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Mr. Ott remembers the log house of his father and of his grandfather, as a two room structure, the upper room a sleeping room for the older boys. In one corner of the downstairs room a portion was boarded off in which the spare bed was made. A one legged bed with ~~thac~~ the two walls supporting the sides. This was for the visiting minister, or the school teacher. In another corner the bed for the parents was curtained off in a section reserved for sleeping purposes, and under that bed were shoved the trundle beds of the children, in the day time. Ropes were used instead of springs.



This is the family picture of the Lorenz Ott
and my great grandmother is the young girl
of 18 on the right.

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THE ROCKENBACH FAMILY

To few men is given the privilege of long out living the biblical span of life of "three score years and ten" to able at the age of 96 to have possession of all of his faculties lead an active civic life, and have a memory so keen as to be historical.

Such a man was my great grandfather Rockenbach. Goerge Rockenbach was the third of his family to bear the name, the oldest man in the vicinity of Deerfield and had lived in that locality since four months of age.

In April, 1841, at the age of two months with his brother Phillip, his father George Rockenbach II, and his mother, who was Salome Redlinger, his grandfather, Phillip Redlinger, and an uncle, Christian Redlinger, and other familys left Gerstheim, near Strassburg in Alsace France to escape the crowded condition of their village , and to avoid military service in Germany. His parents waited until he was born before they could make the trip by ox cart across France to the port of Havre. Their sailing vessel the Deutschland, took thirty-five days in crossing. Their Journey from New York was by canal to Buffalo, then by ox teams to Chicago. After arriving in Chicago they remained for a week to rest at the home of Jacob Rehm, who lived near the waterworks and who had come to America with Andrew Meyer, who settled on section 31 in Deerfield township on government land in 1839. Jacob Rehm's wagon carried the women and children of the Rockenbach pioneer party from Chicago th Lake county. The men walked all of the way.

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The western and southern boundaries of Deerfield township were selected as farms. When they reached the farm sites that became their homes, the women were tired and suggested that they had gone far enough. The site of their farm was along the Des Plains River and it reminded them of the Rhine.

From Judge Bradley, George Rochenbach II the father bought a farm on Milwaukee avenue, near Wheeling, for which Bradley paid the government \$1.25 per acre, and sold for \$4 per acre. A crude log house on the farm housed part of the pioneers, and another on the Job W. Tripp farm held the young Rockenbach family. The children attended the Tripp school.

On September 3, 1864, George Rockenbach, III married Sarah Ott, daughter of Lorenz and Ursula Riek Ott. The George Rockenbachs had eight children, all but two of whom are living. Ella, Almon, Samule, Viola, Preston, and Irene Rockenbach are still living while Adelaide died at 28, and Orman, my grandfather, died in May 1940 at the age of 72.

Orman married Mary Whitney and had six children: Almira, Whitney, Lillian, Alice, Helen and Lydia.

Red letter days in his life include Monday October 10, 1871, when he started toward Chicago with a load of produce. When he got to Niles the people told him to go back because the city was on fire. He decided to go on though because he thought that if the shops were burning he could sell his food. When he got there though some friends of his were in distress. He dumped the food out of the wagon and put their clothing and furniture in the wagon and brought them to Wheeling.

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The other memory was his trip to Chicago to see Lincoln lying in state.

In the George Rockenbach home are many mementoes of past generations. Arrowheads used by the Indians, an ox shoe, a large mahogany Waterbury clock 110 years old, and Sander's Fourth Readers used 100 years ago.

The Vernon Ridge Golf Club at Deerfield is now the Rockenbach and Ott farms.

George Rockenbach assisted in building the now vacant Northfield Evangelical church at the southwest corner of the Northfield corners. He was a director in the Wilmot school for fifteen years, and was a member from Deerfield of the first board of education of the Deerfield Shields Township high school. He helped finance the Evangelical Association church which met at the home of Charles G. Muhlke, now Briergate Golf Club. He was a member of the Northfield Township Farmer's Mutual Fire and Lighting Insurance company for 63 years, and a director for 26 years and president for eight years.

He was appointed by Governors Altgeld and Deneen, as delegate from Illinois to the Farmer's National congress in Oklahoma City in 1907; in Madison Wis., in 1908; in Lincoln Neb., in 1910 and in Plano Illinois in 1913. He was supervisor for Deerfield Township from 1913 to 1917, and for seventeen years was highway commissioner. He was director in the Deerfield State Bank, and president of the North Northfield Cemetery association.

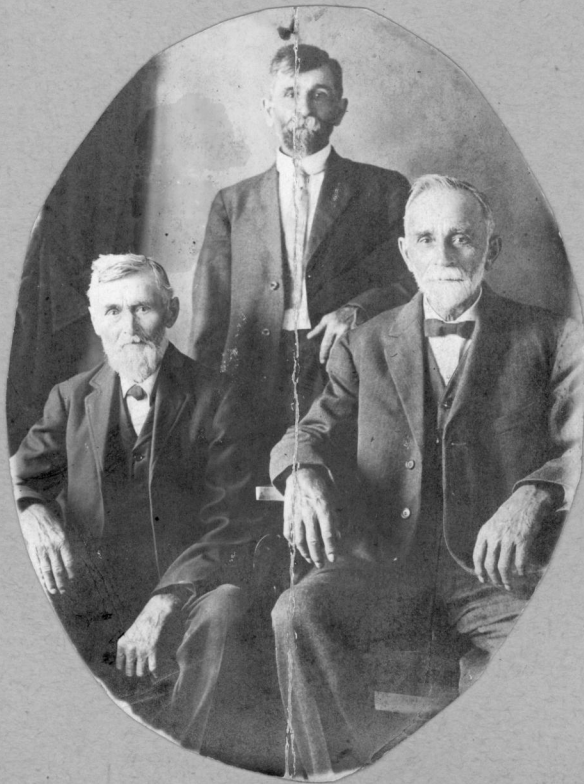
When 24 years of age Mr. Rockenbach moved to the Lawrence Ott farm in Deerfield township. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln.

He built a new home in Deerfield in 1907

He lived there until he died on May 1936.

Grandfather Rockenbach was a handsome man with sparkling eyes and a snowy white goatee. He was tall and slender and sprightly. He was impeccable about his appearance. His shoes were always shined and he always wore a bow tie. He wouldn't think of coming to the table unless he had a coat on. He was still driving his car at the age of 95.

At the time of his death, he was still active in civic life and business. My mother recalls how annoyed he became when my great aunts called to find out where he was at 3 o'clock in the morning. It was at the time of the bank moratorium in the depression years. Grandpa was at a bank meeting and had gone out to have coffee with the boys. Finally he arrived home at 4 o'clock in the morning, very provoked with them. To think he wasn't old enough to take care of himself!!



Great Grandfather George Rockenbach
and his two brothers, Fred and Phillip.

Deerfield's Grand Old Man Celebrates His 93d Birthday

BY IRENE STEYSKAL.

Days of the swamplands and starlit Indian trails, log cabin days, days of the stage coach, of horse drawn street cars, of ladies in crinolines and hoop skirts and men in uniforms of federal blue, modern days garish with electric lights, noisy, of speeding traffic and soaring towers — all these have been George Rockenbach's.

As a lad, George Rockenbach drove his wagon of farm produce into Chicago over the Indians' route when six hours were consumed on the way. The stalwart, white haired, white bearded gentleman who has more years to his credit than any one else in Deerfield—he celebrated his 93d birthday Friday—drives an automobile now. The boy's eye would have shown at the pace.

Shine of Excitement.

But who's to differentiate between the light that is the shine of excitement in young eyes and the light that twinkles under the Rockenbach whitened brows when a foot presses down on the accelerator at an inviting stretch of concrete highway ahead?

The wonders on the lake front last summer at A Century of Progress were in orderly sequence for Mr. Rockenbach, who has watched, page by page, Chicago's history unfold. That



GEO. ROCKENBACH.

the small town and not the city is the background for his own story is a matter of chance, but for this he has no regrets. He knows all the "folks" in Deerfield, and all the folks know him. Tangible evidence, and evidence intangible—things that might be lost in larger places—are everywhere at hand to give testimony to the part he has played in the town's life.

Find Homes on Des Plaines.

Six weeks old was the Rockenbach baby when his parents with a party of neighbors from Alsace-Lorraine arrived on the Chicago scene. An uncle, whose home stood near the present site of the Fourth Presbyterian church, drove the five families northwestward. The route they traveled is now Milwaukee avenue. A wooded region bordering the Des Plaines seemed an ideal spot to the home seekers. Farms were plotted out and log cabins built.

Mr. Rockenbach recalls that his first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln for President. Family responsibilities prevented his entering the army during the civil war. The last veteran in the vicinity, Valentine Hess, who was buried in the North Northfield cemetery on Jan. 14 at the age of 93, was one of Mr. Rockenbach's close friends. Mr. Hess was also the son of pioneers.

A Part of Community.

Politics, education, religious enterprises, business—in every phase of the community's development Mr. Rockenbach has taken a paternal hand. For seventeen years he served as high-

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way commissioner, he was on the first board of directors of the Deerfield-Shields Township High school, he helped build the old North Northfield Evangelical church, for fifteen years he has been on the Wilmot school board, under two state administrations he represented the Illinois farmers at national agricultural congress, and, to conclude a sketchy summary of his interests, the Deerfield State bank points pridefully to him as an active director of its board.

Mr. Rockenbach's memories are a storehouse from which a younger generation draws eagerly for facts of its forbears—stories that reconstruct old scenes and, in the clear but kindly light of the teller's mellow humor, very real, very human, very close to their children's children grow the company of pioneers who were George Rockenbach's childhood friends and playmates.

From far beyond the family circle came the messages of good wishes and congratulation on Mr. Rockenbach's 93d birthday anniversary last Friday.

**GEORGE ROCKENBACH³⁹
CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY**

**165 Friends Visit Aged Resident
Monday, Commemorate
Ninetieth Anniversary**

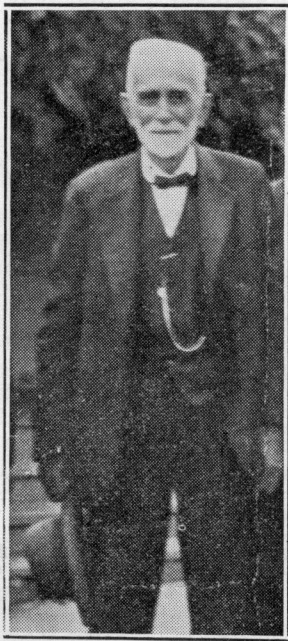
Misses Viola and Irene Rockenbach held open house on Monday afternoon and evening from two until nine on February 2, in compliment to their father, Mr. George Rockenbach, who celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary that day.

Friends and relatives from far and near came to offer felicitations. One hundred sixty-five guests registered in the guest book. Mr. Rockenbach was the recipient of many telegrams and special delivery letters from distant states, from those who were unable to be with him.

All the rooms of the house were banked with beautiful flowers.

Misses Viola and Irene Rockenbach were assisted at the tea table by Mr. Rockenbach's granddaughters, Mrs. Lester Taylor of Glen Ellyn, Miss Elizabeth Rockenbach of Crystal Lake, Mrs. Edward Jacobson and Miss Margareth Plagge of Deerfield, and Mrs. Almon Rockenbach of Crystal Lake, wife of George Rockenbach's son, assisted all day in the serving of refreshments.

OBSERVES BIRTHDAY



George Rockenbach
Deerfield

90 years — February 2, 1931



Great Grandfather Rockenbach
at 95 plus.

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**Paragraphs About Some
Folks You Know.**

TO Lincoln, the twelfth day of the month. To Washington, the twenty-second. But in Deerfield, today, the second of February, is George Rockenbach's. Oldest resident, yet nimble of limb as the neighbors half his age and still undisputed champion for sprightliness of wit, the white haired patriarch of the village is celebrating the ninety-fifth anniversary of his birth.



GEORGE
ROCKENBACH.

With the sturdy thread of his memory, Mr. Rockenbach ties his modern town to a past of unbroken prairie and an Indian hunting ground, of stage coaches and log cabins and the first settlers—the pioneers who, but for him, would be to this generation only names on the headstones of the village grave yard instead of the vivid, robust personalities that they are.

George Rockenbach was an infant in the arms of his mother when, in the spring of 1841, Jacob Rehm's wagon, carrying the women and children of the pioneer Rockenbach family—the men were afoot—rumbled over the old Indian trail from Chicago and stopped at the site where Deerfield was destined to rise.

GEO. ROCKENBACH, WHO VOTED FOR LINCOLN, IS DEAD

Resident of Deerfield for
95 Years.

George Rockenbach, the "grand old man of Deerfield," who was an actual witness during the years of Chicago's Century of Progress, died yesterday at his home, 550 Elm street, Deerfield, after a short illness. He was 95 years old.



White bearded, jaunty, erect of carriage, and still able to drive his own automobile until a few days before his death, Rockenbach maintained a close interest in all temporary affairs. On the occasion of his 95th birthday last Feb. 1, he commented on the political situation.

He Voted for Lincoln.

"My parents brought me here at the age of 2 months from Alsace Loraine," he said, "to escape European dictators and enjoy democracy. But it seems to me that if this so-called New Deal continues we will have a dictator here. I cast my first vote for Abe Lincoln, and I think the only hope for the country is to restore a Republican administration."

Rockenbach was a baby in his mother's arms when his parents and four other families from the old country journeyed northwest from Chicago in search of farm lands. The wooded valley of the Des Plaines river in the Deerfield district attracted them and they settled there.

"My earliest recollections were of Indians and log cabins," said the pioneer. "There is an old oak tree in Deerfield that means more to me than to most folks. As a boy I stood under it while an Indian brave asked me to watch him shoot a bird in the tree. He missed."

Stuck in Chicago Mudholes.

"Chicago streets were nothing but mudholes then. Our farm wagons were always getting stuck, which meant a lot of tiring labor, particularly after the six hour drive to town."

How different would his life have been had he remained in Chicago, Rockenbach reflected. But he remained in Deerfield and found life pleasant. He knew every one and every one knew him.

For seventeen years he was highway commissioner of Deerfield township. He was a member of the first board of trustees of the Deerfield-Shields high school and a director of the Deerfield State bank until last year.

Fair Visitor Driving Own Car.

When A Century of Progress opened in 1933 Rockenbach was one of the first visitors. He drove into Chicago, looked around the town, and paused to make a few reflections.

"A ride on Milwaukee avenue was certainly a revelation," he said. "It was out the old Milwaukee avenue trail that my parents moved in their search for farm land."

"Newcomers will be able to sense what A Century of Progress means—the changes that have taken place since the days of the Indians, and the mudhole on the lake front, and the log cabins and the stage coaches. I've seen most of those changes as they unfolded."

Unable to Join Army.

Rockenbach was unable to join the union army in the civil war because of family responsibilities. But one of his closest friends was Valentine Hess, the last veteran in the neighborhood, who died in 1934 at the age of 93.

Mr. Rockenbach's wife died 38 years ago. He is survived by seven children, twenty-six grandchildren, and twenty-four great grandchildren.

The children are Mrs. Ella Plagge, Viola, Irene, Orman, Almon, Samuel, and Preston. Funeral arrangements will await the arrival of Preston Rockenbach from California. The other children, who live nearby, were at the bedside.

George Rockenbach Fails to Act His Age at Ninety Five

Ninety-five years without stopping and ready to keep on going until after he has passed the century mark sums up briefly past fulfillments and future expectations of George Rockenbach, Deerfield resident, who will celebrate his 95th birthday Sunday.

Although the oldest resident in Lake county and among the oldest in Illinois, Mr. Rockenbach truly does not act his age. He is active from morning until night every day of the year and his daily program includes work that many persons much younger than himself would shun at every opportunity.

There are his daily walks in the business district of Deerfield, where he transacts his own business and talks over old times with his friends. During the summer, he takes care of his own garden, including the actual work of digging, planting, wielding the hoe and harvesting his vegetable crops or watching flowers blossom out just as he had planned.

Likes His Radio

Mr. Rockenbach takes great delight in his radio, which keeps him, he says, in close contact with those who are now running the country, or would run it. His is not commonplace acceptance of campaign promises, but rather an acute interest in all that is said. So intense are his feelings over a radio speech at times, a daughter reported, that he gets mad and stays that way because of what he has heard.

The pioneer resident came to this country from Alsace when only two months old. He said yesterday that members of the ship's party later told him that they predicted that he would never survive the 35-day trip across the ocean in the sailing vessel, "The Deutschland." But today

he is the sole survivor of that passage. After arriving in this country, Mr. Rockenbach was then taken with a number of families from his home town to Buffalo by canal boat and from there to Chicago by ox-cart.

Came to Wheeling

An uncle, who had come to this country in 1839, gave them a place to rest in Chicago, and later set out in a northwesterly direction across the Illinois prairies. The uncle's wagon carried the women and children, while the men walked the entire distance to a place on the Des Plaines river, near what is now the village of Wheeling where Mr. Rockenbach's father decided to make his home.

Mr. Rockenbach told Wednesday how, when he was a boy, families came to settle on the open prairies and built their log cabins in as short a time as possible. Even the churches were built of logs in those days, the veteran said.

He has taken part in every phase of his community's development during his lifetime in Lake county. Politics, education, religious enterprises, business and every other community activities have all felt the benefits of his participation. He served as highway commissioner for 17 years, he was on the first board of directors of the Deerfield-Shields township high school, he helped build the Northfield Evangelical church, for 15 years he served on the Wilmot school board, under two state administrations he represented Illinois farmers at the national agricultural congress, and until this year was an active director of the Deerfield State bank. At the time of his retirement, he was the oldest bank director in Illinois.

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FOLKS I HAVE KNOWN

PERSONALLY AND OTHERWISE

By JAMES M. WOODMAN

GEORGE ROCKENBACH

A LONG the old Northwest Trail, which later became known as Milwaukee ave., many of Lake county's early settlers traveled, after having arrived, overland, at the primitive, unattractive village of Chicago. Among those who made the trip in April 1841, at the age of two months, was the subject of this brief outline of a very active and useful life—George Rockenbach.

He was born in Gerstheim, Alsace-Lorraine, France, Feb. 2, 1841, the son of George and Salome (Reidlinger) Rockenbach and was the third to bear the family name. Soon after his birth, his parents started for America, the journey ending some two months later, as stated above.

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The courageous pioneer family settled on a farm in Vernon township, a short distance south of Half Day. There George Rockenbach grew to manhood, gaining the limited education available in those days, in the Tripp district school. That knowledge, coupled with the sterling lessons taught within his home, developed a character that became a positive force for good throughout the long years that followed.

On Sept. 3, 1864, George Rockenbach and Miss Sarah Ott, daughter of Lorenz Ott, were married at the home of the bride's sister, at Kankakee, Ill. They continued to live on the Ott farm, two miles west of the village of Deerfield, and became the parents of eight children, of which the following six are still living: Ella C. Plagge, Samuel, Viola and Irene, of Deerfield; Almon, of Crystal Lake, Ill., and Preston, of Los Angeles, Calif.

In October, 1898, the family moved to the village of Deerfield and established a home. Mrs. Rockenbach lived less than one year after the change in place of residence had been made, passing away on Aug. 18, 1899.

George Rockenbach, despite the many personal duties that confronted him at all times, never shirked his public responsibilities. He was active in the affairs of the Northfield Township Mutual Fire Insurance Co. He served the organization as director for 23 years and during the last 16 years of his lifetime, occupied the position of president. He was one of the organizers of the Deerfield State bank and for 15 years was a member of the board of directors. As one of the first trustees of the Deerfield-Shields Township High school, he rendered valuable service.

He was an ardent Republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, for president. He never sought political office, but, for many years he was chosen by his townsmen to serve as highway commissioner and later as township supervisor. After filling the latter position for two terms, he retired from active service for the party of which he had so long been a most valuable member.

The advice of George Rockenbach was often asked for by those who desired unbiased and honest information relative to property values in southern Lake county. Those interested in matters of early history of the county, found him a ready source of information. He retained a most remarkable memory and could relate many tales of the privations of the pioneers and their experiences with the Indians that were numerous in the territory where he spent his boyhood.

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One of the thrilling stories that remained vivid in his mind, was the Chicago fire, in 1871. He had taken a load of grain from his father's farm to Chicago and after disposing of it, used his team and wagon to help move household goods of those whose houses were destroyed. At the age of 76 he learned to drive an automobile and continued to do so until shortly before the time of his death, May 16, 1936, at the age of 95 years and three months. He was an admirable, refreshing and inspiring character.



Four generations picture. Standing is Orman Rockenbach, my grandfather; Almira Rockenbach Heybeck, my aunt; Sitting is my great grandfather, George Rockenbach, and my cousin Frank Heybeck.

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GRANDFATHER ROCKENBACH

Orman I Rockenbach was born in September 1870 and passed away in May 1940.

His business was that of a land and cattle dealer. During the first world war he was a part owner of a ten thousand acre ranch near Billings Montana. Here they raised wheat and steers.

Grandfather owned the farm that was originally the Ott farm. This was taken by claim in 1836 from the government. In 1923 he retired and moved to Lake Zurich.

Grandfather was not a church goer. Mother says his religion was helping worthy people to get a start financially and being a friend to people. He carried his account in his head or a little vest pocket note book. He lost a lot of money by trusting too many people. When the depression struck in 1932, Grandfather, who had by now gained quite a goodly sum of money, was almost penniless. He never complained, but immediately started a come back. Cancer overtook him and his life ended.

Grandfather's hobbies were making money and deals, watching sports- especially baseball, square dancing, and lots of hard work. Grandpa was a slave driver, he hated a loafer. He was up and on the go by four in the morning and lots of nights it was one or two before he went to bed. He was a short, wiry, peppy man. He was tolerant but his temper was quick. He was a good sport and a good horsetrader.

A close friend gave Carl Sandburg's "Abraham Lincoln" to the Lake Zurich library in memory of Grandfather. Mr. Gridley said he was more like Lincoln in character than any man he ever met.



This is my Grandfather Orman
I. Rockenbach as a dapper
young man.



My Grandfather Orman Rockenbach with his prize corn stalk. In this picture he is thin because of cancer.

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**O. R. ROCKENBACH
FUNERAL SERVICES
TO BE HELD TODAY**

Well-Known Lake Zurich Resident
Dies Tuesday Mornnig at
Age of 72

Funeral services for O. R. Rockenbach, well-known Lake Zurich resort owner, will be held this afternoon (Thursday) at 2:45 o'clock from the Rockenbach home in Lake Zurich. Burial will be in Evergreen cemetery in Barrington.

Mr. Rockenbach, 72 years old, died early Tuesday at his home after a year's illness. Born near Deerfield, he operated a farm in that area until 1923, when he moved to Lake Zurich. He operated the Renard park summer resort at Lake Zurich for many years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. May Whitney Rockenbach; a son, Whitney, of Wauconda; five daughters, Mrs. Alvira Heybeck, principal of the Lake Zurich grade school; Mrs. Alice Lageschulte of Barrington, Mrs. Helen Brandenburg of LaGrange, Mrs. Lydia Bobinette of Chicago, and Miss Lillian Rockenbach of Chicago; three sisters, Miss Irene Rockenbach, Miss Viola Rockenbach and Mrs. Ella Plagge of Deerfield, and three brothers, Almon O. of Crystal Lake, Samuel of Deerfield and Angeles, Calif.

**Orman Rockenbach
Services Are Today**

Orman Rockenbach, 71, retired farmer, died at his home in Lake Zurich, Tuesday. Funeral services will be held this afternoon from the home with interment at Evergreen cemetery, Barrington. Rev. Philip Van Zandt, pastor of the Barrington Baptist church, will officiate.

Mrs. Rockenbach survives her husband as do a son and five daughters, Whitney Rockenbach of Ela township, Mrs. Albert Heybeck of Lake Zurich, Mrs. Vernon Lageschulte of Barrington, Mrs. William Brandenburg of La Grange, Mrs. Charles Bobinette and Miss Lillian Rockenbach of Chicago.

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MY MOTHER

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My mother was born Dec. 15, 1908 in Deerfield on the farm which was owned by the Otts. She is the fourth child of Mr. & Mrs. Orman Rockenbach.

When she was a child she attended the Wilmot School in Deerfield. She went to Deerfield-Shields High School and was graduated in 1925. From 1925-29 Mother attended the University of Illinois. Mother was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and was also a member of Torch and Jr. Woman's Honorary Society, a group of 32 girls chosen on their leadership of campus activities and scholarship.

After graduating from college Mother taught P.E. for six years and Freshman English for 1 year.

On Jan. 26, 1934 Mother married Verne Lageschulte. There are three children, Jack Phil and Gretchen.



This is my mother as a senior
at the University of Illinois.

MY PATERNAL SIDE

PATERNAL MATERNAL

Paternal

Anna Elsebein Kleinschmit(1814-1901)

- 1.Olive
- 2.Hannah
- 3.Gerhardt
- 4.Henry J.

Henry J. Lageschulte
(1859-July 15,1942)

- 1.Arthur
- 2.Clara
- 3. Verne
- 4.Walter
- 5.Harvey

Gerhardt Lageschulte(1814-1895)

Henry Gellerman(1823-1893)

- 1.William
- 2.Henry
- 3.Sophia
- 4.unknown
- 5. "

Sophia Walbaum(1860-1930)

Sophia Walbaum(1822-1895)



Great Grandmother Gellerman

PATERNAL-MATERNAL.

Henry C. Gellerman, my great grandfather of my father's family, was born in Germany in Hessen Darmstard in the year 1823. He died in January of 1893 at the age of sixty-nine. His wife Sophia Walbaum was also born in Germany in the year 1822. She died in 1895.

They were married in Germany. They had five children. My grandmother was the fourth of five children.

The Gellermans came to America in 1844. It was hard to make a living in Germany. Sophia told her children that she worked for eight dollars a year in Germany and that they were limited to the amount of bread they could eat.

Sphia's sister had come to America earlier than the rest of the family. She had a hotel in Chicago. When they arrived in America they came directly to Chicago.

The land was so poor in Chicago that they migrated to Huscher Grove, Near Bartlett. They cleared the woods for farming and constructed a log cabin.

Sophia came to Barrington to visit her cousin. While in Barrington she met H.J.Lageschulte. They were married in 1882.

My grandfather and grandmother Lageschulte lived on a farm in the back of Evergreen Cemetery. Later they built a home in Barrington.



Greatgrandfather Gellerman

OBITUARY

Gellerman- Father Henry Gellerman departed life in Hannover Twp, Cook Co., Illinois, on Jan. 25, 1893 aged 69 years; 7 months, and one day. For some time he suffered from stomache and liver trouble, and which finakly caused his demise. He was born in

Gellermann. — Vater Heinrich Gellerman starb selig in Hannover Town, Cook Co., Ill., den 25. Jan. '93 im Alter von 69 J., 7 M. und 1 T. Schon länger hatte er ein Magen- und Leberleiden, welches dann auch sein Ende herbeiführte. Geboren in Rehren, Kreis Schaumburg, Amt Obernkirchen, kam er in 1848 nach Amerika und wohnte seither an genanntem Ort. Er bekehrte sich vor etwa 30 Jahren und erwies sich als treuer Christ und Glied der Ev. Gem. bis an sein Ende. In 1849 vermählte er sich mit seiner nun trauernden Wittwe; es wurden ihnen 5 Kinder geboren; eins derselben ging dem Vater im Tode voran, während 4 mit der Mutter am Grabe trauern, doch nicht als solche, die keine Hoffnung haben. Der Herr schenke ihnen allen ein frohes Wiedersehen!
J. Wellner.

Rehren, Kreis Schaumburg, Amt Obernkirchen(Germany)

In 1848 he came to America and lived at the place as stated above.

He was converted some 30 years ago, joined the Evangelical Association, and remained faithful to the end. He was united in wedlock to his now sorrowing widow. Five children were born to this union, one of whom preceded the father in death. Four children mourn with the mother at the grave, though not as those who have no hope. May the Lord grant unto all of them a happy renoon.

J. Wellnerr

Grandmother Lageschulte
(Sophia Gellerman Lageschulte)

Grandmother Lageschulte was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gellerman. She was born at Huscher Grove, near Bartlett, Illinois, on October 15, 1860. She married Henry John Lageschulte on June 8, 1882. They lived on a farm near Otis Lake in Barrington and later moved to Barrington in 1890. They built a home on Lincoln Avenue in Barrington and lived here until their death.

Grandmother had five children, Clara, Arthur, Walter, Harvey, and Verne. Harvey died in infancy and Walter passed away during the "flu" epidemic of 1918. Clara is Mrs. William Homuth; Arthur lives in Lake Zurich, and Verne is my father.

Grandfather was an invalid most of her life and so her social contacts were few. Her only interest outside of the home was the Salem Evangelical Church. She was a member for 40 years. She was an excellent homemaker and a fine needlewoman. She had a very quiet and calm disposition.

Grandmother passed away in December, 1930.

Sophia Gellerman Lageschulte,
my grandmother.



Benedict,

BARRINGTON,
ILL.

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Wife of Henry J. Lageschulte Dies of Pneumonia

Dec 17, 1920

Mrs. Sophie Lageschulte, wife of Henry J. Lageschulte, chairman of the board of First State Bank of Barrington, died yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Barrington General hospital after a four-weeks' illness with pneumonia. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home, 121 W. Lincoln avenue, and at 2 o'clock at Salem Evangelical church. Rev. Philip N. Beuscher, pastor of Salem church, and the pastor who preceded him, Rev. J. W. Davis, will officiate.

Mrs. Lageschulte was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gellerman. She was born October 15, 1860, in Hanover township, Cook county, near Elgin. On June 8, 1882, she was united in marriage to Henry J. Lageschulte of Barrington, to which place he brought his bride and where they have since resided.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Lageschulte is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Clara Sophie Homuth, and two sons, Arthur Fred and Verne Henry Lageschulte, all of Barrington. There also survive one granddaughter, Ruth, of Barrington, and one brother, William Gellerman of Elgin. A son, Harvey, died at the age of six weeks, and another son, Walter, died during the influenza epidemic of World war years, at the age of 35, leaving a wife and one child.

Mrs. Lageschulte had been a member of Salem Evangelical church for 40 years, but for many years had been unable to attend because of ill health. She was a woman of quiet disposition, but an excellent homemaker, a devoted wife and mother, and a good neighbor. In her illness, which sometimes became intense, she was patient and long-suffering.

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Lageschulte. Anna Eläebein Lageschulte,
born Kleinschmit, died safe and blessed
in the Lord on Aug. 22 1901, in
Barrington, Cook County, Illinois, at
the ripe age of 87 years and 1 month.
She was born in Sohalem, Westphalen,
Deutschland, July 25, 1814. In the year
1843 she was united in holy matrimony
with her husband Gerhardt Lageschulte,
and they were blessed with five children
2 sons and 3 daughters. The husband and
3 daughters preceded the mother in death.
In 1854 she came with her own to America
and settled in the neighborhood of
Dunkel's Grove. After two years had passed
they moved themselves to Barrington, Cook County,
Ill. where she then lived till the end of her life.
She died in the home of her eldest son, Gerhardt
W. Lageschulte, where she had been cared for as
only loving children could care for their mother.
In the first year she lived in Dunkels Grove she
was converted with her husband to the Lord, and
became members of the Evangelical Congregation,
and remained true to her Lord and the church order
to her blessed end. As her spiritual advisor I
found in her a mother in Israel and all who came in
contact with her gave of the same report. She was a
true Christian, practicing at all times the teachings
of God in word and deed. She was a good mother,
who till the last moment of her life was concerned
with the welfare of her own. Even tho she was given
a long life, suddenly the Lord came softly, took
her by the hand, led her on the road home to the

Lageschulte. — Anna Eläebein Lageschulte, geborene Kleinschmit, starb selig in dem Herrn den 22. August 1901 zu Barrington, Cook Co., Ill., im hohen Alter von 87 J. u. 1 M. Sie wurde geboren zu Sohalem, Westphalen, Deutschland, den 25. Juli 1814. Im Jahre 1843 trat sie mit ihrem dahingeschiedenen Gatten Gerhardt Lageschulte in den heiligen Ehestand, der mit 5 Kindern gesegnet wurde: 2 Söhnen und 3 Töchtern. Der Gatte und 3 Töchter gingen der Mutter im Tode voran. Im 1854 kam sie mit den Ihrigen nach Amerika und ließen sich in der Gegend von Dunkel's Grove nieder. Nach Verlauf von zwei Jahren zogen sie nach Barrington, Cook Co., Ill., wo sie dann bis zum Ende ihres Lebens wohnte. Sie starb in der Heimath ihres ältesten Sohnes, Gerhardt W. Lageschulte, wo sie gepflegt wurde, wie nur liebende Kinder eine Mutter pflegen können. Im ersten Jahre, als sie zu Dunkel's Grove wohnten, bekehrte sie sich mit ihrem Gatten gründlich zu Gott, vereinigte sich mit der evangelischen Gemeinschaft und blieb dem Herrn und der Wahl ihrer Kirche treu bis an ihr seliges Ende. Als ihr Seelsorger fand ich in ihr eine Mutter in Israel und Alle, die sie näher kannten, geben ihr dasselbe Zeugniß. Sie war eine thätige Christin, unterstützte allezeit die Sache Gottes mit Wort und That. Sie war eine gute Mutter, die bis zum letzten Augenblicke ihres Lebens um das Wohl der Ihrigen besorgt war. Obwohl ihr ein langes Leben beschieden war, so kam doch endlich der Herr ganz leise, nahm sie bei der Hand, führte sie von der Reise heim in's Vaterland, wohin sie sich so oft sehnte. Sie hinterläßt 2 Söhne, 13 Enkel und 11 Urenkel, nebst vielen Verwandten und Bekannten.