

## OUR ANCESTORS

This portrait of our great grandparents, CHRISTIAN and JOHANNA KRAUSE (center) and their family is estimated to have been taken about 1880. Eleven children were born to this union, Frederick, Barbara, Johann, Marie, Christian, Wilhelm, Eleanore, Pauline, Rudolf, Bertha, and Natalie. Frederick the oldest, married Marie Bauer; they (the first couple on the left) are our father's parents. Eleanore married Johann Flath (third couple from the left, both are standing); they are the parents of our mother.

We can thank our cousin Gustav Krause Jr., youngest son of Martha and Gustav Sr. (Mother's sister and Dad's brother), and some kind-hearted Russian officials for the existence of this picture. When Gustav was taken prisoner by the Russians during World War II, the Russians took everything he had away from him (even his clothes and gave him a prisoner's outfit) - they took everything except some pictures he had of his family. This picture was one of them. Later he had enlargements made and Tante Martha sent one to our mother. I think she got it sometime in 1955.

*Johanna Siegel 1971*

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- 1 Christian Krause II  
Our Great Grandparents
- 2 Johanna Krause nee Rhode
- 3 Friederick Krause 28.4.1840 - 15.8.1915
- 4 Marie Krause nee Bauer 7.11.1842 - 19.3.1919  
( 3 and 4 ) - Our Grandparents married 8.3.1859
- 5 Christoph Stensel 1836 - 1904
- 6 Barbara Stensel nee Krause 1838 - 1899
- 7 Johann Flath 9.1.1848
- 8 Eleanore Flath nee Krause 10.11.1852  
( 7 and 8 ) - Our Grandparents
- 9 . . . . . Fischer
- 10 Marie Fischer nee Krause
- 11 . . . . . Wegner
- 12 Pauline Wegner nee Krause
- 13 . . . . . Rufenach
- 14 Berta Rufenach nee Krause
- 15 Wilhelm Krause
- 16 . . . . . Krause nee . . . . .
- 17 Johann Krause
- 18 Christina Krause nee . . . . .
- 19 Christian Krause
- 20 . . . . . Krause nee . . . . .
- 21 Rudolph Krause unmarried at the time
- 22 Natalie Krause later married to . . . . . Gumelt

