

CHAPTER V LABARGE GENEALOGY  
WARNOFF - WARNHOFF FAMILY

The earliest known ancestor on the Warnhoff (also spelled Warnof, Warnoff, Wornoff, Wornhoff) has been traced to Falmierowo, Charlottesburg (parish of Wiersitz, Prussia.) This area today is in what is Poland. For what is known about Daniel Warnof's family see the family group sheet. They (Daniel and wife, Wilhelmine Schuler) had 6 children. During the time that they lived in Prussia the area was in a constant state of warfare. They had a series of warlike leaders including Frederick the Great who were more interested in conquest than they were in bettering the lot of the citizens. Germany was not unified but was composed of several municipalities. In the early months of 1807 Napoleon of France entered Berlin. In the treaty of Tilsit, Prussia lost much of her Polish possession and her land west of the Elbe. They had several leaders after the treaty who served as leaders of Prussia but who were not born there. One such leader was Baron Stein he wanted to open the way for reforms for the people. Serfdom was done away with but the peasants had to cede part of their land to their Manorial Lords. This situation caused many of the peasants to move to urban areas or to emigrate to other countries. Prussia was mainly an agrarian area during this time. The Warnoff children who lived to maturity married in same parish where they were born. Child August died at age 17 and child, Wilhelmine died at age 17. Your ancestor Frederick (called Christoph Fredrich in the parish registers in Germany) married 10 Nov 1850 to Augusta Baecker in Wiersitz parish. They were married in the Evangelical church (Lutheran). The pastor was named Seigesmund.

Sometime after their marriage in 1850 and the year 1854 Christoph Fredrich (Frederick) moved to the United States and settled in St. Louis, Missouri. Since their oldest son, Robert was born in about 1851 (19-1870) in Prussia and their next child Frank A. (your ancestor) was born in Jan. 1854 we can approximate when they left the old country to head for America. (1851-1853) See family sheet for record of this family. Though his name is recorded in parish records in Germany as Christoph Frederick while in U.S. he never seemed to use his first name but went exclusively by his middle name. Between the birth of Frank and Frederick there is a space of 6 years. There may have been a child or two born in between those years that died young and didn't appear in the census. All the other children were born 2-3 years apart. There were eight known children to this couple.

The civil war began in 1861 and ended in 1865. Missouri citizens were about evenly divided between allegiance to the north and south. Augusta as Frederick's widow applied for a civil war pension from the U.S. Government. she stated he served in company A, 2nd M.U.S.R.C. Further that he enlisted under name Frederick Warnhoff at St. Louis 8 May 1861 in company A, 2nd regt. Mo U.S.R.C. Further that he was discharged 26 Aug. 1861. The department of Interior could not find his name listed in their records. The claim for the widow no. 461848 was rejected stating "Your husband was not in the military service of the United States as alleged as shown by the records of the war department."

The widow applied first 28 Aug. 1890. On 3 Oct 1899 Augusta appointed attorneys H.D. & R. S. O'Briend to prosecute claim. At that time she was living at 1700 N. 20th street, St. Louis, Missouri. In her deposition she declared that he husband had died in St. Louis 24 June 1878. A copy of his burial certificate was enclosed. At death he was 50 years and one month. Place of death was no. 1503 Biddle street, St. Louis, Mo. The attending physician was W.E. Fischkwl. The undertaker was L. Spelbrink. Frederick was buried at St. Peters cemetery.

On 22 July 1901 Augusta made one more deposition sent to the government which was translated from the German. "I thank you for the information which you sent me. You must excuse me but I always believed myself entitled to pension. My husband was drafted but his name was not given correctly in the newspaper. It was given as Fredrick Warenhoff. At that time we lived on Ofallon street (1861) between 8th and 9th streets and we had four children. The oldest of which was then 13 and the second 11 years old. Now they are men but remember very well when we went to Camp Jackson to bid their father goodbye, when the militia left. I also saw them - my husband amongst them - give up the guns in Mosart Hales." It was signed respectfully Auguste Warnhoff (27 July 1901 CVE)

CHAPTER FIVE LABARGE GENEALOGY  
WARNHOFF- Warnoff-Wornof, etc.

Frederick, the emigrant was listed in st. Louis city directories and census as being a locksmith. When he died he was only 51 years of age. His son, Frank S. through whom you come is also listed in the same trade as his father before him in the censuses, a locksmith.

Frank Warnhoff was born Jan 1854 in St. Louis, Missouri. For what is known about his family see the following family sheet. He would have been about 7 years of age when the civil war started and 11 when it ended. Frank and his wife, Anna Haig were both born same year and age when they got married. I looked for near neighbors to the Warnhoff's in various censuses to see if Anna's family could be located before their marriage in the 1860 census but I didn't find her family. They had 7 children born between 1879-1898. Their oldest son, Charles died bef. 1900. Elsie was the next to youngest child and youngest daughter in the family. These children were born during the Gay Nineties when dresses were long and decorative. The period of popularity of steam boat travel was being overshadowed during this time by the spreading of the railroad across the country. The mother in reporting the number of children born to her reported the number of 9 so two children did not appear in available census they must have lived and died in between censuses. Also in the 1900 census Anna Haig is listed as a naturalized citizen but her citizenship papers were not on file in the records for naturalizations at St. Louis. The clerk stated that the wife's naturalizations for earliest records are not always given.

For an account of Elsie Warnhoff LaBarge's family see family sheet of she and Pierre Lauck LaBarge in chapter on LaBarge side of family.

This ends the various accounts of your family tree names. You can be justly proud of these people. It is hoped this this small booklet will help you in learning more about your ancestors and their families. It has been a great pleasure to work with you these past few years.

resume in pension application file from National archives  
originals for Augusta Warnheff, widow of Frederick Warnheff  
Union soldier, alleged from St. Louis, Missouri

General affidavit

State of Missouri, City of St. Louis in matter of Augusta  
Warnhoff, widow of Frederick Warnheff, company A. 2nd M. U. S. R. C.  
on 28th Aug 1890, personally appeared before me, a notary public  
in and for the aforesaid city authorized to administer oaths,  
, Louise Schwertzel aged 58 years, a resident of St. Louis  
in county of and state of Missouri whose postoffice address is  
1916 Franklin Avenue. And Mary Phillips age 50 years a resident of  
St. Louis, Missouri whose post office address is 2711 Franklin  
Avenue well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit,  
and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case  
as follows: That they have been well and personally acquainted  
with Augusta Warnhoff for 10 years and 17 years, respectively and  
that the above Augusta Warnhoff, has no means of support but her  
own daily labor, having no property or other income whatever.  
Further that if she had any other means of support than the  
above mentioned they have every reason to believe and do believe  
they should have known it.

Declaration for Widow's pension

24th July 1890 St. Louis City, Missouri before notary public  
Augusta Warnhoff age 59, resident of City of St. Louis, Missouri  
widow of Frederick Warnhoff, enlisted under name of Frederick  
Warnhoff at St Louis, Mo. 8th May 1861 in company A, 2nd regt.  
Mo. U. S. R. C. Vols.  
Was honorably discharged 26 Aug 1861 and died 24 June 1878  
She was married under name of Augusta Becker to Frederick Warnhoff  
10 Nov 1850 by Pastor Seigesmund at Germany  
She appoints Fred. W. Feut, of St. Louis, Mo. her lawful attorney.  
Her post office address is 2028 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis.  
Augusta signed her name Auguste Warnhoff.

Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions 8 June 1901  
Widow no. 461848 Name Frederick Warnhoff  
company A 2 regiment Mo. U. S. R. C.  
The name Frederick Warnhoff has not been found on rolls of company  
A, 2 U. S. R. C. Mo. Inf.

Military service name of soldier Frederick Warnhoff  
So division, bureau of pensions no. 461848  
alleged that above named man enlisted 8 May 1861  
in company A 2nd regiment U. S. R. C. Mo.  
discharged at 26 Aug 1861

Board of Review widow no. 461848, Frederickwarnhoff 11 July 1901  
rejected claim from commissioner stated that "Your husband was  
not in the military service of the United states as alleged  
as shown by the records of the War department."

Augusta Warnhoff, widow of Frederick Warnhoff gave power  
of attorney to H. D. and R. S. O'Brien to act in matter of  
pension no. 461848. She wanted claim prosecuted. Her mailing  
address was 1700 N. 20th Street, St. Louis, Missouri,  
3 Oct 1899.  
witnessed by Raymond, Shaffer, Virgil A. Phillip

22 July 1901 Dear Sir

"I thank you for the information which you sent me. You must excuse me but I always believed myself entitled to pension. My husband was draft but his name was not given correctly in the newspaper. It was given as Fredrick Warenhoff. At that time we lived on Ofallon Street (1861) between 8th and 9th street and we had four children. The oldest of which was then 13 and the second 11 years old. Now they are men but remember very well when we went to Camp Jackson to bid their father goodby, when the militia left. I also saw them - my husband amongst them - give up the guns to MosartHales.

respectfully signed Auguste Warnhoff  
translated from the German CVE 27 July 1901

no. 2655 copy of Burial certificate, St. Louis  
Name of deceased Fredrick Warnhoff, age 50 years, 1 month  
male white married  
no occupation given  
place of birth germany length of residence in St. Louis left blank  
place of Death no. 1503 Biddle Street  
date of Death 24 June 1878  
cause of death Plthisis lubul(?)  
I certify that I attended the person above name in his last illness, who  
died of the disease stated on the date above named signed  
W. E. Fischkel, M. D.  
place of burial St. Peters Cemetery  
signed undertaker L. Spelbrink

Office Health Dept. St. Louis 24 July 1890

Fee \$1.00

Clerk of Health Commissioner and board of Health, Seward Finney, M.D.  
certified that it was true copy  
countersigned John D. Stevenson, comptroller