

Family Group Record for Christian Sonnenberg

Husband **Christian Sonnenberg** [1](#)

Born: April 21, 1849 - Jaworze, Kreis Briesen, Westpreußen, Preußen [2](#)

Baptized: May 6, 1849 - Rehden, Kreis Graudenz, Westpreußen

Died: September 18, 1907 - Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA

Buried: September 21, 1907 - Sterling Cemetery, Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [3](#)

Father: Michael Sonnenberg (Abt 1820-1866)

Mother: Regina Marks (1825-1886)

Married: November 2, 1875 - Briesen, Kreis Briesen, Westpreußen, Preußen [4](#)

Events

1. He immigrated in 1882. [1](#)

2. He filed a Declaration of Intent to become a citizen on on May 16, 1884 in Omer, Arenac, Michigan, USA.

3. His obituary was published in the Arenac Co. Independent on September 26, 1907 in Standish, Arenac, Michigan, USA.

C. Sonnenberg Dead

Christian Sonnenberg, a very highly respected German resident of Deep River township died at his home 1 mile north of Sterling on Tuesday, September 17. Deceased was born in West Briegen Germany, where he was educated and from where he entered the Germany army service as a regular soldier for three years. He was married at the age of 27 and soon after came with his family to America and settled on the farm where he died, in 1881. Deceased was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the vicinity, where he resided. He had been in poor health for about a year, but was able to be around and plan work but not to do any work.

Dr. F. E. Abbott was consulted and found a severe case of Bright's disease which continued to grow worse and he was compelled to give up the cares of his farm early in the summer but continued to be around and only took to his bed two days before his death. He was the father of 13 children, 5 of which are still living, 2 sons and 3 daughters.

The funeral was held Saturday at 2 o'clock from the German Lutheran church at Sterling of which he was a

faithful and honored member. Rev. Myers officiating.

The interment was made in the old cemetery at Sterling. Deceased leaves a loving wife and many other relatives and friends to mourn his death. (p1c4)

Wife **Augustine Felske** [1](#) [5](#) [6](#) [_](#) [_](#) [_](#)

Born: June 27, 1858 - Jaworze, Kreis Briesen, Westpreußen, Preußen [4](#) [_](#)

Baptized: July 4, 1858 - Evangelical Church at Briesen, Kreis Briesen, Westpreußen, Preußen [4](#) [_](#)

Died: November 1, 1925 - Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA

Buried: - Sterling Cemetery, Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [7](#) [_](#)

Father: Michael Felske (1828-1920) [8](#) [9](#) [_](#) [_](#)

Mother: Elizabeth Kuehn (1835-1922) [8](#) [9](#) [10](#) [_](#) [_](#)

Other Spouse: Carl August Pehlke (1856-1928) [6](#) [11](#) [12](#) [_](#) - April 4, 1918 - Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [13](#) [_](#)

Events

1. Her Godparents were Georg Kopp, Gottfried Hertzberg, Anna Kuehn, Caroline Kuehn.
 2. She immigrated in 1882. [1](#) [_](#)
 3. She immigrated in 1883. [6](#) [_](#)
 4. She reported 13 children / 5 living to the census taker in June 1900.
 5. She reported 12 children / 5 living to the census taker in May 1910.
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Children

1 F **Gottliebe Sonnenberg**

Born: December 25, 1876

Baptized:

Died: Unknown

Buried:

2 M Emil Eduard Sonnenberg [14](#) [15](#) [16](#) [17](#)

Born: November 30, 1877 - Jaworze, Kreis Briesen, Westpreußen, Preußen [4](#)

Baptized: December 9, 1877 - Evangelical Church at Briesen, Kreis Briesen, Westpreußen, Preußen [4](#)

Died: October 20, 1944 - Standish, Arenac, Michigan, USA

Buried: - Sterling Cemetery, Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [18](#)

Spouse: Bertha Laura Treichel (1890-1969) [15](#) [16](#) [17](#)

Marr: September 10, 1907 - St. John's Lutheran Church, Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [19](#)

3 M Friedrich Wilhelm Sonnenberg [10](#) [15](#) [20](#)

Born: January 10, 1880 - Jaworze, Kreis Briesen, Westpreußen, Preußen [4](#)

Baptized: April 11, 1880 - Evangelical Church at Briesen, Kreis Briesen, Westpreußen, Preußen [4](#)

Died: September 26, 1952 - Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA

Buried: - Sterling Cemetery, Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [21](#)

Spouse: Edith Wilhelmine Topp (1883-1967) [10](#) [20](#)

Marr: September 28, 1910 - Omer, Arenac, Michigan, USA [22](#)

Events

1. His Godparents were Frederick Felske.

4 M Gustav Sonnenberg

Born: August 5, 1882

Baptized:

Died: Bef 1900

Buried:

5 F Emilie Sonnenberg

Born: June 7, 1884 [19](#)

Baptized:

Died: May 28, 1890 - Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [19](#)

Buried: May 30, 1899 [19](#)

6 M Adolph Sonnenberg

Born: April 2, 1886

Baptized:

Died: Bef 1900

Buried:

7 F Wilhelmine Pauline Sonnenberg [1](#)

Born: June 10, 1888 - Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [23](#) [24](#)

Baptized: July 8, 1888 - St. John's Lutheran Church, Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [19](#)

Died: November 15, 1961

Buried: - Sterling Cemetery, Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [21](#)

Events

1. Her Godparents were Carl Templin and Auguste Felske of Alger.

8 F Augusta Laura Sonnenberg [1](#)

Born: January 21, 1890 - Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [19](#)

Baptized: January 31, 1890 - St. John's Lutheran Church, Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [19](#)

Died: July 15, 1982 [25](#)

Buried:

Spouse: Thomas Vyse (1886-1919)

Marr: Bef 1919

Spouse: Russell James Smith (1895-1965)

Marr: After 1919

Events

1. Her Godparents were Eva Felske And John Treichel.

9 F Ottilie Antonie Sonnenberg

Born: April 12, 1893 - Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [19](#)

Baptized: April 30, 1893 - St. John's Lutheran Church, Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [19](#)

Died: February 12, 1897 - Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA

Buried: February 15, 1897 [19](#)

Events

1. Her Godparents were Gustav Felske And Pauline Treichel.

10 F **Bertha Adelina Sonnenberg** [1](#) [15](#)

Born: July 17, 1897 - Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [19](#)

Baptized: August 22, 1897 - St. John's Lutheran Church, Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [19](#)

Died: May 20, 1972 - Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne, Michigan, USA

Buried:

Spouse: Clayton Stephen Strauss (1889-1975)

Marr: May 13, 1916

Events

1. Her Godparents were Julius Herzberg, Wilhelmine Treichel.

11 M **August Richard Sonnenberg** [19](#)

Born: December 27, 1898 [19](#)

Baptized: December 30, 1898 - St. John's Lutheran Church, Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA [19](#)

Died: Bef 1900 - Sterling, Arenac, Michigan, USA

Buried:

Events

1. His Godparents were Johann Felske And Alwine Herzberg.

Source Citations

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