

Our Stumm Family History



1858 Romantic Period painting of the Saar River in Southern Germany

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The Stumm Family

Our German Heritage



Carl Philipp Stumm

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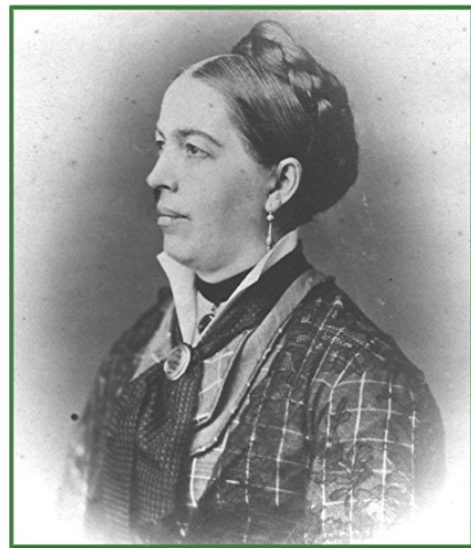
3 June 1842
Sulzbach, Hunsrück, Germany

Married

Sophia Julia SCHÜELER
15 February 1868
Saarbrücken, Germany

Died

20 April 1909
San Francisco, California



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The Saarland and Hunsruck Regions



*Saarland borders France to the South and Luxemburg to the West
(Saarbrücken is the major city)*

*The Hunsruck Region lies about 60 miles North of Saarbrücken
(X marks the area of the two small towns of Sulzbach and Rhaunen)*

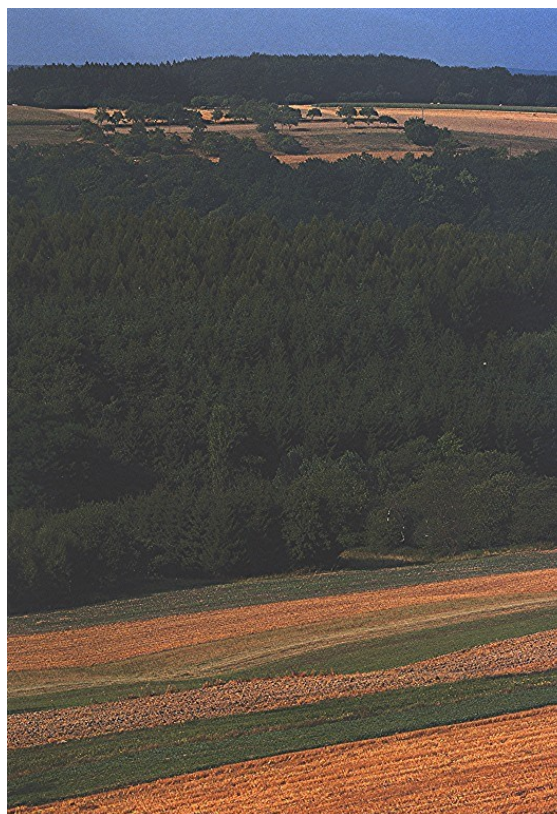
Modern Saarland is an interesting collection of old and new buildings, different cultures, varied industries and beautiful terrain. It is definitely part of Germany, but has many French influences since it borders the Alsace-Lorraine. The industries include the steel mills of Neunkirchen and the coal mines and glass blowing of Saarland's Sulzbach. However, 60% of the area is wooded farmlands. At Perl, on the banks of the Mosel River, there is the only wine growing community in Saarland. Elsewhere the hills are dotted with fruit trees and woods. There are German Castles and Palaces, such as Munchweiler near Neunkirchen, where the aristocracy live. There are also tenant houses and apartments where the workers live. The Saar river, which has long been the inspiration for painters and photographers, is also a major source of recreation for the people. In the Summer months it is filled with swimmers and small boats. Saarbrücken is a beautiful city. It is clean and with dominant architecture and wide streets. Saarland is one of the jewels of Germany.

Just north of Saarland and east of Trier is the rolling hill country of the Hunsruck District. Nestled in these beautiful hills is the tiny town of Rhaunen and a nearby village also known as Sulzbach. It is this Sulzbach where Carl Philipp Stumm was born on June 3, 1842. Coal mined from the Rhaunen area was transported 10 miles west to the town of Traben-Trarbach on the Mosel River, along the Mosel to the Saar River, and then to the iron foundries and steel mills of Neunkirchen.

Immediate Family of Carl Philipp Stumm

About 60 miles north of the city of Saarbrücken, in the lush farmland and forests of the Hunsrück District, lies the small town of Sulzbach. This was the early homeland of the Stumm family. The Mosel River winds through the Hunsrück near Sulzbach and Rhaunen connecting the Saar River to the Rhine. Sometimes the entire area is called Saarland for the scenic Saar River winds its way beside the tree laden hills, through the city of Saarbrücken and into the flat lands of Northern France. On a larger scale, this section is called the Alsace-Lorraine, which throughout the 18th and 19th Century often changed hands in wars between Germany and France.

Carl Philipp Stumm, born at Sulzbach in 1842, was orphaned at the age of three. As a young man, he moved to the nearby city of Saarbrücken where he entered the profession of Bookbinding. There he met and married Sophia Julia Schüeler. Sophia was from a German family who were living South of Saarbrücken in the Alsace-Lorraine section of France. She too had moved to the city of Saarbrücken to find work.



*Saarland — near the borders of
France and Luxemburg*

Carl was the fourth of five children born to Franz Heinrich STUMM and Sophia Philippina STUMM. Sophia was a distant cousin to her husband so her maiden name was also Stumm. In fact, her father was also named Franz Heinrich Stumm so the family called her husband Franz Heinrich Stumm Jr. even though his own father had a different name. Carl Philipp Stumm had three older sisters whose names were Wilhelmine, Elisa and Emilie. He also had one younger brother named Philipp. (They all used the German spelling of Philipp rather than the familiar American spelling with only one “p”.) We have no information about Carl’s older sisters, but his younger brother had a son Hermann who later became a photographer in a city of West Germany.

Carl’s mother and father were both born in Sulzbach and they lived their entire lives there. The Stumm family had lived in this same town for at least four or five generations, dating back to before 1700. However, when Carl was three years old and Philipp only six months,

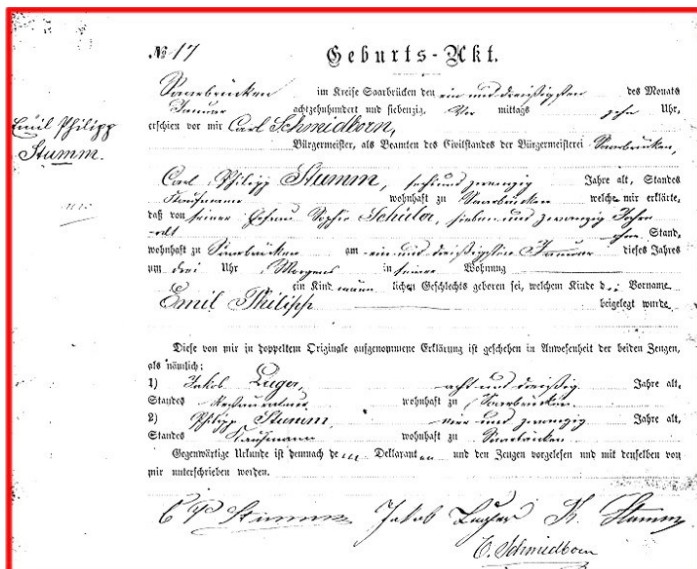
old, their mother Sophia suddenly died. She was only 32. This left Franz alone with five children under nine years of age. Two months after Sophia's passing, Franz also died — leaving the children as orphans. We don't know what happened, but it might have been a plague since Franz' father also died a month before Sophia. Diseases often swept Europe in those days, leaving large segments of the population in their wake. The children were likely raised by the extended family. It is no wonder that Carl moved to Saarbrücken as a young man who wanted to start life anew.

Carl Philipp Stumm was 25 years old when he married Sophia Julia Schueler on February 15, 1868 in Saarbrücken. She was 26. It was then a period of relative peace. Saarland had been conquered by France under Napoleon Bonaparte in 1792. Then, with the fall of Napoleon, it returned to Prussian rule in 1815. During the revolution of 1848-1849 there were revolts in Saarland by democratic powers seeking to overthrow the bourgeoisie, but these were put down by Prussian troops.

Carl was doing well in the bookbinding business and traveled often for his company. Shortly after their wedding, Carl and Sophia moved to Paris, France on a business assignment. Their first child, a son named Ernst Carl STUMM, was born in Paris on January 11, 1869. They then returned to Germany and their second son, Emil Philipp STUMM was born in Saarbrücken on January 30, 1870.



St. John's Market Well, Saarbrücken
— built in 1759 —



Birth Certificate

Saarbrücken on 31 January 1870 —
Carl Philipp Stumm, 26 year old
businessman, and his wife Sophia
Schüeler, 26 years old, both living
in Saarbrücken, gave birth to a son,

Emil Philipp STUMM

Witnesses: Jacob Luger, age 38, and
Philipp Stumm, age 24. (brother).

Later in 1870, war broke out again between France and Germany. It engulfed the entire area of Alsace-Lorraine and Saarland. Otto Von Bismark was Prime Minister of the German Republic and he led the Prussian forces in what is now known as the Franco-Prussian war. Carl, Sophia and their two small sons were safe but it was no time to be having more children. Following their loss in the war, France gave up Alsace and part of Lorraine. The United German Empire was formed with Wilhelm I as the first Kaiser (emperor), and Bismark became the governor. Saarland was then an official part of Germany.

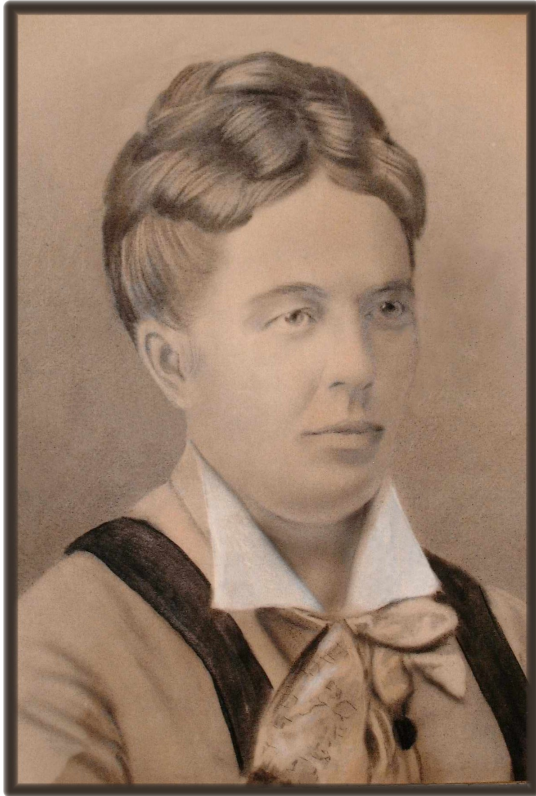
Only when peace was again restored were Carl and Sophia able to again resume having their family. It is not known if they stayed in Saarbrücken during the conflict. We only know that after five years, Frederick STUMM was born May 9, 1875 and Elizabeth Julia STUMM was born December 13, 1876. They were both born somewhere in Germany.



Storming of Spicherer Heights by German Soldiers — 1870

About 1880, Carl and Sophia decided to take their three sons and their daughter to America. It must have been hard to leave their families and depart for a new land with an uncertain future. Upon their arrival, they settled in St. Louis, Missouri. Everything was new to them. They had to learn English. Carl had to find work. The children had to adjust to new schools. However, they must have made the move successfully. To help them become accepted, several family members changed their names to Americanized versions. Carl became Charles and Ernst became Ernest. The St. Louis Directory for 1889-1890 includes a listing for **Charles Stumm, Bookbinder**, located at 2322 Rutger Street.

On October 15, 1881, Sophia gave birth to her first American child. Amelia Sophia STUMM was born in St. Louis. Three years later Carl and Sophia had their last child, a daughter named Ida Fannie STUMM, who was also born in St. Louis, on September 17, 1884. It would seem that life was now going to be smooth for the Stumm family, but this was not to be. Three years later, their twelve year old son Frederick died. With this loss, Sophia's health gradually declined. She was able to see her oldest son, Ernest, marry Augusta Eschle in St. Louis on October 4, 1893. However, Sophia died in St. Louis on May 3, 1896, at 55 years of age, leaving a husband and three unmarried children ages 25 to 11.



Sophia Julia Schüeler Stumm
1841-1896
Buried in New Pickers Cemetery
3700 Illinois Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Sophia was never able to see her beloved homeland again. She was not able to raise all of her children to adulthood. Her family struggled as Charles, Emil and Bessie went out to work while 14 year old Emily stayed home to keep the house and take care of 11 year old Ida. She did not live to see the fulfillment of her dreams nor to play with her grandchildren. Yet Sophia left a great legacy of faith and courage for her children and has been blessed with a marvelous posterity. Her name will be honored and remembered for generations to come.

Charles lived for nearly 13 years after Sophia died. He saw Emily marry Percy T. Johnson in St. Louis on June 10, 1902. Then he went with Emil, Bessie and Ida to San Francisco, California in 1905. He was there when the earthquake of 1906 rocked the city. Charles established his Bookbinding Business in the Bay Area and many of the family members worked there. Percy and Emily also came and settled in Oakland. Ernest and Augusta followed them out and settled in Berkeley. Finally Charles died in San Francisco on April 20, 1909. He was nearly 67 years old.

"Jewel of the Saar"

The name given to this bend in the Saar River, as it is seen from the top of a 650 foot rock called "The Cloef".

(see painting on front cover)



Ancestors of Carl Philipp Stumm

In The Sulzbach, Hunsrück register of baptisms, the entry for Carl Philipp Stumm states that he was born June 3, 1842, and that his father, Franz Heinrich Stumm was an Orgelbauer (Organ Maker) by profession. The Stumm family had lived in Sulzbach for five generations and they were known for their manufacture of magnificent organs. The oldest Stumm organ still in use is found in the Evangelical Church at the nearby town of Rhaunen. The organ was installed in 1723.



The Evangelical Christian Church of Rhaunen was built in 1685 and is still in use today. The Stumm organ with its ornate beauty, fine workmanship and inspiring tones has been in use in this church for 280 years.





*Saarland and Hunsrück Districts Today
The Village of Sulzbach is only 2 miles from the town of Rhaunen*

In the 1600s, Germany was not a unified country. It consisted of separate states, each ruled by a prince. Saarland and Hunsruck were no exceptions. Our story begins in this time period. Coal had been discovered in the Hunsruck District hills. As it was mined, it was transported northwest to the nearby town of Traben-Trarbach on the Mosel River, where it was loaded on barges bound for the fledgling industrial centers like Koblenz. It became obvious that it was cheaper to move the iron and steel mills closer to the source of coal. Ferrite ore was then brought up the Mosel River, offloaded at Traben-Trarbach, and carted to the nearby plains at the base of the Hunsruck hills. Steel Mills were constructed there and jobs were available to the people of the surrounding area. Rhaunen was a small town nestled in the hills just a few miles from the mills.

Johann Niclas Stumm and his wife **Anna Gertrud** were born in the town of Rhaunen in about 1636. They had four children: **(Johann) Nicklas Stumm, Maria Elizabeth Stumm, Johann Christian Stumm and Johann Michael Stumm**. In those days in Germany most men had the name Johann (John) in their full name. Similarly, most women had a Maria (Mary) in their name. Most likely these children went by the names Nicklas, Elizabeth, Christian and Michael Stumm. The children were all born in Sulzbach, a small village about two miles from Rhaunen, between about 1668 and 1676. The youngest son, **Johann Michael Stumm**, was the direct ancestor of our Great Grandfather, Carl Philipp Stumm.

Johann Niclas Stumm died in Sulzbach in 1698, but his son Michael and Michael's descendants remained in Sulzbach for the next five generations, spanning 150 years. Major changes occurred in the Saarland and Hunsruck Districts during the 1700s, but the Stumm family in Sulzbach stayed with the family business of Organ Building. The oldest one was installed in nearby Rhaunen in 1723, but many others were designed and built for other towns and cities of the area.

Meanwhile Saarbrücken continued to grow into a major metropolis with a growing population and a demand for building materials like stone, cement and steel. By the end of the century it was no longer possible for the steel mills near Rhaunen to meet the demand. There simply wasn't a sufficiently large labor force available. Thus in the early 1800s, the mills were moved south to Neunkirchen, near Saarbrücken. Saarland became very prosperous.



With the prosperity came a marked separation of the economic classes. Wealthy industrialists, land owners and political leaders lived in fine homes, while workers of the mines and mills lived in near poverty.

*This Home was built in the mid 1700s
Near Saarbrücken*

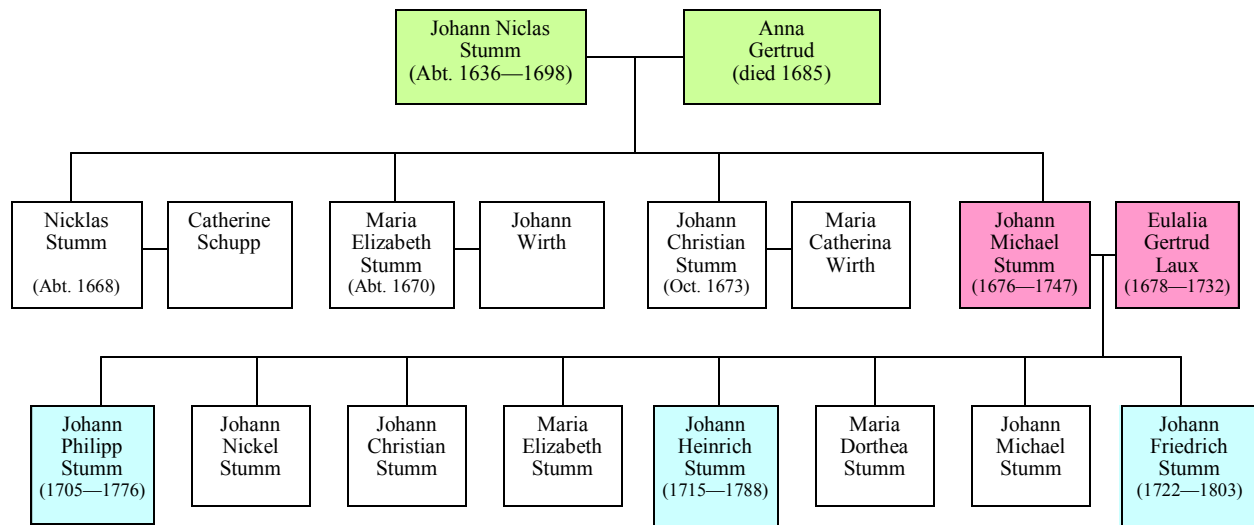
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*Joseph-Philippe de la Croix
Lived here 1781-1804*

As governor of the city of Saarlouis

Munchweiler Castle near Neunkirchen is typical of the home of the royalty which governed the state of Saar. The land was at peace in the mid 1700s while Wilhelm Heinrich and his wife Sophia Christine ruled from Saarbrücken and the Barons of Zandt were the occupants of the Munchweiler Castle. Laws encouraged the growth and development of industry. Coal was discovered in the region and it began to be used to heat the furnaces required for the smelting of iron ore and the production of steel. It was also used for the heating and blowing of glass.



Munchweiler Castle — North of Saarbrücken



Of the eight children born to Michael and Eulalia Stumm, three of them contributed to the ancestry of Carl Philipp Stumm. Sulzbach was a small town and by the mid 1700s, there were a large number of Stumm family members living there. One of Johann Philipp's sons married his first cousin, one of Johann Heinrich's daughters. Then, two generations later, one of their descendents married a cousin, one of the descendents of Johann Friedrich.

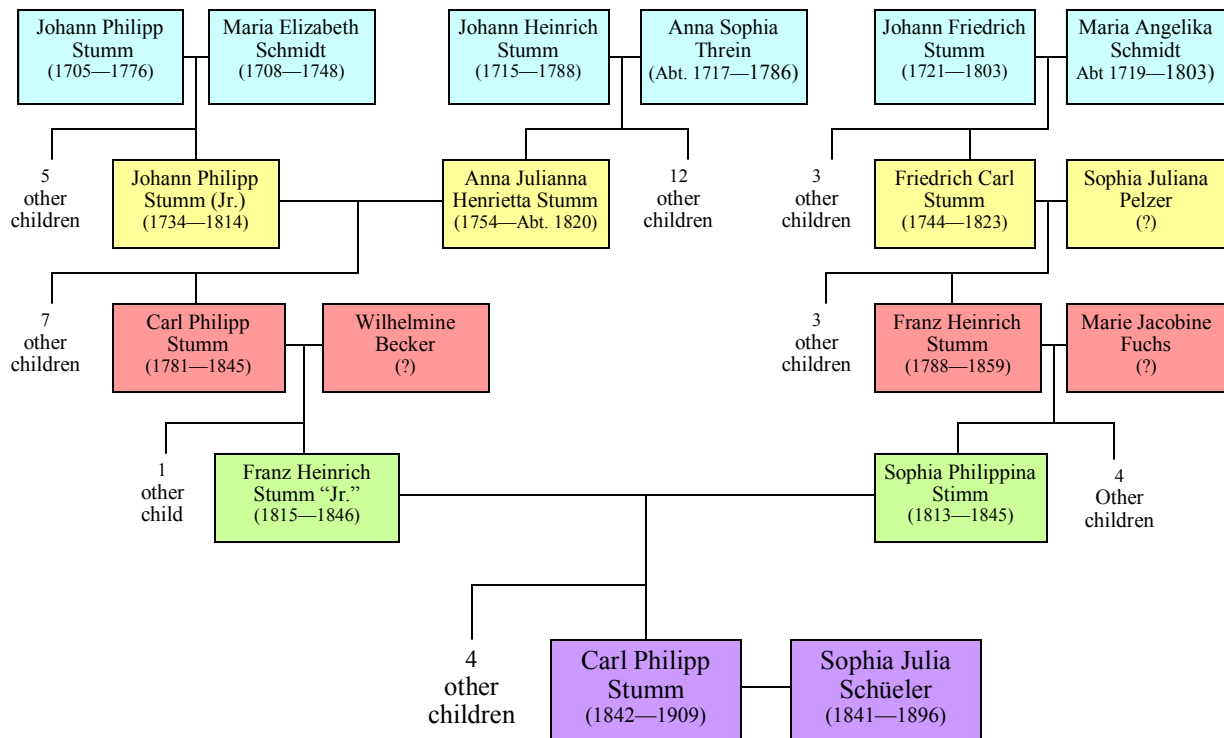
The organ building business required highly developed skills in woodwork, metalwork and music intonation. It took generations of craftsmen to cover all aspects of the work. There was plenty of work to do so all of the Stumm families participated.



*Munchweiler Castle
entrance*

However, in nearby France a revolution was taking place. The French Aristocracy fell and the army of Napoleon Bonaparte gained power. By 1792 Napoleon’s army occupied Saarland, and by 1799 it was annexed to France. After the fall of Napoleon in 1815, the area bounced back and forth between French and German rule. Finally the Prussian military firmly established the area as a part of Germany.

The Hunsruck Region was relatively untouched by these political and military episodes. Thus our branch of the Stumm family continued to marry (and intermarry) in the small towns of Rhaunen and Sulzbach. The ancestors of Carl Philipp Stumm were ordinary people. They did not include royalty or great wealth. They did not have titles like “Von” or “Baron”. However, they were skilled craftsmen with a prosperous family business and their lives were happy.



These people of ours are often mistaken for another Stumm family, which also came from Sulzbach near Rhaunen and which became famous in the steel industry. We refer to them as the “Other Stumm Family”. In reality they are probably part of the same Stumm ancestry, but a definite connection has not yet been proven. They do have the name of **von Stumm** which indicates a title of nobility.

The “Other” Stumm Family



Another Stumm family came out of Sulzbach in the mid 1700s and settled in various towns, finally moving to Neunkirchen in the mid 1800s. They were primarily associated with the Iron and Steel Industry. A large Steel Mill was constructed at Neunkirchen which generated considerable wealth for its owners. Though a connection to our family has not been proven, this “Other” Stumm Family became very prominent in the area.



Neunkirchen — 1874



*Carl Friedrich Stumm
1798—1848*



*Marie Louise Böcking
1813—1864*

In 1834, Carl Friedrich Stumm married into the wealthy Böcking family. Carl and his wife Marie had eight children. The book, “Neunkirchen Long Ago” states: “In 1833 at Nuenkirchen, the Stumm brothers were the first people in Saarland to use the ‘Puddle Process’ for smelting iron ore.” Carl and Marie’s oldest son, Carl Ferdinand Stumm, was born March 30, 1836. He became the director of several iron and steel works and a leading businessman in the Saar Region. He married into the royal Halberg family and became titled, **Carl Ferdinand von Stumm-Halberg**. As you walk down the streets of Neunkirchen today, his name is still well remembered.



*Neunkirchen Statue and Picture
Of
Carl Ferdinand von Stumm-Halberg
1836—1901*

Descendants of Carl Philipp & Sophia Julia Stumm

Once our Stumm family immigrated to America and settled in St. Louis, Missouri, several of them changed their names slightly to be more accepted in the culture of this new land. The Americanized names are used in this story of their descendants. Carl became Charles, and Ernst became Ernest. Others retained their names but used nicknames most of the time. Thus Elizabeth was called Bessie and Amelia was called Emily throughout their adult lives.

Children of Charles and Sophia Stumm

| Name | Birth Date | Birth Place | Married | Marriage Date |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ernest Carl Stumm | 11 Jan 1869 | Paris, France | Augusta Eschle | 4 Oct 1893 St. Louis |
| Emil Philipp Stumm | 30 Jan 1870 | Saarbrucken, Germany | Not Married | |
| Frederick Stumm | 9 May 1875 | Germany | Not Married — Died at age of 12 | |
| Elizabeth Julia Stumm | 13 Dec 1876 | Germany | Otis L. Waite | 18 June 1911 San Francisco |
| Amelia Sophia Stumm | 15 Oct 1881 | St. Louis, Missouri | Percy Townsend Johnson | 10 June 1902 St. Louis |
| Ida Fannie Stumm | 17 Sep 1884 | St. Louis, Missouri | Henry Albert Felix Reichelt | 28 June 1913 San Francisco |

Very little is known about Frederick Stumm other than he was born in Germany and that he died in St. Louis in in 1887 at twelve years of age. At the time of Frederick's death, Ernest was 18 and Emil was 17. They were working with their father in the Bookbinding business and learning the trade. Bessie was 11 and close to Frederick so she must have felt his loss the most. Emily and Ida were only 6 and 3 so they didn't remember or speak much of him at all. Whether he died of an accident or an illness is not known.

The Ernest and Augusta Stumm Family



Stumm Family Crest

Ernst Stumm was only 11 years old when his parents left Germany and immigrated to America. His younger sibling included Emil (10), Frederick (5) and Bessie (4). They arrived in 1880 and moved to St. Louis, Missouri. The two youngest girls (Emily and Ida) were born in St. Louis in 1881 and 1884. His father Carl changed his own name to Charles so Ernst changed his name to Ernest. Once Charles had established his Bookbinding business in St. Louis, Ernest began working there as an apprentice to learn the trade.

The Stumm family associated with other German immigrant families for social activities. This is where they met John and Anna Eschle and their daughter Augusta. John had been born in Mannheim, Germany in 1837 and Anna Krill was actually born on shipboard in 1850 coming to America. They met and married in St. Louis where Augusta was born on May 2, 1873.

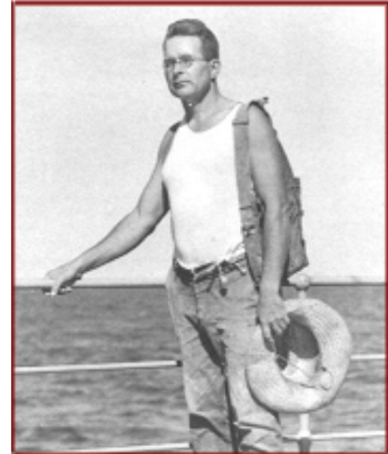
Ernest Carl Stumm married **Augusta Eschle** on October 4, 1893 when she was 20 and he was 24. Their first two children were born in St Louis. **Alvina Stumm** was born August 10, 1894 and her brother, **Richard August Stumm** was born two years later on July 21, 1896 — only a few months after Ernest's mother, Sophia, died. In 1902, when his younger sister Emily was getting married to Percy Johnson, Ernest and Augusta held a reception in their honor. His father Charles and the unmarried children all moved to San Francisco in 1905, leaving Ernest to run the Bookbinding business in St. Louis. After the 1906 earthquake, Emily and Percy followed the family to San Francisco, leaving Ernest, Augusta and their children behind. Finally, they too moved west and settled across the bay in Berkeley, California. Their third child, **Erwin Charles Stumm** was born in Berkeley on September 15, 1908.

Soon after Alvina's wedding in 1914, Augusta Stumm became ill and her health gradually deteriorated. Augusta died October 17, 1918 at age 45. Her son Richard was 22 but Erwin was only 10 so Augusta's mother, Anna Eschle moved in to help Ernest raise his youngest son. She was called Grandma Eschle by everyone. Ernest lived for another 17 years after Augusta died. He retired from the Bookbinding business and moved to Placerville, California where he had a small ranch and became a fruit grower until he died, October 18, 1935.



Alvina at Home
1938

Alvina spent her teenage years in Berkeley. “She was a musician, a pianist, and she loved to dance.” At one of the German Society dances she met Waldo who was a student of Marine Biology from Washington D.C. who was doing a survey of marine life in San Francisco Bay. Alvina (20) married **Waldo LaSalle Schmitt** (27) on November 19, 1914. They remained in Berkeley for two years while Waldo completed his Masters Degree at the University of California. They then moved back to Washington.



Waldo on Expedition
1933

After receiving his PhD from George Washington University, Waldo entered into a long career at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington as a Marine Biologist. Much of his life was spent on expeditions to the South Pacific and even the South Pole to study marine life. Alvina and Waldo had two children. **Waldo Ernest Schmitt** born June 2, 1917 and **Barbara Ann Schmitt** born September 24, 1920.

Waldo E. Schmitt fought in World War II at the “Battle of the Bulge” in October 1944. He was wounded there and died soon after as a prisoner of war at age 27. Barbara married **Robert T. Lundy** on February 22, 1946. and they were the parents of three children, Robert, Christine and Eric.



Waldo Ernest Schmitt & Barbara Ann Schmitt



Waldo Schmitt became the Head Curator of Zoology at the U.S. National Museum in 1947. He is shown here with fellow Marine Biologist, Dr. Joel Hedgepeth. He held this position for 10 years until his retirement at age 70. He continued writing research papers in his office for another 20 years. Alvina Stumm Schmitt died at her home in Takoma Park, Maryland in on March 15, 1976 at age 81. Waldo died the next year at 90 years of age.

Richard August Stumm was the second child born to Ernest and Augusta Stumm. He was 10 years old when the family moved from St. Louis to Berkeley so his teenage years were spent in California. He attended U.C. Berkeley as a student of business. There he met a gifted young woman named **Pauline Borradaile**, a music student from New Mexico. They were married December 15, 1917 when Richard was 21 and Pauline was only 18. Their first son, **Richard August Stumm Jr.** was born June 19, 1919 in California while they were still students. Richard Jr.'s wife, Beatrice Krug Stumm, is still living in Pasadena, California. Their second son, **John Borradaile Stumm** was born at Fort Benning, Washington while Richard had his tour of duty in the military. John and his wife, Mary Jane, are no longer living. The Richard Stumm family settled in Pasadena, California where Richard worked in the sales of steel products. By 1930 Richard was Sales Manager for his Steel Products business. He later became the Founder, President and Chairman of the Board for the Southern Pipe and Casting Company. Richard died in 1963 in Glendora, California.

Pauline Borradaile Stumm, born to **John Borradaile** and **Lola Armijo** in Albuquerque, New Mexico, had a notable career of her own. She was the pianist for the Pasadena Civic Orchestra, patron of music for the Claremont Men's College, and President of the sponsoring committees of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and San Gabriel Symphony. After Richard died in 1963, Pauline married Walter O. Berger, Bank President. She died in 1982.

Erwin Charles Stumm was the third child of Ernest and Augusta. He was born in Berkeley, California on September 15, 1908. His mother Augusta died when Erwin was only 10 so he was raised by his Grandmother, Anna Eschle, who came to live with them. Erwin received his B.A. Degree from George Washington University in 1932 and Masters Degree in 1933. He got his PhD Degree in Geology from Princeton in 1936. Erwin married **Mary Elizabeth Coon** on August 29, 1936. Mary was the daughter of **Byron McPherson Coon** and his wife **Mary Elizabeth Leshner** and was born in Iowa. Erwin and Betty moved to Elyria, Ohio where he began his teaching career at Oberlin College. They had three children while living at Oberlin. **Virginia Elizabeth Stumm** was born January 21, 1939. She was followed by **Dorothy Diana Stumm** born November 25, 1941 and **Ernest Byron Stumm** born February 3, 1947.

Erwin moved from Oberlin College to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. In 1963 he was the Curator of Paleozoic Invertebrates at the University Museum of Paleontology. He died April 24, 1969 at Ann Arbor, Michigan at age 61. Betty remarried in 1976 and became Elizabeth Stumm Goddard, and, when last heard of, was living in Laguna Beach, California.

*German Coat of Arms
In use from the times of the
Roman Empire*



Emil Philipp Stumm



*Emil in St. Louis
About age 23*

Emil learned the Bookbinding Trade from his father and worked at it in the family business all of his life. His older brother Ernest was married in St. Louis on October 4, 1893, which is about the same time this picture was taken. In an interview with Alice Johnson Scribner, she said, My Uncle Emil was a handsome man, a very handsome man. Emil never married. He was engaged to a girl in St. Louis. I have pictures of her. She was a beautiful girl, but she jilted him for someone else and he never married. He lived with Aunt Ida for most of his life.”

Emil was 26 when his mother Sophia died. His work helped to fill the loneliness felt by the loss of his mother. Alice said Sophia died of a heart attack, leaving Bessie, Emil, Ernest and Charles to work and earn the family income while Emily stayed home to take care of Ida. Emil was present in 1902 when his younger sister Emily married Percy T. Johnson in St. Louis. He was 32 at the time.

A big change came to Emil and the whole family in 1905 when Charles decided to move his Bookbinding business to San Francisco. Ernest and Augusta stayed behind as did Percy and Emily, but Charles, Emil, Bessie and Ida made a big move across the country. They settled in San Francisco shortly before the great earthquake of 1906. Charles, Emil and two

neighbors watched Ida cook in the street after their Chimney fell down during the earthquake. Emily was so upset when she heard about the quake but couldn't get any word from her family, she persuaded Percy to move to San Francisco so she could be with them. Emil was present at the weddings of his other two sisters, Bessie and Ida. He later moved in with Henry and Ida's family and lived there until he was killed when, by accident, he stepped in front of a city bus. He died on March 9, 1948 at age 78.



Emil standing by Charles watching Ida

The Otis and Bessie Waite Family



Elizabeth Julia Stumm
Age 34

Elizabeth Julia Stumm was the fourth child of Charles and Sophia and their first daughter. She was born December 13, 1876 in Germany and was only 3 years old when the family immigrated to St. Louis, Missouri. She was 19 when her mother died, and was still single at 29 when she moved west with Charles, Ida and Emil to San Francisco in 1906. There she met and married **Otis L. Waite**. Otis was born in Illinois on December 1, 1865 as the oldest of 6 children to **John Waite**. He was raised by a stepmother named Elizabeth. In 1880 Otis was a 15 year old boy living with his family in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson, Illinois. However, he moved west leaving the rest of the family behind, and was then living in the Bay Area. When they married, June 18, 1911 in San Francisco, Bessie was 34 and Otis was 45.

Bessie and Otis Waite had two sons. **Charles L. Waite** was born December 29, 1912 in San Francisco, and **Norman O. Waite** was also born there nearly six years later, on November 20, 1918. The Great Depression was hard on the family. In 1930, Otis, Bessie, Charles (17) and his brother Norman (11) were living with the boys' Uncle Ernest on his Placerville fruit ranch. Bessie died October

1, 1836 when she was 59. Otis died April 20, 1945 in Alameda, California at age 79.

After Charles and Norman Waite left their Uncle Ernest's Placerville ranch, they went back to Illinois where their father's family lived. There they met the Muccie girls, Loretta and Marian. Norman married **Marian Muccie** in 1946, when Norman was 27 and Marian was only 17. Loretta and Marian were the youngest of 8 children born to Eugene and Florence Mucci. Their parents were born in Italy and Immigrated to Hall, Bureau County, Illinois. Although Norman and Marian's marriage did not last, they had a son, **Ronald C. Waite**, who was born September 17, 1947 in San Francisco. Charles married



*Ronald
Waite*
New Mexico

Loretta Muccie in 1948 when he was 35 and she was 19. Meanwhile, Norman returned to Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas.



*Charles Waite,
Loretta Muccie &
Norman Waite*
1946

Norman studied English Literature at Southern Methodist University. There he became acquainted with **Doris Jean George**. They were married on September 6, 1948. Norman completed his B.A. and M.A. Degrees in English at SMU before they moved back to the San Francisco Bay area. Doris was born July 14, 1927 in Knoxville, Tennessee to James



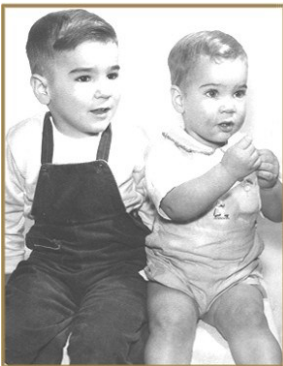
Norman and Doris Waite

Tate George and Lillian Brooke. Once living in San Francisco, Norman and Doris started a family of their own. **Laura Elise Waite** was born September 29, 1953. **James Norman Waite** was born September 12, 1955 and **Carolyn Lillian Waite** was born August 14, 1959. Carolyn died at age 38, but Laura and James live in Northern California. Norman died February 7, 1991 in San Francisco. Norman and Doris lived next door to his Aunt Ida and Uncle Henry Reichelt so Doris stayed on there until she died February 21, 1999. Laura married **Richard Choy** on July 17, 1982 and they have two children, Elizabeth and Jeff.

Charles and Loretta moved back to San Francisco where their first son, **Robert Charles Waite**, was born on October 8, 1949. Their family then moved to the east coast. Their second son, **William Norman Waite**, was born in Trenton, New Jersey on October 22, 1951. Charles had a very long life. He died April 19, 2002 at the age of 89. Loretta is still living in 2003. She is the last of this generation.



James N. Waite and his sisters, Carolyn Waite & Laura Waite Choy



*Bob and Bill Waite
1954*



*Bill Waite
Viet Nam Vet.*



*Charles Waite
WW II Vet.*



*Charles & Loretta Waite
Norman & Doris Waite*

The Percy and Emily Johnson Family



*Amelia Sophia Stumm — Age 20
Wedding Day*

Emily Was only 14 when her mother died in 1896. Life was hard for her. She had to scrub the floors, clean the house, cook the food and care for her 11 year old sister, Ida while the older family members were at work. She found a sense of security when she married a man who was 11 years older. **Percy Townsend Johnson** was 31 and had his own small printing business in the village of Crondelet on the edge of St. Louis. He was a fastidious man with excellent manners. Percy had been raised by his Uncle because his own mother died shortly after childbirth. His father, Matthew Johnson, worked to provide his financial support. **Matthew Johnson** and his wife, **Jane Elizabeth Townsend**, were from England. Percy was their first and only child. He patiently tried to learn some German and communicate with his wife's family. Her brother Ernest and his wife Augusta provided for Emily's wedding reception.

Their first child, **Alice Jane Johnson**, was born March 31, 1903 in St. Louis. Then, after the 1906 earthquake, they moved to San Francisco to be with the rest of the family. **Florence Elizabeth Johnson**, was born in San Francisco on February 18, 1909. It was very cold and windy in Daly City where they were staying and Emily was often ill. Percy moved his family across the bay to Oakland and rode the ferry back into San Francisco every day to go to work at the printing company where he had employment. Gradually Emily's health improved. Ernest and Augusta moved their family to Berkeley about this time and started up a second Bookbinding business, so the family was all together in the Bay Area.

Alice grew up in Oakland. Money was always in short supply so she worked each summer at her uncles' Bookbinding shop to buy school clothes.



*Emily with her daughters,
Alice and Florence — 1911*



*Alice Jane
Johnson*



*Gordon Raymond
Scribner*

World War I was raging in Europe but the West Coast of America was calm. To support the sailors of the Western Fleet, Alice and her friends attended USO dances, under the watchful eyes of their mothers. There she met **Gordon Raymond Scribner**, only child of Irvin Aldridge Scribner and Isabella Livingstone MacKenzie of San Diego. After four years of courtship, they were married. Alice and Gordon raised four sons. **David Gordon Scribner** was born May 15, 1926. He was followed by **Kenneth Jerome**, born July 22, 1928. The Great Depression came and went. Then **Douglas MacKenzie** was born February

9, 1938. A year later, Gordon and Alice moved the family from Oakland to San Diego. **Stephen Peter** was born in San Diego, August 7, 1945. When Alice died on February 12, 1986, she had 18 grandchildren.



*Steve, Ken, Alice, Dave and Doug
1975*

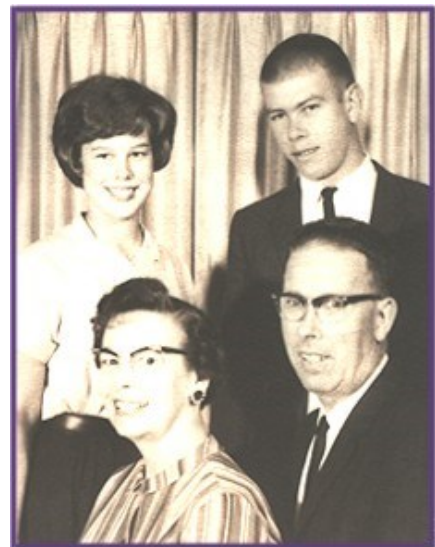
Florence met **Henry Neergard** from Alameda. He and his sister Eleanor were the children of Nels Neergard and Karen Bundesen originally from Denmark. Florence and Henry lived in Monrovia, California where they raised two children. **Phillip Henry Neergard** was born September 1, 1941 in Oakland. **Karen Alice Neergard** was born February 28, 1944 in San Jose. Florence died on July 4, 1988 in Palm Springs, California.



*Florence Elizabeth Johnson
1929*



*Henry Neergard
Florence Johnson
1939*

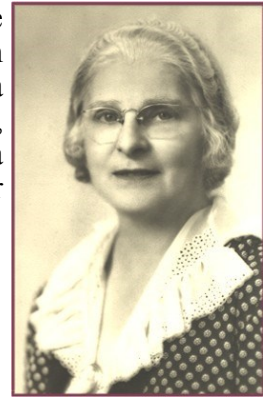


*Karen and Phil
Florence and Henry
1960*

The Henry and Ida Reichelt Family



Charles Philipp Stumm died in San Francisco April 20, 1909. His youngest daughter, **Ida Fannie Stumm**, was 25 years old. At that time she was living with her sister Emily's family. She then met Henry and they decided to marry. **Henry Albert Felix Reichelt** was born in Berlin, Germany to Karl Reichelt and Maria Krefain. They were married in San Francisco on June 28, 1913. Though Ida had been quite ill as a child, she lived to be 84 and had a longer life than any of her brothers or sisters.



*Ida Fannie Stumm
Reichelt*

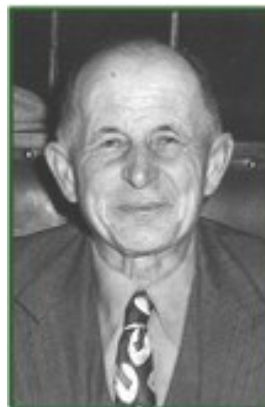
Age 25 ----- Age 50

Ida and Henry had one child, a daughter named **Norma Emily Reichelt**. Norma was born on July 8, 1915 in San Francisco and lived there until she married Ernie Hay. After Ernie and Norma moved to Marysville to raise their family, Ida was known as everybody's "Great Aunt". Though Henry did not like to travel, she enjoyed it very much so she dragged him along with her to visit family members far and wide. After Henry died in 1962, She continued her travels all across the country. She also loved to have family visit her in San Francisco. Many of us have fond memories of those visits.



*Henry & Florence Neergard,
Ernie & Norma Hay
Henry & Ida Reichelt
Percy & Emily Johnson*

*1939
Family
Dinner*



*Henry Reichelt
1950*



*Ida Reichelt
1950*



Norma Emily Reichelt
1937

Ernest Peter Hay was born in Edwall, Washington on October 20, 1901. He married Norma Reichelt on December 18, 1937, when he was 36 and she was 22. They had two children. **Carl Ernest Hay** was born October 21, 1939 and **Mary Elizabeth Hay** was born four years later on December 27, 1943.

Mary was the first to marry. When she was 19 she wed **John Ira Taylor** on May 11, 1963. They have two married sons, Eric and Clinton. On the other hand, Carl did not marry until he was 30. His wife, **Doris Vance Morris**, who was also 30, died at the very young age of 48. Carl also died early at age 52 and they had no children.

Norma was only 41 when she died July 22, 1956. Her daughter Mary was then just 12 years old, so Ida stepped in to help raise Mary and Carl.



Ernie and Norma Hay Family
1946

*Mary
And
Carl
Hay*



Ida and Norma



*Otis Waite, son Norman
& family cow
1922*



*Ida, Emil and Bessie
1910*



*Bessie (left)
Ida (center)
Emily (right)
1888 — St. Louis
Ages 12, 4 and 7*



*Percy Johnson
& Class in 1880*



*Ida, Emily and Percy
Florence and Alice
1909*

Stumm Family — Group Photographs