PROJECT SCROLL · A FAMILY REGISTER

The Brandt Family

The descendants of August Brandt, about 1862 – 1931

Three generations, every statement marked with where it came from

SPECIMEN. The Brandts are an invented family, made to show how a Project Scroll family register reads. Every name, date and source in it is invented. The method is the one we use.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

How to read this register

A register starts with one couple and follows their descendants down, generation by generation. Every person who heads a family is given a number in bold, and keeps it.

- **The small raised number** after a first name is the generation: OTTO[2] is in the second generation.
- **The names in brackets** after a heading are the person's line back to the beginning: "(Otto[2], August[1])".
- **Children** are listed under their parents with small roman numerals: i, ii, iii.
- **A plus sign** in front of a child means that child's own family is carried forward under the number beside it.
- **"Clara ?"** means the marriage is recorded but her own surname is not. We never give a woman her husband's surname as if she were born with it.
- **Living people are not named.** A register is made to be shared, and the living are entitled to their privacy.

The marks

Every statement carries a mark saying what kind of evidence stands behind it, and a small red number pointing to the source list at the back.

DOCUMENT made at the time by someone whose job was to write it down PERIOD PRINT printed at or near the time COUNTY HISTORY the old county histories COMPILED a later compilation TRADITION a family story, as told INFERENCE a step that follows from the records READING our interpretation HYPOTHESIS an idea still to be tested

Records are weighed, not counted. A single document made at the time outweighs any number of later retellings.

GENERATION ONE

August Brandt and Wilhelmina Krause

1. AUGUST[1] BRANDT was born about 1862 INFERENCE[1], a year worked out from his age at death; no record of his birth has yet been found, so the year stays "about" until one is. He died in 1931 DOCUMENT[1]. He married **WILHELMINA KRAUSE**, who was born in 1866 DOCUMENT[2] and died in 1940 DOCUMENT[3]. Her maiden name is given in full in the baptism record of their son Otto DOCUMENT[2].

Children of August and Wilhelmina (Krause) Brandt:

+ 2 i. **OTTO[2]**, born 1890 DOCUMENT[4]; married **CLARA ?**.

ii. Emma, born 1893 DOCUMENT[5]; died 1894, aged one DOCUMENT[5].

The family says August "came over from Pomerania as a boy" TRADITION[6]. No passenger list or naturalization record has been found to test it. It is recorded here exactly as told, and listed among the open questions.

GENERATION TWO

Otto Brandt and Clara ?

2. OTTO[2] BRANDT (August[1]) was born in Ohio in 1890; the censuses of 1900, 1910 and 1920 agree on the year and the state DOCUMENT[4]. He was a cabinetmaker all his working life COUNTY HISTORY[7], and died in 1957 DOCUMENT[8]. He married **CLARA ?**, born in 1894, died in 1971 DOCUMENT[9]. Every record so far names her under her married name, which tells us nothing about her father's INFERENCE. The family says she was "a Miller from Indiana" TRADITION[6]; her death certificate, filed under Brandt, should name her father HYPOTHESIS.

Children of Otto and Clara (?) Brandt:

+ 3 i. **WALTER J.[3]**, born 3 March 1921 DOCUMENT[10]; married **RUTH E. LINDQVIST**.

ii. Margaret, born 1923 DOCUMENT[4]; married Harold Feld; died 2015 PERIOD PRINT[11].

GENERATION THREE

Walter J. Brandt and Ruth E. Lindqvist

3. WALTER J.[3] BRANDT (Otto[2], August[1]) was born on 3 March 1921 in Toledo, Ohio DOCUMENT[10]. He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1945 DOCUMENT[12] and died on 14 November 1988 DOCUMENT[13]. In 1947 he married **RUTH E. LINDQVIST** DOCUMENT[14], the daughter of Nils Lindqvist and Hanna Bergström, as the marriage record states. Ruth was born in 1924 at Ishpeming, Michigan PERIOD PRINT[15] and died in 2009 PERIOD PRINT[15].

Children of Walter J. and Ruth E. (Lindqvist) Brandt:

i. A son, living.
ii. A daughter, living.

LOOKING BACK

The ancestral monograph

The ancestors of Walter and Ruth's children, four generations. Dashed boxes are real gaps: named people whose parents could be found.

Walter J. Brandt 1921 – 1988	**Otto Brandt** 1890 – 1957	**August Brandt** about 1862 – 1931
		Wilhelmina Krause 1866 – 1940
	Clara ? 1894 – 1971	*Wanting: the father of Clara*
		Wanting: the mother of Clara
Ruth E. Lindqvist 1924 – 2009	**Nils Lindqvist** 1888 – 1960	**Per Lindqvist** 1855 – 1922
		Wanting: the mother of Nils
	Hanna Bergström 1891 – 1983	**Johan Bergström** 1859 – 1931
		Elin ? ? – 1889 ⚠

⚠ An online tree gives Elin's death as 1889, two years before her daughter Hanna was born in 1891. A mother cannot die before her child is born, so one of the two dates is wrong. The joint is flagged and left in until a record settles it.

WHAT IS STILL OPEN

Open questions, and where to look

1. **Who were Clara's parents?** Her death certificate of 1971, filed under Brandt, should name her father and perhaps her mother's maiden name. Her marriage record to Otto may name both.
2. **Was she "a Miller from Indiana"?** The family story, to be tested against the answer to question 1.
3. **When and where was August born?** A church record in Ohio, his naturalization papers if he was born abroad, or the 1900 census, which asked for the year of immigration.
4. **Did August come from Pomerania?** The same records would answer it.
5. **When did Elin die?** The Swedish parish's burial register will settle which date is wrong.

Sources

1. Death certificate of August Brandt, 1931. *Specimen.*
2. Baptism record of Otto Brandt, 1890, naming both parents. *Specimen.*
3. Death certificate of Wilhelmina Brandt, 1940. *Specimen.*
4. United States census, 1900, 1910 and 1920, the Brandt household. *Specimen.*
5. Church register: baptism and burial of Emma Brandt, 1893–1894. *Specimen.*
6. Family tradition, as told to the compiler. *Specimen.*
7. A county history of 1915, sketch of Otto Brandt. *Specimen.*
8. Death certificate of Otto Brandt, 1957. *Specimen.*
9. Marriage record of Otto Brandt and Clara, and her gravestone. *Specimen.*
10. Birth certificate of Walter J. Brandt, Toledo, 1921. *Specimen.*
11. Obituary of Margaret Feld, 2015. *Specimen.*
12. Discharge paper of Walter J. Brandt, 1945, held by the family. *Specimen.*
13. Death certificate of Walter J. Brandt, 1988. *Specimen.*
14. Marriage record of Walter J. Brandt and Ruth E. Lindqvist, 1947, naming both sets of parents. *Specimen.*
15. Obituary of Ruth E. Brandt, 2009. *Specimen.*

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