

The Kleinsorge farm was started around 1500 A.D. in Nierentrop, Germany by a man named Deitrich Kleinsorge. The custom at that time in history was the family surname was the name associated with a particular farm.

The heir to a farm was traditionally the eldest son. If there were no male heirs, then the eldest daughter became the heir to the farm.

Around the year 1595 A.D. in Dorlar, Germany, a woman named Elisabeth Kleinsorge married a man named Vincenz Nagel. They adopted Kleinsorge as the family's surname. Their descendants for 4 generations were known as Kleinsorge. On February 15, 1730, one of those descendants named Anna Gertrud married a man named Johannes Schulte. This family also adopted Kleinsorge as the family surname.

Sometime around the year 1775 A.D., one of our direct ancestors named Johann Adam moved from the Kleinsorge Farm in Neirentrop to Heiminghausen, Germany. Johann married a woman named Maria Fömpe, who had inherited a farm in Heiminghausen. Johann left the Kleinsorge Farm since he was third in line to inherit the farm. Johann was Theodor's great grandfather.

For reasons lost in history, some of Johann Adam's descendants kept the Kleinsorge name, while others kept the name Fömpe. It was probably due to social evolution, record keeping considerations or property ownership. Theodor and his sister Gertrud arrived in America with the Kleinsorge name. Theodor was the youngest son of the family and that was possibly one of the factors prompting his immigration to America in 1880.



Kleinsorge - Fömpe Farm

Heiminghausen, Germany

Late 1800s

**House was totally destroyed in the
Second World War (1941-1945)**