

Genealogy & Emigration



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Todays Theme Overview

1st part:

History Oldenburger-Münsterland & Steinfeld

- History for the Emigration to America
 - Reasons for the emigration

2nd part:

- History of the Honkomp family
- Emigration of the Honkomp families

Germany



Homeland of the Honkomp's

The northwest of Germany



The history of the Oldenburger-Münsterland & Steinfeld

• Landscape formed by the "ice-age" 180,000 years ago



- Poor & scanty soil
- 100,000 years ago the neandertal man
- Stone age 10,000 years ago



Neandertal man with stonen tools

History of the Oldenburger-Münsterland & Steinfeld

• In the beginning of the 6th century North European tribes came into our area, that we called "Saxon"

 In the year 498 the "South-Saxons" became Christians

• In about 690 the christianising of the other saxons was started by the Saxons King Charlemagne

 cause there were problems in the christianising the King burned down all small villages and destroyed the farm land in the year 785 a. Chr.



• the heathen cultural places were destroyed – the population were resettled

• two centuries the area of Steinfeld was a kind of no-mans-land

History of the Oldenburger-Münsterland & Steinfeld

- about 900 a.Chr. the 1st church was built in Damme by the bishop of Osnabrück
- in 1187 the foundation of Steinfeld as a community / parish
 - the 1st church was built on the today "Rathausplatz" (city hall square)
- in 1252 Steinfeld belongs to the Bishop of Münster political rights
 - 1668 also the church rights
- in 1803 the counties Damme & Vechta came to the Grand Duchy Oldenburg
 - called now "Oldenburger-Münsterland"



A view into the old church photo from 1890

Großherzogtum (Grand Duchy) Oldenburg withe the new political situation in the year 1803



North-Oldenburg = lutheran

South-Oldenburg = catholic Oldenburger-Münsterland

Steinfeld – origin of the Honkomp's

History of the Oldenburger-Münsterland & Steinfeld



In 1897 they set the foundation stone for the new St. Johannes church

Economical & rural developement

> about 900 a.Chr. most of the "Geestsand-area" was sandy forest-area

> 1187 Steinfeld had 38 farmers

- through the increase of human population and cattle, farm land became more important than the forests
 - > around the year 1734 the forest became less & less
 - instead of the forests heath began to grow
 - > the field floor got poorer and poorer.





typical agriculture on the scanty soil, since 1880 the farmer used fertilizer

• since the 16th century the owner of the farm left some acres of land to his married brothers & sisters – on the other side, they had to pay for that and to help the farmer for the harvest-time – they called Heuerling (hireling or tenant farmer)

- in 1831 Steinfeld hat 257 farm owners and 339 small hireling farms
- for a better income the hireling had a 2nd job
- many people went to Holland as season workers for working in the endless fields as a grass cutter or went to sea for fishing (harring)
- in 1855 about 331 men worked as seamen (1817 1831 seaman-school in Mühlen)
- other 2nd jobs we can find in producing linen & cultivation of flax, later, also cigar maker



Grassreaper in Holland ca. 1800



Hireling-house in Steinfeld-Mühlen

Collection of the reasons:

- the population increase
- people became poorer and poorer, too much hirelings, high lease
- end of the season work in Netherland because of economic problems there
 less income
- the hope for a better life and independence in America



Between 1837 and 1875 Steinfeld lost 29,8 % of its population

These were the main reasons for the emigration since 1830

> "Initiator" of the South-Oldenburg emigration

- Teacher and bookbinder Franz Joseph Stallo from Damme
 - 1831 with his family from Bremen via New York to Cincinnati
 - 1832 founder of "Stallotown" (Minster) northern of Cincinnati
 - his positive stories about America were released in the local newspaper and many people followed him to Stallotown or villages nearby
 - Franz Joseph Stallo died in 1833 on a cholera-epidemie
- his father and brother, both teachers in Damme, worked as emigration agents and supported the local emigration movement



Johann Bernard Stallo, a nephew of Franz-Josef Stallo,

Born 1823 in Damme, emigrated to Cincinnati1839.

He was teacher, mathimatician, writer, philosopher, lawyer, judge. Later American legation in Rom, Italy. Died in Florenz 1900.

The History of the Honkomp family

The origin of the Honkomp's

The family name "Honkomp" estimates from the lower German dialect. We say, that the origin of the name is a local name of a special landscape "Hohenkamp"

 high german: hohes Feld -(translated as "high field")

the farm has size of 160 acres, situated in Steinfeld-Düpe.

Nobody knows how Honkamp became Honkomp – but it's a rarity



Oldest map from 1816 with the Honkomp farm

Farm Honkomp Steinfeld-Düpe, Katastermap from 1836



first documents

Landscape census from 1535

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Cattle census from 1537

Steenfelde Harpendorppe

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Item Grete Honkamp 4 horses, 4 oxes, 6 cows, 6 cattle, 6 old pigs, 6 sheep, 1 servant

Honkamp 34 hectare



Emigration of the Honkomp-families



> how the reunion became reality

Juli 1996 found Raymond Bowers, St.Louis my new website
 mother was nee Honkomp, she came from Lohne-Brockdorf

- August 1996 email from Michael Honkomp Dallas/Texas
 ancestors moved from St.Louis to Wichita-Falls, Texas
- September 1996 email from Roger Honkomp
 ancestors emigrated to New Vienna, Iowa
- after all these questions, we started with the work
- Investigations about the following US-emigrations:
 - 1844 Holdorf-Handorf to New Vienna Iowa
 - 1848 Damme-Osterdamme to Cincinnati
 - 1863 Steinfeld to Cincinnati
 - 1865 Steinfeld to New York
 - 1866 Steinfeld-Holthausen to Covington/Cincinnati
 - 1872 Lohne-Brockdorf to St.Louis, later Texas
 - 1892 Steinfeld to Putnam, Ohio
 - -the last was the original farm owner Honkomp/Robke

Places where the American Honkomp's came from



Germany

Oldenburger-Münsterland



Emigration of the family Honkomp from Holdorf-Handorf

In the year 1844 emigrated to America the two families of

Joan Henrich Honkomp (43) - Maria Anna(39) Arens(8 people) children: Anna Maria Catharina *22.Jul.1827, Anna Maria Bernardina *11.May.1832, Maria Elisabeth *14.Dec.1836, Franz Henrich *17.Dec.1839, Henrich Anton *7.Feb.1842, all born in Holdorf-Handorf at Hellbusch farm (Susanna born 16.Dec.1845 in New Vienna)

and the farm owner Franz Hellbusch (11 people)

The reason for the emigration was, that the farm was sold, because they were deeply involved (in debt).

The Honkomp family lived in the 2nd generation as tenant farmer on the Hellbusch farm.





The old Hellbusch-farmhouse in Holdorf-Handorf, which belongs to the farmer Fangmann, in the year 2003

We say, that both families Honkomp und Hellbusch left their home with horse and waggon to Bremen (two days) ---- then they took a small sail boat to Bremerhaven ...



Boarding in Bremen / Bremerhaven

In Bremen city harbour, they took a small boat (skiff) on Weser-river. Two or three days later they arrived in Bremerhaven



Weser skiffs at the Weser station – a big town, they have never sean before

Boarding in Bremerhaven

..... together with 155 other emigrants they went in the old harbour on board of the sail ship "Westphalia"



Ansicht Alter Hafen 1845 (Foto: Morgenstern-Museum)

The passage began on Nov. 22,1844 - on January 07, 1845 they reached the harbour of New-Orleans on the golf of Mexico.



The ship "Westphalia", built 1841 on the Wenke dockyard in Bremen Owner Joh. Fr. Adami in Bremen, Captain: Wessels

Passengerlist of the ship "Westphalia"

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155 passengers

The atlantic crossing on board



.... in the steerage of an emigrant sailing ship – not very comfortable !

New Orleans on the Mississippi river in 1850



.... the first step in America - in New Orleans they went on Steamboat to St. Louis

1 – 2 weeks on the Mississippi



The paddle-steamers weren't harmless, somtimes the steam-boilers have axploded.

..... Saint Louis on the Mississippi

The journey was too expensive, so the 17 year old Catharina Honkomp worked for 2 month in a restaurant in St. Louis. Later she worked in Dubuque



In St. Louis both families took different ways:

The **Hellbusch-family** went 20 miles westwards to Augusta/Dutzow – Missouri. That was the home of many other emigrants from Holdorf. They are registrated in the census of 1850.

The **Honkomp-family** must have heard in St.Louis from a new settlement of emigrants from South-Oldenburg in the Dubuque county. Bishop Loras – a French emigrant – was the founder of these settlements.

Look back - the first settlers and founder of New Vienna

The first settlers in New Vienna came from Stallotown/Minster, Ohio.

They followed the call of the bishop Loras, who wanted to found a big catholic parish in the Dubuque county. These early settlers were looking for better and bigger landscape, as that, what they farmed in Ohio.

They came as "five energetic, brave men, together with their resolute wives and families" so you can read in the book of New Vienna.

All people were born in the catholic area of the Gand Duchy Oldenburg:

- Johan Fangmann, born 2.07.1790 in Steinfeld
- Friedrich Rohenkohl with wife Catharina and the children
- Heinrich Tauke, born. 21.05.1807 in Twistringen, with wife Rebecca and one child
- Hermann H. Wiechmann, with wife Katharina and child Maria, born in Iowa City on the journey

..... go west

- Gerhard Hellmann, born 1790 in Sevelten, widower, and son Henry



go west for new land, from Stallotown (Minster) to New Vienna (750 miles)



Start on 20th of May 1843 with six big tilt-wagon...arrival on 4th of September 1843 (100 days)

St. Bonifacius parish New Vienna

The first church of 1845



First St. Boniface Church



The current church is built in 1887

Heritage House in New Vienna



New Vienna 2000

Dave and Jan Honkomp of Dyersville

Roger Honkomp of Minneapolis/St.Pauls

Werner Honkomp of Oldenburg



Heritage Museum in New Vienna

Renie



September 2000

Sisters Wilma Hogan and Florence Jaeger nee Lehmann, mother is Frances Honkomp

Wilma Hogan published the documentation about the Honkomp's in Iowa

Back to the history of the Honkomp family from Holdorf in New Vienna, Iowa

The Honkomp/Arens family left St. Louis on a little steam boat und came upstream to Dubuque. On arrangement of bishop Loras they went by feet with an ox-wagon 30 miles westwards. Like all other settlers they got 40 acres from the government. Two miles southwest of New Vienna they found their new home.

Life was very hard. First they lived in caves and huts. Later they built wooden block houses.



... in the beginning of settlement they lived in such houses


In the last will of 1869 is written, that Heinrich Honkomp was the owner of 1160 acres and both sons should become heritor - plus \$2500 cash



Right in front:Anna Kerkhoff geb. 1841 in Lotteand Heinrich Honkomp born 1839 in Holdorf-Handorf (1.heritor) + 1909Left in front:Anna Wessels with daughter Hilda and Anton Honkomp 2.Heritor, sold the Farm 1926 and moved to Dyersville

Last will of 1869 of Henry Honkomp Mary Ann

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Honkomp-family grave St.Bonifacius cemetery New Vienna - 1st Generation -



2. Generation

1. son

Heir of the Farm in New Vienna Franz-Henrich Honkomp *17.12.1839 in Handorf

married 29.04.1866 Anna Kerkhoff







2. son

Heir of the farmland in Petersbur Henrich Anton Honkomp *07.0 in Handorf

married 15.05.1866 Maria Mescl



Henrich Anton moved later to his Anton jr. to Ashton / Iowa when h retired.

Heir of the farm in New Vienna at the 3. Generation

Anton Honkomp *15.05.1881 New Vienna (1) oo 31.05.1904 Anna Wessels (2) oo 18.11.1914 Anna Jasper



Anton and Anna (Wessels) Honkomp - May 31, 1904



Anton and Anna (Jasper) Honkomp Married November 18, 1914

Sold the farm 1926 and moved to Dyersville with mother Anna

3. Generation New Vienna - a brother of Anton Honkomp: Joseph Honkomp, born1873 in New Vienna, moved to Dubuque

9 Honkomp Joseph (* 29.1.1873 in New Vienna, Iowa - † 25.9.1934 in Dubuque, Iow x Hittenmiller Mary (* ?.?.1879 in Dubuque, Iowa - † 30.11.1933 in Dubuque) x 14.2 ...10 Honkamp Arnold H. (* 23.7.1902 in Dyersville, Iowa - † 30.6.1990 in Dubuque, x Portzen Catherine (* 30.1.1903 - † 18.12.1992) x 30.1.1903 in Dubuque11 Honkomp Marie O. (* 2.12.1935 in Dubuque, Iowa -) x Garot Dennis (-) x 23.7.1954 in Dubuque11 Honkamp Arnold N. (* 6.12.1939 in Dubuque, Iowa -) x Wubber Joyce (* 23.12.1940 -) x 1.9.1962 in Dubuque12 Honkamp Jill T. (* 19.9.1962 in Dubuque, Iowa -)12 Honkamp Heidi A. (* 15.2.1968 in Dubuque, Iowa -)11 Honkamp Andrew V. (* 16.7.1941 in Dubuque, Iowa - † 6. ...10 Honkamp Florence (* 19.12.1903 in Dyersville, Iowa - † 18.4 ...10 Honkamp Rose (* 27.1.1906 in Dyersville, Iowa -) x Reuter Walter (-) x 27.9.1927 ...10 Honkamp Odelia (Dee) (* 6.11.1908 in Dyersville, Iowa -) x Strait Ed (-)10 Honkamp Virgil (* 27.9.1911 in Dyersville, Iowa -) x Koster Margaret (-)11 Honkamp David (* ?.?.1968 -)10 Honkamp Emil (* 29.1.1913 in Dyersville, Iowa - † ?.?.1941)10 Honkamp Rita (* 4.3.1915 in Dyersville, Iowa - † 30.8.1966) x Chappell John (-) 11 Chappell Jim, Father (*6.1.1941)

....10 Honkamp Norbert (Fritz) (* 6.6.1920 in Dyersville, Iowa -)



Arnold and Joyce (Wubber) Honkomp Family From left: Heidi, Arnold, Nicholas, Joyce and Arnie. In front is Jill.

2. son heir of the farmland in Petersburg lowa

Henrich Anton Honkomp *07.02.1842 in Handorf married 15.05.1866 Maria Mescher & married 1870 Elizabeth Ehrig in Petersburg

Family Anton Honkomp and Elizabeth Ehrig in Petersburg / lowa in 1894

Back row:

- Frank *1869 New Vienna
- Henry *1872 Petersburg
- Anna *1867 New Vienna
- Joseph *1874 Petersburg
- John *1876 Petersburg -Anton jr. (Tony) *1878

Front row:

- Anton sen. (father) +1910 Asht.
- Charles *1887 Petersburg
- Elizabeth (mother) +1922 Asht.
- Elizabeth *1881 Petersburg

Anton jr. bought in Ashton a bigger farm.

Henrich Anton sen. moved later to his son Anton jr. in Ashton / Iowa.





2. Generation of other family members

8 Honkomp Anna Maria Carolina Magdalena (* 22.7.1829 in Holdorf-Handorf, b.Hellebusch - † 9.2.1896 in NewViena)

...x Duthmann Bernard (- † ?.?.1848 in New Vienna) x ?.?.1847 in New Vienna, Iowa

...x Lechtenberg Joseph (* 8.12.1816 in Münster, Westphalia - † 28.9.1899 in New Vienna, Iowa) x 28.6.1849 in NV

8 Honkomp Anna Maria Bernardina (* 11.5.1832 in Holdorf-Handorf, b.Hellebusc - † 9.2.1903 in New Vienna, Iowa) ...x Fangmann Franz (* 26.12.1822 in Steinfeld, Oldenburg - † 17.11.1902 in New Vienna, Iowa) x 19.4.1852 in NV



8 Honkomp Maria Elisabeth (* 14.12.1836 in Holdorf-Handorf, b.Hellbusch - † 19.8.1913 in Dyersville, Iowa)x Goerdt Karl (* 14.12.1817 in Bochum-Lear, Westphalia - † 15.9.1905 in Deyersville, Iowa) x 5.5.1853 in New Vienna, Iowa

8 Honkomp Susanna (* 16.12.1845 in New Vienna, Iowa - † 3.12.1912 in Adrian, Minnesota) ...x Recker Henry (* 15.9.1837 - † 11.8.1904 in Adrian, MN) x 2.7.1895 in New Vienna

end of Iowa families

Emigration of two Honkomp families to Cincinnati

- 1863 from Steinfeld Franz Ferdinand Honkomp, born in Steinfeld
- 1848 from Damme Bernd Friedrich Honkomp, born in Steinfeld

Franz Ferdinand Honkomp born 1846 Steinfeld



Marriage 1881 in Cincinnati

Anna Maria Honkomp Born 1860 in Cincinnati dougther of Bernd Friedrich Honkomp



The first catholic church in Cincinnati - Over the Rhine built 1842 from German immigrants with handmade bricks



Old St. Mary's Church

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Cincinnati Grave of Joseph Bernard Honkomp from Steinfeld the brother of Franz-Ferdinand Honkomp



Emigration of Franz-Henrich Honkomp 1865 Steinfeld to New York

parents and grandparents of Franz-Henrich Honkomp were hireling at Nordhus in Steinfeld



One remark from 1846 says, that Franz Honkomp on the Nordhus farm was a seaman. At that time Franz Henrich was 10 years old.

Emigration of Franz-Henrich Honkomp to New York

Franz-Henrich opened a shop in New York City and changed his name to Hankamp

Residences & Business in NYC

1868 #55 Beach Street

1869 eggstore #61 Dey Street

1880 #9 North Moore Street

1890 business #85 Dey Street residence #277 Greenwich

Shortly after 1900 his son Francis moved to New Jersey and opened a foodstore.



New York 1850

Later he moved away from NYC and settled down northern. He bought some acres near Poughkeepsie, where still his relatives are living until today. The people call this area the "Hankamp

Valley".

Emigration of the Clemens Honkomp family 186 from Steinfeld-Holthausen to Covington/Cincinn

Clemens Honkomp & Maria E. Bockhorst Hireling at kl. Holthaus, Holthausen with 5



Passenger-list of the "Bark Union, From the 23rd Sept. 1866 in Baltimore

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Clemens Honkomp with family

The jounrey of the Henrich Clemens Honkomp family to America in 1866



(Bremerhaven about 1860)



(Bremen about 1860)



Start probably in Juli/August 1866

23rd Sept. 1866



(Baltimore about 1853)

Oktober 1866



Ohio-Bridge Covington-Cincinnati 1866

Honkomp emigrants to Cincinnati OH / Covington KY



Emigration of the Honkomp family 1872/1880 Lohne-Brockdorf to St.Louis

In May 1872 emigrated the servant Johann-Herm-Hinrich Honkomp(19), born in Lohne

Probably heard good news from the USA, his brother Bernd-Hinrich Honkomp(24) followed him in May 1873. The parents came over in 1880



The family was hireling on the Seggewisch farm in Lohne-Märschendorf.

Johann and Bernd Honkomp were on the steamer/sail ship "LEIPZIG, to Baltimore. From Baltimore they had a train connection to the west, to St. Louis. They hired some acres near Clinton County/Illinois.

In March 1880 their parents Bernd-Henrich Honkomp(61) and Anna-Margaretha(63) came to St. Louis. In 1886 their son Bernhard moved together with them to Florrisant/Missouri, today a suburb of St-Louis.

The parents died there in the age of 75 and 84 years. They are buried on the sacret heart graveyard in Florrisant.

Emigration of the Honkomp family 1872/1880 to St. Louis

The brothers went by feet from Lohne to Bremen. Then they took a small train from Bremen to Bremerhaven. Yet in 1862 new steamers took all the emigrants across the ocean in 14 days - faster and much more comfortable than a normal sailing-ship.

Steamer Leipzig, built 1869 for the Nordeutschen Lloyd in Greenock, GB length 92,17 m wide 12,02 m passengers 1st class 84 2nd class 600 crew 79



The Leipzig left Bremerhaven through the floodgate

And lastly –

the owner's family of the origin Honkomp farm in Steinfeld emigrated 1892



Johann Heinrich Honkomp, born 1817 (age 75), widowed daughter: Maria Dorothea Honkomp, born 1847 in Steinfeld (age 45) with her husband Heinrich Robke, born in Damme and 8 children They must sold the farm 1880 and since this time lived there in rent **Don't know where the ancestors are now in America.**

At the census 1900 they lived in Pleasant Putnam, Ohio

Some children married in Putnam county, Ohio

The history of the Honkomps is permanently expanded, so ...

... there's a lot to do !

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