

Descendants of Frederick Joern

Generation No. 1

1. FREDERICK¹ JOERN was born in Germany. He married UNKNOWN.

Notes for FREDERICK JOERN:

He worked at Cudahay Packing House in Chicago. His brother-in-law, Charles, helped build the original Comisky Park in Chicago - he did the in-field and grounds.

There is a Friederick Joern who died 18 OCT 1932 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL - white FEMALE, unknown age, death cert.# 6026965. And a Lisetta Joern who died 12 APR 1918 in Chicago, Cook, IL - white female, unknown age, death cert.# 6010834; and Eliza Joern who died 29 JUL 1945 in Oak Park, Cook, IL - white female, unk. age, death cert.# 0025818 and a Carl, plus a William F. Joerns and other variations of the last name at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/>

JOERN	CARL	M/W	Y-80	0003062	1941-10-18	COOK SKOKIE VIL	-	-
JOERN	CARL HERMAN	M/W	UNK	0220457	1923-10-22	DU PAGE DOWNERS GROVE	23-10-23	
JOERN	ELIZA	F/W	UNK	0025818	1945-07-29	COOK OAK PARK VIL	-	-
JOERN	FRIEDERICK	F/W	UNK	6026965	1932-10-18	COOK CHICAGO	32-10-20	
JOERN	LISSETTA	F/W	UNK	6010834	1918-04-12	COOK CHICAGO	18-04-13	
JOERN	WILLIAM LEWIS	M/W	Y-63	0018705	1935-05-01	COOK RIVER FOREST	-	-

Notes for UNKNOWN:

All of the photos we have of her just say Grandma Joern or Mrs. Fred Joern.

Child of FREDERICK JOERN and UNKNOWN is:

2. i. MINNIE SOPHIA² JOERN, b. 09 Apr 1879, Germany; d. 25 May 1918, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL.

Generation No. 2

2. MINNIE SOPHIA² JOERN (*FREDERICK*¹) was born 09 Apr 1879 in Germany, and died 25 May 1918 in Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL (Source: Tampico Tornado newspaper, Minnie's Obit.). She married JOHN KOLB 22 Feb 1899 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL (Source: (1) Tampico Tornado newspaper, Minnie's Obit., (2) Illinois Statewide Marriage Index 1763-1900, - John Kolb and Minnie Joern, Married 22 Feb 1899 in Cook Co., IL, Lic No.287712.). He was born Abt. 1875 in Germany (Source: *1910 US Census for Chicago, Cook Co, Illinois, Ward 29, pg. 4A.*).

Notes for MINNIE SOPHIA JOERN:

Her family immigrated to America from Germany when Minnie was four years old. She lived in Chicago most of her life. She was a member of the Mystic Lodge. According to the 1910 US Census for Chicago, IL, she was naturalized in 1883.

Henry, Clara, and George Kolb, and Minnie's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Joern, attended Minnie's funeral - services were held at the home and then the Methodist Church with Rev. H. C. Brown officiating. Pall bearers were M.R. Lyon, Chas. Smith, Irvin Hayes, Earl Hall, J. Kirst and George Isherwood, also members of the Mystic Lodge. We have a memorial card with her birth and death dates.

At <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com>, Illinois Deaths, there is a Minnie Sophia Kolb who died 25 MAY 1918 in Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL - white female, unknown age, death cert.# 0055735. I believe this is our Minnie because her obit indicates she died on May 25th, the class of 1918 attended her funeral, Henry graduated in 1918 and May 30, 1918 is written at the top of her obit (I assume that is the date of the obit). Also listed at Illinois Deaths is a Minnie Kolb who was stillborn and died in Chicago, Cook Co., IL on 14 DEC 1939 who could possibly be George's child as he lived there; however, there are many unrelated Kolb's in the Chicago area.

More About MINNIE SOPHIA JOERN:

Burial: Tampico Memorial Cemetery

Cause of Death: Tuberculosis

Medical Information: She died at age 39, according to her obit.

Notes for JOHN KOLB:

Henry's father was called Hymie, probably a middle name and short for Heinrich or something similar. Minnie Kolb's obit states her husband's name is John and makes reference to Henry helping with his mother's illness "thereby relieving the father of some of his burdens..." Son Henry's WWI registration card shows him as John as well as the 1910 US Census (George Isherwood's name is also on the WWI reg. card). From now on, Henry's father will be referred to as John. There is a reference to Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Kolb in a newspaper article, however neither would have been alive at the time of the event. In another article for the same event, Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Kolb (John Leslie) were present, which makes me think the J. H. should have been H. J. for John's son, Henry John Kolb.

John's great grandson was told that the Kolb's came from an area of Germany near the Holland border and immigrated to Chicago in the late 1800s. Also that John was the first Kolb in their family to arrive in Chicago*, the family only spoke German at that time, and their name was spelled Kolbe. His great grandson also knew the name of the town they came from at one time, but cannot remember it.**

John was a barber in Chicago and didn't like living there; he moved his family to Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL in September 1911. When John's wife Minnie died in 1918, John left Tampico and it is unknown why or where he went. Minnie died at the time of Henry's high school graduation and Henry joined the US Army a week or so afterward. The other children went to live with their Grandma Joern (Minnie's mother) in Chicago.

John's great grandson knows that John's grandson, (John) Jack L. Kolb, visited John in or near Deer Grove or Yorktown, IL when Jack was young, about 1926 or a little later, and thinks John may be buried there. However, at the Tampico cemetery, there is a John Kolb b. 22 JUN 1879, d. 4 OCT 1936 at age 57 yrs, 3 mos, 13 days (born the same yr. as Minnie (Joern) Kolb, wife of John, and in the same row as her). There is also an unnamed Kolb infant listed in the cemetery directory who was stillborn on 31 JAN 1913.

At the Illinois deaths web site, there is a John H. Kolb who died 4 OCT 1935 in Mt. Pleasant, Whiteside Co., IL - white male, age 57, death cert.# 0045085. <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com>

* John and family are in the 1910 US Census for Chicago, Cook Co, Illinois, Ward 29, pg. 4A, which shows he was naturalized in 1881 at about age 6, and Minnie in 1883 at about age 4 (a newspaper article states, her parents arrived in the US when she was age 4). Enumerated 16 Apr 1910; Dwelling No. 1510; Family No. 64; West 51st Street; all show language as German and English; married 12 years; Number of children 3, but only 2 still living:

Kolb, John age 35, Barber, Barbershop, Empl [oyer], b. Germany, both parents b. Germany

Kolb, Minnie age 31, b. Germany, both parents b. Germany

Kolb, Henry age 10, b. Illinois

Kolb, Clara age 2, b. Illinois

Shieyer/Shieger, Charles age 17, Lodger, b. Germany

Census info provided by the Tampico Hist. Society.

** Some possible German towns of origin may be Stallbruggerfeld, Salzbergen, Lingen Co., Sieringhoek (Bentheim Co.) - all in Lower Saxony (I think this area is also know as Hannover). During my searches, I've found (but haven't looked these up to see their location) Zaisenhausen (Karl Kolb-IGS First Immigrant Ancestor's Passenger List), Sackelhausen (Josef Kolb-Extractions of "Banat Emigrants in pre-WWI US Customs & Immigration Passenger Ship Records," by David Dreyer), Hessen-Kalkobas-Hersfel (Henry Wm. Kolb/Kolbe-IGS First Immigrant Ancestor's Passenger List)

Recently, John's great grandson said that Gailenkirchen, Jagstkreis, Wuerttemberg sounds familiar, but he doesn't think the family was Catholic as the info we were viewing showed a Kolb was christened Catholic at this location. However, a Johann Georg Fridrich Kolb was christened at the above location at an Evangelist [Evangelisch] church on 22 Oct 1812 (something to look into). (www.familysearch.org).

More About JOHN KOLB:

Census: 1910, Chicago, Cook Co., IL, Ward 29 (Source: *Ancestry.com*.)

Marriage Notes for MINNIE JOERN and JOHN KOLB:

Minnie's obit says she is married to John Kolb. Also found their marriage info at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com> in Illinois Statewide Marriages.

More About JOHN KOLB and MINNIE JOERN:

Marriage: 22 Feb 1899, Chicago, Cook Co., IL (Source: (1) Tampico Tornado newspaper, Minnie's Obit., (2) Illinois Statewide Marriage Index 1763-1900, - John Kolb and Minnie Joern, Married 22 Feb 1899 in Cook Co., IL, Lic No.287712.)

Children of MINNIE JOERN and JOHN KOLB are:

- i. HENRY JOHN FREDERICK³ KOLB, b. 10 Feb 1900, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. 11 Sep 1989, Prophetstown, Whiteside Co., IL; m. LOIS MARIE DENISON, 04 Jul 1920, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL; b. 15 Nov 1900, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL; d. 09 Mar 1984, Sterling, Whiteside Co, IL (Source: Newspaper Obit, Tampico/Prophetstown newspaper and/or Sterling Gazette.).

Notes for HENRY JOHN FREDERICK KOLB:

Henry only spoke German when he was a child and learned English as a second language. In school, Henry was a leading member of the Glee Club choir.

Within a short period, Henry graduated high school (1918), his mother died, the family moved to Chicago, and Henry joined the US Army. He entered the service at the end of WWI (stationed on Chicago's North Side) - he was going to be an Army spy because he could speak German fluently. After the war he was in the National Guard and lived with his Grandma Joern in Chicago. During that time he worked at the Sun Times newspaper and his guard unit was called on during the Chicago riots, around 1919.

Shortly after that, he moved back to Tampico, and met and married Lois Denison; for their honeymoon, they drove a Model T Ford to Niagara Falls. They moved to Fulton, Whiteside Co., IL, then moved back to Tampico where he and Lois bought the Tampico Tornado newspaper from one of Lois' cousins (Newton E. Denison). They owned and published the newspaper from Dec 1, 1931 to Dec 1, 1966, and then they retired. In Tampico, they bought a house that was going to be torn down to build a road and had it moved (by a professional with a horse team) to a lot they bought from Lois' parents, which was located next to them, and where the house still stands today (2005).

Thankfully, Henry was a photography buff and left many family pictures. He was a member of the Tampico United Methodist Church, lifetime member of Tampico American Legion Post 574 and he served as Post Chaplain, Post County Commander and 13th District Commander of the American Legion for many years. He was a member of the Tampico Volunteer Fire Department for over 37 years; Fire District Trustee for 15 years; Village Clerk and Treasurer for 10 years; and Township Assessor for 5 years; and served as Chairman of the Whiteside County Selective Service Board for 5 years.

He died at Prophetstown Riverview Good Samaritan Center. Services were held at Garland Funeral Home, Tampico, IL.

More About HENRY JOHN FREDERICK KOLB:

Burial: Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL

Cause of Death: Lung cancer

Medical Information: He also had stomach cancer. He had quit smoking forty years earlier. He had been in the hospital in Sterling, IL, and then died at the nursing home in Prophetstown, IL.

Religion: Member of Tampico United Methodist Church

Notes for LOIS MARIE DENISON:

She loved to travel and did every chance she could, but not by airplane, mainly because she loved to look at the scenery. She was an independent soul and was very happy when it was stylish for women to wear slacks again.

She died at Prophets Good Samaritan Center, Prophetstown, IL after extended illness. Services were held at Garland Funeral Home, Tampico, IL.

More About LOIS MARIE DENISON:

Burial: Tampico Memorial Cemetery, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL (Source: Tampico Memorial Cemetery Register.)

Cause of Death: Pneumonia

Medical Information: She died after extended illness.

Religion: Member of Tampico United Methodist Church (Source: Newspaper Obit, Tampico/Prophetstown newspaper and/or Sterling Gazette.)

More About HENRY KOLB and LOIS DENISON:

Marriage: 04 Jul 1920, Tampico, Whiteside Co., IL

- ii. CLARA KOLB, b. Chicago, Cook Co., IL; m. ANDREW BAUMAL.

Notes for CLARA KOLB:

Apparently, she and Henry had a falling-out and stopped speaking to one another. She was financially well off and was living in River Forest, IL at the time of her brother Henry's death in 1989.

- iii. GEORGE KOLB, b. Aft. 16 Apr 1910, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. 1973, Lockport, Will Co., IL; m. MAY.

Notes for GEORGE KOLB:

George and his family lived on Chicago's South Side above a tavern - he worked at Brass Foundry and May would bartend when they needed her. They later moved to Lockport, IL. He is buried either in Lockport or Romeoville, Will Co., IL.

More About GEORGE KOLB:

Cause of Death: Lung cancer

iv. INFANT KOLB.

Notes for INFANT KOLB:
Child died in infancy; name/gender unknown.

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