



Dad

Adolf Christian Krause

Dad was 23 years, 8 months and 23 days old when he set sail from Bremerhaven, Germany for the NEW World across the Atlantic to the land of endless opportunities. It is hard to tell whether this picture was taken just prior to his leaving or sometime earlier. He looks so young!



Adolf Christian Krause, taken sometime during  
the two and a half years (1893-1896) he lived  
with the Emil Krieg Family in Minnesota.

## DAD

Our Dad was the seventh child in a family of ten who grew to adulthood, but what set him apart from the rest of the family of Friederich and Marie Krause was that he was the YOUNGEST SON. He enjoyed three older brothers - enjoyed playing tricks on them. He was always trying, not only to keep up with them, but to out do them. You see, he was "Mama's Pet", spoiled as he could be and he took full advantage of the situation. In later years Dad would shake his head with complete unbelief as he reminisced over some of his pranks as a youngster.

Dad's schooling was a hit and miss affair. He figured he'd had about a total of four years education in the local school in Pabianice, during the time when this section of Poland was under Russian rule and the schools were in limbo so to speak. (See brief history of Poland.) For the most part they had Polish teachers; they were supposed to conduct their classes in Russian, but being opposed to the Russian Rule most of the instructors (all male) taught in Polish but always kept a student near the door posted to alert the class when an inspector was arriving. Next to Russians the Poles hated the Germans. Not only were our relatives German but they were also Lutherans - a minority in a Catholic country. Not easy for children! The usual Catholic-Protestant frictions existed. Catholic Instruction was given in the schools. For the German children to get their Confirmation Instruction they had to go to the Evangelical Church after school. The Germans were hated by both the Poles and the Russians. To the Russians the German Colonies were a threat - the next partition may find the Russians losing ground. To the Poles the Germans were also a threat - the ambitious, hard-working Germans were buying up the neglected

estates of errant noblemen and restoring them into productive land holdings. Many less fortunate Poles found themselves in the service of a German Family. The retaliation came at the end of World War II when both the Russians and the Poles drove the Germans out of Poland.

As a young man Dad learned the miller trade. Most boys started their apprenticeship right after their confirmation. Then Dad also worked in a bakery. It was while Dad was working in as a baker that he decided to go to America. His older brother, Gustav, was serving in the Russian Army when he came home with tales of Russian Army Life that wasn't very savory. He, Gustav, suggested that Dad leave before he would be drafted. Dad took his advice.

In the picture on the previous page Dad is about twenty-three years old. This picture was taken in Minnesota shortly after Dad had come to this country. (He came over on the "Saale" of the Norddeutscher Lloyd from Bremen on November 18, 1893.) He probably had it taken to prove to his anxious parents that he was safe and sound. His folks had written and signed a note that he, Dad, had their permission for him to go to America. Dad was the first of ten children to leave home to come to America, the "land of opportunity", "the land of milk and honey". (Two of his brothers, Johann and family and Frederick followed a couple years later.) His mother felt a deep concern for the reckless, daring boy that had caused her so many anxious hours. Dad used to tell of some of the pranks and foolhardy stunts he did as a youngster. No wonder his mother was so worried about him. For example - When Dad was about ten or twelve, he climbed into a tall willow that grew on the bank of the mill pond. His mother begged and coaxed him to come down but, knowing his mother

couldn't follow him, he only climbed higher and higher and when he got to the top, he started to rock and swing the tree. His mother screamed and threatened but the louder she screamed the harder he rocked. When she ran into the mill to get father, he decided it was time to come down. He was always in mischief and trouble and he often said he wondered how his parents kept their sanity. "Ich habe meine Eltern viele Sorgen gemacht" he used to say.

After we children were grown up and had families of our own, Dad often said he was so happy and thankful that we all lived close enough so we all could come home for family gatherings. He missed not being able to see his parents at least once again.

It was after World War I (Letter Service between Europe and the United States had not yet resumed.) that one day Dad came in from work and said to Mama, "Mark this date on the calendar. Something happened to my mother today. She has been on my mind ALL day." After the Postal Service was again in operation, the very first letter from "Home" told of the passing of Grandmother Krause on March 8, 1919. It was the day that was marked on the calendar.

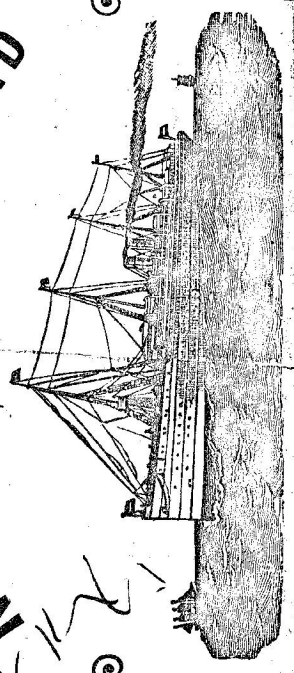
Dad was a hard-working, self-educated man. After a day's work, he would go out after supper and grub out stumps til dark. He taught himself to speak, read and write English. He loved to read and especially was interested in geography and history. Often I'd tell my classes at school something. Then I'd remember it was something Dad had told us kids, not something I'd learned in school. Krakatoa. The Ganges. The Boers in Africa. Ellis Island. Show us a Saw Mill. He was like an encyclopedia. He could study a map by the hour. In many ways Dad was ahead of his time. He was a dreamer. He always talked of how irrigation was the coming thing.

If he could only have seen how water is "sprinkled" on acres at a time today!

Yes, Dad was progressive; yet cautious, impulsive and impatient; yet level-headed, very short-tempered; yet never carried a grudge. He and Mama were kind to and always ready to help a stranger or someone down and out. Like Karl Peterson, Lauterbach, Old Man Rockovich, and many others.



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Jünger, und werdet die Wahrheit erkennen, und die Wahrheit  
wird euch frei machen.

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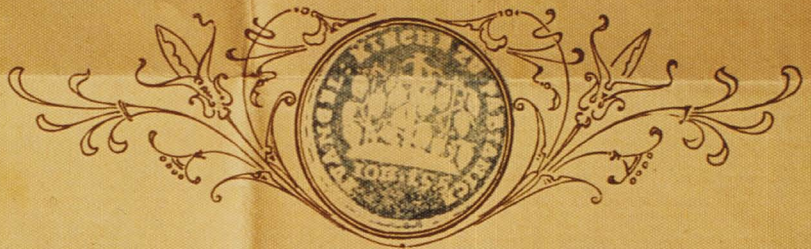
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Adolf Christian Krause

ist in der evangel. Kirche zu Pöbmann

ist heute den 17<sup>ten</sup> Mai 1885 confirmirt worden.

Wilo. Zimmer, Pastor



Wir sind des Herrn! So laßt uns ihm auch leben,  
Sein eigen sein mit Leib und Seele gern,  
Und Herz und Mund und Wandel Zeugniß geben,  
Es sei gewißlich wahr: Wir sind des Herrn!

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