**The Schliemann Family Tree from 1694 to 2021**

Currently all of the members of the Schliemann family in Australia, born with the name Schliemann, are related to two boys born in Copenhagen Denmark to Peter Schliemann (1810 to 1864).

They were Heinrich Peter Wilhelm Schliemann (Henry) (born 18 May 1842 died 5 October 1912) and Friedrich Wilhelm Ferdinand Schliemann (Ferdinand), my Great Grandfather, (born 1856 died 1914) who in 1877 and aged 20 followed his half-brother to Australia landing in Queensland. Peter Schliemann was born in Wilster Germany (as it is now called) in 1810 at which time the area above Hamburg (Schleswig Holstein) was under the control of the Danish King. Peter and all known ancestors worked on farms in the Wilster region and he decided to leave the land and move to Copenhagen around the 1830s.

There were a large number of Scandinavians emigrating to the Colony of Queensland after 1870 due to a contract between the Queensland Colonial Government and a Hamburg Shipping company and that shipping line included the ships that brought both Heinrich (Henrik or Henry) and Ferdinand to Australia landing in Rockhampton.

Ferdinand left Copenhagen 19 March 1877 as a typographer, moving to Queensland via Hamburg.

He left Hamburg 3 April 1877 as a book printer on the ship "S/S Charles Dickens".

**Peter and Ferdinand in Copenhagen.**

The following is an extract of various emails from Steinar Johansen who was undertaking on my behalf some detective work on where Peter and Ferdinand lived in Copenhagen. Peter died in 1864 when Ferdinand was eight and Anne (Nielsen) his mother, Peter’s second wife, died in 1868 when Ferdinand was around 12 but we have not been able to find out who he was living with after that.

* When Peter married his first wife Anna Müller on the 21 April 1837, he lived in Nørrevold 259 which in 1875 changed to Nørre Voldgade 110, and in 1961 it was rebuilt with Nørre Voldgade 106.
* On 10 July 1842 he had moved to Tornebuskegade 159A
* In 1856 when Ferdinand was born, his address was Aabenraa 223.
* In 1864 when Peter died he was living at Lille Regnegade 10 which since 1910 was called Ny Østergade 30 and the Building has been demolished and is now used as a car park area.
* At the time of Ferdinand’s Confirmation in April 1870 he was at Fiolstræde 46, Copenhagen. The 1870 census shows Fiolstræde 46 as a hostel, but there is no mention of the guests staying there, only the owner’s family.

The building was combined with several others and rebuilt in 1901. It became Fiolstræde 44 which is a Merchant college.

So, it looks like all the addresses we have are for buildings that have been rebuilt or demolished.

Note that all adresses are within one kilometre of each other.

Ferdinand was in Copenhagen in 1870, while Henrik (Heinrich) was in Køge.  Henrik may have come to Copenhagen in connection with Ferdinand’s confirmation, and both could have stayed at the hostel in Fiolstræde 46.  This is just speculation.It may be possible that Ferdinand could have stayed with his half-sister Katharine Laurine Amalie Schliemann who would have been 23 when Anna Schliemann died.

In relation to Peter Schliemann’s trade as a master shoemaker there is a County Protocol listing occupation that require a license.

Checking the book for licensed shoemakers in Copenhagen around the time when Peter was first mentioned as a shoemaker, shows that on 7 October 1843 Peter Schliemann paid 5 Riksdaler (about $5).

Note that when Peter left Wilster to move to Copenhagen he would have been a labourer and maybe a tenant farmer as were his ancestors so apparently, he learned a trade.

**Heinrich Peter Wilhelm Schliemann (Henry)**

Henry Schliemann‘s father was Peter Schliemann and his mother Anna Müller. He arrived in Australia in 1871. Henry married Christiane Caroline Olufine Jensen in 1874.

Christiane had one child before being married and that was Lily Ferdinanda Christensen who was born 26 June 1872 and on the birth certificate it showed a surname Jensen. Her name was subsequently changed to adopt Schliemann. The father is unknown, but I will assume it was Henry.

Subsequently Henry and Christiane had 5 (more) children.

1. Esther Louisa Schliemann Born 9 November 1877 Died 27 March 1921
2. Henry Alfred Schliemann Born 1879 Died 1956
3. Frederich Herman Schliemann Born 1881 Died 1888
4. Julius Charles Schliemann Born and Died on same day in 1883
5. Carl George Schliemann Born 1885 Died 1945

Lily Ferdinanda Christensen Schliemann married Anton Thomsen who was Danish & they had a large family and lived in Bundaberg.

Esther Louisa Schliemann a sister of Lily Ferdinanda Thomsen (nee Schliemann) married Soren Bouet Lorentzen Faldt in 1901 and had a large family. One of Esther‘s children Laura Faldt married a son of Lily Ferdinanda Thomsen (nee Schliemann) Roy Thomsen so the daughter of one sister married the son of another sister.

Henry Alfred Schliemann was a clever engineer and had 2 sons. He lived in Paddington and was a cousin to Venzel, Max, Anna. He worked for some time at Parisian Laundry in Oxford Street Woollahra Sydney) which was the business of Ferdinand and then his son Venzel.

**Friedrich Wilhelm Ferdinand Schliemann (who on his naturalisation papers signed as Ferdinand Frederik Vilhelm Schliemann)**

Ferdinand Schliemann‘s father was Peter Schliemann and his mother Anna Nielsen after Peter remarried when his first wife died.

Venzel, Anna & Ferdinand (and one of Venzel’s sons Ronald) are buried together in Waverley cemetery: Anna died in 1919 from the influenza pandemic. Max was cremated and had his ashes spread at Eastern Suburbs Crematorium and Dorothea died in Copenhagen when she was on a visit with Max and was buried there.

As advised by Danish authorities Dorothea is buried in Assistens Cemetery in Copenhagen but in the area, she was buried (section F) no graves have any headstones now. That is while some large headstones and memorials are still in place (such as Hans Christian Anderson) most were removed. I have included a link to a page on their site you may wish to visit. It is <http://assistens.dk/assistens-kirkegarden/>

John Bison, a Danish archivist with Danish Archives, has advised that Peter Schliemann was buried in either Assistants Cemetery or the graveyard of Sankt Petri both of which are in Copenhagen. Sankt Petri (St Peter) is a Lutheran church that was mainly used by German residents. It was the church in which Ferdinand was baptised.

Ferdinand & Dorothea neé Jagd were both born in Denmark but married in Sydney where their children were born.

Alice Ann Schliemann (nee Harris) said that Venzel used to talk about an Uncle Hans who was a clever geologist. He was Hans JØrgen Rasmussen Jagd who died 26 Feb 1940. His father was Christian Jagd and his mother Dorothy (née Tornøe). Venzel and Alice met them when in Denmark on their honeymoon.

Hans apparently used to go to places like Cunnamulla to find water & build bores. Hans was a Licenced Surveyor, and it is assumed it was his name on the pocket (Fob) watch left to Venzel and which is currently held by me. I have included photos on this site. The date 28.6.07 (28 June 1907) on the engraving is not one I can tie to any known event (birth etc)

On Alice Schliemann’s honeymoon with Venzel in 1926 they visited Ferdinand's half-sister Katharine Laurine Amalie Madsen (nee Schliemann) in Copenhagen in 1926 and she was a very sick old lady.

They also met up with members of the Jagd family (Venzel’s mother‘s family) including Poul (Paul) Jagd who’s photos can also be found in Part D. Note that when Dorothea dies in 1921, she only had Venzel and Max alive out of 7 children having lost 4 under the age of 1 and Anna Aileen Rasmine in 1919. Ferdinand and Dorothea had the 7 children while living in Paddington, but Henry, Elsie, Oscar and Wilhelm all died under the age of 1 and are in a common grave at Waverley Cemetery. It is not the same grave where Ferdinand, Venzel, Anna and Ronald are buried. It was unmarked and so Gary and I arranged for a headstone.

Anna Aileen and Dorothea changed their surname to Sleeman as they were going to go to Denmark as, it is assumed, due to issues associated with the German name and the first world war.

However, Anna died from influenza in 1919 when she was living in Flood Street Bondi in Sydney (opposite to where I later lived) so, according to Anna‘s deceased estate papers, Max changed his name and used the ticket Anna had purchased (with a loan from Ferdinand’s Estate) to accompany his mother Dorothea. According to Anna’s estate papers Dorothea was very ill and frail and died from cancer in Denmark. As Anna stayed on in Copenhagen after Max returned to Sydney, I assume she went home (Copenhagen) to die.

I have obtained Dorothea‘s probate details which can be found on this website in Part G of ***"Index of Family documents forming the background to the Schliemann Family Tree"***.

Max Sleeman married Trixie and they had a son Keith and a daughter Joan Sleeman. Trixie remarried after Max died in 1940 and her name became Mrs. Gaythorn Gee and they lived in Northbridge in Sydney.

Joan Sleeman married Francis Wesley Arthur Ward from Cootamundra and they lived in Sydney.

Venzel was the oldest of the family and he married Rachel Holzhauser in 1909 but divorced in 1920. They had two daughters, Selma Dorothy (1910) and Beryl Gladys (1912).

Selma married Edward J Mitchell of Padstow. They had two sons – John & Paul.

Beryl married Bruce Currie, but later divorced.

Venzel remarried in 1926 to Alice Ann Harris. I understand Alice began working in the Laundry which is how she met Venzel.

They had two sons Ronald & Barry.

Ronald had two sons after marrying Joan Trevillien: Gary & Alan.

Alan married Carolyn Louise Thomas and they live in Dover Heights. They have 2 children, Katharine Louise Schliemann and David Thomas Schliemann. Katharine married Andrew Wood and had a son Thomas Alexander Schliemann and are now divorced.

After Ron and Joan divorced, Ron married Patricia Drury and they had two daughters – Harriet & Brooke both of whom are now married with families.

Joan and Ron divorced, and she married Brian Richardson and after living in Melbourne they bought a small farm near Malmsbury Victoria.

Barry married Kay Annabel of Nimmitabel near Bega and they had 4 children: Mark, Michael, Craig (1971 to 1975) and Jan Simone (1961 to 1977). Craig (1975) and Jan (1977) have passed away.

Barry passed away in 2014 and Kay in 1995.

**The supposed connection to famous archaeologist Dr Heinrich Schliemann.**

At the start of the family tree research, it was assumed we had a connection to the Archaeologist Dr Heinrich Schliemann based on a letter from Heinrich to Ferdinand.

The original letter has been misplaced at some stage (all I have is a copy of a translation) which reads:

*English Translation of letter written by Dr. Heinrich Schliemann, world-famous Archaeologist & man of letters, to Ferdinand W. Schliemann., Greece in November, 1881.*

*Cousin, in answer to your letter of the 18th September, we originally came from Gresse near Boitzenburg, Mecklenburg, where my grandfather was a preacher. Your grandfather whose picture hangs before me now, Adolph Schliemann, entered the Danish Army in 1805 and advanced, through his superior brain power and iron determination, in one year to First Lieutenant in the regiment of the Queen of Denmark, and married the pretty daughter of a rich general with whom she had a son, your father. Nelson’s bombardment of Copenhagen in 1806, a splinter of a cannon ball struck him in the shoulder which caused an incurable wound which in a few years, I believe in 1808-9, caused his death., he left his gold watch to my uncle Schliemann. Your grandmother gave her consent to this gift but later through lack of correspondence all trace was lost of her. Grandfather died in or near Itzebar (I assume this is probably Itzehoe) where it appears he had property is all I can tell you, with happy good wishes for your future welfare cousin Schliemann.*

This is no longer believed to be correct, but it has been established that Adolph August Franz Schliemann who was born in Gresse, Germany which is south of Hamburg and near where Dr Schliemann lived was a relation of Dr Schliemann. Adolph was also a lieutenant in the Danish forces and while he died in 1817 in Gluckstadt which is near Wilster in Germany he only had one son who died aged 1. I note that while there are now no people with the name Schliemann living in Wilster there are a number in the surrounding district.

Research has definitively shown that Ferdinand and Henry’s father was Peter Schliemann who was born in Wilster Germany in 1810 and was from a long line of tenant farmers and who moved to Copenhagen where he became a master shoemaker. Peter’s father (Ferdinand’s grandfather) was Hinrich Schliemann -see Part C of ***"Index of Family documents forming the background to the Schliemann Family Tree"*** with Peter’s birth details recording his father as Hinrich Schliemann of Wilster and so not Adolph August Franz Schliemann.

It appears that after the English attacked Copenhagen in 1801 and again in 1807 (The Battle of Copenhagen- see Wikipedia) in which the Danes were defeated, they lost their navy in the terms of surrender. What followed was as downturn in Denmark’s fortunes due to the loss of trading ability (as well as the 2 wars with Prussia -Second Schleswig War 1864) and Denmark never really recovered until the 20th century so that in the 1830’s many farmers left the land and went to Copenhagen and elsewhere looking for work.

This may have been why Peter left Wilster as a farmer and went to Copenhagen looking for a new life.

Of course, with the discovery of gold in the USA many Europeans emigrated and this may explain the number of people with the name Schliemann in the USA.

At that time some of the area north of Hamburg was German but controlled by the Danish crown until the Second Schleswig war between Denmark and Prussian and Austrian forces.

Birth dates

January 21, 1947 Gary Chris, Ronald‘s son.

January 26, 1928 Joan, Ronald‘s first wife

February 21,1961 Jan Simone, Barry & Kay‘s daughter

February21, 1908 Alice Ann. wife of Venzel, mother of Ronald and Barry

March 4, 1981 Katharine Louise, daughter of Alan and Carolyn

April 3, 1983 David Thomas, son of Carolyn and Alan

April 19, 1949 Alan, son of Ronald & Joan

May 25, 1910 Selma, daughter of Venzel & Rachel

May 31, 1950 Carolyn, wife of Alan

June 5, 1969 Michael Deane, son of Barry & Kay

June 2. 1974 Brooke, daughter of Ronald & Patricia

July 28, 1883 Venzel, son of Ferdinand

August 5, 2012 Thomas Alexander, son of Katharine Schliemann and Andrew Wood

August 6, 1936 Barry, son of Venzel

 „ 16, 1971 Craig, son of Barry & Kay

August 17, 1937 Patricia (née Drury), wife of Ronald

October 21, 1962 Mark, son of Barry & Kay

November 22, 1911 Beryl Gladys, daughter of Venzel & Rachel

November 2, 1937 Kay, wife of Barry

November 21, 1971 Harriet, daughter of Ronald & Patricia

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<https://orsted-jensen.weebly.com/scandinavians-in-pre-1914-australia.html>