

The record of the Jorg family as I have been able to trace it.

Jacob Jorg left Germany in the spring of the year of 1763 and settled in Russia. He no doubt was one of the founders of the village of Nork, Russia. Jacob Jorg was the only emigrant that left Germany as near as I found out.

112 years later John Jorg with the family left Russia for America. He was the grandfather of Mrs. Mary Oblander and my great grandfather. My grandfather told me that the Jorg had lived in Russia 112 years. Not all the Jorg left Norka, Russia in 1875. My grandfather had a family come to America in 1902 with 4 children. Then in 1910 a man and woman came to Portland.

My father was just five years old in 1875 when John Jorg with two and maybe three sons came to America. The third one was Mrs. Oblander's father if he came with the others.

The Jorg's first settled on railroad land grant land in Ohio. They had 320 acres. They did not remain there for long then moved to Sutton, Nebraska. Then again they moved about 1887 or 1888 to Oregon.

Mrs. Oblander was born either in 1882 or 1883. This would indicate that her father, my grandfather's youngest brother, was married about the time that the Jorgs moved to Portland, Ore. He no doubt then was left in Sutton, Neb. or in Ohio.

Now about the changing of the name. This happened many years ago. My grandfather's brother changed his to George. His oldest son also changed his name. There were 4 others who kept it Jorg which is correct.

The reason for the change was that in the German language the letter "J" is sounded like the letter "Y" in English. In other words you say Yerg for Jorg.

Mrs. Oblander's grandfather died in 1898 and is buried here in the Lone Fir Cemetery. I have visited the grave several times. The name is John Jorg.

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