

HENRY PETER DEHNING



Henry Peter and Ulricka

Henry Peter Dehning was born on November 26, 1861 in Hanover Province, Germany. We have this date on his death certificate and from the Dehning Family Association Family tree. At some point I will get some of the specifics from the Dehning Family records to pinpoint a birthplace. Henry is the oldest of 6 children born to Johann Heinrich Dehning and Katherine Marie Reichmann.

The first official record I have for Henry is the Hamburg passenger list records with his parents. We see him coming from Tellmer, Germany and arriving in Havre, New York on the Silesia departing in May 18, 1870. The record says that their accommodation was "Zwischendeck". When I looked that up for a translation they traveled to America in steerage. The travel group was Henry with his parents and sister Marie.

Evidence points to the family moving directly to Louisville, Cass County, Nebraska. We see in the 1876 Nebraska State Census that the family is in Louisville and listed as farming.

In the 1880 Federal Census the family is in the same location and will be discussed with Henry's parents.

The next record we have for Henry is his marriage to Ulricka (pronounced Eureka according to Maxine Kallsen Mauser) on March 19, 1884. I don't currently have an official record other than their own obituaries. There may be a record in the Cass County Courthouse, I just have yet to acquire it.

The next record I have of Henry is the 1900 Federal Census. At this time he and Ulricka are in District 0004, Elmwood, Cass, Nebraska. They list that they have had 10 children, with 8 living. Henry lists that his immigration date is 1870, while Ulricka lists 1881. Henry reports that he is farming and owns his home.

The 1910 Federal Census lists the family in District 0004, Elmwood, Cass, Nebraska. Now they list that they have had 11 children with 9 living. Henry is farming and as before, they own their home. All children of school age are reported to be attending school.

The Elmwood Leader-Echo, published in Cass County on November 8, 1918 published some "Letters from Solider Boys" that included a letter Henry William wrote home. It

includes general orders for mess time that is entertaining and I will include at the end of this document.

The 1920 Federal Census lists the family in District 0004, Elmwood, Cass, Nebraska. The family is farming and at this point there are three children still living at home, but none are of school age and are no longer attending but helping on the farm.

A search in The Elmwood Leader published in Cass County on November 2, 1923 reports that HP Dehning is serving on a grand jury. I assume that this is Henry Peter Dehning and not his son Harry Paul Dehning as Harry Paul would have been 20 years old while Henry Peter would have been roughly 58 years old. The article makes it sound like there are many petitions placed on file in the office of the district court, and I assume that this is a series of cases to be heard and not a single case. There were 15 people in total named to the Grand Jury panel.

In the 1930 Federal Census Henry and Ulricka are 68 and 69 years of age and are in District 0027, Elmwood, Cass, Nebraska. They report owning their home, not farming, and that the home value is \$2000. They also report that they do own a radio set.

The 1940 census lists them in 13-27, Elmwood, Cass, Nebraska. This is interesting as it shows that they own their home, are not farming and now value the home at \$600. This census has Henry list his highest education as 4th grade and Ulricka as 7th grade. Henry also reports that now at age 78 he is unable to work.



I am not certain if the Henry and Ulricka moved to town or stayed in the farm home. A census district change does not indicate a physical move.

The Dehning family were members of what was originally the Murdock Emmanuel Evangelical Church, or as referenced in Henry's obituary, the Louisville Church. Henry's obituary, as so may do from that time, provides some kind words on his character by saying, "The deceased was generally known for his integrity and was always found to be a true neighbor and loyal citizen". It also states in his obituary that he accepted Jesus Christ as his savior at the age of 12.

In talking with Maxine Kallsen Mauser, it sounds like Henry Peter purchased ground out in western Nebraska and his sons went out to farm from there. Henry William was in Big Springs, Edward Paul was in Big Springs, William Daniel was in Big Springs for a time, and it looks like Harry Paul was also in Big Springs for a time.

Henry Peter Dehning died on January 10, 1947 in Lincoln, Nebraska according to his death certificate. Henry is buried in the Emmanuel Evangelical Cemetery in Murdock, Nebraska. His estate sales was then held on Jan 25, 1947 as advertised in the Elmwood Leader Echo on January 23 1947.

Henry and Lena had 11 children with 9 surviving to adulthood.

- **Louise “Lizzie” Dehning (1885-1972)**
- **Louis Henry Dehning (1886-1972)**
- **Fredrich William Dehning (1888-1891)**
- **Albert August Dehning (1889-1973)**
- **Minnie Helena Dehning (1891-1891)**
- **Lena Marie Dehning (1892-1959)**
- **Henry William Dehning (1894-1968)**
- **Edward Paul Dehning (1896-1942)**
- **William Daniel Dehning (1898-1963)**
- **Meta Johanna Dehning (1900-1992)**
- **Harry Paul Dehning (1903-1984)**



*Back Row: Henry, Albert, William, Louis, Eddie, Harry
Front Row: Lizzie, Henry Peter, Meta, Ulricka, Lena*

ULRICKA ALBERTINA CHRISTINA BAUERS



Henry and Ulricka believed 1934

Ulricka Albertina Christina Bauers was born on October 16, 1860 in Barfußdorf, Pomerania, Germany according to her death certificate and church baptismal record in the German Parish Register. Today, Barfußdorf is located just outside the German borders and would be considered part of Poland. Thanks to a Bauers Family Reunion book published in 1981 which I have been able to copy select pages from, Ulricka was the 5th of 7 children born to William Bauers and Louise Köller.

From this documentation we believe that the family came to the United States in 1887 and that the Dehning family assisted them.

I know very little else in regard to Ulricka's life other than that after Henry's death she resided with her son in Oklahoma.

Ulricka died on September 18, 1949 in Enid, Oklahoma and is buried in the Emmanuel Evangelical Cemetery in Murdock, Nebraska.

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. Orval Dehning was also instrumental in my connection to the Dehning Family Association in Germany and much information was gathered from their past work.

Letters From Soldier Boys

Henry Dehning and Clyde E. Irons Write Interisting Letters to their Parents.

Camp Jesup, Atlanta, Ga.,
Oct. 22, 1918.

Dear Folks:

How are you getting along by this time? I am fine and dandy and hope the same of all of you.

Well I am still in Camp Jesup yet. We won't leave here until Thursday some time. We have everything packed and waiting for orders to move from here. We go to Hoboken, N. J. I sure have a load to carry: it weighs 45 pounds; we got it strapped on our back. In that pack we have one-half of a tent pole and stakes, three blankets, one pair of shoes, toilet articles and cloth, and all kinds of other things. They have been drilling us the last two days with it on and when night came I sure was tired.

We sure are watching the papers as they think it will be over pretty soon. They have all our tools loaded on cars ready to move. This unit is going to get a good job out of it. We all go in the shops to work over there. There is 1230 in this unit. Well I don't know much to write so I will close for this time.

Your son,
Henry Dehning.

Mr. Dehning sends an outline which is as follows for soldiers general orders for mess time:

1. To take charge of all spuds and gravy in view.
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4. To repeat all calls for seconds.
5. To quit the table only when you are satisfied that there is nothing left.

6. To receive but not to pass on to the man next to me any meat, cabbage or bread left by the non-comes, buck privates or K. P.

7. To talk to no one who calls for onions.

8. In case of fire in the mess hall to grab all eatables left by the others in their escape.

9. In any case not covered by instructions to call the Co. Clerk.

10. To salute all chickens, beef steak, pork chops, hams, eggs, and liver.

11. To allow no one to steal in the line of grub.

12. To be especially watchful at the table during the time for eating to challenge any person who gets more prunes than you do.

Shoreham, England, 9 26-18.

My Dearest Folks:

I am well and happy and having the time of my life.

Just received your letters addressed to me at Cammrack Field and Garden City, N. Y. written in July and the last one August 9th and here it is September 26th and its hard to tell when this will reach you, but probably in corn husking time.

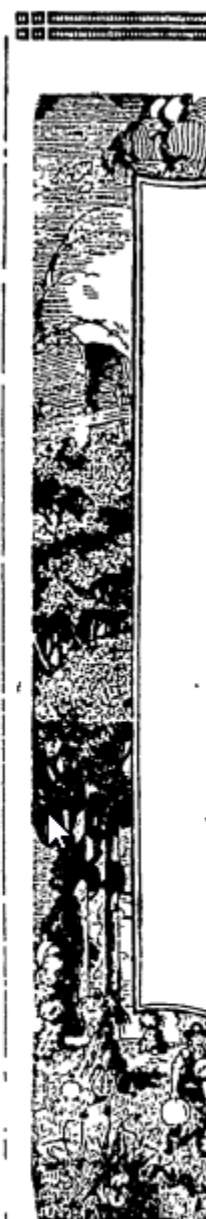
I have a week end off and am going to try and write all of you folks.

It rains very often here. I like this country fine for the time being. I am sending some pictures so you can see their quaint odd buildings and wish you all could be here to see them and to see the people ride their bicycles. Have had my pictures taken again. I do not know whether it will go through or not but will send it anyway.

I have been to London three times but at present am a long ways from there.

O gee! The best of this life we really have to leave out, at least this interesting part of the war game. But do not worry about me. We may be able to eat next Christmas dinner together. ha! ha!

I was a motorcycle rider but over here I am working, repairing airplanes. Oh, yes I have met Guy Bogenrief. We were in one camp two weeks together and have met a good many of the home boys.



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