The Kahn Family in Mobile

Moses Kahn was born in 1830 in Gross Bockenheim, Bavaria; he came to America in 1846; he lived for a period of time in Camden, Alabama, a small town about 100 miles north of Mobile in Wilcox County.

According to the 1860 census, Moses was living in Camden at that time. He was 30 years old and listed as being a merchant. His wife was Johanette, Americanized to Janet; she was 29 years old. Two children were listed: Pauline, age 2, who had been born in Germany, and Theresa, age 1, who was born in the U.S. A third daughter was born in the U.S., sometime between 1860 and 1865.

Moses died on April 28, 1865, of cancer. He was buried in Mobile's Magnolia Cemetery in the Hebrew Rest section.

After Moses' death, his wife Janet took their three daughters and returned to Germany.

(Note: The above information is from an essay written by Paul Keller in the 1990s. His grandmother was Pauline Kahn. Paul was born in Germany but came to the U.S. in 1937. At the time he wrote the essay he was retired and living in Rockville Centre, New York.)

From Temple records:

In Temple death records, Bernard Kahn is listed as a brother to Moses. He, too, was born in Gross Bockenheim. His birth date was October 16, 1842; he died on August 2, 1916 in Mobile. He was not married. He served as president of the Temple 1892-1901 and was a cotton merchant.

Jacob Kahn is listed as a brother to Bernard Kahn. He, too, was born in Gross Bockenheim. His birth date was April 15, 1838; he died on January 15, 1873, in Allentown, Alabama, of consumption.

Another Kahn, Karl, is listed who was also born in Bockenheim; however, no relationship to Bernard, Jacob, or Moses is indicated. Karl Kahn was born July 8, 1834, and died May 19, 1878, in Livingston, Alabama, of Bright's Disease.