

Descendants of Ferdinand Ohlhausen Family History

Ferdinand OHLHAUSEN was born on 2 May 1820 in Wittenberg near Konigsberg, East Prussia. This information came from Karl Stumpp and we assume that it is correct because several family documents show him as 'a subject of Prussia.' He married Karoline 'Wilhelmine' Nelitz, daughter of Johann Nelitz and Louise Jastrow, between 1850 and 1853 in Jakobsonstal, Braila, Romania. The date was estimated from Wilhelmine's family movements.

Between 1855 and 1862 Ferdinand was a teacher in Jakobsonstal, and as a teacher at that time he also performed certain church duties. It is possibly that Ferdinand was a so-called Separatist in 1858 because the church record for Jakob's baptism shows that he was a teacher but the "Ev. L" (protestant Lutheran) under Ferdinand's name, had been crossed out. According to an expert in this area, this may indicate that he was not a Lutheran at that time. Wilhelm's birth record in 1862 shows both Ferdinand and his wife Wilhelmine, as Protestant denomination. Ferdinand baptized his son Jakob I on 9 Jun 1858 in Jakobsonstal.

Wilhelm's birth record in 1862 indicates that Ferdinand was a teacher in Catalui, Dobrudscha. Between 1864 and 1880 Ferdinand was a teacher in Bortscheag, Bessarabia, and as such performed church functions in this settlement. The records indicate that he performed marriages and nearly 200 baptisms during this time. These were always authenticated later by the pastor who came periodically from Galatz, Romania. Bortscheag was a large estate owned and managed by people from France that employed German workers and was situated 6km northeast of the German settlement of Albota, Bessarabia. Some research into the history of the Bortscheag Germans finds that many were so-called Separatists and followed Ignaz Lindl's religious teaching. Copies of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Books begin in 1864 and most of the entries for the next nearly twenty years were made by the teacher Ferdinand Ohlhausen.

In 1881 Ferdinand Ohlhausen moved to Unter-Albota Bessarabia, and from the Lutheran Church books we know that he continued church work because his signature is on many birth, marriage and death records. He also worked as a vineyard keeper, in the summers and falls.

Ferdinand Ohlhausen died on 4 May 1896 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia, at age 76 and it was noted on his death record that he was a Prussian Subject. He was buried on 5 May 1896 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia.

Karoline 'Wilhelmine' NELITZ was born on 29 Oct 1831 in Leipzig, Bessarabia. After her father died in April 1835 her mother, Luise Jastrow, married Philipp Schorr. We can follow Schorr family's movements by their children's birth place: 1838-1840, Leipzig, Bess; 1847-1852 Jakobsonstal, Romania; 1854 Gnadental, Bess. Karoline 'Wilhelmine' would have been 16-21 years old during the time the family was in Jakobsonstal. She married Ferdinand Ohlhausen between 1850 and 1853 in Jakobsonstal, Braila. She died on 30 Apr 1908 in Sarata, Bessarabia, at age 76. She was buried on 2 May 1908 in Sarata, Bessarabia.

Children of Ferdinand Ohlhausen and Karoline 'Wilhelmine' Nelitz were as follows:

- i. Michael I, born 1855 in Jakobsonstal, Braila; died 8 Sep 1899 in Konstanza, Dobrudscha, Romania.
- ii. Jakob I, born 4 Jun 1858 in Jakobsonstal, Braila; died 19 Apr 1948 in Dettingen unter der Teck, Wuerttemberg, Germany.
- iii. Gustav Wilhelm 'William,' born 16 Apr 1861 in Catalui, Dobrudscha; died 14 Nov 1949 in Medicine Hat, AB, Canada.

- iv. Friedrich Sr, born 5 Apr 1863 in Belz, Bessarabia; died 3 Jan 1943 in Olmutz, Moravia, Czechoslovakia.
- v. Maria Christina, born 28 Sep 1867 in Bortscheag, Bessarabia; died 24 Dec 1940 in Horn, Austria.
- vi. Anton, born 21 Sep 1869 in Bortscheag, Cahul; died 2 Sep 1925 in SE1/4 28, Twnp 9, Rg 2, AB, Canada.