

Statement by Dr. Charles F. Swingle, grandson of
Charles Frederic William Leonhardt, Dec. 10, 1954.

Leonhardt was born May 13, 1827, in Grottkau, Upper Silesia, Prussia or Poland. He was educated for the Greek Catholic priesthood but never was a priest. He served his required period in the Prussian army. Then with Louis Kossuth he was a fugitive from Hungary because of his role in the revolution of 1846, coming to America by way of Turkey. After a varied career he showed up in Kansas in 1856 or 1857 and served as one of John Brown's men. Because he was the best trained in the group, educationally and militarily (according to our family legend), he was the one Brown had chosen to lead the Harpers Ferry raid. Although he tried to dissuade Brown from this action at that time, he was on his way to Harpers Ferry when the raid took place prematurely. Our family legend says he it was who fired the haystacks to tell Brown of the results of the trial. Apparently our grandfather did not return to Kansas after Harpers Ferry, until about 1870. In the meantime he had gotten a law degree from the University of Cincinnati, served in the Union army, and married our grandmother, Esther Lewis, of a Quaker family but one actively working in the underground railroad. . . . Apparently Leonhardt was as active in Kansas politics as his impaired health would permit. He died in 1884 at Paola where he is buried. However the family monument is in the southeast corner of the old section of Sunset cemetery, Manhattan, where our grandmother is buried, and I was advised that the cemetery records show he is buried here in Sunset, but this is definitely wrong.

Inventory of the papers of Charles Frederic William Leonhardt
received by the Kansas State Historical Society from his grand-
daughter, Cecile F. McCann, April 20, 1955.

Naturalization certificate, Plymouth county, Mass.,
Dec. 3, 1856.

Appointment as notary, Hamilton county, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1859.

Certificate of admission to bar of Ohio, Apr. 16, 1860.

Biographical sketch.

General Order No. 2, J. H. Lane, Lawrence, July 20, 1867.

Manuscripts:

No Geography in Liberty.
Franco-Prussian War.
Progress of Government.
Among the Danites of 1857 & 1858.
Underground Railroad Matters.
Railroad Station Keepers.
John Brown, Lane and Montgomery Viewed by Danites.
The Last Train.
Annals of Kansas, 1857.
Farewell to My Comrades.
Beyond the Rhine.
"Contente Katoe."
Ground Papers for "Stray Leaves."
Personal Recollection of Kansas Personalities in 1850's.

Letters:

C. H. Branscomb, Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 23, 1869.
Henry King, Topeka, Kan., Feb. 18, 1879.
" " " " Aug. 13, 1879.
S. S. Frouty, Junction City, Kan., Nov. 27, 1877.
Geo. A. Crawford, Philadelphia, Pa., May 24, 1880.
D. C. Haskell, Washington, D. C., Jan. 31, 1882.
" " " " Mar. 26, 1882.
Geo. Tauber, Topeka, Kan., Aug. 18, 1882.
D. C. Haskell, Lawrence, Kan., Aug. 24, 1882.
Christ Schubert, Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 26, 1882.
August F. W. Schmitz, Was, Miami county, Kan., Oct. 6, 1882.
John Martin, Topeka, Kan., Oct. 23, 1882.
Gov. Geo. W. Olick, Topeka, Kan., Dec. 7, 1883.
August Bondi, Salina, Kan., Mar. 30, 1884.
" " " " Apr. 17, 1884.

Drafts of articles and speeches.

Copies of documents.

Received from C. F. Swingle, Dec. 10, 1954, letter from
F. G. Adams to Mrs. C. F. W. Leonhardt, Topeka, Kan.,
Apr. 29, 1885.

Inventory of papers of Charles Frederic William Leonhardt
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grandson, Dr. Charles P. Swingle, April 25, 1955.

Letters:

John Brown, Jr., Put-in-Bay, Ohio, June 15, 1880.

" " " " July 11, 1880.

John W. White, Rock Island, Ill., Mar. 13, 1930.

13 documents: Passports, army discharges, accounting of
estate, etc. (In German)

Statement by S. L. Adair, May 6, 1880.

Statement: "Some Stories I Have Heard About Leonhardt." no author

Clipping on John W. White, 1930.

Picture of Charles Frederic William Leonhardt.

Epawlet from Civil War uniform of Charles Frederic William Leonhardt.

CFW Leonhardt material checked in K Hi library June 14, 1963 EC.

Micro. of Adj. Gen. Enrollment of soldiers, Act of 1886,
Miami co: Charles W. Leonhardt; no commission listed. Served with
58th N.Y. Vol. Inf.

New York Adj. Gen. Rpt. 1866, v. 2, p. 139, 58th reg. of Inf. N.Y.
C.W. Leonhardt [commission date, and date of rank are blank]
He is listed first in "Adjutants" list.

1880 Kansas Census, June 22, v. 16, reel 22, p. 25, L'ville, ^{Pot.} _{co.}

C.W. Leonhardt-53-occup. Historian-b. Poland -
Wife, Esther [Lewis]-40-b. Ohio. Her mother b. N.Y., her father,
Penna. *ANNA TRICKLE*

Children: Irma T.-18-b. Ohio. Henry L.-16 and Bellamy S.-14, b. _{co.}
Iowa. Stella-11-b. Mo. Mary G.-9-b. Iowa. Frances S.-5 b. Kans

A great deal of material by and about Gen. Leonhardt, and port
is in ^{manuscript} archives/section.

CHARLES LENHART IS A DIFFERENT PERSON. SEE K CAT.