

Descendants of Wunibald Knittel/Knittle

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Generation No. 1

1. Wunibald1 Knittel/Knittle was born Abt. 1811 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia, and died Aft. 1885 in Probably Dubuque, Iowa. He married Mary Anna Bef. 1830 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia. She was born Abt. 1810 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia, and died Aft. 1885 in Probably Dubuque, Iowa.

More About Wunibald Knittel/Knittle:

Immigration: 10 May 1855, On the ship Carolus Magnus from the port of Le Havre, France to New York. Origin: Wuerttemberg
Occupation: Saloon Keeper

Children of Wunibald Knittel/Knittle and Mary Anna are:

- + 2 i. Johann "Caspar"² Knittel/Knittle, born 09 Oct 1830 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia; died 23 Apr 1891 in Blanchard, Nodaway County, Missouri.
- + 3 ii. John Knittel, born 1838 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia.
- 4 iii. Eysabeth (Elizabeth) Knittel/Knittle, born 1840 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia.
- 5 iv. Cressena (Crepints?/Christina?) Knittel/Knittle, born 1843 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia.
- + 6 v. Thusnelda or Tusneld H. Knittel/Knittle, born 1851 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia.
- 7 vi. Fedele (Fidele) Knittel/Knittle, born 1838 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia. (She is on the ship record with this family. Not sure if she is a daughter or another relative. She is not found again in any records.)

Generation No. 2

2. Johann "Caspar"² Knittel/Knittle (Wunibald1) was born 09 Oct 1830 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia, and died 23 Apr 1891 in Blanchard, Nodaway County, Missouri. He married (1) Agnes Anstaett 04 Feb 1849. He married (2) Mary Lenora Cain 18 Aug 1861 in Dubuque County, Iowa, daughter of John Cain and Orpha

Beavers. She was born 16 Mar 1845 in Highland County, Ohio, and died 08 Feb 1925 in Shenandoah, Page County, Iowa.

Notes for Johann "Caspar" Knittel/Knittle:

He gave his permission for Gertrude May to marry John Wesley Hesser in 1883.¹³ He is listed as the husband of Mary Lenora Knittle on her death certificate.⁵ They lived on the Missouri side of Blanchard.¹¹ It is said that he came from Germany with his brothers, that he came from Prussia and that he worked for the Kaiser.⁷

He is probably the person who immigrated on 23 Feb 1861 at age 36. He departed from LeHavre, France to the United States. He was from Wurttemberg and came on the Germania to New York.¹⁴

He was living in the household of Absalom Cain in the 1860 Census in Dubuque, Iowa.⁹ This is contradictory information.

More About Johann "Caspar" Knittel/Knittle:

Burial: Apr 1891, Blanchard Cemetery, Blanchard, Colfax County, Iowa
Occupation: Farmer

Children of Johann Knittel/Knittle and Mary Cain are:

- 8 i. Louis³ Knittle, born 1862 in Iowa.
- 9 ii. Susan Emilee Knittle, born 1865 in Iowa.
- 10 iii. John Knittle, born 1867 in Iowa.
- + 11 iv. Gertrude May Knittle, born 05 Jun 1869 in Dubuque, Iowa; died 09 Apr 1911 in Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma.
- 12 v. Mary G or L Knittle, born 1862 in Iowa.
- 13 vi. Ella Knittle, born 1870 in Iowa.
- 14 vii. George W. Knittle, born 1873 in Iowa.
- 15 viii. Frederick Addison Knittle, born 1875 in Iowa.
- 16 ix. William Abslom Knittle, born 1877 in Iowa; died 1965.
- 17 x. Caspar Knittle, born 1880 in Iowa.
- 18 xi. Maude M./Maudie Knittle, born 1883; died 1888.
- 19 xii. Ollie Clarence Knittle, born 1888.
- 20 xiii. Guy H. Knittle.

3. John² Knittel (Wunibald¹ Knittel/Knittle) was born 1838 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia. He married Mary Bef. 1862.

Notes for John Knittel:

He immigrated with his parents and sisters in 1856.¹⁹ His brother, Caspar, seems to have come later. He spelled his last name the same as his father did.

More About John Knittel:

Immigration: 23 Feb 1861, Departed from La Havre, France Arrived in New York, from Wuerttemberg

Children of John Knittel and Mary are:
21 i. Louis A. or L.3 Knittel, born 1862; died 1915.
22 ii. Emily Knittel, born 1866.
23 iii. John Knittel, born 1868.
24 iv. Matilda Knittel, born 1872.
25 v. George Knittel, born 1875.
26 vi. Isadore Knittel, born 1878.
27 vii. Frank Knittel, born 1880.

6. Thusnelda or Tusneld H.2 Knittel/Knittle (Wunibald1) was born 1851 in Wuerttemberg, Germany or Prussia. She married Louis Schmidt/Smith Bef. 1869 in Dubuque County, Iowa. He was born 1842 in Alcase Lorraine, France.

Notes for Thusnelda or Tusneld H. Knittel/Knittle:

Census Date: 1885
Residence County: Dubuque
Residence State: Iowa
Locality: Dubuque
Birth Location: Germany
Family Number: 80
Marital Status: Married
Gender: male
Birth Year: abt 1812
Line: 16
Roll: IA1885_182
Household Members: Name Age
William Knittle 73 (Knittle..Transcripton error)
Anna M Knittle 74
Thusnelda Schmitt 34
Kate Schmitt 16
Mathias Schmitt 14
Eliza Schmitt 12
Sophia Schmitt 9
Charles Fairfield 28
Louis Barker 28
Jay Haines 25
John Saunder 32

Notes for Louis Schmidt/Smith:
1870 United States Federal Census
about Louis Schmidt
Name: Louis Schmidt
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1844
Age in 1870: 26
Birthplace: France

Home in 1870: Center, Dubuque , Iowa
Family and neighbors: [View Results](#)
Race: White
Gender: Male
Value of real estate: [View Image](#)
Post Office: Peosta

1880 United States Federal Census
about Katie Smith
Name: Katie Smith
Home in 1880: Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa
Age: 11
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1869
Birthplace: Iowa
Relation to Head of Household: Daughter
Father's Name: Louis
Father's birthplace: Baden (Mother and father's birthplaces reversed.)
Mother's Name: T. H.
Mother's birthplace: France
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
Occupation: At School
Marital Status: Single
Race: White
Gender: Female
Household Members:
Name Age
Louis Smith 38
T. H. Smith 28
Katie Smith 11
Mathew Smith 10
Lissie Smith 8
Sophia Smith 5

Children of Thusnelda Knittel/Knittle and Louis Schmidt/Smith are:
28 i. Kate/Katie³ Schmidt/Smith, born 1869.
29 ii. Mathias/Mathew Schmidt/Smith, born 1870.
30 iii. Eliza/Lissie Schmidt/Smith, born 1872.
31 iv. Sophia Schmidt/Smith, born 1875.

Generation No. 3

11. Gertrude May³ Knittle (Johann "Caspar"² Knittel/Knittle, Wunibald¹) was born 05 Jun 1869 in Dubuque, Iowa, and died 09 Apr 1911 in Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma. She married John Wesley Hesser 14 Jan 1883 in Nodaway County, Missouri,

son of Isaac Hesser and Sarah Fox. He was born 14 Jan 1859 in Tazwell County, Illinois, and died 05 May 1925 in Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma.

Notes for John Wesley Hesser:
Oklahoma Land Rush, 1893.

He paid to have George Reynolds make the rush for him, because his children were ill. He gave up his claim, went to Kansas for four years, then returned to Oklahoma in 1897, purchased land near his original claim and lived there for the rest of his life.

More About John Wesley Hesser:
Occupation: Pioneer in Oklahoma Land Rush in 1893, Farmer

Children of Gertrude Knittle and John Hesser are:

+ 32 i. George Milton⁴ Hesser, born 29 Nov 1883 in Blanchard, Missouri or Nebraska; died 24 Dec 1957 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

33 ii. John Wesley Jr. Hesser, born 06 Nov 1884 in Blanchard, Missouri; died 22 Feb 1922 in Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma. He married Bertha Ella Miller 01 Jan 1909 in Glencoe, Oklahoma; born 30 Sep 1891 in Neodesha, Kansas.

34 iii. Vannie Delishman Hesser, born 10 May 1887 in Salem, Nebraska; died 1939 in 8 Nov 1939. He married Mable E. Miller; born 28 Feb 1902 in Glencoe, Oklahoma; died 05 Dec 1919 in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

35 iv. Clara Anna Hesser, born 20 Apr 1889 in Salem, Nebraska; died 01 Apr 1967. She married Ira Thomason 25 Dec 1905 in Glencoe, Oklahoma; born 09 Apr 1884 in Dallas, Texas; died 31 Jan 1974.

36 v. Violet Pearl Hesser, born 06 Mar 1891 in Salem, Nebraska; died 29 Mar 1942. She married John R. Hesser 1906 in Glencoe, Oklahoma; born Jul 1884 in Salem, Nebraska; died 04 Oct 1958.

37 vi. Ralph Beaumont Hesser, born 17 Mar 1893 in Ripley, Oklahoma. He married Bernice Wilson 23 Aug 1934 in Enid, Oklahoma; born 17 Dec 1907 in Waukomis, Oklahoma.

More About Ralph Beaumont Hesser:
Military service: He served in World War I.

38 vii. Clarence LeRoy Hesser, born 01 Feb 1895 in Rock, Kansas; died 21 Nov 1951. He married Beth Copley 04 Sep 1938 in Glencoe, Oklahoma.

More About Clarence LeRoy Hesser:
Military service: He served in World War I and was wounded.

39 viii. Grace LaBell Hesser, born 02 Apr 1897 in Glencoe, Oklahoma; died 1961. She married M. Virgil Robinson 02 Jan 1917; born 1891 in Ingalls, Oklahoma.

40 ix. Lettie Gertrude Mae Hesser, born 29 May 1899 in Glencoe, Oklahoma; died 1961. She married (1) Kesler Gilespe 06 Jun 1915; born 1899 in Ripley, Oklahoma; died 1939. She married (2) Sam Koble 09 Feb 1951.

- + 41 x. Johnnie Alice Hesser, born 09 Jun 1902 in Glencoe, Oklahoma.
- 42 xi. Joseph Casper Hesser, born 13 Jan 1905 in Glencoe, Oklahoma; died 03 Sep 1960.
He married (1) Helen Dempsey 1927 in Enid, Oklahoma. He married (2) Virginia Matthews 1934 in Enid, Oklahoma.
- + 43 xii. Ethel Odessa Hesser, born 06 Sep 1907 in Glencoe, Oklahoma.
- + 44 xiii. Mary Lenora Hesser, born 23 Mar 1911 in Glencoe, Oklahoma.

Generation No. 4

32. George Milton⁴ Hesser (Gertrude May³ Knittle, Johann "Caspar"² Knittel/Knittle, Wunibald¹) was born 29 Nov 1883 in Blanchard, Missouri or Nebraska, and died 24 Dec 1957 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married Ruby Annie Stone 01 Jan 1911 in Glencoe, Oklahoma, daughter of Millard Stone and Anna Stemmons. She was born 09 Dec 1894 in Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma, and died 14 Oct 1971 in Enid, Oklahoma.

Notes for George Milton Hesser:

He came from a huge family and was much admired by his brothers and sisters. He was very artistic and at one time taught at Phillips University in Enid. He, along with his brothers, had a photography studio in downtown Enid on the Square. At one time or another most of his family worked in that studio. He was a very talented photographer.

More About George Milton Hesser:

Occupation: Photographer, Owned Studio In Enid, Oklahoma With Brothers¹⁴

Children of George Hesser and Ruby Stone are:

- 45 i. Vincent Earl⁵ Hesser, born 1911; died 1995.
- 46 ii. Olive June Hesser, born 1921.

41. Johnnie Alice⁴ Hesser (Gertrude May³ Knittle, Johann "Caspar"² Knittel/Knittle, Wunibald¹) was born 09 Jun 1902 in Glencoe, Oklahoma. She married M. Elgin Jafek 10 May 1919 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He was born 23 Aug 1899 in Glencoe, Oklahoma.

Children of Johnnie Hesser and M. Jafek are:

- 47 i. Emil⁵ Jafek.
- 48 ii. Dorothy Mae Jafek.

43. Ethel Odessa⁴ Hesser (Gertrude May³ Knittle, Johann "Caspar"² Knittel/Knittle, Wunibald¹) was born 06 Sep 1907 in Glencoe, Oklahoma. She married (1) Don McGinnis 23 Nov 1931 in Enid, Oklahoma. She married (2) John Armstrong 20 Feb 1951 in Yale, Oklahoma.

Child of Ethel Hesser and Don McGinnis is:
49 i. Gayle Louise⁵ McGinnis.

44. Mary Lenora⁴ Hesser (Gertrude May³ Knittle, Johann "Caspar"² Knittel/Knittle, Wunibald¹) was born 23 Mar 1911 in Glencoe, Oklahoma. She married (1) Cleo Rains. She married (2) Robert Jones. She married (3) I. M. (Red) Peck. She married (4) Evertt. She married (5) John Harrison Louthan. She married (6) Myrle Matthews 22 Jun 1931 in Enid, Oklahoma. He died 1973.

Child of Mary Hesser and Cleo Rains is:
50 i. Evelyn⁵ Rains.

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