

# United States of America

## Introduction

The emigration movement towards the United States that developed around the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and that gained momentum during the last quarter is reflected also in the **Lanners family**.

As it can be seen in the table below,

**38 emigrants**

were found of whom

**3731 descendants**

have been identified by early 2011.

Historians think that some 70.000 people left Luxembourg, about one third of the population, most of them towards America. The reasons that induced people to leave were multiple (push factors):

- Difficult living conditions after the turmoil of the French Revolution, in a minuscule country, politically independent but economically not viable
- Crop failures
- Bigger families as a consequence of lower infantile mortality
- On farms, only one child, generally the eldest son, could take over; the younger children had only limited possibilities to make their living
- Wars and political unrest in Europe.

In this difficult context the United States offered an attractive alternative (pull factors):

- Availability of land at favorable conditions if not even free in certain locations and at certain periods
- Improved travel possibilities with technical progress: railroad and steamships
- An aggressive promotion by emigration agencies
- Positive reports from those who had left and settled successfully.

[Three immigration waves](#) from Luxembourg into the US can be identified:

1. From 1830 to the mid-1840ies to the West of New York state and Ohio

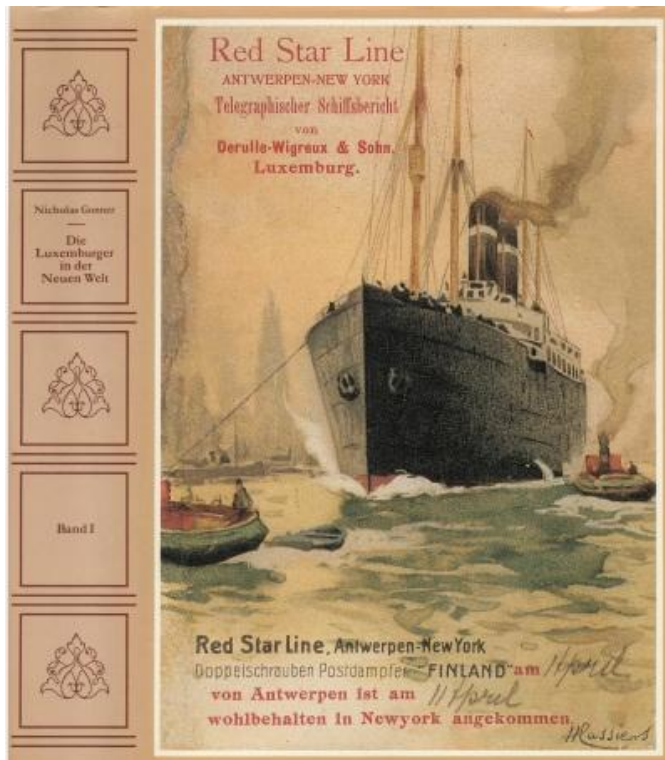
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2. From 1846 to 1860 to Illinois, Eastern Wisconsin and Eastern Iowa
3. From 1860 to 1900, with a peak in the 80ies, to Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Western Iowa: Algona, Giberville, Remsen.



Cover of the 1985 reedition of Nicholas Gonner's reference work "Die Luxemburger in der Neuen Welt". Pictured is a facsimile of a postcard the emigration agency used to send to the family announcing the arrival.

More info on the Luxembourg emigration can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

In order to keep the contact between immigrants and to help those being in need, associations like the [Luxembourg Brotherhood](#) were created. The LBA is still active in some areas.

Another link between the Luxembourg immigrants was the "[Luxemburger Gazette](#)", a newspaper edited in Dubuque by Nicholas Gonner and published from 1871 to 1918. It is a most helpful resource to find information on Luxembourgers and has a number of entries of Luxembourg Lanners. A source still to be tapped, thanks to Jean Ensich and Jean-Claude Muller who indexed the name and location entries and made them thus available on 680 pages in Volume 2 of their reedition of Nicholas Gonner's "[Luxembourgers in the New World](#)".

In our days, the [“Luxembourg News of America”](#) offers a news platform for the American-Luxembourg community. The relations between Luxembourg and the descendants of Luxembourg immigrants are now best served by the [“Luxembourg American Cultural Society”](#) that operates the Cultural Center in Belgium, WI with its [“Roots&Leaves Museum”](#).

## The LANNERS emigrants

The (incomplete) [list of passengers](#) who entered the United States via the port of New York between 1820 and 1957 mentions about 140 LANNERS, of which 14 declared to be of British citizenship, 15 Belgian, 37 German and none Luxembourg.

Part of the 32 Luxembourg LANNERS emigrants may be found under the German label, a nationality they often declared to the immigration authorities. Working on the emigration to the US has uncovered the so far unknown presence of the name LANNERS in England. The 1901 [census](#)

in England shows 26 bearers of the name and

[marriages](#) with LANNERS partners are documented up to the present. LANNERS from England are found on the immigration lists into the United States and we must assume that among the LANNERS living today in the US there are also descendants of these English immigrants. The site [Worldnames](#) offers an overview on the geographic spread of the name.

Whereas New York was the main entrance gate to the United States, most Luxembourgers left the old continent from Antwerp. This seaport was the closest to Luxembourg and the main Luxembourg emigration agency, [Derulle-Wigreux](#), had as partner the “Red Star Line” which operated the Antwerp-New York route.

The preferred destination was Chicago, but the trace of LANNERS immigrants is often lost in this big city. We can assume that the Chicago people were rather craftsmen or plain laborers, with at least one exception however: The Pierre Lanners (10.) family operated greenhouses in Skokie, an area and a trade numerous Luxembourgers were active in. Many LANNERS settled in the rural Midwest states, especially in Iowa and Minnesota, which is consistent with their farmer origin.

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Most of the emigrants were single and travelled alone, although some groups of a village or family members could be detected. 5 entire families emigrated.

The departure was generally for good, but some returns are documented, be it for visits with the family or to accompany siblings to America.

In 2011, [WhitePages](#) lists 447 people with the last name "Lanners", mainly in Minnesota and Illinois.

### List of emigrants:

Name	Date, place of birth	Number of emigrants	Destination	Known descendants
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Total: 38

3731

1	Lanners Michel	11.06.1814, Eschdorf	8	
2	Lanners Jean « Pierre »	07.07.1825, Niederfeulen	1	
3	Lanners Marie	06.05.1827, Welscheid	9	
4	Lanners Charles	30.11.1829, Welscheid	4	
5	Lanners Guillaume	11.12.1829, Hoscheid	1	
6	Lanners Jean	30.05.1833, Berl�	9	
7	Lanners Nicolas	09.10.1840, Niederfeulen	1	
8	Lanners Elisabeth	08.08.1845, Eschdorf	See 10.	
9	Lanners Henri	27.07.1846, Gralingen	1	
10	Lanners Pierre	16.09.1849, Eschdorf	5	
11	Lanners Nicolas	24.10.1854, Erpeldange	1	
12	Lanners Anne	25.01.1860, Eschdorf	1	
13	Lanners Anne	10.08.1860, Nachtmanderscheid	1	
14	Lanners Jean	24.08.1864, Berl�	1	
15	Lanners Th�odore	15.04.1868, Hoscheid	1	
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16	Lanners Fran�ois	27.04.1868, Binsfeld	1	
17	Lanners Pierre	24.08.1868, Eschdorf	1	
18	Lanners Jean Baptiste	04.12.1870, Eschdorf	1	
19	Lanners Pierre	14.01.1871, Hoscheid	3	
20	Lanners Nicolas	06.08.1871, Eschdorf	1	
21	Lanners Henri	14.10.1874, Eschdorf	1	
22	Lanners Pierre	14.11.1876, Eschdorf	See 10.	

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23	Lanners Joseph	26.05.1879, Eschdorf	See 10.	
24	Lanners Pierre	18.04.1882, Eschdorf	See 10.	
25	Lanners Michel	31.01.1883, Ettelbruck	1	
26	Lanners Catherine	14.03.1887, Ettelbruck	2	
27	Lanners François	28.07.1889, Bonnal, Insenborn	1	
28	Lanners Jean Baptiste	09.10.1889, Ettelbruck	1	
29	Lanners Catherine	24.02.1893, Hoscheid	1	
30	Lanners Alphonse	13.04.1907, Esch-sur-Alzette	1	
31	Lanners Nicolas	02.08.1908, Esch-sur-Alzette	1	
32	Lanners Jean Pierre	20.05.1926, Bourscheid	1	
33	Lanners Heinrich	01.03.1833, Kruchten, D	1	
34	Lanners Johann	30.11.1860, Leimbach, D	1	
35	Lanners Catharina	06.01.1863, Leimbach, D	1	
36	Lanners Leonard	08.06.1866, Leimbach, D	1	
37	Lanners Nikolaus	26.06.1869, Leimbach, D	1	
38	Lanners Ludwig	08.09.1893, Basse-Yutz, F	1	

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**Michel "Michael" Lanners** was born 11.6.1814 in Eschdorf and married in 1843 **Marie Froetz**, born also in Eschdorf 6.2.1820. 6 children were born in Eschdorf, and the family emigrated probably in 1857-58, some time after the birth of Suzanne 8.11.1856, as they are not listed any more in the end 1858 census. The last trace in Luxembourg is the December 1855 census sheet:

Commune d'Eschdorf  
Section d'Eschdorf

**BULLETIN DE POPULATION POUR 1855.**

Lanners

N° d'ordre	NOMS ET PRÉNOMS DE TOUTES LES INDIVIDUS du même ménage.	ÉTAT ou PROFESSION.	Âge de chaque personne en particulier.	État civil de chaque personne (célibataire, marié ou veuf).	Nombre de familles dont le ménage est composé.	Observations.
1	Lanners M <sup>e</sup>	journalier	45 ans	marié	1	
2	Froetz Marie	ménagère	35 ans	2		
3	Lanners Kas	sans état	14 ans	célibataire	1	
4	Lanners Pie	2	2 ans	2		
5	Lanners Cath	2	10 ans	2		
6	Lanners Suzanne	2	8 ans	2		
7	Lanners Marie	2	4 ans	2		
8	Lanners Elie	2	1 ans	2		

Fait par nous commissaires spéciaux chargés du dénombrement local de cette commune, dans le domicile de l'individu par lui (elle) et qu'il (qu'elle) nous a déclaré être véritable, et dont nous garantissons aussi l'exactitude.

A Eschdorf le 14 décembre 1855.

Lanners M<sup>e</sup>  
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1	Lanners M <sup>le</sup>	journaliér	42 ans	marié	1
2	Froetz Marie	menagere	35 ans	id	
3	Lanners Kas	sans Etat	12 ans	célibataire	1
4	Lanners P <sup>re</sup>	id	2 ans	id	
5	Lanners Cath	id	10 ans	id	
6	Lanners Susanne	id	8 ans	id	
7	Lanners Marie	id	4 ans	id	
8	Lanners Elis	id	1 ans	id	

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*Lanners M<sup>le</sup>**Richter**Tabach*

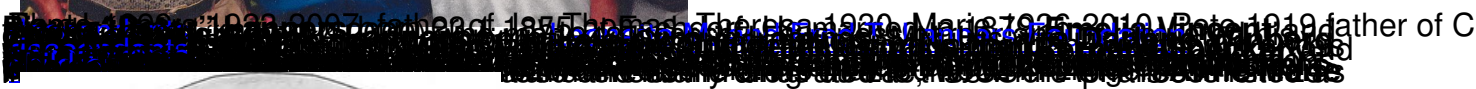
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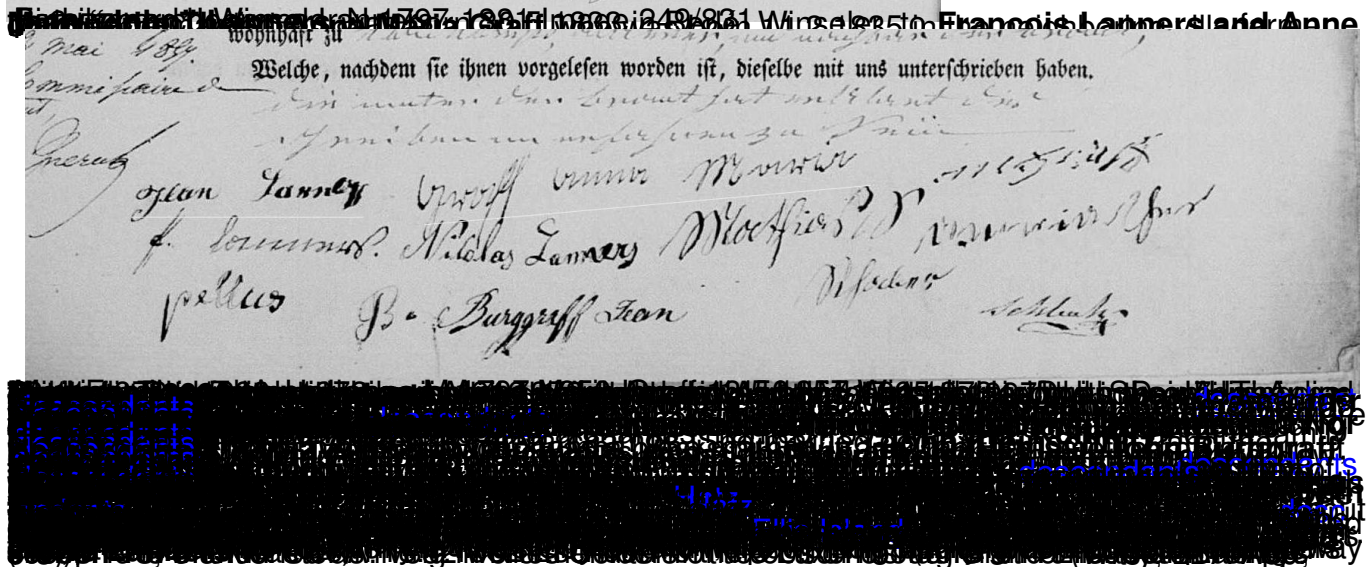
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