

# Summary of Christel (Christian, Christ, Christell) Joachim Ludwig LUCAS 18 Mar 2005



Name: Christel (Christian, Christ, Christell) Joachim Ludwig LUCAS<sup>1-5</sup>  
 Sex: Male  
 Father: Heinrich Wilhelm Ludwig LUCAS (abt 1835 - )  
 Mother: Caroline Friedrike Hanna SCHRÖDER (abt 1838 - )

## Individual Facts

Birth	20 Feb 1862	Bützow, Schwerin, Mecklenburg (now Mecklenburg Vorpommern) DEU <sup>5-10</sup>
Baptism	20 Mar 1862 (age 0) <sup>5,10</sup>	
Confirmation	Apr 1876 (age 14) <sup>10</sup>	
Occupation	bef 1884 (age 22)	blacksmith; Germany DEU <sup>10</sup>
Residence	bef Jul 1884 (age 22)	Neuendorf, Schwerin, Mecklenburg (now Mecklenburg Vorpommern) DEU <sup>11</sup>
Emigration	Jul 1884 (age 22)	Hamburg DEU <sup>12</sup>
Immigration	aft Jul 1884 (age 22)	New York, NY <sup>13</sup>
Immigration	Aug 1884 (age 22)	Mendota, La Salle Co. IL <sup>3,14,15</sup>
Occupation	aft Aug 1884 (age 22)	blacksmith; Mendota, La Salle Co. IL
Residence	12 Oct 1886 (age 24)	Mendota, La Salle Co. IL <sup>7</sup>
Naturalization	1889 (age 27) <sup>16</sup>	
Occupation	1 Jan 1920 (age 57)	general farm laborer; Mendota, La Salle Co. IL <sup>14</sup>
Residence	1 Jan 1920 (age 57)	First Street; Mendota, La Salle Co. IL <sup>14</sup>
Census	1920 (age 58)	Mendota, La Salle Co. IL <sup>14</sup>
Occupation	1930 (age 68)	laborer in his son George's blacksmith shop; Ophir, LaSalle Co., Illinois <sup>3,6</sup>
Census	1930 (age 68)	Ophir, LaSalle Co., Illinois <sup>3</sup>
Residence	1941 (age 79)	1103 Fifth Ave.; Mendota, La Salle Co. IL <sup>8</sup>
Illness	1 Dec 1941 (age 79)	myocardial failure; Mendota, La Salle Co. IL <sup>8</sup>
Death	4 Dec 1941 (age 79)	Mendota, La Salle Co. IL <sup>8,10</sup>
Burial	7 Dec 1941	Mendota, La Salle Co. IL <sup>8,17-19</sup>
Illness		hernia <sup>20</sup>
Illness		cardio-vascular renal disease; Mendota, La Salle Co. IL

## Marriages/Children

### I. Clara Luise BINZ<sup>20</sup>

Marr Lic	30 Sep 1886 (age 24)	Mendota, La Salle Co. IL <sup>7</sup>
Marriage	12 Oct 1886 (age 24)	Mendota, La Salle Co. IL <sup>7,15</sup>
Children	Wilhelm (William) Herman Fritz LUCAS (4 Sep 1887 - 17 May 1970) Maria Carolina LOUISE LUCAS (19 Jul 1889 - 24 Nov 1979) George LUCAS (23 Jul 1891 - 9 Feb 1979) Johannes LUCAS (17 Mar 1894 - aft 17 Mar 1894) Carl Herman Franz LUCAS (8 May 1896 - 1 Nov 1965) Anna (Annie) Elizabeth Martha LUCAS (19 Jan 1899 - 8 Jun 1978) Sophia (Peggy) Frida LUCAS (14 Oct 1901 - 17 Sep 1982) Fredrick Franz Ludwig LUCAS (17 Aug 1904 - 28 Nov 1968) Martha (Buddy) Rosalie LUCAS (11 Sep 1909 - 28 Oct 1971)	

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## Notes (Individual)

**General:** ". . . I don't have much info on Christ - only that he was buried the day Pearl Harbor was bombed - was at the cemetery in Mendota when the news came over the radio." [Marguerite Lucas, 1995]

"Christel is in germany normaly a girl name (for Christiane), it was also a pet name for Christian." (Fritz Hossmann, e-mail message to author, 26 May 2004).

**Birth (20 Feb 1862):** Bützow is a village (pop. 389) in northern Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Anklam County), south and slightly west of Rostock on the Warnow River. (GEO search, 7 May 1996--jbw)

Subject: RE: Re: Mecklenburg Culture  
Date: Tue, 07 Jan 1997 00:15 +0100  
From: Hans-Dietrich.Gronau@t-online.de (Prof. Dr. H.-D. Gronau)  
To: Mecklenburg Provinces discussion list <MECKLENBURG-PROV@rmgate.pop.indiana.edu>

Marilyn wrote:

> We visited Germany last summer and the Schwerin area was our favorite  
> spot. We saw an opera in the castle (in spite of the scaffolding for  
> renovation) and a ballet in the theatre. A search for family records  
> would be a good excuse to visit a beautiful area with such hospitable people.  
> Happy Hunting!  
> Looking for JOHANN and STEINFELDT in Boiensdorff  
> near Schwerin  
> Marilyn Brien brien@tenet.edu

Thank you very much for your nice words for your ancestral and my homeland. In Mecklenburg there are a lot of nice areas, around Schwerin or around Strelitz with a lot of smaller lakes, many forest (with mushrooms in the fall), ... Also the Baltic coast is nice. There are a lot of old towns with old churches and city walls. Many towns were founded about 700 - 800 years ago. Neubrandenburg has still the complete city wall (3 km length) with all 4 original gates. Rostock, where I am living now, has the oldest university in Northern Europe, founded 1419. In Fall 1994 we have had a nice 575 year anniversary celebration. In 1995 we celebrated in Rostock the 777 years. Do you know that also in 1995 we looke back to 1000 years in Mecklenburg. Today it's really a nice place here and we like it very much to live here, even in case that we have a lot of troubles with the high unemploymentrate ... But 150-100 years ago, when a lot of people left Mecklenburg for the U.S., it was not done in order to make a big adventure. Mecklenburg was poor and this was at least a change to make a better live.

**Confirmation (Apr 1876):** Lutheran.

**Immigration (Aug 1884):** The "Lucas" surname does not appear on the list of names of Mecklenburg-Schwerin emigrants posted at <<http://pages.prodigy.net/jhbowen/emig.htm>>. This site gives the address to write to for emigration records (permissions to emigrate).

**Naturalization (1889):** Yet the 1930 census states he was *not* naturalized.

**Residence (1 Jan 1920):** This home was rented.

**Death (4 Dec 1941):** Died at home.

**Burial (7 Dec 1941):** Lutheran Cemetery

**Illness:** "Grandpa's health seemed to be good - outside of a truss . . . he wore for a hernia. I don't remember his ever being ill." [Marguerite Lucas, 1991]

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## Notes (Family #1)

**General:** "I have not discovered when Christian or Clara came to this country, nor how or why they settled--separately--in Mendota. But like many rural towns in Illinois and Wisconsin, Mendota had a lot of German immigrants, and it is probable that either or both of them came to Mendota because they had friends or relatives there. They both probably came in the early or mid-1880s." [Loren Beth, 1996]

"Grandpa Lucas, seems to me, was old. I never knew how old he was. He told me he was 14 years old when he came to U.S.A. I know my dad was born in 1891 with a 2 over the 1. But I don't know why. But dad says he thinks because grandma did so could keep him paying her his wages for another year." [Raymond Lucas, 1996]

"To my knowledge Grandfather & grandmother didn't get along - then when my father bought the shop, he hired his dad to work for him. (I can remember grandpa treating me on payday). So he lived with us for many years - he was never in an

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Institution, but did go to an "old folks" home in his later years. Maybe he felt too crowded with 5 children, hired men (truckers), and all the activity that goes with the business and home life. Anyway, he was my grandpa and I liked him - we use [sic] to sit on the bench by the corner of the shop and talk - he always said he'd like to go back to Germany But in those days who had the money to go anywhere. . . ." [Marguerite Lucas, 1991]

According to Christ's obituary, there were ten children born altogether, two of whom died in infancy. About one of these we have no information. Christel and Clara appear to have ceased living together sometime between 1920 and 1930 (census).

**Marriage (12 Oct 1886):** Witnesses to marriage were Wilhelm and Louise Meier.

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