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Mr. Ernest J. Meyer
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Dear Mr. Meyer,

my name is Jürgen Hartmann. I am a German historian and journalist, born in Oerlinghausen in 1960. From about 25 years I am writing about Jewish life in the county Lippe (small capital Detmold), especially in this little town Oerlinghausen. When the results of my researches are correct, you must be a son of Heinz Meyer, who was born in Oerlinghausen in 1899. And you must be born in June 1930 in Braunschweig?

There have been a lot of Meyers in Oerlinghausen. But Heinz Meyer is a son of Joe Meyer (1865-1931) and Elfriede Rosenthal (1875-1933). Both were buried on the Jewish cemetery at the Tönsberg in Oerlinghausen. There have been two more children of Joe and Elfriede: Ernst Joachim Meyer (1896-1914, he died as soldier in France in the beginning of WWI), and Fritz Joe Meyer (1897-?). Fritz was married with Margot Hilde (1905-1999). They emigrated to the USA in 1938, in 1939 her daughter Marion Meyer was born in New York.

There must have been another member of the family Meyer in New York: Georg Max Meyer (1901-1983). He was the son of Max Meyer (1866-1941), a brother of Joe, and a cousin of Heinz. Georg Meyer was married with Erika Ilse (1903-1997). Beneath Max Meyer your grandfather Joe had some more brothers and a sister: Betty (1856-1934), Jonas (1857-1857), Hermann (1858-1872), Willibald (1870-1870).

And to march on back in history: Joe Meyer was a son of Isaac Meyer (1825-1892) and Emilie Herzberg (1832-1913), Isaac Meyer was a son of Jonas Meyer (1779-1844) and Ester Sternberg (1794-1869).

There is a lot to tell about the Meyers between 1800 and 1945 in Oerlinghausen. But first I have to know, if you are the right Ernst Jochen Meyer. And of course I have a lot of questions to you. Maybe you have some photos, some documents and letters, which may be of interest for me. I am planning to publish a new small book about the history of the Jewish community in Oerlinghausen between 1800 and 1945.

Have you ever been there in Oerlinghausen, maybe to visit your uncle Max Meyer, who was a physician? Did you know your cousins Georg in New York and Gertrud, who stayed in Germany? Do you know if Marion Meyer is still living?

I will send you a copy of the gravestone of your grandpa and grandma Joe and Elfriede Meyer. And I would be very very glad to hear from you as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely,

J. F. Meyer



 **Todes-Anzeige.**

Am 6. November fiel in den Kämpfen bei Souchez - Arras (Frankreich) unser Ältester 18 jähriger Sohn, Bruder, Nefte und Enkel, der

Kriegsfreiwillige

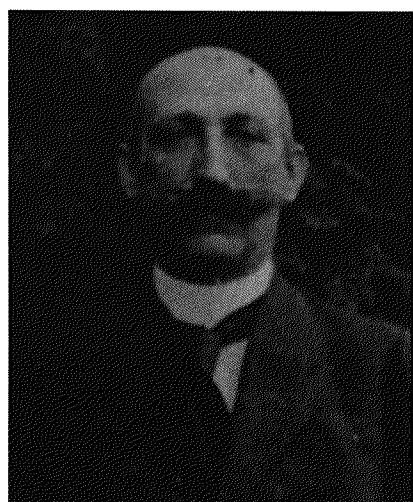
Ernst Meyer.

Oerlinghausen, 19. Novbr. 1914.

Joß Meyer und Frau
geb. Elfriede Rosenthal

Fritz Meyer
Kriegstreiw. im Int.-Reg. 159

Heinz Meyer
nebst Angehörigen.



Joe Meyer, 1916