

# STOLP / Pommern / Deutsches Reich

History tells us that the first inhabitants of East Pommerania were of Germanic Stock, which left the country at the begin of people's migration. They were replaced by the Slavic Wenden.

The first documented mentioning of STOLP was in the year 1240 ( called Slups at that time ), it was a settlement with a surrounding fortress. On a small hill on the left bank of the Stolpe-river, opposite the fort, the first German people settled, like farmworkers, merchants and laborers. They came from the provinces of Westphalia and Holstein.

In 1310 the German Settlement Stolp received the rights of a German town through the Margrave of Brandenburg.

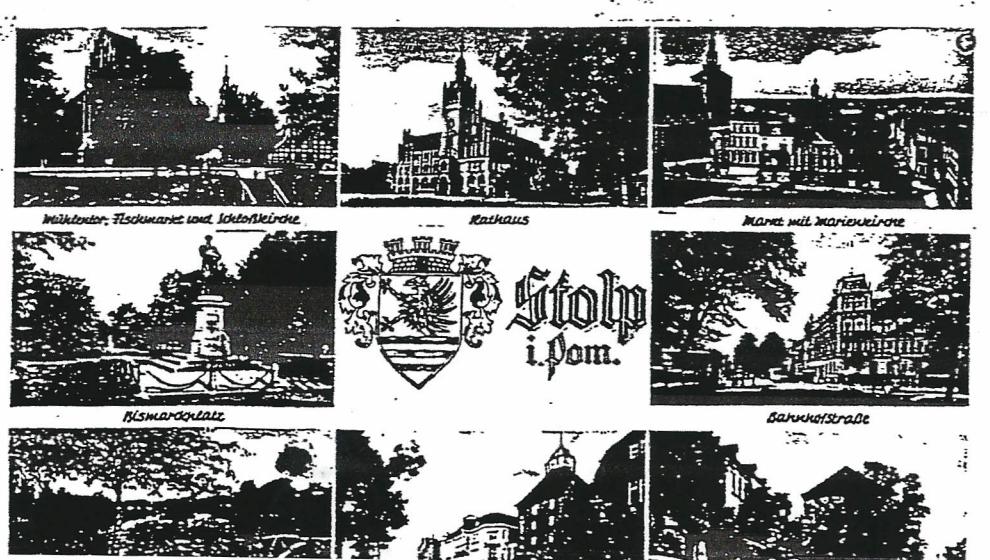
The GROTHs established themselves for centuries in the vicinity of Stolp city and country, and Schlawe country. GROTHs were mentioned in Chronicles and can be found in Heraldic books with a bourgeois coat of arms.

1881 Stolp in Pommern had 20,000 inhabitants.

Pommerania was a province of the Prussian Kingdom. Since Jan 18, 1871 the king of Prussia was also Kaiser of the Deutsches Reich ( union of the South- and North- German states ).

The picture postcard of Stolp shows:

Mill gate, Fish Market and Castle church / City Hall / Market Place with Marien-church / Bismarck-Monument / Bahnhof-street / Neumann's Park / New gate and Stores / Castle garden



Ernst Ludwig H e r m a n n G R O T H was born on Aug. 21, 1831 in Annaburg, county of STOLP /Pomerania. His parents were farmers. At that time, only a small family could support themselves, so usually some of the children left for town to either learn a trade or they would work as farmers for a landlord.

Hermann moved to Gross-Schloenwitz, got married there on Jan. 24, 1854 to a Hanna H e n r i e t t e Dorothea K u e s t e r , born in 1836. First they moved to Klein-Runow and later to Reinhardsfelde/ Sagerke.

Through friends they heard that Amerika was looking for settlers and, because the situation for farmworkers was unfavorable, plus they wanted a better future for their children, son Hermann started out to Amerika as an "explorer". So, trusting God, in the spring of 1881, Hermann & Henriette left their Pomeranian homeland and took the trip on the steamer VANDALIA from Hamburg on the day of March 20 into the New World. With them were their daughters Albertine and Adeline and their sons Albert, Julius, Heinrich and Otto.

Their oldest son Karl, born in 1854 was married to Wilhelmine Dombrowa in 1879. They expected Karl to join them in Amerika, but his wife was afraid to cross the large ocean, also Karl was serving his time as a calvary-man ( Husar). Therefore they stayed in Pomerania and they bought property from their savings in Stolp and remained to live there until their death.

The children Heinrich, Franz, Emma and Margarete also resided in Stolp with their families until 1945. From that year on they either left as refugees or, were driven away by the Soviets/Poles. Son Willy had lived in Berlin with his family.

1955 the Bundesrepublik Deutschland ( Federal Republic of Germany ) entered the N.A.T.O.

Since then, the American Groths from the county of Stolp and the German Groths have finally been reunited politically.

Earnst Ludwig Hermann Groth Aug 21 1831 - Dec 15 1902

Hanna Henriette Dorothee Kuester Aug 14 1835 - May 31 1904

Married January 24, 1854 in Gross Schloenwitz, near Stolp, Pommern (Prussia). Emigrated from Sagerke (near Stolp) to the United States, sailing on the Vandalia from Hamburg, Germany, March 20, 1881. The ship arrived in New York harbor on April 6, 1881.

Children:

Karl	11/11/1854	(G1)	Albert	12/21/1869	(G5)	
<sup>M'</sup> GRANDFATHER	Hermann	11/28/1858 ✓	(G2)	Julius	12/14/1870	(G6)
				Henry	08/30/1873	(G7)
	Albertina	12/21/1860	(G3)	Otto	11/05/1875	(G8)
	Adelina	2/3/67	(G4)			

G1

Karl Heinrich Groth 11/11/54 - 06/21/1920

Wilhelmine Luise Therese Dombrowa 10/29/1861 - 1943

Married November 1, 1879 in Dubberzin/ Besow near Stolp. Karl was serving time in the Prussian army and stationed in a garrison at Stolp when his mother and father and brothers and sisters left for America. Karl and his wife decided to stay in Germany (she did not want to cross the wide ocean) after he got out of the army and they opened a business shop in Stolp.

Children:

- |                       |             |                        |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Heinrich Fritz     | 1880 - 1966 | 4. Emma                | 1888        |
| 2. Herta              | 1881 - 1885 | 5. Margarete Franziska | 1892 - 1969 |
| 3. Franz Karl Hermann | 1882-1946   | 6. Willy               | 1895 - 1965 |

17.10.1986  
für  
Richard C. Groth

Ernst Ludwig Hermann Groth 21.08.1831 in Annaburg / Stolp  
- 15.12.1902 in ..... USA

Hanna Henriette Dorothee geb. Kuester ..... 1836 in .....  
- 31.05.1904 in ..... USA

⚭ 24.01.1854 in Groß Schlönwitz nahe Stolp/Pommern

von Sagerke/Stolp in die USA. 20.03.1881 von Hamburg nach New York.

Kinder: Karl 11.11.1854 Albert 21.12.1869  
Hermann 28.11.1858 ✓ Julius 14.12.1870  
Albertina 21.12.1860 Heinrich 30.08.1873  
Adelina 25.01.67? o3.02.67 Otto 05.11.1875

G1 Karl Heinrich Groth 11.11.1854 Rötzenhagen/Kleinrunow /Stolp  
- 21.06.1920 in Stolp

Wilhelmine Luise Therese geb. Dombrowa 29.10.1861 Reinholdsfelde  
- 1943 in Stolp / Pommern

⚭ 01.11.1879 in Dubberzin/ Besow nahe Stolp

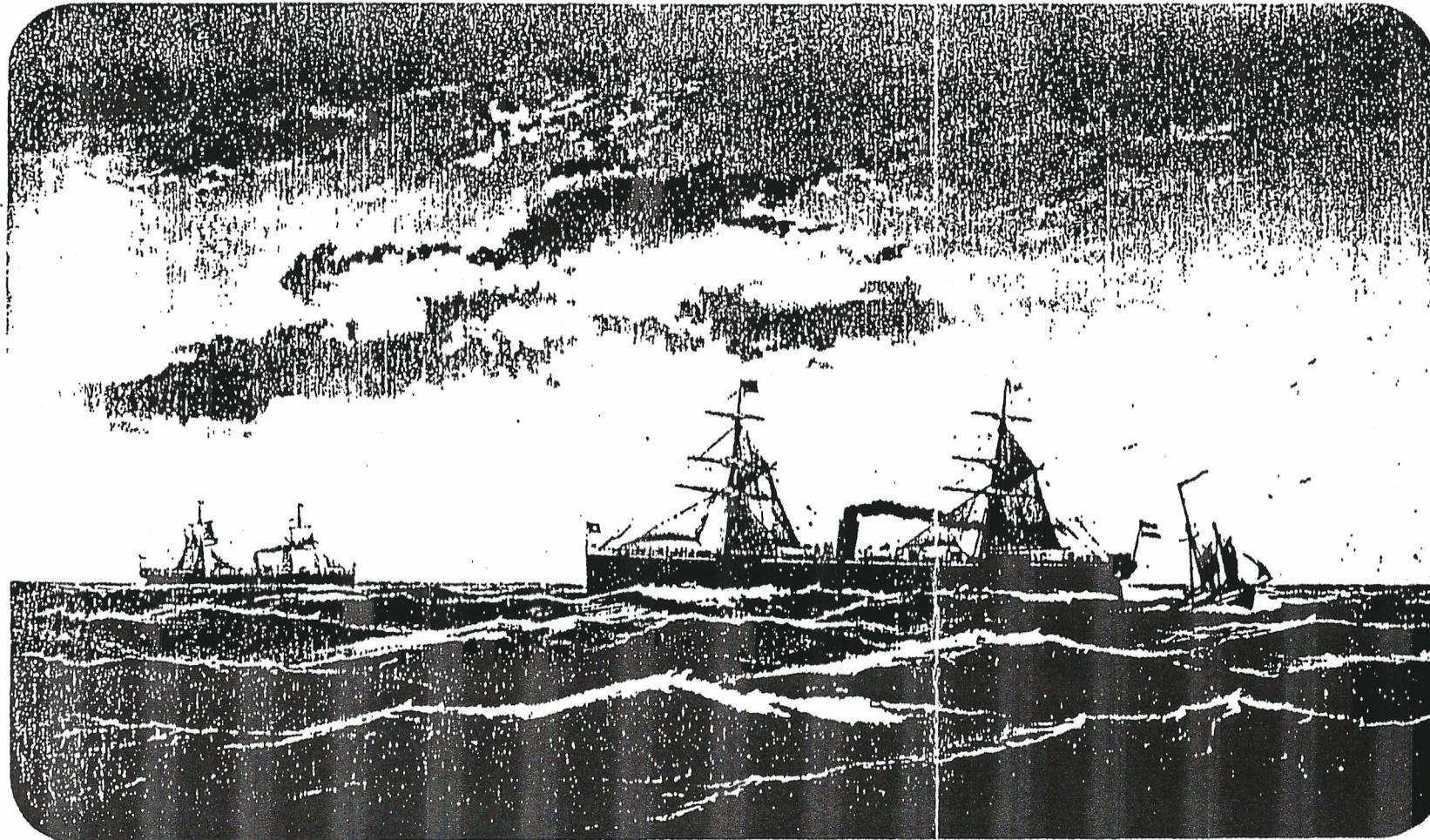
Kinder: Heinrich Fritz 1880 - 1966 (G1-1)  
⚭ Marie geb. Kautz 1882 - 1944  
Kinder: Siegfried 1916 - 1939 ( + als Soldat in Polen )  
Hildegard 1920 - 1945 ( + unter sowj. Besetzung )  
Herta 1881 - 1885 (G1-2)

(G1-3) Franz Karl Hermann 1882 - 1946 ( + unter sowj. Besetzung )  
⚭ Margarete Emma geb. Paetke 1889 - 1985 ( + in Bremen )  
Kinder: Heinz Franz 1920 - 1980 ⚭ 1951 , 3 Söhne  
Martin Ferdinand 1923 ⚭ 1950

(G1-4) Irmgard 1888 -  
⚭ Walter Wegner  
Kinder: Irmgard 1915 - ⚭ Albert Rönnspieß

(G1-5) Margarete Franziska Magdalene 1892 - 1969  
⚭ Leo Niedermeyer 1887 - 1949  
Kinder: Kurt 1919 - 1944 ( + als Soldat in Russland )  
Ilse 1921 ⚭ Richard Lahler  
Ewald 1923 - 1984 ⚭ 1950  
Gertrud 1927 ⚭ Dieter Witstruk

(G1-6) Willy 1895 - 1965  
⚭ Alice geb. Augustin 1903 - 1984 ⚭ Norman Fischbein USA  
Kinder: Liselotte 1924  
Hans-Joachim 1927 - 1945 ( + als Soldat nahe Berlin )



BILDER

**Vandalia 1892 Kehrwieder 1894 Polonia**

Caird & Co., Greenock; Bau-Nr. 162  
2810 BRT / 1000 tdw / 100,8 x 11,9 m / 1500 PSI / 11 Kn /  
Pass.: 150 I., 70 II., 150 ZwD / Bes.: 70.

1871 22. April: Stapellauf, 9. Jun: Ablieferung, 28. Jun: Jung-  
femreise Hamburg - New York, im Winter Hamburg - New Or-  
leans. 1874 im Hamburg-Westindien-Dienst eingesetzt (1881)  
Februar: Hamburg-New York-Dienst. 1883 15. Mai: Kehrwie-  
der, D. R. »Hansa«, Hamburg. 1892 18. Jun: An die Hapag  
zurück. 1894 umbenannt Polonia. 1897 in La Spezia abgew-  
rackt.

LEFT HAMBURG MARCH 20, 1881

ARRIVED IN NEW YORK APRIL 6, 1881

District of New York, Port of New York.

*G. C. Schlein*, Master of the *P. O. Vandalia* do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare that the manifest, subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of New York, is a full and perfect list of all the passengers in the said *Vandalia* at *Hamburg & Hanovre*, from which port said *Vandalia* has now arrived; list is truly designated the age, the sex, and the occupation of each of said passengers, the part of the vessel occupied by each during the passage, the country to which each of the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant; and that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers, who have died on said voyage and ages of those who died.

Signed to this 6 April 1881

*G. C. Schlein* List of Manifest of all the Passengers taken on board the *P. O. Vandalia* whereof  
in Master, from *Hamburg & Hanovre* tonn.

NAMES.	AGE.	SEX.	OCCUPATION.	The country to which they severally belong.	The country in which they intend to become inhabitants.	Died on the voyage.
Herrin, Sophie	49	w.	farmer			
Henriette	45	f.	wife			
Albertine	50	f.				
Adeline	2	f.				
Albert	6	m.	children	Prussia		
Jill	5	f.				
Maria	4	f.				
Eliza	11	f.	baby			
Peter Dietrich	44	m.	working			
Sophie	34	f.	wife	Prussia		
Carl	7	m.	son			
Louise Dietrich	24	f.	cooperatives Hungary			
Henry Friedrich	26	m.	farmer U. States			
Charles Ede	34	m.	painter			
			instructor	Wales		

# Verzeichniss

der Passagier, welche mit dem  
 unter Fürstlich Flagge Capitain Gothland nach Nordamerika  
 zur Auswanderung durch Unterzeichnete engagirt sind

Abgang des Schiffes: 1. In März 1881

Die je einer Familie gehörenden Personen sind nacher  
einander zu nennen und durch eine Klammer als  
zusammengehörig zu bezeichnen.

Zuname.	Vorname.	Geschlecht männlich weiblich	Bürger Nationalität	In Staats oder in der PROVINZ	Ehemaliger Stand oder Beruf	Ziel	
						1.	2.
116	Groß	Heinz					
117		Konrad					
118		Alexander		(SAFERK)			
119		Edmund		Gagelke			
120		Albert		Hummel			
121		Fritz					
122		Winn					
123		Alf					
124	Danner	Eduard					
125		Sophie		Zaborsch			
126		Clara					
127	Daniel	Ladis		Rosinenbauer			
128	Friedrich	Hans		Grobauer			
129	Theo	Otto		Hoyer			
130	Walter	Ulf		Haeron	Willy		
131	Großhoff	Carl					
132		Edmund		Hoch	Always		
133	Gaspaloff	Peter					
134		Edmund					
135		Joseph					
136		Auguste					
137	Paul	Harry					
138		Bartholomäus					
139	Fedor	Martine					
140		Augusta					
141		Ludwig					
142	Gaudenziauer	Fritz		Gaudenziauer	Fritz		
143	Grafe	Peter					
144		Paul					
145	Friger	Elisabeth					
146		et. ob.					

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117		Konrad					
118		Alexander		(SAFERK)			
119		Edmund		Gagelke			
120		Albert		Hummel			
121		Fritz					
122		Winn					
123		Alf					
124	Danner	Eduard		Zaborsch			
125		Sophie					
126		Clara					
127	Daniel	Ladis		Rosinenbauer			
128	Friedrich	Hans		Grobauer			
129	Theo	Otto		Hoyer			
130	Walter	Ulf		Haeron	Willy		
131	Großhoff	Carl					
132		Edmund		Hoch	Always		
133	Gaspaloff	Peter					
134		Edmund					
135		Joseph					
136		Auguste					
137	Paul	Harry					
138		Bartholomäus					
139	Fedor	Martine					
140		Augusta					
141		Ludwig					
142	Gaudenziauer	Fritz		Gaudenziauer	Fritz		
143	Grafe	Peter					
144		Paul					
145	Friger	Elisabeth					
146		et. ob.					



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