

Descendants of Gustav Wilhelm Ohlhausen Family History

Generation One

1. Gustav Wilhelm OHLHAUSEN was born on 16 Apr 1861 in Catalui, Dobrudscha,(at this time in history Catalui was part of Turkey – later Romania) and baptized on May 25, 1861. He was confirmed on 28 May 1876 in Bortscheag, Bessarabia. He married Luise 'Louisa' Tetzlaff, daughter of Kornelius Tetzlaff and Helena Kranich, on 18 Oct 1883. The birth certificate of his daughter Pauline in 1890 and his son Heinrich in 1894 show Wilhelm as a Settler (farmer) in the village of Neu Wittenberg (later known as Upper-Albota) Bessarabia.

To date we have not found the date and place they entered North America however stories in the family say that they arrived in Montreal in 1901 and it would be logical that they would join his brother, Anton, who arrived in Irvine, Alberta in 1899. However, again stories in the family say that at Winnipeg they diverted south to check out the farms in North Dakota. We know that a Jakob Tetzlaff emigrated from Tarutino, Bessarabia to North Dakota in 1894 and although we have not found a link from the Tetzlaff family in Tarutino to our branch of that family, we cannot ignore the possibility that they went to North Dakota to be with the family of Wilhelm's wife, Louise Tetzlaff. The family story goes on to say that in North Dakota family Ohlhausen met a family that had been there for some time and felt the land too rocky and poor to make a living so were planning to immigrating to Canada. We know that the Christian Gill family had been in Kulm, North Dakota from 1894 and moved to Canada in 1902 and took a homestead just south of the Ohlhausen homestead south of Irvine, North West Territories (later Alberta), Canada. It is possible that our family, along with the Gill family, immigrated in Apr 1902, when they both entered their homestead in southern Alberta at the same time. The date of April 1902 is also shown in the hand written journal of Nathalia Koenig Ohlhausen and the Gottlieb Jans' Bible states that Pauline arrived with her parents in 1902. The 1906 census also shows the family immigrated in 1902. He obtained enter to his homestead at SE 28-10-3 W4 south of Irvine on 25 Jun 1902. As part of his obligation to earn the title to the land, he built a 16' X 20' log cabin which became the home for the family. The 1906 census shows that he grew 60 Acres of crop that year, had 21 cattle, six horses and 5 pigs. He was issued the Land Title to his homestead SE28-10-3-W4 on 20 Feb 1907. He became a naturalized Canadian citizen in 1907 at Irvine. The family appeared on the census of 1 Jun 1911 at Sec 28- 10-3, W4 (S. Irvine), and were shown as members of the Adventist church so we assume this was Louise Ttzlaff's preference as the rest of his Ohlhausen family were Baptist/Lutheran.

On 5 Mar 1917 they retired to 940 Dominion Street, Medicine Hat, AB, as their son Henry and Nathalia took over the homestead farm when they were married. After his first wife died in 1920 Wilhelm married Katherina Finkbeiner on 24 Apr 1921 in Medicine Hat, AB, and she died in 1945.

In 1945 his granddaughter Ida (Jans) and her husband, Fred Heller lived with him for about one year. He died on 14 Nov 1949 in Medicine Hat, AB, at age 88. He was buried on 16 Nov 1949 in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Children of Gustav Wilhelm 'William' Ohlhausen and Luise 'Louisa' Tetzlaff were as follows:

- i. Lydia was born on 7 Sep 1884 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. She was baptized on 8 Sep 1884 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. She died on 28 Nov 1884 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. She was buried on 30 Nov 1884 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia.
2. ii. Magdalena, baptized 5 Oct 1885 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia; died 5 Dec 1927 in Medicine Hat, AB.

- iii. Mathilda was born on 27 Nov 1886 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. She died on 17 Jul 1887 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. She was buried on 19 Jul 1887 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia.
- iv. Jacob was born on 10 Dec 1887 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. He was baptized on 12 Dec 1887 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. He died before 1902.
- 3. v. Johannes 'John,' born 18 Feb 1889 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia; died 25 Jan 1950 in Penticton, British Columbia.
- 4. vi. Pauline, born 16 Jul 1890 in Neu-Wittenburg (Ober-Albota), Bessarabia; died 13 Apr 1961 in Maple Creek, SK.
- 5. vii. Heinrich 'Henry H,' born 29 Jun 1894 in Ober-Albota, Bessarabia; died 6 Feb 1975 in Didsbury, Alberta.

There were no children of Gustav Wilhelm 'William' Ohlhausen and Katherina Finkbeiner.

Generation Two

2. Magdalena OHLHAUSEN (*Gustav*) was born on 2 Oct 1885 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. She was baptized on 5 Oct 1885 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. She married Daniel Gill, son of Christian III Gill and Justina Klaundt, on 14 Jul 1904 in Irvine, NWT (Alberta). She died on 5 Dec 1927 in Medicine Hat, AB, at age 42. She was buried on 8 Dec 1927 in Medicine Hat, AB.

Magdalena Ohlhausen and Daniel Gill had six children; for further information please see the history of Daniel GILL.

3. Johannes 'John' OHLHAUSEN (*Gustav Wilhelm*) was born on 18 Feb 1889 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. He was baptized on 19 Feb 1889 in Unter-Albota, Bessarabia. In 1902 he immigrated to Canada along with his family and on 28 Mar 1907 he paid the homestead entry fee of \$10 for a claim to a homestead located at SE 32-21-26 W3 (Leader), Saskatchewan, Canada.

He married Magdalena 'Maggie' Leno, daughter of Heinrich Leno and Friedricka Scheid, on 12 Jul 1910 in the residence of the Church of God Pastor (J M Bomback) Irvine, Alberta. The marriage license indicates that he was farming in both Irvine & Leader Saskatchewan and that they were Adventists. He became a British subject within Canada, so that he could qualify under the Canadian Homestead Act and was naturalized on 21 Nov 1911 in Happyland, Saskatchewan. On 24 Nov 1922 they left Canada and immigrated to Lodi, CA, where they remained until 1926 when Magdalena contracted malaria and the family returned to Medicine Hat and then back to Leader Sask. for 1 year.

A 1927 map shows John Ohlhausen's name on 3/4 of section 27 at NE/SE/SW of 17-30-27 W4, Alberta. This farm was across the road from his brother Henry H, near Acme, Alberta and was purchased from John Keim. Later he bought the Ed Fischer farm 8 miles west of Acme. The boys went to Rodney school along with their cousins. Elma remembered the boys coming to the house asking to see the new baby when Eddie was born in Dec 1927. They farmed with sulky plows, drills, cultivators and harrows. They raised cattle, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. In 1936 they moved to Kelowna, British Columbia, where they bought a 22 acre farm and raised a few cattle. In 1939 they retired to Penticton, British Columbia. He died on 25 Jan 1950 in Penticton, British Columbia, at age 60. He was buried on 28 Jan 1950 in Penticton, British Columbia.

Children of Johannes 'John' Ohlhausen and Magdalena 'Maggie' Leno were as follows:

10. i. Emmanuel 'Emanuel,' born 10 Aug 1911 in a sod hut SW32-21-26-W3 - Leader, SK; died 10 May 1973 in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.
11. ii. Dewald, born 7 Mar 1913 in a sod hut SW32-21-26-W3 - Leader, SK; died 26 Jun 1990 in Chilliwack, BC.
12. iii. Alfred 'Alf,' born 2 Dec 1914 in a sod hut SW32-21-26-W3 - Leader, SK; died 2 Oct 2003 in Penticton, BC.
13. iv. Walter, born 8 May 1917 in Medicine Hat, AB; died 15 Aug 1978 in Vancouver, BC.
14. v. William 'Bill,' born 16 Aug 1918 in Medicine Hat, AB; died 29 Jun 1968 in Vancouver, BC.

4. Pauline OHLHAUSEN (*Gustav Wilhelm*) was born on 16 Jul 1890 in Neu-Wittenburg (Ober-Albota), Bessarabia. She immigrated to Canada with her parents and married Gottlieb III Jans, son of August Jans and Katherina Sackmann, on 14 Mar 1912 in Irvine, Alberta. They retired in 1955 to Maple Creek, SK. She was baptized on 7 Sep 1956 in Maple Creek, SK. She died on 13 Apr 1961 in Maple Creek, SK, at age 70. She was buried on 17 Apr 1961 in Maple Creek, SK.

Pauline Ohlhausen and Gottlieb Jans had eight children; for further information please see the history of Gottlieb JANS.

5. Heinrich 'Henry H' OHLHAUSEN (*Gustav Wilhelm*) was born on 29 Jun 1894 in Ober-Albota, Bessarabia. He immigrated to Canada with his parents in 1902 married Nathalia 'Dolly' Koenig, daughter of Gottlieb Koenig and Justina Wonnenberg, on 5 Mar 1917 in Crossfield, Alberta. The story told many times in the family is that Henry visited Nathalia's farm and asked her step-father, 'I hear you have a daughter of marrying age' and the two men decided on the marriage then and there on the step. Nathalia was peeking through the window to see what her future husband looked like. The 1911 census indicated that the Ohlhausen family religion was Adventist and we know that Nathalia's family was also Adventists. So we can only conclude that Henry living in Irvine, Alberta knew about Nathalia, living some 400 km north at Acme, Alberta - through the Adventist church. In March 1917 he took over his father's homestead farm in Irvine, Alberta, and between 1918 and 1925 worked hard to make it profitable. The first 4 years were rough as there was not enough rain to raise feed for their 6 cows and 7 horses. They even fed Russian thistle and still two cows died. The years 1922-24 were better as there was more rain. They drove 25 miles to Medicine Hat every two weeks to sell butter and eggs and get groceries. They worked hard but did not make much progress on this southern Alberta farm, so in 1925 when John Keim (Nathalia's step father) offered them a 1/2 section of land with a house in the Acme district, they jumped at the opportunity and perhaps some of that land was a gift from Nathalia's foster father, John Keim. The Rodney school was close and Eddie was born in this house. A 1927 land map shows that he owned the two quarter sections of land, NW17+SW20-30-27 W4.

Henry wanted a full section in one square block because at the time everyone farmed with horses and it was important to have the land accessible from the barn. We assume that he sold the half section in 1928 when he found his full section and on 1 Mar 1928 he purchased land in the Bancroft district, Alberta, which he farmed until 1950. We are told that Henry was a real horse person and always had the best team in the district. They had 15 working horses and had as many as 9 horses pulling a 3 bottom plow. In 1932 they threshed 19,000 bushels of wheat and oats and after selling it did not have enough money to cover the expenses. Wheat sold for 27 cents a bushel. It was a very good farm in the good times when there was no hail and they got the rain they made a doo living.

On 1 Jul 1950 son Eddie took over the farm and Henry retired to an acreage in Hubalta near Calgary and when he was not fishing, he sold eggs & milk. Eggs were sold mainly to the Holly Cross Hospital and milk was sold directly from the small 10 acre farm.

In Oct 1953 they moved to 1925 Mount View Cr. NW Calgary and on 31 May 1960 to 2033 Mount View Cr. where they lived until 1974 when they moved to Didsbury, Alberta. After all the years of farming and hard work they could just retire. His hobby of fishing kept him busy, going to all sorts of fishing areas in the country. On 13 Feb. 1962 he and his fishing partner Matchett, were in court and fined \$50 for being over the limit at a small trout pond. In 1953 they visited Nathalia's Wonenberg family in Colorado and Littau family in Lodi California. He became Canadian Citizens on 9 Feb 1959 in Calgary. In 1967 Henry and Dolly traveled to England and then to Denmark to attend grandson Wayne's wedding. After the wedding they went to Schwäbisch Hall in Germany to visit his Ohlhausen family and then on a Rheine cruse and back to England and Canada. On 24 Jul 1974 he had lump removed off his shoulder and it was originally diagnosed as not cancerous, however an operation on 25 Sept. 1974 in the same area showed a fast growing cancer. He died on 6 Feb 1975 in Didsbury, AB, at age 80. He was buried on 10 Feb 1975 in Didsbury, AB.

Children of Heinrich 'Henry H' Ohlhausen and Nathalia 'Dolly' Koenig were as follows:

23. i. Irene, born 4 Jan 1918 in the farm house, Irvine, AB; died 28 Aug 1990 in Didsbury, AB.
24. ii. Elma, born 18 May 1919 in the farm house Irvine, AB; died 31 Jan 2002 in Calgary, AB.
- iii. Frances was born on 10 Oct 1922 in Irvine, AB. She died on 25 Jun 1933 in the farm, E. of Carstairs, Alberta, at age 10. She was buried in Church of God Cemetery 5 miles west of Acme, AB.
25. iv. Edwin Reuben 'Eddie,' born 26 Dec 1927 in farm house, Acme, Alberta; died 10 Mar 2006 in Three Hills, AB.

Generation Three

10. Emmanuel 'Emanuel' OHLHAUSEN (*Johannes, Gustav Wilhelm*) was born on 10 Aug 1911 in a sod hut SW32-21-26-W3 - Leader, SK. He married Anna Rose (Russold), daughter of Anthon Russold and Albina Miller, on 1 Dec 1934 at the St Josephs Seminary, Edmonton, AB. On 8 Oct 1946 they bought an experimental farm in Revelstoke, BC, and then in 1954 he bought the Bailly farm and started the Revelstoke Canning Co. where they processed and sold green beans. In 1965 they bought and operated a motel in Hope, British Columbia, until 1971 when they traded the motel for a house on the coast. In 1968 they subdivided the farm land and with the help of his brother, Walter, sold lots for a development in Revelstoke, British Columbia, where today you can find 'Ohlhausen Road.' He died on 10 May 1973 in Surrey, BC, at age 61. He was buried on 14 May 1973 in Surrey Central Cemetery, Surrey, British Columbia.

Children of Emmanuel 'Emanuel' Ohlhausen and Anna (Russold) Rose are as follows: (private).

11. Dewald OHLHAUSEN (*Johannes, Gustav Wilhelm*) was born on 7 Mar 1913 in a sod hut SW32-21-26-W3 - Leader, SK. He married Lillian 'Lela' Watson on 10 Dec 1936 in Kelowna, British Columbia. Dewald was briefly in the military service circa 1940. He worked several jobs including the Kelowna mill, in a hospital, Fuller Brush and ended his career with the department of highways in Kamloops, BC. He died on 26 Jun 1990

in Chilliwack, BC, at age 77. He was buried on 29 Jun 1990 in Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery, Chilliwack, BC.

Children of Dewald Ohlhausen and Lillian 'Lela' Watson (private).

12. Alfred 'Alf' OHLHAUSEN (*Johannes, Gustav Wilhelm*) was born on 2 Dec 1914 in a sod hut SW32-21-26-W3 - Leader, SK. He married May Violet 'Vi' Larson, daughter of Andrew Kris Larson and Johanna Forsyth, on 28 Aug 1936 in Okanogan, Washington, USA. Alfred was briefly in the military in 1942.

Alfred tried everything from picking fruit in the valley, working in a cannery or a saw mill to working in a creamer in Salmon Arm. During his early years he was a cowboy and played a guitar and sang western songs. During that period he followed the rodeos and rode bulls. At the end of his career he worked for the city of Penticton, where there is an Ohlhausen Road named after him. Alfred was a charming and colourful person who enjoyed life to the fullest.

Alf and Vi worked on family history and prepared charts from many documents and other sources. Vi was the first true Ohlhausen family historian in Canada. We know that they were in contact with the very famous Hermann von Olnhausen from Frankfurt Germany, who is known as the authority of the Ohlhausen/Olnhausen family tree. We have copies of letters from Hermann from 1986 to 1995, which contain a great deal of family genealogy. Judging from the amount of material, we can assume that this hobby consumed both Alf and Vi during the later part of Vi's life. After Vi died, he married Vera Buchannan on 24 Dec 1996 in Penticton, BC, and finally married Muriel Lacey on 1 Jun 1999 in Penticton, BC. He died on 2 Oct 2003 in Penticton, BC, at age 88. He was buried on 10 Oct 2003 in Penticton, BC.

Children of Alfred 'Alf' Ohlhausen and May Violet 'Vi' Larson (private).

There were no children of Alfred 'Alf' Ohlhausen and Vera Buchannan.

There were no children of Alfred 'Alf' Ohlhausen and Muriel Lacey.

13. Walter OHLHAUSEN (*Johannes, Gustav Wilhelm*) was born on 8 May 1917 in Medicine Hat, AB. He married Florence 'Flora' Mary Anne Mc Dermott circa Jun 1940 in Vancouver, BC. Between 1945 and 1970 Walter Ohlhausen sold real estate in Vancouver, British Columbia. He died on 15 Aug 1978 in Vancouver, BC, at age 61. He was buried on 21 Aug 1978 in Burnaby, BC.

Children of Walter Ohlhausen and Florence 'Flora' Mary Anne Mc Dermott (private).

14. William 'Bill' OHLHAUSEN (*Johannes, Gustav*) was born on 16 Aug 1918 in Medicine Hat, AB. He married Ruth Florence Prochnau on 19 Mar 1941 in Kelowna, BC. He died on 29 Jun 1968 in Vancouver, BC, at age 49. He was buried on 4 Jul 1968 in Vancouver, BC.

Children of William 'Bill' Ohlhausen and Ruth Florence Prochnau (private).

23. Irene OHLHAUSEN (*Heinrich, Gustav Wilhelm*) was born on 4 Jan 1918 in the farm house, Irvine, AB. She married Paul Hauser on 3 Mar 1939 in Irene's parent's farm house, E. of Carstairs, Alberta. She had

attended the Rodney and Bancroft schools and after marriage they farmed just one km west of the Henry H. Ohlhausen farm in Bancroft. She was very active in the community and her baking and handy craft were well known to take first prize at the fair. She died on 28 Aug 1990 in Didsbury, AB, at age 72. She was buried on 30 Aug 1990 in Didsbury, AB.

Children of Irene Ohlhausen and Paul Hauser (private).

24. Elma OHLHAUSEN (*Heinrich, Gustav Wilhelm*) was born on 18 May 1919 in the farm house Irvine, AB. She married Sebastian 'Babe' Fuller, son of Charles Woodman Fuller and Grace Dechanet, on 2 Jun 1940 in Elma's parent's farm house E. of Carstairs, AB. In Jul 1940 they bought a barber shop and pool hall business in Rockyford, Alberta, and over the next 20 years they converted the business into a milk bar and restaurant and sold it in the early 1960s. On 14 Aug 1963 they opened a barbershop and beauty shop in a small building on main street in Rockyford, AB. On 21 Sep 1968 Elma fell unconscious with a brain aneurism in Rockyford, AB. and had a brain operation on Sept 22, 1968 in Calgary where after a year in the hospital she recovered but never to her former self. She died on 31 Jan 2002 in Calgary, AB, at age 82. She was buried on 4 Feb 2002 in Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Calgary, AB.

Children of Elma Ohlhausen and Sebastian 'Babe' Fuller (private).

25. Edwin Reuben 'Eddie' OHLHAUSEN (*Heinrich, Gustav Wilhelm*) was born on 26 Dec 1927 on the farm, Acme, Alberta. He married Thelma Magdeline Vetter on 12 Jul 1950 in Three Hills, AB, after which he took over the Ohlhausen family farm east of Carstairs, AB and farmed there until 2006. Eddie had a great musical talent and could play many different instruments and entertained family and friends. He died on 10 Mar 2006 in Three Hills, AB, at age 78. He was buried on 14 Mar 2006 in Didsbury, AB.

Children of Edwin Reuben 'Eddie' Ohlhausen and Thelma Magdeline Vetter (private).

Generation Four

36. The rest of the Ohlhausen family (private).