

To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root. Confucius

John HELLENBERG - Elizabeth SCHWARTZ

John Hellenberg was born in Hessen, Germany and married Elizabeth Schwartz there sometime around 1840. They had five children born there: George, John, Bernhardt, Gustav, and an unnamed child. They immigrated to America probably in the mid 1850s, settling in the Detroit area. The three oldest sons lived in Coldwater, while Gustav remained in Detroit.

Gustav HELLENBERG - Caroline EICHBAUER

Gustav was born in Hessen, Germany on 2 Jun 1846 of John Hellenberg and Elizabeth Schwartz.¹ He immigrated to the US in the mid 1850s, settling in Detroit, MI. There he met Caroline Eichbauer, daughter of Johann Georg Eichbauer and Anna Barbara Jaeckel. Caroline was born in Monroe MI on 6 Nov 1849. Gustav, 25, and Caroline, 21, were married on 16 Oct 1870 in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit.² They had 10 children: Anna, 1871, Wilhelmina, 1873, Christine, 1876, Emma, 1878, Caroline, 1880, Gustav, 1883, Louise, 1885, Hulda, 1887, Walter, 1890, and Carl, 1893. Gustav was a machinist.³ They lived on 934 Meldrum St. (15th Ward) in Detroit.⁴ He died of cerebral tumor and meningitis on 22 May 1901⁵ at 55 yrs. and is buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Detroit.



Caroline lived her last years with her children, Christine, Hulda, Walter, and Carl. One year before she died she moved to the Altenheim (Old Folks Home) in Monroe (930 S. Monroe). She suffered a stroke and died there of cerebral hemorrhage on 30 Jul 1938 at 88 yrs.⁶ She is buried in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Detroit. Their children were:

Anna	1871-1872
Wilhelmina	1873-1882
Christine	1876-1961
Emma	1878-1932
Caroline	1880-1887
Gustav	1883-1899
Louise	1885-1915
Hulda	1887-1945
Walter	1890-1967
Carl	1893-1957



Will, Hulda holding Karl & Caroline holding Dorothy c 1915

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¹ Gustav's death certificate

² Marriage certificate

³ Gustav's death certificate

⁴ Death certificate

⁵ Death certificate

⁶ Death certificate and obituary