

Genealogy of the John and Katherine Kniebes Family  
Compiled by their Granddaughter  
Caroline Louisa Schulz.

Mother's parents, John Kniebes and wife (whose maiden name was (Schimmel) were born in Pechtheim Germany. Grandfather was born in 1789 and died in 1868 in Wisconsin. (Town of Scott). Grandmother was born in 1799 and died Nov. 20, 1880. She had a brother Peter Schimmel who was a waggoner. She was the oldest child and was 14 yrs. old when her parents both died of pestilence brought on by the soldiers, many of whom died. One of them lay dying before their house. Mother says a soldier was quartered in the house, and when he was stricken with the disease our grandfather took him to a hospital and later he and his wife both contracted the disease and died. The youngest child a few weeks old (Mother says about six mos.) was adopted by the Mother's sister who was married to a man named Koch. They were well to do and had a daughter named Elizabeth, who married a man named Klauder. They had no children. Mrs. Koch died under an operation. Grandmother was 14 yrs. old when her parents died. She then went to work for other people.

Grandfather had a stepfather. He was in the army six yrs. serving under Napoleon as a bodyguard. (mounted) He is said to have been an expert in the use of the Sabre. Uncle Illian related the following; In an encounter with the spanish at one time, the french had to pass through a deep cut through high hills. The spanish soldiers who were at the top shot down but no one was killed. Then the french surrounded them and killed a great many. On one occasion a spanish officer challenged grandfather to fight him with the Sabre. (Mother says that at the time he was attired in a suit different from that of the others and the spanishs probably mistook him for an officer.) His companions urged him on, saying if he got the worst of it they would help him. Not being on the alert for a moment, the officer was just making a lunge at his back when grandfather made a back stroke, which few could do, striking the spanish under the chin and dismounting him. Grandfather captured the officer's horse. Uncle Illian says he should have had a pension, but was cheated out of it. It is said he was offered a Government position as a reward for his services to Napoleon but it is not known why he did not receive or accept the position. He could speak several languages.

In 1818 he was married. He had some land and went out to work by the day. Later two of grandmother's aunts (who owned some land) made their home with him and he worked their land and his condition improved financially.

There were 12 children.

Louis and Henry (twins), Caroline, Elizabeth, Frederick, Valentine, Peter, Mary, Mathias, Catherine, Ottilie, and John.

Henry came to America in 1848; lived to be 88 yrs. old. Served in the Civil War; was never married but lived with his mother until her death. Then he lived part of the time at Illiams and in the soldiers home. And in Chicago with his Sister Ottilie.

Louis lived on a farm in Wisconsin. Died at 60 yrs. of age. Caroline came to America before any of the others did with some relatives. At about 18 yrs. of age. In a fire she was so frightened that she never got over the nervous shock. The Doctor advised her to cross the ocean again thinking it might cure her, but it did not help her. One day when the family was gone, she fell into the well and was drowned. It is believed that she was drawing water and perhaps had a spell. She was about 25 yrs. of age, and died in Germany. Elizabeth married Frederick Illian after they came to America which was in 1848 when Henry came. She died in 1907. Frederick died at 14 yrs. of age. He and Valentine were overtaken by a storm one time when going to a neighboring village, running to escape it and being thoroughly heated and drenched. Frederick sickened and became helpless so that for 3 1/2 yrs. he could not put his feet on the floor, but was bedridden. He would be lifted to the table while his bed was being made and then back again. He had a open sore on his leg (offene Gieht. Later dropsy developed and finally gangrene set in. Valentine also died at 14 yrs. of age. He had curvature of the spine which began when he was about 10 yrs. old. He was hump back hollow chested and had difficulty getting his breath. Mother tells that one day he was given a load of wood to carry which evidently was too heavy for him and when the load was taken off his back he was not able to straighten up again, and this resulted in curvature. Mary was 6 yrs. younger than Valentine and the best looking in the family. She came to America with her parents, married a Mr. Loos who deserted her going to California. She had two boys, one of whom, George Loos, is a barber in Los Angeles, Calif. It is said she grieved herself to death. Mathias left home before he was of age, going to California. He returned to Wisconsin, married and went back to Calif. again. The hardships and disappointments unbalanced his mind. When he was not watched he drowned himself in a well. His widow married again and lives in northern Calif. near Newton. Some of the children live there also. Peter died at 20 yrs. of age. At 12 yrs. of age he had an accident. He and Henry were hauling stubble in a cart. Going down hill Peter was in front and Henry behind to hold it, and somehow Peter fell and the cart over him and they rolled down the hill. He was unconscious and could not speak for a week, and never fully recovered. He suffered a great deal. The flesh was torn from his bones and he could never walk well after that. He died suddenly of Typhoid fever. Katherine was 14 yrs. old when she came to America with her parents. She was born Jan. 1st. 1839. In 1861 she married Rev. Christoph Schulz. Who died in Dec. 1906. Then she moved to Los Angeles, Calif. She died in June 1921. They had seven children. Ottilie was attending school when she left for America in 1848 and was about 6 yrs. old then. She married Charles Henry Diehl, who was born. Nov. 18, 1837, and died in Feb. 3, 1890. They had six children. John was born in 1845 and lived in LaCrosse, Wis. They had six children. He was a harness maker.

Maria Katharina Kniebes (Nee Schimmel)

By Will of

Elizabeth Klauder (nee Koch)

State of Illinois ( )  
County of Cook ( )  
United States of ( ) S.S.  
America ( )

Before me as duly appointed Notary - Public in and for Cook County, State of Illinois, this day of appeared Mrs. M. Ottilie Diehl (nee Kniebes) known to me, residing at 4642 Wentworth Ave. Chicago, Illinois and John Kniebes, known to me, residing at 713 Rose Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Mrs. M. Ottilie Diehl (nee Kniebes) after being duly sworn deposes and says as follows; That I am the eleventh child of Katharina Kniebes (nee Schimmel) that she was born at July 10, 1841, at Bechtheim, Kreis-Worms, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany,

John Kniebes after being duly sworn deposes and says as follows; That I am the twelfth child of Katharina Kniebes (nee Schimmel) That he was born March 1st, 1845, Bechtheim, Kries -Worms, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany.

That Katharina Kniebes (nee Schimmel) and who sometimes addressed by our father as Maria Katharina, was born at Bechtheim Kries Worms, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, June 1799.

That in the year of April 14, 1819 Katharina Kniebes (nee Schimmel) married Johannes Kniebes, who was born February 2, 1790.  
That twelve children were born to this marriage, namely;

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|--------------|-------------|
| 1. Louis     | 7. Peter    |
| 2. Henry     | 8. Mary     |
| 3. Caroline  | 9. Mathias  |
| 4. Elizabeth | 11. Ottilie |
| 5. Frederick | 12. John    |
| 6. Valentine |             |

That Caroline twenty six years, Frederick fourteen years, Valentine fourteen yrs. and Peter twenty yrs. of age died at Bechtheim Kreis-Worms, Hessen Darmstadt Germany with no heirs.

That in the early part of the year of 1848 Louis and Henry and Elizabeth, children of Katharina Kniebes (nee Schimmel) departed for America and located at Richfield, Wisconsin.

That about the yr. 1854, Katharina Kniebes (nee Schimmel) and her husband Johannes Kniebes together with the following named children Mary, Mathias, Katharina, Ottilie and John departed for America and settled at Scott, Sheboygan County, Wis.

That Johannes Kniebes husband of Katharina Kniebes (nee Schimmel) died Oct. 11, 1869 at Scott, Sheboygan County Wis.

That Katharina Kniebes (nee Schimmel) and who our father sometimes addressed as Maria Katharina died November 16, 1880 at Scott Sheboygan County Wis.

That Henry Kniebes, son of Katharina Kniebes (nee Schimmel) and twin brother to Louis, born March 7, 1820 at Bechtheim Kreis - Worms Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, died a single man Dec. 5, 1889 at Scott Sheboygan County Wis.

That Louis Kriebes son of Katharina Kriebes (nee Schimmel) and twin brother of Henry, born March 7, 1820 at Bechtheim, Kreis- Worms Hessen Darmstadt Germany. Died November 27, 1880 at Scott, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin. That about 1852 he was married to Sarah Young at Richfield, Wisconsin. There were five children born to this marriage namely;

1. Katharine

4. Electa

2. Henry

5. Amelia

3. George

Decendents of Louis Kriebes

Katherine Row (nee Kriebes)  
Born May 3, 1883  
Died Mar. 12, 1913

Married Lewis Row  
Born Mar. 20, 1846  
Died Sept. 12, 1925

Children

Arthur Lewis  
Born Jan. 14, 1877  
Died Sept. 9, 1903

Married Otelia Saemann Aug. 22, 1901  
Born Apr. 29, 1878  
Died Aug. 11, 1945

No children

Ella L.  
Born Nov. 11, 1881

Married Otto Baum May 25, 1911  
Born Sept. 14, 1878

One child

Ruth Kathryn  
Born Aug. 28, 1919

Married Glyndon D. Seehner Oct. 12, 1940  
Born July 8,

Four children

Patricia Clare  
Born Oct. 16, 1941

Madelyn Kathryn  
Born Sept. 25, 1943

Glyndon David Jr.  
Born Jan. 13, 1946

Lynda Ruth  
Born Apr. 15, 1947

Henry Knieber  
Born Nov. 25, 1854  
Died Jan. 13, 1911

Married Anna Rosenbaum March 12, 1889  
Born Aug. 17, 1870 at Posen Germany  
Died Oct. 12, 1931

seven children

Arthur  
Born Apr. 25, 1890

Married Zenna Brown Nov. 12, 1912  
Born Jan. 15, 1892  
Died Feb. 9, 1925

six children

Gretchen Jeannette  
Born Dec. 8, 1913

Married Frank Backer Oct. 9  
1947  
Born July 21, 1908

Loren Clark  
Born Sept. 25, 1915

Married Lillian Bemeaux  
Born Feb. 27, 1919

Two children

Kathleen Zenna  
Born Feb. 6, 1943

Patricia  
Born Aug. 10, 1945

Arthur Roy  
Born July 29, 1918

Married Helen Keller  
Born Oct. 9, 1922

Two children

Judith  
Born Oct. 22, 1942

Robert Gene  
July 1, 1947

Lewis Brown  
Born Jan. 1, 1920  
Died Jan. 2, 1920

Betty Marie  
Born Nov. 21, 1922  
Died Dec. 12, 1922

Dwayne  
Born Jan. 29, 1925  
Died Jan. 29, 1925

Edward  
Born Feb. 10, 1890

Married Hazel Button Sept. 27, 1938  
Born Sept. 18, 1900

No children

Frank  
Born Mar. 2, 1894

Married Viola Martha Wickmann Nov. 28, 1928  
Born Feb. 31, 1900

No children

Otto Kniebes  
Born July 23, 1893  
Died Dec. 11, 1930

Will:  
Born June 9, 1898  
Died Apr. 11, 1917

Albert  
Born Nov. 7, 1890

|                   |  |
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| Elmer             | Married Dolvophine Bowen Sept. 4, 1933 |
| Born Nov. 1, 1905 | Born Mar. 14, 1907                     |
|                   | Died Aug. 15, 1940                     |

one child

James  
Born Feb. 15, 1935



George Krebs  
Born Apr. 11, 1880  
Disappeared

Married Ada Carrie Hughes  
Born July 25, 1882  
Died Oct. 26, 1888

Three children

Lessie M. Married Dr. William Bauer Sept. 22, 1909  
Born May 7, 1884 Born July 8, 1881

Two children

Carroll married Ann Bernhardt Sept. 27, 1945  
Born May 23, 1913 Born Apr. 24,

One child

Robert  
Aug. 31, 1946

Helen Jane married Harold Lloyd Wright  
Born Jan. 16, 1921 Oct. 6, 1946  
Born May 25, 1920

Ervin L. married Emily Marquardt Feb. 17, 1921  
Born Aug. 14, 1885 Born July 10,  
No children

Alma C. married Fred Hoppe June 19, 1909  
Born Aug. 9, 1888 Born Jan. 22, 1887  
Died Oct. 23, 1944

One child

Bernice married Paul Thiele Aug. 21, 1937  
Born Sept. 10, 1911 Born Aug. 5, 1914

Eledta Krebs  
Born Oct. 18, 1883  
Died May 4, 1944

George left out the letter I  
Eledta also left out the letter I  
She never married but raised Georges three  
children.

Stella Kriehes  
Born Jan. 27, 1887  
Died Feb. 17, 1933

Married John P. Steuerwald Nov. 18, 1886  
Born Oct. 28, 1884  
Sept. 13, 1911

Six children

Elsa Lilly  
Born Aug. 30, 1888

Married George W. Brasch Nov. 6, 1919  
Born June 23, 1890

Two children

John George  
Born June 27, 1922

June Claire  
Born Apr. 20, 1927

Selma Wapilera  
Born June 28, 1892

Married Herman J. Schowalter May 18, 1929  
Born Apr. 5, 1891

No children

Gilbert Earl  
Born Dec. 29, 1894

Married Nell Sanfield June 17, 1933  
Born Sept. 25, 1893

Four children

Robert Warren  
Born Mar. 15, 1923

Married Nancy Stoner  
Nov. 6, 1948

John Bruce  
Born June 12, 1926

Married Ruth Strandberg  
June 11, 1949

George Gilbert  
Born Apr. 15, 1928

Kenneth Ward  
Born Apr. 25, 1929

Clarence  
Died in 1898  
Age 8 mos.

LeRoy Elmer  
Born Jan. 4, 1896

Married Mary Ross Sept. 12, 1925  
Born Oct. 8,

one child

Earl LeRoy  
Born June 29, 1936



Howard John Steuerwald  
Born Aug. 7, 1902  
Died Nov. 18, 1940

Married William Zuege 1929

Three children

Roger  
Born Mar. 4, 1930

Audrey  
Born June 24, 1932

Lorraine  
Born Mar. 12, 1934

Descendants of Elizabeth Illian (nee Kniebes)

Elizabeth Kniebes  
Born Jan. 14, 1821  
At Recktheim, Kries-Worms,  
Hessen, Darmstadt, Germany.  
Died July 30, 1907  
At Scott, Sheboygan County Wis.

Married Frederick Illian May 26, 1848  
At Richfield, Washington County, Wis.  
Born  
Died

Seven children

Frederick

Katherine

Lewis

Caroline

Henry

Lydia

Daniel

Decendence of Elizabeth and Frederick Illian

Maria

Elizabeth Kniebes

Born Jan.14,1824

Died July 30,1907

Married Frederick Illian May 26,1848

Born Aug. 30,1820

Died Sept.23,1903

Five children

Frederick Jr.

Born July 1,1849

Died June 17,1941

Married Sophia Lerky May 2,1878

About Ten yrs. younger

No children

Louis

Born Mar.1,1851

Died Dec.28,1926

Married Christine Martch Jan.20,1878

Born Oct. 23,1854

Died Nov.12,1937

Five children

Simeon

Born Nov.4,1876

Died June 9,1893

William

Born Mar.3,1878

Married Alma Brookshire Nov.26,1914

Born Mar.18,1889

Four children

Ellis

Born Nov.22,1915

Merlin

Born May 11, 1919

Died Nov. 11,1945

Ruby

Born Oct.27, 1925

Pearl

Born Dec.12,1931

Carrie

Born June 16,1884

Died Mar.4,1929

Married John Goll Sept.11,1918

Born Sept.13,1878

One child

Luella

Married Walter Kurtz

July 1,1939

Born July 27,1920 Born Dec.1,1914

Two children

Richard

Born Sept.4,1941

Gary

Born Aug.4,1945

Althea Married Elmer Miller Apr. 24, 1917  
Born June 26, 1891 Born Apr. 9, 1893

Geraldine Married Gordon Evens Apr. 2,  
Born Aug. 9, 1918 1940

One child

Wayne  
Born Feb. 11, 1942

Muriel Married Arthur Meinhardt  
Born Dec. 29, 1919 Dec. 29, 1938

Two Children

Patsy  
Born Oct. 23, 1940

Bobby  
Born May 5, 1942

Elenora Married George Lockwood Aug. 23, 1924  
Born May 8, 1898 Born Sept. 18, 1895

Three children

Althea  
Born Nov. 18, 1925

Winifred  
Born Sept. 2, 1928

Ronald  
Nov. 27, 1934  
Died Feb. 17, 1941

Henry Married Alice Ellen Kolb Sept. 18, 1879  
Born July 4, 1852 Born Dec. 22, 1858  
Died Sept. 3, 1921 Died Dec. 6, 1939

Seven children

Frederick William Married Sarah Gunderman Feb. 4, 1903  
Born June 5, 1881

Four children  
Delmar  
Born Apr. 18, 1908  
Died at 18 mos.

Ruth Mildred  
Born Dec. 18, 1910  
Died at 13 yrs.

Ethel Alice Married and one child  
Born Dec. 31, 1912  
Robert Hugh Married and one child  
Born Mar. 13, 1914

Oswald Fremont                      Married Maude Ebbert Aug. 21, 1907  
Born Feb. 16, 1883                      Born  
One child

Donald                      Married no children  
Born Sept.      1913

Lillian Maria                      Married Todd Silas Coen Jan. 24, 1910  
Born May 18, 1885                      Born  
Five children

Todd Kenneth  
Born Aug. 12, 1915

Chester Lillian  
Born Feb. 1, 1917  
Died at 8 yrs.

Eleanore Lillian  
Born Oct 13, 1921

Winifred Alice  
Born Nov. 3, 1926

Warren Henry  
Born Oct. 4, 1932

Clara Catherine  
Born Nov. 4, 1887                      Not married

Olive Alice  
Born July 2, 1888

Edmund Henry                      Married Ada Elkinton Nov. 24, 1918  
Born Oct. 4, 1891                      Born  
Three children

Dan Roy                      Married and one child  
Born Dec. 12, 1919

Neil Henry                      Married and one child  
Born Apr. 3, 1921

Enid Ann  
Born Jan. 16, 1922

Etta Esther                      Married Newton Harvey Schaal May 3, 1918  
Born Oct. 23, 1894

Four children

Dorothy Esther  
Born July 8, 1919

Dale Harvey                      Married and one child  
Born Feb. 3, 1921

Max Newton  
Jan. 28, 1923

Walter John      Born June 12, 1930



Daniel Illian  
Born May 27, 1854  
Died July 4, 1929

Married Lydia Seaman Oct. 23, 1879  
Born Mar. 5, 1859  
Died July 7, 1929

Three children

Noah Married Geneva Miller Mar. 19 1914  
Born Aug. 5, 1880 Born Aug. 15, 1881  
One child

Elizabeth Married Earl Laux Nov. 25,  
1937  
Born Sept. 16, 1915 Born Oct. 2, 1906  
No children

Vettie  
Born

Clarence  
Born

Katherine  
Born June 3, 1856  
Died Jan. 3, 1949

Married William Reinheimer Dec. 4, 1879  
Born Mar. 6, 1856  
Died Mar. 29, 1936

Four children

Eleanor  
Born Mar. 27, 1881  
Died July 25, 1881

Cora  
Born Dec. 27, 1882 Not Married

William Married Minnie Gutz Apr. 24, 1913  
Born Nov. 20, 1885 Born Apr. 11, 1886  
One child

Milton  
Born Apr. 24, 1915

Elmer Married Anna Stubner Schroeder Mar. 31,  
Born Jan. 17, 1887 Born Nov. 17, 1885 1919  
Died Feb. 4, 1924  
No children

Remarried Bertha Schmeichel Eubolz Dec. 23, 1926  
Born Dec. 28, 1892  
No children

**Decendants of Caroline Busse (Nee Illian)**

Lydia Illian  
Born Jan. 21, 1883  
Died Aug. 10, 1927

Married William Sydow June 26, 1883  
Born June 7, 1860  
Died Dec. 23, 1932

Five children

Arwin  
Born 1885  
Died 1901

Ananda  
Born Feb. 27, 1887  
Died

Married Albert Portz Dec. 18, 1912  
Born Nov. 14, 1881

Five children

Andrew Married Virginia Fricke June 7, 1941  
Born Sept. 20, 1914 Born May 4, 1920  
Three children

James  
Born June 13, 1942

Judith  
Born Sept. 20, 1945

Leonard  
Born July 29, 1948

Earl Married Edith Samsev Nov. 18, 1944  
Born July 5, 1917 Born Nov. 12, 1925  
Three children

Thomas  
Born Dec. 14, 1945

Dennis  
Born Apr. 4, 1947

Ronald  
Born Aug. 27, 1948

Alan  
Born Mar. 8, 1919

Herbert Married Elizabeth Conkell Apr. 18, 1944  
Born July 8, 1921 Born Oct. 18, 1922  
One child

Kim  
Born Jan. 22, 1949

Ester Married Glynn Walker Feb. 11, 1944  
Born Nov. 10, 1923 Born Oct. 18, 1919  
One child

Patricia  
Born Nov. 15, 1945

Herman  
Born 1890  
Died 1894

Elsie  
Born Oct.1,1894

Married John Monk Dec.18,1920  
Born June 20,1880

Two children

Helen Married Donald Walkes Sept.7,1945  
Born Dec.30,1923 Born Feb.12,1919

James  
Sept.4,1927

Herbert

Married Mary Anderson May 20, 1936

One child

Jean  
Born June 19,1943

**Descendants of Mary Loos (nee Kniebes)**

**Mary (Maria)**  
Born Nov. 30, 1834  
At Bechtheim Kreis-Worms  
Hessen, Darmstadt Germany.

**Married Phillip Loos Sept. 1854**  
At Milwaukee Wis

**Two Children**

**Edward L**  
Born Jan. 26, 1856  
Died  
At Hartford Wis.

**Married and five or six children**

**George**  
Born Oct. 8, 1858  
Died Apr. 8, 1911

**Married Regina Neels Apr. 9, 1890**  
in Los Angeles, Calif.

**Three children**

**Elizabeth Dunlap (nee Loos)**  
Born Feb. 25, 1891  
at Los Angeles, Calif.

**Phillip**  
Born May 30, 1893

**Caroline**  
Born Nov. 19, 1896

Decendants of Mathias Kniebes

Mathias Kniebes  
Born May 2, 1837  
At Besenheim Kries-Worms,  
Hessen, Darmstadt, Germany.  
Died Nov. 25, 1874  
At Hills Ferry Stanislaw County  
California.

Married Frereco Finkt Sept. 1869  
At Scott, Sheboygan County, Wis.

She has remarried and her name now is  
Mrs. Samuel P. Dalby and lives at  
Newman, Calif.

Three children

Albert Wellrose Kniebes  
Born Oct. 12, 1870

Address Gustine Merced Calif.

Caroline Janett Boggs (Nee Kniebes)  
Born Jan. 11, 1873

Address Newman, Calif.

Walter Mathew Kniebes  
Born Mar. 10, 1875

Address Newman. Calif.

Decendants of Katharine Schals(nee Kriebes)

Katharine Kriebes  
Born Sep. 21, 1838  
Died June 14, 1921

Married Rev. Christoph Schulz in 1861  
Born  
Died Dec. 1906

Children

Descendants of Otilie H. Muhl (Nea Kniesee)

Otilie H. Kniesee  
Born July 18, 1841  
Died Oct. 7, 1928  
in Chicago Ill.

Married Charles Henry Muhl  
Born Nov. 18, 1837  
Died Feb. 3, 1899

Five children

Frederick J.  
Born May 7, 1867  
Died Mar. 28, 1926

Lydia O.  
Born Aug. 4, 1869  
Died Feb. 8, 1961

Married Jacob A. Knorrer

Two children

Arthur E.  
Born Feb. 1, 1899  
Died Apr. 22, 1969

Howard E.  
Born Oct. 1, 1896

Married Ada

Two children

Howard H. Jr.  
Born Nov. 3, 1920

Elizabeth Louise  
Born Oct. 8, 1931

Eago  
Born June 37, 1873  
Died Oct. 14, 1879

Nettie  
Born June 33, 1876  
Died Oct. 12, 1879

Walter E.  
Born Oct. 4, 1879