



# 15th Gerland Tribe Reunion

## 15. Gerland-Familientreffen

# Dallas, TX.

## August 02-06, 2023

## 02.-06. August 2023



# Gerland Reunion Dallas 2023

## How the Attendees Fit Together

**Joint Ancestor: Councilman Gerland, born abt. 1420 in Hameln**

Edward Gerland 1832	William Gerland 1837	Philipp Gerland 1828	Henry John Gerland 1845	Conrad Gerland 1873	Henry Gerland 1847	Henry Gerland 1880	TBD
Origin Gieselwerder Texas Branch	Origin Oedelsheim NY. Branch	Origin Helmarshausen Missouri Branch	Origin Gottsbüren Ohio Branch II	Origin Hülshagen WI. Branch	Origin Lüdersfeld Iowa Branch	Origin Hülshagen MN. Branch	Origin Nordshausen US Branch TBD
Cindy (& Dan) Harris Melody Gerland Carol Colvin David L. (& Agnes) Gerland Donald (& Katie) Gerland Kelly (& JoNell) Gerland Melissa Gerland Robin Hogan Alan Luedemann William Luedemann Jeanne Luedemann Caden Luedemann Cara Mathes Adison Mathes	Andrew Gerland	Bryce (& Tamara) Backers Elizabeth Backers Joseph Backers  Matthew Gerland Oliver Gerland III  William (& Wynemah) Wiecher	Horst (& Uschi) Gerland David Mauch Susanne (& Harald) Koch  Donald Albee Bob (& Doreen) Albee  Arline Corcoran  Barbara Gerland  David (& Kerry) Gerland	Becky (& Mark) Thomas Lauren Thomas Kris (& Charles) Bradsher Chip Bradsher (& Izzy Vidra) Bennett Bradsher  Sandra Schley Steve (& Nichole) Schley Paradis Schley Eden Schley  Suzanne Sweet	Gary (& Dee Anne) Garland Adam Garland Makenzie Garland Keeley Garland  Gloria Jean Garland (& Bruce Byers)  Larry Garland		Georg Gerland Annette Gerland    ADOPTED: Lynne Billings Karl-Heinz Wolf Renate Wolf Constantin Lummer

Red: First-time attendees

Why so few? Corona  
"Texas too hot for me"  
5 years "Reunion Abstinence" with unforeseeable consequences

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**Frank Walkuskie**  
**Gaithersburg**



**Gordon Gerland**  
**Rice Lake**



**Günter Möller**  
**Aachen**



**Oliver Gerland**  
**Phoenix**



**Daniel Gerland**  
**Waunakee**



**Edeltr. Gerland**  
**Kassel**



**M. Weinbrenner**  
**Siegen**



**Paul Billings**  
**Edina**



**Duane Schley**  
**Edina**

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## Commemoration of the Deceased

**Frank Walkuskie †, co-host  
of Gaithersburg 2002**

**Dan Gerland †**

**Günter Möller †, host of  
Aachen 2006**



## Rice Lake 1992



**Oliver Gerland †, host of  
St. Louis Reunion 1996**

**Gordon Gerland †, host  
of Rice Lake Reunion  
1992**

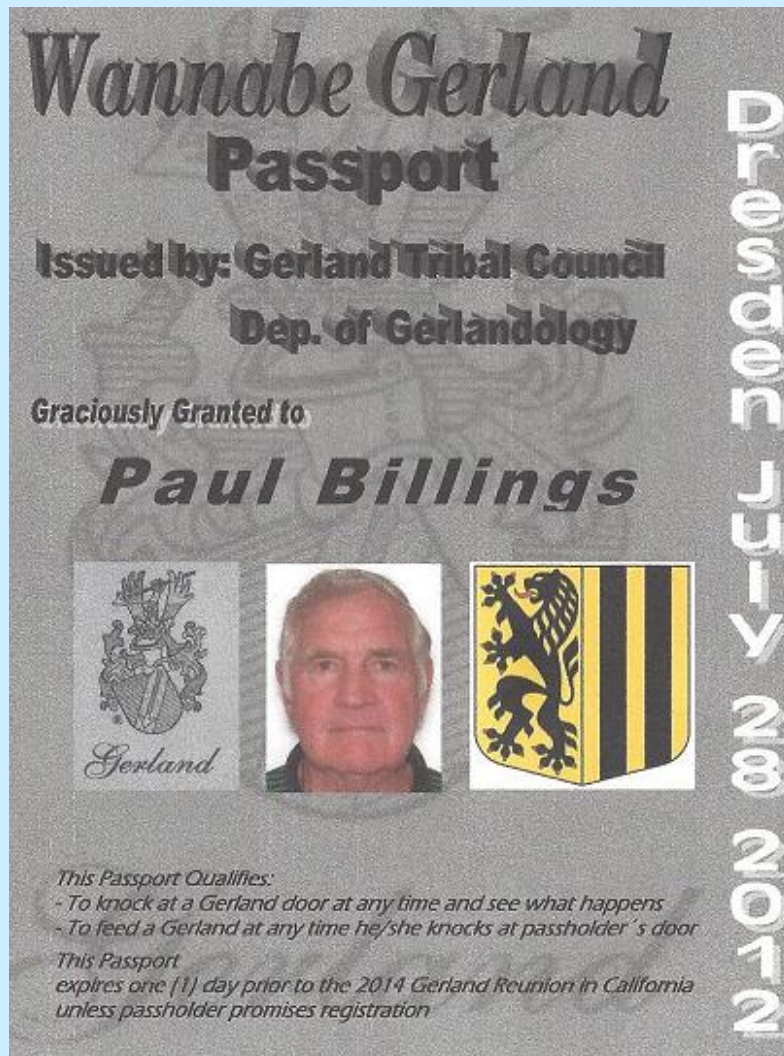
## Edeltraud Gerland † at 2018 Reunion Kassel, Germany



## Commemoration of the Deceased



## Martha Weinbrenner † at 2012 Reunion Dresden, Germany



**Paul Billings †  
adopted at Reunion 2012  
Dresden, Germany**



**Duane Schley †  
& Paul Billings †**

## Origin of the Gerlands: Hameln on River Weser - City of the “Pied Piper of Hamelin” -



**Hameln today (Source: Wikipedia)**

**Location: 30 mi.  
southwest of  
Hannover**

**Gerlands  
since 1420**  
(Source: City Archives)

**Population in 1420:  
3,000**

**Population today:  
58,000**

**no Gerlands found  
in Hameln after 1590**

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**From Hameln to Stadthagen (22 mi.)**

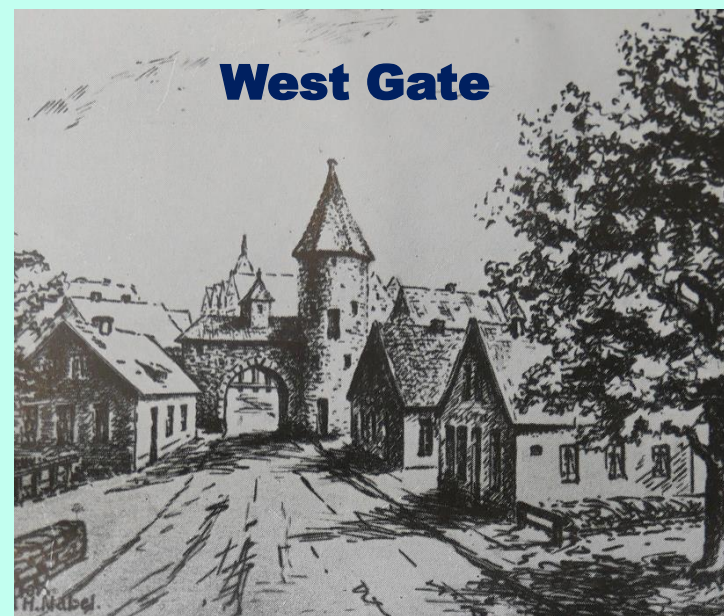
**Hermann Gerland marries into Blacksmith Shop**

**Hermann  
Gerland  
(born 1525)**



**Stadthagen today: 28 mi. west of Hannover**

**Location of Blacksmith Shop until abt. 1670  
behind West Gate of City Wall**



## From Stadthagen into the World via:

<b>Gieselwerder (71mi)</b>	<b>Origin of Texas Branch</b>
<b>Gieselwerder</b>	<b>Origin of Ohio Branch I</b>
<b>Gottsbüren (75mi)</b>	<b>Origin of Ohio Branch II</b>
<b>Gottsbüren</b>	<b>Origin of Maryland Branch</b>
<b>Gottsbüren</b>	<b>Origin of Illinois Branch</b>
<b>Gottsbüren</b>	<b>Origin of Australia Branch</b>
<b>Hannover (28mi)</b>	<b>Origin of California Branch</b>
<b>Helmarshsn. (71mi)</b>	<b>Origin of Missouri Branch</b>
<b>Hülshagen (4mi)</b>	<b>Origin of Wisconsin Branch</b>
<b>Hülshagen</b>	<b>Origin of Minnesota Branch</b>
<b>Lüdersfeld (5mi)</b>	<b>Origin of Iowa Branch</b>
<b>Oedelsheim (70mi)</b>	<b>Origin of New York Branch</b>



# **Why Dallas, TX.? because of Edward Gerland who started the Texas Branch**

**Edward saw the light of day  
on 29Feb1832**

**i.e., 4 years & 2 days before  
Texas declared its  
independence from Mexico  
on 02Mar1836**

# Edward Gerland

- ❖ **Edward Gerland's line of ancestry traced back to Councilman Gerland, born abt. 1420 in Hameln (City of the „Pied Piper of Hamelin“)**

- ❖ **All Texas-Gerlands are offspring of Edward Gerland**

- ❖ **200 Gerlands in my TX. file:**
  - **Largest Gerland Branch world-wide**
  - **Reason enough to celebrate the Reunion 2023 in Texas!**

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## Gieselwerder Edward's Birthplace

**Gieselwerder  
on the  
River Weser  
Kassel County  
State of Hessen**

**Population in  
1832: 700  
Population today:  
1,300**



**Source: [www.freeworldmaps.net](http://www.freeworldmaps.net)**

## Edward was born in Gieselwerder



**Edward's  
Birthplace:**

**The  
Cradle  
of the  
Texas  
Gerlands  
and the  
Cincinnati  
Gerlands**

**Gieselwerder  
on the  
River Weser**



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## Gieselwerder No. 8 where Edward Gerland was born



**3 Texas-Gerlands  
visiting 13Jul2018**

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**built in the early 1700s**



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## Edward Gerland's Parents in Gieselwerder

**Father: Johann Conrad Gerland, Linen Weaver**

- ❖ born 12Mar1800 in Gieselwerder, illegitimate,
- ❖ married 07May1826 in Gieselwerder
- ❖ died 11Apr1879 in Gieselwerder No. 8

**Edward Gerland is first cousin of William Gerland,  
prime father of the „NEW YORK GERLANDS“  
(their fathers were brothers)**

**Mother: Dorothea Elisabeth Meuchler**

- ❖ born 20Mar1805 in Gieselwerder
- ❖ 4 children, Edward was second after stillborn child
- ❖ died 02Apr1844 in Gieselwerder (Edward was 12 yrs.)

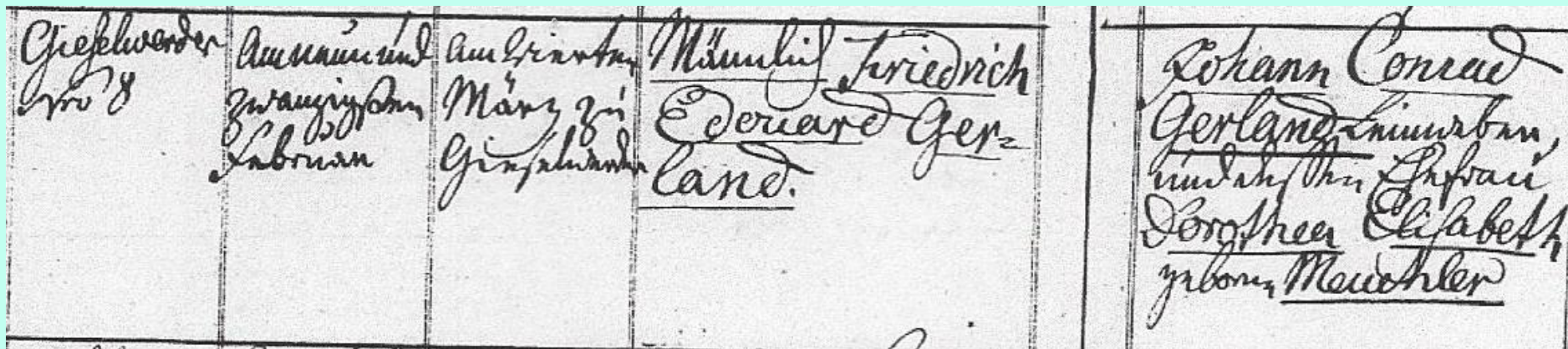
**2nd Marriage in 1846, after Mother's death**

- ❖ Christina Volé, born 1806
- ❖ 1 child



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## Baptism Entry in the Gieselwerder Parish Record



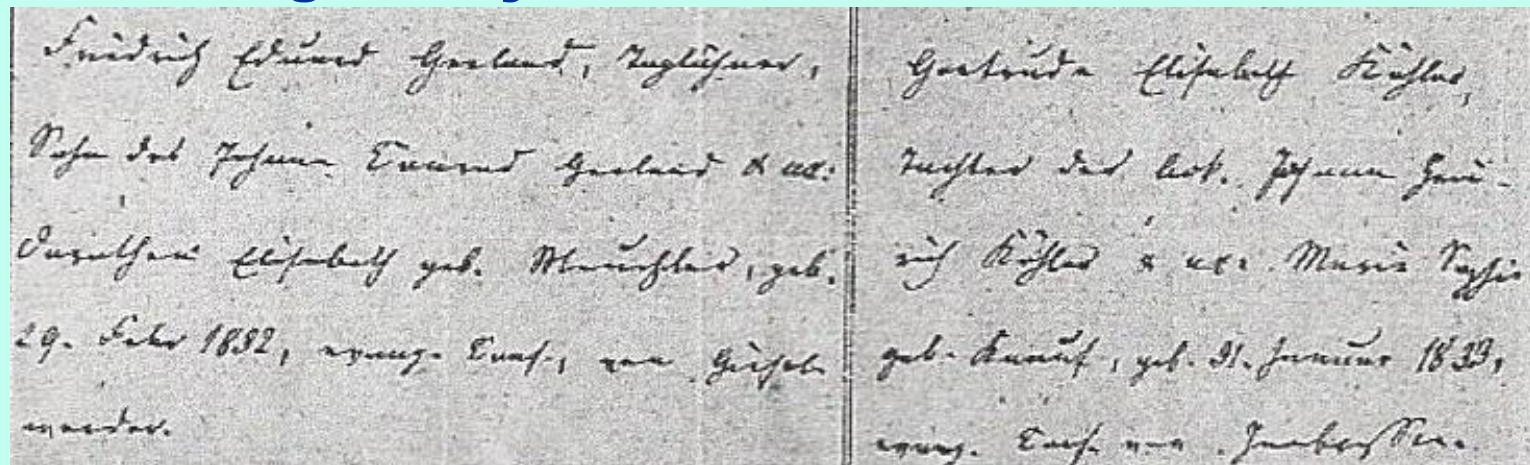
**The Church of  
Gieselwerder  
(built in 1813)  
where  
Edward Gerland  
was baptized**





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## Marriage Entry in the Hombressen Parish Record



**Edward Gerland  
married  
Gertrude Elizabeth Köhler  
27 Jun 1858  
in the Church of  
Hombressen  
(Kassel County)**





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**The Church of  
Hombressen  
(built in 1718)  
where  
Edward's Wife  
Gertrude Gerland  
was baptized**





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**Edward & Gertrude Gerland, née Köhler  
left Port of Bremen on 17Oct1871  
arrived Port of Galveston, TX. on 18Dec1871**

**together with their first four children  
Sophie Caroline, born 22Sep1856 (premarital)  
Charles William, born 27Dec1860  
Marie Sophia, born 02Mar1864  
Anna Sophie Emilie, born 07Nov1867**

**The family lived supposedly in the Ruhr District  
before they emigrated to the USA in 1871**



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**Edward & his Family settled in Dime Box, TX.**



**70 mi. east of Austin  
100 mi. west of Houston  
190 mi. south of Dallas**



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Source: Oliver & Jerry Gerland, Somerville, TX.

**Carmine,  
TX.**

**From left:  
Edward Jr.  
Caroline  
Charles  
Gertrude  
Sophia  
Edward Sr.  
Lewis  
Anna**

**year  
unknown**

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**Carmine, TX.**

## **Tombstone of Edward & Gertrude Gerland**

**Carmine Cemetery 1996**



**Photo taken in 1996**

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Back row: Ed (holding Carol), Genita, Gilbert & Helen, Emmett, Ruby Lee, Nolen, Granny & Pappa Gerland, Louis & Dona, Maggie & Rudolf.

Front row: Jonnie V (Genita's sister), Doris, Genell, Kenneth, Virgil (holding Billie), RC, Laverne (with Peggy in front), Joyce and Jimmy

**Family Photo of Edward Jr. & Family (year unknown)**  
**Source: Oliver & Jerry Gerland, Somerville**



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## Edward Gerland's Siblings in Gieselwerder

- ❖ **1. Stillborn, 28Nov1828**
- ❖ **2. Friedrich Eduard Gerland, born 29Feb1832**
- ❖ **3. Christine Charlotte Gerland, born 14Jul1835**  
1st married Edward Heinrich Strohmeier  
2nd married Johann Christoph Krenz  
arrival in US unknown
- ❖ **4. Carl Wilhelm Gerland, born 18May1842**  
arrived Galveston, TX. 18Dec1871
- ❖ **5. Maria Wilhelmine Elisabeth Gerland,**  
**born 25Jun1847, died 12Oct1847**



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## Edward's siblings also emigrated to Texas

### Edward's sister **Christine Charlotte Gerland**

- ❖ born 14Jul1835 in Gieselwerder No. 8
- ❖ died 22Dec1912 in Falls Co., TX.
- ❖ buried Cottonwood Cemetery, Falls, TX.
  
- ❖ 1st marriage
- ❖ **Edward Heinrich Strohmeier**
- ❖ two children:  
**Edward & Eliza Louise Strohmeier**
  
- ❖ 2nd marriage 01Oct1873 in Washington Co.  
**Johann Christoph Krenz**
- ❖ three children:  
**Albert, Henry & Caroline (Lena) Krenz**

**Descendants in the U.S. unknown**



**Christine Charlotte  
Gerland**



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## Edward's siblings also emigrated to Texas

Edward's brother Carl Wilhelm (Charles William) Gerland

- ❖ born 18May1842 in Gieselwerder No. 8
- ❖ death unknown
- ❖ emigrated in 1871 together with brother Edward
  
- ❖ married 22Jul1868 in Langendreer, Westphalia
- ❖ Henriette Oberbeck
- ❖ born abt 1826, widow of Wilhelm Wortmann
  
- ❖ two children:
- ❖ 1. Anna Sophia Gerland, born 12Nov1869 in Langendreer, died 1955 in Germany, married Gustav Heidelberg
- ❖ 2. Carl Heinrich Wilhelm Gerland, born 25Nov1871, died 23Feb1874

**No descendants in the U.S.**



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## Other Gerland Immigrants into Texas

**Christine Regine Gerland**, née Niemeyer, born abt. 1800 in Oedelsheim, Kassel County (2mi. from Gieselwerder), arrived in Galveston, TX. in 1853 with her sons Charles Frederick (born 1826) & Henry) August (born 1834) after her husband Johann Georg Gerland (born 18Jul1795 in Oedelsheim) drowned 05Mar1834 in the River Weser (Source: Ship Passenger List).

**Catherine Gerland** (born abt. 1840) arrived in Galveston, TX. in 1876. She lived in Texas City, Galveston County, with her relatives Ignatz & Caroline Roth. Ignatz Roth (born 1854 in Germany) emigrated 1873, Caroline Roth (born 1868 in Germany) emigrated to Texas in 1890 (Source: US Census 1900: "Catherine Gerland enumerated with Ignatz Roth, relationship aunt").

**No other information found so far.**



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## Other Gerlands from Gieselwerder:

### The Cincinnati Branch of the Gerlands (Ohio I)

**Heinrich Christian Hermann Gerland** was born 08July1789 in **Gieselwerder No. 6** (neighbor of No. 8 where Edward Gerland was born).

- **His uncle was Hessian Soldier in the Revolutionary War.**
- **He was the 8th of 9 children, his father was day laborer on a farm.**
- **Without a chance for own property, he went to Venne (village in Osnabrück County) as farm hand („cowboy“) and worked for a landlord.**
- **On 12Sep1812 he married Marie Adelheid Kuhlmann.**
- **They had 5 children. All 5 children emigrated to the U.S.**



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## The Cincinnati Branch of the Gerlands

- **Johanna Gerland (born 02Mar1822) arrived in Baltimore Sep. 1852, settled in Bear Creek, IN., died 24Dec1854, no children.**
- **Frederick William Gerland (born 08Jul1824), Day Laborer, emigrated 1839, settled in Cincinnati, OH., married twice, 5 children, was Civil War Veteran**
- **Henry Philipp Hermann Gerland (born 06Jul1826), Packer in Foundry, emigrated 1852, settled in Cincinnati, married twice, 9 children**
- **Henry William Gerland (born 04Jan1829), Cigar Maker, emigrated 1850, settled in Cincinnati, married, 7 children**
- **Hermann Gerhard Heinrich Gerland, Cigar Maker, (born 25Mar1834, emigrated 1852 together with brother Henry, settled in Cincinnati, married, 11 children**
- **They owned quite a bit of Emming Street in Cincinnati.**



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## The IOWA GERLANDS

**originating from Lüdersfeld, Schaumburg County  
Location of Gerland Family Reunions 1994 and 2000**



**Welcome to the Tribe!**

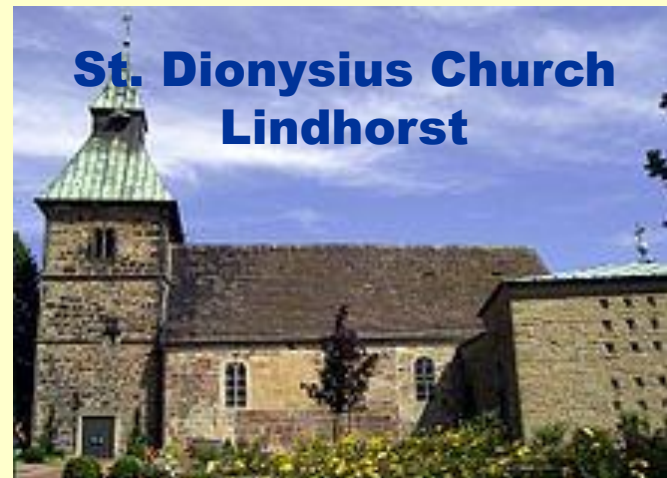


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## The IOWA GERLANDS Prime Father:

**Heinrich Conrad Gerland** born 27Jan1847 in **Lüdersfeld Nr. 27**,  
**Schaumburg County**  
(Uncle of Conrad Gerland of the  
**WISCONSIN GERLANDS**).

- He was the 5th of 6 children.
- He was carpenter/cabinet maker.
- On 21Nov1869 he married **Sophie** Dorothea Louise Meier in Lindhorst.
- They emigrated together with daughter **Anna Sophie** and settled in Sumner, IA.





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## The IOWA GERLANDS Conrad & Sophie Gerland

- They arrived in New York  
16Sep1871 on  
**SS Herman** from Bremen
- With them came sister  
Engel Gerland with 2  
illegitimate children  
Hanna & Wilhelm Gerland
- Source:  
Deutsche Auswanderer  
Datenbank





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## **The IOWA GERLANDS** **Conrad & Sophie Gerland**

**Conrad Gerland was Co-Founder of the „German Evangelical Lutheran Church“ in Sumner, IA.**

**They had 8 children:**

- 1. Anna Sophie Gerland, born 03Mar1870 Lüdersfeld**
- 2. Henry John Garland, born 27Jul1872 Oelwein, IA.**
- 3. Sophia Gerland, born 1876 Crane Creek, IA.**
- 4. Hermann John Gerland, born 03Jan1877 Sumner, IA.**
- 5. George John Gerland, born 25May1879 Sumner, IA.**
- 6. William W. Garland, born 07Mar1883 Sumner, IA.**
- 7. Otto William Garland, born 07Oct1885 Sumner, IA.**
- 8. Emil or Ernie Garland, born ??Sep1888**

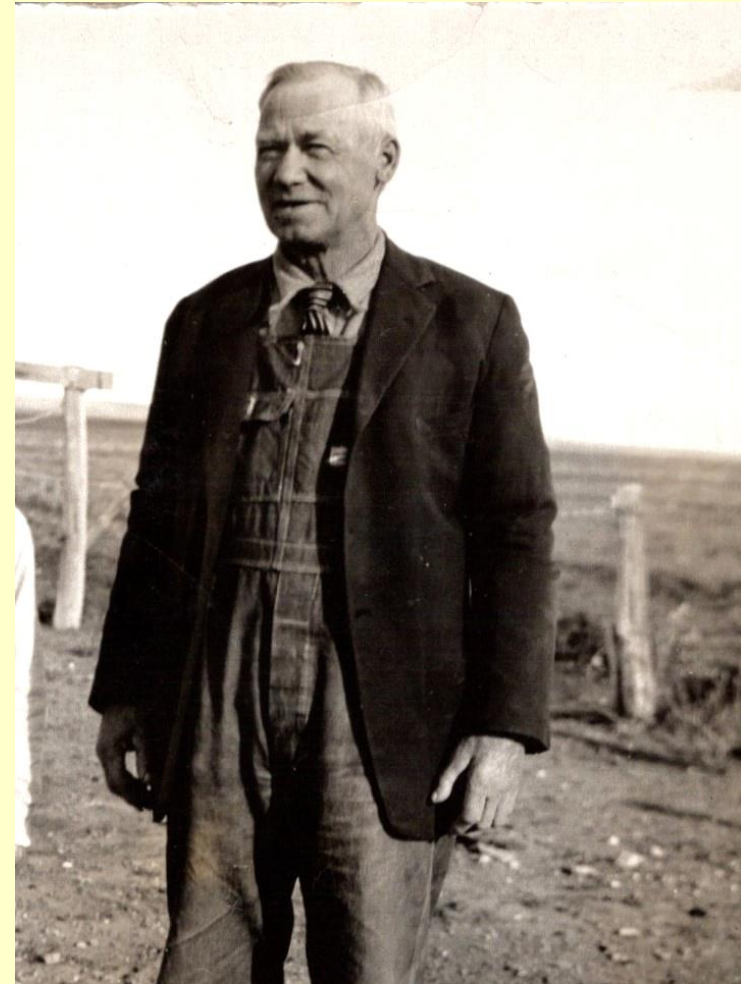


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## The IOWA GERLANDS

**Henry John Gerland, Oelwein, IA.**

- laborer in a well drill
- changed his name to **Garland**
- 1st marriage Eva Havenstrite Mollar from South Dakota. 4 children: Gladys, Glen, Mildred, Erin
- 2nd marriage after Eva's death Erin Margret Marshall
- 1 child: **James Conrad** born 19Jul1924 in Newcastle, WY.



**Henry Garland**

Photo provided by Jean Garland



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## The IOWA GERLANDS



**Henry, Glen & Elizabeth  
Mildred, James, Ruth**



**Mildred, Ruth, James,**



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## The IOWA GERLANDS

**James (Jim) Conrad Garland**  
**Newcastle, WY.**

- **born 19Jul1924**
- **married Edith Ines Robinson**
- **5 children:**
  - Steven Glen †**
  - Gary James**
  - Gloria Jean**
  - Larry Gene**
  - David Earl**
- **I met Jim in Denver in 2012**
- **We met Gary Garland**  
**in Wiesbaden, Germany**



**Henry with Jim Garland**  
**Photo provided by Jean Garland**



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## The MINNESOTA GERLANDS

**Johann Heinrich (Henry)**

**Frederick Gerland, Sleepy Eye, MN.**

- **born 04Jun1880 Hülshagen No. 45, Schaumburg County**
- **Butter maker, came to US in 1900**
- **settled in Sleepy Eye (west of New Ulm)**
- **married Rose Schäfer**
- **4 children:**

**Viola Gerland-Vinson**

(registered for Rice Lake Reunion 1992)

**Ervin Henry Gerland**

**Leona Gerland-Kruggel**

(registered for Rice Lake Reunion 1992)

**Arline Gerland**



**Henry & Rose Gerland**  
Photo provided by Chuck Gerland



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## The MINNESOTA GERLANDS

**Henry Gerland is  
younger brother of  
Conrad Gerland,  
prime father of the  
WISCONSIN  
GERLANDS**



**Henry Gerland**

**Prime Father of Minnesota Gerlands  
&**

**Conrad Gerland**

**Prime Father of Wisconsin Gerlands  
Photo provided by Günter Möller**



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## The MINNESOTA GERLANDS

**Both Henry & Conrad  
were „butter makers“  
with creameries in  
Sleepy Eye, MN. and  
Rice Lake, WI.**



**Rice Lake Creamery**

**Photo provided by Geoff Schley**



**Gerland's „Stark Township Creamery“  
in Sleepy Eye, MN.**

**Photo provided by Chuck Gerland**



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## **Ervin Henry Gerland**

➤ **born 09Nov 1908**  
**in Stark Township, MN.**

➤ **Butter maker**

➤ **1st marriage**  
**Cecilia Fugina**  
**1 child:**

## **Charles (Chuck) Erwin Gerland**

➤ **2nd marriage**  
**Mabel Laverne Hoffmann**

➤ **3rd marriage**  
**Hedwig (Hattie) Dorothy Aronson-Pitka**



**Ervin & Hattie Gerland in 1986**

**Photo provided by Hattie Gerland**

➤ **I corresponded with Ervin & Hattie in the 1980s.**



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## The NEW YORK GERLANDS Prime Father:

**William Gerland** born 01Aug1837 in **Oedelsheim**, Kassel County  
(Cousin of Edward Gerland, prime father of the  
**TEXAS GERLANDS**).

- Son of Linen Weaver
- 1st of 5 children
- Cooper
- Arrived in New York in 1856
- Naturalized 19Aug1862
- Buried Fresh Pond Cemetery Middle Village, NY.



**Oedelsheim on River Weser**



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## The NEW YORK GERLANDS



**Oedelsheim No. 10 where William Gerland was born**



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## The NEW YORK GERLANDS

**William Gerland**, born 01Aug1837 Oedelsheim, Germany

**1st Marriage 04Nov1860 Brooklyn, NY.: Therese Auer**

**They had 1 son:**

**1. Frederick J.M. Gerland, born Sep 1862 Brooklyn, NY.**

**2nd Marriage 25Feb1883 Brooklyn, NY.: Mary Bossert**

**They had 3 children:**

**2. Lilian Gerland, born 15Feb1885 Manhattan, NY.**

**3. Charles Gerland, born 15Mar1887 New York**

**4. Jacob (Jack) Gerland, born 10Nov1890 New York**



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## The NEW YORK GERLANDS

**Jacob (Jack) Gerland**, born 10Nov1890 New York  
Marriage 03Oct1916 Brooklyn, NY.: Bertha Ten Brink  
They had 3 children:

1. Maurice Gerland, born 23Feb1918 Brooklyn, NY.
2. **Frederick W. Gerland**, born 15Sep1919 New York
3. NN Gerland

**Frederick W. Gerland**, born 15Sep1919 New York  
Marriage: Mary F. Francescucci  
They had 5 children:

1. Sandra Gerland-Bernabei
2. Frederick Gerland >>> **Andrew Gerland**
3. Dr. Jeffrey Gerland
4. Kenneth Gerland
5. Craig Gerland

**Welcome to the Tribe**



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## The NEW YORK GERLANDS



**Oedelsheim Today (Gieselwerder in the background)**



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## The NEW YORK GERLANDS

**Weser Ferry**



**Church**



**Oedelsheim Today**

**Main Street**



**Another „Gerland Home“**





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## Other Gerland Branches in the U.S. German Heritage Solved

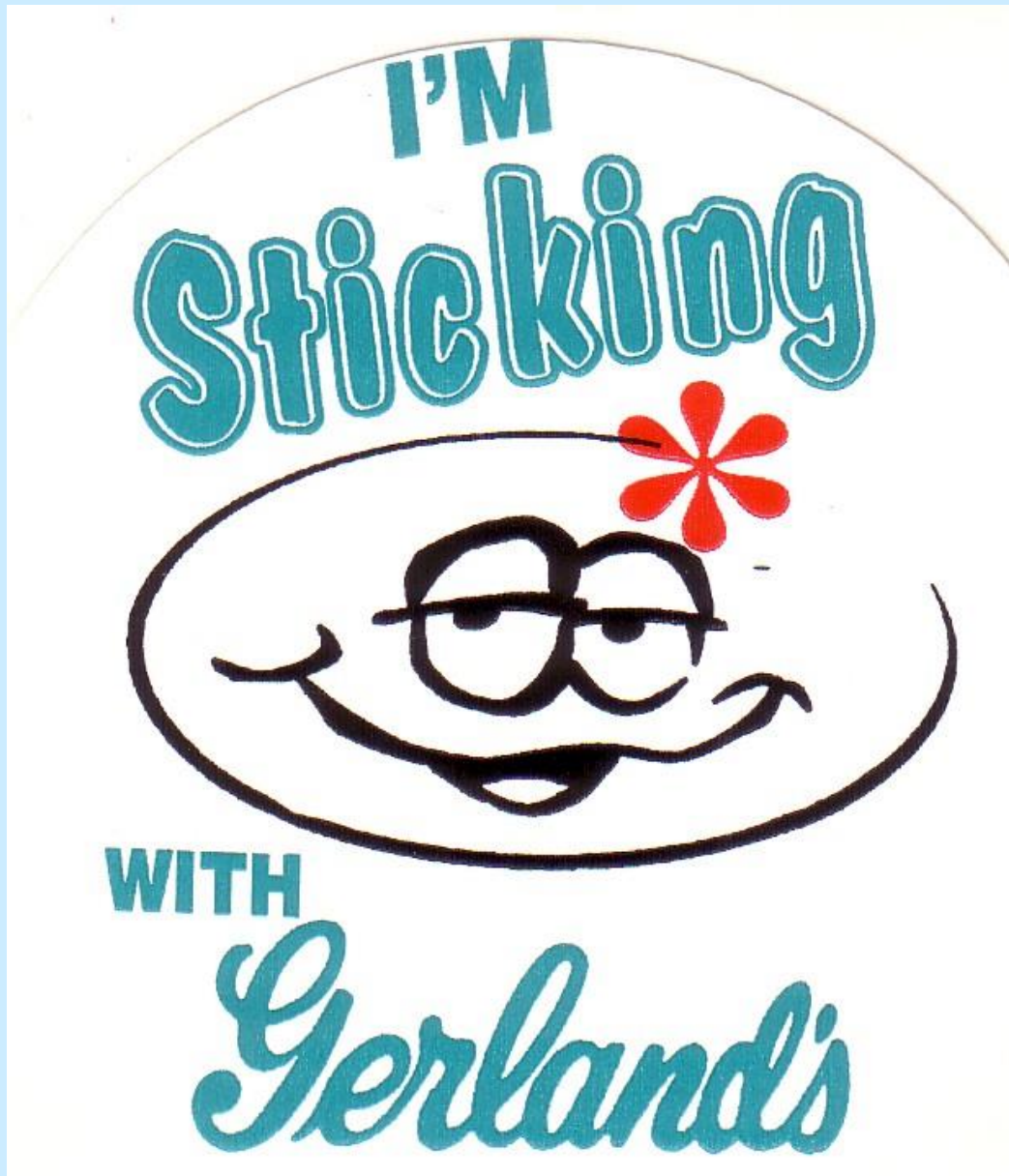
- **Henry Christian Gerland**, born 1789 in Gieselwerder, Kassel County, ancestor of the **Ohio I (Cincinnati) Branch**
- **Carl Philipp Gerland**, born 1828 in Helmarshausen, Kassel County, ancestor of the **Missouri Branch**
- **John Henry Gerland**, born 1845 in Gottsbüren, Kassel County, ancestor of the **Ohio II (Cleveland) Branch**
- **Carl Ludwig (Louis) Gerland**, born 1858 in Gottsbüren, Kassel County, ancestor of the **Maryland Branch**
- **Conrad Gerland**, born 1873 in Hülshagen. Schaumburg County, ancestor of the **Wisconsin Branch**
- **Henry Gerland**, born 1880 in Hülshagen, ancestor of the **Minnesota Branch**
- **Heinrich ("Captain Henry") Gerland**, born 1884 in Hannover, ancestor of the **California Branch**



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## Other Gerland Branches in the U.S. German Heritage unsolved

- **Heinrich (Henry) Gerland**, born 1850 Berlin, emigrated 1868, ancestor of **Illinois-Colorado Branch**, great-granddaughter Barbara Gerland died 2004 in Baton Rouge, LA., living descendants in Louisiana & North Carolina
- **Hermann Gerland**, born 28Mar1871 Papenburg, died 28Feb1942 Rockford, IL., living descendants unknown
- **Henry C. Gerland**, born 04Jun1871 Ihringshausen/Kassel, died 1935 Pontiac, Livingston Co., IL. His grandson Henry Eugene Gerland, born 26Oct1921 Grant Co., IN., was bomber pilot, shot down 30Nov1944 Theissen, Sachsen/Anhalt, Germany, buried in Lorraine American Cemetery Saint Avold, France, living descendants in Arkansas

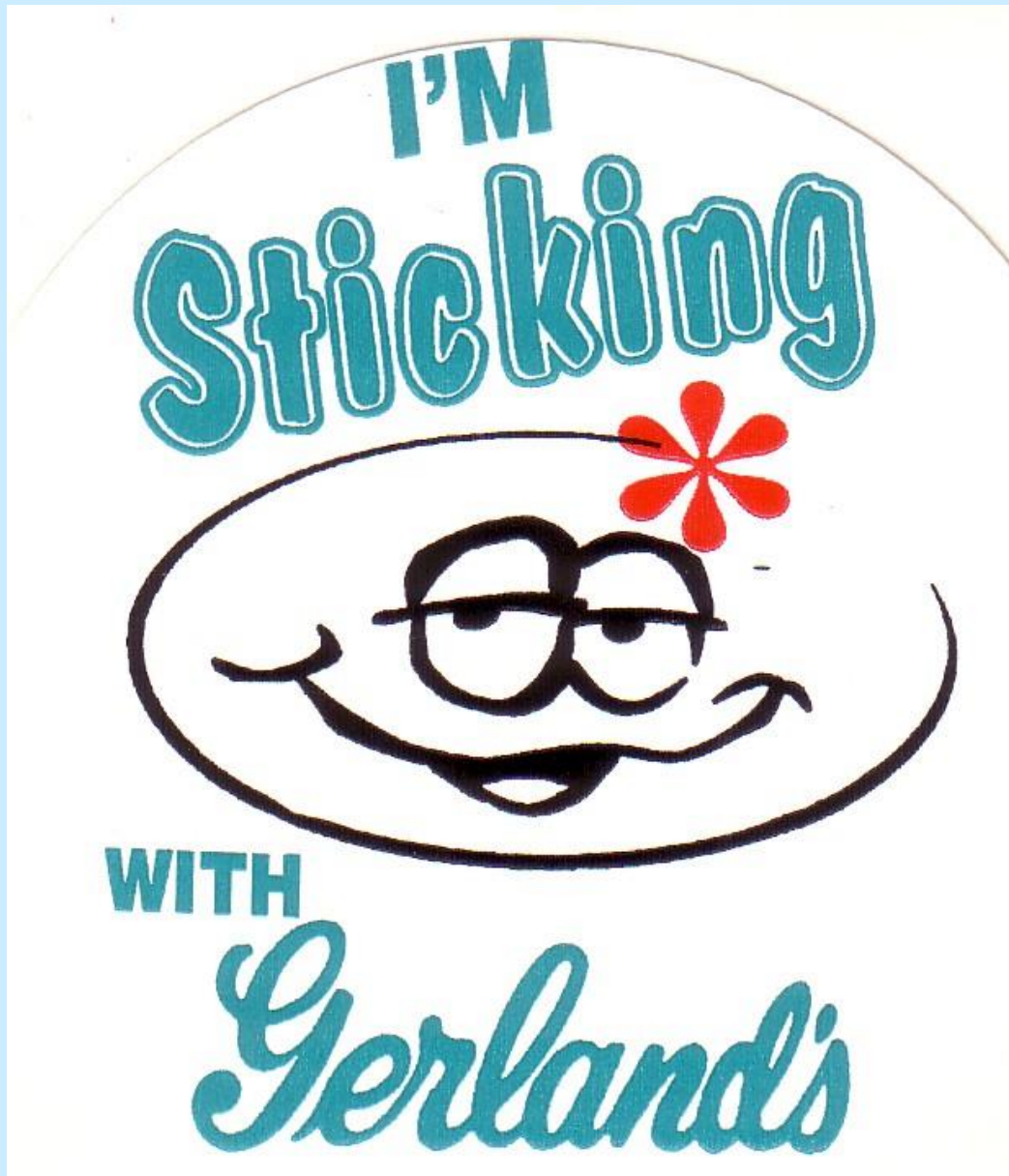


**See You 2025  
in ???**

**I give  
the floor to**

**Bob & Don  
Albee**

**Branch  
"Ohio II"**



**I give  
the floor to**

**Don  
Albee**

# **Buffalo, NY. Gateway to Niagara Falls**

**See You  
2025  
In  
Buffalo**



**Photo: Wikipedia**