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SWEETWATER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ELEANOR AND I WILL PRESENT A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EGGS AND GAENSSLEN FAMILIES AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP.

AS A PREFACE TO THIS HISTORY I WISH TO RELATE THE FOLLOWING:

MOTHER - ELEANOR R. (EGGS) GAENSSLEN WAS A RESIDENT OF GREEN RIVER ~~XXX~~, SWEETWATER COUNTY FOR 70 YEARS (JUNE 1886 - JUNE 1956)

FATHER - EMIL A. GAENSSLEN WAS A RESIDENT OF GREEN RIVER, SWEETWATER COUNTY FOR 55 YEARS (FEB. 1901 - FEB. 1956)

IN THIS FAMILY HISTORY I WILL BRING THE EGGS AND GAENSSLEN FAMILIES TO THE UNITED STATES AND LATER TO GREEN RIVER, WYOMING. FIRST THE EGGS FAMILY.

GRANDFATHER - CHARLES EGGS WAS BORN IN BADEN, ^{BADEN,} GERMANY, SEPT. ^{22,} 1848. HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1868 AT THE AGE OF 20 AND SETTLED IN ST. LOUIS, MO. UPON LANDING IN NEW YORK HE TELLS OF SAYING, AS I KNEW I HAD LOTS OF FAMILY HERE! "I FELT SECURE BECAUSE SIGNS ON MANY ^{WINDOWS} ~~WINDOWS~~ READ, HAM & EGGS". FOR THE FOLLOWING 18 YEARS HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH BROWN SHOE CO., AND OPERATED HIS OWN SHOE REPAIR AND SALES BUSINESS.

GRANDMOTHER - CAROLINE SPINNER (EGGS) WAS BORN IN ^{RENCHEN,} BADEN, GERMANY, MARCH ^{4,} 1848. AFTER THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR AND THE UNREST ~~EXTREME~~ IN HER NATIVE LAND AND WITH MANY OTHERS OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION, SHE DECIDED TO EMBARK FOR THE "LAND OF OPPORTUNITY," AND IN 1871 AT THE AGE OF 23 YEARS BECAME A RESIDENT OF ST. LOUIS, MO., WHERE THE FAMILY HAD MANY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES. SHE HAD THREE BROTHERS, KARL AND BERNARD ^H IN WYOMING AND FERDINAND IN GERMANY. FERDINAND WAS THE GRANDFATHER OF ONE OF OUR MEMBERS, LOUISE GRAF.

CAROLINA SPINNER AND CHARLES EGGS WERE MARRIED IN ST. LOUIS, MO. IN 1874.

THEY HAD
~~TO THIS UNION~~ THREE GIRLS ~~WERE~~ BORN: ELEANOR R. - NOV. ^{17,} 1875
CAROLINA (LENA) - JAN. ^{28,} 1877
CLARA I. - AUGUST ^{12,} 1881

THE EGGS FAMILY MOVED FROM ST. LOUIS TO GREEN RIVER, WYO. (POP. LESS THAN 500) BY TRAIN IN JUNE 1886. THEY ACQUIRED THE BIG HORN HOTEL WHICH WAS LOCATED ON E. 1ST SO. ST.,

EGGS

THIS LOCATION NOW IS IN THE RAILROAD YARDS. AFTER OPERATING THE HOTEL FOR 3 YEARS (1889) IT WAS LEASED FOR ONE YEAR, THE FAMILY WENT TO GERMANY TO VISIT RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. THEY RETURNED TO GREEN RIVER IN 1890 AND CONTINUED ~~TO RUN THE HOTEL~~ OPERATION the OF HOTEL AND CHARLES OPENED THE FIRST SHOE STORE IN GREEN RIVER NEAR THE EGGS HOME ON E. W. 1ST SO. STREET. THE HOTEL SALOON WAS AN ACTIVE ESTABLISHMENT WITH THE COWPUNCHERS RIDING THEIR HORSES INTO AND SHOOTING-UP THE PLACE. THEY OPERATED THESE BUSINESS UNTIL 1917, AT WHICH TIME THEY DISPOSED OF ALL THE SOUTH SIDE PROPERTY FOR ^{EXPANSION OF} THE U.P. R.R. YARDS. ^{THE GAENSSLEN HOME} EXPANSION. IN 1918 THEY MOVED TO THEIR NEW HOME ON THE NORTH SIDE (NOW ~~SOUTH~~ FLAMING GORGE WAY).

MOTHER ATTENDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ST. LOUIS PRIOR TO MOVING TO GREEN RIVER. SHE COMPLETED HER EDUCATION IN THE GREEN RIVER SCHOOL SYSTEM; ST. MARY'S OF THE WASATCH ACADEMY; SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH; ONE YEAR IN GERMANY; AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING. HER MAJOR STUDIES INCLUDED ART AND MUSIC.

ELEANOR EGGS AND EMIL GAENSSLEN WERE MARRIED IN GREEN RIVER SEPT. 7, 1908 AT THE EGGS HOME BY REV. W.A. KENNEY, PASTOR, EVANSTON, WYO. ~~THERE WERE~~ 5 CHILDREN BORN TO THIS UNION:

CARL A. - APRIL ³ 1910 (FRED'S TAXIDERM BLDG., 77 N. Center St.)
 EMIL A. - MARCH 1913 (DECEASED JUNE 1979)
 ELEANOR C. - SEPT. ⁶ 1915

(TWO CHILDREN DIED IN INFANCY) OTTO R. - Nov. 27, 1911 - AUG 29, 1914
 MARY. FEB. 3, 1920 - FEB. 3, 1920

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death of
 THE DATES OF THE EGGS FAMILY ~~RELATIONS~~ ALL IN GREEN RIVER:
 GRANDFATHER - CHARLES EGGS - AUG. ² 1921 - AGE 72
 GRANDMOTHER - CAROLINA EGGS - APR. ¹⁴ 1934 - AGE 86
 (MOTH) DAUGHTER - ELEANOR (EGGS) GAENSSLEN - JUNE ¹⁵ 1956 - AGE 80
 DAUGHTER - CAROLINA (LENA) EGGS - MAY 1953 - AGE 76
 DAUGHTER - CLARA I. (EGGS) HARRIS - FEB. ²⁵ 1976 - AGE 94

ALL THE EGGS FAMILY ARE DECEASED.

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NOW ~~WILL DISCUSS~~ THE GAENSSLEN FAMILY.

METZINGEN,

GRANDFATHER - CHARLES A. (CARL) GAENSSLEN WAS BORN IN THE KINGDOM OF WUERTTEMBERG, GERMANY APRIL 14¹⁴, 1841. HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WITH HIS PARENTS IN 1851 AT AGE 10 YEARS. THEY SETTLED IN CLEVELAND FOR A SHORT TIME AND THEN MOVED TO CHICAGO WHERE THEY REMAINED. IN LATER YEARS CHARLES OWNED AND OPERATED A HIDE TANNING AND LEATHER BUSINESS WITH CONTRACTS FOR HIDES FROM THE LARGE PACKING COMPANIES SUCH AS ARMOUR & COMPANY. HE HAD TANNING PLANTS IN CHICAGO, CLEVELAND AND BUFFALO, N.Y. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN MERCANTILE PURSUITS, PROPERTY AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

BORN IN HEILBRONN

GRANDMOTHER - LINA SIEGEL (GAENSSLEN) WAS ALSO A NATIVE OF WUERTTEMBERG, GERMANY, BORN JUNE 2², 1844. WITH HER PARENTS SHE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES AND SETTLED IN CHICAGO IN THE 1850'S AND LIVED THERE UNTIL HER DEATH.

LINA SIEGEL AND CHARLES GAENSSLEN WERE MARRIED IN CHICAGO IN 1867.

THEY HAD FOUR SONS: HUGO F. - SEPT. 21²¹, 1869
EMIL A. - APRIL 9⁹, 1872
OTTO R. - JUNE 6⁶, 1876
CARL A. - JUNE 1¹, 1884

AT THE TIME OF THE FAMOUS CHICAGO FIRE IN OCT. 1871 THEIR HOME WAS DESTROYED ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHERS. IN JUNE 1891 WHEN OUR FATHER EMIL A. WAS 19 YEARS OLD, HIS FATHER CHARLES, ^{AT AGE 50, BY AN ENGINE} WAS KILLED IN THE CHICAGO STOCK YARDS ~~BY AN ENGINE~~ WHILE IN THE PROCESS OF CONTRACTING TO BUY HIDES. LINA AND SON EMIL A. CONTINUED TO OPERATE THE BUSINESSES ^{IES WERE SOLD.} FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS UNTIL THE TANNERY ~~BUSINESS WAS CLOSED OUT.~~ DURING THEIR MARRIED LIFE AND UNTIL HER DEATH, ^{20,} SEPT. 1918 AT AGE 74, LINA WAS ACTIVE AS A HOUSEWIFE AND MOTHER, CIVIC LEADER AND ACTIVE IN SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

GAENSSLEN

IN 1895, OUR FATHER, EMIL A. GAENSSLEN CAME TO GREEN RIVER FOR A VISIT WITH HIS BROTHER HUGO WHO OPERATED THE SWEETWATER BREWING COMPANY. HE RETURNED TO CHICAGO TO GET HIS BUSINESS AFFAIRS IN ORDER. THEN ON FEB. 1901 HE RETURNED TO GREEN RIVER TO MAKE HIS HOME AND WAS ASSOCIATED WITH HIS BROTHER IN THE BREWING COMPANY AS OFFICE MANAGER, ACCOUNTANT AND STOCKHOLDER. THE SWEETWATER BREWING CO., BEER WAS FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE WEST. AWARDS FOR THE BEER WERE WON AT THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION, CHICAGO, ILL. IN 1890; THE UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION, ST. LOUIS, MO., IN 1904; AND THE LEWIS & CLARK CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION, PORTLAND OREGON IN 1905. DADDY SERVED AS SWEETWATER COUNTY DEPUTY, AND ACTING ASSESSOR FROM 1902-1911. HIS DUTIES TOOK HIM TO THE OUTLYING SETTLEMENTS, RANCHES, SHEEP CAMPS, ~~AND~~ DRIVeways, ETC., TRAVEL TO THESE AREAS WAS ~~XXXX~~ BY TEAM AND BUCKBOARD. INASMUCH AS DADDY WAS NO HORSEMAN, HE HAD FRANK KIDD, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE AREA, DO THE CHAUFFERING AND CARE FOR THE TEAM. FOR THE MOST PART THEIR MOTEL ACCOMODATIONS WASE A TENT AND BEDROLL. PRIOR TO COMING TO WYOMING DADDY WAS EDUCATED IN PRIVATE LUTHERN SCHOOLS IN CHICAGO.

ELEANOR WILL RELATE THE INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES AND INCIDENTS IN DADDY'S LIFE

- DATES AND PLACE OF DEATH OF THE GAENSSLEN FAMILY: 11,
GRANDFATHER - CHARLES(CARL) GAENSSLEN - JUNE 1891 - AGE 50 (CHICAGO),
GRANDMOTHER - LINA GAENSSLEN - SEPT. 1918 - AGE 74 (CHICAGO),
SON - HUGO GAENSSLEN - DEC. 1931 - AGE 62 (GREEN RIVER),
SON - EMIL A. GAENSSLEN - FEB. 1956 - AGE 83 (GREEN RIVER),
SON - OTTO R. GAENSSLEN - OCT. 1942 - AGE 66 (PARIS, FRANCE DURING NAZI OCCUPATION),
SON - CARL A. GAENSSLEN - APR. 1966 * AGE 81 (CHICAGO)

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