

CENTENNIAL YEAR

1876

Peter Andrew Schoening

1976

Mary Emilyne Cooper

I, Velma Schoening Golightly, being the youngest of nine children born to the above union, wish to make of record the following information for any of the members of the family, who may desire same.

My Father Peter Andrew Schoening was born May 13, 1850, in Hamburg, Germany. There were several boys in the family and one daughter. All of the boys, with the exception of John came to America when they were quite young; in my Father's case he was either 11 or 12 years of age. The daughter and John remained in Germany with their Mother and Father, and my Father never did see any of his people, who remained in Germany, after leaving there. My Father, Peter and three Brothers, Henry, Edward and Christopher settled in and near St. Louis, Missouri. The oldest boy Fred came over alone, before the younger boys came. He was never heard from after leaving Germany.

As a young man, my Father was learning the tanning trade, in the curing and finishing of fine leather, and he came into Benton County, Tennessee, to a small town, named Big Sandy, in the search of a certain bark of a tree, which had fine quality for the tanning process. Here in Benton County he met Mary Emilyne Cooper, and they were married in the summer of 1876. My Mother's Father was Williamson Cooper and her Mother was Martha Moss. My Mother had two Brothers and one Sister, a twin. They were born February 16, 1856. Into this union of Peter Andrew and Mary Emilyne Schoening, were born nine children, all living into adulthood and all married, and all with a family, with the exception of one sister, Luvenia, who had no children. They were as follows:

Christina married Adolph Hartman of St. Louis; they had five children, one dying in infancy. Living were Jennie, Elsie, Robert and Marie.

William married Ora Durham, and they had five children: Johnnie, Ona Mae, Edwin, Corrine and William Jr.

George married Lottie Hall, and they had two children, one dying in infancy, and one living, Glynn Lamar.

Edward married Anna Gubser, and they had seven children: Edward, William, Velma, Clemmie, Alberta, Leonard and Dolores. Edward was killed in an accident when he was 8 or 9 years old, and Clemmie died in infancy.

Elbert married Sallie (Rita) Rickman and they had one daughter, Mildred.

Clara married George Herzog, and into their family were born ten children: the oldest, Ruth dying in infancy; living were Leo, Frederick, George Edward, William, Margueritte, Marie, Ralph and Robert Eugene, and Paul.

Luvenia married Everette Sublette, and they had no children.

Arthur married Florence Fischer; there were five children, the oldest Earnest dying in infancy; living were Clara Elizabeth, Clarence Raymond, Arthur Jr., and Edith Earline.

Velma married Earl Golightly, and they had one daughter, Shirley Sue.

The descendants are as follows; listed as children and grand children to the above union.

| <u>CHILDREN</u> | <u>GRAND CHILDREN</u> | <u>GREAT GRAND CHILDREN</u> | <u>GREAT, GREAT GRAND CHILDREN</u> | <u>GREAT, GREAT GREAT GRAND CHILDREN</u> |
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| Christina | 5 | 6 | 13 | |
| William | 5 | 12 | 26 | 5 |
| Edward | 7 | 10 | 13 | |
| George | 2 | 2 | 7 | |
| Elbert | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Clara | 10 | 14 | 21 | |
| Luvenia | None | | | |
| Arthur | 5 | 9 | 2 | |
| <u>Velma</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | |
| Total | 36 | 58 | 89 | <u>5</u> |

There are 17 living descendants: all of the nine children are gone. Corrina (Schoening) Tilley, Daughter of William, is the only one having Great-Great Grand children in the union. Rather Great, Great, Great.

The youngest member of the family is Aaron Matthew Hilke, son of William Frederick and Linda Hilke, Grand Son of Margueritte (Herzog) Hilke, and Great Grand-son of Clara Herzog. He was born June 18, 1976.