



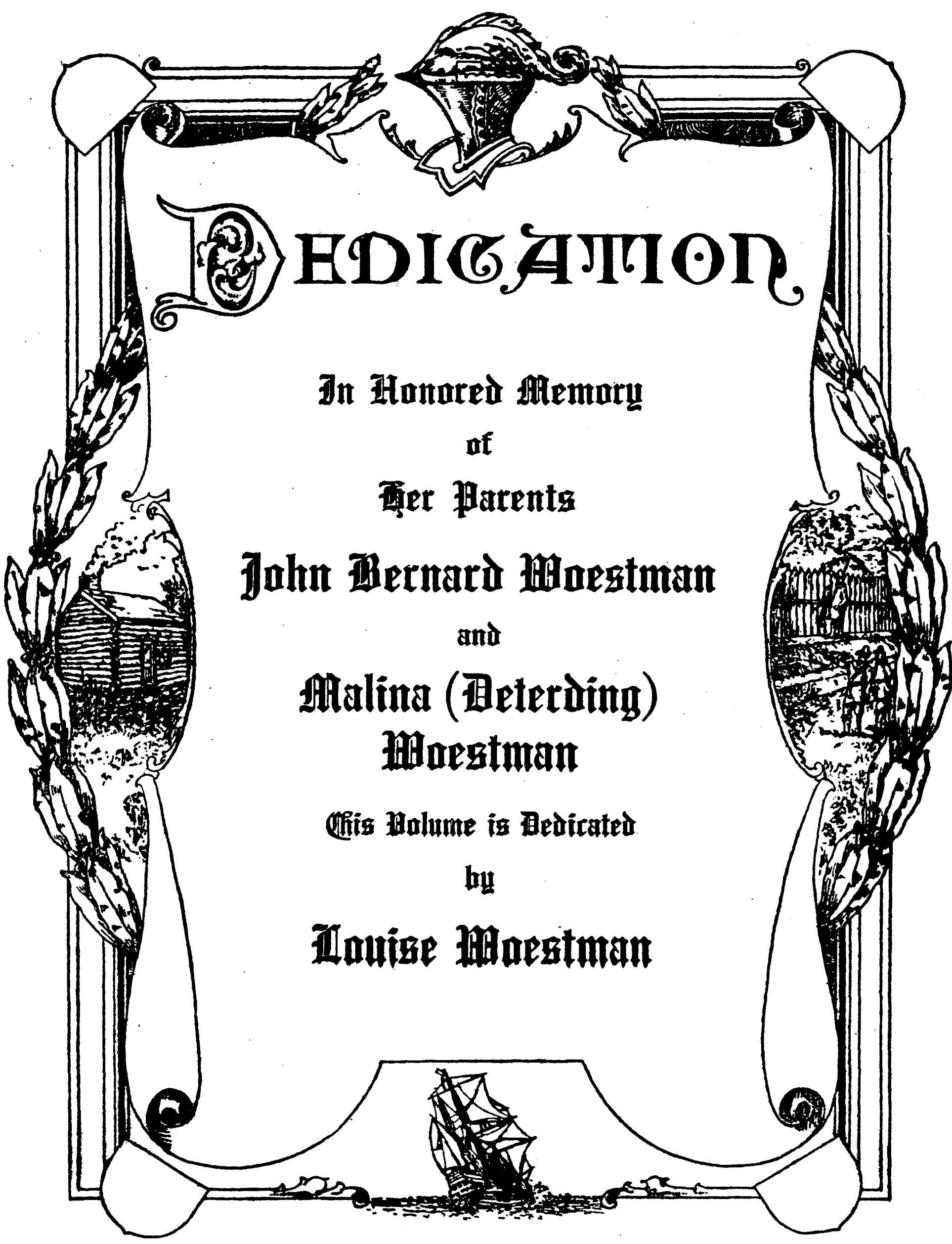
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of

Her Parents

John Bernard Moestman

and

Malina (Deterding)

Moestman

This Volume is Dedicated

by

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Wustemann
(WOESTMAN)

WÜSTEMANN-WOESTMAN ARMS

Arms—Azure, on a mount of three hillocks vert three fir trees of the same, each surmounted by a mullet argent.

Crest—Out of a ducal coronet or, a fir tree vert between two buffalo horns, one azure, the other argent.

Woestman



THE patronymic Woestman comes under the general heading of local surnames, and as is evidenced by Bardsley's "English and Welsh Surnames," the penchant during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries for adding a place-name to a font-name was almost universal, instances of this vogue occurring simultaneously in England, France, and Germany. In England we find recorded many forms and spellings of patronyms derived from North, East, West, and South, among the more common being "Geoffrey atte Westende," "Richard le Southern" (Sothern or Sotheran), "Thomas le Westrys," "Richard le Estrys," and many others. In Germany the Teutonic counterpart of "atte Westende," "le Westman," and "le Westrys," was man-of-the-west, or "Wüstemann," which in turn gave way to a colloquial corruption "Woestman." The family was long prominent in Germany and bore the preceding general arms. Down through the centuries the family came, gaining in influence and prestige, until in the person of John Bernard Woestman, a relative of the present Bürgomaster of Vörden, was born the desire to emigrate to a new land.

The earliest ancestor of the branch of the family traced below resided in Vörden, which is located some twenty-five kilometers north of Osnabrück. Vörden was the summer home of the Bishop of Osnabrück, and a fortress. There is a Catholic Church and an Evangelical Church in Vörden. Some of the name of Woestman, mostly Catholics, reside near Osnabrück, and one of them is a descendant of the Woestmanns of Vörden. In the city hall at Vörden there are still Books of Minutes in which the name of Woestman occurs frequently. It is alleged that the records of the Evangelical Church at Vörden were burned in 1842, but the marriage books date back to 1835, and the christening books to 1822. The Marriage Bureau Records date back to the time of the French (1806-1815). The Catholic Church Books of Vörden date back to 1768, and in the neighboring parish to 1658. The following record is gathered from church records and from family records.

GENERATION I

I

BALTHASAR WOESTMANN, known as "the older," was born about 1640, and died before 1720. He became a citizen (bürger) of Vörden, Hanover, Prussia, in 1694. He was married twice: (first), about 1665, name unknown; (second), about 1693, to Regina Schwinestordt, who married (second), about 1720, Steffen Cappendick.

Children of Balthasar Woestmann by first marriage:

1. Catharina Adelheid, who is on record in 1723 as a step-daughter of Steffen Cappendick.
2. *Jakob*, of whom further.

Children by second marriage:

3. Johann Hermann, who was in England for several years previous to 1720, and was a tailor in 1723.
4. Heinrich, who died in Amsterdam about 1726.
5. Johann Hilger, on record in 1723.

GENERATION II

II

JAKOB WOESTMANN, son of Balthasar Woestmann by his first marriage, was born about 1670, died about 1715-20; became a "citizen" in 1690, and made his will in 1715. He married (first), about 1690, but the name of his wife is not known. He married (second), in 1707, Gertrude Schöesinges, who survived her husband and married (second), about 1720, John Henrich Witte. By the first marriage he had a son, *Balthasar*, or *Baltser*, of whom further.

GENERATION III

III

BALTHASAR, or BALTSE, WOESTMANN, known as "the younger," son of Jakob Woestmann, was born about 1690, and died in 1760-62. The name of his first wife is not known. He married (second), about 1740, Anna Margareta Witte, who was born about 1700, made her will in 1768, and died after 1772.

Children:

1. Johann Heinrich, born about 1740, died in 1766; became a citizen in 1759; bailiff (fleckenschiener), 1762; married, about 1760, Anna Catharina, surname not recorded, who was still living in 1781. He had a son: i. Dirk (Diedrich), born about 1760, died previous to 1822, mentioned in 1792-96; was a farm tenant or farm laborer (heuermann); married, about 1790, Catharina Elizabeth Kaiser, and they had two children: (a) Elisabella, born April 1, 1793, died November 13, 1843. (b) Maria Catharina, born July 29, 1796, died January 9, 1827; married ——— Rabe.
2. *Johann Hermann Helmich*, of whom further.
3. Anna Margareta, married ——— Neuport.
4. Anna Catharina, married (first) Joh. Hermann Götters; (second) Joh. Dirk Meyer.
5. Anna Adelheid, married, in Osnabrück, Bernd Walcker.

GENERATION IV

IV

JOHANN HERMANN HELMICH WOESTMANN, son of Balthasar and Anna Margareta (Witte) Woestmann, was born about 1750, and died in 1803. He became a citizen (bürger) in 1783, and served as beadle or poor overseer (armen-vogt) in 1800. He married, about 1783, Catharina Maria Leuchtenburg, who was born about 1760, and died previous to 1822.

Children:

1. Johann Friedrich, born about 1795, died after 1871; was a farmer; married, about 1825, Anna (or Cathar.) Margaretha Kettler, who was born July 10, 1792, and died November 8, 1871. Children: i. A daughter, who died in 1828. ii. Charlotte Catharina Elisabetha, born in 1829, died in 1831. iii. Margaretha Charlotte Liseth, who died in 1832. iv. Son. v. A daughter, living in 1871. vi. A daughter, living in 1871.
2. *Johann Heinrich*, of whom further.
3. A daughter (?).

GENERATION V

V

JOHANN HEINRICH WOESTMANN, son of Johann Hermann Helmich and Catharina Maria (Leuchtenburg) Woestmann, was born May 2, 1799, and died March 28, 1859. He married three times: (first), September 26, 1819, Maria Adelheid Kleybocker, who died February 20, 1820; (second), December 1, 1825, Catharina Margaretha Settlage, who was born September 11, 1802, and died February 6, 1829; (third), October 29, 1829, Anna Maria Charlotte Ellebrecht, who was born about 1803, and died October 21, 1868. A brother of Anna Maria Charlotte Ellebrecht also emigrated to America and settled in St. Louis, Missouri. Another brother died in Amsterdam.

Children of the first marriage of Johann Heinrich Woestmann:

- 1-2. Two sons, who died in 1819; names not recorded.

Children by the second marriage:

3. Diedrich Heinrich, born September 17, 1826, died in America.
4. Joh. Hermann, born October 7, 1828, died in America.

Children by the third marriage:

5. Johann Carl, born February 3, 1830; married, and became the father of: i. L. H. Woestmann, born about 1857, who was Mayor of Vörden for about sixteen years, still living in 1926.
6. *John Bernard (Johann Bernhard)*, of whom further.
7. Ernst Friedrich, born in 1837, died in 1847.
8. Heinrich Ludwig, born September 2, 1839; came to America.
9. Elise Dorette Charlotte, born May 16, 1842; married, in Osna-brück, Friedr. Dunker.

GENERATION VI



John B. Woestman



Malinda Woestman

VI

JOHN BERNARD (JOHANN BERNHARD) WOESTMAN (as the name is now spelled), son of Johann Heinrich and Anna Maria Charlotte (Ellebrecht) Woestmann, was born in Vörden, Hanover, Prussia, Germany, September 13, 1833, and died in St. Louis, Missouri, May 1, 1907. He spent his boyhood in the place of his nativity, acquiring an education in the local public schools. At the age of eighteen years, Mr. Woestman emigrated from Germany to America, settling in St. Louis, Missouri. He secured employment in a grocery store as a clerk, and in this humble capacity he laid the foundation upon which he later erected an imposing structure of business success. He possessed all those prerequisites which make for success, ability, efficiency, probity, and energy, and so well did he apply himself, so indefatigable was his energy, and so constant his determination to succeed, that in a few years he had accumulated from his savings a sufficient amount of capital to embark on his own business venture. He turned

his attention to the wholesale grocery business, becoming a member of the firm of Bushman Brothers & Company in 1860. In seven years' time Mr. Woestman had become senior partner and controlled the greater part of the stock, and at this time (1867) the firm name became J. B. Woestman & Company. The firm was successful in business until 1870, at which time Mr. Woestman sold out in order to become a manufacturer of flour. He identified himself with the Camp Spring Milling Company, merchant millers. The enterprise enjoyed prosperous continuance for almost a quarter of a century, at the end of which time the Terminal Railroad Association purchased the plant and removed the buildings from the "right-of-way." Mr. Woestman, at this time, retired from active industrial and commercial pursuits, and confined his interests to financial matters. In 1895 he was elected to the vice-presidency of the Franklin Bank, of which he was a founder, and for more than forty years a director. During this same year he was elected president of the Franklin Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he had been a director since the year 1890, and he continued in this high executive office until the company's affairs were liquidated.

From 1874 to 1876 Mr. Woestman served as a member of the St. Louis City Council, and although the honors of political preferment attracted him but little, he was ever a protagonist in public welfare and civic progress. He was, essentially, a humanitarian, and no movement in the name of religion and charity sought his support in vain. He was one of the founders of the German General (Protestant) Orphans' Home, Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis. He was also a charter member of the well-known Altenheim. His religious affiliation was given to the Holy Ghost Evangelical Church, of which body he was a sincere member and an ardent worker.

John Bernard (or Johann Bernhard) Woestman was married in Alton, Illinois, in December, 1859, to Malinda Deterding, a daughter of Christian Deterding, a resident of Alton, Illinois. To John Bernard and Malinda (Deterding) Woestman were born four children, three of whom grew to maturity, as follows:

1. Louise, a resident of St. Louis, Missouri.
2. Edward F., a resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado.
3. Oscar D., deceased.

The death of John Bernard Woestman occurred at his home in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 1, 1907, and lost to his adopted city a business man of great ability, and a sincere and loyal citizen. In regard to Mr. Woestman's life and labors, one annalist has written as follows:

Because it is difficult to detach the personality and character of a man from the many diverse influences with which he comes into touch and association, there is found today a tendency to bemoan the absence from places of leadership of men of strong purpose, high aims, and upright life, men of the type of John Bernard Woestman—St. Louisan of a decade and a half past. Such there are, to be sure, but rarely are their excellencies so blended with moderation, kindness, and good will that they are recognized by their associates as of surpassing worth. It was Mr. Woestman's lot to bind many of his fellows to him in indissoluble bonds of friendship, and then, as now in memory, he held their devoted respect and allegiance.

The annalist of the present reaches back over the years that have intervened since his passing to record in an enduring memorial the story of his useful career, spent in work fostering the progress of his city, and the best good of his fellow travelers along earth's highway.

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