

New research in the church in Upstedt, Germany has found the correct name of name of Wilhelm Regenhardt's first wife - Johanne Sophie Amalie Willie

Previously, there was a conflict with her birthdate:

Trinity Lutheran Church – Cape Girardeau, Missouri, her birthdate is 2 Feb 1833

Pastor Umbeck's Notebook – Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, her birthdate is 2 July 1834

This is the entry in Pastor Umbeck's Notebook of the marriage of Christian William Regenhardt and his first wife Johanna.

This was the only info I could find about the history on Johanna, until now.

Pastor Umbeck was a Lutheran minister traveling between multiple congregations on Cape County before there was a formal Lutheran church in the county

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Christian Wilhelm Regenhard	Mason
Born 20 February 1828	F-Wilhelm Regenhard (deceased)
Ahlshausen, Amt Gandersheim, BR	M-Johanna Wressig (deceased)
Bapt.	
Ahlshausen	
Conf.	
Ahlshausen	
Married by Pastor Friedrich Wilhelm Umbeck on 1 September 1853 to	
Johanna Mohnkopf, legitimate daughter of Carl Mohnkopf (deceased)	
Charlotte Immermann	
Born 2 July 1834 at Obstädt, Amt Wohlenberg, Hannover.	
Bapt. at Obstädt; Confirmed at Schleweke. Stepdaughter of Dormeier.	
Both live in Cape.	

I (Rob Lewis) hired a Genealogy researcher in Germany who read through the records of the Lutheran Church in Upstedt. There is/was no village named Obstedt.

The results were received 20 Nov 2021.

Her baptized name is: Johanne Sophie Amalie Willie:

Upstedt, Germany Lutheran Church – her birthdate is 2 July 1834 at 11:30 pm

Baptism is on 13 July 1834

Her parents were Johann Heinrich KARL Mahnkopf and Johanne Dorothee CHARLOTTE Wille. They were not married, so she is illegitimate.

Johanna's Baptism Record:

Church records for Upstedt (book 1803-1852), baptisms 1834, page 25, entry 9

Name at christening: Johanne Sophie Amalie

Day and hour of the birth: 2 July at 11:30pm

Legitimate or Illegitimate child: illegitimate

First and last name of the father: Carl Mankopf acknowledged that he is the father

First and last name of the mother: Johanne Dorothee Charlotte Wille

Residence of the parents: Upstedt

Day of christening: 13 July

Name of the pastor who completed the baptism: CJH Rautenberg

Name of the witnesses: 1. Conrad Philipps 2. Frau Bock 2. Frau Borchers

Birth information for the father, Carl Mohnkopf (Mahnkopf):

Name index Upstedt 1776-1852

Baptized in the church Upstedt, year 1815, page 9, entry 1

Date of birth: 22 Jan 1815

Day of baptism: 29 Jan 1815

Name of the baptized: Johann Heinrich Karl

Name of the parents: Karl Heinrich Conrad Mahnkopf – field worker/farmer
And Johanne Marie Elisabeth Steinborn

(The parents were married in Gross Ilde in 1807 and the marriage was also registered in Upstedt. The couple Carl Mahnkopf and Johanne Marie Elisabeth nee Steinborn had other children as well – for example, son Heinrich Christian born on 4 October 1817. Johanne Marie Elisabeth nee Steinborn died in 1817. Her widower remarried in Schlewecke in 1818.

Johanne Dorothee CHARLOTTE Wille

Underneath the entry of her daughter's Johanne Sophie Amalie birth/baptism record, there is another entry that says Charlotte Wille's son Heinrich Conrad Ludwig Wille was born on 21 February and baptized on 5 March 1837, supposed father was Heinrich Dormeyer of Werder.

Here is his Baptism record:

Baptisms 1837, page 27, entry 2

Name at christening: Heinrich Conrad Ludwig

Day and hour of the birth: 21 February at 3am

Legitimate or Illegitimate child: illegitimate

First and last name of the father: Supposedly Heinrich Dormeyer of Werder

First and last name of the mother: Charlotte Wille

Residence of the parents: Upstedt

Day of christening: 5 March

Name of the pastor who completed the baptism: OLA Bierwerth

Name of the witnesses: 1. Domestic servant Johann Heinrich Bartels 2. Heinrich Grünens wife

Two months later on 25 April 1837, Henry and Charlotte marry:

Marriage in the church of Upstedt, 1837, page 111, entry 1

Last Name of the Groom: Dormeyer (settler on the outskirts of Werder)

First names of the groom: Heinrich Christian

Age: 24 years, 3 months

Single

Last name of the bride: Wille

First names of the bride: Johanne Dorothee Charlotte

Age: 21.5 years

Single

Day of marriage: 25 April

Henry and his family arrive in New Orleans 26 Oct 1852:

Heinrich – 40

Charlotte – 37

Johanne – 18

Heinr – 16

Wilhelmine – 13

Lina – 11

Fritz – 5

Julia – 3/4