# **Descendants of Georg Ludwig Dürr**

#### **Generation 1**

GEORG LUDWIG<sup>1</sup> DÜRR was born on May 28, 1823 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 07, 1888 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He married Anna Elisabeth Caroline Schneider, daughter of Johann Georg Schneider and Luise Florentine Wetter, on October 14, 1850 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. She was born on August 13, 1833 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 10, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland).

# Notes for Georg Ludwig Dürr:

Known as Ludwig. Apparently raised in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. With his first cousin, J. Ludwig Riedesel, and his mother he traveled to New York on the ship Lesmona out of Bremen, debarking on June 24, 1844. Their destination was Crawford County, Ohio, where the cousins' aunt and uncle (the Gerhardts) lived. Family legend has it that he built a barn for someone in exchange for his passage. Exactly where he lived is uncertain. It is likely that he and his family lived outside the towns of Galion and Bucyrus. Just prior to his marriage, the 1850 Crawford County Census found him living in the household of a German-born wagonmaker, John Miller.

While living in Ohio, he received some theological tutelage from the Rev. Max Stern of the German Reformed Church in Galion. The Dürrs, the Riedesels, the Gerhardts and the Schneiders appear not to have been members of that congregation. Instead, they evidently met in homes and perhaps a rough meeting house for religious services. Reports differ on when he settled for good at Wheatland. The reported birth places of their children imply a move to lowa between 1855-1857.

Their family scattered. Unlike many of the other Wunderthäuser, they had no "home place" (farm) to pass down to another generation.

Dürr was a carpenter, not a farmer, and lived in the town of Wheatland. He was a founder of St. Paul's Church in Wheatland and had served as a lay leader of worship services in Wheatland before a regular minister was available. Before the founding of St. Paul's in 1861, he is recorded as a founding member of a German Reformed congregation or community (Gemeinde) in 1857. He was an elder in the first Kirchenrat (Board) of St. Paul's church in 1861. He and Caroline are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, but no marker exists.

### Notes for Anna Elisabeth Caroline Schneider:

Known as Caroline. Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. The Schneider family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. Some records (including her obituary in the local paper!) report that the wife of Ludwig Dürr was "Catherine Schneider", but this is totally incorrect. She was Caroline in her day; her sister, Catherine, married J. Ludwig Riedesel in 1845. Four of her twelve children died in childhood. She is buried with Ludwig Dürr in St. Paul's Cemetery though there is no grave marker.

Georg Ludwig Dürr and Anna Elisabeth Caroline Schneider had the following children:

- SARAH ELISABETH<sup>2</sup> DÜRR was born on September 20, 1851 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. She died on November 15, 1927 in Gause, Milam, Texas (Gause Cemetery). She married John Camillus Bowling, son of James Madison Bowling and Margaret Ann Pelter, in September 1873 in Clinton Co., Iowa. He was born on February 29, 1848 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He died on July 14, 1932 in Gause, Milam, Texas (Gause Cemetery).
  - ii. MARIA DÜRR was born on June 19, 1853 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. She died on January 06, 1854 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio.
- iii. ANNA DÜRR was born on November 18, 1854 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. She died on March 18, 1921 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas (Murray Cemetery). She married George Rettig, son of Johann Rettig and Anna Maria Schmiedel, on September 05, 1875 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on August 16, 1851 in Randolph, Portage, Ohio. He died on November 17, 1936 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas (Murray Cemetery).
  - iv. Christina Dürr was born on September 20, 1857 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on November 23, 1864 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

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- 4. v. ELIZABETH DÜRR was born on November 11, 1859 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 23, 1940 in Humbird, Clark, Wisconsin. She married Jacob Baumgartner in August 1893 in Harbine, Jefferson, Nebraska. He was born on September 21, 1872 in Switzerland. He died on February 24, 1942 in Humbird, Clark, Wisconsin.
  - vi. JOHN HEINRICH DÜRR was born on May 06, 1861 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on July 08, 1863 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
  - vii. JOHN KLAR DÜRR was born on March 03, 1863 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 09, 1864 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
  - viii. JOHANNA DÜRR was born on March 13, 1865 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on September 21, 1903 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa.
- ix. Ludwig Dürr was born on March 18, 1867 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died in 1956 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa. He married Helena Meyer, daughter of Michael Meyer and Elizabeth Seigmuller, on June 26, 1890. She was born on November 17, 1866 in Lyons, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 19, 1936 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa (Mount Hope Cemetery, Battle Creek).
  - x. JOHANNES DÜRR was born on July 02, 1869 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on October 06, 1881 in Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas.
- xi. FLORENTINA LOUISE DÜRR was born on July 10, 1872 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on February 14, 1962 in Meadow Grove, Madison, Nebraska, USA. She married John George Louis Wiese, son of Johannes Wiese and Florentine ??, on November 30, 1893 in Harbine, Jefferson, Nebraska. He was born on December 10, 1871 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on August 06, 1937 in Meadow Grove, Madison, Nebraska, USA.
- 7. xii. GEORGE DÜRR was born on October 23, 1874 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on July 28, 1950 in Des Moines, Polk, Iowa (Larchwood Cemetery). He married (1) DORA HARTENHOFF on April 28, 1904 in Larchwood, Lyon, Iowa. She was born on February 02, 1880 in Ida County, Iowa. She died on May 18, 1970 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa (Larchwood Cemetery). He married (2) LAURA LANGE in 1899. She was born on March 11, 1876 in Fayette, Texas. She died on July 15, 1899 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas.

#### Generation 2

2. SARAH ELISABETH<sup>2</sup> DÜRR (Georg Ludwig<sup>1</sup>) was born on September 20, 1851 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. She died on November 15, 1927 in Gause, Milam, Texas (Gause Cemetery). She married John Camillus Bowling, son of James Madison Bowling and Margaret Ann Pelter, in September 1873 in Clinton Co., Iowa. He was born on February 29, 1848 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He died on July 14, 1932 in Gause, Milam, Texas (Gause Cemetery).

Notes for Sarah Elisabeth Dürr:

She and her husband had moved to Texas by 1898.

Notes for John Camillus Bowling:

Served in the Union army. Survived imprisonment at Andersonville and Libby after being captured at Chickamauga.

John Camillus Bowling and Sarah Elisabeth Dürr had the following children:

- i. Rudolph Phillip<sup>3</sup> Bowling was born on February 01, 1872 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He died on December 17, 1946 in Gause, Milam, Texas (Gause Cemetery). He married Ida Marie Magdalena Lange in 1900. She was born on December 22, 1881 in Fayette County, Texas. She died on August 17, 1943 in Gause, Milam, Texas (Gause Cemetery).
- ii. MARY CORNELIA BOWLING was born on July 31, 1876 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She died on October 12, 1926 in Fredericksburg, Gillespie, Texas. She married James Weston Bailey in 1900. He was born on February 06, 1881 in Caldwell, Burleson, Texas. He died on September 14, 1947 in Fredericksburg, Gillespie, Texas.

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- iii. LUDWIG JAMES BOWLING was born on September 23, 1877 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He died on March 10, 1961 in Gause, Milam, Texas (Gause Cemetery).
- iv. NINA BELLE BOWLING was born on July 28, 1879 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She died on March 21, 1968 in Waller, Harris, Texas. She married John H Talley in 1900. He was born on May 07, 1874 in Georgia. He died on March 15, 1967 in Waller, Harris, Texas.
- v. EUGENE LESTER BOWLING was born on December 18, 1882 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He died in 1885 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa.
- vi. EUNICE LUELLA BOWLING was born on November 19, 1884 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She died in 1885 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa (Oakdale Memorial Gardens, Davenport).
- vii. James Alfred Bowling was born on December 21, 1886 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He died on June 06, 1965 in Harris County, Texas. He married Marguerite Beatrice Funk on March 05, 1919 in Arkansas. She was born on August 25, 1896 in Houston, Harris, Texas. She died on September 05, 1981 in Houston, Harris, Texas.
- viii. IONA MAY BOWLING was born on January 02, 1890 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. She died on July 16, 1964 in Brady, McCulloch, Texas. She married (1) THOMAS GAINES AYERS in 1915. He was born in November 1889 in Texas. He died on October 15, 1918 in Wichita County, Texas. She married (2) DAVID ANDREW ROPER in October 1920. He was born on July 31, 1864 in Hazlehurst, Copiah, Mississippi. He died on February 26, 1956 in Brady, McCulloch, Texas.
- ix. LEON ORMAND BOWLING was born on December 01, 1892 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He died on September 17, 1964 in Gause, Milam, Texas. He married SARAH JANE TODD. She was born on January 28, 1895 in Bedias, Grimes, Texas. She died on February 09, 1975 in Gause, Milam, Texas.
- x. GLADYS AIMEE BOWLING was born on November 09, 1898 in Gause, Milam, Texas. She died on January 26, 1990 in Cameron, Milam, Texas.
- 3. ANNA<sup>2</sup> DÜRR (Georg Ludwig<sup>1</sup>) was born on November 18, 1854 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. She died on March 18, 1921 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas (Murray Cemetery). She married George Rettig, son of Johann Rettig and Anna Maria Schmiedel, on September 05, 1875 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on August 16, 1851 in Randolph, Portage, Ohio. He died on November 17, 1936 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas (Murray Cemetery).

Notes for George Rettig:

He was the son of one of the early ministers at St. Paul's church in Wheatland. Moved to Texas around 1880.

George Rettig and Anna Dürr had the following children:

- i. ELMA<sup>3</sup> RETTIG was born on December 25, 1876 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on October 10, 1946 in Austin, Travis, Texas.
- ii. John Rettig was born on November 12, 1881 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas. He died on November 26, 1962 in Keene, Johnson, Texas. He married Cassie Euginia Tuma. She was born on September 07, 1894 in Milam County, Texas. She died on May 28, 1978 in Keene, Johnson, Texas.
- iii. ALBERT WILLIAM RETTIG was born on May 18, 1884 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas. He died on October 13, 1978 in Cameron, Milam, Texas. He married EMMA JOSEPHINE MASSENGALE. She died on September 19, 1963 in Cameron, Milam, Texas.
- iv. Reuben Henry Rettig was born on February 15, 1886 in Texas. He died on October 27, 1967 in Cameron, Milam, Texas.
- v. Laura Rettig was born on November 16, 1887 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas. She died on May 10, 1974 in Cleburne, Johnson, Texas, USA.
- 4. **ELIZABETH**<sup>2</sup> **DÜRR** (Georg Ludwig<sup>1</sup>) was born on November 11, 1859 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 23, 1940 in Humbird, Clark, Wisconsin. She married Jacob Baumgartner in August 1893 in Harbine, Jefferson, Nebraska. He was born on September 21, 1872 in Switzerland. He died on February 24, 1942 in Humbird, Clark, Wisconsin.

# Generation 2 (cont.)

Jacob Baumgartner and Elizabeth Dürr had the following children:

- i. CAROLINE<sup>3</sup> BAUMGARTNER was born in August 1894 in Dixon, Scott County, Iowa, United States of America. She died on June 28, 1993 in River Falls, Pierce County, Wisconsin, United States of America.
- ii. Louis Baumgartner was born in 1896. He died in 1900.
- 5. Ludwig² Dürr (Georg Ludwig¹) was born on March 18, 1867 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died in 1956 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa. He married Helena Meyer, daughter of Michael Meyer and Elizabeth Seigmuller, on June 26, 1890. She was born on November 17, 1866 in Lyons, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 19, 1936 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa (Mount Hope Cemetery, Battle Creek).

Notes for Ludwig Dürr:

While certainly known as a Dürr in his childhood, the family name had become Derr by the next generation.

Notes for Helena Meyer:

Lived with the family of L. Henry Riedesel after her parents died.

Ludwig Dürr and Helena Meyer had the following children:

- i. EUNICE<sup>3</sup> DERR was born on April 25, 1891 in Ida County, Iowa. She died on April 22, 1979 in Pierson, Woodbury, Iowa, USA. She married Clement Abel Osborn on February 05, 1913. He was born on December 20, 1889 in Iowa. He died on June 29, 1975 in Pierson, Woodbury, Iowa, USA.
- ii. ENID CAROLYN DERR was born on July 07, 1894 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa. She died on September 20, 1961 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa. She married Fred Mathison Schmidt on June 26, 1924 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa. He was born on April 12, 1894 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa. He died on July 05, 1949 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa.
- iii. Louis Derr Jr. was born on December 24, 1901 in Iowa. He died on January 17, 1998 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa.
- iv. INEZ ELISABETH DERR was born on July 11, 1904 in Iowa. She died on March 13, 2003 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa. She married JAMES HENRY WATKINS. He was born on September 04, 1902 in Des Moines, Polk, Iowa. He died in May 1983 in Kingsley, Plymouth, Iowa.
- 6. **FLORENTINA LOUISE**<sup>2</sup> **DÜRR** (Georg Ludwig<sup>1</sup>) was born on July 10, 1872 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on February 14, 1962 in Meadow Grove, Madison, Nebraska, USA. She married John George Louis Wiese, son of Johannes Wiese and Florentine ??, on November 30, 1893 in Harbine, Jefferson, Nebraska. He was born on December 10, 1871 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on August 06, 1937 in Meadow Grove, Madison, Nebraska, USA.

John George Louis Wiese and Florentina Louise Dürr had the following children:

- MABLE UNA<sup>3</sup> WIESE was born on August 07, 1895 in Harbine, Jefferson County, Nebraska, United States of America. She died on February 15, 1974 in Norfolk, Madison County, Nebraska, United States of America.
- ii. HAROLD DERR WIESE was born on September 28, 1897 in Harbine, Jefferson County, Nebraska, United States of America. He died on December 06, 1980 in Salem, Marion, Oregon.
- iii. MAUDE ELIZABETH WIESE was born on August 18, 1899 in Nebraska. She died on November 12, 1993.
- iv. JOHN GILBERT WIESE was born on November 13, 1903 in Harbine, Jefferson County, Nebraska, United States of America. He died on January 14, 1968 in Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska, United States of America.
- v. NORMA OLIVE WIESE was born on April 07, 1906 in Nebraska. She died on January 26, 1997 in San Diego. She married (1) DARBY BLAIR on August 07, 1924 in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa. He was born in Nebraska. She married (2) GEORGE L MANSON on August 10, 1960 in San Diego, California, USA. He was born about 1903.

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- vi. KENNETH E WIESE was born about 1908 in Nebraska. He died on November 07, 1998.
- vii. Paul Edgar Wiese was born on June 27, 1910. He died on May 04, 1911.
- viii. RUTH A WIESE was born about 1912 in Nebraska. She died on November 25, 2009 in Troy, Lincoln, Montana, USA.
- ix. ROGER ELBERT WIESE was born on July 13, 1915 in Meadow Grove, Madison, Nebraska. He died in 2012.
- 8. x. Keith Irwin Wiese was born on September 28, 1916 in Meadow Grove, Madison, Nebraska. He died on May 10, 1992 in Damascus, Montgomery County, Maryland, United States of America. He married FAY PATNAUDE.
- 7. GEORGE<sup>2</sup> DÜRR (Georg Ludwig<sup>1</sup>) was born on October 23, 1874 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on July 28, 1950 in Des Moines, Polk, Iowa (Larchwood Cemetery). He married (1) DORA HARTENHOFF on April 28, 1904 in Larchwood, Lyon, Iowa. She was born on February 02, 1880 in Ida County, Iowa. She died on May 18, 1970 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa (Larchwood Cemetery). He married (2) LAURA LANGE in 1899. She was born on March 11, 1876 in Fayette, Texas. She died on July 15, 1899 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas.

George Dürr and Dora Hartenhoff had the following children:

- i. FLORENCE<sup>3</sup> DERR was born on August 12, 1907 in South Dakota. She died on August 12, 1915 (Larchwood Cemetery).
- 9. ii. DONALD DERR was born on December 02, 1910 in Clay, South Dakota. He died on October 01, 1988 in Iowa. He married Helen Stadlman on June 22, 1941. She was born on July 20, 1917 in Sac County, Iowa. She died on September 25, 2015.
  - iii. HAROLD JAMES DERR was born on September 07, 1917 in Iowa. He died on February 07, 1992 in Alexandria, Rapides, Louisiana.
  - iv. GERALD LOUIS DERR was born on August 05, 1919 in Larchwood, Iowa. He died on February 08, 2005.

#### **Generation 3**

- 8. Keith Irwin³ Wiese (Florentina Louise² Dürr, Georg Ludwig¹ Dürr) was born on September 28, 1916 in Meadow Grove, Madison, Nebraska. He died on May 10, 1992 in Damascus, Montgomery County, Maryland, United States of America. He married FAY PATNAUDE. Keith Irwin Wiese and Fay Patnaude had the following child:
  - i. JOHN GEORGE<sup>4</sup> WIESE was born on September 24, 1957.
- 9. Donald Derr (George<sup>2</sup> Dürr, Georg Ludwig<sup>1</sup> Dürr) was born on December 02, 1910 in Clay, South Dakota. He died on October 01, 1988 in Iowa. He married Helen Stadlman on June 22, 1941. She was born on July 20, 1917 in Sac County, Iowa. She died on September 25, 2015. Donald Derr and Helen Stadlman had the following child:
  - i. Nancy4 Derr.