

Family Group Record

Husband "Frederick" Friedrich Ludwig Heppenheimer		
Born	26 Feb 1826	Place Crumstadt, Hessen-Darmstadt
Christened	2 Mar 1826	Place Crumstadt, Hessen-Darmstadt
Died	20 Apr 1878	Place Jersey City, NJ
Buried	23 Apr 1878	Place Hoboken Cemetery, North Bergen, NJ
Married	25 Aug 1852	Place
Husband's father Johann Friedrich Ludwig Heppenheimer		
Husband's mother Katharina Margareta Diefenbach		
Wife Christina Hofer		
Born	2 Aug 1830	Place Önsbach, Baden
Died	12 Sep 1884	Place Jersey City, NJ
Buried		Place Hoboken Cemetery, North Bergen, NJ
Wife's father Johann Evangelista Hofer		
Wife's mother Maria Anna Ernst		
Children List each child in order of birth.		
1	M Dr. Frederick Charles Heppenheimer vom Saal	
Born	18 May 1854	Place NYC
Christened	29 May 1854	Place St. Mathews Lutheran Church, NYC
Died	22 Dec 1905	Place NYC
Buried		Place Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, NY
Spouse Caroline (Lina) Josephine Schaefer		
Married	12 Apr 1882	Place NYC
2	M Otto Heppenheimer	
Born	7 Jul 1855	Place NYC
Died	6 Feb 1920	Place 703 Lexington Ave, NYC
Buried	9 Feb 1920	Place Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, NY
Spouse Matilda Nannette Ernestina Rudolphy		
Married	26 Feb 1878	Place St Peter's German Lutheran Church, NYC, NY
3	M Edward August Carl Heppenheimer	
Born	22 Jul 1856	Place NYC
Christened	21 Feb 1859	Place Second German Evangelical Church, NYC
Died	9 Feb 1892	Place Jersey City, NJ
Buried		Place Hoboken Cemetery, North Bergen, NJ
Spouse Matilda (Minnie) Marie Trendelenburg		
Married		Place
4	F Christine Amalia Heppenheimer	
Born	6 Oct 1857	Place NYC
Christened	21 Feb 1858	Place Second German Evangelical Church, NYC
Died	Unknown	Place
5	M Charles (Carl) Heppenheimer	
Born	19 Dec 1858	Place NYC
Christened	16 Sep 1860	Place Second German Evangelical Church, NYC
Died	6 Aug 1888	Place Jersey City, NJ

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Children	List each child in order of birth.		
5	M	Charles (Carl) Heppenheimer	
	Buried	Place	Hoboken Cemetery, North Bergen, NJ
6	M	William Christian Heppenheimer	
	Born	27 Mar 1860	Place NYC
	Christened	16 Sep 1860	Place Second German Evangelical Church, NYC
	Died	16 Sep 1933	Place Doctors Hospital, NYC
	Buried		Place Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ
	Spouse	Blanche Miller	
	Married	30 Apr 1890	Place NYC
7	M	Ernest J Heppenheimer	
	Born	24 Feb 1868	Place Jersey City, NJ
	Died	23 Jan 1955	Place Tenafly, NJ
	Spouse	Ruth Hyde Norris	
	Married	19 Apr 1914	Place

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Extract from the Birth Register of the Ev. Parish of Crumstadt

"In the year of Christ eighteen hundred and twenty six, on February twenty sixth, according to a credible report, the first child and first son was born to the local miller Friedrich Ludwig Heppenheimer at the Bruchmühle, and to his second wife Katharina née Diefenbach. He was baptized on March second, and received the name Friedrich Ludwig.

"Godparent was the brother of the child's father, Johann Heppenheimer, who bestowed his son's name on the child, Friedrich Ludwig, and who undersigned this record together with the father of the child, and with me, the pastor who performed the baptism.

"Pastor Schober, Johann Heppenheimer, Friedrich Heppenheimer."

According to the Kirchenbuch of the Second German Evangelical Church of New York, under the christening events for four of his children (entries # 32 and 33 for 1858 and entries # 279 and 280 for 1860), he was from Stockstadt am Rhein, Hesse-Darmstadt.

The godparents at the first christening were: August Jockers (125 Goerck St), Carl Schleedorn [Schledorn] (see note following), Cajetan and Pauline Boller (sister to Christine) and Amalie Armbruster (also possible sister to Christine).

Godparents at the second christening were: Carl Schwalenberg, Carl Schleedorn [Schledorn] , Christine Rubenacher, William Heppenheimer (125 Goerck) and Amalie Armbruster.

Per Trow's "Wilson's New York City Copartnership Directory for 1866-'67," Charles Schledorn was a partner in "F. Heppenheimer & Co."

On March 6, 1859, the Heppenheimers were godparents at the christening for Friedrich Schwalenberg, son of Carl and Elisabeth (Stepan) Schwalenberg.

Frederick Heppenheimer also stood witness to the naturalization of the following people:

John C Erler (Nov 6, 1852), Benedict Niederreuther (Feb 12, 1853), Jacob Gangnagel (Oct 27, 1853), Henry Schildberger (Dec 6, 1854), Philip Kompff (Sep 25, 1854), Cajetan Boller (Dec 17, 1855), Henry Rubenacker (Apr 14, 1856), Amalia Armbruster (May 4, 1859), Dr Edward Werner (Sept 19, 1861), Adam Domis (Jan 30, 1862), Carl Berchet (Nov 20, 1863), Louis Schafer (June 20, 1868), Louis Wedel (Oct 16, 1869), Moritz J Desshauer (Oct 20, 1870).

Most interestingly, he stood witness for the naturalization of Joseph Ernst, a printer from Baden, in June of 1864, whose address is given as 125 Goerck St, the same as for Frederick. There is also a sworn affidavit (which appears to be part of a passport application) with the date of June 29, 1864, that records his age as 22 years (born in 1842). As it happens, the Önsbach Familienbuch records a Joseph Ernst, born May 31, 1842; a footnote in the Familienbuch says that he went to Amerika in 1857 (see family #583). This would make Joseph Ernst the son of Franz Sales Ernst, son of Bernhard Hyazinth Ernst (family #580), son of Hyazinth Ernst, grandfather of Christine Hofer.

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The 24 May 1847 passenger list of the SS Havre, arriving from Le Havre, lists a "Frederick Heppenheimer."
There was a political reform movement going on in Heppenheim and Darmstadt at that time. He may have come for political reasons.

This from "History of the Municipalities of Hudson County, New Jersey, 1630 - 1923", in the section of the biography for his son, Wm C Heppenheimer:

"...Frederick Heppenheimer ... who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, was one of those forward-looking men who thought ahead of his time, but his endeavors towards transforming the Grand Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt were frustrated. In 1848, he fled to America, no less for asylum than to bear a man's share in the development of a free country. Settling in New York along with Franz Sigel and Carl Schurz, and that group of refugees, he engaged in business, and when disruption threatened the Union, he enlisted in its defense."

Naturalized in 1851 in NYC.
Member of the Masons (1860). Lithographer and artist.
Companies:
Hartmann and Heppenheimer, 1851 - ? (with Adam Hartman)
F. Heppenheimer in NYC, ?- 1873
Heppenheimer & Maurer. 1873 -1885 (with Louie Maurer)

Served as a Capt in the 5th NY Militia during the Civil War.
In Nov of 2005, a sword of Frederick Heppenheimer was up for auction. The following is from the provenance of that sword.

"... marked as made by 'W. H. Horstmann & Sons, Philadelphia,' is engraved 'Presented to Capt. F. Heppenheimer by Company F. Jefferson Grenadiers 5th Reg. N.Y.L.M. New York, Dec. 29th 1856.
'Friedrich Heppenheimer was commissioned on January 30, 1850, and promoted to Captain in the Fifth Regiment, Second Brigade, First Division on January 26, 1856. On April 19, 1861, at age 36, he enrolled at New York City to serve during the Civil War for three months, mustering into the United States Service on May 1, 1861 as Captain, Company F. A member of the now defunct Fifth Regiment of the Jefferson Guard headquartered in New York City, he took part, with eight other companies under the command of Col. C. Schwarzwaelder, in the May 24, 1861 occupation of Arlington Heights, VA. He mustered out with his Company on August 7, 1861, at New York City."

The 1859 NYC directory lists Frederick as a lithographer, 22 N William St., home at 125 Goerck. This is also their address per the Kirchenbuch of the 2nd German Evangelical Mission Church of New York. Goerck was located south of Houston Street and two blocks from the East River. The street no longer exists since the area was demolished to make room for housing developments in the 1950s.

1860 census has Fred and Christiana living in NYC. The value of their home is given as \$8000 and their other assets are noted as worth \$5000, a lot of money for the times.

The publication "The Income Record: a List Giving the Taxable Income for the Year 1863 of Every Resident of New York" (published in 1865), lists the income for F. Heppenheimer as "\$2,107." According to the text of the cited publication, this put his family income in the upper 1/8th of the people living in New York at the time.

1868 New York City directory lists Heppenheimer Frederick, lithographer, 22 N. William, with his home in N. J.
1870 census has the Heppenheimers living in Jersey City.

Per 1871 passport application, he was 5' 10.5" tall, with dark hair and blue eyes. His birth place is given as Stockstadt, Hesse-Darmstadt. Birth date is listed as February of 1825.

In 23 Oct 1871, the SS Donau arrived from Europe. Aboard was Friedrich, his wife, Marie, and Ernst Heppenheimer. Also aboard was Max Schaefer.

The April 21, 1878, New York Times ran an obituary stating that he had died the day before. Returning from his morning horseback ride, he had been seized by an Apoplectic fit.

New York Times mention from April 24, 1878, notes that over 1000 people attended his funeral, including city officials, members of his old Company F of the 5th Regiment, members of the Arion Society, Masons and the cigar box makers union. He was buried at the Hoboken Cemetery in North Bergen, NJ.

Date of death confirmed by entry in Death Index for Jersey City, Hudson Co., NJ, 1877-1878. DOD = April 20, 1878.
Cause of death listed as: "Syncope from cardiac disease (Asthenia)." This reinforces the report of Apoplexy.
The Death Index names his parents as "Friedrich and Elizabeth."

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Further, Jersey City Death Index lists his age as: "52 years, 1 mo, 26 days" from April 20, 1878. This would put his birthdate in late February of 1826. The month of February is in agreement with his 1871 passport application. The year 1826 is in agreement with census data and other sources. Per the monument at his grave, he was born February 26, 1826.

Index of Wills and Inventories of Hudson County states that his estate was inventoried in Sept 12, 1878. The total value of his estate came to \$83,470. In his will, signed in 1871, he acknowledges his "six children" the six sons. This would indicate that the daughter, Christine Amelia, is dead at the writing of his will in 1871. Nicholas Witsch of Reservoir Ave, Jersey City, signed as a witness to the Last Will and Testament of Frederick Heppenheimer in 1871.

From: http://www.cigarhistory.info/Cigar_History/History_1860-1910.html

"1879 Inventory taken at Heppenheimer & Maurer, one of the more important New York City lithographic establishments specializing in cigar labels, showed 25,000 registered lithographic stones, 7,000,000 cigar labels, 725 different cigar box edgings created by 22 on-the-premises artists plus Mr. Maurer himself."

His son Frederick C was a doctor. It was said that in the 1890's he researched the family history and found that the family traced back to von Heppenheim vom Saal (Ger: "from the hall") and changed his name to vom Saal.

Per an obituary, dated April 22, 1878:

"... born on the 26th day of February, 1826, at Stockstadt, in the Grand duchy of Hesse. His parent were not in opulent circumstances and maintained themselves by the profits of a mill which they operated. While still young he removed to Mayence [Mainz] and there engaged in commercial pursuits. His enterprise, sagacity and integrity rapidly obtained for him the respect and esteem of his employers and all others with whom he was brought into contact an there is no doubt but that his success in his native land would have been assured had not his liberal political views which incurred the animadversion of government, together with other considerations induced him to emigrate to this country...

"He was since 1873 President of the Germania Bank, one of the original founders, since its incorporation, one of the Directors of the German American Bank, Director of the North Hudson Railroad company, President of the Arion Society, member of the Atlantic and several other Lodges, honorary Captain of F Co. 5th regiment N.G.S.N.Y. and Commissioner of Finance...

"The most singular circumstance connected with his death is that although he died of heart disease it was never suspected by his physician that he was affected with that malady. They treated him for asthma, from which he suffered acutely, but which was completely removed, for time at least, by a visit to Europe in 1870..."

WIFE - Christina Hofer

Per Familienbuch der Gemeinde Önsbach in Baden, by Eugen Weber, 2004, her godfathers were Xaver Weber and Sylvester Hofer.

A "Marianna Hofer", age 73, is listed as living with the Heppenheimers in 1860.

1880 census has her named "Louise", living next door to Otto with her younger children and a niece and nephew. It is noted that she is a widow.

On September 9, 1884, she had just returned from a trip to Europe with her son Charles and a "Helene" Heppenheimer, who may have been the daughter of Heinrich Heppenheimer.

Date of death per "Index Register of Deaths, Jersey City, Hudson Co., NJ, 1884-1885. Cause of death listed as "Ruptura Ventriculi", which I believe refers to heart damage, and there is mention of a tumor. She apparently had been ill for about 6 months. Her age is simply given as "54 years" which supports a birthdate of 1830.

Will was inventoried in 1885.

I have found more links to the Hofers of Önsbach through the sisters, Amalie and Pauline Hofer.

Per the records of the Kirchenbuch of the 2nd German Evangelical Mission Church of New York, there is one person listed as a godparent/witness for both the 1858 and 1860 events. That is Amalie Armbruster. I believe this is Amalie Hofer.

Also, listed as godparents/witnesses for the 1858 event are Pauline and Cajetan Boller. Records confirm that Pauline Hofer married Cajetan Boller.

A note found by Walter Vomsaal indicates that : "Marie Nanette Hofer, sister of Christina Hofer, Married --- Witsch." This is in sync with information from Rose Goutbeck about Maria Anna Hofer, sister of Christine.

Further, the baptismal record for Frederick C Heppeneheimer states that his mother, Christina Hofer, was from "

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WIFE	- Christina Hofer (Continued) Oensbach, Baden." I believe this is final confirmation of the origins of Christine Hofer. Josef Ernst and Christina Hofer are 1st cousins 1 time removed. . Birth date per gravestone and per Önsbach Familienbuch. CHILD 1 - Dr. Frederick Charles Heppenheimer vom Saal Living with his parents in 1860 and 1870. 1890 NYC directory lists: "Heppenheimer, Frederick C. physician. 112 E. 57th " Living in Philadelphia in 1900. DOD per NYC Death Index, 1905 certificate #38783 1910 census lists Lena as a widow. Medical school: Medizinische Fakultät der Ludwig Maximilians Universität, München, Bayern, 1880, State/year of licenses: NJ, 1890 Name legally changed in 1895 to Frederick Charles von Heppenheimer vom Saal (ref: Petitions for Name Changes in New York City, 1848-1899 By Kenneth Scott, Published 1984 by Natl Genealogical Society)_Tombstone says: Frederick Charles von Heppenheimer vom Saal CHILD 2 - Otto Heppenheimer Took over his father's lithographic company in the late 1870's. Heppenheimer & Maurer 1873 - 1885 F Heppenheimer & Sons, 1885-1892. Bought out by American Lithographic Co in 1892. This later became the Publication Corporation and Crowell Collier. Served on the staff of governor Abbot of New Jersey and the Jersey City Board of Finance. Colonel in the 7th Regiment of the New York National Guard. 1860 census has him living in NYC with his father and mother. 1880 census has Otto and Matilda living in Jersey City with two young children: "Frederick" (age 1) and "Louisa" (age 1 month). "Frederick" is actually "Friederica" (Frida) and "Louisa" is actually Matilda Elizabeth. 1890 NYC directory lists Heppenheimer Otto, lithographer, 225 William, h 61 E. 91St (probably a misinterpretation of 64 E 91). 1891 NYC directory Lists Otto living at 64 East 91 St. 1900 census has Otto and family living at 64 East 91 St in NYC. 1920 census has Otto, Maha and Frieda living with Maha's brother Wm Rudolph in NYC. Death date per NYT obit and NYC death index, cert. #5850. Death certificate gives cause of death as "bronchial pneumonia." However, we know he died at the height of the influenza outbreak in 1920. It is noted that he died in about 5 days. He died at home, 703 Lexington Ave (the Rudolph home). Death certificate gives his year of birth as 1856, but this is in contrast to earlier documentation which list his birth year as 1855. CHILD 3 - Edward August Carl Heppenheimer Birth and christening dates per the Kirchenbuch of the Second German Evangelical Church of New York (entry # 32 for 1858) According to Jersey City directory records (1891-1893), he worked at the lithography shop and lived at 101 Sherman Ave in Jersey City.. Listed in 1892 Jersey City directory. Hudson County Wills #6976I, filed March 7, 1892. In his will, he acknowledges the bequest of \$10,000 from Charles' estate to Christine, and adds a bequest for Edna of 100 shares of F Heppenheimer & Sons stock.. Everything else goes to his wife, Mathilda M. He also names Edward Rossmann ("brother-in-law") of Baltimore as one of his executors. 1893 Jersey City directory lists Minnie as his widow. Inventory of his estate (June 20, 1893) established the value of his estate as almost \$100,000, including \$94,300 worth of American Lithographic Co stock.

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CHILD 4 - Christine Amalia Heppenheimer

Birth and christening dates per the Kirchenbuch of the Second German Evangelical Church of New York (entry # 33 for 1858)

Not present in 1860 census.

There is a "Mary" (age 16) listed with the family in the 1870 census.

Also, on the passenger manifest for the 1871 Donau voyage, there is a "Marie" (age 13) listed with the Heppenheimers.

Given that it was common at the time for children's names to change after infancy, and that in the 19th century women often lied about their age, it is possible that all "Mary," "Marie," and Christine Amalia are the same person.

Considering that she is not mentioned in the Will of Frederick Heppenheimer, dated April 1878, she must have died before that date.

CHILD 5 - Charles (Carl) Heppenheimer

Birth and christening dates per the Kirchenbuch of the Second German Evangelical Church of New York (entry # 279 for 1860)

In 1880, he is listed as a lithographer, living in Jersey City, next door to Otto, with his mother ("Louise"), Wm and Ernst, and two cousins from Germany: Helene (15) and William (17) Heppenheimer (listed as niece and nephew to Louise) .

Sept 9, 1884, he is returning from Europe aboard the SS Ems, with Christine (age 55) and Helene (age 19) Heppenheimer. This was just a few days before his mother died at her home in Jersey City.

Per the Jersey City directory of 1892, he is working for F. Heppenheimer Sons. However, there is a record that his will was filed (#5490 I, in the Index of Wills) and that he died before Oct 6 of 1888.

A copy of his will was obtained from FHL US/CAN Film #466527.

His will was signed and witnessed October 28, 1887. It was filed in Hudson County on October 6, 1888. On the first page of the folio, there is also a stamp from the Surrogate Court of the County of New York indicating that the will was filed for probate on August 6, 1888.

The will was witnessed by Hermann Hahn of NYC and F. E. Armbruster of Jersey City. [Note: Frederick E Armbruster was the son of Amalie Hofer and Joseph Armbruster.]

While the will allows a provision for a possible wife and children, no such persons are specifically named. This indicates that he was not actually married. There is a provision in the will for \$10,000 bequests for "Fredericka Heppenheimer daughter of my brother Otto C. Heppenheimer" and "Christina Heppenheimer daughter of my brother Edward A. C. Heppenheimer." Any and all residual of his estate is to be left to "my brother William C. Heppenheimer." He appoints as executors "my friends Robert vom Cleff and William F. Abbett." [Wm F Abbett was the son of New Jersey Governor Leon Abbett.]

The last page of the folio contains two judgments signed by Hudson Co New Jersey surrogate James O'Neil dated October 6, 1888.

The first is a signed statement by Frederick E. Armbruster that he and Hermann Hahn did indeed witness the signing of Charles' will.

The second names Wm C Heppenheimer as administrator of the will of Charles.

CHILD 6 - William Christian Heppenheimer

Birth and christening dates per the Kirchenbuch of the Second German Evangelical Church of New York (entry # 280 for 1860)

According to Jersey City directory records (1893), he was a lawyer (Russ & Heppenheimer) and the comptroller for the State of New Jersey at that time, under Gov. Abbet. He was a member of the Democratic party.

Apparently converted to Catholicism when he married Blanche.

His obituary lists many political and private sector offices which he held.

This from "History of the Municipalities of Hudson County, New Jersey, 1630 - 1923", in the section of his biography: "...education began at Hoboken Academy ... studied at Weinheim, near Heidelberg ... entered Columbia Law School, from which he was graduated in 1880. ... two years ... post-graduate work in law at Harvard ... 1881, admitted to the bar of New York State and entered into practice ... firm of Russ & Heppenheimer ... Elected to the House of Assembly of the State of New Jersey in 1887, he served as Speaker of the House in 1890, then for three years ... Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of New Jersey. Later, in 1897, ... president of the Board of Finance of Jersey City, then for four years ... served ... as treasurer. ... At various times he promoted and organized financial institutions of large importance ..

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CHILD 6 - William Christian Heppenheimer (Continued)

. Largely responsible for the progressive legislation of 1913 ... Colonial Life Insurance Company of America ... Empire Trust Company ... Phoenix Horse Shoe Company ... Public Service Corporation of New Jersey ... director of the Trust Company of New Jersey.

"... military record dates back to the year 1889 ... member of the famous Seventh Regiment, National Guard of the State of New York ... served for seven years ... aide-de-camp to the governor of New Jersey [Abbet], following his promotion to colonel. Later made brigadier-general,... appointed inspector-general of the State of New Jersey..."

The following from AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY: A NEW CYCLOPEDIA By William Richard Cutter, American Historical Company, New York, American Historical Company, American Historical Society Published 1918, page 283 (note that there are inaccuracies in this excerpt) :

"... the son of Frederick and Christine (Hofer) Heppenheimer, and grandson of Frederick Heppenheimer, was born in New York City, March 27, 1860. His grandfather was born in Germany in 1793, and died in 1874. His father was born February 26, 1826, at Stockstadt, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and emigrated to America in 1849, locating in New York City. Here he established a lithographic business, and served as a captain in the Civil War in Company F, Fifth Regiment, New York Volunteers. He died April 20, 1878. His wife, Christine (Hofer) Heppenheimer, a niece of Andreas Hofer, the Tyrolean patriot, was born July 10, 1830, and died September 4, 1884."

Burial at Holy Name cemetery in Jersey City, Block D, section 11, grave 85.

CHILD 7 - Ernest J Heppenheimer

According to Jersey City directory records (1891-1893), he worked at the lithography shop.

When he died, he was chairman of the board and former president of Colonial Life Insurance Co of East Orange, NJ.

COB of the Citizens Bank of Englewood.

Director of Trust Co of NJ in Jersey City.

President of the Provident Institution for Savings.

According to his obit-

Studied at Peekskill Military Academy and Phillips Academy.

In 1897, helped organize Colonial Life. President 1906-1943.

In 1913, appointed lay judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals of New Jersey by then Gov. Woodrow Wilson.

In 1919, re-appointed to a 2nd 6-year term by NJ Gov. Walter E Edge.

Resigned the bench in 1924.

President of Board of Alderman of Jersey City, 1910-1913.

President of the NJ Harbor Commission, 1912 -1913.

Democratic Presidential Elector, 1912.

Per "Scanell's First Citizens of New Jersey" (1917, Paterson, NJ), he attended P.S. 8 in Jersey City until he was 10 and then he went to school in Germany for 3 years.

After the sale of F. Heppenheimer & Sons, he went to Texas and bought a ranch, returning to Jersey City in 1897. The 1887-1892 Austin, TX, directory lists Ernest J Heppenheimer as having an office at the Driscoll Hotel, and being a "real estate owner and investor."