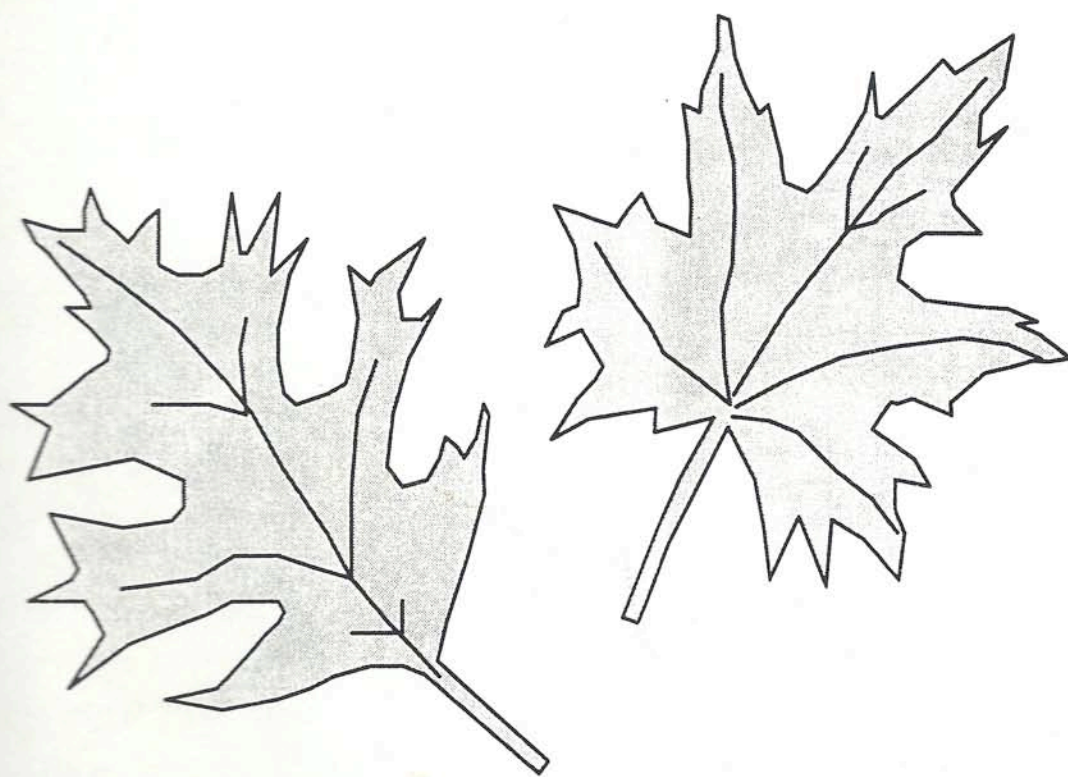


The William John Stephan Family Tree



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FORWARD

We have been working on the Stephan history for about three years, so that we can pass the information on to our children in an organized fashion. To do this required contacting aunts, uncles and cousins for their family data, pictures and help. Additionally, we have been researching at court houses, libraries and cemeteries. It has become a very interesting and enjoyable hobby.

Last fall we began to put some of the information into booklet form, so it can be shared with more of the relatives. It was decided to prepare a "family tree" and identify every descendant down to the youngest babies. It turns out that WILLIAM JOHN STEPHAN currently has 103 direct descendants that are listed in this booklet as follows: (all spouses and step-children are also shown)

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number Currently Alive</u>
Sons -----	7	1
Daughters -----	4	0
Grandsons -----	16	14
Granddaughters -----	9	8
Great Grandsons -----	20	20
Great Granddaughters -----	17	17
Great Great Grandsons -----	21	21
Great Great Granddaughters -	9	9

Totals	103	90

To obtain all the names and dates, required help from each family branch. We wish to thank all those who responded to our letters and calls.

Included in the following pages are pictures of William and Mary Stephan that were taken about 1920. We have not located a picture of William's first wife, Helena Schultz Stephan, who died shortly after Oswald was born. William's immediate family is shown in detail following the pictures. Each child represents a branch of the "Stephan Tree", and their offspring are shown on separate sheets.

We are very fortunate to have a story about William Stephan written by his son Arthur. We are sure you will enjoy it! Since writing is one of his hobbies, we hope he will do some more. The last section of the booklet includes some biographical notes about William Stephan from his birth in 1864 up to 1900. In the future, they will be the basis for a more complete biography.



WILLIAM JOHN STEPHAN



MARY STEIL STEPHAN

THE WILLIAM JOHN STEPHAN FAMILY

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Age</u>
William John Stephan	3 Jul 1864	10 Apr 1946	81
(1) Married 4 Oct 1888 Helena Schultz	9 Nov 1865	12 Oct 1892	27
A. Elsie Kathrine Married 27 Oct 1909 Theodore Oldenburg	16 Mar 1890 10 Sept 1886	9 Sept 1962 3 Aug 1972	72 85
B. Oswald Conrad Married Mabel Paulsen	27 Mar 1892 30 Jan 1892	4 Feb 1959 Dec 1976	66 84
(2) Married 24 Jul 1897 Mary A. Steil	20 Sept 1872	14 Dec 1948	76
C. Henry William Married 8 Dec 1920 Lillian Schlesinger	20 Nov 1897 27 Oct 1902	23 Jan 1988 4 Nov 1989	90 87
D. Cathryn Ella Married Julius Mason Young	1 May 1899 13 May 1898	18 Apr 1972 9 Mar 1964	72 65
E. Edwin William Married 13 Jul 1922 Bertha Margaret Vermette	20 Jan 1901 19 Feb 1896	11 Dec 1961 14 Aug 1975	60 79
F. Helen Frances Married 20 Apr 1927 Howard Andrew Flogaus	3 Aug 1903 1895	19 Jan 1994 1968	90 73
G. William John Jr.	16 Feb 1907	13 Jan 1924	16
H. George Alexander Married 12 Jul 1934 Adelaide Townsend	13 Jun 1908 16 Sept 1910	7 Jan 1962 (Age 1993)	53 83
I. Marian Florence	26 Apr 1910	24 Aug 1936	26
J. Arthur Carl Married 6 Aug 1937 Gretchen Viola Crawford	13 Oct 1912 26 Jul 1914	(Age 1993) (Age 1993)	81 79
K. Raymond Walter (1) Married 1939 Juanita Shalda	7 Jan 1919	9 Jan 1992 1951	73
(2) Married 20 Nov 1948 Blanch Zawrotny	28 Jul 1928	(Age 1993)	65

A. ELSIE KATHRINE STEPHAN b1890 d1962
1909 married Theodore Oldenburg b1886 d1972

1. Frederick William Oldenburg b1917
1944 married Nelle Laurine Shupe b1912

a) Judith Laurine Oldenburg b1944
1967 married Harold Herman Klave b1945

- (1) Lisa Lenore Klave b1976
- (2) Vanessa Anne Klave b1976
- (3) Robert Harold Klave b1979

B. OSWALD CONRAD STEPHAN b1892 d1959
19__ married Mabel Paulsen b1892 d1976

C. HENRY WILLIAM STEPHAN b1897 d1988

1920 married Lillian Schlesinger b1902 d1989

1. Marjorie Ilona Stephan b1921

1949 married William Carl Klein b1925

a) Celeste Ellen Klein b1950

b) Peter Brent Klein b1952

1981 married Sally Jane Nelson b1953 (Divorced)

(1) Scott Thomas Klein b1982

(2) Jeffrey Mark Klein b1984

1990 married April Suzanne King b1954

(3) Joseph Edward King b1976

(4) Rachel Jeanette King b1978

c) Mark Allen Klein b1953

1976 married Diane Marie Penning b1954

(1) Christopher Allen Klein b1982

(2) Andrea Kristine Klein b1985

(3) Benjamin Andrew Klein b1989

d) Joyce Marie Klein b1957

1978 married John Abram Shavers b1954 (Divorced)

(1) James Andrew Shavers b1979

(2) Nicholas Jonathan Shavers b1980

2. Helen Dolores Stephan b1924

3. Jack Henry Stephan b1931 d1989

1953 married June Ann Richardson b1930

a) Jay Bradley Stephan b1959

1984 married Patti Jean Nolan b1959

(1) Bradley Jay Stephan b1986

(2) Maureen Anne Stephan b1988

(3) Jack Henry Stephan b1994

b) Todd Richardson Stephan b1962

1989 married Vicki Lynn Blue b1963

(1) Sara June Stephan b1992

D. CATHRYN ELLA STEPHAN b1899 d1972
19__ married Julius Mason Young b1898 d1964

1. Marilyn Ruth Hauser b1924
1946 married Edward John Hauser b1920
2. Robert Mason Young b1931
1955 married Pauline Ann Bagshaw b1933
 - a) Thomas Mason Young b1958
1991 married Simone A. DeCaro b1961

(1) Morgan Thomas Young b1993
 - b) Michael Alan Young b1960
 - c) Peter James Young b1964

E. EDWIN WILLIAM STEPHAN b1901 d1961
1922 married Bertha Margaret Vermette b1896 d1975

1. Warren William Stephan b1928
1946 married Beverly Maureen Estenberg b1928 (Divorced)

1964 married Jane Elizabeth Thomas b1921
 - a) Terrell Thomas Nicholson b1943

F. HELEN FRANCES STEPHAN b1903 d1994

1927 married Howard Andrew Flogaus b1895 d1968

1. Howard Andrew Flogaus, Jr. b1929

1956 married Barbara Ellen Green b1936

a) Cynthia Ellen Flogaus b1957

1984 married Douglas James Stell b1955

(1) Alison Rebecca Stell b1985

(2) Bryan Andrew Stell b1987

b) Steven Howard Flogaus b1959

1994 married Anna Ross Gormley b1965

2. William Stephan Flogaus b1930

1965 married Judy Girard b1944 (Divorced 1979)

3. Robert Charles Flogaus b1939

1967 married Linda Lee Nabors b1944

a) David Andrew Flogaus b1973

b) William Randall Flogaus b1977

G. WILLIAM JOHN STEPHAN b1907 d1924

- H. GEORGE ALEXANDER STEPHAN b1908 d1962
1934 married Adelaide Christine Townsend b1910
1. Thomas Leroy Stephan b1937
1962 married Donna Baker b19__ (Divorced)
 2. David Carl Stephan b1940
1962 married Diane Stacknik b1941
 - a) Michael David Stephan b1963
1989 married Karen Ann Reheman b19__
(1) Mathew David Stephan b1993
 - b) Susan Marie Stephan b1967
 - c) Carrie Ann Stephan b1968
19__ married Mel Morris b19__
 3. Jeanne Marie Stephan b1944
1967 married David Perin b1945
 - a) Jody Rae Perin b1973
 - b) Jamie Louise Perin b1975
 4. Katherine Helen Stephan b1948
19__ married Herbert John Ranta b1945

I. MARIAN FLORENCE STEPHAN b1910 d1936

J. ARTHUR CARL STEPHAN b1912-
1937 married Gretchen Viola Crawford b1914

1. William Elwood Stephan b1938

2. Ronald Eugene Stephan b1940
19__ married Nancy Dennis b1946

a) Michael Wade Stephan b1969

b) Maria Lavisia Stephan b1971

c) Melissa Stephan b1974

3. Carolyn Rae Stephan b1941
1961 married Russell DuBuis b1938

a) Michael Allen DuBuis b1962
19__ married Melissa Finstrom b1964

(1) Marc Charles DuBuis b1992
(2) Matthew Dubius b1993

b) Brian Scott DuBuis b1964
19__ married Kathleen Lane b1965

4. Steven Leroy Stephan b1945
1969 married Louise Teresa Malacki b1948

a) Eric Steven Stephan b1970

b) Christopher Aaron Stephan b1973

c) Amanda Leigh Stephan b1979

K. RAYMOND WALTER STEPHAN b1919 d1992

1939 married Juanita Shalda b_____ d1951 (Divorced 1948)

1. Anthony Charles Stephan b1940

1961 married Patricia I. Dillon b1943 d1980

a) Raymond Charles Stephan b1962
1989 married Linda Roos b1962

(1) Brandt Daniel Stephan b1991
(2) Brianna Lynn Stephan b1994

b) Teresa Ann Stephan b1963

c) Janet Marie Stephan b1966
1988 married John Paul Ste. Marie b1963

(1) Ambre-Leigh Ste. Marie b1989
(2) Stephen Paul Ste. Marie b1991

1982 married Norma Getchell Walker b1944

d) Sheri Ann Lahr b1964
1989 married Mark Lahr b

(1) Michael Ryan Lahr b1990

e) Tamara Sue Gebelein b1967
1989 married Richard Allan Gebelein b

2. Barbara Louise Misiak b1943

1961 married Jerry Carl Misiak b1940

a) Sherry Ann Misiak b1962
1987 married Mark Allen McDermott b1963

(1) Michele Rose McDermott b1989
(2) Trevor Allen McDermott b1991

b) Arlene Kay Misiak b1963
1990 married Jeffrey V. Hunter b1963-

(1) Taylor Vincent Hunter b1990
(2) Garette Gerald Hunter b1992
(3) Dane Mitchell Hunter b1994

c) John Francis Misiak b1964

(1) John David Misiak b1994

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d) Tracy Lynn Misiak b 1971

(1) Richard Stanley Belbot III b1990

K. RAYMOND WALTER STEPHAN (Continued)
1948 married Blanch Zawrotney b1928

3. Carol Ann Stephan b 1950
1974 married Calvin Weston Christman b1942 d1983

4. Arlene May Stephan b1953 d1958

5. Phillip Raymond Stephan b1955 d1976

6. Michael Dennis Stephan b1956
1979 married Brenda Cheryl Saunders b1960

a) Dennis Michael Stephan b1980
b) Pamela Cheryl Stephan b1983

7. Mathew Richard Stephan b1959
1986 married Sharon Yvonne McCown b1965

a) Norman Mathew Stephan b1990

MY DAD, WILLIAM J. STEPHAN
AND THE THREE BIRDS

By: Arthur Stephan
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My dad and his brother, Henry, had come from the town of Armsfelt, Germany. This is an area where they have some good farming. Some of the craft people made watches and clocks and things. It is also the area of the "Cuckoo" bird habitat.

At the time of my early years, Dad and Mom owned a grocery store in Detroit. It was in the back of the store that I learned how to play the game of Sixty Six and how to count in German from eins zwei drei all the way to sechs und sechzig. I also learned a few phrases like, "du must geben, auszuspielen and ach du lieber". The back of the store is the spot that Dad and Uncle Henry spent free time and coffee breaks, and where I liked to stretch my neck to see how the game was played.

Back in those days (before the automobile) when Dad had to make grocery deliveries it was by horse and cutter (in the winter time). We had a white horse named "Bird" to help with this job. Often after a round of deliveries and on the way home, Dad or Uncle Henry would recognize that old Bird was thirsty. They would stop where there was a little pile of snow and a saloon so that the men could have a sip of beer while "Bird" nibbled on the snow. Bird liked to roll in the snow also. That is why the two men often found blankets, cushions, seats and other stuff scattered in the street when their beer had been sipped.

The second old "Bird" I recall after moving to Traverse City was the white horse of our neighbors, the "Vaders". Mr. Vader worked for Sears & Roebuck in Chicago all winter and on their farm all summer. They had a ten acre farm. Five acres were cherries and apples near the front and the rest was all hilly. Mr Vader was a wiry guy about four inches shorter than my dad. We could always tell when Mr. Vader was dragging the ground in the orchards. He would yell at poor old Bird, "gee, ha, whoa back and giddy up" all in one breath. Poor old, "Bird" he couldn't know what his name was. Old man Vader called him, jackass, sow belly, good for nothing mule and lots of other "hot" names that I would be afraid to use here (might burn this paper up).

One day when this pair was dragging in their orchard, the "Bird" had stopped right on our property line. Mr. Vader was louder than ever and his adjectives flowed more colorfully than ever. Dad was nearby in our apple orchard so he walked over to see what the trouble was. First he talked a bit with Mr. Vader. Then he walked around to pet old Bird. As he was petting old Bird around the neck and shoulder he spied a wire sticking out of the harness. No wonder "Bird" wouldn't pull. He was being stabbed when he leaned into the harness.

Dad removed the wire and gave old Bird a pat, and Mr. Vader a wave as the two of them went dragging down the orchard row. The usual whoa, haw, gee and gidap all in one mixed stream along with other colorful expletives could be heard as they faded away down the orchard.

One spring morning my brother George and I were fooling around in the barn when we heard a "cuckoo" call. There is a big variety of birds in Michigan especially in spring. Robins, Blue Jays, Killdeers and all the rest were back. We had heard the Warblers warble and the Mocking birds mock as well as the Whippoorwill call, but a Cuckoo Bird! Never!

We both slipped quietly out of the barn and peeked around. "Cuckoo, Cuckoo", we heard it again. It sounded as if it came from the east side of the barn so we quietly slipped that way. "Cuckoo-cuckoo", the call was coming from the north now. George and I split up. He went to the left and I to the right to see if we could get a glimpse of the "Cuckoo". As we were approaching the northwest corner of the barn, we saw Dad sneaking out of the corncrib with a "Cuckoo" whistle in his hand. "Happy April Fools Day", he called as he went into the house. April 1st had sure snuck up on George and me.

THE END

William J. STEPHAN BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

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Note: This information covers the period of 1864 to 1900

William John Stephan was born on 3 July 1864 in Armsfelt, Germany. This village is in the province of Hessen in north central Germany. His parents were Conrad and Maria Bouck Stephan. It is believed that Conrad was a miller and a farmer.

William had an older brother Heinrick [Henry], born on 28 October 1853. There were two sisters; Marie born 8 September 1857 and Minna [Wilhelmina ?] for whom we have no dates. There may have been other siblings.

We have no information on his early life in Germany or if he served in the army before coming to the United States. His son Arthur recalls being told that the government confiscated some of the family's farm animals, which prompted him to leave in 1882 at the age of 18. His brother Henry came to America about 1888 and his sister Marie in 1912.

His first job in this country was on a pig farm in the New York City area. Arthur reports that his health became very poor doing this work, so he located a job as an apprentice to a bakery and confectionery company.

The reason for William moving to Detroit is not known, but he is listed in the 1886 Polk Detroit Directory. This indicates he probably came to Detroit in 1885. He was working for Andrew Hair at 258 Woodward Ave. as a confectioner. The Andrew Hair Co. was listed as a caterer and confectioner. William at this time was boarding at 157 Maple Street. In the 1887 Directory, William is listed as a baker for Andrew Hair.

On 4 October 1888 William married Helena Schultze. We have no background information on her. The marriage licence indicates that Helena was born in Germany and that her father's name was Philip. Her mother's name was Mary. William's brother Henry was best man at the wedding.

Also in 1888, William has his own confectionery store at 177 Mack Ave. and he also boarded there. It appears that Helena's mother, Mary, owned the building and lived there too. His brother Henry is shown living at 409 Mullett Street, and is a partner in a feed business under the name Decker and Stephan.

In March 1890, a daughter Elsie was born to Helena and William. They were living at the same address as the store. In March 1892, a son Oswald was born. On 13 October 1892,

Helena died at the age of 27. The cause of death was typhoid fever. According to the Detroit Free Press obituary, there was a brief service in the home, followed by the church service at the German Lutheran Church at the corner of Meldrum and Pulford streets. Burial was in the Trinity Cemetery on Mt. Elliott. Helena's mother, Mary, continued to live at the store, and probably took care of the children.

Sometime during the period 1892-1897, Mary Steil came to work for William as a "domestic". She lived with her family at 374 Mt. Elliott, which was close to the store. She had come to Detroit from Germany with her parents in 1884. Her father, John Peter Steil, and her brothers were carpenters. They operated a building contracting company under the name John P. Steil and Sons. The father, John P., died in October 1891. The company name was changed to Steil Bros., which included George, Valentine and John Nicholas.

In 1894 Henry left the feed business and went to work for his brother as a clerk in the grocery business. He also lived at the store. In the 1896, the grocery business was known as Stephan Bros. This name continued until 1899.

In July 1897, William married Mary Steil. They started a family and Henry W. was born in November 1897 and Katherine was born in May 1899.

Sometime during 1898 or 1899, Henry made a trip back to Germany. In the 1900 U.S. Census, Henry is listed as having been in this country 9 months, which means he returned from Germany in 1899. He is living at the store with William and Mary plus the four children. Elsie and Oswald are shown as attending school. In addition, an 18 year old niece from Germany is living with them. Her name is shown as Gusta Stephan with the occupation of servant. We believe this is Emma Puff and that Henry brought her to Detroit after visiting his sister Marie Puff in Germany.

The store location at Mack and Mt. Elliott was one block from Henry Ford's "Mack Avenue Assembly Plant". Helen Stephan Flogaus has said that Henry Ford had ask her father to invest in the Ford Motor Company. For one reason or another, he decided not to. It is conceivable that the Ford family were customers at the Stephan Grocery in the early days. They lived about one mile north of the store on Hendrie Ave.

Research work is continuing to obtain information on the Stephan family in Germany and for the period in Detroit of 1900 to 1920. Any assistance in the way of information or photographs will be greatly appreciated.

CAN YOU HELP ?

1. We have not been able to locate a photograph of Helena Schultz Stephan. Does anyone have one or know where to look for one ?
2. We have a good photograph of the original "Stephan Grocery Store" at the corner of Mack and Mt. Elliott. However, about 1905, the German American Bank bought the corner property for a branch bank, and William Stephan had a new brick store built about one block away on Mack Ave. Does anyone have a picture of the "new" store?
3. We have pictures of William Stephan's sister, Maria Puff, and his brother Henry. Does anyone have a picture of his parents, Conrad and Maria Stephan, or his other sister Minna? We are also interested in any information or dates regarding the Stephans in Germany.

If you can help with any of the items noted above, please send a letter or give us a call. We will have any photographs copied, and return the originals to you promptly. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

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