



Our Grandparents

Friedrich Krause - April 28, 1840 - August 15, 1915

Marie (Bauer) Krause - November 7, 1842 - March 19, 1919

They were married August 3, 1859.

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### FRIEDERICH and MARIE KRAUSE

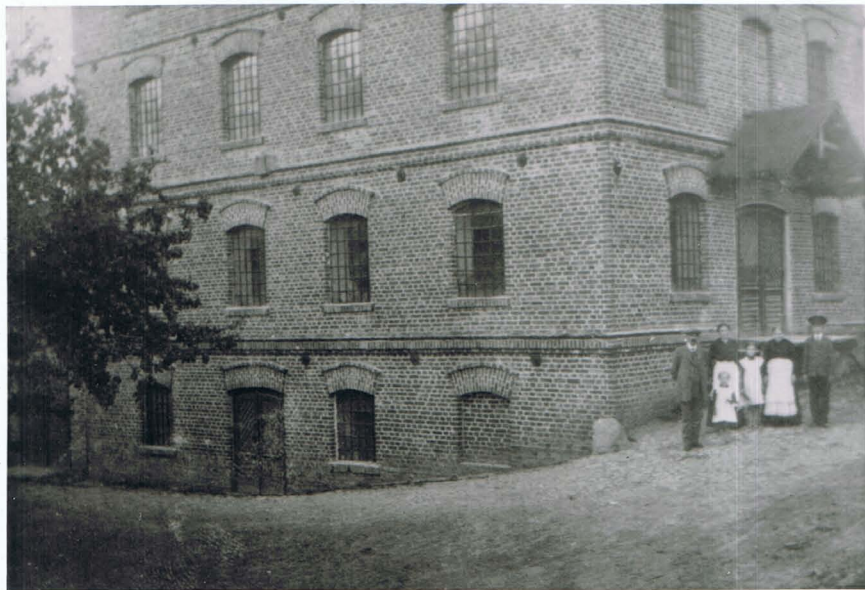
Friederich Krause, 19, and Marie Bauer, 17, were married March 8, 1859 in the traditional civil and religious ceremonies. The Civil Ceremony is similar to being married by the Justice of the Peace in our country, except in European countries, both the Civil and Religious Ceremonies are required. Both occasions are quite formal. As I understand it, the Civil Ceremony is like getting the marriage license and being married by the Justice of the Peace - all in one. The Religious Ceremony is a formal Church Wedding even if it is a very small one. This is followed by a lengthy celebration. From all the things Mama used to tell about German Weddings, I would assume our Grandparents enjoyed the customary marriage festivities. This was a celebration that usually lasted three days - feasting, singing and dancing. The wedding guests always included all the relatives from far and wide and this was one occasion when they often brought along all or most of the servants, a rare treat for them. The celebrating went on day and night. The men would take turns to hurry home to do the chores and then hurry right back again regretting the fun and joke-playing each knew he had missed. The lucky ones were the children, they could curl up in some corner and catch a wink of sleep. But just think what they missed!

Twelve children were born to Friederich and Marie - two died in infancy. For names see page . Grandfather and Grandmother Krause lived to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Our parents had always spoken very highly of the Joachim Grandparents, as they came to be known - of the wonderful home they had made for their children, how good they had been to their servants, in the days when it wasn't very popular to be human to one's workers, and that they had been devout Christians in spite of much harassment from Catholics. (See History of Poland.)

In 1973 Alfred and I visited our parent's Homeland - Poland, Lodz, Pabianice and the place where our father was raised and the Flour Mill our Grandfather had built. We had the great good fortune of being conducted through that Mill by the present owner who was especially pleased when he learned I was the daughter of the son who had built, not only the Mill, but its good reputation as well. (See Joachim Muhle.) I am still hoping to find out how it got its name Joachim. We saw the Evangelical (Lutheran) Church where both our parents were baptized, confirmed and married. We walked on the streets of Pabianice where our father and mother walked so many years ago. We met and visited with several people who remembered the Krauses and the Mill. (See Alfred and Hanna in Poland.)

When we first got to Pabianice in our search for our ancestral home, we found no one who remembered Joachim. (I thought no one would remember Krause.) As it turned out, exactly the opposite was true. Everyone we talked to remembered it and the two fine, old people who operated it. Beautiful tributes to our Grandparents. Sometimes we may have gotten the impression that our parents glorified the life and people they had left behind. But, if ever I had any doubts, they are completely erased. Our Grandparents were held in high esteem by all - the Family, in the Church, by the people who worked for them and in the community at large. All had a kind word for Pan i Pani Krause.



KRAUSE MILL - JOACHIM by Shinkelev near Pabianice

This picture was taken prior to World War I, sometime after Grandfather Friederich Krause's death, August 15, 1915. In the picture are: Gustav Krause Sr., Martha Krause, Helen (Krause) Schmidt in front of her mother, Otti (Kruse) Schmidt, (They married cousins.), Grandmother Marie Krause, and Rudolf Krause.

KRAUSE MILL taken by Alfred Siegel, September 16, 1973.

