

Nov 15th 1942

This history of our family is
as I have it

Mary E Gossman Cockrum.

Grandparents

Henry Gossman born June 5, 1810.
died July 18, 1896.

Louisa Herman Gossman born Sept 17, 1818.
died Jan 6, 1895.

Philip Gossman was born
on Nov 24 in 1845 at Kloppen-
heim in the then Grand
Duchy of Nassau now a part
of the German Empire the
province of Hesse Nassau. His
father Henry Gossman was born
June 5 in 1810 in the above

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named Town was the younger son of Christian and — Dorn who was for many years the mayor of Kloppenheimer.

Father had two brothers. The older one Christian served in the army as adjutant clerk or as we have it here as Sargent major. The other brother Peter was a carpenter by trade. They had one sister Amelia who married Mr Philip Crui. She left two children. Henry Crui who died in Kansas city Mo. and Mrs Catherine Grassian of Indianapolis Ind.

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My Mother Catherine Louisa
Herrmann was born in 1818
Kaurod Nassau Her mothers
name was — Biuf. Mother had
two sisters and one brother the
oldest lived in Nassau her name
was Margaret. The other sister
whose name was Elizabeth was
married to the late Wm. Schweind,
who owned and occupied the farm
now owned by John Haman
They came to America about
1842 ~~or~~⁵⁵ 1843.

Our family came to America
in 1848 coming down the
Rhine river by boat to
Roterdam Holland then by

sail ship. (The French Vise) to
New Orleans La. in 47 days.

At New Orleans my uncle John
George Herrmann who had been
sick for a long time died and
was buried at that place.

From New Orleans we came to
New Albany Indiana by steam
and from New Albany to Brownstown
Ind overland via Salem Ind by
the late Henry Turmail in his
wagons

Our family consisted of
John Gossman born Dec 25th
1843. Philip born Nov 24. 1845
William born on ocean Oct 30

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1848. Louis born Mar 21 1851,
Henry born Aug 15th 1852.
+ George who died in infancy
Louisa —

Caroline born July 26 1859.
Dorothy born Feb 7. 1851.

We stayed at uncle Orm
~~Schwein's~~ for several months
then bought the old home
place (now owned by Ralph
Gosman.) at Slygo from the
Wm H Ewing Sr where I grew
to manhood.

John Christian Gosman died
Jan 25 1919.
Philip Gosman died Jan 2d
1928

William	died	June 24	1824
Louis	died	Feb. 2d	1924
Henry	died	Nov. 24	1930
Caroline	died	June 14	1940.
Dorothy	died	Dec 31	1935.
Louisa		
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Father ~~wife~~ was in the Civil War Co G 25th Ind Inf
 Infantry 3rd Brig 1st Division
 17th Army Corps.

NIEHANS

Mother's family
Niekans family

Frederick William Niekans was born Jan 16 1818 in Swarzendorf and village Wittlage Hannover Germany. He came to this country in 1840 settled first at Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. He was married the first time to Elizabeth Bultman. She was born in Germany Jan 8th 1819. After coming to this country he came into the German M.E. church through conviction and conversion followed and remained in the faith until his death.

He and his wife had each saved
\$50.00 with which they bought 160
acres of land from the government
paying one dollar an acre commenced
keeping house in the woods in
Grassy Fork Township Jackson Co
Ind. This union was blessed with
~~eight children of 10~~
daughter ^{Lucy's Grandmother} Mary Ann Strodtman is
living. This good wife and
mother died in 1859.

He married again to Anna
Strodtman in Jan 18 - 1860 a
widow with one little girl
Elizabeth Strodtman and three
step children

Mrs Kate Meng, Mrs Mary Miller and
Henry Strodtman.

Mrs Fredric Niehaus was born
in Eosen Germany Jan 31 1830.
Her marriage to Fredric Niehaus was
blessed with five children

Sarah Louise Niehaus Schmidt
Mary Rhoda ^{born Aug 21 1841} Josephine Niehaus Frackis
~~born Dec 19 1843~~

Fredrick Earl Niehaus born Aug 14 1844
George John Niehaus " Jan 16 1849

Anna Wilhelmina Niehaus Gilman
born Oct 25 1870.

Fredrick Niehaus Sr died Apr 1
1876 is buried in the city
cemetery at Seymour and his
wife Anna died Dec 26 1893 and
lies beside him

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Catherin married Charles Gocking
and moved to St Joseph Mo where
she died leaving a husband and
four children two sons and two
daughters

Catherin Elizabeth Nichols Gocking
born July 2d 1854 and died Oct 9th
1893.

Eliza Elizabeth Gocking	born Mar 31 1883
Fredrick Edward	" born Sept 26 1885
Sarah Emily	" July 31 1882
William Arthur	" June 11 1884

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Mary Ann Nichols Gossman	born 4th 1848	W. June 15, 1925
<u>children</u>		
Mary Eliza	" Jan 74 1862.	
Louisa	" May 94 1870	" Aug 30, 1871
John Louis	" Sept 13	1871
Fredric Henry	" Mar 2	1873
Kate	" Dec 26	1874
Margaret Edaline	" April 17	1877 " Nov 1892
Martha Ann	" Jan 9	1879
Charles Wm } and and Caroline } " Jan 13 1882		" Aug 30, 1882
Edward Everett	" Sept 21	1883
James	" Oct 14	1885 " Mar 26, 1887
Sarah Frances	" Oct 12	1888 " Apr 24, 1918
Mabel	" Oct 16	1891

Mother had a brother William
who died about the year 1890
Mother & Father were married Mar 4th 1868

Father wrote the history
which I have copied.
to the best of my ability
June 27th 1926.

Mrs Mary Cockman

Suckles Aunt
Philip is Father's +
Suckles Grandfather