THEISEN

A German Chronicle

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A Story Of Four German Families Who Emigrated To Wisconsin In The Nineteenth Century

THEISEN
KRAUS
FRIESS
STROHM

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*Nickolaus had 14 children, the first 5 with Magdalena Licht (died 1859). The fate of these 5 children was not determined. After marrying Ursula Kraus in 1861, Nickolaus had 9 more children in the following order. Number 6 on the list, Margaret Theisen, married John V. Starzl and was Dr. Thomas Starzl's paternal grandmother. Number 5 was Peter Theisen, the father of Harold Theisen, a Cleveland surgeon (born in 1900) who sent the family genealogy study to Dr. Starzl in 1991.

1. 1861 John
2. 1863 Anna
3. 1864 Peter (died as a child)
4. 1865 Amelia
5. 1867 Peter
6. 1870 Margaret
7. 1874 Emma
8. 1880 George
9. 1884 Joseph
Nickolaus Theisen

Ursula Kraus
IN 1847 A BOATLOAD OF GERMAN EMIGRANTS LANDED IN NEW YORK CITY. AMONG THEM WAS NICKOLAUS THEISEN, TWENTY TWO YEARS OF AGE. HE AND THREE OF HIS BROTHERS, FERDINAND, FRANK AND PETER, HAD LEFT THEIR BIRTHPLACE, THE TOWN OF RACIONG, WHICH WAS IN THE PRUSSIAN PROVINCE OF RHEINLAND-PFALZ, TO COME TO AMERICA. RACIONG WAS LOCATED DOWNSTREAM ON THE MOSEL RIVER ABOUT 70 KM EAST OF TRIER, ONE OF THE OLDEST CITIES IN EUROPE. (IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE THEISENS ORIGINALLY CAME FROM THE AREA AROUND TRIER). RACIONG WAS SURROUNDED BY VINEYARDS AND ITS CHIEF INDUSTRY WAS THE PRODUCTION OF WINE. SEVERAL BAD CROP YEARS, THE CONSTANT THREAT OF CONSCRIPTION INTO THE ARMY, AND A LARGE FAMILY, ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THE DECISION TO LEAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES.

THE BROTHERS WORKED THEIR WAY TO MILWAUKEE WHERE NICKOLAUS LEARNED THE TAILORING TRADE. HE SUBSEQUENTLY MOVED TO SCHLEISINGERVILLE (SHORTENED TO SLINGER AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR), WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, WHERE HE BECAME ACTIVE IN TOWN AFFAIRS, SERVING AS TOWN MARSHALL AND AS TRUSTEE. HE DIED IN 1896 AT AGE 70 AND IS BURIED IN ST. PETER'S CEMETERY IN SLINGER.

NICKOLAUS’ FIRST WIFE WAS MAGDELENA LICHT. THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

- FRANZ (FRIEDRICH), B. 1852
- FERDINAND, B. 1854
- NICKOLAUS, B. 1855
- ANNA MARY, B. 1857
- ELIZABETH, B. 1859

AFTER MAGDELENA’S DEATH NICKOLAUS MARRIED URSULA KRAUS IN 1861 AND THEY HAD NINE CHILDREN:

- JOHN, B. 1861 - MARR. A. ADLER
- ANNA, B. 1863 - MARR. J. TRETZ
- PETER, B. 1864, - DIED AGE 5 MONTHS
- AMELIA, B. 1865 - DIED AS CHILD BEFORE 1874
- PETER, B. 1867 - MARR. A. FRIESS
- MARGARET, B. 1870 - MARR. J. STARZL
- EMMA, B. 1874
- GEORGE, B. 1880 - MARR. PEARL (SURNAME UNKNOWN)
- JOSEPH, B. 1884 - MARR. E. KAISER

URSULA, B. 1844, WAS THE DAUGHTER OF GEORGE FERDINAND KRAUS AND KUNIGUNDA BIRNER. THEY EMIGRATED FROM THE TOWN OF HOCHSTADT (OR HOEDESTADTEN), BAVARIA, IN 1848. GEORGE WAS A WAGON MAKER AND FARMER. HE DIED IN 1899 AND HE AND KUNIGUNDA (D. 1879) ARE BURIED IN UNION CEMETERY, SLINGER. URSULA DIED IN 1907 AND IS BURIED WITH NICKOLAUS IN ST. PETER'S CEMETERY.
Johan Meinhard Theisen - Family

THEISEN, Joannes Meinhard
(natus 6.7.1889)

Kees, Maria Katharina (1st wife) cop. 8.1.1810
natus 17.03.1789
obitus 03.06.1827

1. THEISEN, Joannes Jodocus, natus 07.11.1810

2. THEISEN, Carolus, natus 12.07.1812
   emigratus anno domini 1854

3. THEISEN, Sebastianus natus 08.01.1814

4. THEISEN, Barbara nata 06.05.1816

5. THEISEN, Petrus natus 15.09.1818
   emigratus anno domini 1847

6. THEISEN, Elisabeth nata 02.04.1820

7. THEISEN, Joannes natus 13.02.1822

8. THEISEN, Franciscus natus 12.08.1823
   emigratus anno domini 1847

9. THEISEN, Nicolaus natus 26.01.1825
   emigratus anno domini 1847

10. THEISEN, Ferdinand natus 06.04.1826
    emigratus anno domini 1847

HEMIGHAUSEN, Anna (2nd wife) cop. 22.1.1828

1. THEISEN, Josephus, natus 14.02.1829
   emigratus 06.04.1854

2. THEISEN, Anna Maria, nata 15.07.1830
   emigrata 06.04.1854

3. THEISEN, Joannes Petrus
   natus 10.02.1832
   emigratus 06.04.1854

4. THEISEN, Hermann Joseph
   obitus 17.04.1837
   natus 06.07.1834

5. THEISEN, Elisabeth
   nata 05.12.1838
   emigrata 06.04.1854
STATE OF WISCONSIN,

MILWAUKEE COUNTY,

Nicholas Theilen personally appeared before the subscriber, the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, being a COURT OF RECORD, and made oath that he was born in Germany on or about the year Eighteen hundred and twenty five that he emigrated to the United States and landed at the port of New York on or about the month of September in the year eighteen hundred and forty seven; that it is bona fide his intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to His Majesty King of Prussia.

whereof he is a subject.

Subscribed and sworn to, the 15th day of November, A. D. 1848

Nancy Kibbitt
Clerk.

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

MILWAUKEE COUNTY,

I, Nancy Kibbitt, Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for said County of Milwaukee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a copy of a record now in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of the said Circuit Court, this 15th day of November, A. D. 1848

Nancy Kibbitt
Clerk.
DEXHEIM, GERMANY, 50 KM WEST OF DARMSTADT, WAS THE HOME OF JACOB FRIESS, B. 1823, AND ANNA MARIA STROHM, B. 1825. THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1849 AND EMIGRATED IN 1850 TO THE TOWN OF POLK, WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, WITH BABY SUSAN, ONE YEAR OLD, VIA ROTTERDAM AND NEW YORK. JACOB WAS A STONEMASON AND FARMER. HIS MOTHER, KATHARINA VOLKNER, AND BROTHER HENRY FOLLOWED TWO YEARS LATER.

JACOB AND ANNA MARIA HAD SEVEN CHILDREN:
SUSAN, B. 1849 - MARR. A. OTTO
JACOB, B. 1851 - MARR. M. MOELER
MARY, B. 1853 - MARR. J. BRENCLE
JOHN, B. 1855 - MARR. J. McQUACKER
ELIZABETH, B. 1858 - MARR. A. RUMPHEL
PETER, B. 1861 - MARR. E. FEILBACH - E. RUMMEL
ANNA, B. 1863 - MARR. T. STROHM
AMELIA, B. 1867 - MARR. PETER THEISEN

ANNA MARIA STROHM LIVED TO AGE 68. JACOB LIVED TO BE 82. THEY ARE BURIED IN THE CEDAR PARK EVANGELICAL CEMETERY IN RUGBY JUNCTION (AT PIONEER ROAD NEAR RICHFIELD).
Brother of my Grandmother

Peter Theisen

Amelia Friess
Peter Theisen - Amelia Friess

Peter William Theisen was born in 1867, son of Nickolaus Theisen and Ursula Kraus. He was raised in Schleisingerville (later Slinger), Wisconsin, and worked for the Soo Line Railroad as a section foreman.

In 1889, at age 22, Peter married Amelia Friess, age 21. They had eight children:

- Alfred Nickolaus, B. 1889 - Marr. M. Schodron
- Edwin Jacob, B. 1891 - Marr. M. Pliska
- Anna Susan, B. 1893 - Marr. C. Roth
- Ella Mary, B. 1895 - Marr. E. Stuesser
- Olive Edith, B. 1897, D. 1898
- Myrtle Juliana, B. 1901 - Marr. L. Bull
- Amelia Elizabeth, B. 1906

Peter died in 1927 at the age of 60 and is buried in St. Peter's cemetery, along with his parents and his wife, Amelia, who passed away in 1939 at the age of 72.

Engraved on the tombstone are the words:

Nickolaus - Ursula - Peter - Amelia

Im morgenglanz im abendschein
Werdend segnend sie aus himmelshohen
Herab aufr ihre kinder sehen
Drum strebet fromm, wie sie zu sein

Which translated (with poetic license) reads:

In morning light in evening shine
Blest be they in the heavens above
Watching over their children
And wishing them to be as devout as they
Nickolaus Theisen - Ancestors

FRANZ JACOB THEISEN
IB 12 Nov 1722 Rachtig GER
IM 07 Feb 1747 Rachtig GER
ID after 1765

JOHANN THEISEN

JOHANN MEINARD THEISEN
IB 06 Jul 1789 Rachtig GER
IM 08 Jan 1810 Rachtig GER
ID 11 Apr 1842 Rachtig GER

IANNA MARIA MULLER
B 04 Feb 1761 Rachtig GER
M 22 Oct 1782 Rachtig GER
D 15 Dec 1809 Rachtig GER

MATHIAS KEEES
IB 19 Nov 1723 Rachtig GER
IM 07 Feb 1747 Rachtig GER
ID

PETER KEES
IB 15 Oct 1761 Rachtig GER
IM 13 Feb 1787 Rachtig GER
ID 29 Mar 1803 Rachtig GER

JOHANN CHRISTOPH LIEL
IB 29 Oct 1719 Rachtig GER
IM 16 Feb 1751 Rachtig GER
ID 25 Feb 1797 Rachtig GER

IANNA JACOB LA LIEL
B 21 Nov 1763 Rachtig GER
M 13 Feb 1787 Rachtig GER
D

IANNA BARBARA OTTER
B 30 Jul 1724 Rachtig GER
M 16 Feb 1751 Rachtig GER
D 23 Dec 1803 Rachtig GER

IANNA MARIA FINCK
IB 08 Mar 1723 Rachtig GER
M 07 Feb 1747 Rachtig GER
D

IANNA MARIA FINCK
IB 10 Jul 1724 Rachtig GER
M 07 Feb 1747 Rachtig GER
D

CONELIUS WEBER

ISUSANNA LEYS

MATHIAS MULLER

IANELA MORBACH

PEETER HAUBS

LOTTHAR KEEES

IANMARIE LINNES (or TINNES)

IEIZABETH MARTINI

FRANZ LIEL

IANNA OTTER

IANALIA DUSEMONT

Information is available on further generations.
Anna Maria Strohm - Ancestors

JOHANN JACOB STROHM
IB
IM
ID
IB ca. 1755
IM
ID D Harxheim GER
B
M
D

PETER JAKOB STROHM
IB
IM
ID
IB ca. 1789 Dexheim?
IM 1820's
ID
IB
IM
ID
IANNA MARGARETHA ------?
IB
IM
ID
IB
IM
ID
B ca. 1765
M
D
B
M
D

ANN MARIA STROHM
IB
IM
ID
B 17 Nov 1825 Dexheim GER
M 20 Jan 1849 Dexheim GER
D 04 Apr 1894 Richfield Washi
IB
IM
ID
IB
IM
ID
IANNA MARGARETHA HASSINGER
IB
IM
ID
B 1792 Dexheim GER?
M 1820's
D D Dexheim GER
IB
IM
ID
B
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Peter Theisen - Descendants

ANNA THEISEN - GRACE ROTH B 1916
M. CHARLES ROTH
M. PAUL KOENIGS B 1916
M. DONALD ERICKSON B 1916
DONALD ROTH B 1918
M. MARIE MERCURY B 1926
CARL ROTH B 1920
M. JEANETTE B 1923
EDITH MAE ROTH B 1923
M. ROBERT AGARD B 1923

ALFRED THEISEN - EVA THEISEN B 1916
M. JOHN JANES B 1917
M. JOHN JANES B 1917
M. JOHN JANES B 1917
JAMES THEISEN B 1919
M. MARY GEREND B 1919
DAVID THEISEN B 1922
M. RITA MONTAG B 1925
THOMAS THEISEN B 1925
M. MARY RYAN B 1929

EDWIN THEISEN - RICHARD THEISEN B 1927
M. BEVERLY DODDS B 1932
M. MARTHA PLISKA

ELLA THEISEN - EUGENIE STUESSER B 1923
M. WILL LOHR
M. EUGENE LOHR B 1941
EUGENIE STUESSER B 1923
M. EUGENE LOHR B 1941
EDWARD STUESSER B 1921
M. BURDELLA KEELER
RALPH STUESSER B 1924
M. ANTONETTE PANIK B 1925
M. SUE ADAMS B 1926
GLEN STUESSER B 1926
M. JOAN WOLF B 1931

OLIVE

MYRTLE THEISEN
M. LIONEL BULL

HAROLD THEISEN - PETER THEISEN B 1947 D 1988
M. MAVIS RICHBOURG
M. REGINA B 1951
PATRICIA THEISEN B 1945

AMELIA THEISEN

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George and Kunigunda Kraus

One ancestral branch of the family in the United States dates back to the immigration of George Kraus. George, born Jan. 13, 1803 (date on tombstone, Union Cem., Slinger, WI) in Bavaria and his wife Kunigunda (or Cunigunda), born Oct. 15, 1803 (date from tombstone as above) also in Bavaria, entered the United States Sept. 15, 1848 arriving aboard the Brig Frau Charlotte from Hamburg. They were accompanied by five children. Their family group was listed in a group of eight people from Bavaria on the passenger list between families from other parts of Germany; these included George (48), Cunigunde (39), George (17), Franziska (14), Anna (12 - maybe Anna Katharina, since later records give the third child as Katharina), Ursula (4) and Anna (1/2) followed by an Anna Pfaffenzeller (36). Since she was included right after George Kraus and his family, it is possible that Anna Pfaffenzeller could be a relative, maybe even a cousin of Kunigunde. There is no indication in this record of where in Bavaria these people came from. In the record of Ursula’s marriage in 1861, her parents are listed as George Kraus and Kunigunde Birner from Hoestedtattes, Bavaria, but no town with this exact spelling has been located. There are, however, two or more towns named Hochstadt! The surname Kraus is not uncommon in Bavaria and tracing the source of this family is nearly impossible. With Kunigunde’s maiden name and the thought that Anna Pfaffenzeller may have come from the same town, however, it may be possible to track down a town in Bavaria through the combination of Kraus with a more unusual surname.

By mid-1850, according to the U.S. Census for that year, the family was living in the Town of Polk, Washington County, Wisconsin where the census listed George as Joseph Crouse, age 40, a wagon-maker with wife "C.," age 45 and children George (10), "Francis (female)" (9), Catherine (6), "O. (5) and Anna (1). Since there was often much difficulty in communication between the immigrants and the census takers who very often were of a different ethnic group, the misspelled entry of George Kraus as Joseph Crouse is very probable and the census taker just gave up on hearing the German names, Cunigunde and Ursula. The ages of the parents are a little strange but those of the children are more likely correct than those given on the passenger list. Perhaps the information was given to the census taker by one of the children who did not know the exact ages of the parents but did know those of the siblings.

The next documentation for this family was the purchase on Aug. 7, 1852 by G. Kraus(s) of the Town of Polk for the sum of $80. from Nicolaus Gerber and his wife, Marie, of land in the village of Schleisingerville, Wisconsin. This consisted of lot 5 in block 5 including a certain log house 18'x20' as well as the lot behind it, lot 11, block 5. This property had been purchased the preceding year by Nicolaus Gerber for $120. The adjoining property, lots 4 and 12 in the same block 5 of the original plat (1846) of Schleisingerville were purchased by George Kraus(e) on Sept. 1, 1852 from J. Schleisinger and his wife, Pauline and E. S. Weil and his wife, Eliza Adelaiide. Lots 4 and 5 faced the main street of the town, currently E. Washington Street, on the southwest side and were the fourth and fifth lots southeast of the main intersection in the village. The rear lots 11 and 12 faced on Hill Alley. (This was the location remembered by Anna Theisen Roth Gundrum as the place where her grandmother Ursula had lived as a child.) With the exception of a small amount of land along the main road in the northeast corner of lot 4 which was sold to John Schuck in 1868 and 1869, this real estate was held by George Kraus during his lifetime.

George Kraus also owned 40 acres of land in Section 7 of the Town of Polk which he purchased Oct. 13, 1853.
George Kraus declared his intention to be a citizen of the United States in Washington County on Oct. 27, 1855. Here his birth year was listed as 1807!

The 1860 Census listed George Kraus as a farmer, 54, with wife Kunigunda, also 54, daughter "Ursala" 16 and son John 8. The older children apparently were by this time living elsewhere, either where employed or married. (In fact, records at the time of the sale of the family property in 1885 indicated that "Franzis" had married Nicholas Hassemer and was living in Red Wing, Goodhue County, Minnesota; Katharina had married B. F. Elliot and was living in New Frankfort (New Frankfort?), Saline County, Missouri. No further information is available on any descendants of these two women.) Since Anna who would have been 11 or 12 years old in 1860 is also not mentioned, it is possible that she died during the decade 1850 to 1860.

Daughter Ursula Kraus was married in 1861 to the widower, Nicolaus Theisen, a neighbor and tailor in the village. She had been helping him take care of his young children after the death of their mother, Magdalena Licht Theisen in May 1860.

Son George Kraus was called up in the first call of 1862 for 807 men from the Town of Polk for military duty in the Civil War. He was mustered in Sept. 17, 1862 at Milwaukee, credited to Fond du Lac, Ward 3. According to records of the U.S. Adj. Gen. Office and the Wisconsin Adj. Gen. Office Regimental Muster and Description Rolls ("Red Books"), George Kraus was a private in Company E, 26th Infantry (Fond du Lac). He was described as 23 years old, with blue eyes, dark-brown hair, fair complexion and 5'8 1/2" in height, single, a wagonmaker from Schlesingerville, Washington County, Wisconsin. Private Kraus was wounded in action in the campaign at Atlanta and died in the hospital May 26, 1864.

The 1870 Census listed George Kraus(e) 66, wagonmaker, and his wife, Kunigunda 66, (ages that agree with those on their tombstones); son John lived at home with them and worked for a wagonmaker (his father?). George Kraus was listed as having real estate worth $1500 and personal estate of $500.

Kunigunda Kraus died Oct. 4, 1879 and George Kraus died less than a year later on May 7, 1880. They were buried in the Union Cemetery, Schlesingerville (now Slinger). Although Catholic, they were not buried in the Catholic Cemetery in the town, having had, according to a family story, some disagreement with the Church. No death certificates or newspaper obituary notices have been located for either George or Kunigunda. Lots 4, 5 and 11 of the Kraus property were sold May 29, 1885 to John Albert of the Town of Addison by the four living heirs of the Kraus family – Francis Hassemer, Katharina Elliot, Ursula Theisen and John Kraus and their spouses.

The youngest child in the family and the only one born in the U.S. was John Kraus. He and his wife Mary were residents of Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin in 1885. At the time of the 1900 U.S. Census, they were listed as having had 8 children, of whom 7 were living; from the will of Fr. Francis Kraus, one of their sons, it is apparent that they had one additional child after 1900.

The descendants of Ursula Kraus Theisen and her husband Nicolaus are summarized in the Nicolas Theisen Family Tree. Those of Ursula's sisters, Francis and Katharina, are unknown at the present state of this research. Those of her younger brother, John, are detailed in his separate biographical sketch.
The descendants of Ursula Theisen seem not to have had much family contact except with John's son, Francis J., later Reverend Francis Kraus, who was located at West Bend in 1928. Especially with those who moved out of the state to Minnesota and Missouri the distances involved were enough to cause family members to lose contact. Even Marshfield in 1900 was a long way from Schleisingerville!

Information sources:

U. S. Census 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900
Land records – Washington Co, WI Register of Deeds
Union Cemetery, Slinger, WI
Quickert, "Hist. of Washington County"
Naturalization records (Washington Co.), Golda Meir Lib., UW-Milwaukee
St. Lawrence, Wis. Catholic Church Marr. and Death Records
Personal recollections of family members

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Zeltingen-Rachtig

Historical Notes

Zeltingen-Rachtig is a land with an old civilization. Discoveries from the Old and New Stone Ages give evidence of the remnants of early Celtic settlement in the area of Zeltingen. The two village names are of Celtic origin. Zeltingen, in the name of which that of the Celts is contained, is derived from "Celtane". Zeltingen and Rachtig probably were founded during the reign of Archbishop Kunibert (623-63) of the Archdiocese of Cologne, under which both villages, except for countless exchanges in the course of the centuries, remained as independent communities until the end of the Old Reich. The administrative building of the Cologne regime in Zeltingen serves today as the parsonage. Parts of the walls are the only visible remains of the castle built above Zeltingen at the end of the 12th century. Records show that Zeltingen-Rachtig has been the site of various abbeys and cloisters of the Cologne diocese since the year 1057.

On the other side of the Mosel River across from Zeltingen-Rachtig is the property of the Machern Cloister established in 1084. In 1247 the Order of Teutonic Knights was established in Rachtig. Their later headquarters, the Deutschherrenhaus, although extensively remodeled, is still worth seeing. The rule of the Cologne Curial Office ended with the French Revolution in 1794. Under French occupation the "Mairie Zeltingen" (City Hall) was erected. After the overthrow of the foreign oppressors, it was redesignated under Prussian rule as the "Amt Zeltingen" (Zeltingen civil office), serving also the villages of Rachtig, Erden, Losnich and Wolf until the Administrative Reform of 1971. Approximately 3000 residents make up the wine-area of Zeltingen-Rachtig. 130 wineries are operated on a full-time basis and 190 on a part-time basis. 140 vintners are members of a cooperative and 16 have formed a wine corporation. 285 hectares of vineyards cover the areas of Deutschherrenberg (15 ha.), Himmelreich (180 ha.), Schlossberg (60 ha.) and Sonnenuhr (30 ha.). Schlossberg, named after the Rosenberg castle ruins, is part of a large area. Sonnenuhr is one of the most well-known peaks on the Mosel. "Zeltinger Sonnenuhr" labeled wine is found among the wine collections of the English royal house and of many wine connoisseurs all over the world.

The traditional wine festival is held in Rachtig on the second Sunday in July. On the first Sunday after the third of August the great public wine-tasting festival of the Middle Mosel takes place in Zeltingen.

For centuries, wine-making has been the main source of livelihood in Zeltingen-Rachtig. From early times the community, blessed by its beautiful pastoral location, has welcomed tourism, and today offers vacationers and recreation seekers 1000 guest beds and an outstanding gastronomy. Swimming pool, tennis, minigolf, open chess, a cleared path and a very large network of walking trails and shelter cabins with grills are available in this beautifully situated woodland area.

The tourist office of the community, Uferallee 13, Phone 06532-2404, is pleased to provide free information. The community of Zeltingen-Rachtig today is becoming one of the most well-known recreation areas on the Mosel; its motto - "Wine, Rest and Recreation".

(Translated by Marie Roth)
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DATES AND NAMES OF MANY OF THE THOUSANDS OF THEISEN AND
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