

Huthsteiner History letter to Louise Huthsteiner from E.G. Huthsteiner – (early 1900's ?)
 Assume E.G. was Eugene Gustave Huthsteiner (1/31/1867 – 7/17/1924)

Providence Washington Insurance Co.
 of Providence, R.I.

E.G. Huthsteiner, agent,
 Tell City, Ind.

Miss Louise Huthsteiner
 Jersey City, N.J.
 Dear Miss Huthsteiner;

My brother, W.F. Huthsteiner, to whom your letter of the 18th that was addressed, is at the present time on a vacation or rather fishing trip. Your letter I took the liberty to open on account of a strange coincidence. My father's second wife, his widow, is Mrs. Louise Huthsteiner and lives with her children in Schenectady, N.Y. Some days ago we received from her a letter stating that one of my brothers had been operated upon for appendicitis and noticing the name Louise Huthsteiner in the return card on envelope, thought that possibly for some reason she had been called to Jersey City and that the letter might be of importance.

My reason for replying is that the shock you experienced when you found that you were not the only Huthsteiner, I assure you was no greater than the one experienced by myself when I learned that there was another family of Huthsteiners in this country. The family tree of this branch of the Huthsteiners is very easily shaken bare.

My Grandfather, Edward Huthsteiner emigrated with his family from Siegen, Westphalia, to the United States about the year 1848 and settled in Cincinnati, O. My Father, Gustave Huthsteiner, was born in Siegen. Of my father's brothers and sisters there is living one brother and one sister, ~~but~~ ~~was two boys who will no doubt help perpetuate the name of Huthsteiner.~~ ~~Eleven children, nine boys and two girls, survived my father.~~ Louis Huthsteiner and Mrs. Helen Heaton, both living in Cincinnati. My Uncle Louis has two boys who will no doubt help perpetuate the name of Huthsteiner. Eleven children, nine boys and two girls survived my father, of these five boys and one girl are married, the writer is blessed with two healthy boys and two of my brothers each have a boy. From this bit of information you, no doubt, can readily see that the same bids fair to live for some time to come.

In 1897 my father, while in Europe, attempted to trace his family, and for that purpose visited his birth place. There he found some Huthsteiners but could trace no relationship. He was informed that the Huthsteiners were originally Huguenots who had fled from France to northern Germany to avoid persecution.

Your letter advising us of your name as Huthsteiner is the first intimation that we have had that another family of the same name existed in the U.S. Some years ago I noticed in a German Magazine, "Ueber Land und Meer" a reproduction of a painting by a Robert E. Huthsteiner. Peculiarly I have a brother named Robert E. Huthsteiner.

If there is any further information relative to our family which may assist you in tracing the co-incidence of similarity of name we will be pleased to give it. If at any time you or any of your family should travel into this neighborhood we will be pleased to meet you and I assure you that if one of us comes to New York, we will take pleasure in looking up one with the same name of whose existence we had not dreamed. The writer has often made the statement the although our name was a peculiar one, he did not believe there was another person outside of his immediate family in America who bore it.

Assuring you that your letter was read with pleasure and trusting that at some future time I may have the pleasure of a personal interview

I remain,

Yours truly,

E.G. Huthsteiner.