

We sat down without delay and were served with salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetables. Dad and I were again puzzled with such a meal at 9:30 am. We didn't complain because it was good and we hadn't had a large breakfast in Kiel.

Our interpreter, Klaus, filled us in on all the relatives and the Pastor of the Church who were attending the celebration. We learned that the Pastor had invited us to visit the Churchyard and take pictures of some of the Hinz gravestones. Also, a 94 year old, Uncle Peter, (*that was a popular name for the Holzbunge Hinzses*) extended an invitation to visit his home in the neighboring town of Rendsburg to see his branch of our Family Tree.



Dad with Peter's daughter, Anna Lana, grand daughter Astrid, Klaus and his father, Peter Hinz.



The Wittensee as viewed from in back of Peter Hinz's house. It is also visible behind Klaus's head in the family photo above.

We then proceeded to the town of Rendsburg to visit 94 year old Uncle Peter and see what his Family Tree had to offer. If you look at the map, on page 12, you can find Rendsburg to the west and a bit south of Holzbunge. The "my age" Peter left us to go to the field and combine grain. He left us in the hands of Klaus to show us the way.



Klaus pointed out the Holzbunge School-house, so we stopped to snap this picture. The yellow car is the Ford we rented in Hamburg.



L to R: Klaus, Dad, Uncle Peter, Mimi & Erica Dubner, Ilse & Bukhard Tesche. Mimi & Erica are Uncle Peter's daughters. Ilse is his Great Grand Daughter and Bukhard his Great Grandson.

FAMILY TREE

NAME	BORN	AT	DIED
Johan	?/?/1723	Mechlenburg E, Ger.	?
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Peter	9/18/1830	Holzbunge	2/4/1912
Edward	8/10/1858	Northfield IL	5/1/1938
Cyrus	3/25/1895	Chicago IL	10/25/1975
Donald	6/29/21	Griswold IO	Not yet
James	9/16/50	Northbrook IL	Not yet

In 1971 East Germany was still behind the Berlin Wall so we were unable to go there to track down anything before 1723.

When we returned to Holzbunge we visited the church to see what else we could find out about our ancestors. The minister was there to show us the inside of the church and the cemetery in the churchyard. We didn't find out anything more about the family in the church records, I did take a couple pictures of the gravestones of "my