

The Munderloh Family from Woesteland in Oldenburg



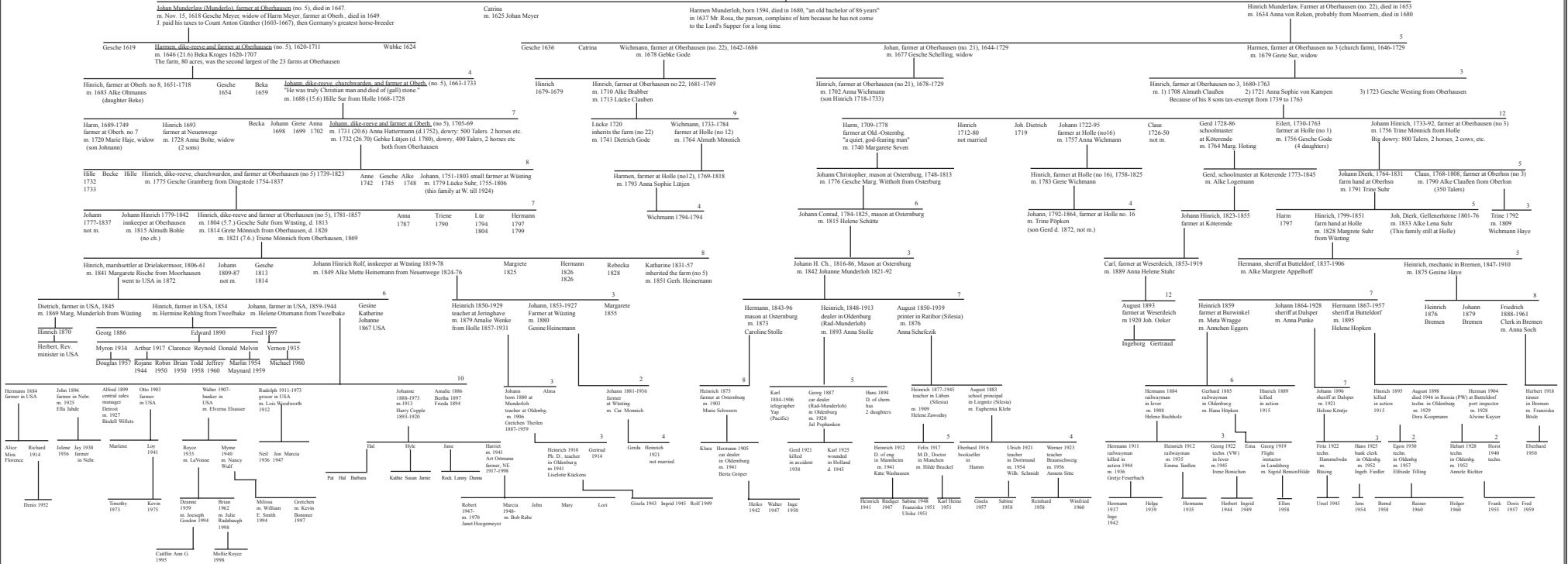
Munderloh
1354

Our family certainly came from Munderloh, which is an old village in the parish of Hatten, 10 miles from Oldenburg. The first bearer of our name is Eberhard de Munderloh, a knight and follower of Count Otto of Oldenburg, in 1249. Then there are Herman in 1255, Conradus and Henricus in 1255, Ludolphus in 1336, Conradus in 1354, Ludolf in 1398 and the last of this family, Hermann von Munderloh in 1411. As the Counts in Oldenburg became too powerful, the nobility either left the county, or they became farmers again. About the same, in 1428, we find the first farmer, Johan Munderloh at Hatten, then I also there in 1489.

The first Munderloh in the native village of our family, at Oberhausen in the parish of Holle, also called Woesteland i.e. wilderness, is

Henrich Mamerk, farmer at Oberhausen (farm no. 24) in "Woesteland". In 1542 he delivers 10 bushels of rye to his ruler, Bishop Francis of Münster, likewise in 1552 to Count Anton of Oldenburg, who reconquered his county in 1547. At the inspection in 1581 Henrich Munderloh is armed with a pike.

Wichman Munderloh, farmer at Oberhausen (no. 22), died before 1625 (probably of plague). From 1593 to 1617 he pays his interest to Holle Church, in 1609 and 1619 he presents a gun. His wife Gesche, householder since 1625 died in 1639.



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Family tradition held that the original version of this family tree was made for Alfred Munderloh by a family member in Germany who was a teacher. Alfred had used money and food after the end of the World War II that the teacher felt saved the life of his young daughter, who was in poor health. In June of 2001 my great aunt Lois nee Woodworth Munderloh (later Reed) (born 1912) visited Omaha briefly for a Carlson family reunion. She confirmed the story and identified the teacher as Dr. Heinrich Munderloh and the daughter as Gisela. This confirmed what I had deduced based on ages and the close connection to the American branch of the family.

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