

# KK's Kin Chronicles



Leonard Kult, Sr.

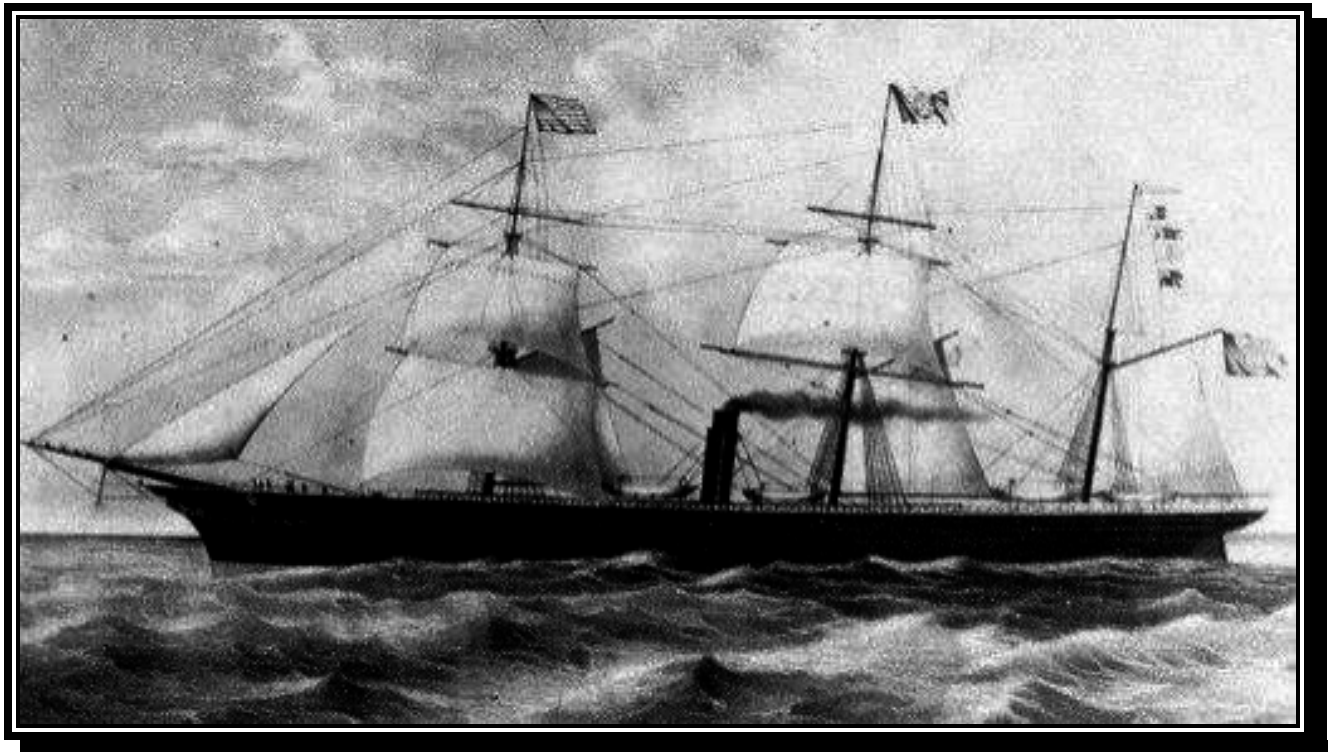
1843 - 1883



*Leonard Kult, Sr.* is my great-great-grandfather. Not much is known about Leonard Kult, but from documentation thus far, he was reported to be born in Baden-Württemberg, Germany sometime in 1843.

## ■ Coming to America

When Leonard was 23 years of age, he took the long voyage from Hamburg, Germany (with a short stop in Southampton, England) to America on the SS Saxonía in 1866.



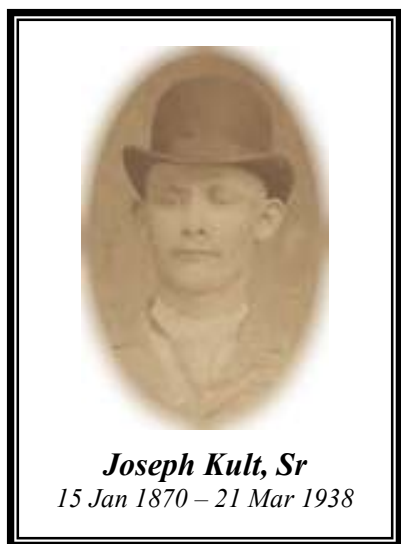
*The SS Saxonía,  
the Ship Which Brought Leonard Kult Sr.  
from Germany to America  
Arriving on 16 Apr 1866  
(source: <http://www.ende-genealogy.de/ships.htm>)*

The SS Saxonía was built by Caird & Co, Greenock in 1857 and was the first of three ships of this name owned by the Hamburg America Line. She was a 2,684 gross ton vessel, length 311.7ft x beam 42.6ft, clipper stem, one funnel, three masts (rigged for sail), iron construction, single screw and a speed of 10 knots. She was one of six sister ships, the others being Hammonia, Borussia, Austria, Bavaria, and Teutonia. There was accommodation for 60 first-class, 120 second-class and 450 third class passengers, with a crew of 80. Launched on 21 Aug 1857, she was immediately chartered to the British government to carry troops to the Indian Mutiny. On 1 Apr 1858 she sailed from Hamburg on her first voyage to Southampton and New York.

And of course, in 1866, she carried Leonard Kult from his homeland in Germany to his new home in America.

According to castlegarden.org, it was reported on the ship's manifest that Leonard (spelled Leonh.) Kult was a stone mason. An 1870 Census for Leonard in Williamsport, Pennsylvania also noted that Leonard was a stone mason.

## ■ The Making of an American Family

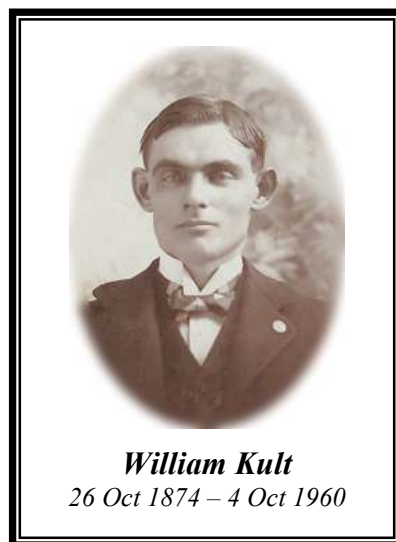


***Joseph Kult, Sr***  
*15 Jan 1870 – 21 Mar 1938*

A short time after Leonard arrived in America, he married Eva Kobus, sometime in 1866 or 1867. They had a baby girl, Mary in 1868, then a son Joseph, on 15 Jan 1870. Another son, John, was born on 22 Oct 1871. All three children were born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Sometime before their fourth child, William, was born, Leonard moved his young family to Chester, in Randolph County, Illinois. William Charles was born there on 26 Oct 1874. Sometime between 1874 and 1878, the family moved to Iowa, for on 17 Jul 1878, Leonard Jr. was reportedly born in Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa (location has not been confirmed). Then Leonard

and Eva's sixth child, Edward, was born in Lee County, Iowa on 6 Jul 1880. Unfortunately, baby Eddie died of brain fever on 8 Jul 1881 just after he turned one year old. He is buried in Embury Cemetery in Van Buren, Lee County, Iowa (confirmed by both birth and death certificates).



***William Kult***  
*26 Oct 1874 – 4 Oct 1960*



***Embury Cemetery***  
*Resting Place of Leonard and Eddie Kult*

Shortly after Eddie died, Leonard Sr. ended his ten-year battle with heart problems, and died on 27 Mar 1883 in Van Buren Township, Iowa. He was also buried in Embury Cemetery, across from the Embury United Methodist Church.

Three days after Leonard died, Eva gave birth to Leonard's last child, a daughter, who was born on 1 Apr 1883. Eva named her as her namesake, "Eva".

After Eva was born, Eva Sr. moved her family to Washington County, Illinois. She later married Mike Kucharski and had three more children: Henry, August, and Dora.



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