

# CHAPTER 3

## Holzbunge, Schleswig Holstein

Hamburg airport is a bit northwest of the city and about 190 miles south of Copenhagen.. We rented a car at the airport and headed north about 55 miles to Kiel. where we found a hotel and had dinner. As we were getting ready for bed, I remember asking Dad what time he wanted to get up in the morning and head for Holzbunge. His reply was "You can't get up too early for me!"



We had breakfast and were on our way by 7:30 the morning of Wednesday the 18th of August. We took N76 to the northwest and then a local road southeast through Gross-Wittensee and along the shore of the Wittensee to Holzbunge.

When we reached the edge of the village and saw the sign "HOLZBUNGE" I stopped and asked Dad to stand next to the sign while I took his picture. Then I gave him the camera and asked him to take my picture. I said, "If we don't find any Hintzes here, we can at least, prove we have been here."



Dad approaching the Holzbunge sign for picture taking.

While we were taking each others pictures a rather sizable Holstein (*I presume*) Bull, in the adjacent pasture, approached us indicating we hadn't asked his permission to be there.



This Bull didn't approve of our picture taking next to his pasture.

Before we returned to the car a man driving a tractor and pulling a wagon, with two young boys on it, came up the road. Dad waved him down and told the man on the tractor, in English, that his Grandfather came from Holzbunge,. The man said, "Nix forshtay."