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The Haacke Family from Wegeleben, Germany

Special Points of Interest:

- **Dr. Mark Haacke is researching family connections through a DNA project. Interested Haacke males should contact him at nmrimaging@aol.com.**

This family, from an area not far from Hannover, has a two hundred year history, recorded thanks to the efforts from Dr. Gerhard Leiss and people like Lilly Graff and Dagmar Mall. Interestingly, the Haacke family from Braunschweig was a family of shoemakers. Here we find that Gottfried was a shoemaker. Could he have been from the Braunschweig group? Perhaps one day we will be lucky enough to check the DNA of enough descendants of the different Haacke lines to make just that connection. Back in the 1970s and 1980s, when I was young with lots of energy, I wrote to many dozen German Haacke families. Many of them were kind enough to respond, like Lilly Graff and Gerhard Leiss below. They sent some old family letters from the early twentieth century and I have included their letters here.

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Figure 1: Map of area around Wegeleben. Many other cities on this map have Haacke families living there over the last few centuries.

1 Gottfried Haacke: The certificate of birth for his son Christian Heinrich shows that Gottfried was a freeman and a shoemaker.

11 Dr. Christian Heinrich Haacke 1785 Wegeleben, Osthaz died 1830 Saarlouis He was a surgeon-major in the Prussian army. His wife was Amalia Theresia von Diemar, daughter of count Diemar, General and Commander i.a. of the fortresses of Kolberg and Königstein, Saxony. There were portraits of Amalia Theresia and of her father in the house of Karl August Heinrich Haacke (24411), unfortunately the whole house was destroyed by bombs during the war.

A monument existed in honor of Count Diemar, I have been told, in Kolberg, but it was destroyed in 1944 by the Poles. In 1807, Christian Heinrich suffered serious wounds during the siege of Kolberg. He got further wounds in the military campaigns of 1813-1815. Various medals/decorations were conferred to him. In view of his state of health he retired at the age of 44 and he died one year later. As a surgeon major in the army he had practically never a permanent domicile.

- 111 Friederike Haacke
- 211 Benno Haacke was according to notes found among my grandmother's papers a professor at Philadelphia. Another source says that he was a professor in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, where he died shortly after the Brazilian revolution. He was born in the 1790s.
- 311 Hermann Haacke 1804-1857 Wittenberg was married with Adelheid Vogeler. His only great-granddaughter (Hermine Juliette Maria (122311)), Mrs. Henry, had 2 daughters.
 - 1311 Hermine Haacke 1857 Wittenberg died 1889 Rheinbach bei Bonn
 - 2311 Hermann Ernst Phillip Ferdinand Maria Haacke 1849 Wittenberg died 1912 Forbach (Lothringen)
 - 12311 Maria Margaretha Haacke 1877 Essen
 - 122311 Hermine Juliette Maria Haacke 1908 Luxemburg m to a Henry
 - 22311 Hermann Phillip Oskar Haacke 1880 Essen
 - 3311 Maria Haacke 1851 Wittenberg died 1895 Rheinbach
 - 411 Johann August Heinrich Haacke 1811 Kolberg died 1890 Heusweiler was married with Maria Geschwind of Trier. She was a niece of the Bishop of Trier. He was born at Kolberg (now Poland), when he married his domicile was Luxemburg and he died in Heusweiler (this village is situated in the "Saarland" of the Federal Republic of Germany). He was Captain in the Army but obviously retired quite soon. When he was 32 years old his profession was already "merchant" (instrument of birth of his son Peter Heinrich (4411)). He lived for the rest of his life, i.e. for about 50 years, at Heusweiler near Saarbrücken.
 - 1411 Maria Haacke
 - 2411 Peter Haacke
 - 12411 Robert Haacke had three children, only one is given below.
 - 112411 Paul Dieter Haacke
 - 22411 Mathilde Haacke
 - 32411 Richard Haacke
 - 132411 Anneliese Haacke
 - 42411 Auguste Haacke
 - 52411 Hermann Haacke had one child.



Figure 2: The earliest picture for this family comes from Peter Heinrich Haacke (4411) 4-11-1843 Heusweiler, photo about 1925.

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- 62411 Lydia Haacke
72411 Karl Haacke had one child.
3411 August Haacke
13411 Friedrich Haacke
23411 August Haackcture
4411 Peter Heinrich Haacke 4-11-1843 Heusweiler* (see picture previous page)
14411 Frieda Haacke 1878
24411 Karl August Heinrich Haacke 1871** Bershweiler died 1938 Hamburg
124411 Heinrich Haacke 1911 Hamburg died 1942 Hamburg
224411 Lilly Haacke*** 1906 Hamburg m a Mr. Graff
living in the late 1970s - this information was from her cousin a
Dr. Gerhard Leiss from Zurich
34411 Pauline 1873 Bershweiler died 1955 Kusel married Gustav Blitt.
134411 father of Gerhard Leiss (mother must have been a Blitt)
1134411 Gerhard Leiss
511 Johann Leopold Edward Haacke 1821 Saarlouis had a twin brother who died at the age of 5 weeks.
611 Dr. Otto Haacke 1825 Saarlouis died 1912 Ruegenwalde was a physician, married with Alma
Schiffmann. They lived with their unmarried daughters (both teachers) at Rügenwalde (now Poland).
Elisabeth 1860 died 1944 Ruegenwalde
1611 Gertrud Haacke* 1863 - fantastic letter from her and from Lilli Haacke from 24-5-41
711 Minna (Kolberg) lived in a foundation house at Kolberg and deceased after 1880.
811 Possibly another child who must have been male. This guy must have existed, since according to the instrument of
death of his father Christian Heinrich left a wife, 2 daughters and 6 sons. When his widow died (1862 in Köslin, now
Poland), again according to the certificate of death, she left "2 daughters and 4 sons". Accordingly not only No 5 but
a further son died before 1862, the other one possibly being Johann Leopold Eduard (511).



Figure 3: Left: Peter Heinrich's son Karl August Heinrich Haacke (24411) 1871** Bershweiler died 1938 Hamburg. Right: Joe Haacke from Dayton, Ohio. Joe Haacke and Mark Haacke are related according to the DNA study from newsletter two. Whether they are related to this family or not is unknown at this time.

Dear Mister Haacke:

A cousin of mine, Mrs. Lilly Graff born Haacke, of Hamburg, has sent to me a copy of the letter which on Nov. 18 you addressed to "Herr Haacke". I was very pleased to learn that you are investigating the Haacke family and I was surprised to note that there are so many Haackes in Canada and in the USA.

I am a grand-grand-grand-grand-son of Gottfried Haacke who was born more than 200 years ago and who in 1785 lived at Wegeleben, Eastern Harz (now German Democratic Republic). My grand mother was very interested in the history of her family and she has made some investigation. This, however, was quite difficult, since the Haackes of her branch have lived partly in the Eastern part of the former German Reich (now Poland and German Democratic Republic) and partly in the triangle formed by Strasburg, Luxemburg, and Mainz. Both of these territories have extremely suffered from wars, in each generation practically everything was destroyed and this explains why the investigation of my Haacke branch was very difficult (the town where my grandmother lived and where I was born, as an example, has been completely burnt three times by French troops, so that the old civil registers are no longer available). Nevertheless, in the house of my grandmother, I have found among her papers old letters, official documents, photographs etc which will be of interest to you. On the grounds of this material I have prepared the enclosed table reflecting the whole and complete issue of my grand-grand-grand-father, in total 39 Haackes. I partly know also the descendants of female Haackes (not indicated in the schedule attached). My grandmother is Pauline Haacke, married with Gustav Blitt. Mrs. Lilly Graff (224411), who sent me your letter and who, I understand, has written you already.

I do not know the exact dates and the descendants of my grandmother's uncles August (3411) and Peter (4411). August has 2 sons (29 and 30) who lived at Heusweiler near Saarbrücken. They were not married. As for Peter (4411) I only know the names of his 3 daughters and 4 sons.

I have in my possession also some objects or original documents which are very interesting, particularly photographs of about 10-15 Haackes of my branch, some of them about 100 years old (the husband of Maria (1411) was a professional photographer). I have also a true copy of the finger-ring of the wife of Dr. Christian Heinrich Haacke (11) with which she sealed her letters. I further have the original of the instrument of birth of Johann Leopold Eduard Haacke (511) and others.

I think for this time the above is sufficient. If you are interested, next time I shall give you some information about the other Haackes of my line. Needless to say, that I would very much appreciate your informing me about your findings. A last word on myself: I am 39 years old, born at Kusel where my grandmother (34411) and my parents lived. I left Germany in 1959 and have lived since then in Switzerland. I am a Trademark Attorney, my wife is Italian, we have two sons, Roger of 16 years and Ivo of 10 years. I have a brother in Kusel (married, two daughters) and a sister in Los Angeles (two sons). The only Haackes I ever have met are my grandmother Pauline (34411), Lilly (224411) and her niece Lilly (1124411). I look forward to hearing from you. With kind regards: Gerhard Leiss.

Another letter, this time from Lilly Graff Geb. Haacke

Hamburg den 11. Dezember 1976

Hamburg 76

Alter Teichweg 9, Haus 1

Dear Mark Haacke:

Your research is very interesting; it even seems that the Haacke family is doing extremely well and that's why I made immediately copies to show the young generation and that's why I got in touch with you: for the same children/generation's sake. So, you could get in touch with Mr. Dr. Leiss. My grandfather is his grand grandfather; he was born in 1934. Then, my father Heinrich Karl August was born in 1871, he passed away in 1938; and then my brother, Heinrich Haacke, was born in 1911; he passed away in 1942. I ran the business of H. Haacke Company until July this year but since I was getting quite old, I had to give it up. The recession came and made me even sadder. And a year ago I had to participate in the opera and therefore this highlights my conclusion: I don't have children..

I had some copies of a letter from two old ladies Haacke from the Rugenwalden. There Haacke have been quite well-known medical doctors and even one of them was doctor of the Sach's king etc. Me and my brother had received some very nice lands from his will, but the war had ruined our nice house over there and our wishes about moving there ended. As mentioned, my father died in 1938, my husband Georges Graff died in 1940 and my brother Heinrich too at the age of 31. Then me and my mother moved in together in our house, which was ruined by bombs, and established again the company Haacke in 1950. I was the salesperson and as a Haacke-in-law became their proud. My mother died in 1971 after 2 years painful suffering, which wasn't easy for me because I took care of her myself and in reality I should have got some extra help.

In the meantime I turned 70 and I hope I can enjoy a couple more years of health so that I can have less worries in near future. I'm attaching some pictures of the Haacke family to this letter which I had here with me. The pictures I had of my grandpa and my brother I will have to reprint and send later.. In case you have any other wish, I would help you with pleasure, but I think that Mrs Mall, etc can help you even more because they have much more documents. If I had children, I should have had them all with me since I m the oldest Haacke alive.. I hope again to hear from you and your successful research and I will forward you Christmas wishes. By the way, I will be visiting Dagmar for Christmas and will stay there for about 8 days. And I also plan to visit Gehard's family in Zurich, the Switzerland.

With best wishes, Your Aunt Lily.

Lieber Mark Haacke, sehr interessant ist Ihre Forschung, es scheint soggar in der Familie Haacke, besonders gepflegt zu sein so machte ich glei Fotocopien, der jüngeren Generation wegen Durchschläge und bin ich über auch noch mit Ihnen in Verbindung setzten, weil dieselben Kinder haben. So warden Sie wohl hören von Herrn Dr. Gerhard Leiss, Ch. 8053 Zürich Buchholzstr. [122 Weiter von Frau Dagmar Mall, 5802 Wetter / Ruhr Mozartstr. 5]

Mein Großvater Peter Heinrich Haacke ist deren Urgroßvater, 1934 geb. Dann kommt mein Vater Heinrich Karl August Haacke, gebr. 1871 verst. 1938 dann mein Bruder Heinrich Haacke, geb. 1911 verstorben 1942. Alles Kaufmänner ich führte bis zum Huli dieses Jahres die gute Firma H. Haacke weiter und mußte Alterbedingt, gesundheitlich die Firma aufgeben, die Rezession kam auch noch hinzu, dass ich mehr witer konnte, machte heute vor eines Jahr eine schwere Oper mit, so überstürzte sich noch mein Entschluss - ich habe keine Kinder.. Ahliegend machte ich noch eine Fotocopie eines Briefes aus Rügenwalde von 2 alten Damen Haacke, dort waren die Haackes Bekannte Ärzte und einer der Leibarzt des sächs. Königs auf der Festung Kolberg in Pommern stationiert, mein Bruder und dann ich hatten sehr schöne Scherenschnitte von ihm, aber der Krieg hat unser schönes Haus an der Hamburger Alster zerstört und so gingen auch diese Andenken zu Grunde.

Wie angedeutet starb mein Vater 1938, mein Mann Gearges Graff (aus Strassburg) 1940 und Heinerle mein Bruder mit 31 Jahren, so blieb ich nachdem unser Haus 1943 von Bomben zerstört wurde mit meiner Mutter zurück und bauten wir gemeinsam die Firma H. Haacke 1950 wieder auf ich lege eine Firmen karte bei, ich als Kauffrau bekam als Haacke- Ankömmling von meinen diversen Cousinen und Denen Kindern das größte Lob. Meine Mutter star 1971 nach 2 Jahren Siechtum, für mich nicht leicht gewesen, ich behielt m. Mutter in eigener Pflege und mußte viel Hilfe haben. Ich bin inzwischen 70 Jahre und hoffe noch gesund einige Jahre meines Lebens geniessen zu können und dass die Zukunft noch sorglos leben läßt. Ich lege den einen Brief bei und ein paar zue Hand habende Bilder von den Haackes von meinem Großvater und Bruder lass ich copieren und sende Ihnen dieselben nach. Falls Sie noch besondere Wünsche haben, will ich gerne helfen, denke aber dass Frau Mall und Dr. Leiss, Dagmar und Gerhard Ihnen noch mehr helfen können da dieselben noch viele Unterlagen haben, wenn ich Kinder gehabt hätte müßten dieselben in meinem Besitz sein als älteste Haacke. Ich hoffe gerne nochmal von Ihnen zu hören und von Ihren Erfolgen in der Forschung und bringe den Brief mit den herzlichsten Weihnachtsgrüßen und Wünschen auf den Weg, Übrigens Weihnachten bin ich bei Dagmar in Wetter ca. 8 Tage und im Februar fahre ich in die Schweiz zu Gerhards Familie nach Zürich .

Mit vielen herzliche Grüßen bleibe ich

Ihre Lilly Graff geb. Haacke

Liebe Lille, was in Klammer sticht, habe ich zu Deiner Orientierung dazu gesetzt.

Abschrift.

Rügenwalde, den 24.5.41.

Liebe Frau Blitt!

In Erwiderung Ihres Schreibens vom 18.5. möchten wir Ihnen folgendes mitteilen:

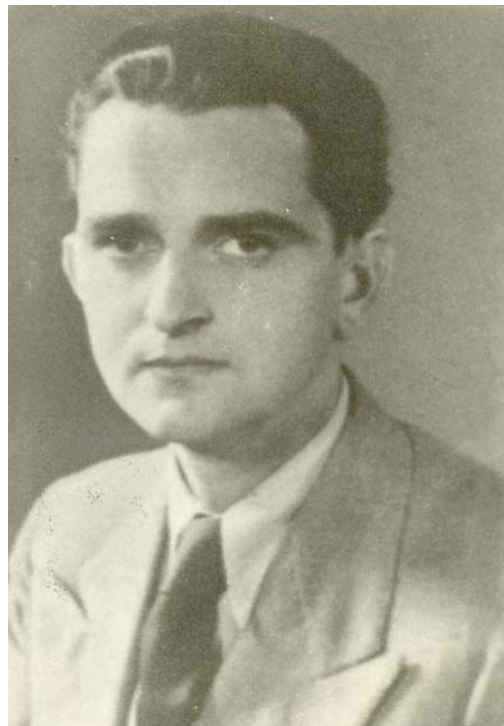
Wir sind die Töchter von Doktor Otto Haacke, der auf der Universität Greifswald die Prüfung als Arzt bei Prof Bernd mit summa cum lauda bestanden hat. Von seinen Brüdern wissen wir nur, daß unser Vater sagte sie sind verdorben, gestorben. (Otto Haacke war der Bruder von August, Heinrich Haacke, Deinem Urgroßvater, Onkel Benno, Tante Minna. Letztere blieb unverheiratet.) Onkel Benno, sein Lieblingsbruder, ging nach Südamerika, nicht nach Philadelphia und zwar in den Staat Rio grande do Sul. Er war dort Prof. in 7 Sprachen, hatte ein großes Haus und bedeutendes Vermögen ging zu Grunde und er starb arm und verlassen im Krankenhaus. Wir erhielten die Todesnachricht. Wir haben auch noch sein Bild. Die deutsche Gesandtschaft hat uns alles mitgeteilt. Unser einziger Bruder wurde nach ihm getauft. Er starb aber schon im Alter von 9 Jahren. An Diphtheritis. Tante Minna habe ich einmal in Kolberg besucht, Papa hat sie immer unterstützt, weil sie ganz arm war. Bei Ihrem Tode habe ich an ihrem Grabe gestanden und habe nur die Bilder der Großeltern (Gräfin von Diemar und Christian, Heinrich Haacke Leibarzt beim sächs. König, Dein Ur-Urgroßvater) alles Übrige wurde beschlagnahmt. Unser Großvater (Dein Ur-Urgroßvater, er war am 10.12.1785 in Wegeleben im Ostharz, geboren und starb in Saarlautern, Saargebiet, heutigem Saarlouis) wohnte in Saarlouis unter dem König Jérôme, wurde oft weit nach Frankreich als Arzt gerufen. Er sollte nach Berlin berufen werden, starb aber an der Wunde, die er sich bei der Belagerung von Kolberg zugezogen hatte. Großmutter zog mit den Kindern (August, Heinrich Haacke, Dein Urgroßvater, er war Capitän vom 30. Inf. Reg. und heiratete Maria Geschwind, scheinbar eine Schwester des Bischofs von Trier, am 7.5.1839 in Trier, wie ich aus meinem Stammbuch ersehe) Die Mutter von Großpapa und ging dort in die ev. Kirche, als ihr Bruder, der Bischof die erfuhr, sie war ja kath. Bestrafte er sie und verbot ihr zum heiligen Abendmahl zu gehen.) nach Köslin und ist dort später an Altersschwäche gestorben. Wir Kinder haben das schon erlebt. Sie heißt Therese v. Diemar und konnte ihre Ahnen bis Heinrich den Vogelstein zurückführen. Ihre Eltern hatten in dieser Gegend viele Güter. Sie war mit dem Herzog von Rügenwalde verwandt, die hier das noch vorhandene Schloß bewohnten. Unser Vater hat uns oft gesagt, wir stammten von der Herzogin ab, sollten uns aber nichts darauf einbilden. Unsere Mutter, Alma Schiffmann, stammt von einem Pastoren ab. Die Hochzeit unserer Eltern war am 7. Juli 1854. Sie haben noch die goldene Hochzeit erlebt. Unser Vater war hier in der Cholerazeit Arzt, ging dann nach Callis und wurde in der 2. Choleraperiode 1866 wieder nach Rügenwalde zurückgerufen, und ist seitdem immer in Rügenwalde geblieben. Er starb 1912 im Alter von 86 Jahren. Sein Bruder August, Heinrich (Dein Urgroßvater,) machte schon die Hochzeit mit. Wir sind Lehrerinnen geworden und haben unsere Pension, von der wir leben, haben also reichlich und möchten keinen Ersatz für etwas haben. Wir sind jetzt 78 und 81 J. alt, meine Schwester ist blind auf einem Auge, ich leide sehr am Herzen. Wir freuen uns auf die Ruhe beim Heiland und blacken in Freuden auf ein langes arbeitsreiches Leben zurück. Ich bin fast 30 Jahre an der Schule tätig gewesen. Wir haben nun noch eine Bitte, daß Sie Ihre Kinder einfach erziehen und ordentlich, etwas lernen lassen, damit sie im Leben selbstständig sind und vor allem darauf hinweisen, daß Jesus der beste Führer im Leben und im Sterben ist und alles vergibt was wir getan haben, also daß Sie auch einmal gern von dieser Welt scheiden, Alles vergeht Menschen und Völker, einer bleibt sich immer gleich, in Liebe und Größe, das ist Gott, der alle seine Kinder zu sich zieht und sich ihrer erbarmt. Vater starb selig, er sagte, ich verlasse mich ganz auf Gottes Gnade und Gottes Wort lesen und sich mit göttl. Dingen befassen, ist die Hauptsache, dann geht auch die Arbeit weiter. Wir würden uns freuen zu hören 1. was Ihr Vater war, was Ihr Mann ist, ob Sie durchkommen und was Ihre Kinder werden wollen. Wir wollen alle tapfer stritten und true sein bis ans Ende,

Gez. Gertrud Haacke

Dear Lilli Haacke:

(Dein Urgroßvater war 13 Jahre älter als sein Bruder Otto Haacke, so habe ich es errechnet und denke es stimmt. Dein Urgroßvater trat aus dem königl. Dienst aus und machte sich in Häusweiler bei Saarlautern seßhaft, kaufte, oder baute sich dort ein Haus und wurde Handelsmann. Natürlich für seine Herkunft nicht mehr standesgemäß. Seine Eltern, Mutter Therese y. Diemar konnte es ihm nicht verzeihen, denn es war in der Familie Ehrensache, daß man dem König diene. Großpapa Haacke aus Berschweiler, wurde in Häusweiler geboren. Sein Vater hatte wohl damals schon sein Unternehmen gegründet. Großpapa Haacke kam mit 12 Jahren zu seiner Großmutter nach Köslin, besuchte dort das Gymnasium stud. Medizin und sollte Schiffsarzt werden. Bei der Musterung war er 3cm zu klein und an einem Auge fast blind. Er gab seinem stillen Wunsch nach und wurde Handelsmann.

Figure 4: Left: Ewart Mortimer Haacke (b 1920) in his early 20s and Right: Heinrich Haacke (124411) b 1911. Ewart descended from Johann Haacke (circa 1775) from Toronto, Canada. He was Mark Haacke's father. This picture is shown due to the similarities in the look of the two Haacke men in these two pictures. We have no evidence yet that these two families are related but it would be wonderful to find a male descendant from the Wegeleben family who could take the DNA test to compare with Toronto, Ontario, Canada family. If these two were to match we would know that they are in fact related and perhaps this likeness then would not be such a surprise.



DNA TESTING: We are in the process of inviting all Haacke males worldwide to participate in this important study. So far we have some families from Canada, the United States, England but only one from Germany. We are really looking for the many dozen families from Germany to participate. This is because there is a strong history for Haackes in the Hannover area and several other locations. Not all will be related but we believe many will be. DNA will show the relationship and perhaps can hint at how long ago that relationship took place. However, sometimes it is hard to say anything more than we are related. For example, in Johann Haacke's family from Toronto, for 200 years all family members have the same DNA in 43 loci. To participate please contact E. Mark Haacke at nmrimaging@aol.com or the company called DNA Heritage at www.dnaheritage.com or Ancestry at dna.ancestry.com [enter coupon code GROUPS30 to get a 30% discount off the listed price and make sure it is for the 46 marker test] to get the necessary information. They will send you a package with a simple instruction and you will be done in about 10 minutes. You then return the package with a cheque (about \$158 or about 100 Euros for this special study). If you have trouble send a request for the kit to Mark Haacke at nmrimaging@aol.com.

Conrad Haacke of Bueckeberg, Germany

Current notes on Christian Conrad from Bueckeberg

possible father to Christian is Johan Gerhard Hake m Dorothee Nolte

Christian Conrad Haacke
Born 1761, died 1858

Son
Conrad Wilhelm Haacke
Born 1812, died 20 May, 1891 of a kidney infection
m 1844
wife
born 1821, died 1892 of a lung infection

Conrad Wilhem had 4 children, three sons as shown below and two girls, Marie M. Barghar and Hermina.

Wilhem
c1840
soldat-seilermesiter
hobby – beekeeper

Rudolph

Albert
3 Jan., 1854 – 26 May, 1935
died of an accident falling down stairs
m Else 15 March, 1884
29 May, 1864 – 11 May, 1925 of heart problems

son Rudolph
lived in Hannover

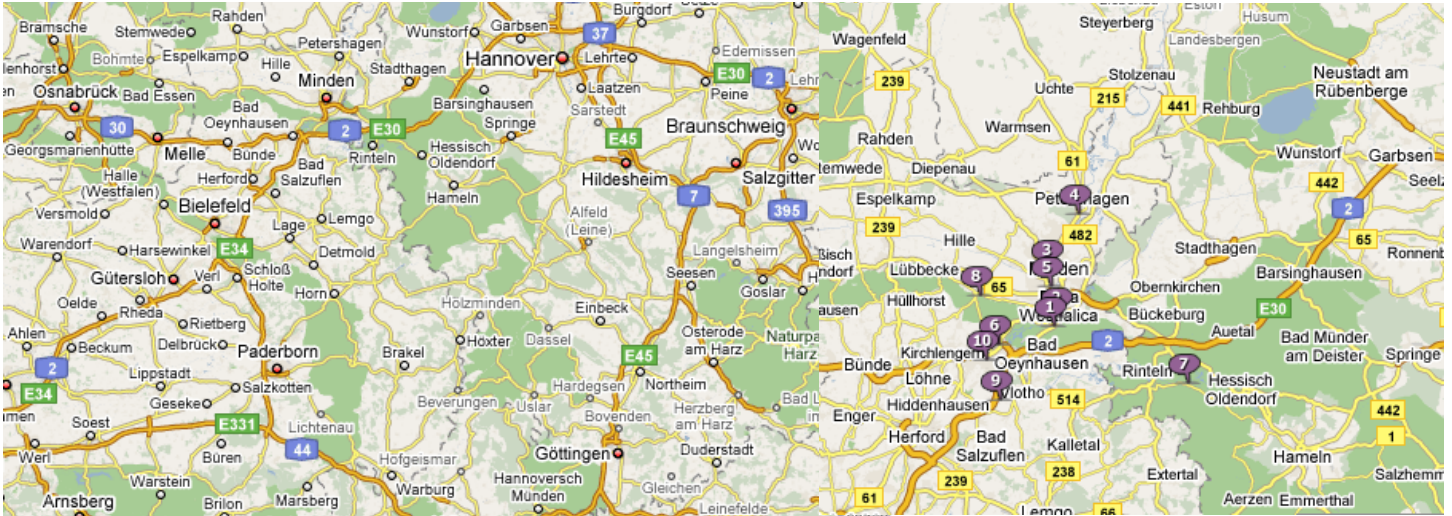
son Dr. Albert William Karl Haacke
daughter Lillie m Werner Hannemann
Lilli's kids
Giesela Hannemann

son Gerhard Conrad Emil Fritz
14 May, 1900 -1969
m 14 August, 1926 to Marga Thiele

son Albert-Ernst Haacke
d Cornelia
Albert Haacke
son Wolfgang Haacke 1.10.1926.
m Rosemarie Utting 23.5.1953
Wolfgang's kids:
Susanne 3.3.1957-4.3.2002
Katharina 29.5.1958
Bettina 8.3.1962
Isabel 4.2.1965
Janet 31.3.1966...

Back in 1975, I had the pleasure to meet with Wolfgnag Haacke and his family. I was on my honeymoon and Wolfgang took the time to show us around with his daughter Katharina (whose two boys I met last summer in Germany). We saw the then border line, fields, towers and machine gun turrets from East Germany. It was a scary thought. Many attempts were still being made for people to escape. I remember in 1989 watching the Berlin wall fall one night when I just happened to be working late and checked out the TV. Watching this great event sent shivers up my spine. Earlier in 1986 I had spent time in Berlin and visited East Berlin and upon my return was held at the border for questioning because of my name and a strange mark on my one day visa. It was a beautiful day there and yet almost noone was outside, it was an empty city. All I remember is an old man riding his bike, a dog barking, and the old man disappearing into his apartment building. I thought I will never return to East Germany until it is no more (an interesting paradox). Now I have had the pleasure of visiting again, including places like Dresden, Potsdam, etc. It is a new world in Germany.

Conrad Haacke of Bueckeberg, Germany



There are many other old Haacke families in this area, including Hannover, Bielefeld, Braunschweig, Wolfenbuettel and Bransche (upper left of the larger map). Whether or not they are all related is uncertain, BUT YOU CAN HELP ANSWER THIS QUESTION!

SIE KOENNEN DIESE FRAGE ANTWORTEN HILFEN!

DNA Test: Wir moechten gerne alle maennlichen Haacke's weltweit zu dieser wichtigen Untersuchung einladen. Bis jetzt haben wir einige Familien aus Kanada, USA, und England, aber nur eine aus Deutschland getestet. Wir sind sehr daran interessiert, dass auch die vielen Dutzend Familien aus Deutschland teilnehmen, weil eine wichtige historische Verbindung der Haacke's zu Hannover und einigen anderen Gebieten vermutet wird. Nicht alle werden wir miteinander in Verbindung bringen koennen, aber einige davon.

Die DNA wird nicht nur die verwandtschaftliche Beziehung sondern vielleicht auch den zurueckliegenden Zusammenhang aufzeigen koennen. Oftmals aber koennen wir nicht mehr erfahren, als dass wir verwandt sind. Zum Beispiel in Johann Haacke's Familie aus Toronto haben seit 200 Jahren alle Familienmitglieder die gleiche DNA in 43 Positionen.

Um an diesem Test teilzunehmen und die noetigen Informationen zu erhalten erbitten wir eine Kontaktaufnahme mit Prof. Dr. E. Mark Haacke unter nmrimaging@aol.com oder der Firma DNA Heritage unter www.dnaheritage.com oder Ancestry unter dna.ancestry.com (benutzen Sie bitte den Coupon Code GROUPS30 um eine 30%ige Ermaessigung des Listenpreises zu bekommen und um den 46 Marker Test zu erhalten).

Man wird Ihnen dann ein Paeckchen mit einer einfachen Anleitung schicken, die Sie in 10 Minuten durchfuehren koennen. Danach senden Sie bitte das Paeckchen mit einem Scheck zurueck (etwa 158.- \$ oder ca. 100.- Euros fuer diese spezielle Studie). Falls Sie Probleme mit dem Test haben, senden Sie bitte Ihre Fragen an Prof. Haacke unter nmrimaging@aol.com, weitere Informationen finden Sie unter www.Haacke.com. Mark Haacke ist ein Professor von Radiologie an der Universitaet in Detroit dass heist: Wayne State University. Er hat die Haacke Familie Stammbaum studiert fuer mehr als 30 Jahren.

In the hot seat with...Deb Bentley French

It is a great pleasure to introduce Deb Bentley French as our hot seat celebrity for this issue. She has been collaborating with me on creating as complete as possible a book on the descendants of John Haacke and Hannah Adams. She is constantly updating the family tree, contacting people, making them feel welcome, and bringing together all the information to incorporate new lines as she finds them. She was born in Port Huron, Michigan on 02/12/1954. Deb has a younger sister, Mona Lynn French, 53 who is married to Bill Ingram they have 3 children and four grandchildren.

1. Tell us who you are and where you fit into the Haacke family. My name is Debra French. My maternal grandmother is Myrtle Evelyn Haacke and she was the second great granddaughter of Hannah and John Haacke.

2. Do you have children? How many and what are their ages? I have 4 children and 1 son in law and 5 grandchildren. My firstborn is April age 34 and her children are Myranda age 16, Austen age 14, Alexander age 9, and Mariana age 8. Next is Katrinia age 32. And then Teri age 28 and her husband Mike age 32 and their daughter Tayler Marie age 8. Last comes my son, Matthew age 26.

3. How did you first get interested in genealogy? I was looking for someone that had come over through Ellis Island and found out that they had been here for years. I then did some research on my own. About 10 years ago, I got connected with Mark Haacke.

4. During your research, what has been your most exciting discovery? Finding my grandfather Sorensen's son and discovering that I had first cousins.

5. If you could sit down for an hour with anyone in the family past or present, who would it be? How would you spend that hour? It would probably be Johann and Hannah Haacke. I would spend the hour asking questions about their children and ancestors and family history. I would make sure that I took a picture so that everyone would believe me when I told them that I spoke to someone from 200 years ago.

6. What do you do in your spare time? Any favorite books, movies? I spend a lot of my time working on genealogy. I also try to spend as much time as I can with my grandchildren.

7. Any family traditions that your family has that you would like to share? At holidays when my children were little they each picked one thing that they wanted to help make. As they got older they could make things on their own, and now my grandchildren are helping in the kitchen at holiday times.

8. Who is the most interesting person that you have met while doing your research? I think Mark Haacke is the most interesting person that I have met in doing this research. While other cousins share in the excitement of being found, Mark is the one that has the most passion and excitement of finding the "Aha moments". I also enjoy his stories and knowledge of genealogy.

9. Anything else? We would not have made it this far without the help of everyone involved. All the memories and stories and information that has been received from everyone has helped us put together our family. I would like to say thank you. Thank you for your help and support and love of Haacke family.



Figure 5: Three generation picture from left to right: Myrtle (Deb's grandmother), Dorothy (Deb's mother and Myrtle's daughter), and Zilpha Haacke (Deb's great-grandmother and Myrtle's mother) wife of John David Haacke.

Heinrich Haacke of London, England

A common theme of this newsletter is the challenge of discovering the common ancestry of those people named Haacke - and indeed their relatives with other names - around the world. Unlocking the power of DNA research, combined with searching the rapidly expanding range of online historical records, offers us the opportunity to understand how much we have in common around the world. This is no less true of the English branch of the Haacke family.

During the 19th Century, a small number of different people named Haacke appear in the English records, and it appears not all of them were immediately related. This article focuses on the largest and oldest family of Haackes - the descendants of a German pastry cook who came to Georgian London. We have various spellings of his name - Hinrich, Henrich, Henrick, Henry - but will call him Henrich for the purposes of this article. His descendants live today in England, Canada and Australia, and what follows is part of their story.

Frustratingly, we don't know where in Germany Henrich Haacke came from, though circumstantial evidence points to a corridor across the northern Kingdom of Hannover. He was born around 1779 and appears for the first time in England in 1812, when he married an Englishwoman called Maria Northcroft.

Along with many thousands of other German immigrants, they lived in the East End of London. In 1813, he was listed in insurance records as Henry Haacke of 22 Upper Cornwall Street, near modern day Shadwell, a chandler and dealer in potatoes, and then in 1817 as Henrick Haacke of 24 Church Road, pastry cook and dealer in potatoes. We catch glimpses of him in other records - such as in a petition to pavement his road and of course the census returns.

At some point, he fell on hard times and was sent to debtors' prison. An entry from 1824 in the London Gazette (the official newspaper that acts as England's legal noticeboard) shows him petitioning the Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors to be let out of jail. It seems that debtors were released under periodic amnesties provided that their creditors did not object. Henrich wasn't technically bankrupt - until 1841, to be bankrupt you needed to be a trader owing more than £100 - but he was instead an "insolvent debtor". Insolvent debtors were held in local prisons, and often spent the rest of their lives there, trapped in an absurd predicament of being jailed for debt and then being prevented from working to pay it off. Imprisonment for debt continued until 1869.

Creditors were able to subject insolvent debtors to indefinite imprisonment, but, given that Henrich appears a free man in the 1841 and 1851 Census returns, he got out of jail, perhaps as a result of this petition in 1824 - presumably either by settling his debts or by his creditors no longer enforcing their right to have him imprisoned. Records in the National Archives could hold more clues as to when or why he was imprisoned and released, but for now this is just a glimpse of his misfortune.

Readers of Little Dorrit or other Dickens will be familiar with how psychologically and physically unpleasant debtors' prison could be. Charles Dickens wrote about this because his father John, was imprisoned for debt in, wait for it, 1824 for owing £40/10-, when Charles was just 12. Charles was old enough to find a job (and help pay off John's debts) and so was not himself imprisoned - but the rest of the family had no choice but to join John in the notorious Marshalsea prison on the south bank of the Thames, one mile from Shoreditch where the Haackes lived, and not far from where they were married. It was built in 1329 and demolished in 1842.

As befell John Dickens' family, it's possible that not only was Henrich imprisoned but also his wife Maria, and children, Henrietta (age 11), Henrich II (age 9), Maria Mary (6) and William (4). Neither of his two youngest children survived their first year (John b 1823 and Thomas b 1825) - perhaps unsurprising given the circumstances of the family. Is it all too much of a stretch of the imagination to consider Henrich and his family may have shared a cell or anecdote or two with Charles Dickens when Charles was visiting his own family in prison?

As mentioned above, Henrich and Maria Haacke had 6 children. You can trace them and their descendants on the simplified chart which accompanies this article.

Four of their children lived to adulthood. Henrietta Maria (1813-93) married John Harvey Brazier, and their descendants live today in England and Australia. Then came Henrich (1815-86), who had 11 children with Harriett Esther Judd. A second daughter, Maria Mary, was born in 1818 and married James Laidlaw (sometimes Laidler). And, finally, William Haacke (1820-64) married Ann Medcalf (1825-64).

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The ancestry of Ann Medcalf has been traced by Peter Medcalf. He states her date of birth as 25 March 1825, daughter of Thomas Edward (b 1791) and Mary Ann (b 1789), and granddaughter of John (b c 1750) and Sarah Carter (b c 1750). She can be found at 53 Willow Walk in the 1841 census, servant to Charles Leverage, victualler at the Cart & Horse. Charles had married Mary Anne Medcalf (Ann's sister) in 1834.

In 1846, Ann married William Haacke, and they had 6 children, the first of which died in infancy. In 1864, they suffered tragedy. William died on 1 August 1864, aged 43. Ann killed herself 3 weeks later on 21 August 1864, aged 39. "Violent self hanging" was the cause of death shown on her death certificate and reported in the local newspaper at the time. The article is entitled "Distressing suicide in the Curtain Road" and says that the jury at the inquest recorded a verdict of temporary insanity.

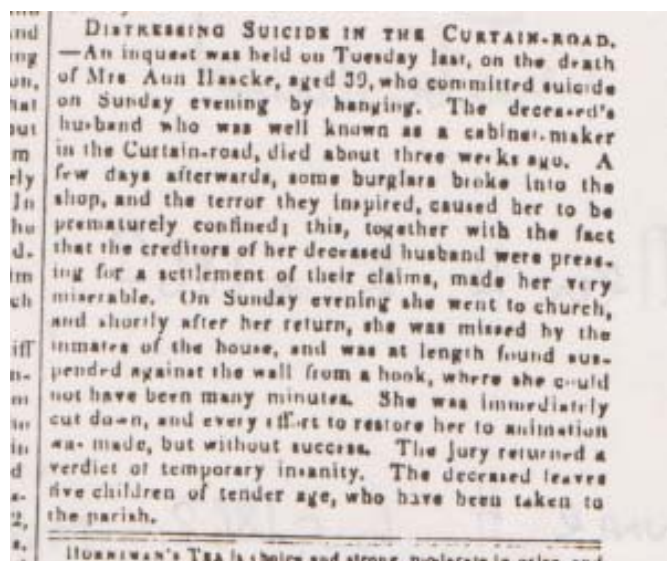


Figure 6: Excerpt from a local newspaper of the time.

The effect on the children was of course drastic. The eldest was 14 year old Ann. The next oldest, William Henrich Thomas (WHT), was 12 years old. His wife Harriett Lambert took two of their children to Canada and left them in an orphanage. She then worked to earn enough money to bring the other two children over. The children all went to Winnipeg about 1900 where the family remains to a large degree today. But their father, WHT, never showed up and the family never heard from him again. One of his descendants once said that his father thought he met him once in the street in Winnipeg as the fellow was very friendly toward him and he always wondered if that was his father. Their children included William Henrich Thomas II, whose obituary in 1949 said: "St. Vital Man Dies In Fall: W.H.T.Haacke 75 of 73 Worthington Ave., St. Vital, was killed at about 9am Friday when he fell off the roof of his home. He had been taking shingles off the roof. Taken to St. Boniface Hospital at 11:35am he was found dead on

arrival.....He was born in England and came to Canada 46 years ago.... Mr. Haacke was a market gardener until his retirement in 1945." Their youngest son, Ernest, enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force on 3 December 1915, aged 32 and 5 feet 2 inches tall, with blue eyes and fair hair. He died twenty years later. (It is possible that the person in Figure 7 on the next page is this Ernest Haacke.)

The third surviving orphaned child of William and Ann Haacke was Minnie. Her full name was Mary Maria. Born on 18 July 1856, she was 8 years old when her parents died, and she never married. The census of 1871 shows her at the age of 14 in the Orphans' Home in New Alresford, Hampshire, many miles from where she grew up. The 1891 census has her, aged 33 in Portsea, Hampshire, as a spinster and staymaker. She died on 3 January 1944 in Finchley, leaving everything to Annie Collings and Herbert Edward Charles Collings, two of the children of her aunt Maria Mary Haacke and William Collings.

The next youngest orphan was Edward, just 4 years old when his mother killed herself. Edward had a particularly traumatic life. The 1861 census shows an Edward age 6 months in William and Ann's family along with the children Ann (age 11), William Henrich Thomas and Mary Maria. The 1871 Census shows him many miles away in Leominster Orphanage. The 1881 has him as an Ordinary Seaman 2nd Class on HMS Northumberland, and by the 1891 census he was in Shoreditch Workhouse as a single pauper. His Royal Navy service record survives and gives us some personal details such as height - just over 5 feet tall, colour of eyes and hair, complexion (fair and blue eyes) with a tattoo on his right wrist. He was court marshalled and given 2 years hard labour in Port Adelaide plus "cells" for 14 days twice. All quite tough for a boy whose father died when he was 2, mother hanged herself and was then brought up in an orphanage. And finally, there was Harriett Esther Haacke, a baby when her mother died, and who died the next year.

The family history chart which accompanies this article gives the names of many Haacke descendants to whom we cannot devote enough space in this article. However, in contrast to the severe problems of William and Ann Haacke, we should consider the much more favourable stories of William's brothers.

The eldest was Henrich Thomas Haacke (1842-1925). His marriage in 1875 to Ann Letitia Welsh (1849-1928) produced 6 children, whose lives were greatly affected by the World Wars. Two of them were Annie and Jim. They didn't marry. They lived in their parents' house until the war in 1941. It was then bombed. They had a small shelter out back and when they heard a bomb falling, Annie (who

Jim was a veteran of the Great War. Indeed, it was ironic that, just over a hundred years after Henrich Haacke married in London and stayed in England, his great grandsons joined up to fight against their ancestors' country. Henrich Thomas had four sons alive in 1914, and it appears that at least three of them went to war.

Rifleman James Welsh Haacke, a French polisher, was described as 5 feet 6 inches tall and 126 pounds, and joined the 5th Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps on 12 December 1915 at the age of 33. He arrived in Salonica, Greece, on 29 August 1916 and stayed in that theatre of war for three years, coming home via Constantinople after the defeat of Germany's ally Turkey. People's perceptions of the First World War are dominated by the Western Front in France and Belgium and the catastrophic events at Gallipoli, but there were more obscure operations like Salonica, in which the British, Serbs and Greeks fought against the Bulgarians and Austrians, and lost large numbers of soldiers to malaria. Mercifully, James Welsh Haacke survived the war and lived till 1961.

Ernest Charles Haacke was the youngest brother, born in 1888. He joined as a Private in the 1st/ 6th Battalion of the London Regiment (City of London Rifles). He entered France on 18 March 1915 and was subsequently promoted to Acting Corporal. At some point he won the Military Medal. There is apparently no central source for the citations for this honour, but hopefully at some point we will find a reference to Ernest Haacke in his local newspaper which will explain his act of bravery. Ernest Haacke's battalion fought in the horrific battle of the Somme until around Sunday 8 October 1916 (the date he was killed). The Thiepval Memorial lists the names of the soldiers from Britain and the Commonwealth who were lost in the Battle of the Somme and who have no known grave. Included in the 73,000 names on the monument is that of Corporal E C Haacke MM (see photos of the inscription and a view of the monument) (There are also 14 Haackes listed in the official German war graves records as buried in the First World War).

It appears that the next youngest brother, William Edwin Haacke (b 1884), joined the Army as well, also enlisting in the 1st/6th Battalion of the London Regiment. He had two service numbers, so it is possible that he re-enlisted, but we have found no further information. During the War, he married a Londoner, Ella Schick, whose father was German. She anglicised her name to Chick.

Researching the records of British soldiers in the First World War is frustrating because the records of most non-commissioned men were destroyed in enemy action in the Second World War. So in many cases we are left with brief and tantalising evidence of what our ancestors did. For example, "A Haacke" was a Private in the 7th Battalion of

the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. He joined up shortly after the start of the War, on 3 September 1914, and was discharged as medically unfit on 24 February 1915. He is likely to have been one of two brothers, Alfred Walter (1887-1939) or Albert (1891-1948), who were also great grandsons of Henrich Haacke.

The niece of Ernest Charles and William Edwin Haacke was Kathleen Gertrude Haacke. She was awarded the MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in the 1959 New Year's Honours List for her work heading the Programme Correspondence section at the BBC.

Haacke is still a rare name in England, and most of them living today who descend from Henrich Haacke trace their line through Alfred Walter Haacke (1857-1910). This article is by no means the full picture, and there are many other people for whom the story remains unknown or untold. But it gives an insight into the history of the English Haackes, and their Canadian and Australian relatives. Please by all means send further information or insight to the Editor of the Herald.



Figure 7:
Ernest Haacke

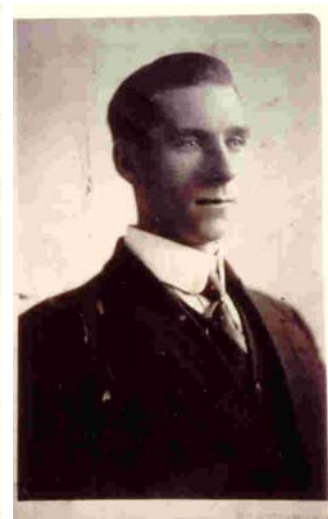


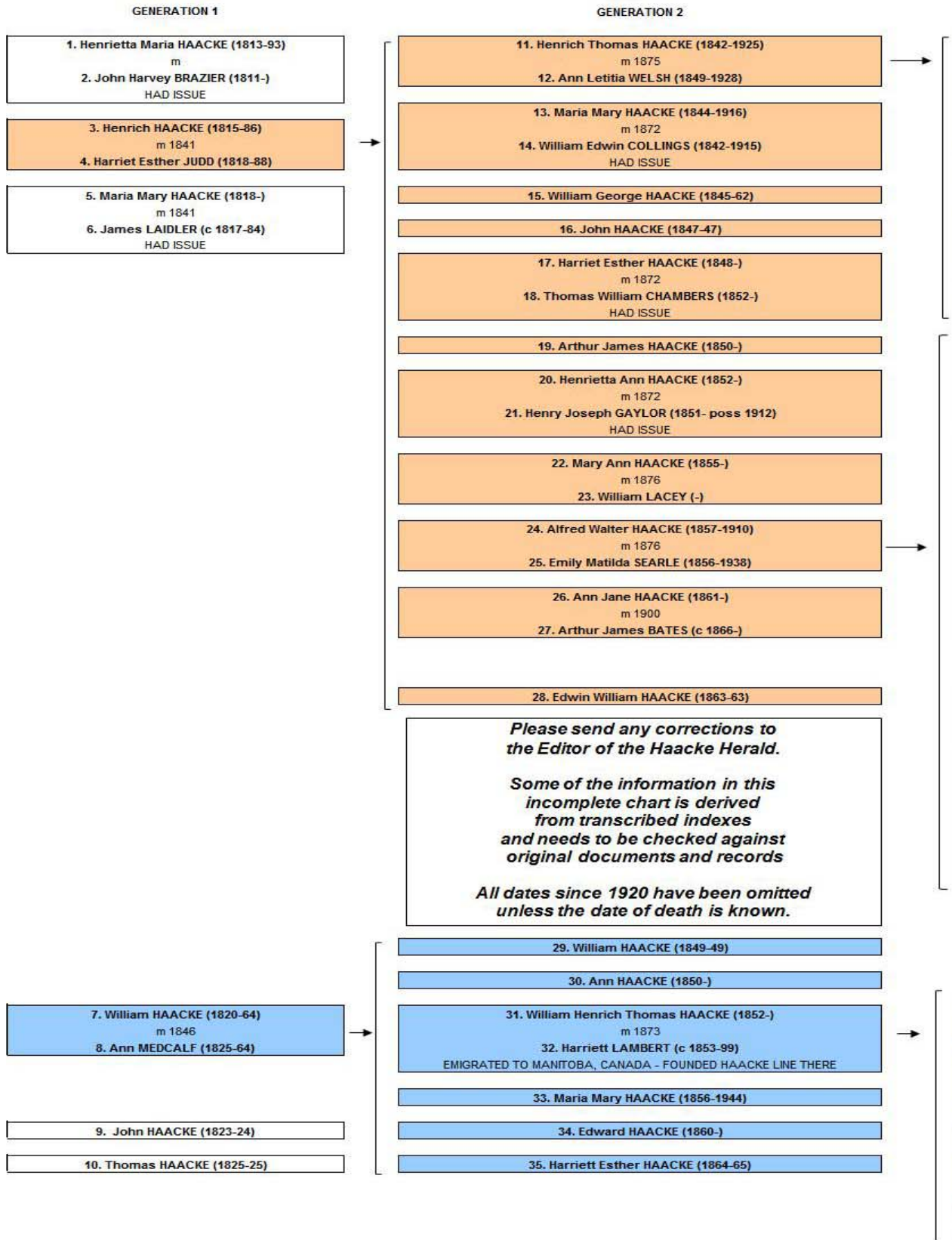
Figure 8:
William Henrich Thomas II

There are two Ernest Haacke men who could fit this bill. Number 43 who died in the war and number 67 from the WHT line. This picture was in the album of Mark Haacke's grandmother but with no other marking than Earnest. One possibility is that since Mark Haacke's grandfather Harry Haacke spent several years in England and time in Belgium, he could have met Earnest there (spelling from Anna Haacke's photo album).

*William Henrich Thomas II 1874 - 1949.

If you have more information or pictures about the London Haackes, please send them to Mark Haacke at nmrimaging@aol.com for inclusion in the haacke family website. If you are interested in helping out with future newsletters

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