

Carl August OSANG

Carl August OSANG was born in 1824 in the village of Bothfeld near Lutzen, in the Province of Saxony. He was the fourth child and third son of Johann Christoph OSANG.

His father, Johann Christoph, who had married Johanne Rosine DREYHAUPT in Bothfeld in 1812, was described as nachbar (resident) and Richter (Judge/Magistrate/Justice of the Peace) so that Johann Christoph was most likely someone of note in his community.

At some stage, Carl August learned the shoe and boot-making craft and he moved to Ilsenburg, then in the independent Earldom of Stolberg. At one point he had two apprentices, one most likely to be the equivalent of the English 'Journeyman'.

He first married Johanne Christiane Friederike Luise LUTZE, a local girl from Ilsenburg, and they had eight children. Only four of these children (Johann Heinrich, Minna Caroline, Carl Ludwig and Friedrich Wilhelm Ludwig) survived to adulthood.

His first wife died in 1857, and he married secondly Sophie VESTERLING, and they had two daughters. Neither daughter lived to adulthood.

Something then went seriously wrong, for by 1860 Carl August, his wife and five children were living in poverty.

Carl August died of Typhus in 1863 aged 39, leaving his widow and children still living in poverty and reliant on poor relief from the community. At his death it was reported that Carl August, once always so jovial, had become melancholic and lethargic.

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