

The Krause Family

Genealogy can be compared to a treasure hunt and so it has been for us, searching back in time through the generations of the Krause family. This family's journey, from its connection to the Steinke family has been traced to November 24, 1876. On this day, Anna Julianna Steinke, at the age of nineteen years, married Michael Krause who was, at this time, twenty-four years old. Anna Julianna was the daughter of Karoline and Johann (Sr) Steinke and she was born in Zdieszulice, Belchatow, Poland in 1857. Michael Krause was the son of Marianne (Maslowitz) Krause and Jacob Krause and he was born in Oslawitz, Kreis Petrikau in 1852. The marriage of Michael and Anna Julianna took place in Rozyszcze, Poland.



The union of this young couple produced six children of whom there were two boys, Adolf and Erdmann, and also four girls, Luise, Alwine, Martha and Wilhelmine. Adolf was born in 1886 in Bryszcze 2, Luzk, Volhynia, Poland. It was Adolf, who at the age of twenty-six, decided that the time had come for him to take a wife. With this in mind, and his brother along for moral support, young Adolf paid a visit to the Bachert farm on the pretense of purchasing some livestock from the family. Adolf, of course, did have an ulterior motive for the visit and before long he married the Bachert's daughter, Ida Natalie. The wedding took place on May 7, 1912, in Rozyszcze, Poland.

Life was not very easy and the couple had to endure many difficulties as they cleared the forest to create land that would be suitable for farming. Ida and Adolf also suffered through the upsets caused by World War I. Adolf served for three years in the Russian army. Ida, with their two young children, Otto and Rudolf, was forced to move deeper into Russia. When the war was over Adolf located his family and they returned to their farm to rebuild. During this time, borders and boundaries changed and their farm became part of Poland. Eventually the family relocated to Sanniki. Ida and Adolf raised six children, Otto, Rudolf, Leonhart, Hedwig, Olga and Albert.

World War II was again a devastating time for the family. Due to the political climate of the time, the family was forced to resettle in other parts of Poland. The men were sent to fight at various locations in Europe. Toward the end of the war, the family

was forced to flee back into German territory. The times were very difficult and the family became separated and lost contact with one another. When the war came to an end, the family was gradually reunited. Sadly, one brother, Otto, who was married to Olga Hell and had two children, did not return from the battle. Most of the family took up residence in Sittensen, Germany, but later moved to Bayreuth where they began several businesses. Eventually, in 1953, Rudolf and his wife, Herta, decided to immigrate to Canada and they settled in Edmonton, Alberta. Within a few years, except for one sister, Hedwig, the entire family followed Rudolf and Herta. They all settled in Edmonton. Rudolf, Leo, and Albert went into business together and with the help of their wives started "K & K" which is very well known in the area for its fine German sausage. The Krause families have thrived and grown and although some of the family members are no longer with us, most of the family still resides in the Edmonton area. Some of the family now lives in Vernon, British Columbia. Hedwig and her family have remained in Germany.

Adolf and Ida Krause celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary while living in Edmonton. Ida affectionately known as "Oma Krause" was, until her death in 1987, the matriarch of the Krause clan. But "Opa Krause" is still fondly remembered while playing on his harmonica. Oma and Opa were deeply religious people and respected members of their church. Opa is said to have read the entire Bible numerous times. Opa Krause died in Edmonton, in 1978.

If Oma and Opa were still with us today, they would be enjoying their fourteen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

On August 1st of this year, 2000, Rudolf and Herta will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with the family and friends there to wish them well.

The family continues to grow each year and we are sure that Anna Julianna and Michael Krause would be very surprised and pleased to see the results of the roots that they put down on that November day back in 1876.

Susan and Rudi Krause
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