

The following is a letter written by Frieda ^{Cooper} to Raymond Goelitz
June 26, 1964 and from Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Dear Cousin:

Well my trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana didn't amount to much in the way of any more information than I knew. The address 1428--32 (Address of the Gomoll's and Otto Albrecht) Taylor Street is a Super Market. I went to the Court house and all records before 1895 were destroyed only for the newspapers that were kept. That is where I got the information from the lady. I went to one Lutheran church to inquire and the Gomolls were members in 1892 to 1903. Some of these were married to Gomolls ^{like} a Else Fisher who was married to Otto who passed away in 1896 and then she married a Carl Lindstrom, but no mention of their fathers or mothers name. So having no luck there, although it is a beautiful town we went to La Porte, Indiana. There we found out that the grand parents lived at 1843 String Street, and when we looked that place up, another Super Market. At least we found out that the cemetery where babies were buried was still there and the name took us out to where the graves were and the names were on a marker---Henry, Charles and baby so there was 3 buried in St Pauls cemetery. I only have record of 2 so one must have been still born. They still have records of uncle Fred and said that in the newspapers was clippings of when he came back to play in the theater there May 10th 1896 at that rate he was 14 years old. I wanted to get a newspaper but the man said they are for historical places and no amount of money could buy them. The reading was interesting. La Porte is a nice place, but the railroad tracks are getting scarce. So I guess the cars and trucks are taking their place. Very good highways in Indiana. Many schools and colleges and beautiful motels. It was a nice trip even if we didn't get much information. We are having very hot weather...in the 80--90 and 99 today. Gussie is with her son in Lombard, Illinois. Is doing pretty good but I think she is thru working. My brother in law Lars Gregerson who was my sister Anna's husband died May 17. He had cancer of the lungs. He was a chain smoker and was 69 years old. We want to take a trip to Iowa next month to see my cousins on my mothers side. They were up to see us last year and we sure enjoyed ourselves. Has Clarence visited you yet or have you gone to see him? He sure doesn't write much...just signs his name. I heard uncle Frank died...have you got the exact date? It sure was nice to see Harry even for a short time. How is aunt Clara, must write to her one of these days. Next time I write I'll send you some snapshots of the family.

Regards to you both, Frieda

Another letter in part that night pertain to the tree:: No date on it

Dear Cousin:

Now to answer your question about Uncle Albrecht that lived in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. According to my records he was a great uncle to our ~~grand~~ parents and an uncle to Grand father Albrecht. I have no record that our grandfather had a brother. This Annie Stubbie you asked about was a third cousin to my dad, and your mother. She was a daughter of the daughter of Carl William Albrecht (remained in Pagen and it could be Paze as I can't make out the writing in Germany) "Editors note" Aunt Stubbie was a rather large woman with blond hair. (Editor note: I have her picture) and she is a good looking woman and lived to be 92...aunt Annie told me she came to our home many times. Another thing...your mother lived with her mother in Germany and La Porte Indiana. (Editor again...and so did your mother Mr. Horn) and went to school with John, Mollie, Annie in La Porte. Hilda got a job doing house work when they landed. My father was married when he was 25 years old so that would make your mother 14 years old, and I remember my mother said she went to work when she was 14 old and she was never a strong person Aunt Edith was injured by a rail road

road in 1901 at 49th and Ashland Avenue. The railroad paid her a large sum of money and fitted her with a leg, but I guess she was'nt through growing as she was 15 years old that when she was about 18 or 19 years old she bought another one. The one your dad bought must have been th after she went to California., My father told me that his father took a rich man's place for a price in the army. Army is all he knew in Germany. He worked a few years in this country and then had his wife and children support him. Editors note: Big deal....my fathers father did the same thi g and made it pay pretty good as his estate was pretty good).....About aunt Mollia according to my records she was born in 1869 and married in Chicago 1889 (Editornote: she later corrected this to 1896...I think) to William Pratt who passed away in 1897 (Editor note: I know they do this with cows now times haw haw... I doubt if aunt Mollie knew theice man that well.....she later correcte d this to) in Belevidere Illinois. He was'nt the most ambitious type of man (Editor note: I'm writing this word for word, but it does again show how people get impressions and ideas....God only knows from where) and aunt Mollie worked to suport him and the 4 children, Hazel, Bill, Norm and Fred (Editor again: now else could he if he died before the 3 of you were born...harf) He was a French Canadian Indian (Boy will Cathy love this one) birth.....(the rest does not pertain) I did'nt mean Cathy....I meant Cynthia. My apologies.

Another letter in part: September 19, 1963

.....There are a lot of Albrechts in Canada, but no one seems re- lated to us. One we met was a clerk, but said he was no German, I give up (Editors Note: The guywas a gold plated jerk and was brain washed an damm well he is'nt related to us Or I would go there and punch him in the kisser) Oh yes, there is a Goelitz Manufacturing Company near Toronto, but they say they are French (Another damm liar as the name is 100% Saxon German and common there only) It's a strange world. Best regards Frieda.

Anotar letter in part March 28th 1964

In regards to the Pratts I will correct my error. They were married in Chicago in 1896. Hazel was born 1897, Bill born 1900, Norman 1903 and Fred in 1906 Uncle Will died February 23 1918. (Was it from the Flu??) I was in Chicago last week and got more information about Grand pa. I went to see Frank Desing Family. He was a first cousin to our parents Now according to his biography which he left...he died in 1949, left 13 children (that should get you going Cynthia) He wrote that our grandfat her was a baby when his father died. They lived on a farm that his father had inherited from his parents. I looked to see if there was a brother but not a word of it. The father had a brother and when he pa passed on the brother and his wife stayed with our great grand mother, I went tolook up information about Gromolls but according to the chart they settled in Fort Wayne and La Porte and I would have to go there for that information.....(end of pertinent info)

Editors comment in review: Now it is easy to deduct that if I had been like some of the blood relatives I would have thrown all of these letter long ago and all of this info would have gone down the drain...drain Now I won't mention any names, but between the lines there is a volume in generalities of some kind of a nature. More or less. Anyway I trust thi has added to your "ROOTS". Do you think you could find a fone book for say Chicago and look up Desing or a Gomoll and talk to them? I wrote to a Gomoll once and got a zilch. Must be related.

AWAY

copy. name of record Carl Albrecht died June 10, 1896 30 yrs old

Wilhelmine Ruffine (Kanka?)

This is the story of the Family Tree as compiled by Freida Albrecht Herr of the Carl Albrecht family. This was made out in 1964 and sent to Raymond Goelitz....Ontario, California

Family Record as kept by my father August Fredrick Albrecht....
My parents

Fredrick Carl was born June 2nd 1830 son of August Fredrick Albrecht and Elizabeth Marie Novak. He was born in 1802 and she in 1804. I think that's where the Slavish came in. Fredrick Carl and Augustina Gromoll were married October 4 1862. Fredrick Carl was born June 2 1830 and died March 3, 1898. He had a good crop of bright red hair.

Augustina was born December 26th 1845 and died November 5th 1907. She had black hair.

Children of this marriage:

August F.born July 21, 1863 in Germany and died December 20th 1939 in Chicago, Illinois.

Lena....no record and was buried in Germany Sept 6, 1866

Hilda...Born April 13, 1865 in Germany and died August 19th 1954 and is buried in Chicago

Anna....born September 3, 1867 in Germany and died February 22, 1955 and is buried in Chicago

Molly....born April 23, 1869 in Germany died January 21, 1954 and is buried in Belevidere, Illinois

Augusta... born April 18, 1874 in Germany and died January 3, 1913 (buried in Ontario, California...my notation)

Marie was a twin to Augusta and died May 16th same year and is buried in Germany

John.... born November 29, 1871 in Germany and died September 14, 1928 and is buried in Chicago. (Grandpa's lot at Mt. Greenwood cemetery)

Your mother and her twin were born the year our grand parents father left Germany to come to this country. My father was 11 years old when he left. He was very much hurt to think his father could leave them all. His grand mother took them in and gave them a home. Grandfather Albrecht was an only child as his father passed on when he was 2 years old. He was a soldier and got in trouble in Germany. That was the reason he deserted his family. It seems when he came to this country he came to La Porte, Indiana and went to work on the railroad. He never wrote to his family but a sister to his mother lived in La Porte and wrote to them. Gave his location. When my father was 16, his grandmother gave him enough money to come to this country. He located in La Porte and found him. They worked together and saved enough money to bring the rest of the family to this country...in 1880. His grandmother wanted the family to stay with them and when she would pass on the farm of 40 acres would be theirs, but I guess our grandmother wanted her man. When they came to America they never heard from their grandmother again. So what happened to the farm no one knows. When my father went to Germany in 1935 he could not get a passport to where he lived because it was controlled by the Russians. So I guess we will never know.

Those that were born in this country were:

Fred....born March 31, 1882 in La Porte, Indiana. Died April 25, 1950 in Riverside California and is buried there

The family then moved to Chicago, but twins were born and died at birth and are buried in La Porte, Indiana No date of birth or death.

Edith....born August 31, 1886 in Chicago and died October 29, 1963 in Hanford, California

③ Charlie...born 1888 and died soon after birth. Buried Chicago

Minnieborn April 28, 1890 in Chicago

When they came to Chicago from La Porte they moved to 4723 Justine Street and about 1903 they moved to 5812 Marshfield where grandmother died. The house was left to uncle Fred. Now about your mother's age. I know she was born in Germany, because my father said when her sister died, they had little hope for her to, but when their grandmother took them in, I guess they got the right food and nourishment and another thing, she was in her 30s when she got married your father altho they had gone together for 10 years or more. She was never a strong healthy person, when she came to our house to say good bye to my mother and dad, she sure didn't want to leave Chicago. I guess she knew she would never come back. She loved Chicago, but your dad thought California would do good for her health. I sure would like to know more of grandmother Albrechts ancestors. I wrote about 100 letters but some are slow in coming in. But what I know is that in 1808 the von was taken off the Albrechts because of high taxes. I know that Pa's cousin was Frank Dezing of Worth, Illinois. He was a son of our great grand mother's sister Elsie Novak whose daughter Annie married Henry Dezing. I think it was the Novak located in La Porte and that's where the Wanamakers, Eileirs, Studebaker and Munsing. Judge Eileirs of Chicago was Pa's first cousin to. He said his grandmother's name was Pauline Novak who married a John Munsing whose daughter Pauline married John Eileirs. If we get a chance this summer we are going to La Porte, Indiana I have an idea where the home was as I was with my father visiting there about 1936. He showed me the theater where the boys played when they first started in show business, also the cemetery where the babies were and the home they rented when they were together. It seems more interesting today than it did at that time.

Now I will give you a little back ground on our grandmother and uncles. Grand ma was for her children, but the grandchildren were like strangers to her. I realize that she had a hard life with her husband, but I often wished she had a warm smile or a kind word to me. She died of diabetes in 1907 when I was 8½ years old. I always liked aunt Hilda. She always was a hard worker. Her first husband died when her children were very young....married again to a nar do well and had a daughter by him only to be deserted. She had a stroke in 1929 and died in 1954 and she lived with her daughter Tracy Koch

Annie was the happy go lucky type. She had a kind word and a happy smile for everyone. When John died she gave her grave next to George Johnson for him. She was the religious one of the family

Mollie was a hard worker and had a good sense of humor. I held a high respect for her.

Agusta we saw once in a while. She worked from a little girl at

Boston store as a clerk. She was my dad's favorite and when she wanted advice she always talked things over with him. I was your baby sitter

Fred always had a kind word or a gift or 50¢ when he came home from a tour. I sure looked forward to seeing him even after I was married I kept in touch when he lived in Chicago. Aunt Clara was to me the tops.

Edith was something like Grandmas. She had money when she lost her leg, and thought herself more than the rest of the family. When dad went to California he saw a big change in her, said she should have been different to us kids. Dad gave her \$50 and bought groceries for her. At that time she said her husband deserted her. Dad met her son. I wish I had fonder memories of her.

Minnie was my favorite. Everyone said I looked like her. I was about her height. The rest were shorter. She always came to see us and took time with us. I hope I will see her, "God Willing" when I take my trip to California.

John was good hearted and well meaning, but was weak. He liked his drinks too well for his own good. He was married to a woman by the name of Mary Reiley, they had a daughter by the name of Virginia. They were divorced 5 years later. She remarried and changed the daughters name. John died of cancer of the larnex

Now I have given you the low down on the Albrecht family.. I sure hope we can meet. You write a very interesting letter. I received a nice letter from aunt Clara. I wrote to Norman but todate I have'nt heard from him (Editors note: Natch in those days he was a gold brick and had his good wife do all the hard work....in his old age the poor guy has mellowed) Harry must be having a nice trip from the cards he sent. Well Raymond if you and your wife ever take a trip to our beautiful state will be happy to have you for a visit. Aunt Clara wrote that your wife is her cousin. If she is like aunt Clara she is OK. My brother Clarence lives in Redlands California. He is an instructor at the YMCA. I guess thats about all the news. Hope you take time and write once in a while. If I find any more information I'll let you know.

My best to you both
Freida Albrecht Herr

P.S. I wrote of all the Albrechts except my dad. To me he was the most wonderful father a person could have. He was firm and we all had to toe the mark. He provided well for his family. He was a hard worker and we all held high respect for him.