

Frederick Christian Reichenbach

(6 May 1791 – 13 Jul 1872)

Reichenbach. On the 13th inst. at 9 o'clock a.m. in the 82d year of his age. The funeral will take place Monday, 15th inst. at 5 o'clock p.m. from his late residence, 423 11th street. All friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

The Evening Star, August 10, 1853

Criminal Court

A jury was then empanelled in the case of the U.S. vs. F.C. Reichenbach, for an assault upon Wilhelmina Letmate. The prosecuting witness went to the house of Reichenbach, abused him and his wife and daughter, wanted his own daughter away from that bawdy-house, etc. The defendant seized her to put her out and struck her, she says, when she resisted and struck him, making a good deal of noise at the time. This occurred in June last, at the house of Reichenbach, on 11th street.

The daughter of Mrs. Letmate was the only witness for defense. The mother objected to the beau she had at Richenbach's, the daughter loved him and refused to give him up--hence all the difficulty. The daughter is quite a pretty and modest looking German girl, and had been brought on from Richmond this morning, whither she had escaped from the wrath of her parents.

The jury found the accused guilty of a single assault.

Submitted by family member:

FREDERICK CHRISTIAN REICHENBACH, JR. was born May 6, 1791 in Tilsit, Germany. He married Juliane Voight and had Friedricke, Mathilda, Edward, Laura, Bertha, Julius, and August. After his wife died, between 1835-1840, he and sons Edward, Julius, and August came to the U.S. On March 16, 1840 he was naturalized at Philadelphia.

Frederick C. Reichenback is listed in the 1846, 1847, 1848 and 1849 Philadelphia city directory as a piano maker at 12 S 7th street.

Frederick married a second time Catherine Kovatch who was from Bremen, Germany. They had ten children with only four surviving: Frederick, Florentina Alberta, William Frank and Charlotte. Frederick and Catherine were married Sept. 15, 1853 in Baltimore, Md. On their way to Washington, D.C.

In Washington they owned a piano store at 423 11th street northwest. His son Frederick was a piano tuner. In the Evening Star advertisement the store was listed as a piano wareroom, and Frederick as an instrument maker.

Frederick died July 1872 and is buried in range 31, site 191. Catherine ran the store until her death, October 1886, buried range 31 site 190.

Also buried there is Charlotte B. Reichenback, Frederick's daughter who died Feb. 4, 1948. His son Frederick Reichenback, died April, 1890. Grandchild Flora A. Reichenbach, died April 1948.

Great grandchild of Frederick, George Suter Reichenbach, and his wife Mary Katherine Reichenback as are their daughter Doris Bennett and her husband Robert Bennett.