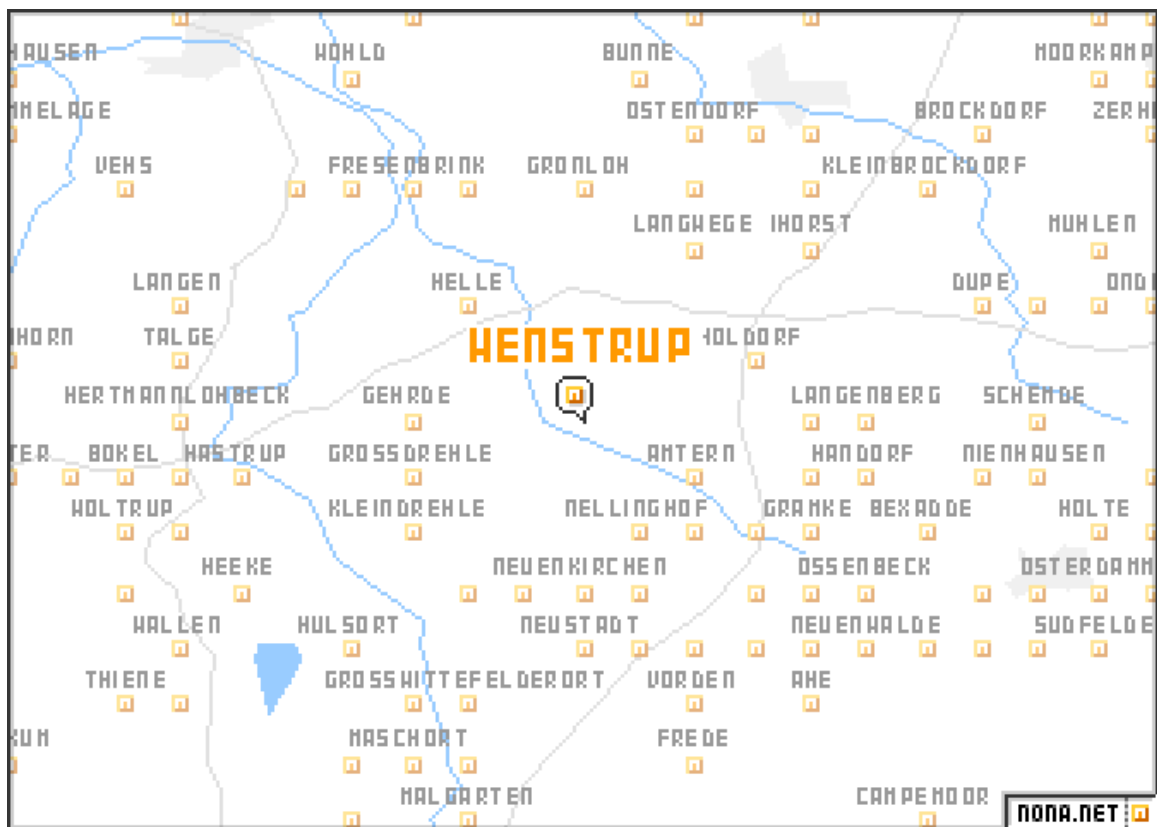


## The Wenstrup Family 19<sup>th</sup> Century (1800's)

Joes Bernard Wenstrup (b. 8/3/1783 – d. 1/3/1859)

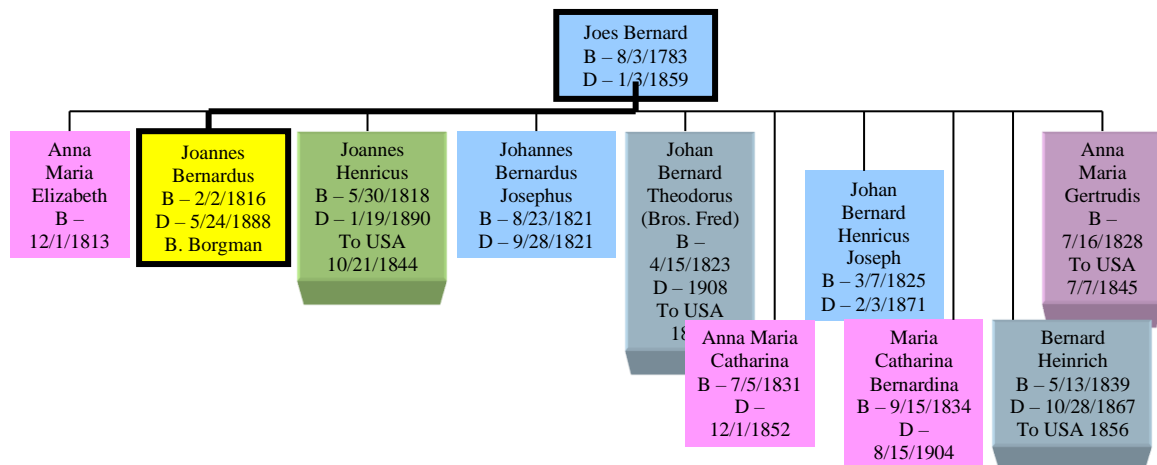
By the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Joes Bernard Wenstrup was 17 years old. Like his father and grandfather before him Joes Bernard was a member of the Heuerleuten class; however it does appear that by this time the family had managed to purchase a family farmhouse and a small piece of land on what would have at one time been the southernmost part of the Wenstrup farm. The farmhouse was situated at a point that would today be directly adjacent to the old Nellinghof train stop.



22. *Map showing the location of the Wenstrup farms with relation to other towns in the area. The Wenstrup farmhouse of Joes Bernard would have been situated very close between Wenstrup and Nellinghof.*

Joes Bernard was likely married early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and he and his wife would go on to have a very large family. In total Joes Bernard would father 10 children, 6 boys and 4 girls. Joes Bernard and his wife's first child was a daughter born in 1813. Named Anna Maria Elizabeth, she was born on December 1, 1813. There are no further records regarding Anna Maria Elizabeth and it is unknown if perhaps she died at birth.

The first of Joes Bernard's sons was born 3 years later in 1816. Named Joannes Bernardus, he was born on February 2, of 1816 and would live for 72 years, dyeing on May 24 of 1888. Joannes Bernardus was the oldest son and thus would have been the heir of the small family farmhouse near the Nellinghoff stop. Unlike his father and grandfathers before him however, he would have many other brothers that would live to adulthood. These brothers would be the first Wenstrup's to emigrate to the United States.



24. Diagram showing Joes Bernard and his 10 children..

Two years after the birth of Joannes Bernardus, Joes Bernard and his wife would have a second son Joannes Henricus. Joannes Henricus was born on May 30 of 1818 and live to be 71 years old, dyeing January 19, of 1890. Three years after the birth of Joannes Henricus, a third son, Johannes Bernardus Josephus was born. Johannes Bernardus Josephus was born on August 23, of 1821, but would only live for 1 month, dyeing on September 28, of 1821. A fourth son, Johan Bernard Theodorus was born in 1823. Johan Bernard Theodorus was born on April 15, 1823 and would live to be 75 years old, dyeing in 1908.

After the birth of four consecutive sons, Joes Bernard and his wife would go on to have 5 additional children they were:

Johan Bernard Henricus Joseph	b. 3/7/1825	d. 2/3/1871
Anna Maria Gertrudis	b. 7/16/1828	d. ?
Anna Maria Catherina	b. 7/5/1831	d. 12/1/1852
Maria Catherina Bernardina	b. 9/15/1834	d. 8/14/1904
Bernard Heinrich	b. 5/13/1839	d. 10/28/1867

Times were hard in Germany in the early 19th century especially for the Heuerleuten class. By 1842, Joes Bernard would have had 10 children, of which 8 would have still been alive, 5 boys and 3 girls. The five boys would have been more than sufficient to work the small tract of land the family owned along with the farmhouse near Nellinghof. And thus it would come to be in 1842, that the first Wenstrup emigrant would decide to leave for the United States. Johan Bernard Theodorus would have been 19 at the time, and the fourth eldest son. Joannes Bernardus (26 at the time), and Joannes Henricus (24 at the time) were still alive and likely quite capable of maintaining the family property as well as working other jobs to provide for the growing family. All indications are that Joes Bernard himself (59 at the time) may also have been able to work the farm; and so Johan Bernard Theodorus at the age of 19 decided to emigrate to the United States. It is known that Johan Bernard Theodorus was known in adulthood as Brother Fred, but it is unclear whether he joined the religious life prior to leaving Germany or not.

There were many reasons for the large emigration of Germans in the Westphalia and Hannover area of Germany during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. These included:

1. The plight of the Heuerleuten class as already discussed.
2. Free or cheap land available in the United States. A strong desire for any farmer was to be able to purchase their own land to work.
3. A desire to escape military service in the Prussian army.
4. Large crop failures across Europe in 1846-7.

Before 1850, German emigrants to the United States used 3 masted sailing ships. These small boats held about 135 people and depending on the weather the voyage took anywhere from 6 weeks to 9 weeks. The conditions were so bad that on average about 10-15% died on board ship. Travelers had to cook their own food taking turns on the ship cook stove. And so it was that 19 year old Johan Bernard Theodorus would be the first of the Wenstrup family to make the arduous journey to the United States under these conditions in 1842.

Upon his arrival in the United States it is most likely that Johan Bernard Theodorus would write his family back in Germany frequently. He likely told them what life was like in the United States and sent money and aid if available. It is likely this correspondence and the knowledge that settlement had been established in the United States, that led Joannes Henricus to follow Johan Bernard Theodorus to the United States in 1844. It is likely that Joannes Henricus was the next to emigrate to the United States rather than the oldest male Wenstrup Joannes Bernardus because as the oldest son Joannes Bernardus would have been responsible for the maintenance of the farm and land.

Johan Bernard Theodorus and Joannes Henricus would be followed to the United States by their sister Anna Maria Gertrudis in 1845 and brother Bernard Heinrich in 1856.

25. Table from <http://www.honkomp.de/damme-auswanderung/nellingh.htm> showing the names of the inhabitants of the Neuenkirchen Nellinghof area which emigrated to the United States during the period 1835-1850.

Bergmann, Catharina bei Kolon Bergmann 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Bidenharn, Bernd, Dienstknecht 1 1849 Nellinghof  
 Bidenharn, Friedrich, Dienstknecht, auch militärpflichtig 1 1849 Nellinghof  
 Bockhorst, Bernard, mit Frau und 2 Töchtern bei Kolon Gründing 4 1844 Nellinghof  
 Bockhorst, Elisabeth, Tochter von Bernd Bockhorst bei Steinkamp 1 1842 Nellinghof  
 Brankamp, Bernd, mit Frau, 3 Kindern, Schwiegerm. Gertrud Siefke, bei Kolon Meyer 7 1844 Nellinghof  
 Brockhorst, Elisabeth, Tochter von Bernd bei bei Kolon Steinkamp 1 1837 Nellinghof  
 Brockmann, Bernard, Sohn von Bern. Brockmann bei Kolon Schürmann 1 1841 Nellinghof  
 Brockmann, Elisabeth, Tochter von Heinrich bei bei Kolon Suhrenbrock 1 1837 Nellinghof  
 Brockmann, Heinrich, Sohn von Bernd Brockmann bei Kolon Krolage 1 1842 Nellinghof  
 Brockmann, Maria und Catharina, Töchter der Witwe bei, Suhrenbrocks Leibzucht 2 1843 Nellinghof  
 Brockmann, Tochter des Bernd bei aus Schürmanns Leibzucht 1 1845 Nellinghof  
 Brockmann, Witwe mit Sohn Bernd, Schwiegersohn Heinrich Kreinest, Frau u. Kind 5 1844 Nellinghof  
 Bußmann, Gertrud, Tochter von Bernd bei bei Kolon Thamann 1 1834 Nellinghof  
 Bußmann, Josef bei Kolon Steinkamp 1 1834 Nellinghof  
 Dahlinghaus, Gertrud, Elisabeth u. Bernard Heinrich, Kinder des Neubauern Carl D. 3 1834 Nellinghof  
 Dalinghaus, Franz, Fam. mit Frau und 4 Kindern, Heuerm. bei Kolon Gründing 6 1835 Nellinghof  
 Depeweg, 2 Tpchter von Bernd D. aus Kolon Wieghaus' Leibzucht 2 1834 Nellinghof  
 Drehle von, Bernd, Sohn von Bernd von Drehle bei Kolon Ellerbrock 1 1837 Nellinghof  
 Drehle von, Bernd Heinrich mit Frau und 1 Kind 3 1836 Nellinghof  
 Drehle von, Gertrud, Tochter von Bernd von Drehle bei Kolon Ellerbrock 1 1836 Nellinghof  
 Drehle von, Josef, aus Ellerbrocks Leibzucht 1 1842 Nellinghof  
 Ekelmann, Gerd, Dienstknecht 1 1849 Nellinghof  
 Feldmann, Theodor, aus Lieneschs Leibzucht 1 1841 Nellinghof  
 Flottemesch, Johann, Sohn von Josef F., Heuermann bei Kolon Meyer 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Grapperhaus, Friedrich, Sohn des Heinrich G. aus Schönfeldts Leibzucht 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Hilger, Gerhard, Dienstknecht 1 1849 Nellinghof  
 Hödebeck, Elisabeth, Tochter von Kolon Hödebeck 1 1842 Nellinghof  
 Hödebeck, Tochter vom Kolonen H. 1 1845 Nellinghof  
 Huesmann, Friedrich und seine Frau bei Wieghaus 2 1841 Nellinghof  
 Kavemann, Carl, Sohn von Heinrich Kavemann, bei Helmich 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Kavemann, Kolon mit Frau und 1 Sohn 3 1845 Nellinghof  
 Knabke, Bernard, Sohn von Kötter Knabke 1 1837 Nellinghof  
 Knabke, Friedrich, Sohn von Kötter Heinrich Knabke 1 1836 Nellinghof  
 Knabke, Friedrich mit Frau und 4 Kindern 6 1844 Nellinghof  
 Knabke, Heinrich, Kötter, mit Frau und 2 Kindern 4 1834 Nellinghof  
 Krehe, Bernd, Dienstknecht 1 1849 Nellinghof

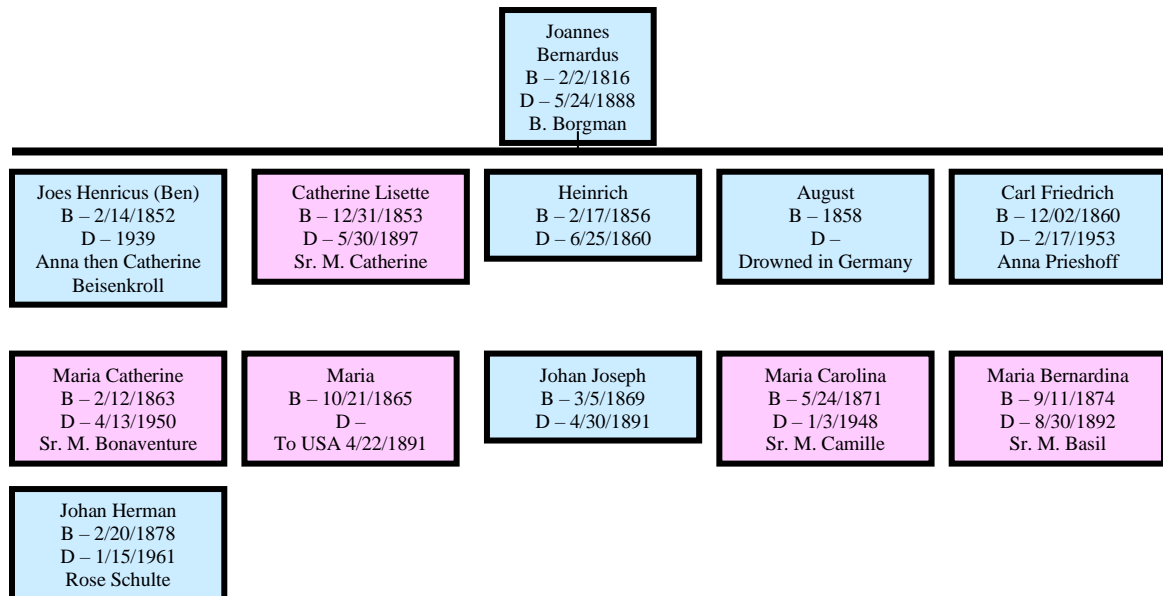
Kröger, Heinrich, Fam. mit Frau und 5 Kindern, Heuerm. bei Kolon Lienesch 7 1836 Nellinghof  
 Kröger, Heinrich, mit Frau und 2 Kindern aus Lieneschs Leibzucht (Heuerhaus) 4 1843 Nellinghof  
 Krolage, Heinrich, Sohn des Kolonen Krolage 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Kronlage, Hermann Heinrich, Sohn von Bernd Heinr. Kronlage vom Schierberg 1 1834 Nellinghof  
 Kronlage, Josef mit seiner Frau, Sohn von Kolon Kronlage 2 1837 Nellinghof  
 Kurzhals, Johann, mit Frau, Schwiegers. u. 3 Kindern, Heuerm., Kolon Erdbrügge 6 1837 Nellinghof  
 Lindemann, Catharina, Tochter des Heuermanns Bernhard L. bei Joh. zu Wenstrup 1 1834 Nellinghof  
 Meßker, Gerhard, Sohn von Bernd Meßker aus Möhlenhoffs Leibzucht 1 1843 Nellinghof  
 Meßke von, Heinrich, Josef u. Bernard Heinrich, Söhne des Th. von Meßke, Kolon Meyer 3 1844 Nellinghof  
 Meßmann, Bernard, in der Heuer bei Kolon Thamann 1 1836 Nellinghof  
 Meßmann, Elisabeth, Tochter der Wwe. M. bei Wanstradt 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Meyer, Bernard, Fam. mit Frau und 5 Kindern, Heuerm. auf Hellmanns Kotten 7 1834 Nellinghof  
 Meyer, Bernard, Sohn von Bernard M. bei Kolon Johannis, Wenstrup 1 1841 Nellinghof  
 Meyer, Elisabeth, Tochter von Bernd M. bei Johannis Wenstrup 1 1834 Nellinghof  
 Meyer, Elisabeth, Tochter von Heinrich M. bei Kolon Meyer 1 1839 Nellinghof  
 Meyer, Elisabeth u. Catharina, Töchter von Heuermann Friedrich M., Kol.Meyer 2 1835 Nellinghof  
 Meyer, Friedrich, Heinrich u. Catharina aus Rehlings Heuerhaus 3 1844 Nellinghof  
 Meyer, Friedrich, mit Frau, Sohn und dessen Frau mit 1 Kind bei Kolon Meyer 5 1837 Nellinghof  
 Meyer, Heinrich, Sohn von Bernd M. bei Johannis zu Wenstrup 1 1838 Nellinghof  
 Meyer, Johann, Sohn von Berend M. aus Johannis zu Wenstrup Leibzucht 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Meyer, Tochter des Bernd M. aus Hoffstadt von Johannis zu Wenstrup 1 1846 Nellinghof  
 Möller, Friedrich, Sohn von Bernd M. bei Kolon Erdbrüggen 1 1834 Nellinghof  
 Müller, Josef, Fam. mit Frau und 3 Kindern, aus der Heide 5 1837 Nellinghof  
 Narberhaus, Elisabeth, Tochter des Bernard Narberhaus bei Kolon Beckmann 1 1840 Nellinghof  
 Narberhaus, Heinrich, Sohn von Bernd Narberhaus aus Brockmanns Leibzucht 1 1842 Nellinghof  
 Narberhaus, Tochter des N. aus dem Bruche 1 1845 Nellinghof  
 Nienaber, Gertrud, aus Schürmanns Leibzucht 1 1842 Nellinghof  
 Nurre, Hermann Heinrich aus Ellerbrocks Leibzucht 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Oestermann, Heinrich, Fam. mit Frau und 2 Kindern, Heuerm. bei Kolon Wanstradt 4 1835 Nellinghof  
 Oestermann, Heinrich, Sohn der Witwe Oestermann bei Kolon Meyer 1 1837 Nellinghof  
 Pohlmann, Friedrich, Sohn von Kötter Pohlmann 1 1842 Nellinghof  
 Rehling, Friedrich, Sohn von Bernard R. bei Wanstradt 1 1844 Nellinghof

Rehling, Gerhard Heinrich, Fam. mit 5 Kindern, Heuerm. bei Kolon Rehling 6 1834 Nellinghof  
 Rehling, Heinrich und Bernard Heinrich, Söhne von Bernard R., Kolon Wanstradt 2 1837 Nellinghof  
 Rehling, Hermann Heinrich, Sohn von Kolon Rehling 1 1838 Nellinghof  
 Schnicke, August, Sohn von Müller Schnicke 1 1843 Nellinghof  
 Schönhöft, Josef, Sohn von Gerd Sch. bei Gers. Wenstrup 1 1834 Nellinghof  
 Schwiner, Heinrich, Sohn von Heinrich Sch., aus Johanns zu Wenstrup Leibzucht 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Sextro, Catharina, Dienstmagd 1 1849 Nellinghof  
 Sextro, Dirk, 2 Alte, 3 Kinder, von Gründings Hofe 5 1846 Nellinghof  
 Siefke, Anna Maria und Catharina, Töchter der Witwe Siefke bei Kolon Meyer 2 1841 Nellinghof  
 Siefke, Gertrud, Tochter von Wwe. Siefke bei Kolon Meyer 1 1835 Nellinghof  
 Siefke, Heinrich, Fam. mit Frau und 3 Kindern, Heuermann bei Kolon Steinkamp 5 1834 Nellinghof  
 Speckbauch, Josef, Sohn von Bernd Sp. aus Erdbrüggen Leibzucht 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Steinkamp, Friedrich, mit Frau und 1 Kind aus Kolon Steinkamps Heuerhaus 3 1842 Nellinghof  
 Steinkamp, Heinrich, Fam. mit Frau und 4 Kindern, Heuerm. bei Kolon Gründung 6 1835 Nellinghof  
 Suhrenbrock, Heinrich, Sohn von Heinrich S. bei Helmich 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Thamann, Dirk, Neubauer, mit Frau und 3 Kindern, Grundbesitzer 5 1834 Nellinghof  
 Thamann, Friedrich, Sohn des Kolonen Thamann 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Trimpe, Friedrich, mit Frau, waren Heuerleute bei Kolon Schürmann 2 1839 Nellinghof  
 Wanstradt, Catharina, Tochter von Dirk W. vom Schierberge 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Wanstradt, Dirk, Sohn vom Kolonen Bernd Wanstradt 1 1835 Nellinghof  
 Wanstradt, Friedrich, Sohn des Kolonen Wanstradt 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Wanstradt, Josef, Mann und Frau, bei Wanstradt 2 1844 Nellinghof  
 Wanstrath, Dirk, Dienstknecht 1 1849 Nellinghof  
 Wanstrodt, Heinrich mit Frau und 6 Kindern, aus Gers zu Wenstrups Leibzucht 8 1834 Nellinghof  
 Weber, Hermann, Fam. mit Frau und 5 Kindern, Heuermann bei Kolon Thamann 7 1834 Nellinghof  
 Wenstrup, Carolina und Catharina, Töchter des Kolonen Jans-Wenstrup 2 1834 Nellinghof  
 Wenstrup, Heinrich, Sohn von Bernd Wenstrup vom Schierberg 1 1842 Nellinghof  
 Wessel, Bernard, Sohn von Heuermann Heinrich W. bei Kolon Rehling 1 1834 Nellinghof  
 Wessel, Heinrich, Sohn von Heuerm. Heinrich W. bei Kolon Rehling 1 1837 Nellinghof  
 Wessel, Josef, Sohn von Heinrich W., bei Kolon Rehling u. dessen Schw. Gertrud 2 1844 Nellinghof  
 Wessel, Theodor, Mann und Frau, von Flottesmesch 2 1844 Nellinghof  
 Wessendorf, Anton, Sohn der Witwe Wessendorf, Nellinghöferbruch 1 1839 Nellinghof  
 Wessendorf, Bernard, Sohn von Witwe Wessendorf, aus dem Bruche 1 1843 Nellinghof  
 Westerhaus, Bernd aus Thamanns Leibzucht 1 1844 Nellinghof  
 Wobbeler, aus Gers zu Wenstrups Heuer 1 1845 Nellinghof  
 Wobbeler, Familie von Gers zu Wenstrup, 2 Alte und 3 Kinder 5 1846 Nellinghof

Joannes Bernardus Wenstrup (b. 2/2/1816 – d. 5/24/1888)

Joannes Bernardus Wenstrup was the last of the Wenstrup lineage that emigrated to the United States in 1892 aboard the German ship Weimar (Joannes Bernardus – Carl Friedrich – Camillus Bernard – David Lawrence – David Edward) to live his entire life in Germany.

Joannes Bernardus was the eldest of Joes Bernards sons and remained in Germany to work the family farm. He married Bernardina Borgman; and together they had 11 children, 6 boys and 5 girls, most of whom would go on to live to adulthood. This large family would have put quite a strain on the small farm near Nellinghoff.



26. *Diagram showing Joannes Bernardus Wenstrup and his 11 children.*

The first of Joannes Bernardus and Bernardina's children was a son, Joannes Henricus Bernardus, who went by the name Ben. He was born on Valentines day of 1852. At some point he emigrated to the United States, although the date is unclear. He would go on to marry Anna Beisenkroll although it is also unclear if they were married prior to their departure for the U.S.A. or if Joannes Henricus Bernardus married Anna in the United States. Joannes Henricus Bernardus and Anna Beisenkroll would have 5 children together before Anna died. After Anna's death Joannes Henricus Bernardus married Anna's sister Catherine and together they would have another 4 children.

The second of Joannes Bernardus and Bernardina's children was a daughter, Catherine Lisette born on New Years eve of 1853. At the age of 19 years, Catherine Lisette left Germany on April 25, 1873 and sailed to the United States. Clearly correspondence with her aunt and uncles who had emigrated before her:

Johan Bernard Theodorus	1842
Joannes Henricus	1844
Anna Maria Gertrudis	1845
Bernard Heinrich	1856

gave her a known destination and support in the U.S.A.. After living several years in Cincinnati, Ohio, Catherine Lisette entered the Notre Dame de Namur Convent on Sixth Street, Cincinnati Ohio. It is possible that she was following in the footsteps of her aunt Anna Maria Gertrudis. Interestingly, upon entering the Novitiate, Catherine Lisette took the religious name of Sister Mary Catharina, the name of her younger sister still in Germany. Seems likely that the two were very close, and probably maintained a very strong communication across the ocean. After entering the convent, Sister Mary Catharina spent a number of years in domestic work at a convent in Dayton, Ohio. She was an invalid in the convent infirmary for a number of years prior to her death on May 30, 1897 at the young age of 43.

The third child of Joannes Bernardus and Bernardina was a son Heinrich. Heinrich was born on February 17 of 1856. He died four years later on June 25, 1860. There is no information regarding how Heinrich died. Joannes and Bernardina's fourth child was also a son, born in 1858, there is little information regarding the specific date he was born or how old he lived, but it is known that he died in his youth in Germany from drowning.

Joannes Bernardus and Bernardina's fifth child was a son Carl Friedrich born on December 2, of 1860. Carl Friedrich would board a ship on April 9, of 1891 and emigrate to the United States. Carl Friedrich was the father of Camillus Bernard, the grandfather of David Lawrence, and the great grandfather of David Edward.

Joannes Bernardus and Bernardina's sixth child was a daughter born on February 12, of 1863. She was named Maria Catharina. In 1882, at the age of 19 years Mary Catharina traveled to the United states like her sister Catherine Lisette 9 years before her. At the time Catherine Lisette left for the United States, her younger sister Maria Catharina would have been 10 years old. The two sisters likely corresponded often, and like her older sister, upon arriving in Cincinnati from Germany, Maria Catharina also entered the order of the sisters of Notre Dame at Notre Dame de Namur convent on Sixth Street in Cincinnati. Upon entering the Novitiate, Maria Catharina took the name of Sister Mary Bonaventure. Sister Mary Bonaventure was an accomplished seamstress and spent much time in the sewing room and led a dedicated and gracious religious life. Maria Catharina died on April 13, 1950, and is buried in Mount Notre Dame Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

There is little information about Joannes Bernardus and Bernardina's seventh child, a daughter. It is known that Maria was born on October 21, of 1865, and that she emigrated to the United States in April of 1891, 9 years after her sister Maria Catharina and traveling with her older brother Carl Friedrich, her mother, her younger

brother Herman and two of her sisters.. She would have been 25 years old at the time of her emigration, but there is no additional information about Maria in the United States.

Joannes Bernardus and Bernardina's eighth child was a son Johann Joseph. Johann Joseph was born on March 5 of 1869. There is little information about Johann Joseph, however it can be seen that when Carl Friedrich emigrated to the United States with his mother, brother and three sisters on April 9 of 1891, that Johann Joseph was not with them. Johann Joseph died a short month after their departure from the family farm area at the age of 22 on April 30, of 1891. Perhaps Johann Joseph was too sick or incapacitated to make such a journey and died shortly after their departure perhaps very lonely indeed.

The remaining three children of Joannes Bernardus and Bernardina were Maria Carolina born in 1871, Maria Bernardina born in 1874, and Johan Herman born in 1878. These three children along with their mother Bernardina Borgmann would together with Carl Friedrich make the emigration to the United States in April of 1892 together.

Joannes Bernardus and Bernardina's ninth child, Maria Carolina, was born on May 24, of 1871. After emigrating to the United States at the age of 20 with Carl Friedrich and her mother, in April of 1892, she entered the Novitiate on Aug 4, of the same year. She became Sister Mary Camille when she professed on Aug. 25, of 1894 at Notre Dame de Namur Convent on Sixth Street in Cincinnati, Ohio. Sister Mary Camille was a teacher, and she taught at various parish schools throughout southwestern Ohio. The final years of her life were passed in community service at Notre Dame Convent on Rich St. in Columbus, Ohio.

Joannes Bernardus and Bernardina's tenth child, Maria Bernardina was born on September 11, of 1874. She would have been 17 years old at the time of the emigration with Carl Friedrich and her mother. Like her sister Maria Carolina, Maria Bernardina entered the religious life at the Notre Dame de Namur convent on Sixth Street in Cincinnati, Ohio. Taking the name of Sister Mary Basil, she contracted typhoid fever and died only 4 months after reaching the United States, and only 2 months after becoming a nun. Maria Bernardina (Sister Mary Basil) died on August 30, of 1892 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Joannes Bernardus and Bernardina's eleventh and final child was a son Johan Herman, born on February 20, of 1878. Johan Hermann would have been only 14 years old at the time of emigration with Carl Friedrich, his mother and two sisters in April of 1892. In the United States, Johan Herman would marry Rose Schulte and have 5 children. Johan Herman died on January 15, of 1961.