









Family Group Sheet for John Christian Mohrstadt

Husband:	John Christian Mohrstadt	
Birth:	18 Sep 1834 in Muchlhausen, Thuringia, Germany	
Death:	23 May 1907 in St. Louis (City) Missouri	
Burial:	25 May 1907 in Hillcrest Abbey, St. Louis City, Missouri	
Marriage:	Bet. 1850–1859 in Cincinatti Ohio	
Father:		
Mother:		

Wife:	Justine Schroeder	
Birth:	18 Feb 1840 in Dantazig, Germany	
Death:	16 Jan 1914 in St. Louis (City) Missouri	
Burial:	Hillcrest Abbey, St. Louis City, Missouri	
Father:	Michael Carl Schroeder	
Mother:	Anna Schultz	

Children:			
1	Name:	Antoinette Mohrstadt	
F	Birth:	27 Mar 1861 in St. Louis (city) Missouri	
	Death:	25 Sep 1926 in St. Louis (city) Missouri	
	Burial:	28 Sep 1926 in Gatewood Gardens St. Louis (City) Missouri	
	Marriage:	05 May 1881 in St. Louis (city) Missouri	
	Spouse:	Theodore Wuthenow	
2	Name:	Emile C. Mohrstadt	
M	Birth:	27 Mar 1863 in St. Louis (city) Missouri	
	Death:	26 Nov 1929 in Dexter Missouri	
	Marriage:	22 May 1894 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois	
	Spouse:	Elizabeth Brummond	
3	Name:	Adolph C. Mohrstadt	
M	Birth:	1865 in Arkansas	
	Marriage:	15 Apr 1906 in Dexter, Stoddard	
	Spouse:	Alma M Walker	
4	Name:	Charles E. Mohrstadt	
M	Birth:	03 Feb 1868 in Tennessee	
	Death:	30 May 1923 in St. Louis (city) Missouri	
	Marriage:	Abt. 1892	
	Spouse:	Emma DaVault Powell	
5	Name:	Herman Mohrstadt	
M	Birth:	Jul 1869 in St. Louis (city) Missouri	
6	Name:	Oscar F. Mohrstadt	
M	Birth:	03 Jul 1871 in Missouri	
	Death:	05 Apr 1949 in Jefferson County Mo	
	Burial:	Saint Louis, St. Louis City, Missouri, USA	
	Spouse:	Blanche Hopkins	

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John Christian Mohrstadt

John Christian Mohrstadt was born was born in Muehlhausen, Thuringia, in 1834, and came to this country

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in 1852. Mühlhausen is a city in the federal state of Thuringia in Germany. It is the capital of the Unstrut-Hainich district and lies along the river Unstrut. Although an article at the time of his death stated the trip to this country was made with the intention of travel and pleasure, the timing lends itself to the possibility that John may have participated in the revolution of 1848 in Germany. After this revolution was lost many of the young men left Germany for America, Australia and Africa, some by choice and some to escape the law.

It is while in America he met Miss Justine Schroeder, a native of Dantzig, Germany, in Cincinnati and they were married in late 1850s. Their marriage is noted in the book titled Restored Hamilton County Marriages 1850-1859 Indexed by Jeffrey G. Herbert. John is listed as Carl.

Currently we have no record for when John and Justine move to St. Louis and are unable to find them in the census for 1860; however we do know that John served as a private in the 3rd Missouri Infantry from May 8th 1861 to August 18 1861. This regiment was organized at Turner Hall in the City of St. Louis early in the year and was mustered into the US Services. The regiment participated in the capture of Camp Jackson. It was mustered out on August 18, 1861 and John was discharged August 20, 1861. Camp Jackson was located in the area between Grand Ave and Garrison St. and Lindell Blvd. and Laclede Avenue in St. Louis and part of the camps area is now the grounds of Frost Campus of St. Louis University.

The 3rd US Reserve Corp also protected the Pacific & Southwest Branch (present Frisco) Railroads, and took up an expedition to the Southwest, via Springfield, then turning northward, to join Lyon. The Third and Fifth Regiments, under command of Colonel Sigel, met a large force of the enemy ten miles north of Carthage, and, after a spirited engagement, made a successful retreat to Springfield. From here a John and portion of the Regiment returned to St. Louis on the 25th of July to be mustered out on account of expiration of term of service.

From January 30 1862 to October 1 1862 John was in Company K 5th Missouri Cavalry. The unit was organized at St. Joseph in 1862 and saw duty in Central District of Missouri till February, 1863. The units operations included Carroll, Ray and Livingston Counties, Grand River as well as Liberty and Sibley's Landing.

From August 26 1863 to December 5th 1865 John was a Captain in 56th USC Infantry, Arkansas Volunteers, 3rd Regiment Infantry (AFRICAN DESCENT). This group was organized at St. Louis, Mo., August 12, 1863 and attached to District of Eastern Arkansas. The group was ordered to Helena, Ark, and post duty there and at Little Rock till March 1864. Expedition included from Helena up White River, and up St. Francis River. Later the designation of the regiment changed to 56th U.S. Colored Troops which was organized March 11, 1864 and attached to Department of Arkansas till September, 1866.

The regiment's service included post and garrison duty at Helena, Arkansas, till February, 1865 as well as action at Indian Bay, Muffleton Lodge, Wallace's Ferry and Big Creek.

Captain John Mohrstadt was later honored as one of the white officers whose name appears on the African American Civil War Memorial, located in Washington DC. (Plaque Number: C-68)

From the birthplaces of their children we know that the family did move several times during this period. Antoinette was born in St. Louis in March 1861. The family moved to Arkansas after March 1863 when Emile was born in St. Louis and prior to Adolph's birth in 1865. The family later moved to Tennessee where Charles was born in February 1868 however by the time of Herman's birth in July 1869, the family was again located in St. Louis Missouri. Their sixth child, Oscar, was born in St. Louis in 1871. The move to Arkansas was for his command in 3rd Arkansas Infantry where he was mustered out of the service in November 10th 1865. Currently we are unaware of why the family moved to Tennessee.

The 1870 census finds the family in St. Louis and notes that John is a Clerk in an association office and a citizen. John worked for the Anzeiger des Westens, a German Newspaper, as a bookkeeper and business manager, from 1874-1885. An interesting article from the Globe Democrat on February 14th, 1876 showed that John and his wife Justine have a sense of humor. The article was on the Grand Masquerade Ball of the singing society Arion Des Westens. It noted that John and Justine wore a suit and a dress made entirely

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from the newspaper he worked for, The Anzeiger des Westens. This ball was part of the Carnival season that was widely celebrated in St. Louis at that time.

The 1880 census finds John living at 3301 Caswell St. and he is noted as being a clerk at a printing company. From an article entitled Local Brevities from the St. Louis Post Dispatch dates May 6th, 1881, we note that marriage of his oldest daughter Antoinette to Theodore Wuthenow took place at the residence on Caswell Street. Sometime after leaving the paper in 1885 and prior to the Veterans census in 1890 John relocated to Danville in Montgomery County Missouri. According to his granddaughter, Vera Knorth, JC was the prosecuting Attorney of Montgomery County Missouri for many years.

In 1901 they returned to St. Louis and located at 3945 McRee Avenue, just a few blocks from daughter Antoinette Wuthenow and appear in that years city directory. In May of 1907 John and Justine celebrated their golden (fiftieth) wedding anniversary with a party at the home of their daughter. John received a cane trimmed in gold and both received a clock and the event was noted in the newspaper. One week later on May 23 1907 John, suffering from locomotor ataxia ,a disorder of the nervous system marked by disturbance of gait and difficulty in coordination of voluntary movements, excused himself from his wife at approximately 2 PM, saying he was going to rest, he then shot himself. The funeral took place from his home on Thursday May 23, 1907 after which he was cremated and then placed in Hillcrest Abbey in St. Louis Missouri. The notice stated he was a member of the Compton Hill Council Royal Arcanum (one of the oldest fraternal benefit societies) and AOUW Judge. A number of articles in the local papers noted his passing.

Justine lived for a few years after her husband death with son Charles's family at 4162 Shaw Avenue. However in 1910 she returned to the house on McRee Avenue, where her son Oscar had been living and stayed there for the remainder of her days. She died on Friday January 16, 1914 at 10:00 A.M. after a short illness.

It is interesting to note that 2 sons Charles and Oscar were both sheriffs of St. Louis at one time. Great-grandson John Prentiss tried to keep the Globe Democrat Newspaper publishing in the mid 80's, buying it and becoming its last Editor. However the attempt was not successful. Son Emil was appointed by Governor Lon V. Stephens as receiver of the Fifth National Bank when it failed in 1888. He later started and became president of the Bank of Dexter. He organized the Dexter Manufacturing Co., one of the largest in the community, and the first telephone co. in the area. He also did extensive farming. His wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Brummond of Chicago had her extensive musical training under Ziegfeld.

John Mohrstadt Military History

From May 8th 1861 to August 18 1861 John served as a private in the 3rd Missouri Infantry.

Regimental History

First U. S. Reserve Corps

MISSOURI

(3-MONTHS)

First U. S. Reserve Corps. -- Col., Henry Almstedt; Lieut.-Col., R. J. Rombauer; Maj., P. J. Brimmer.

It will be remembered that Gov. Jackson refused to respond to The first call for troops, and that Capt. Lyon was authorized to not only muster the quota assigned to Missouri, but was Subsequently directed to increase the enlistments to "not Exceeding 10,000 men." Under this order five regiments, known as the "Reserve corps" were mustered into service

This regiment was mustered in on May 7, 1861; took part in the capture of Camp Jackson; marched with Lyon to Jefferson City; part of it was engaged in guarding railroad property; part was in the battles of Boonville, Carthage and Wilson's creek, and

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a detachment was stationed for a while at Bird's Point.

It was mustered out on Aug. 20, 1861.

Source: The Union Army, vol. 4, p. 281

Battles Fought

Fought on 1 Jun 1861.

Fought on 18 Sep 1861 at Warrenton, MO.

From January 30 1862 to October 1 1862 John was in Company K 5th Missouri Cavalry
5th Regiment, Missouri State Militia Cavalry

Organized at St. Joseph, Mo., March and April, 1862. Attached to District of Central Missouri, Dept. of Missouri, to February, 1863.

SERVICE.-Duty in Central District of Missouri till February, 1863. Operations in Carroll, Ray and Livingston Counties July 27-August 4, 1862. Grand River August 1. Near Barry Section August 14. Iron County September 11. Liberty and Sibley's Landing October 6 (Cos. "A," "B," "D" and "K"). California House October 18. Independence February 3, 1863. (See 5th Regiment State Militia Cavalry (New) for further service.)

Lost 21 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 47 Enlisted men by disease. Total 69.

From August 26 1863 to December 5th 1865 John was a Captain in 56th USC Infantry

ARKANSAS VOLUNTEERS.

3rd REGIMENT INFANTRY (AFRICAN DESCENT).

Organized at St. Louis, Mo., August 12, 1863. Attached to District of Eastern Arkansas, Dept. Arkansas, to January, 1864. Little Rock, Ark., 7th Army Corps, Dept. Ark., to March, 1864. SERVICE.--Ordered to Helena, Ark., and Post duty there and at Little Rock till March, 1864. Expedition from Helena up White River February 4-8, 1864, and up St. Francis River February 13-14.

Designation of Regiment changed to 56th U.S. Colored Troops March 11, 1864, which see.

56th Regiment, United States Colored Infantry

Organized March 11, 1864, from 3rd Arkansas Infantry (African Descent). Attached to District of Eastern Arkansas, 7th Corps, Dept. of Arkansas, to August, 1865. Dept. of Arkansas to September, 1866.

SERVICE.--Post and garrison duty at Helena, Ark., till February, 1865. Action at Indian Bay April 13, 1864. Muffleton Lodge June 29. Operations in Arkansas July 1-31. Wallace's Ferry, Big Creek, July 26. Expedition from Helena up White River August 29-September 3. Expedition from Helena to Friar's Point, Miss., February 19-22, 1865. Duty at Helena and other points in Arkansas till September, 1866. Mustered out September 15, 1866.

Regiment lost during service 4 Officers and 21 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 2 Officers and 647 Enlisted men by disease. Total 674.

Captain John Mohrstadt is also honored by being one of the few Caucasians that has his name appearing on the African American Civil War Memorial (Plaque Number: C-68 - Located in Washington DC)

Article from St. Louis Globe Democrat

WAR VETERAN 72 YEARS OLD COMMITS SUICIDE

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JOHN C. MOHRSTADT, ILL, FIRES BULLET INTO HIS MOUTH, PENETRATES BRAIN

WAS MARRIED HALF CENTURY

CELEBRATED GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LAST WEEK-SERVED AS CAPTAIN OF THE MISSOURI CAVALRY DURING CONFLICT OF NORTH AND SOUTH.

John C. Mohrstadt, 72 years old, committed suicide yesterday afternoon about 2:00 o'clock at his home, 3945 McRee Ave, from despondency, caused by ill health. The body was found by his wife, who heard a pistol shot and rushed up to the second floor, where she found her husband lying on the floor of his room. By his side was an old type .41 colt revolver. A wound showed that he had placed the weapon in his mouth and fired a shot which ranged upward into his brain. Dr. A. W. Fleming of 928 Manchester Ave. and E. Ryan of 4904 Folsom Ave. were called, but Mr. Mohrstadt died before they arrived.

One week ago yesterday Mohrstadt and his wife celebrated the Golden Anniversary of their wedding at the home of their daughter Mrs. Theodore Wuthenow, 4339 McRee Ave. All of the member of the family, which is large, were present, and Mr. Mohrstadt seem to be in good spirits. He had been suffering for some time from locomotor ataxia, and was being treated by John H. Simon. His affliction caused him to become despondent at times and this is given as a cause for the deed. The act was carefully planned and Mr. Mohrstadt announced to his wife that he was going to his room to rest awhile. It was a few minutes later she heard the shot.

LIVED HERE 50 YEARS

The deceased has been a resident of St. Louis since 1857, with the exception of 4 years during which he served as a captain of the 5th Missouri Cavalry during the civil war. He was born in Muehlhausen, Thuringia, in 1834, and came to this country in 1852. The trip to this country was made with the intention of travel and pleasure, but he met Miss Justina Schroeder, a native of Dantzig, Germany, in Cincinnati, and the marriage followed. They came from Cincinnati to St. Louis where they have resided continually since.

Captain Mohrstadt is survived by a widow and five children, one daughter and four sons. They are Mrs. Theodore Wuthenow, 4339 McRee Ave., Emil M. of Dexter Mo.: Adolf Marianna Ark.: Charles E. 4162 Shaw Ave.: and Oscar 4508 Gibson Ave.

He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Royal Areamum. Captain Mohrstadt has not been actively engaged in business for the last 19 years. He was formerly in the publishing business before his retirement. He was well known in politics. No funeral arrangements have been made.

ARTICLE FROM THE POST DISPATCH MAY 24, 1907

KILLS SELF WEEK AFTER GOLDEN WEDDING FETE

CAPTAIN JOHN C. MOHRSTADT FIRES BULLET INTO MONTH, ENDING HIS LIFE.

Within a week after celebrating his golden wedding anniversary, Captain John C. Mohrstadt, civil war veteran, residing at 3945 McRee Ave. committed suicide. Mohrstadt, with a revolver, fired one shot through his mouth.

No cause for the suicide was given other than Mohrstadt was suffering from Locomotor Ataxia. When he suffered extreme pain he would become despondent. The tragedy occurred at his home yesterday

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afternoon the body will be cremated.

With the exception of when he served in the Civil War, Mohrstadt has resided in St. Louis since 1857. He came to this country in 1852.

For a quarter of a century Mohrstadt was the business manager for the Anzieger, a daily German newspaper. Twelve years ago he resigned and has not actively been engaged in business since.

He is survived by one daughter and four sons, Mrs. Theodore Wuthenow, Emil C. Mohrstadt of Dexter Mo., Adolf C. of Mariana Ark. and Charles and Oscar F. of St. Louis.

Funeral Notice.

John C. Mohrstadt

Mohrstadt. Suddenly on Thursday May 23, 1907 at 2:30 P.M. John C. Mohrstadt, beloved husband of Justina Mohrstadt (nee Schroeder) and our beloved father and grandfather Age 72 years 9 months.

The funeral will take place from the family residence 3945 McRee Ave. Saturday May 25 at 2:00 P.M. Incineration Private.

Decease was a member of the Compton Hill Council Royal Areamum and AOUW Judge.

Justine Schroeder

Death Notice St. Louis Globe Democrat Jan. 17, 1914

Mohrstadt- Entered into rest Friday January 16, 1914 at 10:00 A.M. after a short illness, Justine Mohrstadt, relict of the late John C. Mohrstadt. Beloved mother of Mrs. Antoinette Wuthenow (nee Mohrstadt), Emiel C. of Dexter MO, Adolph C. of Marianna AK, Charles E. and Oscar F. Mohrstadt of St. Louis MO and our dear mother, Grandmother and great grand mother and mother - in - law in her 73rd year.

Funeral services at late residence 3945 McRee Ave. Sunday at 2:30 P.M. thence to Missouri Crematory.

Missouri Crematory is know as Hill Crest Abbey and is Located at 3211 Sublette Ave established 1897

Antoinette Mohrstadt

Antoinette Mohrstadt was born March 27, 1861, the first Child and only daughter to John C. and Justinea (Schroder) Mohrstadt. This was the beginning of the Civil War. Her father was in the union army and was away through much of the war. However after the conclusion her father stayed in the military and the family moved to be with him at his assignment in Arkansas in 1865 and Tennessee in 1867 (This is documented by the birthplace of her younger brother as noted in later censuses. However the family returned to live in St. Louis by 1869 when Herman was born. The family were considered to be well off and educated with her

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father holding a prominent job as the business manager of a major newspaper the Anzeiger des Westens. She was raised in a home on Caswell Street in St. Louis, at present I am unable to find a Caswell Street in St. Louis so we can assume its name has been changed. We know that she went to school through the time that she was 19 so she was well educated.

On the night of May 5th, 1881 she married Theodore Wuthenow in the parlor of her parent's home in front of a number of guest and family. This event was noted in the May 6th edition of the St. Louis Post Dispatch. Theodore and Antoinette made their home in the room behind his grocery store on Manchester till they moved into the house on McRee. She had eight children including twin boys, of which only four lived to adulthood. Olga, Anna. Antionette and Aurthur. Theodore dies in 1913 and we know that in 1920 she was living with daughter Anna and her husband Daniel on Kensington Place.

She dies on September 25 1926 and the funeral was held at the Mullen Funeral Home. The minister from Cote Brilliant Presbyterian Church delivering the sermon. She was buried at New Picker Cemetery now called Gatesworth Garden and owned by the city. During the 1990 when a disreputable company was running the cemetery, many burials were disinterred to make room for new. Whether her stone is still there is not known at this time.