

Descent of the Leistikows from Karl Leistikow, born about 1790

Generation No. 1

1. KARL¹ LEISTIKOW was born Abt. 1790 in Labenz, Germany.

Child of KARL LEISTIKOW is:

2. i. ERNST FRIEDRICH² LEISTIKOW, b. 03 May 1829, Pommern, Preussen, Germany; d. 11 Nov 1899, Green Lake, WI.

Generation No. 2

2. ERNST FRIEDRICH² LEISTIKOW (KARL¹) was born 03 May 1829 in Pommern, Preussen, Germany, and died 11 Nov 1899 in Green Lake, WI. He married HANNAH FRIEDRICKE RECK¹. She was born 09 Jul 1835 in Germany, and died 11 Jul 1919 in Green Lake, WI.

Notes for ERNST FRIEDRICH LEISTIKOW:

born in "Bucha, Pommern, Preussen" (between Leipzig and Erfurt?) Family Search item.

Ernst Friedrich (37) and Hannah (30; Johanne on the passenger list) Leistikow, and five of their children, emigrated on the sailing ship Dorette, arriving in New York on Jan 2, 1866.

The children are listed as: Wilhelm 7, Christine 6, August 5, Auguste [falsely listed as a male, actually Augusta] 2 and "U" [unknown] 6 months.

The actual ages are: E.F. 36, Hanne 30, Wilhelm 9, Christine 5, August Frederick [my great grandfather] 7, Augusta 2 and "U" [Anna Louise] 13 months.

About their ship:

The Bark DORETTE

[A bark is a sailing ship, usually 3-masted, with the fore and main masts square rigged and the mizzenmast fore-and-aft rigged.]

The bark DORETTE was built by Hermann Friedrich Ulrichs, in Vegesack/Fähr, for the firm of Carl Pokrantz & Co., Bremen, and launched on 3 November 1855.

242 Commerzlasten/503 tons register; 40,5 x 9,0 x 5,1 meters (length x beam x depth of hold); International Signal Code: QBLS.

Her captains were: Joh. Grabau, Vegesack; Joh. Hinr. Gätjen, Bremen (1860); Cord Gustavus, Vegesack (1861); B. Schumacher, Bremen (1863); Lüder Schulken, Bremen (1864).

The vessel was primarily engaged in the transatlantic freight and passenger service.

A short history of the DORETTE:

German text

On December 19 1859 there arrived on the DORETTE 9 castaways, among them 5 women, who a few days before were sunk when the SILAS HOLMES sunk in the proximity of the Florida keys on its return. Under Captain Gustavus the DORETTE in November 1862 had a collision with the EXPRESS, Captain Unruh, who incurred a broken mast. The DORETTE evidently remained undamaged.

Louis Haesloop (later Captain of the bark LOUIS HENRY) when, as a sailor with the DORETTE under Luder Schulken in the year 1867/68 made several trips from Bremerhaven to NY by way of New Orleans, kept a record of the condition of the emigrant passengers at that time:

This time the trip to New Orleans and back with about 300 passengers the primitive conditions for the passengers present! No windows, no ventilation! When, in bad weather, the hatches had to be closed, the atmosphere below was terrible.... There was no doctor on board. Water for all these people was in barrels.

Everyone had a small ration of drinking water, most keenly measured. At night a rigorous guard was kept that no provisions could be stolen. During this trip there were 8 births and 1 death.

On the next trip of the DORETTE from Bremerhaven to North America Louis Haesloop took part in:

Once again going with nearly 300 passengers to New York. On March 8 we sailed down to the lighthouse, and here again had to anchor and endure a heavy Nor'easter. We positioned before it with two anchors with 9 fathom chains. The following days we sailed where the southwest wind was, again north around England. During this trip numerous storms and wretched weather. The poor passenger were often kept in, not allowed to come on deck for days because the hatch had to remain closed. On this trip also our colleague Christopher Seebeck from Ronnebeck fell overboard. Amid stormy weather and high seas he plunged from the top to the sea. Under mortal danger a boat was put out, but after searching in vain again came back. With much toil and by the skin of our teeth the boat was received on board. Shortly after the boat with its crew was safely on board, a heavy storm set in. Our poor friend was not seen again. A very tough and arduous trip ended on May 15, we came into New York. Outside of our comrade Seebeck we also had a number of passengers, mostly children, that had to be laid in the sea.

On the return trip, which lasted from June 23 until June 5, 1868, the DORETTE brought a load of petroleum to Bremerhaven.

In 1870 the DORETTE was sold to a Norwegian. She received the name NORDSTJERNEN and operated for H. Chr. Gron out of London. In 1880 the bark was finally acquired from L.G.S. Larsen out of Hauan (Sandefjord).

Not until 1904 was the NORDSTJERNEN (formerly DORETTE), after 48 years running time, condemned in Lisbon and sold for scrap.

This is from Peter-Michael Pawlik, *„Von der Weser in die Welt; Die Geschichte der Segelschiffe von Weser und Lesum und ihrer Bauwerften 1770 bis 1893“*, Schriften des Deutschen Schiffahrtsmuseums, Bd. 33 (Hamburg: Kabel, c1993), pp. 279-280.

More About ERNST FRIEDRICH LEISTIKOW:

Arrival: 02 Jan 1866, New York²

Custom: Preußen²

Departure: Bremen, Germany²

Destination: United States of America²

Children of ERNST LEISTIKOW and HANNAH RECK are:

3. i. AUGUST FRIEDRICH³ LEISTIKOW, b. 21 Feb 1858, Germany; d. 06 Apr 1926, Renville, MN.
- ii. WILLIAM LUDWIG LEISTIKOW, b. 14 Dec 1856, Germany; d. 17 Aug 1897, Green Lake, WI; m. ELLA.

More About WILLIAM LUDWIG LEISTIKOW:

Burial: Green Lake, WI

4. iii. CHRISTINA WILHELMINA LEISTIKOW, b. 25 Dec 1860, Germany; d. Abt. 1929.
5. iv. AUGUSTA FREDRICA LEISTIKOW, b. 28 Apr 1863, Germany; d. 28 Jan 1930.
6. v. ANNA LOUISE LEISTIKOW, b. 04 Nov 1864, Germany; d. 08 Nov 1933.
7. vi. HERMAN JULIUS LEISTIKOW, b. 21 Mar 1868, Wisconsin; d. 31 Jul 1907.
- vii. FRANK EDWARD LEISTIKOW, b. 01 Oct 1869, Wisconsin; d. 02 Feb 1929, Green Lake, WI.

Notes for FRANK EDWARD LEISTIKOW:

Quit farming and went into the saloon business, according to Alvina's letters.

More About FRANK EDWARD LEISTIKOW:

Burial: Green Lake, WI

- viii. JOHN AUGUST LEISTIKOW, b. 14 Dec 1872, Wisconsin; d. 04 May 1942; m. AUGUSTA "GUSTIE".

Notes for JOHN AUGUST LEISTIKOW:

Alvina's uncle and correspondent known as August. He is 13 years older than she. She appears to have stayed with August and "Gustie" for at least part of her 2-3 month sojourn in Ripon, Wisconsin, Nov 1904-Jan 1905. They lived at 531 Haul St.

- ix. MARTHA MARIE LEISTIKOW, b. 06 Dec 1874, Wisconsin; d. 11 Jan 1928; m. EUGENE WILSON.
- 8. x. ALVINA THERESA LEISTIKOW, b. 06 Dec 1877, Wisconsin; d. 1969.
- xi. LENA LEISTIKOW, b. Wisconsin; m. FRANK BAILEY.

Notes for FRANK BAILEY:

Frank was in the glove business, but he left that and went to work for "Mr. Savig", a wealthy bachelor at "the lake", presumably Green Lake, in Wisconsin. He tended the furnace in the winter and the gardens in the summer. Lena did the housekeeping. Discussed in a letter to Alvina.

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3. AUGUST FRIEDRICH³ LEISTIKOW (*ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 21 Feb 1858 in Germany, and died 06 Apr 1926 in Renville, MN. He married EMMA ELISABETH BRATSCH 27 Jan 1884 in Dartforth, WI, daughter of JOHANN BRATSCH and ALBERTINA MANN. She was born 21 Jul 1864 in WI, and died 22 Apr 1945³.

Notes for AUGUST FRIEDRICH LEISTIKOW:

Emigrated age 7.

Farmed until 1905, then moved into town and ran the saloon.

Grand old bar is now in the Calumet Hotel in Pipestone, MN.

Correspondence from Emma to Alvina (who was visiting her relatives in Green Lake, WI), discovered in the attic of Ade Bottge's house, shows Emma asking Alvina to come home and help Emma talk Fred out of selling the farm and taking up saloon-keeping.

Notes for EMMA ELISABETH BRATSCH:

Bretsch in own Bible

Children of AUGUST LEISTIKOW and EMMA BRATSCH are:

- 9. i. ALVINA THERESA HELEN⁴ LEISTIKOW, b. 05 Jan 1886, Renville, MN; d. 17 Apr 1984, Renville, MN.
- ii. LYDIA MARIE ELISABETH LEISTIKOW, b. 31 Mar 1890, Renville, MN; d. Apr 1977.
- iii. EMMA ALBERTINE LEISTIKOW, b. Sep 1894, Renville, MN; d. 1923, Bemidji.

Notes for EMMA ALBERTINE LEISTIKOW:

Emma died in Bemidji, where she was teaching the third and fourth grades. She had received normal school training at Winona and had previously taught near Renville and at Little Falls. (e-mail from John Windhorst, Jr., 7/21/10)

I believe she died as a result of an operation on her sinuses.

- 10. iv. FRIEDA WILHELMINE AUGUSTA LEISTIKOW, b. 18 Feb 1896, Renville, MN; d. Sep 1920.
- 11. v. RUTH ESTHER LEISTIKOW, b. 08 Mar 1900, Renville, MN.
- vi. ADA ANTONIA LEISTIKOW, b. 21 Jul 1903, Renville, MN; d. 05 Jan 2000; m. EDWARD F. SHOEMAKER; b. 1900; d. 1962.
- vii. INFANT LEISTIKOW, b. 1885; d. 1885.

Notes for INFANT LEISTIKOW:

listed in M. Bratsch.

4. CHRISTINA WILHELMINA³ LEISTIKOW (*ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 25 Dec 1860 in Germany, and died Abt. 1929. She married JULIUS C. TIMMS.

Notes for JULIUS C. TIMMS:

In Alvina's handwritten list it is "Timm". But in the letters to her it is always "Timms".

Children of CHRISTINA LEISTIKOW and JULIUS TIMMS are:

- i. LOUIS⁴ TIMMS.
- ii. CARL TIMMS.
- iii. LEO TIMMS.

5. AUGUSTA FREDRICA³ LEISTIKOW (*ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 28 Apr 1863 in Germany, and died 28 Jan 1930. She married ED FERG 14 Dec 1882.

Marriage Notes for AUGUSTA LEISTIKOW and ED FERG:
They adopted Ed's niece Clara.

Child of AUGUSTA LEISTIKOW and ED FERG is:
i. CLARA⁴ FERG, Adopted child.

6. ANNA LOUISE³ LEISTIKOW (*ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 04 Nov 1864 in Germany, and died 08 Nov 1933. She married HUTH.

Notes for HUTH:
So listed in Alvina's handwritten list. However, in Louis Timms' letter of 7/2/1905 there is a reference to "Billy Hoff, our uncle, gone into the saloon business since yesterday, at his brother-in-law's place."

If this uncle is on the Leistikow side, it may be Alvina's "Huth", married to Alvina's aunt Anna Louis Leistikow. And the brother-in-law with the saloon would be Frank Leistikow.

Children of ANNA LEISTIKOW and HUTH are:
i. ELMER⁴ HUTH.
ii. IRVING HUTH.
iii. MYRTLE HUTH.
iv. FREDDIE HUTH.

7. HERMAN JULIUS³ LEISTIKOW (*ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 21 Mar 1868 in Wisconsin, and died 31 Jul 1907. He married LOUISE "LIZZIE" A. TIMMS 04 Dec 1890. She was born 13 May 1870, and died 21 Sep 1925.

Notes for HERMAN JULIUS LEISTIKOW:
Quit farming and went into the saloon business, according to Alvina's letters.

More About HERMAN JULIUS LEISTIKOW:
Burial: Green Lake, WI

Notes for LOUISE "LIZZIE" A. TIMMS:
Assuming that Lizzie Timms is a sister of Julius Timms, then a sister and a brother Timms have married a brother (Herman) and sister (Christina) Leistikow, and their children are double first cousins.

More About LOUISE "LIZZIE" A. TIMMS:
Burial: Green Lake, WI

Children of HERMAN LEISTIKOW and LOUISE TIMMS are:
i. JANE (IOME?)⁴ LEISTIKOW.

Notes for JANE (IOME?) LEISTIKOW:
"Ioma" in Alvina's handwritten list. "Jane" in 1910 census

ii. OLIVA? DORA? LEISTIKOW.

Notes for OLIVA? DORA? LEISTIKOW:
"Dora" in Alvina's handwritten list. "Oliva" (?) in 1910 census.

iii. ROY H. LEISTIKOW, b. 15 Mar 1894; d. 22 Nov 1926.

More About ROY H. LEISTIKOW:
Burial: Green Lake, WI
Military service: WW I: Prvt 4th Co Development BN

iv. AMANDA LEISTIKOW.

v. LAWRENCE LEISTIKOW, b. 13 Oct 1895; d. 1985.

Notes for LAWRENCE LEISTIKOW:
birthdate from Green Lake County Courthouse

More About LAWRENCE LEISTIKOW:
Burial: Green Lake, WI
Military service: WW I: PFC

8. ALVINA THERESA³ LEISTIKOW (*ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 06 Dec 1877 in Wisconsin, and died 1969. She married FRED MOWERS 31 Dec 1902.

Notes for ALVINA THERESA LEISTIKOW:
The aunt (9 years older) of Alvina Theresa/Teresa Helen Leistikow Bottge (Grandma "Pete")

Notes for FRED MOWERS:
"Mowers" in Alvina's handwritten list. But in Louis Timms' 7/2/1905 letter it is "Maures"

Children of ALVINA LEISTIKOW and FRED MOWERS are:

- i. LEONARD⁴ MOWERS.
- ii. ESTHER MOWERS.
- iii. GORDON MOWERS.

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9. ALVINA THERESA HELEN⁴ LEISTIKOW (*AUGUST FRIEDRICH³, ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 05 Jan 1886 in Renville, MN, and died 17 Apr 1984 in Renville, MN. She married PETER JEPSON BOTTGE 14 Aug 1907. He was born 22 May 1875 in Denmark, and died 22 Apr 1954 in Renville, MN.

Notes for PETER JEPSON BOTTGE:
Pvt. Co H 14 Regt MN Inf Sp Am War

More About PETER JEPSON BOTTGE:
Arrival: 1876⁴
Residence: 1900, Emmett, Renville, Minnesota⁴

Children of ALVINA LEISTIKOW and PETER BOTTGE are:

12. i. ARDUS RUTH⁵ BOTTGE, b. 15 Feb 1914, Renville, MN.
- ii. ADRIAN STANLEY BOTTGE, b. 08 Oct 1909, Renville, MN; d. 03 Apr 2005, Renville, MN.
13. iii. WESLEY HANS BOTTGE, b. 04 Jul 1911, Renville, MN; d. 20 Oct 1975.
14. iv. MARVIN FREDRICK BOTTGE, b. 28 May 1908, Renville, MN; d. 12 Oct 1983, St. Louis Park, MN.

10. FRIEDA WILHELMINE AUGUSTA⁴ LEISTIKOW (*AUGUST FRIEDRICH³, ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 18 Feb 1896 in Renville, MN, and died Sep 1920. She married OWEN ROBERT SMITH, SR..

Child of FRIEDA LEISTIKOW and OWEN SMITH is:
i. OWEN ROBERT⁵ SMITH, JR., b. 13 Sep 1920; d. 03 Jan 2010; m. PEGGY, 05 Sep 1943; b. 27 Aug 1924.

11. RUTH ESTHER⁴ LEISTIKOW (*AUGUST FRIEDRICH³, ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 08 Mar 1900 in Renville, MN. She married RAYMOND W. GRUNERT.

Children of RUTH LEISTIKOW and RAYMOND GRUNERT are:
i. JAMES⁵ GRUNERT, b. 09 May 1926; m. LORRAINE; b. 17 Jul 1927.
ii. RICHARD GRUNERT, b. 03 Nov 1927; d. 11 Feb 2010.

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12. ARDUS RUTH⁵ BOTTGE (*ALVINA THERESA HELEN⁴ LEISTIKOW, AUGUST FRIEDRICH³, ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 15 Feb 1914 in Renville, MN. She married JOHN WILLIAM WINDHORST 07 May 1939 in Renville, MN. He was born 19 Jun 1912 in Olivia, MN, and died 03 May 1977 in Minneapolis, MN.

More About JOHN WILLIAM WINDHORST:

Burial: 06 Apr 1977, Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN

Children of ARDUS BOTTGE and JOHN WINDHORST are:

- i. JOHN WILLIAM⁶ WINDHORST, JR.⁵, b. 06 Jul 1940, Minneapolis, MN; m. DIANA ARANDA, 15 Feb 1975; b. 15 Feb 1939.
- ii. PETER BOTTGE WINDHORST, b. 22 May 1944, Minneapolis, MN; m. GEORGIA LEE HAFNER, 12 Jun 1995, Elko, NV; b. 06 Jun 1941, Minneapolis, MN.

13. WESLEY HANS⁵ BOTTGE (*ALVINA THERESA HELEN⁴ LEISTIKOW, AUGUST FRIEDRICH³, ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 04 Jul 1911 in Renville, MN, and died 20 Oct 1975. He married RUTH G. BERGSTRAND 06 Jun 1940. She was born 29 Jan 1912, and died 19 Oct 2003.

Children of WESLEY BOTTGE and RUTH BERGSTRAND are:

- i. SANDRA RUTH⁶ BOTTGE, b. 12 Mar 1942; d. 19 Sep 1997; m. JOHN LIPKE, 04 Apr 1964; b. 01 Jan 1941.
- ii. KAREN LORRAINE BOTTGE, b. 02 Feb 1948; m. CHARLES LANDRY.
- iii. LYNN MARIE BOTTGE, b. 08 Dec 1950.

14. MARVIN FREDRICK⁵ BOTTGE (*ALVINA THERESA HELEN⁴ LEISTIKOW, AUGUST FRIEDRICH³, ERNST FRIEDRICH², KARL¹*) was born 28 May 1908 in Renville, MN, and died 12 Oct 1983 in St. Louis Park, MN. He married ALVHILD SIMONSON 27 Jul 1937. She was born 23 Jan 1913, and died 24 Apr 2007.

Children of MARVIN BOTTGE and ALVHILD SIMONSON are:

- i. BRUCE FREDRICK⁶ BOTTGE, b. 19 Jan 1941, Renville, MN; d. 22 Jun 2010, Granite Falls, MN; m. MARJORIE BENSON, 17 Feb 1964; b. 20 Jul 1944.
- ii. BRIAN ADRIAN BOTTGE, b. 22 Oct 1947; m. (1) KAREN BENGSTON; m. (2) DONNA NORDANG, 01 Mar 1970.

Notes for KAREN BENGSTON:

likely Bengtson before immigration (e-mail from Karen)

Endnotes

1. marriage registry in Green Lake, WI.
2. New York Passenger Lists, 1851-1891.
3. Death Certificate, father listed as John Bratsch and mother as Ernestina (Albertina crossed out) Informant: Lydia Leistikow cause of death: Exhaustion from chronic myocardia and thrombosis of femoral veins.
4. 1900 United States Federal Census.
5. Minnesota Birth Index, 1935-2002.