

**THE**

**HOUSE FAMILY**

**FROM DIERSHEIM, GERMANY**

**IN 1817**

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**WITH SUPPLEMENT OF**

**HENRY HOUSE**

**MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA**

We first started working on a family history in 1957. We prepared a genealogical record of the Henry House family at that time and this inspired Dad House to do the same for the George House in Hamilton County. He used the same chart method for better reference between the two.

In 1960 we hung a corner chart of the House family on the wall at the House Foundation. Many family urged us to put in writing the names of our ancestors from Germany and Indiana.

There was an old walnut bureau in a storage room (we called "behind the curtain") which was a child and it was full of letters, old checks and papers. We found a letter from a man named to an uncle who lived in a new garage at the time.

My wife, Anna Lee, started searching thru the papers and typing some of the letters. The first letter was the one by Violet (Sadley) (Yellow) dated 1899. Next we found a German letter and for the first time we had them translated into English and typed in their entirety. Many have had the same but no one had ever done it before. From that time 2-1/2 years ago we have been very busy active in this genealogy. My wife, Anna Lee, has turned diligently by my side all thru this research and I doubt that without her aid and enthusiasm I would ever have attempted such a project.

All the papers were wrapped and stored in the garage at the House Foundation and other papers were all arranged in boxes and according to dates, thanks to my wife. This project is not finished and never will be. Many questions are still unanswered. We are working on it and hope others will be inspired to work on it. We are quite willing to pass on the information to those who wish to have it and hope they will do the same for us.

Some people say that is every one's heritage of their ancestors. The same and effect is there whether they care to seek it or not. Since our discovery of the relatives in Virginia 22 months ago after a separation of 133 years many have been amazed at the similarity of the families after all these years. To think that each group is so much alike.

Perhaps I should explain who I am. I am the fourth child of Douglas House, son of Henry House of Morgan County, Indiana. I was born in 1910 and raised in the Henry House homestead 2-1/2 miles southeast of Nashville.

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## Preface

We first started working on a family history in 1957. We prepared a genealogical record of the Henry House family at that time and this inspired Tad House to do the same of the George Houses in Hamilton County. He used the same charting method for better reference between the two.

In 1968 we hung a crude chart of the House family on the wall at the House Reunion. Many of the younger members of the family urged us to put in writing the things we knew about the emigration of our ancestors from Germany and their migration later from Virginia to Indiana.

There was an old walnut bureau in a storage room (we called "behind the curtain") when I was a child and it was full of letters, old checks and papers that mice lived in for years. The bureau was moved to an upstairs room in 1929 and about four years ago we moved it to a new garage at the farm.

My wife, Anna Lee, started searching thru the papers and typing some of the letters. The first she typed was the one by Violet (Hadley) Burch in 1899. Next we found some of the German letters and for the first time we had them translated into English and typed in their entirety. Many have had the opportunity to do this but no one had ever done it before. From that time 2-1/2 years ago we have been extremely active on this genealogy. My wife, Anna Lee, has worked diligently by my side all thru this research and I doubt that without her aid and enthusiasm I would ever have attempted such a project.

All the papers that we have are now in mouse-proof containers and stored in the garage at the farm. The checks, tax receipts and other papers are all arranged in bundles and according to dates, thanks to my wife. This project is not finished and never will be. Many questions are still unanswered. We intend to continue working on it and hope others will be inspired to work on their respective sections. We are quite willing to pass on the information we have to them and hope they will do the same for us.

Some people will be extremely interested and others will say, "So what!" That is every one's privilege but they cannot escape the heritage of their ancestors. The cause and effect is there whether they care to admit it or not. Since our discovery of the relatives in Virginia 22 months ago after a separation of 133 years many have been amazed at the similarity of the families after all these years. To think that each group is so much alike.

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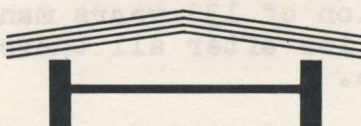
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