

Family History In Newport, Ky.

Great Great Grandfather
Great Great Grandmother

Michael Schraffenberger
C. Lena Schraffenberger
[It could be Celia or Clara]
Maiden name not known, but could
be Brandt. Married 1850's or earlier

I don't have any information about place of birth. Michael could have been born in Germany. He was a good friend of George Wiedemann the man who started Wiedemann's Brewery in Newport in 1870. I thought perhaps they came from Germany together. Michael Schraffenberger was a business man. He had a boarding house on East Riverside Drive. He also owned a large house at 602 East Riverside Drive on the corner of Linden Avenue. He gave it to his daughter Magdalena as a wedding present. I have since found out he and his family were in the meat packing business in Cincinnati, Ohio

I'm not sure of the dates of Michael and his wife's birth, marriage, or deaths or how many children they had. They are buried in Spring ~~Hill~~ Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio .

Great Grandmother
Great Grandfather

Magdalena Schraffenberger Henn
George Henn

Magdalena was born November 16, 1854 - died October 2, 1942 at the age of 88 at her home, 602 East Riverside Drive Newport

George Henn was born October 6th 1847 - Died May 9th, 1906 at age 59 by his own hand - While my Grandmother Maggie was in Los Angeles where she was sent to recover from "Lung Fever... She bought her return ticket for Newport on May 22, 1906 and she came home to comfort her Mother Magdalena and the rest of her family after her father death.

Magdalena carried on bravely. She spoke German fluently and her broken English was charming spiced with a heavy accent. The children understood German and spoke German when they didn't want their children to know who or what they were talking about.

They didn't have a German accent, however they clung to their heritage and the strong German work ethic, stoicism combined with family loyalty and love and trust in God.

Grandmother Henn was educated in an Academy established by the German Lutheran Church. The Academy was located either at their church or close to the Church on Seventh and Columbia Street in Newport, Kentucky.

I haven't learn much about Magdalena's mother or that generation. George Henn's family is a mystery to me as well.

Her whole family attended St John's throughout the years. Her parents were probably married in the Church when it was a Lutheran Church. (Speculation on my part)

Magdalena and George were married April 26th 1876. She had a wide gold wedding band probably given to her by her Father. It is engraved from C. Sch to M. Sch 1875. I think it must have been an anniversary gift given to Michael by Magdalena's Mother. (possible their 25th anniversary) Her Mother may have died shortly after their anniversary.

Magdalena and George Henn had six living children. They may have lost a child who died at an early age and perhaps others that I am not aware of.

Children of Magdalena and George Henn

The eldest child was my Grandmother Margaret, Maggie
Her direct descendants are listed below.

Margaret Eve Henn (Wilmot) Born April 6th 1879
Died January 5th 1914 Belleview Kentucky at age 35
Married William Clyde Wilmot April 12th 1907
They had two children Margaret Jane - Byron Michael
Margaret Jane was born December 17th 1907 at 602 Riverside
Drive in Newport, Kentucky and died July 16th 1992 in Columbus
Ohio at the age of 84. Margaret Jane was my mother.

Their son Byron Michael was born June 6th 1909 died
March 15th 1976 at the age of 67. He married Anna May Derrick
one child was born to them March 5th 1937 Marlene Wilmot Smith
Gerding, 4 Grandchildren Dawn and Jenny Smith, Brad and Brent
Gerding

Margaret Jane married Frank W. Eshem April 12th 1929 at St.
John's Congregational Church.
They had three children --

Shirley Ann Eshem Sullivan
Born April 27, 1930 Cincinnati

Shirley married Harvey Sullivan
and have two married children
Jay L and Jan Sullivan
Marcia and Richard Mullins

Frank Clyde Eshem Born August
30th 1933 Bellevue Ky. died
March 31st 1990 Huntington,
West Virginia

Three Grandchildren
David, Ann & Joel Mullins

William Byron Michael Eshem
Born March 6th 1945

Frank and Celine Eshem 5 children
Margaret, Elizabeth, Daniel, William,
and Elizabeth

Huntington, West Virginia
Now living in Columbus, Ohio

Information about Newport, Kentucky Years through 1700-1930's

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Family born or died or buried
in Ohio

Father's family- Parents

Parents of Angeline Ackley
(Nancy Ackley Esham, Eshem)
Birthplace of Ross Ackley
and wife Name ?
Warren County, Ohio

Moved to Lewis County Kentucky
where Angeline, Harry, Loretta
and Robert Ackley were born

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Mothers family- Grandparents
Michael Schraffenberger and
wife (name?) are buried in
Spring Grove Cemetery Cinn.O
I have learned that Micheal
either owned or managed a
meat packing house in
Cincinnati, Ohio
He or his wife had a large
family. They were all in
meat packing business.