

History of Stehr Family

1260 Holland immigrants came to northern part of present day Germany where the Elbe River runs into the North Sea. They used their knowledge to reclaim land along the Elbe River. This is important because city of Neuenfelde (translated "new fields")

Is the center of the area of the Stehr family. There are many indications in Neuenfelde of Dutch influence. In 2009 they celebrated 950 years of the Dutch presence and influence.

At first I thought our ancestors came from Holland, but the name "Stehr" is German. It has not changed. Tombstones in the cemetery By the Lutheran Church have that spelling and a plate on one of the Pews has that spelling also. Here is what I have been able to pull Out so far.

1638-1702 Otto Stehr – farmer in Lydenkunun, Germany

1678-1741 Peter Stehr- Innkeeper

1713-1776 Johann Stehr

1736-1824 Johann Diedrich Stehr

1800-1868 Johann D Stehr born in Neuenfelde in a house that burned in 1870

Johann Hinrich Stehr took over his father's farm which

Had connected with it a small distillery

Johann Nicolaus Stehr and his wife Grete lived on the farm and grew fruit. Jacob Dietrich Stehr was born 1842 on that farm.

See sheet on Stehr Family Tree

STEHR FAMILY TREE

1. Johann Diedrich Stehr
 B 13 Mar 1800
 D 15 Feb 1868
 Hausman, Braunnwein-Brenner
 Vierzigstuken
 Margaret Wegener
 B 20 Oct 1807
 D 17 Aug 1872
 Oster-Jork
 Children: Johann Hinrich, Jacob,
 Peter, Maria Hartje, Margaretha

2. Jacob Diedrich Stehr
 B 18 Jan 1842
 D 27 Jan 1920
 Left for MN Jun 1867
 \ farmer-Goodhue County MN
 Metta Quast (parents Johann and Mararetha Quast
 B 26 Dec 1843 B 5 Feb 1874 B 22 Apr 1814
 D 27 Jan 1897 Hausman, Hohenwisch)
 Children : Jacob Diedrich Jr,
 Margaretha, Johann, Metta, (Mary?)
 Peter (1), Henrich, Peter (2) (another Henry?)
 (nine children?)

3. Johan Wilhelm Stehr
 B 28 Aug 1870
 D 24 Feb 1934
 farmer -Goodhue County MN
 Pauline Wilhemine Sprikes (parents Frederick and Wilhemina
 B 12 Sep 1877 Immigrated 1868 B Wisc
 D 22 Feb 1952 Chiledren : Ernest, Rudolph, Etta,
 Albert, Ida, Florence, John (Jr),
 Lenora, Herbert, Alice

4. John William Stehr
 B 31 May 1911
 D 24 Feb 2007
 cpastor Lutheran Church
 Martha Ann Hass
 B 28 Jun 1917
 D 26 Mar 2008
 (Parents : ?
 Children : Harriet, Phyllis, John,
 Richard, Ronald

Jacob Diedrich Stehr (1842- 1920) Metta (Quast) Stehr 1843-1897
Jacob D. Stehr and Metta (Quast) Stehr, natives of Hanover,
Germany came to America in 1867 settling in Goodhue County,
Minn. where they were engaged in farming until 1897. That year
Mrs. Metta Stehr died and her husband moved to Chester Twp. Wabasha
County where he lived until 1907. After that he moved to Lake City
where he resided until his death on Jan. 27, 1920. He had married
a second wife(Anna Barghusen Hadler) and she lives in Lake City.
He was a member of the German Lutheran Church.
Both are buried at St. John's Cemetery ,Goodhue
He and Metta had nine children

1. Diedrich -deceased - Born in Germany (1866-1890)
2. Margaret- never married (1869-1922)
3. John married Pauline Sprikes (1870-1934)
4. Metta (1871-1943)
5. Mary (1873-1928)
6. Henry (1881-1944) Parent of Lawrence, Sylvester, Mabel
7. Peter (1878-1879)
8. Henrich (1874-1875)
9. Peter (1882-1882)

John acquired his education in a district school in Goodhue County
and subsequently attended a business college at Red Wing in which
place he also worked at a shoe store for a year and a half. After
that until 1896 he was associated with his father for whom he
worked. On December 2, 1896 he married Pauline Sprikes, daughter
of Frederick and Wilhemina Sprikes of Chester Twp..Her parents
were early settlers of Wabasha County, the father coming from
Germany in 1868. The Mother was born in Wisconsin and they
married in Chester Twp. Wabasha County , Minnesota. Mrs. Sprikes
died in 1893. Mr. Sprikes is at present (1920) residing in Mpls.
Mr. and Mr. Sprikes had five children.

1. Pauline (Mrs. John Stehr)
2. Sophia
3. Edward (lived at Zumbrota,lived the longest of this family
4. Frank
5. Edward 11 deceased before 1920

Jacob Diedrich Stehr married Metta Quast in Neuenfelde in June of 1867. They had one children there , Peter , who immigrated with them on the Ship Hammonia from a port in Hamburg, arrived in New York. Ellia Island. Don't know how they traveled to Red Wing, Minnesota. Train , riverboat , ?? both? Bought 80 acers/ and farmed There for about 5 years. Had five children, one was John Wilhelm Stehr. Your Great , Great grandfather. John Wilhelm Stehr moved Over to a farm on county 4 , about 4 miles south of the St. John's Lutheran Church where they more of his siblings were born. His father moved to a farm where Neil Stehr lives with his brother Today. Only a few miles from the farm where his future wife was Living with her grandmother. They fell in love and were married Some years later moved onto the "Stehr Farm" where the reunion Was held. They had nine children . John, your great grandfather, Was born in that house , still there. Went off to high school and College in St. Paul , Seminary in St. Louis, did some pastoral workan In Minneapolis and took a call to five congregations in northern Minnesota. Met and fell in love with the traveling organist , they Got married and had your father , me. Along with four other Siblings. After you read this you will have many questions I am Sure..Call . Hope this is something of what you were looking For. There is much more that can be written but ,aybe someday I will write more for you and the grandchildren.

2009 The people of Neuenfelde celebrated 950 years of existence 1059-2009 a.d.

Brochure stated "200 years later people immigrated from "Holland" to claim the land

Along the Elbe River by using techniques they had learned in "Holland" . Today

The trenches can still be seen and are being used , not to drain the land, but to

Irrigate it for fruit trees.

These immigrants included some "Stehrs"

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1736-1824 Johann Diedrich Stehr

1800-1868 Johann Stehr born in Neuenfelde, birth house burned in 1870 (spot on farm) ~~man~~

Married Margaretha Wagener 1832

Hausmanns (farmer with a larger farm) Branntwein-Brenner (owner of a restaurant/pub with a licence
To make his own liquor

Jacob born 1842 Marries Metta Quast 1867

Immigrates with wife and son, works with partner on 80 acres farm in Hay Creek 2 yrs

Has 5 children= Margaretha 1869

Johann 1870

Metta 1871

Maria 1873

Henrich 1874-5

1876 moves to 160 acre farm south of St. John's on County 4

3 more children- Peter ,Henrich, 2nd Peter

1897 Metta dies, Jacob moves to Chester Township

1907 Moves to Lake City ,marries Anna Hadler who has 4 children

1908 Visits Neuenfelde

1920 Dies

*name of the place
Lutheran - choice of ruler*

1920
John and Pauline then rented the home farm for two years. After that ,he moved to Chester Twp. Wabasha County wherehe rented the old homestead of his wife's grandparents, Ernest and Julia Radke. The grandparents had lived on this place for over 50 years. Ernest Radke died in 1893 and his wife in 1916. Mrs. Radke lived with John and Pauline. John then bought the interest of the heirs to this property, containing 160 acres in Section 1 Chester Twp.. He also acquired other land, inheriting 120 acres in Section 1, Chester Twp., and in 1919 he bought 80 acres in Section 11, making a total of 360 acres that he now owns. He built a good silo on his property, and repaired the original buildings, and is carrying on a prosperous business as a general farmer and stock raiser. As a good citizen he has taken a helpful interest in local affairs. He served seven years as clerk on the town board and 18 years as clerk of School District no.65. He is a Lutheran in religion.

John and Pauline Stehr have ten living children, one deceased

1. Ernest E. August 10, 1898
2. Rudolph H. March 19, 1900
3. Henrietta M. August 10, 1902
4. Albert J. February 8, 1905
5. Ida S. April 20, 1906
6. Florence P. July 15, 1908
7. John W. May 31, 1911
8. Lenora E. August 6, 1914
9. Infant baby girl August 2, 1913
10. Herbert D. June 22, 1919
11. Alice E. March 30, 1921

All reside with their parents on the home farm, and the family is one of high social standing in this part of the country.

John Stehr

John Stehr, proprietor of one of the best farms in Chester, of which township he is a leading citizen was born in Featherstone Township, Goodhue County, Minn. son of Jacob D. and Metta (Quast) Stehr. The parents, natives of Hanover, Germany came to America in 1867, settling in Goodhue County, Minn., where they were engaged in farming until 1897. In that year Mrs. Metta Stehr died, and her husband Jacob D. Stehr, moved to Chester Township, Wabasha County where he lived until 1907. After that he moved to Lake City, where he resided until his death on Jan. 27, 1920. He had contracted a second marriage, and his second wife is now living in Lake City. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church. By his first wife Metta, he had six children, Diedrich (deceased), Margaret, John, Metta, Mary and Henry.

John Stehr acquired his elementary education in a district school in Goodhue County and subsequently attended a business college at Red Wing where place he also worked in a shoe store for 1½ years. After that time he was associated with his father, for whom he worked. He ran the home farm for two years. After that he moved to Chester Township, Wabasha County, where he rented the old homestead of his wife's father, Ernest and Julia Radke, a place on which the grandparents lived over 50 years. Ernest Radke died in 1893 and his wife in 1916. John then bought the interest of the heirs to this property, containing 120 acres in Section 2. He also acquired other land, inheriting 120 acres on 1, Chester Township, and in 1919 bought 80 acres in Section 11, a total of 360 acres that he now owns. He has built a good silo on the property, and repaired the original buildings, and is carrying on a prosperous business as a general farmer and stock raiser. As a good citizen he has taken a helpful interest in local affairs, having served seven years as clerk on the town board and 18 yrs. as clerk of school dist. No. 65. Like his father he is a Lutheran in religion. Mr. Stehr was married Dec. 2, 1896, to Pauline Sprikes, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Sprikes of Chester Township, This county. Her parents were early settlers in Wabasha County, the father coming here from Germany in 1868. The mother was born in Wisconsin, and they were married in Chester Township, Wab. Co. Minn. Mr. Sprikes is still living, at present residing in Mpls. Mrs. Sprikes died in 1893. They had five children Pauline, Sophia, Edward, Frank, & Edward (2nd) the last mentioned being now deceased. to Mr. & Mrs. Stehr nine children have

Name	Geb.	Familienverhältnis	AW	Schiff	Stammhaus 2015	Gest.	Friedhof
Rehder, Jürgen (46)	19.09.1825	Cranz-Nfd.	18.07.1871	Hammonia	15.02.1893	Red Wing, Goodhue, Mn.	Saint Johns Cemetery
Rehder, Maria (45)	08.10.1826	Neuenfelde	18.07.1871	Hammonia	01.07.1894	Red Wing, Goodhue, Mn.	Saint Johns Cemetery
Rehder, Ernst (22)	21.06.1849	Neufeld/Nincop	18.07.1871	Hammonia	21.11.1936	Goodhue, Mn.	Oakwood Cemetery
Rehder, Claus Hinrich	25.08.1854	Cranz-Nfd.	1871	Allemanina	28.05.1931	Red Wing, Goodhue, Mn.	Saint Johns Cemetery
Rehder, Peter (23)	04.01.1858	Neufeld	1881	Suevia	17.11.1924	Red Wing, Goodhue, Mn.	Saint Johns Cemetery
Rehder, Ernst (27)	08.06.1856	Neufeld	1883	Westphalia	05.01.1914	Red Wing, Goodhue, Mn.	Saint Johns Cemetery
Rüter, Heinrich (31)	15.03.1834	Vierzigstücken	02.05.1865	Bavaria	Vierzigst 49-H. Stehr		
Rüter, Heinrich (46) *	04.06.1820	Nincop	24.06.1867	Hammonia	Hinik Stehr, Nincop Str.	11.01.1892	kein Grab gefunden
Rüter, Maria (34)	27.03.1833	Rübke?	24.06.1867	Hammonia		1903	
Rüter, Johann (18)	24.02.1849		24.06.1867	Hammonia	Nincoper Str.		
Rüter, Peter (16)	01.08.1850		24.06.1867	Hammonia	Nincoper Str.		
Ruhter, Jacob (14)	25.06.1852	Nincop	24.06.1867	Hammonia	Nincoper Str.	23.07.1922	Concordia Cemetery *
Ruhter, Maria (12)	06.08.1854	Nincop	24.06.1867	Hammonia	Nincoper Str.	28.12.1915	Concordia Cemetery
Rühter, Metta (7)	14.01.1857		24.06.1867	Hammonia	Nincoper Str.		
Rühter, Hinrich (6)	25.05.1859		24.06.1867	Hammonia	Nincoper Str.		
Rühter, Heinrich (5)	23.07.1861		24.06.1867	Hammonia	Nincoper Str.		
Rühter, Anna (4)	03.06.1863		24.06.1867	Hammonia	Nincoper Str.		
Rühter, Catharina (2)	05.03.1865		24.06.1867	Hammonia	Nincoper Str.		
Rühter, Johann Peter	23.11.1862	Hinterdeich				21.08.1891	kein Grab gefunden
Schlecker, Margar. (12)	23.01.1856	Neuendeichstegel	1868	Allemanina	oo Heinrich Gade	28.07.1940	St. Paul, Mn.
Stehr, Jacob Diedr. (25)	18.01.1842	Vierzigstücken	24.06.1867	Hammonia	Brenner Stehr	27.01.1920	Lake City, Wabasha Co. Mn.
Stehr, Metta (23)	26.12.1843	Bei der Straße	24.06.1867	Hammonia		07.01.1897	Goodhue Co. Mn.
Stehr, Jacob Diedrich	12.09.1866	Vierzigstücken	24.06.1867	Hammonia		22.01.1920	kein Grab gefunden
Stehr, Peter (16)	01.11.1850	Vierzigstücken	24.06.1867	Hammonia		18.03.1928	Francop
Stehr, Hinrich (46)	22.07.1826	Francop	1872	Westphalia		01.08.1917	Hay Creek Goodh. Co. Mn.
Stehr, Margaretha (47)	07.01.1825		1872	Westphalia		19.02.1909	Hay Creek Goodh. Co. Mn.
Stehr, Anna Maria	15.04.1850	Viersielen	?	Westphalia	oo Wih. Diercks, Stadel 1837-1887	29.10.1892	Wabasha Co. Mn.
Stehr, Katharina (17)	24.12.1854	Francop	1872	Westphalia		08.04.1943	Goodhue Co. Mn.
Stehr, Hinrich (15)	19.09.1857	Francop	1872	Westphalia		14.02.1942	Hay Creek Goodh. Co. Mn.
Stehr, Johann (12)	14.09.1860	Francop	1872	Westphalia		03.10.1936	Goodhue Co. Mn.
Stemmann, Hinrich	18.01.1870	Marschkamper Deich	1893	S.S. Rhaetia	oo Engel Stelling 1881-1929	1960	Hay Creek, Mn > fag
Stemmann, Joh. Kath.			nicht gef.	S.S. Rhaetia			

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