

Descendants of Henry (Heinrich) Propst Sr.

Generation 1

1. **HENRY (HEINRICH)¹ PROPST SR.** was born between 1736-1765. He died in 1808 in Cabarrus Co., NC. He married Catherine Abendschon, daughter of Christian Abendschon and Anna Catharina Beringer, in 1785 in Anson Co., NC. She was born in 1757 in Anson Co., NC. She died in 1845 in Cabarrus Co., NC.

Notes for Henry (Heinrich) Propst Sr.:

Dr. Henry Propst, on his way home during a severe lightning storm was killed while riding his horse.

Notes for Catherine Abendschon:

Information on Catherine Abendschon was found on FTM CD#6 tree #119.

Henry (Heinrich) Propst Sr. and Catherine Abendschon had the following children:

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 - i. **HENRY² PROPST JR.** was born on 25 Dec 1785 in Anson Co., NC. He died on 31 Jan 1863 in Cabarrus Co., NC. He married Mary Catherine Cress, daughter of Tobias Cress, on 06 Apr 1808. She was born on 04 Dec 1787. She died on 02 May 1856.
 - ii. **DANIEL PROPST** was born date Unknown.
 - iii. **MICHAEL PROPST** was born date Unknown.
 - iv. **JOHN PROPST** was born date Unknown.
 - v. **JACOB PROPST** was born on 27 Aug 1797.
 - vi. **VALENTINE PROPST** was born date Unknown.
 - vii. **MATHIAS PROPST** was born date Unknown.

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Henry Propst Jr. and Mary Catherine Cress had the following children:

- i. **PETER³ PROPST** was born on 30 Jun 1816.
 - ii. **NELSON PROPST** was born on 10 Sep 1818.
 - iii. **CATHERINE PROPST** was born on 22 Apr 1821.
 - iv. **HENRY MONROE PROPST** was born on 14 Jul 1825.
 - v. **REBECCA PROPST** was born on 08 Sep 1825.
 - vi. **ELI ALEXANDER PROPST** was born on 25 Jan 1828.
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 - vii. **CAPT. WILLIAM PROPST** was born on 17 Feb 1831. He died on 11 Aug 1919 in Cabarrus County, NC. He married Henritta Carolina Ritchie, daughter of John Ritchie and Celia Blackwelder, on 02 Jun 1855. She was born on 01 Oct 1834. She died on 03 Aug 1920.

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3. **CAPT. WILLIAM³ PROPST** (Henry² Jr., Henry (Heinrich)¹ Sr.) was born on 17 Feb 1831. He died on 11 Aug 1919 in Cabarrus County, NC. He married Henritta Carolina Ritchie, daughter of John Ritchie and Celia Blackwelder, on 02 Jun 1855. She was born on 01 Oct 1834. She died on 03 Aug 1920.

Notes for Capt. William Propst:

2nd. Lt. William Propst served in the Civil War. He enlisted on 7th. July, 1862 in Cabarrus County in Company "F" 57th. NCST. He enlisted when Company F organized in Concord in July 1862. Propst was captured at the Battle of Chancellorsville, May 4, 1863, but was exchanged in time to rejoin his regiment for the Gettysburg campaign. He was shot in the side at Gettysburg and was one of the thousands of wounded Confederates abandoned when the Army of Northern Virginia retreated at the conclusion of the battle. He was imprisoned until exchanged on May 8, 1864. He returned to duty, and was recaptured again at the Battle of Hatcher's Run, Virginia, on February 6,

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1865. He was imprisoned at Old Capitol Prison, Washington, DC., & Fort Delaware, DE. He was released on June 8, 1865, after taking the Oath of Allegiance.

Capt. William Propst and Henritta Carolina Ritchie had the following child:

4. i. MARY LUCRETIA⁴ PROPST was born on 06 Mar 1857. She died on 16 Nov 1889 in Concord, NC. She married John Richard Patterson, son of William Allen Patterson and Laura Albertine Suther, on 03 Feb 1876. He was born on 19 Jun 1851. He died on 18 Jul 1934 in Concord, NC.

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4. **MARY LUCRETIA⁴ PROPST** (Capt. William³, Henry² Jr., Henry (Heinrich)¹ Sr.) was born on 06 Mar 1857. She died on 16 Nov 1889 in Concord, NC. She married John Richard Patterson, son of William Allen Patterson and Laura Albertine Suther, on 03 Feb 1876. He was born on 19 Jun 1851. He died on 18 Jul 1934 in Concord, NC.

Notes for John Richard Patterson:

Was appointed Registrar for Ward #3 Concord precinct #12 in 1897. Buried at N35°25.367 W080°35.570

FOR MORE ON THE "PATTERSON FAMILY" PLEASE LOOK AT

<http://www.RowanCounty.info/rowanroots>

John Richard Patterson and Mary Lucretia Propst had the following children:

5. i. LOUIS ALLEN⁵ PATTERSON SR. was born on 28 Sep 1882 in Concord, NC. He died on 02 Apr 1962 in Concord, NC. He married Effie Estella Michael, daughter of Daniel Monroe Michael and Cornelia Fostine Sink, on 05 Mar 1911. She was born on 14 Oct 1889 in Lexington, NC. She died on 04 Nov 1988 in Concord, NC.
- ii. ADDIE PATTERSON was born date Unknown.

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5. **LOUIS ALLEN⁵ PATTERSON SR.** (Mary Lucretia⁴ Propst, Capt. William³ Propst, Henry² Propst Jr., Henry (Heinrich)¹ Propst Sr.) was born on 28 Sep 1882 in Concord, NC. He died on 02 Apr 1962 in Concord, NC. He married Effie Estella Michael, daughter of Daniel Monroe Michael and Cornelia Fostine Sink, on 05 Mar 1911. She was born on 14 Oct 1889 in Lexington, NC. She died on 04 Nov 1988 in Concord, NC.

Louis Allen Patterson Sr. and Effie Estella Michael had the following children:

- i. LOUIS ALLEN⁶ PATTERSON JR. was born on 24 Dec 1911 in Lexington, NC. He died on 06 Mar 1991 in Concord, NC. He married Nan Lee Justice on 23 Aug 1940 in Mooresville, NC. She was born on 23 Mar 1920 in Mooresville, NC. She died on 17 Aug 2011 in St. Andrews Assisted Living Center, Concord, NC.

Notes for Louis Allen Patterson Jr.:

Louis Patterson entered the Army in April 1943. His service was at Camp Barkley, Texas. He left service in July 1943 due to medical problems.

- ii. JOHN WILLIAM PATTERSON SR. was born on 03 Sep 1914 in Concord, NC. He died on 22 Jul 1995 in Salisbury, NC. He married Ruth Ruffy, daughter of Oliver Oscho Ruffy and Nanny Mary Lizer Lemly, on 10 Jan 1943 in Salisbury, NC. She was born on 29 Aug 1923 in Salisbury, NC. She died on 04 May 2005 in Salisbury, NC.

Notes for John William Patterson Sr.:

John Patterson was unable to serve in the military due to medical problems. He did work Wright's Automatic Machine Shop, Durham, NC. They built bomb sights for military aircraft.

Family history at:

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- iii. FRANK EARL PATTERSON SR. was born on 28 Dec 1918 in Concord, NC. He died on 28 Nov 2002 in Concord, NC. He married RUTH MANN. She was born date Unknown.

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Notes for Frank Earl Patterson Sr.:

Frank Patterson entered the Army in January 1941. Company E, 30th. Division, 119 Infantry. His unit left Boston and landed in South Hampton, England. They visited France, Belgium, Netherlands & Germany. Were in 5 major battles including the Battle of the Bulge. He left service in September 1945.

- iv. DOROTHY CORNELIA PATTERSON was born on 09 Oct 1921 in Concord, NC. She died on 05 Nov 2008 in Concord, NC. She married George Bagby Brandon Jr., son of George Bagby Brandon Sr and Lillian Suther, on 10 Jul 1943 in Houston, TX. He was born on 29 Jun 1922 in Kannapolis, NC. He died on 30 Jun 2001 in Salisbury, NC.

Notes for George Bagby Brandon Jr.:

2nd. LT. George Brandon (0-711323) entered the Army Air Corp. in March 1943. 93rd. Heavy bomb group. Squadron 330 flying B-24's for General Doolittle. Flew 11 missions and shot down on June 20, 1944. He was a navigator in B-24 # 42-95039. His unit flew to England via Labrador, Iceland and then England. They flew missions all over Europe. On a mission to bomb a synthetic oil refinery, He was shot down near Langenberg (near Poltitz) 16km north-north east of Stettin in swamps. Aircraft was hit under right wing, and went into slow roll to left. When aircraft got half way over it went into a dive. He spent time in POW camp "Stalag Luft #3 in Sagan, Poland". When Russians got to close they were moved to Moosburg, S. Germany. "Stalag 7A". He left service in September 1945. Returned back to USA at Boston.

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Stalag VII A was liberated on 29 April 1945 by Combat Command A of the [[U.S. 14th Armored Division|14th Armored Division]] after a pitched battle with a large defending force of 5,000-7,000 German troops. Foremost among the defending units was the 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division supported by a few remaining self-propelled guns and 88 mm antitank guns. Combat Command A had a total strength of 1,750 officers and men, including only a single company of armored infantrymen. The American force learned of the existence of the camp, and its approximate location only a few hours before the attack. Because so many Allied POWs were in the area, the U.S. artillery, a major factor in any attack, was ordered not to fire, and remained silent during the attack. POWs inside the wire heard the Germans open fire on the American liberators as they crossed a bridge leading into Moosburg. The American response was instantaneous. Outnumbered, but not outgunned, the men of the combat command waded into the SS troops with a ferocity and volume of weapons fire that stunned even the most veteran SS officers. Resistance was eliminated, and the camp liberated. Among the 130,000 Allied POWs liberated were 30,000 American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and even a few Marines. It was the largest single liberation of American POWs in the history of the US military. Following the war, the U.S. Army officially designated the 14th Armored Division as the "LIBERATORS" for liberating so many American and Allied POWs from German camps... Returned back to USA at Boston. His pilot was Edward J. Woodward - shot while evading German train guards. CP was Harry M. Purdy. KIA.

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Although hundreds of attempts to escape from the camp have been undertaken, Stalag Luft 3 has become world famous because of the "Great Escape" in the night from March 24-25, 1944. It involved the construction of a 336 ft (102 m) long tunnel ("Harry")- the longest ever built in Germany during World War Two. Seventy-six officers escaped. All but three were re-captured and of these, upon the order of Hitler, fifty were turned over to the Gestapo and were executed by shooting.

- v. LIVING PATTERSON. She married JAMES RUSSELL SHROPSHIRE SR.. He was born on 02 Feb 1927 in Concord, NC. He died on 21 Dec 2006 in Concord, NC.
- vi. LIVING PATTERSON. She married LIVING BIGGERS.