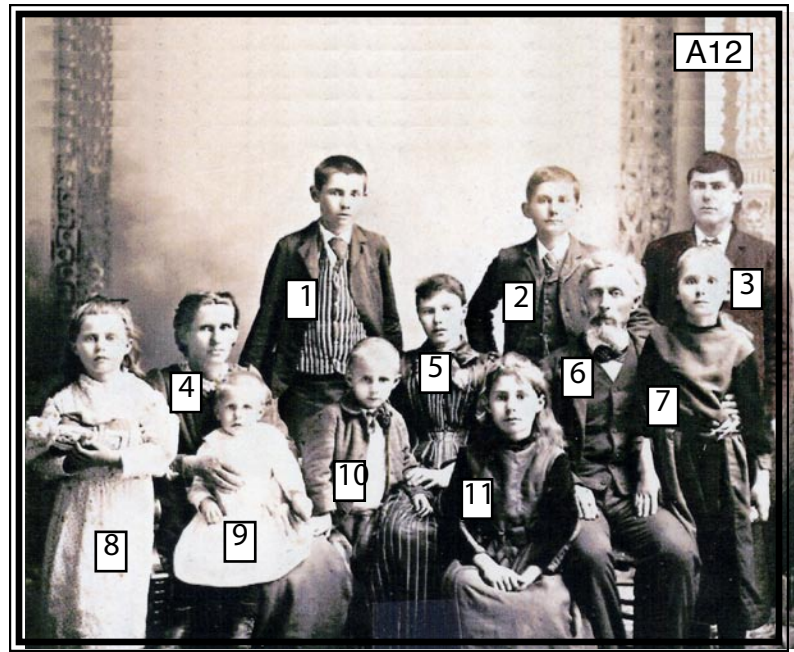


The Potschernick Family 1890 San Antonio, Texas



POTSCHERNICK FAMILY
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JOSEPH PETER POTSCHERNICK (my great grandfather) was born 16 September 1841 in Koln, Colonge, Prussia, Germany (the Alsace Lorraine region of Germany and France). Joseph was the second child bom of five children of Jean (Johann) Pierre (Peter) Potschernick and Maria Catherina Cougnet.

Joseph came to the United States as a valet to a son of Senior General Bernard Von Plehwe (Prussia Calvary Officer) to Leon Springs, Texas about 1862. As told by various family members... Joseph spoke both French and German as his homeland belonged to one country and then the other. Joseph joined the German armed forces as a young man. At 21 years of age he became an orderly to General Von Plehwe. The General ask Joseph to accompany his "half-wit" son Otto (aka as Fritz) to the United States as Otto's valet. The General hoped life would be easier for Otto in the new country living with his nephew Capt. Charles Felix George and his spouse Mina Sophie Von Plehwe in Leon Springs, Texas who did not have any children of their own. In the family notes it was stated at this time the United States was involved with the Civil War and Joseph being 21 years of age it would have been about 1862 when Joseph and Otto arrived in United States. Joseph had the fare to return to Germany but elected to remain in the United States.

August Ludwig Pfeiffer and Wilhemeine Krenschel of Shildau, Prussia, Germany arrived in America at Indianola, Texas about 1857. The family purchased a wagon and oxen and traveled to Boeme, Texas where they settled. Their daughter Agnes Marie, 9 years old, was the seventh of eleven children was bom in Germany 4 March 1848.

Joseph and Agnes met while both were working at the Stage Coach Inn in Leon springs owned by the Von Plehwes. On 16 January 1871 they married.

They moved to Loyal Valley in Mason County and both worked at the Stage Coach Inn. Joseph worked as a carpenter. Later they moved to Boeme and a short time later settled back in Leon Springs. Joseph became gifted in water witching, dug the wells and constructed many of the rock fences found in the

Boeme and surrounding communities. Joseph moved often to be close where he worked, Agnes was a very loyal and patient little woman. Agnes was always concerned about Joseph when he worked far away from home and had to stay there, did he have warm bed and enough to eat? Much of the work of raising the family fell to hard working Agnes. Joseph loved to sing and became a member of the Second Singing Society of Boeme, "Gesangverein" organized in 1887.

Joseph and Agnes had ten children, Fritz, Rosa (was my Grandmother), George, Herman, Sophie, Tillie, Minnie, Charles, Elec, and Clara Agnes.

Joseph died in 1903 and Agnes died 12 December 1930, bom in San Antonio, Texas. Both are buried in City Cemetery #4, San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

The family members are listed according to the number indicated on the picture:

#1 GEORGE POTSCHERNICK was bom in Leon Springs, Bexar, Texas 23 February 1875. On 29 November 1899 George married Ella Kuehne who was bom 5 April 1876. They were married in San Antonio, Texas. George especially, and his spouse Ella were both entrepreneurs. They started and owned several businesses in San Antonio; bicycle Shops, sporting goods, hardware, business machines, automobiles, kodaks, were just some of the product sold. Along with their business ventures and real estate, George and Ella accumulated a large estate that was ultimately left to Texas Lutheran University, in Seguin, Texas by their daughter Lorene. They had three children, a still bom, Lorene and Ruth. George died 19 Apr 1954 and Ella died 1 Feb 1962 bom in San Antonio and both are buried in Mission Burial Park south , San Antonio, Texas.

#2 HERMAN POTSCHERNICK bom 23 December 1876 in Boeme, Kendall, Texas. Herman Married Emile Louise Bergmann on 19 November 1905. Herman died 24 June 1946 in Comfort, Kendall, Texas. Emile died 7 June 1976 in Comfort, Kendall, Texas. Both Herman and Emile are buried in comfort, Texas. They had five children Clara, Emil, Edna, Ella, and Anita.

#3 FRITZ POTSCHERNICK was bom in Loyal Valley, Mason, Texas 8 July 1871. On 19 September 1892 he married Mary Emma De Grasso who was bom 30 June 1872 in New Orleans, St. Charles, Louisiana. They had eight children, Elizabeth Augusta, A Stillborn, Paulina Agnes, Roland William, Dora, Ottmar Joseph, Nelda Adele, and Marie Anna Emma. Mary Emma died 20 March 1935 In San Antonio, Texas, Fritz died 22 Dec 1963 in Boeme, Kendall, Texas. Both are buried in Boeme, Texas.

#4 AGNES MARIE PFEIFFER POTSCHERNICK was the daughter of August Ludwig Pfeiffer and Wilhemeine Krenschel of Shildau, Prussia, Germany arrived in America at Indianola, Texas about 1857 when she was 9 years old. Agnes and Joseph were married in 1871.

#5 ROSA POTSCHERNICK (my grandmother) was bom in Loyal Valley, Mason, Texas 28 November 1872. On 5 October 1895, she married Friedrich Gustav Albert Haller, Sr. aka as "Fritz", who was bom 8 January 1865 in Vandenberg, Medina, Texas. Fritz was a farmer, carpenter and was a Street Car or Trolley operator in San Antonio for many years. They had five children, Esther Ottillia Henrietta (was my mother), Lorene Louisa Agnes, Fred Gus Albert Jr., Ellen Louise and Margaret Rose. Fritz died 24 February 1950 and Rosa died 20 May 1957 both in San Antonio, and both are buried in the Roselawn Memorial Cemetery aka San Fernando Cemetery #3, San Antonio, Texas.

#6 JOSEPH PETER POTSCHERNICK born 16 September 1841 in Koln, Colonge, Prussia, Germany

#7 SOPHIE POTSCHERNICK bom 1879 in Leon springs, Bexar, Texas. She was married to Arthur Thomas and they had one child, Johann. Sophie was a nurse and her marriage ended in divorce. Sophie died 1963

#8 MINNIE POTSCHERNICK bom 22 August 1883 in Leon Springs, Bexar, Texas. Minnie married Sam Ward Long, bom 26 October 1882. They had two children, Leland and Margaret. Sam died 23 May 1944 and Minnie died 23 January 1959. Both died in San Antonio and are buried in the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

#9 ELEC POTSCHERNICK born 26 Nov 1887 in Leon Springs, Bexar, Texas. 3 February 1913 Elec married Rose Catherine Danyola (Danysh) born 14 July 1894. They had two children Evelyn Marian and John Howard. Rose died 16 July 1963 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas and Elec died 9 February 1971 in Austin, Travis, Texas. Rose and Elec both are buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

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CHARLES CECIL POTSCHERNICK born 2 March 1886 in Leon Springs, Bexar, Texas. Charles married Lela Alice Powell 19 November 1912. They had six children Cecil, June Katherine, Loyd Clifford, Joyce Imogene, Stanley Rosin, Janet Rae. Charles died 12 August 1971.

#11 TILLIE POTSCHERNICK bom 15 February 1881 in Leon Springs, Bexar, Texas. She married Charles Fredrick Wemer, marriage date unknown. Charles died 8 April 1911 in San Antonio shortly after the four children were bom leaving Tillie to raise them by herself. The sons were Richard J. who excelled at A&M and graduated as a distinguished student in Architecture and later became a Brigadier General in the US Army, Elmer, Arthur, and Herbert. Tillie died 5 June 1962 in San Antonio, both are buried in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

CLARA AGNES POTSCHERNICK (not pictured) born 13 March 1895 in Leon Springs, Bexar, Texas in one of the Von Plehwe's Stage Coach Cottages and 9 days later died 21 March 1895. Little Clara Agnes was buried near the cottage

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