

FAMILY SHEET BERNHARD HENRY GOTTHELF OF KLEINERDLINGEN (BAVARIA) + PHILADELPHIA + LOUISVILLE + VICKSBURG (USA)

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may contain errors based on variety of sources -

details on BH Gotthelf's daughter Emma + descendants come from Connie Beeson of Indianapolis, who found personal family papers which someone had disposed.

BERNHARD HENRY GOTTHELF (born as Baruch Hirsch) (A)
shochet, hazzan, emigrated to North America around 1840
served as (not ordained) Rabbi in Philadelphia (Pennsylvania),
Louisville (Kentucky) + Vicksburg (Mississippi)
born 5 Feb 1816 Kleinerdingen (Bavaria), died 7 Sep 1878 Vicksburg MS
parents = shochet Joseph Marx Gotthelf + wife Gietel nee Murr (B)

married ca 1839 (in Binswangen/Bavaria ?)

SOPHIA LANDAUER

born 25 Feb 1822 Binswangen (Bavaria), died 12 Apr 1917 Vicksburg MS
parents = butcher Jakob Hirsch Landauer + wife Kela/Karoline nee Steinhart

SO FAR KNOWN CHILDREN:

- (01) **DOROTHEA** ca 1844 - ?
(born Maryland) married
NN FRIEDMAN who died before 1880
in 1880 a Dora lived with her widowed mother in
Vicksburg (Mississippi) with her four children
Joseph 1863, Eugene 1865, Sydney 1868, Clarence 1870
- (02) **JOSEPH** ca 1846 - ca 1900/1910 (died in Memphis, Tennessee)
(born Maryland) jeweler in Vicksburg MS, later Memphis
married before 1877
NANNIE BAZSINSKY from Mississippi
ca 1857 - ca 1920/1930 (died in Nashville TE ?)
parents = Joseph Bazzinsky (died 11 Feb 1888) +
wife Adeline (died 04 Apr 1919)
so far known children by 1900
(a-c born in Vicksburg, d-g born in Memphis) =
- (a) **Clara** born ca 1877
 - (b) **Stella (Estelle)** born ca 1878
 - (c) **Bernard** ca 1881 - 1 Nov 1949 (died in New Orleans)
married before 1920
Sara NN ca 1881 Louisiana - after 1949 (where ?)
couple had no children
 - (d) **Sophie** ca 1883 - 22 Sep 1929 (died San Antonio TX)
married before 1907
Harry Dalsheimer from Tennessee
ca 1882 - 04 Feb 1936 (died San Antonio TX)
couple had a daughter Rosalie (born ca 1907 in TE)
who married Sidney Berkovitz before 1930

Sophie + Harry + Rosalie lived in Nashville TN by 1920 together with Sophie's mother Nannie

- (e) **Hilda** born ca 1885
married before 1910
William Cohen Frost born ca 1884 in Tennessee
parents = Julius L Frost + wife Esther nee Cohen
couple lived with Hilda's mother in 1910
 - (f) **Edna** born ca 1887
married before 1910
Nathan W Wellander born 1886 in Tennessee
couple lived with Edna's mother in 1910
 - (g) **Jean** born ca 1893
- (03) **ISAAC** (called Ike) 16 Oct 1850 - 11 Jan 1902 (died in Vicksburg)
(born Philadelphia PA) still lived with his mother in 1880
married after 1880
BERTHA EPSTEIN from Ohio
18 Mar 1860 - 25 Jan 1934 (died in Vicksburg)
couple had two sons born in Vicksburg =
- (a) **Harold Gabriel Gotthelf**
20 Mar 1891 - 17 Feb 1981 (died in Vicksburg)
married
Adele Klaus
16 Nov 1893 - 22 Jan 1973 (died in Vicksburg)
 - (b) **Bernard Henry Gotthelf**
05 Oct 1888 - 07 Nov 1958 (died in Vicksburg)
married 1925
Vivian Phillips from Illinois
03 May 1901 - 18 Feb 1962 (died in Vicksburg)
- (04) **CLARA** 05 Jan 1851 - ?
(born Louisville KY) married before 1871
Nathan F Block from Bavaria ?
emigrated to North America in 1846
distiller in Louisville (Kentucky) USA (C)
also wine + liquors trader
24 Aug 1844 - ? (died after 1910 ?)
parents = Moses Block + wife Sophie nee Oberdorfer
- (05) **ROSA** ca 1855 - ?
(born Louisville KY)
- (06) **MORRIS** 17 Jan 1857 - 19 Sep 1878 (died in Vicksburg MS)
(born Louisville KY) unmarried, died from yellow fever
- (07) **EMMA** 19 Apr 1861 - 28 May 1932 (died in Vicksburg)
(born Louisville KY) married 12 Jul 1879
JOSEPH HIRSH from Mississippi
lawyer in Vicksburg
partner of Smith, Hirsh & Landau Attorneys
Confederate at Civil War (Bains Battery
1st Mississippi Light Artillery)
10 Aug 1845 - 13 Jan 1923 (died in Vicksburg)
parents = Seligman L Hirsh 17 Mar 1817 - 18 Mar 1906
+ wife Bertha nee Levi 07 Oct 1825 - 10 Nov 1882
(both were born in Wuerttemberg, married ca 1844 in
New York, both died in Port Gibson, Bertha was born
in Oberdorf, parents = Samuel Loew Levi + Sprinz
nee Schwabacher)

couple by 1880 had one child and lived with
Emma's mother Sophia, in 1930 Emma still
lived in Vicksburg MS

two known children (born in Vicksburg) =

(a) **Edith May Hirsh** 17 Mar 1880 - 12 Mar 1941
married before 1914

Mose D Landau 15 Mar 1874 - 21 Jun 1930
Edith + Mose died in Vicksburg

couple had a daughter

Myrtle Emilie Landau 29 Aug 1914 - after 1986
lived in Indianapolis by 1986

(b) **Nathaniel Norman Hirsh** 22 Nov 1884 - 10 Sep 1952
(died in Vicksburg ?) was still single by 1930

(08) **JULIUS**

(born Louisville KY)

18 Aug 1864 - ?

lived with his mother Sophia in 1880
married 19 Jun 1884 in Warren County (Kentucky)

Annie Farmer from Mississippi
ca 1866 - ?

so far known children (all born in Vicksburg MS) =

(a) **Clarence**

23 Feb 1887 - 01 Sep 1957 (died in Los Angeles)
married ca 1914

Margaret Vandyke from New York

14 Aug 1890 - 23 Mar 1964 (died in Oregon)

couple probably had only one child =

Muriel (born in Los Angeles)

01 Jan 1915 - 02 Jul 1985 (died in Los Angeles)
she never got married

(b) **Bernard H b 05 Oct 1888 ? see Isaac's son Bernard**

married before 1910 in Denver (Colorado)

Daisy from Illinois

couple had a daughter

Sara born 1912 in Denver CO

family by 1920 lived in Davenport, Iowa

(c) **Maurice W** 1890 - 24 Apr 1954 (Illinois)

married before 1930

Beatrice born ca 1890

couple lived in Flint, Genesee, Illinois

(d) **Evelyn Anna** 26 Oct 1892 - 20 Dec 1969

married

Cleveland Crews 5 Apr 1892 - 10 May 1950

couple lived in Florida

(A) **"B H" Gotthelf** (even his grave inscription shows his given names only by initials) must have emigrated to North America around 1840 and lived in Maryland (Baltimore ?), before in 1847 he became minister (cantor + preacher) of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Philadelphia (Pennsylvania). In 1848 he was elected cantor and shochet for Adath Israel Congregation in Louisville (Kentucky), but in fact acted as (non ordained) Rabbi. When in 1854 a secular school was founded there, he became the Hebrew teacher. During Civil War (in 1862) he was appointed chaplain for the hospital ministry as one of three chaplains for Jewish soldiers of the Union Army. After Civil War Rabbi Gotthelf in 1866 was offered the pulpit of Congregation Anshe Chesed (= "men

of kindness") in Vicksburg (Mississippi). In 1878 B H Gotthelf died from yellow fever during a terrible epidemic, while still ministering the Jewish congregation of Vicksburg. About 1/3 of this congregation died in these days. Rabbi Gotthelf was buried at Anshe Chesed Cemetery. His grave monument still exists, next to his wife + son Morris.

(B) **Joseph Marx Gotthelf** (1762-1844) was a hazzan + shochet in Kleinerdingen since 1797 (his father Marx Loew was in the same position until he died in 1791). Around 1795 he married **Gietel** (1780-1847). So far this couple had six known children born between 1805 and 1825, plus some more children born before 1805 (five of them born before 1801). Besides Bernard Henry (born Baruch Hirsch) at least two more of these children then emigrated to North America = **Meyer** + **Leopold** (born Lazarus) - (see own family sheets)

(C) Liquor brands were "Kentucky Oaks" + "Magnolia" + "Old Thoroughbred Rye". Nathan F Block's brother Joseph Block (born 11 Sep 1849) married Nellie Frank.

SPECIAL REMARK:

Julius Herscovici in 2001 published a wonderful booklet on Bernhard Henry Gotthelf's life in the USA (83 pages), which may be purchased from the author, living at 407 Cain Ridge Road, Vicksburg MS 39180-6006, USA