

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

## Johann LORENZ – Anna HELLER & Anna REHMUS

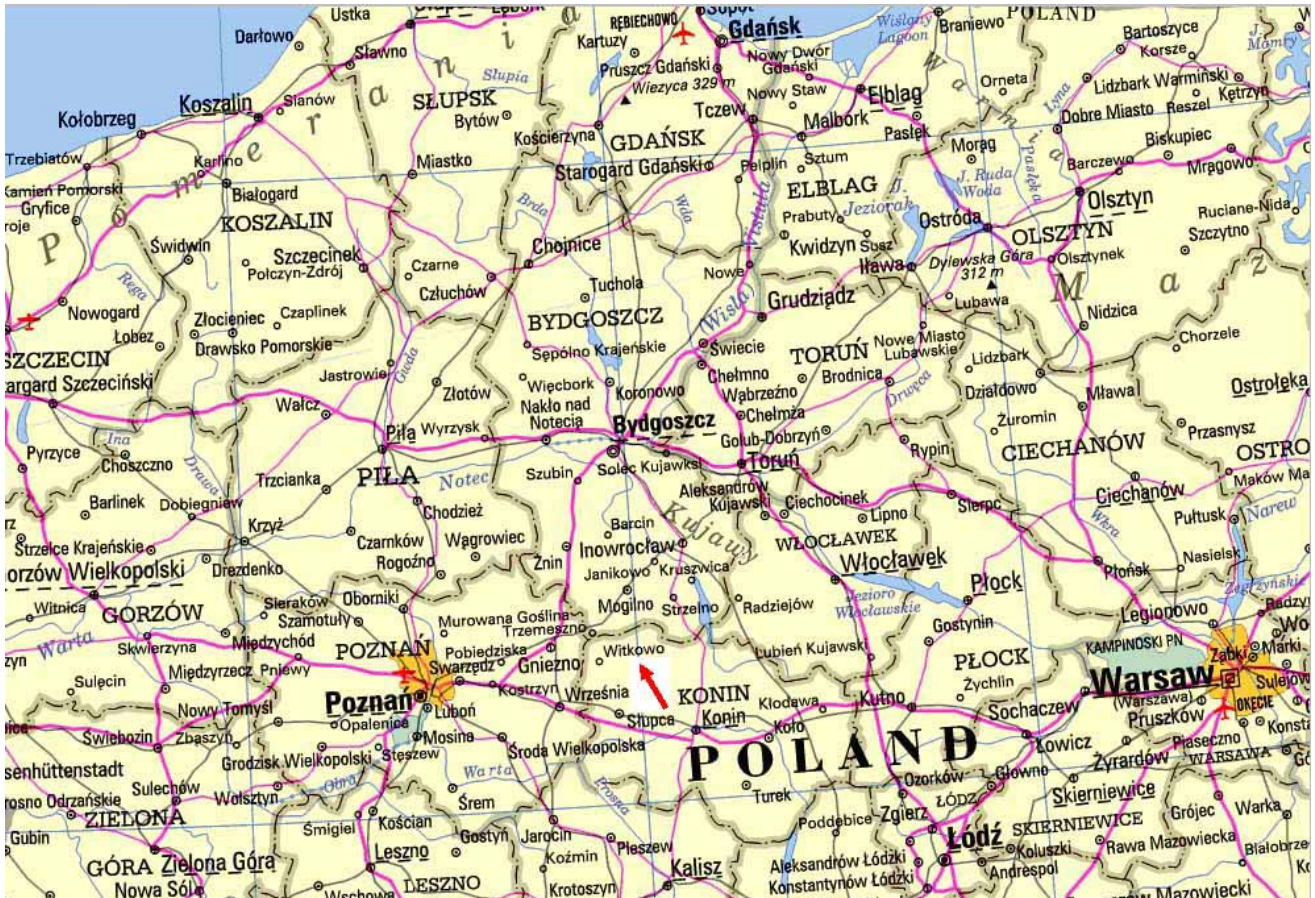
**Johann LORENZ** was born about 1784 in Posen. In 1816 he married Anna Christina HELLER (b.1790). They had the following children all born in Gloszyn Hauland:

1. Michael b. 1817
2. Anna Maria b. 1820
3. Christian b. 1823
4. Anna Rosalia b. 1825
5. Andreas Ludwig b. 1827, d. 1835
6. Christopher Wilhelm b. 1829
7. Andreas b. 1831, d. 1834

Then Anna Christina died in 1832. In 1834 Johann married **Anna Catharina REHMUS (REMUS)**. They had 4 children:

1. Stillborn boy b. 1835
2. Julianna b.1836 - m Daniel HETH in 1855 who died in 1870;  
m Carl Friedrich POHL (b.1847) in 1872
3. **Gottfried b. 1839, d. 1921 m 1863 Anna Julianna POLZIN (1842-1904)**
4. Henriette b.1841

Johann died at the age of 69 on Nov. 26, 1855 in Gloszyn, Posen. He was buried on Nov. 29, 1855.<sup>1</sup>



Lorenz family came from Witkowo, Posen, now central Poland.

<sup>1</sup> Lutheran Church record, entry #51, 1855, Witkowo, Posen.

## Gottfried LORENZ – Julianna POLZIN<sup>2</sup>

Gottfried<sup>3</sup> was born in Gloszyn near Witkowo, Posen, on 29 Mar 1838.<sup>4</sup> His parents were Johann Lorenz and Anna Catharina Remus<sup>5</sup>. On Nov. 10, 1863 Gottfried (21) married **Anna Julianna Charlotta POLZIN** (22). Julianna was born in Borowko near Pudewitz, Posen in 1841.<sup>3</sup> Her parents were Johann Polzin and Anna Maria Heth.<sup>4</sup> Gottfried was a farmer and at one time a guard at a railroad company. Gottfried and Julianna had eight children, all born in Posen:<sup>3</sup>

	born	died
1. Pauline Christiane	19 July 1866 Gloszyn (Witkowo)	Jan 1928 Kinderhook, NY
2. Rosina Catherine	9 Nov 1868	3 Feb 1869 (3 mos) Karzewo
3. Gustav August	27 Feb 1870 Karsewo	6 Dec 1951 Stuyvesant Falls, NY
4. Friedrich Wilhelm	13 Feb 1873 Borowko	16 Sep 1873 Borowko
<b>5. Rudolf Emil</b>	<b>28 Feb 1875 Borowko</b>	<b>12 Jan 1956 Decatur, IL</b>
6. Karl	14 Apr 1878 Rakelsdorf (Militsch)	25 Dec 1957 Portland, OR
7. Robert	18 Oct 1880 Rakelsdorf (Militsch)	Oct 1956 Valatie, NY
8. Emil Richard	20 Oct 1883 Baranowo	16 Aug 1885 Detroit, MI

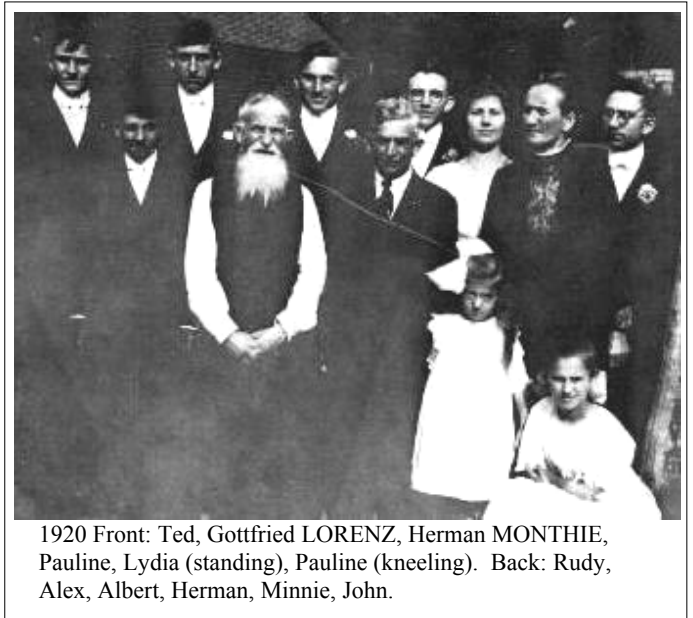
In 1884 Gottfried emigrated with Pauline (17 yrs) and Gustav (14 yrs) to avoid conscription into the military. They left Hamburg on the SS Gellert, stopped in Le Havre, and arrived in NY on March 12, 1884.<sup>6</sup> They worked on farms until they had earned enough money to send for Julianna and the remaining children, Rudolph, Karl, Robert and Emil. Going through immigration in 1885, Julianna hid Rudolph (10 y/o) to avoid inoculation. To get Rudolph past authorities they hid 2 y/o Emil and used his papers to clear Rudolph.<sup>7</sup>

They settled in an area, which became part of the city of Detroit.<sup>8</sup> Emil died there in August 1885, shortly after they arrived. On the 1900 census he is as listed Gottfried Lawrence living on Mach Ave in Detroit with “Julia” and Robert and his occupation as “broom pedlar.”<sup>9</sup> Julianna died in Detroit on 25 Aug 1904 at age 63. Sometime after her death, Gottfried moved to Kinderhook, NY and lived with his daughter, Pauline and her family. On the 1920 census he is listed as Gottfried Lawrence living with Pauline and Herman.<sup>10</sup>

Granddaughter Bea remembered that Gottfried was scheduled to visit her family in Decatur, IL for the first time in 1921 when she was in middle school.<sup>7</sup> But he died at 83 yrs. on 25 Feb, 1921 in Kinderhook, NY of intestinal obstruction. He is



buried in the Stuyvesant cemetery in the Monthie family plot.



1920 Front: Ted, Gottfried LORENZ, Herman MONTHIE, Pauline, Lydia (standing), Pauline (kneeling). Back: Rudy, Alex, Albert, Herman, Minnie, John.

<sup>2</sup> Polcyn on her death certificate; Phatzien on Rudolph’s 1897 marriage license; Polzin on Rudolph’s death certificate and Palzin in his obituary (source was dau. Ruth)

<sup>3</sup> Ruth called him Gottlieb on Rudolph’s death certificate and obituary

<sup>4</sup> Handwritten note by Rudolph LORENZ c1905

<sup>5</sup> Research by Kasia Grycza, 2005

<sup>6</sup> SS Gellert Passenger List, Mar. 12, 1884

<sup>7</sup> Bea LORENZ KECK

<sup>8</sup> Julia LORENZ EASLICK

<sup>9</sup> 1900 census, 1<sup>st</sup> District, Detroit, Wayne Co, MI

<sup>10</sup> 1920 census, Kinderhook, Columbia Co, NY

## Pauline LORENZ - Herman MONTHIE

Pauline Lorenz was born on 19 July 1866 Gloszyn near Witkowo, Posen, of Gottfried Lorenz and Julianna Polzin. She immigrated to the US with her father and brother, Gus, in 1884. Her marriage to **Herman MONTHIE** (b 1862) was probably pre-arranged by their parents. Herman was also born in Posen and immigrated with his family in 1872 when he was 10 y/o. At 25 yrs of age he went to Detroit where he married Pauline (19 yrs) on 11 Dec 1887 and, shortly thereafter, brought her back to Stuyvesant, NY where they lived for 15 yrs. Then they moved to Kinderhook, NY in 1902 and ran a dairy farm.<sup>11</sup> After Julianna died, Gottfried came to live with Pauline and her family from around 1905 until he died in 1921.

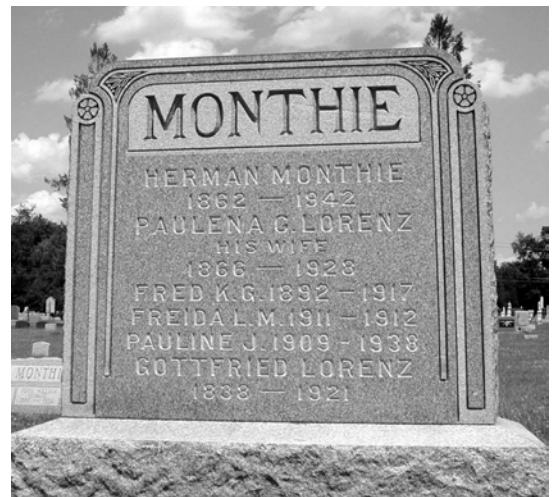


c 1918 Monthie Family - Standing: John, Herman Jr, Albert, Alex;  
seated: Minnie, Ted, Pauline, Rudy, Pauline, Herman, Sr.

Pauline and Herman had the following children:

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|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. John                  | 5 Apr 1889  | 25 Dec 1939 |
| 2. Gottfried Karl Gustav | 2 Feb 1892  | 1917        |
| 3. Wilhelmina            | 20 Jun 1894 | 29 Mar 1966 |
| 4. Herman Lorenz         | 26 Nov 1897 | 6 Mar 1978  |
| 5. Albert Rudolph        | 26 Dec 1898 | 8 Jun 1968  |
| 6. Alexander Karl        | 30 Oct 1901 | 5 Sep 1982  |
| 7. Rudolph Paul          | 3 Oct 1904  | 13 Feb 1984 |
| 8. Theodore Walter       | 14 Aug 1907 | 5 Sep 1956  |
| 9. Pauline J.            | 10 Aug 1910 | 28 Mar 1938 |
| 10. Frieda Lillian       | 7 Aug 1911  | Mar 1912    |

Pauline died in 1928 at the age of 62. Herman died in 1942 at the age of 80. He is buried in the Stuyvesant cemetery with Pauline and some of their children.



<sup>11</sup> Pauline's obituary

## Gustav LAWRENCE - Anna CRAMER



Gus was born in 1870 in Karsewo near Witkowo, Posen, son of Gottfried Lorenz and Julianna Polzin. He came to the US in 1884 at age 14 with his father and sister Pauline. He married Anna CRAMER (1876-1948) in 1897 and moved to Stuyvesant Falls, NY. They had six children:

1. Herman W.
2. William F.
3. Clara M.
4. Bertha E.
5. Julia F.
6. Anna

He was a Lutheran Sunday School teacher for 50 yrs. and a "man of great faith."<sup>12</sup> He changed his last name to Lawrence. Anna died in 1948 and is buried in Stuyvesant cemetery. Gus died on Dec. 6, 1951 and is buried next to Anna.



## Rudolph LORENZ - Emma HELLENBERG

(see separate biography)

## Karl LORENZ - Emma SACK

Karl was born in Rakelsdorf near Militsch (Milicz), Lower Silesia, in 1878 to Gottfried Lorenz and Julianna Polzin. He married Emma SACK (b 30 Mar 1878) in Detroit, became a Lutheran minister, and moved to Portland.

They had 4 children:

1. Theodore
2. Alma
3. Walter
4. Irene

He died on Dec. 25, 1957 in Portland, OR. Emma died in Portland, OR on her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday, 30 March 1964.

## Robert W. LAWRENCE



Robert was born in Rakelsdorf near Militsch (Milicz), Lower Silesia in 1880 to Gottfried Lorenz and Julianna Polzin. The 1900 census shows him at 19 living with his parents in Detroit. He moved to Valatie, NY and lived with Gus and Anna where he raised chickens. He also worked in the Spottsville mill as a night watchman. He was considered the black sheep of family. He never married and changed his name to Lawrence.<sup>13</sup> He died in Valatie in Oct. 1956 and is buried in Stuyvesant Falls cemetery.



Gus and Robert Lawrence



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(to be continued)

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<sup>12</sup> Julia Easlick, Gustav's daughter

<sup>13</sup> Grave Marker