

### John Frederick "Fred" Wehmhoener

Fred Wehmhoener, born Jan. 22, 1828 in Neiderjullanbeck Koenigrich, Prussia, Germany, arrived in America with his brothers Dec. 11, 1852. After a short stay in St. Louis he moved to Drake, Mo. His brothers stayed in St. Louis and removed the first "H" from their last name. Fred married Welhelmina Schlomann March 4, 1853. Their first home was a log cabin. Later they built a brick house. This house is still in good condition.

Fred was a carpenter and cabinet maker. He and his family made coffins and furniture. Fred supplied the coffins and Henry Brehe furnished horses for a horse drawn hearse for many funerals. The shop in which the family worked still stands in Drake, Mo.

9 children were born: Casper Frederick Gustav who lived 20 years; Wilhelmina who lived 2 years; Annie Marie; a daughter who died at birth; Marie Emma who died at age 3; John Frederick; Frederick August; Frederick William and Frederick Henry.

Annie Marie married Henry Brehe; 5 children: August, Lydia, Martha, Frederick, and a daughter who died at birth. (See Brehe history).

John Frederick married Anne Leweke; 4 children: Ida, Anna, Gust, and Louis. After Anna's death, John married Tilda Ehlers. 3 children were born: Christiana, Nova, and Lydia. After Tilda's death, John married Elvira Sawyer. Ida married Phillip Hobelman; 2 children: Lillian, married Earl Battles, had a daughter, Sandra; and Ruth, who married Marion Burnett. Anna married John Newill; 2 children: Frida, married James King and they had 4 children: David, James, Carl, and John. Gust married Paulena Lipple and a son, Martin, was born. He married Dorothy Oriutt, they had 3 children: Martin, Jr., married Frankye Ernest, they had 3 children, Brent, Denise, and Cheryl; Virginia, married Bruce Luedke, they had 3 children, Valerie, Victoria, and Stephen; Linda married Robert Enis. Louis and Lydia never married. Christiana married Myer Hart. Nora married Chester Hardy.

Frederick August married Adeline Erfmann March 16, 1893. They had 4 children: Louis and Wilhelmina were born in Bay, Mo. About 1899 they moved to Alma, Mo., where Emil and Arthur were born. The family continued in the carpentry business. Louis never married. Wilhelmina "Minnie" married August Witte; 2 children: Harry and Walter. Minnie's husband and children are deceased. She lives in a rest home in Richmond, Mo. Harry married Margaret Raatz, 4 daughters were born: Marleen, Marcille, Shelia, and Cheryl. His widow and children live in Nebraska. Emil married Nellie Essex, 2 sons were born: Emil, Jr. and Earl. They lived on farms near Waverly and Corder, Mo. Nellie died in 1964 and Emil married Ina Miller and moved to Napoleon. Emil, Jr. married Jean Guenther, 2 sons were born: Paul, married Marybeth Hollenbach, they have a son, Jason, a great-great-great grandson of Fred: Dale married Melody Smith. Earl married Alice Kratochvil, they all live in Raytown, Mo. Arthur married Margaret Pelot, 2 children: Carol and Arthur. They lived in Detroit, Mich. for many years, now live in Carthage, Mo. Carol married William Thomas, 3 children: Martel, Michael, and David.

Frederick William (1866-1951) never married.

Frederick Henry married Emma Nuhman, 6 children: Viola, Clifford, Lillian, Beauford, Milford, and Naomi. After Viola was born, they moved to Blackburn, Mo., about 1900. Viola married John Getz, 2 children: Virginia and John. Her second marriage was to Leonard McKinzie. After his death she moved to Colorado. Clifford died in 1912, age 10. Lillian married Fred MacMurray, 2 children: Susan and Robert. Lillian died in 1953 and Fred married June Haver. Beauford married Laura Millstead, they live in California. Milford married Dollie Cornwell. He died Dec. 1, 1978 in Kansas City, Mo. Naomi married Jack Levy and they had 1 son, Paul. They live in California.

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