ESTONIAN HENNING FAMILY

The surname Henning came into use during 1825 in Estonia, when the government of the day instructed all citizens to adopt a surname. Up until that date most rural citizens only had a first name, but were identified by linking their first name with the name of the farm/village where they lived or worked — mentioning the farm name first and the first name second. In 1825 everybody had to choose a surname, which was officially granted by the local county commissioner.

The first Estonian who started using the surname Henning in 1825 was Jacob, born 26-10-1802, the fifth child of Linnarti Hans. He was the only one of six children to adopt this surname.

The first ancestor of this family who could be traced, was PEETER. He was born during 1664 in the county Pärnumaa. Later he moved to the County Võrumaa, where he worked as a farm labourer on the farm TAMMI. He, therefore became known as “Tammi Peeter”. Several of his descendants subsequently lived on the farm Tammi.

FAMILY TREE

1. Tammi Peeter  * 1664 From county Pärnumaa moved into county Võrumaa Hargla parish, Mõniste domain, Tammi farm owner.

   Children: Jacob * 1699

2. Tammi Jacob  * 1699, † Tammi farm 9-3-1755. Tammi farm owner. Married 5.11.1721 to Big Peeter's daughter Kadri * 1701, † Tammi farm 23-3-1761

   Children: Hans * 24-6-1722  
              Juhan * 19-12-1723

3. Tammi Juhan  * Tammi farm 19-12-1723, † 1796. Tammi farm owner. Married 8-11-1753 to Dear Andre daughter Hipp *1726

   Children: Gustav * 10-12-1753 † 1800 in Veetka farm.  
              Hans *20-5-1756

4. Linnarti Hans  * Tammi farm 20-5-1756, † 1817. He bought a farm near the village of Linnarti, and became known as “Linnarti Hans”

      Married 1. 10-11-1784 Tammi Jüri's wife sister Anni
      2. 19-8-1795 Flie Jaan's daughter Anni *1777 † 8-10-1807
      3. Mihkel's daughter Ann * 1765

   Children: Mari *1790  
              Liis *1792  
              Anne *1794  
              Juhan *29-1-1797 † 16-11-1799  
              Jacob *26-10-1802  
              Henno *1810

5. Jacob Henning  *26-10-1802. Village of Linnarti farm owner, wife Mari *1800  
      (He was the first person in Estonia who used the surname Henning from 1825 )

   Children: Juhan * 1823  
              Gustav *1825
Children: Jaan * ?,
Mihkel *?
Mari *? (Moved to Russia)
Hindrik *? † 1937
Karl 31-12-1862 † Aug.1944

7. Karl Henning * 31-12-1862 † 7-5-1944 worked for Mõniste landowner blind Graff Wulff, as a driver. Bought Räestu Hendrik farm 1900 for 3000 gold rubels. Married Helena Dulder. * 1876 † 14-9-1954

Children: Karl * 27-11-1895 † 3.5.1958
Aleksander * 1897 † 1978
Edgar * 1900 † 1975

They run and owned a bakery, dairy and two food shops. 1940 kommunistic government nationalized everything. 1941 they moved to Räestu farm.

Children: Heino * 12-12-1925
Daughter * 5-7-1931 she died 2 days after her birth.


Aleksander Henning * 1897
Karl Henning * 1895, while he was a soldier in the Russian army during the days of the Tsaar's