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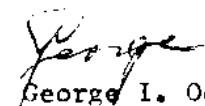
For some time we have been working on a family history to give us all a real feeling of our common heritage and of the kinship that binds us together as a family.

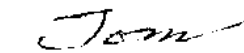
The enclosed booklet is the result of those labors, which we send to you with our sincere greetings at this time of year.

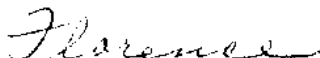
We hope all the details are correct, and will appreciate hearing about any omissions or corrections you may notice. Send us a note about your reactions to our project. Then next Christmas we can come back to you with an update on the entire family story.

We take this opportunity to send our best wishes for a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Yew Year.

Sincerely,


George I. Oeste


Thomas H. Oeste


Florence L. Oeste


Anna G. Oeste

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THE OESTE FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES

By George I. Oeste

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Immigration records of the United States Government tell us that several persons bearing the family name of Oeste came to the shores of America during the middle of the Nineteenth Century. The first of these was Jacob Oeste, twenty-five years of age, a weaver from the town of Eschen-Struth, in the independent state of Hesse. He arrived in Baltimore, September 20, 1852, and soon thereafter migrated to the northwest, where he settled in the State of Wisconsin. His exact relationship to the later arrivals of members of this family is unknown, but we do know that he came from the same small town from which all the others originated. It is known that his family did not stay in Wisconsin, but some years later traveled west to California, where his descendants live today in the city of Davis.

The immigrants who established the family in the eastern United States were Georg Heinrich (George Henry) and Katherina Elisabeth Oeste, who arrived at the port of Baltimore on the steamer Berlin on August 19, 1868. They were at the time, respectively, 30 and 28 years of age, and with them were their two infant sons, Frederick, two years old, and Henry, just two months of age. Their vessel had taken three weeks to cross the Atlantic from the port of Bremen in Germany.

These immigrants were my grandparents, whom I remember well from childhood days. My brother and sister and I grew up in our parents' home, and since our grandparents also lived with us, we heard many stories about their life in the "old country" and of their experiences in coming to and living in the new world. Based upon the interest aroused by these early memories, I have endeavored to reconstruct the story of the family with the aid of facts and dates gathered from many sources. Some of these have come from family members who supplied information which they had available. Many other details were found in directories and records in the Philadelphia City Hall, in cemetery records, and in other public and private sources wherever they could be found. The information about the arrival of immigrants was obtained from ship passenger lists which I and my wife found in the National Archives in Washington.

I remember hearing my Grandparents speak about the voyage from Europe and their landing in Baltimore. The time of their arrival was just three years after the close of the American Civil War, and in Baltimore they were astonished to see for the first time large numbers of black people, most of them recently freed from slavery. They did not stay long in Baltimore, but soon made the trip by railroad to Philadelphia, where George Henry's younger sister, Anna, who had preceded them to America, was living. She had come to Philadelphia in 1866, when only nineteen years of age, and was supporting herself by working as a seamstress. They decided upon the change to Philadelphia

after receiving a letter from Anna in which she described working conditions there as being much more favorable for German immigrants to find employment. A second sister, Maria, had also come to the United States, in the year 1867. She had married Frederick Salzmänn in Germany before coming to America, and was the mother of a one-year-old son, Henry, born in 1866. In Philadelphia the Salzmänn joined with other Germans who were going as settlers to Hermann, a new German-American community on the banks of the Missouri River, fifty miles northwest of St. Louis. They had already left for the west at the time of the arrival of George Henry and his family in 1868.

In the new life which the immigrants faced in America, there were many difficult adjustments to be made. Grandfather did find work in a factory, but wages were low, and the language barrier was hard to overcome for the newcomers, who spoke only German. Their home was a small rented house of three or four rooms in lower Kensington, in a crowded city area far different from their former home in a small country village. The Federal Census records for 1870 show that they lived at 2349 Sepviva Street, although the family name was recorded as "Eister." The City Directory for 1870 also listed their home at that address, but spelled the name as "Oester."

Why did the first George Oester and his small family leave Germany? Conditions in that country at the time would have to be considered responsible. He had been trained, as had his father and grandfather before him, to be a linen weaver, in an area where the growing of flax made the manufacture of linen a major industry. At one time this work had been done chiefly in people's homes, but by mid-eighteenth century it had developed into a flourishing factory business. He lived and worked in the small village of Eschenstruth, in the independent state of Hesse, about fifteen miles southeast of the city of Kassel. Hesse was one of a number of small German states eventually unified into the modern nation of Germany. In 1867, when Hesse had been taken over by Prussia, the dominant German state, all able-bodied men were called up for military service in the Prussian army. According to a story related by my grandfather, he was rejected for service in the army because he was an inch too short in height. History tells us that Prussia was preparing for war with France, which actually did take place in 1870. Grandfather believed that when the need for soldiers grew greater, the army would draft those men who had been rejected at the previous call. He therefore made application to the government for an official release from royal sovereignty, asking for permission to leave the country. The release was granted for himself and his family, in a document which I have in my possession along with various other family papers.

Before August first, the family was aboard ship and on its way to America, where reports told of an abundant life and plenty of work for everyone, and where no demands were made upon the citizens for military service. Thus began the story of the Oester Family in the United States, which has now continued for six generations.

To return to the life of the new immigrants in Philadelphia, we know that they continued to live in the Kensington area for several years, where in 1870 a third child, Anna, was born. Then the family moved to Hulmeville, a town northeast of the city, where Grandfather worked for a time in a weaving mill near the Neshaminy Creek. There another child, Elizabeth, was born in 1872, and a baptismal record exists from a church in Hulmeville for Anna Oeste in 1873. Another daughter, Christina, who is known in family accounts only as "Dina," was born in 1875. However, when the family moved back to Philadelphia, she died of a childhood disease, at the age of fifteen months, on August 1, 1876.

After the family moved back to Philadelphia, two more children were born, Mary, in 1877, and George, my father, in 1880. During this period, the home of the Oeste Family was on Weikel Street, near Ontario, in upper Kensington. Grandfather was still listed by the Philadelphia City Directory as a weaver, but during the 1880's his occupation was recorded as "milk dealer." According to family tradition, he had a small horse-drawn wagon in which he delivered milk to customers in the Kensington area. He and his wife also served as sextons at St. John's Reformed Church, the German language church on Frankford Avenue of which they were members.

During the later years of the 1890's, Grandfather bought several lots in an outlying section of North Philadelphia known as Feltonville, and in 1898 moved into the house at 4837 Mascher Street which he had built upon the property. At the time, only the two younger children, Mary and George, were still living at home with their parents. All the others had married, and some already had children of their own.

My grandparents continued to live at the Mascher Street address until their death in the 1920's. It was to this home that the younger George Oeste brought his new wife, Alvina Mergner Oeste, in 1905, and this was also the home in which my brother, sister, and I grew up. We had the opportunity to live in the same home with our grandparents, and therefore knew them well in the years of their old age.

In the pages which follow, I have endeavored to record the names, dates, and some small description of each of the members of the family to the present day, as well as providing an address list of presently living family members.

I have also tried to provide brief histories of the descendants of the two sisters who preceded George Henry Oeste to America in the 1860's. One of these sisters, Anna, married Friedrich Loeffler, a German immigrant who came to Philadelphia in 1872, after having served as a soldier in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. Their descendants are recorded today under various names: Fritz, Ruoff, Memberger, Littig, and Emery. The descendants of the second sister, Maria, who married Friedrich Salzmann and went to live in Hermann, Missouri, will also have a place in this narrative.

MEMBERS OF THE OESTE FAMILY AND THEIR DESCENDANTS IN THE UNITED STATES

FIRST GENERATION

Georg Heinrich (George Henry) Oeste, born at Eschenstruth, Germany, November 30, 1837, was by occupation a linen weaver. He married Katherina Elisabeth Helmer, June 9, 1862. He arrived in the United States with his wife and his two eldest children, August 19, 1868. He died June 22, 1922, and is buried in North Cedar Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia.

His wife, Katherina Elisabeth Oeste (nee Helmer) was born in Eschenstruth, Germany, May 12, 1840. She arrived in the United States with her husband and their two eldest children, August 19, 1868. She died June 27, 1925, and is buried in North Cedar Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Their children were: Frederick Oeste, Henry Oeste, Anna Rausch (nee Oeste), Elizabeth Metius (nee Oeste), Christina Oeste, Mary Oeste, George Oeste.

SECOND GENERATION

1. Frederick Oeste, born July 14, 1866, in Eschenstruth, Germany. He was by occupation a machinist. He married Anna Tyrol in 1887, and died January 22, 1946. He is buried in Lawnview Cemetery, Philadelphia.

His wife, Anna Oeste (nee Tyrol) was born September 9, 1866. She died January 3, 1946, and is buried in Lawnview Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Their children were: George F. Oeste (died at the age of eight months), Joseph H. Oeste, Frederick Oeste, Jr., and Anna Pearson (nee Oeste).

2. Henry Oeste, born June 16, 1868, in Eschenstruth, Germany. His occupation was originally that of a machinist, and for a time he was a foreman at the Midvale Steel Company, Philadelphia. In his later years he was a produce merchant in Atlantic City. He married Martha Ann Williams in 1889, and died December 31, 1956, in Ventnor City, New Jersey. He is buried in Laurel Memorial Park, Pomona, New Jersey.

His wife, Martha Ann Oeste (nee Williams) was born February 16, 1861. She died January 30, 1932, and is buried in Laurel Memorial Park, Pomona, New Jersey.

Their children were: J. Henry Oeste and Irvin F. Oeste.

3. Anna Rausch (nee Oeste) was born August 12, 1870, in Philadelphia. She married Louis W. Rausch April 21, 1897, and died March 17, 1955. She is buried in Greenmount Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Her husband, Louis W. Rausch, was born June 21, 1872. He was a furniture dealer at 2148 E. Sergeant Street in Kensington until 1909. He then purchased a farm near Fairview Village in Montgomery County, where he engaged in farming and poultry raising for the rest of his life. After the death of his wife, he lived in Norristown, Pa. He died December 13, 1959, and is buried in Greenmount Cemetery, Philadelphia.

They had no children.

4. Elizabeth Metius (nee Oeste) was born August 5, 1872, at Hulmeville, Pa. During most of her life she worked in textile mills in Philadelphia. She married (1) Harry E. Hertzler, September 5, 1894, from whom she was divorced, June, 1904; and (2) Charles Metius. She died November 22, 1947, and is buried in Greenmount Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Her first husband, Harry E. Hertzler, was born December 31, 1868. The date of his death is unknown.

Charles Metius, her second husband, was born May 7, 1860, and died January 12, 1934. He was by profession a violinist, and played in several orchestras. In his later years he became treasurer of the Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill Circus, and traveled throughout the United States every spring and summer with the circus. During the time when I was his very young nephew, he sent me postcards from nearly every town where the circus was playing, many of which I still have in my possession. On one occasion, when the circus was playing in Philadelphia, he took me to the show, where afterwards I shook hands with the famous Buffalo Bill in person. He is buried in Greenmount Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Charles and Elizabeth Metius had no children.

5. Christina ("Dina") Oeste was born in April, 1875, in Hulmeville, Pa. She died of a childhood disease at the age of 15 months, on August 1, 1876. She is buried in North Cedar Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia.
6. Mary Gertrude Oeste was born August 23, 1877, in Philadelphia. She worked in textile mills in Philadelphia, devoted her life to church work, and never married. Since she lived at home with the family of my parents, she was always a favorite aunt of mine and of my brother and sister as well. She died January 16, 1909, and is buried in North Cedar Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia.
7. George Oeste, my father, was born December 13, 1880. He was a machinist and skilled toolmaker. During his lifetime he was an active church worker and Sunday School superintendent. He married Alvina Mergner, May 23, 1905. He died August 25, 1963, and is buried in Lawnview Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Alvina Oeste, his wife, daughter of John and Theresa Mergner, was born January 1, 1881, and died March 25, 1967. She was a devoted mother and a dedicated church worker. She is buried in Lawnview Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Their children were George Irvin Oeste, Thomas Henry Oeste, and Elva Grace Barber (nee Oeste).

THIRD GENERATION

1. Joseph H. (Henry) Oeste, son of Frederick and Anna Oeste, was born February 14, 1890. He was for many years an independent pharmacist, and later became a chemist and executive of the E. F. Houghton Company. He married (1) Sarah C. Arnold; and (2) Vivian M. Coombs. He died December 7, 1961, and is buried in Lawnview Cemetery, Philadelphia.

His first wife, Sarah C. Oeste (nee Arnold) was born December 3, 1889, in Firthcliffe, New York, the daughter of William and Emily Arnold. They were married December 5, 1917. She died February 19, 1934, and is buried in Harley Cemetery, Camden, New Jersey.

His second wife, Vivian M. Oeste (nee Coombs) was the daughter of Charles and Lillian Coombs, and was born December 19, 1915. She married Joseph H. Oeste September 3, 1938. Since the death of Joseph H. Oeste, she married Irvin Rodkey, who was deceased in 1969.

The children of Joseph H. Oeste and Sarah C. Oeste were: Joseph A. Oeste, and Margaret Reeder (nee Oeste). The daughter of Joseph H. Oeste and Vivian M. Oeste was Elizabeth Gentile (nee Oeste).

2. Frederick Oeste, Jr., son of Frederick and Anna Oeste, was born January 4, 1894. He was a pharmacist, and many years maintained his own store in the Frankford section of the City. He served in the United States Army in World War I. He married (1) Rose Tonery; (2) Helen Hamill; and (3) Louise Fahrbach. He died

December 21, 1976, and is buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Philadelphia.

His first wife, Rose Oeste (nee Tonery) was born November 22, 1898, and was married to Frederick Oeste, Jr., April 5, 1920. She died November 24, 1943, and is buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Philadelphia. Her only son was F. Paul Oeste.

His second wife, Helen L. Oeste (nee Hamill), daughter of Mrs. Henrietta Hamill, was born January 24, 1897, and married Frederick Oeste, June 15, 1947. She died February 7, 1949, and is buried in Lawnview Cemetery, Philadelphia.

His third wife, Louise Oeste (nee Fahrbach) was born December 2, 1901, and was married to Frederick Oeste, September 15, 1950.

3. Anna E. Pearson (nee Oeste) was born October 19, 1905. She is the daughter of Frederick and Anna Oeste. She was engaged in secretarial work prior to retirement. She married (1) William Chester Evans, June 10, 1922; and (2) Wilbert C. Pearson, July 18, 1979.

Her first husband, Chester Evans, was born October 10, 1900, and was executive secretary of the Nicetown Boys' Club, Philadelphia. He died July 17, 1963. He is buried in Hillside Cemetery, Philadelphia. The couple had no children.

Her second husband, Wilbert C. Pearson, is retired.

4. J. (James) Henry Oeste, son of Henry and Martha Oeste, was born August 26, 1890, in Philadelphia. He served in World War I. He was an office manager for the Pennsylvania S.P.C.A., and in later years was an automobile salesman. He married Marie Desmond, August 23, 1923, at the Little Church Around the Corner, New York City. He died August 15, 1966, and is buried in Whitmarsh Memorial Park, Prospectville, Pa. He had no children.

His wife, Marie Oeste (nee Desmond) was the daughter of Lewis and Lydie Van Artsdalen Desmond. She was born May 10, 1897, at Holland, Pennsylvania. She was a teacher and later Director of Vocational Arts for Elementary Schools in the Philadelphia Public Schools. She died June 22, 1962, and is buried in Whitmarsh Memorial Park, Prospectville, Pennsylvania.

5. Irvin F. Oeste, son of Henry and Martha Oeste, was born March 5, 1893, in New Jersey. He served in the Field Artillery of the American Army in France in World War I. He married Jewel Colston (Julia L.) on June 16, 1920. He served as a trust officer at the Guarantee Trust Company in Atlantic City, later as a Bank Examiner for the United States Treasury Department, and eventually as a consultant for the Veterans' Administration. He died April 24, 1967, and is buried in Whitmarsh Memorial Park, Prospectville, Pa.

His wife, Julia L. Oeste (Jewel) nee Colston, was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Colston, and was born June 21, 1890, in Philadelphia. She died December 27, 1966, and is buried in Whitmarsh Memorial Park, Prospectville, Pa.

The children of Irvin F. and Julia L. Oeste were Jerome, William Montague, Russell B., and James H. Oeste.

6. George Irvin Oeste, son of George and Alvina Oeste, was born August 18, 1906. He married Florence L. Langrock, September 1, 1933. He was a teacher and administrator in several Philadelphia High Schools, and from 1968 to 1977 was a Professor of History at Allentown College. He holds the degree of Ph.D. in History from the University of Pennsylvania. He is now retired, and has been the compiler of this history of the Oeste Family.

His wife, Florence Lillian Oeste (nee Langrock) was born October 9, 1910. She is the daughter of Frederick and Frieda Langrock, of Philadelphia. She was engaged in secretarial work, and has been an active worker in church affairs and in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The children of George I. and Florence L. Oeste were Ruth A. Krauss (nee Oeste), George F. Oeste, and Dorothy F. Whitlock (nee Oeste)

7. Thomas Henry Oeste, son of George and Alvina Oeste, was born December 1, 1911. He married Anna G. Boos, May 4, 1945. He was a clerical supervisor and office manager at the Philadelphia Naval Base, and later at the Defense Industrial Supply Center in Philadelphia. He is now retired.

His wife, Anna Grace Oeste (nee Boos) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boos. She was born March 29, 1910, and married Thomas H. Oeste, May 4, 1945. She was engaged in secretarial work before her marriage.

Their son is Robert T. Oeste.

8. Elva Grace Barber (nee Oeste), daughter of George and Alvina Oeste, was born November 18, 1918. She married Rev. Wayne B. Barber, October 30, 1941. She is a graduate of Temple University and of New York Hospital School of Nursing. She and her husband have been missionaries in Brazil, South America, since 1941. She received the degree of Master of Religious Education from Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Seminary in 1978.

Her husband, Rev. Wayne Beverly Barber, was born June 17, 1913, in Austin, Minnesota. He is a Baptist Minister, and has served in the mission field in Brazil since 1938. He is a graduate of Northwestern Bible Seminary.

Their children are Thomas R. Barber, Gary Lee Barber, and Martha Ann Barber.

FOURTH AMERICAN GENERATION

1. Joseph A. Oeste, son of Joseph H. and Sarah C. Oeste, was born December 20, 1920. He is a technician at the Philadelphia Naval Base. He married Doris Mac Mullan, December 20, 1941.

His wife, Doris Oeste (nee Mac Mullan), was born July 12, 1921. She married Joseph A. Oeste, December 20, 1941.

They have no children.

2. Margaret Reeder (nee Oeste), daughter of Joseph H. and Sarah C. Oeste, was born July 8, 1930. She married Ellis Reeder, September 20, 1952.

Her husband, Ellis J. Reeder, was born January 1, 1927, and married Margaret Oeste, September 20, 1952.

Their children are Ellis Reeder, Jr., and Jane Reeder.

3. Elizabeth Gentile (nee Oeste), daughter of Joseph H. and Vivian Oeste, was born May 22, 1940, and married John Gentile, January 12, 1957.

Her husband, John Gentile, was born April 19, 1934, and was married to Elizabeth Oeste, January 12, 1957. He is employed by Sears, Roebuck and Company, Philadelphia.

Their children are John Gentile and Lisa Gentile.

4. F. (Frederick) Paul Oeste, son of Frederick Oeste, Jr. and Rose Tonery Oeste, was born August 26, 1924. He served in World War II. He is at present an accountant and office manager. He married Marie Mc Dade, June 19, 1946.

His wife, Marie Oeste (nee Mc Dade) was born April 29, 1924, and married F. Paul Oeste, June 19, 1946.

Their children are Gerald Oeste and Rose Marie Oeste.

5. Jerome Irvin Oeste, son of Irvin F. and Jewel Oeste, was born March 19, 1921. He is employed by the jewelry firm of J. E. Caldwell and Company. He married Ada Grilli, September 19, 1959. He served in the Navy in World War II.

His wife, Ada Oeste (nee Grilli), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domenico Grilli, was born July 7, 1926. She married Jerome Oeste, September 19, 1959.

Their children are Jerome Oeste, Jr. and Christopher Oeste.

6. William Montague Oeste, son of Irvin F. and Jewel Oeste, was born September 10, 1923. He married Mary Louise Mc Manus, June 3, 1950. He is engaged in the building and construction business.

His wife, Mary Louise Oeste (nee Mc Manus), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Francis Mc Manus, was born March 4, 1926. She married William Montague Oeste, June 3, 1950.

Their children are: Barbara Mary Munch (nee Oeste), Anne Louise Mc Givney (nee Oeste), William Montague Oeste, Jr., and Mary Louise Oeste.

7. Russell Bernard Oeste, son of Irvin F. and Jewel Oeste, was born February 19, 1926. He is a builder and contractor. He married (1) Jane Dessino, June 4, 1949, and was divorced from her in 1970; (2) Jeanne Wiedenmyer, March 27, 1971.

His first wife was Jane Oeste (nee Dessino).

Their children were Russell Oeste, Jr., Thomas Oeste, Katherine Oeste, and Keith Oeste.

His second wife, Jeanne Oeste (nee Wiedenmyer) was born November 2, 1942.

8. James Harvey Oeste, son of Irvin F. and Jewel Oeste, was born October 4, 1929. He is a builder and real estate developer. He married Elaine Di Fulvio, September 25, 1954.

His wife, Elaine Oeste (nee Di Fulvio) was born January 29, 1929, and married James H. Oeste, September 25, 1954.

Their children are Patricia Oeste, James Oeste, Jr., and John C. Oeste.

9. Ruth Anna Krauss (nee Oeste), daughter of George I. and Florence L. Oeste, was born January 8, 1937. She is a graduate of Radcliffe College and has a Master's Degree in Education from Harvard University. She married George Krauss, Jr., September 10, 1960. Her interest in vocal music has provided the basis for an absorbing avocation.

Her husband, George Krauss, Jr., son of George and Bertha Krauss, was born May 14, 1933. He holds a doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is a Professor of Metallurgy at the Colorado School of Mines.

Their children are Matthew George Krauss, Jonathan Mark Krauss, Benjamin Paul Krauss, and Thomas Peter Krauss.

10. George Frederick Oeste, son of George I. and Florence L. Oeste, was born June 6, 1941. He is a graduate of Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, and received the degree of Master of Arts in Teaching from Wesleyan University in Connecticut. He is a teacher in the American School of Madrid, Spain. He married Maria Luisa Villavieja in Madrid, December 27, 1975.

His wife, Maria Luisa Oeste Villavieja, daughter of Gregorio and Teresa Villavieja, of Molina, Spain, was born October 9, 1951. She is a graduate of the University of Madrid.

Their daughter is Teresa Oeste Villavieja.

11. Dorothy Florence Whitlock (nee Oeste), daughter of George I. and Florence L. Oeste, was born May 12, 1947. She is a graduate of Radcliffe College, and has a Master's Degree from Boston College. She was formerly a teacher in Lexington, Massachusetts. She married John L. Whitlock, September 13, 1969.

Her husband, John L. Whitlock, son of John and Virginia Whitlock, was born October 24, 1946, and is a graduate of Harvard University and of Harvard University Law School. He is an attorney in Boston, Massachusetts. He served in the United States Army, 1968-1970.

Their daughter is Sarah Katherine Whitlock.

12. Robert Thomas Oeste, son of Thomas H. and Anna G. Oeste, was born June 17, 1949. He is a graduate of Albright College, and obtained his Master's Degree and Doctorate at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He is a secondary school teacher in Baltimore, Maryland.

13. Thomas Robert Barber, son of Wayne B. and Elva G. Barber, was born October 16, 1943, in Brazil, where his parents were serving as missionaries. He is a graduate of Elmhurst College in Illinois, and is at present in the interior decorating business in the city of Chicago, Illinois. He was married to Gloria J. Smetana, October 8, 1971.

His wife, from whom he is now separated, was Gloria Jeannette Barber (nee Smetana).

Their son is Thomas Andrew Barber.

14. Gary Lee Barber, son of Wayne B. and Elva G. Barber, was born July 12, 1949, in Brazil. He served a number of years in the United States Army Air Force. He married Kathleen Merideth, March 9, 1974, and is at present attending Grand Rapids Bible Seminary, in Michigan. He is a graduate of Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa.

His wife, Kathleen Barber (nee Merideth), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Merideth, is at present attending Grand Rapids Bible College in Michigan.

15. Martha Ann Barber, daughter of Wayne B. and Elva G. Barber, was born December 11, 1958, in Brazil. She is at present attending Grand Rapids Bible College in Grand Rapids, Iowa.

FIFTH AMERICAN GENERATION

1. Ellis Reeder, Jr., son of Ellis and Margaret Reeder, was born March 28, 1953.
2. Jane Reeder, daughter of Ellis and Margaret Reeder, was born May 26, 1954.
3. Lisa Gentile, daughter of John and Elizabeth Gentile, was born September 1, 1965.
4. John Gentile, Jr., son of John and Elizabeth Gentile, was born April 10, 1969.

5. Gerald Oeste, son of F. Paul and Marie Oeste, was born July 31, 1950. He married Mary Marlene Schonberger, October 6, 1973. He is at present a branch bank manager.

His wife, Mary Marlene Oeste (nee Schonberger) was born November 3, 1952, and married Gerald Oeste, October 6, 1973.

Their son is Douglas Paul Oeste.

6. Rose Marie Oeste, daughter of F. Paul and Marie Oeste, was born November 29, 1953. She is a graduate of Our Lady of Angels College, and is employed in personnel work by Sears, Roebuck and Company.

7. Jerome Oeste, son of Jerome and Ada Oeste, was born March 10, 1961.

8. Christopher Oeste, son of Jerome and Ada Oeste, was born July 23, 1963. He is a senior high school student.

9. Barbara Mary Munch (nee Oeste), daughter of William Montague and Mary Louise Oeste, was born March 29, 1951. She married Gary M. Munch, October 4, 1968.

Her husband, Gary M. Munch, was born March 17, 1950, and married Barbara Mary Oeste, October 4, 1968. He is a carpenter and contractor.

Their children are: Gary Munch and Keith Munch.

10. Anne Louise (Nancy) McGivney (nee Oeste), daughter of William Montague and Mary Louise Oeste, was born November 30, 1952. She married William Thomas McGivney, August 16, 1975.

Her husband, William Thomas McGivney, was born April 12, 1952, and married Anne Louise Oeste, August 16, 1975. He is a graduate student (1979) at the University of Arkansas, and is planning to attend Harvard University.

Their daughter is Erin Barbara McGivney.

11. William Montague Oeste, Jr., son of William Montague and Mary Louise Oeste, was born January 7, 1954. He married Sharon Eileen Cummings, June 3, 1978.

His wife, Sharon Eileen Oeste (nee Cummings) was born October 1, 1956, and married William Montague Oeste, Jr. June 3, 1978.

12. Mary Louise Oeste, daughter of William Montague and Mary Louise Oestewas born May 14, 1958. She is attending Bryn Mawr Hospital School of Nursing (1979).

13. Russell Oeste, Jr., son of Russell B. and Jane Oeste, was born December 15, 1952. He is a florist.

14. Thomas Oeste, son of Russell B. and Jane Oeste, was born October 22, 1954. He is a graduate of Indiana (Pa.) State University and is a senior at Duquesne University Law School.

15. Katherine (Kathy) Oeste, daughter of Russell B. and Jane Oeste, was born October 28, 1955. She is a graduate of Gwynedd-Mercy College, and is a laboratory technician at Suburban Hospital, Norristown.

16. Keith Oeste, son of Russell B. and Jane Oeste, was born February 6, 1962. He is a senior at Wissahickon High School (1979).

17. Patricia E. Oeste, daughter of James H. and Elaine Oeste, was born November 26, 1956. She is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and is employed at Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia.

19. James H. Oeste, Jr., son of James H. and Elaine Oeste, was born September 17, 1956. He is attending Bloomsburg State College (1979).

19. John Colston Oeste, son of James H. and Elaine Oeste, was born July 24, 1962. He is attending Kent Hill School, Augusta, Maine (1979)
20. Matthew George Krauss, son of George Krauss, Jr. and Ruth A. Krauss, was born April 29, 1962. He is attending Evergreen Senior High School.
21. Jonathan Mark Krauss, son of George Krauss, Jr. and Ruth A. Krauss, was born July 15, 1964. He is attending Evergreen Senior High School.
22. Benjamin Paul Krauss, son of George Krauss, Jr. and Ruth A. Krauss, was born January 31, 1966. He is attending Evergreen Junior High School.
23. Thomas Peter Krauss, son of George Krauss, Jr. and Ruth A. Krauss, was born July 28, 1967. He is attending Evergreen Junior High School.
24. Teresa Oeste Villavieja, daughter of George F. Oeste and Maria Luisa Oeste, was born May 14, 1977, in Madrid, Spain.
25. Sarah Katherine Whitlock, daughter of John L. and Dorothy F. Whitlock, was born October 1, 1978.
26. Thomas Andrew Barber, son of Thomas and Gloria Barber, was born November 29, 1972.

SIXTH AMERICAN GENERATION

1. Douglas Paul Oeste, son of Gerald and Mary Oeste, was born August 27, 1976.
2. Gary Munch, son of Gary and Barbara Munch, was born March 27, 1970.
3. Keith Munch, son of Gary and Barbara Munch, was born July 25, 1973.
4. Erin Barbara McGivney, daughter of Thomas and Anne Louise McGivney, was born September 2, 1979.

Addendum: (2004)

- To 5th American generation, add:*
27. CLARA LILLIAN OESTE, SON OF GEORGE + MARIA-LUISA OESTE, ^{BORN JONES.}
 28. PETER BARBER, SON OF GARY + KATHI BARBER, 1984
born August 18, 1982.
 29. JOSHUA BARBER, SON OF GARY + KATHI BARBER,
born August, 1986.
 30. THOMAS JOHN WHITLOCK, SON OF JOHN + DOROTHY
WHITLOCK, born August 1, 1989.
 - 31, 32, 33. MARTHA (BARBER) + TIM WIERINGA has 3
daughters - ~~KAILEY~~ KAILEY, ALEXIS, BRIANNA
1993 1995 1996

GERMAN ANCESTRY OF THE OESTE FAMILY

Compiled from information obtained from church records at Eschenstruth, Germany, and supplied by Rev. E. W. Magdanz, Pastor of the Church there.

The earliest ancestor for whom records have been found was Andreas Oeste born in the town of Furstenhagen, province of Hesse, Germany, in or near the year 1650. The Family name, Oeste, seems to designate an Easterner, or a person from the East. A similar spelling is found in the name for Austria, in German spelled Oesterreich, meaning eastern kingdom.

Johannes Oeste, son of Andreas, born in 1686, migrated from Furstenhagen to the town of Eschenstruth (several miles to the westward) and there married Anna Maria Horn, in 1712. He died in 1743.

Their son, Lukas Oeste, born in 1714, lived in Eschenstruth, as did all of the family members from this time onward. He was by occupation a linen weaver. He married Maria Elisabeth Most in 1734, and died in 1758.

Their son, Franz Oeste, was born in 1737, married Anna Elisabeth Huppach in 1759, and died in 1782. He too was a linen weaver, as in fact were all the members of this ancestral line.

Their son, Johann Heinrich Oeste, born in 1779, married Anna Maria Trabing in 1801, and died in 1838.

Their son, Johann Georg Oeste, born in 1802, married Katherina Elisabeth Meckmann in 1836. He died in 1861.

Their son, Georg Heinrich Oeste, born in 1837, was the immigrant who came to the United States in 1868, and who became the founder of the Oeste Family in the new world. He married Katherina Elisabeth Helmer (born May 12, 1840) on June 9, 1862.

Georg Heinrich Oeste was by occupation a linen weaver, at a time when most of the spinning and weaving in the German countryside was still done in homes or in small workshops, although a gradual transition to weaving in factories was taking place. The region of South Central Germany, where Eschenstruth is located, was for many years known for the growing of flax, from which linen is made.

The transition to America where textile manufacturing in large factories was already well established must have been a difficult one for the country-born weaver whose experience had been limited to small establishments. Although he was able to obtain employment in his new land, his living and working conditions were far different from those in "the old country."

LOEFFLER-ROTHERMEL FAMILY

This is a record of the descendants of Anna Katherine Loeffler (nee Oeste) who came to the United States from Germany in 1866

FIRST AMERICAN GENERATION

Anna Katherine Loeffler (nee Oeste), born February 17, 1847, in Eschenstruth, Germany. She was the daughter of Johann Georg Oeste and Katherina Elisabeth Oeste (nee Heckmann). She came to the United States as an immigrant in 1866 and worked as a seamstress in Philadelphia. She married Frederick C. Loeffler, December 12, 1875. She died November 30, 1906, and is buried in Mount Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Her husband, Frederick C. Loeffler, was born March 10, 1845, in Heilbronn, Germany. He served in the Prussian Army in the Franco-Prussian War in 1870, and came to the United States as an immigrant in 1872. He married Anna Oeste, December 12, 1875. In Germany, his occupation was that of a "weingaertner" but in the United States the census records listed him as a brewer. In the later years of his life he served as a night watchman. He died December 18, 1923, and is buried in Mount Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Their daughter was Anna M. Rothermel (nee Loeffler). There were several other children, who died in infancy.

SECOND AMERICAN GENERATION

Anna M. Rothermel (nee Loeffler), daughter of Frederick C. and Anna K. Loeffler, was born September 8, 1877. She married Frederick Rothermel, October 18, 1905. She died April 3, 1949, and is buried in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Her husband, Frederick Rothermel, was born December 27, 1872. He married Anna M. Loeffler, October 18, 1905. He was by occupation a paperhanger. He died September 10, 1946, and is buried in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Their children were Anna K. Fritz (nee Rothermel) and Katherine Ruoff (nee Rothermel).

THIRD AMERICAN GENERATION

1. Anna K. Fritz (nee Rothermel), was born August 27, 1906. She married John Fritz, May 9, 1931.

Her husband, John Fritz, was born May 27, 1904, in Ebingen, Germany. He married Anna Rothermel May 9, 1931. His occupation was that of a carpenter and cabinet maker. He died May 11, 1977, and is buried in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Their children were Anne E. Hemberger (nee Fritz) and Ruth M. Littig (nee Fritz).

2. Katherine Ruoff (nee Rothermel) was born June 23, 1909, and married Otto Ruoff, August 6, 1932.

Her husband, Otto Ruoff, was born December 20, 1902, in Balingen, Germany. He married Katherine Rothermel August 6, 1932.

Their children were William O. Ruoff and Marion Emery (nee Ruoff)

LOEFFLER-ROTHERMEL FAMILY (CONTINUED)

FOURTH AMERICAN GENERATION

1. Anne E. Hemberger (nee Fritz), daughter of John and Anna Fritz, was born February 10, 1933, and married Robert Hemberger, April 24, 1955.

Her husband, Robert Hemberger, was born June 11, 1931, and married Anne E. Fritz, April 24, 1955. He is a meat cutter.

Their children were: John Hemberger, Paul Hemberger, and Jean Hemberger.

2. Ruth M. Littig (nee Fritz), daughter of John and Anna Fritz, was born May 27, 1941, and married Albert C. Littig, July 29, 1961.

Her husband, Albert C. Littig, was born December 24, 1937, and married Ruth M. Fritz, July 29, 1961. He is a graduate of Drexel University and is a civil engineer.

Their children were: Ronald Littig, Audrey Littig, and Scott Littig.

3. William Otto Ruoff, son of Otto and Katherine Ruoff, was born January 9, 1935. He married Dorothy E. Snyder, May 21, 1960.

His wife, Dorothy E. Ruoff (nee Snyder) was born May 8, 1935, and married William O. Ruoff, May 21, 1960.

Their children were: Susan Elizabeth Ruoff and William Otto Ruoff, Jr.

4. Marion Emery (nee Ruoff), daughter of Otto and Katherine Ruoff, was born March 15, 1939. She married Walter Emery, May 6, 1961

Her husband, Walter Emery, was born September 20, 1937, and married Marion Ruoff, May 6, 1961

Their children were: Denise Louise Emery, and Mary Anne Marie Emery.

FIFTH AMERICAN GENERATION

1. John Hemberger, son of Robert and Anne E. Hemberger, was born January 15, 1956.
2. Paul Hemberger, son of Robert and Anne E. Hemberger, was born March 3, 1958.
3. Jean Hemberger, daughter of Robert and Anne E. Hemberger, was born August 22, 1962.
4. Ronald Littig, son of Albert C. and Ruth M. Littig, was born August 17, 1966.
5. Audrey Littig, daughter of Albert C. and Ruth M. Littig, was born June 20, 1967.
6. Scott Littig, son of Albert C. and Ruth M. Littig, was born June 7, 1971.
7. Susan Elizabeth Ruoff, daughter of William O. and Dorothy Ruoff, was born February 15, 1961.
8. William Otto Ruoff, Jr., son of William O. and Dorothy Ruoff, was born January 25, 1964.
9. Denise Louise Emery, daughter of Walter and Marion Emery,, was born January 21, 1962.
10. Mary Anne Marie Emery, daughter of Walter and Marion Emery, was born April 10, 1965.

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SALZMANN FAMILY

This is a record of the descendants of Maria (Mary) Salzmänn (nee Oeste), born in Eschenstruth, Germany, who came to the United States as an immigrant with her husband, Frederick Salzmänn, and her son, Henry, in the year 1867

FIRST AMERICAN GENERATION

Anna Maria (Mary) Salzmänn (nee Oeste), born February 6, 1840, in Eschenstruth, Germany. She was married in Eschenstruth in 1865 to Friedrich Salzmänn, and entered the United States with her husband and child in 1867. The family traveled westward soon after arrival in Philadelphia to settle in Hermann, Missouri, where she died January 23, 1916. She is buried in the cemetery in the town of Hermann.

Her husband, Friedrich (Frederick) Salzmänn, was born in Germany, August 12, 1840. He came to the United States with his wife and son in 1867, and settled in Hermann, Missouri. He died October 17, 1913, and is buried in the cemetery in the town of Hermann. He was engaged in the occupation of farming.

Their children were: Henry Salzmänn and another child who died in infancy.

SECOND AMERICAN GENERATION

Henry Salzmänn, son of Frederick and Mary Salzmänn, was born in January, 1866, in Eschenstruth, Germany. He was for many years a furniture dealer and undertaker in Hermann, Missouri, until he retired in 1927 and went to live in the city of St. Louis. The exact date of his death is unknown, and he is said to be buried in Southside Cemetery, St. Louis.

His first wife, Maria A. Salzmänn (nee Gaebler) was born December 1, 1861, in Missouri. She died May 4, 1909, and is buried in the cemetery in Hermann.

Their children were: Harry, Armin, and Anna Salzmänn.

His second wife, Amalie Salzmänn, was the mother of William Henry Salzmänn (died in infancy), and Elfrida Salzmänn. She went to live in St. Louis with her husband in 1927 and is buried in Southside Cemetery in that city. The date of her death is unknown.

THIRD AMERICAN GENERATION

Henry Salzmänn, son of Henry and Maria Salzmänn, was born in February, 1894, in Hermann, Missouri. It is believed that he later went to St. Louis to live, but no record has been found of the date of his death, or of his marriage and children.

Armin O. Salzmänn, son of Henry and Maria Salzmänn, was born June 9, 1895 in Hermann, Missouri, and died November 27, 1899. He is buried in Hermann.

Anna Salzmänn, daughter of Henry and Maria Salzmänn, was born in March, 1898, in Hermann, Missouri. No record has been located of her later life.

Elfrida Salzmänn, daughter of Henry and Amalie Salzmänn, was born in Hermann, but the exact date is unknown. No record has been located of her family or children.

FOURTH AMERICAN GENERATION

No information has been located about later members of this family, who have in recent years been living in St. Louis after Henry Salzmänn left the town of Hermann in 1927.

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