

## ARLT FAMILY HISTORY

The old European records were researched in Europe by an old Tiffany and Co. friend of Alva Nelson including the coat of arms. Mr. Alva Nelson of West Crescent Ave., Allendale, New Jersey presented the coat of arms one Christmas about 1930 and verbally told us from his notes of the family history. He informed us that he would assemble his notes and give us a typed copy as soon as he could. In the mean time Mr. Nelson suddenly died and Mrs. Nelson nor the Fred Hoerschgen family with whom he lived could never produce the notes nor advise us of the identity of the researcher.

The first records were found in Austria about 300 years ago.

Count Ferdinand Von Arlt of Vienna, Austria, 1812- 1887 was a distinguished Ophthalmologist and Professor of diseases of the eye in Vienna and was knighted for his outstanding work. He was a direct descendant. Other male members of the family were doctors, ministers, lawyers, Judge, and farmers and symbols ofn these are shown on the coat of arms which was registered in Vienna, Austria.. Researchers could find no one for the crossed candles.

Our branch of the Von Arlt family migrated to France and lived there a number of years. While there one of the male children was kidnaped by Gypsies and could never be located.

Soon after the family moved to Breslau in North Eastern Germany, and the prefix Von was dropped.

### MY IMMEDIATE BRANCH OF THE FAMILY

#### MY GRANDPARENTS

Frederick William Arlt was born in a small suburb of Breslau, Germany November 6th, 1836. He was apprentized for the profession of tool maker. and travelled as such as a journeyman and the established his own business as tool maker and manufacturer of scales and weights in Breslau. He died in Garfield, New Jersey April 1st, 1890 from Peritonitis resulting from an operation for strangulated Hernia and was buried in the Old Lodi Cemetery.

Augusta Wohl Arlt was born in Festenberg, Silesia, near Breslau, Germany on November 28th, 1830. She later lived with my parents and died August 12th, 1916 at Allendale, New Jersey. Death was caused by liver trouble brought on by a long confinement from Rheumatism.

#### CHILDREN

William Henry Arlt was born in Breslau, Germany August 19th, 1868. He died in Hackensack, New Jersey April 15th, 1952. He was an artist and textile designer. His wife was Laura Burritt Arlt who died March 26th, 1944. Their children were:- Arthur Arlt, Irwin Arlt and Elizabeth Arlt Whittaker.

Max Paul Henry Arlt (my father) was born in Breslau, Germany, November 3rd, 1869. The children were Raymond Paul Arlt, Ernest William Arlt, Augusta Arlt Wagner, Gertrude Arlt Fox, and Blanch A. Arlt Gee.

The family left Germany early in 1882 and went to London, England and on March 24th, 1882 left London on the S.S. Egyptian Monarch for New York. The voyage was stormy and took 21 days to reach New York. Passengers were kept below deck most of the trip. After 4 or 5 days food rations were cut to one half and after 10 days to one third. The captain tried to get relief from other vessels but was unsuccessful due to the storm. All passengers were sick. Water was rationed to one pint per passenger per day. After 15 days the water supply was exhausted and the passengers had to drink boiled sea water.

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The family stayed in New York City one week and then moved to Passaic, New Jersey where Frederick William Arlt obtained work. Max P. Arlt got a job working 10 hours per day for \$1.80 per week, which was raised to \$2.00. After one year he got a job in the Waterhouse Wollen Mill at \$3.00 per week. In 1886 the family moved to the Brand Farm which is now in Plauderville, New Jersey and Max P. Arlt ran a milk route in Passaic. He studied evenings and then went to Coleman Business College in Newark, New Jersey and graduated May 2nd, 1890 with a degree of Master of Accounts. While studying in Newark he lived in Summit, New Jersey and on April 11th, 1889 fire destroyed 7 large business buildings and a number of smaller ones. He worked for 2 days and nights carrying furniture from houses as the fire spread. He spent 2 summers as hotel clerk at the Flume Cottage in the Adirandack Mountains.

In January 1890 he joined the Central Presbyterian Church in Summit. He had also studied short hand at the Coleman Business College as he wanted to be a law reporter but never succeeded in obtaining such a job. He worked short periods in Newark and New York.

In 1890 he came to Garfield, New Jersey to live and joined the Garfield Presbyterian Church where he was active in Christian Endeavor and other church work. He organized the Garfield Social Club and was elected its President. He was also active for a number of years in the Good Templars and was Grand Marshall of the Hope of Garfield Lodge. On January 20th, 1892 he became an honorary member of Knickerbocker Conservatory of Music in New York. All during this period he studied law at night in New York Law School.

In November 1892 he took a position with the chemical firm of Charles Cooper & Co. of Newark in their New York office. In 1898 he went with the Farbenfabriken von Klerfeld Co., a German chemical firm starting business in New York. The name of this firm was later changed to the Bayer Co. He held an executive position with this concern until this country went to war with Germany in 1915 when he resigned and began private legal practice.

In 1915 he organized the American Pharmaceutical Co. with a factory in Paterson, New Jersey and office in New York and later sold out to give full time to the practice of law in New York and New Jersey. He had been admitted to practice in the U.S. Courts.

On November 2nd, 1893 he married Catherine Jane Stagg of Garfield New Jersey. It was the first wedding in the Garfield Presbyterian Church. Catherine Jane Stagg was born July 26th, 1869 at Lodi, New Jersey. Her father was John Jacob Stagg, born February 14th, 1836 and died February 21st, 1883. He was buried in the Old Lodi Cemetery. Her mother was Ellen Terhune Stagg who was born \_\_\_\_\_ and died \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and is buried in the Old Lodi Cemetery. The family lived in Lodi where Catherine Jane went to school. After graduating the family moved to Passaic, New Jersey where she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Passaic. In 1890 the family moved to Garfield, and she became active in the Garfield Presbyterian Church where the young people became acquainted.

The Stagg family ancestry dates back to Captain Thomas Stagg who brought the first ship load of settlers from England to Staten Island, New York. John Jacob Stagg fought in the Civil War with a troop from Passaic, New Jersey.

The following children were born to Max and Catherine Arlt:-

- (1) Raymond Paul Arlt, July 4th, 1894 at East 42nd Street, New York City.
- (2) Ernest William Arlt, October 30th, 1895, Arlington, New Jersey.
- (3) Augusta Arlt Wagner, December 24th, 1896, E. 86th Street, New York City.
- (4) Gertrude Arlt Fox, September 8th, 1907, Clifton, New Jersey.
- (5) Blanche A. Arlt Gee, May 5th, 1909, Clifton, New Jersey.

Max and Catherine Arlt established their first home in East 42nd Street, New York City. In 1895 they moved to Arlington, New Jersey but in 1896 moved back to 55 East 106th Street, New York City. In 1903 they moved to 155 East Clifton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey. While here he organized Fire Co. No. 3.

In August 1910 he purchased a farm of approximately 200 acres and moved the family to East Crescent Avenue, Allendale, New Jersey. He continued his legal business in New York City and Paterson, New Jersey as well as manage the farm. He served as a town councilman and justice of the peace and during his term of office heard more than 800 cases. He was appointed Special Judge to hear many cases during the Prohibition Era for the State Police. He passed away at Greystone after a lingering illness on May 6th, 1952 at the age of 82 years and was buried in the Lodi Cemetery. Catherine Jane Arlt passed away at a Trenton, New Jersey hospital while undergoing surgery for a Strangulated Hernia on December 29th, 1953 and is buried in the Lodi Cemetery.

**RAYMOND PAUL ARLT**

Born July 4th, 1894 at East 42nd Street, New York City. He attended school in New York City and then at Clifton, New Jersey P.S. #3 from which he graduated in 1910. While at school he was one of the boys selected to help the volunteer fire department during the day time when occasion required. He was made Chief of the Junior Division of the the fire department.

He attended Passaic, New Jersey High School in 1911.

After moving to Allendale, New Jersey he attended and graduated from the Ridgewood High School in 1914. He attended Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, New Jersey 1915; 1916; 1917. On September 19th, 1917 he entered the military service and was assigned to Battery C, 308th Field Artillery, 153rd Brigade, 78th Division at Camp Dix New Jersey. He served in France for approximately one year as a Sergeant and took part in the following engagements;-Toul Sector defensive, St. Mihiel offensive, Seuppe-Moselle offensive, Meuse Argonne offensive, Grand Pre offensive and Verdun offensive. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army May 26th, 1919.

He was Secretary and a member of the Luthern Church of the Redeemer of Ramsey, New Jersey where he met his wife to be, Felicitas Marie Weiss of Ramsey, New Jersey, daughter of Charles William Weiss and Babetta Fey Weiss, She had one brother, William Charles Weiss and one sister, Lillian Weiss.

He obtained a position as draftsman of electric circuits with the Western Electric Co. from September 5th, 1919 to January 24th, 1920. He then took a position as Maintenance and Equipment Engineer with the McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co. of Paterson, New Jersey from January 26th, 1920 to March 17th, 1923 when the concern went bankrupt.



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He then worked for E.G. Woolfolk & Co. of New York City as Heating and Ventilating Engineer from March 19th, 1923 to June 6th, 1923 when he took a position in the Plant Construction Division of the Western Electric Co. of New York City as Engineer in charge of piping trades. As he was then requested to travel widely for the company he resigned and on January 8th, 1926 joined the New York Fire Insurance Exchange, later known as the New York Fire Insurance Rating Organization and still later as the Insurance Services Office as an Engineer-Inspector. In 1939 he was made Technical Consultant and Underwriter and in 1947 was made Assistant Superintendent of the Inspection-Engineering Department where he functioned until his retirement July 1st, 1959.

When living in Allendale, New Jersey he was appointed Building Inspector and Superintendent of Building Construction on January 1st, 1925 and served in that capacity until 1939 when he moved from Allendale. He served on the Election Board 1925-1931, Borough Clerk 1931, Board of Health 1930-1931, Improvement Assessment Commission 1929-1931, Chairman of the Building Code Committee 1938-1939 and Director of the Allendale Building and Loan Association 1934-1939.

He and Felicitas Marie Weiss were married September 25th, 1920 at the Luthern Church of the Redeemer, Ramsey, New Jersey and rented their first home on West Crescent Avenue, Allendale and built their own home on East Crescent Avenue, Allendale on a plot of land of the old Arlt farm, in 1922.

The following children were born:-

Raymond William Arlt, January 29th, 1924 at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern, New York

Phyllis Lillian Arlt White, June 30th, 1926 at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern, New York.

In 1939 he designed and had their new home built on Palmer Court, Ridgewood, New Jersey and moved there in September, 1939. After the children were married they moved into another new home at 156 Bellair Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey in 1951.

The family travelled extensively when opportunity provided to Canada, Alaska, Hawaiian Islands, South America, Cuba, Caribbean Islands, Mexico, Twice to Europe as well as all corners of our own country.

Raymond Paul Arlt retired from business July 1st, 1959 and after a 3 months European vacation came to Santa Barbara, California in September 1959 where they rented an apartment at 212 Natoma Avenue. Their reason for coming was that both children lived in California with their families. March 1961 they purchased a home at 2750 Cuesta Road, Santa Barbara.

Raymond Paul Arlt joined the Retired Professional and Business Mens Club, later known as the Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara in March, 1963, and served on several committees.

On April 18th, 1963 Felicitas Marie Arlt was stricken with a heart attack and taken to Cottage Hospital and on April 28th, 1963 she passed away. She was buried in the Santa Barbara Cemetery.

Raymond Paul Arlt became a Director of the Samarkand District Improvement Association on April 22nd, 1964 and was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Streets, Sidewalks and Signs. April 22nd, 1965 he was elected its Vice President.

January 14th, 1966 he was appointed to the 1966 Santa

Barbara County Grand Jury where he served one year.  
February 1st, 1966 he was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the  
Allied Protective and Improvement Association  
February 8th, 1968 he joined Sunset Barracks #901, Veterans of  
World War I of the U.S.A., Inc. and during 1973-1974 served as  
Commander.