

Zapf's from Germany to Cincinnati

Johan (John) Zapf was born in Germany in 1829 and came to America some time prior to his marriage in Cincinnati to Katharina in 1853. The German town he came from is also unknown. Katherina came from Saxony. However, we do have some information from another Zapf family in Cincinnati (also named John Zapf) which came from Germany at the same time period (1837). The other John Zapf owned a café/bar in Cincinnati named the Coffee House and is believed to be a cousin or other relative of our John Zapf.

Info from the other Cincinnati Zapf line (from Teressa Hasty via Kathy Bennett) indicates that the Zapfs lived in Gotha, Germany at the edge of the Thuringian forest back to the 1500s. Some of the Zapf's also lived in Sweden at one time. Johan Esaias Zapf was a cavalry captain who married a noble woman, Sophie von Platen, and moved from Rugen, Wittow, Germany to Skane, Sweden in 1670. His ancestry is documented back to the early 1500s in Gotha, Germany. However, it's not entirely clear if his line is actually our direct line.

Charles Zapf was born in Cincinnati, but George W. was born in Cabel Co., W. Virginia in 1857 and John died there in 1858. Charles and George Washington Zapf married the Thorp sisters, Cora Mae and Fannie Bell. Their father, George A. Thorp was born in NY state in 1833, but lived in Cincinnati for 45 years until his death in 1886. George A. Thorp served in the Civil War with the 5th Ohio Infantry Volunteers and was buried in Weslayan Cemetery in Cincinnati. (section P, lot 49, grave 5) Charles Zapf, Cora Mae Zapf, and their daughter Cora Doth are also buried at Weslayan, next to George W. Zapf and his wife and children. Charles Zapf worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 50 years.

See family tree diagram and Strassburger history at end of this document.

Descendants of Johan (John) Zapf

Generation No. 1

1. JOHAN (JOHN)¹ ZAPF was born 1829 in Germany, and died October 02, 1858 in Cabel County, W. Virginia. He married KATHARINA MARGARETTE ZAPF February 04, 1853 in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio.

Children of JOHAN ZAPF and KATHARINA ZAPF are:

- i. CHARLES² ZAPF, b. October 26, 1854, Cincinnati, Ohio; d. December 19, 1943, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 - GEORGE WASHINGTON ZAPF, b. September 30, 1857, Cabel County, W. Virginia; m. FANNIE BELL THORP

Generation No. 2

2. CHARLES² ZAPF (JOHAN (JOHN)¹) was born October 26, 1854 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and died December 19, 1943 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He married CORA MAE THORP, daughter of GEORGE THORP and FANNY MILLER.

Children of CHARLES ZAPF and CORA THORP are:

- i. ARTHUR C? ZAPF, b. January 17, 1889, Cincinnati, ohio; d. March 11, 1949, Cincinnati, ohio.
 - ii. LILLIAN MARIE ZAPF, b. November 12, 1896.
 - iii. ELBERT LEROY ZAPF, b. January 19, 1908.
 - iv. JOSEPH CHARLES ZAPF, b. June 14, 1892.
 - v. FRED ZAPF, b. September 18, 1885.
 - vi. JAMES ZAPF, b. December 01, 1887.
 - vii. CORA MAE ZAPF, b. January 16, 1895.
 - viii. CHARLES ZAPF, b. September 1898.

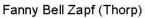
Generation No. 3

3. ARTHUR C.³ ZAPF (CHARLES², JOHAN (JOHN)¹) was born January 17, 1889 in Cincinnati, ohio, and died March 11, 1949 in Cincinnati, ohio. He married CATHERINE GERMAINE MANNIX August 19, 1922, daughter of DANIEL MANNIX and MARGARET STRASSBERG.

Child of ARTHUR ZAPF and CATHERINE MANNIX is:

Audrey Zapf- Living







Charles Zapf



George Washington Zapf

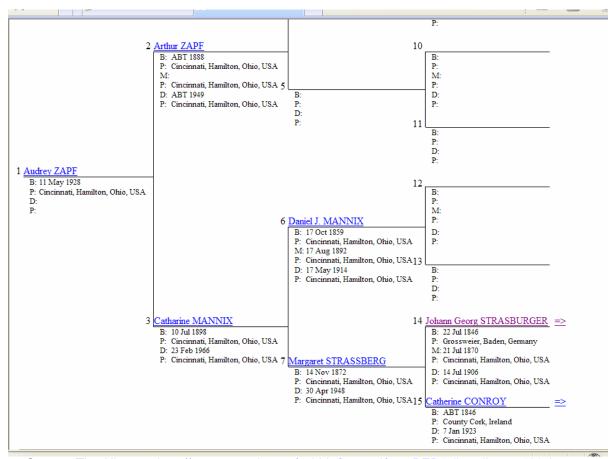
Circa 1880



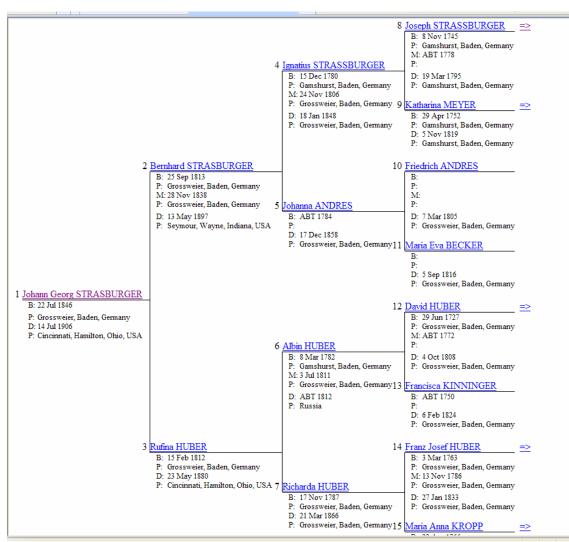
George W. Zapf, Katherina, and Charles

Circa 1862





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