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Welcome to our genealogy pages. This Help page will give you a short overview of how to get around and get the most out of our site. It will hopefully give you the basic navigation tools needed to make your visit both enjoyable and informative without much difficulty. Please keep in mind that this section is in no way a complete how-to guide, and you may have to be a registered user and logged in (use  Login link above left) to see/use some of these features. Also, if you find any errors or want to make suggestions, you can learn how (see [Editing/Correcting](#) below).


Many of us use one genealogical program or another, and nearly all of them have a very graphical look to them. You can see your family group sheets, display charts, etc. This website is much the same, except that, instead of it being on your computer, it is on the internet. This walk-through will introduce you to the primary functions of the site. The bold, brown links embedded on this page will open a second window (or tab); you can follow these steps in the new window/tab while referencing the steps here. In either case, the following link opens a **new window (or tab)** to our **[Home Page](#)**. Features of that page can be seen and the window/tab can also be used to explore the features discussed below.


Getting around the site:


On the home page you will see links to the various sections of the site, links to ancestors and relatives, and a Search box on the left side of the page.


To begin, click on any link and you will notice that every page (like this one) contains a set of four icons directly under the page header. The function of each icon link is quite straightforward:

 Home - Takes you to the front page of the website.


 Search - Takes you to the Advanced Search screen (see below).

 Print - Prints the page you are on to your printer without all the menu items. Usually located in upper right corner of the page.

 Logout/Login - Logout of your session or Log back in.

Some pages also have the  Add Bookmark icon. This lets you keep a list of your favorite pages on this site.

On the right hand side of the header, you will see three drop down menus: **Find - Media - Info**. These can be used to quickly access any area of the site. If you hover the mouse (not click) you will see **drop-down menus** that give you numerous options to help navigate this site.

Using your browser Back and Forward function will aide in navigating the site. When lost, got to  Home. Sometime opening a new choice in a NEW TAB or NEW WINDOW may also aide in navigation and being able to get back where you started.

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The Individual Record:

In the search box (left side of home page), put "Graese" (without the quotes) in for the Last Name and "August" (without the quotes) in for First Name and press <Search>. Search is not case sensitive. Searches can be on partial names also.

This will give you a list of the results that were found to match. On this list, click on the name of the August whose Person ID is "I33" (Born 23 Oct 1859, Behlkow, Kreis Greifenberg, Pommern, Germany). You are now at his **Individual Page**, the header of which you see below.



Graese, Ferdinand Friederich August

♂ 1859 - 1942 (82 years) Has 6 ancestors and more than 100 descendants in this family tree.

Individual	Ancestors	Descendants	Relationship	Timeline	Family	Suggest
Personal Information	Media	Sources	Event Map	All	PDF	

Take a few minutes to orient yourself with the layout. This is the "core" display of the genealogy pages. The standard view shows all of the most pertinent 'Personal Information'; the other views listed in the blue bar limit information to a specific category. Note that the personal information is divided into three sections -- the **Individual** selected, his/her **Parents**, and his/her **Spouse and Children** (if any).

Scroll down the page to find Parents and Spouse/Partner sections of the page, if you click the mouse pointer on the person's parent's or spouse's name you go to a new window viewing that person's page.

Father	Graese, Wilhelm Frederich August, b. 17 Sep 1833, Behlkow, Kreis Greifenberg, Pommern, Germany ♂d. 4 Jun 1895, Sun Prairie Township, McCook County, South Dakota ♀ (Age 61 years)	
Mother	Kroening, Wilhelmine Louise Christine, b. 6 Feb 1837, Behlkow, Kreis Greifenberg, Pommern, Germany ♂d. 6 May 1881, Kirchhayn, Washington County, Wisconsin ♀ (Age 44 years)	
Family	Koepsell, Augusta Ernestine Amalia, b. 7 Sep 1866, Kirchhayn, Washington County, Wisconsin ♂d. 11 Jan 1958, Hubert Carson farm, Madison, Lake County, South Dakota ♀ (Age 91 years)	
Marriage	24 Nov 1886	Canova, Miner County, South Dakota ♀ [3, 5]

Children are listed in the Spouse/Partner section and can indicate if the person has children. If you click the mouse pointer on the child's name you get a new window viewing that child's page:

Children	1. Graese, Lydia Marie Wilhelmine, b. 25 Nov 1887, Pearl Township, McCook County, South Dakota d. 20 Jul 1981, Prairie Good Samaritan Center, Miller, Hand County, South Dakota ♀ (Age 93 years)
	2. Graese, Richard Friedrich Wilhelm, b. 6 Feb 1890, Pearl Township, McCook County, South Dakota d. 9 Feb 1918, Lake County, South Dakota ♀ (Age 28 years)
	3. Graese, Sarah Albertine Wilh'ne, b. 29 Jul 1892, Pearl Township, McCook County, South Dakota d. 6 Jan 1894 (Age 1 year)
	4. Graese, Mathilda Augusta Hulda, b. 7 Aug 1894, Pearl Township, McCook County, South Dakota d. 20 Jun 1985, Alexandria, Douglas County, Minnesota ♀ (Age 90 years)
	5. Graese, Wilhelm Friedrich Emil, b. 5 Sep 1896, Pearl Township, McCook County, South Dakota d. 28 Dec 1971, Spokane, Spokane County, Washington ♀ (Age 75 years)

An **Event Map** may be visible; click on '**Click to Display**' to display it if not. This shows the location of the main events in the life of the individual.

Event Map

1 Birth - 23 Oct 1859 - Behlkow, Kreis Greifenberg, Pommern, Germany

1 Baptism - 23 Oct 1859 - Behlkow, Kreis Greifenberg, Pommern, Germany

2 Immigration Witness - 17 May 1867 - Jackson Township, Washington County, Wisconsin

2 Residence Witness - 7 Jul 1870 - Jackson Township, Washington County, Wisconsin

3 Residence - 1882 - Pearl Township, McCook County, South Dakota

Link to Google Earth

- Click on the **Event Number pin** to open the map in a new window. If you are using Google, you can right click and open in a new tab rather than a new window. On the map in the separate window, you can get driving directions to or from this location.
- Click on the **Google Earth icon** to view using the Google Earth desktop application once you have downloaded and installed the application on your desktop.
- Use the + (plus) to **zoom in** on the map and the - (minus) to **zoom out**. If the Google Map server returns a message that no map is available at that zoom level, then you must zoom out in order to get the map to display.
- You can also click the **Satellite** button to view the map as a satellite picture with names.
- Click the **pin number on the map** to get the description, date, and location of the event.

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Now let's look at the tabs next to the "Individual" tab:

Individual

Ancestors

Descendants

Relationship

Timeline

Family

Suggest

NOTE: On the Individual, Ancestors and Descendants pages you have the option to adjust the style of chart – **Standard, Compact, Vertical, Text, Register, or Tables**

1) Click on "**Family**" and you will find a dynamic chart. Another option is to view a Group Sheet. Clicking on any of the names on the chart will take you to the individual sheet for that person. Notice that there are little arrows pointing down beneath many of the boxes. You can click on a name in that sheet to take you to their family sheet.

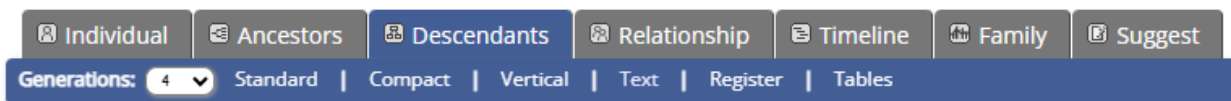
2) Click on "**Ancestors**" and you will find another dynamic chart. The default view is **Standard** (4 generations). Clicking on any of the names on the chart will take you to the individual sheet for that person.

Notice that there are little arrows ▼ pointing down beneath many of the boxes. If you hover your mouse over the arrow (not click!) a drop-down list for that person will open. You can click on a name in that sheet to take you to their individual sheet. Clicking on any ► icon will show the next generation above (ancestors); clicking on the ◄ icon will show the ancestry starting from the next generation below. Wherever you see the pedigree icon ≡, you can click to show the ancestry from that individual. Also note that in the brown bar just above the chart, you can specify **the number of generations** you want to display (beware that the page will get increasingly wider and longer, requiring more scrolling, as you increase the number of generations).

In the blue bar there are a number of other Ancestor chart views available by clicking on **Vertical**, **Compact**, **Box**, **Text**, **Ahnentafel**, **Fan Chart**, or **Media**. The **Ahnentafel** displays both lines of parentage for any individual -- and lists that person's grand-parents, great-grandparents, and so on -- as far back as is known, based on the number of generations selected for the display. The 📷 icon that may be shown alongside a name in the Media display means that at least one photo, history, or other media item exists for that individual. The Ahnentafel chart (also known as an ascendants table - See [Wikipedia article on Ahnentafel](#) for details.) lists all the generations in tabular form, complete with all children and birth, marriage, death, and burial details if known. Try clicking on each of the Ancestor display options to see what they offer.

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3) The "**Descendants**" tab gives you a listing of all descendants of this individual.



(👤 = Descendancy chart to this point, ☐ = Expand, ☐ = Collapse)

[Expand all](#) | [Collapse all](#)

- 1 [Graese, Ferdinand Friederich August](#) ^[1] b. 23 Oct 1859 d. 4 Jun 1942
 - ☐ [Koepsell, Augusta Ernestine Amalia](#) b. 7 Sep 1866 d. 11 Jan 1958
- 2 [Graese, Lydia Marie Wilhelmine](#) ^[1.1] 👤 b. 25 Nov 1887 d. 20 Jul 1981
 - ☐ [Matter, Ferdinard Fredrich Martin](#) b. 16 Jun 1882 d. 6 Apr 1926
 - 3 [Matter](#) ^[1.1.1] 👤 b. 1916 d. 1916
 - 3 [Matter, Reuben Martin](#) ^[1.1.2] 👤 b. 17 May 1921 d. 3 Dec 2018
 - ☐ [Gross, Ruby Christine](#) b. 12 Jul 1916 d. 3 Dec 2013
 - 4 [Living](#) ^[1.1.2.1] 👤
 - 4 [Living](#) ^[1.1.2.2] 👤 [=>]
 - 3 [Matter, Benjamin Ferdinand](#) ^[1.1.3] 👤 b. 6 Jan 1926 d. 16 Dec 2022
 - ☐ [Fenhaus, Ethel Lillian](#) b. 22 Jun 1925 d. 19 Aug 2003
 - 4 [Living](#) ^[1.1.3.1] 👤

The "**Text**" view list, also known as a "**descendant drop chart**." Notice that in many places there is a little white box with a minus sign in it. Click this box and that branch of this tree will collapse to this position. Try it! Also, once the descendants are displayed in this text format, you can show a graphic view (with photos) of a specific branch of descendants from that ancestor by clicking the descendant icon  next to the descendant whose chart you wish to display. This chart includes the siblings of each ancestor. Thus, the younger the individual, the greater the number of generations in the chart; and the greater the number of siblings in a family, the wider the chart becomes.

Try clicking on the other types of Descendant charts, listed on the blue bar: **Standard** - a traditional "tree" with photos (where available), **Compact** - without photos, and **Register** - a list of generations in tabular form, similar to Ahnentafel.

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4) The "**Relationships**" tab allows you to generate a box chart to show the relationship between this individual and any other person in your tree.

Relationship Calculator

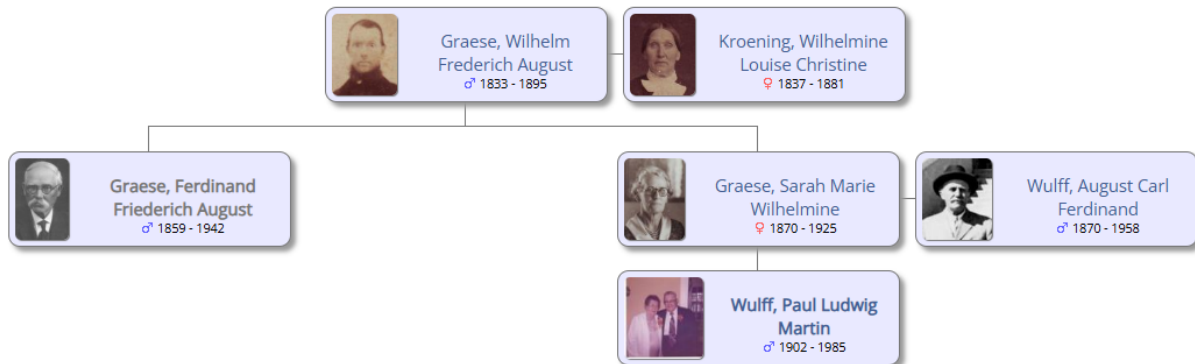
To display the relationship between two people, use the 'Find' buttons below to locate the individuals (or keep the people displayed), then click 'Calculate'.

Person 1:	Graese, Ferdinand Friederich August (b. 23 Oct 1859) - I33	Maximum relationships to show:	1 ▾
Change to (enter the ID):	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Find..."/>	Show relationships involving a spouse:	Yes ▾
Person 2:		Maximum generations to check:	15 ▾
Change to (enter the ID):	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Find..."/>		
<input type="button" value="Calculate"/> Search for other connections			

Just click on the "**Find**" button under "**Person 2**" and search for " Paul Wulff" (remember, last name on top). Select 'Paul Ludwig Martin Wulff' (ID-I11024) and click "**Calculate**"

Relationship to Wulff, Paul Ludwig Martin

Drag or scroll to see more of the chart. | [Search for other connections](#) | [Simple relationship search](#)



Graese, Ferdinand Friederich August is the uncle of Wulff, Paul Ludwig Martin

It is also possible to display the relationship of a default person to the one whose details are being displayed. The initial Default Person is assigned by the administrator for the Relationship Display which (when active) is located below the name/date on a person's page. If you are a registered member, just log in and then you will be assigned as the Default Person.

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5) The "**Timeline**" tab allows you to view a list of important (and some not-so-important) events that occurred during a person's lifetime. Hovering over the timeline with your cursor will reveal that individual's personal events (birth, marriage, births of children, death).

Timelines for up to four other people can be added to the page to show the timeline relationship between this person and the others.

You can also populate a timeline by finding any 2-4 individuals manually and thereby compare them across the ages. This gives you a unique perspective to see what was going on in the world during the lives of our ancestors.

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6) The "**Suggest**" tab allows you to suggest any changes or additions and then automatically sends the information to us, so that we can evaluate your suggestion and add it to the database. The identity of the individual you are referencing is automatically attached to the message when you make a suggestion using the Suggestion tab.

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Search and Find


Where the people are ... There are three primary ways to get to the records of an individual:

- Clicking on "**Surnames**" - this will give you the master listing of surnames in the database and allow you to drill-down by surname, which will give you a list of people to choose from. Click on "show all surnames" to get an alphabetical listing of all surnames in the database.
- **Searching** for a name in the database. If you know who you are looking for, then you are already halfway there! Just use the **Search box** on the left side of the home page (First Name on top!), and you will be shown all the records in the database that match your request.



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FIRST NAME: LAST NAME: ID:

- If you need to be more specific in who or what you are looking for, use the "**Advanced Search**" feature on the home page or by clicking on the **search icon**  in the upper left hand corner of every page. There, you can specify several different criteria to search against, including birth and death information as well as spousal information. You can even search by event or place.
- **Married Name:** To search for a woman when you know only her married name, either
(a) use the "**Spouse's Last Name**" field with Gender set as 'Female', which will give you a list of all women married to men with the family name stated, or
(b) if you also know her first name, click on the "**Search Families**" link and then you will be able to enter both the husband/partner's name and her first name.

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Editing/Correcting

As described above, the "**Suggest**" tab allows you to suggest any changes or additions (corrections, updates, comments), or any other information about a specific individual or family record; it then automatically sends the information to us. We will evaluate your suggestion and add it to the database if appropriate. The identity of the individual or family you are referencing is automatically attached to the message when you make send us such a suggestion.

As the master copy of our database is maintained 'offline' we do not offer the facility for users to directly edit information. If you wish to tell or ask us something general, rather than related to a specific individual or family, then use the '**Contact Us**' link in the 'Info' drop-down menu.

Media/Photos, etc.

Photographs and other media can be linked to individual and family records. We have added some photographs but may have more yet to categorize and add to the database. We would very much like to hear from you if you are able to provide photos or other media showing or relevant to anyone in the database. Please **let us know** if you can offer anything.

Cemeteries

After going to the Cemeteries page, the cemeteries are listed by Country, State/Province, County. Clicking on any ► icon at the county level will open a list of towns with cemeteries in or near that town. Clicking on any ► icon at the town level will provide a list of cemeteries in or near that town. Only cemeteries associated with one or more individuals are in the cemetery list.



Clicking on any state or county name will display a satellite map showing location of cemeteries in that state or county. Select a specific cemetery to view all persons buried there.

MapSatellite

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Next»

1

Greenwood Cemetery, Brookings, Brookings County, South Dakota, United States

Thumb

Description

Status

Location

Name (Died/Buried)

2

Calvary Cemetery, Mitchell, Davison County, South Dakota, United States

Thumb

Description

Status

Location

Name (Died/Buried)

All Burials				
#	Last Name, Given Name(s)	Buried		Person ID
1.	Carson, Hubert	bur. 2 Aug 1965	Graceland Cemetery, Madison, Lake County, South Dakota	I2
2.	Clausen, Marjorie Eunice	bur. 13 Nov 2004	Graceland Cemetery, Madison, Lake County, South Dakota	I100
3.	DeBoer, Neal Hiram	d. 13 Mar 2001	Graceland Cemetery, Madison, Lake County, South Dakota	I60
4.	Graese, Anna Sarah Augusta	bur. 25 Oct 1982	Graceland Cemetery, Madison, Lake County, South Dakota	I35
5.	Graese, Ferdinand Friederich August	bur. 7 Jun 1942	Graceland Cemetery, Madison, Lake County, South Dakota	I33
6.	Graese, Julia Anna Wilhemine	bur. 17 Mar 1990	Graceland Cemetery, Madison, Lake County, South Dakota	I3
7.	Graese, Richard Friedrich Wilhelm	bur. 1918	Graceland Cemetery, Madison, Lake County, South Dakota	I248

Places

After going to the Places page under the **INFO** tab on the main page, the Places are listed alphabetically or by the 30 most cited. Clicking on any letter will provide list of countries or states starting with the selected letter. Numeric selection will give you Zip codes; leading to addresses. Select desired state and a list of counties appears. Next select desired county. A list of various locations will be shown. Next select desired location. More choices may appear. Make your final selection from any location with next to the name and a listing of all events (birth, death, marriage, etc.) associated with that location will be listed along with persons associated with that event at that location. Selecting an individual will take you to their Individual page. Names and dates can be sorted ascending or descending by clicking on the little arrow at the top of the column. Only Places associated with one or more individuals are in the Places list.

Show largest localities starting with

123456789A B C D E F G H I K M N O P R S T U V W

Show all places containing:

[Show all largest localities](#) (sorted alphabetically) |


Top 30 largest localities (total places):

1. South Dakota (285) ♀		11. Ohio (24)
2. Minnesota (229) ♀		12. Colorado (24) ♀
3. Wisconsin (217) ♀		13. Germany (20) ♀
4. Iowa (119) ♀		14. North Dakota (18) ♀
5. Nebraska (86) ♀		15. Oregon (17)
6. California (51) ♀		16. Michigan (15) ♀

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Other Features

There is much more functionality on the website, but this walk through should be a good intro to the system. Feel free to poke around; you can't break it. But **if you find anything wrong**, or page errors, please **let us know** so we can fix it!

If you are a descendant or relative of anyone on this website, then don't forget to **sign-up** and then login (use  link above left) to get the full benefits and to view information on living relatives in your branch of the tree! We also maintain a list of **Frequently Asked Questions** that you may find useful.

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