

**DESCENDANCY of  
CARL WILHELM HILLER (b 1793) and CHRISTIANE JANISCH  
and  
DESCENDANCY of  
CARL WILHELM HILLER and ELISABETH HAHN (b 1825)**

Their parents are not known to us  
Christiane's birthdate is not known to us

*Note 1: material in smaller type is written by BFE (Barbara Ann Fisher), wife of KFE (Karl Frederick Edler Jr), while larger type material is from our family history datafile maintained by KFE.*

*Note 2: names of direct ancestors of KFE are underlined.*

*Note 3: as we've mentioned in other sections, spelling used to be quite variable. Surnames were often spelled phonetically, as determined by the person doing the writing. And, we even found a name spelled three ways within one document! We've attempted to show approximate pronunciation of some names, for the convenience of contemporary (2009) American readers not familiar with German. For example, Emilie is pronounced "Amelia" rather than "Emily". In many cases, spellings were later changed so the names would continue to be pronounced as they were originally.*

*Note 4: we've tried to show each person's birthplace as it was at the time. Political boundaries changed many times, so a birthplace could have been part of various countries at various times. Most of the ones in this section later became part of Germany, and some are now in Poland. This can be confusing, when a researcher finds a tombstone with "geboren Deutschland" or is told that someone "came from Germany".*

*Note 5: some place names are in German, e.g., Preussen (Prussia), and Schlesien (Silesia)*

*Note 6: we use the term "township" or "twp" for Wisconsin "towns", in order to avoid confusion on the part of readers unfamiliar with Wisconsin political subdivisions.*

*Note 7: we are grateful to Ruth G Rasch, of Waukesha WI, who has generously shared material from her extensive Hiller research with us. In many cases, for example, we had names and year dates, but she supplied such things as middle and maiden names, months and days, and specific places.*

**I. Carl Wilhelm<sup>1</sup> Hiller** was born about 1793,<sup>3</sup> probably in Breslau, Schlesien, Preussen, which is now (2006) Wrocław (pronounced Vrotswof), Poland. He was a farm owner, school warden, and shoemaker, living in the town and parish of Hünern, circuit of Trebnitz.<sup>2</sup> He married **Christiane Janisch**, probably before 1830; at least six children, all born Schlesien. We don't know when Christiane (pronounced Christianna) died.

Secondly, Carl married Elisabeth **Hahn**,<sup>2,3</sup> probably before 1858; at least five children, the first born Schlesien, the others Sheboygan Co WI.

Carl, Elisabeth, their oldest child, and three of his children immigrated to America on the ship *Dorette*,<sup>8</sup> which sailed from Bremen and arrived New York 3 Sep 1860,<sup>2</sup> just a few days after his daughter Johanna Christiane and her family arrived, Section 9b.

Carl's oldest daughter Juliane had immigrated four years earlier, page 9a-3. It is believed the family first settled Cascade, Lyndon Twp, Sheboygan Co WI, and then lived Batavia, Scott Twp, Sheboygan Co.<sup>2</sup>

Carl died 5 Aug 1877, Scott Twp, age about 84. Born 23 Nov 1825, Elisabeth died 7 Jun 1912, age 86. They were buried Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, 1.5 miles south of Beechwood, Scott Twp.<sup>3</sup>

KFE's great-grandmother Johanna Christiane Hiller married Johann Carl Gottlieb Keil in 1855, and we have collected quite a bit of information about them and their descendants, Section 9b. Until our May 1999 trip to Wisconsin, however, all we knew about Christiane was her surname. Our search for her parents, Carl Hiller and Christiane Janisch, took us a while but was fascinating.

We believe the information we include here is essentially true. As we look further, we find more evidence which appears to confirm our tentative conclusions. We acknowledge, however, that some of it is circumstantial, and so we continue our research. Our current plans include looking for immigration information on Hahn, Chugeld, Graeser and Voelksen families, and trying to find additional relevant plat maps.

OUR FIRST CLUES -- we found a tombstone for Carl "Charles" Hiller in the cemetery of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1.5 miles south of Beechwood, Scott Township. It said he was born "in jahr 1793" and died 5 Aug 1877. It seemed likely that he could possibly be our Christiane's father. But, on the same stone with Carl is his widow Elisabeth, with dates of 23 Nov 1825 -- 7 Jun 1912, making her clearly too young to be Christiane's mother.

Then, at the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center in Sheboygan Falls WI, there was a 1994 letter from Ruth G Rasch of Waukesha WI, a Hiller researcher, with some additional clues.

She told about a "tradition" in her family that Carl left a wife and child in Germany, and married a younger woman in America without divorcing the first wife. Obviously, this is unsubstantiated and we don't know any foundation for such a story to have developed. It did, however, suggest that Carl probably did marry twice.

The researcher also cited an 1874 marriage record for Ernst Hiller and Charlotte Dettman, with Ernst born in Prussia, "son of Carl and Christine Hiller", and said she thinks Ernst could be a son from a first marriage of Carl's. This made us start thinking that our Christiane could also be a child of Carl and his first wife.

PROPERTY RECORDS -- we located Carl in the 1865 Wisconsin State Census in Scott Twp. He isn't in the 1865 Sheboygan Co real estate listing (possibly he was a tenant farmer at the time, or had property in another county), but had personal property valued at \$75.00, tax \$1.96. In 1875 he is shown with both real estate and personal property in Scott Twp. This property was only a few miles from his daughter Christiane and son-in-law Carl Keil.

LAND TRANSACTIONS -- a land deed in Sheboygan Co, dated 10 Oct 1887, made us feel sure that Carl and his first wife were Christiane's parents. The deed names Christiane Keil, nee Hiller, as an heir of Carl Hiller, deceased, and shows that, for the sum of one dollar, she relinquished title to 78 acres of inherited property to Elizabeth (Elisabeth) Hiller.<sup>1</sup> Similar deeds were executed by Ernst and by the five children of Carl and Elisabeth.

Later we ordered copies of other deeds from Sheboygan Co and found similar transactions by:

August Hiller and Jennie, his wife

Julia Greser/Graeser, "formerly Hiller"

Carolina Chugeld (we think "formerly Hiller" was intended to refer to Carolina also)

Dorothea Voelksen, "formerly Hiller"

It seems evident that Carl's heirs were releasing any claims they may have had to the property so that it could be sold with clear title. In fact, on 13 Mar 1889, Elisabeth sold it for \$2000 to Helmut Domann of Washington Co. We believe Helmut was Harry Dohman, husband of Elisabeth's daughter Mary, page 9a-5.

OUR TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS -- after careful review, we became confident that Carl Hiller and his first wife were our Christiane's parents, and that Ernst was her brother. After finding still more, we now think that August, Julia, Dorothea, and Carolina were most likely also her siblings.

Incidentally, we found Dorothea Hiller and Juliane Graeser among the sponsors of Christiane's children. We were concerned that Dorothea might be too young, but later found her age was understated on the passenger list.

Then, in July 1999, just before we were ready to send this Section to our children, we received a wonderful letter from Ms Rasch, with more confirming information, Carl's first wife's surname and other additional details.

-- Children of Carl Wilhelm Hiller and Christiane Janisch --

A. Juliane<sup>2</sup> “Julia” **Hiller**, born about 1831 Schlesien, Preussen, married  
Gottlieb **Graeser**

-- see page 9a-6.

B. Johanna Christiane<sup>2</sup> Hiller was born 8 Oct 1833 "Rücks", probably Schlesien, Preussen.<sup>5,6,7</sup> She was baptized 25 Nov 1833; confirmed 26 Sep 1847.<sup>7</sup> She married Johann Carl Gottlieb Keil 8 Jan 1855; ten children, the first three born Schlesien and the others born Sheboygan Co WI.

Christiane, Carl, and the three oldest children immigrated to America 29 Aug 1860.<sup>8</sup>

With the marriage of  
**Johanna Christiane HILLER and JohannGottlieb KEIL**  
Our HILLER lineage joins our KEIL lineage  
See [Section 9b](#)

C. **Ernst** Gottlieb<sup>2</sup> **Hiller**, born 27 Nov 1835<sup>2</sup> Schlesien, married  
Charlotte **Dettmann**

– see page 9a-7.

D. Caroline<sup>2</sup> “Carolina” **Hiller**,<sup>10</sup> born about 1841, immigrated to America with her father and stepmother 3 Sep 1860. She married George **Chugeld**, bridle maker in Barton, Washington Co WI.<sup>10</sup>

1. Carl<sup>3</sup> **Chugeld** was born about 1864.
2. William<sup>3</sup> **Chugeld** was born about 1867.
3. Ernst<sup>3</sup> **Chugeld** was born about 1869.
4. Clara<sup>3</sup> **Chugeld** was born about 1870.
5. Alma<sup>3</sup> **Chugeld** was born about 1873.

E. August<sup>2</sup> **Hiller** was born 25 Jul 1846 Breslau, Schlesien, Preussen. He immigrated to America with his father and stepmother 3 Sep 1860. August became a harness maker and settled Plymouth, Sheboygan Co WI, where he had a shop and residence on Mill Street for 63 years. In his Declaration of Intent, he said he was 5 ft 1 in tall, weighed 125 lbs, with dark complexion and hair, and brown eyes.

August married Jennie **Berger** 15 Jun 1872 Plymouth; four children born Sheboygan Co. Her parents were Berthold Berger and Louise [Berger].

Born 23 Feb 1854 Sheboygan Co, Jennie died 1 Jul 1922, age 68. August died 2 Jun 1930 Plymouth, age 83. They were buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Plymouth.

1. Clara<sup>3</sup> **Hiller**, born Dec 1874, married H J **Korte**; two daughters, Yvonne and Eileen. In 1930 Clara was living Plymouth.
2. Oscar<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** was born 3 Oct 1877. He died 1912, age about 45.
3. Ida<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** was born Mar 1880. In 1930 she was unmarried and living Waukesha WI.
4. Emma<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** was born 6 Oct 1884. In 1930 she was unmarried and had lived in Plymouth for several years, taking care of her father before he died.

F. Dorothea<sup>2</sup> "Dora" **Hiller** was probably born about 1848 Schlesien, Preussen.

She immigrated to America with her older sister Christiane and her family, on the ship *Shakspere* from Bremen, arriving in New York 29 Aug 1860.<sup>8</sup>

The passenger list shows Dorothea (pronounced "Dora-taya") as age nine. This was, however, understated as she was old enough to be a sponsor at the baptism of Christiane's daughter Louise Christiane Keil 19 Mar 1863, Section 9b, and she was listed as age 71 in the 1920 census.

Dora married Frederick **Voelksen**; at least two children.<sup>12</sup> He was born May 1845. He must have died by 1910, because the census shows Dora and her daughter Alvina living Barton, Washington Co, with Dora's brother Ernst, page 9a-7.

1. Florence<sup>3</sup> **Voelksen** was born Sep 1875.
2. Alvina<sup>3</sup> **Voelksen** was born Jan 1887.<sup>12</sup>

-- Children of Carl Wilhelm Hiller and Elisabeth Hahn --

G. Herman<sup>2</sup> **Hiller** was born about 1859 Schlesien (age 10 months on passenger list). He married Minnie [Hiller] about 1884; at least two children. In 1900 the family was living Farmington Twp, Washington Co WI.

Born 6 Aug 1864, she died 30 Oct 1908, age 44. He died 31 Dec 1947, age 87. They were buried Union Cemetery, Boltonville, Farmington Twp.<sup>9</sup>

Near Herman's and Minnie's tombstone is one for George Hiller (1893-1986) and his wife Clara [Hiller] (1895-1990).<sup>9</sup> We thought George was probably a son of Herman and Minnie, but he was actually their nephew, son of Heinrich Hiller and Emma Heesler, page 9a-5. At the time we visited the cemetery, we weren't aware that Herman was Christiane's half-brother, and didn't make extensive notes.

1. Daisy<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** was born Apr 1886.
2. Edna<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** was born May 1891.

H. Mary L<sup>2</sup> **Hiller**, born Oct 1861 Sheboygan Co WI, married Helmuth C "Harry" **Dohmann** 11 Mar 1885 Sheboygan Co; at least four children. He was born Oct 1856 "in Germany".

In 1900 the family was living next to Elisabeth Hiller in Scott Twp, Sheboygan Co.<sup>11</sup>

1. Ida C L<sup>3</sup> **Dohmann** was born Dec 1885.
2. Emil J H<sup>3</sup> **Dohmann** was born Aug 1889.
3. Martha M<sup>3</sup> **Dohmann** was born May 1893.
4. Erwin F J<sup>3</sup> **Dohmann** was born Mar 1900.

**I. Emanuel<sup>2</sup> Hiller**, born Dec 1863 Scott Twp, Sheboygan Co WI, married Caroline Maria **Seemuller** 29 Oct 1891 Scott Twp; at least three children. She was born Jul 1867.

In 1900 the family was living Sheboygan City.

1. Otto<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** was born Nov 1892.

2. Alma<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** was born Apr 1894.

3. Ida<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** was born May 1899.

**J. Heinrich<sup>2</sup> “Henry” Hiller**, born 24 Dec 1865 Sheboygan Co WI, married Emma **Heesler** 5 Jan 1892 Fillmore, Washington Co WI; at least one child.

He died 24 Nov 1961 Sheboygan, age 95, buried Union Cemetery, Fillmore.<sup>2</sup>

1. George<sup>3</sup> **Hiller**, born 1893, married Clara [Hiller]. He died 1986, age about 93. Born 1895, she died 1990, age about 95.

They were buried Union Cemetery, Boltonville, Farmington Twp, Washington Co WI, near his uncle Herman, page 9a-4.

**K. Charles<sup>2</sup> Hiller**, born 24 Dec 1865 Sheboygan Co WI, married Louise **Baumann** -- see page 9a-8.

**JULIANE HILLER (b c1831) and GOTTLIEB GRAESER (b c1821)  
and their descendants**

from page 9a-3

Juliane's parents were Carl Wilhelm Hiller and Christiane Janisch

Gottlieb's parents were Daniel Graeser and Helene [Graeser]

**A.** Juliane<sup>2</sup> "Julia" **Hiller**, born about 1831 Schlesien, Preussen, married Gottlieb **Graeser**; at least six children, the oldest born Schlesien and the others in Wisconsin.

Gottlieb was born about 1821 Preussen. His parents were Daniel Graeser (born about 1784, perhaps in Saxony) and Helene [Graeser] (born about 1785).

Julia and Gottlieb, accompanied by their oldest child and Gottlieb's mother, immigrated to America on the ship *Oder* from Hamburg, arriving New York 21 Aug 1856. They were shown on the passenger list as Gottlieb (36), Juliane (26), Caroline (9/12), and Helene (71).

Gottlieb became a farmer near Kewaskum, Farmington Twp, Washington Co WI.

His father must have immigrated in the next few years, and his mother must have died, because in the 1860 census, the family is shown as Gottlieb (39), Julianne (30), Caroline (5), Pauline (3), Emilie (1), and Daniel (76).

Julia was a sponsor at the baptism of her sister Christiane's daughter Caroline Marie Amalie Keil 7 Mar/May 1865, Section 9b.

By 1870 Daniel must have died, and a son after five daughters had been born, because in the census the family consists of Gottlieb "Kraesser", Julia, Carolina, Paulina, Emelia, Anna, Emma, and August.

By 1880 the three oldest daughters have left home, for the family is shown with only Gottlieb, Julianna, Anna, Emma, and August.

1. Caroline<sup>3</sup> **Graeser** was born 1855.
2. Pauline<sup>3</sup> **Graeser** was born about 1857.
3. Emelie<sup>3</sup> **Graeser** was born about 1859.
4. Anna<sup>3</sup> **Graeser** was born about 1861.
5. Emma<sup>3</sup> **Graeser** was born about 1864.
6. August<sup>3</sup> **Graeser** was born about 1867.

**ERNST GOTTLIEB HILLER (b 1835) and CHARLOTTE DETTMANN (b 1847)  
and their descendants**

from page 9a-3

Ernst's parents were Carl Wilhelm Hiller and Christiane Janisch  
Charlotte's parents were Wilhelm Dettmann and Henrietta [Dettmann]

C. Ernst Gottlieb<sup>2</sup> **Hiller** was born 27 Nov 1835<sup>2</sup> in the parish and village of Hünern, Schlesien, Preussen. He immigrated to America with his father and stepmother 3 Sep 1860. According to his pension records, he was 5 ft 1 in tall, had blue eyes, brown hair and a dark complexion.

He was a private in Co I, 6th Wisconsin Regiment, beginning 21 Oct 1864. He was mustered out 14 Jul 1865, and afterwards lived in Batavia for 5 years.

In the 1870 census, he was living alone and farming in Scott Twp, Sheboygan Co WI.<sup>2</sup> He later went to Barton Twp, Washington Co WI.

He married Charlotte "Lotte" **Dettmann** 18 Nov 1874 Sheboygan Co WI;<sup>2</sup> two children. Her parents were Wilhelm Dettmann and Henrietta [Dettmann]. Born 1847, Lotte died 1896, age about 49.

In the 1900 census, Ernst was living in the town of Young America as a widower with two children.<sup>11</sup>

In 1910 Ernst was listed as a butcher. He and his youngest sister Dorothea were living Barton Twp, Washington Co. Her daughter Alvina, age 23, was living with them.

He died 4 Jan 1916, age about 79. He and Lotte were buried Union Cemetery, West Bend WI.<sup>4</sup>

When we were in Wisconsin, we weren't sure that Ernst was Christiane's brother, and didn't look into details of his family as much as we could have. We hope we will be able to go again and find more.

1. Robert E<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** was born 3 Sep 1881 Washington Co WI. He died 1962, age about 81, and was buried Union Cemetery, West Bend.<sup>4</sup>

2. Bertha<sup>3</sup> **Hiller**,<sup>2,10</sup> born 19 May 1885 in WI, married Ed **Ramel**; one child. He was born about 1883 in WI. She died 19 Oct 1960, age 75.

a. Melvin Edward<sup>4</sup> **Ramel** was born 14 May 1919.

**CHARLES HILLER (b 1865) and LOUISE BAUMANN (b 1873)  
and their descendants**

from page 9a-5

Charles' parents were Carl Wilhelm Hiller and Elisabeth Hahn

Louise's parents were Anton Frederic Baumann and Margaret Rosina Kaufman

**K.** Charles<sup>2</sup> **Hiller**, born 24 Dec 1865 Batavia, Sheboygan Co WI, married Louise **Baumann** 30 Aug 1895 Plymouth, Sheboygan Co; six or possibly seven children. Her parents were Anton Frederic Baumann and Margaret Rosina **Kaufman**.

Charles died 30 Apr 1936, age 70. Born 1 Sep 1873 Plymouth, Louise died 2 Apr 1937 Plymouth, age 63. They were buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Plymouth.<sup>2</sup>

Some additional information is available about Charles' family and those of his siblings. It wouldn't have been hard to gather more when we were in Wisconsin, but at that time we weren't sure of the relationship.

We have names of only six children, but it is said<sup>2</sup> that Charles and Louise were survived by three daughters and three sons, and predeceased by one daughter. This makes us think their second child, shown below as Lyle, may possibly have been a girl named Lila. We don't, however, have any information about a fourth daughter.

1. Irwin<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** was born 6 May 1896.
2. Lyle<sup>3</sup> **Hiller**, born Aug 1897, may have died young.
3. Irene Mary<sup>3</sup> **Hiller**, born 10 Oct 1898 Sheboygan Co, married Porter E **Radcliffe**. She died 27 Jun 1973 Waukesha Co WI, age 74.
4. Lester Arthur<sup>3</sup> **Hiller**, born 21 Aug 1904 Plymouth, Sheboygan Co, married Matilda Louise **Blanke** 5 Jun 1926 Plymouth; one son born 1932. She was born 11 Mar 1905 Plymouth. Her parents were Conrad F Blanke and Louise **Arndt**.  
Lester and Matilda probably lived in Texas, because he died 9 Mar 1966 Brownsville, Cameron Co TX, age 61.<sup>2</sup> Afterward, she probably returned to Wisconsin to live with her son and his wife. She died 4 Jan 1995 St Germain, Vilas Co WI, age 89.
5. Carlyle<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** was born 4 Feb 1914 Sheboygan Co WI. He died Mar 1978 in WI, age 64.
6. Leona<sup>3</sup> **Hiller** may not have been the youngest child; we don't know her birthdate.

*This is the last page  
of text about our HILLER lineage  
in this document*



**Section 9a Endnotes**

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1. Land deeds, Sheboygan Co WI: Vol 60.
2. Correspondence and research charts of Ruth G Rasch, at Sheboygan Co WI Historical Research Center, Sheboygan Falls WI. Also correspondence, with Family Group Sheets, from Ms Rasch July 1999.
3. Cemetery headstone inscription recorded, Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Beechwood WI.
4. Cemetery headstone inscription recorded, Union Cemetery, West Bend WI.
5. Cemetery headstone inscription recorded, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, Kaukauna WI.
6. 1880 US Census, Washington Co WI, Town of Barton, ED 241, P 24, L 30, Fam 185.
7. Church register extraction, St John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sherman Center WI, at Sheboygan Co WI Historical Research Center, Sheboygan Falls WI, pp 126-127.
8. Ira A Glazier and P William Filby, *Germans to America* (Wilmington DE: Scholarly Resources, 1988), Vol 13, p 304.
9. Cemetery headstone inscription recorded, Union Cemetery, Boltonville WI.
10. 1880 Census, Washington Co WI.
11. 1900 Census, Sheboygan Co WI.
12. 1910 Census, Barton, Washington Co WI.

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	Caroline Maria 5
	Voelksen
	Alvina 4
	Florence 4
	Frederick 4