

My comment in the NY Times-Blog for the new President of the USA

<http://thecaucus.blogs.nytimes.com/2008/11/05/reactions-from-around-the-world/?age=25&apage=30#comments>

Why am I interested in this country??

Here is the answer: See a sample of my US-relatives

 Name	 Beziehung	 Hinzugefügt von
 Samuel Maverick † Apr 28, 1852	Grandfather of great-grandfather of granddaughter of great-uncle	Dipl. Ing. agr. Friedrich Joachim Cord Berkner Added on: Sep 06, 2008

Businessman in Charleston S.C. **Shipped the first bales of cotton to Europe!**

 Name	 Beziehung	 Hinzugefügt von
 General Andrew Lewis * Oct 09, 1720 - † Sep 26, 1781	Father of great-grandfather of granddaughter of great-uncle	Dipl. Ing. agr. Friedrich Joachim Cord Berkner Added on: Sep 06, 2008

He was a good friend of George Washington, first President of the USA

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_Lewis_\(soldier\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_Lewis_(soldier))

His father was married to Margaret Lynn. She was daughter of David Lord Lynn from Scotland (<http://genforum.genealogy.com/lynn/messages/2189.html>)

The son of Andrew Lewis married a Madison. Her brothers were:

 Name	 Relationship	 Added by
 Bishop James Madison * Aug 27, 1749 - † Mar 06, 1812	Great-great-uncle of great-grandfather of granddaughter of great-uncle	Dipl. Ing. agr. Friedrich Joachim Cord Berkner Added on: Sep 06, 2008

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bishop_James_Madison

Halleluja!

 Name	 Relationship	 Added by
 Governor of Kentucky George Madison * Jun, 1763 - † Oct 14, 1816 in Paris	Great-great-uncle of great-grandfather of granddaughter of great-uncle	Dipl. Ing. agr. Friedrich Joachim Cord Berkner Added on: Sep 06, 2008

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Madison

The Governor of Kentucky (my Great-great-uncle of great-grandfather of granddaughter of great-uncle) **was married with the daughter of the chief Justice Marshal of the USA that times.**

I do not know here name, have to research a little bit, when I am getting older !

The Governor was a nephew of the 4. President of the USA, James Madison

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Madison

My relationship to the 4. President of the USA:

He was the nephew of Great-great-uncle of great-grandfather of granddaughter of great-uncle


All these brave relatives are in the Line of Amos III **Maverick** Graves, who was the first husband of "Terry", my fathers cousin

Name	Relationship	Added by
 Therese Meloy (born Fischer) * Jun 15, 1905	Daughter of great-uncle	Dipl. Ing. agr. Friedrich Joachim Cord Berkner Added on: Aug 14, 2008

After Mr. Maverick death (they lived in San Antonio/Texas) she married **General Stanley Guy Meloy**.

My fathers cousin "Terry" Maverick, born Fischer was daughter of my grandmother Berkner's brother "Hans", who emigrated from Arnstadt – Germany to London (GB) and from there in the last 1890ies to New York. He founded there a manufactory for lacquer.

So he was the origin of the US line in my family.

Name	Beziehung	Hinzugefügt von
 General Stanley Guy S. Meloy * Sep 04, 1903 in Lanhan - † Dec 14, 1964 in San Antonio	Son-in-law of great-uncle	Dipl. Ing. agr. Friedrich Joachim Cord Berkner Added on: Aug 14, 2008

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy_S._Meloy Here they forgot:

"and commanding general of the Seventh United States Army in Stuttgart Headquarter - West Germany. On November 12, 1960 he married in Stuttgart Therese Susan, widowed Maverick Grave, born Fischer from San Antonio, Texas."

I was member of the wedding party of Stan and fathers Cousin Terry in Stuttgart as a 13 year old young boy in November 12, 1960 in Stuttgart Headquarters.

When Terry visited her aunt, my grandmother Berkner, in Darmstadt in 1961, I was there.

The car was twice as long as our "Volkswagen Beetle" – she had a personal driver and was not allowed, to drive herself.

But that was the only "protection" these days for the wife of a commanding general of the USA in Europe/Germany.

They were our friends that time – and for us, the older generation, born short after the war, they will be friends until our death.

It was not easy, to tell that our kids, who are born in the late 1970ies!

I was in Berlin the day, when John F. Kennedy said the historical words:

"Ich bin ein Berliner" It was June 26, 1963, two years after they built up the wall!

I could not see him in a crowd of a million people, but had a distance of around 300 yards!

And I could listen to him! Live! I will never forget this. It is world history.

Kennedy - I am a Berliner - Ich Bin Ein Berliner

Kennedy speaking 4 Min. und 41 Sek. in West Berlin - www.youtube.com/watch?v=hH6nQhss4Yc

How many American citizens can report about that?

**I was one between millions of around 3. 212. 260. 000 world population 1963!
in Berlin in front of the Schöneberger Rathaus!**

He gave hope to our generation as Barack Obama does it now!

But then the USA gambled away nearly all their credit in the world – but they did not care about that the last 30 years! They always felt as the greatest nation – while falling deeper and deeper.

How could we, the old generation, offer our feelings to our kids, to the next generation?

They did not know the ruins of WW II, the y only new progress, prosperity, peace in Germany.

They have seen US activities all over the world – Vietnam, Iraque, Iran, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Panama on so many other disastrous points!!

And presidents like Nixon und Bush - cowboys, peanut farmers and actors in that job!!

Who was the last president with a little bit of intelligency? Good luck, that the Californian Body-builder is no native American, otherwise they would elect surely next times an "terminator"!

Hipp Hipp Hurrah now to the 44. President of the USA

Barack Obama is a Harvard **J.D.** with overall estimation: *magna cum laude*.
His wife also studied at Harvard Law School.

Isn't that enough to be respected as a brave US citizen? With a **white** US native mother.

Guy S. Meloy, Jr. – the son in law of the great uncle of Friedrich Berkner

His Vita from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Guy S. Meloy, Jr.
September 4, 1903 – December 14, 1968 (aged 65)



General Guy S. Meloy, Jr.

Place of birth	Lanham, Maryland
Place of burial	Arlington National Cemetery
Allegiance	United States of America
Service/branch	United States Army
Years of service	1927–1963
Rank	General
	United Nations Command, Korea
Commands held	U.S. Forces Korea Eighth Army Fifth Army VII Corps 1st Infantry Division Infantry School
Battles/wars	World War II Korean War
Awards	Distinguished Service Cross Legion of Merit Bronze Star Purple Heart Army Commendation Medal Combat Infantryman Badge

General **Guy Stanley Meloy, Jr.** was a U.S. Army general, World War II and Korean War veteran, and served as commander of all U.S. forces in Korea during the Cold War.

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Biography

Meloy was born in [Lanham, Maryland](#) on September 4, 1903. After graduating from [McKinley Technology High School](#) in Washington D.C., he was appointed to the [United States Military Academy](#). He graduated from West Point in 1927 with a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the infantry.

One of his early assignments was with the first [tank destroyer](#) battalion to be organized in the United States Army. He followed this assignment by attending the British Army's anti-tank school, and upon his return to the U.S. was assigned to [Camp Hood](#) (later Fort Hood) as one of the first five officers at the now defunct Tank Destroyer Center. During World War II he served in Europe as chief of staff of the [103rd Infantry Division](#), and was chief of staff of the Airborne Center at [Fort Bragg, North Carolina](#).

From 1946 to 1948 he was professor of military science and tactics at [Texas A&M University](#). He next served as commander of the [24th Infantry Division](#) in Japan. He deployed to the [Korean War](#) where as a high ranking officer he was seriously wounded. Later he commanded the [United States Army Infantry School](#) at [Fort Benning](#), and the [1st Infantry Division](#) in Europe, where he over saw the unit's redeployment to [Fort Riley](#). He was the Chief of Public Information at the Department of the Army and later commanded [Fifth United States Army](#) at [Fort Sam Houston](#) in 1958 and then served as the commander of [VII Corps](#) in Europe. He received his fourth star in 1961 and became the commander-in-chief of the [United Nations Command, Korea](#), commander [United States Forces Korea](#), commanding general of [Eighth United States Army](#) and commanding general of the [Seventh United States Army](#) in Stuttgart Headquarter - [West Germany](#).

On November 12, 1960 he married in Stuttgart Therese Susan, widowed Maverick Grave, born Fischer from San Antonio, Texas.

He retired at the age of 60 in 1963, and died on December 14, 1968. He is buried with his wife Catherine, who preceded him in death in 1959.

In retirement, he served as mayor of [Terrell Hills, Texas](#), and was active in the San Antonio chapter of the [Association of the United States Army](#), which established a scholarship in his name in 1970.

His son, Guy S. Meloy III, retired from the U.S. Army as a Major General.^[1]

Notes

- [Austin Chapter of The Military Officers Association of America](#)

See also



[United States Army portal](#)

References

- [Arlingtoncemetery.net entry](#)

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From my mothers Severin line in Alferde/Springe – Landkreis Hannover:

My mothers grandfathers brother was

Name	Beziehung	Hinzugefügt von
 Ernst Friedrich Christian Lindenberg * Mar 10, 1833 in Eldagsen - † 1863	Uncle of great-grandson of great-aunt of great-grandfather	Dipl. Ing. agr. Friedrich Joachim Cord Berkner Added on: Aug 18, 2008

His last sign of life is a letter from November 20, 1863, coming from Chattanooga.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Battle_of_Chattanooga

He was fighting in the American civil war and surely lost his life in this war.

The original letter from Chattanooga is in my archives

So many other brave Germans are involved in American history!

The most famous name is General Friedrich Wilhelm Augustus Baron von Steuben

<http://www.ushistory.org/ValleyForge/served/steuben.html>

1778-1779, Steuben prepared "Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States" for George Washington's troops!

They have a parade for him each year until now – but how knows about his life?

I do!

Have many interesting books in my library, that my father bequeathed me. Many of them are in my head!

It is sometimes very interesting, to look back:

- Germans helped America, to become a great nation
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- America liberated Germany in 1945 and helped Germans with the Marshall plan, to become a strong and important nation again.
(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marshall_Plan)
- On Friday, April 6, 1945 at 7.30 pm they marched in and freed Alferde, the place I grew up at grandfather Severin's farm. My Grandfather Berkner
(http://www.fritzberkner.de//index.php?page=Mein_Alferde)

Friedrich Berkner

Nov. 7, 2008

Tomorrow it will be 19 years, that the wall was "teared down", like R. Reagan called upon Mr. Gorbatschov 28 years long divides this wall the world in two parts. I had the very good luck, to be on the better side of the wall. It was in Finland, I was mounting and assembling an air condition together with Dieter Möller for hog unit near Sysmä / Finland, 50 km north of Lahti this day. Our good friend Timo Sorsimo came to us in the morning and said:

The wall in Berlin is open!

I could not believe – but it was true.

This was the dream of my youth – he became true and it all happened without war.

We never believed, that this will happen without war.

I am the first generation in Germany, who never had war on this ground – and I know this and think about it very often.