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Henry (Heinrich) was born on March 8, 1855 in Niekoppel, Böel, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. We know this from the Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages and Burials data from Germany available on Ancestry. I have utilized professional genealogical services to help find information in Germany and we know that Niekoppel is now Mohrkirch. This date of birth is also listed on his death certificate. Henry was the 5th of 8 children born to Hans Kallsen and Christine Rasch. Prior to marrying Christine, Henry's father Hans was married to Margareta Dorothea Paulsen and they had four children before her death. The Deuel County history biography of Henry Kallsen says that he was one of a family of 7 boys and 3 girls. The count from the professional researcher would indicate that there were two children Henry was not counting. It's not clear to me presently who those two might be.

As of yet, we have been unable to find any passenger list containing Henry Kallsen. He consistently lists 1882 as his date of immigration in the 1910, 1920, and 1930 census. His declaration of intent leads a person to believe that he may have arrived in 1881 – seen next paragraph.

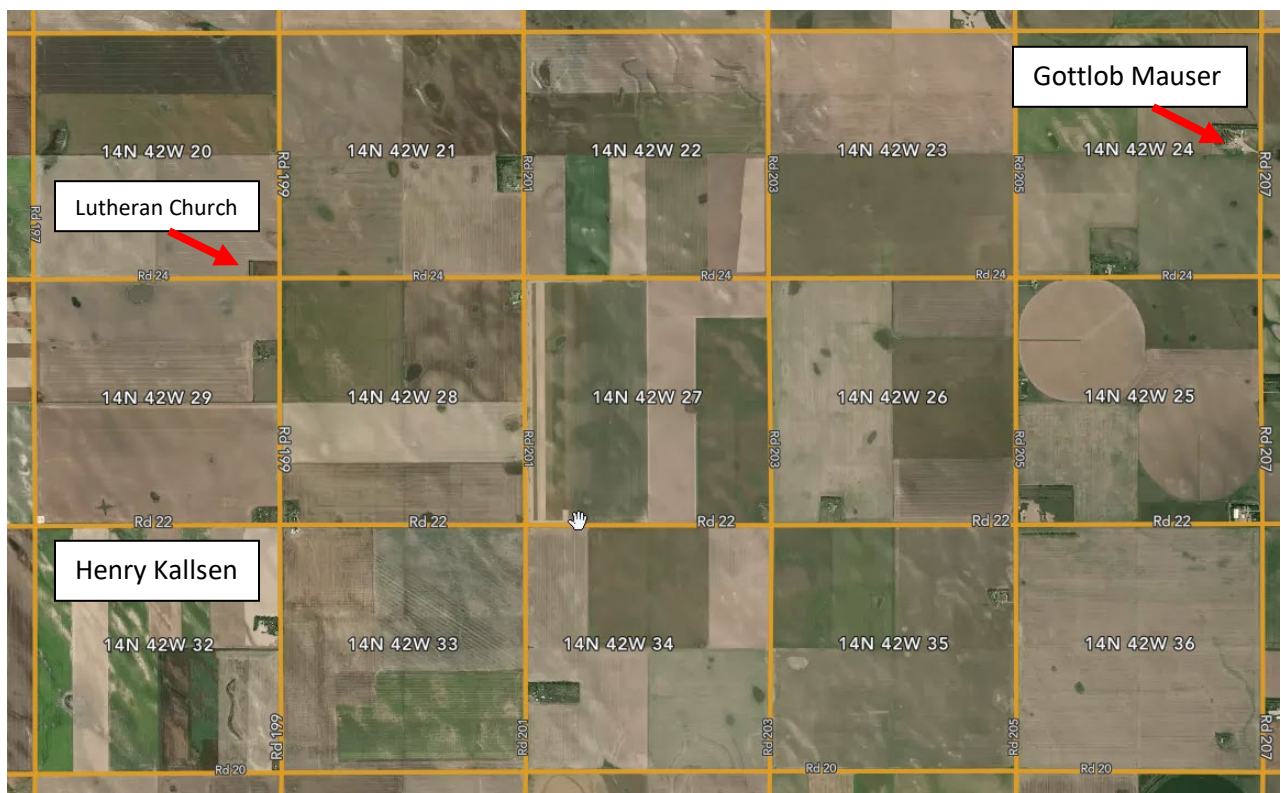
The next official record I have of Henry is his declaration of intent to become a citizen. Those papers are filed in Pottawattamie County, Iowa and signed on October 18, 1883. There is a handwritten note insertion in the intent papers that his intent for two years was to become a citizen of the United States. That may place his immigration date in 1881. This fits the family story, as the Deuel County History records that Henry settled in Atlantic, Iowa for a year before moving to Big Springs.

His naturalization record is also found in his Homestead documentation as a written record from the Pottawattamie County Court that he became a citizen on October 18, 1884. There is a naturalization record in the Deuel County Court for Henry Kallsen and based on the date that has to be his nephew.

The Nebraska Tract Books, Volume 28, Image 151 show that on March 24, 1885 Heinrich Kallsen put in application 6783 at the land office in Sidney, Nebraska to homestead the NE Quarter of Section 32, Township 14, Range 42. He was then awarded final Certificate 376 on June 19, 1890. Tracing the information for Henry (Heinrich) Frederick Kallsen did require some searching as his nephew Jess Heinrich Kallsen was also in the same area. There are homestead applications for Heinrich Kallsen and Henry Kallsen. To my best

knowledge Heinrich Kallsen is the person in this lineage and Henry Kallsen is his nephew. The dates help, and in the Heinrich Kallsen application he states his wedding date. The Nebraska Tract Books, Volume 28, Image 152 show that on July 12, 1898, Henry Kallsen put in homestead application 3703 at the land office in Sidney, Nebraska to homestead on the SW Quarter of Section 34, Township 14, Range 42. He was then awarded the final certificate #3392 on Jan 11, 1905.

For reference I have included maps showing the homestead for Henry Kallsen, J Heinrich Kallsen and where that relates to Gottlob Mauser.



On December 26, 1888 Henry Kallsen married Anna Magdalene Roeh (pronounced Ray) according to the Keith County Nebraska marriage books.



Kallsen Farm Home

From here we see Henry in the 1900 Federal Census in District 0097, Big Springs, Deuel, Nebraska. At this point Henry and Lena report that they have had 6 children, with four living. Henry reports his occupation as farming and that he owns his home. For some reason "Kallsen" is spelled many ways in different records. In this record it is Carlson.

In the 1910 Federal Census Henry Kallsen is reported in District 0111, Big Spring, Deuel, Nebraska. He and Lena report that they have had 7 children with 5 living. Henry reports immigrating in 1882 and Lena in 1885. Henry records his occupation as farming with daughter Laura teaching public school. These census district changes do not indicate a physical move until Henry moves to town.

In the 1920 Federal Census we see the family in District 0119, Big Springs, Deuel, Nebraska. Henry is now listed as a retired farmer. The Kallsen Family Reunion book states that Henry and Lena moved to town in 1919.



Kallsen Town Home

The 1930 census is the last census Henry and Lena are in as they both died before 1940. In this census they are recorded in District 0001, Big Springs, Deuel, Nebraska. They report that they do own a radio set and that they own their home. The home is listed with a value of \$4500 which is the

highest value on the page with the exception of a home listed at \$12,000 which seems like there may be a misplaced zero for the Frank Dorn home. However, further inquiry state that Frank Dorn owned the lumberyard at the time, and had his home custom built. It was considered the mansion in town at the time. As a fun aside, Scott Mauser, rented the Frank Dorn home briefly while living in Big Springs.

Henry and Lena were active members in the Lutheran Church. The Zion Lutheran Church records in Big Springs, Nebraska include the church constitution in German, and the parish register (Kirchenbuch) starting in 1895 (written in German). We see Heinrich Kallsen and the family listed in the register. We also see baptisms starting in 1895. There are many records for the Kallsen family included in this register. The original church was located about 1.5 miles North of the Kallsen home.

Henry died on January 30, 1933 at his home in Big Springs, Nebraska as recorded on his death certificate. His obituary recounts that he burned to death because of a furnace explosion. Henry is buried in the Big Springs, Nebraska Cemetery.

Henry is recognized as a Nebraska Century Family through the Nebraska State Genealogical Society.

Henry and Lena had 7 children with 5 surviving to adulthood. The full names for the girls were found in a combination of historical articles and the Church Registers.

- **Lillie Minnie Kallsen (1889 – 1896)**
- **Laura Lydia Augusta Kallsen (1891-1971)**
- **William Walter Kallsen (1893-1893)**
- **Walter William Kallsen (1893-1962)**
- **Alma Anna Minnie Kallsen (1895-1986)**
- **Carl Thomas Kallsen (1898-1984)**
- **Herman Henry Kallsen (1901-1978)**



Front Row: Henry and Lena Back Row: Laura, Alma, Walter, Carl, Herman

ANNA MAGDALENE ROEH



Henry and Lena

Anna Magdalene Roeh (Pronounced Ray) was born on Jan 14, 1859 in Eggebek, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany as recorded on her death certificate and in Family History documentation. As of this writing, I have not done research on the Roeh family in Germany and can't confirm with 100% certainty. The Deuel County History records that Anna Magdalene (Lena) was one of six children, two boys and four girls born to Hans Roeh and Cathrina Krudt (or Krudl).

Presently I have not found records of a passenger list for Lena, but she settled in Davenport, Iowa before marrying Henry Kallsen in 1888. Lena in different census records lists her immigration date as 1884, 1885, or 1886.

Most of what I know about Lena is recorded with Henry. The Deuel County History does share that she acted as a midwife and delivered many babies. Sometimes she rode horseback to the homes and other times the people came to get her when she was needed.

There is a story that Maxine Kallsen Mauser recounted to me that says Henry went to Iowa to get Lena and they were married on the way home.

An interview with Laura Kallsen Mohr comments that "Mr and Mrs Kallsen" loved people. On Sundays after church he was always inviting people to stop and have dinner with them. Sometimes that got to quite a crowd. But there always seemed to be room for one more person."

Times were hard for these pioneer families. One of the interviews with Laura Kallsen recounts grasshoppers, and another recounts a fire burning up much of the area on an Easter weekend.

The families in my tree are connected in many ways as the Kallsen Family, the Mauser Family and the Dehning family make up many marriages between the three families.

Anna died on March 18, 1963 in Ogallala Nebraska according to her death certificate and is buried in the Big Springs, Nebraska Cemetery.

I owe many thanks to other people who have helped find photos and stories on the Kallsen Family. Twyla Kenfield Dehning provided much good information as has my immediate family. I also received a copy of a Kallsen Reunion book from Paula Kallsen that was put together in 1999 and was helpful. For those interested I am happy to share.