

Descendants of Michael I Ohlhausen

Family History

Generation One

1. Michael I OHLHAUSEN was born in 1855 in Jakobsonstal, Braila, and was confirmed in the protestant church on 16 June 1870 in Bortscheag at the age of 15.

He married Maria Elizabetha Hiller, daughter of Gottlieb Hiller and Christina Leitz, on 17 Nov 1878. Circa 1891 they immigrated to Cobadin, Dobrudscha, Romania. In 1897 the Ohlhausen family was one of 52 German families listed in a German publication of the area as 'Evangelical' in Cobadin, Dobrudscha. He died on 8 Sep 1899 in Konstanza, Dobrudscha.

Children of Michael I Ohlhausen and Maria Elizabetha Hiller were as follows:

- i. Rosina was born on 16 Mar 1881 in Bortscheag, Bessarabia. She was baptized on 17 Mar 1881 in Bortscheag, Bessarabia. She moved with her parents and lived in Cobadin, Dobrudscha, between 1891 and 1897. She married a Greek.
2. ii. Michael II, born 3 May 1882 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia; died 13 Apr 1956 in Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada.
- iii. Jacob was born on 19 Oct 1883 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. He was baptized on 19 Oct 1883 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. He died on 19 Feb 1885 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia, at age 1. He was buried on 21 Feb 1885 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia.
- iv. Christina was born on 8 Dec 1884 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. She died on 17 Feb 1885 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. She was buried on 18 Feb 1885 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia.
- v. Johannes was born on 11 Oct 1887 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. He was baptized on 12 Oct 1887 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. He died on 15 Nov 1888 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia, at age 1. He was buried on 16 Nov 1888 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia.
3. vi. Heinrich 'Henry,' born 4 Feb 1889 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia; died 7 Nov 1961 in Stettler, Alberta, Canada.
- vii. Conrad was born in 1891. Conrad was found on a ship's manifest that arrived on 29 Oct 1910 in Quebec City, Canada, and his destination was to visit his uncle Wilhelm in Irvine, Alberta, Canada. He served a total of seven years for the German army, was wounded three times and won the Iron Cross during the Great War. He served among the "Totenkopffhusaren" and achieved the rank of "Unteroffizier" between 1914 and 1918. In 1924 Conrad immigrated to Canada and this time ended up with Henry H Ohlhausen's family, farming close to Carstairs, Alberta. After arriving, Henry likely found him a job as a farm hand on the neighboring Fischer farm. On 6 Feb 1926 during a church picnic at a local farm, Conrad became angry at Bertha Keim because she rejected his advances so he pulled out a gun and shot at her; luckily she was only hit in the arm. He died that day on the Phillip Keim farm, Acme, Alberta by his own hand. He was buried on 8 Feb 1926 in Acme Cemetery Acme, Alberta, Canada.
- viii. Maria was born circa 1892. She married a Romanian.
- ix. Lydia was born on 27 Jul 1893 in Cobadin, Dobrudscha. She married (?) Gitzel.

- x. Christian was born circa 1895. He died circa 1908 in his teens.
- 4. xi. Paulina 'Paula,' born 6 May 1898 in Cobadin, Dobrudscha.
- 5. xii. Emilie, born 5 Jan 1900 in Cobadin, Dobrudscha.

Generation Two

2. Michael II OHLHAUSEN (*Michael Sr.*) was born and also baptized on 3 May 1882 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. He moved with his parents and lived in Cobadin, Dobrudscha, circa 1891 where he married Elizabetha 'Elizabeth' Reister, daughter of Johannes Reister and Magdalena Neher, in Apr 1904. After moving to Prussia with his mother and siblings, we next find him farming in 1904 in Pfeilsdorf, West Prussia. Michael moved the family to a farm in Leutsdorf, West Prussia, in 1906 where the children went to school, but their postal address was Rheinsberg and they did their shopping in Briesen. Hi son, Otto remembered a nice lake in Briesen.

Between 1914 and 1919 Michael served in the German military service. During the war, his sister (likely Paulina) came to Leutsdorf and stayed to help with the farming. In 1922 the map of Europe was redrawn and the province of West Prussia was given to Poland. Many people were forced to leave their homes and land. In that year the family moved to Makrauten, East Prussia, where the children went to school and the Ohlhausen family and the Franz Jakob family bought an old farm to together. They did their shopping in Osterode and the bigger town in the area was Allenstein. After a couple of years they found that they could not make a living on this farm, so they decided to go to Canada.

In Aug 1924 Michael II Ohlhausen emigrated from Makrauten, East Prussia, with their family, along with the Franz Jakob family, first taking a train from Bissellen near Osterode to Hamburg and then through Netherlands to Calais in France and then to Liverpool England. Here they boarded a ship named the 'Carmania' and sailed (6 days) to Quebec City, Canada and took the train (5 days) to Trochu Alberta. The family had been sponsored by Elisabeth Reister's sister, Barbara Scheunert, who lived in the Trochu area. Mr Scheunert had also sponsored the Jakob family and one of their boys eventually married Michael's daughter Sophie. Otto said, "Aunt Barbara had arranged jobs for Mom, Dad and Sophia on farms in the area and Elizabeth & I lived with Aunt Barbara. Then Dad rented some land and a farmhouse from my uncle where we lived and farmed there until 1935." Michael received \$3500 from the German government for being in the war and he used this money to buy a dairy farm near Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada on 1 May 1935. In 1943 they retired in the town of Chilliwack, BC, and Otto took over the farm. Michael died on 13 Apr 1956 in Chilliwack, BC, at age 73 and is buried in Chilliwack, BC, Canada.

Children of Michael II Ohlhausen and Elizabetha 'Elizabeth' Reister were as follows:

- 6. i. Sophia 'Sophie,' born 30 Oct 1905 in Pfeilsdorf, West Prussia; died 27 Feb 1998 in Chilliwack, BC.
- ii. Elizabeth was born on 30 Oct 1908 in Leutsdorf, West Prussia. She worked in an egg grading plant in Chilliwack, BC. She married Ted Gutknecht on 27 Feb 1953 in Vancouver, BC. She died on 10 Jan 2005 in Chilliwack, BC, at age 96. She is buried in Chilliwack, BC.
- 7. iii. Otto Wilhelm, born 6 Jan 1914 in Leutsdorf, West Prussia; died 10 May 2008 in Chilliwack, BC.

3. Heinrich 'Henry' OHLHAUSEN (*Michael Sr.*) was born on 4 Feb 1889 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia, and was baptized on the 5th of February. Circa 1891 he moved with his parents to Cobadin, Dobrudscha, Romania,

where he spent his earlier life. Circa 1912 he immigrated to Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada likely because he had 2 uncles farming south east of Medicine Hat at Irvine, Alberta. Heinrich 'Henry' married Mathilda Mayer, daughter of Ludwig Mayer and Maria Bischel, on 28 Feb 1913 in Newburg, Alberta, and we know that in 1914 he worked for the Ogilvie Flour Mill in Medicine Hat for \$2.25 per day. In 1915 Henry bought the Daniel Gill homestead south of Irvine at SW16-10-3-4, AB, and this farm was about 1 mile south of the Wilhelm Ohlhausen homestead, which was taken over by Wilhelm's son Henry H. Ohlhausen in 1917.

With two cousins, both named 'Henry Ohlhausen' living so close, of course their mail and other life details were continuously mixed up. So Henry (Michael line) changed his name to Henry Olhausen and his son Reuben confirmed that in about 1918 his father legally changed his last name to "Olhausen" dropping the first 'h' and Henry (Wilhelm line) simply put an 'H' as a middle initial (not legally) and thus becoming Henry H. Ohlhausen for the rest of his life.

This explains why the Michael branch of the family has the spelling 'Olhausen'. It was interesting to find that he used the spelling 'Ohlhausen' on his naturalization papers dated 3 Jul 1928. In 1944 they sold the farm south of Irvine and bought a dairy farmer near Chilliwack, British Columbia, and then in 1947 he bought a 400 acre ranch in Nevis, Alberta and ran 100 head of cattle. He died on 7 Nov 1961 in Stettler, Alberta, at age 72. He was buried on 10 Nov 1961 in Erskine, AB.

Children of Heinrich 'Henry' Ohlhausen (Olhausen) and Mathilda Mayer were as follows:

8. i. Martha Helen, born 1 Jan 1916 in Irvine, AB; died 3 Mar 1987 in Sherwood Park, AB.
9. ii. Albert, born 18 Sep 1918 in Irvine, AB; died 10 Feb 1987 in Nevis, AB.
10. iii. Mary 'Ella,' born 17 Aug 1920 in Irvine, AB; died 9 Apr 1991 in Medicine Hat, AB.
11. iv. Reuben, born 20 Sep 1923 in Irvine, AB; died 13 May 2003 in Chilliwack, BC.

4. Paulina 'Paula' OHLHAUSEN (*Michael*) was born on 6 May 1898 in Cobadin, Dobrudscha. She married Jakob Roesner on 20 Jan 1919 at Pfeilsforf, West Prussia. In 1921 she was living in Freystadt, East Germany.

Children of Paulina 'Paula' Ohlhausen and Jakob Roesner (private).

5. Emilie OHLHAUSEN (*Michael*) was born on 5 Jan 1900 in Cobadin, Dobrudscha. She married Heinrich Sr. Wittig circa 1920. Circa 1950 she was living in Zeulenroda/Thyuringia, Germany.

Children of Emilie Ohlhausen and Heinrich Sr. Wittig Thyuringia.

Generation Three

6. Sophia 'Sophie' OHLHAUSEN (*Michael, Michael*) was born on 30 Oct 1905 in Pfeilsdorf, West Prussia. She was baptized on 1 Apr 1906 in Rheinsberg, West Prussia. On 1 Apr 1912 we find her name on a school record in Leutsdorf, West Prussia, where she attend School until 30 Sept, 1919, which was the mandatory age of 14. She was confirmed on 21 Sep 1919 in Rheinsberg, West Prussia. In 1924 she immigrated with the family to Trochu, Canada. The family had been sponsored by her mother's sister, Barbara Scheunert. She married Erick Jakob, son of Friedrich Jakob and Anna Wolter, on 2 Dec 1926 in Trochu, AB, where they farmed for several years.

In Mar 1933 they moved from Trochu and rented a farm on Rose Island near Chilliwack, Canada, but shortly after bought a dairy farm on Tyson Road in Sardis near Chilliwach, British Columbia. She was naturalized on 4 Jan 1951 in Sardis, BC, and became a Canadian Citizen. In 1959 they sold the farm in Sardis and moved to Chilliwack, BC, where Eric started a logging business. She and Erick Jakob moved in 1972 to Vancouver Island, BC and then retired in 1973 in Penticton, BC. She died on 27 Feb 1998 in Chilliwack, BC, at age 92 and is was cremated and buried in Peachland, British Columbia.

Children of Sophia 'Sophie' Ohlhausen and Erick Jakob (private).

7. Otto Wilhelm OHLHAUSEN (*Michael, Michael*) was born on 6 Jan 1914 in Leutsdorf, West Prussia. He married Wilhelmina 'Minnie' Beierle on 2 Oct 1936 in Chilliwack, BC, Canada. He took over the family farm in Chilliwack, BC, in 1943 and milked cows until 1971 and then raised cattle until 1991. As of 1998 the remaining 30 acres of farmland was rented. In 1978 Otto retired on the farm in Chilliwack, BC. He died on 10 May 2008 in Chilliwack, BC, at age 94 and is buried in the Cemetery in Chilliwack, BC.

Children of Otto Wilhelm Ohlhausen and Wilhelmina 'Minnie' Beierle (private).

8. Martha Helen OLHAUSEN (*Heinrich Ohlhausen, Michael*) was born on 1 Jan 1916 in Irvine, AB. Martha married Edward Julius Schultz on 31 Oct 1934 in Medicine Hat, AB, and at that time were farming at Bruderheim, Alberta. In 1944 Martha and Edward moved to Chilliwack, BC, where they owned and operated a dairy farm and in 1946 they moved to Stettler, Alberta where they owned and operated a cafe/grocery store & butcher shop. In 1962 they moved to Edmonton, AB, where Ed worked at the University Hospital and Martha at the Co-Op store and boarded medical students in her home. Martha and Edward retired to Sherwood Park, Alberta, where she died on 3 Mar 1987 at age of 71. She was buried on 9 Mar 1987 in Sherwood Park, AB.

Children of Martha Helen Olhausen and Edward Julius Schultz (private).

9. Albert OLHAUSEN (*Heinrich Ohlhausen, Michael*) was born on 18 Sep 1918 in Irvine, Alberta. He attended the Concordia School and appears in several Newburg Church of God group pictures, as shown in the local history book between 1925 and 1942 in Irvine, Alberta. In 1944 he moved to Chilliwack, BC, with the family and in 1947 to the Nevis farm close to Stettler, AB. He married Edith Annie Brown on 16 Nov 1947 at the Church of Christ, Erskine, Alberta. After marriage, they lived and worked on his parents farm/ranch at Nevis, which they eventually took over. He died on 10 Feb 1987 in Nevis, AB, at age 68. He was buried on 14 Feb 1987 in Erskine, AB.

Children of Albert Olhausen and Edith Annie Brown (private).

10. Mary 'Ella' OLHAUSEN (*Heinrich Ohlhausen, Michael*) was born on 17 Aug 1920 in Irvine, AB. Between 1926 and 1938 Mary 'Ella' attended the Newburg school south of Irvine, AB. During that time she went to the Nueburg Church of God. She married Dave Lawrence Kusler, son of Emil Kusler and Dorothy Flemmer, on 20 Dec 1941 in Medicine Hat, AB. After marriage Mary 'Ella' and Dave lived and worked on Dave's parent's farm close to Walsh, Alberta. In 1942 Mary 'Ella' and Dave moved to Medicine Hat, AB, where Dave worked for the bus company and Ella worked as a waitress. Dave eventually started his own bus company. She died on 9 Apr 1991 in Medicine Hat, AB, at age 70. She was buried on 12 Apr 1991 in Medicine Hat, AB.

Children of Mary 'Ella' Olhausen and Dave Lawrence Kusler (private).

11. Reuben OLHAUSEN (*Heinrich Ohlhausen, Michael*) was born on 20 Sep 1923 in Irvine, AB. He attended the Concordia School South of Irvine, AB. Reuben married Gwendolyn 'Gwen' Orla Fetterly on 31 Jan 1947 in Chilliwack, BC, and then moved with his family to Nevis and lived in a house on the farm. In 1960 they moved to Chilliwack, British Columbia, where he worked on construction (on the Dees Tunnel) and then worked for the Department of Highways, where he was injured on the job in 1965. He died on 13 May 2003 in Chilliwack, BC, at age 79. He was cremated and buried in Chilliwack, BC.

Children of Reuben Olhausen and Gwendolyn 'Gwen' Orla Fetterly (private).

12. The remaining family (private).