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The 39 Original Nehrenz Cousins (1869-1981)

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Hello to the Nehrenz family members and friends! This newsletter will feature information about the 39 original cousins who were all the grandchildren of Johann Christian and Maria Nehrenz. Listed below are the 7 children from whom came all of the 39 grandchildren. If you have Nehrenz family roots, then you descend from one of these 39 ancestors. Their lifespan was from 1869 to 1981, a period of 112 years. So enjoy reading about these fascinating people, the first generation of Nehrenzs born in the USA (except three who were born in Germany.) This issue has few pictures. We apologize for this, but with only 8 pages, all the available space had to be utilized for the information to fit.

Descendants of Johann Christian Theodor Nehrenz

The Patriarch and Matriarch of all the Nehrenzs in the U.S.A.

Johann Christian Theodor Nehrenz 1820 - 1888 +Johanna Maria Elizabeth Lempke 1818 - 1889

<u>Their seven children:</u>	
1. "Friedrick" -Christian Martin Nehrenz	1844 - 1906
+Henriette Johanne Friedricka Lohrenz	1844 - 1906
2. "Christian" -Johann Christian Friedrick Nehrenz	1846 - 1916
+Freiderika "Rike" Bahlke	1850 - 1893
3. "Carl" Johann Carl Friedrick Theodor Nehrenz	1848 - 1913
+Minnie Wilhelmina Schultz	1856 - 1936
4. "Minnie" Caroline Wilhelmine Friedrike Nehrenz	1850 - 1914
+Herman W. Martens	1850 - 1913
5. "William" Carl Ludwig Wilhelm Nehrenz	1853 - 1928
+ 1 st Wife -Christine (Bates) Beth	1859 - 1902
+ 2 nd Wife -Susan Kuehne Koenig	1863 - 1928
6. "Jane" Johanne Friedrike Caroline Nehrenz	1855 - 1921
+Charles Johann Friedrich "Karl" Beie	1852 - 1899
7. "Henry" Heinrich Christian Theodor Nehrenz	1861 - 1906
+Mary- Lucia Maria Rupprecht	1868 - 1953

INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

The Nehrenz family cousins began with Johanna Wilhelmine Caroline Nehrenz, born in 1869, died in 1870 and Friedrich Johann Christian Nehrenz, born in 1871, died in 1871. They were the infant children of Frederick and Fredricka Nehrenz and were born in Trollenhagen, Germany. Both children died before Frederick immigrated to America. Also born in Trollenhagen was Louise Nehrenz, born in 1870, died in 1923. She was the daughter of Christian and Frederika Nehrenz. She was brought to America when she was a baby and lived her whole life in the Cleveland, Ohio area. She was married to John Schnur. He was a teamster in Cleveland.

The last surviving Nehrenz cousin was Maria Anna Paulina "Mae" Nehrenz, born in 1897, died in 1981. Mae was married to George Fred August Lohr. She lived in Ohio and Indiana, and her husband August was a Lutheran school teacher. When I was attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana from 1977-1982, I went and interviewed her at the Lutheran old folks home. I took notes but did not audio record our discussion. At the time, I did not realize she was the last of all the Nehrenz cousins. Had I known that, I would have asked many additional questions. She was the younger sister of my grandfather. Dr. John Nehrenz, who was one of the 39 Nehrenz cousins.

The first Nehrenz grandchild was born in 1869, the last was born in 1898, so they were all born over a period of 29 years, before 1900. The rest of this newsletter will give brief summaries of the lives of all 39 of these people.

The 39 Grandchildren of Johann Christian Theodor Nehrenz and Johanna Maria Elizabeth Lempke (The 39 Original Nehrenz Cousins) in bold-face – 3rd generation

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+Alvine Eleonore Maria Lange 1880 - 1946		
3 Louise Caroline Henriette "Liz" Nel	hrenz 1878 - 1901	
+George Jacob Fritz 1876 - 1941	1	
3 Martha Maria Nehrenz	1880 - 1880	
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+George Jacob Fritz 1876 - 194	1	
3 "William" -Emil Herman Wilhelm Nehrenz 1884-1957		
+Alice Albertina Wenger 1885 - 1964		
3"Edward"-Karl Friedrich Edward Nehrenz 1886 - 1954		
+Anna Wilhelmina "Minnie" Borowske 1895 - 1965		
3"George" Johann Heinrick George Nehrenz 1888 - 1945		
+Katherine L. "Kitty" Reichwein 1	1887 - 1966	
3 Alma Catharina Nehrenz	1893 - 1977	
+Howard Ernst 1893 - 1944		
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The grandparents, Johann Christian and Maria, would have known only their grandchildren born from 1869-1889, since they both had died by February 1889.

......3 Maria Anna Paulina "Mae" Nehrenz 1897 - 1981

.....+George Fred August Lohr 1897 - 1952

......3 Heinrich Justus Erhardt Nehrenz

They would have known only 27 of the 39. (10 were born after 1889. 2 were born and died in Trollenhagen) The father of these two was Frederick, he came to the USA in 1871, two years after his parents.

A small child, three years or younger, has no memory of grandparents who are already dead. If we look at all 39 grandchildren, 21 of them would have had NO memory of them or had died young as children.

But the other 18 WOULD have had some memories of their grandparents. How great it would have been, if they had told their own descendants what they remembered about them. We would know much more about Johann Christian and Maria Nehrenz.

BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF THE LIVES OF THE 39 GRANDCHILDREN / COUSINS

Listed in order from the chart on page 2, as they are listed under each parent:

FREDERICK NEHRENZ' CHILDREN:

- 1. JOHANNE WILHELMINE CAROLINE NEHRENZ was born November 05, 1869 in Trollenhagen, and died July 06, 1870 in Trollenhagen. She was born 6 days after her paternal grandparents had left on the boat Oct 30, 1869 to come to the USA. Her father Frederick would not emigrate till 1871 after this baby daughter had already died. Thus her Nehrenz grandparents never saw her, she was born one week after they left Germany to go to the U.S. Baptism: November 21, 1869, Godparents: Johann Schroeder, Wilhelmine Lehmann, Carl Nehrenz. Burial: July 09, 1870. Cause of Death: Pfluglreis.
- **2. FRIEDRICH JOHANN CHRISTIAN NEHRENZ** was born May 24, 1871 in Trollenhagen, Germany, and died June 17, 1871 in Trollenhagen, Germany. 3 months after this baby son died, his parents left on a boat to go to America. Thus this baby was also never seen by the grandparents. Baptism: June 04, 1871, Burial: June 19, 1871. Godparents: Johann Lucht, Marie Lankow, Christian Bors.
- 3. HENRY NEHRENZ was born September 26, 1872 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died January 04, 1898 in Ft. Wayne, IN. He married Marie Elizabeth Emile "Mamie" Soergel August 07, 1895 in Tabor Church 7:30 p.m. Buffalo, New York, daughter of PASTOR SOERGEL and CAROLINE OPPENHAGEN. She was born July 15, 1871 in St. Joseph Berrien, MI, and died June 02, 1940 in Cleveland, OH or Baltimore, MD. His Baptism: October 06, 1872, Trinity Lutheran Church Cleve, OH. Godparents: Heinich Pohse, Friedrich Lemke, Johanna Nehrenz. Confirmation: April 03, 1887, Immanuel Luth Ch Cleve. Education: 1892, Graduated from Addison IL Lutheran Teachers College. Burial: January 07, 1898, Ft. Wayne, IN Concordia Luth Gardens Cemetery-Cause of Death: Possible aneurism. He came home at lunch, was not feeling well, laid down and was found dead. Occupation: Bet. 1891 - 1897, Lutheran School teacher. From the death records of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne IN.: 1898 Nehrenz, Heinrich (Teacher in the school from Sept. 1893 - Jan. 1898) died Jan. 4, 1898 at the age of 25 years, 3 months, 9 days and funeral was on Jan. 7, conducted by Pastor J.A. Bohn
- 4. WILLIAM ERNEST MARTIN NEHRENZ was born September 10, 1876 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died August 27, 1948 in Columbus, Ohio. He married (1) CAROLINE "CARRIE" M. SOERGEL 1896 in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of PASTOR SOERGEL and CAROLINE OPPENHAGEN. She was born July 24, 1873 in St. Joseph, Michigan, and died March 24, 1925 in Cleveland, Ohio. He married (2) MAUDE CATHERINE SHELL December 01, 1913 in Clayton, St. Louis, Missouri, daughter of WILLIAM SHELL and SARAH GRAY. She was born January 02, 1881 in Kansas, and died May 26, 1968 in Los Angeles. CA. He married (3) ZODA MAY BULLOCK 1919, daughter of JOHN BULLOCK and SARAH JONES. She was born April 28, 1899 in Corinth, Kentucky, and died May 05, 1965 in

- Columbus, Ohio. His Baptism: September 19, 1875 Trinity Lutheran Church Cleveland, OH. Sponsors: September 19, 1875, Christian Nehrenz, Ernest Koenig, Maria Nehrenz. Burial: August 30, 1948, Union Cemetery Cause of Death: Sheet metal accident. Occupation: Ironworks craftsman.
- 5. AUGUST WILLIAM NEHRENZ was born September 29, 1877 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died March 31, 1959 in Flushing Long Island, New York. He married ANNA TOBABEN June 27, 1900 in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Broome & Elizabeth Sts. NYC, daughter of JOHN TOBABEN and KATE BRUNCKHORST. She was born July 27, 1879 in New York City, NY. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Glendale, NY. His Death on April 2, 1959. He came to St. John's to begin his long and dedicated life of service to Jesus in our midst. Principal of St. John's School from 1909 to 1931, Organist and Choir Director from 1907 to 1946, Teacher, Church Secretary, Voting member-- our dear friend gave this congregation fifty-four years of devoted labor. His death on Tuesday morning, March 31st brought him into the presence of the Savior, whom he loved. With his sorrowing widow, Anna Tobaben and his son William L., we tenderly lay him to rest, to await the dawn of the resurrection. "For so he giveth his beloved sleep!" Psalm 127:2

CHRISTIAN NEHRENZ' CHILDREN:

- **6. LOUISE NEHRENZ** was born May 1870 in Mecklenberg, Germany, and died June 13, 1923 in Cleveland, OH. She married JOHN SCHNUR August 14, 1890 in Cleveland, OH by Rev. William Angelberger. Son of FREDERICK SCHNUR and DOROTHY SMITH. He was born September 05, 1860 in Cleveland, OH, and died November 30, 1921 in Cleveland, OH. Was Godparent: March 21, 1886, for Emma Louise Sophia Fischer. Death certificate: Lizzie Schnur, living at Theota east of Pearl rd. She was a housewife. Died at Warrensville hospital, informant is the infirmary records. Burial: June 15, 1923, Monroe cemetery in Cleveland, OH
- 7. CARL LUDWIG ERNEST "CHARLES" NEHRENZ was born April 15, 1875 in Cleveland, OH, and died July 01, 1940 in At 1:30 p.m. Lima State Hospital Lima, Allen County, OH. He married Lena Hauck April 25, 1900 in Cleveland, OH by Rev. C.W. Weiss, daughter of John Hauck and Barbara Teufel. She was born November 1875 in Liverpool, Ohio. His Baptism: April 25, 1875, Trinity Lutheran Church Cleveland, OH. Godparents: Wilhelmine Nehrenz, Christine Beth, Friedrich Nehrenz. Died December 16, 1939 in Monday morning Cleveland, OH. Burial: July 03, 1940, Funeral at 2:00 p.m. on a Wednesday by Rev. E.J. Penhorwood of the Southside Church of Christ buried at Woodlawn Cemetery. Cause of Death: Pulmonary tuberculosis since 1936. Housepainter and paper hanger.
- **8.** CHRISTIAN FRIEDERICH NEHRENZ was born October 22, 1876 in Cleveland, OH. Baptism: November 05, 1876, Trinity Luth Ch Cleveland, OH. Godparents: Hermann Martens, Johanna Lemkang, Wilhelmine Balke
- **9. HERMAN NEHRENZ** was born October 22, 1876 in Cleveland, OH.

- **10. EMMA NEHRENZ** was born June 26, 1878 in Cleveland, OH.: Baptism: July 07, 1878, Trinity Luth Ch Cleveland.
- **11. IDA HENRIETTE ALBERTINE WILHELMINE NEHRENZ** was born November 19, 1880 in Cleveland, OH, and died July 28, 1892 in Cleveland, OH. Baptism: November 28, 1880, Sponsers :Albert Fischer, Wilhelm Balke, Wilhelmine Martens, at Immanuel Lutheran Church
- 12. BERTHA KAROLINE FRIEDERIKE NEHRENZ was born January 05, 1883 in Cleveland, OH, and died July 19, 1963 in Cambridge Twp., Guernsey Co., Ohio. She married JOHN EDWARD SCHALOSKE July 30, 1901 in Cleveland, OH, son of JOSEPH SCHALOSKE and MARTHA ROTH. He was born 1862 in Erie, Pennsylvania, and died March 26, 1922 in Cleveland, OH. Her Baptism: January 14, 1883, at Immanuel Lutheran Church- Sponsers: Karl Nehrenz, Friederike Bahlke, Karl Sehmhagen. Burial: July 22, 1963, Riverside Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio, She suffered from mental anxiety
- **13. JOHANN GUSTAV NEHRENZ** was born January 23, 1885 in Cleveland, OH, and died August 07, 1892 in Cleveland, OH. Baptism: February 01, 1885, St. Matthew Luth Ch Cleve, OH. Godparents: Juliane and Gustav Hass
- **14. WILHELM HEINRICH NEHRENZ** was born January 10, 1889 in Cleveland, OH, and died January 15, 1889 in Cleveland, OH. Baptism: January 15, 1889, St. Matt Luth Ch Cleve, OH Burial: January 17, 1889, at Scranton Cemetery; Service at St Matt Luth Ch Cleve, OH 2:00 p.m.
- **15.** WILHELMINE JOHANNA "MINNIE" NEHRENZ was born February 23, 1890 in Cleveland, OH, and died June 03, 1940 in Cleveland, OH. Baptism: February 23, 1890, St. Matt Luth Ch Cleve, OH. Godparents: Wilhelmine Miethke, Johann Schnur. She was single, residence at 8001 Tomkins ave. Cleveland. Living in county nursing home. Her occupation was a bookkepper for Fries and Schuele. Burial: June 05, 1940, Brooklyn Heights

CARL NEHRENZ' CHILDREN:

- 16. FRANK NEHRENZ was born May 31, 1875 in Ohio. As a young man, went out looking for work and probably rode the trains. He disappeared in 1911 and was never heard from again, and the family assumed he was in an accident of some kind, perhaps on the rail lines. When his father Carl Nehrenz was dying, he was asking about his eldest son Frank and no one could answer his questions to his satisfaction. 1918 Draft card registration signed by him on Sept. 12, 1918 lists him as: 43 years old, living at 513 W. 5th St. in Des Moines, Iowa
- 17. CAROLYN A. NEHRENZ was born November 17, 1878 in Resseville, WI., and died February 16, 1966 in Madison, WI. She married EDWARD CARL SCHMELZKOPF 1899. He was born August 01, 1874 in Madison, WI, and died January 24, 1938 in at age 65 at Madison, WI. Carolyn was friendly and a good housekeeper. 1940 census "Anna" Schmelzkopf, lived at 2012 Yahara Place in Madison, WI, owned worth \$8500

- widowed, age 60, Burial: St. John's Lutheran Church, Madison, WI Forest Hill Cemetery.
- **18. EDMUND J. NEHRENZ** was born September 25, 1881 in Resseville, WI., and died May 19, 1947 in Chicago, IL.. He married LENOIR L. COURTIER February 02, 1923 in Cook county, Chicago, daughter of JAMES COURTIER and IDELLA DICKENS. She was born 1887 in LaValle, WI, and died in LaValle, WI. His 1941 WW II draft card: Age 60. He works for I.N.F. Oak Forest, IL. Occupation: Toolmaker. Burial: May 22, 1947, St. John's Lutheran Church, Madison, WI Forest Hill Cemetery.
- 19. PERCY A. NEHRENZ was born July 10, 1895 in Madison, WI, and died June 24, 1964 in at age 69 at Madison, WI. He married LUCY O. POLODNA October 21, 1933 in Belvidere, IL, daughter of THOMAS POLODNA and ANNA NOVEY. She was born December 09, 1904 in Prairie Du Chien, WI, and died September 15, 2009 in Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. Percy worked as a tool and die maker at a plant and made molds for items like toys. His hobby was photography, and fixing up their home. He had a hiatal-hernia in his stomach and he died of shock after having surgery on it.

MINNIE NEHRENZ MARTENS' CHILDREN:

- 20. HANNA MARTENS was born July 28, 1874 in Cleveland, OH, and died January 21, 1960 in Cleveland, OH. Baptism: August 09, 1874, Trinity Lutheran Church Cleve, OH. Godparents: Hanna Nehrenz, Carl Beier, Alvine Martens. 1940 census- 3327 Daisy Ave. Died: Hanna Martens, beloved sister of Emma and the late Frank Martens, also survived by nieces and nephews, resident of the Lutheran Home for Aged. Westlake. The family will receive friends at The Erving Dress Funeral Home, 13443 Detroit Ave., where services will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, at 1:30 p. m. Interment Lutheran Cemetery.
- 21. FRANZ CHRISTOPH FRIEDRICH MARTENS was born November 01, 1875 in Cleveland, OH, and died November 23, 1956 in Cleveland, OH. He married KATHERINE "KATE" F. LEMKE January 07, 1897 in Cleveland, OH. She was born 1878 in Ohio, and died January 09, 1964 in Cleveland, Ohio. His Baptism: November 07, 1875, Trinity Luth Ch Cleveland, OH. Godparents: Wilhelm Nehrenz, Christoph Martens, Friedrike Nehrenz. Was sponsor April 22, 1906, for Walter Theodor Beier at St. Matt Luth Ch Cleve, OH. 1940 census lives as 1639 Lewis Dr., Frank C. Martens, 64, baker supplies and warehouse manfactr plant. Burial: November 26, 1956, Lutheran Cemetery Cleveland, Ohio.
- **22. EMMA MARTENS** was born June 29, 1878 in Cleveland, OH, and died February 17, 1962 in Cleveland, OH. She married LOUIS H. KOPITZKE June 29, 1899 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born 1873, and died June 29, 1918 in Lakewood, OH. Her Death: Emma Martens, beloved sister of the late Hannah and Frank, aunt of Ponce Phelps; resident of Lutheran Home for Aged. Friends received 8-10 p. m. Monday at the Erving Dress Funeral Home, 13443 Detroit Ave., where services will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.

WILLIAM NEHRENZ' CHILDREN:

- 23.HEINI CHRISTIAN FRIEDRICK "HENRY" NEHRENZ was born October 07, 1876 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died May 15, 1938 in Cleveland, Ohio. He married ALVINE ELEONORE MARIA LANGE October 10, 1901 in Trinity Lutheran Church Cleveland, OH., daughter of ERNST LANGE and JOHANNA HILSEBUS. She was born July 10, 1880 in Cleveland, OH, and died December 04, 1946 in Cleveland, Ohio. His Baptism: October 15, 1876, Trinity Lutheran Church Cleveland, Ohio. Godparents: Friedrich Nehrenz, Johanna Beier, Christine Karkoff. Occupation Bet. 1928 - 1938, Auditor for his own business at the time of his death. Death: Henry F., beloved husband of Alvina (nee Lange), father of Marie, brother of William, Edward, George, Mrs. Emilie Fritz and Mrs. Alma Ernst; residence, 1503 Rosewood ave. Friends may call at Klanke Funeral Parlors, 12629 Detroit ave., Lakewood, where funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 18, at 2:30 p. m. Lutheran Cemetery Cleveland, Ohio.
- **24.** LOUISE CAROLINE HENRIETTE "LIZ" NEHRENZ was born June 25, 1878 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died October 12, 1901 in Cleveland, Ohio. She married GEORGE JACOB FRITZ August 20, 1896 in Trinity Lutheran Church Cleveland, Ohio, son of GOTTFRIED FRITZ and ANNA WEILER. He was born August 12, 1876 in Cleveland, OH, and died July 27, 1941 in Cleveland, OH. Her Baptism: July 07, 1878, Cleveland, Ohio. Godparent: February 16, 1896, for Alma Emma Louise Beth. Cause of Death: Tuberculosis
- **25. MARTHA MARIA NEHRENZ** was born April 07, 1880 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died June 04, 1880 in Cleveland, Ohio. Baptism: April 09, 1880, Sponsers: Maria Nehrenz, Maria Beth, Baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church.
- 26. EMILIE FRIEDE FRIEDERIKE "MEIL" NEHRENZ was born March 20, 1882 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died February 27, 1965 in Lakewood, Ohio. She married GEORGE JACOB FRITZ November 01, 1904 in Cleveland, OH, son of GOTTFRIED FRITZ and ANNA WEILER. He was born August 12, 1876 in Cleveland, OH, and died July 27, 1941 in Cleveland, OH. Her Death notice: Mar 3, 1965 Emilie Fritz (nee Nehrenz), residence, 2358 Rocky River Oval, beloved wife of the late George J., dear mother of Mrs. Elva E. Brobst and the late George, grandmother of Mrs. Claire Ann Talbert and Donald Fritz, and great-grandmother, sister of Mrs. Alma Ernst, Saturday p. m. Friends may call at the Chas. A. Mandley Funeral Home, 15480 Triskett Rd. at Lorain Ave. Services Tuesday, March 2, at 3 p. m.
- 27. "WILLIAM" -EMIL HERMAN WILHELM NEHRENZ was born February 18, 1884 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died February 1957 in Akron, OH. He married ALICE ALBERTINA WENGER October 25, 1905 in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of FRED WENGER and MINNIE. She was born 1885 in Cleveland, OH, and died February 28, 1964 in Akron, OH. His Baptism: February 24, 1884, at Immanuel Lutheran Church Cleve. Sponsers: Herman Marten, Minna Beth, Emilie Beth. Early

Occupation: 1900, Press feeder printing Occupation: Farmer in Medina, OH.

- 28. "EDWARD"-KARL FRIEDRICH EDWARD NEHRENZ was born June 27, 1886 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died March 01, 1954 in Cleveland, OH. He married ANNA WILHELMINA "MINNIE" BOROWSKE August 15, 1925 in Cleveland, Ohio by Pastor W.H.F. Brandes. She was daughter of AUGUST BROWSKE and JUSTINE FISCHER. She was born October 10, 1895 in Cleveland, OH, and died November 28, 1965 in Cleveland, OH. His Baptism: July 04, 1886, Baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church- Cleve.- Sponsers: Karl Beier, Karl Arndt, Ida Verzke. Military service: W.W. I - CO. E 103 Infantry Rect. Occupation: 1930, Bricklayer building trade. Address: 1954, 2066 W. 53d St. Death notice: Mar 4 1954 Nehrenz, Edward F., beloved husband of Minnie (nee Borowske), father of Leona Schwab, Leonard A., and Corp, Kenneth H., U. S. Army, grandfather, brother of William, Emily Fritz, Alma Ernst and two brothers, Friends may call at the Duke Eyler Funeral Home, 4466 Pearl Rd., After 7pm Services at 1:30 p. m. Friday, Mar. 5. Interment Lutheran Cemetery.
- 29. "GEORGE" JOHANN HEINRICK GEORGE NEHRENZ was born June 21, 1888 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died January 22, 1945 in Cleveland, Ohio. He married KATHERINE L. "KITTY" REICHWEIN September 22, 1910 in Cleveland, Ohio by Pastor Charles C. Morhardt. She was daughter of HERMAN REICHWEIN and MARY KRAMER. She was born December 15, 1887 in Cleveland, OH, and died June 18, 1966 in Cleveland, OH. His Death notice: Jan 24 1945 Nehrenz, George J., beloved husband of Katherine (nee Reichwein), father of Mildred, brother of Mrs. Emilie Fritz, William and Edward Nehrenz, and Alma Ernst and the late Henry F. Nehrenz, residence, 10818 Linnett ave. Friends received at Klanke Funeral Parlors, 12629 Detroit ave., Lakewood, where services will be held Thursday, Jan. 25, at 1:30 p. m.
- **30.** ALMA CATHARINA NEHRENZ was born August 26, 1893 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died March 06, 1977 in Greensboro, North Carolina. She married HOWARD ERNST October 02, 1915 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born September 18, 1893 in Cleveland, OH, and died November 18, 1944 in North Olmsted, OH. Her Baptism: September 03, 1893, Immanuel Luth Ch. Cleveland, Marriage Notes: Wedding conducted by Rev. H. Weseloh, Evang. Luth. Pastor. Witnesses were Walter Offenhauser and Irene Koenig. Ohio Burial: Sunset Cemetery

JANE NEHRENZ BEIER'S CHILDREN:

31. OTTO BEIER was born August 13, 1877 in Cleveland, OH, and died November 18, 1929 in Cleveland, OH. He married MARIA "MARNIE" SCHUELKE, daughter of MR. SCHULKE and MISS _____. She was born 1879 in Ohio, and died March 11, 1956 in Cleveland, OH. His Baptism: August 19, 1877, Trinity Luth Ch - Cleveland, OH. Sponsors: Christian Nehrenz and Wilhelmine Beier. His Death notice: Nov 20, 1929 Beier-Otto, beloved husband of Mamie (nee Schulke), father of Victor, Walter, Carl and the late Henrietta,

Monday, Nov. 18, 1929, age 52 years. Remains at late residence, 3718 Spokane Avenue, until Thursday morning. Services at the G. H. Busch & Son Funeral Home, 4334 Pearl Road, Thursday, Nov. 21, at 2:30 p. m. Burial: November 21, 1929, Brooklyn Heights cemetery Cause of Death: Cerebral apoplexy, lasted 20 minutes. Medical Information: Died at 10:00 p.m.

- **32. GEORGE W. BEIER** was born February 22, 1884 in Cleveland, OH, and died August 14, 1926 in Sylvania (Lucas County), OH. Date: Aug. 17, 1926. Notes: Beier-George W., son of the late Charles and Johanna Beier, brother of Otto Beier, suddenly Saturday, Aug. 14. Remains at the G. H. Busch & Son funeral home, 4334 Pearl road, where services will be held Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 2:30 p. m. Please omit flowers. Informant on his death certificate was: Mrs.? Karl H. Kolbe 1121 Lincoln Ave. George was 42 years old at death. He was a laborer, single, living in Sylvania, OH. He died of miocarditis at 9:00 a.m. Lutheran Cemetery Cleveland, Ohio.
- **33. CARL BEIER** was born October 26, 1892 in Cleveland, OH. Baptism: 1892, Ev Luth Dreieingkeitte Kirche Cleveland, OH. Confirmation: April 08, 1906, St Matt Luth Ch Cleveland, OH Lk 11:28. Note: When his mother died in 1921, Carl is not listed as a living son.

HENRY NEHRENZ' CHILDREN:

- **34.** Anna Friedrike Theodora Nehrenz was born December 04, 1889 in Cleveland, OH, and died July 11, 1967 in Orrville, OH. She married (1) Frederick E. Wendorff July 15, 1949 in St. Paul Lutheran Church Lakewood, OH, son of Frederick Wendorff and Caroline Frelitz. He was born July 20, 1880 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died September 21, 1956. She married (2) Paul Lawrence 1957. Her Death notice: Jul 13 1967. Anna F. Lawrence (Wendorff) (nee Nehrenz), beloved wife of Paul, daughter of the late Rev. Henry and Mary Rupprecht Nehrenz, sister of Mrs. August Lohr of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Mrs. George Halter of Lakewood. Services Thursday, 1 p.m. Mcintire
- 35. JOHANNES WILHELM MORITZ NEHRENZ was born May 08, 1891 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died June 30, 1963 in Cleveland, Ohio. He married GERTRUDE LOUISE ANNA GLAWE August 24, 1918 in Cleveland, OH by Rev. George Eyler recorded on Oct. 17, 1918, daughter of FRIEDRICH GLAWE and BERTHA BAHR. She was born April 08, 1893 in 140 Rowley St. Cleveland, Ohio- midwife: Mrs. M. May, 41 Auburn St., and died July 27, 1981 in Cleveland. Ohio. His Death notice: Jul 3 1963. Dr. John W. Nehrenz, beloved husband of Gertrude (nee Glawe), father of Ethel, Marjorie Hoffmeyer, Norma Strucely, John, Harold, Robert and Clyde Nehrenz, grandfather of 20, brother of Clara Halter, Mae Lohr, Anna Lawrence, late residence, 25894 John Rd., Olmsted Falls. The family will receive friends 8-10 p. m. Tuesday at the Erving Dress Funeral Home, 13443 Detroit Ave. Services at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Detroit and Arthur Aves.)

Wednesday, July 3, at 2 p. m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lutheran Home for Aged.

- **36.** CARL FERDINAND WILHELM NEHRENZ was born March 19, 1893 in Cleveland, OH, and died November 03, 1898 in Cleveland. Ohio. Baptism: March 26, 1893, St. Matthew Luth Ch Cleve, OH 81 Godparent: J.W. Schwachenwald, Ferdinand Rupprecht, Wilhelmine Martens. Burial: November 04, 1898, Lutheran Cemetery Cleveland, Ohio Order number 299, Section G, Lot
- **37.** CLARA JOHANNA CAROLINE NEHRENZ was born November 27, 1894 in Cleveland, OH, and died November 25, 1978 in Lakewood, OH. She married GEORGE A. HALTER August 29, 1914 in St. Matthews Lutheran Church Cleveland, OH, son of JACOB HALTER and LOUISE FISCHER. He was born January 09, 1889 in Lima, OH, and died November 12, 1953 in Lakewood, OH. Her Baptism: December 02, 1894, St. Matt Luth Ch Cleve, OH by Rev. J.J. Walker. Godparents: Clara Bewie, Johanna Nehrenz, Carl Beyer, Carl Rupprecht. Confirmation: April 04, 1909, St. Matthew Lutheran Church Cleveland, OH. by Rev. George Eyler 2 Cor. 5:15
- **38.** MARIA ANNA PAULINA "MAE" NEHRENZ was born April 24, 1897 in Cleveland, Ohio, and died February 1981. She married GEORGE FRED AUGUST LOHR July 05, 1919 in By Rev. George Eyler. They met in Cleveland while he was a Lutheran School teacher there, son of G.A. LOHR. He was born June 24, 1897 in Kramer, Nebraska, and died December 20, 1952. Her Baptism: May 02, 1897, St. Matt Luth Ch Cleve, OH. Godparents: May 02, 1897, Maria Koch, Anna Fenner, Paul Rupprecht. .Cause of Death:Aterio schleratic heart disease
- **39.HEINRICH JUSTUS ERHARDT NEHRENZ** was born December 20, 1898 in Cleveland, OH, and died March 22, 1900 in Cleveland, OH. Baptism: December 20, 1898, St. Matt Luth Ch Cleve, OH. Godparents: Hulda and Erhardt Schwechenwald. Burial: March 25, 1900, Lutheran Cemetery Cleveland, Ohio.



Wade/Scranton Cemetery Cleveland, Ohio. Burial spot of unmarked graves of Johann and Mary Nehrenz

OLD NEHRENZ REUNIONS:

My grandfather was Dr. John Nehrenz, who spent his whole life in the Cleveland area as a dentist and active Lutheran layman. In his 5 year diary there is this note: "July 9, 1939 - Sun. First Nehrenz Reunion at Old Folks home. 86 present." There was another entry in his diary: "July 14, 1940 - 2nd Nehrenz Reunion at Old Folks home. 71 present."

The Lutheran Old Folks Home was in Dover, which is now Westlake, Ohio. It was in a rural area, it had been a farm, and included a wooded area made into a picnic grounds, available for families to use for reunions.

There are no known minutes of these reunions. Had there been, this would have been a record of the interactions between the various Nehrenz family groups. If 86 (in 1939) and 71 (in 1940) people were present, this was a large group, and would have included the families of the 39 cousins described in this newsletter.

Since these occurred in 1939-1940, 20 of these 39 cousins were still alive. If there were people from all 7 family groups at these reunions, there could have been 10-12 people from each family.

What a gold-mine of information could have been gathered at these reunions if people had written down their family histories and shared stories with remembrances. However, it is our generation today that has a renewed interest in family genealogy. Our ancestors took these things for granted and did not see the need to share their stories.

If anyone reading this newsletter has any information about these <u>NEHRENZ REUNIONS</u>, or you heard your own ancestors mention them, let us know. Perhaps there are photos or records stored away somewhere, yet to be discovered?

In 1939-1940, the seven Nehrenz family groups lived in Ohio, Wisconsin, Maryland and New York. The majority of them lived in Ohio in the cities around Cleveland, Akron and Columbus. They belonged to Lutheran churches like Trinity, Immanuel and St. Matthews in Cleveland.

They lived in neighborhoods around Scranton Rd. and were able to walk to work, to church and to stores. They are buried in various cemeteries: Monroe, Wade/Scranton, Riverside, Lutheran, Sunset.

Some common attributes among the Nehrenz people are: being musical and artistic, working in various trades, gradually moving into management and financial planning jobs, godly people who were religious and active in their churches. It would be remiss not to mention that there were some mental health issues among the families, depression and mental anxiety. Some were even institutionalized.

Since so many people have contributed to the Nehrenz Network since 1995, there have been stories shared about squabbles between some of the families. I am sure that this happened too. They were normal people, busy raising large families, and making ends meet.

The most interesting part of gathering the documents and papers for the extensive <u>Nehrenz Archives</u>, has been the heartwarming and heart-breaking stories of our people. The voyage and the pilgrimage from Trollenhagen, Germany to the Castle Garden-the Battery, New York to Cleveland, Ohio and

beyond, has yielded up such stories that again prove "truth is stranger than fiction."

Just as a reminder to everyone. The reason so much effort has gone into collecting your family history into the Nehrenz Archives is so that the eventual "Nehrenz Family History Book" can be written. This has never been done before.

If you wonder how big the Nehrenz family has become, consider this: We <u>ALL</u> descend from Johann Christian and Maria Nehrenz. He was born in 1820, she was born in 1818. We are getting close to the 200th anniversary of their births in 2018 and 2020.

By the records we have now, it can be estimated that there are 8 generations with over 626 direct descendants, those living and non-living, from these two people!

If you need to add your children or grandchildren to this list, please contact us. We do lack records for some families.

39 cousins from 7 parents from 2 grandparents. You are connected to one of those 39 cousins. If your kids ever need genealogy information for a class project, feel free to have them contact us.

Again, apologies for there being no pictures in this issue, but I would encourage you to file away this issue for future reference. Consider it a "Nehrenz Encyclopedia."

Sincerely, Dave Nehrenz

HELP WITH THE COSTS-

Each one of these issues costs about \$200 for paper, copying and postage. About 180 copies were mailed. Any help towards this expense is greatly appreciated!

CHECK OUT TWO NEHRENZ NETWORK WEB PAGES:

Nehrenz Family Home Page created by Dr. Guy Nehrenz (includes color versions of all these newsletters)

http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/

Nehrenz Family Genealogy Files: http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/n/e/h/David-R-Nehrenz/index.html?Welcome=104251027

Send family information, copies of old letters, photos and other Nehrenz memorabilia to:

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The Nehrenz Network - Dave Nehrenz

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Information, Upcoming Events, Corrections, anything you want to share, write it down and mail or e-mail it to us. Thanks!

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