

The Nehrenz Network Newsletter

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“Thirty Years of the Nehrenz Network”

Hello again to the Nehrenz family members and friends! This newsletter is the 30th issue to be made available to everyone. The last issue of this newsletter was in January 2024 and the topic was “**Nehrenz Military Registrations, Service and Careers.**” Look at and download all the previous 29 newsletters since 1995. Go to this link:

<http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/newsletters.html>

The topic for this issue is “Thirty Years of the Nehrenz Network”

The Nehrenz Network started in May of 1995. I have been reminiscing about all the many relationships that have formed in the past 30 years, as a result of our efforts. It has been a joy to become acquainted with you! Also, it is rewarding to see how many new connections have been made. You now have the ability to contact other various Nehrenz relatives around the country. My hope is that this will continue. **In truth, it is all about “people!”**

I want to thank **Dr. Guy Nehrenz, who maintains our website.** Guy is part of the Frederick Nehrenz family. His father was John, his grandfather was Bill and his great-grandfather was Frederick. He is a retired educational administrator, full professor of health sciences and former Interim Dean of the Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences. He was also the Senior Associate Dean for the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale Florida. He was the founding and immediate past Editor-in-Chief for the Internet Journal of Allied Health Sciences and Practice. <http://drnehrenz.com/bio.html>

Guy and many others of you, have participated in researching and saving the genealogy and history of our family. We appreciate your dedication and efforts. **This annual newsletter helps us to keep in touch for years to come!**

THE DESCENDENTS OF OUR PATRIARCH - JOHANN CHRISTIAN THEODOR NEHRENZ

Johann Christian Theodor Nehrenz	1820 – 1888	“Christian”
+ Johanna Maria Elizabeth Lempke	1818 – 1889	“Maria”
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	
+Christine (Bates) Beth	1859 - 1902	
+Susan Kuehne (*2nd wife)	1863 - 1928	
6. "Jane" Johanne Friedrike Caroline Nehrenz	1855 – 1921	
+Charles Johann Friedrich "Karl" Beier	1852 - 1899	
7. "Henry" Heinrich Christian Theodor Nehrenz	1861 – 1906	
+Mary- Lucia Maria Rupprecht	1868 – 1953	

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Thirty Years of the Nehrenz Network Newsletters

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(or also click on the links below by each newsletter issue)

Vol. 1. Number 1 May 1995

http://www.drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/vol1_num1.htm

The introductory issue that began the network and asked for assistance in:

1. Researching the Trollenhagen, Germany parish church records;
2. Locating all the Nehrenz persons in the U.S.;
3. Locating all the Nehrenz persons in Germany;
4. Preparing to have the Nehrenz History Book written and published.

Vol. 1. Number 2 August 1995

http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/Vol1_Num2.htm

This issue reached out to request that the readers begin to research their own records, to make copies and share those with all of us, to be placed in the archives. Contact was made with Leonard and Margarite Nehrenz, Claire Talbert, Elva Brobst, Mildred Youngblood, Clyde Nehrenz, Harold Nehrenz and Marjorie Hoffmeyer. The roster of the family began to be assembled through the efforts of Kathleen Nehrenz and Ruby Wolcott.



Vol. 2. Number 1 February 1996

http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/Vol2_Num1.htm

Introducing the village of Trollenhagen, Germany in Mecklenburg-Strelitz and old Pomerania. All of the Nehrenz persons in the U.S. can be traced back to this village. The reality of alternate spellings of our surname: Nehrenz, Nerenz, Nehrens was explained. The locations of the several cemeteries in Cleveland where our ancestors are buried was shared.



Vol. 2. Number 2 September 1996

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The discovery that the original spelling of the surname was: Nierentz. Also it was found that the family patriarch, Daniel Nierentz, lived in the village of Grischow, northwest of Trollenhagen. The larger city of Neubrandenburg, south of Trollenhagen, has the records for many of the cities in that part of Germany.



Volume 3 Number 1 May 1997

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For the first time, a webpage was created for the network. **All of the church records from the Lutheran Church in Trollenhagen had been entered into a computer database.**

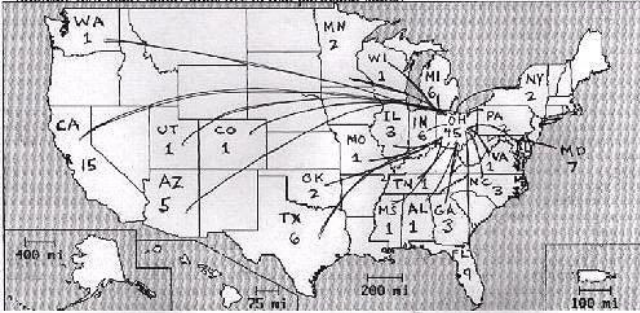
People were asked about family reunions that might be occurring that summer. It was requested that information would be pooled and then shared with us. Research began about the Castle Garden (the Battery Monument at Manhattan, New York City), which before Ellis Island, was where all immigrants landed.

This included our Nehrenz ancestors who first entered into America on Nov. 19, 1869.

Volume 4. Number 1 Feb. 1998

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The Nehrenz Roster Map- The list of 125 Nehrenz families/relations scattered across 24 states all of whom originated from Cleveland, OH. (the numbers by the state abbreviations indicate how many family units live in that particular state.)



The Nehrenz Trek was laid out. Our family travelled from Trollenhagen to Hamburg, Germany. They boarded the ship “Borussia” in October 1869. The ship arrived in New York City, at the Castle Garden immigrant processing center, in November 1869. The family travelled to Cleveland, Ohio. In 1870, the census recorded them as living at 134 Wade St. with the Masa family. They joined Trinity Lutheran Church on W. 30 St. By 1872 they moved to 7 Auburn St. Visits were made in 1997 to these locations in Cleveland.

Vol. 5. Number 1. July 1999

(this newsletter was incorrectly labeled Feb. 1998)

http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/Vol5_Num1.htm

Chuck and Ruby Wolcott made a trip to visit Trollenhagen. Pastor Gunther Schulz joined them there and gave a tour of the church and explanation of the history of the village. Photographs are shared from their visit. The first roster of family members is posted, sorting them by the seven original sibling ancestors. This issue is packed with a lot of information and color pictures.



Volume 6. Number 1 August 2001

http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/volume6_num1.htm

Alvin Nehrenz shared copies of photos, postcards and autograph books. **Henry and Mamie (Soergel) Nehrenz are introduced to us.** He was the eldest son of Frederick Nehrenz. Henry was a beloved and well known Lutheran School teacher in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. It was a tragedy when he died at only 26 years old in 1898. He had one son, Walther Nehrenz, who was a baby when his father died. Walther was Alvin’s father.

Volume 7. Number 1 January 2003

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The village of Grischow is featured with pictures. Our ancestor Daniel Friedrich Nierentz lived there. Later, some of his children moved a few kilometers south to the smaller town of Trollenhagen. William Nehrenz is also featured. He was born December 27, 1853 in Trollenhagen Germany. He died December 08, 1928 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was married to Christine (Bates) Beth and they had 8 children.



Volume 7 Number 2 November 2003

http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/volume7_number2.htm

That Fall, Chuck and Ruby Wolcott took a second trip to Trollenhagen and Grischow Germany, ancestral towns of the Nehrenz family. This newsletter featured their journal and photos of this trip. Thanks to Ruby for the journal entries and to Chuck for the photos in sharing their eventful trip with us!

Volume 8. Number 1 June 2005

http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/vo8_Num1.htm

The family lineage of the two Nehrenz sisters, Jane and Minnie Nehrenz is featured. They were the only two daughters from among the seven children of Johann Christian and Mary Nehrenz. Jane Nehrenz married Charles Beier. Minnie Nehrenz married Herman Martens. Their children and grandchildren are also highlighted.

Some of them became bankers, others teamsters and others owned a baking supply company.



Vol. 9 No. 1 December 2006

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The history of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Ohio on W. 30th St. near the Westside Market. The present building was erected in 1871 and at that time was surrounded

by German Lutheran neighborhoods. It was one of the first Missouri Synod Lutheran Churches in Cleveland and has had a long line of famous pastors serving it. In their church records are many notations of events in the lives of the Nehrenz family: baptisms, confirmations, communion attendance, marriages and funerals. There are also signatures by some of the Nehrenz men who signed the church constitution.



Vol. 10 No. 1 November 2007

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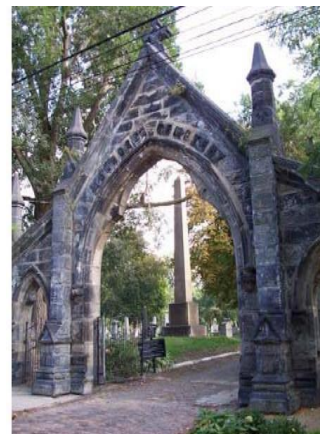
The Frederick Nehrenz family history is featured. He was the eldest son of the seven siblings who came to America. Friedrich Christian Martin Nehrenz (1844 – 1906) was married to Henriette Johanne Friedricka Lohrenz (1844 – 1906.) They had three sons: Henry, William and August. This has become a very large family and their descendants included teachers, pastors, professors and musicians.



Vol. 11 No. 1 December 2008

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The Christian Nehrenz family is featured. Christian was the second oldest son, and he was 23 years old when he came to America on the ship “Borussia” in 1869 with his parents and younger siblings. It is worth noting that the oldest son Frederick and the third oldest son Carl did not come to America till 1871. Thus Christian was the oldest son present with his parents in 1869, and the first one to get a job and begin to make a place for himself in their new country.



Vol. 12 No. 1 December 2009

<http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/vol12num1.pdf>

The Carl Nehrenz Family is featured. His family became the “Wisconsin Nehrenzs.” Carl was the third oldest son, and he was the only one to live his life and raise his family mostly in Wisconsin. What is interesting about Carl, the third oldest, and Frederick, the first oldest, is that since they did not come to the U.S.A. until 1871, they had probably stayed behind for two years to take care of the Nehrenz family property in Trollehagen. He was married to Minnie Schultz and they had four children.





Vol. 13 No. 1 October 2010

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The William Nehrenz family is featured. This would be the time to extend a special “thank you” to one very special person within the William Nehrenz family, to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude. She was the only person who had extensively researched our family. That person is Claire Talbert. When we first started the Nehrenz Network in 1995, it was Claire who had all the key data and records to get this whole enterprise going. She did all the initial work long before these records started appearing on the Internet. To Claire goes our thanks, because much information would have been lost, had it not been for her.

Vol. 14 No. 1 September 2011

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The Henry Nehrenz family is featured. He was born August 12, 1861 in Trollenhagen, Germany, and died November 06, 1906 in Cleveland. He married Mary Rupprecht on July 18, 1888 in Cleveland, Ohio. She was born November 06, 1868 in Dover, Ohio, and died April 13, 1953 in Huntington, IN. He was a telegraph operator. They had three daughters and one son. His son John became a dentist.



Vol. 15 No. 1 October 2012

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The 39 Original Nehrenz Cousins

(1869-1981) are featured. This newsletter will feature information about the 39 original cousins who were all the grandchildren of Johann Christian and Maria Nehrenz.

Listed 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.

Vol. 16 No. 1 November 2013

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The “Did you know that...?” issue. From the archived materials which have been sent to us over the years, we will examine some interesting facts, details and specifics about all seven of the families. Probably one of the most enjoyable newsletters for me to compile and for you to read!



Vol. 17 No. 1 November 2014

<http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/vol17num1.pdf>

“The Nehrenz In-laws and Out-laws!” issue. Many other surnames are connected to the Nehrenz surname. This will be a long list. Every man or woman who was born with the Nehrenz name and then was married, has brought another surname into the mix through the spouse. Also, as their children with different surnames marry people with additional surnames, the Nehrenz surname is lost in some families within one or two generations. After nearly 200 years, the various surnames have begun to multiply exponentially.

Vol. 18 No. 1 December 2015

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“The Nehrenz Family Geography” issue. Hopefully you will be pleasantly surprised to discover fellow Nehrenz descendants who may live near you. My hope is that once you see the maps and lists contained within this newsletter, you will take the time to contact some of the relatives who are nearby. Genealogy and geography are actually good avenues to connect with people and learn your joint history with them.



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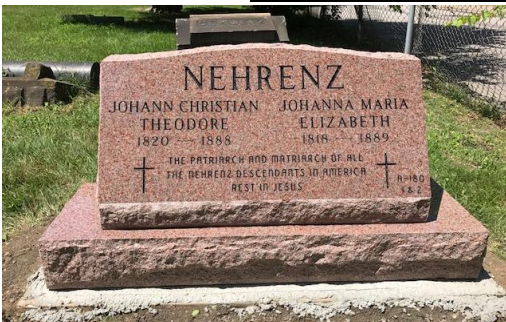
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“The Nehrenz Family Gravestones” issue. This issue was dedicated to the gravestones of various Nehrenz people all around the country. I know this might sound like a morbid topic, but we learn many things about our ancestors when we visit cemeteries. The information on the gravestones, the location of the cemeteries and the records kept by the caretakers are vital sources of data about our beloved family members.



Vol. 20 No. 1 January 2018

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“True Nehrenz Stories and Tales” issue.” Many narratives, accounts and news clippings have been gathered over the years. Some of these stories and accounts about our ancestors are funny and others are sad, and even tragic. These will reflect the very real lives of our Nehrenz relatives in the past. There was no gravestone on the plot where our patriarch and matriarch, Christian and Mary were buried. A monument making company was contracted. We set up an online GoFundMe account. The funds were all raised. The gravestone was erected and placed.

Vol. 21 No. 1 January 2019

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“Nehrenz Houses and Homes” issue. Over the years, many of you have sent along pictures and information about the houses and homes in which you were raised. This issue will highlight the ones about which we know. These show and illustrate how the Nehrenz sons and daughters, and their many descendants, had homes first in the Cleveland, Ohio area. Only later did they spread out all across the USA.



Vol. 22 No. 1 January 2020

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“The 200th Birthday Year of Our Patriarch Johann Christian Theodore Nehrenz” issue.

1	Nehrenz, Johann	Ludwigshafen
2	do Marie	Frankfurt
3	do Elise	Hamburg
4	do Anna	Hamburg
5	do Johanne	Hamburg
6	do Blauer	Mecklenburg
7		

Every Nehrenz relative in the U.S.A. descends from him. He was born on March 3, 1820 in Trollenhagen, Mecklenburg-Strelitz (Pomerania) Germany. In 2020, 200 years later, there were 8 generations with over 765 people who are his direct descendants. Since his birth, exponential growth has created a large and expansive family tree. There are now over 100 different surnames attached to him.



Vol. 23 No. 1 January 2021

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“The Nehrenz Family in Trollenhagen, Germany from 1800-1869” issue. We feature the book, “Trollenhagen Time Travel 1308-1990.” The author is Roland Pöschel. He is a resident of Trollenhagen. I purchased the book from him and we have become

friends through emails the past two years. This 506 page book is an amazing work of research about this village. We illustrate what it was like to live in this small town.

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“Nehrenz Newspaper Articles” issue.
(Curiosities, Comedies and Tragedies).

Every family experiences events and happenings which make us laugh or make us cry. Over the years, hundreds of pictures, stories and remembrances have been passed down to the next generations. Some of you have shared them with us and with others in the extended Nehrenz family.



Vol. 25 No. 1 January 2023

<http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/vol25num1.pdf>

“Nehrenz Family Members at Work” issue. Over the years, we have learned about the professions, vocations and jobs of our family members. These are spread over two centuries, the last 202 years, since 1820. This issue will highlight what we know about the work lives of our ancestors. We also bring to light the work lives of those of us who are still in active professions now.



Vol. 26 No. 1 January 2024

<http://drnehrenz.com/nehrenznet/Vol26num1.pdf>

“Nehrenz Military Registrations, Service and Careers” issue. During World War I and World War II, nearly every man among our ancestors had a Registration Card filled out for the government and filed with the Armed Services. This continued into the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Many of these records may be accessed through National Archive websites, as well as on the Ancestry website. This includes both men and women who served.



IN MEMORIAM – NEHRENTZ DESCENDANTS or FAMILY MEMBERS

Those (about whom we know) who died in 2024 – Rest in Peace

Charles A. Hackworth (1949-2024) father of Michele Rae (Hackworth) Nehrenz

YOUR ASSISTANCE:

About 200 copies of this newsletter were mailed. Your help towards the expense has been appreciated. More importantly, please send family information, copies of old letters, photos and other Nehrenz memorabilia. We have at our house, file cabinets filled with documents which are now the official “Nehrenz Archives.”

Your documents will be added to these archives, to be kept securely and in perpetuity.

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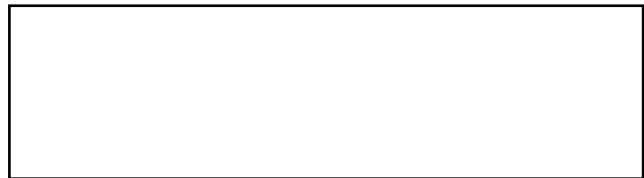
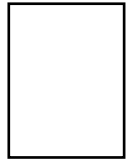
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