

Appendix I. Drabold

Leona married Walter Drabold of Detroit on 22 March, 1919. He was born 7 June 1890 in Pedricktown, Salem, NJ to John Peter Drabold and Mary Swaverly. He had siblings Emma (b 1881), Sadie (1885), Howard (1893) and Russell (1896). Walter was a thoroughly remarkable man, but perhaps I will recount that story elsewhere.

Ancestry of John Peter Drabold

The father of Walter was John Peter Drabold (Oct 1852- 24 Nov 1937), whose parents were Johann Peter Trabold born in Walldorf, Germany (near Heidelberg, in Baden), his mother was the second wife of Johann, Dorothea Herti (spellings variable). Dorothea was also of Walldorf.

The baptism of Johann Peter is recorded in the protestant “Evangelisch” church in Walldorf on 12 Apr. 1807, parents are Franz Bartholomäus Trappeld and Magdalena Mack. Note the variable spelling of Trabold/Trappeld/Drabold... Johann Peter first married Dorothea Funk. They had a large number of children, but the only one that I am sure survived was Michael Trabold (born Christmas Day, 1837 in Walldorf, Baden died in Delaware in 1920), he emigrated to the US and lived in Wilmington, DE, where he married Freda Lautenschlager. A branch of Drabolds was established there, with the spelling Trabbold. All of these Trabbolds of Delaware are therefore our relations. I have had little success tracing Trabolds any farther back.

I have had better fortune with Dorothea Herti (Hoerdti, and other spellings beside!). Fortunately, Walldorf is one of the communities in Germany that has a “family book” that documents families of that town. From this, we can follow various lines for several generations. I will not detail this here, see my Ancestry tree drabold-papai⁷⁹. The relevant family names in these lines are Ulrich, Kreh, Appel, and believe it or not, possibly Astor – of the same family responsible for the Waldorf Astoria hotel etc. This needs more work to be fully verified, but it may well be valid. The Kreh family was significant in the 17th century, Hans (1630-1682) appears to have been Burgermeister and his father Peter (b. abt. 1600) was something like a Sheriff. It is claimed that the ultimate roots of Herti is Swiss, the oldest Herti that is credibly linked to Drabolds is Heinrich (1649-1705), who is said to have been from Lenzburg, Aargau, Switzerland.

Ancestry of Mary Swaverly

⁷⁹ <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/25763682/family?cfpid=1710033789>

The ancestry of Mary was completely obscure until recently. I have managed to at least work out her parents and her birth record and place. It has been difficult because the “flexibility” in the spelling of German names was especially difficult here.

By ordering records from the NJ Archives⁸⁰, it is clear that Mary’s parents were Daniel Schwebel and Anna Maria Zinn. Mary was born in Philadelphia on 25 Feb 1859. The record reports her name as “Marie Schwesel”. Daniel and Anna Maria were members of the Philadelphia St Michael’s and Zion Church. They were married in Philadelphia on 13 Sep 1857. The Will⁸¹ of Daniel Schwibil proves

⁸⁰ I have the marriage certificate of John Peter and Mary (which names her mother as Mary Zinn), the death certificate of Sadie, their daughter, the Will of Daniel “Schwibil” in Oldmans, Salem, NJ (which names his daughter Mary, the wife of Peter Drabbold), and the death certificate of Daniel. All of these are on Ancestry and available in pdf form on request.

⁸¹ In the name of God, amen. I Daniel Schwebel of the township of Oldman, Salem County, New Jersey, being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish my last Will and Testament as follows:

1st I give my dear wife, Mary, all my furniture in and about my house and in addition, after my decease, I bequeath to my wife, Mary, the house and levi wherein I reside containing six and a half acres during her natural life and after her decease to my daughter, Mary, wife of Peter Drabold or in case of her death then to her heirs.

2nd I give to my son, Charles, all my stock and farming utensils without enumerating.

3rd In addition, I bequeath to my dear wife, Mary, the twelve acres of new ground purchased of heritage(?) during her natural life and after her decease, to my son, Charles.

4th I bequeath to my son, Charles, all that farm and plantation purchased of Thomas Herves containing 66 acres together with 10 acres in which now is used by Mrs. ? and intended to be conveyed in the purchase of said Herves if Charles Schwebel should die without heirs. Then to my surviving heirs - provided however the said Charles Schwebel shalt pay out of the proceeds of the first paying crop on said farm all my outstanding debts of whatsoever kind without reference to real encumbrance where not so conveyed to him.

5th I hereby bequeath to George Schwebel, who I adopted unto my care, in lieu of other bequeaths and care of raising him up, the sum of (1) one dollar to be paid to him by my wife, Mary.

6th I do give all the residual of my estate, real and personal, to my son, Charles. I do hereby constitute Mary Schwabel, my wife, executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-ninth 29th day of January 1883 Daniel Schwabel signed and published as my last Will and Testament in their

that he is father of Mary “Swaverly”. So the name Swaverly is a corruption of Schwibel or Schwebel. The death certificate of Daniel states that he was born in “Kurhisin” Germany and his father was Johann and mother Lena. Kurhisin might be Kurhessen, a province north of Frankfurt. By studying other Schwibils, I conjecture – that is all – that Daniel is from Friederichshausen, Waldeck-Frankenberg, Hesse. Anna Maria Zinn has a (probably but not certain) sister that was from Willersdorf, Hesse, near Friederichshausen. The signature of both Anna Maria and Daniel exist.

This is a research project. At least we now know the names and general part of Germany (Hesse) to be looking.

presence or who ever present at this time and inscribed our names as witnesses in his presence all ??? ??? made before signing.

Witnesses
John Herti
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