

Descent of the Bratsches from Frederick & Minnie Bratsch (fl. 1820)

Generation No. 1

1. FREDRICK¹ BRATSCH He married MINNIE JACOB.

Notes for FREDRICK BRATSCH:

Marvelyn Bratsch, of Renville, MN, is the source for much of the Bratsch family genealogy.

Children of FREDRICK BRATSCH and MINNIE JACOB are:

2.
 - i. JOHANN ERNST ROBERT² BRATSCH, b. 1830; d. 02 Jun 1873, WI.
 - ii. WILHELM BRATSCH, b. 04 Nov 1820, Prussia; d. 26 Apr 1896, Leseur, Sibley County, MN; m. WILHELMINE; b. 02 Feb 1820; d. 23 Sep 1903, Leseur, Sibley County, MN.
 - iii. AUGUST BRATSCH, b. 18 Dec 1826, Pommern, Germany; d. 01 Jun 1911, Flora Township, Renville County, MN; m. JULIA BAUER, 1852; b. 1826; d. 1909.

Notes for JULIA BAUER:
or Baer

Marriage Notes for AUGUST BRATSCH and JULIA BAUER:
"This family settled by the riverbottom south of Renville." --Marvelyn Bratsch

3.
 - iv. FREDERICK BRATSCH, b. 20 Aug 1837; d. 02 May 1930, Renville, MN.

Generation No. 2

2. JOHANN ERNST ROBERT² BRATSCH (*FREDRICK*¹) was born 1830, and died 02 Jun 1873 in WI. He married ALBERTINA MANN. She was born 1833, and died 20 Mar 1891 in MN.

Notes for JOHANN ERNST ROBERT BRATSCH:

His name (in Grandma Pete's handwriting) is John Bratsch.
Green Lake, WI was previously called Dartford, WI

Notes for ALBERTINA MANN:
"Albertina" in M. Bratsch

More About ALBERTINA MANN:
Burial: Renville, MN

Children of JOHANN BRATSCH and ALBERTINA MANN are:

4.
 - i. EMMA ELISABETH³ BRATSCH, b. 21 Jul 1864, WI; d. 22 Apr 1945.
 - ii. ALBERT LEOPOLD BRATSCH, b. 16 Aug 1862; d. 15 May 1943.
 - iii. FRANK OTTO BRATSCH, b. 1866; d. 1938.
 - iv. CHARLES "CHARLEY" BRATSCH, b. 1863; d. Harve, Montana.

3. FREDERICK² BRATSCH (*FREDRICK*¹) was born 20 Aug 1837, and died 02 May 1930 in Renville, MN. He married WILHELMINE WELK in Coelpin, Prussia, Germany. She was born 07 Jul 1838, and died 21 Apr 1930 in Renville, MN.

Notes for FREDERICK BRATSCH:

"Came to U.S. in 1869 with wife and 4 children from Germany - Colyine, Krisarnvawlde, Brandenburg. Came to Ripon, Green Lake County, Wisconsin. Then came to Flora Township, Renville, Minnesota."

"This is our family."

--Marvelyn Bratsch

Child of FREDERICK BRATSCH and WILHELMINE WELK is:

8. i. UNNAMED³ BRATSCH.

Generation No. 3

4. EMMA ELISABETH³ BRATSCH (*JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 21 Jul 1864 in WI, and died 22 Apr 1945¹. She married AUGUST FRIEDRICH LEISTIKOW 27 Jan 1884 in Dartforth, WI, son of ERNST LEISTIKOW and HANNAH RECK. He was born 21 Feb 1858 in Germany, and died 06 Apr 1926 in Renville, MN.

Notes for EMMA ELISABETH BRATSCH:
Bretsch in own Bible

Notes for AUGUST FRIEDRICH LEISTIKOW:

Emigrated age 7.

Farmed until 1905, then moved into town and ran the saloon.

Grand old bar is now in the Calumet Hotel in Pipestone, MN.

Correspondence from Emma to Alvina (who was visiting her relatives in Green Lake, WI), discovered in the attic of Ade Bottge's house, shows Emma asking Alvina to come home and help Emma talk Fred out of selling the farm and taking up saloon-keeping.

Children of EMMA BRATSCH and AUGUST LEISTIKOW are:

9. i. ALVINA THERESA HELEN⁴ LEISTIKOW, b. 05 Jan 1886, Renville, MN; d. 17 Apr 1984, Renville, MN.
- ii. LYDIA MARIE ELISABETH LEISTIKOW, b. 31 Mar 1890, Renville, MN; d. Apr 1977.
- iii. EMMA ALBERTINE LEISTIKOW, b. Sep 1894, Renville, MN; d. 1923, Bemidji.

Notes for EMMA ALBERTINE LEISTIKOW:

Emma died in Bemidji, where she was teaching the third and fourth grades. She had received normal school training at Winona and had previously taught near Renville and at Little Falls. (e-mail from John Windhorst, Jr., 7/21/10)

I believe she died as a result of an operation on her sinuses.

10. iv. FRIEDA WILHELMINE AUGUSTA LEISTIKOW, b. 18 Feb 1896, Renville, MN; d. Sep 1920.
11. v. RUTH ESTHER LEISTIKOW, b. 08 Mar 1900, Renville, MN.
- vi. ADA ANTONIA LEISTIKOW, b. 21 Jul 1903, Renville, MN; d. 05 Jan 2000; m. EDWARD F. SHOEMAKER; b. 1900; d. 1962.
- vii. INFANT LEISTIKOW, b. 1885; d. 1885.

Notes for INFANT LEISTIKOW:

listed in M. Bratsch.

5. ALBERT LEOPOLD³ BRATSCH (*JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 16 Aug 1862, and died 15 May 1943. He married WILHELMINA "MINNIE" JOHANNA SCHMIDT. She was born 14 Apr 1863, and died 11 Mar 1932.

Notes for ALBERT LEOPOLD BRATSCH:
"Albert J." on Renville gravestone.

Tragic family: the parents survive all three children. Antonia dies in 1906 at age 19, cause unspecified (six months after writing her cousin Alvina a lively letter from Waukesha, Wisconsin). Theresa dies in 1910, age 17, of diphtheria. Arthur drowns in Lake of the Isles in 1915, age 25.

Children of ALBERT BRATSCH and WILHELMINA SCHMIDT are:

12. i. ANTONIA WILHELMINA THERESA⁴ BRATSCH, b. 21 May 1886; d. 26 Jun 1906.
- ii. ARTHUR ALBERT JOHN BRATSCH, b. 20 Dec 1889; d. 22 Aug 1915.

Notes for ARTHUR ALBERT JOHN BRATSCH:
Drowned in Lake of the Isles, Minneapolis

- iii. THERESA ALBERTINA JOHANNA BRATSCH, b. 01 May 1893; d. 17 Dec 1910.

Notes for THERESA ALBERTINA JOHANNA BRATSCH:
"diphtheria"
"Theresia" on the Renville cemetery gravestone.

6. FRANK OTTO³ BRATSCH (*JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 1866, and died 1938. He married AUGUSTA "GUSTIE" ZASKE in Renville County, MN. She was born 1870, and died 1937.

Notes for FRANK OTTO BRATSCH:

Emma Leistikow's brother, who also moved from Green Lake, Wisconsin, to Renville to farm. Much referred to in the letters to Alvina as Uncle Frank (and aunt "Gustie" [Zaske]) .

More About FRANK OTTO BRATSCH:

Burial: Renville Cemetery

More About AUGUSTA "GUSTIE" ZASKE:

Burial: Renville Cemetery

Children of FRANK BRATSCH and AUGUSTA ZASKE are:

- 13. i. JOHN ALBERT HENRY⁴ BRATSCH, b. 1892; d. 1950.
- 14. ii. HERBERT FRANK BRATSCH, b. 1896; d. 1976.

7. CHARLES "CHARLEY"³ BRATSCH (*JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 1863, and died in Harve, Montana. He married (1) EMMA KATZ. He married (2) MONTANA WIDOW.

Notes for EMMA KATZ:

"Kaatz" in M. Bratsch

Children of CHARLES BRATSCH and EMMA KATZ are:

- i. WALTER⁴ BRATSCH.

Notes for WALTER BRATSCH:

M. Bratsch does not list a Walter but does list a Ruben F. Bratsch, 1896-1897.

- ii. ALBY K. BRATSCH, b. 1895.
- iii. META VIVIAN BRATSCH, b. 1898.
- iv. ROY BRATSCH, b. 1901.

Notes for ROY BRATSCH:

"LeRoy" in M. Bratsch.

8. UNNAMED³ BRATSCH (*FREDERICK², FREDRICK¹*)

Child of UNNAMED BRATSCH is:

- i. LOWELL⁴ BRATSCH, m. MARVELYN.

Notes for MARVELYN:

Mervelyn has supplied much of the Bratsch genealogy. She, along with Vi Lickleider, removed much of Alvina's cloth collection, at the time of the Renville house clean-out, to be used by the church group for quilting. She lives 2 1/2 mi south of Renville, across a field from the old Fred Leistikow farm.

9. ALVINA THERESA HELEN⁴ LEISTIKOW (*EMMA ELISABETH³ BRATSCH, JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 05 Jan 1886 in Renville, MN, and died 17 Apr 1984 in Renville, MN. She married PETER JEPSON BOTTGE 14 Aug 1907. He was born 22 May 1875 in Denmark, and died 22 Apr 1954 in Renville, MN.

Notes for PETER JEPSON BOTTGE:
Pvt. Co H 14 Regt MN Inf Sp Am War

More About PETER JEPSON BOTTGE:
Arrival: 1876²
Residence: 1900, Emmett, Renville, Minnesota²

Children of ALVINA LEISTIKOW and PETER BOTTGE are:

15. i. ARDUS RUTH⁵ BOTTGE, b. 15 Feb 1914, Renville, MN.
- ii. ADRIAN STANLEY BOTTGE, b. 08 Oct 1909, Renville, MN; d. 03 Apr 2005, Renville, MN.
16. iii. WESLEY HANS BOTTGE, b. 04 Jul 1911, Renville, MN; d. 20 Oct 1975.
17. iv. MARVIN FREDRICK BOTTGE, b. 28 May 1908, Renville, MN; d. 12 Oct 1983, St. Louis Park, MN.

10. FRIEDA WILHELMINE AUGUSTA⁴ LEISTIKOW (*EMMA ELISABETH³ BRATSCH, JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 18 Feb 1896 in Renville, MN, and died Sep 1920. She married OWEN ROBERT SMITH, SR..

Child of FRIEDA LEISTIKOW and OWEN SMITH is:
i. OWEN ROBERT⁵ SMITH, JR., b. 13 Sep 1920; d. 03 Jan 2010; m. PEGGY, 05 Sep 1943; b. 27 Aug 1924.

11. RUTH ESTHER⁴ LEISTIKOW (*EMMA ELISABETH³ BRATSCH, JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 08 Mar 1900 in Renville, MN. She married RAYMOND W. GRUNERT.

Children of RUTH LEISTIKOW and RAYMOND GRUNERT are:
i. JAMES⁵ GRUNERT, b. 09 May 1926; m. LORRAINE; b. 17 Jul 1927.
ii. RICHARD GRUNERT, b. 03 Nov 1927; d. 11 Feb 2010.

12. ANTONIA WILHELMINA THERESA⁴ BRATSCH (*ALBERT LEOPOLD³, JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 21 May 1886, and died 26 Jun 1906. She married THEODORE EMIL KUDERT. He was born 1886, and died 1927.

Notes for ANTONIA WILHELMINA THERESA BRATSCH:
? died in childbirth, twin girls. Alvina's notes seem to say so.

Child of ANTONIA BRATSCH and THEODORE KUDERT is:
i. ANTONIA E. J.⁵ KUDERT, b. 25 Jun 1906; d. 13 Apr 1907.

13. JOHN ALBERT HENRY⁴ BRATSCH (*FRANK OTTO³, JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 1892, and died 1950. He married ALMA A. SCHMIDT. She was born 1897, and died 1974.

Children of JOHN BRATSCH and ALMA SCHMIDT are:
i. DUANE⁵ BRATSCH, b. 1927; d. 1990.
ii. DONNA BRATSCH, b. 1930.
iii. RODGER D.J. BRATSCH, b. 1933; d. 1991.
iv. JOHN NORBERT FREDERICK BRATSCH, b. 1934.

14. HERBERT FRANK⁴ BRATSCH (*FRANK OTTO³, JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 1896, and died 1976. He married GERTRUDE A. LANKENAU. She was born 1905, and died 1999.

Notes for HERBERT FRANK BRATSCH:
children: Orville, Delores, Irving

Children of HERBERT BRATSCH and GERTRUDE LANKENAU are:

- i. IRVING⁵ BRATSCH, b. 1927; d. 2002.
- ii. ORVEL H. BRATSCH, b. 1929; d. 18 Jul 2005.
- iii. DELORES F. BRATSCH, b. 1933.

Generation No. 5

15. ARDUS RUTH⁵ BOTTGE (*ALVINA THERESA HELEN⁴ LEISTIKOW, EMMA ELISABETH³ BRATSCH, JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 15 Feb 1914 in Renville, MN. She married JOHN WILLIAM WINDHORST 07 May 1939 in Renville, MN. He was born 19 Jun 1912 in Olivia, MN, and died 03 May 1977 in Minneapolis, MN.

More About JOHN WILLIAM WINDHORST:

Burial: 06 Apr 1977, Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN

Children of ARDUS BOTTGE and JOHN WINDHORST are:

- i. JOHN WILLIAM⁶ WINDHORST, JR.³, b. 06 Jul 1940, Minneapolis, MN; m. DIANA ARANDA, 15 Feb 1975; b. 15 Feb 1939.
- ii. PETER BOTTGE WINDHORST, b. 22 May 1944, Minneapolis, MN; m. GEORGIA LEE HAFNER, 12 Jun 1995, Elko, NV; b. 06 Jun 1941, Minneapolis, MN.

16. WESLEY HANS⁵ BOTTGE (*ALVINA THERESA HELEN⁴ LEISTIKOW, EMMA ELISABETH³ BRATSCH, JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 04 Jul 1911 in Renville, MN, and died 20 Oct 1975. He married RUTH G. BERGSTRAND 06 Jun 1940. She was born 29 Jan 1912, and died 19 Oct 2003.

Children of WESLEY BOTTGE and RUTH BERGSTRAND are:

- i. SANDRA RUTH⁶ BOTTGE, b. 12 Mar 1942; d. 19 Sep 1997; m. JOHN LIPKE, 04 Apr 1964; b. 01 Jan 1941.
- ii. KAREN LORRAINE BOTTGE, b. 02 Feb 1948; m. CHARLES LANDRY.
- iii. LYNN MARIE BOTTGE, b. 08 Dec 1950.

17. MARVIN FREDRICK⁵ BOTTGE (*ALVINA THERESA HELEN⁴ LEISTIKOW, EMMA ELISABETH³ BRATSCH, JOHANN ERNST ROBERT², FREDRICK¹*) was born 28 May 1908 in Renville, MN, and died 12 Oct 1983 in St. Louis Park, MN. He married ALVHILD SIMONSON 27 Jul 1937. She was born 23 Jan 1913, and died 24 Apr 2007.

Children of MARVIN BOTTGE and ALVHILD SIMONSON are:

- i. BRUCE FREDRICK⁶ BOTTGE, b. 19 Jan 1941, Renville, MN; d. 22 Jun 2010, Granite Falls, MN; m. MARJORIE BENSON, 17 Feb 1964; b. 20 Jul 1944.
- ii. BRIAN ADRIAN BOTTGE, b. 22 Oct 1947; m. (1) KAREN BENGSTON; m. (2) DONNA NORDANG, 01 Mar 1970.

Notes for KAREN BENGSTON:

likely Bengtson before immigration (e-mail from Karen)

Endnotes

1. Death Certificate, father listed as John Bratsch and mother as Ernestina (Albertina crossed out) Informant: Lydia Leistikow cause of death: Exhaustion from chronic myocardia and thrombosis of femoral veins.
2. 1900 United States Federal Census.
3. Minnesota Birth Index, 1935-2002.