

The Nehrenz Network Newsletter

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“Did you know that...?”

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Hello to the Nehrenz family members and friends! This newsletter will answer various questions about Nehrenz people throughout the years. We will ask, **“Did you know that ...?”** Listed below are the 7 children from whom came all of the Nehrenzs in the U.S.A.. If you have Nehrenz family roots, then you descend from one of these 7 ancestors. From the archived materials which have been sent to us over the years, we will examine some interesting facts, details and specifics about all 7 of the families listed below. Share your history with your children - they will enjoy your stories!

The last issue of this newsletter, in October 2012, had very few pictures because it included information about the 39 Nehrenz cousins from whom we have all descended. This issue will have more photos and less data! Keep in mind, one of the reasons for these newsletters is for you to file them as your own personal archive and database for our family. You can go to the Nehrenz Network webpage noted above and access all of the newsletters over the past 16 years. I encourage you to download all of the issues and save them on your computer, so you can utilize them anytime.

So enjoy some lighthearted as well as some somber stories and anecdotes about the Nehrenz people over the past 193 years (1820- 2013). In 7 years is the 200th anniversary of the birth of our ancestor Johann Christian Theodor Nehrenz.

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

Their seven children:

- 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
..... + 1st Wife -Christine (Bates) Beth 1859 - 1902
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- 7. "Henry" Heinrich Christian Theodor Nehrenz 1861 - 1906
..... +Mary- Lucia Maria Rupprecht 1868 - 1953



The first sight for the Nehrenz family when they arrived at New York was the Castle Garden at the present-day Battery Park in Manhattan.

“DID YOU KNOW THAT...?”

Here is the listing in the burial records of the Scranton Rd. (the old Brooklyn) Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio for Johann Christian Nehrenz. He left Trollenhagen, Germany on Oct. 30, 1869 and died on June 23, 1888 in Cleveland, Ohio. He only lived in the U.S.A. for 19 years. He was 68 years old when he died. **Did you know that...** his wife, Johanna Maria Elizabeth (Lempke) Nehrenz died on February 07, 1889 at age 70, just 7 months after he died?

23 Christ Nehrenz 68 - - 25 Nov 1888
Germany Chronic Bronchitis
C. Schler

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This is the house in Cleveland, Ohio where they lived from 1871-1880.

The address was 7 (1026) Auburn St. and is still being lived in.

From 1869-1871 they lived at 134(2804) Wade St., but that house was removed when the highway came through.



Did you know that... when they lived in Trollenhagen, Germany from 1820-1869, he was farmer, and came to America on the ship “S.S. Borussia?”



Trollenhagen today

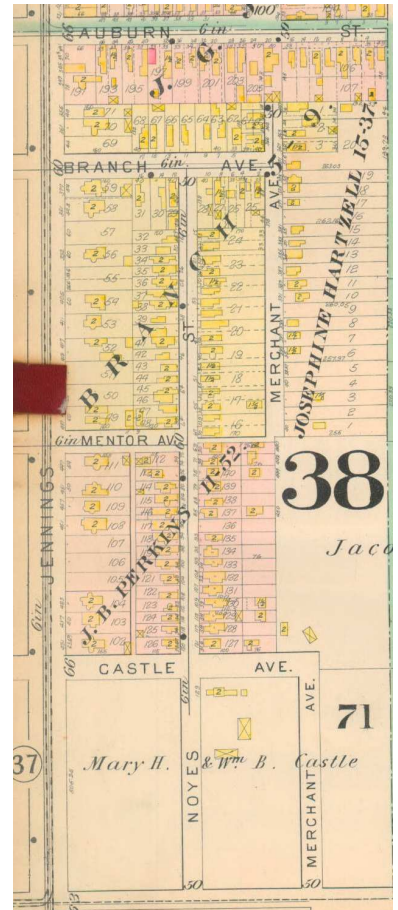


S.S. Borussia

Did you know that... there are no known photos of Johann Christian and Marie? They are buried in an unmarked grave.

We do have in the archives a German hymnal they brought with them from Trollenhagen. They were early members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Ohio and had the famous father and son Pastors Wyneken, who shepherded them in the Christian faith. Then they were founding members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cleveland. When he died, he was living with his daughter Jane who was married to Carl Beier at 45 Noyes, which now is 2821 W. 12th St.

Here is a map of the neighborhoods where the Nehrenz, Beier and Martens families first lived when they came to Cleveland. (Noyes and Auburn St.) →



1. Son "Friedrick" -Christian Martin Nehrenz 1844 - 1906

+Henriette Johanne Friedricka Lohrenz 1844 – 1906

Did you know that... as the eldest son, he would become the patriarch of the family after his father’s death, and he had three sons who were accomplished as teachers, artists and musicians? He was a laborer and railroad watchman. In 1906 he died of a railroad accident, while living at 56 (2836) Noyes St. (now is W. 12th).

On Jan. 16, 1878 Fred Nehrenz signed the constitution of Trinity Lutheran Church.

He would see this view of Trollenhagen, the church spire is left of the apartments



2. Son "Christian" -Johann Christian Friedrick Nehrenz 1846 - 1916
 +Freiderika "Rike" Bahlke 1850 – 1893

Did you know that... he was 23 years old when he came to the U.S.A. and was a brick mason who lived at 18 (2132) Kinkel St. in Cleveland. He was the only one who already had a daughter who had been born in Trollenhagen, and whose name was Louise. His wife Friederika Nehrenz, died Feb. 21, 1893, at age 44, she was a native of Germany, and was poisoned by arsenic. They had 10 children and one of their sons, Charles, dealt with some difficult mental health issues.

This appeared in the newspaper:

1907- Wed. Aug. 28

Cleveland Plain Dealer

“Charles Nehrenz was 30 and had escaped from the State Mental Hospital five weeks before.

He came to his "mother" Bertha Nehrenz's house at 3060 Fulton ave. SW.

She said he was all right for a week or two, but then became violent.

His "mother" called the police and when they came, Charles was on the porch smoking a pipe.

He begged them saying, "I am rational, send me to the workhouse, to the penitentiary, to any place but the asylum! Don't let them take me back."

They brought him to the station after a struggle in which he badly scratched the face and hands of the hospital attendant Dawson. The police led Charles away handcuffed.”

Christian’s family would be buried not in Lutheran cemetery nor in the Wade cemetery, but in Monroe cemetery.

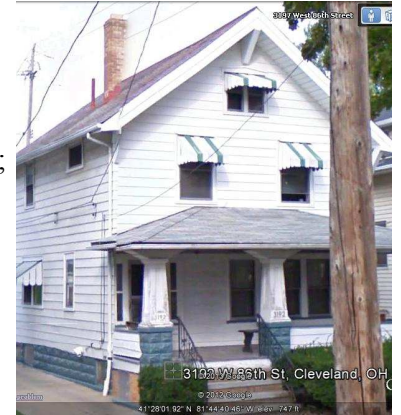


In the 1880 census:

- ← 18 (2132) Kinkel St. house 537- family 590
- Christian Nehrenz-32, laborer from Mecklenburg;
- Fredrike-30, wife keeping house from Mecklenberg;
- Louise-10 daughter in high school born in Mecklenberg;
- Carl-5 son at home, born in Ohio;
- Hermann-3, son at home, Ohio;
- Emma-2, daughter at home, Ohio.

3192 W. 86th St.

where Roy and Floyd Nehrenz lived,
 Christian’s grandsons →



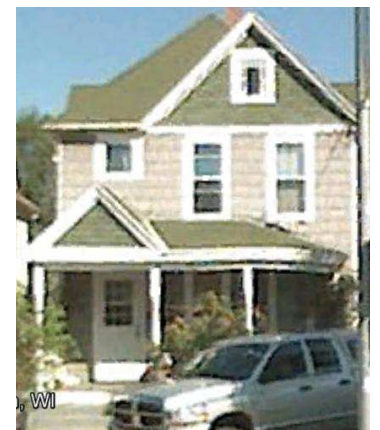
3. Son "Carl" Johann Carl Friedrick Theodor Nehrenz 1848 - 1913
 +Minnie Wilhelmina Schultz 1856 – 1936

Did you know that...his family was the only one who lived in Wisconsin, and that there are no more remaining descendants from his line? He came over in 1871 from Germany with his older brother Fred, two years after the rest of the family. He was a toolmaker and grinder in Madison, Wisconsin. Carl worked in a factory and developed a serious problem with his lungs from that work, and died from that lung condition. He lived at 1242 Williamson St.

The only family from his line were:

- 2 Frank Nehrenz 1875 -
- 2 Carolyn A. Nehrenz 1878 - 1966
- +Edward Carl Schmelzkopf 1874 - 1938
- 3 Audrey Wilhelmina Schmelzkopf 1907 - 1991
- +William Arlow Rothermel 1907 - 1994
- 2 Edmund J. Nehrenz 1881 - 1947
- +Lenoir L. Courtier 1887 - 1935
- 2 Percy A. Nehrenz 1895 - 1964
- +Lucy O. Polodna 1904 - 2009

His son Frank disappeared in 1911 and was never seen again, a cause of great sadness.
 His daughter-in-law Lucy lived to be 105 years old and has been recorded in interviews.



4. Daughter "Minnie" Wilhelmine Nehrenz 1850-1914

+Herman W. Martens 1850 – 1913

Did you know that... in the 1880 census, they lived at 16 Noyes St.(W. 12th), 13 Ward Cleveland Herman Martens, 30 -teamster, born in Pomerania; Minnie Martens, 29, wife keeping house, born in Meck. Hannah Martens; 6, daughter, born in Ohio; Frank Martens, 4, son born in Ohio; Emma Martens, 2, daughter born in Ohio;

Minnie's death certificate- born Nov. 25th. 1851 at age 63 yrs,3 mos, 11 days; was at home. born in Germany to Christ and Mary Nehrenz; date of death March 16th, 1914; buried at Lutheran Cemetery March 19, 1914 Informant -her son Frank Martens, 4001 Woodbridge. Herman's death certificate, here on the right, gives information about him →

Form V. S. No. 11-2003M-6-10-12

STATE OF OHIO
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH: 79
County of Cuyahoga Registration District No. 8116 File No. 37140
Township of _____ or Village of _____ Primary Registration District No. _____ Registered No. _____
City of Cleveland (No. 2783 of 12 St. 7 Ward) If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name and number.

FULL NAME Herman Martens

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
SEX <u>Male</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>W.</u>	ASSERTED SEX AND RACE (If not the same)	DATE OF DEATH (Month) <u>Oct</u> (Day) <u>21</u> (Year) <u>1913</u>	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from <u>Oct 18</u> , 1913, to <u>Oct 21</u> , 1913 that I last saw him alive on <u>Oct 20</u> , 1913 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>8 A.M.</u>	
DATE OF BIRTH (Month) <u>Aug</u> (Day) <u>23</u> (Year) <u>1850</u>	AGE <u>63</u> yrs <u>1</u> mo <u>24</u> da	IF LESS than 1 day, state in hours	The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Myocard Insufficiency</u> (Duration) yrs <u>7</u> mos <u>0</u> da		
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. <u>Teamster</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (if employer) <u>Mills Carlton</u>			Contributory (Secondary) (Duration) yrs <u>0</u> mos <u>0</u> da (Signed) <u>M. D.</u> (Address) <u>2726 W. 11</u>		
BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Germany</u>			*State the Disease Cause; Direct, or, in death from Venereal Cause, state (1) Means or Injury and (2) whether Acute, Chronic, or Hereditary.		
NAME OF FATHER <u>Christ Martens</u>			IF PERIOD OF RESIDENCE (For Hospital, Institution, Transient, or Recent Residents) At place of death yrs <u>0</u> mos <u>0</u> da In the State of death yrs <u>0</u> mos <u>0</u> da Where was disease contracted? <u>Lutheran Cem</u> If not at place of death, state local residence		
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Germany</u>			PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Lutheran Cem</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>1913</u>		
MOTHER'S NAME <u>not known</u>			UNDERTAKER <u>Tom Schreiner</u> ADDRESS <u>2560 W. 25 St.</u>		
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>Germany</u>			FILER <u>Ch. Martens</u> REGISTRAR		
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>Frank C. Martens</u> (Address) <u>4001 Woodbridge</u> (Date) <u>Oct 23 1913</u>					

Their Marriage license:

The State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County, I certify, That on the 31 day of Oct 1873

Herman Martens AND Minnie Nehrenz

were, by me, legally joined in Marriage. F. Hopkins

5. Son "William" Carl Ludwig Wilhelm Nehrenz 1853 - 1928

+ 1st Wife -Christine (Bates) Beth 1859 - 1902
+ 2nd Wife -Susan Kuehne Koenig 1863 - 1928

Did you know that... he was a plasterer?

In the 1880 census, June 13th, 1880- Cleveland, OH, 13 ward, they lived at 22 (1135) Rowley St., dwelling 651, family 764: -William Nehrenz, age 26, plasterer, he was born and his parents in Prussia,-Christina Nehrenz, age 22, wife, keeping house, she and her parents born in Prussia, -Henry Nehrenz, age 3, son, born in Ohio -Lizzie Nehrenz, age 2, daughter, born in Ohio.

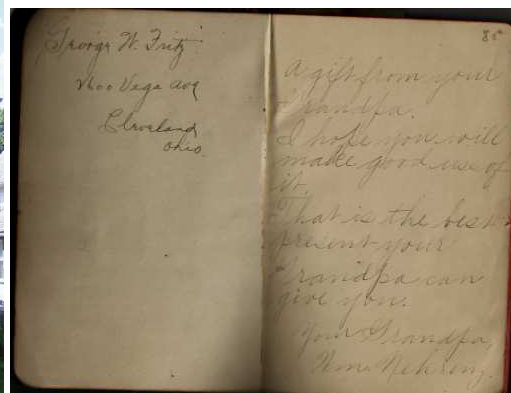
Did you know that... they then moved to 2930 W. 12th St.

where he lived till he died? All of his children were from Christine. She died in 1902, and then he was married to Susan in 1904. He lived 26 years longer than his first wife, but his second wife died 17 days after he died, on Christmas Day in 1928.



Many of his descendants still live in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

At the right is a Bible he gave to his grandson George Fritz.



6. Daughter "Jane" Johanne Friedrike Caroline Nehrenz 1855 - 1921
+Charles Johann Friedrich "Karl" Beier 1852 - 1899

Did you know that...She had a private confirmation on Oct 10, 1869 in Trollenhagen (on that day - 20th Sunday in Pentecost, there were 36 people at worship, 17 baptized, 19 communing, and there were only 5 Divine services that year: March 26, June 6, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 21) This was 20 days before she boarded the boat "Borussia," on Oct 30, 1869 with her family, to emigrate to the USA.



This was the city manor house in Trollenhagen.

Her husband was Charles Beier, who was born in 1852 in Warlin Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Germany. He was teamster and molder. He was buried in Scranton Road cemetery, first on Oct 1, 1899. He died of cancer of the stomach, at age 47, lived at 96 Walton Ave. Then on March 1st, 1920, Charles and his granddaughter Henrietta Beier (d. 1904) were moved to Lutheran Cemetery.

Here is their marriage license:

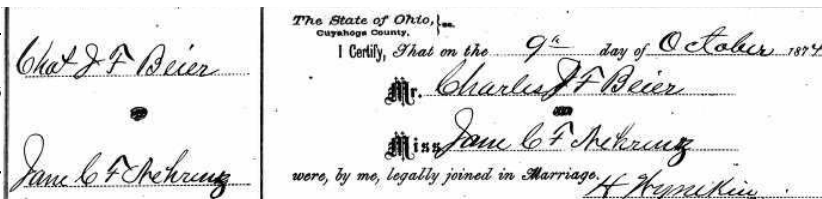
Did you know that...from the 1920 census

Living at 2930 W. 12th St. are:

-Johanna Beier, head, renting, age 64, widow immigrated 1869, naturalized 1880, parents and she from Mecklenberg; no occupation.

-George Beier, son, age 35, single, born in Ohio, both parents born in Mecklenberg occupation as engineer station at hospital.

-William Nehrenz, head, married, owns the home free and clear, age 67, immigrated 1869, naturalized 1875, parents and he born in Prussia, occupation as a custodian at steel works. -Susan, wife, age 57, she born in Illinois, parents born in Prussia, no occupation. **Note:** Jane is now a widow, she and her son George live with her brother William Nehrenz and his family. She died the next year in 1921. So this is the last record we have of her – we have no photos of her.



7. Son "Henry" Heinrich Christian Theodor Nehrenz 1861 - 1906
+Mary- Lucia Maria Rupprecht 1868 – 1953

Did you know that...Henry was 8 years old when he came to the USA with his family. He became a telegraph operator and worked for Western Union Telegraph Company. His wife Mary was the daughter of the prominent Lutheran Pastor John Rupprecht, who was serving St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dover (Westlake), Ohio. They bought a house at 1408 (old 36) Redman St. in Cleveland.

His Death record 1906, Cuyahoga County, OH :

No. 27, date of death Nov. 6, 1906, Henry C. Nehrenz, age 45 , white, male, married, birthplace Germany, cause of death - tuberculosis, residence 1408 Redman, Ward 6, place of death at residence, duration of illness- 1 year, birthplace of father and mother - Germany, buried at Lutheran Cemetery, Physician A.S. McClain, Undertakers Duetmeyer and Kaufman.

These people are from the Henry Nehrenz line, the Halters, Lohrs, Nehrenz Families.



RANDOM – “DID YOU KNOW THAT...?”

August Nehrenz, (1877-1959) son of **Frederick Nehrenz** (1844-1906), was a well known teacher, musician, organist, and choir director in New York. His first call was to old St. Matthew's Lutheran School, the oldest Christian Day School in the USA, which was then located in Broome Street, Manhattan. There are recordings of his organ recitals, which we hope to have digitized.



Christian Nehrenz (1846-1916) had descendants who had these surnames: Schnur, Fraundorf, Boroff, Puluti, Malloy, Schaloske, Brunn, Beal, Yauger, Hoffman and Applegate. Pictured here is Christian's great-grandson, **Edward Fraundorf** (1923-1984) who entered the service on January 25, 1943 and was assigned to the 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion. He would have joined the unit late during their time in Africa or soon after the unit landed in Italy. The 804th spent time training French troops in Africa and as observers at the front.



Carl Nehrenz (1848-1913) had a son named **Percy Nehrenz** (1895-1964). Carl Nehrenz had moved to Madison, Wisconsin and was a member at St. John's Lutheran Church 322 East Washington Ave. and raised his whole family there. Percy's family would share and send Christmas cards to the Mary Nehrenz family and his mother Minnie also corresponded with Mary Nehrenz. Occasionally they made trips to Ohio to visit the Nehrenz family there. Percy worked as a tool and die maker at a plant and made molds for items like toys. His hobbies were photography and fixing up their home. He had a hiatal hernia in his stomach and died of shock after having surgery on it. His wife **Lucy (Polodna) Nehrenz** (1904-2009) had a sharp mind and great memory for her entire 105 years!



Frank Martens (1875-1956), was the son of **Herman** (1850-1913) and **Minne (Nehrenz)** (1850-1914) **Martens**. He had a son, **Franklin Martens** (1906-1997), and together they owned and incorporated the Martens Distributing Company for Bakers Supply at 1900 Walworth Ave. in downtown Cleveland. Frank lived at 1639 Lewis Dr. in Lakewood, Ohio. He had two sisters named **Hanna** (1874-1960) and **Emma** (1878-1962) **Martens**.



Bill Nehrenz (1920-1963) was the son of **William Ernest Nehrenz** (1876-1948), the grandson of **Fred Nehrenz** (1844-1906), and he was a pastor and professor in the Lutheran church. In February 1956 he moved to Mexico City. There he founded the Lutheran seminary, helped constitute the Mexican Lutheran Church, taught in the seminary, wrote extensively for church publications in the United States, prepared audio visual materials on mission work in Mexico, co-produced the Spanish language Lutheran hymnal that was a joint effort of the ALC, LCA and LCMS in the early 1960s, and translated Lutheran theological materials into Spanish e.g. the Bible Commentary by Lenski. He developed Hodgkin's disease. In 1963 he went to the Lutheran World Federation meeting in Helsinki, Finland to make a presentation. While attending that meeting his illness got the better of him, and he was hospitalized where he died. Finally he was cremated, his ashes returned to Ohio and buried in Circleville, Ohio. Later that year his wife and sons moved from Mexico back to Ohio. Posthumously, his extensive reference library was donated to the seminary in Mexico City.



Carl Beier (1903-1954), son of **Otto Beier** (1877-1929), grandson of **Carl** (1852-1899) and **Jane (Nehrenz)** (1855-1921) **Beier**, became the Vice President of the Union Bank of Commerce, Euclid at E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio. He also was the president of the Cleveland Kiwanis Club, and once he showed them “colored pictures of a moose hunting and fishing trip he and his wife took to Ontario and Quebec.” He died suddenly one winter night, at his mother's home, after visiting with her, collapsing after being at a business meeting. He was an expert in the mortgage real estate market, and was trustee of the Mortgage Bankers Association and officer in the Chamber of Commerce.



CARL L. BEIER

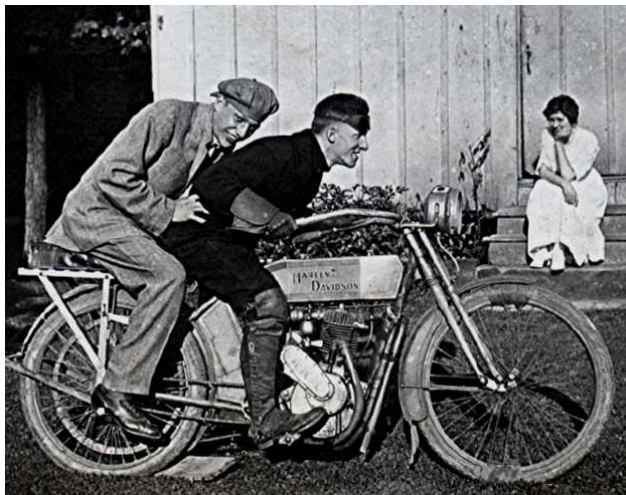
More RANDOM – “DID YOU KNOW THAT...?”

Did you know that... William Nehrenz (1853-1928) has a very large family tree with many descendants? He and his first wife Christine Beth had 8 children and now there are many other people in the family line through them. His daughters **Liz Nehrenz** (1878-1901) and **Meil Nehrenz** (1885-1965) were both married to **George Fritz** (1876-1941), since Liz died at only 23 years old. In this picture are Ed and George Fritz posing with William in the back yard. This may be at the house on Noyes St., where he lived most of his life. Observe the outhouse behind them, the roofs of the houses on the next street over and the picket fence. Their hats and clothes are a glimpse of what men wore in the early 1900s.



Did you know that...this is John Nehrenz

(1891-1963) on his Harley-Davidson with his brother-in-law **George Halter** (1889-1953) behind him and his wife **Gert (Glawe) Nehrenz** (1893-1981) looking on? The details in this photo make it almost into a short movie. It looks like the motorcycle is about to take off. John was a great practical joker with his camera photos and movies. George married John's sister **Clara (Nehrenz) Halter** (1894-1978). We are not sure if this picture was taken at the Nehrenz house or the Glawe house. One thing we know for sure, this shows the fun-loving side of the Nehrenz family, as the first generation to be born and raised in the USA are becoming true red- blooded Americans!



NOTE: In the City of Cleveland Directory of 1875, this is the first time Christian and four of his sons are listed:

Nehrenz Chas. lab. r. 130 Jennings av.
Nehrenz Christ, carpenter, r. 7 Auburn

Nehrenz Christ, lab. r. 25 Noyes
Nehrenz Frederick, lab. r. 33 Noyes
Nehrenz William, plasterer, bds. 7 Auburn

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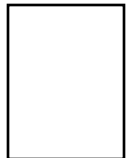
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