

Knauer

Benjamin Ernest Knauer

Born: About 1800 in Wurttemberg, Germany

Benjamin Knauer (c. 1800)

m About 1825 in Germany

Caroline Paulina Conrad (c. 1800-1860)

Children of Benjamin and Caroline Knauer (all born in Wurttemberg)

Herman	1826	m Anna Gerback	1873
Paulina	1831	m Andrew Seyferth	1918
Rudolph	1832	m Christina Hirsch	1890
William	1835	m Julia Schlicting	1910
Frederick	1840	m Mary Case	1900
Louisa	1843	m Herman Hetzke	1872
Ernest	1844	m 1) Louisa Hirsch (1866)	1912
		m 2) Mary Millimann (1894)	
		m 3) Emily Yates (1908)	
Adolph	1846		1864

Death

Benjamin: June 1860 in Honeoye; bur. unknown

Caroline: June 1860 in Honeoye; bur. unknown

About Benjamin Knauer

Benjamin was from Wurttemberg, Germany. His children were all born in Germany. The family came to Richmond in two parties, between 1851 (Herman) and 1854 (all the others). They were a family of blacksmiths. Benjamin and Caroline both died in 1860 (after the census was taken), whether at about the same time or not is not known. Their place of burial has not been discovered.

NOTES

Herman Knauer (1826) was in his early twenties when he came to Richmond in 1851. Other family members came in 1854. Herman, like his brothers and his father, was a blacksmith. He married Ann Gerback. After 1860 his family moved from Richmond to DuQuoin, Illinois, where he died in 1873. He had three daughters; Amelia (1858), Mary (1860), and Helen (1861). Two

graves in Lakeview Cemetery may be Herman's children. J.B. Robert Knauer died November 1, 1856, age one year, one day. Eda Knauer died October 12, 1859, age 37 days.

Paulina Knauer (1831) was about twenty when her family came to Honeoye. She and her husband Andrew Seyferth (1828-1888) settled in Jackson County, Illinois. They had seven children: William (1857), Andrew (1859), Mary (1863), August (1864), Emily (1871), George (1873), and Margaret (1875).

Rudolph Knauer (1832) and his wife, Christiana (1833-1923) lived in Honeoye on West Lake Road (No. 20). His blacksmith shop was on the south side of Main Street, just west of the creek, but east of the mill race. His children were Emma and Martha Louise. Rudolph died May 29, 1890 and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery.

Emma Knauer (1860) was born in Honeoye September 3, 1860. She married Frank Hoagland (1857-1916); they had no children. Emma died December 30, 1897 and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery.

Martha Knauer (1862) was born in Honeoye December 11, 1862. She married Elmer Davis (1861-1942) December 19, 1888 in Honeoye (Rev. S. Mills Day). They had one daughter, Meda (1892). Martha died December 28, 1896 and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery.

Christina Hirsch (1833) was born in July 1833, the daughter of Rudolph Hirsch and Elizabeth Webber; she may have been a cousin of Ernest's wife Louisa. She died March 16, 1923.

William Knauer (1835) settled in Marion County, Illinois. He and his wife Julia (1833-1929) had six children: Emile, Lena, Adolph, Ida, Otto, and Louise.

Frederick Knauer (1840) was born May 19, 1840 in Germany. He and his wife Mary (1838-1931) lived in Jackson County, Illinois. He died October 31, 1900.

Ernest Frederick William Knauer (1844) was born December 28, 1844 in Germany. He was about six when the family left Germany and came to Richmond. He was a blacksmith. He was in the Civil War, Company E, of the 120th N.Y. Infantry, as a substitute for another. At the Battle of Stony Creek in Virginia on June 28, 1864 he received a gunshot wound to the upper right thigh and another to the left hand. Then on October 27, 1865 he was taken prisoner at the Boydton Plank Road in Virginia. He was later paroled. After the war, September 9, 1866, he married Louisa Hirsch (1843-1935) in Honeoye (by S. Mills Day). The minister's record states: "Mr. Ernest Knauer of Macon, Illinois." The couple had seven children: Martha (1867), Otto (1869), Louis (1871), Edward (1872), Louise (1873), Ernst (1875) and Mary (1877). Ernest and Louisa later divorced (1890) and he married Mary L. Milliman on December 14, 1894 in Cook County, Illinois. After she died, he married Emily Yates (1853-1933) on February 6, 1908. He died January 4, 1912 in Calhoun County, Iowa; he is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Manson (Calhoun County), Iowa.

Louisa Augusta Hirsch (1843) was the daughter of Gottlieb and Grese (Kloden) Hirsch; she may have been the cousin of Rudolph's wife Christina. They came to Honeoye from Germany when she was very young. She married Ernest Knauer in Honeoye on September 9, 1866, the one-year anniversary of the date he'd been discharged, Rev. S. Mills Day officiating. About 1890 they divorced. Louisa died in 1936 in DuQuoin, Illinois. She is buried in the IOOF Cemetery in DuQuoin.

Adolph Knauer (1846) was in Co. E of the 188th NY Infantry. He died of typhoid after two days illness at City Point, Virginia, October 27, 1864.

1855 Census Richmond

Herman Knauer	29	b Germany	Blacksmith
B____ (Benjamin)	55	b Germany	Father (of Herman)
C____ (Caroline)	52	b Germany	Mother
W____	20	b Germany	Brother
R____	22	b Germany	Brother (see 1865 below)
A____	24	b Germany	Sister
F____	14	b Germany	Brother
A____	8	b Germany	Brother
John Bigelow Household:			
L. Knauer	12	b Germany	Servant

1860 Census - Vicinity of West Lake Road in the village

217 Seneca Bentley
 218 Sarah Garthen
 219 **Benjamin Knauer**
 220 **Herman Knauer**
 221 Amasa Plimpton
 222 **Rudolph Knauer**
 223 Richard Willette
 224 Andrew Smith
 225 Oliver Brown

1865 Census Frame House, valued at \$200

Rudolph Knauer	32	b Germany	Blacksmith
Christine	30	b Germany	wife
Emma	4	b Ontario Co.	
Martha	2 ½	b Ontario Co.	

Rudolph's house, #20 West Lake Road, was built about 1850; he bought it Rudolph in 1860 and lived there until his death (1890). His wife lived there until her death in 1923. The house was rented for the next several years. People who lived in this house:

1930 Census	Virginia Abbey	age 70		
1940 Census	Carl Drain	38	clerk in a grocery store	Rent: \$15/mo
	Mildred	38	wife	
	Betty	16		
	Shirley	14		
	Beverly	10		
	William	7		
	Richard	3		
	Harry Coykendall	68	father-in-law	
1950 Census	Vacant			