

Husband:	Karl Freiderick ERDMANN		
Birth ¹	abt 1815	Pommern, Cochem-Zell, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany	
Death	UNKNOWN		
Wife:	Wilhelmina Fredericke Sophia FULKFALK		
Birth	24 Aug 1818	Germany	
Marr.		Karl Freiderick ERDMANN	
Death	31 Jan 1902	Shawano County, Wisconsin	
Burial	UNKNOWN	St Jakobi Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, Richmond Township, Shawano County, Wisconsin	
1.	Wilhelmina Caroline Henrietta Frederica ERDMANN		
Birth	11 Apr 1833	Germany	
Marr.		August GRIMM	
Death	23 Aug 1900	Grand Meadow, Mower County, Minnesota	
Burial	UNKNOWN	Grand Meadow Cemetery, Minnesota	
2.	Caroline ERDMANN		
Birth	18 Dec 1835	Strelowhagan, Germany, Naugard Province, Pommerania, Prussia	
Marr.	abt 1852	Germany	Freiderick AFFELDT
Marr.	abt 1859	Germany	(---) UNKNOWN
Marr.	1863	Germany	Wilhelm Freiderick Ferdinand GRUETZMACHER ,Sr.
Death	15 May 1924	Embarrass, Waupaca County, Wisconsin	
Burial ²	18 May 1924	St Peters/Pella Opening Lutheran Cemetery, Shawano County, Wisconsin.	
3.	Freiderick (Fritz) ERDMANN		
Birth ³	1 Apr 1839	Strelowhagan, Ruhr Besin, Westphalia, Pommerania, Prussia	
Marr. ⁴	1866	Wilhelmina KEMPFERT	
Death	15 Nov 1923	Town of Pella, Wisconsin	
Burial ⁵	Nov 1923	St Peters/Pella Opening Lutheran Cemetery, Shawano County, Wisconsin.	
4.	Wilhelm Karl ERDMANN		
Birth	2 Sep 1841	Strehlow By Hafen, Pommern, Germany	
Marr.	1868	Bertha EGGERT	
Death	11 Jun 1925	Shawano County, Wisconsin	
Burial	1925	Woodlawn Cemetery, Shawano, Wisconsin	
5.	Friedericke Alwine B. ERDMANN		
Birth	abt 1844	Prussia, Germany	
Marr. ⁶	22 Dec 1867	Church of Pella, Shawano, Wisconsin	Carl F. Wilhelm REINKE
Death	11 Jan 1891	Wisconsin	
Burial ⁷	UNKNOWN	St Peters/Pella Opening Lutheran Cemetery, Shawano County, Wisconsin.	
6.	Wilhelm Freiderick Karl ERDMANN		
Birth	1 Apr 1848	Germany	
Marr.		Emilie GRIMM	
Marr.	abt 1888	Augusta Ernestina BRATZ	
Death	16 Jul 1929	Town of Richmond, Wisconsin	
Burial ⁸	UNKNOWN	Stoney Hill Lutheran Cemetery, Wisconsin	

7. Unknown ERDMANN

Birth		Germany	
Marr.			(---) LUEBKE
Death	UNKNOWN	Minnesota	

Notes for Karl Freiderick ERDMANN:

The place of birth came from Robert and Elmina Erdmann. I do not know how they came into this info since I saw no written record.

Sources for Karl Freiderick ERDMANN:Life:

Shawano County Historical Society . Source Media Type: Book. "LDS Library of Shawano County".

Birth:

¹ Place of Birth info came from Robert & Elmina Erdmann .

Notes for Caroline ERDMANN:

Obituary: Clintonville Tribune, Vol 4, pg 19.

Mrs... William Gruetzmacher died last Thursday noon very suddenly and after having been ill but a few hours. She arose early in the morning, at about 4:00 and a sudden fall to the floor aroused the household. She was found lying on the floor with a slight cut on the knee but said she was not injured and would be all right. Although she did not wish a doctor, Dr. Fairchild was called later in the morning.

Funeral services will be held next Sunday afternoon at 2:00 from the Embarrass Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Pella Opening Cemetery.

Mrs... Caroline Gruetzmacher was born in Strelehagan, Province of Naugart, Germany, December 18, 1835. She was married to William Gruetzmacher in 1863. They came to America in 1882 locating in the Town of Larabee on an 80 acre farm. Here they toiled hard, soon cleared the land and developed a good farm. In 1894 they turned the farm over to their son August and they continued to reside on that farm until a year ago when they moved with him to Embarrass.

She is survived by her aged husband, 5 children, Charles, August and William, Mrs... Fred Born of Pella and Mrs... Peter Gorky of Birnanwood, one brother residing at Shawano; 22 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Tombstone Inscription is: Karoline Gruetzmacher (Mutter) b: 18 Dec 1835, d: 15 May 1924.

Sources for Caroline ERDMANN:Life:

Copies of records of burials at St Peter/Pella Opening Lutheran Church Cemetery . Source Media Type: Book.

Burial:

² Ibid.

Notes for Freiderick (Fritz) ERDMANN:

Birth dates and marriage dates came from the 1900 Census. They were living with their third child, William at the time of the census. It shows Frederick's occupation as a farmer. They do not appear on the 1905 State Census. Another source of this record is, batch #8506006 and sheet #31 from the International Genealogical Index, LDS Library.

Marriage and death record came from 1900 census, Town of Pella, Shawano County, Wisconsin. Death record came from Obituary's, volume 4, page 30.

Friederick and Wilhelmina are buried at the Pella Opening Cemetery, Town of Pella, Shawano County, Wisconsin.

They immigrated from Germany in 1866 per 1900 Census.

The census for 1870, Pella, Wisconsin has Friederick, Wilhelmina, and 3 children, Ida, William and Bertha.

1875 State Census shows Fred, 5 males, 3 females.

The 1880 Census, Pella, Wisconsin shows 7 children, Ida, William, Bertha, Frank, Robert, Albert and Karl.

1885 State Census shows Fred Erdmann, 6 males, 3 females.

1900 Census shows 6 children. Robert is child missing. Robert would have been approximately 19.

Fred also appears on the state census for 1895, 1885, 1875.

Jefferson County Land Records show F. Erdmann with property located Sec. 1, Town 8, Range 15, dated 1862.

His death certificate shows carcinoma of the stomach as cause of death.

Contributory cause as "old age". The certificate also shows his parents as Karl Erdmann and Sophia Fulk.

A handwritten letter found in the possession of his granddaughter, Alvina Erdmann McBride of Mobile, Alabama reads:

Mr... Fritz Erdmann lived to a great old age, and was well known in the city and the county.

Mr... Erdmann was very feeble at the time of his death. He was born April 1, 1839 in Strehlowhagan near Naugard in Pommern.

He was married in the year of 1867 and his oldest daughter was born in Germany and the other children were born in this country. He came from Germany to Dodge County near Mayville and in the year of 1869 moved to Pella in Shawano County.

Mr... Erdmann lived his last old days in the old homestead with his son William until he died.

Mr... Erdmann was a learnt cabinet maker and a man who understood his work and he was kept very busy. His wife and children took care of the farm and later worked it. He built houses, bridges and chimneys near Pella in his younger years and was a very hard worker. In the spring nine years ago his wife died. He leaves six children, 32 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. One sister and one brother.

He was buried on Sunday evening from the Lutheran Church in Pella. Pastor Schilling conducted the sermon

He rests in peace.

Obituary: The body of the late Friederick Erdmann was laid to rest last Sunday afternoon after funeral services held in the Pella Lutheran Church. The many people present at the church was evidence of the high esteem in which he and his family are held in the community. Mr... Erdmann was one of the pioneer farmers of Pella locating there in 1869. He developed a splendid farm and at times also followed his trade as a carpenter. Of the seven children six remain to mourn his death and all were present at the funeral except Frank who resides in Alabama and was unable to attend. The surviving children are Mrs... Robert Habeck, Mrs... Herman Wolfe, William, Frank, Albert and Charley. He also leaves an aged brother, William Erdmann and a sister, Caroline Gruetzmacher, 32 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Those from away attending the funeral were Mr... and Mrs... Robert Habeck, Mr... and Mrs.. Charles Erdmann and sons, Mr... and Mrs... John Ludolph, Mr... and Mrs... Frank Kriewald of Shawano; Mrs... Peter Jockey of Birnamwood and many friends from Marion, Belle Plaine and Clintonville.

WILL of Fred Erdmann: I, Fred Erdmann, of the Town of Pella in the County of Shawano, State of Wisconsin, being of sound mind and memory, and mindful of the uncertainties of human life, do make, publish, and declare this, my last will and testament, as follows.

FIRST: After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, I give and bequeath to my son Frank Erdmann, the sum of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECOND: My sons, William Erdmann and Charles Erdmann, have heretofore received their share of my estate and are therefore herein excluded, but it is my wish that my said son William Erdmann, who has received the greatest share of my estate, shall give me a decent and Christian burial at my decease, and defray the expenses thereof.

THIRD: All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, of whatever name, title or description, real, personal or mixed, I give, devise and bequeath to my son, Albert Erdmann; my daughter, Bertha Wolfe, nee Erdmann; and my daughter, Ida Habeck, nee Erdmann, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, except that my one share of bank stock in the Embarrass State Bank of Embarrass, Wisconsin shall not be divided but shall go to my son, Albert Erdmann, and shall be and constitute a part of his one-third share in the residue above mentioned.

FOURTH: I hereby constitute and appoint my son, Albert Erdmann, executor of this my last will and testament; and hereby authorize and empower him, the said Albert Erdmann, to compound, compromise, and settle any claim or demand which may be against or in favor of my said estate; and I hereby direct, that my said executor be not required to give bond or security for the faithful performance of said trust.

SIGNED and Witnessed this 7th day of June, A. D. 1923.

Witnessed by S. O. Buth and A. F. Wasserman

Sources for Freiderick (Fritz) ERDMANN:

Life:

Wisconsin Vital Records . Source Media Type: Book. "Last Will and Testament, 7 June 1923".

Copies of records of burials at St Peter/Pella Opening Lutheran Church Cemetery . Source Media Type: Book.

Wisconsin Vital Records, Death Certificate .

LDS Library of German IGI Records .

Birth:

³ Ibid.

Marriage:

⁴ LDS Library of German Records .

Burial:

⁵ Copies of records of burials at St Peter/Pella Opening Lutheran Church Cemetery . Source Media Type: Book.

Notes for Wilhelm Karl ERDMANN:

Obituary, June 11, 1925: Wilhelm Karl Erdmann, died at the age of 83 years, 9 months and 3 days. He was born on 2 September 1841 in Strehlow By Hagen, Pommerania, Germany, son of Karl Erdmann and Friedericke Falk. He was confirmed in 1854 at Karzig, Pommern. In 1866 he came to America with relatives. In 1868 he married Bertha Eggert. Survivors besides his son-in-law are only his nephew and niece and their children.

Cause of death was old age, superinduced by a tumorous growth.
Funeral services were held from the St Jacobi Church.

We have been unable to determine if the picture shown of Mr... and Mrs.. William Erdmann is William Karl Erdmann and wife Bertha Eggert or if it is William F. Karl Erdmann and wife Emilie Grimm. The handwriting on the picture is by Wilhelmina Erdmann Grimm, sister of William Karl and William F. Erdmann.

Sources for Wilhelm Karl ERDMANN:

Life:

Woodlawn Cemetery records.

Obituary, Shawano, Wisconsin, Thursday, June 11, 1925 .

Notes for Friedericke Alwine B. ERDMANN:

All of the children's names and birth dates were from the 1880 census, Pella, Wisconsin.

Sources for Friedericke Alwine B. ERDMANN:

Life:

Copies of records of burials at St Peter/Pella Opening Lutheran Church Cemetery . Source Media Type: Book.

Marriage:

⁶ Wisconsin Genealogical Research Service, Wisconsin Historical Society .

Burial:

⁷ Copies of records of burials at St Peter/Pella Opening Lutheran Church Cemetery . Source Media Type: Book.

Notes for Wilhelm Freiderick Karl ERDMANN:

The Immigrant ship, Werra, from Bremen, Germany to Port of New York, May 26, 1883 has a Wilhelm Erdmann, age 45, Laborer from Prussia. I listed this entry because of erroneous information that is sometimes on the ships list. This Wilhelm would have only been 35 at this time.

Obituary: Advocate Times, 18 July 1929, Shawano County, Wisconsin

The life of another beloved, aged German Pioneer of Shawano County was ended Tuesday noon at nearly 1 o'clock when William Friederick Erdmann died at his home in the Town of Richmond.

Born in Germany on April 1, 1848, William Friederick Erdmann saw strife between many nations. He saw action in the war between Germany and France; and after returning from the war in 1870 married a German girl.

Came here in 1882

In 1882 the Erdmann family moved to America and settled in the Town of Richmond, Shawano County, near others who migrated from the Fatherland. Four years later, in 1886, Mrs... Erdmann passed away. Two years later, the young man married Ernestine Bratz who survives the deceased. Three sons and two daughter also survive the aged resident. They are Julius, on the home farm on which the deceased spent his entire life in America, William and Robert, Shawano, Mrs... Anna Krueger, Bonduel, and Mrs... Helen Jury, Antigo. One son, Frank died last October at Bonduel. Twenty one Grandchildren also mourn their Grandfathers death.

The funeral will be held in the Stoney Hill Lutheran Church. Rev. Cassens will officiate. Interment in the Stoney Hill Cemetery.

note: This obituary was listed in the newspaper in German and English.

Sources for Wilhelm Freiderick Karl ERDMANN:

Life:

LDS records at Family History Center, Shawano, Wisconsin .

Burial:

⁸ Stoney Hill Lutheran Cemetery Inscriptions, one mile west of Thornton, Wisconsin, north of church .

Notes for Unknown ERDMANN:

This information on this sister was found on a picture stating that she was the sister of "Grandma Grimm", August Grimm's wife. The picture was taken in Wisconsin but was in the possession of descendants of August Grimm of Minnesota.