

First Generation

1. **Frank Christoph Grove**¹ was born on 27 May 1836 in Prussia.² He immigrated on 11 Sep 1867 to Arrival at New York aboard the Atlantic.³ He lived in 2329 O'Fallon St, St Louis, Missouri in 1880.⁴ Frank was buried on 17 Jul 1886 in Calvary Cemetery, St Louis, Missouri.⁵ He died on 17 Jul 1886 at the age of 50 in 2241 Dickson Street, St Louis, Missouri.⁶

NOTES

In the 1880 census, the family name is spelled Grofe. They are living in St Louis. Both parents born in Prussia, father is a box maker (carpenter). All four children born in Missouri. In that census, Helena's name is very difficult to read, so I am not certain that this family is the right one. But it is the only one in St Louis that seems to fit what I know.

In favor of this family:

Father named Frank. This is shown on Lena Preis' death certificate, as well as on Fred Grove's.

Brother named Fred. Lena named one of her sons Fred.

Father a box maker. Lena married a person who worked in a box factory. Perhaps her father worked there too.

Address. Lena grew up and lived in this area in north St Louis.

German immigrant. Lena was the daughter of German immigrants.

The re-count of the 1880 census, made in November of 1880, calls him Frank Groff. The eldest child is named Lina. So, this is the family.

On the passenger list of the Atlantic, there is a man with the Grove family named Henry Grove. He is one year older than Franz, and he is a U. S. Citizen.

The burial certificate says his name was Frank Christoph Grove.

1. 1880 United States Census.
2. Missouri Death Records 1834-1931 on Ancestry.
3. New York Passenger Lists, 1820 - 1957 on Ancestry.
4. 1880 United States Census.
5. Archdiocese of St Louis, Catholic Cemeteries, Burial Search (online).
6. Missouri Death Records 1834-1931 on Ancestry.