



Henrietta Mulhaupt

1837–1904

2nd great-grandmother



Henrietta's birth and parentage are uncertain. However, family tradition says she moved to the United States with her parents from Detmold, Germany, settling in St. Louis because of the large German population there.

Passenger records show Henriette Mulhaupt arriving from the German county of Lippe in 1851 at the age of 16, along with unnamed parents (Mr. Mulhaupt and wife) and sisters Wilhelmine, 18, and Sophie, 12. Geneological records compiled by the Lippe historical society (Naturwissenschaftlicher und Historischer Verein) confirm this information. A letter to Henrietta's son Albert George Fischer from his wife Georgena references a trip to "visit your Aunt Sophie" in St. Louis in 1893. However, very little documentation has been found to corroborate information about Henrietta's family and early life.

She met Fredrick W Fischer in St. Louis, and they married on December 25, 1858. They had six children in 11 years, though their first child, a son, died as an infant.

German was the only language spoken in the home, and the children didn't learn English until they started school. It appears Henrietta never learned to write English. After her son Albert George became engaged, he wrote a letter to his future wife Georgena telling her his mother would write, if she Georgena could read German.

Letters between Albert and Georgena provide some additional insights into Henrietta's life because Albert was devoted to his mother and wrote of her often and admiringly. Before his marriage in 1890, he tells Georgena circumstances will require they live with his mother for a time. For now, living with Mother is the "best I can do," but we'll have a

parlor, dining room, bedroom and kitchen. "You can take charge of the household affairs or leave them to Mother." He mentions that "Mother depends on me to protect her interests"--a "pleasant duty for me."

Writing to Georgena a couple of years later, he says his mother's house is "the most attractive on South Street. . . . You can smell the flowers for a block away." In another letter he writes, "It would do you good to be here - the place is so beautiful" with cherry trees, peaches, apples, pears, plums, grapes, gooseberries, blackberries, currants, and a vegetable garden. "The front of the house is entirely covered with honeysuckles."

In 1894, he writes about his mother's concern for her children. "Mollie got a letter from Carrie She said she hadn't a nickel in the house. She made a dress for a neighbor for \$1.50 She worked so hard her old trouble returned and that she would now have to . . . buy medicine. Ma cried over the letter."

Henrietta died on October 30, 1904, in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of 64, and was buried in Maple Park Cemetery.

1837

Birth

Henrietta Mulhaupt was born in February 1837 in Detmold, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. Her parentage is unknown, but we do have credible information about her siblings, especially her sister Sophie, who is mentioned in family correspondence. In various records, Henrietta's first name is sometimes spelled Henriette, and one census record shows her name as Harriett (probably a mistake by the census taker). Her last name is sometimes spelled Multhrupp or Multhroup, but, particularly based on records from Detmold, Mulhaupt is most probably the preferable spelling

Feb 1837 • Detmold, Lippe, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

1851

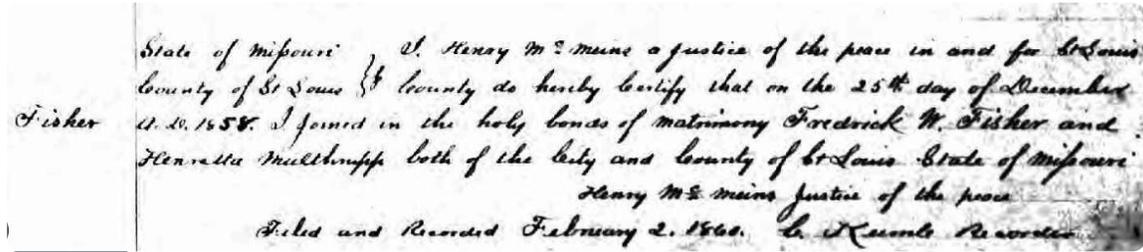
Arrival

1851 • America

1858

Marriage

Henrietta Multhaupt married Frederick W. Fischer on December 25, 1858, when she was 21 years old.



Frederick W. Fischer

1837–1890

25 Dec 1858 • St Louis, Missouri, USA

1860

Residence

Henrietta Multhaupt lived in Missouri in 1860.

Residence Post Office: St Louis

1860 • St Louis Ward 4, St Louis (Independent City), Missouri, USA

1880

Residence

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head: Wife

1880 • Campbell, Greene, Missouri, USA

1890

Residence

Henrietta Multhaupt lived in Springfield, Missouri, in June 1890.

Indicates Frederick W. Fischer was a Union captain in the civil war. Directory shows Henrietta as a widow. Albert, Horatio, and Mollie all working for Groff & Fischer. Residence is 736 South, and business address is 325 South. Horatio lives at 471 South.

Jun 1890 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

1892

Property

A letter from son Albert to his wife Georgena indicates someone offered \$4000 for Henrietta's house, but Albert is outraged at such cheek, indicating the house is worth at least \$5000 and will soon be worth more.

8 Jun 1892 • Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, United States of America

1897

Residence

Henrietta Multhaupt lived in Missouri on August 10, 1897.

Claim for civil war pension dated 10 Aug 1897. Henrietta is shown as a widow.

NAME OF SOLDIER:		Fischer, Fred W.			(3-25-9)
NAME OF DEPENDENT:		Widow, Minor,	Fischer, Henrietta		
SERVICE:		B 3 Mo Inf			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.	
1897 Aug 10	Invalid, Widow, Minor,	660343	469833	Mo	
ATTORNEY:					
REMARKS:		A. G. Fischer			

10 Aug 1897 • Missouri, USA

1899

Residence

Henrietta Multhaupt lived in Springfield, Missouri, in 1899.

1899 • 736 South, Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

1900

Residence

Daughter Mollie, daughter-in-law Virginia and Virginia's children were living with Henrietta at 736 South Street.

1900 • Springfield Ward 1, Greene, Missouri, USA

1901

A. G. Fischer's Mother Ill in Springfield, Mo.

31 Oct 1901 • Chickasha, Oklahoma

1902

Residence

Henrietta Multhaupt lived in Springfield, Missouri, in 1902.

Address is 736 South St.

1902 • Springfield, Missouri, USA

1903

Residence

Henrietta Multhaupt lived in Springfield, Missouri, in 1903.

Address is 736 South St. Horatio lives at another address and has occupation of cigar maker.

1903 • Springfield, Missouri, USA

1904

Death

Henrietta Multhaupt died on October 30, 1904, in Springfield, Missouri, when she was 67 years old.

30 Oct 1904 • Springfield, Greene, Missouri, USA

Burial

Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, United States of America