

## Carl Henry Vornkahl, Decatur, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California, and Else Frieda Minna (Vornkahl) Hesse, Pekin, Illinois; both from Holtorf/Nienburg, Niedersachsen, Germany

Two of the nine children born to Johann Carl Heinrich Vornkahl of Nettlingen (see page 43) and his second wife, Johanne Dorothee Minna Flentje of Betheln, Germany, emigrated to the United States. They were Carl Henry (b. 27 Oct 1899)<sup>[2225]</sup> and Else Frieda Minna (b. 9 May 1902).<sup>[2227]</sup>

Carl Henry arrived in the United States on 3 May 1926 aboard the S.S. *Albert Ballin*, sailing from Hamburg, Germany.<sup>[2860]</sup> The ship's manifest described him as follows: age 26; bound for Decatur, Illinois; his last permanent residence was Nienburg; and the closest relative in the country from which he came was "wife, Gertrud Fischer," address: Nienburg, Holtorfstr. 220. After his arrival in the United States, he resided for some time in Decatur, Illinois, where he was listed in the City Directory from 1927 – 1951.<sup>[2861]</sup> He was listed alone in 1927 and 1931; thereafter listed with him was his spouse Hattie A.<sup>[2861]</sup> (b. 3 Jun 1903),<sup>[2862]</sup> whose maiden name did not appear. The California death records<sup>[2862]</sup> and the Social Security Death Index reveal that both Carl Henry and Hattie died in Los Angeles County, California. In an entry in the FindAGrave website, her middle name is given as Anna.<sup>[2863]</sup> Carl's date of death is reported as 19 Jul 1978 and Hattie's is reported as 15 Feb 1976. He was 78 years old and she was 72 years old at the time of death. Both are buried in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills, California.<sup>[2863]</sup>

Else Frieda Minna married (28 Apr 1922) Diedrich Heinrich Hesse in Holtorf/Nienburg.<sup>[2864]</sup> The couple's first child, Heinrich Carl, was born in Holtorf/Nienburg in 1923. The family of three then emigrated to the United States, arriving on 15 Dec 1924 aboard the steamer *Bremen*, sailing from Bremen, Germany.<sup>[2865]</sup> A daughter, Jean Dorothy, was born in Saginaw, Michigan, in 1929.<sup>[2864]</sup> The family relocated to Illinois where they were listed in the Rockford, Illinois, City Directory in 1930 and in the Pekin, Illinois, City Directory from 1937 - 1956.<sup>[2866]</sup> Else Frieda (Vornkahl) Hesse died in Pekin, Illinois, on 14 Dec 1994.<sup>[2864]</sup>