

## Notes on Elisabeth Florentine Knoche

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### Generation 1

1. **ELISABETH FLORENTINE<sup>1</sup> KNOCHE** was born on September 22, 1831 in Wunderthausen. She died on October 02, 1861 in Jackson County, Missouri. She married Johann Philipp Knoche, son of Johannes Knoche and Elisabeth Amalia Homrighausen, on December 16, 1858 in Missouri. He was born on April 10, 1813 in Wunderthausen. He died on August 29, 1888 in Missouri.

Notes for Elisabeth Florentine Knoche:

Born in the house 'Auf der Leye' (later Kellers) in Wunderthausen. Arrived October 20, 1854 in New Orleans on the ship "Auguste" out of Bremen.

Notes for Johann Philipp Knoche:

He was born in Beitzels Haus in Wunderthausen and came to Baltimore on the ship "Palmer" arriving on July 1, 1834.

According to a petition filed in 1840, Knoche first came to the U.S. in 1834, lived in Baltimore, and was naturalized March 9, 1840. He returned to Wittgenstein in 1840 to assist his father in coming to America, but was informed by the Prussian authorities that he was obliged to military service insofar as he had left Germany originally without permission. Through a lawyer, he asked the American government if he was not protected as an American citizen? The reply from an official named Henry Wheaton was that they could not help him. "Having returned to the country of your birth, your native domicile and national character revert (so long as you remain in the Prussian dominions), and you are bound in all respects to obey the laws exactly as if you had never emigrated."

Despite this legal setback, the Knoche family including Johann Philipp did come to America. He and two brothers came to the US on the ship Everhard out of Bremen, landing in Baltimore on May 25, 1841. He lived in the Kaw Township, Jackson County, Missouri, and died there. By the standards of the time he became quite wealthy. The 1860 census included estimates of the value of each household head's land (if any) and personal estate. John's numbers were \$14,300 and \$6,000 respectively. This would place him in the top 20% or so in his township. A plat map from 1877 shows him in possession of almost a section (640) acres of land bordered by the Missouri River

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From Biographical Sketches of Jackson County

The Doctor's parents were John P. and Florendina Knoche, and their family numbered only 2 children, 1 of whom died in infancy. The father was a farmer by occupation, and on emigrating to the new world took up his residence in Baltimore, in 1834, being employed there in John Wetter's distillery for 6 years. In 1839 he returned to Germany, and on again coming to the United States was accompanied by 3 brothers. They settled in Jackson county, Missouri, near Kansas City, in 1840. It was then known as West Landing. There were not near them a half-dozen houses; there was a grocery, etc. The country was wild and sparsely settled. He intended to establish a distillery, and had the building erected and a part of the machinery in when the flood of 1844 swept all away. John P. Knoche then removed to Santa Fe, Missouri, where he purchased and entered a large tract of land, engaging there in raising cattle for the Santa Fe traders. In this way he accumulated considerable wealth, but after a time disease broke out among the cattle in this section of the country, and he lost nearly all his stock, while his house and barns were destroyed by fire. Thus misfortune seemed to fall thick and fast around him. He was a man of much purpose, however, and returned to his farm in Jackson county, near Kansas City, but retained the ownership of his farm near Santa Fe, and operated both until after the war broke out. At that time he joined the home guards. His land lay between the territory occupied by Jennison's Kansas "Redlegs" and Price's raiders, who stole all his corn, hogs and hay. His wife was also frightened to death in 1861 by some of Jennison's troops! She was a member of the Lutheran church, a faithful helpmeet to her husband and a loving mother. In 1863 Mr. Knoche was again married, his second union being with Annie E. Knoche, a sister of his first wife. They had 9 children - 4 sons and 5 daughters, of whom the following-named are yet living: John H., Louis H., Joseph and Rosa A. The father died August 29, 1887, in his 75th year, but his 2nd wife is still living, on the old homestead.

Johann Philipp Knoche and Elisabeth Florentine Knoche had the following children:

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**Generation 1 (cont.)**

- i. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> KNOCHE was born about 1856 in Missouri. He died before 1870.

Notes for Joseph Knoche:

Almost certainly died before his father.

- ii. JOHN PHILLIP KNOCHE was born on July 25, 1859 in Missouri. He died in December 1939 in Jackson County, Missouri. He married Elizabeth Turner on May 11, 1905 in Jackson, Missouri. She was born in 1860 in Hannibal, Ralls County, Missouri. She died on June 07, 1952 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

Notes for John Phillip Knoche:

As of the 1880 Census when he was 20 and living with his parents, his occupation was that of a Doctor.