannah's tombstone in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery, Emma, MO lists her birth as 10 Feb 1844 and death as 21 Sep 1880. While she was known as Hannah most of her life, her tombstone lists her full name as Johanna Wilhelmine Luise Pape Dedeke.

Heinrich Peter Meyer (1845-1919) and Wilhelmine Pape Meyer settled on a farm in Freedom Township between Concordia and Emma where they had a total to ten children,

six of whom are identified with them in the 1870-1900 census records as Bertha, Herman, Emma, Emilie, Sophie and Theodor. Note that Theodore is listed as having been born in Illinois about 1891, so sometime around 1890 the family may have lived in Illinois.

The closeness between these two marriages suggests that Hannah and Wilhemine may have been sisters who came to the Concordia area together. The passenger list for the 1855 voyage of the Anna Delius (NARA M259, Roll 42, 4 May 1855 - 28 Apr 1856, pg 396) includes a 45 year old Friedrich and 40 year old Charlotte Pape destined for Missouri with two of their daughters "Hanne" (11) and Wilhelmine (9) whose ages match the two in Concordia. The Friedrich Pape family is difficult to trace in the census records because of the variations in spelling used by the enumerators. On page 28-9 of the 1860 census for Haw Creek Twp, Morgan Co., MO, one can find the listing for a Fred. "Popp" (household 205, family 189) with Fred (age 50), Charlotte (age 47), Hannah (age 17), Wilhelmine (age 14), Josephine (age 11), Dortha? (age 3), and mother Caroline (age 73). Page 27 of the 1870 Haw County census lists 60 year old "Fredrick Paupin", his second wife Caroline (63), and daughter "Adora" (13). Fred married widow Caroline Gersting on 5 Sep 1867 in Morgan Co, Mo so wife Charlotte must have died before then. This may be one of the reasons why Hannah and Wilhelmine moved to Concordia.

Finally, there was another Pape family that lived near Concordia, just south of Blackburn. August Henry Pape was born 16 May 1875 in Stover, Morgan County, Missouri to Peter Pape and Caroline Nolting Pape. Sometime in the latter 1800s, he moved to the Blackburn, MO area (as well as a brother Fredrick ["Fritz"] and sister Rebecca Pape Cook [or Koch]) and married Anna Louise Alpers (1875-1919), daughter of Thies Alpers and Christina Dierking, about 1896 in Saline County or Lafayette County, Missouri.

August and Anna had seven children:

- Jessie (14 Jun 1898-28 Jun 1994), married Henry Burfeind
- Shelby Fred (b. 30 Jul 1900-19 Jun 1966)
- Viola (b. abt. 1902)
- Granville August. (13 Jan 1905-2 Dec 1961)
- Emil John (20 Mar 1907-13 Sep 1956)
- Leona (9 Sep 1909-Feb 1987), married ??? Miller
- Orville M. (12 Oct 1914-8 Oct 1986)

After wife Anna died on 4 Dec 1919, August married Edna Heins (1896-1980). August died in 12 Jul 1950 and is buried in Blackburn Cemetery along with wife Anna. All of their sons moved to Los Angeles, CA and are buried there.