

First Generation

1. **Frances N. Mehs**¹⁻¹⁰ was born in Mar 1872 in Iowa, United States.¹⁻⁵ She lived in Military Township, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States in 1900.⁵ She died in Jan 1958 at the age of 85.^{3,11} Frances was also known as Franceska Mess.¹²

Second Generation

2. **Joseph Mehs**¹³⁻¹⁵ was born about 1820 in Germany.^{11,16} He died about Aug 1873 at the age of 53 in Festina, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.¹⁷⁻¹⁸

3. **Elizabeth Leith**^{13,19-20} was born in 1834 in Germany.¹⁹ She died about Jun 1873 at the age of 39 in Festina, Winneshiek, Iowa, United States.^{18-19,21} She was also known as Elizabeth Soeter.²²

Third Generation

4. **Johan Wilhelm Messing**²³ was born on 26 Dec 1783. He died before 1871 at the age of 88. Anna Mechtilde Krasebrinck and Johan Wilhelm Messing were married on 16 Jan 1802 in Dingden, Recklinghausen, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.

5. **Anna Mechtilde Krasebrinck**²³ was born on 9 Apr 1783 in Mussum, Westfalen, Germany. She died on 26 Apr 1820 at the age of 37 in Dingden, Recklinghausen, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.

Fourth Generation

8. **Bernd Messing** was born about 1758. He died before 1838 at the age of 80.

9. **Joanna Sprunk** was born about 1760. She died before 1840 at the age of 80.

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