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DEDICATION

This work is dedicated to our immigrant ancestors who came to this new land to live and work and build a better life for themselves and their descendants. With them they brought their Catholic faith, stalwart courage and love of freedom and peace.

I especially wish to dedicate this book to my sister Rita TIMMERMAN for her diligent work, persistence and inspiration. Gradually she caught the genealogy fever from me and really pursued it locally more than I. She spent many, many hours on local research, court house, old newspapers, cemeteries, et cetera.

In 1984, Rita and I with our husbands, traveled to Kansas, Colorado, and Texas. We visited relatives and researched in court houses. She enjoyed visiting relatives and doing research more than the scenery of the Colorado mountains.

When she became too ill to work on the book, we put it aside. Three weeks before she died she gave me all the material that she had, and said, "Ruth, you will have to finish this."

I have tried to complete this book without her help and it has been very difficult for me. I know that she is helping me from Heaven above. May she and our parents and brother John guide us in our family research.

THE FAMILY TREE

Why do we have a Family Tree? When we are young this information seems so unimportant. When we are older and we want this information, if it has not been written down, it is lost forever. The greatest gift we can give our children is their heritage and ancestry.

We hope that everyone will enjoy this book and find it as interesting as we have. This DILLER-BIGGS book is not just a genealogy of direct lines. We have tried to expand on all ancestral lines. Note the names on the roots of the tree, page 93

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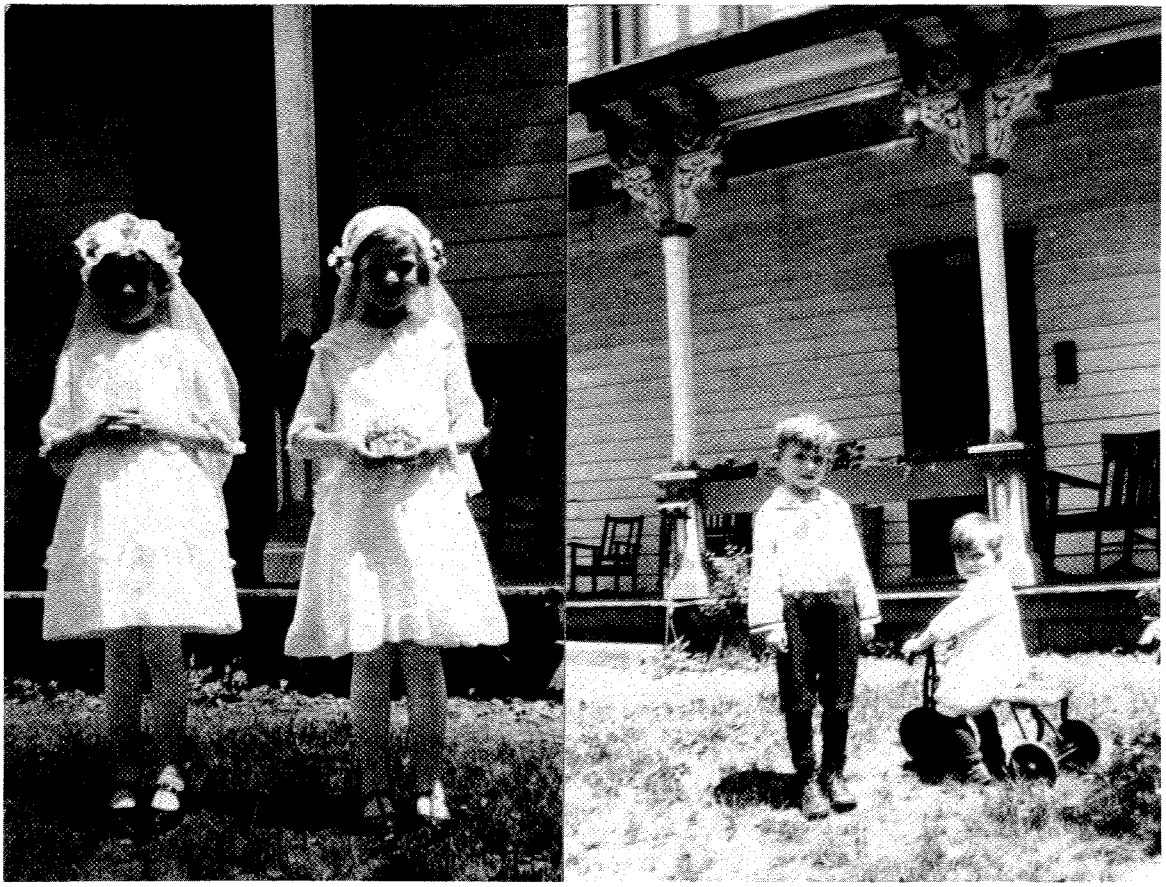
SHE WAS MY SISTER

As I am completing this Family Tree, I wish to pay tribute to my sister Rita. She has been in my thoughts many times as I have been typing. I called on her up there in Heaven to help me. I can truthfully say that this Family Tree would not be completed withour her help here on earth and also in heaven.

Rita was eleven months older than I, and she was always the leader. She was permitted to do things first, she knew everyone and remembered people better than I did. Being as close in age as we were there were times of disagreements, and she usually won. As time passed and we were grown and had our families we became "the best of friends."

In the early 1970's I finally interested her in working on genealogy. We spent many Sunday afternoons together, going out visiting older relatives to gather the information and pictures for our books.

Rita is shown in the picture with me, although it was my first communion in May of 1934. It was the custom then to have all of the last year's communion class to march as an honor guard. My brothers John Henry and Werner are pictured. This snapshot was taken the same day in front of our home on North Sugar Street, Celina, Ohio. Left to right: Ruth, Rita, John, and Werner.



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INTRODUCTION

My sister Rita TIMMERMAN and I compiled and printed the MAY-HOMAN book in 1982. We have continued the research on our mother's family. Research on the WAGNER-REINHART families was done in 1971. We have more research on the WAGNER family, but an up-dated book must wait.

After learning to read the German and German script in the old records, our research in Germany became somewhat easier. We were able to research the BIGGS family and related families from the microfilms of Wolpertswende and Mochenwangen. The DILLER records from Hohengussbach and Breitengussbach had not been microfilmed, so we depended upon the Archiv des Erzbistum, Bamberg.

The old German records were very difficult to read, the old script letters were not always clear. Unfamiliar names could not always be deciphered. Dr. med. Dietrich WALCHER of Mochenwangen has been very helpful with his research. He has sent maps to pinpoint the ZUMBIHL homes and Monica ZUMBIHL and Franz Josef BUG home in the area. We have copied the records as closely as we could in the records. Spellings are as they appeared in the records, even though they may appear to be wrong, especially the spellings of proper names.

There are many things to remember when doing research on the old German records. Sometimes the records are in German with German script or in Latin with Latin script or German script. Some priest switched from German to Latin or Latin to German in the same record. There appear many abbreviations for given names. Where these abbreviations appear they were that way in the original records.

The name BIGGS is used thus in America. In Germany it is usually spelled BUG with an umlaut (two dots) over the u.

We have tried to include as much of the records as we could. We were not always successful in getting the family information down to the last marriage and child. Thus, some of the family information is not complete. We hope that each family will continue their own research down to the present generation. We will be interested in purchasing your Family Tree also. We have tried to include many pictures. However, some were not available to us and others were omitted because of space and expense.

Since there will be some information not included in this book, especially in Germany, I will be glad to share with anyone who is doing any serious research from these areas.

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We would like to thank all the people who have so generously cooperated with us in giving their family information.

To my sister, Rita TIMMERMAN, especially, without her help this book would not be possible. Her untimely death has delayed this book more than three years.

To Uncle Marvin MAY and his wife Anna Marie DILLER who were an inspiration to us, and helped with many of the details of the book, identification of pictures and family lines and other family information.

To Lucina DILLER RAUH for her remembrances of many of our ancestors and relatives listed in the book.

To Dolores SCHMIDT BROSS, my first cousin from Cincinnati, who has driven to Versailles several times to help me organize and complete this work. To all my other cousins who have sent me letters and information.

To Mary A. COSLETT BIGGS, wife of Sylvester BIGGS, of Kingman, Kansas, for information on the Englebirt BIGGS family and also the Joseph BIGGS family. Her information from Englebirt BIGGS' Civil War documents gave us the name of the towns in Germany from which they had emigrated. This information has led us to records on the BIGGS and ZUMBIHL families as early as the late 1600's and the early 1700's.

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To the John DILLER family, to Ethel DILLER, wife of Robert BOECKMAN, to Father Otto and Father Harold, for all their inspiration and advice. Father Otto had sent to me a write-up of Father Harold and also of himself, which we are using in this book.

To Thelma HOMAN, wife of James HOMAN, for the information on the Bernard HOMAN and Mary DILLER family.

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To Gerturde SERVE and her family, Heinz, Anne, and Gerda and husband Jocem BORK, for their hospitality on our visits to Germany. To the MAY families in Ameke, Walstedde, and Hamm, Westphalia, for their hospitality on our two trips to Germany.

To Burgermeister WEGERER, Burgermeisteramt Wolpertswende, Landkreis Ravensburg, Baden Wurttemberg, West Germany, for his interest in our visit and having an interpreter for us when we visited Wolpertswende.

To Dr. med. Dietrich WALCHER of Mochenwangen for the gift of his book, WOLPERTSWENDE eine Gemeinde im Schatten des grossen Geschehens, which is a history of the area, researched beyond the times of the Romans. After returning home, we received letters from him with much information about the BIGGS and ZUMBIHL and HARTNAGEL families in Germany. A map is included in this book that shows where the BIGGS and ZUMBIHL families lived.

To Dr. Josef URBAN, Erzbischofliches Ordinariat of Archiv des Erzbistums, Bamberg, Bavaria, for his cooperation in researching and sending the information on the DILLER family from Hohengussbach and surrounding areas.

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To my nephew and godchild Ron WAGNER for his help in getting me started with the computer. Without his tutoring I would not be able to do this on the computer.

To our parents, Henry and Hildagard MAY WAGNER, who instilled in their children a love and respect for their ancestors. They spoke many times of them and told and retold interesting stories of their lives.

To my children, Regina and Brice, who accompanied me on my trips to Germany. To Mark and Kevin for their interest and encouragement also.

To my husband, George SCHIELTZ, who encourages me to work uninterrupted and as long as I wish. When we spent three days last Autumn in Salt Lake City, he enjoyed visiting with the Morman volunteers on Temple Square while I did more research in the Genealogical Library of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. George even hunted microfilms for me from the millions available.

To Augusta FELTZ, a member of the FORTMAN family and descendent of Francizka BIGGS, for her assistance.

To all the members of the DILLER and BIGGS families who helped me in any way and that I have not mentioned. Every contact has added something to this book.

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EXPLANATIONS for READING THIS FAMILY TREE

In the outline for this family genealogy, this format was used: I, A, 1, a, 1), a). Do not confuse the letters b. and d. in the outlines with birth and death.

In presenting this Family Tree research, we have tried to use the spellings of the names as they appeared in the records. When the German immigrants came into the country their name was given to the official and he usually spelled it as it sounded to him. Even if the German spelled the name, the letters did not sound "a, b, c," but "ah, bay, say," in the German language. BUG with the umlaut (two dots) above the "u", sounds like BEAKS, as Monica name is spelled in 1860 Census. Generally the BUG family anglicized the name to BIGGS in the United States. Also, I have not put in the umlauts in the German names.

There are many things to remember when reading German records. The handwriting in the old German records was so poor that it was difficult to read the old German script. Sometimes the records are in German script and sometimes in Latin. Some priests switched from German to Latin and Latin to German when recording the event. The names were mispelled many times in the same record. German babies had many given names, and were usually named for the sponsors. The name generally used was the name closest to the family name. Ex. Maria Josepha BUG was usually called Josepha BUG. In Wurttemburg many times, however, there was only one name given at baptism.

The records in this book are as accurate as possible. There may be errors in spelling, but the records have been copied as close to the original as possible, whether we thought it was mispelled or not. The priests did not always spell the name the same from one record to the next and sometimes in the same record. Names were shortened in many places, so there are many abbreviations, which are in the records, not our abbreviations. Sometimes the name was given the Latin spelling rather than the German.

The dates are written in the military manner: 4 May, 1780. When the date is written 4 May 6, 1780, this means the 4 is the birth date and the 6 is the baptismal date. Many times the record is of the baptism and no birth date is indicated. Many times this was also the birth date. In the olden times it was very important to baptize the child on the same day as the birth if at all possible. The month is always written out, it is never written as a number. The years are written complete, such as 1860, 1960, not '60. When reading the death date, 6 March 8, 1850, it means, the person died on the 6th and was buried on the 8th.

The Family Registers from the German records are set-up as closely as they were in the German Registers. A cross or plus sign indicates death in a record.

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ABBREVIATIONS

b.	born	7 bris	September
bp.	baptized	8 bris	October
d.	died	9 bris	November
m.	married	10 bris	December
res.	residence	von	from
sp.	sponsor in baptism	Anno	Year
wit.	witness in marriage	Hof	Home
ch.	children	ex	from
pr.	parents	geb.	geboren, born
bur.	buried	-in	an ending for a female
ux.	uxor, Latin for wife		
dau.	daughter	Fr.	Franz
Kind	Kinder, German for child or children		
Ehe	German for married or marriage	Joes.	John, Joannes
Frau	German for woman	Jos.	Joseph
Ehefrau	German for married woman or wife	M.	Mary, Maria
Colon	farmer, peasant	Schuster	shoemaker

Picture Identification: (Additional identifications listed on page 310)

Page 94 City of Bamberg, Bavaria. Top to bottom:, Rathaus built over the river; Bamberg Cathedral; street scene in Bamberg.

Page 96 Village of Hohengussbach, Bavaria, birthplace of Sebastian DILLER. Top to bottom, street scene looking to the east; St. George Church; inside of ST. George Church, showing the canopy for Corpus Christi procession.

Page 97 Hohengussbach, scenes of the houses and people when we were there in 1981. Ruth SCHIELTZ and Marvin MAY in center picture.

Page 138 MAY Composite. Read from left: Top, working in corn field, Gerhard, Hildagard with Elizabeth MAY taking picture ca. 1920.

Page 164 MAY Composite. Top, left: Lidwina, Cletus. Right: 1920 Team Charlie and Dick. Middle, left: Elizabeth at Lake Placid, N.Y. Right: MAY winter barnyard, new cars. Aerial view of May farm. Bottom, left: standing, Alphonse, sitting, Mary, Cletus, Frank, and Marvin. Right: Joseph SCHMIDT's 1920 Model T truck. Joseph in truck, Sitting, left, Elizabeth MAY SCHMIDT with Walter KRAMER in front, left on wheel, Katie KRAMER.

Page 224 Wuerttemberg and Bavaria. Top, street scene in Ravensburg; middle, typical home in Black Forest area; bottom, Marvin MAY on the street in Oberammagau, Bavaria, city of Passion Play.

Page 226 Wolpertswende, Wuertemberg. Top left: Burgermeister WEGERER; top, right, young interpreter; bottom left, the old church at Mochenwangen; right, St. Gangolph Church, Wolpertswende.

Page 312 Top, left: Donald, Richard, Debra, Doris, & David BURWINKEL. Right, back: Lenna, Maurice, Laurie SCHMIDT, front, Thomas, Sandra, Andrew Joseph, Fredrick SCHMIDT. Middle, left: Dennis, Pamela, Gary, Arlene BROSS. Right, back: Ricky, Diane, front, Sharon, Lisa, Bryan SCHMIDT. Bottom, left: Timothy, Lois, Sheri, James, Alan SCHMIDT. Right, Peggy, Rodney BURGER.

Page 313 Top, left to right: Joseph, Kenneth SCHMIDT, Barbara SMITH, Robert, Philip SCHMIDT. Second row: Lynn Ann, David, Sheri, Gregg SCHMIDT. Third row: Jeffrey MERLING, Keith, Kurt ANDRES. Bottom row: John MERLING, Karen ENDERLE, Glenn, Steven DAVIS.

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CHURCH RECORDS

The genealogy information included in this Family Tree goes back to 1671 in Mochenwangen, the church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mother, and also in the Woltpertswende church dedicated to St. Gangolph. These churches are located in these towns in Landkreis Ravensburg, Wuerttemberg, Germany. This area is just north of Bodensee, called Lake Constance, a lake between Germany and Switzerland. This area is also very near Bavaria and Austria. Several pages of actual German records are included.

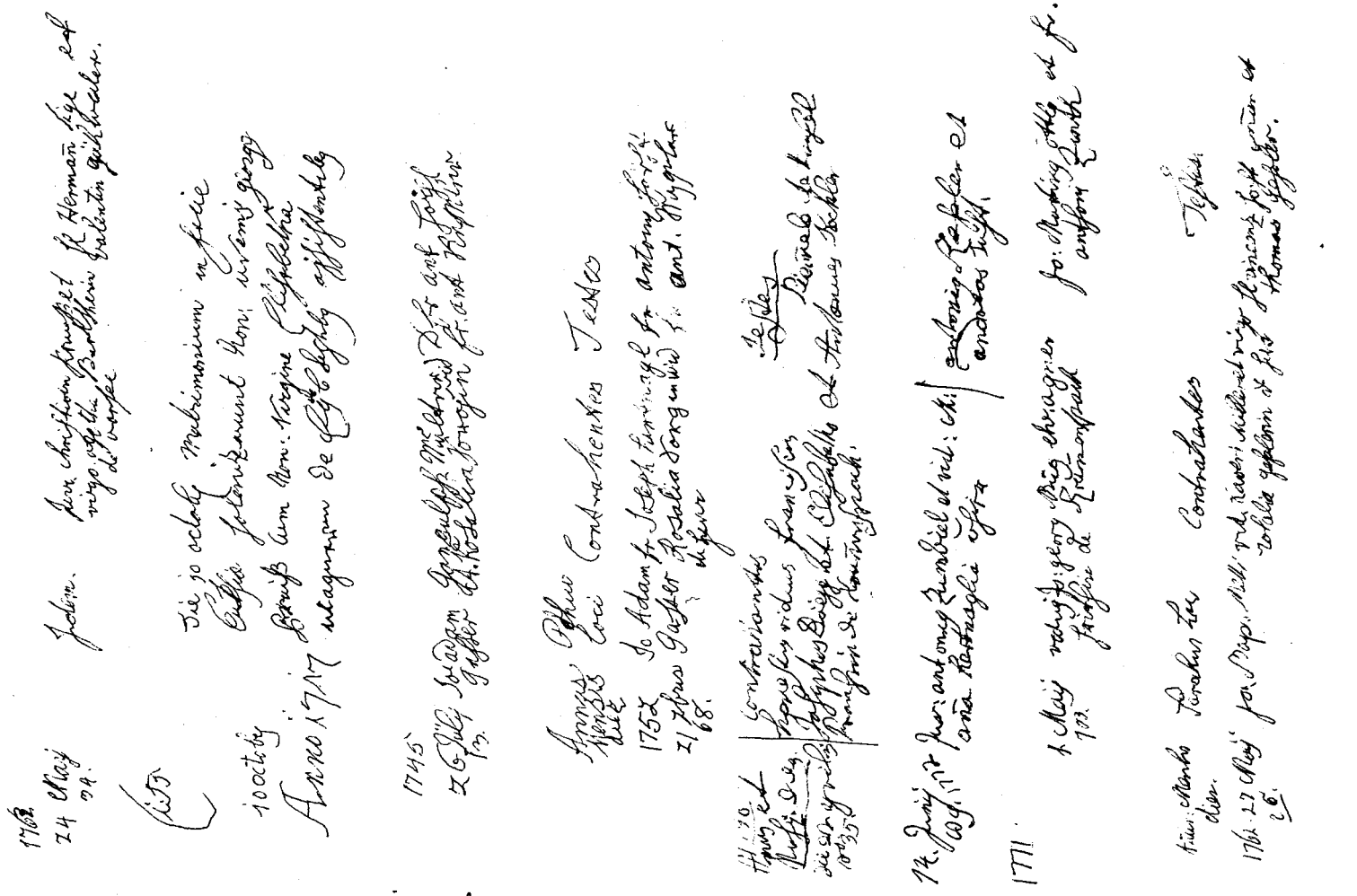
The church records of Mochenwangen and Wolpertswende are duplicates of each other, since Mochenwangen was a mission church until sometime in the 1800's. Most of the records are written in the old German Script. These records have been microfilmed by the Morman Church, Salt Lake City. With these microfilms and the help of Dr. Detrich Walcher of Mochenwangon, the genealogy of the BUGs has been completed.

The church records from St. George Church, Hohengussbach, were not available to us when visiting in Germany. All records had been transferred to the Archbishop Archives in the city of Bamberg. Since these records have not been microfilmed by the Church of the Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, we depended upon researchers at the Bishops Archives in Bamberg, Bavaria. We received certified copies of all records, but not photocopies. Many times there is more information in the actual record book than the researcher sends. We were not able to research as much on the related families, because more research would have been too expensive. All the DILLER information was received for approximately 300 Deutsche Marks, approximately $200.00 in today's exchange rate. The earliest DILLER record is 1695.

The BUG, ZUMBIHL, HARTNAGEL, WILLHOFF, and RENN records in Europe are from Mochenwangen and Wolpertswende and surrounding areas in Landkreis Ravensburg, Wurttemburg. The DILLER family information is from Hohengussbach and surrounding areas near Bamberg in Oberfranken, Bavaria. Where there is an exception, the record will contain the name of the town or village listed in the records.

Generally the Catholic Church records began after the Council of Trent 1545-1563. The Council was called to counter the Protestant revolt. A new requirement stated that all priests must keep records of their congregations: the births, marriages, deaths, confirmations, and family census. The bishops visited and checked records and signed the books. The Council also required that there should be no more clandestine or secret marriages. It became church law to have three witnesses at each wedding, one priest and two lay persons. All church records do not begin in 1563. Possibly these records were kept on loose sheets and may have been lost or destroyed during the many wars. The Thirty Years War was devastating. Many people died. Buildings, churches, and their records were destroyed. Fortunately, we have been able to obtain nineteenth century church records from Holy Trinity Church, Bryant, Indiana; and in Ohio the records of St. Anthony, Padua; Immaculate Conception Church, Celina; St. Aloysius Church, Carthagena; and Holy Rosary Church, St. Marys.

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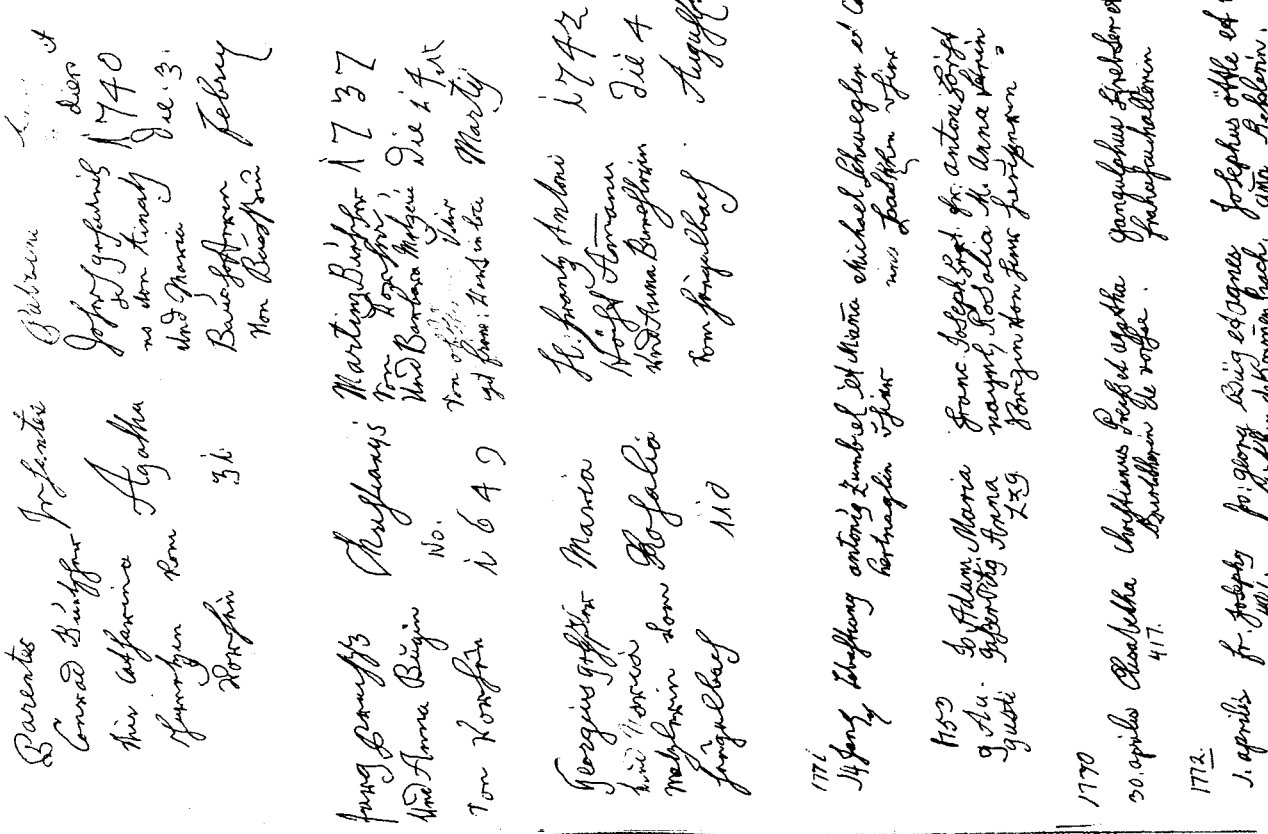
1724

194 Die 8to Junij solenniter matrem inivit hon
invenis Conradus Büchsers Filiator
Büchsen et hon Catharina pudicitiam Dan
Rheingrafiadrien Seelig requestes offerendy

1729

245 Die 4 Septbr: solenniter in folig Ed
Matrem iniere hon: Victrius Marling Georgii
Danijs De Kÿ & alibon: et pudi: Virgo
Anna Büquin dan Morgnuadangren
Seelig Dno Fran: Inl: Höhld et hon
Sebastiano Gang de Morgnen adangen

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40 Maria geb. Härtnagel — Ehefrau — Joseph Härtnagel [illegible] — Johann Georg Zirnbisch [illegible]

Ihre Entbindung Wolfertsw. 1811. 14. Dec mit 2 U. N. 16. Decbr. — Wolfertsw. — I Fe 136

26 Anton Zirnbisch — Ehefrau — Joseph Zirnbisch — Rosalia Dürnbeck — Maria Hüttinger I P 136 — 71. J.

71. Jahr Lungenlähmigkeit — Wolfertshausen 1814 26. Aug Nachm 2 Uhr — Wolfertshausen d 28. Aug -

1808

6 Agnes Heid — Ehefrau Matthäus Heid Zimmermeister Katholik — Johanna Fabrin — Joh Georg Wild Ehemann

86. Jahr Entbindung — Zimmerbach 1808 & 29 Jahr. Mittag 12 Uhr — Pfarrkirchen J. 31. Jahr.

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Goldenes Jubiläum der Gemeinde.

Die Namen der Pionire von 1853 welche die erste Blockkirche zu St. Anton erbaut und zugleich einen Geldbeitrag von je vier Dollars einbezahlt haben.

Schrör Heinrich
Wichelmann Heinrich
Stelzer Johann
Weichel Johann
Stark Vinzenz
Diller Johann
Wechelmann Louis
Schnett Anton
Rauh Ignaz
Fortman Heinrich

Diesen schlossen sich dann die folgenden Bürger an, und bildeten die erste St. Antonius-Gemeinde.

Brinkmann Heinrich
Hüttenbrock Heinrich
Hüttenbrock H. M.
Dennes Bernhard
Middendorf Theodor
John-Georg
Obringer Peter
Schurman Anton
Wigand Franz
Greving Louis
Sell Felix
Langenhorst Franz
Krieg Sebastian
Werkamp Paul
Homan Gerhard

Erste Kirche gebaut 1853.

Einnahmen.

Kassenbestand am 1. Januar 1902	$ 156 33
Stuhlrente eingegangen von 1901	57 47
Stuhlrente eingegangen von 1902	1 323 00
Opfercollekte an Sonn- und Feiertagen	51 53
Opfergaben an Kerzen	11 45
Geschenke	36 00
Auslosung der alten Orgel	53 25
Reinertrag der Festlichkeit	145 86
Interesse erhalten an Note	4 00
Bischöfliche Kollekten	97 75
Christlicher Mütterverein	43 00
Unterschriften bezahlt	1 355 00
Total	3 334 64

Ausgaben.

Cathedraticum	$ 14 00
Infirm Priests' Fund	12 86
Assessment für arme Missionen	6 43
Priester-Gehalt	500 00
Lehrer, Organist und Küster	220 00
Meßwein und Hostien	15 00
Reinigung und Verzierung der Kirche	58 00
Versicherung der Kirche erhöht	14 70
Reparaturen und Verbesserungen an der Kirche	29 80
Für Kerzen, Oel, Weihrauch usw	68 30
Kelch und Kerzenstöcke vergoldet	16 25
Kirchliche Paramente und Geräthschaften	150 06
Neuer Ofen	22 00
Brennholz und Licht	36 90
Stall und Futter für Pferd in Padua	25 00
Brunnen für Lehrerhaus	62 50
Neue Pfeifenorgel	1 150 00
Eiserne und Draht Fenz	536 30
Laufende Ausgaben für Kirche	48 76
Diözesan Kollekten	97 75
Kassenbestand am 31. Dezember 1902	250 03
Total	3 334 64

Summa.

Gesammte Einnahmen	$3 334 64
Gesammte Ausgaben	3 084 61
Bilanz	$ 250 03

Kirchenvorsteher: Philipp Diller, Johann Mühlenkamp, Joseph Klaus, Joseph Lanz, Schatzmeister.

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Padua, Ohio.

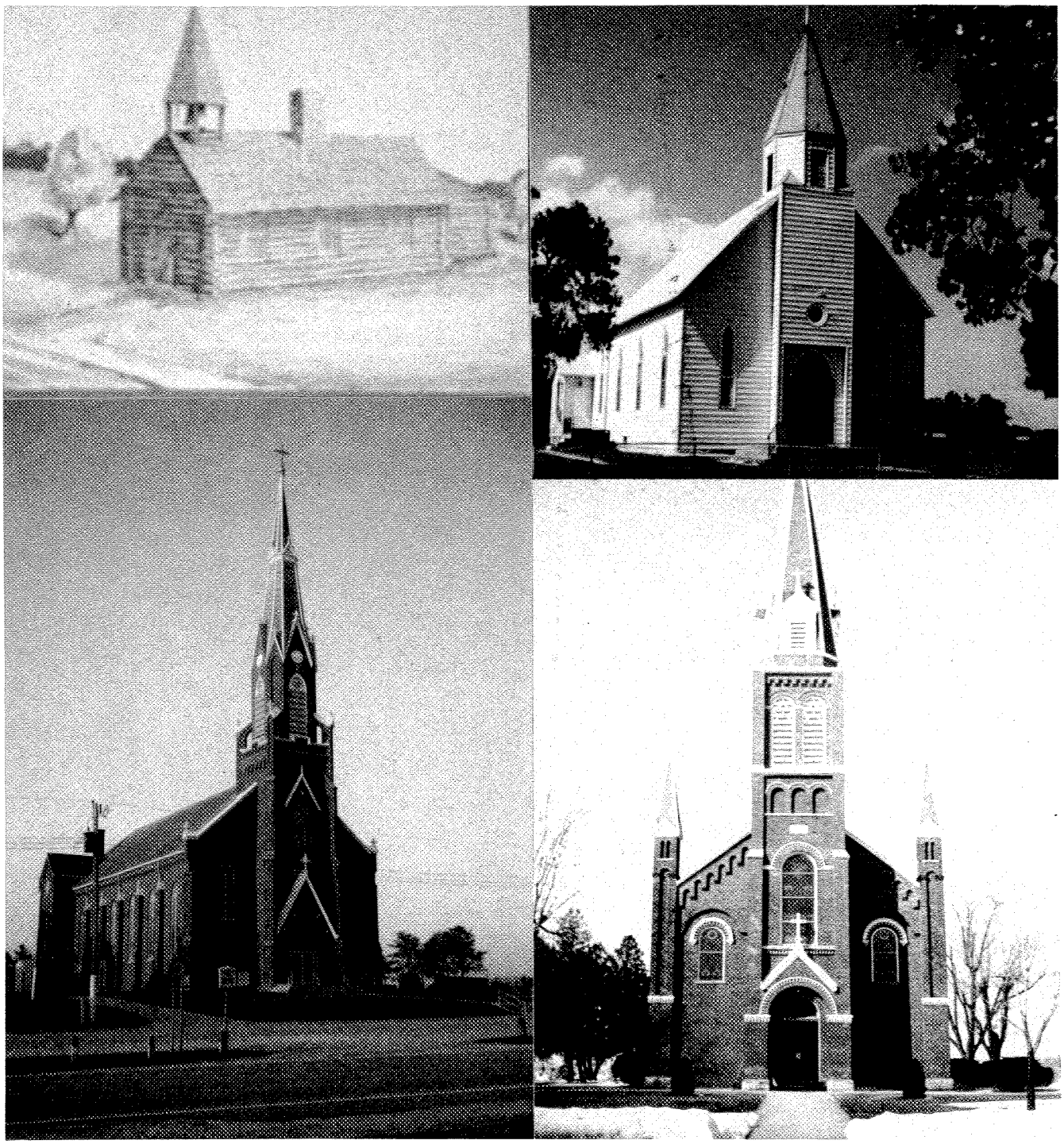
Vom 1. Januar 1902 bis 1. Januar 1903.

Namen.	Stuhlrente.	Unterschriften	Namen.	Stuhlrente.	Unterschriften
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Alig Adam	16 00	20 00	Rauh Anton	18 75	20 00
Alig Wilhelm	14 50	12 00	Rauh Georg	39 25	25 00
Alig Georg	14 50	10 00	Rauh Joseph	17 00	25 00
Borns Joseph	18 00	15 00	Schäfer Johann	10 00	40 00
Brns Johann	6 00	5 00	Schenking Bernhard	8 25	5 00
Dabbelt Gerhard	18 00	15 00	Schritz Mathias	10 00	15 00
Diller Sebastian	16 50	10 00	Schrör Heinrich, sr	14 50	5 00
Diller Philipp	16 50	25 00	Schrör Joseph	22 00	20 00
Eischen Johann	11 00	15 00	Schrör Heinrich, jr	5 00	15 00
Eischen Peter	5 00	15 00	Schrör Johann	11 50	15 00
Everling Johann	5 00	2 00	Schindler Franziska	5 00	2 00
Feipel Anton	24 00	27 00	Schürman Elisebeth	36 00	25 00
Fortman Elisabeth	22 00	40 00	Schürman Theodor	8 50	15 00
Fortman Joseph	15 00	20 00	Siegrist Joseph	8 50	Gratis
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Gruß Joseph	5 50	5 00	Sudhoff Louis	21 00	15 00
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CATHOLIC CHURCHES in the UNITED STATES



Top, left: sketch of first log church at St. Anthony, Padua, Ohio; right, St. Louis Church, Waterloo, Kansas.
Bottom, left: Holy Trinity Catholic Church, east of Bryant, Indiana; right, St. Anthony Church, Padua, Ohio.

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HISTORY of GERMANY

The first Germans were known to the ancient Romans. The early Romans had outposts and cities in many parts of Germany as we saw the evidence of Roman ruins in Baden-Baden, Cologne, Aachen, and Trier when in Germany in June 1981 and July 1985. Trier was the Imperial Capital of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great for ten years around 300 A. D. His throne hall and the church of his mother are still standing today. There are ruins of the baths and the sport arena. Constantine made St. Helena, his mother, Empress and Trier was her home for many years. She brought the True Cross and Holy Robe to Trier. The Robe can be seen only every 20 or 30 years.

Constantine moved his capital from Trier to Constantinople because he feared the Germanic tribes and felt that his capital was not safe. By 400 A. D. the Germanic armies had gone into and taken much of Italy. The strongest Germanic tribe was the Frank tribe, and the greatest Frankish ruler was Charlemange who came to power in 768, with his capital at Aachen, Germany. In 800 A. D. Pope Leo III crowned him Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. This really is the beginning of the history of the German Country.

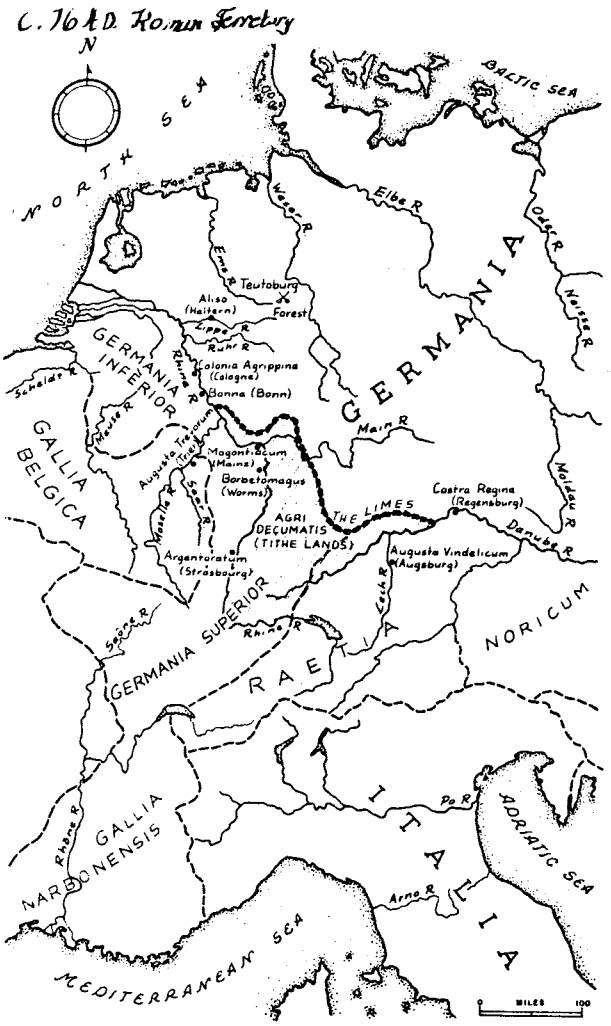
After Charlemange's death, and at the Treaty of Verdun, in 843 the Empire was divided into three kingdoms, one for each of his grandsons. The western part, became France, the middle part was from the Baltic Sea down into Italy and contained Alsace and Lorraine, and the eastern part, under Louis II the German, became Germany.

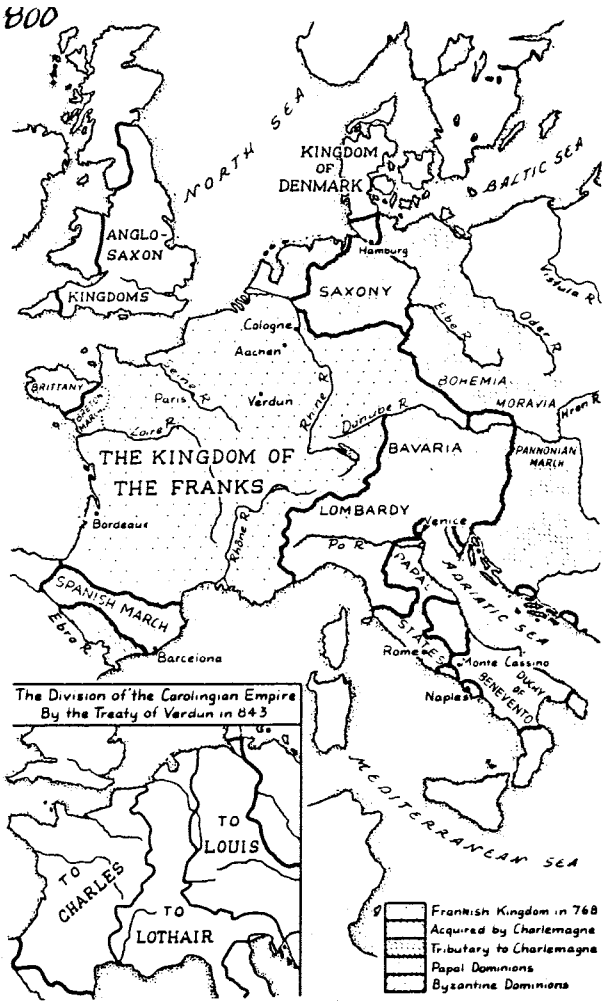
The German Empire contained about 300 large and small territories which were semi-independent. More than 30% of these principalities were ruled by Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy Roman Emperor, as he was called, ruled over Bohemia, Austria, Belgium, Baden and the Black Forest area, and was the overlord of all these territories.

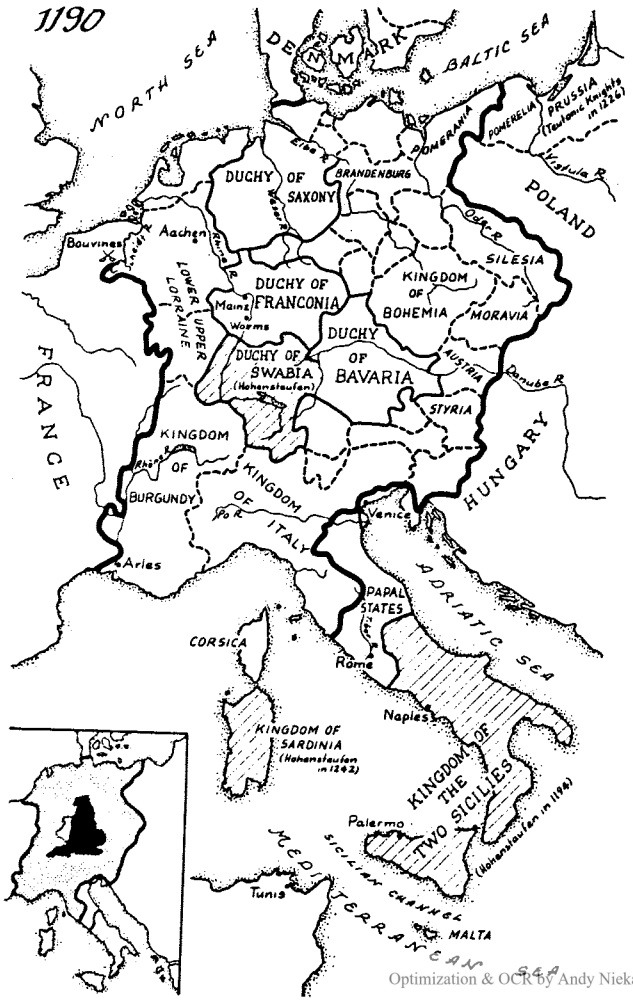
For centuries, the Electors of Germany helped to elect the Emperors. The Arch-Bishop Elector of Cologne was one of these electors. Westphalia, the home of the MAYs and the HOMANs, was included in these political events up into the 16th and 17th centuries. The Bishop of Munster was under the Archbishop of Cologne.

From the 1400's on there was much unrest in the German states due mostly to the religious problems. This was the time of the Protestant Revolt and the Catholic Counter-Reformation. Despite the political and social disorder of the 1500's, Germany was on the whole prosperous in these years and was undergoing a spiritual and intellectual revival. Free cities grew, trade increased. Germany was influenced by the Christian Renaissance. There was the Protestant Reformation and the corresponding Catholic reforms, through the Council of Trent 1545-1563. At this time Germany was ruled rather loosely by Charles V, of the Holy Roman Empire.

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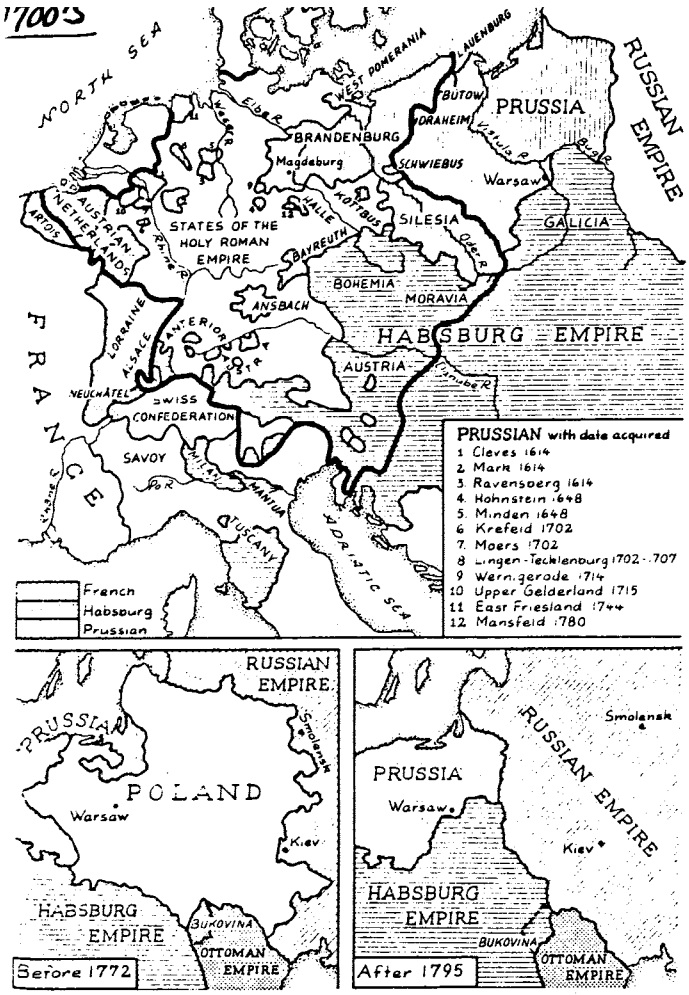


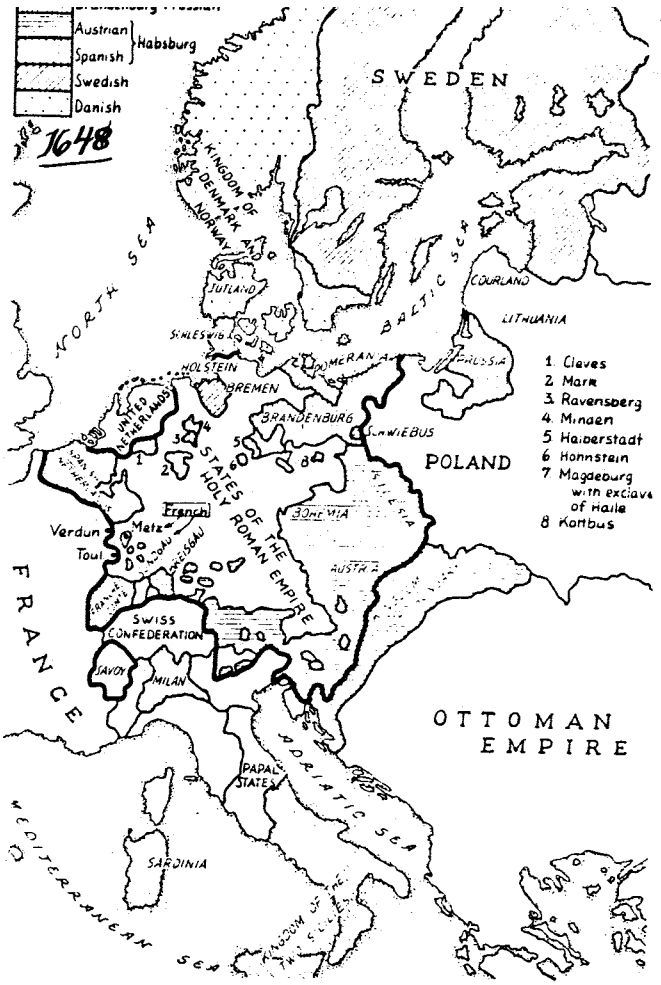


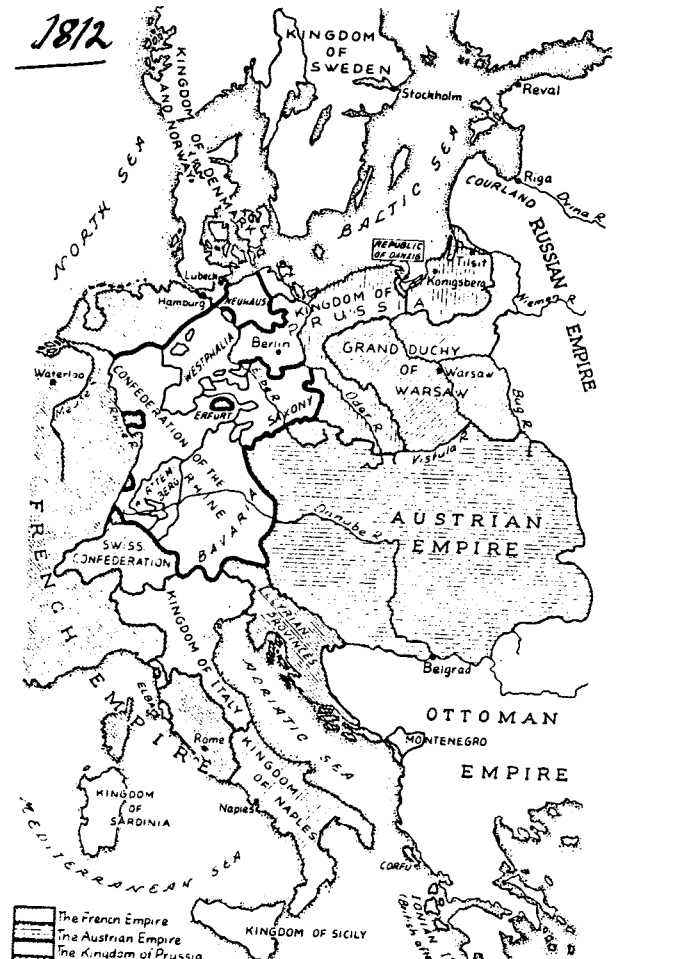




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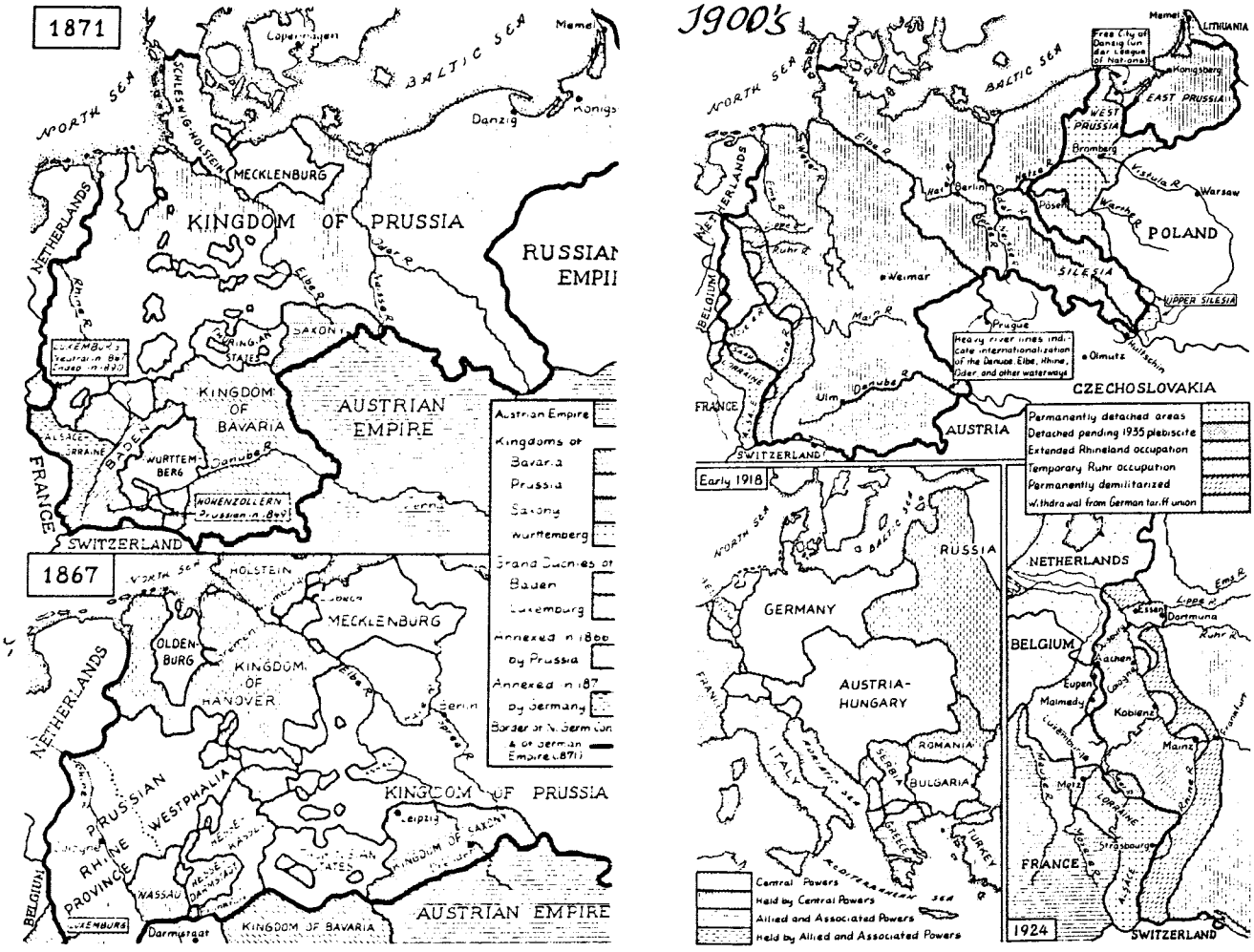








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We can thank the Jesuits for saving much of Germany for the Catholic Faith. Pope Julius III in 1550 had asked the Society of Jesus to preach in the areas of devastation in Germany.

In Becker and Langer's A Survey of EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION, page 437:

The purpose of the society was set forth in the constitution, which Ignatius LOYOLA had completed just before his death, and in the bull of 1550. The brief statement is in the latter: 'The company is founded to employ itself entirely in the defense of the holy Catholic

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faith.' In particular, that meant the defense of the church by helping to retain the allegiance of her people, by adding to her membership through the conversion of the heathen, and by winning back as many as possible of those who had been lost to the various Protestant sects.....The method to be employed was fourfold: first, to educate the young in orthodox schools; second, to win influence with the doubtful through their services as confessors; third, to carry on missionary preaching in heathen or heretical lands; and fourth, to acquire diplomatic influence in international affairs by serving in the courts of nobles and princes.....In the SPIRITUAL EXERCISES he had insisted on the necessity of mental obedience to the church, 'always defending her teaching and never opposing it,' and in the constitution he stressed above all else the necessity of absolute obedience, first to the pope and second to the general and other superiors of the order.

Today, there are many Catholics in Germany, almost all of Bavaria is Catholic, with their magnificent churches. There are crucifixes displayed in many public restaurants and buildings, many small shrines along the streets and roadsides, statues in small crevices in the walls of buildings. Corpus Christi is a national holiday all over Germany, as we discovered when we were there in June 1981. Even in the northern part of the country, there are many beautiful Catholic churches and cathedrals. Almost every city has its huge beautiful Catholic Cathedral and Catholic Convents and Monasteries. We visited these beautiful churches in Trier, Aachen, Dusseldorf, Munster, Cologne, Mainz, Worms, Bamberg, Wurzburg, Oberammagau, the Cloister at Ettal, Ravensburg, Weingarten, and many more cities.

The Jesuits had barely begun their work, when the church took steps to have a Papal Council, the Council of Trent. Besides the impact on the religious reforms, there were several church rules that came out of the Council of Trent that are very important to genealogists. One was that the Catholic priests in the parishes were required to keep records of all baptisms, confirmations, marriages and deaths. At this time many people were married privately, and there was no civil or church record of the marriage. This led to clandestine marriages and other abuses. Thus, the Church required that every marriage needed three witnesses: one of these must be a Catholic priest and the other two, lay people.

Even though records were ordered at the Council of Trent, 1545-1563, very few church records go back that far. Probably many records were destroyed during the Thirty Years War 1618-1648, during which time the Lutherans and the Catholics alike burned each other's churches. Although the Thirty Years War involved all of Europe, it was fought mostly in Germany. This was essentially a religious war, Catholics against Protestants, Lutherans against Evangelical Churches, and others. The Thirty Years War was fought in all areas of Germany and left most of it destroyed. It has been reported that more than 30% of the population was annihilated. Thousands of castles, towns and villages were destroyed. Churches were destroyed including their records. At this time, the ruling Prince of the territory would dictate the religion of his subjects. Thus as a result of the fighting, losing and gaining control, the religion switched back and forth.

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For three decades there was much death, disease, and destruction. There were few pitched battles, and these were unimportant compared to the appalling loss of lives from famine, disease, and the brutality of soldiers out on the loose. The armies on both sides plundered, burned, tortured and killed everything in sight. It has been said that in Bohemia there was an almost unbelievable situation. The total population was reduced to two-thirds and could be to a possible half. Loss of property was still greater. Others say that in Wurttemberg the population was reduced from 400,000 to 50,000. This is the area where the BUGs came from. As a result of this devastation there was a lasting result in the complete moral and cultural degradation of a people who in the previous century had been the cultural and religious leaders of all Northern Europe. Germany, no doubt, had been set back a century. Catholic and Lutheran Germans both regret these conflicts. Germany lost more as a result of these wars than she did as a result of both World Wars. France, who came late into the war, gained the most. France received the Bishoprics of Metz, Toul, and Verdun and the control of Alsace except for the "Free City" of Strasbourg. France was now close to the Rhine.

Dr. Dietrich Walcher, in his book, **WOLPERTSWENDE, eine Gemeinde im Schatten des grossen Geschehens**, writes about the devastation during **Dreissigjahriger Krieg**, the Thirty Years War. In 1624 there were 104 families in the district of Wolpertswende. By 1631 there were only 41 families. Total men were reduced from 111 to 60, total women from 121 to 50, boys from 127 to 44, girls from 98 to 26, total children from 225 to 70, total population from 457 to 180. So it is evident that there was a great loss of life. This reduction in population was all over Germany, but especially in Wurttemberg. The rulers asked for the Swiss and the Austrians to move into the area. Dr. Walcher said that he had found where a BUG had died in Wolpertswende in the 1700's, and his place of birth was given as Stamm, Tirol, Austria. We can presume that he was a relative, and that our family may have emigrated from Austria into Wurttemberg. (Dr. Walcher's book is written in German. I wish that I could do a better job at reading the language, because it has a wealth of information.)

Dr. Walcher also writes in his book that, in 1736 there was a Public House (restaurant, store, or whatever) belonging to Franz BUG, this family was living in Mochenwangen already in 1690, and the BUG name is still there today.

The War was settled at the Peace of Westphalia in 1648. This was the first great European peace conference. It was signed in the Westerwinkle Castle, which is just a few miles west of Herbern, Germany, in Munsterland. While in Germany in June of 1981, we toured this castle and saw the original paintings, furniture, and furnishings. The Treaty of Westphalia was an important treaty. It ended the period of religious strife and marked the beginning of the new era of wars for economics and for territories. In its adjustment of territorial boundaries and the recognition of the sovereignty of states, it laid the foundations for the modern states of Europe. The religious issues of the Thirty Years War were almost forgotten in the settlement. However, there were a few religious decisions. Secularized lands that had formerly belonged to the Church were to remain in the possession of those holding them. The Lutheran, Catholic and Calvinist princes were given the right to determine

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legally the religion of their states. However, Germany was too impoverished for any ruler to force the religion on his subjects. A general result of this was religious tolerance. By 1660 all of Europe was at peace, the result of total exhaustion. The Holy Roman Empire was weakened even though a ruler was still elected. France emerged as the first powerful state of Europe.

The Peace of Westphalia in 1648 established the boundaries shown on the map. The United Netherlands left the Holy Roman Empire, as did Switzerland. Composed of hundreds of nominally sovereign states, the empire had become a section of fragmented sovereignties which served as a central European buffer zone, especially between France and Sweden. Sweden controlled the mouths of the Weser, Elbe, and Oder Rivers in Northern Germany. France annexed upper Alsace, finally acquiring undisputed title to Verdun, Toul, Metz, and also jurisdiction over ten Alsatian cities which it finally annexed outright. The Spanish and Austria Habsburgs also acquired control over parts of Germany. The fragile framework of the Holy Roman Empire was somewhat modified but in its basic structure it was retained. This was done not because it was satisfactory, but rather because there was no satisfactory alternative. For the next century and a half - until 1806 - it would be decried as a pitiful holdover from another era.

Next came Frederick the Great, who conquered the Habsburg Silesia and shared in the partition of Poland, and also acquiring many smaller territories in central and western Europe. This made the Hohenzollern monarchy a major northeast European power. He also secured the control over Schwiebus, Pomerania, Draheim, Butow and Lauenburg. Other acquisitions included Magdeburg, Neuenburg, Ansbach and Bayreuth. France had gained some territory, and by the time of the French Revolution in 1789, it held Lorraine and Alsace except for a few sections.

When Napoleon took over and conquered much of Europe, Germany was also affected. In 1806 Napoleon abolished the Holy Roman Empire and established the Confederation of the Rhine, shown on the map. It included by 1812 the four kingdoms of Wurttemberg, Bavaria, Saxony, and Westphalia, together with thirty-two lesser principalities, but not Austria, nor Prussia, both of which he repeatedly defeated. By 1812 Napoleon so completely dominated central Europe that all resistance against him was gone. But he then overextended himself by invading Russia. After he suffered serious reverses there, Prussia, though at first his ally, then turned against him, thus serving as a nucleus for German national resistance.

The Confederation of the Rhine did not survive Napoleon's fall, but the consolidation he brought about abruptly reversed the long trend toward territorial fragmentation in Germany; thus, preparing the way for a powerful unification.

After the defeat of Napoleon in 1815, neither the Holy Roman Empire nor most of the hundreds of principalities composing it were restored. Instead, the German Confederation was established with thirty-nine states under permanent Habsburg chairmanship. Three of the four kingdoms of Napoleon's confederation of the Rhine survived: Bavaria, Saxony, and

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Wurttemberg. THe fourth, Westphalia was divided, a part going to Prussia and much of the rest going to Hanover, which was reestablished as a kingdom with personal ties with Britain. These ties began when the elector of Hanover became King George I in 1714; the ties were severed on the death of King William IV in 1837. Victoria succeeded him in England but not in Hanover, where no ruling queen was permitted.

The Diet of the German Confederation, composed of emissaries of the German member states meeting in Frankfurt, was suspended during the Revolution of 1848, reestablished in 1850, and finally dissolved as a result of Prussia's victory in the War of German Unification of 1866.

During the Revolution of 1848, the king of Prussia had been elected German emperor by the German National Assembly, but would not accept a crown. German unification was brought about mostly by the military might of Hohenzollern Prussia, which crushed Austria and her German allies in a mercifully brief German civil war during the summer of 1866. **Most of our German ancestors were here in the United States by this time.** Prussia abolished the German Confederation, ejected Austria from German affairs altogether, and annexed several of her north German allies. The few surviving northern German opponents of Prussia, together with neutrals and Prussian allies, were drawn into the North German Confederation except for the Prussian exclave of Hohenzollern on the upper Danube between Wurttemberg and Baden. **During our trip to Germany in 1985, my son Brice and I visited the Hohenzollern Castle located at this place.** During the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71 the North German Confederation was extended to all non-Habsburg Germany and its head, the Prussian king, assumed the title German emperor. The empire was a federation of twenty-five co-sovereign states plus Alsace-Lorraine, which had been acquired at this time from France. Luxemburg, neutral in 1866 and 1870-71, became aligned with Belgium after 1918.

As a summary: Even though the Treaty of Westphalia established peace, peace did not last long. During the 1600's, 1700's and 1800's there were many wars in Germany and Europe. After the Thirty Years War, 1618-1648, there was the War of Austrian Succession, 1740-1748, the Seven Years War, 1750-1763, and the Napoleonic Wars, 1806-1815. The Regensburg Diet of 1803 dissolved all ecclesiastical authorities. The Holy Roman Empire came to an end when in 1806 Francis abdicated as the last Holy Roman Emperor as a result of Napoleon. In 1815, the defeat of Napoleon led to the formation of the German Confederation with 39 states. The German Revolutions were in 1848, the Wars for German Unification in 1864, the Seven Weeks War in 1866, and the Franco-Prussian War in 1870. In 1866, Austria ceased to be part of Germany and the German Rhein Federation was dissolved. Germany received Alsace and Lorraine in 1871, which France had seized in the 1600's. After 1871, Prussia, the largest German State, annexed most of the other German states, as a result of the work of Kaiser Wilhelm and Bismark.

This gives a brief overview of the affairs of Germany which led to the emigration of so many Germans to America.

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OUR TRAVELS TO GERMANY

BAVARIA

During the month of June 1981, my Uncle Marvin MAY, my daughter Regina SCHIELTZ and I traveled to Europe to visit German cousins and to also visit the ancestral homes, towns, and churches of our ancestors. We were fortunate to find HOMAN and MAY relatives living on the ancestral homes of our MAY and HOMAN ancestors. However, we were not able to find any DILLER nor BIGGS relatives. If we return to Germany, we may find relatives since we now have more information on their families and places of origin.

Driving our bright red Opel Kadette rental car, we visited many cities, rural towns and country sides. After our visits in Westfalia with the MAY and HOMAN relatives, we drove to Frankfurt, visited the Castle at Aschaffenburg, the beautiful city of Wurzburg, with the statues of Saints on the bridge, before arriving at the city of Bamberg on the feast of Corpus Christi. After we parked our car, we walked in the drenching rain to the Domplatz. We did not know how to get there, so we followed the crowds of people. Everyone was hurrying to the Dom, the Cathedral of Bamberg. We do not know the Saint to whom the Dom is dedicated, but King Henry and his wife Kunegunde are buried there.

In The Lives of the Saints by Omer Englebert, published 1951 by David McKay Company, Inc. New York, we find the following about Henry and Kunegunde:

St. Henry II (972-1024)

Nephew of Otto the Great, founder of the Holy Roman Germanic Empire, St. Henry succeeded his father, Henry the Peaceful, duke of Bavaria, in 995. Shortly afterwards he married Kunegunde, daughter of the count of Luxemburg. He had been brought up at the abbey of Hildesheim and had come deeply under the influence of St. Wolfgang, bishop of Ratisbon. He was consecrated emperor in the cathedral of Mainz on June 16th, 1007; his sovereignty extended to the greater part of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Low countries, and the north of Italy.

Henry II passed the greater part of his life in making war against his brothers-in-law and other vassals anxious to cast off the yoke or to encroach on his possessions. He also had to appear many times in Italy, notably in 1021 when Benedict VIII asked him to take arms against Basil II, emperor of Constantinople, whose progress was imperilling the pontifical possessions. Henry had received the crown of Italy in the cathedral of Pavia in 1004 and that of the Holy Empire at St. Peter's in Rome ten years later. He died at the castle of Grona on July 15th, 1024, and was interred in the cathedral he had built at Bamberg. St. Kunegunde, with whom he had lived in continence, was also buried there fifteen years later.

It is generally agreed that St. Henry is one of the most Christian princes who has reigned in the West; none was more desirous of procuring the glory of God or the honor of the Church; none understood better the excellence of the monastic life and the need for reform of the clergy. He himself gave an example of the

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evangelical virtues, notable humility and the forgiveness of injuries.

St. Kunegunde (d. 1040)
Daughter of Siegfried, count of Luxemburg, married Henry, emperor of Germany, lived with him in continence and, after his death, became a nun at Kaffungen near Cassel.

In The Saints, edited by John Coulson 1957, Guild Press, we find the following about Kunegunde:

Daughter of Siegried of Luxemburg and Hedwig, she married Henry, duke of Bavaria, later king of the Romans. The royal couple founded the cathedral and monastery of Bamberg, and after Henry's death Kunegunde entered the convent she had founded at Kaufungen in Hesse. Died 1033.

It could be seen that this was a very important day in the lives of the Germans. Outside altars and bleachers had been set up in the Domplatz for the Solemn High Mass. Since it was raining, the festivities had been moved inside the cathedral. Even though the cathedral was huge, the crowd could not get inside. It was jammed. After succeeding to get inside, it was so crowded that we could see nor hear, so we gradually inched our way back outside. While waiting for the ceremonies and Holy Mass to be over, we toured the museum next door. This museum had many works of art, but most importantly, early paintings and primitive statues from the area, indicating Catholicism there as early as the time of the very early Christians.

As the people moved out of church we saw the procession of bishops, clergy, religious, nuns, members of several Knights organizations, little girls dressed in white dresses and veils. A very impressive sight! Nearby were two emergency ambulances, necessary because of the huge crowd. See pictures on pages

In the November 13, 1987, issue of THIS WEEK in GERMANY:
CATHEDRAL'S 750TH ANNIVERSARY DRAWS LARGE TURNOUT
Almost one-tenth of the 800,000 Catholics in the archdiocese of Bamberg (Bavaria) participated in festivities which ended Saturday (November 7) celebrating the 750th anniversary of the consecration of the city's cathedral. Some 40,000 attended the celebration, responding to the call of Archbishop Elmar Maria KREDEL to make a pilgrimage to the "central place of composure and repose" in the diocese. At a mass Saturday marking the end of the festivities, Archbishop KREDEL voiced concern about the increasing distance of society from the church, notwithstanding the large turnout for the celebration.

At the time we were in Bamberg, we realized that this was also the Bishop's residence and Diocesan Archives. However, the realization that this was the source of our records for Sebastian DILLER eluded us. Later in the day, we drove a short distance north to the town of Breitengussbach and then on to Hohengussbach, the birthplace of Sebastian DILLER. Hohengussbach is a small village on the road as it went on into the countryside. The church, dedicated to St. George, was very, very small,

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but all decorated for Corpus Christi with yellow and white banners and the four-posted canopy for Benediction and procession. Since the priest was ill the men of the parish were planning to lead a prayer service.

Across the street from the church a milk wagon stopped to pick up the milk cans from the villagers gate. There were no DILLERS living in this town, but there was a family in the nearby town of Laubend. There was a DILLER Gasthof (Guesthouse) in Hallstadt, a larger town between Bamberg and Breitengussbach.

See pictures of Bamberg and Hohengussbach on pages 94, 96 and 97 and the map on page 36.

We were now thinking of looking for the records of Sebastian DILLER. At Hohengussbach we were told to go to Breitengussbach for the records. There at the Burgermeister's office we were informed that all the old records were in the archives at Bamberg. Our days in Europe were coming to an end, so we decided not to do any research here. We presumed that the Mormans had microfilmed them and they would be available in Salt Lake City. After arriving home, we learned that there has not been any microfilming that area, so it became necessary to write for information. We were fortunate with the results of our correspondence with the director of the Bishops archives. Mr. Josef URBAN sent us all the records of Sebastian DILLER and his family in Germany. We believe that the money spent for this research will be appreciated by the people purchasing this book.

WURTTEMBERG

In July 1985 my son Brice SCHIELTZ and I visited the areas in Wurttemburg where the ZUMBIHL, BUG, HARTNAGEL, WILLHOFF, and RENN families lived. Leaving Switzerland and driving by the Rheinfalls and Bodensee, or Lake Constance, we struck out north on this bright sunny morning. Driving on a winding but not too hilly road, we approached Krummensbach and then on to Mochenwangen. We did not realize that we were in Krummensbach because it was an unmarked crossroad with a few houses. We could not get a reply when we asked where Krummensbach was: the name is no longer used.

Exploring Mochenwangen, we stopped at the Catholic church, the huge paper mill, the small Protestant chapel and burial ground of the founders and owners of the paper mill. We snapped many pictures of the Catholic church before realizing that this was not the church of our ancestors--it was too new. We found the old church down the street near the lumber yard, now being used to store lumber. When we took pictures of it from all sides, the wife of the owner of the lumber yard, came out and seemed to be embarrassed about the situation. We explained that this was the church of our ancestors. We were not able to get inside.

We proceeded to travel back through Krummensbach up a steep grade to the town of Wolpertswende, pulling into the town square parking our bright red Fiat. Since it was noon everything was closed, the Gasthof, the Rathaus, and the businesses. We walked by the Rathaus and entered the gate

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leading into the cemetery and church yard. The church dedicated to St. Gangolph was open, we entered and took many pictures because we knew this was an old church, and we were sure that our ancestors must have attended services here.

While walking around the town square the lady at the Gasthof stepped out to see if we needed help. She spoke German and French but no English. With our little knowledge of German, we communicated with her. She called some Bug family on the phone, and they said that their ancestry went back to the 1600's. She also showed us Dr. WALCHER's book, the history of the area. We inquired where to purchase it, and she said to get it at the Rathaus.

When the Rathaus opened at 2:00 we were received by Burgermeister WEGERER and his young assistant who could speak English. After the introductions Mr. WEGERER returned my two dollars to me. He had my letter in a basket on his desk with the money clipped to it. I had sent the money for postage. When I asked to buy the history book, Burgermeister WEGERER called Dr. WALCHER on the telephone. The book was presented to me as a gift from the author, Dr. med. Dietrich WALCHER. Since returning home, Dr. WALCHER has sent me information about the BUG, ZUMBIHL and HARTNAGEL families, and maps of the area with the locations of the homes of our ancestors marked.

See pictures of Mochenwangen, Wolpertswende, and Ravensburg on pages 224 and 226, and maps on pages 33,34, and 35. Letters are on pages 56 and 57.

RAVENSBURG and WEINGARTEN

In 1981 with Regina and Uncle Marvin we toured Ravensburg and nearby Weingarten because Ravensburg was identified as the birthplace of Engelbert Biggs on his deathcard. We arrived in Ravensburg early on the Sunday morning after the feast of Corpus Christi. Germany was still celebrating Corpus Christi. White and yellow banners were hanging on the outside of buildings and from windows. An outside altar was decorated and covered with plastic to protect it from the rain. Branches from trees were stuck in pots or buckets which lined the streets every ten feet or so. It was close to noon when we arrived at the church of Saint Jacques. On the church grounds tables and benches were set up, an adult band was playing and it seemed that a festival was on, even though it was misting and the tables and seats were wet.

Uncle Marvin said, "I don't know what you girls are planning to do but I am having my lunch." We had German brats, potatoes and beer. Later Regina and I purchased a Zweibel Kuken, an onion custard pie which we ate later in the day.

There was much excitement in the air. Many people were around and there was indication that there was to be a big celebration. There were still many people in church. Possibly there was to be another mass. We

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greeted the pastor out on the street, and began speaking with some young people who knew how to speak English. While at the church we talked with a young man, well dressed and well educated, about the customs in Germany and the United States. He informed us that Latin was an important study and that many students studied it for eight or nine years.

In the afternoon we drove north out of Ravensburg to Weingarten. Here we climbed 100 steps up to a beautiful church - all white and with many paintings inside. We then proceeded to drive on to the Black Forest area and to Baden-Baden. It is possible that we drove very close to Wolpertswende and Mochenwangen and did not realize that this is where our ancestors had lived.

No one can tell you about the exhilaration felt while traveling in this country of our forefathers. We know that the scenery, homes, cities, churches, and other effects are not the same as it was centuries ago. However, we can imagine what it was like when our ancestors lived here. Everywhere we traveled we were well received. It seems that everyone loved the Americans.

Die MOSEL

I cannot conclude this account of our European travels without mentioning the Mosel River. This area was the highlight of my travels to Germany. We first got a taste of the Mosel in 1981 when Regina and I spent one short afternoon and evening there, after our tour of the city of Trier. Then in 1985, Brice and I drove down the Mosel from Trier to Coburg, visiting the city of Trier, the vineyards and castles of Zell and Coburg. We spent the night at Gasthof Leon at Ediger - Eller.

The next day we drove back toward Luxembourg and the Belgium and Alsace and Lorraine areas of France. The vineyards on the slate slopes border the river on both sides. Indeed, it is a fairy-tale book to experience the romance, the music, the festivals, the Schwartz Kat (Black Cat) wine, the castles, the wine cellars, the churches.

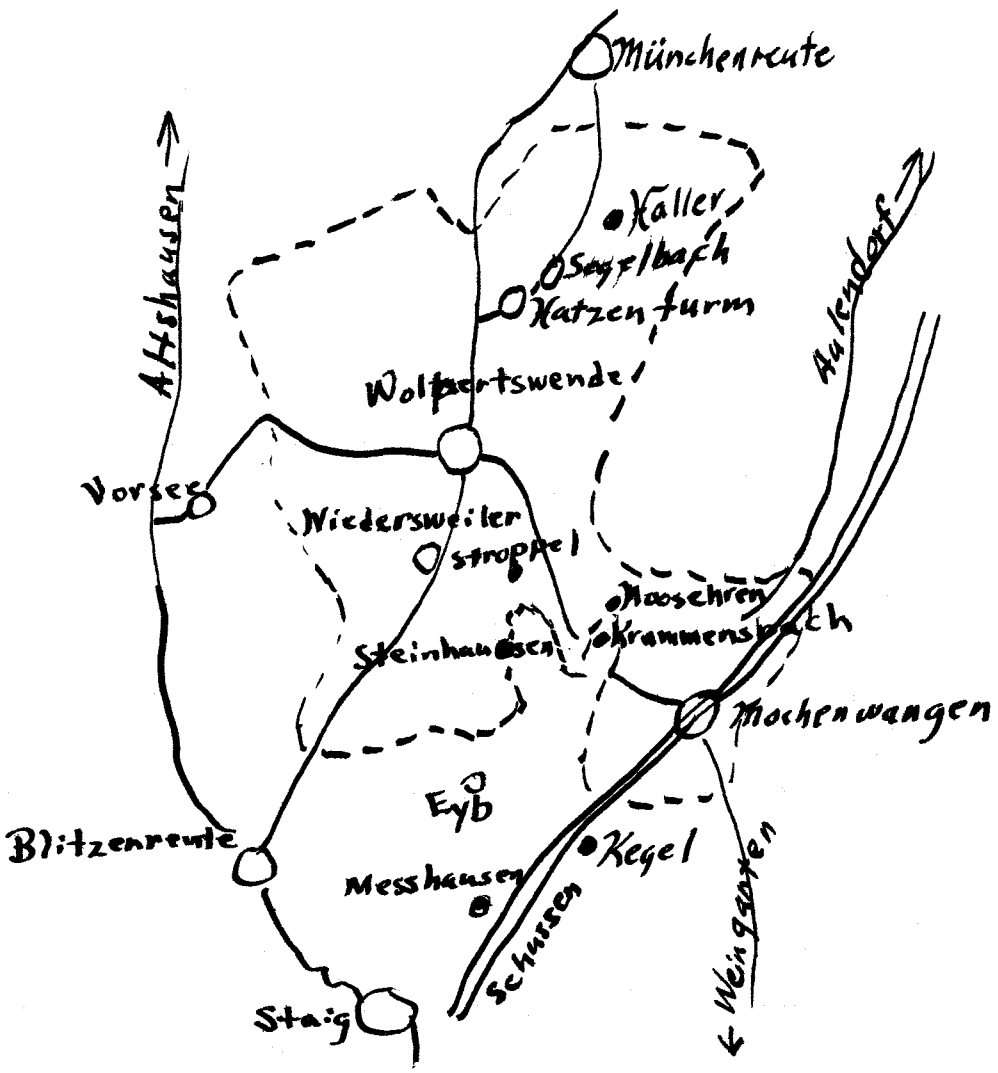
When Uncle Marvin MAY landed at the Luxembourg airport, I knew that I must show him this beautiful area. We drove down the river to Koblenz, where the Mosel pours into the Rhine, stopping at many places on the way. We visited the famed castle, Burg Eltz, after walking and climbing the hill to the top. This is one of most famous castles after King Ludwig's castles. Other castles visited were Neuschwanstein and Hohenzollern.

Before leaving Europe, we spent our last two nights on the Mosel!

Place the Mosel Country high on your list if traveling to Germany, Luxembourg, or France. You won't be disappointed!

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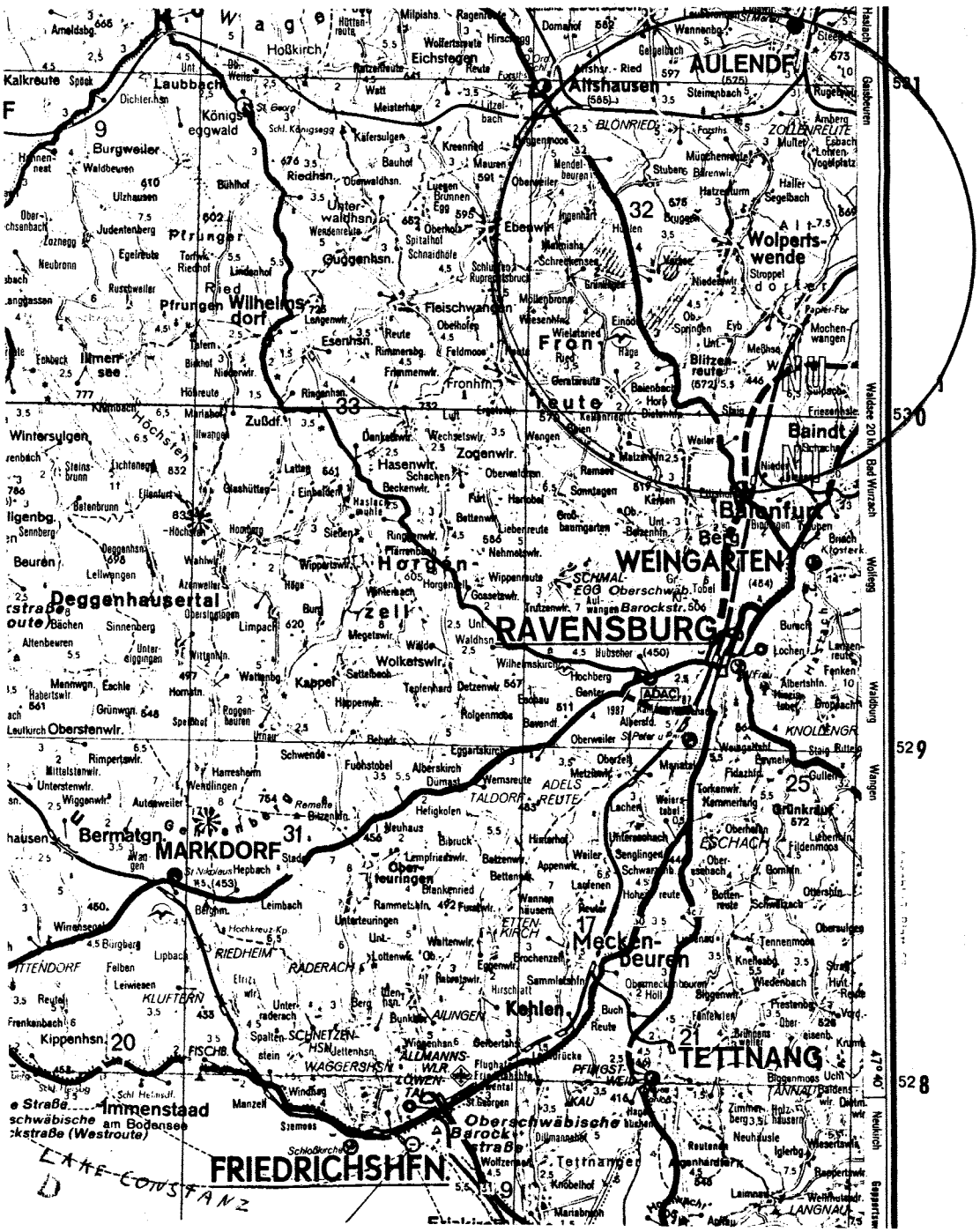
Karte des Amts und Gerichts Wolpertswende



O Dorf — Village
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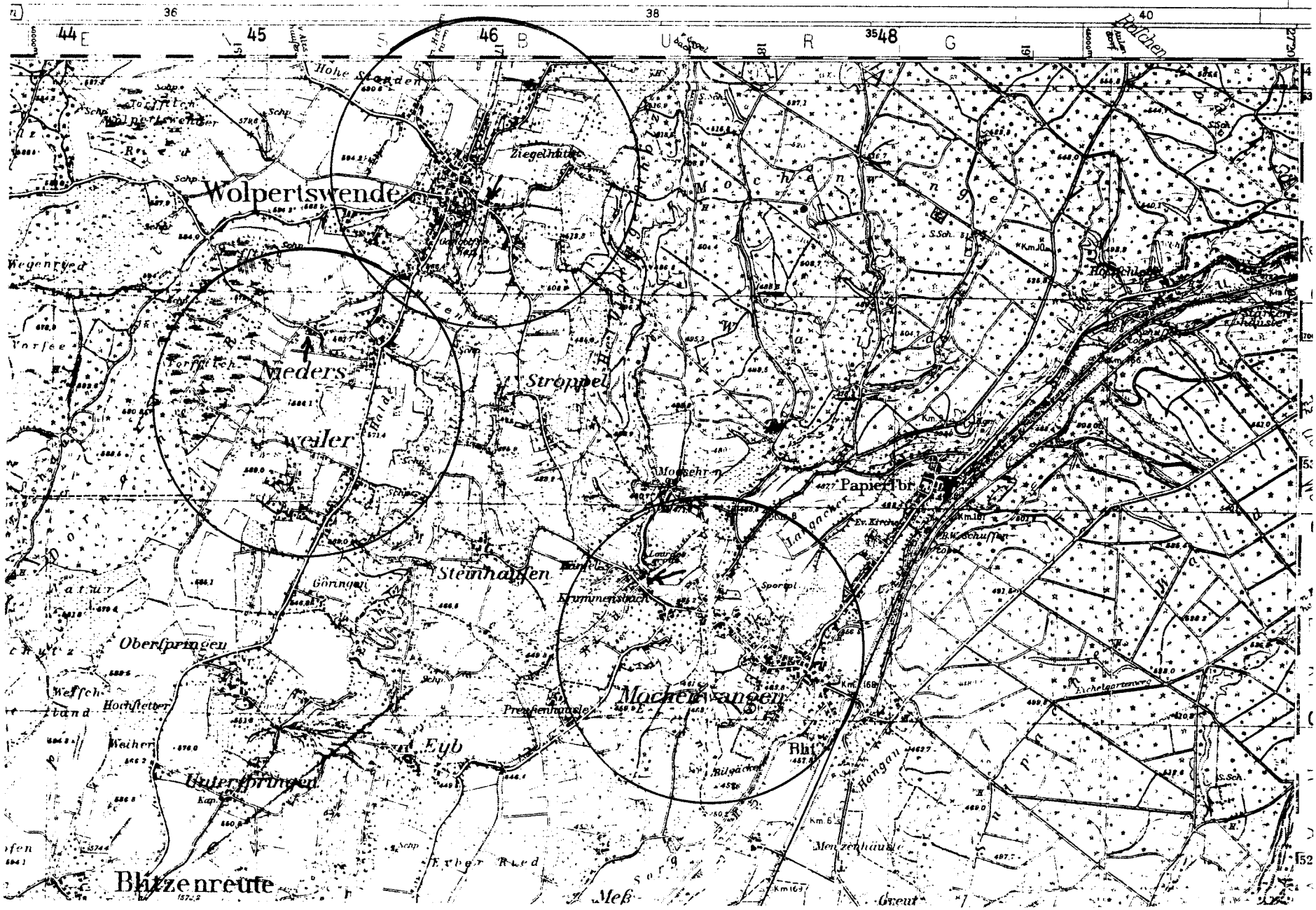
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HOME of the BUGs, ZUMBIHLs, HARTNAGELs, WILLHOFFs, & RENNs


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Kippenhsn.
Immenstaad
am Bodensee
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LAKE CONSTANZ
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Hepbach
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Alberskirch
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Wernsreute
Hefigkofen
Fuchstobel
Schwende
Eggartskirch
Oberweiler
Hinterhof
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Schmalegg
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Langnau
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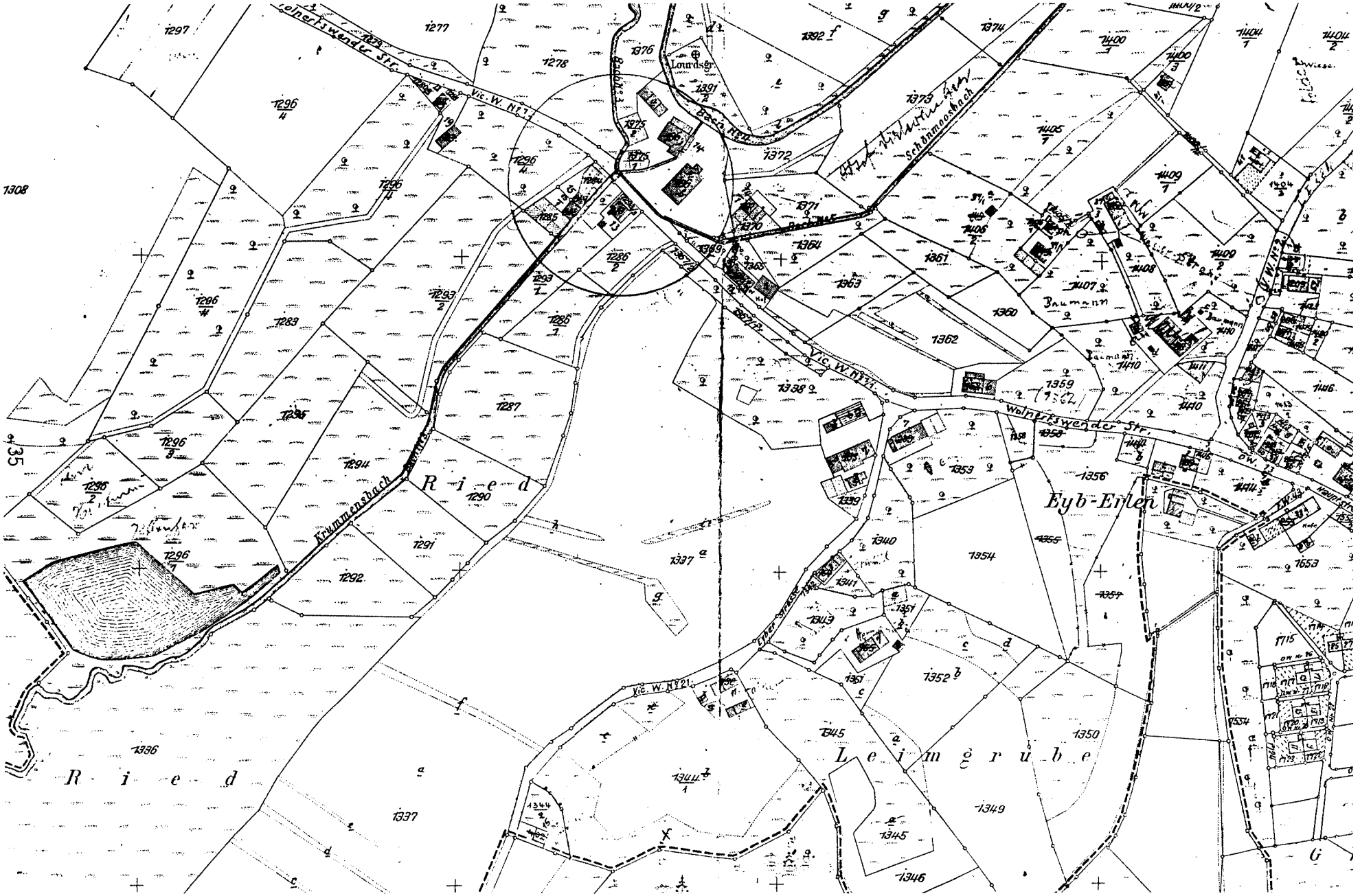
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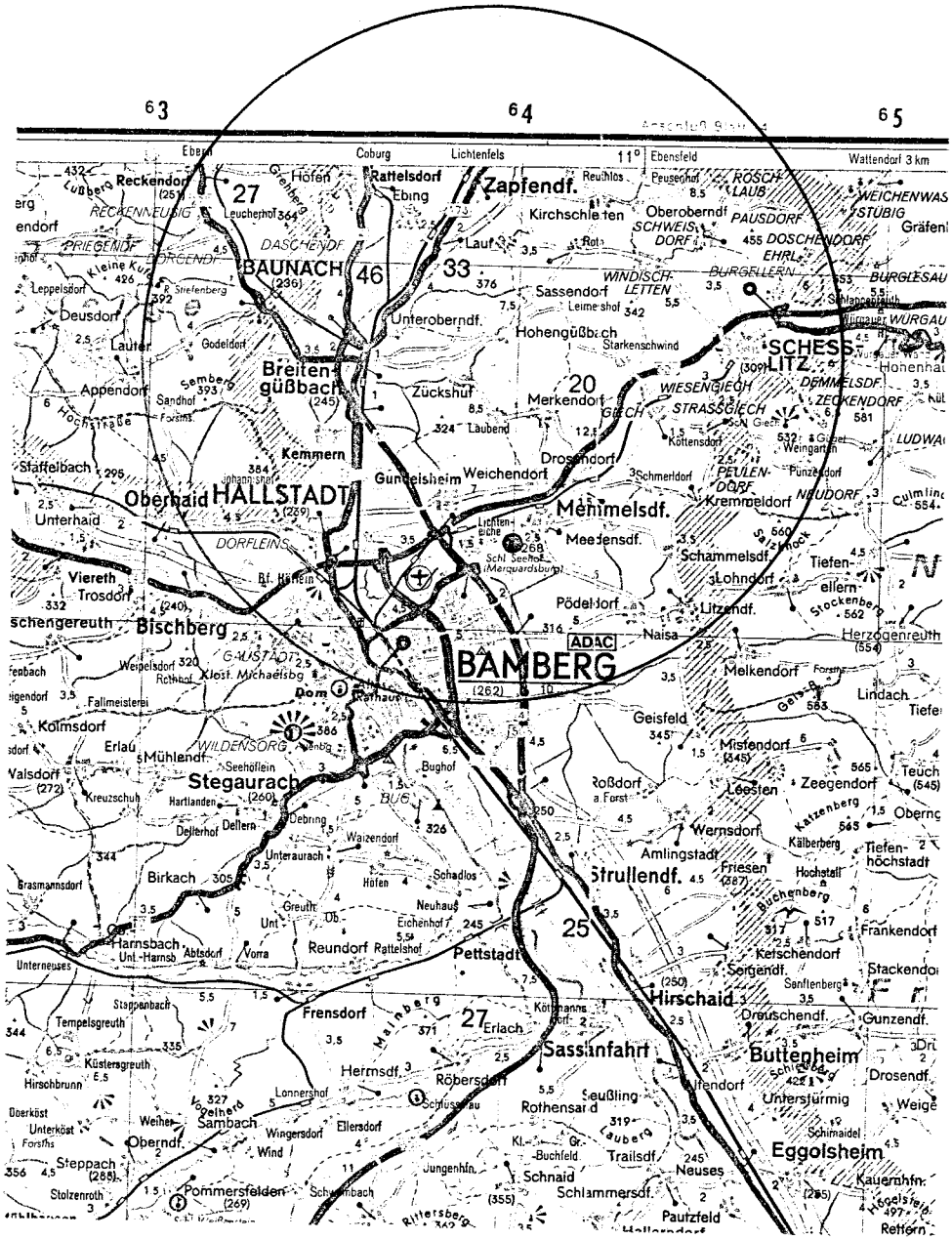


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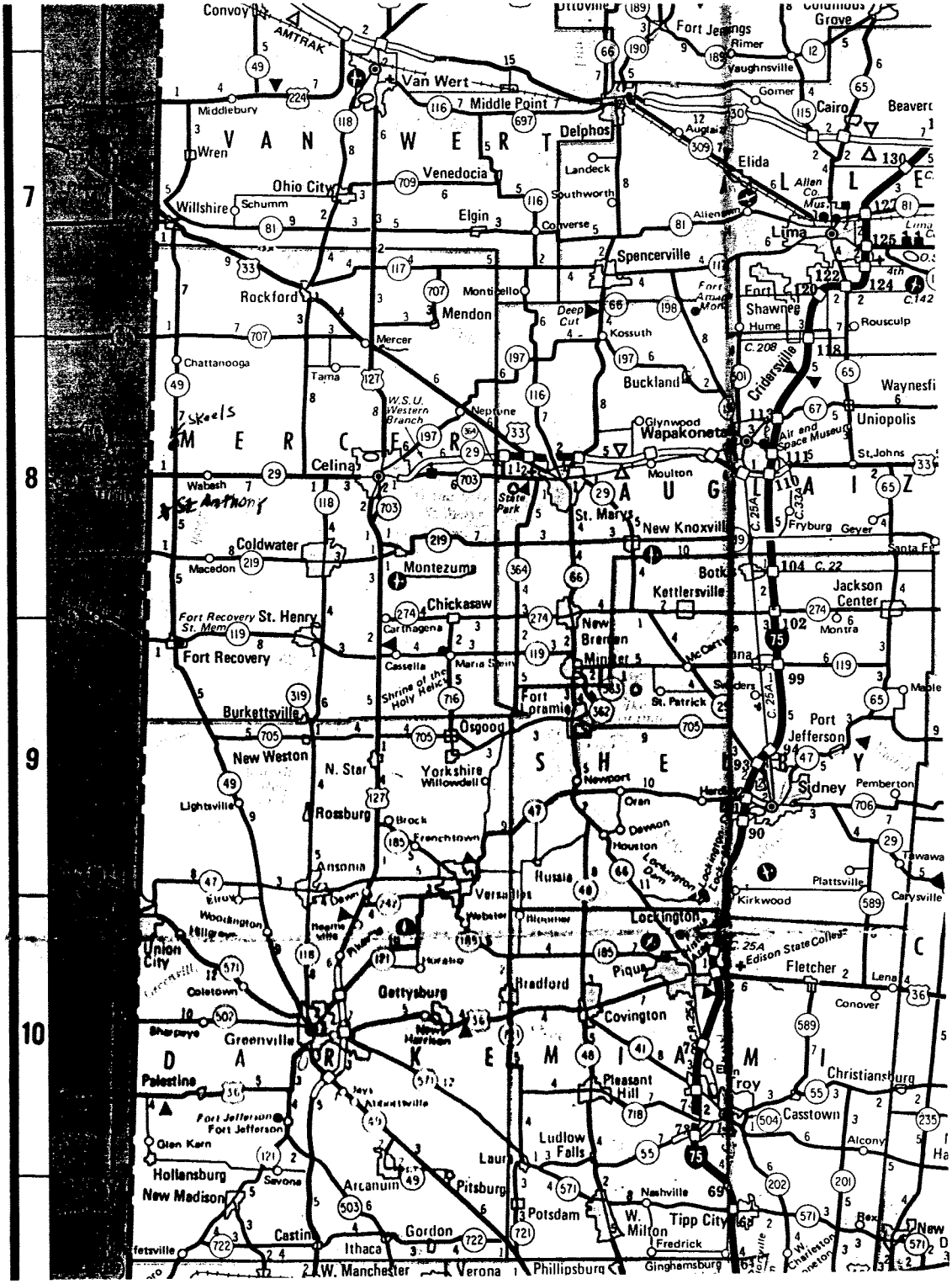
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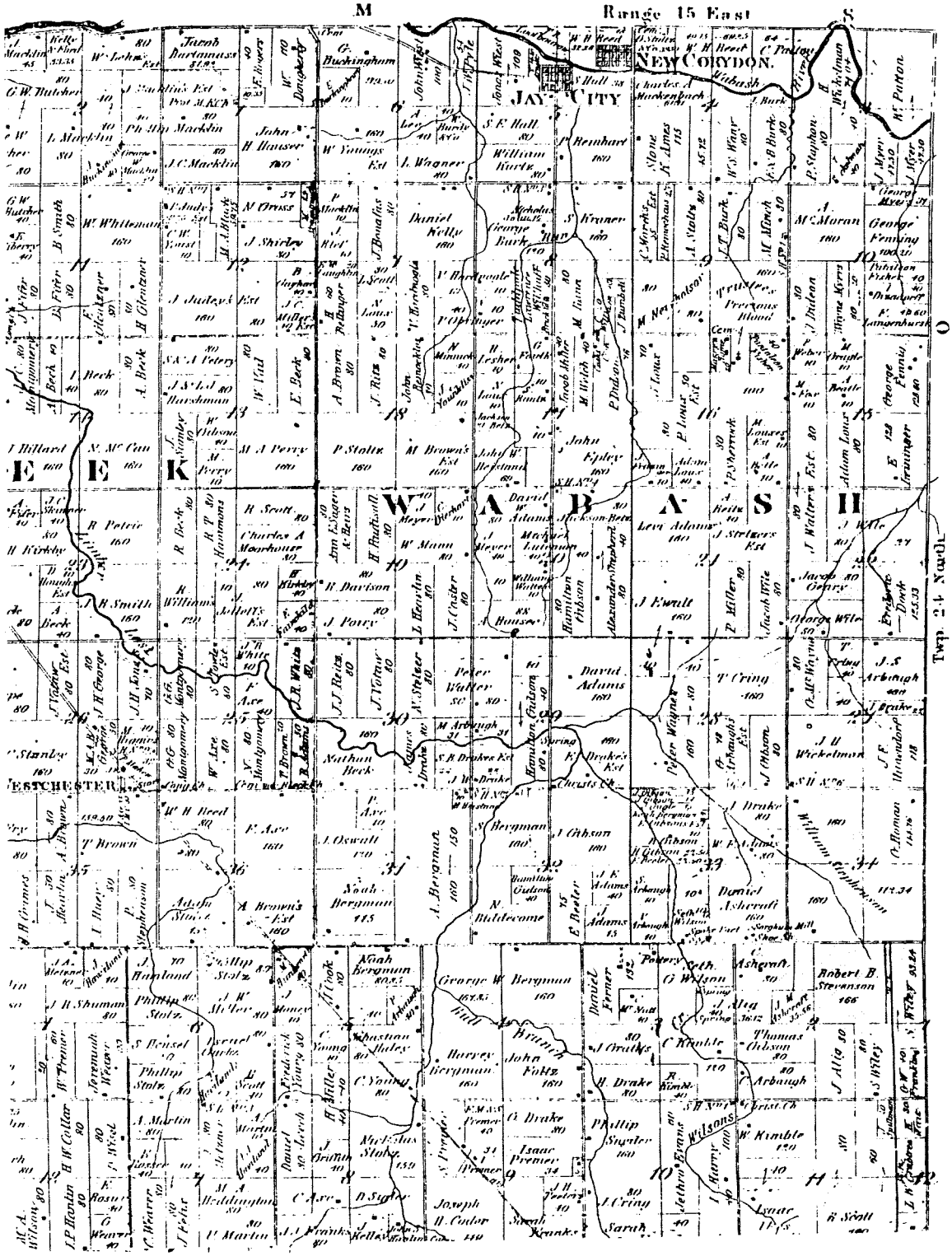
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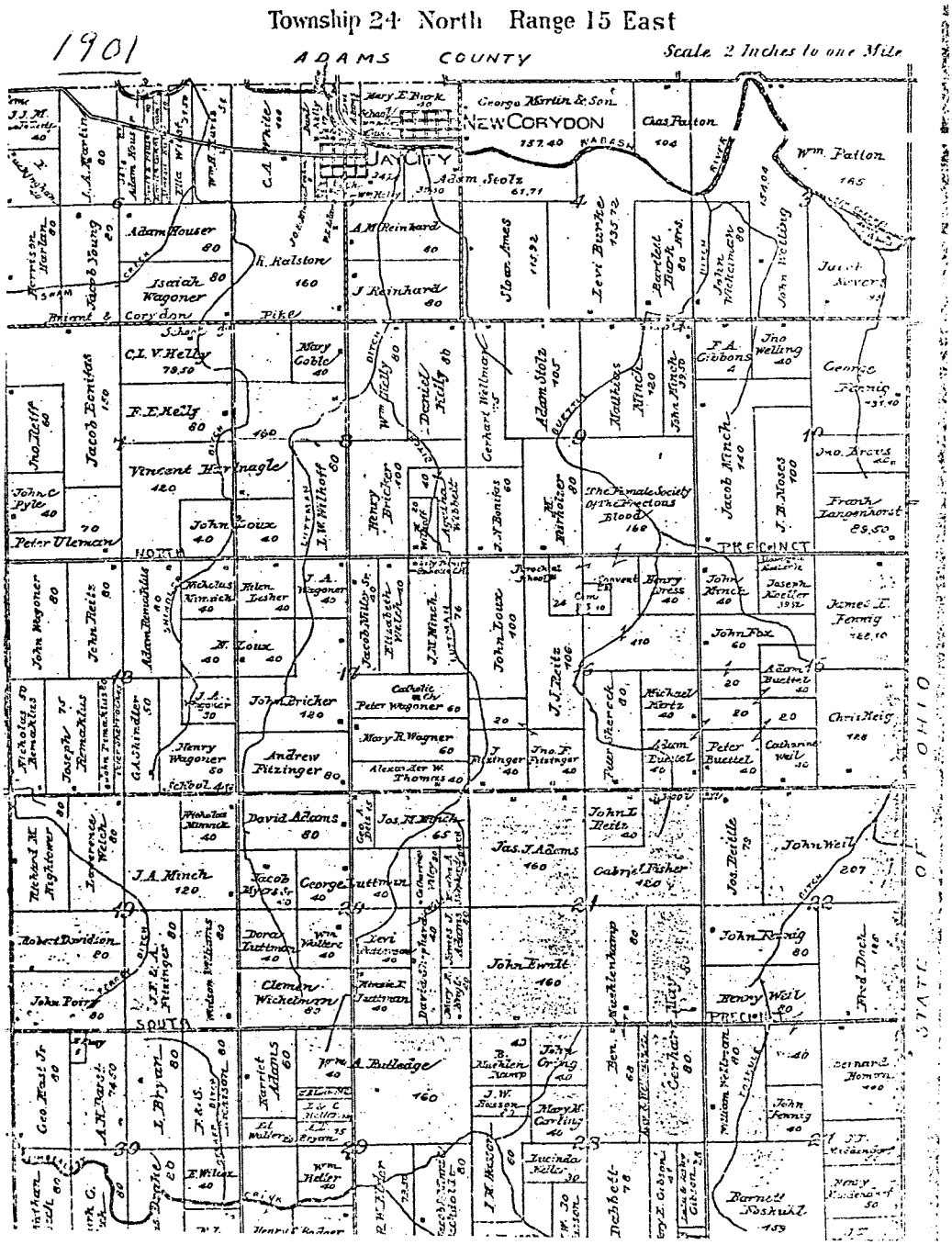
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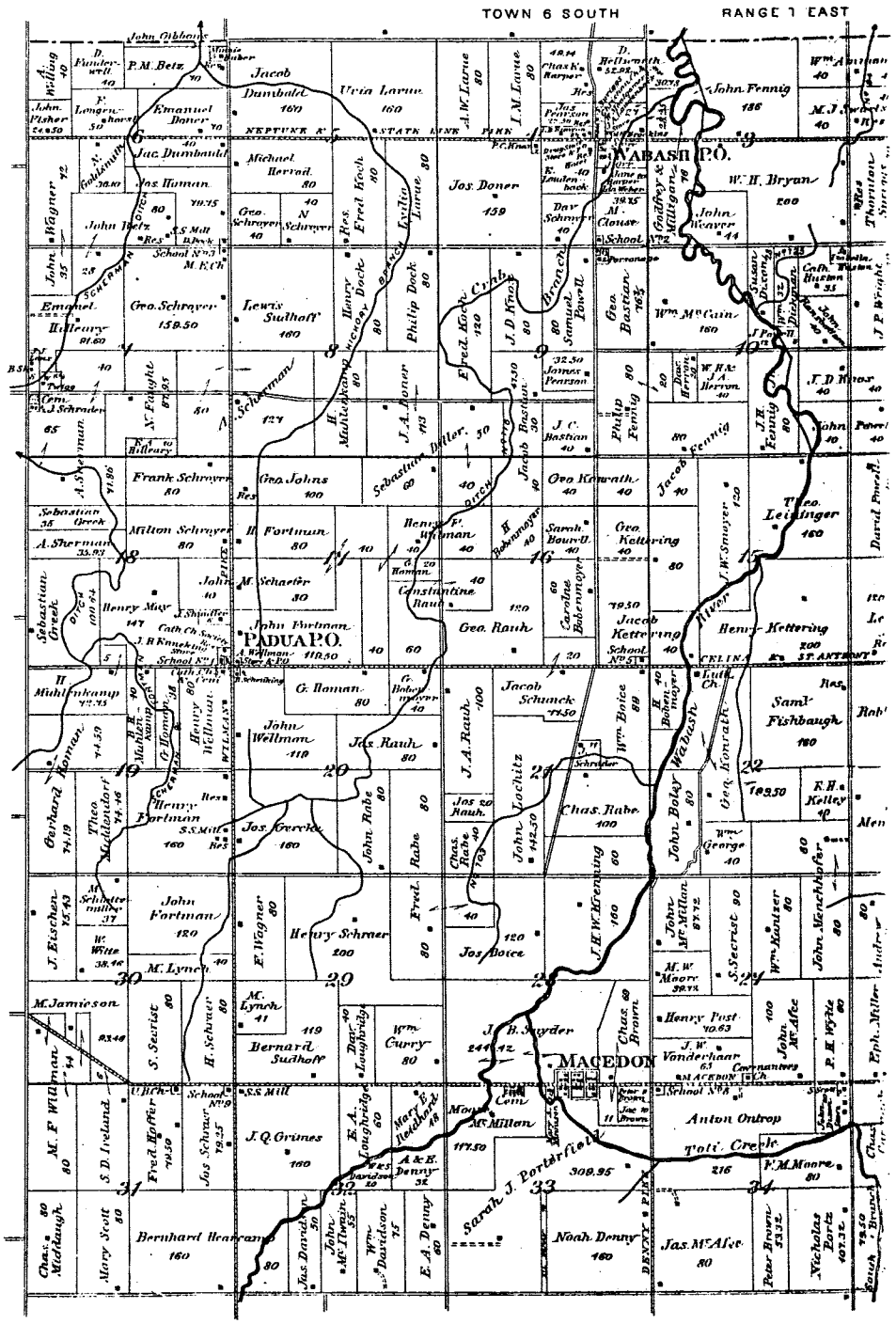
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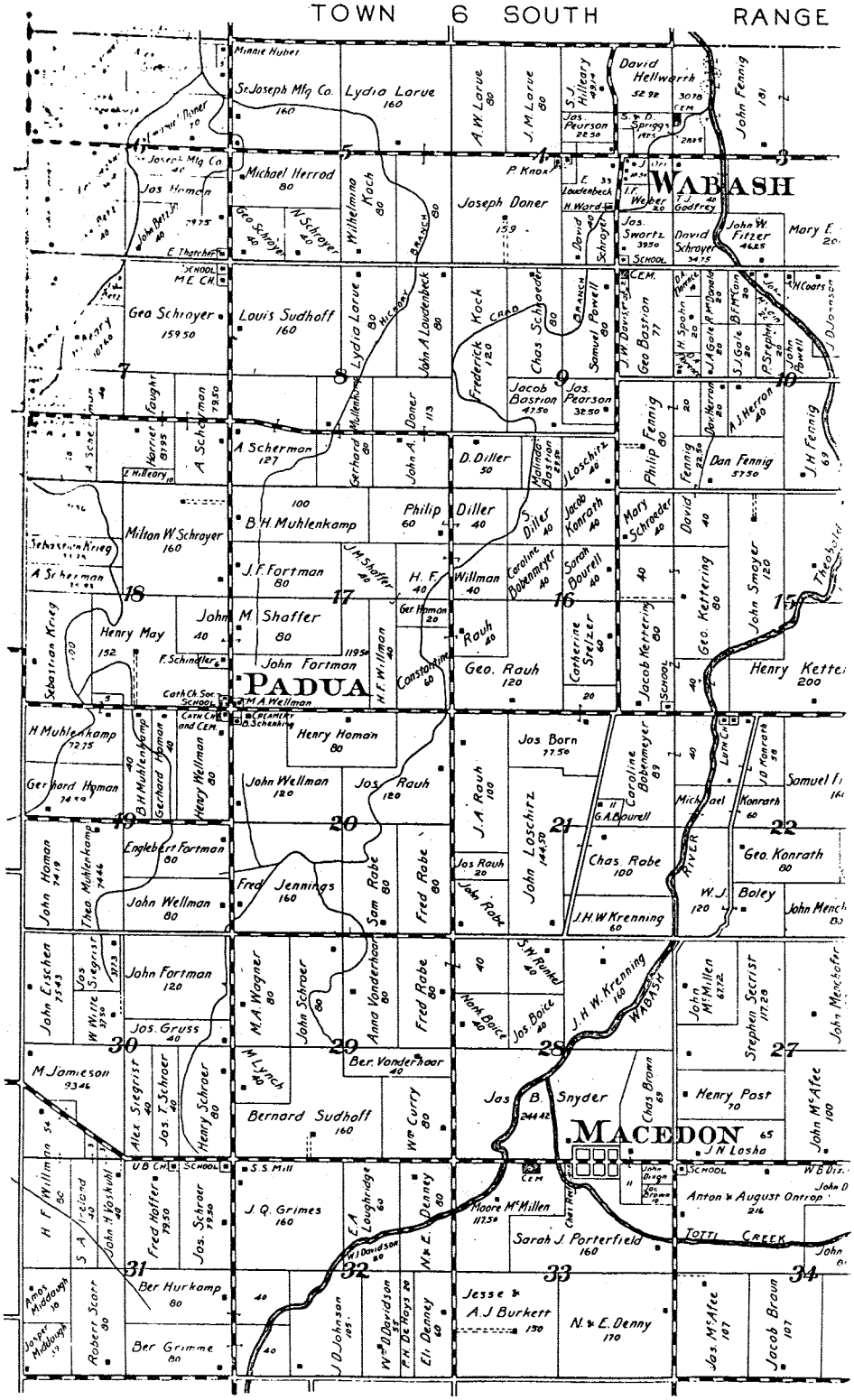
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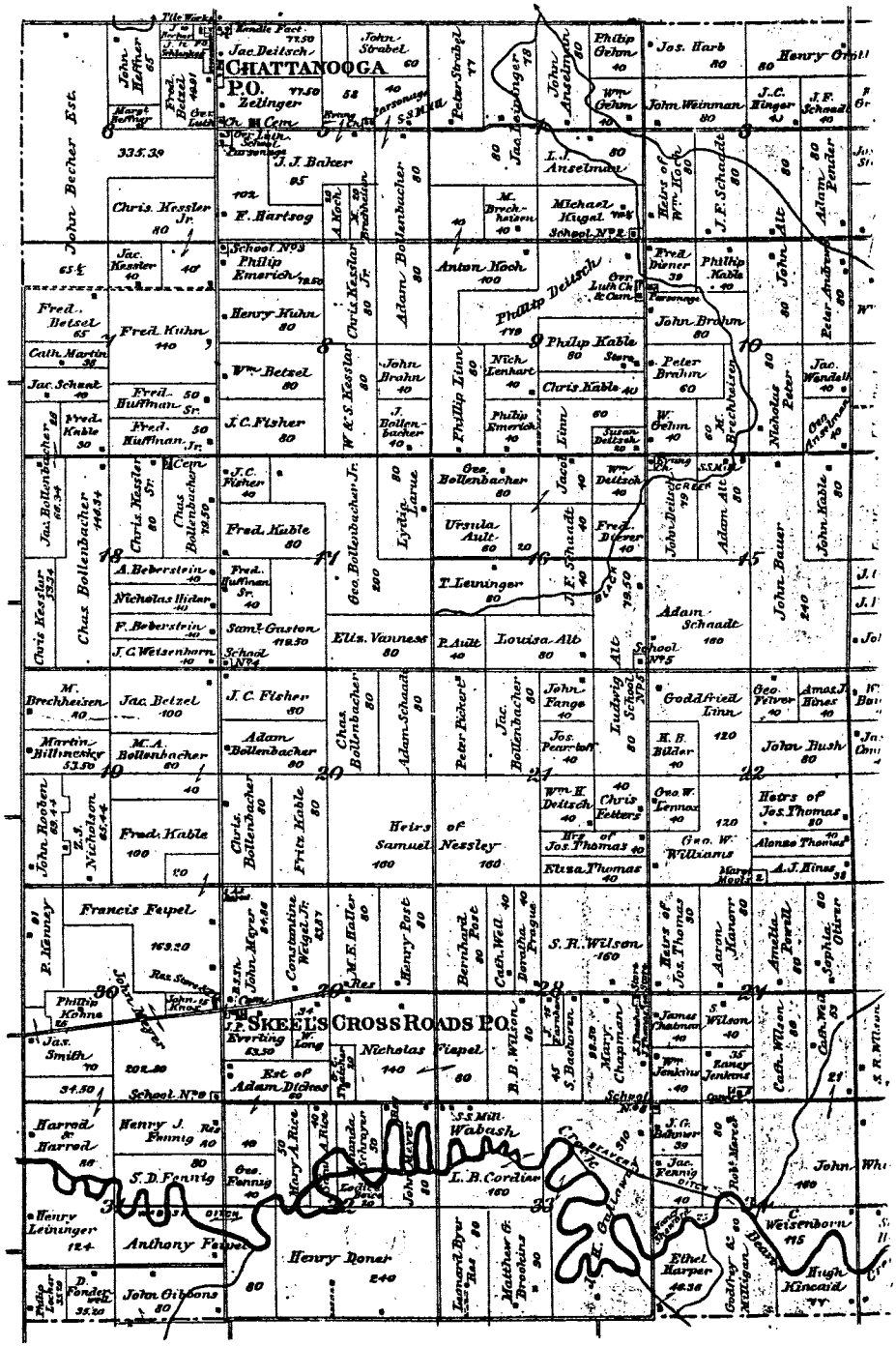
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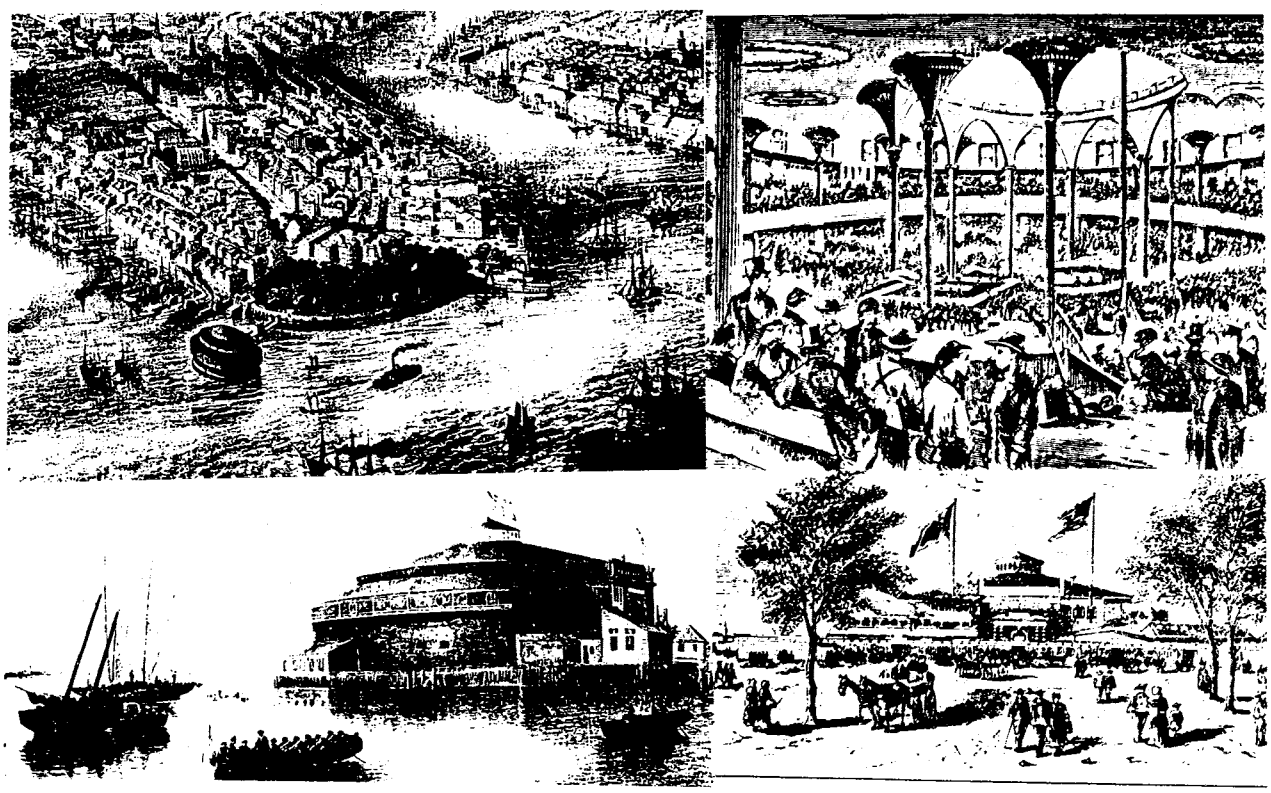

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CASTLE GARDEN



While working on this family tree, some old pictures of Castle Garden were found. It is not known to whom they belong or where they came from. However, it was decided to include these pictures in this book because Castle Garden was so much a part of our immigrants' past. It has been known that Castle Garden opened in New York City in 1855. Most of our ancestors came after 1855, so we know that they were at Castle Gardens.

When the immigrants landed at the American ports, there was much confusion. Before they could emerge from the ship, the medical officers came on board the ship. All passengers had to come on deck and pass by these examiners twice. Then the examiners went between decks to check for cleanliness. Before landing, everyone had to scrub and clean themselves and the area. With the sight of land, their seasickness was at an end and they soon would be enjoying eating and drinking.

When the medical examiners had given their approval for landing, small boats arrived with innkeepers, who overwhelmed the immigrants with offers for lodging, et cetera. The passengers were forewarned about these agents, because they tricked them and stole from them. There was always the language barrier. Most immigrants could only speak their own native tongue. Many carried guns or other weapons. Our great-grandfather Johan Heinrich MAY carried a cane that had a metal piece in the lower half.

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Before disembarking, the passengers and their belongings were inspected by custom officials. Boxes were opened and the things on top were examined a bit, closed again rapidly to make room for the next. There were wheeled carts drawn by horses available for hauling baggages and passengers through the crowds to their trains or boarding houses. The charge for this was around 50 cents, no matter how large the load.

There were many German Inns near the harbor in New York City, which catered primarily to the newcomer. Prices for a bed and meals for a day ranged from 35 cents to 75 cents a day. Immigrants were warned to make the bargain before agreeing to the price. Persons needed to share a bed and rooms, unless one family took the whole room. It was necessary to take precautions so they would not have their money stolen. Our great-grandfather Johan Heinrich MAY had his pieces of gold sewn into little pockets inside his vest. Our great-grandfather Sebastian DILLER arrived in New York with little or no money. A German girl in New York gave him 50 cents.

Our immigrant relatives did not come to Ellis Island, because they arrived long before it opened. Castle Garden opened April 18, 1855, when the state of New York designated it as the only landing place for immigrant passengers arriving in New York harbor. Passengers were also warned about railroad tickets. We do not know what the circumstances were in 1854-1855. Castle Garden was not opened but railroads were there to take the immigrants to the Midwest. Most of our ancestors and relatives already knew where they were headed in the Midwest: Ohio and Indiana.

When Castle Garden was opened, the health inspections and custom inspections were more organized. Also, provisions were made for the immigrants to acclimatize themselves to their surroundings. They did not have to rush off with the first hack driver. Most of the immigrants came in families and groups. Some did not. Many times a single man or woman worked in New York before coming West. We heard that our great-grandmother, Magdalena BUETTEL REINHART, worked in New York before coming to Seneca County, Ohio. Magdalena BUETTEL was married to Peter REINHART in June 1851, so she arrived in this country some time before this date. Thus, the REINHARTs and the BUETTELs did not have the advantage of the services at Castle Garden. Magdalena BUETTEL had a brother, Adam BUETTEL, living in Seneca County, and probably also had friends or relatives in New York.

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WUERTTEMBERG EMIGRATION RECORDS

Ancestry Incorporated is now publishing the WUERTTEMBERG EMIGRATION INDEX. There have been three volumes completed with three more to be published. Monika ZUMBIHL and her family were found in Volume One. Joseph BIGGS was not listed with them, nor elsewhere. Franz Zumbihl with his two children and sister Madelane (Magdalena) were listed.

If we had not received the information, about the birthplace of the BIGGS family in Germany, from Mary and Sylvester BIGGS, Kingman, Kansas, the information from the Wuerttemberg Index would have given us the birthplace of Monika ZUMBIHL BIGGS. With the place of birth, it was then possible to find the microfilm of the records of Wolpertswende, Mochenwangan, and Niedersweiler, Kreis Donau, Oberamt Ravensburg, Wuerttemberg.

The Ancestry brochure states:
The nineteenth century witnessed the arrival in America of some 30 million immigrants, with Ireland and Germany providing by far the largest group. In the first half of the century alone, Germany--in particular Prussia--accounted for twenty percent of this new population. Of this German migration, close to one million made application to emigrate at Wuerttemberg. This emigration/immigration process generated copious records, as countries attempted to keep track of who was leaving and where they were going. Most of these records have lain hidden in foreign archives and few have been indexed, as was the case with the Wuerttemberg emigration records.

The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index presents the first comprehensive indexing of the microfilm records of a vast and previously inaccessible body of important primary source material. The entire collection, filmed at Ludwigsburg, contains the names of approximately 60,000 persons who made application to leave Germany from the late eighteenth century to 1900. The third in a series of an estimated six volumes contains an additional 12,500 names, to provide the historian and genealogist alike with a valuable access tool to a vast storehouse of information. Information supplied on each person includes: name, date and place of birth, residence at time of application and application date, and microfilm number.

Until publication of the index, researchers were left with the nearly insurmountable task of finding an ancestor by searching, one by one, all the applications in this collection. Such a task was made all the more difficult because all the entries are handwritten, thus requiring a researcher to be well-versed in reading German script. The compilers of the Wuerttemberg volumes are recognized experts in this field, and their labors have earned the acclaim of the genealogical community. The Wuerttemberg Index continues to be a must for anyone researching German immigrant ancestors.

The ZUMBIHLs, WILLHOFFs and Joseph BIGGS came to America in 1854. Conrad HARTNAGEL and his family came in 1853. Monika ZUMBIHL BIGGS and her family came in 1855.

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GERMAN EMIGRATION RECORDS

The following emigration records have been found in the Archives of Wurttemberg, Germany.

Franz Josef ZUMBIHL: Application to emigrate from Konigreich Wurttemberg, Oberamt Ravensburg, Gemeinde Wolpertswende, to Nordamerika. Widower, day laborer, from Niedersweiler and with his family, two children, Josef eight years old and Agatha 4 years old. Signed 25 July 1854. With this record was the Family Register #189 from the parish of Wolpertswende, listing all the family members and dates. See pages

Magdalena ZUMBIHL: Application to emigrate from Konigreich Wurttemberg, Oberamt Ravensburg, Gemeinde Wolpertswende, to Nordamerika. Born and baptized 27 Dec. 1818, at Niederweiler, the single daughter of deceased Sebastian ZUMBIHL and Franziska born MULLER from Niedersweiler. Signed 25 July 1854. Notice her signature at the bottom, page

Monika ZUMBIHL, widow of Franz Josef BUG: Application to emigrate from Konigreich Wurttemberg, Oberamt Ravensburg, Gemeinde Wolpertswende, to Nordamerika. The widow from Krummensbach was given permission signed at Ravensburg 28 July 1855. The second page of this record lists her children.

1. Franziska b. 7 Sept. 1832
2. Josepha b. 6 Jan. 1834
3. Johanna b. 24 Dec. 1838
4. Sophia b. 31 March 1840
5. Engelbert b. 4 Dec. 1845

Further information tells about paying 1200_____. Signed 28 July 1855.
The third page had more information about Monika ZUMBIHL and it also stated that she had a son Josef age 20 years who had emigrated to Nordamerika in 1854. Signed 4 Aug. 1855.

Emigration records have not been found for Josef BUG, Elisabeth WILLHOFF, Mathias and Ursula RENN, Mary ZUMBIHL, and Conrad HARTNAGEL.

SPELLINGS of SURNAMES

Variations of ZUMBIHL in German records: ZUMBIL, ZUMBUEL, ZUMBOHL, ZUMBUHL, ZUMBIGHEL.

Variations of the name BUG: BIG, BIGGS, BIEG, BUEGGS, BUGIN.

Variations of the name HARTNAGEL: HURTNAGEL, HERTNAGEL, HIRTNAGEL, HARDNAIL.

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Königreich Württemberg.

Oberamt Ravensburg **Gemeinde** Wolpertswende

Die unterzeichnete, Monicka Zumbiehl,
welche nach Nordamericka
auszuwandern und sich daselbst häuslich niederzulassen gesonnen ist

bekennt durch gegenwärtige Urkunde, daß sie in diesem Vorhaben auf ihr bisheriges Bürgerrecht zu Krummensbach und auf jede Art von bürgerlichem Verband mit dem Württembergischen Staat wissentlich und wohlbedächtlich Verzicht leistet.

Zugleich verpflichtet sie sich, von dem Wegzug an innerhalb Jahresfrist gegen Seine Majestät den König und das Königreich Württemberg nicht zu dienen und eben so lange in Hinsicht auf alle nach ihrem Wegzug etwa noch zur Sprache kommenden, vor demselben an sie erwachsenen Ansprüche vor den obrigkeitlichen Behörden des Königreichs Recht zu geben, indem für die Erfüllung dieser Verbindlichkeit den ——— als Bürgen stellt.

Geschehen zu Ravensburg am 28. July 1855.

Gesehen durch das Oberamt A. Monicka Zumbiehl

am

Kingdom Wurttemberg, District Ravensburg, Community Wolpertswende.
Monicka ZUMBIEL from Krummensbach to Nordamericka.
Signed at Ravensburg on 28 July 1855, A. Monicka ZUMBIHL.

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Zeugniß

Es wird hiermit bescheinigt daß die Familie Zumbihl von Emmenbrücke Kanton Luzern in Auswanderungs-Absicht sich befindet.

Ihre Familien Glieder sind:

1. Josepha geb. den 7 Sept 1832.
2. Josef geb. den 6 Juni 1834.
3. Josef geb. den 24 Oct. 1838.
4. Lucia geb. d. 31 März 1840.
5. Engelbert geb. d. 4 Sept. 1845.

Diese alle verbleibt daß die Obrigkeit dieser Gemeinde Zeugniß ertheilt.

Von einer Verbrechen Gemeinde Emmenbrücke wird hiermit bezeugt daß diese alle in Emmenbrücke ein Gut von zirk 1200 fl. besitzt.

Das Vermögen wird von einer hiesigen Gemeinde Amt in Kenntniß gesetzt und Bezirksamt Luzern Abtheilung Inländer. auf 12 Tage Lösung ertheilen.

Ein specielles Signalement stehet diesen Auswanderern zur Einsicht bei.

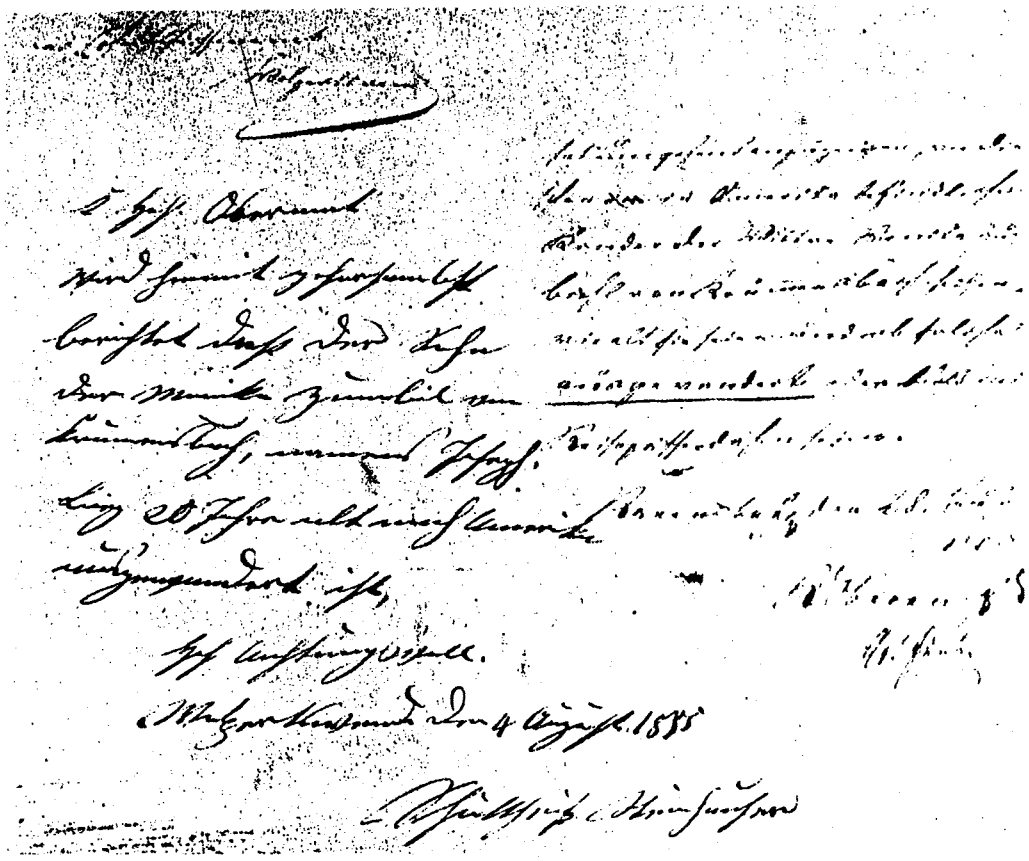
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Zur Beurkundung
Emmenbrücke
Gemeinde Amt
Kanton
Luzern

pr. 28. Juli 1855.
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EMIGRATION PAPERS of MONICKA ZUMBIHL and FAMILY - 1855



Written above: The son of Monika ZUMBIL from Krummensbach, named Josef BUG, age 20 years had emigrated to Amerika. Written - Wolpertswende the 4th April 1855.

On the previous page: The widow of Franz J. BUG, Monika born ZUMBIL from Krummensbach is emigrating with her children. Her family is listed:

1. Franziscka born 7 Sept. 1832
2. Josepha born 6 January 1834
3. Johanna born 24 December 1838
4. Sophia born 31 Maarch 1840
5. Engelbert born 4 December 1845

It also stated how much money she was taking. Signed 28 July 1855.

On the next two pages are the photocopies of the actual papers brought by Monika ZUMBIHL from Germany. This was given to me by Mary COSLETT BIGGS, who received it from Mrs. John FELDER, Velma Elizabeth BIGGS, who has the original. This was in the possession of Engelbert BIGGS, who needed it for pension papers from the Civil War.

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Königreich Würtemberg

Donau-Kreis

Oberamt Ravensburg.

Entlassungs Urkunde.

Die Witwe Hundbichl von Krummenbach, Gemeinde Hohenthannreute, geboren den 4. Mai 1807. wird zum Behufe ihrer Auswanderung nach Nordamerika mit ihren Kindern,

Franziska	geboren den 7. Dezember 1832.	katholisch
M. Josepha	geboren den 6. Januar 1834.	
Johanna	geboren 24. Dezember 1838.	
Josefa	geboren 31. März 1840.	
Engelbert	" 4. Dezember 1845	

aus dem Württembergischen Staats- und Gemeinde-Verbande entlassen, und ihr hierüber gegenwärtige Urkunde ausgestellt.

Ravensburg den 28. July 1853.

K. W. Oberamt

Schneider

KÖNIGL. WÜRTTEMB. OBERAMT RAVENSBURG

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Auszug
aus dem Familien-Buch der Gemeinde Margonin.

Die Wittwe des Lehrers Joseph Krüger, Marianna Hinrichs
geboren den 12 May
hat folgende Kinder:

Franziska	geb. den	7 Juni	1834
M. Josepha	geb. den	6 Juli	1834
Johanna	geb. den	24 [illegible]	1838
Sophie	— —	31 [illegible]	1840
Engelbert	— —	4 [illegible]	1845.

In fidem extr.
Margonin d. 25 Juli 1855. Pfarramt Hinrichs.

Zur Beglaubigung
Rawitsch den 28. Juli 1855.
Königl. Landrathsamt
Schneider

Gebühren 12 Sgr
Stempel 5 Sgr.

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WOLPERTSWENDE CHURCH RECORD of FRANZ BUG FAMILY IN 1855

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Gebort	Jacob Bug	Copulatio	Jacob Müller	Gebort
1804 11. März	Jh. Johann Bug Häusler gest. am 17 Februar 1863.	10. Nov. 1831.	Monica Zubelisse verwitwete Cumerika mit zwei Kindern	1807 14. Mai

Mutter	Jh. Johann Bug	Häusler Ehefrau	Nikolaus Zumbiss	Häusler Ehefrau	Mutter
Mutter	Elisabetha Kreutz Bug		Franziska Müller		Mutter

Kinder	Namen	Geburt	wann Communion	Firmelung	Tod
1	Franziska	7 Sept 1832	— 1846 —		
2	Maria Josepha	6 Juni 1824	— 1828 —		
3	Joseph †	18 Februar 1835	— — — — — — — — —		25. Februar
4	Joseph	5 August 1836		Allgemeine Firmung Cumerika 1854	1895
5	Anton	14 Oktober 1837	— — — — — — — —		21 Oktober 1837
6	Johanna	24. Juny 1838	— 1852.		
7	Regina	31 März 1840	— 1854 —		
8	Engelbert	4 Juny 1845.			

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SHIP RECORDS

Ship "SPARK OF THE OCEAN," Master Alfred Stahl from Havre, France, arrived in New York Harbor 19 Sept, 1854.

Passengers listed:

No.	NAME	AGE	GENDER	FROM	TO	OCCUPATION
292	WOHLHOFF, Elizabeth	42	Female	Wurttemberg	N.Y.	Farmer
293	" F. Georg	13	Male	"	"	
294	" Lorenz	10	"	"	"	
295	" Martin	9	"	"	"	
296	Maria	8	Female	"	"	
301	ZUMBUL, Franz	45	Male	"	"	Farmer
302	" Madelaine	43	Female	"	"	
303	" Josef	8	Male	"	"	
304	" Agatha	4	Female	"	"	
305	MULLER, J. Baptiste	31	Male	"	"	
306	" Veronica	25	Female	"	"	

Ship "Mercury," Master John L. Fruchz left Havre, France, on 22 August 1855 and arrived in New York Harbor 24 Sept. 1855.

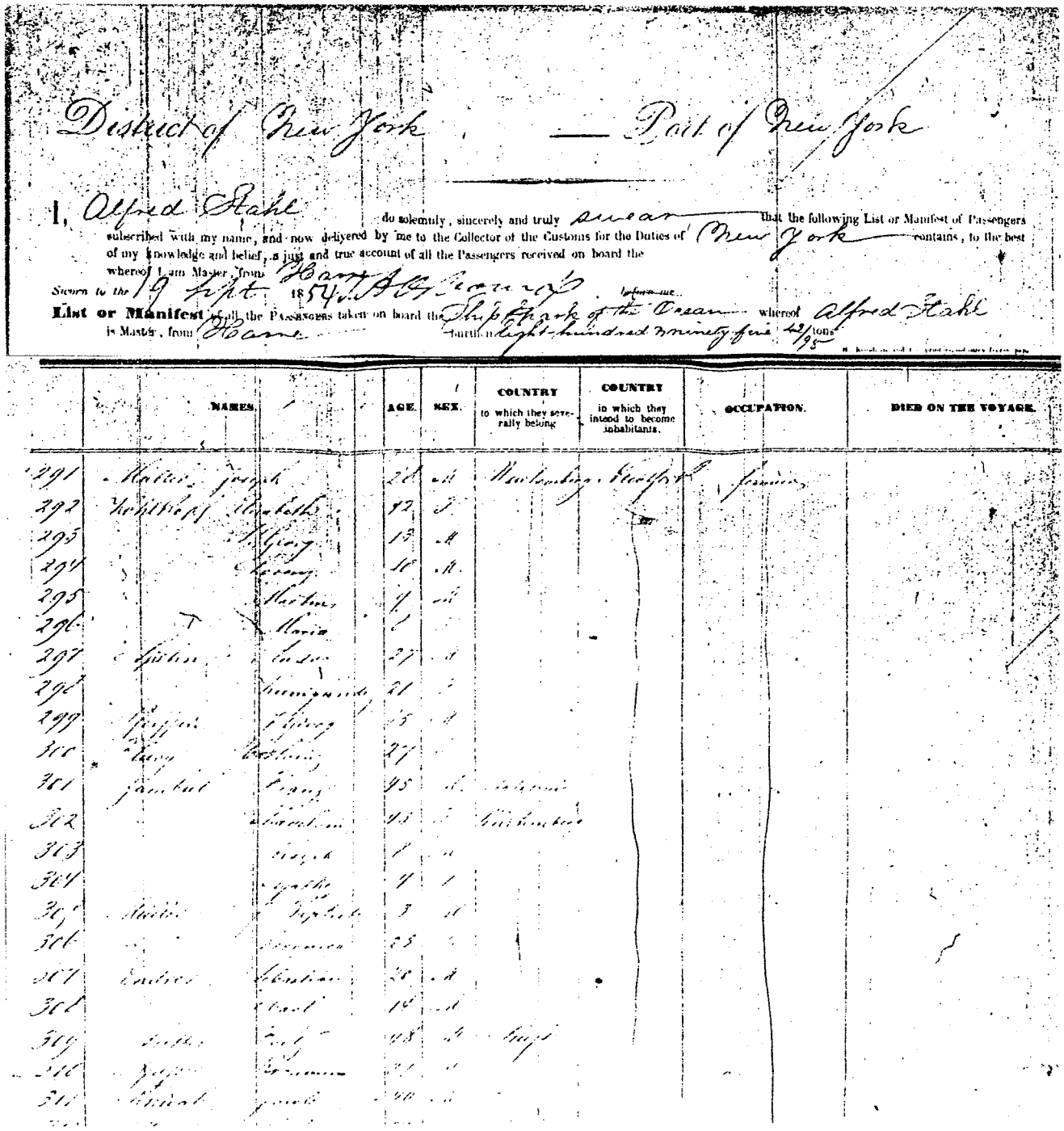
253	BUG, Monicka	48	Female	Wurttemberg	N.Y.	Farmers
254	" Franziska	23	"	"	"	
255	" Josepha	21	"	"	"	
256	" Johanna	17	"	"	"	
257	" Sophia	13	"	"	"	
258	" Engelbert	8	Male	"	"	

We have not found the ship record of Josef BUG, but we do know that he came in 1854, because this is listed in the church records and in his mother's emigration record. Madelaine (Magdalena) ZUMBIHL came with her brother Franz, No 302 & 301 above. Maria ZUMBIHL, another sister came in 1859 according to church records. We could not find an emigration record nor a ship record. She probably came with her niece Ursula WILLHOFF, married to Mathias RENN. We know that the RENNs came between the last birth of a child in Germany 7 Nov. 1858 and the birth of her first child in America born 18 Jan. 1860, baptized at St. Anthony 21 Jan. 1860.

Conrad HIRTNAGEL came with his family in 1853. His naturalization record states that he arrived in New York from Havre de Grace on 17 September 1853. Dr. WALCHER wrote that Conrad and his family came in either 1853 or 1854 and settled in Blumenfeld, Indiana. Bloomfield is in Jay County, Indiana.

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SHIP RECORD of WILLHOOF's and ZUMBIHL's



District of New York — Port of New York

I, Alfred Fahl do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear that the following List or Manifest of Passengers subscribed with my name, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs for the Duties of New York contains, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a just and true account of all the Passengers received on board the whereof I am Master from Havre

Sworn to the 19 Sept 1854 before me.

List or Manifest of all the Passengers taken on board the Ship Spark of the Ocean whereof Alfred Fahl is Master, from Havre burthen eight hundred ninety five 42/95 tons

	NAMES.	AGE.	SEX.	COUNTRY to which they severally belong	COUNTRY in which they intend to become inhabitants.	OCCUPATION.	DIED ON THE VOYAGE.
291	Kaiser, Joseph	26	M	Württemberg	Steerage	Farming	
292	Willhoff, Mathilde	22	F				
293	[illegible]	13	M				
294	[illegible]	10	M				
295	[illegible]	4	M				
296	[illegible]	2					
297	[illegible]	27	M				
298	[illegible]	21	F				
299	[illegible]	25	M				
300	[illegible]	27					
301	[illegible]	43	M	[illegible]			
302	[illegible]	43	F	[illegible]			
303	[illegible]	9	M				
304	[illegible]	4	F				
305	[illegible]	3	M				
306	[illegible]	25	F				
307	[illegible]	20	M				
308	[illegible]	16	M				
309	[illegible]	48	M	Bayern			
310	[illegible]	21	M				
311	[illegible]	20	M				

Ship "Spark of Ocean" arrived in New York 19 Sept. 1854 from Havre, France. No. 292-296 WILLHOFFS, No. 301-304 ZUMBUL.

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Printed by Hutchinson & Baker, Printers and Publishers, 25 Pine street, adjoining the Custom House, New York.

District of New York—Port of New York.

I, [illegible] Master of the Ship Mercury do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare that the following List or Manifest, subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of New York, is a full and perfect list of all the passengers taken on board of the said Ship at Havre from which port said Ship has now arrived; and that on said list is truly designated the age, the sex, and the occupation of each of said passengers, the part of the vessel occupied by each during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant; and that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who died.

So help me God.

Sworn to this Sept 24 1855

Before me [illegible]

List or Manifest of ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the Ship Mercury whereof French is Master, from Havre burthen 1350 tons.

	NAMES.	Age. Years.	Months.	SEX.	OCCUPATION.	The country to which they severally belong.	The country in which they intend to become inhabitants.	Died on the voyage.	Place of the vessel occupied by each passenger during the voyage.
1	Berg Joh:	Mart	29	male	farmer	Westernberg	New York		Steerage
2		Rosine	29	fem					Retiring Berth
3		Marcella	4						
4	Bieg	Monicka	48						
5		Franziska	23						
55	Bieg	Joseph	20	fem	farmer	Westernberg	New York		Steerage
6		Johanna	17	"					Retiring Berth
7		Sophie	13	"					
8		Engel	9	male					
9	Wagner	Joh	50			Bavaria			
4	Walter	Georg	22						

Havre le 22 Août 1855

J. F. Montgomery

Duplicata

Je soussigné Capitaine du bâtiment Commercial allant de Hauptstein Canton Zug pour le navire Mercury Capitaine French certifie le présent rôle des passagers etc. véritable du 1er Janvier 1855.

Havre, 22 Août 1855

Ch. Mercier

SHIP RECORD of MONIKA BUG and FAMILY

"Ship Mercury" arrived in New York 24 Sept. 1855 from Havre, France. No. 253 is Monicka BIEG, age 48, No. 254-258 are her children.

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ied. DIETRICH WALCHER

Mochenwangen , 9.9.1986
Kreis Ravensburg
Kettelerstr. 12
D-7984 Wolpertswende

Dear Mrs. Schieltz!

Many thanks for your letter from the 28. May 1986 and for the ininformations of your generation chart. I hope, you have received the permission for use of the microfilm from the Diözesan Archiv Rottenburg. The chief of this archives promised to me to send the permission to you immediatly.
The questions, you have given to me, J will try to answer, as far as J can do it. The questions are numbered in your letter, which J send back to you.

1. Hans Büg is not born on the 5,March 1671, but he has married on this day Anna Koch from Mochenwangen. This date is to find in the baptism book of Wolpertswende.

2. Barbara Büg, born 1683, is the daughter of Michael Büg and Anna Brielmaier from Mochenwangen according the wedding book of Wolpertswende.

3. Perhaps, you have read wrongly the word "Willhof" , or J have written it wrongly. There is no Johann Georg Willhof. Meant is Johann Georg Büg, who was married three times. At his second marriage he was a "widower", not Willhof.

4. certainly, there lived three Johann Georg Büg at the same time.

5. Elisabeth Zumbihl was a widow and not the Willhof of Jakob Wöllhaf from Wolpertswende. She emigrated with four children to USA in the Year 1854. (Johann Georg 13 years, Lorenz 10 y. Martin 8 y. Marie 7 y.)

6. Illegimated children came from the mating of unmarried men and women or from married men with unmarried servants. The children have been baptized. Tere have been no married coupes out of the catholic church.

7. Monika Zumbihl emigrated in 1855; J could not find any notice, that she was accompanied by Children.

8. J have corrected the baptisms, which J give back to you.

J hope, J could help you. J am sorry, that J cant help anymore for you.

Yours sicerely

Dietrich Walcher

BÜRGERMEISTERAMT WOLPERTSWENDE
LANDKREIS RAVENSBURG

Bürgermeisteramt 7984 Wolpertswende Telefon 0 75 02 / 13 78

Mrs.
Ruth Wagner Schieltz
11820 Reed Rd.
Versailles, Oh 45380
USA

7984 Wolpertswende, den 25. 06. 1985

Dear Mrs. Wagner Schieltz,

thank you for the letter, we received on June 19 th 1985. We are looking forward to your visiting Wolpertswende and Mochenwangen, the towns, your ancestors were born. At our registry births had been registered since the year 1876, but the registration by institutions of church began much earlyer. For that we consulted the registration-office of the Catholic Church in Wolpertswende, with the result that we were told that your great, greatgrandmother Monika Zumbihl is actually registered there. I`m quite shure, some of the relatives of Monika Zumbihl are still living in Wolpertswende or Mochenwangen, for there are seven families with the name "Büg". We`d be pleased, if you`d come to see us at the town-hall in Wolpertswende. We have someone, who can speak English.

Sincerely,
the registrar

(Wegerer)

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Dr. Dietrich Walcher
Kettelerstr. 12/Mochenwangen
7984 Wolpertswende

Mochenwangen, 1. March 1986

Dear Mrs. Schieltz!

First of all I wisch to tell you somethimg about the origin of the family Büg. The name Büg appears in a baptize-book of the parish of Wolpertswende for the first time: On March 5th 1671 Hans Büg married Anna Koch from Mochenwangen. These two had a son Josef Büg, born in 1681. From that year on we find the name Büg frequently in the baptize-, marriage- and death-books of the parish of Wolpertswende. Till 1834 Mochenwangen belonged to the parish of Wolpertswende. In this year Mochenwangen became a independent parish.

In 1796 a Cosmas Büg, who was born in Stams in Tirol (Austria), died in Mochenwangen. I conclude, that the family Büg originally came from Stams and that the first Büg immigrated from this village to Mochenwangen.
After the Thirty-years-war our country was desolated, 60% of the population had died of the plague or had been killed in the war. Many farms and houses were unhabited and had to be filled by immigrants from Austria and Switzerland. Cosmas Büg visited probably his relations in Mochenwangen.
In the community of Wolpertswende 11 male members of the family Büg are alived today.

Commentary to the Ancester Chart of Ruth c, Schieltz:
Johann Georg Büg (8) married in 1786 the widow Katharina Rauch from Krummensbach and moved to that place.
He married for the second time Anna Maria Grünvogel, who died 1771. An he married for the third time Agnes Frickin (9). Their son, Franz-Joseph Büg (4) married for the second time Elisabeth Preußin (5) from Vorsee.

Their son Franz Josef Büg (2) married Monika Zumbihl (3), who emigrated after the death of her husband ~~XXXX~~ together with her daughter Josepha Büg (1) to USA in 1855.
All quoted Members of the family Büg lived in Krummensbach in a small house with a barn and pigsty. The roof was covered with tiles, straw and shingles. Monika Zumbihl sold the house in1855. The new owner demolished it and erected it again.

I cannot find out, where Anton Zumbihl (11) was born. He was a ~~many~~ very poor man and lived together with his wife Maria Hartnagel (13) in Wolpertswende in the steep road, which comes from Mochenwangen. The house exists still today, indeed it was changed and enlarged. Anton Zumbihl (12) handed it over to his single son Franz Sebastian Zumbihl (6), who sold it in 1827. He acquired another house in Niedersweiler and moved there.
Franz Sebastian Zumbihl had 7 Children. 4 of them emigrated to USA. These are:

Monika Zumbihl 1855

Magdalena Zumbihl 1854

Elisabeth Zumbihl, widow of Jakob Wöllhaf from Wolpertswende, with 4 children Johann Georg, Lorenz, Martin and Maria 1854

Franz Josef Zumbihl, farmer and widow with his children Josef and Agathe. He had inherited the House in Niedersweiler from his mother Franziska Müller (7). In 1854 he sold it, bevor he emigrated.

Nowadays no member of the family Zumbihl exists in the community of Wolpertswende. In Ravensburg however, we find 3 family with this name.
In 1853 or 1854 emigrated to Indiana, district Blumenfeld Konrad Hartnagel with his wife Theresia Keller and 3 children. One of them was Vinzenz Hartnagel, born 30.8. 1846.

I give back your Ancestor Chart. I entered with red ink, what I have found in the archives.
I hope, I was able to help you.

Yours

Dietrich Walcher

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This letter was postmarked 1931 and was sent for 2 cents postage.

Oct. 13, 1931

Dear _____,

It rained to-day, have plenty of wet weather didn't have no frost yet. Sowed 45 acres of wheat, didn't cut our beans yet, beans that are threshed make 15 to 27 bu. to the acre. Have about ten acres of corn husked, new corn is 25 cents per cwt., cut 28 a. Corn is good this year.

____ _____ was raided,they got 26 ten gal. kegs of whiskey, 400 gals of mash and a 50 gal. distill. _____ put it on ___ _____ it cost him over $600.

_____ _____ was raided last Saturday night, they found some beer & wine. He was keeping some loud times and parties. And selling beer. He lives on the ____ _____ farm.

Mary left Sept. 15 to Cincinnati to work, she has a job.

Ed HEITKAMP and Hilda MUHLENKAMP are going to get married tomorrow. They are going to live on Tony MUHLENKAMP's other place.

John WELLMAN is moving in Andy MINNICK's house. It's the 40 acres where Clem REINHARD used to live.

Butch MINCH is moving in LANGENHORST house at the BUTTLE school house where Lew LAUX used to live. Lew LAUX moved back in Adam ALIG house.

Henry is working full time again, the first time for a year. His wages were cut three times.

The Coldwater Spreader Co. is shut down.

Had one load of cattle on the Buffalo market, Sept 28. They brought 9 cents weighed 1243 lb., the other was on the market Oct's they brought 9-25 they weighed 1222 lbs. Dad said they didn't make any money. They brought $4475 they cost $1910.

Mrs. Theo MAY bought the Gert MUHLENKAMP property in St. Anthony.

The John WELLING farm is for sale.

Joe SCHIMDT & family and Catherine WINHOLTS and her husband and old WINHOLT's and their son, Carl & wife were here Sept. 27.

Surprised Dad's birthday Sept. 13, had a large crowd of people here.

Clarence VONDERWELL owns a farm east of St. Marys. Ray MUHLENKAMP is going to farm it, he is going with Agnes VONDERWELL.

Henry ALIG is studying at the Catholic University at Washington. If he makes his grades he can go to Rome.

Marie KRIEG is working in Dayton.

Young poultry is selling for $.11 lb., heavies, 6 cents leghorns.

The Wabash River trial is going at Decatur, been going for 4 weeks and isn't settled yet.

Hog cholera is bad around here. Fred KELLER, Henry HARTNAGEL, and DAVISON have it. We have 120 shoats and 30 fall pigs. Old corn is selling 36 cents per 100, hay is $5 a ton in mow.

Joe LAUX is in the Celina Hospital operated for appendicitis and rupture. John WEIL's wife is in the Portland Hospital.

In three weeks we will have mission in St. Anthony.

Gus SCHINDLER bought John LUTTMAN farm, don't know what he paid for it.

Victor SCHMIDT is in California.

Max MUHLENKAMP sold his filling station in Detroit to Albert SCHINDLER and another fellow.

Vincennes MUHLENKAMP is teaching school south of St. John.

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LETTER

John Henry WAGNER
to
Rita WAGNER

June 25, 1945
Aruba, D. W. I.

Dear Rita,

Well, I will drop you a few lines to let you know that I am getting closer to the States every day and will be home about the 6th of July if nothing happens.

I made a $10 draw here and I got two white shirts. But I do not know if they are long sleeves. If they are not I am going to sell them to the Steward and try and get some in Norfolk, Va. As that is our next port.

Well, this is a long 17 day trip that they said we were going to make when we left the States. But maybe it is better as I will have about $580 in the bank. Just so I don't spend too much while I am home.

Well, I wasn't going to write but I didn't have anything else to do here. As I am in the USO Club for seamen. I bought the National Geographic Magazine, so I can do a little reading as we go north. Well, will close for now and hope to see you all soon.

As ever,

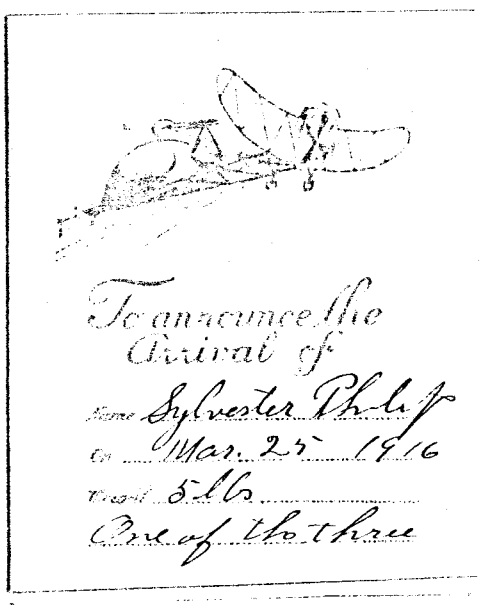
John H. Wagner.

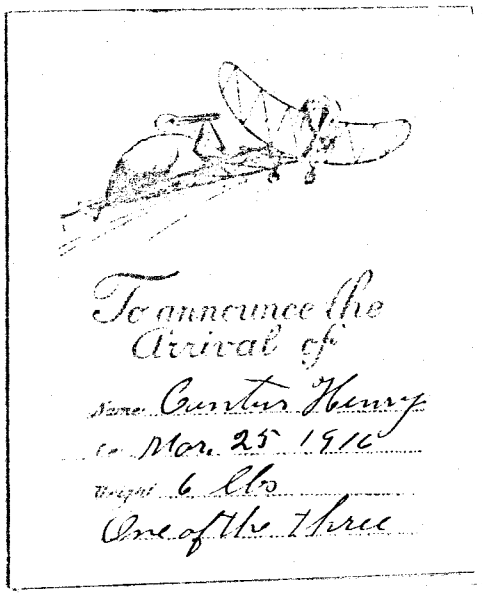
This is a letter from my brother John to my sister Rita. It shows how we had shortages at home, especially white shirts and other clothing. John also sounded a little homesick, he was just 17 years old. John's wife Pat found this letter after John had died. I think that it adds something to our book. Aruba is an island in the Dutch West Indies just north of South America.

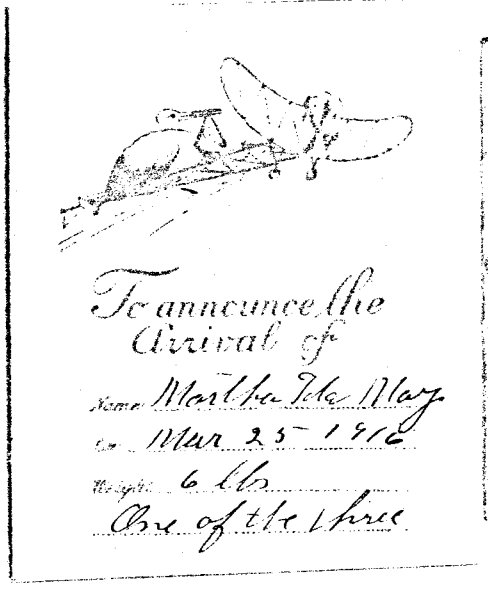
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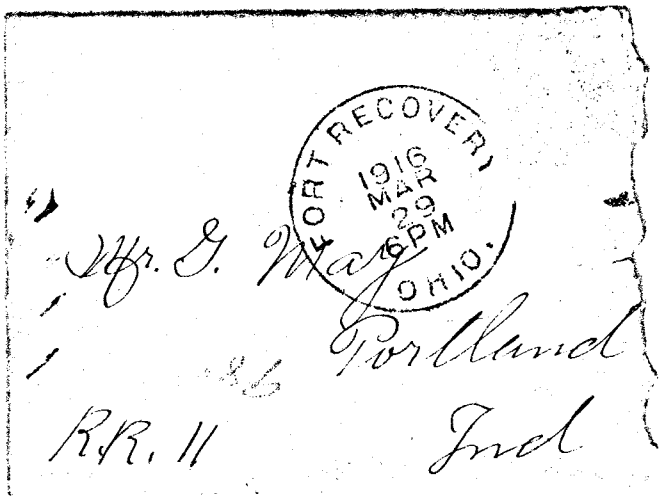
BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rita and I found the birth announcements of the triplets born to Henry ONTROP and Sophia WEIGEL. There were 3 small cards in one envelope. These were addressed to Gerhard MAY, Portland, Indiana. The triplets were born 25 March, 1916. Sylvester Philip, 5 lbs., Contus Henry, 6 lbs., and Martha Ida Mary, 6 lbs. Ida was the only survivor. Sylvester died 9 May 1916, and Contus (Candius) on 11 Oct 1916. This is the actual size of the announcements.









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MARRIAGE RECORDS in United States

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 31st day of March in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-56, a marriage license was issued to John Meyer and Josepha Bieh

Which said license is in the words and figures following, to-wit: State of Indiana, Jay county, to any person empowered by law to solemnize marriages in the county of Jay greeting: You are hereby authorized to join together as husband and wife, Mr. John Meyer and Miss Josepha Bieh according to the laws of the State of Indiana.

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In testimony whereof, I, Asa Denney Clerk of the Circuit Court of said [L. S.] county, hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of said Court, at Portland this 31st day of March A. D. 1856. Asa Denney Clk

The marriage of whom is thus certified: State of Indiana, Jay county. I, the undersigned, a Minister of the Gospels do hereby certify that John Meyer and Josepha Bieh were legally joined together as husband and wife, on the 8th day of April 1856 by me.

Sebastian Gaukler Priest

Returned & Recorded June 28th 1856 Asa Denney Clk

Copy "State of Indiana, Jay Co. — I certify that I this day solemnized the marriage of Mr Sebastian Dill with Miss Josepha Big — witness my hand this 15th day of October A.D. 1861 — Roehm Schilly Priest.

Marriage

July 18 Frank engage marriage Esq.
John Meyer et Josephine Sylvester
pursuant Cap Clerk's Office Mercer County
1867

The State of Ohio, Mercer County, ss:

I do hereby Certify that the 17
day of Jan. 1867 I solemnized the Marriage of
Augustus Big to Mary E. Hostetter

July 21 1891 Peter A Capella
Minister

The State of Ohio, Mercer County:

On the 6th day of May 1854
I solemnized the Marriage of Mr. Constantine Merkle
and Miss Anna Catharine after having given legal
notice by publication as required by law.

Clemens Schmidt Minister.

The State of Ohio, Mercer County:

On the 11th day of November 1854
I solemnized the Marriage of Mr. William Williamson
and Miss Sophia Miller after having given legal
notice by publication as required by law.

Fred Walter Minister.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

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State of Kansas, Kingman County, ss.

Kingman, January 28 A. D. 1901

To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are Hereby Authorized to Join in Marriage:

Anton H. Diller of Kingman, Kansas, aged 21 years,

and Christina Menz of New Murdock, Kansas, aged 21 years,

and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

John McKenna
Probate Judge.

STATE OF KANSAS, KINGMAN COUNTY, SS.

I, E. Corlew do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the 31 day of January A. D. 1901 at Waterloo in said County, join and unite in Marriage the above named Anton H. Diller and Christina Menz

WITNESS my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

E. Corlew

L. S.

ATTEST John McKenna
Probate Judge.

THE STATE OF OHIO, Mercer County:

On the 18" day of June 1896

I solemnized the Marriage of Mr John Diller

and Miss Mary Gross after having given legal notice by publication as required by law.

Rev Ernest Steele Minister.

THE STATE OF OHIO, Mercer Countv:

On the 23" day of November 1897

I solemnized the Marriage of Mr Philip B. Diller

and Miss M Anna Gross after having given legal notice by publication as required by law.

Gregory Jussel Minister.

The State of Ohio, Mercer County:

On the 15" day of November 1892

I solemnized the Marriage of Mr Bernard Hohnmann

and Miss Mary Diller after having given legal notice by publication as required by law.

M. Lormas Seeburger Minister.

The State of Ohio, Mercer County:

On the 11th day of February 1890

I solemnized the Marriage of Mr. Gerhard Gray

and Miss Elizabeth R Diller after having given legal notice by publication as required by law.

M. L. Seeburger Minister.

THE STATE OF OHIO, Mercer County:

On the 21" day of May 1894

I solemnized the Marriage of Mr Bernadina Dull

and Miss Frances Diller after having given legal notice by publication as required by law.

Rev. Chas H. Nothcis Minister.

MARRIAGE RECORDS in United States

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THE UNITED STATES CENSUSES

It has been difficult to research the whereabouts of Joseph BIGGS in his later years. He appears in the 1900 U. S. Census for Dale Township, Kingman County, Kansas.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	BIRTH	AGE	YRS. MAR.	CH./LIV.	YR. CAME
BIGGS, Joseph	head	Apr. 1836	64	37		1854 NA
Bridgit	wife	July 1845	55	37	9/8	born OH
Lawrence	son	Mch 1876	24	single		born OH
John	son	Jan 1879	21	single		born OH
Sussia	dau.	Feb. 1884	16	single		born KS
Mona	dau.	May 1887	13	single		born KS

Joseph was listed as a farmer, owning his farm with a mortgage. He could read and write English and so could his wife and children. His wife died 13 May 1902, and is buried at Waterloo. Joseph BIGGS is not buried with her. There are no death records of Joseph at the parish in Waterloo. Regina and I checked this when we were in Kansas in 1983. We could not find Joseph in the 1910 Census of Kansas. Our relatives in Kansas have also been searching for his death record. Velma BIGGS FELDER of Oklahoma stated that Lawrence BIGGS moved from Wichita to Northwest Oklahoma. Mary COSLETT BIGGS found that Mona BIGGS was married in 1911 at Wichita. Her license stated that she and her husband, H. G. WOLF, were from Oklahoma City.

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In Evan Township, Kingman County, Kansas, the Englebert BIGGS family is recorded in the 1900 Census.

NAME	RELATIONSIP	BIRTH	AGE	YRS. MAR.	CH./LIV.	YR. CAME
BIGGS, J. E.	head	Dec. 1845	54	30		not listed
M. E.	wife	Nov. 1852	47	30	10/9	born OH
Daniel	son	Mar. 1882	18	single		born KS
Jacob	son	Mar. 1887	13	single		born KS
Matilda	dau.	June 1889	11	single		born KS
Frances	dau.	Oct. 1892	8	single		born KS

John Englebert is listed as being a farmer, owning his farm with a mortgage.

BIGGS, J. C.	head	Oct. 1871	28	single	born OH
				listed as a farmer with a mortgage	
DILLER, A. H.	boarder	May 1875	25	single	born OH
				listed as a farmer	

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Tony DILLER worked in Kansas and met his future wife, Christina MENG. They settled in Kingman County near Waterloo, Kansas. After the death of Tony DILLER, his widow moved to Denver, Colorado, and lived there until she died. Some of the children of Tony and Christina DILLER live in Texas and Colorado today.

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In 1860 the census of Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana, you will notice that Franz Josef ZUMBIHL and his sisters live next to one another from household 485 to and including 489. Family stories indicate that Franz felt responsible for his sisters and divided his farmland so each would have something to support themselves. However, the deed records do not show this. Notice the spellings, especially of Monika BUG -- Monocy BEAKS. Conrad HARTNAGEL is listed in the 1860 Wayne Township, Jay County, Indiana. In 1870 he has moved to Wabash Township.

CENSUS 1860 Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana

HOME	NAME	AGE	OCC.	COUNTRY
485	BEAKS,Monocy	53f.	farmer	Germany
486	WIKLE,John	25m.	farmer	Germany
	" Josephine	26f.		Germany
	" Constantine	3m.		Indiana
	" Marteas	1m.		Indiana
487	ZUMBLE, Joseph	51m.	farmer	Wurttemberg
	" Magdaline (sis)	41f.		Wurttemberg
	" Augusta	10f.		Wurttemberg
488	WILLHUFF, Elizabeth	44f.	farmer	Wurttemberg
	" George	19m.	laborer	"
	" Laurence	17m.	"	"
	" Martin	15m.	"	"
	" Mary	14f.		"
489	RAN, Mathias	36m.	farmer	"
	" Mary	28f.		"
	" Elizabeth	5f.		"
	" George	6/12		Indiana
	ZUMBILE, Mary	45f.		Wurttemberg

CENSUS 1860 Wayne Township, Jay County, Indiana

184	HARDNAIL, Conrad	51m.	farmer	Wurttemberg	500/250
	" Theresa	47f.		"	
	" Agatha	20f.		"	
	" Mary	16f.		"	
	" Winson	13m.		"	

There were several families by the name of WIBLE or WIBBELT who lived in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana. We have records that Agatha ZUMBIHL, here listed as Augusta ZUMBLE, married a Wibbelt either from Indianapolis or she moved there after she married. Several members of the WILLHOFF family also moved to Indianapolis. Death or marriage records have not always been found for these people.

CENSUS 1860 Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio

MAY	Theodore	30		Prussia
"	Rachel	21		"
"	Henry	31		"CENSUS 1870 Wabash Township,

Jay County, Indiana

32	WEIGHTLE, Constantine	39m.	farmer	Prussia
	" Catharine	32f.		"
	" John	79m.	retired farmer	"
	" Mary A.	69f.		"
41	RANN, Mathias	47m.	farmer	Wurttemberg
	" Mary	38f.		"

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"	Elizabeth	15f.		"
"	George	10m.		Indiana
"	Marg	8f.		"
"	Sophia	5f.		"
"	Caroline	3f.		"
50	WILLHOFF, Lawrence	26m.	farmer	Wurttemberg
"	Catharine	24f.		Ohio
"	Geroge	5/12m.	January	Indiana
"	Martin	25m.	farm labor	Wurttemberg
Schindler, Jacob		14m.	" "	Ohio
51	HERTNAGLE, Conrad	60m.	farmer	Wurttemberg
"	Agatha	31f.		"
"	Winston	23m.	farm laborer	"

CENSUS 1870 Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio

BIGGS	Englebird	24m.	farmer	Wurttemberg
"	Monika	63f.	keeps house	"
DILLER	Bastian	40m.	farmer	Bavaria
"	Josephine	35f.	wife	Wurttemberg
"	Constant	13m.	stepson	Indiana
"	Mathias	11m.	"	"
"	Sophia	8f.	daughter	Ohio
"	Anna	6f.	"	"
"	Philip	4m.	son	"
"	Mary	2f.	daughter	"

CENSUS 1870 Liberty Township, Mercer County, Ohio

MEYER,	John	29m.	grocer	Ohio
"	Sophia BUG		24 or 28 f. wife	Wurttemberg
"	George	2m.	son	Ohio
"	Joseph	1m.	"	"
"	Ellen	2 months f.	dau.	"
KINNEY (KOENIG), Philip		6m.	stepson	"

CENSUS 1870 Jefferson Township, Mercer County, Ohio

BIGGS,	Joseph	33m.	miller	Wurttemberg
	Bridget	25f.		Ohio
	Sophia	6f.		"
	Franklin	3m.		"
	Anna	2/12		"

Joseph BIGGS had a grist mill in Celina, Ohio. We did not find him in the 1880 census. We assume that he moved to Kansas around 1880.

CENSUS 1880 Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana

20	HARTNAGLE, Vincent	34m.	farmer	Wurttemberg/Wur/Wur
	Agnes	25f.		Oh/Ger/Oh
	Jacob	6m.		Ind/Wur/Oh
	Mary	2f.		"
	Austin	5m.		"
	Agnes	40f.	sister	Oh/Wur/Wur (She was born in Wur)
39	WILHOOF, Lawrence	37m.	farmer	Wur/Wur/Wur
"	Catherine	25f.		Oh/Prus/Prus
"	George	10m.	son	Indiana
"	William	9m.	"	"
"	Margaret	6f.	dau.	Indiana
"	Martin	3m.	son	" Martin and Mary were crossed
"	Mary	1f.	dau.	" off marked dead.

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40	RANN, Mathias	56m.	farmer	Wur/Wur/Wur
	" Mary	34f.	wife	Oh/Prus/Prus
	" Sophia	15f.	dau	Ind/Wur/Wur
	" Caroline	13f.	"	"
	" Catherine	8f.	"	"
	RANN, Margaret	1f.	dau.	Ind/Wur/Wur
	STARK, Mary	16f.	stepdau.	Oh/Wur/Oh
	" John	14m.	stepson	"
	" Rosa	11m.	stepdau.	"
	" Mathias	9m.	stepson	"
	" Catherine	9f.	stepdau.	"
	" William	7m.	stepson	"
72	FISHER, Pantaleon	65m.	farmer	Baden/Baden/Baden
	" Theresis	15f.	dau.	Ind/Baden/Baden
	" John	17m.	son	Oh/Baden/Baden
	RANN, Elizabeth	21f.	dau.	"
	Theresia	7f.	niece	Ind/Ind/Oh

CENSUS 1880 Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio

BIGGS,	Englebert	34m.	farming	Prussia
"	Elizabeth	27f.	wife	"
"	John	8m.	son	Ohio
"	Anthony	7m.	"	"
"	Mary	5f.	dau.	"
"	Henry	2m.	son	"
"	Valentine	4 mo.m."		"
FORTMAN,	Henry	43m.	farmer	"
"	Franciska(BUG)	47f.	wife	Wurttemberg
"	Maryann	16f.	dau.	Ohio
"	Hannah	15f.	"	"
"	Frank J.	14m.	son	"
"	John H.	12m.	"	"
"	Englebert	9m.	"	"

CENSUS 1880 Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio

DILLER,	Sebastian	53m.	farmer	Bavaria
"	Josepha	46f.	wife	Wurttemberg
"	Philip	14m.	son	Ohio
"	Sophia	18f.	dau.	"
"	Mary Ann	16f.	"	"
"	Rosina	9f.	"	"
"	Mary	11f.	"	"
"	Anthony	6m.	son	"
"	Franciska	4f.	dau	"
"	John	1m.	son	"
MAY,	Henry	55m.	farmer	Prussia
"	Catharine	50f.	wife	Ohio
"	Elizabeth	18f.	dau.	"
"	Theodore	16m.	son	"
"	Gerhard	14m.	"	"
"	Anna	12f.	dau.	"
"	Catharine	5f.	"	"

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In the family registers at the Church of St. Gangolf, Wolpertswende, Wurttemberg, we learned of the dates of emigrations of the ZUMBIHL, BUG, WILLHOFF, and HURTNAGEL families. The notation is made that Joseph BUG came to America in 1854. This is one year before his mother Monika and the rest of the children came. Joseph BUG probably came with his uncle Franz ZUMBIHL who came also in 1854. Joseph BUG, however, is not on the ship record with his uncle. We can conclude that Joseph BUG was sent earlier for several reasons. One, he was eighteen years of age, and was ready for the military service. Two, he came with his uncle to help him to find a place and get settled for the rest of the family to come the following year. Franz ZUMBIHL's wife, Genrosa REIS (RAIS), had died in 1850. Two children also had died. Agatha and Josef are on the ship record with him. Other sisters of Franz ZUMBIHL who came to America were: Magdalena ZUMBIHL, came in 1854; Monika ZUMBIHL BUG, came in 1855 with her remaining five children; Elisabeth ZUMBIHL WILLHOFF, came in 1854 with her four children; Maria Anna ZUMBIHL, came in 1859.

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Ursula WILLHOFF and her husband Mathias RENN and their children came to America in 1859, between the birth of two children. We presume that Maria Anna ZUMBIHL came with them on the same ship. No ship records nor emigration records have been found. Dr. WALCHER sent me the information that Conrad HARTNAGEL and his family came in 1853 or 1854. Conrad's naturalization record states that he landed in New York from Harve de Grace, France, on 17 Sept. 1853.

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There are no emigration records nor ship records of Sebastian DILLER. He supposedly landed in New York City with no money. Family stories state that a German girl gave him fifty cents. He wanted to go to Cleveland, Ohio. He finally arrived in Tiffin, Ohio. We have found no civil records nor land records in Seneca County. The first record that we have of Sebastian DILLER is his naturalization record in Mercer County, Ohio, stating that he came in June 1858. The second record is his marriage record to Josepha Big, recorded 15 day of October, 1861, in the Court House at Portland, Indiana. Family stories say that he came alone and we know of no other family nor person who might have come to America with him.

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Sebastian DILLER was so poor when he came to America. He lost his hat when on a ship, on the ocean, lake or river. He could not retrieve it. This story has come down in the family. It is significant because it was remembered as proof of his poverty. Sebastian DILLER married the widow Josepha Biggs WEIGEL, who had two small children. They lived in Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio, and attended church at St. Anthony Church, Padua, Ohio.

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Monika ZUMBIHL BUG was supposed to have said that she wanted to come to America because she heard that the women rocked all day in a rocking chair. There were no rockers in Germany. Benjamin Franklin is reportedly to have invented the first rocking chair.

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Lucina DILLER RAUH said that the ZUMBIHL family was so poor in Germany. Her grandmother, Josepha BUG DILLER, told that they went into the woods and gather wood and sticks for their stove. The family lived near the Black Forest area. As a young girl Josepha worked in homes doing household chores for people. This way she earned a little money. The family was very glad to come to America.

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Rita WAGNER TIMMERMAN has contributed much to this work. Her interests in the family and her untiring efforts in collecting the information has helped to make this book what it is. Her drive led us to the County Court Houses in Ohio, Indiana, and yes, even Kansas. We together visited many members of this family, gathering information from young and old alike. She is being missed and will be missed by many members of the DILLER-BIGGS family.

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When Monika ZUMBIHL BUG went to Ravensburg to get the necessary papers to come to America, the information was recorded in Germany and she also had duplicate or similar papers to bring with her. The Engelbert BIGGS family in Kansas gave me a photocopy of the torn papers that remain. It is interesting to note on the paper brought to America they are marked Catholic. The official stamp is still legible, and dated 25th of July 1855 when the Pastor signed it, and 28 of July 1855 when signed in Ravensburg. When looking for the ship record, I gave them a month to get to Havre, France.

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Many immigrants to America came on a ship from the Port of Havre de Grace, France. Even though they came from Bavaria, Baden-Wurttemberg, Belgium and Luxemburg, it was cheaper to go to Havre. When I discussed this with my son Brice, I said that I wondered why they did not go down the Rhine River, rather than going across land to the Port of Havre. Brice said that he knew why. When traveling down the Rhine to the coast, a ship must travel through at least 20 principalities at that time in Europe. Each principality, state, castle, et cetera, charged a duty or tax. This made it too expensive for most of the immigrants. Also, there was cheap passage from Havre back to America. The ships brought cotton from America to Europe and they needed cargo for their return trip to America. Many traveled with horses and wagons carrying their possessions, and then selling the horses when they got on the ship. They traveled on the rivers and canals when they could.

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In Germany the oldest son of the family inherited the farm, married, lived on the farm with the parents, and the other children moved elsewhere. Sometimes the other children were given a monetary sum as their inheritance when they left the parental home.

Here in America, since there was much land available, the early pioneers all tried to give each child some land when they married. They worked very hard to do this. Usually, the parents gave them a good start, and if the farm was not completely paid for, they let the son pay for the rest of the farm. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 stated that all children inherited equally from the parents by law. This outlawed the old European custom, called primogeniture.

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In the two volumn work, **AMERICAN PROVINCE C.PP.S., Early Years in America,** by Father Paul J. Knapke, C.PP.S, we find the following account about the coming of the Precious Blood Missionaries to the New World. On Friday, 20 October 1843, the ship "Vesta" sailed from Havre, France, with Bishop PURCELL of Cincinnati as a passenger. Also on this ship were Father Francis de Sales BRUNNER with seven priests: Anthony MEYER, Martin BOBST, John WETTMER, Jacob RINGELE, Peter Anthony CAPEDER, John Baptist JACOMET, John VAN Den BROECK; and seven brothers or students: Peter HOMBURGER, Henry BUESSER, Peter KREUSCH, Matthias KREUSCH, Fridolin BAUMGARTNER, Aloysius CASTRISCHER, Stephen GESCHWIND. On 21 December, 1843 they landed at the city of New Orleans. The same day they boarded a steamboat to go up the Mississippi River. The evening of 28 December, the boat entered the Ohio River, and they arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio, on 31 December 1843. On the 6th of January 1844, they embarked on the Ohio River to Steubenville then on to Canton in Stark County, Ohio. They arrived at St. Alphonse Mission in Huron County where they set up their first home. Later missions were established in other areas: New Riegel, Maria Stein, St. Joseph, and then also Mary's home at Trinity in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana.

The first Sisters of the Society of the Precious Blood came in 1844. With the coming of the nuns from Europe and candidates from the pioneers, by June 1845, the membership of the Sisters in America had increased to twenty-five. The Sisters established their first motherhouse in New Riegel, Ohio. Later a convent and motherhouse was moved to Maria Stein, Ohio. Only recently have the Sisters sold their beautiful convent in New Riegel.

In 1845 a convent was built at Maria Stein, Ohio. From here more convents were built. In 1852 the Society purchased 240 acres of land in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana. After the Brothers had worked on the land, Mary's Home was started 22 August 1854, with Father Willibald WILLI and four Sisters and two Brothers. Even though this was in Indiana the Fort Wayne Diocese was not established until 1857. The first Holy Mass was celebrated the next morning, with the few scattered Catholics of the neighborhood in attendance. Because the parish of St. Anthony, three miles to the southeast in Ohio, had no resident priest, the twenty or so families traveled to Mary's Home every Sunday. The Sunday began with Mass at eight o'clock, then after Father's breakfast after Mass, there was a

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sermon and confessions. In the afternoon there were instructions, followed by the Rosary and Benediction. This gives us an idea of how our ancestors spent their Sundays in the New World. The first of the emigrants from Wurttemberg attended these services at the convent. Josepha BUG married John WEIGEL on 8 April 1856 by Reverend Sebastian GANTHER. Her second marriage was on 15 October 1862 to Sebastian DILLER by Reverend Rochus SCHUELE. Mass was first said in 1852.

The Society of the Precious Blood Priest, Brothers, and Sisters spoke German, the High German. Most of the members were from southern Germany and Switzerland. Bishop Purcell had asked them to minister to the Germans of Northern Ohio. Many establishments appeared in Huron, Seneca, Wyandot, and other counties, before coming to Mercer County and the surrounding areas. Our ancestors, the REINHART, BUETTEL, WAGNER, and allied families settled in Seneca County as early as 1833. The REINHART family came in 1833, the BUETTEL brother and sister came before 1851, our WAGNER family came around 1861. The brother, uncle, and nephews of our WAGNERs came as early as 1833. Many of the German immigrants to America entered the Society. Germans came even as late as the twentieth century. We personally knew Father Camillus KLOETERS and Father Herman GOLDSCHMIDT.

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The Council of Trent 1545-1563, the 19th Ecumenical Council, set forth several decrees that are important to the genealogist. It decreed that all churches must record all baptisms, marriages, confirmations and deaths of its parishoners. Also, it became mandatory that all marriages were to be public, with three witnesses, a priest and two lay people. There are few records earlier than 1500 in Continental Europe, most of these records begin in 1600 or 1648. Most families cannot trace their ancestry back any further unless they are of the royal families.

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The Thirty Years War 1618-1648 caused so much devastation in Europe, especially in Germany. During this time many of the churches and their records were destroyed. It has been said that Westphalia's land was colored red from the blood spilled by the soldiers and residents. Dr. WALCHER wrote to me that the country was desolated by the war and that 60% of the population had died of the plague or had been killed in the war. Many of the farms and houses were uninhabited and had to be filled by immigrants from Austria and Switzerland. He found the record of Cosmos BUG who had died in 1796, and who had been born in Stams, Tirol, Austria. He probably was visiting relatives in Mochenwangen. This also instigated the movement of the people to the new world. So many wars discouraged the people, and many were motivated to come to America to keep their boys from entering military service.

There were different waves of emigration from Europe. Of course, the Dutch and the English came first. These people came mainly for religious freedom. Then the Germans came from the Palatinate area of Germany to the colony of Pennsylvania in the 1700's. Then the French came in the 1820's and 1830's to Ohio. A wave came in the 1830's on to Ohio from Belgium, France, Luxemburg and Germany.

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In Germany the Bishops required a census periodically. There were censuses in 1719 & 1749 in the Westphalia area. In Wurttemberg there were censuses in 1760, 1825 and 1853. This is when the Family registers were recorded, and then updated. This made our research in Wurttemberg easier. The records of Bamberg and Bavaria were not available to us, so we are not aware if they had a census.

In America there also were enumerations of the parishes. There was a census for St. Anthony's Parish, Padua, Ohio, in 1903. Information is on the back page of the 1904 financial statement. Families - 79, Communions received - 3597, Baptisms - 18, first Communicants -11, Confirmations-48, Marriages - 1, Funerals - 5, Children in Catechism Instructions - 106, and Children in school - 76.

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On 11 February 1890 the following couples were married at St. Anthony's church, Padua, Ohio, by Rev. M. C. SEEBERGER: Gerhard MAY and Elisabeth Rosina DILLER, John MUHLENKAMP and Katharina HOMAN, Joseph SCHROER and Elizabeth HUERKAMP. On the same day, William WENDEL and Christina SUDHOFF were married by Rev. J. A. MAGELEISEN, probably at St. Peter, Ohio.

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WEICHEL or WEIGEL was the first person buried in St. Anthony's new cemetery at St. Anthony, Ohio. He was a brick-mason. I presume that this is John WEIGEL, born March 1788 and died October 1872. Anna M. wife of John born December 1799 and died 18 November 1876.

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The records of Immaculate Conception Church, Celina, Ohio, begin with the births in 1864, marriages in 1865 and the deaths in 1866. The records of Holy Rosary Church, St. Marys, Ohio, begin with birth, marriages, and deaths in 1857. The records of St. Anthony Church, Padua, Ohio, begin with births in 1853, deaths in 1855, and marriages in 1866. The records of Holy Trinity Church, New Corydon, Indiana, (now Bryant, Indiana) begin with deaths in 1860, births in 1862 and marriages in 1865. Earlier records could be found in other parishes of Mercer County or some of the earlier books are now lost. We found the marriage records of Josepha BUG in the court house of Jay County, Indiana. We have not found Joseph BIGGS' marriage record, but we did find the birth records of some of his children. We did not find the first marriage of Sophia BUG to John KOEHNE but we did find her second marriage to John MEYER in 1867 at Celina. We did not find Johanna BUG's marriage to George KROEGER probably in Celina. Their first child was baptized in Celina 1 April 1865.

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During World War II, our German relatives said they knew when the American soldiers came because they were the only military bringing food for the civilian population.

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Monika ZUMBIHL had two sisters who remained in Europe. The oldest, Maria Agatha, born 31 January 1805 and moved to Althausen in 1829, probably when she married. A town named Althausen is between five and ten miles north of Wolpertswende. Another sister, Maria Elenore born 8 December 1820, married 29 July 1845 to Josef Stussle. In the family register one child is listed, Johanna born 17 June 1846. This family register does not give their death dates.

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In Germany, the Catholic heritage of the people is constantly in evidence. Little shrines are built along the country highways, in a little niche at the corner of a building, high enough to be seen by people walking or driving. In the Black Forest area, in a restaurant where we had our dinner one evening, there was a large crucifix on the wall in the corner of the dining room. In Wolpertswende there was a crucifix on the wall of the office of the Burgermeister in the Rathaus.

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Joseph FORTMAN born 20 January 1866, the son of John Henry FORTMAN (known as Henry) and Franciziska BUG was baptized 23 January 1866. The sponsors were Leo FRANK, Joseph BUG and Josepha DILLER. A note in the register stated that the child was taken to Mary's house by horseback to be baptized for fear of its life.

We note that John Henry FORTMAN was know as Henry. In Europe, it was the custom to call the person by the given name closest to the surnames. Here in America, it was the custom to call the person by the first name. This led to confusion in the German, as well as the French, Luxemburg, and Belgian communities.

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Sabina WEIGEL, wife of George JOHN.
Mary WEICHEL, wife of Ignatius RAUH.
Barbara WEIGEL, wife of Mathias FUX (FUCHS, FOX).
John WEICHEL, husband of Josepha BUG.
Constanz WEICHEL, husband of Catharina BRAUN.
All of the WEIGEL and WEICHEL above are brothers and sisters and are the children of John & Mary A. WEIGEL of Jay County, Indiana. John and Mary A. are listed in the census for 1870 of Jay County.

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The first Catholic church at Holy Trinity, Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana, was a crude log house 27 by 70 feet, built by eleven families for $100. The first Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated on Christmas Day 1861. This building served until 1885 when the present church was built costing $18,000. The school and rectory were built in 1909. The nearby cemetery connected with the church is named St. Joseph's cemetery. Franz ZUMBIHL was the first burial, 2 May 1861, aged 52-1-3.

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From the 1880 Census for Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana:

St. Mary's Home - A Catholic Nunnery situated one mile from the Ohio Line contains 320 acres of land, well systematized and under the care of a female called the Superior also a male supervisor - priest - under a high state of cultivation. Contains a large brick church finely furnished also dwelling for the males and one for the females, both good brick buildings. Supports a private school of 80 to 100 scholars. Then the names of the inmates as they were called. The thirty-six nuns, aged twenty-one to seventy-four, were also listed with their surnames.

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The first church at St. Anthony, Padua, Ohio, in Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio, was built in 1853. There was a drawing of it hanging in the rear of the church in 1983. Since that time this drawing has been removed. None of our ancestors were listed with the first parishoners and their families. However, Vinzenz STARK is listed. When researching the records in Wolpertswende and Mochenwangen, we found many STARK families. A STARK married into the RENN family. So we are wondering if this family is also from Wurttemberg and were one of the first families from there to come to the area. A Vinzenz STARK born 1 April 1823 in Wolpertswende, the son of Vinzenz STARK and Johanna HALDER.

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Uncle Marvin MAY has said that his mother, Rosina DILLER MAY, always said that they were related to the SCHINDLER families. We looked for the SCHINDLER name in the records of Wurttemberg with none found. Stephen SCHINDLER's wife has "born RIST" on her tombstone. There are many families by the name of RIST in the records of Wolpertswende and Mochenwangen. However, we were not able to find her birth record in them. We are wondering if Mary Anna ZUMBIHL may have married a SCHINDLER. Uncle Marvin also stated that there were three sets of children in the SCHINDLER family. None of this has been verified.

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In the Wolpertswende records there is a notation of a soldier who died in Elsass. This soldier was Xavier WAGNER, son of Joseph WAGNER and Maria Anna HURTNAGEL, died 20 Sept 1818, 20 years of age, died in Elsass. No burial is noted, so his body must have been buried in Elsass. Another son, Martin, was listed as a soldier when he died 30 October 1833 in Wolpertswende, aged 34. There is no other notation in the death record.

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In Germany it was a common practice for the husband to take his wife's surname, if she owned the land, and he married and lived there with her. The children also used the mother's surname. This was done so that the government had control over the land for tax purposes. The farm was known as the May farm, or Homan farm, et cetera.

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The immigrants came to America in groups and families, usually. We can see this from the records of our families from Wurttemberg. The ZUMBIHL, BUG, WILLHOFF, HARTNAGEL, STARK, RENN, RIST and others came from the same towns. When we researched the German records for the MAY-HOMAN FAMILY TREE we found over 100 family names common to Mercer County, Ohio. Others came alone as Sebastian DILLER did. We do not know of any family who came from his home near Bamberg, Bavaria. After people came, they wrote letters and begged their relatives and friends to come. These German Settlements made it easy to keep the German language and customs. The German Priests, Brothers, and Sisters of the Society of the Precious Blood also saved the language. German was used in the church and the school. When World War I came, the Germans were ridiculed, and in some communities the German was dropped in the schools. The Low German communities of southern Mercer County, Ohio, kept their language longer than the High German people.

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The ENTRUP and ONTROP Families came from Walstedde, near Munster, Westphalia, the home of the MAY Family of St. Anthony. When doing research for the MAY-HOMAN book, we did not look for these immigrants to America. We found these surnames but we did not have the births of the immigrants when doing this research. If any ONTROP wishes to do research in Walstedde, I would be willing to help them. There were also families by the name of WIEGEL in Walstedde, Germany.

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In Marriage Book B in the Jay County, Indiana, Court House, there are the two marriage records of Josepha BUG, daughter of Monika BUG. There are no records at Holy Trinity Church, Wabash Township, nor at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio. The first marriage was recorded: Josepha BUG to John Weigelt, 8 April 1856 by Sebastian GANTHER, Catholic Priest. The second record was: Josepha BUG to Sebasstian DILLER 15 October 1861, by Rocus SCHULY, Catholic Priest. Both of these marriages were solemnized by the Catholic priest of the Precious Blood Society, Carthagena, Ohio.

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When living in Celina, Ohio, when we were young children, one of our favorite days in the summer was the 4th of July. On this day we always went up-town for the 4th of July parade and the fire crackers. The Immaculate Conception High School band would play. It is interesting today to remember that the girls in the band wore skirts not slacks as the female members do today. There usually was a display of fireworks in the evening. In those days fireworks were not illegal to have, and I remember how my mother always worried about accidents when people around us would set them off. When there was an eclipse of the moon, our parents would get us out of bed at night to see it. One time, I really never woke up and the next morning I did not remember it.

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When living on North Sugar Street in Celina, Ohio, we lived only seven houses from our Grandmother WAGNER. When Grandmother came to visit, Aunt Catherine would carry a kitchen chair along so Grandmother could rest. They usually walked down the alley, because it seemed easier to walk and not so obvious. This was when I was very young, because Grandma died when I was only six years old, and after being bedfast for 2 years. She lived mostly on ice cream, which my father brought from the store when he came home from work at Mersman Furniture Factory. Grandmother WAGNER pieced a quilt, called the Ohio Star, together for me, and before I was married I quilted it. It is one of my treasures.

Our neighbors to the south were Joe KRAUDELT and his wife, Anna FREYTAG. Joe was always complaining when a ball or something went over into his yard, so we were taught to stay out of his yard. Mrs. KRAUDELT was a kind person, who sent many coffee cakes over to us. She would yell, Yoo Hoo! and we would run. We knew what she had. This was an old immigrant couple from Germany. They married here and their daughters married and lived in Celina.

Several more houses down the street lived an elderly lady by the name of TEGTMEYER. She lived there with her single daughter, Rosie, who was a seamstress. She did tailoring and alterations for a men's clothing store in Celina. When they had their final house auction, I was able to buy some antique chairs which are more than a hundred years old.

August WINKLEJOHN and his wife (a TEGTMEYER) lived right next door to the north of Grandmother WAGNER. They were all good neighbors and friends. KRIEGELs lives west across the street. I am wondering if one of their relatives married into the KROEGER-BIGGS family.

Tony and Leona GUGGENBILLER lived to the north of us. They moved to Michigan to operate a gasoline station. On one of our trips to Alma, Michigan, (1938-1940) we stopped to visit them. A relative has told me that they are still living in Houghton, Michigan.

Across the street from us lived John and Annie HECKLER, who moved to Sidney, Ohio, before we moved to Frenchtown. When any of us children were sick, Annie came over to give support to our mother, when Dad worked at night. FORSTOEFFELs and another HECKLER family lived to the north on the corner. We have fond memories of all of these good neighbors who were also good friends.

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When we attended the Catholic School in Celina, Ohio, we were taught the Gregorian Mass. This was in Latin and we learned it by singing it over and over. Now the Latin is no longer used in our church except for special occasions. When we attended the funeral of a first cousin, Wilbert WAGNER, in Alma, Michigan, June 1987, we heard the Dies Irae, Dies Illa sequence for the funeral. When we moved to Frenchtown in 1938, Rita and I joined the choir at Holy Family Church. We could sing all the Latin songs and the Latin Mass.

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One of the founders of the parish of St. Anthony, Padua, Ohio, was Vinzenz STARK. In the St. Anthony records a Christian STARK died 16 October 1862, age 58, the husband of Catharina STEIGMAN. Mathias RENN, widower of Ursula WILLHOFF, married the widow of Maximillian STARK, died 30 August 1876, who was born 12 October 1835. I have not been able to find records of these STARK families in Wolpertswende. The STARK name has been found in the Wolpertswende and Mochenwangan records.

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In the 7 July 1987 USA TODAY, there was a list of the top ten names used for babies in 1986. They were as follows:

Male: Matthew, Christopher, Adam, Jason, Mark, Benjamin, William, John, Joseph, and tied Michael and Andrew.

Female: Molly, Elizabeth, Kate, Emily, Megan, Sarah, Carolin, Amanda, Courtney, Samantha.

We have found the following common names used in the German records of our ancestors, as used in Germany before the immigration to this country around the middle of the 1800's.

WESTFALIA:

Male: Johan, Heinrich, Bernard, Theodore, Gerhard, Joseph, Franz, Ludwig, Herman, Dietrick, Willhelm.

Female: Anna, Maria, Catharina, Elisabetha, Gertrudis, Carolina, Sophia, Theresia, Margaretha, Christina, Johanna, Clara, Hedwig.

BAVARIA:

Male: Sebastian, Willhelm, Johan, Matthias, Andrew, Conrad, Thomas, Josef.

Female: Anna, Maria, Martha, Cunegunde, Barbara, Theresa.

WURTTEMBERG:

Male: Sebastian, Franz, Joseph, George, Engelbert, Christian, Francis Xavier, Charles, Anton, Conrad.

Female: Anna, Maria, Monika, Sophia, Rosalia, Johanna, Franziska, Josepha, Madelaine, Ursula, Elisabeth, Agatha, Agnes.

BELGIUM:

Male: Jean, Pierre, Theodore, Charles, Michael, Philip, William, Dominic, George, Francis, Clement.

Female: Catharina, Marie, Jeanne, Anne, Magdalena, Marguerite, Claire, Elisabeth, Therese.

FRANCE:

Male: Jean, Nicolas, Jean Baptiste, Pierre, Urbain, Francois, Alexander, Jacques, Laaaurent, Stanislaus, Joseph, Gerard, Firmin, Didier.

Female: Anne, Marie, Marguerite,Catherine, Emilie, Claire, Adelaide, Barbe, Jeanne, Firmine, Christienne, Francoise.

RHEINPHALZ:

Male: Peter, George, Charles, Henricus, Adam, Anton, Paul, Jacob, Joseph.

Female: Magdalena, Regina, Catharina, Elisabeth, Margaretha, Odilia, Joanna.

Since the infant was given more than one Christian name, there were many different combinations and variations of these name. With so many similar names and with infants being named after grandparents and parents and baptismal sponsors, it has been difficult sometimes to sort out the correct ancestor.

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Lucina DILLER RAUH and Anna Maria DILLER MAY told of their father's Philip DILLER, courtship and marriage. After Philip DILLER had witnesses a wedding with Anna GROSS, Grandpa Sebastian DILLER suggested that his son, Philip DILLER, ask Anna GROSS to be his wife so that there would be a woman in the house. When Philip went to visit Anna, he was so embarrassed because his buggy was not in the best condition. Evidently Anna did not notice, she was happy to have the chance to have her own home. She had worked for other people as a maid servant for seventeen years. She soon was married to Philip and moved into the home with her father-in-law, Sebastian DILLER. Sebastian was very good to her, he appreciated having a woman in the house again.

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When searching in some old papers, we found a Christmas card that Sister Laurina had sent to my sister Rita in 1938. Sister Laurina gave private piano lessons to students in the Catholic School. When it was time for your lesson, you were permitted to leave the school and go over to the Sisters' house across the street. Rita and I both took lessons. In those days we only paid twenty-five cents for a half hour lessons. Then the price went to fifty cents. Sister had been moved to Xenia Avenue in Dayton, Ohio, and we lived at Frenchtown.

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The year 1987 is the fortieth anniversary of the Marshall Plan. There has always been a close association with the country of Germany, even though the United States has fought two wars with her. In the Neue Osnabrucker Zeitung June 6, 1987, a German newspaper there is an account of this. I have taken this from "This Week in Germany" from the German Information Center in New York City: "The Federal Republic of Germany, more than any other nation on earth, is obliged to show gratitude to the Americans. The honoring in parliament of the 40th anniversary of the Marshall Plan might strike the younger generation as something of an excursion into remote history. But the truth is that this generation continues to benefit from this turnabout in Washington's policy, which gave an ostracized people vegetating in poverty a chance for reconstruction and a return to the family of nations....Without this great deed by the U.S. the Federal Republic would not be what it is today, despite the diligence of its citizens: the strongest economic power in Europe, a country that is up there among the world leaders with its living standard. It is unfortunately of little use to consider what would have become of East European countries if the Soviet Union had not prevented them from accepting U.S. credits. Still, it is a tragiac chapter in this relief project that its effectiveness had to end at the Iron Curtain." The Frankfurter Rundschau (June 4, 1987) welcomed the overall impact of the Marshall Plan but saw it also as a divisive factor: "How Europe would look today without the massive financial infusion from the U.S. after 1947 is open to conjecture. However, one thing is certain: This European recovery program...dramatically helped Western Europe to quickly overcome the terrible results of WWII and to create the basis for today's prosperity. And it is also certain that this intensified the division of Europe."

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In the November 3, 1987 **The Daily Advocate**, Greenville, Ohio, there was an article about the American soldiers stationed in Germany who volunteered to help get in the grape harvest. The only pay they received was a warm lunch and a bottle of wine at the end of the day. About 120 soldiers who are best known for guaring missiles and operating radar stations, toiled in Reinhold Saalwaechter's vineyards near the Rhine. This was a program started as a good-will gesture. It also helped the Germans who were short of workers.

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Matt and Constant WEIGEL, Monika's sons from her first marriage, went to Kansas to work with the BIGGs. Tony DILLER also went to work. Tony married and remained in Kansas. Matt and Constant WEIGEL both returned to Ohio and Indiana.

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After Father Harold DILLER's First Solemn Mass, he went to Kansas with his parents John and Mary DILLER, and Aida, Father DREILING's sister. This was in 1934 the dust storm year. They drove first to East St. Louis and stayed at St. Elizabeth's Hospital there and visited with Sister Carisina RAUH, a sister to Ted RAUH. They visited the Cathedral in St. Louis and then drove all day to Salina, Kansas. They visited the DREILINGs and DILLERs. They stayed with the DILLER nuns at Marianthal, Kansas. The next day they went to visit Tony DILLER, who lived "in the sticks" only 30 miles from the Colorado state line. There were no trees anywhere. They drove and drove and when it was getting dark Father Harold said, "We haven't seen a Jackrabbit yet." Right then one jumped in front of the car and they killed it. The DILLERs lived on what seemed to be cow trails. The second house they stopped at to ask directions, the people were sleeping on the porch. This area seemed very strange to the relatives from Ohio and Indiana, who had more rain, an area with more trees. The next day Tony DILLER took them to a little mission church to say Mass. There was a pump for their water. They visited Tony's oldest daughter Rose, who served them dinner. This was a very poor area of Kansas and Tony eventually moved back to Marianthal.

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Lucina DILLER RAUH said that Sebastian DILLER's first house was a log house. Later they added three new rooms to the front, and used the log house for a summer kitchen. When Josepha DILLER was very sick, Phillip drove a horse to Maria Stein Convent to bring Sister Anna to visit with her mother. She could only stay a short time and then had to return to Maria Stein the same day. Soon Sister Anna died before her mother.

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In the early days of the pioneer, all the farmers helped each other. In 1900 Phillip DILLER built a barn with the help of carpenters and neighbors. The women had much work to do also. They must feed this large work crew. That summer Phillip's wife baked over 200 pies.

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Monica BIGGS lived with her youngest child, Engelbert BIGGS. The buildings were on Pine Road, just north around the corner from Sebastian and Josepha DILLER. This was across the road from the LOSHE farm. Engelbert married in 1871, Monica died in 1880 and moved to Kansas after that time.

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There was a time that the new St. Anthony Church needed repairs. Some of the men of the parish thought that there should be a completely new building contructed. Among those who had this opinion was Phillip DILLER, and he stated this to the pastor Father Matt WALSH. However, it was decided to keep the two walls of the church and to rebuild. Evidence today shows that a new building should have been constructed.

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Aunt Caroline MAY told this story. Around 1900 the young people would like to get together on Sunday afternoons to have some fun. They would meet at someone's barn.The driveway was cleared and there they had their entertainment. Someone would play an accordion, another person the violin, then the harmonica, and all would sing. This became a regular activity. It was good for the young people to know each other. Finally the parish priest put a stop to this, apparently because he thought that it could become an occasion of sin, this singing and dancing.

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Elizabeth RENN was a witness to the marriage of Engelbert BIGGS and Mary Elizabeth Fortman in 1871. Elisabeth was the oldest daughter of Maria Ursula WILLHOFF and Mathias RENN. Eilisabeth RENN was Engelbert BIGGS' first cousin, once removed. Elisabeth RENN married Francis (Peter) STACHLER in Celina, Ohio, in 1882.

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In the Shelby County, Ohio, Census for 1900, in Clinton Township, city of Sidney, Ohio, on Columbia Street, is listed a WILLHOFF family. Stephen WILLHOFF, head of the household, age 32 married 3 years, born February 1868, born in Ohio, Father and Mother both born in Ohio, a day laborer, renting his home. His wife was Irene, aged 30 married 3 years, born January 1870 in Ohio, Father born in Virginia, Mother in Ohio, had 2 children both living. Children were Bertha, daughter born September 1884, aged 15 years and single; Clifford, son born February 1892, aged 8 years and at school, attending 4 months this year. We have not connected these to the WILLHOFF family in this family tree.

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The church in Wolpertswende was dedicated to St. Gangolph. He was born in the year 705 in Varennes sur Amanes bei Langres, lived in Burgundi. Many of the parish members were given this name in Baptism. There was a Gangolph Hartnagel in our ancestry.

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In St. Gangolph Church, Wolpertswende, the first records begin 11 July 1689. Barbara daughter of Michael Bug was baptized 27 July 1689. The marriage records begin in 1689 also. However, the death records do not begin until 1808. Death dates included in this Family Tree have been found on the family registers which began in 1760. Sometimes death dates were entered into the baptismal records. The early death record book may have been lost.

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From This Week in Germany dated September 18, 1987:

KOHL: U. S. CONSTITUTION A SYMBOL OF FREEDOM In an article on the upcoming 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution which appeared Monday (September 14) in newspapers in the Federal Republic and Wednesday in the United States, Chancellor Helmut KOHL praised the U. S. Constitution as a symbol of freedom. KOHL maintained that the ideas underlying the American Constitution have changed the face of Europe and through Europe the face of the world. The U. S. Constitution and the Federal Repulic's Basic Law are imbued with the same political spirit and both point out the connection between freedom and responsibility, he stated. "In their common commitment to freedom and democracy, Germans and Americans are citizens of the same spiritual homeland," the chancellor wrote. This common ideal makes the West German-American alliance so strong, he asserted. Although differences of opinion occur they are only natural between nations that differ so greatly in terms of their size, geographical location and international importance, KOHL declared.

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My mother Hildagard MAY WAGNER used to relate to us some of the enjoyable times of her childhood. Evidently, she enjoyed the snow in the wintertime. Her father, Gerhard MAY, would hitch up the horse and take a sleigh or bobsled to school to pick up the children when it snowed too much. Mother went to the GIBSON school, south of them, during her 8th grade. She had her graduation picture taken with her classmate, Sadie SNYDER, the only other graduate. During her first grade, Mother went to the BUETTEL school, north of them. She and her sister Caroline went there at that time because it was not so far to walk. Caroline had had polio before this time. When the children were in their First Communion Class they attended the public school at St. Anthony, Ohio. Everyone was Catholic and they employed a Catholic teacher. Catechism and Catholic songs were taught there. At this time there was no objection to the children crossing the state line to attend school. Students attended school in Ohio as last as the 1960's.

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I found my mother's eighth grade graduation diploma behind a framed picture. The large 20 by 24 picture was of Christ on the cross. There were two of these pictures, one was mother's and one was dad's. I have only one, I do not know what happened to the second one. Other pictures that hang in my home are: the Sacred Heart, Guardian Angel, Mother of Perpetual Help, all from my home; a Last Supper picture that hung in the home of my grandparents, Gerhard May and Rosina DILLER.

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As children, we listened to our parents, uncles and aunts talk about the early pioneers. I do not remember many stories from my grandparents, because they died when I was quite young. I do remember that my Grandfather MAY used to tease us about our bare legs. He always scolded us or we thought that he did. He thought we needed to have our dresses longer. We lived in Celina and went to Immaculate Conception Grade School, where we wore the longest dresses of all the girls. Mother thought that the dresses were long enough. We always enjoyed visiting the MAYs. They always had good home made bread and molasses and cured ham. How we loved that!

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At our grandparents home in the country, there were many animals. The big shepherd dog, the twenty or more cats, the chickens, cows, steers, pigs, sheep, and the horses and mules. I remember running for the porch, when the mules and horses were let out into the barnyard so they could be watered. I also remember Uncle Clate (Cletus) taking the big shepherd dog by the tail and whirling him around in the air. We thought that was terrible but evidently the dog did enjoy it.

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The ONTROPs of Walstedde in Germany in 1981 asked for the names of the ONTROP families in Mercer County. I sent many names and addresses. We hope there will be a contact made between the ONTROPs of Germany and the ONTROPs of America.

We found the birth record of August ONTROP in the Walstedde records. August was born 25 May 1849 in Walstedde, the son of Matthias ONTROP and Christina KAPPENBERG, both of whom died in Germany. His sponsors at baptism on 28 May 1849 were August HOSELMANN and Maria Anna WISLING known as BENNEMANN. August was the youngest of eight children, and he came to America 16 April 1873 landing in New York. He married Theresia TIGGEMAN and they had a family of six children. Theresia died 1892.

His brother Anthony ONTROP came in 1874. We found the birth of two of his brothers: Theodore Herman born 1 May 1842 and Bernard Theodore born 27 Nov. 1839. The others are there undoubtedly, but we did not search further.

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Anna Marie DILLER MAY told us about Fasching, Fastnacht. This is the time before Lent especially the day before. During this time there was much partying and good food - doughnuts, she especially remembers. In those days the people really fasted and abstained from meat. There was no meat eaten on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent.

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The fastest growing hobby in the United States is genealogy. The Jeopardy TV program's answer to their question, "What is the No. 1 hobby in the United States?" was genealogy.

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Anna Marie DILLER MAY and Lucina DILLER RAUH told us about the time that the children were taken in a boxwagon to St. Mary's Home at Trinity, Indiana, to be confirmed. Children came from St. Joe and St. Peter, as well as St. Anthony.

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The Passion Play is performed every ten years in Oberammagau, Bavaria, Germany. In the 1630's the Black Plague was killing off so many people in Europe. The town of Oberammagau was also being afflicted with this plague. The people of the town promised that if they would be spared, they would perform the passion of our Lord every ten years. From that day on no more people died from the plague. To this day, the Passion Play is performed in Oberammagau. This was the same plague that was killing the people in Wolpertswende, the home of our Bug ancestors.

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Joseph BIGGS and Englebert BIGGS and their families moved to Kansas around 1880. Tony DILLER and Matt WEIGEL went later. There must have been many families leaving the Mercer County area for the West. In The BIGGS Family Tree by Mary COSLETT BIGGS, the wife of Sylvester BIGGS, of Kingman, Kansas, we find many Mercer County family names. Some of them are: HUELSKAMP, FREY, BOECKMAN, SCHUCK, FORTMAN, REINHART, MOEDER, THEIS, BUSCHER, BOMHOLT, LEIS, SCHMITZ, SCHAPER. There are more Mercer County German family names on the cemeteries in Kansas. There was a great movement to the West in the late 1800's. George's grandmother's sister, Mary HUBERTI BALTES, of Frenchtown, Ohio, moved to St. Paul, Kansas, which is in the southeastern part of the state. She and her husband Theodore BALTES are buried out there. Some of the children and grandchildren stayed there, others returned to Ohio.

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On Saturday, 20 February 1988, I received Sebastian DILLER's naturalization application and final papers from the Ohio Archives at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. On the first papers Sebastian DILLER stated that he arrived in the United States in June of 1858. The port of entry was not given, but family stories reveal that he came into the port of New York. So, another ancestor must have entered through Castle Gardens. With this information I went the following Monday to the Genealogical Department of the Fort Wayne - Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. However, after five hours of searaching ship records, I was unable to find the name of the ship nor the date of entry.

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While working at the Fort Wayne Library on 21 February 1988, Rosemary MAY and her husband, Quentin FREIBURGER, and granddaughter came to the library to visit with me. We recalled many memories and talked over recent events of the family. Later in the day I stopped to visit her sister, Lena MAY, widow of Dick LENGERICH, south of Decatur, and also their brother, Victor MAY, at Trinity, east of Bryant, Indiana.

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On Sunday evening, 21 February, 1988, I visited with Uncle Marvin, Anna Marie, and Lucina. We were reminiscing about the times long gone. There was a huckster wagon pulled by horses that would visit the farms in the area. Mr. SMITH from Wabash sold at the farm homes in the St. Anthony area. He spent two days every week on his route, staying overnight at Adam ALIG's farm. They supposed that the ALIG family received their groceries for payment for the overnight stay. The farm women sold their eggs and cream to the huckster, and they bought his sugar, coffee, and other spices. A small box of oatmeal sold for five cents. Post Toasties and Grapenuts were the only cold cereal. This cold cereal was usually a Sunday morning treat. The remainder of the week the family ate oatmeal. Flour was acquired at the mill in exchange for wheat. A twenty-five pound bag of flour for a bushel of wheat.

At the rear of the huckster wagon, there was a large box and the lid opened down. Here the calico yard goods hung. It was sold for five cents a yard, and thread for ten cents a spool. A dress could be made for ten cents or a little more.

Marvin remembers going with his mother to the Trinity Convent to purchase rag carpets. These were made by the Sisters living there. The carpets were made long in length and about four feet wide. Then they were sewn together to make a room sized carpet. The Convent was closed in the late 1920's, and all the land was sold. All that remains there today is one large three-storied brick dwelling. All the graves had been moved to St. Charles Seminary or the Convent at Maria Stein.

It has been said that all the Sebastian DILLER children went to school at St. Anthony. However, Uncle Marvin MAY related that his mother Rosina DILLER attended school at Wabash for at least one year. Her teacher was Lizzie SCHROYER. Rosina did not enjoy it there, because the children were not as friendly to her as her friends at St. Anthony. We do not know if any of the other DILLER children went to Wabash to school.

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I remember the five cent ice cream cone, the nine cent quart of milk, the 12 double loaves of white bread for one dollar that Dad brought home from Kroger Store on Saturday nights. My father, Henry WAGNER, clerked at Kroger's on Saturdays, and when the store closed at night, the left over bread and other perishable food were sold very cheaply to the employees. The store was not open on Sundays, and, without preservatives and extensive refrigeration in those days, the food did not keep as long. The employees benefitted.

During the Great Depression everyone needed more funds to keep going. The Catholic Churches in the area were no exception. The Church Picnics came into being so the parishes could supplement their income. It also was a chance for the people in the area to visit and have some enjoyment. Almost every Sunday there was a church picnic somewhere. We got one nickel to spend and it usually was for an ice cream cone.

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FAMILY RECIPES

Family cooking recipes have been included to enrich our sense of history. Cooking and eating is a part of the lifestyle of the early immigrants lives. This adds to our knowledge of what and who they were. It adds to our memories of them. There were many mistakes in spelling and grammar. We have included these to show that these people were making a transition from the German language to the English language. The busy housewife jotted down recipes for their own use, sometimes leaving out all punctuation marks.

OLD FASHIONED GINGER COOKIES Recipe from Anna Marie and Lucina DILLER was used in a bakery in Germany over 150 years ago.

2 cups molasses
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup lard
2 eggs
3/4 sour milk
3 teaspoon soda stir in milk
1 teaspoon ginger
flour to stiffen, enough to roll

CREAM COOKIES - SUGAR COOKIES Recipe from Christine BUSSMEIER

1 cup sour cream
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup butter or lard
3 eggs
1 tsp. baking powder with flour
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. soda in cream

SCHNECKEN Recipe from Josepha DILLER. All the daughters and daughters-in-law and some grandchildren had this recipe. Lucina and Anna Maria said that their father (Philip DILLER) wanted this every year for Christmas, because his mother (Josepha DILLER) had always made it.

Cake of Fleischman's yeast in 1 cup tipid (tepid) milk, 1 pint of flour, 1 tablespoon sugar, pinch of salt. Let raise about one hour.
1 cup butter, mix whit (with) 1 cup sugar, add separately 4 eggs, 5 cups flour and a good half cup milk, lemon rind, vanilla and salt.
Add this to the sponge, and mix thourghly (thoroughly), lit (let) raise over night. This makes 28 schnecken.

BOILED APPLE DUMPLINGS Apple dumplings made by Rosina DILLER MAY

Make dough like pie dough, not as much lard, roll out in squares lay a 1/4 piece of apple in, no sugar, pinch together, boil in water, serve with milk and sugar.

COOKING HINTS

Catsup -- to get catsup thick cook apples with tomatoes.
-- to get red, grate beets with tomatoes before cooking tomatoes.

Shining Frosting -- add a few drops of glycerine to frosting or gum arabic.

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On New Year's Day, 1988, my daughter Regina and her two cousins, Rick and Ron WAGNER, were reminiscing. They all remembered the aroma of fresh gingerbread coming from Grandma WAGNER's kitchen. These are fond memories of their childhood. The smell of gingerbread will always bring memories of their grandmother, Hildagard MAY WAGNER, and her kitchen. This is her gingerbread recipe found in her handwritten recipe book. With this recipe there was an orange sauce to use on the gingerbread. Regina does not remember her grandmother using this sauce, but tried it and it is delicious on the gingerbread.

GINGERBREAD and SAUCE RECIPE

1 cup molasses
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup lard
1 cup boiling water
1 tablespoon soda

Put all in bowl, mix well and pour water over, when all is melted, add 3 cups flour, 1 tablespoon ginger, 2 tablespoon cinnamon, 2 or 3 eggs well beaten but not separately, and 1/2 teaspoon salt.

SAUCE for GINGERBREAD

1 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup butter
1 cup boiling water
1 tablespoon flour
1 glass orange juice and rind of 1 orange
salt and boil it.

MOM'S BLOOD PUDDING

This recipe is Rosina DILLER MAY's recipe. Rosina was the daughter of Joseph BIGGS DILLER. This recipe is important because it shows how they used every part of the hog when it was butchered.

After the hog is shot then throth cut toke a shallow pan put some salt init. keep stiring the blood so it stays thin and not congeal cook part of Joles save water grind it when cool add blood peppers rye meal or flower if you have it else white flour rye flour will not thicken as quich as white will add as much as you need that when its done and cold you can cut it make sacks of muslin to put it or can also clean the stomach or big intestines to clean them turn them inside out take salt in hand start rub the inside skin out of be careful not to rub too hard or you will get holes making that is easy done fill 3/4 full or little over half put bags in how water boil till done flour is done don't want the sacks to full or they will burst. (This recipe shows the difficulty of transferring from the German to the English. The handwriting also was a mixture of English and old German script.)

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SWEET SOUR TONGUE

Recipe from Hildagard MAY WAGNER, written by her in her handwritten cookbook.

Put tongue on stove to boil with plenty of water to cover and 2 onions, a carrot cut in and some celery and few whole black pepper grains.
When tongue has cooked long enough that the water tastes of tongue then add some salt but not too much so the water won't get too salty then cook on until done, then put in syrup.

SYRUP for TONGUE

Brown over 3/4 cup granulated sugar in pan. To this add 3 or 4 cups of the water in which the tongue has been boiled in. Strain the water. A lemon sliced 1/4 cup raisins, 3 cloves and a cup in which ginger snaps 3 or 4 snaps were soaked. Cook this a half hour then slice the tongue and put in syrup and cook a little longer. If the tongue is longer about 2 hr. in syrup the juice soakes through tongue more and tastes better. Eat hot.

GRANDMA's CHOCOLATE CAKE Recipe from Hildagard MAY WAGNER

1 cup butter
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
4 squares (1 ounce size) unsweetened chocolate
1 cup hot water
3 cups sifted flour
2 tsp. B. powder
1 tsp. soda
1 cup sour milk

Thoroughly cream butter sugar and vanilla. Beat in eggs. Place chocolate and hot water in saucepan over very low hear. Stir chocolate until melted. Add to creamed mixture. Sift dry ingredients together . Add alternately with milk to mixture beating after each addition. Pour into greased lightly floured 9 x 13 inch pan and bake in moderate oven (350) for 35 or 40 min. or until done.

On the back pages of Hildagard's recipe book were addresses of places she did housework in Cincinnati, and places of her sisters' employment.

SALAD DRESSING Made by Lidwina MAY at STANLEYs, her employer, Cincinnati

For 1 pint.
2 or 3 tablespoon catsup
2 tablespoon sugar
4 or 5 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon ground mustard
1 or so it tastes right salt to taste
a little paprica or sweet pepper

Put this in pint jar, fill up with vinegar and shake.

QUINCE HONEY Recipe from Christine BUSSMEIER

Make syrup of 5 lb. sugar and 1 qt. water, cook a few min., then add 8 quinces, that have been grated, let cook about 20 min., stir sometimes so they won't burn, can and seal. All Clear.

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FROM MAY's HANDWRITTEN BOOK

SALVE Take Jimson weed leaves and butter melt together in pan over fire. Mother: Good for children when they have sore finger tips.

BLOOD POISON Take raw red beets, put on sore, repeat it.

SAGE TEA for SCARLET FEVER Given cold when fever, given hot when chilled.

GRAPE WINE This is the way we made it. (This is the note written in the recpe book.)

Mash the grapes, stir them mornings and evenings for about 1/2 week or till grapes start to settle, strain through cloth, put 3 lb. sugar to everyk gal juice, stir ocasonaly for about 2 days till sugar is melted, then put in barrel, do not seal tight.

BEER (Have the water on the fier (German for fire) when stirring in the malt)

In 2 gal. hot water desolve 1 qt. of malt extract and 2 lb. sugar. Add 3 gal. cold water and 1 cake of Fleishman's yeast and leave stand 72 hr. Put 1/2 teaspoon sugar in each bottle before filling.

TOBACCO Dip 3 hands of tobacco in 1 gal, of real hot water, squeece (squeeze) out water, pull big rip out, cut up with scissors.
Make syrup of 1 cup of dark sugar brown (dark brown sugar) and mix in tobacco, and put on large flat pan and toast in oven.
Add 5 cents worth of licorice to syrup if desired.

MOTHER's APPLE KUCHLINE (KUCHLEIN)

4 eggs beaten
1/3 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon B. P.
a little salt
Flour enough to make the dough, not quite as stiff as for a cake.
Cut apples in 8 pieces have them pealed.
Stick fork in a piece of apple and dip in dought, so the apple is thinly covered with dough. Drop in hot grease, like doughnut.
Should be eaten fresh, they are not good after they are over a half day old. It does not require much flour.

MOLASSES CANDY Recipe from Nora SCHMIDT, Clem MAY's wife.

1/2 cup water, 1/2 cup sweet cream, 3/4 cup corn syrup, 1 cup molasses, 1/2 cup light brown sugar, 1 cup granulated sugar.
Mix well, after it comes to boiling point stir occassionally to keep from burning, cook to hard ball stage, remove from fire. Add pinch of salt and pinch soda, 1/2 cup butter and teaspoon vanilla. Mix well and cool on buttered platter, when cool enough to handle pull over hook until it is creamy and light yellow cut in small pieces. This candy is very good with 3/4 teaspoon oil of peppermint omitting vanilla.

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PANCAKES Recipe from Aunt Frances DILLER DOLL

Use left over mashed potatoes in pancake batter, should be good.

GUM ARABIC From the MAY notebook

Gum Arabic comes from Africa, tapped from trees like maple syrup. It is used in gum drops, chewing gum, icing. When making icing and have no Gum Arabic use gum drops. When you have no marshmellows use gelatin. Gum Arabic makes icings shine. Also you can use some parafin. Sliver in, keep from running in.

MOTHER'S CAKE Recipe from Christine BUSSMEIER

3/4 cup butter	1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup milk	2 cups flour
1 cup chopped nuts	3 eggs separately beaten
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon	1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cloves	2 teaspoon B. powder
1 teaspoon vanila	

Put nuts in just before baking. Bake in a loaf 1 hr. in moderate oven.

SPONGE CAKE Recipe from Louise SCHMIDT, wife of John MAY

2 cups sugar	2 cups flour
8 eggs	1/2 shall (shell) water
little lemon juice	

Beat yolks well, add sugar, little by little, add flour, little by little, sift sugar, and flour 5 times. sift after measuring, bake in a loaf or layers.

FRUIT CAKE Recipe from Hildagard MAY WAGNER

5 cups water	4 cups brown sugar	4 teaspoon cinnamon
2 cups lard	2 cups nuts	1 teaspoon cloves
2 boxes raisins	1 box currants	1 teaspoon allspice
1 lb. prunes		2 teaspoon salt

Boil all together until raisins are done. Let get cold then mix in spices, 4 teaspoon soda, enough flour to hold up fruits. If baked in one loaf, bake 4 hr. In two about 3 hr. Soak prunes over night, then pit in the morning.

COFFEE CAKE Recipe from Caroline MAY

1 cup butter	2 cups brown sugar
4 eggs beaten	1 cup molasses
1 teaspoon each of cinnamon and cloves	1/2 teaspoon allspice
4 1/2 cups flour	2 teaspoons soda
1 cup cold coffee	1 cup seedless raisins
1 cup citron cut fine	1/2 glass whiskey

This gives 3 large layers, can be made whit out (without) whiskey or fruit.

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We found several recipes from Rita WAGNER in the MAY handwritten recipe book. One time Rita's name was written Ritta.

WITCHES CAKE — Recipe from Rita WAGNER

1 3/4 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 squares melted chocolate
2 cups sifted flour
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup sour milk
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup boiling water
or 1/2 cup cocoa

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE — Recipe from Rita WAGNER

2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk scant
5 teaspoon baking powder
1/3 cup butter

Sift together flour, B. Powder and shortening, then use milk as needed to mix a soft dough. Spread the dough in two well greased pans and bake about 15 min. Turn one cake on a large plate, spread with butter, cover with strawberries mixed whit (with) sugar, set the second cake above the strawberries, spread with butter and cover whit the rest of the berries. Serve with or without cream.

POTATO SALAD — Recipe from WELLMANs (Sophia DILLER WELLMAN)

Boil potatoes let get cold before sliceing (slicing) els (else) they get crumbled or jushed up to (too) much, mince a (an) onion in them boil 1 or 2 eggs according how meny (many) potatoes the reason the egg is to get the yolk through the salad that makes it look better will not look so stiff put minced onion and eggs on top of potatoes don (don't) stir till vineger (vinegar) get on else it gets mushed in skillet let cook till a little brown then stir in a little flour let cook up till flour is cooked, not to (too) much flour acording (according) how meny (many) potatoes when cooked up stir in vinegar mixed with water if strong let cook up, pour over potatoes mix through the flour makes it hang together better, and the browness of the butter makes it look better serve warm.

GOETTA — Recipe from Elizabeth MAY SCHMIDT

2 # lean ground beef
2 # ground pork - use pork loin, not shoulder, put bones in mixture also
16 cups - 4 quarts of water
5 cups pinhead oatmeal - do not use rolled oats - do not soak first
2 large onions
6 teaspoons salt -to taste
6 or 8 bay leaves
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Combine above - mix well.
Put in large heavy pot - can cook 1st hour by stirring often - then make a double boiler by using larger pot - putting jar rings or something so there is water between the two pots, and cook a total of 4 hours- stirring often - cook uncovered last. Remove bones and divide mixture in bread pans to mold. Make proper portions and freeze excess. (This is a modern addition.) Cut in thin slices and fry until brown on both sides.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

NATURALIZATION.

In Probate Court.

FINAL RECORD.

Be it Remembered, That on the 18th day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty three came Sebastian Dellen and alien, native of Baiern Germany a free white person, and proved, to the satisfaction of the Court, that he made in Probate Court of Mercer County Ohio more than two years ago, the requisite declaration of his intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and also at the same time came Anne Cecilia Wittmeyer and being duly sworn did depose and say that the said Sebastian Diller has resided for five years last past, in the United States, and he has resided one year last past in the State of Ohio, and that during all that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and as well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

And Thereupon the said Sebastian Diller made solemn oath that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegience and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty, whatsoever, and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to the Grand Duke of Baden whose subject he was.

Whereupon it is Ordered; by the Court, that a Certificate of Citizenship be issued to him on payment of costs of this application.

J. Broadwell Jr.

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PROBATE COURT,

In and for the County of Mercer, and State of Ohio.

I Sebastian Diller an alien and native of

being duly sworn, depose and say, that I am upwards of 37 years of age, that I first arrived in the UNITED STATES in the month of June A. D., 1858, and that it is bona fide my intention to become a Citizen of the United States of America, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty, whatsoever, and particularly all allegiance & fidelity to Frederick Duke of Baden whose subject I am.

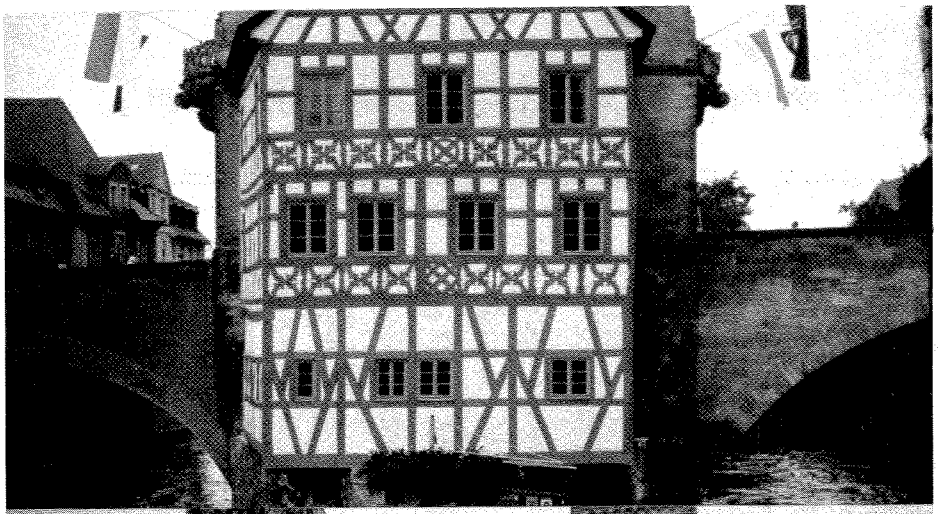
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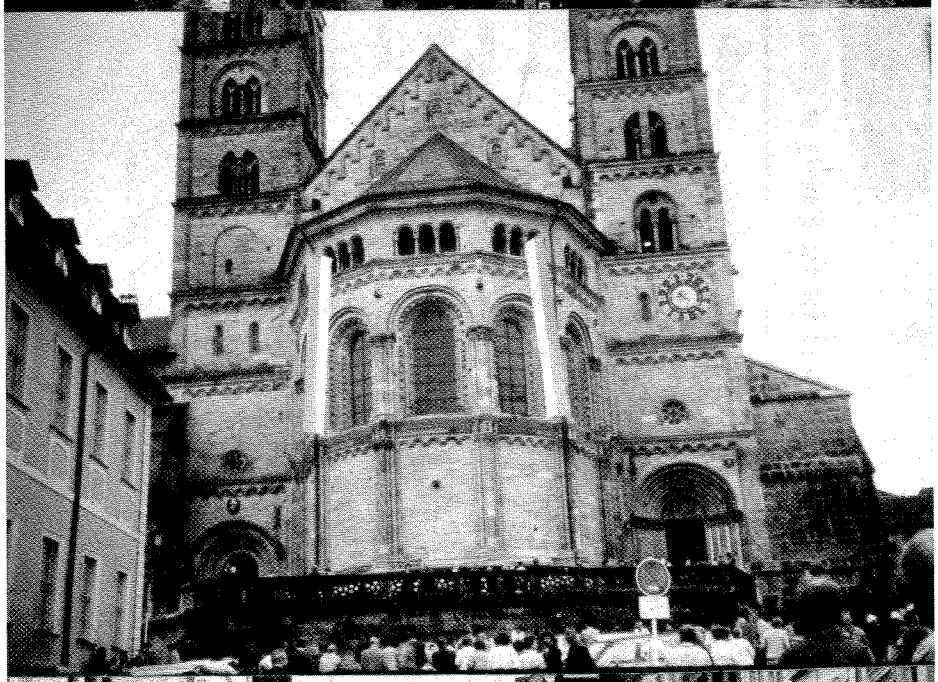
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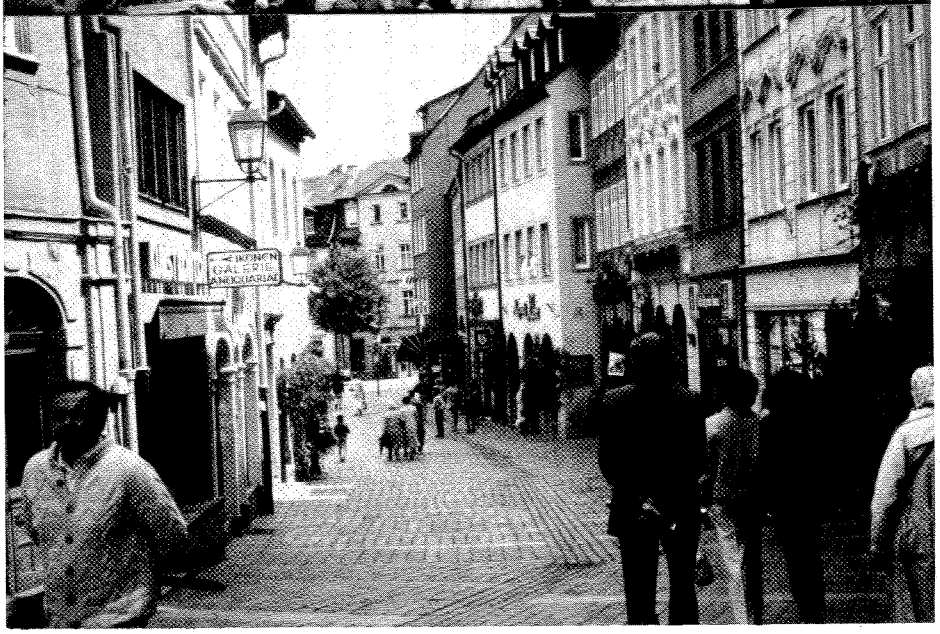
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Deputy Clerk.

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THE DILLER FAMILY in GERMANY

Our great-grandfather, Sebastian DILLER, came to the United States of America sometime before the 15th of October 1861, when he married M. Josepha BIGGS, the widow of John WEIGEL. Sebastian came from Hohengussbach, Bavria, which is in northern Bavaria. Hohengussbach is a small hamlet northeast of the city of Bamberg. It lies between Bamberg and the city of Coburg, which is very near to the border between West and East Germany.

Hohengussbach is five to ten miles east of Breitengussbach, which is similar to the county seat. The Rathaus is here, but the records of the 19th century had been sent to the Diocesan Archives in Bamberg. The countryside here is slightly rolling, the farmers mostly live in small villages with the barns connected to the houses. Chickens scratching in manure piles directly under the kitchen window was common. The windows always had the typical flower boxes there. The milk or cream was still being picked up in cans, by collectors driving a pick-up truck (1981).

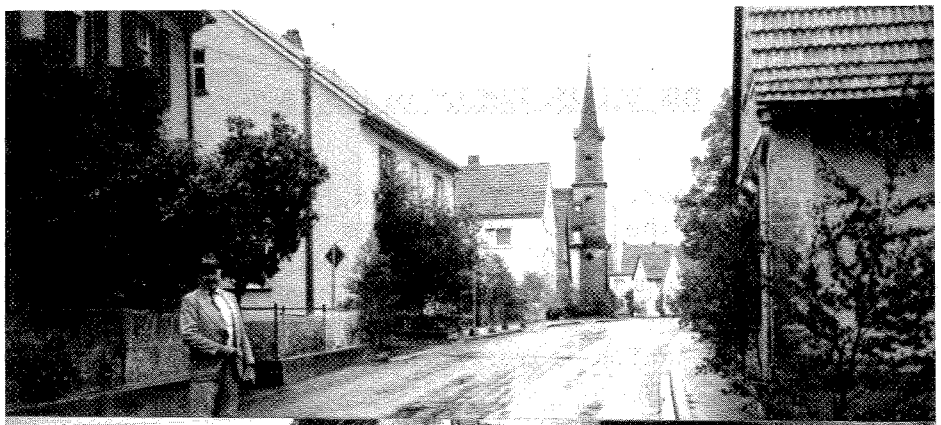
There are no DILLERs living in Hohengussbach today. However, there are DILLER families living in neighboring Hallstad and Labend. There was a DILLER Gasthaus in Hallstad.

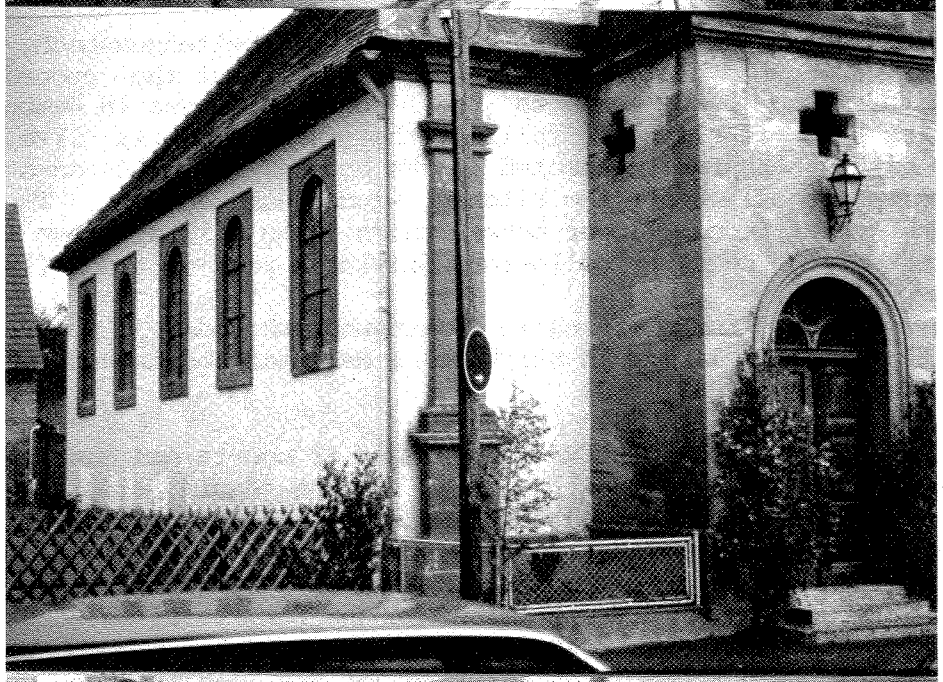
This country of the DILLERs is the land of courts and castles, walled towns and German lyric poetry back in the early Middle Ages. The Meistersingers sang to the beat of their craftsmen's tools. It is the place where pleasure-loving, art-loving bishops built splendid palaces. It is also the land of grape growing and wine making, as it is in many sections of Germany. It is also known for textiles and tools. Guesthouses, taverns and restaurants lend to the atmosphere of the medieval towns with their rich heritage of art and architecture. Even small cities displayed beautiful buildings.

Bamberg, the diocesan center for Hohengussbach, was the seat of the prince-bishops, with their interest in works of architecture and art, for which Bamberg is noted. The church officials and the burghers (town officials) were often at each others throats, and the Rathaus (town hall) reflects that state of affairs. The Rathaus, standing like a ship, was built between the two parts of the town, in the middle of the river. Note the pictures of Bamberg. The Cathedral is the most important building to see. It was started in 1003 and the building went on for two centuries. Its 750 anniversary was celebrated this year. Beautiful carvings and statues abound. A museum is nearby. The half-timbered old Residenz, along with the new Residenz, is overwhelming. The small, narrow city streets are picturesque and romantic.

Did any of our ancestors travel to the city of Bamberg? It would be interesting to know if maybe they went there on pilgrimages. Why did Sebastian DILLER come to America? Evidently, he came alone. No one else from this area is known to have come here to this part of Ohio and Indiana. He first landed in New York and then went to Seneca County, Ohio. From there he traveled to Jay County, Indiana, and Mercer County, Ohio. Here we find the first civil records for Sebastian DILLER.

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RECORDS of the DILLER FAMILY in GERMANY

Chart No. 1

8) Joannes DILLER
b. 30 Aug.1695
m. 17 June 1715
d.

4) Andreas DILLER
b. 5 June 1724
p.b. Hohengussbach
m. 27 Nov.1752 Hohengussbach
d. 14 Marz 1759,age 43yrs.
p.d. Hohengussbach

9) Martha POSTLER
b. ca. 1690
d.

2) Joanes Conradus DILLER
b. 21 Dec. 1755
p.b. Hohengussbach
m. 31 Jan.1791 Hohengussbach
d. 13 May 1827, 75 yrs.
p.d. Hohengussbach

5) Gertrudis STENGEL
b. ca. 1726
p.b.
d. 14 June 1806, age 80yrs.
p.d. Hohengussbach

10) Matthaus STENGEL
b. ca. 1700
m.

11) Cunegunda
b. ca. 1700

1) Anna Maria DILLER
b. 14 Aug. 1796
p.b. Hohengussbach
d. 29 April 1865
p.d. Hohengussbach widow age 67 yrs.

12) Joannes Georgius Muller
b. ca. 1700
m. 26 Jan. 1711 Memmelsdorf
d.

6) Joannes MULLER
b. ca. 1725
p.b.
m. 10 May 1751 Starkenschwind
d. 12 April 1788, age 63
p.d. Sassendorf

13) Anna Stader ex Meedensdorf
b. ca. 1700
d.

3) Barbara MULLER
b. 23 Dec. 1760 bp.24th
p.b. Starkenschwind
d. 28 Jan. 1841, 83 yrs.
p.d. Hohengussbach

7) Anna PFISTER
b. ca. 1720
p.b.
d. 16 July 1790, 70 yrs.
p.d. Sassendorf

14) Joannes PFISTER
b. ca. 1700
m.
d.

15) Barbara
b. ca. 1700
ex Starkenschwind
d.

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Chart I, No. 1.

Anna Marie DILLER
b. 14 Aug. 1796 Hohengussbach
sp: A. Maria Schumin, from Schoenbruenn, parish Stettfeld
pr: Conradus DILLER and Barbara MULLER
d. 29 May 1865 widow, 67 yrs, Hohengussbach
m. Breitengussbach
Johannes SPORLEIN, Catholic widower of deceased Margaretha ZENKIN
b. 10 Oct. 11, 1793 parish Arnstein
sp: Joannes HUEMER, colon in Gerau
pr: Johan SPORLEIN, colon in Grosszienfeld and Anna GUNZELMAN from Motshiede
d. before marriage of son Pankratz SPOERLEIN

I. Sebastian DILLER
b. 16 March 17, 1827 Hohengussbach, Kreis Breitengussbach, Oberfranken, Bavaria
sp: Sebastian, HUBER, Schaefer (shepherd) in Leimershof
CAME TO AMERICA

II. Pankratz SPOERLEIN
b. 24 March 24, 1836 Hohengussbach
sp: Pankratz SCHOENLEIN, farmer from Hohengussbach
m. 8 Feb. 1859 Hohengussbach Pankratz SPORLEIN, Guetlersohn, single, Catholic, wit: George KNOBLOCH, farmer from Hohengussbach and Philipp DUMSKY farmer from Zuckshut
Barbara POSTLER, farmer's daughter
b. 2 June 1827 pr: Johan POSTLER and Kunigunda BIKLIN
A. Elisabeth SPOERLEIN b. 23 May 1860
B. George SPOERLEIN b. 26 Dec. 1862 d. 17 Aug. 1865
C. George SPOERLEIN b. 10 Feb. 1866 d. 10 May 1866
D. Barbara SPOERLEIN b. 11 Oct. 1867 d. 28 Oct 1867

Chart I, No. 2 and 3

Joannes Conradus DILLER faber ferrarius (iron worker, blacksmith)
b. 21 Dec. 22 1755 in Hohengussbach
sp: Joannes Conradus LANG from Hohengussbach
d. 13 May 1827, 75 yrs, farmer, married
m. 31 Jan. 1791 Hohengussbach, wit: Conradus LANG from Hohengussbach and Joannes PFISTER from Sassendorf
pr: Andreas DILLER deceased, and Gertrudis STENGEL Hohengussbach
Barbara MULLER
b. 23 Dec. 24, 1760 Starkenschwind
sp: Barbara RHEINFELDER, married
d. 28 Jan. 1841, master blacksmith, widow, aged 83, Hohengussbach
pr: Joannes MULLER, farmer deceased, & Anna PFISTER from Sassendorf
I. Johann DILLER b. 31 Dec. 1791
II. Pancraz DILLER b. 1 Feb. 1794 d. 21 Feb. 1798
III. Anna Maria DILLER b. 14 Aug. 1796
IV. Andreas DILLER b. 14 Sept. 1799
V. Anna Margaretha DILLER b. 3 Feb. 1802 d. 29 Nov. 1813

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Chart I, No. 4 and 5, 8 and 9, 10 and 11

Andreas DILLER
b. 5 June 1724 Hohengussbach
d. 14 Marz 1759, 43 yrs, Hohengussbach
pr: Joannes DILLER b. 30 Aug. 1695 Hohengussbach, praeter in Hohen.
Martha POSTLER b. ca. 1690 from Meedendorf
m. 27 Nov. 1752 Hohengussbach
wit: Andreas POSTLER and Joannes DILLER Hohengussbach
Gertrudis STENGEL
b. ca. 1726
d. 14 June 1806, 80 yrs.
pr: Matthaus STENGEL, incola in Hohengussbach & Cunegunda b. ca.1700
2nd m. 24 May 1762 of Gertrudis DILLER widow of Johannes Andreas DILLER
wit: Joannes Diller of Gussbach and Fridericus MUSCH, Hohengussbach
Erhardus BERWIG of Hohengussbach
pr: Matthaeus BERWIG p. m. and Dorothea

I. Joanes Conradus DILLER
b. 21 Dec. 1755 There may have been other children.

Chart I, No. 6 and 7, 12 and 13, 14 and 15

Joannes MULLER
b. ca. 1725 d. 12 April 1788, 63 yrs, Sassendorf
pr: Joannes Georgius MULLER b. ca. 1700 and Anna STADER b. ca 1700 and married 26 Jan. 1711 in Memmelsdorf
m. 10 May 1751 Starkenschwind
wit: Augustinus EBEN and Pankratius EBEN both from Starkenschwind
Anna PFISTER
b. ca. 1720 d. 16 July 1790, 70 yrs. Sassendorf
pr: Joannes PFISTER b. ca. 1700 & Barbara b. ca. 1700 Starkenschwind

I. Barbara MULLER b. 23 Dec. 1760

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THE FAMILY of SEBASTIAN DILLER and JOSEPHA BIGGS



Sebastian DILLER and M. Josepha BIGGS

Sebastian DILLER was born in Hohengussbach, Bavaria, Germany, on 16 March 1827. When he was a young man, he came to America, spending some time in the Tiffin, Ohio, area before comeing to the Jay County, Indiana, area. Here he married the widow M. Josepha BIGGS, the widow of John WEIGEL. Sebastian and Josepha bought a farm in Mercer County, Ohio, just across the state line. This farm was close to the St. Anthony Church, Padua, Ohio.

Josepha BIGGS was born 6 January 1834 in Krummensbach, Kreis Ravensburg, Wurttemberg, the daughter of Franz Josef BUG and Monica ZUMBIHL. Josepha BIGGS came to America on the ship "Mercury," leaving Le Havre de Grace, France, on 22 August 1855, arriving in New York 24 Sept. 1855. Josepha arrived with her mother and three sisters: Sophia, Franziska, Johanna, and one brother Engelbert. Her brother, Joseph BIGGS, came to America in 1854.

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It probably took them a month to travel from the port of New York to their home in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana. This would have them arrive sometime in October. Monica BIGGS and her family probably stayed with her brother Franz ZUMBIHL and their sister Magdalina ZUMBIHL. Evidently, Joseph BIGGS, who came the same year as Franz and Magdalina, was also living there.

There were a few Catholic families living in the area, with more arriving. The Society of the Precious Blood bought two hundred forty acres of land in Wabash Township in 1852. In the spring of 1854, Father Brunner decided to establish a convent on the property. Father Willibald WILLI, two Brothers and four Sisters arrived in August 1854, a month or so before Franz ZUMBIHL and Joseph BIGGS. In April 1855, a larger convent was built to house more Sisters. The Catholics attended services in the Convent Chapel.

The Spring after arriving in America, Josepha BIGGS was married to John WEIGEL on 8 April 1856 by Reverend Sebastian GANTHER in the Convent according to the records in Jay County Clerk of Court Records. According to Census records, the BIGGS and WEIGEL families were neighbors. John WEIGEL and Josepha BIGGS had two children, Constantine and Mathias. Tragedy struck 15 April 1860, when John WEIGEL drowned in the Wabash River.

A year and a half later the young widow with two children was married to Sebastian DILLER. The record in Jay County Clerk of Court reads: Josepha BIGGS WEIGEL married to Sebastian DILLER on 15 October 1861 by Reverend Rochus SCHUELE. The young Sebastian DILLER walked to the area from Tiffin, Ohio, with two other young men, according to family stories. According to family tradition, Sebastian came from Europe alone, no family members came with him. He had a half-brother in Germany with whom he corresponded. Correspondence continued with his youngest son, John and his wife. We have not found any ship records for Sebastian DILLER. No land records have been found before he settled in Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio, near St. Anthony and just across the Ohio-Indiana state line. Here Sebastian and Josepha farmed and reared their eight children and Josepha's two sons from her first marriage.

Josepha BIGGS b. 6 Jan. 1834 Krummensbach, Wurttemberg
d. 5 May 1897 St. Anthony, Ohio
2nd m. 15 Oct. 1861 Mary's Convent, Jay Co. Indiana
Sebastian DILLER b. 16 Mar. 1827 Hohengussbach, Bavaria
d. 17 Nov. 1906 St. Anthony, Ohio

I. Sophia DILLER b. 22 Oct. 26, 1862 St. Anthony, Ohio
sp: Henry FORTMAN and Sophia BIEG
d. 9 Feb. 1925 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 11 Nov. 1884 St. Anthony Church, St. Anthony or Padua, Ohio
William WELLMAN b. 12 Oct. 1858 Herbern, Westphalia
d. 1936 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Henry WELLMAN and Anna Christina WEINGARTEN

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II. Anna DILLER b. 2 Oct. 9, 1864 St. Anthony, Ohio bp. name Mariann
sp: Ignatz RAUH and Marianne ZUMBIEL Fr. Engelbert RUFF
d. 29 April 1895 Maria Stein, Ohio bur. Maria Stein Convent Cemetery
Entered Sisters of the Precious Blood 10 Feb.1888, became a novice on 13 July 1889, became a professed Sister on 12 Feb. 1892, and took final vows on 29 April 1895 on her deathbed.

III. Philip Bernard DILLER b. 14 Dec. 19, 1866 St. Anthony, Ohio
sp: Bernard EILERMAN and Sophia HENNI (HEONI?) Fr. P. WILHELMI
d. 13 April 1947 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 23 Nov. 1897 St. Peter, Ohio Mercer Co. Ohio
Anna GROSS b. 9 Oct. 1867 Macedon, Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 17 Sept. 1952 St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Jacob GROSS and Mary Ann KERBER

IV. Mary Ursula DILLER b. 25 Oct. 1868 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 5 May 1954 Coldwater, Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 15 Nov. 1892 St. Anthony, Ohio
Bernard HOMAN b. 24 Oct. 25, 1864 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 21 April 1940 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
Pr: Gerhard HOMAN and Catherine RHEIN

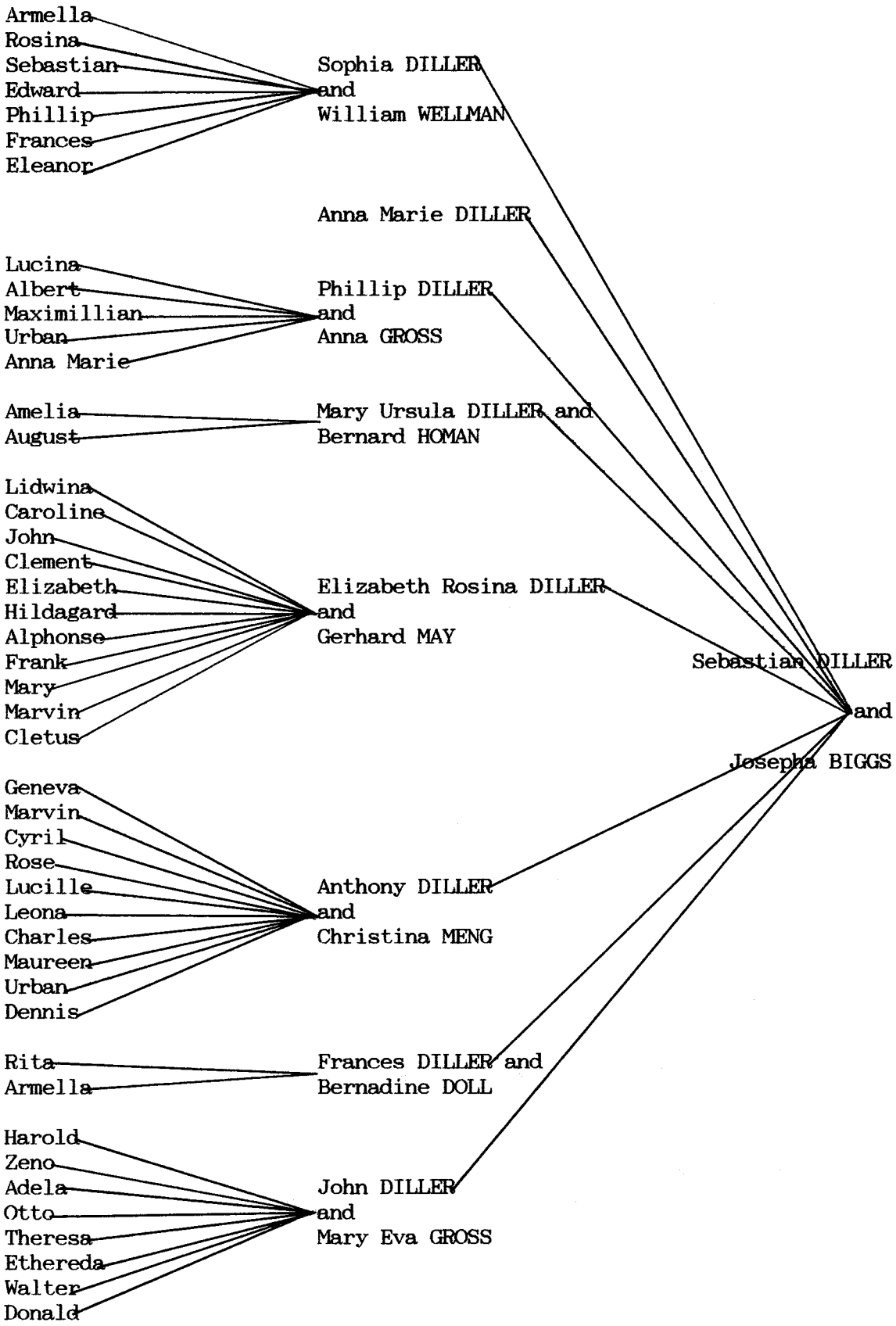
V. Elizabeth Rosina DILLER b. 15 April 1871 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 28 Sept. 1935 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 13 Feb. 1890 St. Anthony, Ohio
Gerhard MAY b. 12 Sept. 19, 1865 St. Anthony, Ohio
sp: Gerhard HOMAN and Christina WELLMAN
d. 1 Feb. 1939 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Henry MAY and Carolina HOMAN

VI. Anthony (Tony) DILLER b. 12 Sept. 1874 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 29 March 1957 Marianthal, Kansas
m. 31 Jan. 1905 Waterloo, Kingman Co. Kansas
Christina MENG b. 8 June 1883 Decatur, Indiana
d. 7 Aug. 1969 Wichita, Kansas bur. Marianthal, Kansas
pr: Michael MENG and Philomena GERBER

VII. Frances J. DILLER b. 15 Aug. 1876 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 26 June 1959 Dayton, Ohio
m. 21 May 1907 St. Anthony, Ohio
Bernadin DOLL b. 1 Jan. 1869 St. Joe, Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 9 March 1914 St. Joe, Mercer Co. Ohio
pr: Joseph DOLL and Bernadine SIEGRIST

VIII. John J. DILLER b. 22 Feb. 1879 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 3 Feb. 1936 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 18 June 1906 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
Mary Eva GROSS b. 15 Feb. 1882 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 11 Jan. 1972 Coldwater, Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Jacob GROSS and Mary Ann KERGER

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I. THE FAMILY of SOPHIA DILLER and WILLIAM WELLMAN



Sophia DILLER and William WELLMAN

Sophia DILLER was the oldest child of Sebastian DILLER and Josepha BIGGS. She grew up on the farm where she was born, and attended church and school at St. Anthony, Ohio. On 11 November 1884 she was married to William "Billy" WELLMAN, the youngest of ten children of Heinrich WELLMAN and Anna Christina WEINGARTNER. The WELLMAN family emigrated from Herbern, Westphalia, Germany in 1864 when Billy was six years old.

Sophia and William WELLMAN lived on a farm just two miles west of St. Anthony in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana. Their oldest child Armella was killed during a tornado when the clothes cupboard fell on her. During the afternoon of 19 January 1887, the weather was stormy and windy with black clouds and roaring all afternoon in the west. The family hurried to get the work done early. Everyone said the rosary. Philip said that fire balls went past. Josepha DILLER was worried about her daughters Sophia and Rosina. Rosina was working at Sophia's home. When the storm ceased, Josepha had the men hitch the horses and they went with her to Sophia's. They said that the night was clear with bright shining stars. On arrival they found the damages of the storm. The baby was injured and died several weeks later. Other injuries included a serious cut on Rosina's leg. A neighbor man held on to a doorknob. They found him sitting on the door with the knob in his hand, everything else was gone.

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The WELLMAN children attended church and school at St. Anthony. Ed WELLMAN died young. Rosina and Sebastian remained single. They lived with their parents until they died, and then remained on the family farm, later retiring in Portland, Indiana. Philip and Frances married and had families. Eleanor married but had no children.



The family of Sophia DILLER and William WELLMAN
Back row, left to right: Frances, Philip, Edward, Sebastian, Rosina
Front row, left to right: William (Billy), Sophia, Eleanora.

I. Sophia DILLER b. 22 Oct. 26, 1862 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 9 Feb. 1925 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 11 Nov. 1884 St. Anthony Church, St. Anthony, Ohio
William WELLMAN b. 12 Oct. 1858 Herbern, Westphalia
d. 1936 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Henry WELLMAN and Anna Christina WEINGARTEN

A. Armella WELLMAN b. 11 May 1886 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 19 Jan 1887 Jay Co. Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
Died of injuries when clothes cupboard fell on her in a tornado.

B. Rosina WELLMAN b. 22 June 1887 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 27 April 1971 Portland, Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio

C. Sebastian WELLMAN b. 8 June 1889 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 25 April 1967 Portland, Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio

D. Edward WELLMAN b. 11 Oct. 1892 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 9 Oct 1913 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio

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E. Phillip WELLMAN b. 18 Sept. 1893 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 24 Oct. 1973 Portland, Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
1st m. 18 Nov. 1919 St. Anthony, Ohio
Doretta SCHROER b. 10 Sept. 1894 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 20 March 1927 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. IN bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Henry SCHROER and Sarah EISCHEN
2nd m. 14 Nov. 1927 St. Anthony, Ohio
Josephine MUHLENKAMP b. 7 Oct 1894 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 21 Feb. 1960 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana bur. St. Anthony, OH
pr: Bernard MUHLENKAMP and Anna MAY
3rd m. Mary STECHSCHULTE (GOECKE)

1. Mildred WELLMAN b. 25 Aug. 1920 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
m. 9 Sept. 1944 St. Anthony, Ohio
Melvin BRUNSWICK b. 21 Feb. 1920 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
pr: Lawrence BRUNSWICK and Justina BRAUN
a. Melvin BRUNSWICK Jr. b. 5 Nov. 1946
m. 10 Nov. 1972
Elaine POST b. 18 Oct. 1949
pr: Gregory POST and Esther BRUGGEMAN
1). Tammy BRUNSWICK b. 3 Aug. 1973
2). Chad BRUNSWICK b. 14 April 1975
3). Scott BRUNSWICK b. 7 Oct. 1979
4). Jason BRUNSWICK b. 22 Feb. 1983 Coldwater, Ohio
b. Shirley Ann BRUNSWICK b. 9 Dec. 1947 Portland, Indiana
m. 28 Sept. 1968 Sharpsburg, Ohio
m. Robert DROESCH b. 4 May 1945 Dayton, Ohio
pr: Joseph DROESCH and Lena ROSENBECK
1). Deborah DROESCH b. 18 Nov. 1969
2). Kimberly DROESCH b. 6 Jan. 1972 twin
3) Karen DROESCH b. 6 Jan. 1972 twin
4) Jennifer DROESCH b. 23 June 1976
c. Carol Ann BRUNSWICK b. 8 Aug. 1954 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 14 Sept. 1974 Sharpsburg, Ohio
Gerald HEITKAMP b. 21 July 1951 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Ivo HEITKAMP and Wilma DUES
1). Douglas HEITKAMP b. 25 Dec. 1976
2). Eric HEITKAMP b. 14 June 1978
3). Julia HEITKAMP b. 14 Nov. 1980
4). Alicia HEITKAMP b. 5 April 1984
2. Norbert WELLMAN b. 8 Sept. 1922 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
m. 7 Feb. 1948 St. Joe, Mercer Co. Ohio
Julianna WESTGERDES b. 22 May 1919 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
pr: Joseph WESTGERDES and Mary Magdalena STEINBRUNNER
a. Thelma WELLMAN b. 4 Jan. 1950 Celina, Ohio
m. 20 May 1972 St.Anthony, Ohio
Gerald WEITZEL b. 14 Oct. 1947 Celina, Ohio
pr: Clarence WEITZEL and Regina NIEPORT
1). Douglas WEITZEL b. 24 July 1973
2). Denise WEITZEL b. 12 Jan. 1975
3). Amy WEITZEL b. 28 March 1978
4). Angela WEITZEL b. 3 April 1981
5). Alicia WEITZEL b. 3 Nov. 1984

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b. Harold WELLMAN b. 22 Sept. 1952
m. 26 May 1984 to Denise DUDLEY
c. Larry WELLMAN b. 24 Jan. 1957 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 8 Aug. 1981 Portland, Indiana
Kathleen MUHLENKAMP b. 5 Sept. 1958 Portland, Indiana
pr: James MUHLENKAMP and Erma STAMMEN
1). Alexander WELLMAN b. 26 July 1985 Dayton, Ohio
d. Alice WELLMAN b. 11 Nov. 1958 d. 3 March 1960
e. Roger WELLMAN b. 22 Feb. 1961
m. Judith WELLING

3. Marcella WELLMAN b. 19 July 1924 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
m. 5 Feb. 1944 St. Anthony, Ohio
Wilbert REIER b. 1 Sept. 1922 St. Henry, Ohio
pr: Charles REIER and Anna RINDLER
a. Robert REIER b. 10 Feb. 1948 Celina, Ohio
m. 16 April 1969 St. Henry, Ohio
Phyllis STEINLAGE b. 21 Aug. 1947 Celina, Ohio
1). Steve REIER b. 1 March 1970
2). Stacy REIER b. 21 April 1972
3). Tricia REIER b. 27 June 1979
b. Kathleen REIER b. 24 Oct. 1953 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 4 May 1974 St. Francis Church Cranberry, Ohio
William DAVIS b. 19 April 1953 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Harold J. DAVIS and Esther STAHL
1). Robbie DAVIS b. 29 July 1978
2). Renne DAVIS b. 2 Sept. 1981
3). Ryan DAVIS b. 11 Feb. 1985
c. Mary REIER b. 17 Sept. 1952
m. 17 July 1976 St. Francis Church Cranberry, Ohio
James LEFELD b. 16 Jan. 1954
pr: Harold LEFELD and Wilma SCHMITT
1). Joshua LEFELD b. 20 April 1984
d. Nancy Ann REIER b. 20 May 1959
m. 3 Oct 1981 St. Francis Church Cranberry, Ohio
James BORGERT b. 1 Nov. 1956
pr: Hilmer BORGERT and Rita

4. Cletus WELLMAN b. 28 Sept. 1926 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
m. 28 March 1951 St. Henry, Ohio
Louise Ann DROESCH b. 11 Jan. 1931 St. Henry, Ohio
pr: Isadore DROESCH and Frances WAPPELHORST
a. Daniel Cletus WELLMAN b. 22 May 1953
m. 17 June 1978 res. St. Anthony, Ohio
Lois Jean HERMAN b. 7 Dec. 1947
1). Phillip Daniel WELLMAN b. 10 Feb. 1980
2). Cynthia L. WELLMAN b. 14 Sept. 1983
3). Patrick C. WELLMAN b. 22 Aug 1986
b. Norma Jean WELLMAN b. 18 Oct 1954 Portland, Indiana
m. 20 Sept. 1975 res. Ft. Recovery, Ohio
Daniel Leo PAX b. 30 Nov. 1952 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Robert PAX and Dorothy TIMMERMAN
1). Gerald Frederick PAX b. 22 Nov. 1976
2). Kevin Daniel PAX b. 10 Jan. 1978 Portland, IN
3). Melissa Jean PAX b. 8 Dec. 1980
c. Linda Louise WELLMAN b. 31 March 1958

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5. LaVern WELLMAN b. 2 Oct. 1928 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
m. 25 Nov. 1961 Ft. Loramie, Ohio
Norma VONDERHAVEL b.14 Dec. 1933 Ft. Loramie, Ohio
pr: Bert VONDERHAVEL and Rosa ROBBINS
a. Pamela WELLMAN b. 2 May 1972 Portland, Indiana
b. Matthew WELLMAN b. 26 Jan. 1971 Portland, Indiana

6. Wilma WELLMAN b. 29 May 1930 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
m. 30 April 1955 St. Anthony, Ohio
James PEFFENBURGER b. 2 Oct 1930 Celina, Ohio
pr: Arthur PFEFFENBURGER and Verla HUFFMAN
a. Jan M. PEFFENBURGER b. 31 March 1958 Celina, Ohio
m. 17 Oct. 1981 Celina, Ohio
Gregory Mark HOMAN b. 5 June 1959 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Werner HOMAN and Charlene BARHORST
1). Ryan HOMAN b. 11 Nov. 1983
2). Nicole HOMAN b. 21 June 1986
b. Diane PFEFFENBURGER b. 31 July 1956 Celina, Ohio
c. Linda PFEFFENBURGER b. 24 June 1959 Celina, Ohio
m. 1 May 1982 Celina, Ohio
Jeff FELVER b. 14 July 1955 Celina, Ohio
1). Douglas Allen FELVER b. 6 Oct. 1984
2). Katie Marie FELVER b. 24 Nov. 1986
d. Donald PFEFFENBURGER b. 17 Nov. 1960 Celina, Ohio
m. 1 June 1985 Kelly DUES
e. Amy PFEFFENBURGER b. 26 March 1967 Celina, Ohio
f. Robert PFEFFENBURGER b. 19 Oct. 1970 Celina, Ohio

7. Doris WELLMAN b. 29 Dec. 1932 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
m. 17 Sept. 1955 St. Anthony, Ohio fr. St. Peter, Ohio
Dennis GRIESHOP b. 12 Jan. 1929 pr: Henry GRIESHOP and Rose
a. Deborah GRIESHOP b. 5 July 1960 Cincinnati, Ohio SCHUH
m. 16 Apr 1988 Doug Kremer pr:Mark KREMER & Bernice NIEKAMP
b. David GRIESHOP b. 28 April 1962 Cincinnati, Ohio

8. Jeanette WELLMAN b. 24 April 1935 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. IN
m. 9 Feb. 1957 St. Anthony, Ohio
Richard ALIG b. 24 April 1935 ? Jay Co. Indiana
pr: John ALIG and Hilda DROESCH
a. Steve ALIG b. 3 Feb. 1958 Celina, Ohio
m. 28 June 1980 Celina, Ohio res. Findlay, Ohio
Mary Jo JONES b. 27 Nov. 1957 Celina, Ohio
pr: Wilbur JONES and Anna Lou SULLIVAN
1). Sarah Jane ALIG b. 25 June 1981 Findlay, Ohio
2) Charles John b. 30 Dec. 1986 Findlay, Ohio
b. Ralph Donald ALIG b. 20 Jan. 1959 Celina, Ohio
m. 8 July 1983 Coldwater, Ohio
Diane Marie DILLER b. 1959
pr: Dennis DILLER and Carma KAHLIG
1). Aaron Steven ALIG b. 2 March 1985
2). Amanda Marie ALIG b. 29 Dec. 1985 ?
c. Barbara ALIG b. 10 Feb. 1961 Celina, Ohio
m. 5 May 1984 Coldwater, Ohio
Gary UHLENHAKE b. 1960
pr: Ernest UHLENHAKE and Marilyn MEIER
1). Craig Michael UHLENHAKE b. 9 April 1985
2). Kyle Joseph UHLENHAKE b. 28 Oct. 1986

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F. Frances V. WELLMAN b. 5 Feb. 1896 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 11 Dec. 1963 Decatur, Indiana
m. 12 Oct. 1921 St. Anthony, Ohio
Herman S. ULEMAN b. 26 Aug. 1895 Bryant, Indiana
d. 17 June 1938 Decatur, Indiana
pr: Peter ULEMAN

1. Leona ULEMAN b. 25 April 1923 Decatur, Indiana
m. 21 Aug. 1970 Reno, Nevada res. Denver, Colorado
Earl CRAWSON b. 11 June 1925 Mo. Ret. Lt.Col. U.S. Air Force
pr: Martin D. CRAWSON and Anna L. SHEESLEY
2. Dorothy ULEMAN b. 10 Nov. 1931 Decatur, Indiana
m. 26 July 1957 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Forest DRYER b. 30 Sept. 1929 Randolph, Illinois
pr: Forest Dewey DRYER and Verna Marie VANDERVORT
a. Patricia DRYER b. 2 Feb. 1959 Decatur, Indiana
m. 26 Dec. 1981 Decatur, Indiana res. Kokomo, Indiana
Gerald PEDONE b. 4 Dec. 1958 Munster, Indiana
pr: Samuel PEDONE and Marjorie
1). Samantha
b. Jennifer DRYER b. 9 May 1960 Decatur, Indiana
c. Richard DRYER b. 30 Nov. 1962 Decatur, Indiana
d. David DRYER b. 15 March 1964 Decatur, Indiana

G. Eleanore WELLMAN b. 12 Feb. 1897 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 14 June 1982 Portland, Indiana
m. Harold Crampton There were no children.



Left, Billy (William) WELLMAN with his children, their spouses, and his grandchildren. Right, Philip WELLMAN on his 80th birthday with his grandchildren.

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ANNA DILLER



Pictures left to right: Mary, Philip, Anna DILLER; Sophia WELLMAN, Mary HOMAN, Frances DOLL, and Rosina MAY.

Anna DILLER, also known as Anna Marie, was baptized as Mariann DILLER. She was born 2 October and baptized 9 October 1864, the daughter of Sebastian DILLER and Josepha BIGGS, their second child. She was baptized at St. Anthony Church, St. Anthony, Ohio, by Father Engelbert RUFF. Her sponsors were Ignatz RAUH and Marianna ZIMBIEL. This baptizm must have taken place in the old log church that stood near the old cemetery, which is north of the present church.

Anna grew up with the family and worked with her brothers and sisters on the family farm. Philip and Anna worked in the fields together. Many times when she heard the church bells ring to call the pople for the Holy Sacrifice of the MASS, she would hurry off through the fields and woods toward St. Anthony Church.

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On 10 February 1888 at the age of 23 years, she entered the convent of the Sisters of the Precious Blood at Maria Stein, Ohio. She became a novice on 13 July 1889, and was professed a Sister on 12 February 1892, taking the name of Sister Valentine.

Her duties at the convent included domestic work and also outside work. This included working in the fields, and carrying bricks to build the new part of the convent. Most of this old convent has been dismantled. The Chapel and Holy Relic Chapel with offices and a upstairs Museum remain.

While living there and performing her duties in the convent, Sister Valentine contracted the tuberculosis disease and died 29 April 1895 at the convent, at the age of 30 years. Sister Valentine is buried on the convent cemetery at Maria Stein, Ohio. Tuberculosis was a very contagious disease and many Sisters, Brothers, and Priests had the disease and it kept spreading in the community. At that time few doctors knew how to treat the disease or prevent it.

A few days before Sister Valentine's sister, Elizabeth Rosina DILLER was married to Gerhard MAY, Sister Valentine wrote a letter to her. A copy of the original German letter follows with its English translation.

Sister Valentine took her final vows on 29 April 1895 on her deathbed. Family stories reveal that she was very saintly and that she predicted the day and hour that she would die. It must have been her request that she take her final vows early, because she knew that she would not live.

II. Anna DILLER b. 2 Oct. 9, 1864 St. Anthony, Ohio bp. name Mariann
sp: Ignatz RAUH and Marianne ZUMBIEL Fr. Engelbert RUFF
d. 29 April 1895 Maria Stein, Ohio bur. Maria Stein Convent Cemetery
Entered Sisters of the Precious Blood 10 Feb. 1888, became a novice on 13 July 1889, became a professed Sister on 12 Feb. 1892, and took final vows on 29 April 1895 on her deathbed.

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LETTER

SISTER VALENTINE C.PP.S.
to
ELIZABETH ROSINA DILLER

Maria Stein
February the 2

My dear Sister,

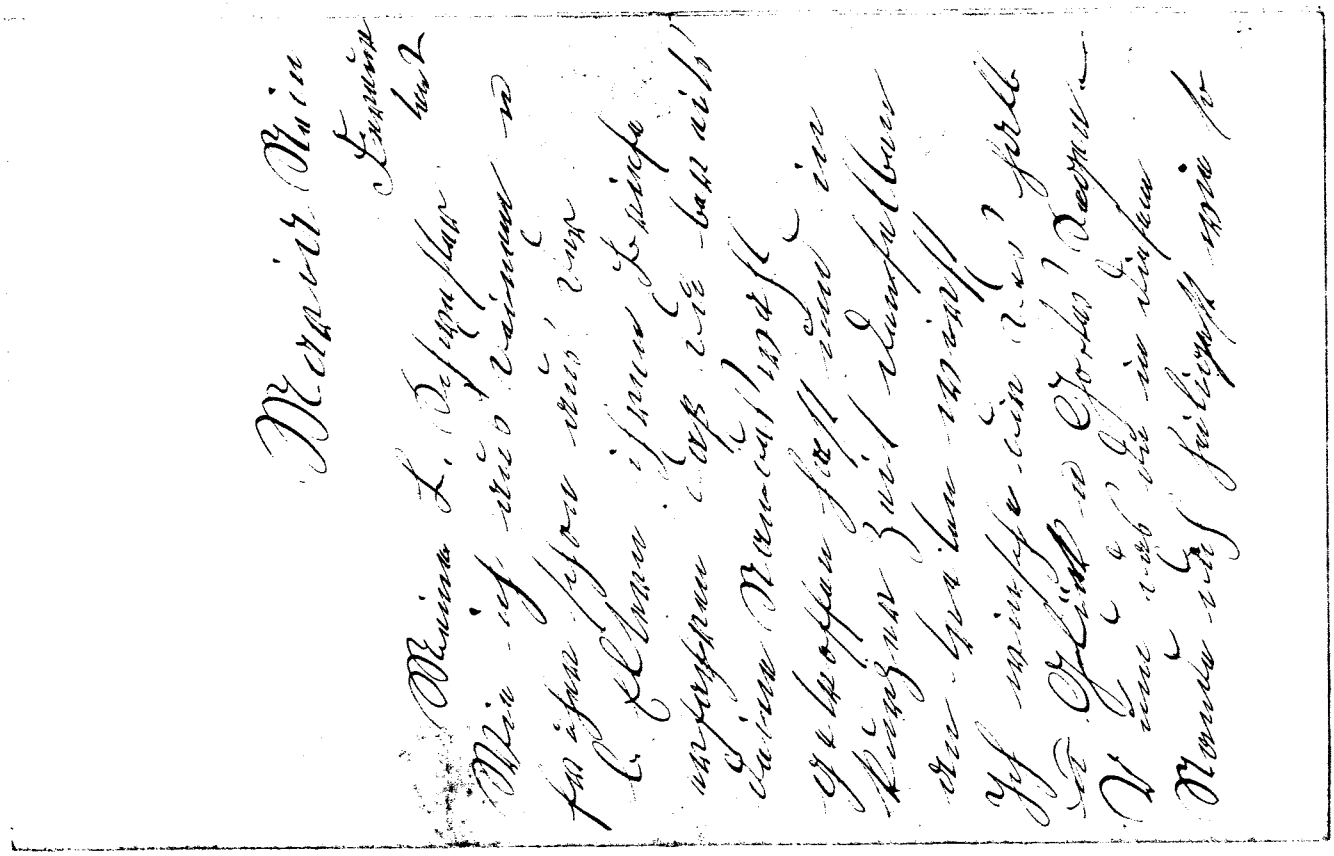
I have received from my dear parents that in a short while you will be married. I wish you and your spouse God's blessings. And that you in this vocation you will have a holy way. In this world we are separated and we will find ourwselves again in heaven. But you must pray. I will pray for you especially on this.

Now I will close my writing and send many hearty wishes for my dear parents and all my sisters.

Praise be Jesus Christ. Sister Valentine

Rosina, remember when we marry, our dear parents can't send you any more help.

A copy of the original of this letter is printed below and on the next page. It was found in some old papers and records.



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Miss Rosina Diller
Padua P. O.
Mercer Co.,
Ohio.

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III. THE FAMILY of PHILIP DILLER and ANNA GROSS



Philip DILLER and Anna GROSS

Philip DILLER was the oldest son of Josepha BIGGS and Sebastian DILLER. He lived on the farm just east of St. Anthony, Ohio. He grew up with his two half-brothers, Constantine and Matthias WEIGEL, as well as the rest of the family. As the children grew, there was much work to be done. After his half-brothers had left, Philip had the help of his sisters in the fields. His sister Anna helped him the most often.

Anna Marie DILLER MAY related the following memories: "Ma" as Philip said, sent the girls to work-out. They did housework for neighbors and relatives. Philip said that they could have been at home helping in the fields, because their pay was so little anyway. At this time Philip also helped Engelbert BIGGS with his threshing machine. For a short time he worked in the butter factory at St. Anthony, which was owned by John FORTMAN. Philip was the big brother and helped his sisters in many ways. One time when their mother Josepha was away, the girls had to bake the bread. The kitchen was in the old log part of the house, but they had an outside brick oven for baking bread. The girls could not get the fire started. In the fields the men saw the smoke from the chimney. Philip went home to help build the fire correctly, so the bread was baked when Josepha came home.

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Anna Marie DILLER remembers her father talking about how he spent his Sunday afternoons. He walked to Skeels Crossroad to visit with his cousins the Meyers boys. Sometimes he would take a basket of eggs and return with lumps of sugar and coffee from his aunt's store.

When Anna left for the Convent, she was missed by the whole family. When Josepha was ill, Philip went with the horse and buggy to Maria Stein to bring Anna, Sister Valentine, home to see her mother. She could not stay overnight. Josepha regained her health. Sister Valentine died before her mother.

Philip DILLER married Anna GROSS and they lived their whole married life on this home farm of his parents and they reared five children here. Philip had a sawmill on this farm. When he built the new barn he sawed up ten acres of woods for the lumber for two barns. The home barn was raised the summer of 1900 when Lucina was one year old. Neighbors and carpenter crews came in to build it. Twenty men were there for the barn raising. Since the women were busy every day in the kitchen, Aunt Mary GROSS DILLER, just a young girl, came to help her sister. This was before Mary had married John DILLER. They spent the summer feeding the capenters. Besides all the other food, they baked 100 pies.

When it was time to put on a new addition to the house, John FORTMAN did the carpenter work. At that time there was an illness going around that just affected the little boys. Albert was so sick that they had to quit the hammering. Many died but Albert recovered.

Philip DILLER owned a threshing machine and spent many years threshing the grain of his neigbors and others in the vicinity. These farmers were well known in the community and there was a certain closeness. This closeness and neigborliness has been lost to the present generation.

Philip DILLER spent most of his life on this farm. His daughter Anna Marie said that he never drove the tractor, but worked on the farm with horses. However, he was interested in the tractor and farm machinery. When many farmers started using tractors to do the plowing and other work on the farm, Philip's son drove the tractor for him.

As Philip became older he had to slow up, and was threshing just for neighbors in his later years. His last two years were spent mostly around the house or walking to the fields. He was laid up in bed most of the time during the winter of 1951 and 1952. He died in April 1952.

Anna Marie DILLER has fond memories of her parents and family. She remembers her school days at the St. Anthony School, the one room school to which all the Philip DILLER children walked to every day. The children all attended mass every day, they followed their teacher over to the Church at five minutes to eight in the morning. Before there was a rectory at Saint Anthony, the pastor lived at Ft. Recovery or Trinity Convent and traveled on horseback. Sometimes the pastor might stay upstairs at the teacher's house, and eat his meals at Mary FORTMAN WELLMAN's house. The priest house was built around 1906, during the pastorate of Fr. Max WALSH.

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Memories from Lucina DILLER RAUH 14 Feb. 1988: I am the only one living who remembers Grandfather Sebastian DILLER. He was a nice person, used to drive a horse and buggy to go to mass every morning. He sometimes took me along. After a few years he was not able to go to church anymore, I was 6 years old when he died, Nov. 17, 1906. I remember the day of the funeral. It rained hard as they passed by our house. All drove a horse and buggy.

I started school the next year after Easter and walked two miles to St. Anthony. I was the only one for one mile south and then there were a few more walking, two boys and two girls. Since there was a thick woods some one would meet me. The winter was cold and some times very cold and deep snow, and had to wear very warm clothes and boots. We carried a dinner bucket. Sometimes the bread was frozen, the children would take the bread and put in the lid and then on the old box stove. Once one boy had a sausage, and got a long stick and put the piece of sausage on the end of it. He opened the stove door and heated it. The fire burnt the stick and the sausage fell in the fire, so he did not get his sausage. School lasted until four o'clock. When it was really cold school let out one-half hour early. We walked fast to keep warm. The next year my brother went to school, then I was not alone on the walk to and from school.

Albert DILLER and Lucina DILLER married and had families. Max DILLER and Urban DILLER were seminarians with the Society of the Precious Blood at Carthegena, Ohio. They both contracted tuberculosis and died young. They are buried on the St. Charles Seminary Cemetery. Anna Maria DILLER stayed with her parents until they died. Later she married also.

On the Sebastian DILLER farm, Philip DILLER lived there, then his son Albert DILLER lived there and now Albert's son Urban DILLER lives there. Urban is the fourth generation of DILLERs to live on this farm.

III. Philip Bernard DILLER b. 14 Dec. 19, 1866 St. Anthony, Ohio
sp: Bernard EILERMAN and Sophia HENNI, Fr. P. WILHELMI
d. 13 April 1947 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 23 Nov. 1897 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
Anna GROSS b. 9 Oct. 1867 Macedon, Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 17 Sept. 1952 St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Jacob GROSS and Mary Ann KERBER

A. Lucina DILLER b. 8 June 1899 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 9 July 1938 St. Anthony, Ohio
Theodore RAUH b. 12 April 1890 St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Joseph RAUH and Elizabeth MAY

1. Geneva RAUH b. 13 May 1941 Celina, Ohio
Professed 6 Aug. 1964 Sister of the Poor Handmaids of Christ as Sister Melanie
2. Patricia RAUH b. 16 Sept. 1942 Celina, Ohio
m. 26 Aug. 1967 St. Anthony, Ohio
Walter KEYES b. 7 June 1942 Dayton, Ohio
pr: Robert KEYES and Ann McMILLEN

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a. Kathy KEYES b. 6 July 1968 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
b. Christi KEYES b. 26 July 1969 Dayton, Ohio
c. Caroline KEYES b. 14 Oct 1970 Dayton,Ohio
d. Theodore KEYES b. 2 Nov. 1971 San Antonio, Texas
e. Josephine KEYES b. 29 Jan. 1973 Dayton, Ohio
f. Jill KEYES b. 15 Sept 1974 Dayton, Ohio
g. Thomas KEYES b. 22 July 1977 Dayton, Ohio

B. Albert DILLER b. 21 March 1901 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 29 May 1982 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 16 June 1929 St. Anthony, Ohio
Bernadine HOMAN b. 11 April 1905 d. 9 Nov. 1987 St. Anthony, OH
pr: John HOMAN and Elizabeth POST

1. Dennis DILLER b. 14 April 1930 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 22 Oct. 1956 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
Carma KALIG b. 3 Sept. 1930
pr: Leo KAHLIG and Uletta FISCHER
a. Debra DILLER b. 1957
b. Diane DILLER b. 1959 m. 8 July 1983
Ralph Donald ALIG pr: Richard ALIG & Jeanette WELLMAN
c. Mark DILLER b. 1963
d. Doris DILLER b. 1964
e. Gary DILLER b. 1967
f. Denise DILLER b. 1969
2. Urban DILLER b. 23 Nov. 1931 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 15 Nov. 1958 St. Henry, Ohio
Helen KELLER b. 12 Aug. 1936 St. Henry, Ohio
pr: Joseph G. KELLER and Marcella DEPWEG
a. Roger DILLER b. 17 Aug. 1959 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 27 June 1981 Osgood, Ohio res. Celina, Ohio
Janice M. VIAN b. 18 July 1958 Greenville, Ohio
pr: Joseph VIAN and Dolores LANGENKAMP
1). Son b. 27 Sept. 1982 Coldwater, Ohio
b. Kenneth DILLER b. 1960
c. Charles DILLER b. 1963
d. Kevin DILLER b. 1967
3. Madonna DILLER b. 12 Dec. 1933 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 24. Nov. 1956 St. Anthony, Ohio
Howard MAY b. 19 Dec. 1934 St. Henry, Ohio
pr: Leo MAY and Catherine BRAUN
a. Susan Lynn MAY b. 15 Nov. 1957 Coldwater, Ohio
b. Steven Joseph MAY b. 15 Dec. 1958 Coldwater, Ohio
c. Randy Joseph MAY b. 12 Jan. 1965 Coldwater, Ohio
d. Sharon Ann MAY b. 25 Jan. 1969 Coldwater, Ohio
e. Gary Joseph MAY b. 27 Nov. 1973 Coldwater, Ohio
4. Ralph DILLER b. 7 June 1936 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 5 July 1968 St. Rose, Mercer Co. Ohio
Marjorie HEMMELGARN b. 13 April 1938
a. June DILLER b. 21 May 1959 Coldwater, Ohio
b. Daniel DILLER b. 22 Dec. 1960 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 16 May 1981 St. Henry, Ohio
Mary BENSMAN pr: Leroy BENSMAN and Rosemary LANGE
1). Justin John DILLER b. 4 Nov. 1983 Coldwater, Ohio

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c. Dale DILLER b. 25 July 1962 Coldwater, Ohio
d. 25 May 1972 Maria Stein, Ohio bur. Maria Stein, OH
d. Sandra DILLER b. 30 June 1964 Coldwater, Ohio
e. David DILLER b. 14 May 1968 Coldwater, Ohio
f. Kimberly DILLER b. 29 Oct. 1971 Coldwater, Ohio

5. Mary (Margaret) DILLER b. 9 Sept 1938 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 23 June 1962 St. Anthony, Ohio
James WESTRICH b. 23 Feb. 1936 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Edward James WESTRICK and Mary Alice DWYER
a. Chris WESTRICH b. 1963
b. Lisa WESTRICH b. 1965
c. Patrick WESTRICH b. 1967
d. Maria WESTRICH b. 1968
e. Paulette WESTRICH b. 1973

6. Joseph Theodore DILLER b. 31 Dec. 1941 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 10 Oct. 1964 Coldwater, Ohio
Maryann PENNO b. 10 Feb. 1944 Celina, Ohio
pr: Theodore PENNO and Rita STELZER
a. Kathleen DILLER b. 1965
b. Phyllis DILLER b. 1966
c. Robert DILLER b. 1968
d. Ronald DILLER b. 1969
e. Janet DILLER b. 1971
f. Michael DILLER b. 1973
g. Karen DILLER b. 1975
h. Brian DILLER b. 1976

7. Edna DILLER b. 23 Sept. 1942 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 1967 Dayton, Ohio res. Columbus, Ohio
Gary SHEPPARD
a. Jacquelyn SHEPPARD b. 1968
b. Heather SHEPPARD b. 1970
c. Jason SHEPPARD b. 1974

8. Carol DILLER b. 4 April 1945 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 1967 Dayton, Ohio
Richard BURKHARDT b. 1 June 1944
a. Rick BURKHARDT b. 1969
b. John BURKHARDT b. 1972
c. Scott BURKHARDT b. 1973
d. Jason BURKHARDT b. 1975
e. Michelle BURKHARDT b. 1978
f. Jennifer BURKHARDT b. 1980

C. Maximillian DILLER b. 22 Aug. 1903 St. Anthony, Ohio
Professed 3 Dec. 1924 Society of the Precious Blood
d. 10 Aug. 1931 St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio
bur. 13 Aug. 1931 St. Charles Cemetery, Carthagena, Ohio

D. Urban DILLER b. 7 April 1906 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 29 May 1926 St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio
bur. 2 June 1926 St. Charles Cemetery, Carthagena, Ohio

E. Anna Marie DILLER b. 9 May 1909 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. May 1982
Marvin MAY b. 22 Nov. 1910 Jay Co. Indiana
pr: Gerhard MAY and Elizabeth Rosina DILLER

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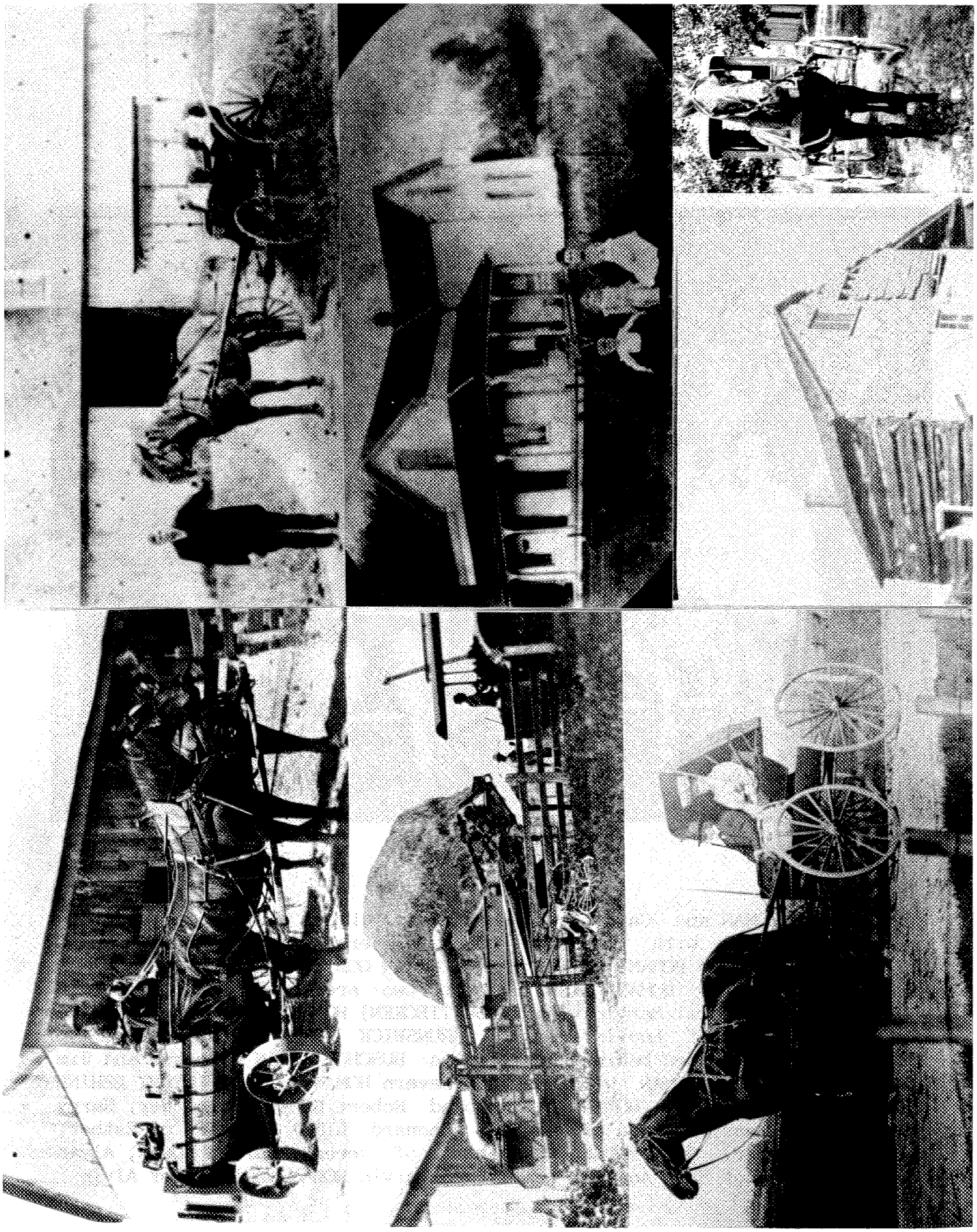


Top pictures, left to right: Albert and Max DILLER, with Urban DILLER in front. The Albert DILLER family on the 50th wedding anniversary. Front row: Carol BURKHARDT, Edna SHEPPARD, Bernadine DILLER, Donna MAY, Mary WESTRICH. Back: Ralph, Dennis, Albert, Urban, and Joseph DILLER.
Bottom pictures: Lucina, Albert, and Anna Marie DILLER, 15 April 1947. Lucina DILLER RAUH and Ted RAUH with daughters Patricia and Geneva. Patricia RAUH KEYES and Walter KEYES.

Composite pictures of the DILLER HOME and FARM.

Top, left to right: Philip DILLER in front of his barn, with Lucina and Albert. Philip and Anna with Albert, Lucina, and Max. The old log house built by Sebastian DILLER.
Bottom, left to right: Philip DILLER's water wagon. Philip's threshing machine. Sebastian DILLER with his daughter Frances driving in his buggy.

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Mary DILLER and Bernard HOMAN Family



The August HOMAN and Catherine BRAUN family. Front row, seated, left to right: beginning with the five HOMAN sisters, namely, Luella HOMAN REINHART, Mary Ann HOMAN LUBKE, Verena HOMAN GOETTEMOELLER, Alvira HOMAN MASSONNE and Esther HOMAN LINK. Last two are Mars. Harold (Luella BUSCHUR) HOMAN, Mrs. Marvin (Mary Lou TIECKEN) HOMAN. Standing: Eugene REINHART (husband of Luella), Betty BRUNSWICK HOMAN with husband Ivo HOMAN slightly hidden behind her, Thelma BUSCHOR HOMAN with husband Jim HOMAN, Joy BUSCHUR HOMAN with husband Levern HOMAN OFF TO RIGHT BEHIND HER, Jean EICHENAUER HOMANwith husband Robert HOMAN behind her, Harry MASSONNE (to rear) husband of Alvira, Leonard LINK husband of Esther, Alvin (to rear) GOETTEMOELLER husband of Verena, Harold HOMAN, Alvin LUEBKE husband of Mary Ann (to rear), and Marvin HOMAN in front of Alvin LUEBKE.

Composite picture on page 130: top row, left to right: Aloys MUHLENKAMP, Amelia HOMAN, Catherine BRAUN and August HOMAN. Bottom row, left to right: first group: Florine DeBROSSE and Richard ORF, with Gary, Mark and Philip ORF; second group: Philip and Susan ORF with children Jessica and Stacy.

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IV. THE FAMILY of MARY DILLER and BERNARD HOMAN



Bernard HOMAN and Mary DILLER

On 15 November 1892 Mary DILLER married Bernard "Ben" HOMAN, son of Gerhard HOMAN and M. Katherine RHEIN of St. Anthony, Ohio. They purchased a hundred acre farm in Jay County, Indiana, just across the Ohio-Indiana Stale Line on Road 50. Later they added to this acreage. Since farming was hard work, most of their time was spent working, eating, and sleeping. Ben spent many hours walking behind a handplow in his fields, and Mary also was busy from sun-up to sun-down. She enjoyed growing flowers that lined their driveway and piecing quilts from old blankets and shirts, but she especially liked cooking. She baked lots of homemade bread but because of her arthritic hands in later years, her granddaughter, Alvira MASSONNE, stiffened the dough before she went to school. Ben and Mary's two children, August "Gust" and Amelia "Millie" were born in the farm home, as were nine of their grandchildren.

Gust married Catharine BRAUN of St. Peter, Ohio on 6 June 1917. The wedding reception was held at the Ben HOMAN farm. Relatives and neighbors helped to prepare the food, butchering chickens, a veal calf and a pig. The wedding table was set in the dining room of the home, and extra tables were set up under a big tent. Later in the evening a dance was held in the barn. Gust and Kate lived with Ben and Mary and had twelve children.

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In May 1919 Ben and Mary HOMAN's daughter Amelia was married to Aloys MUHLENKAMP, the son of Theodore MUHLENKAMP and Frances FORTMAN. Millie and Aloys had one son Ralph. During Amelia's second pregnancy, she died of uremic poisoning at the age of twenty-five. Aloys remarried 30 August 1923 to Elizabeth THOBE. They later moved to Dayton, Ohio, and had seven children: Priscilla, Eugene, Florine, Arthur, Isabelle and Annabelle (twins), and Leroy. Ralph MUHLENKAMP married Florine DeBROSSE and had three sons, Gary, Mark, and PHillip. Ralph died in 1952 from leukemia. His widow Florine married Richard ORF who adopted the three boys.

Ben and Mary lived forty years on their farm in Indiana. During the Great Depression, Gust and Kate, along with Ben and Mary, moved to a spacious home on the farm of Kate's Uncle Joe and Aunt Mary LINK, east of St. Peter, Ohio. The HOMAN grandsons helped with the farming while the granddaughters helped their mother and grandmother. When the children became sixteen years of age, they found jobs elsewhere. Kate became ill with cancer during her twelfth pregnancy, the baby died at birth. Less than a year later Kate died at the age of 44 years. Esther, the oldest daughter remained at home to help Grandma Mary with the housework and caring of the young children. In April 1940 Grandpa Ben died and was buried at St. Anthony Cemetery.

When Gust went to Decatur to work, Grandma Mary and the two youngest children went with him. The other children lived with the older brother Harold and sister Esther. Alviro also helped with the care of the younger ones. On an extremely hot August day in 1953, while living with her niece, Anna Marie DILLER at the Philip DILLER farm on RAUH Road, Grandma Mary suffered a stroke. She lay in the hospital, unable to speak or walk, for eight months before she died in May 1954. She is buried at St. Anthony. Gust lived in Decatur where he died in 1955. He is buried in Decatur's Catholic Cemetery.

Five of the Homan grandsons served their country in the Armed Forces. During World War II three were drafted. Marvin served in the Medical Corps in Japan and New Guinea. Robert was in the Infantry Communications, and Levern was a paratrooper serving in Europe. On one of the last days of the War, Robert and Levern met in Paris. Another son, Jim, was a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force and was stationed in Japan for two and one-half years at the end of the Korean War. Ivo was in the Army and served in Germany.

IV. Mary Ursula DILLER b. 25 Oct. 1868 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 5 May 1954 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 15 Nov. 1892 St. Anthony, Ohio
Bernard (Ben) HOMAN b. 24 Oct 1864 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 21 April 1940 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Gerhard HOMAN and M. Katherine RHEIN

A. Amelia (Millie) HOMAN b. 29 June 1897 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 22 Sept. 1922 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. May 1919 St. Anthony, Ohio
Aloys MUHLENKAMP b. 1896 d. 1958
pr: Theodore MUHLENKAMP and Frances FORTMAN

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1. Ralph MUHLENKAMP b. 1921 d. 1952
m. Florine DeBROSSE b. 1924 d. 1972
pr: Maurice DeBROSSE and Irma McGREEVY
After Ralph MUHLENKAMP died in 1952, Florine DeBROSSE married Richard ORF who adopted Gary, Mark and Phillip. After Florine died at the age of 48 in 1972, Richard ORF remarried.
a. Gary ORF b. 1947 works in Chicago
m. 1969 Doreen ROCHE
b. Mark ORF b. 1949 lives in Irmo, South Carolina works for the Dept. of social Services,
c. Phillip ORF b. 1952 works as Account Manager with American Hospital Supply.
m. Susan HODGES res. Burlington, Connecticut
1). Jessica Victoria ORF b. 1983
2). Stacy Leigh ORF b. 1984

B. August Sebastian HOMAN b. 23 July 1894 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 23 Jan. 1955 Decatur, Indiana
m. 4 June 1917 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
Catherine Louisa BRAUN b. 14 Sept. 1894 St. Peter, Ohio
d. 29 April 1939 St. Peter, Ohio
pr: Jacob BRAUN and Katherine MIDDENDORF

1. Marvin Bernard HOMAN b. 1918 Jay Co. Indiana
m. Mary Lou THIEKEN b. 1920 Sciotoville, Ohio
pr: William Andrew THIEKEN and Mary Caroline SOMMER
a. Rebecca HOMAN b. 1963 Dayton, Ohio
2. Esther Marie HOMAN b. 1919 Jay Co. Indiana
m. Leonard LINK b. 1916 Casella, Ohio
Pr: August LINK and Anna LENNARTZ
a. Jerold LINK b. 1941 Celina, Ohio
m. Kris KROFT b. 1953 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Eugene KROFT and Demaris HOYING
1). Kenneth LINK b. 1961
2). Terry LINK b. 1963
m. Pat TEBOE b. 1963 Rockford, Ohio
a). Rebecca LINK b. 1983
b). Beth LINK b. 1984
3). Randy LINK b. 1965 m. Trisch GILLIS
ch: twins Nicholas & Nicole b. 198_
4). Nikki LINK b. 1972
5). Jason LINK b. 1974
b. Leonard LINK b. 1942 Celina, Ohio res. Oregon
m. Gayle WOOD b. 1942 Detroit, Michigan
pr: Robert and Mary WOOD
1). Michelle LINK b. 1961 m. Michael MALONEY
a). Andy
2). Jeff LINK b. 1966
3) Chris LINK b. 1969
c. Thomas LINK b. 1946 res. Arizona
m. Judy HOMAN b. 1948 Maria Stein
pr: Joseph Homan and Viola KRAMER

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d. John LINK b. 1953 res. Greenville, Ohio
m. Patrice ZANGLIN b. 1952 Celina, Ohio
pr: Louis ZANGLIN and Patricia McKENNA
1). Kelly Ann LINK b. 1972
2). Jill Marie LINK b. 1974
3). Erin LINK b. 1982
4). Benjamin John Patrick LINK b. 1984

e. David LINK b. 1956 res. Celina, Ohio
m. Ann LIST b. 1958 Celina, Ohio
pr: David W. LIST and Carolyn HUFFER
1). Jeremy LINK b. 1981
2). Tyler LINK b. 1984

3. Harold John HOMAN b. 31 Aug. 1921 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 28 Aug. 1943 Philothea, Ohio
Luella A. BUSCHUR b. 23 Aug. 1923 Philothea, Ohio
pr: Joseph BUSCHUR and Agatha TANGEMAN

a. Daniel L. HOMAN b. 5 March 1945 Celina, Ohio
m. 27 July 1967 Celina, Ohio
Claire MURTZ b. May 1947 Cleveland, Ohio
pr: Justin MURTZ and Thelma RASH
2nd m. Brenda PEARSON b. 1954 Celina, Ohio
pr: Alvin PEARSON and Arthena JARRETT
1). Melissa HOMAN b. 7 June 1968 Coldwater, Ohio
2). Joanie HOMAN b. 1970
3). Dana HOMAN b. 21 Nov. 1971 Coldwater, Ohio
4). Valerie HOMAN b. 1972
5). Todd HOMAN b. 1985

b. Ricky J. HOMAN b. 21 July 1956 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 7 Oct. 1978 Coldwater, Ohio res. Trinity, Indiana
Kathleen MOORMAN b. 12 Oct. 1958 Coldwater, OH (twin)
pr: Anthony Frank MOORMAN and Pauline Ellen WENNING
1). Laura Ann HOMAN b. 19 Jan. 1980 Coldwater, Ohio
2). Lisa Marie HOMAN b. 19 Oct. 1981 Coldwater, Ohio
3). Tony HOMAN b. 1985

c. Cathy HOMAN b. 17 Jan. 1960 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 7 July 1979 Trinity, Indiana
Virgil Gregor KAHLIG b. 21 Nov. 1957 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Ralph Bernard KAHLIG and Dorothy Mildred SCHWARTZ
1). Joshua KAHLIG b. 19 Dec. 1979
2). Sara KAHLIG b. 20 Jan. 1981

4. Robert Joseph HOMAN b. 1923 res. Angola, Indiana
m. Jean EICHENAUER b. 1926 of Celina, Ohio
pr: Edward EICHENAAUER and Florence NUNGESTER

a. Carolyn HOMAN b. 1948 res. Indiana
m. Jonathan BROWN b. 1945 of Michigan City, Indiana
pr: Carl W. BROWN and Beryl M. SCHAEFFER
1). Benjamin Robert BROWN b. 1970
2). Cinnamon K. BROWN b. 1972
3). Abigail Elizabeth BROWN b. 1976
4). Charlie BROWN b. 1981

b. Robert E. HOMAN b. 1950 res. Indiana
m. Lou Ann SAYLOR b. 1950 of Ft. Wayne, Indiana
pr: Richard SAYLOR and Phyllis RHOADS
1). Adam Barrett HOMAN b. 1975 twin

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2). Aaron Bryant HOMAN b. 1975 twin
3). Abram Joseph HOMAN b. 1978

5. Lavern Anthony HOMAN b. 1925 res. St. Marys, Ohio
m. Joy BUSCHUR b. 1928 of Philothea, Ohio
pr: Leon BUSCHUR and Laura ALT
a. Sondra HOMAN b. 1948
m. Dave HUGHES b. 1947 of Buckland, Ohio
pr: Karl HUGHES and Ruth
1). Rob HUGHES b. 1969
2). Mindy HUGHES b. 1970
3). Dawn HUGHES b. 1971 d. 1984
4). Ryan HUGHES b. 1980
b. Michael HOMAN b. 1952
m. Christine LAMPERT b. 1955 of New Bremen, Ohio
pr: Gene LAMPERT and Joan
1). Tony HOMAN b. 1976
2). Brian Joseph HOMAN b. 1977
c. Larry HOMAN b. 1956
m. Vickie BISCHOFF b. 1957 of Napoleon, Ohio
pr: Vern BISCHOFF and Lois
1). Heather HOMAN b. 1977
2). Jason HOMAN b. 1981
3). Nathan HOMAN B. 1983
d. Cindy HOMAN b. 1962
e. Kris HOMAN b. 1964
m. Tom EITING of Minster, Ohio
1). Matthew EITING
2). Craig Allen EITING b. 1986
f. Lisa HOMAN b. 1966

6. Alvira Theresa HOMAN b. 1926
m. Harry MASSONNE b. 1922 d. 1980 of Decatur, Indiana
pr: Charles MASSONNE and Dora McCLIS
a. Ronald MASSONNE b. 1951
m. Karen KOLODZIEJ b. 1951 of Crown Point, Indiana
pr: Peter KOLODZIEJ and Betty
b. Karen MASSONNE b. 1953 res. Decatur, Indiana
m. Ron LANDRUM b. 1953 of Decatur, Indiana
pr: Louis LANDRUM and Naomi of Decatur, Indiana
1). Matthew Allen LANDRUM b. 1974
2). Luke LANDRUM b. 1978
c. Donald MASSONNE b. 1956
m. Debra RAUCH b. 1955 of Decatur, Indiana
pr: John RAUCH and Jean
d. Michael MASSONNE b. 1959
e. Patrick MASSONNE b. 1964

7. Mary Ann Philomena HOMAN b. 1928 res. Celina, Ohio
m. 13 April 1948 Cassella, Ohio
Alvin Henry LUEBKE b. 27 Sept. 1927 of Maria Stein, Ohio
pr: Fred L. LUEBKE and Helen E. WALTERBUSCH
a. Cathy Ann LUEBKE b. 2 Feb. 1950 Celina, Ohio
m. 26 Sept. 1970 Celina, Ohio res. Celina, Ohio
John Paul HUWER b.17 Feb. 1950 Celina, Ohio
pr: Lester HUWER and Vera HARTKE
1). Amy Michelle HUWER b.22 Nov. 1973 Celina, Ohio

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2). Benjamin HUWER b.27 Aug. 1975
3). Aaron HUWER b. 1981 d. 1981
4). Abby HUWER b. 1982

b. Cheryl Elaine LUEBKE b. 29 Dec. 1950 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 13 Feb. 1971 Celina, Ohio
Randy EDWARDS b.8 Aug. 1946 Ferriday, Louisiana
pr: James R. EDWARDS and Alma TODD
1). Roger EDWARDS b.2 April 1970 Ft. Wayne, Indiana

c. Paulette Kay LUEBKE b.22 April 1952 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 2 Jan. 1971 Celina, Ohio
Michael RHYNE b. 19 Oct. 1951 of Celina, Ohio
pr: Elmer RHYNE and Alberta Joyce MULLEN
1). Sean RHYNE b. 18 June 1971 Celina, Ohio
2). Thijs RHYNE b. 1 Oct. 1973 Celina, Ohio
3). Keenan RHYNE b. 7 Aug. 1975 Lima, Ohio

d. Baby Boy stillborn 1953

e. Ronald Joseph LUEBKE b. 21 March 1956 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 14 Sept. 1974 res. Celina, Ohio
Melissa SPRIGGS b. 1955 of Celina, Ohio
pr: Rex J. SPRIGGS and Almeda Rosa
1). Chad LUEBKE b. 19 March 1975 Celina, Ohio
2). Jason LUEBKE b. 23 April 1979 Coldwater, Ohio
3). Ashley LUEBKE b. 1984

f. Deborah Sue LUEBKE b. 7 July 1957 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 9 July 1977 Celina, Ohio res. Neptune, Ohio
Dennis WALLS b. 1956 of Mendon, Ohio
pr: Dewane WALLS and Donna COUTS
1). Jennifer WALLS b. 11 Sept. 1979 St. Marys, Ohio
2). Derrick WALLS b. 1982

8. Verena Kathryn HOMAN b. 1 June 1930 Jay County, Indiana
m. 1 July 1952 res. St. Anthony Rd. Celina, Ohio
Alvin J. (Peck) GOETTEMOELLER b. 12 Jan. 1929 St. Henry, OH
pr: Gregory GOETTEMOELLER and Mary KRAMER

a. Charles GOETTEMOELLER b. 1953 res. Coldwater, Ohio
m. Doris JOHNSMAN b. 1953 of Celina, Ohio
pr: Arnold JOHNSMAN and Esther GUGGENBILLER
1). Gene GOETTEMOELLER b. 1978
2). Megan GOETTEMOELLER b. 1979
3). Lynn GOETTEMOELLER b. 1982
4). Mindy GOETTEMOELLER b. 1986

b. Alan GOETTEMOELLER b. 1954 res. British Columbia
m. Jean HUWER b. 1958 of Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Howard (Hap) HUWER and Irene KAHLIG
1). Matthew GOETTEMOELLER b. 1978
2). Lucas GOETTEMOELLER b. 1982
3). Angie GOETTEMOELLER b. 1986

c. Gary GOETTEMOELLER b. 1958 res. R.R. Celina, Ohio
m. Karen HOMAN b. 1959 of St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Wilbur HOMAN and Mary Ann GAERKE
1). Kelly Marie GOETTEMOELLER b. 1980
2). Terri Ann GOETTEMOELLER b. 1982
3). Vickie Renee GOETTEMOELLER b. 1983
4). Mindy GOETTEMOELLER b. 1986

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d. Angie GOETTEMOELLER b. 1962
m. Donald KNOTH b. 1959 res. R.R. Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Cletus KNOTH and Lou Ann MUHLENKAMP
1). Deanna KNOTH b. 1985
2). Daniel KNOTH b. 1986

9. James F. HOMAN b. 25 Sept. 1931 Jay County, Indiana
m. 13 Oct. 1956 res. R.R. Coldwater, Ohio
Thelma Mary BUSCHUR b. 9 Feb. 1934 Celina, Ohio
pr: Urban H. BUSCHUR and Rosina M. DIPPOLD
a. Randall James HOMAN b. 31 Aug. 1957 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 17 Oct 1981 Coldwater, Ohio
Kathy GRUSS b. 15 Sept. 1960 of Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Vincent GRUSS and Mary Ann EYINK
1). Brent Matthew HOMAN b. 14 Aug. 1983
2). Kurt Randall HOMAN b. 15 Jan. 1986
b. Loraine Marie HOMAN b. 3 Oct. 1958 Coldwater, Ohio
c. Patricia Anne HOMAN b. 21 Jan. 1960 twin
m. 7 July 1984
Eric GRIESHOP b. 4 June 1960 of Ft. Recovery, Ohio
pr: Jerome GRIESHOP and Norma BORGERDING
1). Brandom Jerome GRIESHOP b. 12 April 1985
2). Heather Marie GRIESHOP b. 2 Oct. 1986
d. Pamela Anne HOMAN b. 21 Jan. 1960 twin
m. 27 June 1981 St. Anthony, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Timothy Allen WELLMAN b. 18 July 1958 of Coldwater, OH
pr: Donald WELLMAN and Bernice F. SIEFRING
1). Kristina Marie WELLMAN b. 21 April 1982
2). Alicia Marie WELLMAN b. 24 Jan. 1984
3). Lindway Renee WELLMAN b. 10 April 1986
e. Brian Joseph HOMAN b. 6 Dec. 1963 Coldwater, Ohio

10. Luella Rose HOMAN b. 29 May 1933 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
m. 1 Aug. 1953 res. R.R. Bryant, Indiana
Eugene Peter REINHART b. 16 Dec. 1927 Jay Co. Indiana
pr: Clemens M. REINHART and Rose M. SCHINDLER
a. Donald Lee REINHART b. 27 June 1954
m. 6 Feb. 1977 St. Anthony, Ohio RES. Celina, Ohio
Debra Ann MINCH b. 1955 of St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Clarence (Jack) MINCH and Emily KREMER
1). Abbe REINHART b. 1979
2). Joshua REINHART b. 1980
3). Casey REINHART b. 1981
b. Gerald Eugene REINHART b. 4 Oct 1955 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 28 June 1980 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Mary Evelyn BERGMAN b. 1959 of Osgood, Ohio
pr: Lester WYNK and Wilma STUDER BERGMAN
1). Jeffrey REINHART b. 1981
2). Melissa REINHART b. 1985
c. James Alan REINHART b. 13 Oct. 1956
m. 16 July 1983
Karen Ann SCHWIETERMAN b. 1960 of Ft. Recovery, Ohio
pr: Bernard SCHWIETERMAN and Hilda PRENGER
1). Tony REINHART b. 1985
d. Kenneth Alan REINHART b. 28 Dec. 1958

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e. Robert Eugene REINHART b. 19 Dec. 1959
m. Norma STEARNS of Boston, Masschusetts
f. Sharon Ann REINHART b. 18 Nov. 1962
m. 16 April 1982 Holy Trinity, Jay Co. Indiana
Paul LINK b. 1959 res. Sharpsburg, Ohio
pr: Al LINK and Cleopha HOMAN
ch: Adam and Sarah
g. David Daniel REINHART b. 12 Dec. 1965
h. Connie Sue REINHART b. 13 March 1967

11. Ivo Paul HOMAN b. 1935 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
m. Betty M. BRUNSWICK b. 1935 of Burkettsville, Ohio
Pr: Ray BRUNSWICK and Agnes JACOBS
a. Keith HOMAN b. 1957 res. Celina, Ohio
m. Sue HOYING b. 1954 of Celina, Ohio
pr: Donald HOYING and Edna KREMER
1). Angela Marie SNIDER b. 1973
2). Tyler Paul HOMAN b. 1983
b. Brenda HOMAN b. 1959
c. Linda HOMAN b. 1963 res. R.R. Coldwater, Ohio
m. Gary HEYNE b. 1960 of Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Ralph HEYNE and Marilyn SOMMER
1). Kylee HEYNE b. 1986
d. Craig HOMAN b. 1973

12. Laura Ann HOMAN b. 1938 d. 1938



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V. THE FAMILY of ROSINA DILLER and GERHARD MAY



THE WEDDING PICTURE of GERHARD MAY and ROSINA DILLER

Elizabeth Rosina DILLER was born 15 April 1871, the fifth child, the fourth daughter of Sebastian DILLER and Josepha BIGGS. She lived with the family on a farm near St. Anthony, Ohio. She had three brothers and four sisters, and two half-brothers. When she was small she went to school in St. Anthony. At that time the school was located on the corner where the store used to be, diagonally across from the church. The children attended school only during the autumn and the spring. It was too difficult to get through during the winter months. As with all the children at that time, she assisted with the work inside the home, cooking and baking, churning butter, cleaning, sewing, washing and ironing the clothes. She also worked outside doing the chores in the barn, feeding the animals and milking the cows. Rosina also worked in the fields with her older brother Philip and sisters Anna and Sophia. Those were the days when everyone had to do his part so that the family had enough food and money to live.

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Grandmother Josepha sent her girls to do housework for neighbors and relatives. Philip said that "Ma" had to send them out when he needed them in the fields. The girls were paid very little or not at all. Our grandmother Rosina worked in many homes, beginning around the age of eleven. She did housework and cared for new babies in the homes of the SCHINDLERs, WICKELMANs, who lived south of the DILLERs, and then for the Anton WELLMANs, who operated the store at St. Anthony. She did the housework so that Mrs. WELLMAN could work in the store. Mrs. WELLMAN was Mary A. FORTMAN, the daughter of Henrich FORTMAN and Franciska BIGGS. Mary A. FORTMAN was a first cousin of Rosina DILLER. She was working in the home of her sister Sophia DILLER WELLMAN, when a tornado struck. She received a big cut on her leg.

In those early pioneer days, there were many hardships but yet there was ample time for fun. As they congregated around the warm stove in the long winter evenings, there was time for stories to be told to the children. These stories included the times of the pioneers before they came to this country, the hardships on the trip and passage to America. A new home had to be made in this big wilderness. There were many trees to be cleared so there was enough land to farm. Rosina's mother came from near the Black Forest area in Germany. The family was so poor that the girls had to go into the forest to gather twigs and sticks for firewood. They did housework and also tended the sheep. When it was time to immigrate to America, all were happy to go.

Rosina was very close to her family and especially to Anna. This is shown by the letter written to her before her marriage. Anna had entered the Convent at Maria Stein and could not come home for Rosina's wedding to Gerhard May on 13 February 1890, in St. Anthony Church, Padua, Ohio.

When Rosina and Gerhard were married, they moved on the farm two miles west of Saint Anthony, Ohio, in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana. The farm was just north of the home of Rosina's sister, Sophia DILLER, and her husband William WELLMAN. On this farm Rosina and Gerhard reared eleven children. The children attended school at St. Anthony, Ohio, and the BUETTEL school to the north, and the GIBSON school to the south. These schools had all eight grades in one room. Usually there was a pot-bellied stove in the middle of the room. The children attended the school at St. Anthony during the years of their first and solemn communion. German was taught in the St. Anthony school usually two days a week. When there were so many students going to St. Anthony, it was necessary to build the second school. Then there were four grades in each building. The whole family attended the Catholic Church at St. Anthony.

Rosina was a dedicated wife and mother, doing the household chores, cooking, and even helping outside. As the children grew they all helped their mother and father. Gerhard was a cattle feeder and horse dealer, traveling the country. Since there were no hotels in the vicinity, many guests were invited to stay overnight at the MAY home. It became what we know today as a "Bed and Breakfast" hotel. Gerhard had one of the first scales in the area. Neighbors would drive their cattle there to be weighed before driven to market. Teamster used the MAY farm as their half way point to water their horses and let them rest under the shade trees along the road at the edge of the MAY barnyard.

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A great fascination for us grandchildren was the windmill on the farm. Grandpa Gerhard or our uncles would explain to us children how the windmill pumped the water. Eagerly when first arriving, we ran to get the tincup for a drink. What a disappointment when there was no wind, and we needed to use the hand pump.

It was a beautiful sight to drive into the barnyard, past the white fence and red barn and see all the horses leaning out of the horse stables or over the barnyard fence. There also was a hugh watering trough for the horses. They had a cement water tank!

It was not all work at the MAY home. Many evenings were spent singing around the piano, violin, and accordion. The MAY children had musical talent, which was passed down to some of the grandchildren. There was time for reading the daily and weekly newspapers, German as well as English newspapers. The Drover's Journal from Chicago was received in the MAY home for many, many years. Gerhard and Rosina were intelligent people even though they did not have much formal education. Gerhard went through the fifth grade at the St. Anthony School which was great for those days. German was taught in the schools at St. Anthony and was used at church and in the homes. It was not until World War I that German began to fall into disuse. Dolores SCHMIT remembers her mother could not speak English when she went to school. This was a great challenge for the children when they went to the English schools, such as the GIBSON and BUETTEL schools. However, children learn languages very quickly. This use of the German language carried over into their adult life. Many German words and the German word order was used in their speaking. We still can detect this transition from German into English.

The MAYs and especially Lidwina, Caroline, and Marvin had "hearts of gold." They were always helping someone. Aunt Mary HOMAN and Christine BUSSMEIER stayed there when they were recuperating from an illness. After the World War II, the family helped Christine to send CARE packages to Christine's family and convents and orphanages in Germany.

Rosina and Gerhard are both buried on the St. Anthony Cemetery. Lidwina, Caroline, Alphonse and Cletus are also buried there.

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V. Elizabeth Rosina DILLER b. 15 April 1871 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 28 Sept. 1935 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 13 Feb. 1890 St. Anthony, Ohio
Gerhard MAY b. 12 Sept. 19, 1865 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 1 Feb. 1939 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: John Henry MAY and Carolina HOMAN

A. Lidwina MAY b. 25 Jan. 1891 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 20 July 1960 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana

B. Caroline MAY b. 18 Aug. 1894 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 29 Nov. 1974 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana

C. John T. MAY b. 5 Oct. 1896 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 4 Oct. 1968 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 24 Jan. 1923 White Oak, Cincinnati, Ohio
Louise SCHMIDT b. 6 July 1897 Hamilton Co. Ohio
d. 6 Aug. 1974 Portland, Indiana
pr: Joseph SCHMIDT and Magdalena STENGER

D. Clemens MAY b. 13 Feb. 1898 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 1 Sept. 1970 Portland, Indiana
m. 11 March 1937 Holy Trinity, Indiana
Eleanora SCHMIDT b. 1 April 1893 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. 29 May 1974 Portland, Indiana
pr: Joseph SCHMIDT and Magdalena STENGER

E. Elizabeth MAY b. 24 March 1899 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 7 April 1970 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 12 Jan. 1921 St. Anthony, Ohio
Joseph SCHMIDT b. 26 May 1895 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. 22 Aug. 1975 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Joseph SCHMIDT and Magdalena STENGER

F. Hildagard Anna MAY b. 18 Jan. 1901 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 18 July 1965 Frenchtown, Ohio
m. 17 June 1924 St. Anthony, Ohio
Henry Rome (Jerome) WAGNER b. 25 Oct. 1900 Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 10 Feb. 1967 Greenville, Ohio
pr: John WAGNER and Regina REINHART

G. Alphonse MAY b. 26 Nov. 1903 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 4 April 1932 Yankton, South Dakota

H. Frank MAY b. 22 Jan. 1906 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 6 Jan. 1962 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 11 April 1934 Maria Stein, Ohio
Cecelia E. VOSKUHL b. 23 March 1904 Maria Stein, Ohio
pr: Henry VOSKUHL and Josephine KUETHER

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I. Mary MAY b. 29 May 1908 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 31 May 1974 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 26 April 1941 St. Anthony, Ohio
Urban REITZ b. 11 March 1909 Groom, Texas
d. June 1974 Portland, Indiana
pr: Joseph REITZ and Veronica CLEMENS

J. Marvin MAY b. 22 Nov. 1910 Jay Co. Indiana
m. May 1982 St. Meinrad Abbey, Indiana
Anna Marie DILLER b. 9 May 1909 St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Philip DILLER and Anna GROSS

K. Cletus MAY b. 8 Feb. 1913 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 15 June 1961 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 12 Jan. 1937 Trinity, Indiana
Esther SCHMIT b. 24 Dec. 1915 Jay Co. Indiana
pr: Benjamin SCHMIT and Bertha FREUND



Top picture: the MAY house with old porch, wedding of Mary MAY and Urban Reitz, witnesses-Marvin MAY and Rose REITZ. Left picture: back row, Christine BUSSMEIER, Lidwina, Mary, and Caroline MAY; front row, Werner and John WAGNER. Right picture: Ruth and Rita WAGNER, Hildagard MAY, Henry, Werner, and John WAGNER.

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The Gerhard MAY and Rosina DILLER family: front row, left to right: Hildagard, Cletus, Gerhard, Rosina, Marvin, Mary; back row: Frank, Lidwina, John, Caroline, Clemens, Elizabeth, Alphonse.



SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION

Back row: Elizabeth MAY
John MAY

Front: Clemens MAY
Hildagard MAY

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A. LIDWINA MAY



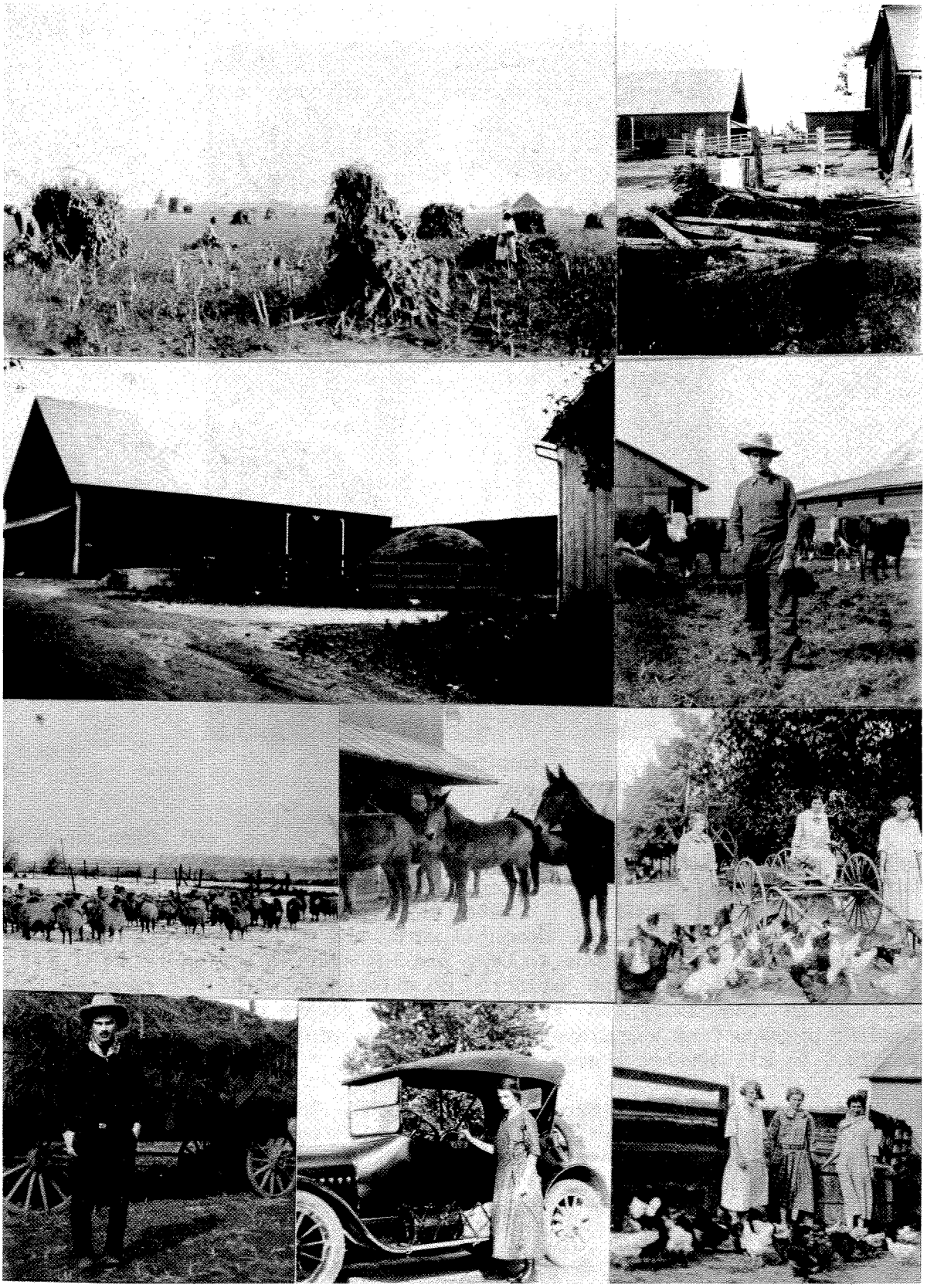
Lidwina MAY

Lidwina MAY was the first child born to Rosina and Gerhard MAY. Being the oldest of the family, she soon learned to be of help to her mother. She cared for the younger ones, and when old enough she also worked for other families. When she was a young lady, she went to Cincinnati to work. She did domestic work and cooking for the wealthy. She returned home to Indiana to help her mother. In her early adult life she became ill and was not able to do strenuous work. I remember her sitting in the swing on the front porch always praying the rosary or reading prayers from her prayer book. She prayed much for this MAY family. We all owe her a great debt.

Lidwina's sisters, Caroline, Elizabeth, Hildagard, and Mary, also went to Cincinnati to work for the wealthy. Here they met many other girls who also worked in the neighborhood. Here they met Christine BUSSMEIER and the SCHMIDT girls. Elizabeth married Joseph A. SCHMIDT, the brother of Louise and Nora SCHMIDT. Louise married John MAY and Nora married Clemens MAY.

A. Lidwina MAY b. 25 Jan. 1891 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 20 July 1960 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana

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B. CAROLINE MAY



Lidwina and Caroline MAY

Caroline MAY was the second child and second daughter of Rosina DILLER and Gerhard MAY. Caroline helped at home with the cleaning, canning, and caring for the younger children. In her young days she went to Cincinnati to work. She made many friends there including many priests and nuns. She worked for Father WOERNKE, who was chaplin for the Good Shepherd Home for Girls. The priest, the nuns, and the girls at the home really loved Caroline. When she visited they came running, calling, "Miss Caroline." When Caroline's mother died in 1935, her father asked to come home to help with the housework. I remember that our family went to Cincinnati to get some of her belongings. While there we visited the nuns and the girls at the home. This was a learning experience for us. This home was on North Bend Hill, close to Vine Street, and early in the morning we heard the cars going down the hill to work. Now the Good Shepherd home is closed.

Her father died in 1939, after several weeks illness. Then there was Mary, Marvin, Lidwina, and Caroline left at home. I remember staying there in the summertime, this was an enjoyable time for me. I learned to help with the canning and serving meals for the threshers. Another task was to walk to the corner to get the mail everyday. Caroline had a special interest in all her nieces and nephews. She helped out wherever she could. She had returned home about the time that the nieces and nephews were growing up. All can remember the gifts and special foods at Christmas and Easter time.

B. Caroline MAY b. 18 Aug. 1894 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 29 Nov. 1974 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana

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John MAY and Louisa SCHMIDT Family



Top left: Linda & Lori MAY, Janet PRIVETT, Cindy & Ron MAY, Chuck PRIVETT, Bobby MAY. Top right, front: Jerry MOORE, Keith QUATMAN. 2nd row, Dale FREIBURGER, Nancy QUATMAN, John and Judy NONMAKER, Doyle FREIBURGER, back row, Kathy FREIBURGER, Leona MOORE, Quentin FREIBURGER, holding Brett FREIBURGER, Michelle MOORE, Rosemary FREIBURGER holding Blake FREIBURGER. Middle left: Peggy, Joseph, Mary Ann, Victor, Dan, and Carol MAY. Bottom, left: Jane MAY. Bottom middle: front Mary Lou, Virgene, Diane, Dick, back Theresa, John LENGERICH. Bottom right: Dick and Lena LENGERICH.

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C. THE FAMILY of JOHN MAY and LOUISA SCHMIDT



The John MAY and Louisa SCHMIDT family: back row, left to right: Lena, Robert, Victor, Rosemary; front row, Louisa, Jane, and John.

John MAY was the third child and first son of Rosina and Gerhard. John married Louise SCHMIDT from Cincinnati. They lived on a farm several miles to the West of the Gerhard MAY home. Here John and Louise reared five children. The family attended church at Trinity, Indiana. Robert and Lena attended Center School, just north of their home, for four or five years. The rest of the years the children attended the Catholic School at Trinity.

Robert, the oldest son of John and Louise MAY, served his country in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. He married and lived on the farm of his uncle and aunt, Clemens and Nora May. Robert also worked at New Idea Co. in Coldwater, Ohio, where he was burned in a plant explosion and died one week later in 1970. Lena worked at the G. E. factory in Decatur before she married. Her husband worked at Central Soya in Decatur. After her children were older, Lena worked at Corning in Bluffton. Before she was married, Rosemary worked at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She married and reared her family at Yoder, Indiana. Victor MAY married and lived on a 40 acre farm near his home place. He worked at

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New Idea and also did carpenter work. Later he sold this acreage and built a beautiful new home just east of Trinity church. Jane May, the youngest of the John MAY family became ill when nine years old, suffering from encephalitis. She has remained single and has spent a great deal of time traveling here in United States, Hawaii and Europe.

Lena has told me that she has fond memories of going to the home of her grandparents, Gerhard MAY. She remembers one Christmas where there was a huge Christmas tree in the corner of the living room. Everyone of the grandchildren received a Xmas present from under the tree. John MAY farmed most of his married years. In 1947, he began to work for Naas Canning Company, Portland, Indiana, as a field representative. John and Louise sold their farm around the year 1965, and retired to Portland, Indiana, where they lived until they died. John and Louise are buried on the Holy Trinity Cemetery.

C. John T. MAY b. 5 Oct. 1896 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 4 Oct. 1968 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 24 Jan. 1923 White Oak, Cincinnati, Ohio
Louise SCHMIDT b. 6 July 1897 Hamilton Co. Ohio
d. 6 Aug. 1974 Portland, Indiana
pr: Joseph SCHMIDT and Magdalena STENGER

1. Robert C. MAY b. 28 July 1925 Portland, Indiana
d. 22 Oct. 1970 Indianapolis, Indiana
m. Janet EISCHEN b. 8 June 1937 Portland, Indiana
pr: Sylvester EISCHEN and Mildred SCHMIT
2nd m. Janet EISCHEN and Charles PRIVETT

a. Cindy MAY b. 22 June 1956 Portland, Indiana
m. 7 Jan. 1978 Portland, Indiana
Thomas DUJARDIN b. 14 Dec. 1940 Portland, Indiana
pr: Joseph DUJARDIN and Helen RUBLE
2nd m. Don DENNY, who has two children
1). Christopher DUJARDIN b. 11 may 1978 Portland, IN
2). Holly DENNY b. 5 Dec. 1984

b. Linda Jean MAY b. 22 Nov. 1957 Portland, Indiana
m. 4 Sept. 1976 Holy Trinity, Indiana
Kenneth WELLMAN b. 29 June 1954 Jay Co. Indiana
pr: Richard WELLMAN and Ruth, WEIGEL
2nd m. Wayne HURST
1). Kelly Jean WELLMAN b. 22 June 1978 Muncie, IN
2). Justin HURST b. 4 Feb. 1985

c. Robert Alan MAY b. 14 Nov. 1958 Portland, Indiana

d. Lori Ann MAY b. 28 July 1961 Portland, Indiana
m. 12 May 1979 Portland, Indiana
Larry LAUX b. 13 June 1956 Portland, Indiana
pr: Ralph LAUX and Alvina KNOTH
1). Andrea LAUX b. 13 Oct. 1979 Portland, Indiana
2). Benjamin LAUX b. 29 Oct. 1982

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e. Ronald Wayne MAY b. 5 Nov. 1962 Portland, Indiana

2. Lena Elenora MAY b. 11 Aug. 1926 Portland, Indiana
m. 27 April 1946 Holy Trinity, Indiana
Richard Bernard LENGERICH b. 2 March 1924 Decatur, Indiana
d. 5 May 1985 Decatur, Indiana
pr: August LENGERICH and Ellen BUMSCHLOG

a. John R. LENGERICH b. 16 March 1947 Decatur, Indiana
m. 7 March 1970 Decatur, Indiana
Jackie ECKHART b. 23 May 1950 Toledo, Ohio
pr: Ivan Charles ECKHART and Jessie COUSINO
1). Richard Jason LENGERICH b. 6 March 1973

b. Theresa Irene LENGERICH b. 28 Nov. 1948 Decatur, IN
d. 15 March 1981 Decatur, Indiana
m. 15 March 1969 Decatur, Indiana
Gary HUFFMAN b. 23 Jan. 1947 Geneva, Indiana
pr: Richard HUFFMAN and Nell AFFOLDER
1). Gary Richard HUFFMAN b. 8 July 1970 Decatur, IN
2). Michael HUFFMAN b. 3 Nov. 1973 Decatur, Indiana

c. Mary Louise LENGERICH b. 25 Dec. 1949 Decatur, Indiana
m. 3 Aug. 1979 Decatur, Indiana
Thomas SCHEUMANN b. 17 Dec. 1950 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
pr: L. W. SCHEUMANN and Malinda HORMANN
1). Christopher SCHEUMANN b. 12 Nov. 1970 Decatur, IN
2). Terri Louise SCHEUMANN b. 10 Aug.1981 Decatur, IN

d. Virgene Marie LENGERICH b. 1 March 1954 Decatur, IN
m. 13 June 1977 Panama City, Florida
Corbett RICH b. 24 Nov. 1955 Panama City, Florida
pr: Mr. and Mrs. Forest Corbett RICH
1). Elijha RICH b. 9 March 1979 Panama City, Florida
2). Joanthan Jacob. RICH b. 1 Nov. 1980 Panama City
3). Dianne Louise RICH b. 19 Dec. 1982

e. Diane Jane LENGERICH b. 30 Jan. 1955 Decatur, Indiana
m. 10 Feb. 1973 St. Marys, Decatur, Indiana
Dave MANLY b. 23 Dec. 1952 Decatur, Indiana
pr: Glenn MANLEY and Alice HAWKINS
1). Jennifer MANLY b. 28 July 1973 Decatur, Indiana
2). Kathy MANLY b. 25 Dec. 1974 Decatur, Indiana

3. Rose Mary MAY b. 25 Dec. 1929 Portland, Indiana
m. 5 May 1951 Holy Trinity, Indiana
Quentin FREIBURGER b. 23 March 1924 Yoder, Indiana
pr: Ambrose FREIBURGER and Veronica HARBER

a. Leona FREIBURGER b. 16 April 1952 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
m. 14 Feb. 1976 Yoder, Indiana
Jerry MOORE b. 18 Dec. 1942 Winchester, Indiana
pr: Clyde MOORE and Mary Elizabeth YOST
1). Michelle MOORE b. 13 Feb. 1983 Ft. Wayne, IN

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b. Nancy FREIBURGER b. 22 Dec. 1954 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
m. 29 Sept. 1984 Bluffton, IN
Keith QUATMAN b. 31 March 1957 Phoenix, Arizona
pr: Phillip QUATMAN and Catherine GOEKE Lima, Ohio

c. Dale FREIBURGER b. 28 Feb. 1956 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
m. 16 May 1981 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Cathy GIANT b. 23 April 1958 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
pr: James GIANT and Beverly SCHOEPH
1). Brett J. FREIBURGER b. 19 Oct. 1983 Ft. Wayne, IN
2). Blake J. FREIBURGER b. 7 Oct. 1984 Ft. Wayne, IN

d. Judy FREIBURGER b. 25 July 1958 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
m. 16 March 1983 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
John NONEMAKER b. 13 Nov. 1957 Marion, Indiana
pr: Jack and Mary Helen NONEMAKER Ft. Wayne, Indiana

e. Doyle FREIBURGER b. 28 Sept. 1963 Ft. Wayne, India

4. Victor MAY b. 22 Nov. 1931 Portland, Indiana
m. 25 Oct 1952 St. Anthony, Ohio
Mary Ann WENDEL b. 28 Feb. 1933 Jay Co. Indiana
pr: John WENDEL and Bernadine POST

a. Peggy MAY b. 17 July 1954 Portland, Indiana
m. 18 Aug. 1973 Holy Trinity, Indiana res. Coldwater Ohio
Wallace MINTON b. 6 June 1951 Tennessee
pr: Wallace MINTON and Elvera KRAMER
1). Jennifer MINTON b. 7 Aug. 1974 Portland, Indiana
2). Mindy MINTON b. 31 Dec. 1977 Portland, Indiana
3). Sarah MINTON b. 17 Oct. 1981

b. Carol MAY b. 30 March 1957 Portland, Indiana
m. 2 Oct 1976 Holy Trinity, Indiana
James WENDEL b. 12 Sept. 1956 Decatur, Indiana
pr: Bob WENDEL and Virginia LEININGER
1). Steven James WENDEL b. 21 April 1978 Portland, IN
2). Bradley David WENDEL b. 4 Aug. 1981 Portland, IN
3). John WENDEL b. 6 June 1985

c. Daniel MAY b. 10 Jan. 1961 Portland, Indiana
m. 18 June 1983 Portland, Indiana
Mindy HEMMELGARN b. 10 July 1961
pr: Dave and Mary HEMMELGARN Portland, Indiana
1). Peter Daniel MAY b. 11 May 1984
2). Nicklas Joseph MAY b. 20 April 1987

d. Joseph MAY 18 March 1963 Portland, Indiana
m. 5 Sept. 1986 Trinity, Indiana
Shelly CLOTT b. 9 June 1963
pr: Wanda STRONG

5. Jane MAY b. 27 Nov. 1932 Portland, Indiana

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D. CLEMENS MAY and NORA SCHMIDT



Clemens MAY and Eleanora SCHMIDT

Clemens MAY was the fourth child and second son of Rosina and Gerhard MAY. He married Nora SCHMIDT, the sister of his brother John's wife, Louise, and Elizabeth's husband Joseph SCHMIDT. They lived on a farm just south of his brother John. We have fond memories of visiting them. They had a large orchard and garden with lots of different fruit. Louise had grown up near Cincinnati on a fruit and vegetable farm, so she was interested in having this on her farm. Clem and Nora had no children but they were always interested in their nieces and nephews. Clemens was my godfather. Later they retired to Portland, Indiana, where they lived until they died. Both are buried on the Holy Trinity Cemetery.

D. Clemens MAY b. 13 Feb. 1898 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 1 Sept. 1970 Portland, Indiana
m. 11 March 1937 Holy Trinity, Indiana
Eleanora SCHMIDT b. 1 April 1893 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. 29 May 1974 Portland, Indiana
pr: Joseph SCHMIDT and Magdalena STENGER

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The Family of Joseph SCHMIDT and Elizabeth MAY



Standing, left to right: Elizabeth, Gerhard, Maurice (Bud), Richard, Joseph, David. Sitting: Mary (twin), Dolores, Alvera, Lucille, Martha, Shirley (twin). Inset: Eileen.

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E. THE FAMILY of ELIZABETH MAY and JOSEPH SCHMIDT



Joseph A. SCHMIDT and Elizabeth MAY

Elizabeth MAY was the fifth child and third daughter born to Rosina and Gerhard MAY. When a young lady she went to Cincinnati, Ohio, for employment, working as a Nanny and later as a cook in a private home. Her employment fringe benefits were extended summer vacations which the families took in Michigan and Lake Placid, New York. During her employment she met Nora and Louise, sisters of Joseph A. SCHMIDT, whom she married in January 1921. They purachased their twenty-five acre truck farm in 1921, on Gaines Road, Peach Grove, Colerain Township, approximately fifteen miles north of Cincinnati. Here they reared twelve of their fourteen children. On this farm they raised raspberries, beans, and other vegetables to be sold on the City Market.

An additional fifty-four acres (the Joseph J. SCHMIDT farm) were acquired in 1937 and converted to an apple and peach orchard consisting of 5000 trees. The orchards were sold in 1952, and with seven of her twelve children married, Elizabeth pursued her musical and artistic talents. She loved to play her organ and joined the Colerain Art Club. She took weekly art and oil painting classes, exhibiting her works in art shows. She enjoyed her painting hobby until her death. Her paintings are treasured by her children and grandchildren, relatives and friends.

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E. Elizabeth MAY b. 24 March 1899 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 7 April 1970 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 12 Jan. 1921 St. Anthony, Ohio
Joseph A. SCHMIDT b. 26 May 1895 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. 22 Aug. 1975 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Joseph J. SCHMIDT and Magdalena STENGER

1. Martha SCHMIDT b. 11 Nov. 1921 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. 17 Jan. 1973 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 2 May 1942 White Oak, Cincinnati, Ohio
Lawrence F. BURWINKEL b. 28 Feb. 1914 Hamilton Co. Ohio
pr: Frank BURWINKEL and Catherine RIES
a. Harold BURWINKEL twin b. 23 April 1943 Cincinnati, OH
d. 24 April 1943 Cincinnati, Ohio
b. David L. BURWINKEL twin b. 23 April 1943 Cincinnati
m. 15 Oct. 1966 Mt. Healthy, Ohio
Carolyn IRONS b. 19 July 1943 Indiana
pr: Cabel IRONS and Genevieve ELBRIGHT
1). Michelle BURWINKEL b. 18 Aug. 1967 Cincinnati, OH
2). Michael BURWINKEL b. 23 Apr. 1979 Cincinnati, OH
c. Richard F. BURWINKEL twin b. 4 June 1946 Cincinnati
m. 2 Oct. 1965 Mt. Healthy, Ohio
Brenda LYNCH b. 4 Mar. 1947 Caliborne, Tennessee
pr: Edward LYNCH and Bertha SHAW
1). Lynda Denise (DeeDee) BURWINKEL b. 10 Nov. 1966
m. 7 June 1985 Cincinnati
Rick HOPKINS b. 18 May 1963 Arjay, KY
pr: William HOPKINS and Loretta SMITH
a). Ashley Nicole HOPKINS b. 9 Jan. 1988
2). John BURWINKEL b. 7 May 1970 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. Donald J. BURWINKEL twin b. 4 June 1946 Cincinnati
m. 30 Aug. 1969 Mt. Healthy, Ohio
Patricia HASE b. 17 March 1946 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: George HASE and Jeanette KROEGER
1). Douglas BURWINKEL b. 13 March 1972 Cincinnati, OH
2). Kathy BURWINKEL b. 8 April 1975 Cincinnati, Ohio
3). Gregory Mark BURWINKEL b. 24 Sept.1979 Cincinnati
e. Doris Jean BURWINKEL b. 25 Feb. 1955 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 29 Aug. 1978 Cincinnati, Ohio
Gerald KNECHT b. 10 March 1956 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Harry KNECHT and Dolores FURLONG
1). Kyle KNECHT b. 11 March 1985 Cincinnati, Ohio
2). Brian KNECHT b. 19 June 1987 Cincinnati, Ohio
f. Debra Ann BURWINKEL b. 12 May 1963 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 15 Aug. 1987 Cincinnati, Ohio
Jeffry C. RHORER b. 20 July 1960 Springfield, Ohio
pr: Gerald RHORER and Geraldine SELVAGE

2. Joseph SCHMIDT b. 9 April 1923 d. 10 April 1923 Hamilton Co.

3. Dolores Elenora SCHMIDT b. 23 Sept. 1924 Hamilton Co. Ohio
m. 24 April 1948 White Oak, Cincinnati, Ohio
Richard Charles BROSS b. 8 May 1924 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Charles BROSS and Alma ZOELER

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a. Dennis R. BROSS b. 12 Aug. 1951 Cincinnati, Ohio
b. Arlene Ruth BROSS b. 10 Oct 1953 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 12 July 1975 Cincinnati, Ohio
Sam C. PRESNELL III b. 5 Dec. 1951 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Sam. C. PRESNELL II and Edna HICKS
1). Beau Tyler PRESNELL b. 29 Dec. 1984 Cincinnati
c. Pamela Jane BROSS b. 6 July 1958 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 4 Feb.d 1984 Cincinnati, Ohio
John Scott (Michael) BURNETT b. 5 Dec. 1955
pr: William (Wes) Wesley BURNETT & Anna Catherine BURNSIDE
d. Gary Charles BROSS b. 19 Sept. 1966 Cincinnati, Ohio

4. Maurice Joseph SCHMIDT b. 2 June 1927 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 22 Oct. 1949 White Oak, Ohio
Jane BUCHERT b. 18 July 1932 Hamilton Co. Ohio
pr: Andrew BUCHERT and Lenna GEHRING
a. Andrew Joseph SCHMIDT b. 9 Sept. 1950 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 9 Sept. 1972 Dartown, Ohio
Pamela HACKWORTH b. 20 Nov. 1951 Portsmouth, Ohio
pr: Clifton HACKWORTH and Donnie WILKERSON
1). Daniel Lee SCHMIDT b. 6 Sept. 1973 Hamilton, Ohio
2). Stephen Andrew SCHMIDT b. 5 Sept. 1977 Cincinnati
b. Maurice Joseph SCHMIDT Jr. b. 6 Dec. 1951 Cincinnati
m. 8 May 1973 Camden, Ohio
Marian FRENCH b. 3 March 1953 Middletown, Ohio
pr: Marion FRENCH and Sybil WOODS
1). Maria SCHMIDT b. 1 Dec. 1973 Oxford, Ohio
2). Joshua SCHMIDT b. 27 Feb. 1975 Oxford, Ohio
3). August Maria SCHMIDT b. 31 Aug. 1976 Oxford, Ohio
c. Fredrick Joseph SCHMIDT b. 19 Feb. 1953 Cincinnati, OH
m. 26 May 1972 Camden, Ohio
Rebecca ARK b. 6 Oct. 1954 Nelsonville, Ohio
pr: Roger ARK and Dorothy ELLIS
1). Adam Bartholomew SCHMIDT b. 29 Oct 1972 Hamilton
2). Aaron Clay SCHMIDT b. 15 Dec. 1973 Hamilton, Ohio
3). Dorothy Jane SCHMIDT b. 7 March 1975 Hamilton, OH
4). Erica Renee SCHMIDT b. 2 Au g. 1976 Hamilton, OH
d. Lenna Marie SCHMIDT b. 26 March 1954 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 11 April 1975 Eaton, Ohio
Thomas Alvin McKEE b. 4 Jan. 1952 Dayton, Ohio
pr: Donald Leo McKEE and Margie Ray UHL
1). Sarah Elizabeth McKEE b. 20 Nov. 1976 Dayton
2). Tiffany Ann McKEE b. 30 Jan. 1981
3). Calli Jo McKEE b. 15 Oct. 1986
e. Sandra Jane SCHMIDT b. 29 Sept. 1955 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 26 Jan. 1974 Oxford, Ohio
David Lee KALNAI b. 1 Oct. 1952 Middletown, Ohio
pr: Stephen KALNAI and Emogene MORGAN
1). James Lee KALNAI b. 16 July 1974 Oxford, Ohio
2). William Bradford KALNAI b. 22 Nov. 1976 Oxford
f. Thomas SCHMIDT b. 18 April 1962 Cincinnati, Ohio
g. Laurie SCHMIDT b. 22 Dec. 1965 Cincinnati, Ohio
1). Jonothan Andrew SCHMIDT b. 30 June 1986

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5. Gerhard A. SCHMIDT b. 16 Nov. 1929 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 2 Oct 1954 Cincinnati, Ohio
Joan WINDHOLTZ b. 13 June 1933 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Edward WINDHOLTZ and Martha MARTINI res. Delhi, OH
a. Alan SCHMIDT b. 29 July 1955 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 19 June 1976 Cincinnati, Ohio
Judith WAGNER b. 19 Feb. 1958 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: John WAGNER and Vera QUINN
1). Alan SCHMIDT b. 7 Sept. 1977 Cincinnati, Ohio
2). David Kenneth SCHMIDT b. 25 April 1983 Cincinnati
b. James SCHMIDT b. 16 Sept. 1956 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 24 Oct. 1980 Oxford, Ohio
Lois WELLNER b. 2 Jan. 1956 Rochester, New York
pr: Lawrence WELLNER and Margaret GISLASON
1). Morgan Wellner SCHMIDT b. 4 May 1986 Cincinnati
c. Lois SCHMIDT b. 9 July 1959 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 19 Oct. 1985
William J. SIMMONS pr: James C. SIMMONS & Sophia BURODE
d. Timothy SCHMIDT b. 3 Oct. 1963 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 30 Nov. 1985 Oxford, Ohio
Kimberly J. FRALEY b. 7 June 1962 Middletown, Ohio
pr: Ronald FRALEY and Frances TRIMBLE
1). Sarah Kristine SCHMIDT b. 10 June 1987 Cincinnati
e. Sheri SCHMIDT b. 1 Sept 1967 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 18 April 1987
Darryl SIZELOVE Waynesviller, Ohio
pr: Richard SIZELOVE and Patricia SCHEPLER

6. Richard C. SCHMIDT b. 4 May 1931 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. 1 Aug. 1973 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
m. 27 Jan 1951 Cincinnati, Ohio
Dolores A. STEHLIN b. 20 Jan. 1932 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: William STEHLIN and Cecelia WITTEKIND res. Mt. Healthy
2nd m. of Dolores STEHLIN SCHMIDT 30 Dec. 1977
Eugene A. BENDER pr: Ralph BENDER and Jeannetter MUELLER
a. Diane S. SCHMIDT b. 3 Dec. 1951 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 8 June 1974 Ft. Lauderdale, FL res. Bright, IN
Ralph (Gary) GRAMMER b. 7 Nov. 1948 Dania, Florida
pr: Robert L. GRAMMER and Aileen HOLLAND Dania, FL
1). Jennifer Ann GRAMMER b.15 Oct.1980 Altamonte Spr.
2). Matthew Gary GRAMMER b. 27 Sept. 1983 Cincinnati
3). Jaclyn Susanne GRAMMER b. 26 April 1986 Cin.
b. Richard (Ricky) SCHMIDT b. 4 Aug. 1955 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 23 Aug. 1975 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida res. Bright,IN
Roberta KENNEN b. 15 Sept. 1955 Pawtucket, R. I.
pr: John KENNEN and Ursula LOCKLIN res. Rhode Island
1). Leanne SCHMIDT b. 9 March 1975 Cincinnati, Ohio
2). Christy Lee SCHMIDT b. 30 Dec. 1981 Cincinnati
3). Melissa SCHMIDT b. 10 May 1984 Cincinnati, Ohio
c. Sharon SCHMIDT b. 23 Oct. 1956 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 16 Nov. 1973 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Norman KAPPLER pr: Norman and Anita KAPPLER Ft. Laud.
1). Dawn Lynn KAPPLER BENDER b. 2 April 1974 Ft.Laud.
2nd m. of Sharon SCHMIDT KAPPLER 23 June 1978 Cin.

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Michael Richard BENDER b. 4 Nov. 1958 Cincinnati
pr: Eugene A. BENDER and Doris ELLIS Cincinnati, Ohio
2). Sara Maria BENDER b. 9 Dec. 1980 Cincinnati, Ohio
3). Michael BENDER b. 27 April 1984 Cincinnati, Ohio

d. Bryan William SCHMIDT b. 17 Oct. 1960 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 23 April 1988 Cincinnati, Ohio
Kathi M. WILLIAMS b. 14 Nov. 1957
pr: John E. WILLIAMS and Patricia E. SANDMANN Cin.

e. Lisa Marie SCHMIDT b. 14 Dec. 1966 Cincinnati, Ohio

7. Eileen Thelma SCHMIDT b. 30 Nov. 1932 d. 11 May 1933

8. Alvera T. SCHMIDT b. 16 March 1934 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 25 Oct. 1952 White Oak, Ohio
Cyril A. ENDERLE b. 8 Dec. 1929 Mt. Healthy, Ohio
pr: Ray ENDERLE and Cornellia WIRTH

a. Karen Sue ENDERLE b. 14 Sept. 1958 Cincinnati, Ohio

9. Lucille T. SCHMIDT b. 25 April 1935 Hamilton Co. Ohio
m. 9 Oct. 1955 White Oak, Ohio
Robert BURGER b. 18 May 1933 New Burlington, Ohio
pr: William BURGER and Rose ESPEL

a. Peggy Ann BURGER b. 8 April 1959 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 20 Oct. 1979 Camden, Ohio
Byron GUCKIAN b. 21 Dec. 1956 Eaton, Ohio
pr: Donald GUCKIAN and Ruth Anne MILLER
1). Bradly Joseph GUCKIAN b.1 Jan 1985

b. Rodney BURGER b. 21 April 1966 Hamilton, Ohio

10. Joseph Harold SCHMIDT b. 8 April 1936 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 24 Nov. 1955 Mt. Healthy, Ohio
Mildred LAMPP b. 2 July 1938 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Frederick LAMPP and Margaret WISEMAN

a. Joseph H. SCHMIDT Jr. b. 22 June 1957 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 1 April 1978 Cincinnati, Ohio
Karen BOGGS b. 28 Aug. 1957 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: William BOGGS and Janet DUERR
1). Sara L. SCHMIDT b. 13 Feb. 1983 Cincinnati, Ohio
2). Joseph H. SCHMIDT III b. 17 Sept. 1986 Cin. OH

b. Kathleen A. SCHMIDT b. 17 Feb. 1959 d. 3 May 1959 Cin.

c. Kenneth W. SCHMIDT b. 21 July 1960 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 1985 Cincinnati, Ohio
Mollie McKEE b. 10 May 1965 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Robert McKEE and Gail FISCHER
1). Katherine E. SCHMIDT b. 6 Oct. 1985 Cincinnati

d. Barbara Ann SCHMIDT b. 6 Sept. 1961 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 1983 Cincinnait, Ohio
Barry M. SMITH b. 14 April 1958 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Samuel SMITH and Ann O'DONALD

e. Robert R. SCHMIDT b. 17 Sept. 1962 Cincinnait, Ohio
m. 1984 Cincinnati, Ohio
Patricia M. ONDECK b. 19 Jan. 1963 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: John ONDECK and Patricia DUNHAM

f. Philip J. SCHMIDT twin b. 7 Dec. 1963 Cincinnati, Ohio

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m. 1984 Cincinnati, Ohio
Pamila UNGERBUEHLER b. 9 Sept. 1965 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Walter UNGERBUEHLER and Dolores DUNLAP
1). Kara M. SCHMIDT b. 11 Oct. 1984 Cincinnati, Ohio

g. Maria SCHMIDT twin b. 7 Dec. 1963 d. 11 Dec. 1963

11. Shirley Ann SCHMIDT twin b. 10 June 1938 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 8 Aug. 1959 Mt. Healthy, Ohio
William MERLING b. 7 Nov. 1938 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Richard MERLING and Mary HENNESLY

a. John MERLING M.D. b. 15 Jan. 1961 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 1 March 1986 Cincinnati
Mary Ann HANEBERG M.D. b. 24 June 1961
pr: Richard HANEBERG and Mary Ann NOCTON Cincinnati
1). Everett William MERLING b. 5 Sept. 1987

b. Jeffrey Lee MERLING b. 9 Dec. 1965 Cincinnati, Ohio

12. Mary Lee SCHMIDT twin b. 10 June 1938 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 7 July 1955 Newport, Kentucky
Harry George DAVIS b. 18 Sept. 1936 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Samuel R. DAVIS and Viola HELLMUND res. Cincinnati

a. Steven William DAVIS b. 23 Jan. 1957 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 23 April 1976 West Union, Ohio
Terri Elaine CHANDLER b. 6 June 1957 Maysville, KY
pr: Don CHANDLER and Marilyn WASON res. KY

b. Glenn Russell DAVIS 12 July 1958 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 8 June 1985 Charlotte, N. C.
Terri Lynn COOPER b. 15 March 1964
pr: William Harold COOPER and Juanita Joan TUCKER

13. Elizabeth May SCHMIDT b. 21 Sept. 1939 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 26 Oct. 1957 Newport, KY
Gerald ANDRES b. 13 Aug. 1937 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Joseph ANDRES and Edna HEGG
2nd m. 12 Dec. 1975 Lawrenceburg, Indiana
James SHERLOCK b. 7 June 1938 Akron, Ohio
pr: James SHERLOCK and Irene ELY

a. Keith ANDRES b. 26 June 1958 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 25 Oct. 1980 Cheviot, Ohio
Alice BLOOMHUFF b. 11 May 1959 Wilmington, Ohio
pr: Donald and Mary BLOOMHUFF
2nd m. 25 Sept. 1987 Cheryl MANCINI
pr: Ronald MANCINI and Vicke ROCCHIO res. Amelia, OH
1). Kristine ANDRES b. 13 June 1983

b. Kurt ANDRES b. 10 April 1960 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 15 Aug. 1982 Dawn Marie BAKER
pr: Ervin BAKER and Mary Ann PLOGMANN Cincinnati, OH
1). Christopher Joseph ANDRES b. 25 Jan. 1983

14. David Lawrence SCHMIDT b. 13 Aug. 1940 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 5 May 1962 Cincinnati, Ohio
Janice L. WAGNER b. 3 Dec. 1941 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: John F. WAGNER and Vera QUINN

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a. Lynn Ann SCHMIDT b. 22 Feb. 1963 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 11 July 1987 Ronald B. (Barry) COBB
pr: Barry Wilton COBB and Carol Sue PATTON Hamilton
b. David Lawrence SCHMIDT b. 15 Nov. 1965 Cincinnati, Ohio
c. Sheri Lee SCHMIDT b. 17 July 1968 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. Gregg Steven SCHMIDT b. 13 Nov. 1969 Cincinnati, Ohio

Pictures: Joseph and Elizabeth Schmidt Home, "Peach Grove", Gaines Rd. Cincinnati. Family, standing: Maurice, Lucille, Gerhard, Dolores, David, Elizabeth, Mary Lee, Joseph. Sitting: Shirley Ann and Alvera. 1987.



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Top left: Ruth, Werner & Mary Lou (25th Wedding), John, Rita Wagner. Right: Mark & Roseann SCHIELTZ 1988. Bottom left: Rita TIMMERMAN's grandchildren (five more since), shown with Wilfred TIMMERMAN and Roger & Theresa KISER at their wedding. Right: Ron & Joan WAGNER at their wedding.

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F. THE FAMILY of HILDAGARD MAY and HENRY WAGNER



The family of Henry WAGNER and Hildagard MAY: back row, left to right: John, Henry, Ruth, Rita; front: Hildagard and Werner.

Hildagard MAY was the sixth child and fourth daughter born to Rosina and Gerhard MAY. Hildagard attended school at St. Anthony when it was time for First and Solemn Communion. During her first year she attended the BUETTEL school, just half a mile to the north of the MAY home. Caroline had contracted polio and had a impaired leg, so Hildagard walked with Caroline to school. Later Hildagard attended GIBSON school, graduating from the eighth grade there. Sadie SNYDER was the only other person in her class. Mother talked much about her childhood days to her children. In fact, she related many stories about all the relatives and pioneers. She remembered her enjoyable days at school, evidently she was a very good student. One of her teachers played the organ and he and the students had singing often. German was a favorite subject, learning to read and write the old German script.

Hilda, as she was called, also went to Cincinnati to work for the wealthy. She was a dining room girl; that is, she cleaned the house and then served in the dining room. Two of her employers were HIRSCHES and FREIBURGS. HIRSCHES had a little girl, and Hilda spent many evenings babysitting for her. Hilda also went to Charlevoix, Michigan, with the family, when they went to spend time in their summer home.

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Hildagard MAY married Henry WAGNER on 17 June 1924. They lived in Celina, Ohio, because Henry worked at Mersman Furniture Factory. Their first house was on the corner by the Catholic Church where the new grade school now stands. Then they moved to a house on Echo Street. Later they moved into a house owned by Walter MERSMAN on Sugar Street. This house was close to Grandmother WAGNER. Here Hilda and Henry reared their four children, moving to a seventy acre farm at Frenchtown, Darke County, Ohio, in 1938. Henry continued to drive to Celina to work until 1942 after World War II had started. Henry then went to work at a war plant, Monarch Machine Tool Company in Sidney, Ohio.

Their four children grew up in this French community, and married and had families of their own. Rita was a devoted mother to twelve children and she enjoyed her grandchildren very much. Almost every evening someone was there to visit. She left this world early and is missed very much by everyone who knew her. Ruth attended college at the Dominican College, Siena Heights College, Adrian, Michigan, receiving an A. B. degree. She married, had a family of four children, and with the help of her husband still completed 31 years as an educator. John married and had four children, working many years at General Motors, driving every day from Versailles. John also left this world early and is sadly missed by all. Werner married and lives with his wife and five children near Celina.

Hilda and Henry both died early. Hilda died in 1965 from diabetes and heart trouble. Henry died in 1967 from cancer. Both are buried on the Holy Family Cemetery, next to the Holy Family Church at Frenchtown.

F. Hildagard Anna MAY b. 18 Jan. 1901 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 18 July 1965 Frenchtown, Ohio
m. 17 June 1924 St. Anthony, Ohio
Henry Rome (Jerome) WAGNER b. 25 Oct. 1900 Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 10 Feb. 1967 Greenville, Ohio
pr: John WAGNER and Regina REINHART

1. Rita Mary WAGNER b. 16 April 1925 Celina, Ohio
d. 24 Sept. 1985 Ft. Loramie, Ohio
m. 26 July 1946 Frenchtown, Ohio
Wilfred TIMMERMAN b. 26 Nov. 1923 Burkettsville, Ohio
pr: Anthony TIMMERMAN and Frances RAMMEL
2nd m. Wilfred to Jean HILL March 1987

a. James Henry TIMMERMAN b. 28 Sept. 1947 Celina, Ohio
m. 5 Sept. 1970 St. Anthony, Ohio
Jane POST b. 26 June 1947 Celina, Ohio
pr: Norbert POST and Leona NIEBERDING
1). Connie Marie TIMMERMAN b. 15 Nov. 1971 Coldwater
2). Douglas TIMMERMAN b. 19 Dec. 1972 Coldwater, OH
3). Jeffery TIMMERMAN b. 8 July 1974 Coldwater, Ohio
4). Karen Ann TIMMERMAN b. 5 April 1977 Coldwater
5). Kathy Jo TIMMERMAN b. 13 April 1979 Coldwater
6). Krista Mary TIMMERMAN b. 31 May 1980 Coldwater
7). Adam TIMMERMAN b. Aug. 1987 Coldwater, Ohio

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b. Barbara Ann TIMMERMAN b. 5 Oct. 1948 Celina, Ohio
m. 17 Aug. 1972 Ft. Loramie, Ohio
Harry PHLIPOT b. 28 May 1948 Piqua, Ohio
pr: Vern PHLIPOT and Norma BAIR
1). Sherri Marie PHLIPOT b. 18 Oct. 1973 Coldwater
2). Scott Thomas PHLIPOT b. 25 Aug. 1976 Coldwater
3). Kevin Jon PHLIPOT b. 21 Sept. 1978 Coldwater, OH

c. Thomas G. TIMMERMAN b. 29 July 1950 Geneva, Indiana
m. 12 May 1972 St. Remy Church, Russia, Ohio
Mary Ann MANGEN b. 29 Oct. 1950 Versailles, Ohio
pr: George MANGEN and Julie O'REILLY
1). Julie TIMMERMAN twin b. 9 Sept. 1974 Piqua, Ohio
2). Jennifer TIMMERMAN twin b. 9 Sept. 1974 Piqua, OH
3). Angela TIMMERMAN b. 17 March 1977 Piqua, Ohio
4). Gregory Thomas TIMMERMAN b. 29 June 1979 Piqua
5). Sara TIMMERMAN b. 7 Aug. 1982

d. Joseph TIMMERMAN b. 13 Dec. 1951 Decatur, Indiana
m. 16 Sept. 1972 St. Remy Church, Russia, Ohio
Debarrah SCHULZE b. 18 Jan. 1952 Piqua, Ohio
pr: Albert SCHULZE and Mary Lou GOUBEAUX
1). Amy Marie TIMMERMAN b. 20 Aug. 1973 Coldwater, OH
2). Brian Joseph TIMMERMAN b. 29 March 1975 Coldwater
3). Nicholas Joseph TIMMERMAN b. 25 June 1978
4). Adam Joseph TIMMERMAN b. 5 June 1982 Coldwater
5). Christopher Joseph TIMMERMAN b. 13 Nov. 1984

e. Stephen TIMMERMAN b. 28 Oct. 1952 Portland, Indiana
m. 17 Oct. 1975 Burkettsville, Ohio
Sandra WENDEL b. 29 Nov. 1955 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Louis WENDEL and Irma RAMMEL
1). Tammy Marie TIMMERMAN b. 16 July 1975 Coldwater
2). Janella Marie TIMMERMAN b. 28 Sept. 1976Coldwater
3). Kimberly Dawn TIMMERMAN b. 12 Sept. 1977Coldwater
4). Jackie Marie TIMMERMAN b. 15 Oct. 1978 Coldwater
5). Bradly Michael TIMMERMAN b.1 April 1980 Coldwater
d. 2 Aug. 1980 Burkettsville, Ohio

f. Raymond TIMMERMAN b. 9 Nov. 1953 Decatur, Indiana
m. 30 Nov. 1974 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
Karen LENNARTZ b. 1 Oct. 1955 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Louis LENNARTZ and Ruth BEY
1). Gary Michael TIMMERMAN b. 19 May 1976 Coldwater
2). Eric Thomas TIMMERMAN b. 28 May 1978 Coldwater
3). Danial Bernard TIMMERMAN b.24 July 1980 Coldwater
4). Lisa Deborah TIMMERMAN b. 17 Jan. 1983 Coldwater
5). Matthew Duane TIMMERMAN b. 2 Oct. 1986 Coldwater

g. Paul Leo TIMMERMAN b. 11 June 1955 Portland, Indiana
m. 20 Aug. 1977 Columbus, Ohio
Patty SMITH b.2 April 1959 Columbus, Ohio
pr: Marvin SMITH and Kay FRANCIS
1). Mark Christopher TIMMERMAN b. 24 Dec. 1977 Cold-water, OH
2). Joyce Ann TIMMERMAN b. 8 Aug. 1979 Coldwater, OH
3). Keith Michael TIMMERMAN b. 18 June 1981 Coldwater

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h. Michael TIMMERMAN b. 30 May, 1956 Portland, Indiana
m. 16 Dec. 1978 Minster, Ohio
Ann OEN b. 21 Oct. 1954 Lima, Ohio
pr: Daniel OEN and Cleora BENSMAN
1). David Walter TIMMERMAN b. 6 June 1980 Sidney, OH
2). John Michael TIMMERMAN b. 28 Feb. 1982 St. Marys
3). Kathleen Marie TIMMERMAN b. 28 Oct 1987

i. Patrick TIMMERMAM b. 31 May 1957 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 25 Oct. 1980 Minster, Ohio
Diane THIEMAN b. 19 Feb. 1958 St. Marys, Ohio
pr: Cletus THIEMAN and Marcella HOYING
1). Michelle Lynn TIMMERMAN b. 28 Sept. 1987

j. Norbert TIMMERRMAN b. 3 Aug. 1958 Coldwater, Ohio

k. Leo Bernard TIMMERMAN b. 14 Aug. 1959 Coldwater, Ohio
d. 14 Aug. 1959 Coldwater, Ohio bur. St. Peter, Ohio

l. Maurice TIMMERMAN b. 16 Jan. 1962 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 19 June 1982 Coldwater, Ohio
Marcia MILLER b. 13 June 1962 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Ralph MILLER and Janice HUWER
1). Jason Michael TIMMERMAN b. 20 Oct. 1983
2). Aaren Michael TIMMERMAN b. 21 Oct. 1986

m. Theresa TIMMERMAN b. 4 Sept. 1964 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 7 Dec. 1985 Ft. Loramie, Ohio
Roger KISER b. 9 Jan. 1961 Sidney, Ohio
pr: Thomas KISER and Helen SCHMIDT

2. Ruth Catherine WAGNER b. 17 March 1926 Celina, Ohio
m. 29 July 1950 Holy Family Church, Frenchtown, Ohio
George Alfred SCHIELTZ b. 21 Oct. 1923 Darke Co. Ohio
pr: Louis SCHIELTZ and Ursula BARGA

a. Mark Gerard SCHIELTZ b. 29 April 1952 Piqua, Ohio
m. 29 April 1977 Sharpsburg, Ohio
Roseann STACHLER b. 14 Dec. 1953 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Clarence STACHLER and Veronica QUINTER

b. Regina Marie SCHIELTZ b. 23 Sept. 1954 Piqua, Ohio

c. Kevin John SCHIELTZ b. 5 June 1956 Troy, Ohio

d. Brice Timothy SCHIELTZ b. 24 Jan. 1961 Greenville, Ohio

3. John Henry WAGNER b. 28 Nov. 1927 Celina, Ohio
d. 6 May 1986 Troy, Ohio
m. 15 May 1954 Versailles, Ohio
Patricia PHLIPOT b. 16 Oct. 1933 Newport, Ohio
pr: Louis PHLIPOT and Stella DAPORE
2nd m. Patricia PHLIPOT 21 Nov. 1987 James BORCHERS

a. Lawrence WAGNER b. 1 March 1955 Greenville, Ohio
m. 14 Oct. 1978 Sharpsburg, Ohio
Joan FORTKAMP b. 27 Aug. 1958 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Vincent FORTKAMP and Jean REIER

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1). Craig Roger WAGNER b. 15 Nov. 1979 Greenville, OH
2). Joseph Robert WAGNER b. 19 Jan. 1981 Greenville
3). Kenneth James WAGNER b. 27 Aug. 1983
4). Michael Lawrence WAGNER b. 28 July 1985

b. Jane WAGNER twin b. 11 June 1956 Greenville, Ohio
m. 20 Oct. 1979 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
Richard WILLMANN b. 26 May 1957 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Harold WILLMANN and Ruth MOORMAN
1). Janell Lynn WILLMANN b. 10 Sept. 1982
2). David Edward WILLMANN b. 20 July 1985
3). Mark John WILLMANN b. 30 Dec. 1986 Coldwater, OH

c. Janet WAGNER twin b. 11 June 1956 Greenville, Ohio
m. 21 June 1980 Wendelin, Ohio
Paul POTTKOTTER b. 14 Nov. 1955 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Albert POTTKOTTER and Marie LANGE
1). Brad Joseph POTTKOTTER b. 23 March 1982 Coldwater
2). Nicholas Paul POTTKOTTER b.11 June 1984 Coldwater
3). Andrew Albert POTTKOTTER b. 23 Oct.1987 Coldwater

d. Joyce WAGNER b. 27 Aug. 1961 Greenville, Ohio
m. 12 Oct. 1985 St. Denis Church, Versailles, Ohio
Dale SHERMAN b. 22 Nov. 1960 St. Marys, Ohio
pr: Lester SHERMAN and Phyllis HILGEFORT
1). Ryan John SHERMAN b. 30 Aug. 1986 Hamilton, Ont.

4. Werner Joseph WAGNER b. 28 Jan. 1932 Celina, Ohio
m. 21 April 1956 Greenville, Ohio
Mary Lou McELDOWNEY b. 2 Dec. 1936 Twin Falls, Idaho
pr: Arthur McELDOWNEY and Mildred SUBLER

a. Richard WAGNER b. 27 Feb. 1957 Celina, Ohio

b. Ronald WAGNER b. 18 Feb. 1960 Celina, Ohio
m. 9 April 1988 Guadalupe, Montezuma, Ohio
Joan WALTERBUSCH b. 20 Nov. 1965
pr: Elmer WALTERBUSCH and Virginia SCHMIDT

c. Theresa Marie WAGNER b. 6 Feb. 1968 Celina, Ohio

d. Roger Anthony WAGNER b. 5 April 1971 Celina, Ohio

e. Martha Ann WAGNER b. 16 Sept. 1972 Celina, Ohio

5. Anna Marie WAGNER b. 21 July 1942 Frenchtown, Ohio
d. 22 July 1942 Frenchtown, Ohio

Composite, next page: Top,left: Back, Ruth, George, Regina SCHIELTZ, front, Mark, Kevin, Brice SCHIELTZ. Top, right: Back, Rick, Roger, Ron WAGNER, front, Theresa, Martha, Mary Lou, Werner WAGNER. Bottom, left: Back, Joseph, Barbara, Paul, Rita, Thomas, Wilfred, Stephen, Theresa, Maurice TIMMERMAN, front, Patriack, Norbert, Raymond, Michael, James TIMMERMAN. Bottom, right, back, Larry, John, Janet WAGNER, front, Jane, Patricia, Joyce WAGNER.

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G. ALPHONSE MAY



Alphonse MAY

Alphonse MAY was the seventh child and third son of Rosina and Gerhard MAY. He grew up on the family farm, attending school and church with the family. As a young man, he went to work at the Sacred Heart Convent, Yankton, South Dakota. He did farm work and other jobs for the Sisters. He became ill and died from pneumonia at Yankton, South Dakota. He is buried on the St. Anthony, Ohio, cemetery. A letter from the Sisters after his death, is printed on the following pages. This is a great tribute to him and was a consolation to his parents, and brothers and sisters.

G. Alphonse MAY b. 26 Nov. 1903 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 4 April 1932 Yankton, South Dakota

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Sacred Heart Convent
Yankton, South Dakota
April 6, 1932

Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard May
Bryant, Indiana

Dear Mr. and Mrs. May:

No doubt the news of the death of your dear son must have been a great shock to you and I know with what grief and sorrow your heart must be filled. Will you allow us in this hour of sorrow to add our sympathy to yours for we truly know what a loss we are all incurring in Alphonse's death. Your grief is ours, too, for his death leaves a real gap in our convent family. You have lost a good son, but we must all see God's holy will in this trial and try to be resigned to his sweet ordaining. It will console you to know that Alphonse was an exceptionally good boy, so dutiful, clean, gentle and sterling in character. All the three years he worked for us he proved to be the most faithful and reliable help we have ever had. We can say this without the least hesitation. He was interested in his work and we could place absolute reliance on anything committed to his charge. He was always ready to help anywhere even if the work did not fall directly under his care of the barn or stock. Neither any of the hired men or any of the sisters could ever voice the slightest complaint against him. Everyone loved him with whom he came into contact.

You will also be happy to know that he did not neglect any of his Christian duties. He went to the sacraments frequently and a lover of the Sacred Heart. Last Friday was perhaps the first time he ever missed Holy Communion, on that Friday. It was last Friday morning that he did not feel well enough to get up and it was from that date that his fatal sickness began. That morning the doctor ordered him to the Hospital, but he did not think himself sufficiently ill to go. After some little coaxing, however, he submitted with his usual cheerfulness. Our own sisters had charge of the hospital which is barely a block from the convent. His condidtion unexpectedly became serious. At first the doctor thought it to be only tonsilitis, but some deadly infection set into his throat and on Monday noon, April 4th, the attending physician began to lose hope for him. As a very considerate son he was always afraid of causing his parents worry and so he would not permit the sisters to inform you of his condition until hope had vanished. The hospital chaplin attended him and gave him all the sacraments of the dying. The convent chaplin also visited him. So did many of the Sisters and myself. I had the consolation to be present when his beautiful soul left this vale of tears to enjoy the eternal vision of his creator. He died in the afternoon at about 5 P. M. It all occurred so rapidly the matter of his taking sick and his dying, that it seems impossible for us to quite grasp it. His death was a very calm and quiet one. May he rest in the peace of the God who he served so faithfully.

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On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week we had Forty Hours Devotion at the Convent. On Monday was celebrated the transferred feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin. I had requested the Sisters to ask our Eucharistic King the cure of Alphonse if it should be God's Holy Will. The pupils of the Academy offered their studies and their Holy Adoration hour for the same intention, but it pleased the Good Lord to call his faithful servant on the feast of the Blessed Mother in whose name he used to pray the Rosary so devoutly. All these will I know be consoling for your poor tired hearts. This morning, Wednesday, Alphonse's remains were brought to our Convent Chapel in which he had been so much at home so that his body might be present at the Requiem High Mass and for the last absolution. All the members of the community and of the Academy filed by the bier to sprinkle the corpse with holy water and to say a prayer for him. The whole community sang the the Requiem just as we do when one of the Sisters dies. I noticed the sadness with which the hired men, his companions for three years, stood about the coffin. Dear good Alphonse is with God, we have every reason to hope, but still we must pray for him and we shall daily in our Adoration hours.

Who can know the mind of God. Just a week ago today another coffin stood - where Alphonse's stood today. Last Wednesday we buried a dear sister who had been blind for the last ten years. Alphonse assisted at her funeral and we are certain that neither he nor anyone else would have thought that same rites would be performed for him a week later.

I do not know if you were informed of his operation last Fall. In his kind consideration for the feelings of his parents he was always slow to worry with his ills. It was a hernia operation, and was opened again and drained. Just about two weeks ago he was in bed with the flu and hardly recovered when his troat trouble turned up, with the infection which caused his untimely death. Physicians claim that in no other year since the great epidemic, have so many died of the flu as this year.

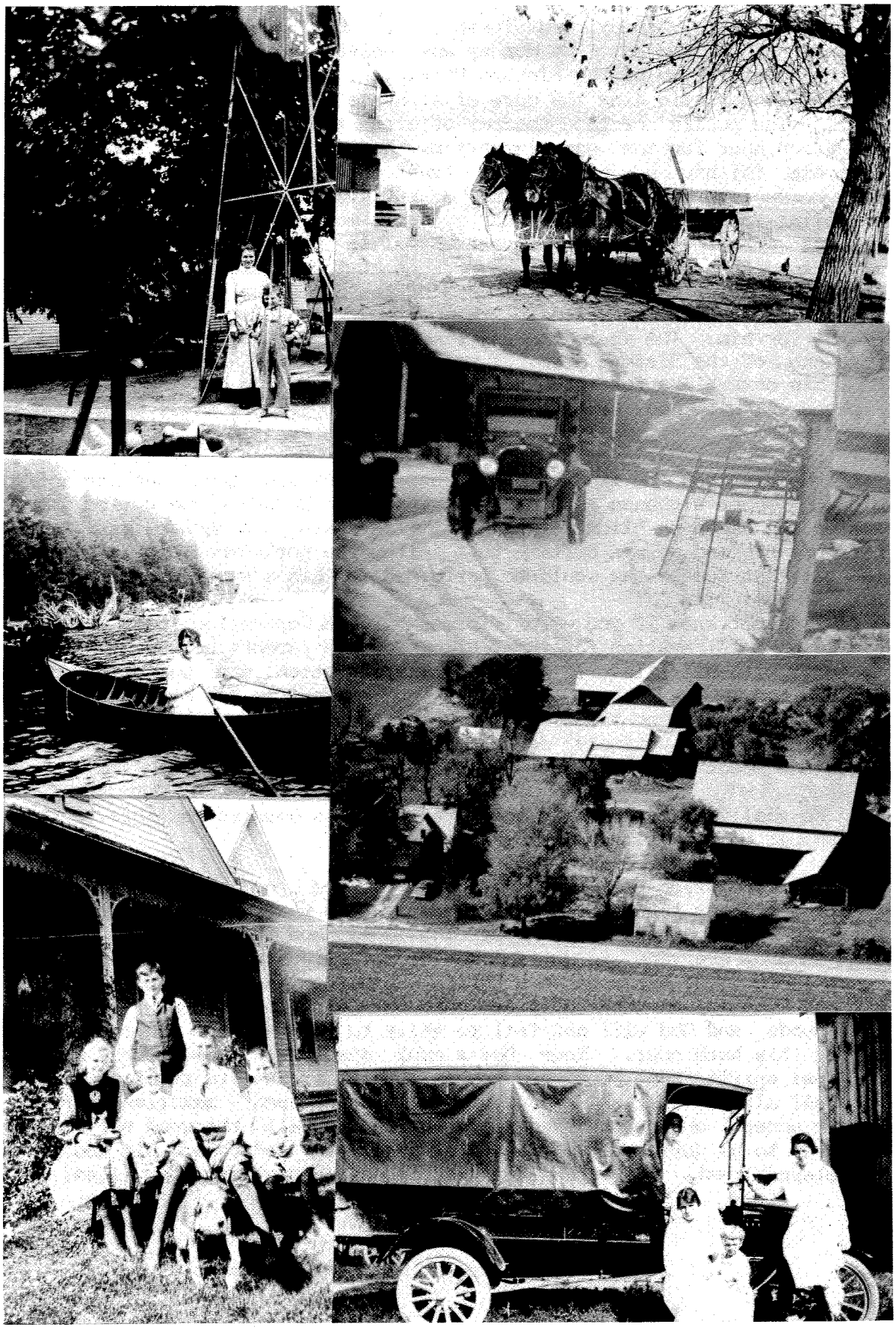
We shall send your son's accounts to you as soon as possible. There was enough to pay all expenses.

In conclusion let me once more assure you that our grief over Alphonse's death touches yours most deeply. We realize that it must have been his good parents that made, the model son that he was. He was so kind towards everyone, so dutiful and conscientious that we feel he cannot be replaced. He has gone to a better world from which we will not recall him and from which undoubtedly he would not wish to return. Time heals all wounds and God will not fail to rally to your support and consolation during this hard hour. Your boy's soul must have seemed such a pure, virginal spirit that he wished to claim while it was its greatest beauty. We shall always cherish the fondest most reverent memories for him. Kindly accept our thanks and appreciation for all the good services he rendered to us during his blessed stay here. May God reward him and grant him eternal rest. With renewed expression of deepest sympathy, I am,

Yours in Christ,

Mother M. Frances and Communtiy.

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H. THE FAMILY of FRANK MAY and CECILIA VOSKUHL



The family of Frank MAY and Cecilia VOSKUHL: back row, left to right: Alma, Arthur, Lewis, Catherine; front row: Cecilia and Frank.

Frank MAY was the eighth child and fourth son born to Rosina and Gerhard MAY. He went to Electrical School in Chicago. He did farm work and worked for the Knights of St. Joseph Home in Wellsburg, West Virginia. Later he came home and married Cecilia VOSKUHL from Maria Stein, Ohio. They bought a farm near Frenchtown, Ohio. In their first year of marriage they received a big surprise. They won the first prize on the raffle at St. Charles Seminary Annual picnic. The grand prize was a new 1934 Ford automobile.

Here they reared four children. After Frank's death, Cecilia made her home with her son Louis, until she died. They are both buried on the Holy Family Cemetery, Frenchtown, Ohio.

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Alma MAY BROERMAN has written: My memories of home at Frenchtown are mostly of parents who really cared for each other and who did everything within their means to help their children. Dad and Mom always worked hard to provide for us. Mom, besides helping Dad with the farm work in the fields and in the barn, made all of our clothes, canned most of our food and baked all of our bread. She would never disagree with Dad because she said, "There wasn't anything worth fighting over." Yes, and her smile. Through all of the hard times and all of her illness, you could always count on Mom's smile.

H. Frank MAY b. 22 Jan. 1906 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 6 Jan. 1962 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 11 April 1934 Maria Stein, Ohio
Cecilia E. VOSKUHL b. 23 March 1904 Maria Stein, Ohio
pr: Henry VOSKUHL and Josephine KUETHER

1. Catherine MAY b. 2 Sept. 1935 Frenchtown, Ohio
m. 18 Aug. 1955 Frenchtown, Ohio
Roger J. KNAPKE b. 23 Sept. 1932 Maria Stein, Ohio
pr: Frank KNAPKE and Regina EYINK
a. Marlene KNAPKE b. 2 Sept. 1958 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 1 Aug. 1981 Chickasaw, Ohio
Mark R. ABELS b. 24 Nov. 1956 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Robert ABELS and Marcella LECHNER
1). Brian ABELS b. 9 April 1986
2). Kevin Joseph ABELS b. 14 March 1988
b. Dorothy KNAPKE b. 18 April 1962 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 19 May 1984 Chickasaw, Ohio
Joseph Virgil HOMAN III
pr: Joseph HOMAN and Viola KREMER

2. Urban MAY b. & d. 1936 Frenchtown, Ohio

3. Lewis MAY b. 5 May 1938 Frenchtown, Ohio
m. 18 Sept. 1965 Sharpsburg, Ohio
Alma A. WEITZEL b. 20 Sept. 1946 Celina, Ohio
pr: Albert WEITZEL and Alberta NIEPORT
a. Bernard MAY b. 30 April 1967 Coldwater, Ohio
b. Wanda MAY b. 10 Sept. 1969 Coldwater, Ohio
c. Daniel MAY b. 13 Jan. 1972 Coldwater, Ohio
d. Frank MAY b. 13 Aug. 1974 Coldwater, Ohio
e. Justin Charles MAY b. 21 Jan. 1987 Coldwater, Ohio

4. Arthur MAY b. 14 Aug. 1939 Frenchtown, Ohio
m. 11 Aug. 1962 Russia, Ohio
Mary Jane PEPIOT b. 26 Nov. 1941 Russia, Ohio
d. 4 Feb. 1980 Greenville, Ohio
pr: Ralph PEPIOT and Evelyn MONNIN
2nd m. 28 Sept. 1984 Russia, Ohio
Gloria STREET b. 12 April 1950 res. Huber Hts. OH
pr: Ernest Street and Hilda MARCHAL

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a. Susan Marie MAY b. 6 Jan. 1964 Greenville, Ohio
m. 14 June 1986 Russia, Ohio
Jeff BROWDER b. 9 April 1964
pr: Harry BROWDER and Margie BUTT

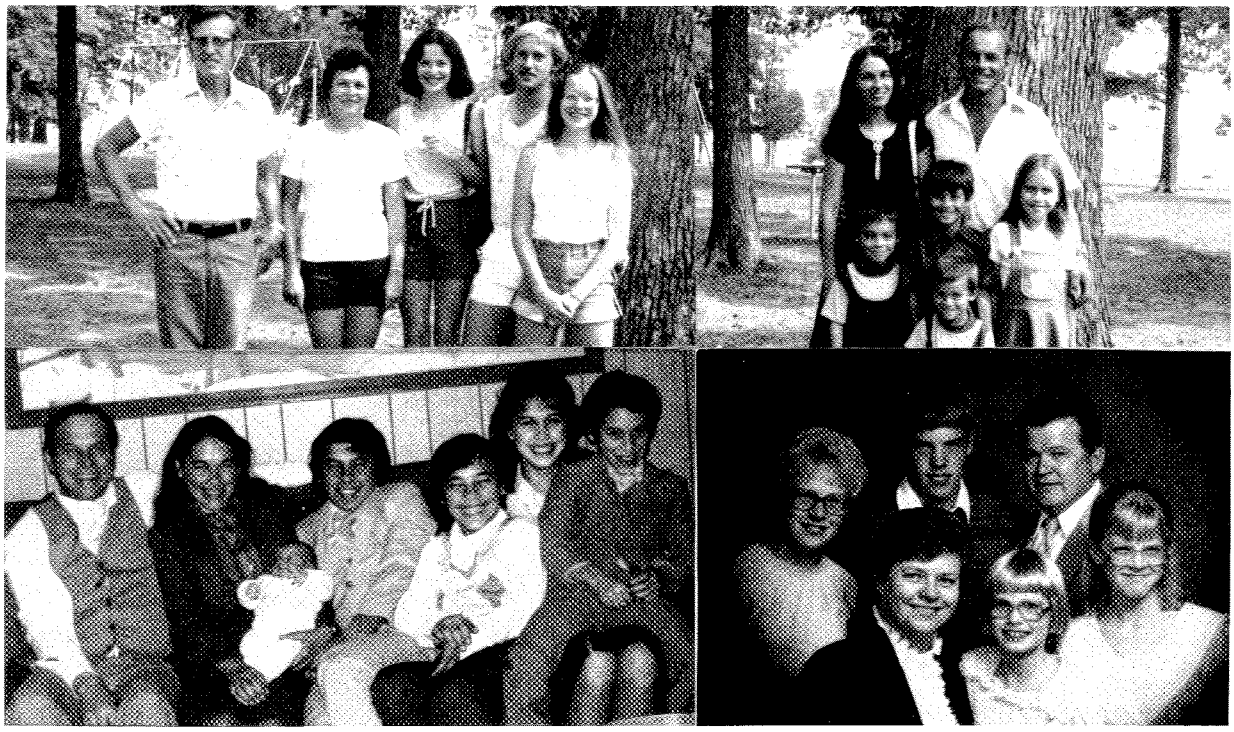
b. Sharon MAY b. 28 June 1966 Greenville, Ohio
m. 8 Aug. 1986 Huber Heights, Dayton, Ohio
Matthew August GREBINSKI 28 May 1958
pr: Water GREBINSKI and Geraldine HEFFERS
1). Stephen James b. 8 Aug. 1987

c. James Arthur MAY b. 2 Dec. 1968 Greenville, Ohio

d. Jerome Raymond MAY 3 March 1971 Greenville, Ohio

5. Alma MAY b. 3 July 1941 Frenchtown, Ohio
m. 4 July 1969 Russia, Ohio
Fred BROERMAN b. 1 Jan. 1939 Casella, Ohio
pr: Raymond BROERMAN and Alma BERTKE
a. Cindy BROERMAN b. 28 May 1970 Troy, Ohio
b. David BROERMAN b. 15 Aug. 1972 Troy, Ohio
c. Christina BROERMAN b. 16 May 1974 Greenville, Ohio
d. Roberta Jo BROERMAN b. 15 May 1976 Greenville, Ohio

6. Wilbur MAY b. & d. 1948 Frenchtown, Ohio



Composite picture. Top, left: Roger KNAPKE, Catherine MAY, Marlene KNAPKE, Mark ABELS, Dorothy KNAPKE. Right: back row, Alma WEITZEL, Louis MAY, front, Daniel, Bernard, Frank, Wanda MAY. Bottom, left: Lewis MAY, Alma WEITZEL, Justin, Bernard, Daniel, Wanda, Frank MAY. Right: Back row, Cindy, David, Fred BROERMAN, front, Alma MAY, Roberta Jo, Christina BROERMAN.

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I. THE FAMILY of MARY MAY and URBAN REITZ



The Urban REITZ and Mary MAY family: Top picture, back row, left to right: Joseph, Theresa, Rita, Mary Ann; front row, Urban and Mary. Bottom pictures, left to right: Rita REITZ GUZIACK, John & Jeggrey; Tom POST and Mary Ann REITZ and family.

Mary MAY was the ninth child and fifth daughter born to Rosina and Gerhard MAY. She went to Cincinnati to work, but returned home to help on the farm. She did not marry until after both her parents had died. She married Urban REITZ from Trinity, Indiana. Urban worked in a factory in Dayton, so they lived there for several years. Their three daughters were born in Dayton. Then they moved just north of the MAY home farm on the FENNIG farm which they owned. Urban farmed and also worked at New

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Idea Factory in Coldwater, Ohio. After living in the country, their son Joseph was born. There was a closeness in the family and when Urban became seriously ill, Mary suddenly died. Urban was reunited with her ten days later. Both are buried on Trinity Cemetery.

Memories from Theresa REITZ, January 1988: Growing up on the farm in Indiana with Mom and Dad brings many happy memories. One of love, caring and a constant knowing that Mom was there. I remember the many children fights (arguments) that the four of us shared. I remember Mom constantly telling us to "go to the four corners of the earth" and for a three year period of time, we did just that. Some of the sad memories include Dad's working long hours, Mom's hard work in the family house, the long cold winters and all the sickness it brought. Death came early for Mom and Dad. But the good memories outweigh the bad. The beautiful nights with sounds of the owls, moonlight on the fields, and lights in the neighbors houses going out. The feelings of wanting to get out, along with Dad and Mom's encouragement for an education to get ahead, and be successful. All in all, we had love, the love and closeness of a good family.

I. Mary MAY b. 29 May 1908 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 31 May 1974 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 26 April 1941 St. Anthony, Ohio
Urban REITZ b. 11 March 1909 Nazareth, Texas
d. June 1974 Portland, Indiana
pr: Joseph REITZ and Veronica CLEMENS

1. Mary Ann REITZ b. 20 June 1942 Dayton, Ohio
m. 16 Sept. 1961 Holy Trinity, Indiana
Thomas POST b. 14 May 1937 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Norbert POST and Leona NIEBERDING
a. Virginia Marie POST b. 14 July 1962 Portland, Indiana
m. 1985 John BARTLETT b. 9 May 1955
b. Ruth Ann POST b. 7 April 1965 Portland, Indiana
c. Eric Thomas POST b. 11 May 1968 Portland, Indiana
d. Peggy Marie POST b. 14 May 1972 Portland, Indiana
e. David POST b. 14 April 1977 Portland, Indiana

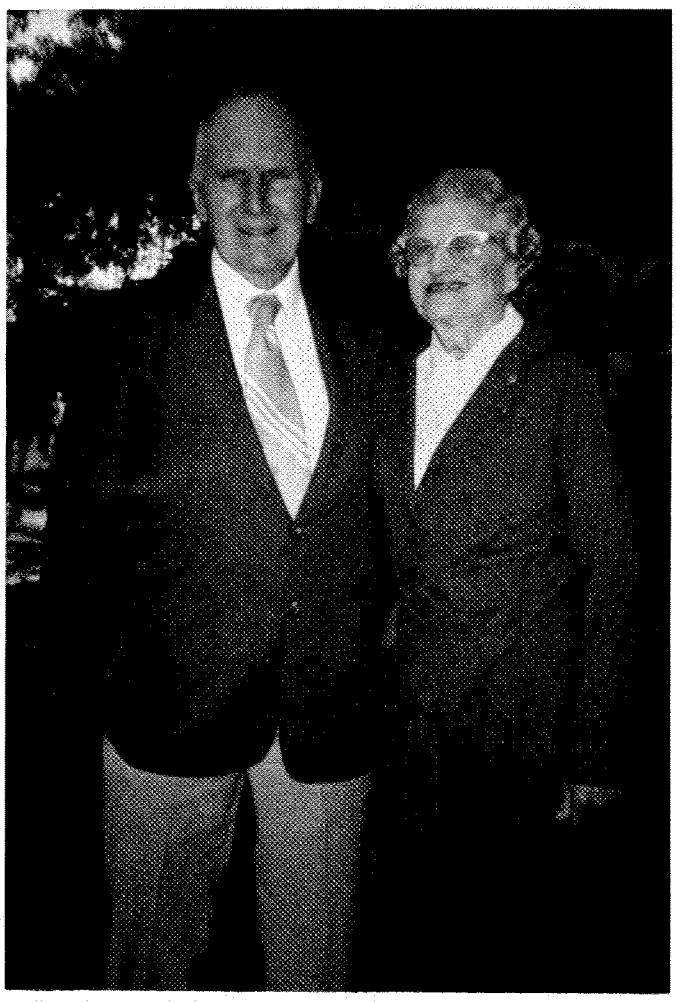
2. Rita Marie REITZ b. 2 Feb. 1944 Dayton, Ohio
m. 17 Aug. 1968 Holy Trinity, Indiana
S. John GUZIACK b. 12 Feb. 1943 Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
pr: John S. GUZIACK and Hedwig DWORAKOWSKI
a. John Sigman GUZIACK b. 29 March 1970 Dayton, Ohio
b. Jeffrey Joseph GUZIACK b. 12 July 1973 Columbus, Ohio

3. Theresa Marie REITZ b. 24 May 1945 Dayton, Ohio
m. 9 Sept. 1966 Holy Trinity, Indiana
Robert KELLY b. 6 Sept. 1946 Celina, Ohio
pr: William and Ruth KELLY
1). Turquoise b. 1978

4. Joseph D. REITZ b. 12 March 1948 Portland, Indiana
m. 24 Sept. 1968 Relic Chapel Maria Stein, Ohio
Patricia WELLMAN b. 29 March 1948
pr: Bernard WELLMAN and Velma SCHMITMEYER
2nd m. Phyllis Kay MILLIGAN b. 21 Dec. 1948 Dayton, Ohio
pr: Arvel and Lois MAYS
1). Lisa K. MILLIGAN b. 19 Sept. 1969 Dayton, Ohio
2). Keith A. MILLIGAN b. 16 May 1975 Dayton, Ohio

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J. MARVIN MAY and ANNA MARIE DILLER



Marvin MAY and Anna Marie DILLER

Marvin MAY was the tenth child and fifth son of Rosina and Gerhard MAY. He always worked on the home farm with his father and brothers. After his father died he lived with Lidwina and Caroline on the home farm. He did the farming and the girls kept house. They had many good years together, even though there was much illness. Caroline and Marvin did much traveling, even driving to Alaska. Marvin lived alone on the farm after the deaths of his two sisters. Later he married Anna Marie DILLER.

J. Marvin MAY b. 22 Nov. 1910 Jay Co. Indiana
m. May 1982 Indiana
Anna Marie DILLER b. 9 May 1909 St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Philip DILLER and Anna GROSS

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Cletus MAY and Esther SCHMIT





Top picture: Wedding picture: Cletus MAY and Esther SCHMIT. Bottom, back row, left to right: Benjamin, Paul, Gary, Virginia; front, Ernest, Maria Mike, Alfred and Edward.

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K. THE FAMILY of CLETUS MAY and ESTHER SCHMIT

Cletus MAY was the eleventh child and sixth son of Rosina and Gerhard MAY. He worked on the family farm until his marriage to Esther SCHMIT. I remember going to the wedding on the cold winter day. The reception was at the home of Esther's parents, who lived just across the road from John MAY. A wedding dance followed that night at Fort Recovery, Ohio. Cletus and Esther lived on the POIRY place, which Gerhard MAY had owned. This farm was west of the Gerhard MAY farm, and just north of the SCHMIT farm. Cletus bought the farm, and did the farming. He also worked at New Idea Factory, Coldwater, Ohio. Cletus and Esther reared nine children on the farm. Cletus died suddenly at work at the age of 48 years. The children were still small, but Esther was able to stay on the farm and care for them until they were grown. Esther still lives on the farm, and is now retired. She enjoys her children and grandchildren.

Memories from Ginger LOY, January 1988. Our Dad stood around 5'10" tall, he had dark brown hair and with a handful of hair tonic and with it slicked back, it appeared almost black. He had green eyes which became very large when we made him angry. He never spanked any of the nine of us, but he could put the fear of God in us with one of those glaring looks and his hand pretending to reach for his belt. He was a very thin man with a small fanny - a family trait, I understand. He fit the joke, "You must be a coal miner's son, you have a lot of slack in your britches." His nose looked like the Indian on the buffalo nickel, but despite it all he was a good looking man with a friendly dimpled smile and a generous heart.

Dad played the guitar and Mom played the mandolin. We older kids recall Sunday afternoons of Wabash Cannonball, Great Speckled Bird, Little Brown Jug, Your Cheatin' Heart, You Are My Sunshine and some yodeling, too. Unfortunately, Dad and Mom didn't play in Dad's last years and the younger kids missed out on the sing-a-longs and dancing.

Singing comes to mind a great deal as we grew up. Whenever we went anywhere we sang our way to our destination. It made the trip go faster and definitely more enjoyable. We even sang as we lay in bed waiting for the sandman to come. One by one we'd lose a voice as we fell off to sleep.

Sundays were filled with pleasant memories. Mom and I went to early Mass and Dad and the boys went to High Mass and usually arrived late. Dad and the boys would return home and announce that once again they missed the Waterman (the priest sprinkling holy water). Mom and I would have dinner ready and everyone sat around the long kitchen table in their Sunday clothes and enjoyed roast beef, chicken, or meat loaf and mashed potatoes and gravy. We clung to our Catholic faith as we grew up, kneeling and praying the rosary every night during October and making an altar in May with sweet smelling lilac for the Blessed Virgin. We observed all the rules during Lent and Advent. For us kids it was abstaining from candy.

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Here are some other memories.... Aunt Caroline's kitchen with coffee brewing and home made bread out of the old wood stove - Aunt Lidwina in the wheelchair - Uncle Marvin playing Santa - Visiting Uncle Clem's, he had a television! (with a round screen) - Buying peaches at Uncle Clem's orchard - The farewell party at Uncle John's for Robert, going off to the Korean War - Visiting Aunt Mary's and little Mary Ann giving us candy and saying, "Shucks, we've got lots more" - Visiting Aunt Lizzie's in Cincinnati. She had a dishwasher and twins!! - Loving to hear Christine BUSSMEIER's German accent - Dad breaking his ribs while horseplaying with Pauly - Dad trying on a pair of Pauly's new snug Levi jeans - Dad taking the family to swim in the creek on a hot summer day - Dad bringing home cheese, bologna, sardines and cookies - dad bringing in the hay with the buck rake - Taking a mason jar of water to Dad in the field - Dad talking to himself while feeding the cows. - Taking dad on a Father's Day picnic - Mom bought him a new straw hat and shirt - Dad and Mom dancing at weddings - and finally - Dad being so very happy on the last day of his life.

K. Cletus MAY b. 8 Feb. 1913 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 15 June 1961 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 12 Jan. 1937 Trinity, Indiana
Esther SCHMIT b. 24 Dec. 1915 Jay Co. Indiana
pr: Benjamin SCHMIT and Bertha FREUND

1. Paul MAY b. 12 Jan. 1938 Jay Co. Indiana
m. Chicago, Illinois
Eula BANKS b. 7 Sept. 1939 Moulton, Alabama
pr: Thomas BANKS and Allie M. LAMBERT
a. Richard MAY b. 20 Feb. 1957 Miami, Florida
m. 12 Aug. 1977 Florence, Alabama
Deberah L. BURCHAM b. 8 Aug. 1959 Florence, Alabama
pr: Dave A. BURCHAM and Ann E. FRANKLIN
b. Gregg MAY b. 19 June 1960 Chicago, Illinois
m. 1 June 1978 Sheffield, Alabama
Donna VESS b. 18 May 1959 Sheffield, Alabama
pr: Harold W. VESS and Mamie M. McDOUGAL
1). Jeremy Nathan MAY b. 28 May 1979 Sheffield, Ala.
2). Patrick Sean MAY b. 28 Jan. 1981 Sheffield, Ala.
3). Neoshia Leigh Ann MAY b. 12 March 1983, Sheffield, Alabama
c. Nathan W. MAY b. 14 June 1961 Chicago, Illinois
m. 31 Dec. 1980 Florence, Alabama
Janice R. ROBERTSON b. 25 Sept. 1962 Florence, Alabama
pr: Owen ROBERTSON and Theresa LESTER
1). Melissa Leigh MAY b. 25 April 1981 Florence, Ala.
d. Gail Y. MAY b. 5 July 1962 Chicago, Illinois
m. 18 Feb. 1980 Florence, Alabama
Danny G. WILLIAMS b. 1 Dec. 1948 Duka, Mississippi
pr: Luther L. WILLIAMS and lena L. FELTMAN
1). Paul Luther WILLIAMS b. 5 Aug. 1980 Florence, AL
2). Daniel Chad WILLIAMS b. 19 Nov. 1981 Franklin Co., Russellville, Alabama
e. Paul MAY Jr. b. 27 Sept. 1965 Winfield, Illinois

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2. Gerhart MAY b. 18 March 1939 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 12 Nov. 1960 St. Anthony, Ohio
Ruth Ann ROEDIGER b. 17 Sept. 1942 Mercer Co. Ohio
d. May 1983 pr: Chester ROEDIGER and Irene MONTAGUE
2nd m. 11 Jan. 1986
Joyce MARTIN b. 26 June 1945
a. Tony MAY b. 14 Oct. 1961 Portland, Indiana
b. Danny MAY b. 13 Dec. 1962 Portland,Indiana
c. Randy MAY b. 18 Feb. 1966 Portland, Indiana

3. Alfred MAY b. 14 May 1940 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 11 July 1963 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Anita GOEBEL b. 8 Jan. 1942 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
a. Elsie MAY b. 13 April 1965 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
m. 9 Nov. 1985 Brent SAALFRANK
pr: Robert and Louann SAALFRANK
b. Julie MAY b. 28 Sept. 1966 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
c. Rebecca MAY b. 4 Jan. 1968 Ft. Wayne, Indiana

4. Virginia MAY b. 2 June 1941 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 27 Aug. 1960 St. Anthony, Ohio
Billy LOY b. 22 Oct. 1938 Adams Co. Indiana
pr: William LOY and Christine STUBER
a. Suzanne LOY b. 8 Aug. 1962 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 26 Nov. 1983 Georgia
Terry ROSS b. 30 Sept. 1961
pr: Willie Francis ROSS and Ophelia ROLAND
1). William Gabriel ROSS b. 4 May 1987 Calhoun, GA
b. Jennifer LOY b. 14 Aug. 1964 Jay Co. Indiana
c. Christopher LOY b. 29 April 1967 Jay Co. Indiana

5. Benjamin MAY b. 4 July 1942 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 10 Aug. 1963 St. Anthony, Ohio
Sharon YODER b. 10 Nov. 1944 Berne, Indiana
pr: Marion YODER and Lela Pearl BUTCHER
a. Kenneth MAY b. & d. 28 July 1966 Portland, Indiana
b. Patrick MAY b. 27 Feb. 1968 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
c. Jeffery MAY b. 14 June 1969 Bluffton, Indiana

6. Ernest MAY b. 9 Oct. 1943 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 7 Jan. 1967 Decatur, Indiana
Aldine AYELA b. 3 Sept. 1947 Ft. Worth, Indiana
pr: Joseph AYELA and Beverly HUSER
a. Jackie MAY b. 20 Jan. 1970 Decatur, Indiana

7. Michael MAY b.23 Nov. 1947 Jay Co. Indiana
m. 5 Nov. 1966 Holy Trinity, Indiana
Shirley MOODY b. 6 Dec. 1946 Rockford, Ohio
pr: John MOODY and Mary CAMPBELL
a. Darick MAY b. 27 June 1967 Celina, Ohio
b. Nicole MAY b. 22 Jan. 1969 Celina, Ohio

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8. Maria MAY b. 5 May 1954 Decatur, Indiana
m. 19 May 1981 Geneva, Indiana
Dean YODER b. 19 Dec. 1956 Decatur, Indiana
pr: Marion YODER and Lela Pearl BUTCHER
a. Yvette YODER b. 2 April 1979
b. Natalie May YODER b. 10 July 1982
c. Dean YODER b. 10 Aug. 1983
d. Lee YODER b. 10 Sept. 1986

9. Edward Joe MAY b. 2 Dec. 1956 Decatur, Indiana
m. 6 Oct. 1979 Holy Trinity, Indiana
Catherine GREEN b. May, 1960 Portland, Indiana
pr: Larry GREEN and Gloria CHEESEMAN
a. Brandon MAY b. 16 Feb. 1982
b. Adam MAY b. 20 Oct. 1983



Picture top, left: back, Fritz & Anita, Billy & Ginger LOY, Ben & Sharon, Ernie & Dine; front, Mike, Maria YODER, Cathy & Eddie. Top, right: Eddie Joe & Cathy with Brandon & Adam. Bottom, left: Dean & Maria YODER with Natalie, Lee, Dean. Bottom, right: Billy & Ginger LOY, Christopher, Jennifer, Tery & Suzanne ROSS with William Gabriel.

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VI. THE FAMILY of ANTHONY DILLER and CHRISTINA MENG



Tony DILLER and Christina MENG

Anthony or Tony DILLER was born 12 September 1874 at St. Anthony, Ohio, the sixth child of Sebastian DILLER and Josepha BIGGS. He grew up on the farm where he was born. He attended church and school at St. Anthony, Ohio. Later he attended school at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, Valparaso, Indiana, and at St. Joseph's College, Rensaleer, Indiana. Before 1900 Tony traveled through the West, worked on the railroad in Arkansas, before he farmed in Kansas. In the 1900 Census for Kansas, Tony is listed as a boarder of Jacob BIGGS, Englebert's son, and as a farm laborer for Englebert BIGGS.

On 3 January, 1905, Tony married Christina MENG at Waterloo, Kansas. Christina was born in Decatur, Indiana, the daughter of Michael MENG and Philomena GERBER. The MENG family had moved to Waterloo, Kansas, from Decatur, Indiana. Their first child, Geneva DILLER, was born at Waterloo, Kansas. She entered the Sisters of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ at Wichita, Kansas. She became Sr. Geneva 1 July 1923. Tony and Christina had moved to Oregon, where their son Marvin DILLER was born 29 November 1906 at Newburg, Oregon. Marvin married Frances HUSMAN and lived in Hereford, Texas. He died in 1973.

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The Tony DILLER family: back row, left to right: Leona, Sister Geneva, Marvin, Rose, Cyril, Lucille; front row, left to right: Maureen, Christine, Dennis, Urban, Tony, and Charles.

The third child of Tony and Christina DILLER was Cyril DILLER born 14 Aug. 1908 at New Burg, Oregon. Cyril married Pauline Marie Simons and lives in Walsh, Colorado. Tony and Christina then moved back to Waterloo, Kansas, where their fourth child Rose was born 27 May 1910. Rose married Anthony CONRARDY and lives in Denver, Colorado. The fifth child of Tony and Christina was Lucille born 18 Feb. 1913. She became a sister of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ at Wichita, Kansas, professed as Sr. Lucille on 28 November, 1928. The sixth child of Tony and Christina was Leona, born 20 September 1914, and professed as Sister Gabriel of the Sisters of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ on 31 July 1932. She died 29 August 1975 in Wichita, Kansas. Charles was the seventh child born to Tony and Christina DILLER. Charles married Catherine HUSMAN and lived at Gruver, Texas. He died in 1987. Maureen DILLER was the eighth child of Tony and Christina, she was born in 1918, and married Joseph BAUCK and lived at Marianthal, Kansas. Maureen died young at the age of 23 Years. Urban was the ninth child of Tony and Christina DILLER, born 18 June 1921 at Murdock, Kansas. He married Mary Anna HERMANN and they live in Aurora, Colorado. Dennis DILLER was the tenth child born 24 Dec. 1925. He married Laura SCHWIETERMAN from Minster, Ohio. They live at Brighton, Colorado.

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Tony and his family farmed in Murdock, Fowler, and Marienthal Kansas. There were many hardships and discouragements with the elements of the weather, including drought and dust storms. All of the DILLER children were successful despite these hardships. Tony and Christina lived at Marianthal, Kansas, when Tony died 29 March 1957. Christina moved to Denver to live near her children. She died in Wichita, Kansas. Both are buried at Marianthal, Kansas.

VI. Anthony (Tony) DILLER b. 12 Sept. 1874 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 29 March 1957 Marienthal, Kansas
m. 31 Jan. 1905 Waterloo, Kingman Co. Kansas
Christina MENG b. 8 June 1883 Decatur,Indiana
d. 7 Aug. 1969 Wichita, Kansas bur. Marianthal, Kansas
pr: Michael MENG and Philomena GERBER

A. Geneva DILLER b. 2 Oct. 1905 Waterloo, Kansas
Professed 1 July 1923 Sister Geneva A.S.C.

B. Marvin DILLER b. 29 Nov. 1906 Newburg, Oregon
d. 20 April 1973 Hereford, Deafsmith Co. Texas
m. 28 Jan 1930 Fowler, Meade Co. Kansas
Frances HUSMAN b. 12 Nov. 1910 Garden Plain, Sedgewick Co. Kansas
pr: Henry J. HUSMAN and Kathryn WAPELHORST
1. Harold Henry DILLER b. 1 Jan 1931 Fowler, Kansas
d. 8 July 1942 Hereford, Texas
2. Mary Marcella DILLER b. 23 July 1932 Stratford, Texas
3. Gerald Joseph DILLER b. 10 March 1934 Stratford, Texas
m. 31 May 1957 Groom, Texas
Carmelita Sue OLLINGER b. 13 Aug. 1936 Groom, Texas
pr: Walter Frank OLLINGER and Bernice Anna BRITTON
a. Mark DILLER b. 19 July 1959 Phoenix, Arizona
m. 17 August 1985 Amarillo, Texas
Kelly SIMPSON
1). Jordan MICHELLE b. August 1986 Amarillo, Texas
b. Michelle DILLER b. 3 Nov. 1960 Phoenix, Arizona
c. Stephanie DILLER b. 6 Nov. 1962 Phoenix, Arizona
m. 13 July 1985 Amarillo, Texas
Paul HAZUKA Omaha, Nebraska
d. Steven DILLER 7 Dec. 1965 Canyon, Texas
4. Coletta Ann DILLER b. 11 April 1935 Stratford, Texas
5. Kenneth Arnold DILLER b. 11 May 1938 Fowler, Kansas
m. 20 Aug. 1960 Hereford, Texas
Emily Ann PAVLICEK b. 21 Sept. 1962 Lubbock, Texas
pr: James Emil PAVLICEK and Emily Marie PASTUSEK
a. Dominic DILLER b. 6 April 1962 Hereford, Texas
m. 1 Nov. 1986 Canyon, Texas
Stacy WALKER Clayton, New Mexico
1). Janes Anthony DILLER b. March 1987 Canyon, Texas
b. Michael DILLER b. 26 March 1963 Hereford, Texas
m. 3 January 1986 Hereford, Texas
Valerie ANDREWS
c. Emily DILLER b. 23 Sept 1964 Hereford, Texas
m. 20 June 1987 Texline, Texas
Kevin KNIGHT Era, Texas

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6. Kathleen Frances DILLER b. 7 April 1940 Stratford, Texas
m. 21 Feb. 1970 Hereford, Texas
James KNOEBER b. 5 July 1934 Spearville, Kansas
pr: John E. KNOEBER and Olivia Clotilda HABIGER
a. Renee KNOEBER b. 3 Jan. 1971 Kinsley, Kansas
b. Valerie KNOEBER b. 23 Feb. 1972 Kinsley, Kansas
c. Jennifer KNOEBER b. 26 Sept 1974 Kinsley, Kansas
d. Marvin KNOEBER b. 15 Jan 1976 Dodge City, Kansas
e. Margaret KNOEBER b. 11 Aug. 1978 Spearville, Kansas
f. Philip KNOEBER b. 12 Oct 1980 Kinsley, Kansas

7. Rosetta Cecelia DILLER b. 22 Nov. 1942 Hereford, Texas
m. 16 April 1971 San Francisco, California
Kenneth CRANDALL b.7 Jan 1945 Compton, California
pr: John A. CRANDALL and Juanice TESTON
a. Monica CRANDALL b. 18 June 1975 San Francisco, Calif.
b. Eleanor CRANDALL b. 27 Nov. 1978 Mt. Shasta, California

8. Margaret Louise DILLER b. 12 Aug. 1944 Hereford, Texas

9. Janice Elizabeth DILLER b. 18 March 1946 Hereford, Texas
m. 28 July 1983 Lawrence, Kansas
Dr. Robert McFADDEN, Montezuma, Kansas
a. Kara Annette McFADDEN b. 23 Jan. 1985 Sherman, Texas
b. Jonathon Robert McFADDEN b. 24 July 1986 Curant, OK

10. Eugene Marvin DILLER b. 14 Feb. 1949 Hereford, Texas
m. 30 Oct. 1970 Canyon, Texas
Rita DOWSE b. 22 Nov. 1951 Canyon, Texas
pr: Edward Martin DOWSE and Ruby Elizabeth ALEXANDER
a. child adopted

11. Phillip Anthony DILLER b. 13 Nov. 1951 Hereford, Texas
d. 8 Oct. 1974 Clayton, New Mexico bur. Hereford, Texas

12. Ralph Vincent DILLER b. 22 Jan. 1953 Hereford, Texas
m. 18 Dec. 1976 Hereford, Texas
Michelle LUPTON b. 19 Jan. 1957 tulia, Swisher Co. Texas
pr: Richard O'Mahoney LUPTON and Catherine Faye MEYER
a. Nathan DILLER b. 27 March 1978 Canyon, Texas
b. Tamara DILLER b. 19 Feb. 1980 Canyon, Texas
c. Christopher DILLER b. 26 Jan. 1982 Canyon, Texas

13. George Raynold DILLER b. 19 Dec. 1954 Hereford, Texas
m. 6 Sept. 1986 Hereford, Texas
Nancy NICHOLS
a. Amanda Nicole DILLER b. 6 Sept. 1987 Riyad, Saudi Arabia

C. Cyril Michael DILLER b. 14 Aug. 1908 New Burg, Oregon
m. 23 June 1935 Electra, Texas
Pauline Marie SIMONS b. 22 Jan. 1915 Scotland, Archer Co. Texas
pr: John SIMONS and Louisa BEREND

1. Helen Marie DILLER b. 5 June 1937 Garden City, Kansas
m. 20 Nov. 199957 Hereford, Texas
James HENDERSON b. 18 Dec. 1932 Amarillo, Texas
pr: John HENDERSON and Pauline BERGMAN
a. Cynthia Louise HENDERSON b. 4 Sept. 1959 San Angelo, TX
m. Joe FIERRA b. 28 May 1958 Denver, Colorado
pr: Bethel Robert FIERRA and Helen Margaret RAYLEALO
1). Michelle FIERRA b. 27 Jan. 1978 Walsh, Colorado
2). Andrew FIERRO b. 15 Sept. 1986 Lamar, Colorado

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b. Billy Dwight HENDERSON b. 14 May 1960 Big Springs, TX
m. Shelly HENDERSON b. 8 Jan. 1962
1). Zachery HENDERSON b. 26 July 1986 Panama City, FL
c. Denise Marie HENDERSON b. 1 Sept. 1961 Big Springs, TX
m. Daniel LUSSIER b. 29 Nov. 1961 Lamar, Colorado
pr: Alton Rufus LUSSIER and June GOODEN
1). Jared Michael LUSSIER b. 3 Aug. 1982 Walsh, Colo.
2). Mark Alton LUSSIER b. 14 Sept. 1985 Walsh, Colo.
3). Laura Marie LUSSIER b. 24 May 1987 Fort Worth,TX
d. Curt William HENDERSON b. 21 Nov. 1962 Dimmitt, Texas
e. Beverly Lynn HENDERSON b. 16 Feb. 1967 Wichita, Kansas
f. Dale Wayne HENDERSON b. 22 Jan. 1971 Wichita, Kansas
g. James William HENDERSON Jr. b. 8 July 1974 Wichita, KS
h. Heath Allen HENDERSON b. 1 Feb. 1976 Walsh, Colorado

2. Robert Marvin DILLER b. 27 Nov. 1939 Canyon, Texas
m. 11 Aug. 1960 Hereford, Texas
Oleta FRERICH b. 22 Jan. 1941 Seagraves, TX
pr: George FRERICH and Ruby FAYE LAVACY
a. Raymond Bryan DILLER b. 10 Oct 1962 Dimmitt, Texas
m. Donna ROBISON b. 2 April 1961 El Paso, Texax
b. Annette Leanne DILLER b. 4 Oct 1964 Dimmitt, Texas
m. Tony SMITH b. 19 Aug. 1961 Amarillo, Texas
1). Jorden Haley SMITH b. 6 March 1986 Amarillo, TX
c. Joseph Brice DILLER b. 29 Sept. 1965 Dimmitt, Texas
m. Robin Dawn BALDWIN b. 18 Jan. 1964 Hereford, Texas
d. Jean Ellen DILLER b. 26 April 1970 Dimmitt, Texas

3. Carolyn DILLER b. 10 Dec. 1943 Canyon, Texas
m. 30 May 1963 Hereford, Texas
Jimmy Melton BROCKWELL b. 8 Nov. 1939 Los Angeles, Calif.
pr: Jimmy Melton BROCKWELL and Odelia FREMEL
a. Larry Brent BROCKWELL b. 23 Sept. 1963 Dimmitt, Texas
b. Gary Wayne BROCKWELL b. 7 March 1964 Dimmitt, Texas
c. Lari Lea Diana BROCKWELL b. 11 Feb. 1965 Dimmitt, Texas
d. Kimberly Ann BROCKWELL b. 1 Nov. 1968 Dimmitt, Texas

4. Arlene Frances DILLER b. 7 Feb. 1945 Amarillo, Texas
m. 17 Sept. 1965 Hereford, Texas
Harry Paul HAIDUK b. 26 March 1941 Pampa, Texas
pr: Fred Alexander HAIDUK and Edith Marjorie MENTON
a. Celeste Yvonne HAIDUK b. 18 Oct 1967 Camlun, New Jersey
b. Margan Paul HAIDUK b. 16 Dec. 1969 Austin, Texas
c. Talese Estelle HAIDUK b. 8 Feb. 1973 Des Moines, Iowa
d. Amanda Lea HAIDUK b. 1979 Amarillo, Texas

5. Duane Anthony DILLER b. 21 July 1948 Canyon, Texas
m. 10 May 1969 Levelland, Texas
Barbara Gail BROWN b. 26 July 1948 Levelland, Texas
pr: James Robert BROWN and Tomielee REED
a. Chad Scott DILLER b. 11 Feb. 1970 Dimmitt, Texas
b. Jay Noel DILLER b. 3 Feb. 1971 Dimmitt, Texas

6. Michael Andrew DILLER b. 29 Aug. 1950 Canyon, Texas
d. 20 Feb. 1970 Walsh, Colorado both car accident

7. Gregory Charles DILLER b. 18 March 1955 Canyon, Texas
d. 20 Feb. 1970 Walsh, Colorado both bur. Hereford, Texas

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D. Rose DILLER b. 27 May 1910 Waterloo, Kingman Co. Kansas
m. 20 May 1930 Fowler, Meade Co. Kansas
Anthony CONRARDY b. 23 Nov. 1907 Kingman Co. Kansas
d. 22 April 1973 Denver, Colorado
pr: August CONRARDY and Philomena BEST

1. Jerome Joseph CONRARDY b. 6 March 1931 Dodge City, Kansas
m. 28 June 1955 Garden City, Kansas
Marie Emily DOMINGO b. 9 June 1931 Finney Co. Kansas
a. John Jared CONRARDY b. 28 Aug. 1956
b. Marilyn Kay CONRARDY b. 9 May 1958
c. Jeanne Marsha CONRARDY b. 8 July 1962
d. Melissa Ann CONRARDY b. 26 Feb. 1965

2. Delbert Dominic CONRARDY b. 4 Oct 1932 Wichita, Kansas
m. 2 June 1956 Kinsley, Kansas
Mildred D. HIRSH b. 29 March 1936 Kinsley, Kansas
pr: Frank HIRSH and Josephine SCHMITT
a. Kevin CONRARDY b. 1 Feb. 1957 Dallas, Texas
b. Yvonne CONRARDY b. 1 Dec. 1959 River Ridge, LA
c. Alicia CONRARDY b. 10 Aug. 1962 Ft. Collins, Colorado
d. Carla CONRARDY b. 2 July 1965 Ft. Collins, Colorado
e. Clare CONRARDY b. 7 Aug. 1967 Ft. Collins, Colorado

3. Lou Etta Rose CONRARDY b. 14 July 1934 Wichita, Kansas
m. 14 April 1956 Marianthal, Kansas
Harold MAUS b. 30 Sept. 1934 Wichita, Kansas
a. Cheryl Rose MAUS b. 24 Feb. 1957 Wichita, Kansas
m. 4 Sept. 1976 Randall Wayne NEISES
1). Katherine Rose NEISES b. 15 June 1977
2). Rebecca Lynn NEISES b. 14 June 1978
3). Sarah Elizabeth NEISES b. 21 June 1979
4). Randall Wayne NEISES b. 5 May 1981
b. Vincent Harold MAUS b. 27 April 1958 Garden Plain, KS
c. Wendy Marie MAUS b. 2 July 1959 Colwich, Kansas
m. 24 may 1980 Michael Gerold MEYER b. 19 July 1959
1). Chad Michael MEYER b. 20 Feb. 1981
2). Jerad Joseph MEYER b. 3 Feb. 1982
3). Andrea Christine MEYER b. 11 Oct 1983
d. Victoria Ann MAUS b. 4 Aug 1960 Cheney, Kansas
m. 29 Nov. 1980 Kent Michael COX b. 1 March 1960
1). Keith Michael COX twin b. 31 Aug. 1981
2). Travis Allen COX twin b. 31 Aug. 1981
3). child March 1984
e. Perry Edward MAUS b. 3 Oct 1961 Cheney, Kansas
m. 23 Oct. 1982 Lisa Marie MAUS b. 18 Oct. 1962
1). child in May 1984
f. Martin Anthony MAUS b. 28 Aug. 1963 Garden Plain, KS

4. Melvin Henry CONRARDY b. 2 Oct. 1936 Garden City, Kansas

5. Leeland Ignatious CONRARDY b. 7 Sept. 1937 Garden City, KS
m. 1 Aug. 1959 Longbeach, California
Betty BERES b. 3 Nov. 1936 Rouse, Colorado
pr: John BERES and Mary HUDRAN
a. Melvin John CONRARDY b. 19 Cot. 1961 Vallejo, Calif.
b. Kurt Matthew CONRARDY b. 25 May 1971 Englewood, Colo.

6. William Anthony CONRARDY b. 21 Jan. 1942 Garden City, KS
m. 14 July 1963 Denver, Colorado

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Mary Elizabeth VECHAZONE b. 14 May 1943 Pittsburg, PA
pr: Leo VECHAZONE and Nell KOCHOSKY
a. Leo Anthony CONRARDY b. 6 May 1964 Denver, Colorado
b. Angela Marie CONRARDY b. 19 Nov. 1965 Denver, Colorado
c. James Patrick CONRARDY b. 20 Sept. 1967 Denver, Colo.

7. Samuel Urban CONRARDY b. 11 Aug. 1946 Garden City, Kansas
m. 9 Oct. 1966 Engelwood, Colorado
Susie OGLE b. 1 Dec. 1947 Omaha, Nebraska
pr: James R. OGLE and Kennetha OSBORN
a. Michelle Renee CONRARDY b. 11 Aug. 1967 Denver, Colo.
b. Darrin Samuel CONRARDY b. 11 June 1971 Denver, Colo.

8. Keith August CONRARDY b. 3 Dec. 1951 Garden City, Kansas
m. 17 April 1971 Littleton, Colorado
Christy HENDERSON b. 1 Dec. 1952 Atlantic, Iowas
pr: Ross HENDERSON and Corine HANSEN
a. Shaine August CONRARDY b. 21 June 1972 Englewood, CO
b. Jessica Marie CONRARDY b. 31 Sept. 1974 Engelwood, CO

E. Lucille DILLER b. 18 Feb. 1913 Waterloo, Kingman Co. Kansas
Professed Sister Lucille A. S. C. 28 Nov. 1928

F. Leona DILLER b. 20 Sept. 1914 Waterloo, Kingman, Co. Kansas
Professed Sister Gabriel A. S. C. 31 July 1932
d. 29 Aug. 1975 Wichita, Kansas

G. Charles Louis DILLER b. 27 Sept. 1916 Waterloo, Kingman Co. KS
d. 12 March 1987 Guymon, Texas Co. Oklahoma
m. 19 April 1944 Fowler, Meade Co. Kansas
Catherine Margaret HUSMANN b. 23 June 1922 Fowler, Meade Co. KS
pr: Henry J. HUSMANN and Kathrin WAPPLEHORST

1. Richard Henry DILLER b. 27 Aug. 1946 Dodge City, Ford Co. KS
m. 15 Nov. 1986 Stratford, sherman Co. Texas
Barbara BUTLER WALLS b. 17 Dec. 1944 Liberal, Sweard Co. KS
pr: W. W. BUTLER and Lillian Irene TICE

2. George Thomas DILLER b. 29 July 1947 Dodge City, Ford Co. KS
m. 1 Aug. 1987 Stratford, Sherman Co. Texas
Sheryl Joyce SMITH PARSONS b. 25 March 1950 Guymon, Oklahoma
pr: Marvin SMITH and Pauline FERRIS

3. Barbara Katherine DILLER b. 31 Jan. 1950 Guymon, Oklahoma
m. 6 Aug. 1971 Stratford, Sherman Co. Texas
Clinton Jay UNRUH b. 10 April 1948 Dalhart, Dallam Co. Texas
pr: Harold Henry UNRUH and Beulah Olive LEE
a. Clinton Eugene UNRUH b. 12 June 1972
b. Theresa Katherine UNRUH b. 29 April 1975
c. Luke Dwain UNRUH b. 21 April 1979

4. Alice Ann DILLER b. 12 April 1952 Guymon, Texas Co. Oklahoma
m. 21 Dec. 1973 Stratford, Sherman Co. Texas
Kenneth Lynn SLOUGH b. 6 March 1949 Darrougett, Texas
pr: Eugene Henry SLOUGH and Ruby Belle WOODARD
a. Kenneth Gene SLOUGH b. 26 April 1974
b. Sharlet Gail SLOUGH b. 7 April 1975
c. Galen Dean SLOUGH b. 1 Oct. 1976
d. Kathy Ann SLOUGH b. 27 Sept. 1979
e. Gregory Paul SLOUGH b. 24 April 1981

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f. Nicholas Lynn SLOUGH b. 31 Oct. 1985
5. Mary Agnes DILLER b. 23 Feb. 1957 d. 24 Feb. 1957 Guymon, OK
6. Mark Charles DILLER b. 4 May 1958 Guymon, Texas Co. Oklahoma

H. Maureen DILLER b. 1918 Waterloo, Kingman Co. Kansas
d. 16 Dec. 1941 Garden City, Kansas
m. 29 Sept 1939 St. Anthony Church, St. Theresa, Kansas
Joseph J. BAUCK b. 13 Nov. 1912 Leoti, Kansas
pr: John C. BAUCK and Theresa GOETZ
1. Joan Cynthia BAUCK b. July 1940 d. 1941 Garden City, Kansas
2. Joseph F. BAUCK b. 13 Dec. 1941 Garden City, Kansas
m. 8 Nov. 1980 Wichita, Kansas
Lisha A. PRUSA b. 1 July 1948 Smith Center, Kansas
pr: Joseph N. PRUSA and Mathilda H. GLEISSNER

I. Urban DILLER b. 18 June 1921 Murdock, Kingman, Kansas
m. 20 May 1947 Marianthal, Wichita Co. Kansas
Mary Anna HERMANN b. 7 Nov. 1923 Marienthal, Kansas
pr: Joseph HERMANN and Anna GERSTENKORN
1. Lawrence Joseph DILLER b. 19 Sept. 1951 Enid, Oklahoma
2. Johnnie David DILLER b. 25 Jan. 1953 Ireland
m. 24 May 1986 Denver, Colorado
Angela NICHOLS b. 27 Sept, 1952 Las Vegas, Nevada
pr: Fred Vincent NICHOLS and Georgia Gale ZINK
3. Mary Brigid DILLER b. 22 Jan 1955 Glare Co. Ireland
m. 20 May 1978 Los Angeles, CA
Charles STRAUS b. 13 May 19__ New York, N. Y.
pr: Harold H. STRAUS and Frances DIVORSKY
4. Daniel Urban DILLER b. 3 Feb. 1960 Denver, Colorado
m. 26 May 1984 Aurora, Colorado
Kimberly SARBER b. 9 July 1962 Denver, Colorado
pr: William SARBER and Evelyn KOPPIE
a. Regina Leota DILLER b. 9 Aug. 1985 Denver, Colorado
5. Loren Anthony DILLER b. 16 Nov. 1962 Denver, Colorado
m. 14 May 1983 Aurora, Colorado
Celeste Marie CHIMENTO b. 18 March 1963 Denver, Colorado
pr: Cajetan CHIMENTO and Mary Ann DEPPERSCHMIDT
a. Lisa DILLER b. 21 Sept. 1983 Denver, Colorado
b. Chrisphor Gerard DILLER b. 30 Oct. 19__ Aurora, CO
6. Rita Kay DILLER b. 1 April 1966 Denver, Colorado

J. Dennis Joseph DILLER b. 24 Dec. 1925 Murdock, Kansas
m. 15 April 1950 Minster, Ohio
Laura Mae SCHWIETERMAN b. 14 Aug. 1929 Minster, Ohio
pr: Harry SCHWIETERMAN and Anna KEMPER
1. David Gerard DILLER b. 11 Aug. 1951 Scott City, Kansas
m. 12 Dec. 1972 Denver, Colorado
Cindy GROSSHANS b. 20 Jan. 1953 Brush, Colorado
pr: Marvin GROSSHANS and Evalee RUTHERFORD
a. Stephanie Anne DILLER b. 7 Dec. 1973 Brighton, Colo.
b. Sarah Rene DILLER b. 10 July 1975 Brighton, Colorado
c. Stacey Lynn DILLER b. 14 Jan. 1978 Brighton, Colorado
d. Shelia Kaye DILLER b. 17 July 1981 Brighton, Colorado
2. Charlene Ann DILLER b. 21 Jan. 1953 Scott City, Kansas

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m. 30 April 1972 Las Vegas, Nevada
James William THOMPSON b. 12 Feb. 1948 Brighton, Colorado
pr: William N. THOMPSON and Esther HINDALONG
a. Theodore Gerard THOMPSON b. 12 Aug. 1972 Denver, Colo.
b. Jason James THOMPSON b. 29 May 1974 Brighton, Colorado
c. William Dennis THOMPSON b. 20 Aug. 1975 Brighton, Colo.
d. Jennifer Sue THOMPSON b. 29 March 1979 Brighton, Colo.

3. Edward Gerard DILLER b. 11 Sept. 1956 Garden City, Kansas
m. 1 Feb. 1975 Brighton, Colorado
Mary SALZER b. 24 July 1956 Chandler, Arizona
pr: Andrew SALZER and Rachel McKINNEY
a. Aaron Joseph DILLER b. 30 Nov. 1975 Denver, Colorado
b. Nathan Joseph DILLER b. 18 Jan 1978 Denver, Colorado
c. Nicholas Joseph DILLER b. 26 April 1980 Denver, Colo.
d. Jared Gerard DILLER b. 15 April 1982 Brighton, Colorado

4. Ruth Marie DILLER b. 7 Sept. 1957 Scott City, Kansas
m. 24 May 1975 Brighton, Colorado
Jerry Paul GROSSHANS b. 30 July 1956 Denver, Colorado
pr: Gerard GROSSHANS and LeLame ADAMS
a. Adam Wayne GROSSHANS b. 10 Aug. 1977 Denver, Colorado
b. Douglas Joseph GROSSHANS b. 2 April 1980 Denver, Colo.

5. Virginia Louise DILLER b. 5 Oct 1958 Denver, Colorado
m. 11 Nov. 1972 Commerce City, Colorado
John Weston WELLS b. 13 May 1952 Denver, Colorado
pr: Gale W. WELLS and Laura D. KUNZE
a. Angela Mae WELLS b. 15 Dec. 1978 Denver, Colorado

6. Laurene Joan DILLER b. 13 March 1960 Denver, Colorado

7. Anthony Gerard DILLER b. 28 Feb. 1961 Denver, Colorado
m. 18 Oct. 1980 Commerce City, Colorado
Penny Kay HOAG b. 27 July 1961 Parson, Kansas
pr: James HOAG and Fleeta WILLIAMS
a. Anna Leigh DILLER b. 11 Sept. 1981 Aurora, Colorado

8. Andrew Gerard DILLER b. 24 Jan. 1963 Denver, Colorado
m. 20 March 1982 Ft. Lupton, Colorado
Kathleen THIEMAN b. 8 Feb. 1963 Denver, Colorado
pr: Roger THIEMAN and Darlene STUART
a. Andrew Clayton DILLER b. 8 June 1983 West Minster, CO

9. Julie Ann DILLER b. 3 Nov. 1964 Denver, Colorado
m. 19 Dec. 1981 Brighton, Colorado
Bryan Keith KEATING b. 14 Jan. 1960 Denver, Colorado
pr: James L. KEATING and Margaret EKWINSKY
a. Andrea Lee KEATING b. 21 July 1982 Denver, Colorado

10. Timothy Gerard DILLER b. 16 Aug. 1968 Denver, Colorado

11. Rebecca Sue DILLER b. 4 Aug. 1969 Denver, Colorado

12. Christopher Gerard DILLER b. 19 May 1972 Denver, Colorado

13. Victoria Lynn DILLER b. 26 July 1974 Denver, Colorado

Composite picture, page 186. Beginning, top left: Zeno DILLER Family. Right, Dennis DILLER Family. 2nd row left: Tony DILLER Family. Right, Marvin DILLER Family. 3rd row left: Robert BOECKMAN and Ethelreda DILLER Family. Right, Charles and Catherine DILLER, Cyril and Pauline DILLER, Urban and Mary DILLER, and others at Fr. Harold's Golden Jubilee.
4th row left: Lucina DILLER RAUH and Anna Marie DILLER MAY. Right, back row: Mary MAY REITZ, Mary Ann REITZ, Christine BUSSMEIER, Caroline MAY, front, Patricia RAUH, Theresa, Joseph, and Rita REITZ, Geneva RAUH.

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VII. THE FAMILY of FRANCES DILLER and BERNADIN DOLL



Bernadin DOLL and Frances DILLER

Frances DILLER, the seventh child of Sebastian DILLER and Josepha BIGGS, was born on the farm of her parents on what is now RAUH Road at St. Anthony, Ohio, 15 August 1876. She grew up on the farm, going to school and church at St. Anthony. Frances helped on the farm and also was sent out to work for neighbors and relatives. She went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to work, staying with Agatha ZUMBIHL WIBBELT, her mother's first cousin. There Frances did housework for the wealthy families. She soon returned to St. Anthony again, and her father, Sebastian DILLER, built a new house on the former Engelbert BIGGS farm which he owned.

Frances married Bernadin DOLL on 21 May 1907 at St. Anthony, Ohio. Bernadin DOLL was born at St. Joe, Victoria, Ohio, 1 January 1869, the son of Joseph DOLL and Blandina SIEGRIST. Frances and Bernadin lived on a farm at Victoria, where they had three children, Rita, Armella and Mary. Mary died at birth. Bernadin died 9 March 1914 at Victoria and he is buried on the St Joe Cemetery. After his death Frances with her daughters moved to St. Anthony, Ohio, where she cleaned the church and washed the altar linens. Matt Wiegel, her half-brother lived here with her.

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In October 1919 Frances took her daughters with her and went to work for the nuns at Mt. St. Joseph's, Cincinnati, Ohio. The girls attended school acquiring a good education, while Frances did domestic work. In June 1926 Frances moved to Datyon, Ohio, where Rita and Armella were accepted in good office occupations. Frances still did domestic work and baby-sitting, and lived there until she died. Rita and her husband still live in the same house on Indiana Avenue. Rita married Werner SCHMITZ and Armella married Victor BOLL. Frances died 26 June 1959 in Dayton and is buried in Dayton, Ohio.



Pictures: top, left to right: Victor BOLL, Armella DOLL
Bottom, left to right: Rita DOLL , Werner SCHMITZ
Side: Frances DILLER DOLL with daughters, Rita and Armella

VII. Frances J. DILLER b. 15 Aug. 1876 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 26 June 1959 Dayton, Ohio
m. 21 May 1907 St. Anthony, Ohio
Bernadin DOLL b. 1 Jan. 1869 ST. Joe, Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 9 March 1914 At. Joe, Mercer Co. Ohio
pr: Joseph DOLL and Bernadine SIEGRIST

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A. Rita M. DOLL b. 31 July 1908 St. Joe, Victoria, Mercer Co. Ohio
m. 8 July 1939 Dayton, Ohio
Werner T. SCHMITZ b. 5 March 1907 Sharpsburg, Mercer Co. Ohio
pr: William J. SCHMITZ and Mary Eleanor RUSCHAU
1. Margorie Ann SCHMITZ b. 22 April 1940 Dayton, Ohio
Nurse, res. Chicago, Illinois
2. Kathleen Frances SCHMITZ b. 7 Oct. 1941 Dayton, Ohio
m. 8 Feb. 1964 Dayton, Ohio res. Fountain Valley, Calif.
William H. ROBINSON b. 18 May 1940 Detroit, Michigan
pr: Wm. H. ROBINSON and Patricia I. STUMP
a. Jeanette Marie ROBINSON b. 18 Nov. 1964 Santa Monica,CA
b. Stephen Anthony ROBINSON b. 10 March 1967 Santa Monica
c. Charles William ROBINSON b. 19 July 19968 Huntington Beach, California
d. James Michael ROBINSON b. 10 Sept. 1973 Huntington Bch.
3. Barbara Marie SCHMITZ b. 4 May 1947 Dayton, Ohio
m. 21 Aug. 1965 Dayton, Ohio
Kenneth KOVERMAN b. 25 Nov. 1945 Dayton, Ohio
pr: Raymond KOVERMAN and Dorothy ARMSTRONG
a. Christina Marie KOVERMAN b. 18 Feb. 1966 d. April 1968
b. Cathy Ann KOVERMAN b. 14 Sept. 1967 Dayton, Ohio
c. Karen Marie KOVERMAN b. 24 Feb. 1970 Dayton, Ohio
d. Christa Lynn KOVERMAN b. 30 June 1971 Dayton, Ohio

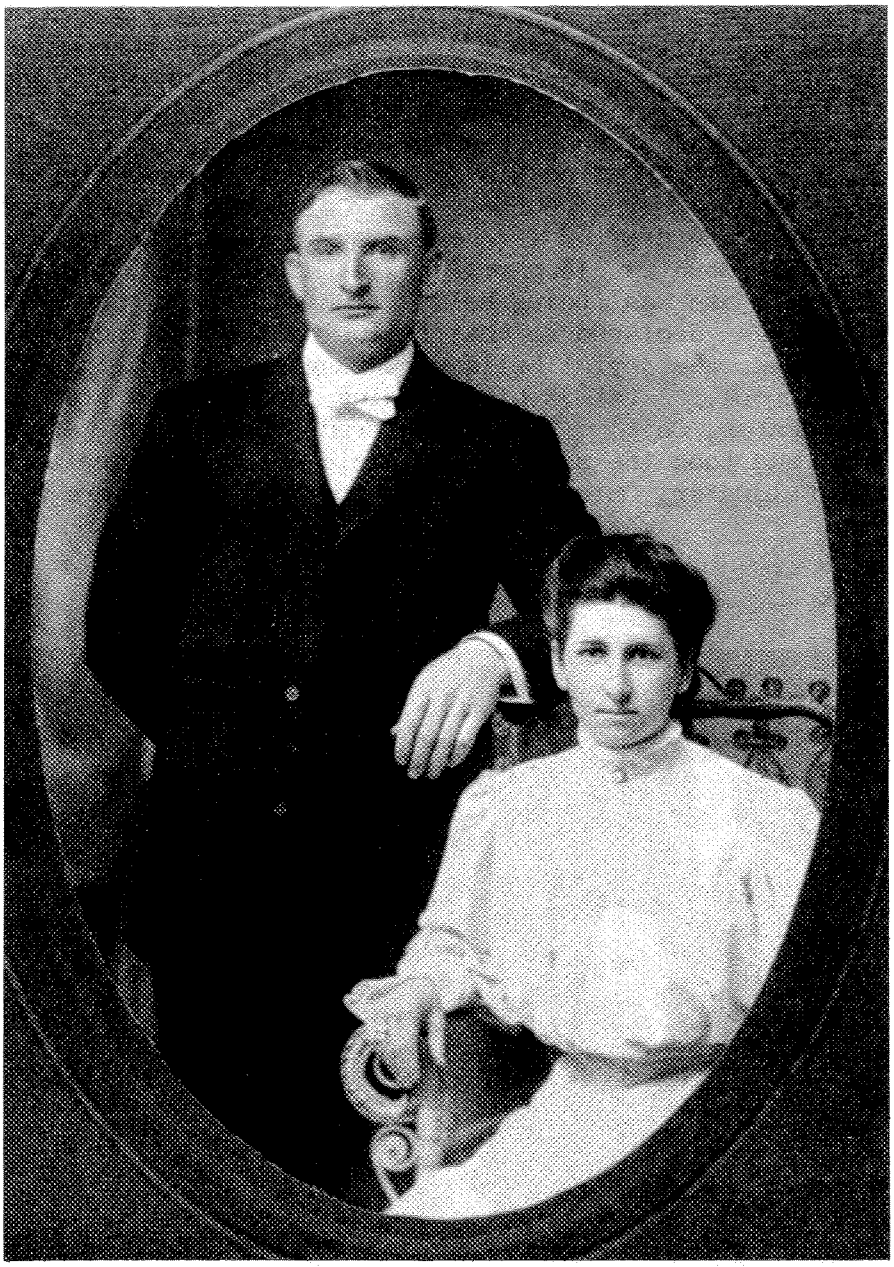
B. Armella DOLL b. 15 June 1910 St. Joe, Victoria, Mercer Co. Ohio
m. 18 Aug. 1934 Dayton, Ohio
Victor BOLL b. 28 May 1908 Dayton, Ohio
d. 25 July 1965 Dayton, Ohio
pr: Frank P. BOLL and Helen M. HEITZMAN
1. Carolyn Ann BOLL b. 5 Oct. 1936 Dayton, Ohio
m. 27 Sept. 1958 Dayton, Ohio res. Minnesota
Richard E. HASSELMAN b. 11 Nov. 1934 Middletown, Ohio
pr: Edward HASSELMAN and Lucille DRAYER
a. Edward Francis HASSELMAN b. 16 Aug. 1959 Dayton, Ohio
b. Mary Lynn HASSELMAN b. 11 April 1962 Hamilton, Ohio
c. Elizabeth Ann HASSELMAN b. 20 May 1965 Pontiac, Mich.
d. James Michael HASSELMAN b. 19 May 1966 Royal Oak, MI
2. James H. BOLL b. 18 July 1941 Dayton, Ohio
m. 24 April 1971 Seattle, Washington
Mary Ann (Molly) MALONE b. 1 Aug. 1942 Seattle, Washington
pr: Paul Edward MALONE and Eleanor Ann SIMICICH
a. Michelle Marie BOLL b. 26 April 1977 Seattle, Wash.
3. Janet E. BOLL b. 1 Nov. 1944 Dayton, Ohio
Reading teacher, Xenia, Ohio
4. Constance L. BOLL b. 13 July 1946 Dayton, Ohio
m. 29 July 1968 Dayton, Ohio
Donald R. PENNELL b. 29 March 1946 Mechanicsburg, Ohio
pr: William PENNELL and Shirley VanHOOSE
a. Aaron Mathew PENNELL b. 29 April 1975 Dayton, Ohio
b. Ryan Geoffrey PENNELL b. 11 March 1978 Dayton, Ohio

C. Mary DOLL b. 11 Sept. d. 11 Sept. 1911 St. Joe, Victoria, Mercer County, Ohio

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VIII. THE FAMILY of JOHN DILLER and MARY GROSS

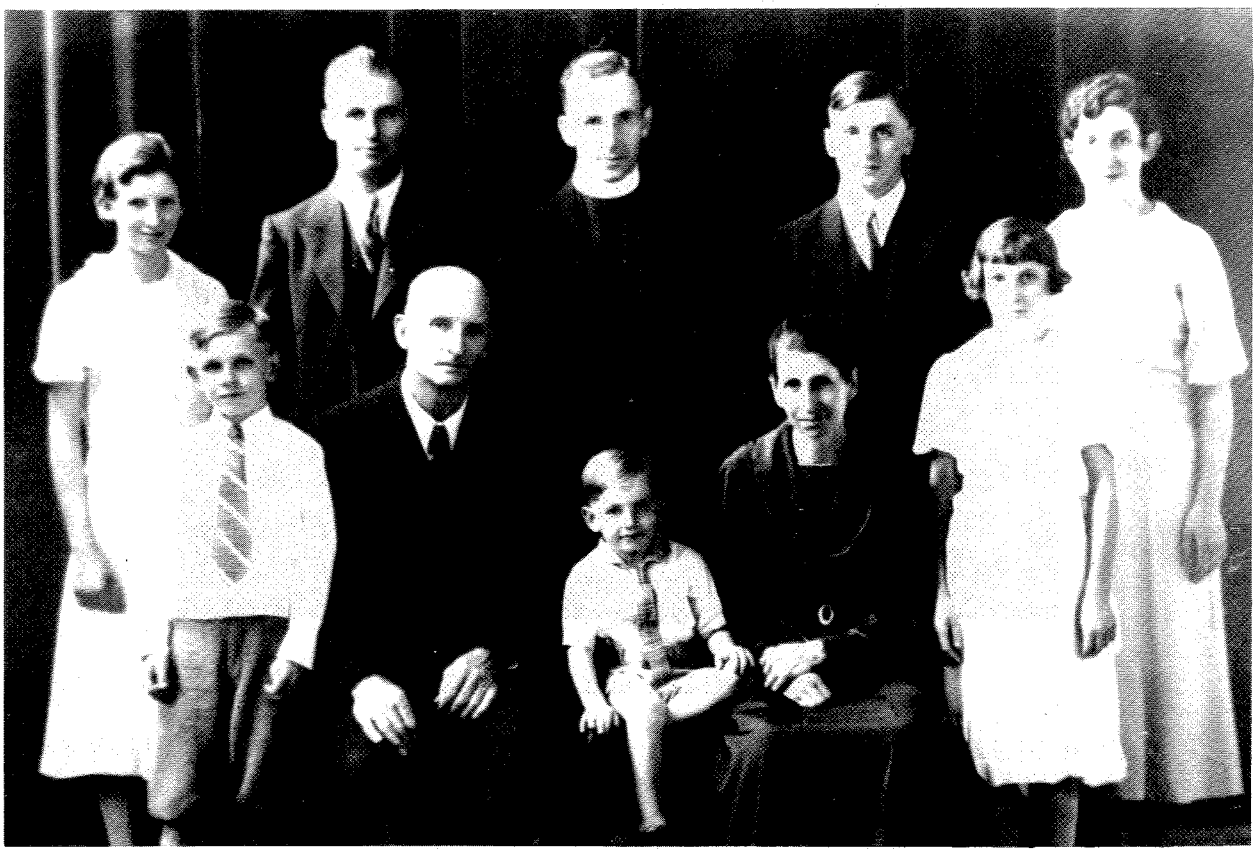


John DILLER and Eva GROSS

John DILLER was the eighth and youngest child of Sebastian DILLER and Josepha BIGGS. He lived with the family going to school and church at St. Anthony, Ohio. As a young man he helped on the family farm. He was eighteen years old when his brother Philip married Anna GROSS. Later on 18 June 1906 John married Mary GROSS, Anna's sister. John and Mary lived on the farm owned originally by Engelbert BIGGS. Sebastian DILLER had owned this farm and then John and Mary had purchased it.

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John and Mary DILLER reared eight children on this farm. Harold DILLER, the oldest son entered the Society of the Precious Blood. He attended classes at Burkettsville, Rensaleer, and at St. Charles Seminary. He was ordained 10 May 1934. Otto also entered the seminary and was ordained 5 December 1943. John DILLER died 3 February 1936. Donald, the youngest child was only five years old. Zeno stayed at home and did the farming for his mother. Later that same year their daughter Adela died 29 August of a brain tumor. When Zeno married Anna Marie WILL, Mary DILLER sold the farm, bought a house and moved to Coldwater, Ohio. Zeno lived and worked for Otto BOMHOLT on his farm. Ethel worked first for Monica BOMHOLT and then at the Buckeye in Coldwater, later married Robert BOECKMAN. Walter was drafted into the army in 1944. He met his death in service of his country 15 April 1945 at Florence, Italy. While his Memorial Funeral Mass was being held in Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater, Ohio, V-E Day was declared so that following the tolling of the bells of the Memorial Mass, the joyful bells were rung in celebration of the Allied Victory in Europe. Later his remains were moved to St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Coldwater, Ohio. Theresa entered the Sisters of St. Francis, Tiffin, Ohio, and took the name Sister Adela. Donald married Rita RUTHER and lives in Coldwater, Ohio. Both John and Mary DILLER are buried at St. Anthony.



Family of John DILLER and Eva GROSS taken at Fr. Harold's ordination 1934. Back row, left to right: Theresa (Sr. Adela), Zeno, Harold, Otto, Adella. Front row, left to right: Walter, John, Donald, Mary, Ethelreda.

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VIII. John J. DILLER b. 22 Feb. 1879 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 3 Feb. 1936 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 18 June 1906 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
Mary Eva GROSS b. 15 Feb. 1882 St. Peter, Ohio
d. 11 Jan 1972 Coldwater, Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Jacob GROSS and Mary Anna KERBER

A. Harold Vincent DILLER b. 6 Oct. 1908 St. Anthony, Ohio
Ordained 10 May 1934 a Priest of the Society of the Precious Blood.

B. Zeno Sebastian DILLER b. 16 Nov. 1910 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 16 Jan. 1982 Sharpsburg, Ft. Recovery, Ohio
m. 26 Aug. 1939 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio res. Sharpsburg, Ohio
Anna Marie WILL b. 16 April 1916 St. Sebastian, Ohio
pr: Lawrence WILL and Theresia C. JACOBS

1. Robert Lawrence DILLER b. 15 march 1941 Celina, Ohio
m. 10 Aug. 1963 Kettering, Ohio res. Kettering
Marion Clara ENGELHART b. 4 Jan 1942 Cincinnati, Ohio
pr: Anthony ENGELHART and Laura CLARKE
a. Michael David DILLER b. 23 March 1968 Cincinnati, Ohio
b. Lori Ann DILLER b. 5 June 1970 Kettering, Ohio
c. Richard Alan DILLER b. 4 Nov. 1977 Kettering, Ohio
2. Ruth Marie DILLER b. 19 Aug. 1942 Celina, Ohio
m. 1 Feb. 1964 Sharpsburg, Ohio res. Celina, Ohio
Earl Henry HEYNE b. 11 June 1941 Celina, Ohio
pr: Frank HEYNE and Alvina REIER
a. Cindy Ann HEYNE b. 13 Dec. 1964 Celina, Ohio
b. Lois Marie HEYNE b. 23 Nov. 1966 Celina, Ohio
c. Judy Rose HEYNE b. 21 April 1968 Celina, Ohio
d. Darlene Jane HEYNE b. 2 Nov. 1970 Celina, Ohio
e. Earl Henry HEYNE Jr. b. 11 Dec. 1974 Celina, Ohio
f. Karen Joan HEYNE b. 23 March 1977 Celina, Ohio
g. Debra Sue HEYNE b. 17 Feb. 1979 Celina, Ohio
3. Neil John DILLER b. 7 Nov. 1943 Celina, Ohio
m. 8 May 1965 Sharpsburg, Ohio res. St. Anthony, Ohio
Patricia Alma SCHOEN b. 19 Feb. 1943 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
pr: Arnold SCHOEN and Rose HEITKAMP
a. Jeffrey Alan DILLER b. 11 Aug. 1966 Columbus, Ohio
b. David John DILLER b. 11 Jan. 1968 Columbus, Ohio
c. Dennis James DILLER b. 13 July 1969 Coldwater, Ohio
d. Mark Gerard DILLER b. 12 Nov. 1972 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
e. John Anthony DILLER b. 30 Sept. 1976 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
4. Alan Richard DILLER (twin) b. 12 Feb. 1945 Celina, Ohio
m. 8 April 1967 Carthagena, Ohio res. St. Anthony, Ohio
Rose Ann KREMER b. 23 Aug. 1945 Carthagena, Ohio
pr: Herman KREMER and Marie HOMAN
a. Gary Joseph DILLER b. 3 Jan. 1968 St. Henry, Ohio
b. Caroline Marie DILLER b. 7 Jan 1969 St. Henry, Ohio
c. Amy Marie DILLER b. 17 Feb. 1971 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
d. Gregory Alan DILLER b. 15 March 1978 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
5. Arthur DILLER (twin) b. 12 Feb. 1945 d. 13 Feb. 1945 Celina

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6. Louis Ralph DILLER b. 8 Oct. 1946 Celina, Ohio
m. 10 Sept. 1969 Ft. Recovery, Ohio res. Ft. Recovery, Ohio
Jeanette Theodora METZGER b. 14 Nov. 1948 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
pr: Norbert METZGER and Rosemary TIMMERMAN
a. Angela Sue DILLER b. 17 June 1971 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
b. Eric Louis DILLER b. 10 June 1978 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
c. Steven Michael DILLER b. 11 April 1982 Portland, IN
7. Alice Rose DILLER b. 30 July 1948 Celina, Ohio
m. 16 Sept. 1972 Sharpsburg, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
James Austin REMAKLUS b. 23 Sept. Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Austin REMAKLUS and Loretta SCHULTE
a. Shelley Renee REMAKLUS b. 15 June 1973 Coldwater, Ohio
b. Shannon Maria REMAKLUS b. 18 Sept. 1974 Coldwater, Ohio
c. Chad James REMAKLUS b. 2 March 1977 Coldwater, Ohio
d. Stacey REMAKLUS b. 28 Aug. 1980 Coldwater, Ohio
8. Daniel Luke DILLER b. 9 Feb. 1950 Celina, Ohio

C. Adela Josepine DILLER b. 23 June 1913 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 29 Aug. 1936 St. Anthony, Ohio

D. Otto John DILLER b. 15 Nov. 1915 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 16 Nov. 1981 Lourdes Hospital Paducah, Kentucky
Ordained 5 Dec. 1943 a Priest of the Society of the Precious Blood.

E. Theresa Valentine DILLER b. 15 Oct 1918 St. Anthony, Ohio
Entered the Order of St. Francis, Tiffin, Ohio, 26 Sept. 1936, Professed a Sister of the Order of St. Francis in 1943. She took the name Sister Mary Adela.

F. Ethelreda DILLER b. 22 July 1921 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 21 May 1946 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Robert T. BOECKMAN b. 17 Oct. 1922
pr: Albert BOECKMAN and Julia HOMAN
1. James Robert BOECKMAN b. 25 Jan. 1950 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 4 Aug. 1973 Celina, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Kathie KLOSTERMAN b.29 Sept. 1954
pr: Eugene KLOSTERMAN and Ida HOEFBAUM
2nd m. Oct. 1979 Coldwater, Ohio
Nancy RUTSCHILLING b. 4 Sept. 1958 Osgood, Ohio
pr: Elmer RUTSCHILLING and Doris SCHULZE
a. Heather BOECKMAN b. 29 May 1974 Coldwater, Ohio
b. Matthew BOECKMAN b. 25 May 1977 Coldwater, Ohio
c. Anna Leah BOECKMAN b. 13 Nov. 1978 Coldwater, Ohio
d. Jennifer BOECKMAN b. 23 Feb. 1980 Coldwater, Ohio
2. Janet Marie BOECKMAN b. 3 Aug. 1953 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. Kenneth Clark PARKER b. 17 Oct. 1950 Greenville, Ohio
2nd m. 17 March 1981 Fred TYO b. 22 March 1942
pr: Renessance TYO and Hazel WILLS
a. Holly Valentine PARKER TYO b. 30 Jan. 1976 Troy, Ohio
b. Casey Harris PARKER TYO b. 4 April 1977 Troy, Ohio
3. Joan Theresia BOECKMAN b. 10 Oct. 1963 Coldwater, Ohio
d. 18 May 1974 Coldwater, Ohio

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G. Walter William DILLER b. 4 April 1925 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 15 April 1945 bur. St. Elizabeth Cemetery Coldwater, Ohio
Killed in Italy during World War II

H. Donald Joseph DILLER b. 2 Sept. 1929 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 29 May 1954 St. Marys, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Rita Jean RUTHER b. 3 May 1932 St. Marys, Ohio
pr: Edward RUTHER and Rose HEMMELGARN
1. Kenneth Miles DILLER b. 18 June 1955 Coldwater, Ohio
2. Christine Ann DILLER b. 24 July 1956 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 15 April 1978 Coldwater, Ohio
James GRILLIOT b. 6 June 1954 New Bremen, Ohio
pr: Nicholas GRILLIOT and Catherine LUELLMAN
a. Matthew James GRILLIOT b. 24 April 1981 St. Louis, MO
b. Michael GRILLIOT b. 1982
3. Catherine Joan DILLER b. 1 April 1959 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 3 Nov. 1979 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Anthony PUTHOFF b.16 Oct. 1954 Casella, Ohio
pr: Henry PUTHOFF and Evelyn GRIESHOP
a. Angela PUTHOFF b. 16 March 1980 Coldwater, Ohio
4. Kevin Joseph DILLER b. 10 Sept. 1965 Coldwater, Ohio
d. 9 Nov. 1977 Children's Hospital Columbus, Ohio

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THE RELIGIOUS MEMBERS of the SEBASTIAN DILLER FAMILY



Top row, left to right: Sister Valentine, Seminarians Max and Urban
Middle row: Sister Geneva, Sister Lucille, Sister Gabriel
Bottom row: Sister Adela, Father Otto, Father Harold, Sister Melanie

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RELIGIOUS MEMBERS of SEBASTIAN DILLER FAMILY

Sister Valentine was Anna DILLER, the daughter of Sebastian DILLER and Josepha BIGGS. She entered the Convent of the Precious Blood Sisters at Maria Stein, Ohio, died of tuberculosis and is buried on the Convent cemetery.

Max DILLER was the son of Philip DILLER and Anna GROSS. He was a student of the Precious Blood Priests, learning to become a priest. He died while a student from tuberculosis and is buried at St. Charles Seminary, Carthegena, Ohio. He was a grandson of Sebastian DILLER.

Urban DILLER was the son of Philip DILLER and Anna GROSS. He also died from tuberculosis when a student of the Precious Blood Priests. He is buried at St. Charles Seminary, Carthegena, Ohio. He was a grandson of Sebastian DILLER.

Sister Geneva DILLER is the daughter of Tony DILLER and Christina MENG of Kansas. She is a Sister of the Adorers of the Precious Blood in Wichita, Kansas. She is a granddaughter of Sebastian DILLER.

Sister Lucille DILLER is the daughter of Tony DILLER and Christina MENG of Kansas. She is a Sister of the Adorers of the Precious Blood in Wichita, Kansas. She is a granddaughter of Sebastian DILLER.

Sister Gabriel DILLER was Leona DILLER, the daughter of Tony DILLER and Christina MENG of Kansas. She became a Sister of the Adorers of the Precious Blood in Wichita, Kansas. She was a granddaughter of Sebastian DILLER.

Sister Adela DILLER is Theresia DILLER, the daughter of John DILLER and Mary GROSS. She is a Sister of St. Francis of Tiffin, Ohio, teaching at Payne, Ohio. She is a granddaughter of Sebastian DILLER.

Father Otto DILLER was the son of John DILLER and Mary GROSS. He was a priest of the Precious Blood Society and is buried at St. Charles Seminary, Carthegena, Ohio. He was a grandson of Sebastian DILLER.

Father Harold DILLER is the son of John DILLER and Mary GROSS. He is a priest of the Precious Blood Society and is now a chaplin in Paducah, Kentucky. He is a grandson of Sebastian DILLER.

Sister Melanie RAUH is Geneva RAUH, the daughter of Theodore RAUH and Lucina DILLER. She is a Sister of the Poor Hand Maids of Christ of Donaldson, Indiana, the Music Director of a parish in Indiana. She is a great granddaughter of Sebastian DILLER.

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SISTER VALENTINE C.PP.S.

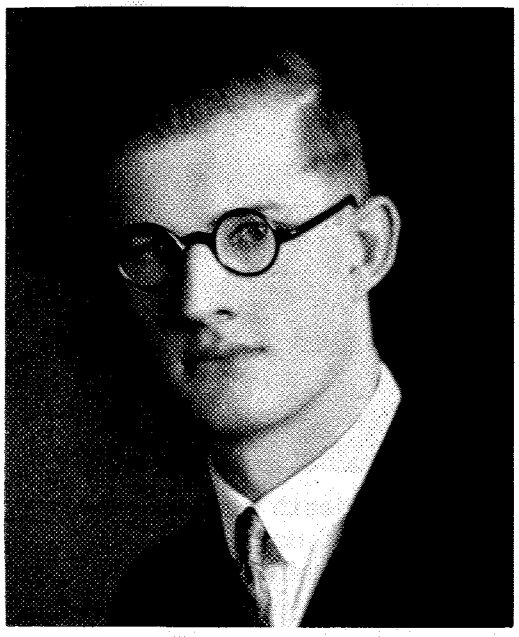


Anna DILLER was born 9 October 1864 at St. Anthony, Mercer County, Ohio, the second child of Sebastian DILLER and Josepha BIGGS DILLER. She was baptised in St. Anthony's Church. Her sponsors were Ignatius RAUH and Marian ZUMBIHL. She grew up on the farm where she was born, attending church and school at St. Anthony, Ohio. when a young girl she entered the convent of the Sisters of the Precious Blood at Maria Stein, Ohio, becoming Sister M. Valentine DILLER.

Sister did domestic work. When the new part of the convent was built she helped carry the bricks to the new site from the place the bricks were made, near the convent. She became ill with tuberculosis and died 29 April 1895, at the convent at the age of 30 years. She is buried in the convent cemetery at Maria Stein, Ohio.

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MAX DILLER C.PP.S.



The sorrow of relatives and dear ones at the death of Max DILLER was shared by those who had known him in the few years of his student life. Though his holy and devout death was a release from sickness and suffering, the grief felt by all was most poignant. This was due not only to his youth for he was only twenty-eight at the time of his death, but also to the fact that he had endeared himself to his professors and fellow students by a blameless and exemplary religious life.

Max, as he was always called, was born 22 April 1903 at St. Anthony, Ohio. Having completed his primary education at the local village school, he, at the age of seventeen, entered the Preparatory Seminary at Burkettsville, Ohio, and there began the preparatory studies which were to culminate, God willing, in the priesthood in the Congregation of the Most Precious Blood. Temporary Profession was made 3 December, 1924 at St. Charles Seminary. On 9 June 1926 he was graduated from St. Joseph's College and returned to St. Charles Seminary to undertake the studies immediately preparatory to the priesthood. Barely had he begun the venture into the field of scholastic philosophy when, in March, 1927, he was stricken with consumption. Although apparently of robust constitution, this attack was fatal and never again did he resume his studies. Attempting to regain health by various means and at various institutions, he finally chose a sanatorium near Lima, Ohio, where he spent the greater portion of his last two years.

As a student Max was kind and resourceful. With abilities in many fields, he was always a willing and patient helper. So outstanding was his fidelity to religious life and to its exercises of piety that, in spite of occasional excusing circumstances, he would never absent himself from the community routine. His death, on 9 August, gave actual proof of the words: "Pretiosa in conspectu Domini, mors sanctorum ejus." (Beauty in the sight of the Lord, death of his holy ones." VIVAS IN CHRISTO !

(This was published in the newspaper at the time of his death.)

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URBAN DILLER C.PP.S.



The other night death came to thee
And robbed thee of mortality.
For this cause, this thy elegy is caroling.

I look upon thy face and see
The joy of immortality
For unto God's infinity thou art wed.
I gaze upon thy loveliness,
and see thee clothed in comeliness,
Free from our nature's frailness,
For thou art dead.

Here only is thy body's dust;
There, where there is no trace of rust,
and where there is no smell of must,
Thy spirit sleeps.
Faith sings a joyous song of praise
That God did thee from this earth raise
Unto the land of endless days
Where no one weeps.

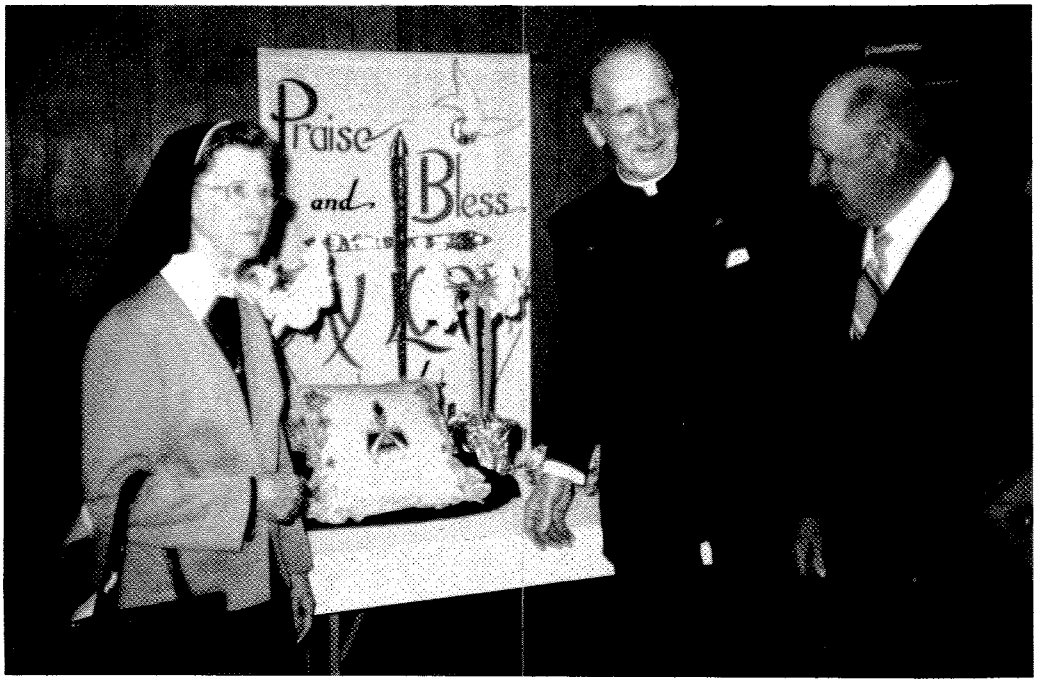
Faith sings; for in eternal rest,
Where God doth hold unto His Breast
The happy souls of all the blest,
Thy soul dost cling.
Thou art among those robed in white,
Who play within the Christ-Child's sight,
And dost join in the song of light
The virgins sing.

The gay young spirit fled this earth,
And now thou hast eternal mirth;
We pray that thou didst have thy birth
In heav'n a-caroling. __A Seminarian.

Urban died 29 August 1926 of tuberculosis, and is buried in St. Charles Cemetery. This was in newspaper at the time of his death.

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SISTER GENEVA DILLER



Sister Geneva DILLER, Fr. Harold DILLER, Cyril DILLER

Geneva DILLER born 2 October 1905, Waterloo, Kansas, was the first born of Tony DILLER and Christina MENG. She entered the Convent of the Adorers of the Blood of Jesus Christ at a very young age. She made her first religious profession in July 1923. Sister Geneva received her M.A. from St. Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kansas. After that she taught in the elemeentary schools in Kansas until 1979, except for six years spent in Hobbs, New Mexico, in the elementary school. She was the principal all but the very first years of teaching. When she retired she was sacristan at the convent in Wichita, Kansas, until her health made it impossible. She was moved to the health care facility of the convent where she remains quietly and pleasantly and receives excellent care. She is a real joy to the nurses who care for her. Sister does not remember and is confused about her relatives and events in her life. She was 82 years old last October. (From Sister Lucille, 1988).

Sister Geneva DILLER is pictured with the embroidered pillow for Father Harold DILLER's First Solemn MASS. Fifty years ago Sister Geneva had made the pillow for her cousin, Father Harold. She is pictured here on the occasion of the celebration of Father Harold's Golden Jubilee, with Fr. Harold DILLER and her brother Cyril DILLER.

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SISTER LUCILLE DILLER



Sister Lucille DILLER

Sister Lucille DILLER was born 18 February 1913 in Waterloo, Kansas, the fifth child of Tony DILLER and Christina MENG. She left home when only fifteen years old and entered the religious life making her profession in 1930 as a Sister of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. After that she went into nursing school in Wichita, Kansas, then after graduation to Chicago, Illinois for school in anesthesia, which she practiced along with nursing in New Mexico. Next she went to Oklahoma for ten more years in nursing, and finally to Marquette University for both her B.S. and M.S. in nursing. After that she taught nursing at the University of Oklahoma and at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

In 1976 Sister returned to the motherhouse and spent a year there before returning to Oklahoma City where she took a year of CPE at Presbyterian Hospital and remained there for nine years as one of the hospital chaplains. After having had a stroke, she retired to the motherhouse in Wichita where she is presenting, sewing and doing small jobs that she is capable of. She has had a full and rewarding religious life, and still helping where she can.

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SISTER GABRIEL DILLER



Tony and Christina DILLER with their three daughters who entered the Convent of the Sisters of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ.
Left to right: Sister Gabriel, Sister Geneva, Tony, Christina, and Sister Lucille.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER GABRIEL DILLER

REFRAIN: "Into your Hands"

Reader: Who shall find a valiant woman?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
A valiant woman - doing good and not evil
all the days of her life.

Creative, artistic, gifted
with many - faceted skills,
She diligently applies herself
to her everyday tasks.
Nothing is too hidden -
nothing too demanding on her time
and her love.

A valiant woman - a stranger to deceit.
Her "Yea " means "Yea"'
her "Nay - Nay".
Unyielding - yet promptly yielding
at love's command.
Her "inner truth" and outer being"
are not two - but one.

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Reader: Who shall find a valiant woman?
Who is a liberated woman.
A woman - free enough
To be herself in any area of work
It matters not.

A woman - free enough
To work with men - efficiently, cheerfully,
oft - times challenged by their verdict:
"It can't be done";
Then, accomplishing single -handed that
which they can not achieve,
she quietly enjoys the success of her labor.

A woman - free enough
To walk with friends - but not too close,
neither possessing them
nor being possessed by them.
She is a woman who can walk alone.

A woman - free enough
To walk with God.
Whether He seems near or far away -
her steps do not falter.
Her joy, like the rain -
fills her cup until it "runneth over"

And at long, last the Lord hears her prayer,
"When it is my time, Lord, let me come quickly".
His answer, "Come, sister, come quickly."
And like the wind - she is gone.

Who shall find a valiant woman?
She is a "gift" from the Giver of all good things,
bestowed on us, her family, friends and fellow
Sisters for sixty - one years -
brief years for those who knew and loved her.
All too brief!

Some say she has fallen asleep.
Not so! - Not so!
Her life has just begun -
living in all its fullness
the Freedom of the Children of God,
and living on in the hearts of those who
know and love her.
YES, LORD! YES, AMEN!

REFRAIN: "Into Your Hands"
(Composed by Sister Xavier LAMPE, one of Sister Gabiel's Profession Group)

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Whichita, Kansas - August 29, 1975

Dear Sisters,

We recommend to your prayers the soul of SISTER GABRIEL DILLER who passed away quite suddently at 7:40 a.m. August 29, 1975, from a heart attack. sister Gabriel would have been 61 in September, and spent 43 years of her life as a professed member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ.

Born at Waterloo, Kansas, on September 20, 1914, Sister Gavriel, baptized Leona, was the daughter of Anton and Christina (MENG) DILLER. She joined the Congregation of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ at Wichita, from Fowler, Kansas, in 1930. She entered the novitiate in 1931, made her first profession of vows on July 31, 1932, and her final profession on August 10, 1937.

Sister Gabriel received her A.B. degree in biology from Benedictine (Mt. St. Scholastica) College, Atchison, Kansas, in 1947, and her M.S. degree in biology, from the University of Notre Dame, in 1955.

Sister began her teaching career at St. Mary School, Aleppo, Kansas, in 1935, and taught in the elementary schools of Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. She taught six years at Central Catholic High School in Oklahoma City and returned to the same school, renamed McGuinness High, in 1958 for one year. She taught from 1959-1961 at St. Mary High School, David City, (Aquinas); four years at Sacred Heart Academy, Wichita; and one year at Carroll High. From 1965 to 1971 Sister taught biology at Sacred Heart College (Kansa Newman College). For the past three years she taught the upper grades at St. Anne School, Wichita, in the department of science. Sister Gabriel was in good health most of her life. She became ill this morning about 4:45 and was rushed to St. Francis Hospital with a hear attack. She was placed in the intensive care cardiac unit and was annointed at 7:00 a.m. She died forty minutes later.

Sister indicated that she had awakened at 3:30 a.m. when the rainstorm struck Wichita, sprinkled holy water, and said she was feeling fine. Later while waiting in the hospital emergency room, she was able to give Sister Marita ROTHER, her principal, all directives for her Friday classes. All who really knew Sister Gabriel, recognized in her not only a diligent co-worker, excellent teacher, good organizer and manager, but a woman of integrity who lived her convictions in complete honesty. Her dependability was remarkable and her ever willing, helping hand had its source in a truly kind heart. She was utterly practical yet very artistic. She was dedicated to her vocation as a religious and served God unpretentiously. Her deep spirituality made of her a person who could walk alone with God if necessary. Hers was the embodiment of a free person.

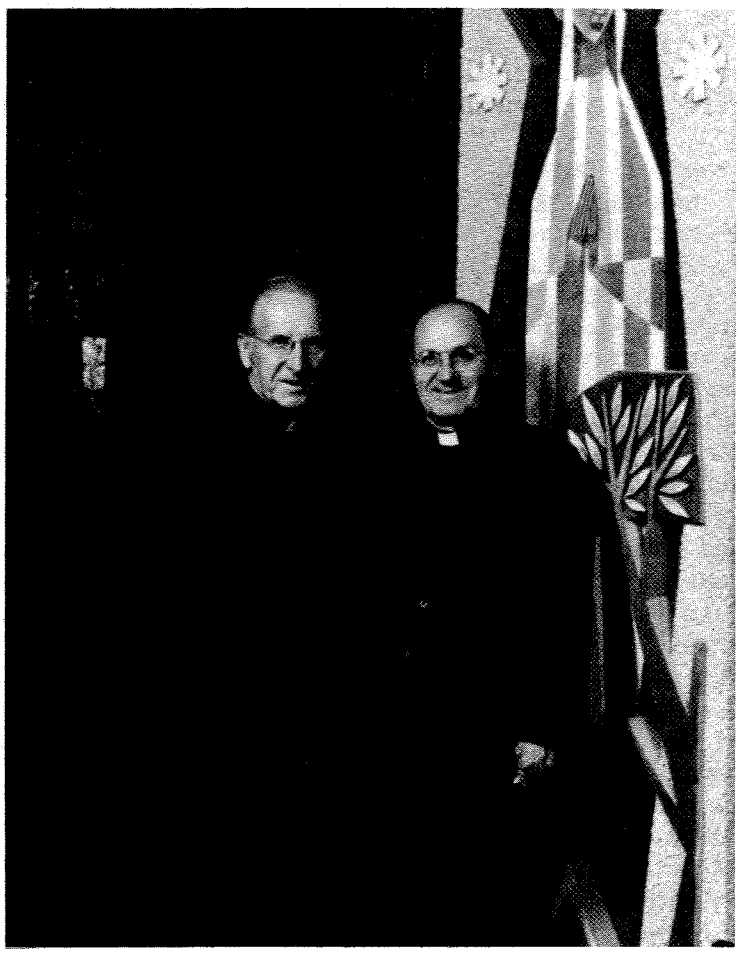
Survivors of Sister Gabriel include four brothers: Cyril, Walsh; Urban, Aurorra; and Dennis, Henderson, all in Colorado; and Charles of Gruver, Texas. She has three sisters: Sister Geneva, ASC, Wichita; Sister Lucille, ASC, San Angelo, Texas; and Rose CONRARDY, Englewood, Colorado. Two of her first cousins are Precious Blood Fathers: Father Harold DILLER, Brunnerdale Seminary, Canton, Ohio; and Father Otto DILLER, st Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio. Her brother Marvin and her sister Maureen are deceased.

A wake service will be held in the motherhouse chapel on Sunday evening, August 31, at 7:30 p.m. The funeral will be on Monday morning, September 1, at 11:00 a.m. May she enjoy the bliss of eternal life!

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FATHER OTTO DILLER C.PP.S.



Fathers Harold and Otto DILLER

WRITTEN by FATHER OTTO DILLER in 1978

I was born on the farm at sun up on 15 Nov. 1915 in the last house on the DILLER-RAUH Road, St. Anthony, Ohio, in Mercer County. My mother once said I was the biggest cry-baby of all the children, I was just building up my lungs for later use. I was baptized two days later in St. Anthony Church by Father NOTHEIS just before he died. My schooling was in the one room school at St. Anthony under the great teacher A. H. REICHERT. I caused him some problems at school, one was kicking the pnel of the door out as it was my understanding a new door was coming immediately. My surprise was that the new door did not come so I had to sit in front of it and hold out the cold wind. He considered me his best Soprano, I lated ended up a Bass. Father Theodosius BRACKMAN always kept asking me if I was going to the priesthood but my constant reply was "I'm too dumb." I guess I did not need much proof for that. My sense of humor ran deep and on one occasion the pipes in the church did so much cracking that I figured it was 'a sign of the devil after the sinners' and I had to laugh so much that I could not compose myself for Confession that day.

To the surprise of all, in July of 1932 Clarence POST and I pledged

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to one another that if he would go I would go to the Seminary, that we did in Sept. of 1932. At Brunnerdale Seminary we began the studies to the priesthood. Clarence was homesick the first two weeks. I consoled him, then two weeks later I though I was going to die of homesickness but said to myself, "I'll not cause any expense to go home, I'll just die here." Homesickness left and never returned. Having half a year of Latin in Celina, Ohio, under tough Sr. Hilaria, I had a good start on Latin and it paid off. Schooling was a struggle but the Lord seemed to want me. I finished High School at St. Joseph's College and two years of college there. I took part in almost every activity, singing in choir ang glee club, playing tuba in the band, right guard in class football team and stared one day as I accidently got the football and ran the wrong way. I must have covered two hundred yards in the game-play.

In 1938 I came to St. Charles Seminary for Philosophy and Theology studies. Father Harold, Max and Urban DILLER had preceded me there as well as Ernest WELLMAN had been at Burkettsville. Why Max, Urban and Ernest, my cousins, were called to Heaven in their studies is still a mystery. Why God chose me to continue is also a mystery. St. Charles Seminary was most enjoyable of all the places of study.

I was ordained Deacon on 4 Dec. and a priest on 5 Dec. 1943. Our class was advanced 6 months in summer classes so that we could be ordained early to help fill the places of priests going into military service. **Our class was the year of the hundredth anniversary of our Society of the Precious Blood in America.** After ordination our class had a vacation but helped out Christmas Time. My First Mass was at Coldwater, Ohio, on 12 Dec. and a second Mass at St. Anthony's Church 19 Dec. I was the last boy ordained from St. Anthony Parish up to this time. I hope and pray vocations begin again from St. Anthony.

My first official appointment carried me to the distant land of Linton, North Dakota. It was a cold day in February as I took my first train ride all by myself from Van Wert, Ohio, to Chicago, Illinois, to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Selby, South Dakota. At that train station the pastor, Father MARTIN and his housekeeper picked me up. It was 20 below zero. My second appointment took me to Garden City, Kansas. I spent 7 happy years there under Father George SPAETH C.PP.S. I was then sent to St. Bridget, Xenia, Ohio. After two weeks I was appointed to Dayton, Ohio, where I took on Chaplaincy at Miami Valley Hospital and Dayton State Hospital while residing at St. Marys and helping that parish. In 1971 I was forced to resign from State Hospital after 20 years of service. In 1972 I was forced to bed at Carthagena due to crippling arthritis. Then I found help through surgery. In Chicago I had the right and left knee replaced with artificial joints. Being then able to walk to some degree I began chaplaincy in Lourdes Hospital at Paducah, Kentucky. The hospital being run by Sisters of St. Francis from Tiffin, Ohio, the Community to which Sr. Adela belongs. In 1975 after serving the hospital in an electric wheelchair I had my right and left ankles replaced. In 1978 the right knee again was replaced with the latest model prosthesis.

23 April, 1978

Father Otto died 16 November 1982, and is buried on the St. Charles Cemetery, Carthagena, Ohio.

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FATHER HAROLD DILLER C.PP.S.

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He was the first child born of John and Mary DILLER on the farm, Oct. 6, 1908 at St. Anthony, Ohio. He attended the oneroom school at St. Anthony under the great teacher, A. H. REICHERT. He remembers well the 1918 Snowstorm and loved the sleigh rides in Philip DILLERs One Horse sleigh. Harold went to Burkettsville Novitiate in 1925 to begin his studies for the priesthood. He became so homesick that Zeno, his brother, stayed two weeks with him so he woulc not come home. Zeno, of course, enjoyed that and it was in that way that God led Harold on to the altar. After high school at Burkettsville he went to St. Joseph's College. There he took part in many activities with gymnastics and music being his extra special avocation. The Model T brought him from St. Joe to Carthagena. In his theology courses of four years he also excelled in music and became the best choir director at the Seminary. While at the Seminary he worked with special interest in the garden and the garden-gang had quite q reputation. At one of their parties one student made a cake but used lime instead of flour; the result was TRUE HARDTACK - you could not break it with a hammer.

Father's first appointment was as assistant to Msgr. ERTLE in Dayton, Ohio, at Holy Family Church. From there he went to St. Joe College to help as assistant to Fr. SCHEIDLER in material affairs of the college. Ht then took on directing music in choir and glee club. Fr. Ott was in his choral group which made many outside appearances of the college. In 1939 he was sent to Resurrection parish in Cincinnati. He and the pastor, Fr. STRAUB, were great friends and the pastor made dandy steaks Sunday evenings. In 1943 he was made pastor of the first black parish in Hamilton, Ohio. The rectory was an old little house and the church was a renovated horse stable which formerly was abrewery. He had most exciting years working with the black people and the Mercy Sisters. People still talk of that today in Hamilton. In 1948 he was made pastor of St. Sebastian Parish, Mercer Co. Ohio. There, with Sr. Adela's influence he had three girls go to Tiffin Convent and they are wonderful Sisters today. In 1950 he was made Superior of Burkettsville Novitiate. In 1952 he was elected secretary to the Provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood and served 12 years in that position. All the priests of the Community praised him for that work. In 1962 he was appointed Rector of Brunnerdale Seminary. The Seminary grew in number and prestige under his direction. He had much to do to form the parent Guild of students at Brunnerdale. In 1972 he was relieved of the duty as superior but remained at Brunnerdale for many community and school services.

In 1975, as Fr. Otto was going into three operations in six months, he came to help as chaplain at Lourds Hospital. After these months he was granted permission to remain at Paducah and share the chaplaincy with Fr. Otto. Since a little black parish was without an able priest to sever the parish, Father volunteered to care for the Masses and services at Rosary Chapel in Paducah, Kentucky, while sharing the work at the hospital.

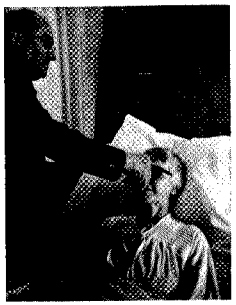
Both Fr. DILLERs are happy with the work in Paducah, Kentucky.

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Father Otto Diller, C.PP.S.

The following article was taken from Lourdes (Hospital) LIFELINE, Paducah, Kentucky.



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November 15, 1915

November 16, 1982

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Consider this particular man dressed in black, and affectionately referred to by many simply as "Father Ott." Behind the gentle smile and the priestly clothing, was a powerful story about God's special graces, coupled with one man's unwavering spirit of determination, even in the face of prolonged suffering.

You see, Fr. Otto Diller, C.PP.S., was a victim of what is often identified as the one crippling disease known to our Twentieth Century World, namely Arthritis. Arthritis is a mysterious disease, in that its cause and its cure or prevention continue to baffle the great minds laboring within the field of medicine today. Specifically, Fr. Ott was afflicted by Rheumatoid Arthritis, which is characterized by inflamation, stiffness, and other deformity of the joints within the human body.

The almost unbelievable truth of the matter is this you could not find Fr. Ott sitting alone in some isolated room complaining and feeling sorry for himself. You could and would find him, however, putting in a full day's work, ministering to the sick at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, Kentucky, where he was the Director of the Pastoral Care Department.

We, the Lourdes Hospital family are proud of Fr. Ott and his tremendous spirit of determination. Now that he has departed this world, his example remains.

HIS STORY

Turning very quickly past the introductory pages of Fr. Ott's lifestory, we find him in the midst of a 21-year assignment as Chaplain to the State Mental Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. What was first thought to be a touch of the flu, suffered during Christmas, 1965, was soon diagnoised as Rheumatoid Arthritis. The disease appeared suddenly, only to rampage throughout Fr. Ott's body.

Consequently, during the years of 1966-1969, the struggle to walk became increasingly difficult, in spite of hospitalization, therapy and the use of crutches. Sometimes, in making communion calls to sick parishioners of St. Mary's, Dayton, Ohio, Fr. Ott would hear this comment: "Father, you should stay at home. You are in worse shape than we are!"

A disability retirement from the State Mental Hospital was accepted by Fr. Ott in 1971. But Fr. Ott's deepest yearning to be involved in some type of priestly ministry was soon to be answered. The Fall of 1973 delivered him the invitation to be the Chaplain for Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, Ky. Upon provision of an electric wheelchair, Fr. Ott assumed his pastoral care duties here on December 12, 1973. Certain tasks, however, like anointing of the sick, still required Fr. Otto to be on his feet; but even this would be impossible by 1975.

With a second replacement of the right knee in 1978, Fr. Ott prepared to move into the decade of the 1980's only to face more struggles. A complete deterioration of both hip joints required that they too be replaced in May and Sept., 1980. Within one month's time, however, Fr. Ott was on his feet once again and, as he put it, "walking better than I have walked in 15 years." Fr. Ott's personal struggle with Rheumatoid Arthritis is now over. Fr. Ott did indeed inspire many, simply because he was willing to go on to tomorrow with a very positive attitude, in spite of all that he had suffered.

While his struggles with arthritis could otherwise have been a grinding experience, Fr. Ott readily admitted that he was able to avoid discouragement because of the example of generous and constant sacrifice given to him as a child by his parents, who themselves suffered long-term illness.

May Father Otto rest in peace!

Father Ott's Favorite Prayer

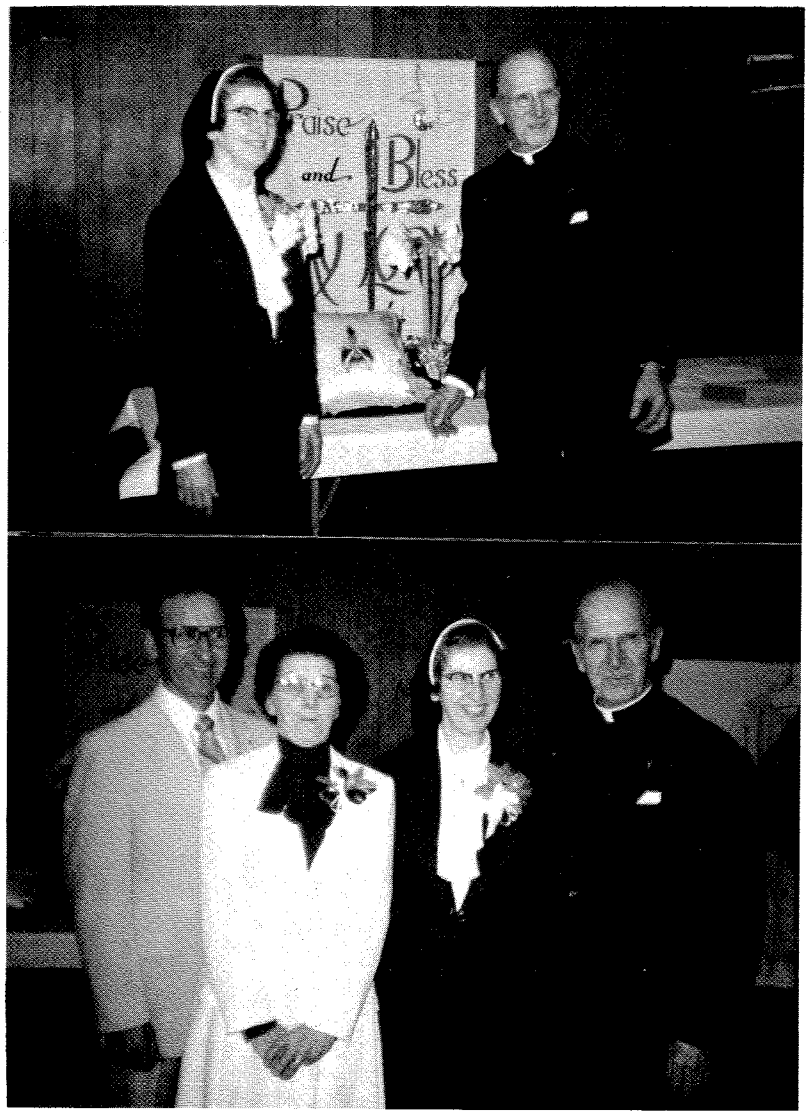
God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.

Courage to change the things I can . . . and Wisdom to know the difference.



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GOLDEN JUBILEE

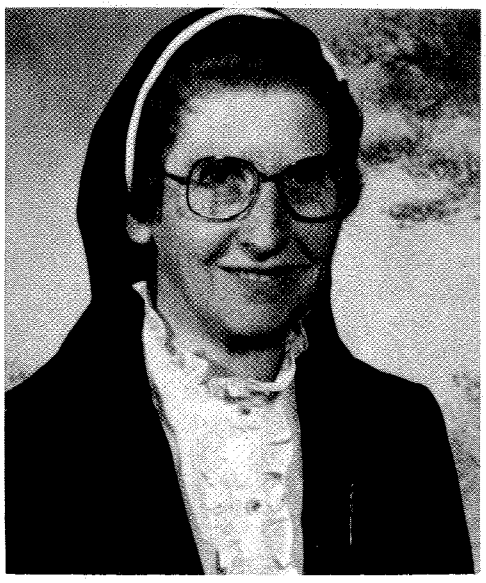


Pictures taken at Father Harold DILLER's GOLDEN JUBILEE.
Top picture: Sister Adela DILLER and her brother Father Harold DILLER.
Bottom picture: Donald DILLER, Ethelreda DILLER BOECKMAN, Sister Adela DILLER, and Father Harold DILLER.

On Sunday, the 13th of May 1984, Father Harold V. DILLER celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Coldwater, Ohio. Four of his classmates had joined him in a celebration on May 10th, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio. The living classmates were Frs. Jerome WOLF, Urban SIEGRIST, Carl LONGANBACK and Carl GASTES, who were ordained in a class of 15 on May 10, 1934. Father Harold's brother and sisters, many cousins, relatives, and friends joined in this celebration. My sister Rita TIMMERMAN and I atteded this Mass at Coldwater, Ohio.

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SISTER ADELA DILLER



Sister Adela DILLER

Theresa Valentine Marie DILLER was born 15 October, 1918, the daughter of John and Mary DILLER. She is the sister of Father Otto DILLER and Father Harold DILLER. She grew up and attended elementary school in St. Anthony Parish. She entered the St. Francis Convent School as an aspirant on the 26 September, 1936. She entered as a postulant on 30 January 1938, and was received into the community as a novice on 11 August 1938 and given the name Sister Mary Adela. On 12 August 1940, Sister Adela made her first profession of vows. In 1943, the same year Father Ott was ordained, she received her ring and made final commitment of vows.

After Profession of Vows she attended the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1945. After some years of teaching she received her Masters Degree at the University of Notre Dame in 1956 and in 1974 received the Teacher's Medal at Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge.

1943 was Sister Adela's first year of teaching - an apostolate that she has continued in since that date. In the teaching profession , sister has served 20 some years as teacher or as teacher/principal in the Elementary Schools of the Toledo Diocese (Edgerton, Peru, Blakeslee, Payne) and 18 years on the Secondary Level teaching in St. Francis Convent High School, Tiffin, Ohio, and at St. Mary School, Paducah, Ky.

While teaching in Tiffin, Ohio, she also served as Aspirant Directress in the community 1955-1962 and as Postulant directress 1962-1968. In 1974 she was elected to serve a 4 year term as a member of the General Council of the Sisters of St. Francis, Tiffin.

Sister is presently serving as Principal in St. John School, Payne, Ohio.

Father Otto, Father Harold and Sister Adela are brothers and sister, the children of John and Mary DILLER.

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SISTER MELANIE DILLER



Sister Melanie DILLER

Sister Melanie, Geneva DILLER, daughter of Theodore RAUH and Lucina DILLER, was born 13 May 1941. She grew up in the St. Anthony, Ohio, area. She studied music and gave private lessons on the piano, organ, accordion and other instruments. She graduated from Sherwood Music College, Chicago, Illinois.

On 6 August 1964, Geneva DILLER was professed a nun in the order of Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC) at Donaldson, Indiana. She took the name Sister Melanie.

Sister Melanie has taught and developed music programs, and was choir director and organist at Our Lady of Good Hope, St. Vincent School, in Fort Wayne, Indiana; St. Mary's, Mt. Carmel, Illinois; St. Peter and Paul, Richmond, Minnesota; Castleton and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sister Melanie is presently Administrator of Parish Music at St. Mary's Church, Anderson, Indiana.

During the summer of 1979, sister was a choir member in Sounds of Hope Tour in Europe, traveling to many places and seeing RAUH family members. She also visited the convents of her religious order. This is an annual tour to provide an opportunity to use their talents to share with people in other countries a concern for a clearer understanding through the language of music shich is universally understood.

Sister still keeps in contact with other members of the tour. She continues to use her musical talents in her work in the parish and also with the youth in the paris

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THE FAMILY of JOHN and ANNA WEIGEL

This Catholic family came from Germany and settled in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana. Some of the family moved to Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio, which is just across the State Line. From death and birth records of their children we believe that John and Anna WEIGEL had five grown children with them in America. The only marriage record that has been found is the record for John WEIGEL and Josepha BIGGS. We have not searched for the others. The marriage of John WEIGEL and Josepha BIGGS was performed by Reverend Sebastian GANTHER on 8 April 1856 in St. Marys Home Chapel. John WEIGEL and Josepha BIGGS family, with additional information on their children, is found in the chapter, THE FAMILY of JOSEPHA BIGGS and JOHN WEIGEL.

Through research we have found the following information on the five children of John and Anna WEIGEL.

John WEIGEL b. March 1788 Germany d. 4 Oct. 1871 83 yrs. St. Anthony, Ohio
m. in Germany
Anna Maria (maiden name unknown) b. Dec. 1799 Germany d. 18 Nov. 1876

I. John WEIGEL b. unknown. d. 15 April 1860 Drowned in Wabash River.
bur. in old St. Anthony Cemetery.
m. 8 April 1856 St. Marys Home Chapel, Trinity, Indiana
Josepha BIGGS b. 6 Jan. 1834 Krummensbach, Wurttemberg
d. 5 May 1897 St. Anthony, Ohio bur. new St. Anthony Cemetery.
pr: Franz Josef BUG and Monica ZUMBIHL

II. Barbara WEIGEL b. 27 Sept. 1825 Germany
d. 2 May 1878 aged 52-7-5 bur. Holy Trinity Cemetery, Trinity, IN
m. Mathias FOX (FUCHS in German) b. 17 March 1818 Germany
d. 15 Oct. 1875 aged 56-6-28 bur. Holy Tinity Cemetery, Indiana

Children listed in the 1860 Census besides the ones here: Mary 14, Margaret 10, John 8, and Sophia 6.

A. George FOX b. 14 Sept. 21, 1856 St. Anthony Church, Ohio
sp: George JOHN and Josepha BIGGS by Fr. Sebastian GANTHER

B. Constanz FOX bp. 28 April 1860 St. Anthony, Ohio
sp: Constanz WEIGEL and Catherine DIDION Fr. GANTHER

C. Mathias FOX b. 20 July bp. 15 Aug. 1862 Fr. Rochus SCHULY
sp: Ignatius RAUH and Margaret HANSELMAN (St. Anthony Church records have mother listed as Elizabeth Niman, but this is a mistake. The following death record verifies this.)
FOX, Mathias s/o M. & B. FOX d. 3 March 1881 aged 18-6-23, bur. Holy Trinity Cemetery, Trinity, Indiana

D. Joseph William FOX b. 14 Aug. 14, 1864 by Rev. Engelbert RUFF
sp: John Joseph REITZ and Mary DIDION

E. Bernard Anthony FOX bp. 8 Aug. 1864 by Rev. Engelbert RUFF
sp: Bernard WICKELMAN and Mary Frances REITZ
[Joseph William and Bernard Anthony must be twins, even though the birth dates are recorded slightly different. An error could have happened in copying.]

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F. Charles Joseph FOX b. 30 May bp. 2 June 1867 by P. WILHELMI
sp: Joseph JOHN and Mary Catherine REITZ

[Death record of Anthony FOX b. 30 Aug. 1878, 5 months old buried at Trinity, Indiana. Anthony was born 30 March, 1878, Barbara died 2 May 1878, at age of 52. Could Anthony have been the child of Barbara?]

III. Mary WEIGEL b. 18 Jan. 1828 Germany
d. 29 April 1896 aged 68-4-11 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. Ignatius RAUH b. 1815 Germany d. 4 May 1869 St. Anthony, Ohio

A. John Anthony RAUH b. 25 April 25, 1853 St. Anthony, Ohio
sp: John WEIGEL and Anna Mary HANSELMAN Rev. J. Albrecht
d. 1920 St. Anthony m. Anna 1862-1946 St. Anthony Cemetery
B. George RAUH b. 5 Oct. 18, 1854 St. Anthony Fr. Wilibald WILLI
sp: George GORGION (JOHN) and Elizabeth GROSS
d. 1927 St. Anthony m. Elizabeth HEYNE 1862-1933 St. Anthony
C. Joseph RAUH b. 25 Sept. 29, 1856 St. Anthony Rev. S. GANTHER
sp: John WEIGEL and Francisca BIGGS
d. 16 Feb. 1928 St. Anthony m. 26 Oct. 1880
Elizabeth MAY b. 16 April 1862 St. Anthony d. 12 Jan. 1933
D. Constantine RAUH b. 9 Sept. 12, 1858 Rev. Sebastian GANTHER
sp: Constanz WEIGEL and Barbara FUCHS m. Katie BURKMEIER
E. Henry RAUH b. 4 Oct. 14, 1860 St. Anthony Rev. Engelbert RUFF
sp: Henry WICKELMAN and Mary FUCHS
F. Ignatius RAUH b. 16 Oct. 30, 1863 St. Anthony Rev. Engelbert RUFF
sp: John ALIG and Margaret REITZ (The first priest ordained from St. Anthony, Ohio)

IV. Constanz WEIGEL b. 8 May 1830 Germany
d. 29 Jan. 1898 aged 67-8-21 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. application date only 25 March 1854 to Katherine SITION
m. 8 Feb. 1870 Catherine BRAUN 1846-1916 (no children searched for)

V. Sabina Sophia WEIGEL b. 1837 Germany d. 18 Feb. 1867 St. Anthony, OH
m. George GEORGION or JOHN

Children listed in 1860 Census besides the ones here: Joseph John 12.

A. Anna Maria JOHN b. 24 Sept. 25, 1854 Rev. Willibald WILLI
sp: John Joseph WEICHEL and Mary Ann FORTMAN
B. Catherine JOHN b. 5 July 12, 1857 Rev. Engelbert RUFF
sp: Mathias FOX and Catherine DIDION
C. Elizabeth JOHN b. 15 July 21, 1859 Rev. Sebastian GANTHER
sp: Dietrick FORTMAN and Elizabeth WICKELMAN
D. Anna Barbara JOHN bp. 15 Feb. 1863 Rev. Rochus THULY
sp: Theodore MITTENDORF (only one sponsor listed)
E. Margaret Sophia JOHN b. 27 Aug. 29, 1865 Rev. Englebert RUFF
sp: Anton RAUH and Margaret FUCHS d. 22 Feb. 1867

Other children were born to these families before they came to America. Some of their children are listed in the 1860 Census.

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THE FAMILY of JOSEPHA BIGGS and JOHN WEIGEL

Josepha BIGGS came to America with her widowed mother, three sisters, and one brother, in 1855. Her brother Joseph had come the year before with his uncle Franz Joseph ZUMBIHL and his aunt Magdalena ZUMBIHL. The families lived close to each other at Trinity, Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana. Josepha married John WEIGEL a neighbor who also had emigrated from Germany with his parents and brothers and sisters. They were married 8 April 1856 at the Precious Blood Convent at Trinity, Indiana. Their marriage record from Jay County, Indiana, is included in this book. Two children were born to them. Constantine was born 27 Feb. 1857 and Matthias was born 22 July 1859. Tragedy struck on Easter Sunday, 15 April 1860, when John Weigel drowned in the Wabash River. This information was given to me by some family members, and has been added but at this time it cannot be verified.

It was difficult for a widowed lady with two small children in this vast wilderness. She was encouraged to marry again. Sebastian DILLER had come to the area from Seneca County, Ohio, having emigrated from Bavaria, Germany. Josepha BIGGS WEIGEL married Sebastian DILLER at the Convent at Trinity on 15 October 1861. They moved to the St. Anthony area just across the state line into Ohio. The WEIGEL boys grew up in the DILLER household, with the DILLER children.

Josepha BIGGS b. 6 Jan. 1834 Krummensbach, Wurttemberg
d. 5 May 1897 St. Anthony, Ohio
1st m. 8 April 1856 St. Mary's Convent, Jay Co. Indiana
Rev. Sebastian GANTHER C.PP.S.

John WEIGEL b. date unknown, Germany
d. 15 April 1860 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
bur. St. Anthony old Cemetery.
Drowned in the Wabash River.
pr: John and Anna M. WEIGEL

I. Constantine WEIGEL b. 27 Feb. 1857 Trinity, Indiana
d. 17 Nov. 1924 Ft. Recovery, Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 6 May 1884 Cranberry, Ohio by Rev. Meinrad LENNARTZ
Anna ENTRUP b. 18 Jan. 1862 Walstedde, Westphalia, Germany
d. 3 Oct. 1936 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Mr. ENTRUP and Bernadine ENTRUP (2nd m. Peter SCHMALZ)

II. Matthias WEIGEL b. 22 July 1859 Trinity, Indiana
d. 7 Jan. 1946 Avilla, Indiana bur. Ft. Wayne, Indiana

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I. THE FAMILY OF CONSTANTINE WEIGEL and ANNA ENTRUP



Anna ENTRUP and Constantine WEIGEL

Constantine WEIGEL was the first born son of Josepha BIGGS and John WEIGEL. He was born at Trinity, Indiana, but grew up at St. Anthony, Ohio. Constantine married Anna ENTRUP 6 May 1884. Anna was born in Walstedde, Westphalia, Germany, which was also the home of the MAY and ONTROP families. The family lived on a farm east of Skeels Crossroads which is north of St. Anthony, in Liberty Township. Besides farming, Constantine hauled cream, going to the farms collecting, and then transporting it to market. Later they moved to Fort Recovery, Ohio, where Constantine died 17 Nov. 1924. His widow Anna ENTRUP lived with Henry ONTROP family but died at the Gus ONTROP home. Both are buried at St. Anthony, Ohio. There are many descendants living in Mercer County, Ohio, and Jay County, Indiana.

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I. Constantine WEIGEL b. 27 Feb. 1857 Trinity, Indiana
d. 17 Nov. 1924 Ft. Recovery, Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 6 May 1884 Cranberry, Ohio by Rev. Meinrad LENNARTZ
Anna ENTRUP b. 18 Jan. 1862 Walstedde, Westphalia, Germany
d. 3 Oct. 1936 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Mr. ENTRUP and Bernadine ENTRUP (2nd m. Peter SCHMALZ)

A. Sophia WEIGEL b. 9 April 1885 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 23 March 1936 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
m. 28 Feb. 1908 St. Anthony, Ohio
Henry ONTROP b. 16 Oct 1876 Washington Twp. Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 4 March 1966 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
pr: Anthony ONTRUP and Theresa TIEGGAMANN

1. Cyril ONTROP b. 27 Dec. 1908 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 31 March 1952 St. Peter, Ohio
2. Theresa ONTROP b. 20 June 1912 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
res. Coldwater, Ohio
3. Urban ONTROP b. 28 July 1914 St. Peter, Ohio
d. 4 July 1962 St. Henry, Ohio
m. 12 July 1945 Mercer Co. Ohio
Rose Ann HOMAN b. 30 Aug. 1917 St. Sebastian, Ohio
pr: Bernard HOMAN and Margaret KELLER
a. Marvin ONTROP b. 13 May 1946
b. Joan T. ONTROP b. 16 May 1949 Celina, Ohio
m. 20 June 1970 St. Henry, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Carl Tom WOESTE b. 20 April 1948 Celina, Ohio
pr: William WOESTE and Mary Elizabeth KELLER
1). Jill b. 1971 2). Lynn b. 1973
c. William ONTROP b. 9 April 1951 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 20 Sept. 1975 Jackson Center, Ohio
Phyllis WEAVER b. 21 Oct 1952 Sidney, Ohio
pr: Virgil WEAVER and Abbie C. KLOPFENSTEIN
1). Lori Ann b. 7 March 1982 Allentown, PA
d. Jean Marie ONTROP b. 29 Aug. 1953 res. Des Moines, IA
m. 25 June 1983 St. Andrew Church Columbus, Ohio
John Thomas ROAN pr: Patrick and Loretta ROAN
e. Thomas ONTROP b. 6 June 1955 Mercer Co. Ohio
4. Ida ONTROP triplet b. 25 March 1916 St. Peter, Ohio
m. 1 June 1946 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
Viro J. VOSKUHL b. 23 May 1912 Cranberry, Ohio
pr: Bernard VOSKUHL and Anna DAHLINGHAUS
a. Marylin VOSKUHL b. 21 June 1947 Celina, Ohio
m. 4 Oct. 1968 St. Peter, Ohio res. New Bremen, Ohio
Thomas RAUCH b.11 Oct 1944 Dayton, Ohio
pr: Bill RAUCH and Esther FULLENKAMP
1). Julie 2). Tracy res. Dayton, Ohio
b. Marjorie Marie VOSKUHL b. 12 Oct 1948 Celina, Ohio
m. 14 July 1973 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
Wayne Eugene ZIEGENBUSCH b. 6 Sept. 1944 Sidney, Ohio
pr: Elmer ZIEGENBUSCH and Alesa SCHNELLE
1). Joshua b. Sept. 1976 2). Adam b. June 1979

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c. Patty VOSKUHL b. 17 March 1950 Celina, Ohio
m. 23 July 1980 Immaculate Conception, Dayton, Ohio
Michael Allen ZEHRINGER b. 1949 res. Dayton, Ohio
pr: Jerome ZEHRINGER and Catherine SCHOCK

5. Candius ONTROP triplet b. 25 March 1916 St. Peter, Ohio
d. 11 Oct. 1916 St. Peter, Ohio
6. Sylvester ONTROP triplet b. 25 March 1916 St. Peter, Ohio
d. 9 May 1916 St. Peter, Ohio
7. Eugene ONTROP b. 18 Jan. 1919 St. Peter, Ohio
d. 31 Dec. 1978 Coldwater bur. Coldwater, Ohio
m.27 April 1946 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Lucille E. WENNING b. 28 March 1923 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Frank WENNING and Francis STEGLMAN
a. James ONTROP b. 24 April 1947 Celina, Ohio
m. 5 July 1969 Philothea, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Joyce A. DUES b. 26 Dec. 1947 Celina, Ohio
pr: August G. DUES and Mildred LOSHE
1). Christ b. 1971 2). Karen b. 1974
b. Douglas ONTROP b. 2 Sept. 1949 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 6 July 1973 Cleveland, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Janice E. GORIE b. 9 Aug. 1951 Cleveland, Ohio
pr: Leo Francis GORIE and Regina MASTERSON
1). Amy b. 1974 2). Michael b. 1975 3). Rebbecca b. 1977 4). F. b. 10 March 1984 Coldwater, Ohio
c. Virginia ONTROP b. 16 July 1952 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 18 July 1975 Coldwater, Ohio res. Morrisville, IN
Ted BUEHLER b. 10 July 1952 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
pr: Elmer BUEHLER and Dolores HEINRICKS
1). Jessie 2). Ben both b. Indianapolis, Indiana
d. Timothy ONTROP b. 1955 m. Chickasaw, Ohio
Deb PUTHOFF b. 1958 res. Batavia, N. Y.
pr: Robert C. PUTHOFF and Roselle Marcella ROSENBECK
1). Amanda b. 1979 2). Holly b. 1980
e. Sandra ONTROP b. 1959 m. 13 Sept. 1980 Coldwater, Ohio
Russell J. MEYER pr: Elmer MEYER of Botkins, Ohio
f. Patrick ONTROP b. 1961
g. Phillip ONTROP b. 1963
h. Bruce ONTROP b. 1965

B. Ida WEIGEL b. 19 April 1888 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 15 Jan. 1913 Liberty Twp. Mercer Co. Ohio
m. 15 Jan. 1912 St. Anthony, Ohio by Rev. C. NOTHEIS
Fred DEITSCH b. 20 Nov. 1882 Liberty Twp. Mercer Co. Ohio
pr: William DEITSCH and Susana DIPMORE

C. Olivia M. WEIGEL b. 23 Dec. 1889 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 6 Oct. 1922 Philothea, Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 30 Oct. 1912 St. Anthony, Ohio by Rev. C. NOTHEIS
Bernard (Ben) Henry WENNING b. 1 April 1887 Philothea, Ohio
d. 16 Nov. 1968 Coldwater, Ohio bur. Carthagena, Ohio
pr: Gerard WENNING and Margaret ZUNK (SYNK)
2nd m. of Ben WENNING 3 July 1923 to Bernadine WEITZEL
b. 29 Sept. 1895 d. 5 June 1979 Coldwater, bur. Carthagena, OH

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1. Monica Ann WENNING b. 30 July 1913 St. Henry, Ohio
m. 11 Aug. 1931 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Leonard STREAKER b. 1 Sept. 1904 Egypt, Ohio
pr: Anton Bernard STREAKER and Sophia ZACHARIAS
a. Joan Clara STREAKER b. 28 May 1932 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 26 April 1952 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Lowell DUES b. 6 Feb. 1933 St. Henry, Ohio
pr: Joseph DUES and Mary T. KAUP
1). Karen b. 1953 2). Michael b. 1955
3). Theresa b. 1958 4). Kelly b. 1963
b. Jeannette Martha STREAKER b. 12 Jan. 1936 Coldwater,OH
m. 19 July 1958 Coldwater, Ohio res. Buckland, Ohio
David LAMBERT b. 15 May 1932 Wapakoneta, Ohio
pr: Arthur LAMBERT and Mae ARCHER
1). Pamela b. 1959 2). Phyllis b. 1961
3). Douglas b. 1963 4). Danial b. 1966
c. Mary Evelyn STREAKER b. 15 Feb. 1937 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 22 Nov. 1956 Coldwater, Ohio res. Celina, Ohio
Robert C. HECKMAN b. 13 Sept. 1934 Ottawa, Ohio
pr: Alvin HECKMAN and Mildred ELLERBROCK
d. Patricia Louise STREAKER b. 10 Jan. 1943 Coldwater,OH
m. 6 July 1963 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Vernon Frank WYNK b. 5 Dec. 1942 Celina, Ohio
pr: Albert WYNK and Matilda HOMAN
1). Lisa b. 1965 2). Sandra b. 1967
e. Barbara Catherine STREAKER b. 22 March 1944 Celina, OH
m. 23 Jan. 1965 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
James Lawrence FISHER b. 8 April 1939 Celina, Ohio
pr: Vincent E. FISHER and Eleanor EYINK
1). Michelle b. 1966 2). Deborah b. 1967
3). Michael b. 1975
f. Paul Leonard STREAKER twin b. 22 May 1945 Celina, Ohio
m. 27 Sept. 1969 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Catherine Elizabeth ROSENBECK b. 14 March 1946 Piqua,OH
pr: David ROSENBECK and Roma HOLBERT
1). Paula b. 1970 2). Angela b. 1977
g. Pauline Bertha STREAKER twin b. 20 May 1945 Celina, OH
m. 8 June 1968 Coldwater, Ohio
Roger Lee EVERMAN b. 3 May 1941 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Leo EVERMAN and Alvira BRUGGEMAN
h. Kathleen Rita STREAKER b. 16 April 1948 Celina, Ohio
m. 3 July 1968 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Kenneth EYINK b. 19 Feb. 1948 Celina, Ohio
pr: Aloys EYINK and Cecilia BRUNS
1). Jeffrey b.1968 2). Krista b.1970 3). Craig b.1973
i. Constance Sue STREAKER b. 21 Jan. 1955 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 21 July 1973 Coldwater, Ohio
William Matthew ROSSI b. 11 June 1954 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Hugh ROSSI and Patricia PUTTS
2. Adelo (Dick) WENNING b. 6 Oct. 1915 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 12 Sept. 1939 Philothea, Mercer Co. Ohio
Rita MOELLER b. 30 Sept. 1920 St. Sebastian, Ohio
pr: Frank MOELLER and Josephine DEPWEG
3. & 4. Robert & Agnes WENNING b. ca. 1919 stillborn

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5. Werner Henry WENNING b. 10 July 1917 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 11 May 1946 Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater, Ohio
Gwenda Joan SCADDING b. 8 Dec. 1923 Westwood, Wiltshire, England res. Celina, Ohio
pr: Solomon William SCADDING and Ethel PAGE
a. Nathan William Henry WENNING b. 25 Nov. 1950
m. 12 Aug. 1972 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Patricia Ella MAHARG b. 22 Sept. 1953 Newark, Ohio
pr: Donald MAHARG and Virginia CHAPPELL
1). Jonathan Wm. b. 11 Feb. 1973.
2). Jason Michael b. 24 Feb. 1978
b. Sylvia Jean WENNING b. 4 Jan. 1953 Celina, Ohio
m. 16 April 1972 St. Marys, Ohio res, Celina, Ohio
Richard Allen BRICKER b. 4 May 1951 Celina, Ohio
pr: Russell BRICKER and Ruth BAUDERS
1). Heather May b. 15 May d. 17 May 1977 St. Marys,OH
c. Adrian Idris WENNING b. 30 May 1954 Celina, Ohio
m. 18 May 1978 res. Celina, Ohio
Linda Frances SCHMIDT pr: Charles SCHMIDT & Vera BEY
6. Edward Joseph WENNING b. 21 June 1921 Philothea,Mercer Co.OH
d. 21 April 1974 Celina, Ohio
m. 21 June 1947 Sharpsburg, Ohio
Agnes FELTZ b. 20 May 1928 Sharpsburg, Ohio
pr: Edward FELTZ and Louisa MUHLENKAMP
a. David WENNING b. 27 Sept. 1949 Celina, Ohio res. Celina
m. 29 Oct. 1968 St. Marys, Ohio Karen Lee HIEB
2nd m. Shirley George res. Muncie, Indiana
1).David Edward b.25 April 1971 2).Mathew b.15Oct.1980
3). Magen b. 28 Oct. 1984 4). Daniel b. 5 Oct. 1986
b. Dennis WENNING b. 27 Sept. 1949 Celina, Ohio res.Celina
m. 3 Oct. 1970 Celina, Ohio JOHNSON
Sue Ellen JOHNSON b. 9 Nov. 1951 pr: Ervin & Leota
c. Carl WENNING b. 3 Nov. 1952 res. Normal, IL
m. Carolyn BOURELLE 1). Rebecca b. 11 Sept. 1952
d. Janice Marie WENNING b. 5 July 1956 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 14 March 1975 Ft. Recovery, Ohio Jerome Wesly DUES
b. 22 April 1953 pr: Norman DUES & Merelda MEIRING
1). Gregory stillborn 2). Jennifer b. 23 Jan. 1980
3). Andrew b. 13 April 1981 4). Scott b. 26 March 1983
5). Justin b. 5 Feb. 1985
e. Beverly WENNING b. 12 March 1964 m. 7 Jan. 1983 Thomas Gary YOUNG b. 7 Aug. 1963 pr: Gary YOUNG & Carol FORTKAMP 1). Jessica b. 26 June 1984
f. Timothy WENNING b. 21 April 1970
g. Christina WENNING b. 22 Dec. 1972

Children of Ben WENNING and Bernadine WEITZEL 29 Sept. 1895-5 Dec. 1979

7. Paul Phillip WENNING b. 27 Sept 1924 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 23 Oct. 1987 Carthagena, OH m. Norma EVERS Wendelin,OH
1). Steve 2). Charles
8. Rosemary WENNING b. 21 March 1928 Coldwater, Ohio
d. 1 Jan. 1955 m. John TIMMERMAN St. Marys, Ohio
1). Carol 2). Sheryle 3). Larry

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9. Otto WENNING b.22 Dec. 1929 d. 28 March 1962
m. Rita Hammon b. 31 Jan. 1921 d. 28 March 1962
1). Richard WENNING m. Theresa KONEN Celina, OH
10. Ernest Edward WENNING b. 13 Nov. 1931 Carthagena, Ohio
m. Joan EVERS Wendelin, OH 1). Mark 2). Phylis
11. Viola Rose WENNING b. 26 Nov. 1937 Carthagena, Ohio
m. Alton HEMMELGARN b. 15 Feb. 1934 d. 11 Nov. 1957
2nd m. Richard MILLER Sharpsburg, OH res. Ft. Recovery, OH
1). Darlene 2). Marian 3). Sharon 4). Diana

D. Josephine WEIGEL b. 31 Dec. 1893 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 20 Aug. 1943 St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
m. 31 Aug. 1916 Ft. Recovery, Ohio
August M. ONTROP b. 23 Feb. 1887 Washington Twp. Mercer Co. OH
d. 8 Feb. 1972 Coldwater, Ohio bur. St. Peter, Mercer Co. Ohio
pr: Anthony ONTROP and Theresa TIEGGAMANN

1. Elvira ONTROP b. 2 Dec. 1917 St. Peter, Ohio
m. 10 April 1937 St. Peter, Ohio
Vincent SCHMIDT b. 24 June 1914 Ft. Loramie, Ohio
pr: William SCHMIDT and Frances WRINER
a. Ronald SCHMIDT
b. Mary Ann SCHMIDT b. 2 Oct 1954 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 7 Dec. 1973 St. Peter, Ohio
Jerome Allan KNAPKE b. 8 Nov. 1952 Coldwater, Ohio'
pr: Louis KNAPKE and Wilma WEADEL
1). Theodore b. 1975 2). Anthony b. 1977
2. Esther R. ONTROP b. 15 March 1922 St. Peter, Ohio
m. 30 June 1943 St. Peter, Ohio res. Ft. Recovery, Ohio
Eugene LINK b. 25 July 1916 St. Henry, Ohio
pr: Frank LINK and Cecelia BRAUN
a. Kathleen Marie (Kathy) LINK b. 29 June 1949 Celina, OH
m. 18 Oct. 1969 St. Peter, Ft. Recovery, Ohio
James Edward FALLER 11 July 1948 Celina, Ohio
pr: Robert FALLER and Agnes T. FISCHER
1). Christie b.1971 2). Scott b.1973 3). Chad b. 1974
b. Della LINK b. 1952
c. Roxann LINK b. 1955 m. Thomas WINCHESTER
pr: Edward WINCHESTER res. Ft. Recovery, Ohio
1). Keith 2). Renee Marie b. 14 Nov. 1980
d. Jack E. LINK b. 1957 m. 1982 Portland, Indiana
Diana JOHNSTON pr: Robert and Aletha JOHNSTON
e. Tami LINK b. 1960
f. Jeff LINK b. 1963
3. Ernest B. ONTROP b. 15 March 1922 St. Peter, Ohio
m. 26 July 1944 St. Henry, Ohio res. Portland, Indiana
Luella A. BRAUN b. 7 May 1924 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Herman BRAUN and Mary WOLTERS
a. Dennis Herman ONTROP b. 15 May 1945 Celina, Ohio
m. 30 Oct 1971 St. Henry, Ohio
Esther Elizabeth BROERING b. 4 Sept. 1949 Celina, Ohio
pr: Lawrence BROERING and Stella KAISER
2nd m. 7 June 1975 Chickasaw, Ohio res. Ft. Recovery

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Sharon Cecelia HOMAN b. 1 Jan. 1946 Celina, Ohio
pr: Frank HOMAN and Esther KREMER
1). Nathan Dennis ONTROP b. 2 Nov. 1979

E. Rose WEIGEL b. 28 Aug. 1895 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 8 Oct. 1964 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 10 Sept. 1918 St. Anthony, Ohio Fr. Theodosius Brockman
Christ WEITZEL b. 12 March 1892 St. Rose, Ohio
d. 6 Feb. 1962 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: John WEITZEL and Catherine DEITRICK

1. Luella WEITZEL d. 1964
m. Urban H. WUEBKER b. 6 May 1915 d. 4 March 1984 Kettering
pr: Bernard WUEBKER and Catherine FRANZER bur. Coldwater
a. Margie WUEBKER m. Paul STEINKE res. Trotwood, Ohio
b. Larry WUEBKER res. California
c. Virginia (Ginny) WUEBKER m. Floyd KAUP res. Coldwater
1). Sandra b.1962 2).Jeffrey b.1963 3).Rodney b.1965
4). Michael b.1973 5). Stephen b.1974 6). Mary b.1976
d. Richard (Dick) WUEBKER res. Centerville, Ohio [pool
e. Karen WUEBKER b. 1950 m. Jeffrey CALHOUN res.E.Liver-
f. Mary Beth WUEBKER b. 1953 m. Robert MANGEN Centerville
g. Garry WUEBKER b. 1955 res. Cypress, California
h. Nancy WUEBKER b. 1957 m. Douglas KREGER Middlefield
i. Loraine WUEBKER b. 1959 m. Duane BRUNSWICK Coldwater,OH
j. Mark Urban WUEBKER b. 1963 res. Coldwater, Ohio
2. Mary Catherine Marie WEITZEL b. 30 March 1924 Coldwater, OH
m. 24 April 1948 Coldwater, Ohio res. Coldwater, Ohio
Wilfred HOMAN b. 27 Nov. 1923 St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Christian HOMAN and Elizabeth EISCHEN
a. Michael HOMAN b. 17 Nov. 1948 res. Englewood, Ohio
m. 6 May 1978 Carol SCHEAFFER b. 2 March 1955
1). Sarah Elizabeth b. 31 March 1981
2). Douglas Michael b. 28 June 1982
b. Thomas R. HOMAN b. 28 Oct. 1948 res. Cincinnati, Ohio
m. Deborah NIEMEYER b. 8 July 1950
c. Ronald J. HOMAN b. 29 July 1953 Coldwater, Ohio
d. 2 May 1984 Columbus bur. Memory Gardens MercerCo.OH
m. 8 April 1978 Coldwater, Ohio
Lugene WEIR b. 20 March 1954 pr: Ken WEIR
d. Joseph HOMAN b. 9 July 1955 d. 9 July 1955
e. Debra Ann HOMAN b. 8 Aug. 1959 d. 7 Oct. 1976Coldwater
f. Charles Alan HOMAN b. 15 Jan. 1964 res. Huber Heights
3. William WEITZEL m. Lois 1). Randal b. 1957 res. Coldwater
4. Robert L. WEITZEL m. Dorothy res. Coldwater, Ohio
a. Brad b. 1954 b. Cindy b. 1955 c. Connie b. 1957
d. Tim b. 1960 e. Chris b. 1969 f. Kim b. 1969
5. Alice Rose WEITZEL b. 25 Oct. 1931 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 11 July 1953 Coldwater, Ohio res. Cincinnati, Ohio
Dennis HEIN b. 17 July 1932 Chickasaw, Ohio
pr: Joseph HEIN and Eleanora CLUNE

F. Eddie E. WEIGEL b. 30 Sept. 1899 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 14 Feb. 1920 St. Anthony, Ohio killed by a horse.

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II. MATTHIAS WEIGEL



Mathias WEIGEL

Matthias WEIGEL, known as Matt, was the second child of Josepha BIGGS and John WEIGEL, born 22 July 1859. When he grew up he worked as a day laborer where he could. Matt went West to Kansas where the BIGGS lived. He worked on building the Sante Fe railroad going as far as New Mexico. He said there were strange looking people out there. They also remarked that there were more saloons than homes in Dodge City, Kansas. Matt went with the Tony DILLER family to Oregon. In Oregon, Matt worked for a farmer. There they raised hops. When Tony DILLER returned to Kansas, Matt also returned.

Matt had difficulty with his eyes, almost going blind. He returned to Ohio. It is said that when he arrived he asked for clean clothes before he entered the house. He had picked up "bed bugs" somewhere on the train or a boarding house. Matt owned 40 acres near Skeels Crossroads. Matt had a team and worked for farmers, sometimes for Ben MUHLENKAMP, who kept his team. He stayed with Billy WELLMAN and helped on the farm. He also worked for Gerhard HOMAN, Gus HOMAN, and others. For a while he lived with his widowed sister Frances DOLL and her daughters at St. Anthony. He also lived with Philip DILLER and John DILLER. Matt never married so he really never had a home of his own. Sometime in the 1920's he went to live at the Sacred Heart Home for the Aged at Avilla, Indiana. He worked there for some years as a maintenance man. On January 7, 1946 he died at the home at the age of 86 years. He is buried in the Sacred Heart Home Cemetery, Avilla, Indiana.

II. Matthias WEIGEL b. 22 July 1859 Trinity, Indiana
d. 7 Jan. 1946 Avilla, Indiana bur. Avilla, Indiana

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THE BUG FAMILY in WURTTEMBERG

There is a better understanding of the migration of the Germans from the Old to the New World if we know some of the history and background of these people. The BUG family came to Nordamerika, as they wrote it, from the Dorf (town) or Weiler (hamlet) of Krummensbach, which is in the Gemeinde (community) of Wolpertswende in the Oberamt (jurisdiction) Ravensburg, Kreis (district) Donau, Konigreich (Kingdom) Wurttemberg.

This area is in southern Germany close to the Austrian and Swiss borders. It lies north of Lake Constance, west of Bavaria, and east of Baden and the Black Forest. The immediate area of Mochenwangen and Wolpertswende has gently rolling, hills, which support a fertile farming community. Krummensbach is half way between Mochenwangen and Wolpertswende. Coming into the area from the south, Brice and I drove along the Krummensbach Creek. Today the corner (named Krummensbach) is no longer known as such. Centuries ago it was the place for a mill, and this is where Monika Bug lived before coming to America. Burgermeister WEGERER of Wolpertswende explained the location, making photocopies of maps for us. Dr. WALCHER in his letters pinpointed Monika's home on the map, and stated that it was a small house with a pig-sty. Monika sold this home when she came to America. The next owner tore it down and rebuilt the home. This information from Dr. WALCHER adds verification to the stories that Monika and her family were very poor in Europe.

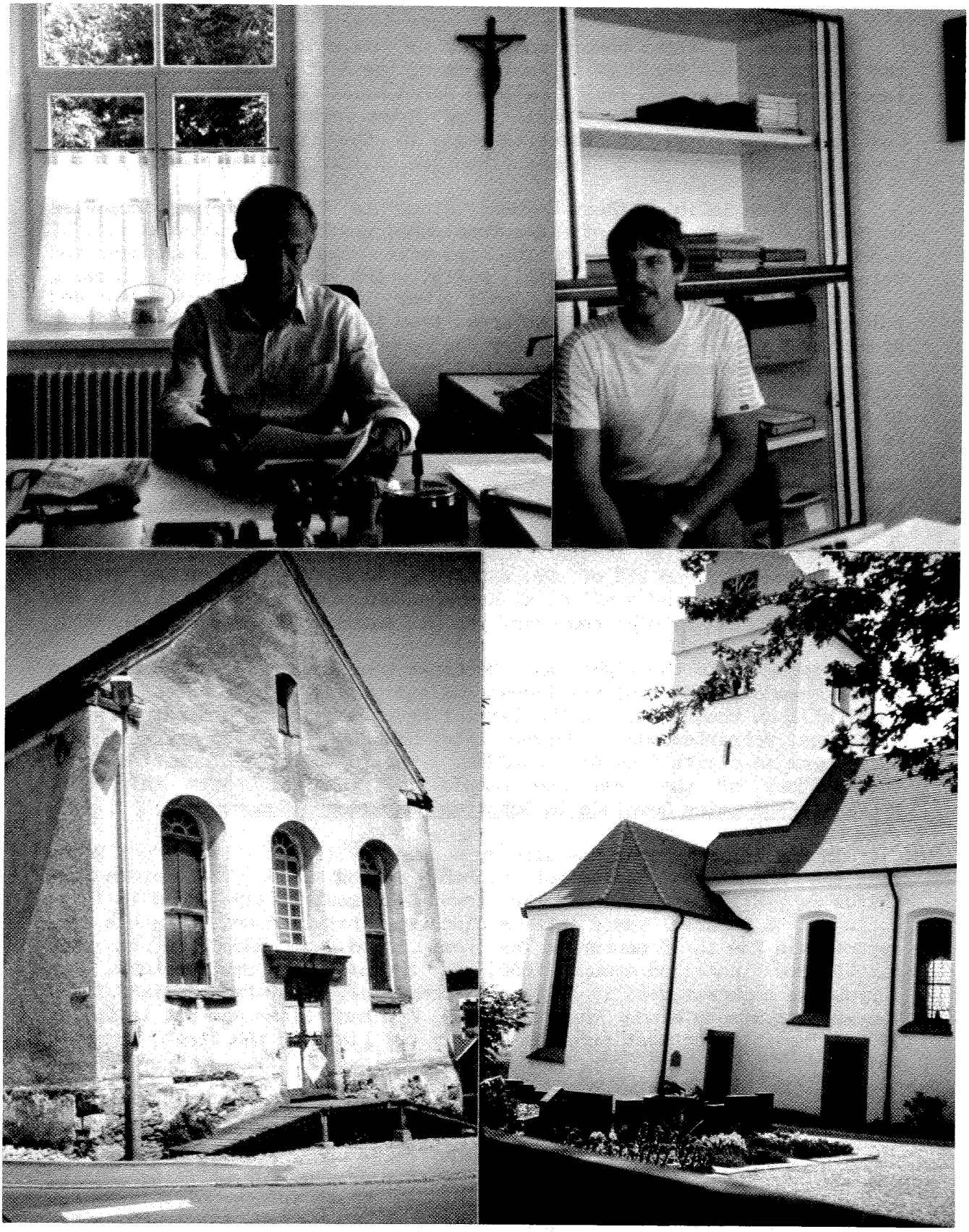
On pages 203 and 225 of Dr. WALCHER's book, Vinzenz STOERK (STARK) was mentioned as being a miller at Krummensbach. We wonder if this is the same Vincent STARK who helped start the St. Anthony, Ohio, parish in 1853.

Driving on to the right was Mochenwangen, much larger today than Wolpertswende because of the industrialization and development of a large paper mill on the river. To the left of Krummensbach, up a winding, steep road, was Wolpertswende. Burgermeister WEGERER presented Dr. WALCHER's book to me as a gift from Dr. WALCHER. The following information about the history of the area and people is from the pages this book, WOLPERTSWENDE, eine Gemeinde im Schatten des grossen Geschehens.

In 934 Wolpertswende was already a small village. It is not known when the church was built, but probably around 1250. The eastern two-thirds in 12/13 century, and the tower was most likely added in 13/14 century. A hundred years later a clock was installed and the gable roof improved in the 15/16 century. The west third was added later. New clocks were installed around 1650, and again in the next century. The church was reconstructed in 1778, and completely renovated in 1982/1983. The pulpit stands since the year 1694, new high altar was put in during 1792. The interior west side had a loft put in for the first organ in 1819.

During the 15th century, the statues were placed. Mary with the child Jesus holding an apple. A large group with Saint Anna holding her daughter Mary in one arm and Jesus in the other arm, with Joseph and Joachim looking on from either side. Another one is Mary sitting holding Jesus after being taken down from the cross. There is a crucifix from the middle of the 12th century. This crucifix is shaped like the cross of St.

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Francis of Asissi. The first known pastor of Wolpertswende, the Pleban ULRICH, came in the second half of the 12th century, probably from the Kloister at Weingarten.

The church was dedicated to St. Gangolph. There was a small Kapelle (chapel) built outside the town, In 1896 in the old Mochenwangen Church there was found a Tragaltar (old altar, plaque or??). On the reverse side was this inscription in Latin: **"Anna 1706 pro capella Sancti Gangulphi partroni nostrae ecclesiae Wopertswende."**

Dr. WALCHER wrote in German: **"Anno 1706 fur die Kapelle des bl. Gangolfs, unseres Kirchenpatrons in Wolpertswende."**

Translation in English: **"In the year 1706 for the chapel of Saint Gangolf, our church patron in Wolpertswende."**

The Thirty Years War has been covered in the history of Germany. This was a devastating time for every section of Germany. Wurttemberg seemed to be in the middle, with troops always being quartered there. Wolpertswende seemed to be a choice camp area.

From the writings at Weingarten in 1627 we translate: This was a strange year for me. For a year there was hardly any grain grown in the field, nor any farmer producing. Many went with the soldiers, and the soldiers took much, leaving the poor people with misery. There was much misery in the city and country from the fearful pestilence, which would seek out every home.

There was a second wave of pestilence in 1634, with repeated reduction in population. The disease also hit the troops quartered in the Wolpertswende Gemeinde. The people were all broken and ruined, much tax money had to go to Ravensburg. The State of Ravensburg itself was almost ruined from the war. The domestic economy was gone, and it was almost impossible to recover. It took more than a century with the help of immigrants from Austria and Switzerland.

Later, Ravensburg was also affected by the French Revolution. In 1796, from August to October 900 French soldiers came to Mochenwangen, 700 stayed in the village, the rest in the outlying areas. This must have been difficult for our ancestors. In his book, Dr. WALCHER lists the meals eaten by the troops, the wine drunk, horses furnished and fed. When the French troops left, the Austrians came. In November 1799, Napoleon's troops camped on the land and quartered in Amt Wolpertswende. Again it cost the citizens, and again they were literally taxed to death.

Then came the Revolution of 1848, after which the German soldiers came home again. Everyone had the longing for a better life. They caught the fever of liberty and wished to acquire this in a new home. The object of this desire of some of the people was first and foremost the **Route to America.** In the years 1850 to 1869, 53 persons left the community. 48 went to America, 19 from Wolpertswende, 14 from Mochenwangen, 12 from Niedersweiler, the remainder from nearby. Our ancestors were included in these figures. At least 25 men, women and children came to the Jay County, Indiana, and Mercer County, Ohio, area between 1853 and 1860.

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Chart No. II

1. Franziska BUG. 1. Joseph BUG
1. Johanna BUG. 1. Sophia BUG
1. Engelbert BUG

4. Francisk Josephus BUEGG
b. 2 April 1772
p.b. Krummensbach
m. 22 April 1798
d. 4 Jan. 1839, 66-9-4

2. Franz BUG
b. 11 March 1804 Krumms.
m. 10 Nov. 1831
d. 17 Feb. 1853

5. Elisabetha PREUSS
b. 30 April 1770
p. b. Vorsee
d. 9 Nov. 1831

1. Josepha BUG
b. 6 Jan. 1834
p.b.Krummensbach
m. 15 Oct.1861
d. 5 May 1897
p.d. St. Anthony, OH,USA

6. Francis Sebastian ZUMBIHL
b. 14 Jan 1776 Wolts.
m. 2 Feb. 1804
d. 16 April 1837

3. Monika ZUMBEL
b. 4 May 1807
p. b. Wolpertswende
d. 30 Oct. 1880

7. Francisca MULLER
b. 7 May 1775
p.b. Wolpertswende
d. 28 June 1845

8. Jo Georg BUG
b.
m. 1 May 1771
d. 21 Feb. 1782

9. Agnes FRIKHIN
b. ca. 1740
d. 29 Jan. 1808

10. Christian PRUESS
b. 14 Mar. 1737
m. 24 May 1763
d. 26 april 1794

11. Agatha BURTSCHER
b. 3 Feb. 1740
d. 11 Dec. 1799

12. Jos Anton ZUMBUHEL
b. 7 Jan 1747
m. 14 June 1772
d. 26 Aug. 1814

13. Maria HURTNEGEL
b. 9 Aug. 1753?
d. 14 Dec. 1811

14. Francis Xavier MULLER
b.
m. 25 May 1762
d. 19 Feb. 1778

15. Rosalia GESSLER
b. 1740
d. 17 Nov. 1804

16. Carolus Francies BUG
b.
m. 9 Jan. 1730
d.
17. Maria BUG
b.
d.
18. Mathias FRIK
b.
m.
d.
19. Johanna WEBER
b.
d.
20. Jerg PRUEISS
b. 1719
m. 4 Sept 1729
d.
21. Anna BUGIN virgin
b.
d. 23 Feb. 1755
22. Conrad BURTSCHER
b.
m. 5 June 1724
d.
23. Catharina SCHWARTZ
b.
d.
24. Josef Sebastian ZUMBUH
b.
m.
d.
25.Rosalia REUHLN(E)
b.
d.
26. Josef (Martin)HURTNEGEL
(Fr. Jos.)
b. 19 Oct. 1702
m. 4 Sept 1751/24 Sept. 1752
d.
27. Rosalia SORG
b.
d.
28.
b.
d.
29.
b.
d.
30. George GESSLER
b.
31. Marie METZLER
b.

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THE FIVE GENERATION CHART for JOSEPHA BUG

CHART II, No. 1. Josepha BUG, also the bothers and sisters of Josepha can be substituted for her in the chart and the following information. Thus, No. 1 can be Franziska, Josef, Johanna, Sophia, or Engelbert BUG.
See the Table of Contents for page numbers on these families.

CHART II, No. 2 and No. 3

Franz BUG b. 11 March 1804 Krummensbach Schuster (shoemaker)
Pr: Francisk Josephus BUEG and Elisabetha PREUSS
d. 17 Feb. 1853 Mochenwangen, Wurttemberg
m. 10 Nov. 1831

Monika ZUMBEL b. 4 May 1807 Wolpertswende
d. 30 Oct. 1880 St. Anthony, Mercer Co. Ohio

Children: Notation on the church register in German, "to America with her five children"

1. Franziska BUG b. 7 Sept. 1832 Conf./Com. 1846
2. Maria Josepha BUG b. 6 Jan. 1834 Conf./Com. 1848
3. Joseph BUG b. 18 Feb. 1835 d. 25 Feb. 1835
4. Josef BUG b. 5 April 1836 Conf./Com. 1850
   Notation in German, "Nach (to) America 1854"
5. Anton BUG b. 12 Oct. 1837 d. 21 Oct. 1837
6. Johanna BUG b. 24 Dec. 1838 Conf./Com. 1852
7. Sophia BUG b. 31 March 1840 Conf./Com. 1854
8. Engelbert BUG b. 4 Dec. 1845

See the BUG Family information on pages 234-236.

CHART II, No. 4 and No. 5

Francisk Josephus BUEG (BUG) b. 2 April 1772 Krummensbach
Schuster (shoemaker)
Pr: Jo Georg BUG and Agnes FRIKHin
d. 4 Jan. 1839 Krummensbach
m. 22 April 1798

Elisabetha PREUSS b. 30 April 1770 Vorsee
Pr: Christian PRUESS and Agatha BURTSCHER
d. 9 Nov. 1831 blood poisoning, Krummensbach, aged 61 yrs. 6 mo.

Children:

1. Veronica BUG b. 25 Dec. 1800 Conf./Com. 1814
2. **Franz Josef BUG (BUEG) b. 11 March 1804 Krummensbach**
   Conf./Com. 1818
3. F. Anton BUG b. 13 Mart 1805 Conf./Com. 1819
   went to Frohehogen
4. Conrad BUG b. 12 Nov. 1807 Conf./Com. 1821
5. Elisabeth BUG b. ca. 18 Nov. 1808 d. 21 Feb. 12, 1809 aged 3 months 3 days
6. Johannus BUG b. 26 March 1810 Conf./Com. 1824
   d. 12 July 1883
7. Michael BUG b. 14 April 1811 d. 25 Aug. 27, 1811 aged 4 months

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CHART II, No. 6 and No. 7

Francis Sebastian ZUMBIHL b. 14 Jan. 1776 Wolpertswende
Pr: Jos. Anton ZUMBUHEL and Maria HURTNEGEL
d. 16 April 1837 Niedersweiler
m. 2 Feb. 1804 Wolpertswende

Francisca MULLER b. 7 May 1775 Wolpertswende
Pr: Francis Xavier (Sebastian?) MULLER and Rosalia GESSLER
d. 28 June 1845

Children:

1. Maria Agatha ZUMBIHL b. 31 Jan. 1805 went to Althausen
2. **Monika ZUMBIHL b. 4 May 1807 went to Krummensbach 1831**
3. Franz Joseph ZUMBIHL b. 30 March 1809 went to America 1854
4. Madelena ZUMBIHL b. 27 Sept. 1810 went to America 1854
5. Elisabetha ZUMBIHL b. 30 Oct. 1812 then America
6. Maria ZUMBIHL b. 10 July 1816 to America in July 1859 d. 15 Nov. 1865
7. Maria Elenora ZUMBIHL b. 8 Dec. 1820 m. 1845 stayed in Germany

CHART II, No. 8 and No. 9

Jo Georg BUG b. ca. 1730'S
Pr: Carolus Francies BUG and Maria BUG
d. 21 Feb. 1782 Krummensbach
1st m. 25 Jan. 1750 Jo Georg BUG from Mooschren near Mochenwangen

Katharine RAUCHIN (widow) from Krummensbach d. 13 April 1757

Children:

1. Maria BUG b. ca. May 1755 d. 8 Dec. 10, 1830 single aged 75 years 7 1/2 months

2nd m. 19 June 1757

Anna Maria GRUNVOGEL

Children:

1. Joseph BUG (died) b. 23 Dec. 1758
2. Aloysius BUG b. 7 Feb. 1760
3. Gangulphus BUG (died) b. 12 May 1761
4. Jo Michael BUG b. 13 Sept. 1762
5. Elis BUG b. 3 Feb. 1764 D, 16 Sept. 1811, 48 years, no survivors listed.
6. Bernardus BUG (died) b. 20 Aug. 1765
7. Rosalia BUG b. 22 Sept. 1766
8. Conradus BUG b. 15 Nov. 1768
9. Cresianzia BUG b. ca. 1771 d. 16 Oct 18, 1813, 41 years

3rd m. 1 May 1771

Agnes FRIKHIN b. ca. 1740
Pr: Mathias FRIK and Johanna WEBER
d. 29 Jan 1808 aged 68 yrs. Wolpertswende

Children:

1. **Francisk Josephus BUEG b. 2 April 1772 Krummensbach**
2. Margreta BUG b. 24 Dec. 1774
3. Benedictus BUG b. 17 Aug. 1778
4. Joannes Baptist BUG Zimmerman (carpenter) b. 28 May 1782 d. 6 Nov. 1835 age 62-5, survivor, Frau Maria PRUISS

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CHART II, No. 10 and No. 11

Christian PRUIESS b. 14 March 1737 Vorsee
Pr: Jerg PREUISS and Anna BUGIN
d. 26 April 1794
m. 24 May 1763

Agatha BUTSCHER b. 3 Feb. 1740 Vorsee
Pr: Conrad BUETSCHER and Catharina SCHWARTZIN
d. 11 Dec. 1799 Eyb

Children:

1. Joanes PRUIESS b. 17 Dec. 1764
2. M. Ana PRUIESS b. 20 Nov. 1766
3. Joseph PRUIESS b. 3 March 1768
4. **Elisabetha PRUIESS b. 30 April 1770 Vorsee**
5. Maria PRUIESS b. 6 Dec. 1771
6. twins b. 1773

CHART II, No. 12 and No. 13

Jos Anton ZUMBUHEL b. 7 Jan 1747
Pr: Josef Sebastian ZUMBUH and Rosalia REUHLN(E) (KAUHLER)
d. 26 Aug. 28, 1814 aged 71 yrs. Wolpertswende
m. 14 June 1772

Maria HURTNEGEL b. 9 Aug. 1753 ?/10 July 1757 ?
Pr: Josef (Martin) (Fr. Jos.) HURTNEGEL and Rosalia SORG
d. 14 Dec. 1811 aged 79 years Wolpertswende

Children:

Francis Sebastian ZUMBIHL b. 14 Jan. 1776

CHART II, No. 14 and No. 15

Francis Xavier (Sebastian?) MULLER b. Pr:
d. 18 Feb. 1778
1st m. 2 May 1756 to Agatha RIRHRAIN widow
no children searched for
2nd m. 25 May 1762

Rosalia GESSLER b. 1740
Pr: George GESSLER and Maria METZLER
d. 27 Nov. 1804

Children:

1. Laurentius MULLER b. 6 Aug. 1765
   sp: Fr. Jo HERTNAGEL & Francisca STOZ
   d. 29 Aug. 1822 age 57, survivor Frau Anna MULLER
2. Fr. Joseph MULLER b. 10 Aug. 1767 sp: HERTNAGEL & STOZ
   d. 18 Nov. 1851
   1st m. 3 June 1798 no children listed
   Franziska BAUHOSEN (BUSCHER) b. 5 May 1757 d. 5 Dec. 1833
   pr: Johanas BAUHESEN & Theresa MILLER
   2nd m. 2 March 1835 no children listed
   Theresia EHE b. 9 July 1781 d. 10 Sept. 1849
   pr: Michael EHE & Maria BREGIN
3. Elisabetha MULLER b. __Sept. 1769 sp: HERTNAGEL & STOZ

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4. Jo Martin MULLER b. 28 Oct. 1770 sp: HERTNAGEL & STOZ
d. 31 Jan. 1856 m. 9 Feb. 1804
Elis. BOOS b. 30 May 1774 Woltz. d. 29 Nov. 1833 Woltz.
pr: Anton BOOS & Antonia HURTNAGEL
ch: a. Theresa b. 9 Dec. 1804 Vorsee d. 22 Feb. 1827
b. Rosalia b. 20 Aug. 1806 d. 23 Jan (or June) 1836
c. Ursula b. 10 Oct. 1808 twin
d. Franziska b. 10 Oct. 1808 twin d. 18 Nov. 1808
e. Johanes b. 20 June 1811 d. 21 June 1811
5. M. Anna MULLER b. after 28 Jan. 1773 sp: HERTNAGEL & STOZ
sp: Gang. HERTNAGEL & Francisca STOZIN
6. Theresia MULLER b. 25 Feb. 1774 (died) twin
sp: Anton KESSLER & Theresa STEINHAUSENIN
7. Elisabeth MULLER b. 25 Feb. 1774 (died) twin
sp: Gangulph HERTNAGEL & Francisca STOZ
8. **Francisca MULLER b. 7 May 1775 Wolpertswende**
sp: Gangulph HERTNAGEL & Francisca STOZ
d. 28 June 1845 m. 2 Feb. 1804
Sebastian ZUMBIHL b. 14 Jan. 1776 Wolpertswende
pr: Jos. Anton ZUMBUHEL and Maria HURTNEGEL
d. 16 April 1837 Niedersweiler

For further information on Sebastian ZUMBIHL and Francisca MULLER and their family see pages 263-282

CHART II, No. 16 and No. 17
Carolus Francies BUG m. Maria BUG
Children: Jo Georg BUG b.

CHART II, No. 18 and No. 19
Mathias FRIK m. Johanna WEBER
Children: Agnes FRIKHLIN b. ca. 1740

CHART II, No. 20 and No. 21
Jerg PREUISS b. 1719
Pr: Georg PREUISS and Elisabetha WAGNER
d. 13 May 1768 Vorsee
1st m. 10 Oct. 1717
Elisabeth WAGNER d. 8 Feb. 1729
Children:
1. Franciscus Joseph PREUISS b. 13 Jan. 1719 (died)
2. Joseph PREUISS b. 12 March 1721
3. Maria Barbara PREUISS b. 18 June 1723
4. Antonius PREUISS b. 5 Jan. 1726
5. Theresia PREUISS b. 17 April 1728 (died)
2nd m. 2 (4) Sept. 1729
Anna BUGIN virgin b. d. 23 Feb. 1755 Vorsee
Children:
1. Maria Anna PREUISS b. 23 Aug. 1730 (died)
2. Maria Magdalena PREUISS b. 16 July 1731 (died)
3. Theresia PREUISS b. 4 May 1733

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4. Joannes George PREUISS b. 19 Dec. 1735 (died)
5. **Christian PREUISS b. 14 March 1737** marked with a cross in the record and crossed out.
6. Francisca PREUISS b. 13 Oct. 1739
7. Antonius PREUISS b. 2 April 1741 (died)
8. Agatha PREUISS b. 11 Oct. 1744

CHART II, No. 22 and No. 23

Conrad BUETSCHER Pr:

1st m. before 1711 Maria STANDSHERIN (STENDAHERIN)

Children:

1. Mathias BUETSCHER b. 25 Aug. 1711
2. Conradus BUETSCHER b. 1 Nov. 1712
3. Johans Bapt. BUETSCHER b. 29 May 1715
4. Maria BUETSCHER b. 2 March 1717
5. Jacobus BUETSCHER b. 5 May 1718 (died)
6. Theresia BUETSCHER b. 4 July 1719 (died)
7. Bartholomus BUETSCHER b. 20 Aug. 1720 (died)
8. Cath. BUETSCHER b. 29 Aug. 1722 (died)
9. Jacob BUETSCHER b. 5 July 1724 (died)

2nd m. 5 June 1724

Catherina SCHWARTZIN from Ruegelschndirler

Children:

1. Maria BUETSCHER b. 26 Jan. 1725
2. Moyher BUETSCHER b. 9 Aug. 1726 (died)
3. Joh Martin BUETSCHER b. 9 Nov. 1727
4. Joseph BUETSCHER b. 25 Jan. 1729
5. Anna BUETSCHER b. 20 July 1733
6. Benedictus BUETSCHER b. 8 March 1735
7. Simon BUETSCHER b. 20 Oct. 1736
8. Maria Ursula BUETSCHER b. 30 April 1738
9. Franciska BUETSCHER b. 13 Oct. 1739
10. **Agatha BUETSCHER b. 3 Feb. 1740**
11. Antonius BUETSCHER b. 2 April 1741 (died)

CHART II, No. 24 and No. 25

Josef Seabastian ZUMBUH m. Rosalia REUHLN(E)

Children:

Jos Anton ZUMBUHEL b. 7 Jan. 1747

CHART II, No. 26 and No. 27

Josef (Martin) (Fr. Jos.) HURTNEGEL b. 19 Oct. 1702

m. 4 Sept. 1751 Rosalia SORG

Children: **Maria HURTNEGEL** b. 9 Aug. 1753?

For more information on the HURTNEGEL family see pages 283-291

CHART II, No. 30 and No. 31

George GESSLER m. Maria METZLER

Children: Rosalia GESSLER

(An alternate record:
Chart II. No. 30 & 31
Michael GESSLER m. 1731
Barbar GONGIN)

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THE FAMILY of FRANZ BUG and MONIKA ZUMBIHL

Franz BUG
b. 11 March 1804 Krummensbach, Kreis Donau, Oberamt Ravensburg, Wurttemberg, Schuster (shoemaker)
d. 17 Feb. 1853 Mochenwangen, town next to Krummensbach
pr: Franciscus Josephus BUG and Elisabeth PREUSS
m. 10 Nov. 1831 Wolpertswende

MARRIAGE RECORD from GERMANY: pages 19-20, No. 5, 1831 in II EHE, page 107.6. (Written in Marriage book 2, page 107.6.)

Groom: Fr. Joseph BUG, Catholic, Single, Schuster (shoemaker) in Krummensbach. Parents: Josef Bug, Schuster in Krummensbach and Elisabetha born PRUISS. Born 11 March 1804 Krummensbach.

Bride: Monika ZUMBIHL, Catholic, Single. Parents: Sebastian ZUMBIHL, Schuster in Niedersweiler and Franziska born Muller. Born 4 May 1807 in Wolpertswende.

Proclamation: Wolpertswende XXII, XXIII, XXIV Dom p. Pentes. Married Wolpertswende 10 Nov. 1831 by Pfarrer Heucele. Witnesses: Josef GESSLER from Hatzenthnen and Agatha ZUMBIHL from Altshausen. No dispensation.

Monika ZUMBELT (ZUMBIHL)
b. 4 May 1807 Niedersweiler
d. 30 Oct. 1880 St. Anthony, Padua, Ohio
pr: Francis Sebastian ZUMBEIL and Francisca Muller

I. Franciska BUG
b. 7 Sept. 8, 1832 Krummensbach
sp: L. EGNN and Josefa OUNTTE
d. 3 May 1896 St. Anthony, Pauda, Ohio
m. 1861 St. Anthony, Ohio
John Henry FORTMAN b. 28 Dec. 1839 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. 3 Aug. 1912 St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: John Henry FORTMAN and Mary Anna WICKELMAN

II. Maria Josepha BUG
b. 6 Jan. 6, 1834 Krummensbach
sp: Anton BOHLE, soldier and M. Josefa OUTTE
d. 5 May 1897 St. Anthony, Padua, Ohio
1st m. 8 April 1856 St. Marys Home Convent, Jay Co. Indiana, officiated by Rev. Sebastian GANTHER
John WEIGEL b. Germany d. 15 April 1860 drowning Wabash River
pr: John and Anna M. WEIGEL from Jay Co. Indiana
2nd m. 15 Oct. 1861 St. Marys Home Convent, Jay Co. Indiana, officiated by Rochus SCHUELE
Sebastian DILLER b. 16 March 1827 Hohengussbach
d. 17 Nov. 1906 St. Anthony, Padua, Ohio
pr: Johan SPORLEIN and Anna Maria DILLER

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III. Joseph BUG b. 18 Feb. 1835 d. 25 Feb. 1835 Krummensbach

IV. Joseph BUG
b. 5 April 5, 1836 Krummensbach
sp: Anton BOHLE, soldier and Maria Josefa OUTTLE
d. after 1900 Census
m. sometime before 1864
Bridget GALLAGHER b. 18 June 1846 Ohio
d. 13 May 1902 Waterloo, Kansas
pr: not verified

V. Anton BUG b. 14 Oct. 1837 d. 27 Oct. 1837 Krummensbach

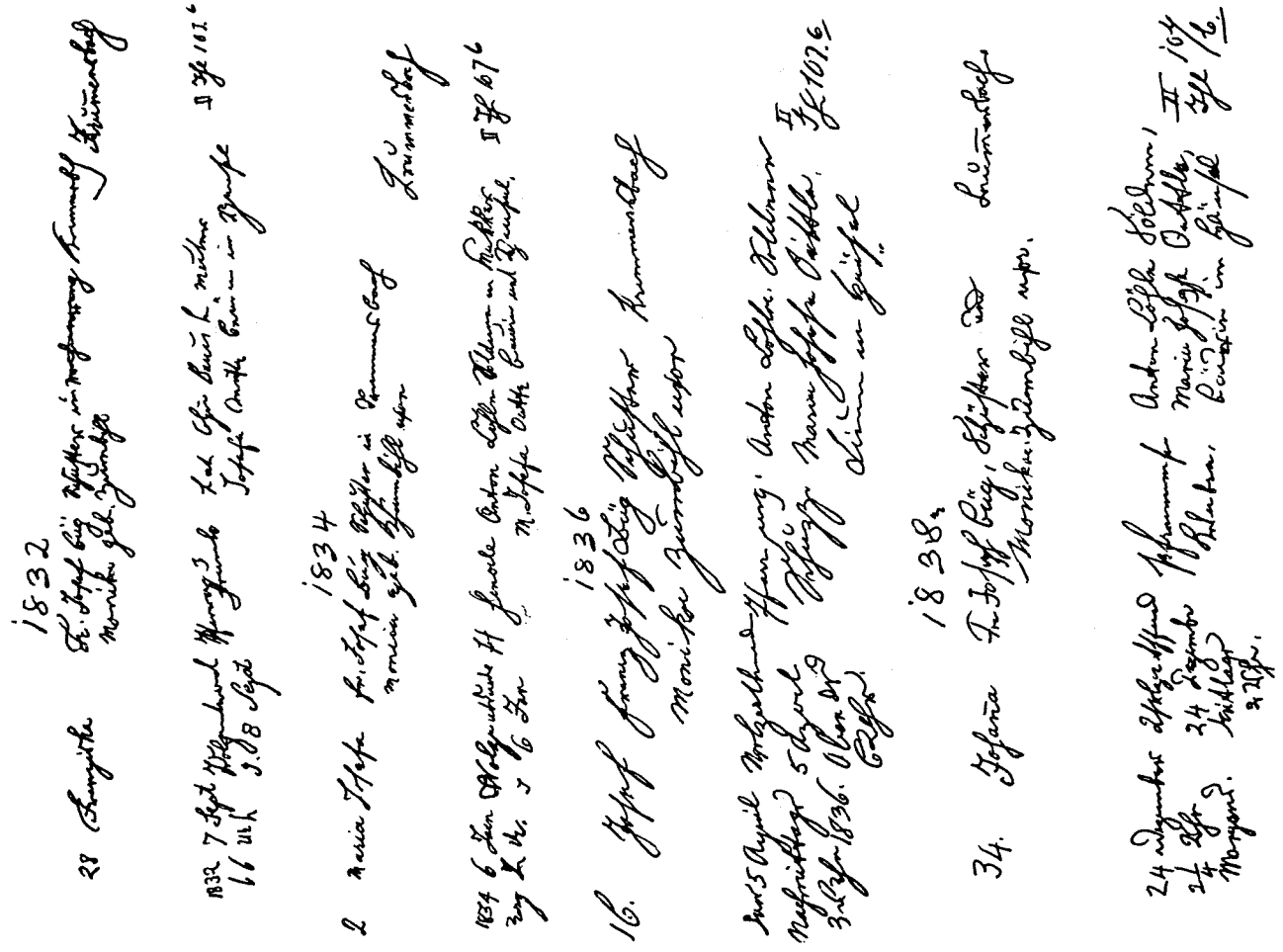
VI. Johanna BUG
b. 24 Dec. 24, 1838 Krummensbach
sp: Anton BOHLE, soldier and Maria Josefa OUTTLE
d. 3 May 5, 1875 Celina, Ohio
m. record not found
George KROGER b. 2 Mar. 1829 Germany
d. 17 April 1895 Celina, Ohio

VII. Sophia BUG
b. 31 March 1840 Krummensbach
sp: Josef FESULLE and Josefa ESTLE
d. 26 Jan. 1914 St. Anthony, Padua, Ohio
1st m. 1862 or 1863
John KOEHNE no records
2nd m. 18 June 1867 Celina, Ohio
wit: Engelbert BIGGS and Maria MEYERS, Fr. B. DICKMAN
John MEYER b. 2 Nov. 1838 d. 29 March 1884 St. Anthony, Ohio
3rd m. 19 Jan. 1886
Jacob N. BONIFAS b. 1 Aug. 1848 Nospelt, Lux. d. 25 Nov. 1920
Celina, Ohio, buried Trinity, Indiana

VIII. John Engelbert BUG
b. 4 Dec. 5, 1845 Krummensbach
d. 24 Sept. 1913 Evan Township, Waterloo, Kansas
m. 17 Jan. 1871 St. Anthony, Ohio
Mary Elizabeth FORTMAN b. 12 Nov. 1852 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. 6 Jan. 1926 Waterloo, Kansas
pr: John Henry FORTMAN and Mary Anna WICKELMAN

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BIRTH & BAPTISMAL RECORDS of BIGGS CHILDREN in GERMANY



1832
28 Evangelia Kath. Joseph Büg, Schuster in Hemmerbach Hemmerbach
Monika geb. Zumbühl

1832 7 Sept. Wilhelmine Margaretha Kath. Christ. Ludw. Müller Schuh Hemmerbach II Fk 107.6
16 uhr. 3.38 Sept. Josepha Catth. Barb. in Hemmerbach

1834
2 Maria Josepha Jos. Joseph Büg Schuster in Hemmerbach Hemmerbach
Monika geb. Zumbühl uxor.

1834 6 Jan. Adolphus Heinrich Ludwig Carolus Ludw. Müller in Hemmerbach II Fk 107.6
Morgens 4 Uhr. Josepha Catth. Barb. in Hemmerbach

1836
16. Joseph Georg Joseph Büg Schuster Hemmerbach
Monika Zumbühl uxor

Mars Aquil. Vorgeschlagen Georg Anton Schuh. Müller
Nachmittags 5 Uhr Joseph Büg Maria Josepha Catth. II Fk 107.6
3 Febr 1836. Ulm Mr. Ehrn in Hemmerbach
Engel.

1838
34. Johann Jos. Joseph Büg, Schuster Hemmerbach
Monika Zumbühl uxor.

24 Januar Abends 8 Uhr Johann Joseph Anton Ludw. Müller Schuh Hemmerbach, I
24 Sept. 24 Septembr Maria Josepha Catth. Barbara, II 164
Morgens. Taufag Pate Christina Gaisser. II fk 16.
8 Uhr.

10. Josepha Joseph Büg, Schuster in Hemmerbach
Monika Zumbühl, uxor

31. März Morgens 4 Uhr. Josef Haselbacher, Kutscher
Mathias Mayer
Maria Haselbacher
1840

Joseph Haselbacher, Kutscher in Hemmerbach II fk 107
Mathias Mayer
Maria Haselbacher
Josepha Catth. Müllerin
Neunkirch

1845
16 Engelbert Joseph Büg Schuster in Hemmerbach Hemmerbach
und Monica geb. Zumbühl.

Sonntag Nachmittags Pfarrer Conrad Büg in
1. 4. Decbr. 2. 5. Decbr. Bachnow Hemmerbach und 107.6
ab 3 5 Uhr. Nachmittags. Josepha Hapland in
Steinhausen.

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THE FAMILY of FRANZISKA BIGGS and JOHN HENRY FORTMAN



John Henry FORTMAN and Franziska BIGGS

Franziska BIGGS was born 7 September 1832 in Krumm ensbach, Wurttemberg, the daughter of Franz Josef BUG and Monica ZUMBIHL. Franziska BIGGS came to America on the ship "Mercury", leaving Le Havre de Grace, France, on 22 August 1855, arriving in New York on 24 September 1855. Franziska arrived with her mother and three sisters, Josepha, Johanna, Sophia, and one brother Engelbert. Her brother Joseph BIGGS arrived a year earlier in 1854.

Records of her first years in America have not been found. She has not been found in the 1860 Census for Jay County, Indiana, nor Mercer County, Ohio. She has been found in the 1870 Census for Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio. The Census lists: FORTMAN, Henry age 30, day laborer, born in Ohio, $100 personal property; Frances his wife age 37. born in Wurttemberg; Mary age 6, Hannah age 5, Joseph age 4, John age 2, Rosa age 12 attends school. There is no surname listed for Rosa, but she is not the child of Franziska BIGGS and John Henry FORTMAN. Englebert was not yet born. The marriage record of Franziska BIGGS and John Henry FORTMAN has not been found, but it is believed that they were married at St. Anthony Church, Padua, Ohio, in 1861. Marriage records at St. Anthony begin in 1866.

The family lived in the St. Anthony area, their five children were baptized at St. Anthony Church. Two of the children married into the WELLMAN family. See the **MAY-HOMAN FAMILY TREE** written by Ruth C. SCHIELTZ and Rita TIMMERMAN. John Henry FORTMAN is a brother to Mary Elizabeth FORTMAN, the wife of Engelbert BIGGS, brother to Franziska BIGGS.

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Franziska BIGGS b. 7 Sept. 1832 Krummensbach, Wurttemberg
d. 3 May 1896 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 1861 St. Anthony, Ohio (not verified)
John Henry FORTMAN b. 28 Dec. 1839 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. 3 Aug. 1912 St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: John Henry FORTMAN and Mary Anna WICKELMAN

I. Anna Maryann FORTMAN b. 27 June 1863 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 8 Feb. 1948 Cincinnati, Ohio
sp: Sebastian DILLER and Anna Maria WICKELMAN, Fr. Engelbert RUFF
m. 28 Sept. 1880 St. Anthony, Ohio
Anton WELLMAN b. 23 Nov. 1851 Herbern, Germany
d. 22 May 1891 St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Heinrich WELLMAN and Anna Christina WEINGARTNER

A. Bernard WELLMAN ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, 14 June 1912, St. Peter's in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, Ohio, by Most Rev. Henry MOELLER, D.D. Archbishop of the Diocese of Cincinnati.

B. Henry WELLMAN never married

C. Aloysia WELLMAN m. Charles BERNERT no children

II. Johanna (Hannah) FORTMAN b. 24 Sept 1864 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 25 Nov. 1933 St. Anthony, Ohio
sp: John KAISER and John FORTMAN, Fr. Engelbert RUFF
m. 20 Nov. 1888 St. Anthony, Ohio
Henry MIDDENDORF b. 1860
d. 8 Dec. 1929 St. Anthony, Ohio
wit: Engelbert FORTMAN, Theodore MIDDENDORF, Elenore MEIER, Anna MIDDENDORF

A. Maria MIDDENDORF b. 21 Feb. 1889 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 26 Feb. 1889, St. Anthony, Ohio

B. John MIDDENDORF b. 11 Nov. 1891 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 26 Nov. 1958 Portland, Indiana

C. Cordula MIDDENDORF b. 24 Apr. 1894 Jay Co., Indiana
d. 14 June 1980 Jay Co., Indiana
m 19 Oct. 1922 St. Anthony, Ohio
Joseph MUHLENKAMP b. 17 May 1889 Jay Co., Indiana
d. 3 Jan. 1958 Jay Co., Indiana bur. Trinity Cemetery
pr: Bernard MUHLENKAMP and Anna MAY

1. Dennis MUHLENKAMP b. 21 Feb. 1935 Bryant, Indiana
m. 31 Jan. 1970 Cincinnati, Ohio
Johanna GARDNER b. 6 Dec. 1932 Maysville, Kentucky
pr: Ernest GARDNER and Sally CUMMINGS
a. Patrick Joseph MUHLENKAMP b. 25 Oct. 1969 Cincinnati, Ohio
b. Frances Lee MUHLENKAMP b. 23 Sept 1971 Muncie, IN

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2. Verus MUHLENKAMP b. 16 Oct. 1937 Bryant, Indiana
m. 7 Sept. 1959 Carthagena, Ohio
Rose E. KOESTERS b. 25 Sept. 1938 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Clarence KOESTERS and Octavia MEYERS
a. Theresa Rose MUHLENKAMP b. 5 Oct. 1960 Coldwater
m. 29 Aug. 1980 Trinity, Indiana
Dennis MUHLENKAMP b. 17 May 1959 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Robert MUHLENKAMP and Rosella WESTGERDES
b. Diane Marie MUHLENKAMP b. 1 Dec. 1961 Coldwater
m. 30 April 1983 Trinity, Indiana
Donald ROSENBECK pr: Paul Rosenbeck
c. Anita Sue MUHLENKAMP b. 1 May 1963 Coldwater, Ohio
d. Douglas MUHLENKAMP b. 13 Oct. 1964 Coldwater, Ohio
e. Vernon MUHLENKAMP b. 8 May 1970 Coldwater, Ohio

D. Edward MIDDENDORF b. 1898 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 1936 m.
Mary MUHLENKAMP b. 1901 d. Spring 1981, Ft Wayne, Indiana
pr: Gerhard MUHLENKAMP and Clara DABBELT (adopted)
ch: six children, probably all girls, the oldest married a South American, had children and died there. Pat was one. No further information.

E. Aloysia MIDDENDORF b. 14 June 1903 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 17 Dec. 1956 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 24 May 1932 St. Anthony, Ohio
Sylvester MUHLENKAMP b. 14 Sept. 1896 Jay Co. Indiana
d. 1983 Coldwater OH pr: Bernard MUHLENKAMP and Anna MAY

F. Willibald MIDDENDORF b. St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 1985 Jay Co. Indiana bur. Trinity Cemetery

III. Joseph F. FORTMAN b. 20 Jan. 1866 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 5 April 1959 Celina, Ohio bur. Celina, Ohio
m. 20 Nov. 1888 St. Anthony, Ohio
Elizabeth VONDERHAAR b. 5 July 1868 Ohio
d. 7 July 1932 Celina, Ohio
wit: Bernard VONDERHAAR, Catherine VONDERHAAR, John FORTMAN, Mary ZIBLER pr: Henry VONDERHAAR and Mary KRAMER

A. Elenora (Nora) FORTMAN b. 1891 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 1960 never married, lived across the street from the Catholic church and school, Celina, Ohio.

IV. John H. FORTMAN b. 24 April 1868 St. Anthony Ohio
d. 27 Oct. 1949 St. Marys, Ohio
m. 16 Feb. 1897 St. Peter, Ohio
Veronica Elizabeth GROSS b. 6 Oct. 1875 Missouri
d. 16 July 1922 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Jacob GROSS and Mary Anna KERBER

A. Edmund FORTMAN b. 26 Feb. 1898 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 20 Nov. 1976 San Fernando, California
m. in California to Idabel ALVORD d. 27 Dec. 1978

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res. Sunland, California
ch: Jerome, Lorraine m. John True

B. Monica FORTMAN b. 23 Nov. 1901 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 10 March 1987 Celina, Ohio
m. 1923 Coldwater, Ohio
Otto BOMHOLT b. 29 Dec. 1900 St. Rose, Ohio
d. 4 Nov. 1961 Celina, Ohio
pr: Frank BOMHOLT and Mary DRESCH

1. Edna Marie BOMHOLT b. 18 Feb. 1925 St. Rose, Ohio
m. Celina, Ohio to Steve Beams
2nd m. William PENNY d. July 1983 Troy, Ohio
a. Becky BEAMS m. Steve BECK ch: Angie BECK
2nd m. Leo MEYERS ch: Paul Michael MEYERS
b. Richard PENNY

2. Ralph W. BOMHOLT b. 27 June 1927 St. Rose, Ohio
m. 27 Oct. 1949 St. Marys, Ohio
Mildred WENDEL b. 24 April 1927
a. Frank Joseph BOMHOLT b. 1 Dec. 1950
m. 26 July 1975 Oxford, Ohio
Sarah MILLER b. 18 Dec. 1952
1). Andrew BOMHOLT b. 24 Feb. 1979
2). Michael BOMHOLT b. 10 March 1981
3). Betsy BOMHOLT b. 4 June 1983
b. Susan Mary BOMHOLT b. 9 Oct. 1952
m. 7 July 1973 Celina, Ohio
Ralph WEITZEL b. 30 June 1952
1). Ryan WEITZEL b. 5 Nov. 1977
2). Kevin WEITZEL b. 5 Feb. 1981
3). Keith WEITZEL b. 30 Dec. 1983
c. Peggy BOMHOLT b. 26 Jan 1958
m. 7 July 1980 Celina, Ohio
Doug HENNESSEY b. 9 Aug. 1957
1). Megan HENNESSEY b. 30 Dec. 1983
d. Robert Walter BOMHOLT b. 14 June 1960
m. 26 July 1982 Celina, Ohio
Michelle RAY b. 28 Dec. 1960
1). Rachel BOMHOLT b. 4 Sept. 1985
e. Douglas William BOMHOLT b. 23 May 1962

V. Engelbirt FORTMAN b. 29 June 1870 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 9 June 1938 Fort Wayne, Indiana res. St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 8 May 1894 St. Anthony, Ohio
Anna WELLMAN b. 25 Dec. 1874 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 9 April 1933 pr: Johann WELLMAN and Regina SCHROER

A. Mary FORTMAN b. 5 Dec. 1900 lives in Florida
B. Gertrude FORTMAN b. 20 April 1906 d. 1945 Fort Wayne, IN
C. Frank FORTMAN b. 2 April 1903 d. 1 Sept 1976
m. Catherine OSTERHOLT
ch: Bob lives in the West, Tom lives in Larrville, IN west on Hwy 30, Marilyn m. and lives in Fort, Wayne, Indiana

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THE FAMILY of JOSEPH BIGGS and BRIDGET GALLAGER







Left picture: Bridget GALLAGER and Joseph BIGGS. Top picture: Sussa and Mona BIGGS. Bottom Pciture: Ben Clouse and Annie BIGGS and children George and Lillie CLOUSE.

Joseph BIGGS was born 5 April 1836 in Krummensbach, Kreis Ravensburg, Wurttemberg, the son of Franz Josef BUG and Monica ZUMBIHL. Joseph BIGGS came to America in 1854. This is verified with a notation in the family register in the St. Gangolph Church records of Wolpertswende that he came to America in 1854. Also it is in the 1855 emigration records of Monica and her family. She stated that her son Joseph went to America in 1854.

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It has not been verified where Joseph BIGGS lived when he first came to America. He is listed in the 1870 Census for Celina, Ohio, operating a grist mill. Joseph BIGGS age 33, with him is listed Bridget age 25, keeps house, she has the $1200 property value. Their children are Sophia age 6, Franklin age 3, and Anna age 4 months. It is believed that he married Bridget GALLAGHER around 1863, although no marriage record has been found. We are not positive about the parentage of Bridget. A Lawrence GALLAGHER (1807-1858) is buried in the Old Saint Anthony Cemetery. Also there were GALLAGHERs living in St. Marys, Ohio. In the 1860 Census for Jeffersaon Township, Celina, Ohio, there was a Mary GALLIHER age 45, born in Ireland, listed with her children all born in Ohio, Bridget age 21, Michel age 18, Sarah age 16, and Mary age 14. However, this age does not match the Bridget who married Joseph BIGGS.

Joseph and Bridget had seven children born in Ohio, they are in the 1880 census for Celina, Ohio. His occupation was listed as being a miller, since he owned a grist mill. The oldest child, Sophia, was baptized in St. Marys, Ohio. The next six children were baptized in the St. Mary Church (as it was called then) Celina, Ohio. Joseph was mentioned in the 1979 church book of Immaculate Conception Parish, Celina, Ohio, page 2:

> Pioneers had migrated from the East bringing with them the faith of their forefathers. Families of the Catholic faith had come one by one to the Mercer County area to settle in Celina or farm the land nearby, the first being Owen GALLAGHER who was alone in his religion until 1861 when Daniel MAHONEY settled in Celina. They were followed by Celestine GARNIER, Joseph BIGGS, and John HESS in 1862. In the latter part of 1863 or early months of 1864 these families came together in the home of Daniel MAHONEY to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered by Fr. Bernard DICKMANN, C.PP.S. Mass was held about every two weeks and as the word spread and more people came, services were moved to the factory of Joseph ZENDER near the Reservior (South-east corner of Walnut and Logan Sts). Christoper, Jacob and Peter SCHUNCK added their names to those gathering for Mass.

We note that the first Catholic in the area was Owen GALLAGHER. Was Bridget Gallagher the daughter of Owen? Joseph Biggs was listed in the 1928 Centennial Book of St. Aloysious Parish, Carthegena, Ohio, as being a member of the Celina parish and contributing to the fund to help St. Aloysius parish to build a new church in 1878.

Joseph BIGGS and his family are listed in the 1880 census for Celina, Ohio. The census was usually taken in April. Later in the year he moved his family to Kansas. He bought land in Cowley County, Kansas, 13 October 1880. There was some contact with relatives back in Ohio. Joseph's brother, Englebert BIGGS, also moved to Kansas. See details in the chapter concerning his family.

Family stories reveal that Matt WEIGEL went to Kansas. Later Tony DILLER went to Kansas, and Tony is listed in the 1900 census of Kingman County, living with Jacob BIGGS, son of Englebert BIGGS. The 1900 census of Dal Township, Kingman County, Kansas, lists the Joseph BIGGS family.

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Joseph BIGGS born April 1836, in Germany, age 64, came to the United States in 1854, was here for 46 years and was naturalized. He owned land with a mortgage, he and his wife could read and write and could speak English. Also listed, Joseph BIGGS was married to Bridget for 37 years. Bridget was born in Ohio, July 1845, aged 55. Her father was born in Ireland and mother in Indiana. Bridget had nine children with eight living in 1900. Listed at home were son, Lawrence, born March 1876 in Ohio, aged 24 a pit miner; son, John, born January 1879 in Ohio, aged 21, a farm laborer; daughter, Sussia, born February 1884 in Kansas, aged 16, went to school for 9 months; daughter, Mona, born May 1887 in Kansas, aged 13, went to school 6 months.

Bridget BIGGS is buried on St. Louis Cemetery, Waterloo, Kansas. She died 13 May 1902. No death record has been found for Joseph BIGGS (1987)

Joseph BIGGS b. 5 April 1836 Mochenwangen, Wurttemberg d. unknown
pr: Franz Josef BUG and Monika ZUMBIHL
m. sometime before 1864
Bridget GALLAGHER b. 18 June 1846 Ohio (from 1900 census)
d. 13 May 1902 Waterloo, Kansas
pr: not verified

I. Sophia BIGGS b. 28 April 1864 Celina, Ohio
bp. St. Marys, Ohio near the date of the Ascension
It was written in the Celina book that the record was at Wapakoneta, Ohio, but we found it at St. Marys, Ohio.
sp: Dan MAHONEY and Brigitta GALLAGHER and baptized by Jos Dwenger. We have no further records of Sophia.

II. Francis Joseph BIGGS b. 15 April 1865 Celina, Ohio
sp: Johanna KROEGER and Englebird BIGGS
d. 25 Oct. 27, 1874 Celina, Ohio

III. Anna Margaretha BIGGS b. 22 Nov. 23, 1868 Celina, Ohio
sp: Leo and Mary Victoria ZENDER
d. 24 Dec. 1944 Murdock, Kansas, bur. Waterloo, Kansas
m. 30 May 1887 Waterloo, Kansas
Barnhart (Ben) CLOUSE b. 23 June 1858
d. 4 Sept. 1934 Murdock, Kansas, bur. Waterloo, Kansas
pr: George CLOUSE and Catherine YOUN

A. Lillian Florence CLOUSE b. 7 Mar. 1888 Murdock, Kansas
d. 20 April 1973 Halstead, Kansas, bur. Waterloo, Kansas
m. 28 Nov. 1946 Waterloo, Kansas
John B. FAY b. 7 June 1889 New York City, New York
d. 14 April 17 1972 Colwick, Kansas, bur. Waterloo, KS

B. George Joseph CLOUSE b. 19 Aug. 1889 Murdock, Kansas
d. 16 Sept. 1957 Murdock, Kansas, bur. Waterloo, Kansas
m. 30 June 1920 Garden Plain, Kansas
Elsie Pearl GARNETT b. 3 April 1900 Garden Plain, Kansas
d. 16 July 1973 Halstead, Kansas, bur. Waterloo, Kansas

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1. George CLOUSE, Jr. b. 4 July 1921 Garden Plain, KS
2. Dean Lee CLOUSE b. 20 April 1923 Garden Plain, KS
3. Eleanor Louise CLOUSE b. 17 July 1924 Garden Plain, KS
4. Clara Belle CLOUSE b. 12 July 1927 Murdock, Kansas
5. Albert James CLOUSE b. 18 July 1930 Murdock, Kansas
6. John Thomas CLOUSE b. 24 Aug. 1932 Murdock, Kansas
7. Gilbert CLOUSE b. 8 June 1935 Murdock, Kansas
8. Mary Elizabeth CLOUSE b. 1 Sept. 1938 Murdock, KS

IV. Margaretha Anne BIGGS b. 10 Mar. 10, 1870 Celina, Ohio
sp: John and Margaret HESS
No further records.

V. Julia Caroline BIGGS b. 27 Nov. 30, 1873 Celina, Ohio
sp: George KROEGER and Julia WEBER born KOLLER
m. 31 May 1897 Winfield, Kansas, by Alexander P. BRUNER, Pastor of M. E. Church, J. W. COTTINGHAM, Probate Judge
Fred E. HAMM age 25, Winfield, Kansas
No further records.

VI. Lawrence Michael BIGGS b. 8 Mar. 12, 1876 Celina, Ohio
sp: John Caspar SCHMIDT and Julia COOGAN, Fr. Henry DREES
m. Aug. 1900 (license issued 13 Aug. 1900 Kingman County, Kansas age 25 (marriage may be 9 Sept. 1901) by John SHEA, P.J., Kingman
Ollie HARRAH (HANNAH) b. Arkansas
pr: Ollie DAVIS and Minnie DAVIS (mother's second marriage)

Family stories reveal that Lawrence was an athlete in Wichita, Kansas, and later moved to Western Oklahoma.
No further records.

VII. John Frederick BIGGS b. 12 Jan. 12, 1879 Celina, Ohio
sp: John WENNING and Margaretha HESS
m. 16 July 1901 by J. E. CHAPUS, Catholic Church Rectory, Holy Name Church, Kingman, Kansas age 22, from Winfield, Kansas
Janie (Johanna) REED, age 21, from Trisdale, Kansas
No further records.

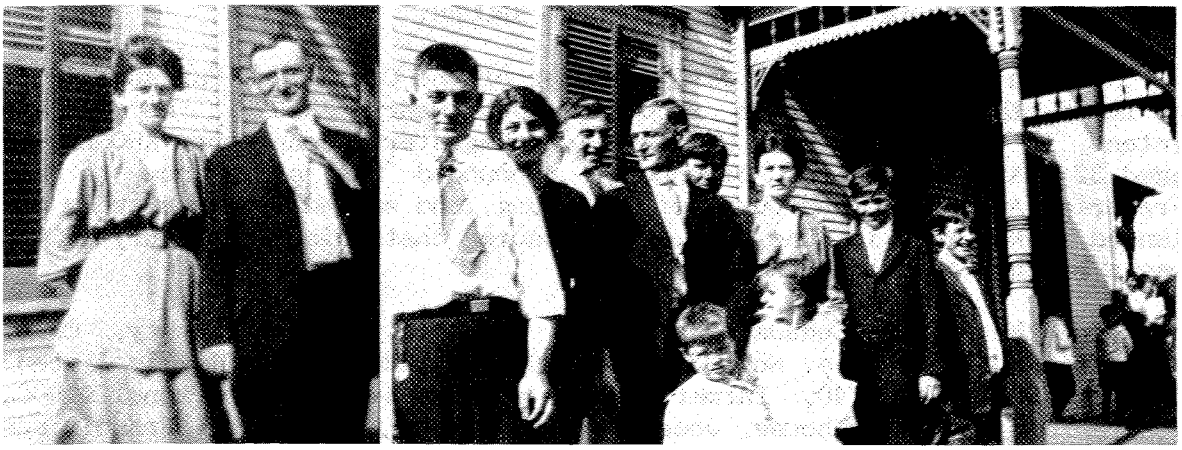
VIII. Elizabeth Augusta (Sussia) BIGGS b. 22 Feb. 1884 Baltimore, Cowley County, Kansas
No further records.

IX. Monica Frances (Mona) BIGGS B. 26 May 1887 Atlanta, Cowley County, Kansas
m. 2 Sept 1911, age 24 of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at Wichita, Kansas by Probate Judge D. A. McCONLESS, Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas
H. G. WOLF, age 29 of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
No further records.

Further information on the CLOUSE-BIGGS family can be found in the **BIGGS FAMILY TREE** by Mary COSLETT BIGGS of Kingman, Kansas.

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THE FAMILY of JOHANNA BIGGS and GEORGE KROGER



THE FAMILY of JOHN PHILIP KROGER

Johanna BIGGS was born 24 Dec. 1838 in Krummensbach, Kreis Ravensburg, Wurttemberg, the daughter of Franz Josef BUG and Monica ZUMBIHL. Johanna came to America with her mother, one brother Engelbert, and three sisters: Franziska, Josepha, and Sophia. They left Le Havre de Grace, France, on the ship "Mercury," on 22 August 1855 arriving in New York on 24 Sept. 1855.

We do not know where she lived when she first came to America, because she is not listed with her mother in the 1860 Census in Jay County, Indiana. We imagine that she was working for or living with another family somewhere. Rita TIMMERMAN and I found her first in the Immaculate Conception Church records, Celina, Ohio, at the baptism of her first child, the 9 April 1865. Joseph and Brigitta BIGGS were the baptismal sponsors. This also confirmed that Johanna KROGER was a BIGGS.

We then recalled family stories of the WILLHOFF, FORTMAN, KROGER, and the MEYER families. When Mary COSLETT BIGGS of Kingman, Kansas, sent Engelbert BIGGS' Civil War records, we found Johanna on the record the family brought from Germany. The name of the town in Germany was also listed, which led us to find the German records at the LDS Library in Salt Lake City. This has given us the information that you find in this book about the families in Germany.

The church records in Celina, Ohio, listed Monica BIGGS, Joseph BIGGS and others as sponsors for the KROGER baptisms. Rita and I visited the Catholic Cemetery, and headed for the old section, where we found the gravestones of the KROEGERs. Johanna KROEGER died young, 3 May 1875, aged 36 years, 4 months, and 1 day. There is a Civil War marker of George KROGER's grave. There could be much more information found on the family if these Civil War records would be searched.

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Johanna BIGGS and George KROGER had only one surviving child, John Philip KROGER. George KROGER was married to Miss Mary A. MARZ on 24 Jan. 1882. A Margaret KROGER, the wife of John KROGER, is buried next to the KROGER tombstone. She died 3 Jan 1892, aged 91 years, 11 months. We assume that this is the mother of George KROGER.

A John KROGER was an early member of the Carthegena Parish - 1861. We found the naturalization record of John Henry KROGER. He made his intent in Mercer County Common Pleas Register. John Henry KROGER was aged 32 years, native of Oldenburg, renounced his allegiance to Paul Frederick August, Grand Duke of Oldenburg, and sailed from Amsterdam and landed in New York in June 1849. We assume that this John Henry KROGER was a brother to George KROGER.

In the 1870 Census, Jefferson Township, Mercer County, Ohio, postoffice Celina, Ohio, No. 231, the George KROGER family is listed. George KROGER age 40, farmer, value of farm $4000 and personal $1000, Johanah age 31, keeps house, Joseph age 5, without occupation, Francis age 3, without occupation, John age 5 months, without occupation.

Johanna BIGGS b. 24 Dec. 1838 Krummensbach, Wurttemberg
d. 3 May 5, 1875 Celina, Ohio
m. record has not been found
George KROGER b. 2 Mar. 1829 Germany (from census records)
d. 17 April 1895 Celina, Ohio
pr: John and Margaret KROGER from Oldenburg (from census)

I. Joseph George KROGER b. 1 April 9, 1865 Celina, Ohio
d. 1 Mar. 1875, aged 10 or 11 years in church records tombstone age 2 years, 11 months. This could have been misread, because of the age of the tombstone.
sp: Joseph and Brigetta BIGGS

II. Frances (Franziska) KROGER b. 2 Sept. 2, 1867
sp: John and Sophia BIGGS MEYER
d. 25 Oct. 1874, aged 7 years, 1 month, 23 days, Celina

III. John Philip KROGER b. 24 Nov. 1869 Celina, Ohio
sp: John HECKLER and Carolina SCHUCK, Fr. Mathias KENK ?
d. 1952 South Bend, Indiana
m. 3 June 1890 Mercer County, Ohio, probably St. Sebastian
Anna KLOSTERMAN b. 9 April 1871 Mercer County, Ohio
d. 3 Jan. 1893, st. Sebastian, Chickasaw, Ohio
pr: Rudolph KLOSTERMAN and Mary NIEKAMP

A. Minnie KROGER b. April 1891, Chickasaw, Ohio d. unknown
m. Percy WARRINGTON ch: John WARRINGTON
2nd m. Barney KRIEGEL ch: one daughter

2nd m. of John Philip KROGER 31 July 1895
Catherine CLUNE, widow of FRERICKS b. Oct. 1871 Chickasaw, Ohio
pr: Ger CLUNE and Bernadine WABLER both from Germany

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B. Geroge H. KROGER b. 1 Nov. 1895 Chickasaw, Ohio
d. 25 Mar. 1967 South Bend, Indiana Highland Cemetery
m. unknown
Amelia V. KELLER b. 22 April 1895 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. 17 Oct. 1984 South Bend, Indiana Highland Cemetery
pr: Theodore KELLER and Margaret HOEB

i. Evelyn M. KROGER b. 10 Jan. 1924 South Bend, Indiana
m. 22 June 1946 South Bend, Indiana
Frank J. KNAPP b. 29 Fev. 1924
d. 18 Sept. 1966 South Bend, Indiana
pr: Frank V. KNAPP and Martha MATTHEWS

a. Linda M. B. KNAPP b. 13 Feb. 1948 South Bend, IN
m. 12 May 1973 South Bend, Indiana
Larry AICHELE b. 27 Dec. 1944 South Bend, Indiana
d. 21 Feb. 1979 South Bend, Indiana
pr: Raymond AICHELE and Ruth RYAN

b. Frank G. KNAPP b. 26 June 1950 South Bend, Indiana
m. 1 July 1972 South Bend, Indiana
Darlene J. RANSCHAERT b. 7 Nov. 1951 South Bend, IN
pr: Lawrence RANSCHAERT and Dora Jean HENNINGER
ch: Kimberly, Scott, Andrew

c. Susan A. KNAPP b. 7 Feb. 1952 South Bend, Indiana

d. Edward A. KNAPP b. 2 Feb. 1956 South Bend, Indiana
m. South Bend, Indiana
Martha DeVOLDER b. 16 Oct. 1955 South Bend, IN
pr: Rudolph DeVOLDER and Patricia MORSE
ch: Amy

e. John P. KNAPP b. 20 Jan. 1960 South Bend, Indiana
m. 13 June 1982 South Bend, Indiana
Kathleen SLOAN b. 6 April 1963
pr: Philip SLOAN and Sharon BORG
ch: Dante

f. James T.KNAPP b. 28 Jan. 1962 South Bend, Indiana

ii. George J. KNAPP b. 21 Sept. 1925 South Bend, Indiana

C. Ralph C. KROGER b. Mar. 1897 Chickasaw, Ohio
d. 1929 South Bend, Indiana
m. Clara They had lived in Piqua, Ohio.
ch: Clarence, Mary Catherine, Mildred

D. Ferdinand C. KROGER b. 31 May 1899 Chickasaw, Ohio
d. 1958 South Bend, Indiana
m. Berniece ch: William, Phyllis, Darrell, Ronald

E. Urban K. KROGER b. 9 Aug. 1901 Chickasaw, Ohio
d. 1977 m. Anna There were no children.

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F. Leo Leonard KROGER b. Chickasaw, Ohio
d. 1960 South Bend, Indiana
m. Mary They had one son Kenneth.

G. Margaret B. KROGER b. 19 Jan 1904 Chickasaw, Ohio
d. Feb. 1985 South Bend, Indiana
1st m. Eugene KINTZ, 2nd m. Edward GROFF, no children

H. James C. KROGER b. 3-9-1912 d. 7-4-1967 South Bend, Indiana
m. Dorothy They lived in South Bend, Indiana.
ch: one son Jack, lives in California

IV. Johan KROGER b. 10 Nov. 10, 1871 Celina, Ohio
sp: Assisted by Monica BIEG (spelled thus in records)
Fr. Michael GRAF, priest
d. 13 Nov. 1871 Celina, Ohio In Celina Catholic Cemetery
tombstone reads b. 11 Nov. 1872, d. 13 Nov. 1872, 2 days.

V. Maria Anna Monica KROGER b. 13 May 18, 1873
Sp: Henry BEHRING and Maria BAHRING, Fr. WITTMER
No further records.

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THE FAMILY of SOPHIA BIGGS and JOHN MEYER

Sophia BIGGS was born 31 March 1840 in Krummensbach, Kreis Ravensburg, Wurttemberg, the daughter of Franz Josef BUG and Monica ZUMBIHL. Sophia BIGGS came to America on the ship "Mercury," leaving Le Havre de Grace, France, on 22 August 1855, arriving in New York 24 Sept. 1855. Sophia arrived with her mother and three sisters: Franziska, Josepha, Johanna, and one brother Engelbert. Her brother, Joseph BIGGS, came to America in 1854.

Sophia BIGGS is not listed with her mother, Monica BIGGS, in the 1860 Census for Jay County, Indiana. It is possible that she may have been a servant in someone's household. No record has been found in Jay County, Indiana, nor in Mercer County, Ohio. However, the records have not been searched thoroughly. The first record of her was found in the Catholic Church records, Celina, Ohio. Her first child, Philip KOEHNE, was born in Celina in 1863. It is assumed that she married John KOEHNE sometime in 1862 or 1863. We have not found a record of the marriage nor of John KOEHNE's birth nor death.

Sophia BIGGS married John MEYER in Celina, Ohio, 18 June 1867. Witnesses were Engelbert BIGGS and Maria MEYERS. Fr. B. DICKMAN performed the ceremony. Two children were baptized in Celina, and eight in St. Anthony. After the death of John MEYER, Sophia married Jacob N. Bonifas, a bachelor.

In the 1870 Census, Liberty Township, Mercer County, Ohio, Sophia BIGGS is listed with her family. John MEYER age 29, a grocer, born in Ohio, $1000 property value and $1500 personal value; Sophia his wife age 29, born in Wurttemberg; George age 2, Joseph age 1, Ellen age 2 months; Philip KINNEY age 6; all the children were born in Ohio. In the 1880 Census the list reads: MYERS, John age 41, born in Ohio, father in Baden and mother in Ohio, occupation Dry Goods Merchant; Sophia his wife age 40, keeps house, born in Wurttemberg and also parents born Wurttemberg. Children listed: Philip KINNEY age 16 works on farm, George MYERS age 12 works on farm, Joseph age 11 works on farm, Ellen age 10, Rosa age 9, Sophia age 8, John age 6, Anthony age 4, Frederick age 1, Sebastian age 4 months. Constantus WEIGEL age 22 servant lived with them, Sophia DILLER age 18 servant also lived with them. The family lived at Skeels Cross Rd. in Liberty Township, just north of St. Anthony, Ohio.

Sophia M. BIGGS b. 31 March 1840 Krummensbach, Wurttemberg
d. 26 Sept. 1914 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 1862 or 1863
John KOEHNE no records.
2nd m. of Sophia BIGGS 18 June 1867 Celina, Ohio
John MEYER b. 2 Nov. 1838
d. 29 March 1884 St. Anthony, Ohio 46 years, 8 months
wit: Engelbert BIGGS and Maria MEYERS, Fr. B. DICKMAN
3rd m. of Sophia BIGGS 19 Jan. 1886
Jacob N. BONIFAS b. 1 Aug. 1848 Nospelt, Luxemburg
d. 25 Nov. 1920 Celina, Ohio bur. Trinity, Indiana

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I. Philip KOEHNE b. 13 Oct. 1863, Celina, Ohio
d. 14 June 1910, Liberty Twp. Mercer Co. Ohio, bur. St. Anthony, Ohio 46 years, 3 months, 1 day, never married

II. George L. MEYER b. 23 March 25, 1868 Celina, Ohio bp. Louis George sp: George KROGER and Margaretha HESS
d. 1923 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 25 Jan. 1922 Catherine HIERHOLZER no children

III. Joseph Frank MEYER b. 14 March 15 1869 Celina, Ohio bp. Francis Joseph sp: Joseph BIGG and Maria PERSESSEL
d. 16 Nov. 1932 Skeels Crossroad, Liberty Twp. Mercer County, Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio never married

IV. Elenora F. MEYER b. 25 May 1870 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 28 Oct. 1889 St. Anthony, Ohio never married

V. Rose M. MEYER b. 25 April 1871 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 4 June 1959 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 11 April 1889 St. Anthony, Ohio
John SUDHOFF b. 10 June 1872 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 14 June 1949 St. Anthony, Ohio
pr: Louis SUDHOFF and Margaret HEYNE

A. Elenora SUDHOFF b. 29 Jan. 1903 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 10 Oct. 1966 St. Marys, Ohio bur. St. Anthony, Ohio
never married, lived west of Skeels Cross Rd. then with brother Hugo SUDHOFF at St. Marys, Ohio

B. Hugo SUDHOFF b. 4 April 1905 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 14 Aug. 1971 St. Marys, Ohio
m. 18 Sept. 1934
Opal LINN b. 17 April 1917 from Skeels Cross Rd.

1. Mary Lou SUDHOFF b. 29 June 1935 Mercer Co. Ohio
m. 5 Oct 1957 St. Anthony, Ohio
Robert ECK b. April 1936 d. 5 Aug. 1987
pr: Harold ECK and Irene HENRY
a. Kathryn ECK b. 10 Nov. 1958
m. Aug. 1981 Michael BURRIS 1). Nathan
b. Robert ECK b. 5 Oct 1959 m. 10 March 1984 Sidney,OH
Cassandra Elizabeth MAGOTO b. 1961
pr: Marvin F. MAGOTO and Patty RICH
1). Steven 2). Christopher
c. Edward ECK b. 15 Sept. 1962 m. Anna MEYER
3 daughters
d. Ronald ECK b. 27 Oct. 1963 m.
e. Jerold ECK b. 17 April 1966

2. Martha Rose SUDHOFF b. 7 May 1937 Celina, Ohio
m. 12 Oct. 1957 St. Anthony, Ohio
John AINSWORTH b. 7 May 1937
a. Gary AINSWORTH b. 8 Aug. 1958 m. 1 son
b. Dale AINSWORTH b. 28 Sept. 1959 m. 2 daughters
c. Donald AINSWORTH b. 30 April 1961 m.
d. James AINSWORTH b. 27 Jan. 1965 m.
e. Thomas AINSWORTH b. 27 Jan. 1968

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3. John SUDHOFF twin b. 6 July 1938 m. 12 May 1962
Judy JACOBY b. 24 April 1942
a. Lisa SUDHOFF b. 27 Jan. 1970
4. William SUDHOFF twin b. 6 July 1938 d. 1961
5. Marvin SUDHOFF b. 9 July 1940
m. 5 Feb. 1966 res. Geneva, IN on Ohio Indiana line
Kathleen FELLA b. 25 July 1944
a. Michael SUDHOFF b. 30 Oct. 1966
b. Mary Jane SUDHOFF b. 26 June 1969 c. Rick
6. Patricia Kathy SUDHOFF b. 16 April 1941 Mercer Co. OH
m. 20 May 1965 Celina, Ohio
Jerry Allen LAURENCE b. 2 Oct 1943
a. Rodney LAURENCE b. 18 May 1967
b. Robert LAURENCE b. 26 July 1968
7. Ruth Ann SUDHOFF b. 38 Aug. 1944 d. 28 March 1981
Edson MATTHIEU b. 6 Nov. 1942 m. July 1965
a. Susan MATTHIEU b. 15 Aug. 1966
b. Deborah MATTHIEU b. 5 Jan 1967
c. Timothy MATTHIEU b. 6 May 1974
8. Bernard SUDHOFF b. 2 Jan. 1945 m. 13 June 1964
Mary BERTKE b. 24 April 1944 res. Celina, Ohio
a. Jacqueline SUDHOFF b. 16 July 1964
b. Theresa SUDHOFF b. 24 July 1967
c. James SUDHOFF b. 22 Aug. 1968
d. Angie SUDHOFF b. 17 June 1971
9. Lillian SUDHOFF b. 16 Sept. 1946 m. 27 Nov. 1969
Robert MILLER b. 4 Sept. 1944
a. Robert MILLER Jr. b. 13 May 1970
a. Michelle MILLER b. 29 June 1972
b. Justin MILLER b. 18 Oct 1977
10. Karen SUDHOFF b. 3 Aug. 1951 m. 29 May 1977
Mark SOUTH b. 31 May 1949
a. Julie SOUTH b. 15 Feb. 1979
11. Charles SUDHOFF b. 21 Feb. 1953
m. 25 Aug. 1973 res. St. Marys, Ohio
Sandra CLARK b. 28 Oct 1952
a. Mindy SUDHOFF b. 22 Dec. 1974
12. Jerry SUDHOFF b. 23 Sept.1956 m. 23 Nov. 1974
Heidy Macon ch: Jeremy SUDHOFF b. 17 April 1975
13. & 14. David and Daniel SUDHOFF twins
b. 6 April 1960 Coldwater, Ohio

VI. Sophia MEYER b. 1 Sept 1872 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 8 April 1956 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 3 Sept 1903 St. Anthony, Ohio
William SUDHOFF b. 10 May 1875 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 4 Dec 1964 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: Louis SUDHOFF and Margaret HEYNE

A. Herbert SUDHOFF b. 4 Sept. 1904 d. 12 Sept. 1904

B. Margaret SUDHOFF b. 15 Sept 1905 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 7 Jan. 1987 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 23 Sept 1927 Isadore SCHURMAN b. 17 Oct. 1897

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1. Robert SCHURMAN, 2. Paul SCHURMAN, 3. James Schurman,
4. Walter SCHURMAN
5. Mary Ann SCHURMAN b. 22 Sept.1934 m. 15 April 1952
Willis PRESTON b. 19 Nov 1928
a. Penny PRESTON b. 6 Feb. 1956 m. 30 July 1976
Thomas DREXLER b. 25 Feb. 1954
b. Nancy PRESTON b. 10 March 1958
Allan MORS
ch: Monica & Mallory MORS twins b. 11 Sept. 1986
c. Tod PRESTON b. 13 March 1963 m. 26 July 1986
Diane Niemeyer ch: Jeffrey b. 16 Jan. 1987

C. Dorothy SUDHOFF b. 12 March 1907 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 13 Sept. 1965 Celina, Ohio
m. 27 Oct. 1945 Richard BOLLENBACHER b. 9 May 1908

1. Gloria BOLLENBACHER b. 6 Feb. 1947 m. 27 Dec. 1968
William ZIEGLER b. 5 Dec. 1945 ch: Matt & Jason

D. Alfons SUDHOFF b. 9 July 1908 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 11 April 1942 Holy Trinity Church, Jay Co. Indiana
Maxine HARTNAGEL b. 17 Sept. 1914 Bryant, Indiana
pr: Peter HARTNAGEL and Elizabeth REMAKLUS

E. Fred SUDHOFF b. 2 March 1910 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 24 Nov. 1937 Holy Trinity Church, Jay Co. Indiana
Mary H. HARTNAGEL b. 3 August 1916 Bryant, Indiana
pr: Peter HARTNAGEL and Elizabeth REMAKLUS

1. Elizabeth Ann SUDHOFF b. 8 July 1938 Bryant, IN
m. 22 Oct 1960 Holy Trinity Church, Jay Co. IN
Ron SCHINDLER pr: Ed SCHINDLER and Rita GERLACH
a. Anthony SCHINDLER b. 22 Jan. 1963
m. Nov. 1985 Linda PRINGER b. 4 Nov. 1964
b. Thomas SCHINDLER b. 15 Feb. 1965
c. Theresa SCHINDLER b. 11 Feb. 1969
2. James Frederick SUDHOFF b. 26 May 1942 Bryant, IN
m. 6 Sept. 1965 Coldwater, Ohio
Patricia Marie SANNING b. 6 Aug. 1944 Celina, Ohio
pr: Julius SANNING and Alfreda DORSTEN
a. William Ron SUDHOFF b. 22 Jan. 1967 Portland
b. Daniel James SUDHOFF b. 26 Dec. 1969 Portland
c. Cynthia Marie SUDHOFF b. 23 Dec.1979 Portland

F. Ralph SUDHOFF b. 6 April 1912 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 23 Jan. 1965 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 3 May 1943 St. Sebastian, Mercer Co. Ohio
Rita GOECKE b. 22 March 1921

1. Carolyn Rose SUDHOFF b. 24 Dec. 1945 Celina, Ohio
m. 27 Dec. 1967 St. Anthony, Donald Lee STUCKE
a. Denise STUCKE b. 25 Sept. 1969
b. Charles STUCKE b. 17 Nov. 1971
c. Randy STUCKE b. 19 Feb 1973

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d. Abigail STUCKE b. 14 Nov. 1976
e. Alison STUCKE b. 24 Aug. 1978
f. Russel STUCKE b. 10 July 1980

2. Gerald SUDHOFF b. 6 March 1949 m. 8 April 1972
Juanita LAUX b. 19 Dec. 1951
a. David SUDHOFF b. 19 July 1973
b. Angela SUDHOFF b. 25 Fev. 1977
c. Matthew SUDHOFF b. 17 Jan. 1980
d. Adam SUDHOFF b. 6 May 1983

3. Eric SUDHOFF b. 6 Sept. 1950 m. 6 Jan. 1973
Patricia KNOTH b. 11 Oct 1952
pr: Cletus KNOTH and Louann MUHLENKAMP
a. Nicole SUDHOFF b. 24 April 1974 Celina, Ohio
b. Scott SUDHOFF b. 7 July 1976 Celina, Ohio
c. Greg SUDHOFF b. 25 Oct 1979 Coldwater, Ohio
d. Andre SUDHOFF b. 26 May 1982

4. Roger SUDHOFF b. 7 Feb. 1953 m. 2 Nov. 1974
Kathleen KAHLIG b. 11 June 1953
a. Christina SUDHOFF b. 3 Sept. 1975
b. Nathan SUDHOFF b. 27 Narch 1977
c. Jessica SUDHOFF b. 26 May 1978
d. Cassandra SUDHOFF b. 21 June 1981
e. Zachary SUDHOFF b. 24 March 1983
f. Daniel SUDHOFF b. 3 Dec. 1984

5. Patrick SUDHOFF b. 4 May 1957 m. 15 Nov. 1980
Bernice WEITZEL b. 30 Oct. 1957
a. Travis SUDHOFF b. 23 Jan. 1982
b. Kyle SUDHOFF b. 28 June 1986

6. Judith SUDHOFF b. 2 July 1958 m. 5 May 1979
Mark HOENIE b. 28 May 1957
a. Ashleigh HOENIE b. 14 Feb. 1985

G. Anselma SUDHOFF b. 8 April 1915 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 15 July 1941 St. Anthony, Ohio
Gregory GOECKE b. 21 July 1912 d. 27 Feb. 1963

1. Michael G. GOECKE b. 23 July 1942 m.19 Aug.1967
Sonya S. BARR ch: Michelle b. 22 March 1970
2. John M. GOECKE b. 25 Jan. 1944 twin
3. Joan GOECKE b. 25 Jan. 1944 twin m.29 Nov.1968
David J. VAN a. Eric H. VAN b. 28 Oct 1969
b. Lisa VAN b. 9 Aug. 1971

H. Robert SUDHOFF b. 16 Oct. 1916 St. Anthony, Ohio
m. 25 Sept. 1969
Alvira BORGERT b. 19 Feb. 1918

1. Ronald SUDHOFF b. 17 Aug. 1947
1st m. 22 Nov. 1969 Barb CARRY
2nd m. 14 Aug. 1974 Karen HOMAN b. 17 Sept. 1952
a. Candace SUDHOFF b.15 July 1970
b. Derek SUDHOFF b. 28 July 1972
c. Quentin SUDHOFF b. 8 May 1975
d. Ansley SUDHOFF b. 8 Aug. 1976

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e. Amber SUDHOFF b. 2 Sept 1977
f. Keely SUDHOFF b. 6 May 1979
g. Chandra SUDHOFF b. 20 Jan. 1981
h. Kelsey SUDHOFF b.
i. Megan SUDHOFF b. 28 April 1986

2. Linda SUDHOFF b. 17 Nov. 1948 m. 7 Feb. 1970
Larry WENDEL b. 4 Aug. 1946
a. Annette WENDEL b. 26 Aug. 1970
b. Aaron WENDEL b. 6 July 1971
c. Danielle WENDEL b. 6 April 1975
d. Dustin WENDEL b. 7 Aug. 1986

3. Marylin SUDHOFF b. 3 June 1950 m. 12 May 1978
Ron CONTURE b. 11 March 1946
a. Alyssa CONTURE b. 12 June 1979

4. Randy SUDHOFF b. 11 April 1952 m. 28 April 1972
Judy JAMES b. 26 May 1953
a. Ryan SUDHOFF b. 28 Sept. 1973
b. Russel SUDHOFF b. 5 Dec. 1975
c. Jayne SUDHOFF b. 2 Nov. 1976
d. Jenna L. SUDHOFF b. 13 Jan 1987

5. Kathleen SUDHOFF b. 21 July 1957 m. 23 Sept. 1978
Ronald BOECKMAN b. 27 Jan. 1957

6. Diane SUDHOFF b. 10 Aug. 1959 m. 16 May 1981
Gerald SOWAR b. 26 Sept. 1958

VII. John MEYER b. 5 Feb. 1874 St. Anthony, Ohio d. 1945
1st m. 6 April 1902 Mary (Rose) MOES
2nd m. Mary Ellen HARMON b. 3 Nov. 1869 d. 16 Nov. 1952
no children, lived in Dayton, Ohio

VIII. Henry MEYER b. 26 March 1875 d. 20 Sept. 1875 St. Anthony, Ohio

IX. Anton MEYER b. 22 Oct. 1876 d. 28 Aug. 1898 St. Anthony, Ohio

X. Fred William MEYER b. 8 Oct. 1878 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 22 March 1957 m. 23 Sept. 1905
Rose KUGEL b. 7 Oct. 1872 d. 31 Dec. 1961 from Skeels Cross Rd.

A. Helen MEYER living in 1986 m.
Leo TURKES b. 1 Aug. 1904 d. 16 May 1971

XI. Sebastian MEYER b. 28 June 1880 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 17 March 1946 Celina, Ohio, m. 27 Nov. 1923
Philomena STEIN b. 9 Feb. 1893 St. Joe Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 25 July 1964 Toledo, Ohio

A. Paul MEYER b. 16 Jan. 1927 m. 23 Nov. 1957
Helen ANDREWS b. 13 Aug. 1923

B. Bernard Joseph MEYER b. 26 July 1931 m. 21 April 1956
Irene KOESTERS b. 13 April 1932 from St. Wendelin, Ohio
pr: Edmund F. KOESTERS and Mary A. REICHERT

1. Kathleen Mary MEYER b. 5 Aug. 1957
2. Shirley Ann MEYER b. 27 July 1959
3. Margie Kay MEYER b. b.15 Aug. 1962 m. HEMMELGARN
4. Edward Gerard MEYER b. 11 Jan. 1968

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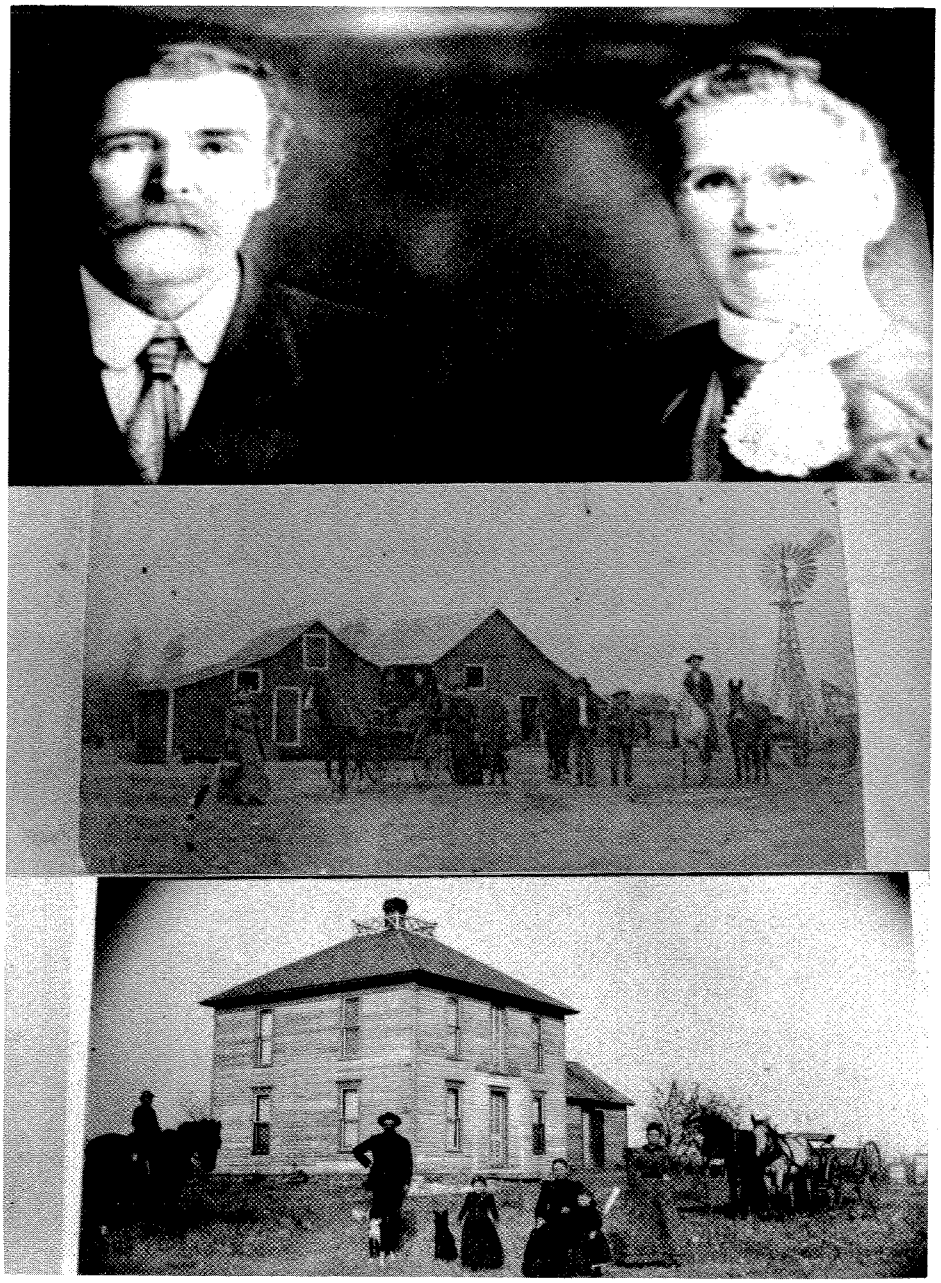
Sophia BIGGS and John MEYER



Top left: Charles STEIN, Sebastian MEYER, Philomena STEIN, Eleanora SUDHOFF. Top right: Golden Wedding of William SUDHOFF and Sophia MEYER. Bottom left: back, Margie, Kathy, Shirley, front, Ed, Irene, Bernard MEYER. Bottom middle: Golden Wedding of Fred SUDHOFF and Mary HARTNAGEL. Bottom right: Rose MEYER SUDHOFF and her twin grandsons, William and John SUDHOFF.

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Engelbert BIGGS and Mary Elizabeth FORTMAN



Top picture: Engelbert (John E.) BIGGS and Mary Elizabeth FORTMAN
Middle picture: Shed and barn on Engelbert BIGGS' farm in Kansas, Tillie, John E. and Mary E. in buggy, Dora BIGGS right of buggy, Frances, Jake, unknown, Dan. Bottom Picture: John E. BIGGS home in Kansas.

Next page, family picture of Engelbert BIGGS and Mary Elizabeth FORTMAN.
Back row, left to right: Wallie, John, Mary, Tony, Dan.
Front row: Frances, John E., Jacob, Mathilda, Mary E., Bert.

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THE FAMILY of JOHN ENGELBERT BIGGS and MARY ELIZABETH FORTMAN



Engelbert BIGGS was born 4 December 1845 in Krummensbach, Kreis Ravensburg, Wurttemberg, the son of Franz Josef BUG and Monica ZUMBIHL. Engelbert BIGGS came to America on the ship "Mercury", leaving Le Havre de Grace, France, on 22 August 1855, arriving in New York 24 Sept. 1855. Engelbert arrived with his mother and four sisters, Franziska, Josepha, Johanna, and Sophia.

It is believed that the family first settled in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana, then later moving to Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio. These two counties are adjacent to each other.

Engelbert enlisted in Company G, 9th Ohio Cavalry in January 1864. He had three horses shot from under him, and accompanied General SHERMAN in his march to the sea. After the Civil War, he returned and settled in Washington Township in 1869. Monica BIGGS, Engelbert's mother was listed with him in the 1870 census.

On 17 January 1871, Engelbert married Elizabeth Fortman in St. Anthony's Church, Padua, Ohio, Washington Township, Mercer County. Five children were born to this union in Ohio. Engelbert and Elizabeth and their five children moved to Kansas sometime after the 1880 census and before the birth of Daniel Engelbert BIGGS on 18 March 1882. The family settled near the small town of Waterloo just east of Kingman, Kansas.

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Engelbert BIGGS b. 4 Dec, 1845 Krummensbach, Wurttemberg
d. 24 Sept. 1913 Waterloo, Kansas
m. 17 Jan. 1871 St. Anthony, Ohio
Mary Elizabeth FORTMAN b. 12 Nov. 1852 Cincinnati, Ohio
d. 6 Jan. 1926 Waterloo, Kansas
pr: John Henry FORTMAN and Mary Anna WICKELMAN

I. John Clement BIGGS b. 6 Oct. 1871 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 6 Jan. 1926 Garden Plain, Kansas
m. 26 Nov. 1900 Waterloo, Kansas
Anna Katherine SCHWEITZER b. 10 July 1882 Wurttemberg
d. 10 Sept. 1926 Wichita, Kansas

A. John BIGGS lived in Waterloo and Garden Plain, Kansas

B. Katherine Elizabeth BIGGS m. Leo Charles KONECNY
ch: Leroy, Raymond John, Leo Charles Jr.

C. George Lewis BIGGS m. Lenita Margaret DODGE
ch: Kenneth Richard
George's 2nd m. Christine Marie BUSCHER
ch: Patricia Ann

D. Lawrence BIGGS

II. Anthony Sebastian BIGGS b. 11 April 1873 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 16 April 1944 Okeene, Oklahoma
m. 26 Oct. 1904 Ost, Kansas
Dora Frances ELWARD b. 10 April 1883 Reno Co. Kansas
d. 26 May 1920 Hitchcock, Oklahoma, bur. Okeene, Kansas

A. James Engelbert BIGGS m. Albina A. POSPISIL
ch: Leroy James, Leona Anna, Lester George, Levern Anthony, Byron Eugene, Bonnie Marine

B. Velma Elizabeth BIGGS m. John David FELDER
ch: Anthony John, Mary Bernice, William Leo, Anna Frances, Vincent Michael, John Louis, Helen Elizabeth, David Leon, Judith Ann

C. Francis Anthony BIGGS m. Marjorie Geneva PATRICK
ch: Mary Frances and Dale Patrick

III. Mary Magdeline BIGGS b. 18 June 1884 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 2 Jan. 1952 Hardner, Kansas, bur. Kiowa, Kansas
m. 19 Feb. 1895 Waterloo, Kansas
Philip Louis MENG b. 12 Mar. 1864 Franks, Ohio
d. 18 April 1949 Kiowa Kansas

A. Elizabeth Agnes MENG m. Ernest Lawrence HIBBS
ch: Pauline Mary, Lorene Margaret, Dale Sylvester, Lawrence Philip

B. Louis Sylvester MENG m. Mary Emma ROHLING

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ch: Mildred Marie, Virginia Ann, James August, Irene Estella, Marie Elizabeth, Victor Charles, Joseph Peter, Helen Rosalie, Elizabeth Lucy, Sylvester Bernard, Eugene Raymond

IV. Henry BIGGS b. 29 Nov. 1877 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 30 July 1893 Waterloo, Kansas

V. Valentine Joseph (Wallie) BIGGS b. 19 Feb. 1880 St. Anthony, Ohio
d. 12 Nov. 1955 Wichita, bur. Ost, Kansas
m. 25 Nov. 1902 Ost, Kansas
Alice Ann ELWARD b. 11 May 1880 Haven, Kansas
d. 27 July 1974 Denver, Co. bur. Ost, Kansas

A. Myrle Henry BIGGS m. Mary Ellen BEAT
ch: Merlene Ellen, Marilyn Alice

B. Ellene BIGGS m. Theodore Mathias THEIS

C. Dorris BIGGS infant death

D. Margurite BIGGS infant death

VI. Daniel Engelbert BIGGS b. 18 Mar. 1882, Atlanta, Kansas
d. 1 April 1949 Kingman, Kansas bur. Waterloo, Kansas
m. 6 Nov. 1906 Waterloo, Kansas
Anna Margaret FREY b. 15 Feb. 1884 Newton, Kansas
d. 26 Oct. 1966 Kingman, Kansas bur. Waterloo, Kansas
pr: Wilhelm FREY and Katherine SCHUCK

A. Clarence William BIGGS m. Frances Nellie RICHARDSON
ch: Chanler Clarence, Byron Joseph, Gary Damian, Patrice Anne, Barbara Jean

B. Walter Engelbert BIGGS m. Wilma Maybelle KESSLER CHEATUM
ch: Nancy Lee, daniel Noah, Timothy Walter, Patrick Lewis
2nd m. Helen A. KNOLLENBERG

C. Raymond Daniel BIGGS m. Cora Mae HAYDEN
ch: Alice Ann, Samuel Raymond, Mary Ita, James Dennis, Paul Dean

D. Mabel Katherine BIGGS m. John Martin DUFFIN
ch: Patricia Ann, Carolyn Jean, James Michael, Kathleen Louise

E. Sylvester Anthony BIGGS m. Mary Alberta COSLETT

F. Lewis Bernard BIGGS m. Frances Elizabeth THEIS
ch: Linda Louise, Cecilia Ann, Martha Ann, Eletha Ann

G. Rozella Elizabeth BIGGS m. Merrill Tilghman LOWE

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H. Barbara Marie BIGGS m. Donald Lyndel DULANEY
ch: Stephen Ray, Teresa Ann
2nd m. Reed FARNSWORTH

I. Daniel BIGGS, Jr. m. Angeline Catherine MARTIN
ch: Gregory Daniel, Sharon Katherine, Bradley Michael, Constance Ann, Marianne Lea, Judith Angela, Daniel Joseph

J. Anna Charlene BIGGS b. 24 June 1926, d. 3 Jan. 1940

K. Donald Eugene BIGGS m. Alleta Mae ECORD
ch: Bryan Eugene, Karen Louise, Janet Marie, Stanley Daniel, Berverly Ann, Donna Jean, Susan Theresa

VII. Engelbert Augustus BIGGS b. 28 Dec. 1884 Atlanta, Kansas
d. 14 Mar. 1969 Cheney, Kansas bur. Waterloo, Kansas
m. 24 Aaug. 1909 St. Marks, Kansas
Edith Marie SCHEIR b. 5 June 1889 Seneca, Kansas
d. 31 July 1973 Wichita, Kansas bur. Waterloo, Kansas

A. Bernadine Lorena BIGGS m. Alvin Bernard HUELSKAMP
ch: Gerald Alvin, Eugene Louis, Edwin Leon, Edith Ann

B. Bertha Elizabeth BIGGS m. Ambrose August BOMHOLT
ch: Keith Thomas

C. Gertrude Irene BIGGS m. Albert John SCHAUF
ch: Joan Marie, Marvin Jerome, Harold William, Ivan, Eugene, David Henry, Mary Margaret, Carl Francis

D. Rosalene Marie BIGGS m. James Howard RIGGAN
ch: Rita Lucille, Paula Sue, James Michael, Patrick Lee

E. Mary Marcella BIGGS m. Lawrence Otis PATTERSON
ch: Sharon Lea, Ranee Shawn

F. Gilbert Paul BIGGS m Mildred GRONNIGER ROCKERS
ch: Daniel Joseph ROCKERS, Julieann Lenore ROCKERS, Jeanette Marie ROCKERS, Steven Gilbert BIGGS

G. Edith Lucille BIGGS m. Norman Joseph KARLIN
Calvin Joseph, Ronald James

VIII. Jacob Louis BIGGS b. 8 March 1887 Waterloo, Kansas
d. 4 May 1944 Wichita, Kansas bur. Waterloo, Kansas
m. 27 Oct. 1914 Waterloo, Kansas
Anna Margaret HILMES b. 17 Sept. 1895 St. Rose, Il.
d. 22 Jan. 1921 Ransom, Kansas

A. Edward Bernard BIGGS m. Marie Alberta SEIWERT
ch: Delores Mathilda, Louis Edward, Jeanette Marie, Robert Clare, Thomas Lee

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2nd marriage of Jacob Louis BIGGS
Johanna WOLKEN b. 17 July 1901 Touse (Wardville), Missouri
d. 18 Dec. 1973 Wichita, Kansas bur. Waterloo, Kansas

B. Kathryn infant death

C. Clara Louise BIGGS m. Albert Lee FOSTER
ch: Michael Jacob, Thomas Albert, Matthew John, Jody Marie, Sandra Elaine

D. Hilary Louis BIGGS m. Maret Ann BURRIS
ch: Jacob Edward, Donald Louis

IX. Mathilda Elizabeth BIGGS b. 20 June 1889 Waterloo, Kansas
d. 22 April 1968 Wichita, Kansas
m. 28 April 1908 Waterloo, Kansas
Theodore Alexander SCHMITZ b. 26 April 1885 Bendena, Kansas
d. 20 Nov. 1965 Wichita, Kansas

A. Marie Elizabeth SCHMITZ m. Raymond Anthony BEAT
ch: Janet Mathilda

B. Leona Lucille SCHMITZ m. Henry BOALMANN
ch: Thomas Henry, Ann Lucille, Harold Francis, William George, Elsie Marie, Joseph Jerome

C. Theodoris John SCHMITZ m. Betty Marie LOHKAMP
ch: John Theodore, Susan Marie, James Robert

D. Max Bernard SCHMITZ m. Ruth Helen THISSEN
ch: Gerald Eugene, Judith Ann, Dorothy Marie, Jean Alice, Nancy Rose, Patrick Michael, Janis Kay, Scott Louis

E. Francis Jerome SCHMITZ m. Delphine Marie JACOBS
ch: Alfred Jerome, Mary Jane, David Gerard, Marvin Lerooy, Eugene Gerard

X. Frances Monica BIGGS b. 6 Oct. 1891 Waterloo, Kansas
d. 19 Nov. 1952 Wichita, Kansas bur. Mt. Vernon, Kansas
m. 14 Oct. 1908 Waterloo, Kansas
Peter HALSIG b. 9 Nov. 1884 St. Marks, Kansas
d. 14 Mar. 1964 Wichita, Kansas bur. Mt. Vernon, Kansas

A. Martha Elizabeth HALSIG m. Richard Valentine AST
ch: Dennis Richard, Leon Joseph, Geraldine Dorothy, Robert Lee, Louis Herbert, James Mathias, Mary Rose, Marjorie Edna

B. Andrew John HALSIG m. Kathryn Charlotte SCHAPER
ch: Victor Leslie, Constance Vivian, James Robert, Rita Frances, Patricia Irene, William Andrew, Mary Kathryn, Michael Eugene

C. Dorothy Anna HALSIG m. John Andrew STRELLER II
Eugene John, John Andrew III, Gerald Peter, Mariann

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D. Agnes Veronica HALSIG m. Larry ADAMS
ch: Gregory Lee, Lorraine Frances, Joyce Ann, Vivian Clarine, Brian Joseph

E. Herbert Lawrence HALSIG m. Lucille Ann HENNING
ch: Barbara Ann, Herbert Lawrence Jr.

F. Irene Mary HALSIG m. Leander Phillip LANDWEHR
ch: David Peter, Kenneth Frank

G. Robert Joseph HALSIG m. Betty Jean DUNKIN
Daniel Peter, Charles Lee, Robert Joseph Jr., Susan Elaine, Loretta Irene, Roger Alan

H. Arthur Engelbert HALSIG

I. Rose Lucina HALSIG m. Urbin Mathias LANDWEHR
ch: Susan Bernice, Elizabeth Evelyn, Joann Arlene, Betty Jean, Billy Louis, Larry Charles, Barbara Ann, Juanita May

J. Edna Alice HALSIG m. Delbert Edward BRADLEY
Anna Frances, Nancy Lee, Steven Edward, Jesse Peter

K. Erna Louis HALSIG m. Marie TASSET
Mark Edward, Marcia Ann

For more information on the John Engelbert BIGGS family see the **BIGGS FAMILY TREE 1804-1984** by Mary A. COSLETT BIGGS, 718 West C Avenue, Kingman, Kansas 67068.



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THE ZUMBIHL FAMILY in WURTTEMBERG

The earliest record of a ZUMBIHL in Wolpertswende is the birth of Joseph Anton ZUMBUHEL in 1744, which is on the family register at the church. Here is listed his father Joseph ZUMBUHEL, but no wife. Joseph Anton was married to Maria HURTNAGEL, the daughter of Martin HERTNAGEL. Many records included in this family tree book have been from the family registers at the church. Evidently some of the early books were destroyed. Joseph Anton ZUMBUHEL only had one son listed: Sebastian ZUMBUHEL who married Franziska MULLER.

A notation on the family register states that the whole family went to America. Of the seven children listed, five came to America. Maria Agatha, the oldest, and Maria Elenora, the youngest, stayed in Europe. Franz, Madelena and Elisabeth came to America in 1854. Monika's son Josef Bug came in 1854. Monika and the rest of her children came in 1855. It is interesting to note that Franz was a widower, Elisabeth and Monika were widows. Madelena was single. Maria, also single and called Mary Ann in America, came in July 1859, presumably with her niece Maria Ursula WILLHOFF RENN.

In his correspondence to me (see page 57), Dr. Walcher wrote that the ZUMBIHL family was a very poor family in Germany. Joseph Anton lived on the steep road entering Wolpertswende. He turned this house over to his son Franz Sebastian ZUMBIHL. who sold it in 1827, and bought a house in Niedersweiler. See map page 34, where the residences of the ZUMBIHLs are marked with an arrow. Monika ZUMBIHL BUG's house in Krummensbach is also marked with an arrow. Franz ZUMBIHL inherited the house in Niedersweiler and sold it before he came to America.

Today there are no ZUMBIHL families in Wolpertswende and Mochenwangen. There are several listed in the telephone book in Ravensburg. When we visited there in 1985, we were asked if there were many ZUMBIHL families in America. I had to tell them no, because there was no male descendant. Franz ZUMBIHL's son Josef was on the ship record, but has not been found on any other record here in this part of America. He was not on the 1860 census, at that time he would have been about 14 years of age. We presume that he died early.

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THE FAMILY REGISTER for the ZUMBIHL FAMILY in GERMANY

Father:	m. 14 June 1772	Mother:
(Joseph) Anton ZUMBUHEL		Maria HURTNAGEL
b. 7 June 1744?		b. 9 Aug 1753?
d. 26 Aug. 1814		d. 14 Dec. 1811
Parents:		Parents:
Joseph ZUMBUHEL		Martin HERTNAGEL
No wife listed		No wife listed

Children	Birth	Communion	Married/Residence/Death
1. Sebastian	14 Jan 1776	1788	Volzschende?

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Father:	m. 2 Feb. 1804	Mother:
Sebastian ZUMBUHEL		Franziska MULLER
b. 14 Jan. 1776		b. 7 May 1775
d. 16 April 1837		d. 28 June 1845
Parents:		Parents:
Joseph Anton ZUMBIHL		Xavier MILLER
b. 7 June 1744?		b.
d. 26 Aug. 1814		d.
Maria HURTNAGEL		Rosalia GESSLER
b. 10 July 1737?		b.
d. 14 Dec. 1811		d.

a notation "Dir Gangs Familie nach Amerika"
German for: The whole family to America.

Children:	Birth	Communion	Residence/Death
1. Maria Agatha	31 Jan. 1805	1819	nach Althausen 1829
2. Monika	4 May 1807	1820	Krummensbach 1831
3. Franz Joseph	30 March 1809	1823	Amerika ans 1854
4. Madelena	27 Sept. 1810	1824	Amerika ans 1854
5. Elisabetha	30 Oct. 1812	1826	then Amerika
6. Maria	10 July 1816	1830	to Amerika in July 1859 d. 15 Nov. 1865
7. Maria Elenora	8 Dec. 1820	1834	Reg. 189 m. 1845

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Maria Agatha ZUMBIHL and Maria Elenora ZUMBIHL remained in Germany. The register aboves indicated that Maria Agatha went to Althausen. She probably married and lived there with her husband. We have not found any other records for her. Maria Elenora married on 29 July 1845 to Josef STEUSSLE born 31 Dec. 1815 to Josef STEUSSLE and Kresznez LAUB. They had one child Johanna born 17 June 1846. We have found no other records. From the register above we notice that Maria ZUMBIHL who came to America in 1859 died 15 Nov. 1865. We have found no records in Germany concerning her death other than this notation in the register. We have not found a death record for her in America, and we have not found her in the 1870 Census for Jay County, Indiana. At this point we are wondering if she died in America and a letter was sent back to Germany, or if she returned to Germany and died there.

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THE FAMILY of FRANZ JOSEF ZUMBIHL



Agatha ZUMBIHL

Franz Josef ZUMBIHL is the brother of Magdalena ZUMBIHL, Monika ZUMBIHL BIGGS, Elizabeth ZUMBIHL WILLHOFF, and Mary Ann ZUMBIHL. Franz Josef ZUMBIHL was born on 30 March 1809 in Neidersweiler, Kreis Donau, Oberamt Ravensburg, Wurttemberg, Germany. This town is down the hill from Wolpertswende and on the way to Mochenwangen. His parents were Sebastian ZUMBIHL and Franziska MULLER. On the 13 May 1845 he married Genrosa REIS born 30 December 1812 the daughter of Josef George RAIS and Catharina BULDSSENU. Franz Josef and his wife Genrosa had four children all born in Germany. On the 24 June 1850 Genrosa died, three weeks after the birth of her fourth child.

Franz Josef ZUMBIHL and his sister Magdalena ZUMBIHL applied for permission to leave Wurttemberg Germany on 25 July 1854 at Ravensburg. After receiving their papers they traveled overland to the French port Le Havre de Grace. Here they boarded the Ship "Spark of the Ocean," taking their belongings with them. They landed in New York at Castle Garden on 19 September 1854. They came to Indiana by canal and/or train.

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Franz Josef ZUMBIHL came to America in 1854 bringing his two surviving children, Josef and Agatha, with him. His sister Magdalena ZUMBIHL came with him to care for his children. On the same ship passenger list was a sister Elizabeth WILLHOFF born ZUMBIHL with four of her children. The ZUMBIHLs settled in Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana.

Another sister Monika ZUMBIHL, widow of Franz Josef BUG (BIGGS), came to America the next year with five of her children. One son, Joseph BUG, came in 1854. Monika also settled in Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana. Later she moved to Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio.

Ursulla WILLHOFF, daughter of Elisabeth ZUMBIHL WILLHOFF, came with her husband Mathias RENN and children sometime in 1859. Another sister of Franz Josef ZUMBILHL, Mary ZUMBIHL, also came in 1859.

Franz Josef felt a responsibility for all of his sisters. Two were single and two were widowed. The family stories suggest that he provided a small acreage for each sister at Trinity, Indiana. However, there are no deed records to verify this. The 1860 Census records show that all these families lived next to each other. The numbers on the Census records were: 485-491 Monocy BEAKS
486-492 John WICKLE and Josepha BIGGS
487-493 Joseph ZUMBLE and Magdalena
488-494 Elizabeth WILLHUFF
489-495 Mathias RAN, Mary Ursula WILLHOFF, Mary ZUMBLE

Agatha ZUMBIHL came to this country with her father Franz ZUMBIHL and her brother Josef. Her Aunt Magdalena ZUMBIHL, came along to be the woman in the house to care for the young children. We do not find Josef ZUMBIHL in any records in this country. We presume that he died soon after coming to America. He is not listed in the 1860 census.

Franz J. ZUMBIHL (spelled ZOMBIL on his tombstone Trinity, Indiana) died 2 May 1860 aged 52-1-3. He is the first recorded death in the Trinity Church Record Book. Theresa KELLER HARTNAGEL is the second death recorded. Earlier burials may have been made at the Convent of St. Marys Home.

Agatha ZUMBIHL grew up and married Sebastian WIBBELT from Indianapolis. We do not know if she lived in Indianapolis or Trinity. On the 1901 plat map of Wabash Township, Agatha WIBBELT owned 40 acres of land across from the Trinity Church. The Theis girls told me that Agatha prayed so hard that her husband would return to the Church or to become a Catholic before he died. She promised to buy and pay for one of the statues in the Trinity Church. The new church was built in 1885. Some time after the death of her husband, Agatha went to Cincinnati to live. She worked in a department store as a seamstress, taking her young daughter Mary to work with her. Agatha worked her way up to be a buyer for the store. Having this great responsibility indicates that she must have been an unusual woman. Agatha's daughter Mary, known as Mame, married Albert WERLING.

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Franz Josef ZUMBIHL b. 30 March 1809 Neidersweiler, Kr. Ravensburg, Wurt.
d. 2 May 1860 Trinity, Indiana
m. 13 May 1845 Wolpertswende, Ravensburg, Wurttemberg, Germany
Genrosa REIS b. 30 Dec. 1812 Wolpertswende, Ravensburg, Wurttemberg
d. 24 June 1850 Wolpertswende
pr: Josef George RAIS and Catherine BULDSSENU

I. Josef ZUMBIHL b. 16 March 1846 No other records in Germany nor in America.

II. Agatha ZUMBIHL b. 15 Aug. 1847 d. date is illegible

III. Gangolph ZUMBIHL b. 23 Aug. 1848 d. 15 Oct. 1848

IV. Agatha ZUMBIHL b. 31 May 1850 Wolpertswende
d. June 1926 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. Sebastian WIBBELT who died young

A. Mary (Mame) WIBBELT b. 30 Dec. 1879 place unknown
d. 1972 93 years old Cincinnati, Ohio
m. Cincinnati, Ohio
Albert G. WERLING b. 12 March 1886
d. 6 Nov. 1970 83 years old Cincinnati, Ohio

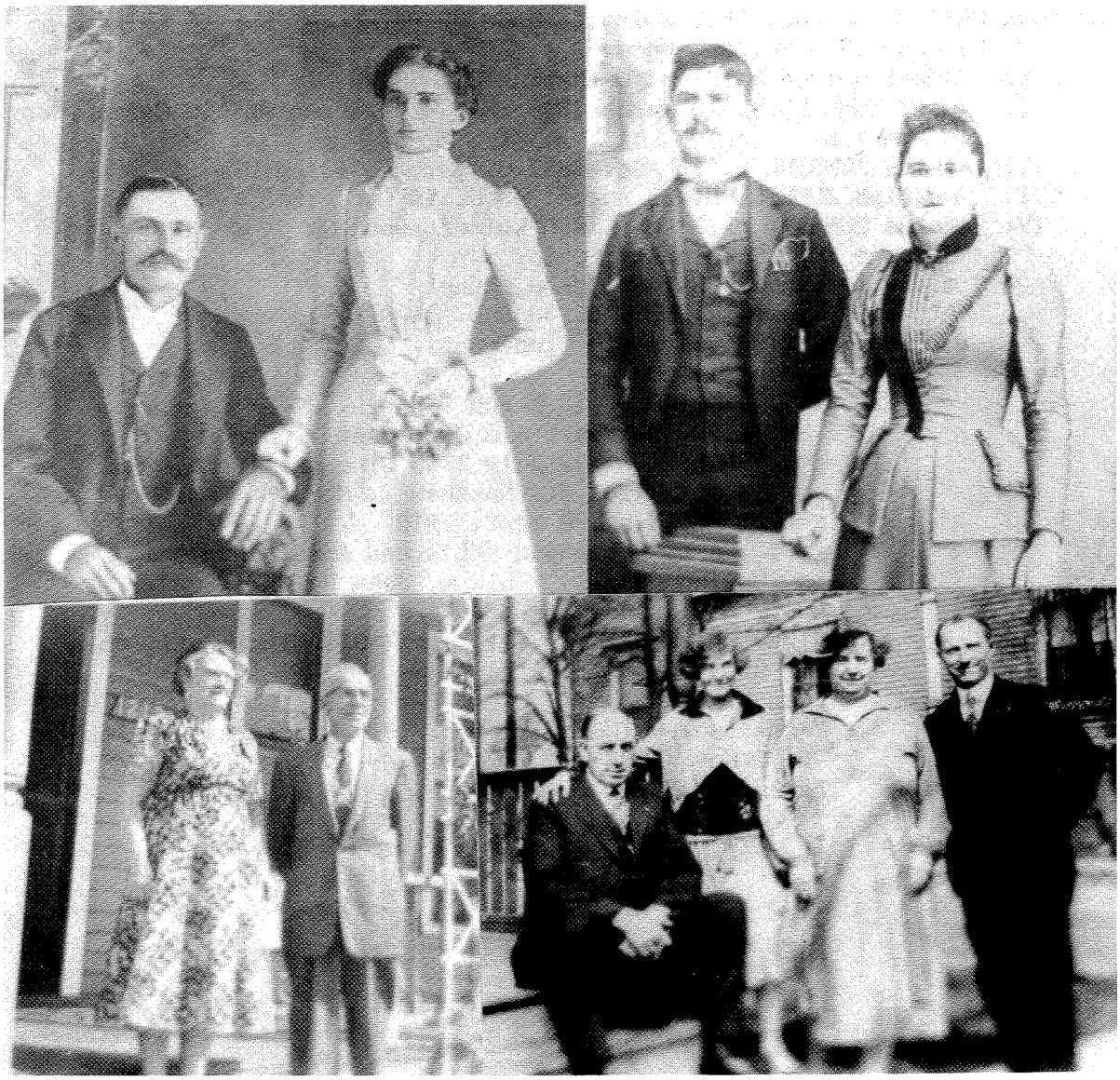
1. Mary WERLING b. 29 July 1909 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 18 Oct. 1941 St. Matthew S. Norwood, Ohio
Robert FELIX b. 28 Sept. 1913
pr: Harry Sebastian FELIX and Anna KINCAID
a. Mariann Sheila FELIX m. John HATHAWAY
ch: David and Mark

2. Albert B. WERLING b. 11 March 1912 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 25 June 1937
Jean WILLENBRINK

3. Marcella WERLING b. 28 Dec. 1913 Cincinnati, Ohio
m. 7 Nov. 1936
Edward LUTTMANN res. Florida

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Elizabeth ZUMBIHL and Jacob WILLHOFF Family



Pictures: Top, left, husband & wife, Clem WICKELMAN and Margaret WILLHOFF; right, brother & sister, William & Margaret WILLHOFF. Bottom, left, husband & wife, Elizabeth HIERHOLZER & MartinWILLHOFF; right, Indianapolis WILLHOFFs: Albert SCHUMAKER, Magdalena WILLHOFF, husband & wife, Louise WILLHOFF, sister, Lawrence WILLHOFF, brother.

FIRST COMMUNION RECORD of MARTIN WILLHOF

On page 270 is a copy of the original First Communion certificate of Martin WILLHOF in the Precious Blood Church, St. Mary's Home (Convent at Trinity, Indiana), 18 April 1858. Signed by Rev. Sebastian GANTER C.PP.S. My thanks to Mrs. Robert (Ruth) WILLHOFF for this copy of the original.

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THE FAMILY of ELISABETH ZUMBIHL and JACOB WILLHOFF

Elisabeth ZUMBIHL was born 30 October 1812 in Wolpertswende, Kreis Ravensburg, Wurttemberg, Germany, the daughter of Sebastian ZUMBIHL from Niedersweiler and Franziska MULLER. Niedersweiler is a small town very close to Wolpertswende. Elisabeth ZUMBIHL married Jacob WOLLHOF, a farmer, born 15 July 1808, the son of Mathias WOLLHOF from Wolpertswende and Catharina RESSLER (or Kepler). Elizabeth and Jacob had seven children all born in Kreis Ravensburg, Wurttemberg. Two children died when infants. Elisabeth ZUMBIHL's husband, Jacob WOLLHOF, died 10 January 1846, five months before the birth of her seventh child, Maria WOLLHOF.

Life was difficult in Germany, and the ZUMBIHLs were very poor people. Even today (1987) the records show that the ZUMBIHL was a poor family. Dr. WACHER wrote this to me in a recent letter.

Elisabeth ZUMBIHL came to America on the ship, "Spark of the Ocean", leaving Le Havre de France, arriving in New York 19 September 1854. She came on the same ship with her brother Franz ZUMBIHL and two children and her sister Madelaine ZUMBIHL. Elisabeth's oldest daughter, Maria Ursula RENN did not come at this time to America. She came sometime in 1859 with her husband, Mathias RENN, and children, and her Aunt Maria Anna ZUMBIHL. Maria Anna ZUMBIHL is a sister to Elisabeth, Monica, Madelaine, and Franz ZUMBIHL. We have not found the RENN ship list.

We do not know where the ZUMBIHL sisters lived out their last days. We have not found death records for Elisabeth WILLHOFF, Madelaine ZUMBIHL, and Maria Anna ZUMBIHL. Franz ZUMBIHL is buried at Holy Trinity, Indiana, and Monica ZUMBIHL BIGGS is buried at St. Anthony, Ohio. It is believed that Elisabeth ZUMBIHL WILLHOFF died in Indianapolis or Cincinnati, homes of some of the WILLHOFFs.

Maria Ursula RENN, born WILLHOFF, died and is buried at Holy Trinity, Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana. George WILLHOFF married and lived in Indianapolis, Indiana. Lawrence WILLHOFF married, lived, and died and is buried at Holy Trinity, Indiana. Martin WILLHOFF married, lived, and died and is buried at St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Coldwater, Ohio. Maria is thought to be buried at Celina, Ohio. Family stories say that Maria married a CRON who had a buggy factory in Celina, Ohio. The WICKELMANs say that their sister Hilda was named after Hilda CRON of Celina, Ohio. At this time, I have not been able to verify these family stories.

Eleanora ZUMBIHL, a sister to the ZUMBIHLs who came to America, married and stayed in Germany as far as we know. Eleanora ZUMBIHL STEASLE (STEUSSLE) was a baptismal sponsor for several of Ursulla WILLHOFF RENN's children in Germany.

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THE FAMILY REGISTER for the WOLLHOFF FAMILY in GERMANY

Father:	m. 22 July 1834	Mother:
Jacob WOLLHOF		Elisabeth ZUMBIHL
b. 15 July 1808 Bauer		b. 30 Oct. 1812
d. 10 Jan. 1846		
Parents:		Parents:
Mathias WOLLHOF		+ Sebastian ZUMBIHL
b. 12 Feb. 1784		b. 14 June 1776
d. 13 Nov. 1854		d. 16 April 1837
Catherine RESSLER (or KEPLER)		+ Franziska MULLER
b. 25 Nov. 1776		b. 7 May 1775
d. 1 Dec. 1818		d. 28 June 1845
m. 26 May 1806		m. 9 Feb. 1804
from Wolpertswende		from Niederweiler

a notation "nach America"

Children:	Birth	Communion	Married/Residence
1. Ursula	1 Sept 1836	1846	1854/Wolpertswende
2. Donat	10 Feb. 1838	+20 Feb. 1838	
3. Johan Franz	23 April 1841		
4. Eleanora	15 June 1842	+10 Oct. 1842	
5. Lawrenz	9 Aug. 1843		
6. Martin	7 Oct. 1844		
7. Maria	11 June 1846		

The parish priest signed the register 20 July 1854 and gave a copy to Elisabeth ZUMBIHL to present to the authorities in Ravensburg to get permission to come to America.

Ship "Spark of the Ocean" came from Le Havre de Grace, France and arrived in New York 19 Sept. 1854.

WOLLHOF, Elisabeth	age	42
" , John George		13
" , Lorenz		10
" , Martin		9
" , Maria		8

Ursula WOLLHOF did not come until 1859.

Mathias WOLLHOF, Bauer (farmer), 2nd marriage m. 23 Feb. 1819 to Agatha THURNER, b. 16 Jan. 1784 daughter of Johan THURNER and Cresenz BUETCHER. Agatha THURNER d. 29 June 1841. Agatha had a son Johan ROTHAUS b. 3 Feb. 1813. All of Mathias WOLLHOF's children were born in his first marriage.

Children:	Birth	Communion	
1. Jacob	15 July 1808	Easter 1822	d. 10 Jan 1846
2. Maria Anna		aged 2 m. 2 d.	d. 14 Sept. 1809
3. Martin	10 July 1810	1824	
4. Theresia		aged 6 months	d. 28 Mar. 1812
3. Maria	30 Jan. 1814	1828	d. 12 March 1834

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The parents of Mathias WOLLHOF were John George WOLLHOF and Edna HEIDSCHAFER. John George WOLLHOF was born 19 March 1755 to Joseph WOLLHOF and Rosalia EGGLER. John George WOLLHOF was married 10 November 1787 to Edna HEIDSCHAFER, born 15 April 1753, the daughter of Martin HEIDSCHAFER and Agatha BOASIN. The wife of Mathias WOLLHOF was Catherine RESSLER, who was the daughter of Anton RESSLER and Idda RYSSLER SEES. I am not sure of this last person's name.

Mathias WOLLHOF had at least one brother, Michael WOLLHOF.

Michael WOLLHOF b. 24 Feb. 1791 WURTTEMBERG, d. 10 Feb. 1871
m. 24 Aug. 1825 Wolpertswende
Theresa MAYER b. 5 July 1802 d. 21 Oct 1833
pr: Josef MAYER and Kresenz HARTNAGEL
Michael and Theresa had 7 children.
2nd m. Rosina MAYER b. 28 Oct. 1798 (probably a sister to Theresa)
Michael and Rosina had 8 children.

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Elisabeth ZUMBIHL b. 30 Oct. 1812 Niedersweiler, Kr.Ravensburg,Wurttemberg
d. date is unknown, but the place is America.
m. 22 July 1834 St. Gangolph Church Wolpertswende, Kr.Ravensburg
wit: John George Buchlingen from Wolpertswende
Monika ZUMBIHL uxor (wife) from Krummensbach
Jacob WOLLHOF b. 15 July 1808 Wolpertswende, Wurttemberg
d. 10 Jan. 1846 Wolpertswende, Kreis Ravensberg, Wurttemberg,Germany

Children: Listed in this section are the four who came with Elisabeth to America. Ursula WOLLHOF RENN will be listed in her own section.

I. John George WILLHOFF b. 23 April 1841 Wolpertswende, Wurttemberg
d. 15 Feb. 1903 Indianapolis, Indiana
m. Carrie ROEPKE and lived in Indianapolis, Indiana
Listed in 1880 Census, Marion County, 258 East McCarty St., Indianapolis, Indiana. George age 39 born Wurttemberg, wife Caroline age 33, b. New York, son Lorenz J. age 12 b. Indiana, daughter Helena age 7 b. Indiana.

A. Lawrence WILLHOFF b. ca. 1868, never married, visited the WILLHOFF and THEIS families in Coldwater, Ohio, around 1927. Lawrence WILLHOFF died suddenly in a factory around 1929 or 1930.

B. Leona (Magdalena) WILLHOFF b. ca. 1873, Helena age 7 in 1880.
m. 25 April 1905 Indianapolis, Indiana, tradition says there
Albert SCHUMAKER age 30, b. ca. 1875 were no children.
pr: Theodor SCHUMAKER and _____ BIERBROD

C. Louise WILLHOFF b. 27 Dec. 1887 Indianapolis never married.

II. Lawrence WILLHOFF b. 9 Aug. 1843 Wolpertswende, Wurttemberg
d. 2 July 1915 aged 72 years bur. Trinity, Indiana
m. 9 June 1868 Holy Trinity, Indiana
Gertrude BLATTEAU b. Jan. 1846 from Carthagena area
d. 12 June 1926 bur. Trinity, Indiana

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A. George WILLHOFF b. 6 Oct. 1869 Wabash Township, Jay Co. Indiana
d. 3 May 1914 aged 44-6-27 bur. Trinity, Indiana
lived with the Clem and Margaret WICKELMAN family

B. William WILLHOFF b. 28 May 1870 Wabash Township, Jay Co. Indiana
d. 21 Dec. 1963, at age of 93 years bur. St. Phil. Stonelick,OH
m. 3 Sept. 1895 St. Boniface New Riegel, OH Emma GENGLER (Maria Amelia, sister to Anna Rose GENGLER wife of Mike Wagner)
d. 30 July 1934 bur. St. Phiolmena, Stonelick near Bethel, Ohio
2nd m. Burbank, California to Ann d. 1956, returned to Cincy res. Norwood, owned a candy store

1. Harold Edward WILLHOFF b. 19 June 1896 d. 30 Nov. 1967
m. 17 Jan. 1934 Josephine Mary SCHAFER
   a. Mary Jo WILLHOFF m. Paul D. PIERCE
      1). Michael Paul PIERCE b. 27 Fev. 1957 d. 8 May 1979
      2). Steven PIERCE b. 21 May 1958 m. Nancy
      ch: Steven, April, Matthew PIERCE
      3). Jefffrey PIERCE b. 30 Nov. 1960 d. Jan. 1961
   b. Martha Jean WILLHOFF m. Ralph A. PARKER Jr., Bethel,OH
      1). Randall J. FOSTER b. 5 April 1959
      ch: Jessica M., Jody, and Jonathan R. FOSTER
      2). Karen L. FOSTER b. 7 Dec. 1959 m. Mr. MILLER
      ch: Rebecca L., Cassandra J., Anthony R., and Patricia MILLER
   c. Irene Louise WILLHOFF m. Robert G. BAKER res. Florida
      1). Douglas BAKER b. 19 April ca. 1963 res. Florida
      2). Joanne M. BAKER CONNELL b. 5 July 1965 Florida
      3). Lori BAKER BEDGOOD b. 28 Aug. 1967 res. Florida
      4). Wade M. BAKER b. 4 Nov. 1969 res. Florida
      5). Wendy BAKER b. 5 Oct. 1970 res. Florida
   d. John Edward WILLHOFF m. Donna SCHUNK res. Bethel, Ohio
      1). Michelle WILLHOFF b. May 1969
      2). Tracy WILLHOFF b. Sept. 1970
      3). Amy WILLHOFF b. 5 Dec. 1973
      4). Chad WILLHOFF b. July 1979
2. Marie WILLHOFF b. 28 Sept. 1901 d. 13 March 1956
m. Roy BOLTON dec. a. Bette Lou BOLTON m. Jessie McCLURE 1 dau. 1 grdch res. Cincinnati, Ohio
b. Janice BOLTON m. Augie RIES res. Dillsboro, IN
3. Lawrence WILLHOFF b. ca. 1904 d. 1984
m. Florence ELSTON, now deceased
   a. DeeDee WILLHOFF res. Oklahoma, has children, no info
   b. Lawrence WILLHOFF died as an infant
4. William WILLHOFF b. 1909-1910 d. ca. 1970 bur. Stonelick, Oh
m. Rosemary McCLOUD, now deceased
ch: Ann, Judy, William & Thomas (deceased)
Billy lives in New Richmond, Ohio, area
(Maria WILLHOFF m. res. 1219 Hill Av. Wilkinsburg, PA)
5. Juanita Alma Agnes WILLHOFF b. 11 July 1907 res. Norwood,OH
m. Herbert PLOGMAN deceased
   a. Jane PLOGMAN m. HASSETT res. Norwood, OH 1 son 2 daus.
   b. Robert PLOGMAN deceased 2 daus.
   c. William PLOGMAN m. 1 son 2 daus.
   d. Virginia PLOGMAN m. SCHOENSTEIN, res. Cincinnati 3 sons

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C. Margaret WILLHOFF b. 1874 Wabash Township, Jay Co. Indiana
d. 24 Jan. 1955 Wabash Township, Jay Co. bur. Trinity, Indiana
m. 24 April 1900 Trinity, Indiana
Clem WICKELMAN b. 1872 St. Anthony, Ohio or Trinity, Indiana
d. 17 Feb. 1963 aged 93 years Wabash Twp.Jay Co.bur. Trinity,IN
pr: Henry WICKELMAN and Anna Clara NIEMAN

1. Hilda WICKELMAN b. 13 April 1901 Wabash Twp. Jay Co. Indiana
d. 25 Aug. 1981 Seneca County, Ohio
m. 13 Feb. 1924 Trinity Church, Jay County, IN
Edward REINHART b. 19 April 1891 d. 10 Jan. 1966
a. Mary Rose REINHART m. Raymond PETER
ch: Francis, David, Aileen, Michael, Kathleen, Theresa
b. Margaret Ann REINHART m. Louis NICHOLS
ch: James, Barbara, Cherly, Richard, Patricia
c. Bernadine REINHART m. Lyle REITZEL
d. Leona REINHART b. 2 Nov. 1936 d. 4 Nov. 1949
e. Wendelin REINHART m. Betty GOODIN
f. Eugene REINHART m. Judy MOYER
g. Lawrence REINHART m. Jean L. KROMENACKER
2. Irma WICKELMAN a nurse, worked in Indianapolis and Toledo
m. lived to be 68 years old, res. Otsego, Michigan
Charles C. ANDERSON b. 11 Nov. 1900 d. 24 Oct. 1981
a. Hugo ANDERSON res. Otsego, Michigan, has a daughter
3. Cleo WICKELMAN b. 20 June 1907 d. 13 Jan. 1912 bur. Trinity
4. Mary C. WICKELMAN b. 20 May 1909 d. 30 Jan. 1920 Trinity
5. Lawrence WICKELMAN b. 3 Jan. 1913 res. Celina & Xenia, Ohio
m. 14 Nov. 1951 Mercer County, Ohio
Catherine JUTTE b. 4 July 1917 Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 28 May 1986 Mercer Co. OH pr: Steve JUTTE & Rose BRAUN
a. Patty WICKELMAN b. 7 July 1953 m. 1974
Donald RETTICH Beavercreek, Oh pr: Ray and Rose RETTICH
1). Scott RETTICH b. Aug. 1984
b. Norbert WICKELMAN b. 17 July 1955 res. Xenia, Ohio
6. Dorothy WICHELMAN b. 14 Sept. 1917 Jay County, Indiana
7. Lucille Irene WICKELMAN b. 19 April 1919 Jay County, Indiana
m. res. Celina, Ohio
Joseph GAIER b. 11 Aug. 1921 pr: John GAIER and Mary GELS

D. Catherine WILLHOFF b. 19 Oct. 1880 Jay County, Indiana
d. 31 Oct. 1957 Coldwater, Ohio
m. 1 May 1900 Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Trinity, Indiana
Aloys MILLER b. 4 Sept. 1873 from Trinity, Indiana
d. 17 Feb. 1964 Greenville, Ohio
pr: Jacob MILLER and Christina DIDION

1. Florentine MILLER m. Walter LOY Portland, Indiana
a. Evelyn b. Esther c. Edna d. Walter Jr. e. Harold
2. Edna MILLER professed Sister DePaul C.PP.S. Dayton, Ohio
3. Magdalena MILLER professed Sister M. Susanna C.PP.S. Dayton
4. Arsella MILLER m. Herb MUHLENKAMP res. Celina, Ohio
a. Bernard b. Pauline c. Robert d. Mary Ann
e. Lavern f. Gerald g. Dorothy
5. Sylvester MILLER m. Geraldine WAGNER
6. Adeline MILLER m. Irwin WAGNER a. Mary Catherine b. Roseann
c. Linda d. Shirley e. Michael f. son
7. Jerome MILLER m. Ludwina DORSTEN children

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8. Mildred MILLER m. Louis SCHOEN a. William b. Joan
9. Raymond J. MILLER m. Phyllis STAMMEN a. Lois b. Donald c. Kathleen d. Marlene e. Margaret

E. Martin WILLHOFF b. 1877 Jay County, Indiana Census b. 1884
d. and bur. Ft. Wayne, Indiana res. Ft. Wayne, Indiana
m. 9 Jan. 1906 Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Trinity,Indiana
Elizabeth HIERHOLZER b. 1882 of Trinity d. and bur. Ft. Wayne,IN
1. Richard WILLHOFF b. ca.1907 m. Mary FISCHER pr: Bill FISCHER a. Bobbie b. Dickie res. Ft. Wayne, Indiana
2. Ernest WILLHOFF b. 11 Jan. 1909 d. Ft. Wayne, Indiana 1 son
3. Howard WILLHOFF res. New Haven, Indiana
4. Jenny WILLHOFF living in 1987
5. Helen WILLHOFF d. never married

F. Mary WILLHOFF b. 1879 probably died young

III. Martin WILLHOFF b. 7 Oct. 1844 Wolpertswende, Wurttemberg
d. 2 Sept. 1909 bur. Coldwater, Ohio
m. 1 May 1871 Ross Co. Ohio
Catherine LITHARD b. 10 Nov. 1843 Baden, Germany, came in 1850
pr: Martin LITHARD and Katherina AMBER
d. 21 Dec. 1936 Lancaster, Ohio bur. Coldwater, Ohio

A. Elisabeth Catherine WILLHOFF b. 9 Feb. 1872 Indianapolis Indiana
m. 22 Aug. 1893 Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Trinity, Indiana
Peter Paul THEIS wit: Jacob and Theresia WILLHOFF
pr: Nicholas THEIS and Theresa WAGNER Seneca County, Ohio
from Trinity, Indiana, lived and died Coldwater, Ohio
1. Edward THEIS b. 1894 Muncie, Indiana WWI & WWII
m. Lillian KITTLE widow w/1 child res.Hawaii, San Antonio
2. Laura THEIS b. 19 April 1896 Muncie, Indiana
d. 18 April 1986 Coldwater, Ohio never married
3. Raymond THEIS b. 23 Jan. 1898 Latty, Ohio
d. 27 May 1967 Coldwater, Ohio m. Coldwater, Ohio
Bernadine DESCH b. 28 Jan. 1899 d. 8 Nov. 1977 Coldwater, OH
a. Jerry THEIS an Augustinium missionary in Peru, S.A.
4. Hilda H. THEIS b. 13 March 1900 Delphos, Ohio d.20 May 1983
5. Leona THEIS b. 19 Nov.1901 Delphos d.19 Jan. 1956 Coldwater
m. and res. Coldwater, Ohio
Norbert (Dick) SMITH b. 26 Jan. 1900 d. 9 April 1971
a. Richard SMITH m. Patricia FITZGERALD of London, England
1). Angela 2). David
b. Wilma SMITH m. Joseph FECHER res. Brookville, Ohio
1). Kathy FECHER m. 1 May 1971 Tony SHAFFER ch: Ryan b. 22 Aug. 1976, Mandy b. 20 May 1979
2). Steven 3). Carol 4). Julie
c. Elaine SMITH m. Jerry TURNER res. Coldwater, Ohio
1). Richard L. TURNER b. 25 March 1952
2). Gale J. TURNER b. 8 May 1955 m. 8 Jan. 1977 Kenneth SCHWIETERMAN ch: Kara b. 19 Jan. 1980, twins Eric T. & Mark J. b. 26 Dec. 1983.
3). Mark R. TURNER b. 2 May 1959 m. 11 Aug. 1984 Marilyn GRIESHOP ch: Megan K. b. 10 Jan. 1986
4). Kevin A. TURNER b. 5 Dec. 1961
5). Bruce TURNER b. 17 March 1969

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6. Arthur THEIS b. 22 May 1903 Delphos d. 13 Feb. 1966
m. Greenville, OH res. Hamilton,Botkins,Ft. Rec.OH & Fla.
Hazel MULLENIX from Greenville, Ohio d. date unknown
a. John THEIS b. 27 March 1929 1st m. Evely Prince d. 28 Aug. 1979 2nd m. Marilyn ch: several daughters
b. James THEIS m. Marie BERNING res. Sidney, Ohio
1). Robert THEIS b. 5 April 1956 m. 9 Aug. 1980 Julie KNAPKE a). Janelle Marie b. 24 Aug. 1982
2). Debra b. 3 June 1957 3). Bill b.4 Dec. 1958
4). Joyce THEIS b.25 Nov. 1959 m. 5 Oct 1979 James RATLIFF a). Michelle 1980 b). James 1981
5). Jim b. 1 July 1961 6). Nancy b. 29 Oct. 1964
c. Paul THEIS b. 25 Sept. 1933 m.
Sharon MOORE b. 12 Aug. 1961 1).Rebecca b. 8 May 1963
2). Rhonda b. 10 June 1965 3). Randy b.8 July 1969
d. Marilyn THEIS b. 14 Aug. 1934 m. Tom(George) Richardson
7. Ralph THEIS b. 5 March d. 15 March 1905 Delphos, OH 2 weeks
8. Florence THEIS b. 27 June 1907 Delphos, Ohio single
9. Mary Martha THEIS b. 10 Feb. 1909 Carey, Ohio
m. 18 Feb. 1933 Coldwater, Ohio res. Wapakoneta, Ohio
William Edward KOENIG b. 24 May 1908 d. 3 March 1970
a. Myra KOENIG b. 28 March 1935 m. Everett WEBER
1). Edward WEBER m. Darla ch: Chasity, Matthew
2). Kieth WEBER m. Valerie McGINNIS ch: Alan
3). Vincent WEBER m. Diane DIERLING
4). Anita WEBER m. Mark MEYER ch: Erin
5). Karen WEBER m. Daniel ILHARDT
b. William KOENIG b. 30 Nov. 1936 m. Mary Jane HINES
1). William KOENIG m. Karen MALEMUD 2). Eric KOENIG
3). Kurt KOENIG 4). Trent KOENIG
c. Kenneth Patrick KOENIG b. 17 March 1940 m. Ruth KINSEL
1). Jeff KOENIG 2). John KOENIG
d. Mary Alice KOENIG b. 7 Feb. 1944 1st m. Robert WILLIAMS
1). Lori WILLIAMS 2). Robert WILLIAMS
2nd m. Bobby WHITE
e. Frederick KOENIG b. 29 Aug. 1946 m. Shirley MADDEN
1). Kelly KOENIG 2). Karen KOENIG 3). Kevin KOENIG
f. Melanie KOENIG b. 14 July 1950 m. Richard MOREY
1). Richard MOREY 2). Timothy MOREY 3). Brian MOREY
g. Marcia KOENIG b. 22 Jan. 1952 m. Michael DuBOIS
1). Christopher DuBOIS
10. Wilfred THEIS b. 26 March 1914 Coldwater, Ohio
d. 12 Feb. 1975 Ft. Wayne Veterans Hospital res. Coldwater
m. Helen BRAUN Pr: Joseph BRAUN St. Peter, Ohio
a. Norita THEIS m. Roger KITTLE res. Huber Heights, Ohio
1). Lisa twin m.2). Kimberly twin m.3). Roger killed
b. Janet d.infant c.Mary Martha d.infant [on motorcycle
11. Louis THEIS b. 22 Aug. 1916 d. 15 Jan. 1959 never married

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B. John WILLHOFF b. 1874 in Lawrence Co. Tennessee m. Emma WITTER from Trinity, Indiana. Operated a saloon in Coldwater, Ohio. Moved to Whittier, California.
1. Catherine 2. Cyril (Jack)m. who? d. 1986 Laguna Beach,CA
3. Carl b. 27 Sept. 1906
m. 11 Oct 1927 Wilma ZENPEL St. Marys, Whittier, CA.

C. Jacob WILLHOFF b. 13 Aug. 1876 Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Family returned to Indiana around 1882. d. 23 Feb. 1945 Coldwater, Ohio
1st m. 17 Sept. 1900 Coldwater, Ohio
Philomena BURKMEYER b. 1879 d. 14 Jan. 1913
pr: Blaius BURKMEYER and Mary LEISENSNYDER
2nd m. Dec. 1915 Anna HUART b. 22 Feb. 1878 d. 11 Aug. 1957
pr: Nicholas HUART and Veronica FLECK in Dayton, Ohio
1. Bedam WILLHOFF b. 25 July 1902 Coldwater, Ohio
d. Dec. 1921 bur. Maria Stein Convent, Maria Stein, Ohio
Professed Sr. Mary Aquina C.PP.S., died from having tonsils removed at the convent.
2. Angela WILLHOFF b. 3 June 1905 Coldwater d. 17 Sept.1986 bur. Dayton, OH m. 17 Nov. 1928 Coldwater, res. Dayton,OH
John BRAMLAGE d. 1976 pr: B. J. BRAMLAGE & ___WUEBKER
a. James R. BRAMLAGE b. Dayton m. Nancy
1). Christina b. 6 Mar 1969 2). James b. 28 Dec. 1977
3. Othmar WILLHOFF b. 22 March 1908 d. 19 Nov. 1980 Coldwater
m. 4 June 1929 Mercer Co. Ohio
Delores ROMER b. 1 Oct 1906 Mercer Co. Ohio
pr: Joseph John ROMER and Mary Anna HARTINGS
a. Thomas Lee WILLHOFF b. 22 March 1930 Mercer Co. OH
m. 3 June 1952
Joan Hedwig MAHER b. 30 Nov. 1930 St. Marys, OH
pr: Mark A. MAHER and Edna S. SCHWENDENMAN
1). Thomas Lee WILLHOFF Jr. b. 23 July 1955
m. 29 May 1982 Middletown, Ohio
Linda BREZEZINSKI b. 22 Aug. 1959
pr: Joseph BREZEZINSKI and Mary Ellen FOX
a). Leann Michele WILLHOFF b. 15 Feb. 1985
2). Steven Joseph WILLHOFF b. 14 Nov. 1957
m. 11 Dec. 1982 Euclid, Ohio
Susan ISKRA b. 20 Dec. 1957
pr: Anton ISKRA and Theresa DEBEVEC
3). Jacquelyn Lee WILLHOFF b. 10 Nov. 1957
4). Ronald James WILLHOFF b. 2 Sept. 1960
m. Dianne SMART SNODGRASS b. 18 May 1955
pr: Robert SMART and Jane ROBERTS
a). Andreas Daniel WILLHOFF b. 5 Oct. 1985
b). Zachary Alexander WILLHOFF b.17 Jan1988
5). Sandra Joan WILLHOFF b. 24 May 1969
6). Michael John WILLHOFF b. 26 Nov. 1971
4. Elmo WILLHOFF b. 8 Jan. 1910 res. Greenville, Ohio
m. Mildred OPPEHHEIM b. 24 May 1911
pr: B. OPPENHEIM and Erma RAHE no children

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Children from second wife:

5. Mary Ann WILLHOFF b. 3 Feb. 1917 m. Charles KESSLER
   pr: Lawrence KESSLER & Florence WISE res. Dayton, Ohio
   a. Christina KESSLER b. 4 June 1954 m. 6 Sept. 1975 Dayton Mike DAVIS pr: Karl DAVIS & Angela STAAS
      1). Corinne DAVIS b. 6 Sept. 1978
      2). Veronica DAVIS b. 5 April 1983
6. Robert Joseph WILLHOFF b. 5 Mar. 1920 Coldwater, Ohio
   m. 5 Aug. 1944 Air Force Chapel, Shreveport, Louisiana
   Irma Ruth TALLEY b. 19 July 1924 Capti, Natchitoches Parish, LA, res. Coldwater, Ohio
   pr: William Van TALLEY and Susie June HUCKABY
   a. Marilyn Marie WILLHOFF b. 24 April 1948 Celina, Mercer Co. Ohio res. Columbus, Ohio
   b. Robert (Rob) Joseph WILLHOFF b. 22 Sept. 1949 Celina
      m. 28 Feb. 1972 Colorado Springs, res. Colo Sprgs, CO
      Jude RUHL b. 7 Oct. 1950 pr: Fred RUHL & Wilma FARRIS
      1). Kevin Dale WILLHOFF b. 21 Nov. 1968 (adopted by Rob July 1974)
      2). Amy Sue WILLHOFF b. 14 Mar. 1973
      3). Robert Joseph WILLHOFF III b. 14 Mr. 1980
      4). Jennifer Ruth WILLHOFF b. 10 Aug. 1981
   c. Suzanne Elizabeth WILLHOFF b. 18 Feb. 1953 Coldwater
      m. 11 July 1981 Denver, Colorado, res. Dayton, Ohio
      Ronald ASHURST b. 17 April 1960 Dayton, Ohio
      pr: Donald ASHURST and Rose LEWBER
      1). Jamie Ronald ASHURST b. 4 April 1982
      2). Joseph Robert ASHURST b. 20 May 1985
      3). Jacob Ray ASHURST b. 29 Jan. 1987
   d. James David WILLHOFF b. 2 Apr. 1955 Greenville, Ohio
      m. 2 Dec. 1978 St. Marys, Auglaize Co. Ohio
      Kathy TURPIN b. 19 July 1955
      pr: George TURPIN & Dorothy KEIBER
      1). Christopher WILLHOFF b. 2 April 1974 (adopted by Jim July 1980) res. Colorado Springs, Colorado
   e. Patricia Jean WILLHOFF b. 15 Oct. 1956 Greenville, Ohio
      res. Cincinnati, Ohio

D. Theresa WILLHOFF b. 1879 in Lawrence Co. Tenn. res. Lancaster,OH
   m. 19 July 1899 Trinity, Indiana
   George SMITH pr: Conrad SMITH and Catherine COOK
   Theresa's mother(Cath. LITHARD)lived with Theresa until she died.
   1. George Martin SMITH b. 5 Jan. 1905 d. 1 Aug. 1976
   2. Rebecca SMITH d. young
   3. Richard SMITH deceased 4. Margaret SMITH living

E. Mary (Mame) WILLHOFF b. Aug. 1884 was 15 in 1900 Census, and mother is listed as having 6 children with 6 living.
   m. 23 May 1904 August STENGER
   pr: Christian and Elizabeth STENGER res. Kokomo, IN
   1. Otto John STENGER 2. Edgar STENGER 3. Clara STENGER

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F. Joseph WILLHOFF bur. Coldwater, Ohio m. Mame RAHE
1. Clotilda WILLHOFF b. 18 Oct. 1906
m. 28 May 1932 Earl WILLET res. Florida
2. Lillian WILLHOFF b. 15 Oct. 1907
m. Richard FORSTOEFEL res.Coldwater
a. Mary Duane FORSTOEFEL m. William WINT res. Coldwater
3. Mary Thelma WILLHOFF m. Harry McDONALD lived in Greenville
a. Michael b. Mary Pat m. RIEGLE c. Phillip
4. Genevieve WILLHOFF single 5. Anita WILLHOFF single

IV. Maria WILLHOFF b. 11 June 1846 Wolpertswende, Wurttemberg, Germany
There are no other records of Maria.

Memories from Martha Parker: Grandpa (William Mathias WILLHOFF born 1870, son of Lawrence WILLHOFF the immigrant, married Emma GENGLER, Trinity) was a wonderful man, almost six feet tall, had a beautiful mustache, which he shaved off one year and shocked all of the grandchildren. He lived with his daughter, Aunt Ag, most of his widowed life, but spent a week or so each month with us at Bethel on our farm. He helped Mom with my sister, Mary, me and my baby sister, Irene. I can remember being spanked by him, being sat on a chair by him and being downright scolded loudly and what seemed like (at that time) forever by him. The strange thing is, I never resented him for any of his discipline. Nor did any of my cousins. He was that kind of person. All of a sudden, he decided to move to California, which, naturally left all of his children upset. Then, lo and behold, he called and said he had married. None of us ever met Ann, but she and I wrote faithfully and she seemed like a very nice lady. She cleaned a movie theater in Burbank and used to send me things she would find - a hankerchief, a pin, even a used movie stub. When she died, Grandpa came back home and moved back in with Aunt Ag. He never stopped going, was never sick, except for asthma which plagued him most of his life, and then, at the age of 93 years, he slipped and fell down the stairs and broke his neck and while recuperating in the hospital, he developed pneumonia which eventually took his life. He was quite a guy!

I'm sorry to say that I know nothing about my Grandmother Emma GENGLER since she died before I was born. What I have been told is that she could not walk so Aunt Ag lifted her from her bed and into her chair and then back again. Aunt Ag has what is called a "humped back" today and they say it is because of this lifting. Grandma WILLHOFF suffered from "dropsy" and, as my mother relates, did nothing but sit in her chair and pray the rosary hour after hour.

EMIGRATION RECORDS for WILLHOFF FAMILY

0841040 Wurttemberg Emigration Index, Konigreich Wurttemberg, Oberamt Ravensberg, Gemeinde Wolpertswende II. 12 No. 13 4 pages:
1. Widow of Jacob WOLHAFF, Elisabetha geb. ZUMBUEL from Wolpertswende came with 4 children, Johan Franz 13, b. 23 April 1841; Lawrenz 10, b. 9 Aug. 1842; Martin 8, b. 7 Oct. 1844; Maria 7, b. 10 June 1846.
2. Record from church dated 14 July 1854.
3. Ravensburg, dated 25 July 1854.
4. Church register as listed in this chapter.

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The WILLHOFF Family





Top Picture: Family of Martin WILLHOFF and Katherine LITHARD. John, Theresa (SMITH), Mary (STENGER), Joseph, Elizabeth (THEIS), Jacob. In front, Katherine LITHARD WILLHOFF.
Bottom: The Martin WILLHOFF home Trinity, Indiana. Spring 1893, probably at a Confirmation or First Communion. Back, John WILLHOFF, Joseph LITHARD, Joseph WILLHOFF, Jacob WILLHOFF, unknown, Katherine LITHARD, Grandpa Martin WILLHOFF. Front, Rose LITHARD, Elizabeth LITHARD, Theresa LITHARD, Margaret LITHARD, baby Gertrude LITHARD and mother, Mary WILLHOFF, unknown, unknown.

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THE FAMILY of MARY URSULA WILLHOFF and MATHIAS RENN

Maria ZUMBIHL was listed in the 1860 Census of Jay County, Indiana, with the Mathias RENN family. Mathias RENN 36, wife Mary 28, Elizabeth 5, George 6/12, and Mary ZUMBLE 45. The census record indicated that this family lived next door to Elisabeth WILLHOFF and her four children. This information all indicated that there might be some relationship. The next record found was the baptism of John George RENN at St. Anthony, Ohio. John George RENN was born 18 January, baptized 21 January 1860, the son of Mathes RENN and Ursula WILLHOFF, sponsors were John WILLHOFF and Mary Ann ZUMBILL.

Next, the family then was found in the Wolpertswende records in Germany. Mathias RENN and Ursula WILLHOFF were married in Gemeinde Wolpertswende, Oberamt Ravensburg, Konigreich Wurttemberg, on 11 July 1854. There were four children born to this couple, the last on 7 Nov. 1858. The last birth in Germany was 1858 and the first in America was 1860, so we presume that the RENN family and Mary ZUMBIHL came to America during the year 1859. Mary Ursula WILLHOFF RENN had other children as listed in the census and the cemetery records of Trinity, Indiana. She died 15 Dec. 1876 probably from childbirth because an infant died on 14 December 1876.

Mathias RENN married again as indicated by census records and a death record of a wife in the Trinity records. The records read Mary M. RANN, wife of Mathias RANN died 28 Feb. 1881, buried 3 March. There was no age given. Mathias RENN is buried on the Catholic cemetery in Celina, 11 September 1823-6 October 1893, age 70-0-25.

Mathias RENN and Mary Ursula WILLHOFF's son John George RENN who married Elisabeth FISCHER of Trinity, had a child, Clara RENN, born 30 January 1893. In the 1880 census Elisabeth age 21 is listed as Elisabeth RENN, a daughter to Pantaleon FISCHER, but there is no George listed. Where was he? Clara RENN married Theodore WAGNER 25 September 1916 at Trinity, Indiana. Witnesses were Urban BONIFAS and Stella WAGNER. A daughter Sophia RENN was born to Mathias RENN and Mary Ursula WILLHOFF at Trinity, Indiana, 1 October 1864. Sophia was married 16 May 1882 to Jacob GERLACH 1838-1923. Witnesses for the wedding were Peter STACHLER, Anton GROTHIAM, Maria RENN, and Bernadine HESS. Both are buried on the Celina Catholic Cemetery. Sophia RENN GERLACH had a son Edmund GERLACH 1895-1932 who never married, and a daughter Anna GERLACH who married Carl BAUER. Anna and Carl BAUER had at least one child, daughter Dorothy BAUER who married Clarence SPECK, Celina, Ohio. Maria RENN married Peter STACHLER on 10 October 1882, witnesses were Henry STACHLER, Carolina RENN, Carl SCHUNK, and Elizabeth STACHLER. Celina Cemetery records record Peter STACHLER 1855 - 1944 and Mary STACHLER 1855 - 1934.

Mathias RENN married the second time to Mary FUCHS (FOX), the widow of Maximilian STARK who died 30 Aug. 1876. Mathias and Mary had a daughter Margaret born in 1879 or 1880. (Census Records) Mary FOX died 28 Feb. 1881 and is buried at Trinity, Indiana.

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Maria Ursula WILLHOFF b. 1 Sept. 1832 Wolpertswende, Wurttemberg
sp: Donat ZUMBILE farmer, and M. Ursula MULLER,single
d. 15 Dec. 1876 Holy Trinity, Indiana
pr: Jakob WOLLHOF, soldier, and Elisabehte ZUMBUHL
m. 11 July 1854 Wolpertswende, Wurtemberg, after proclamations in church on 25 June, 2 July, and 7 July both single wit: Konrad ARNOLD and Louisa STEASSLER

Mathias RENN b. 11 Sept. 1823 Wolpertswende, Kreis Ravensburg, Wurttemberg
d. 6 Oct. 1893 Celina, Ohio
pr: Philipp RENN and Katherina FISCHER

I. (Mary) Elisabeth RENN b. 14 April 15, 1855 Wolpertswende
sp: Nezin FOOS from Wolpertswende and Eleanor STEUSSLE from Neidersweiler d. 1934 Celina, Ohio
m. 10 Oct. 1882 Celina, Ohio wit: Henry STACHLER, Carolina RENN, Carol SCHUNK, Elisabeth STACHLER
Francis (Peter) STACHLER b. 1855 d. 1944 Celina, Ohio

II. Elenora RENN b. 10 May 1856 Wolpertswende
sp: John George BUSSLE and Eleanora STEUSSLE born ZUMBIHL from Neiderweiler d. 19 Sept. 1856 Wolperts.

III. Maria RENN b. 25 Aug. 26, 1857 Wolpertswende
sp: John George BUSSLE (LUPLE) and Eleanora STEUSSLE born ZUMBUHL from Neiderweiler d. 11 Oct. 1857 Germany

IV. Eleanora RENN b. 7 Nov. 7, 1858 Wolpertswende
sp: John G. BUSSLE farmer and Eleanora STEUSSLE born ZUMBIHL d. sometime before 1860 Census Jay Co. IN

V. John George RENN b. 18 Jan. 21, 1860 St. Anthony, Ohio
sp: John WILLHOFF and Mary Ann ZUMBILL Fr. GANTHER
m. 1 Oct. 1878 Trinity, Indiana
Elisabeth FISCHER pr: Panthelon FISCHER and Cecilia MAURER

A. Clara RENN b. 30 Jan. 1893 Trinity, Indiana
sp: Jacob MINCH and Maria FISCHER
Theodore WAGNER m. 25 Sept. 1916 Trinity, Indiana
wit: Urban BONIFAS and Stella WAGNER

VI. Margaret RENN b. c. 1862

VII. Sophia RENN b. 1 Oct. 1864 Trinity, IN d. 17 July 1935 Celina, OH
m. 16 May 1882 Celina, Ohio wit: Peter STACHLER Anton GROTHIAM, Maria RENN, and Bernadine HESS
Jacob Pete GERLACH b. 1838 d. 1923 Celina, Ohio

A. Anna GERLACH m. Carl A. BAUER b. 15 Nov. 1896 d. 23 July 1970 Celina, OH 1. Dorothy BAUER m.Clarence Speck 222 Stella ST. Celina OH a). Pam Speck

B. Edwin Martin GERLACH b. 13 May 1895 Celina, Ohio
d. 24 Feb. 1932 Celina, Ohio never married

VIII. Carolina RENN b. ca. 1866 Trinity, Indiana living in 1882

IX. Catherine RENN b. ca. 1872 Trinity, Indiana

X. Agnes RENN b. ca. Jan. or Feb. 1876 d. 12 Aug. 1876 1/2 yr. old.
bur. Trinity, Indiana

XI. Maria RENN d. 14 Dec. bur. 16, 1876 infant

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THE HARTNAGEL FAMILY in GERMANY

The HARTNAGEL family name has been spelled many different ways in the records of Wurttemberg, Germany, and also here in the United States. A few examples: HARTNAGEL, HERTNAGEL, HORTNAGEL, HURTNAGEL, HERTNEGEL in Germany; HARTNAGEL, HARDNAIL in the United States. Many times there were more than one or two different given names used. This came about because there were two books: one at Wolpertswende and one at Mochenwangan. Most records were entered in both books, which made it possible for mistakes. The following records are what I have found on the HARTNAGEL family in the European records. Most of the b. (birth) records were baptismal dates, but could be also the birth dates, because the infant was usually baptized on the day of birth.

HARTNAGEL FAMILY in Wolpertswende, Niedersweiler, Mochenwagen and the surrounding areas.

HURTNAGEL, Joannes (John, Johan) married WEBER, Maria.

Children:

1689, 20 Nov.	Catharina dead
1693, 22 Feb.	Cleva (Oliva)
1695, 28 May	Anna Cath
1696, 5 Sept.	Josephus
1698, 29 Feb.	Elisabeth
1702, 22 Feb.	Johan Martin

HARTNAGEL, Joa (Joannes, John, Johan) married GONGIN (GRESCHERIN, BREGFER, BRESSER, HEHERGSESIN), Magdalines (Magdalena), 10 June 1726

Children:

1726, 24 Nov.	Cath.
1727, 7 Nov.	Francis Joseph
1729, 1 Feb.	Francis Antonius
1730, 17 May	Maria Ursula
1732, 22 Feb.	twins, Joannes Christopher & Joan Georg both dead
1734, 18 June	Joannes
1735, 11 July	Ferdinand Christophorus dead
1736, 21 Aug.	Maria Rosalia
1739, 10 Feb.	Maria Antonio
1740, 21 May	Johanna (don't know if this was male or female)

HORTNAGEL, Franciscus married BUECKHIN, Agatha, 30 Nov. 1724.

Children:

1726, 17 March	Marian Anna dead
1727, 2 June	Theresia
1729, 20 March	Joseph
1730, 24 Sept.	Michael
1732, 1 March	Joanes, George dead (twins??)
1733, 5 Aug.	Maria dead
1735, 24 Feb.	Veronica
1736, 20 March	Benedictus
1737, 14 Dec.	Thomas dead
1743, 20 Jan.	Joanes Christopher

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HURTNAGEL, Frantz (Francis) married NABHOLZ, Veronica ex Vorsee
Married 5 Feb. 1747 Frantz was a widower, Veronica a virgin.
Children:
1749, 6 March Beneddictus (bp.)
NABHOLZ, Veronica, widow, married 1 May 1749 to Antonis WAGNER, single (Frantz HURTNAGEL must have died)

HARTNAGEL, Joannes Georgius m. 1727 Apolonia EHLER
(A record states that Joa George HERTNAGEL married Theresia BAYER)
m. Elis BAYNER on 17 Jan. 1734
Children:
1735. 11 Jan. Francis Joseph (bp.)

HERTNAGEL, Franz Joseph married SORG, Rosalia, 21 Sept. 1752. Another marriage date 4 Sept. 1751.
SORG, Rosalia was married first on 26 July 1745 to Gangolf MULTER (MULLERIN, MULTERIN). Gongolf MULTER died 10 Aug. 1752.
Children:

1749, 16 April	Joannes Georg MULTER m. 11 May 1789 Genrosa AICHER b. 9 Sept. 1748? no ch. listed
1751, 14 Aug.	Francisca Josephus MULTER
1753, 9 Aug.	Maria Anna HERTNAGEL
1755, 8 Feb.	Maria Prisca HERTNAGEL d. 1827
1756, 12 May	Gangolph HERTNAGEL d. 21 Sept. 1827 aged 71-4-9 survivor Marie MULLER
1758, -5(15 or 25) April	M. Anna HERTNAGEL
1760, 10 April bp.	Franz Antonius HERTNAGEL d. 20 Feb. 1828 age 68, occupation Bauer (farmer)
1762, 23 Aug.	Elis. HERTNAGEL dead
1764, 20 Apr.	Jo George HERTNAGEL dead, sp: Joseph WILHOF and M. A. STEINHAUSEN

THE FAMILY of FRANZ JOSEPH HURTNAGEL and ROSALIA SORG

I. HURTNAGEL, Maria Anna b. 8 Feb. 1755
d. 28 Nov. 1827, age 72 Wolpertswende
m. 8 June 1780
Fr. Joseph WAGNER survivor in 1827, b. 8 May 1754
pr: Anton WAGNER and Veronika SCABHOLZ

Children:
1. Elisabethe WAGNER b. 7 Nov. 1789 1st Com. 1799
2. Johans WAGNER b.7 June 1792 1st Com. 1801 (died)
3. Franz Xavier WAGNER b. 10 Sept. 1797 Com. 1804 Soldier
Xavier WAGNER d. 20 Sept. 1818, aged 20 years, soldier in Elsass
4. Martin WAGNER b. 21 Oct. 1799 Com. 1809 soldier
d. 3 Oct. 1833 aged 34 years Wolpertswende
m. 11 Nov. 1828
Maria BENBSER from Vorsee b. 17 June 1798 d. 7 Sept. 1869
pr: Michael BENBSER from Vorsee & Theresia GUNDELE

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Children:

1. Maria Anna b. 18 Feb. 1829 d. 2 Oct. 1829
2. Konrad b. 19 Nov. 1830 d. 21 Nov. 1830
3. Michael b. 25 Feb. 1831 d. 26 Feb. 1831
4. Gangolf b. 13 Aug. 1833 d. 3 Mar. 1834

Maria BENBSER, the widow of Martin WAGNER married the second time to Vincens BISSENBERGER b. 1793 d. 2 March 1862. Parents were Oswald BISSENBERGER, farmer in Limbach and Theresia MAUCHER. No children were listed.

II. HURTNAGEL, Gengolf Bauer (farmer) b. 12 May 1756
sp: Anton HORST and M. A. STEINHAUSSERIN
d. 21 Sept. 22 1827 aged 71 yrs. 4 mon. 9 days Wolpertswende
survivor 3rd wife Maria MULLER d. 18 Aug. 1829

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2nd m. 29 Feb. 1808 wit: Stephanus KUNDER & Ursula ROTHENHAUSEN
Maria Anna HIGG b. 12 March 1779 d. 2 Oct. 1812, first marriage
pr: Andreas SIGG (HIGG, SEGG) from Staig and Elisabetha CAPLAN

Children:

1809, 25 Nov.	Conradus HERTNAGEL b. Krummensbach sp: Stephanus KUNDER and Crasentia HUG d. Holy Trinity, Jay County, Indiana, USA d. 22 Feb. 1873 aged 63 yrs. 3 mon. m. Theresa KELLER b. 2 Oct. 1813 Wolpertswende d. 1867 Trinity, Indiana
1811, 22 Feb.	Regina HURTNEGEL d. age 15 days

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III. HURTNAGEL, Franz Anton b. 10 April 1760
sp: Franz Anton SOIST (HORST?) and M. A. STEINHAN ex loco (local resident) Wolpertswende
d. 20 Feb. 22, 1828 remained single

IV. HURTNEGEL, Maria b. 9 Aug. 1753?
d. 14 Dec. 1811 aged 79 years??
m. 14 June 1772 Wolpertswende
Jos. Anton ZUMBIHL b. 7 Jan. 1747 d. 26 Aug. 26, 1814, aged 71
Children:

1776, 14 Jan.	Francis Sebastian ZUMBIHL Wolpertswende d. 16 April 1837 Niedersweiler m. 2 Feb. 1804 Francisca MULLER b. 7 May 1775 Wopertswende d. 28 June 1845 pr: Francis Xavier (Sebastian) MULLER and Rosalia GESSLER

See the family history on page 228,231,233

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THE FAMILY of MARTIN HERTNAGEL and ELISABETH SORG

I. HERTNAGEL, Elisabeth b. 13 March 1814 in Stuben (Shuber Place)
d. 27 Nov. 1898 Wolpertswende
m. 23 Nov. 1843 Josef MULLER occupation Schnud (Schmid?)
b. 30 M. 1808 d. 16 April 1879 Wolpertswende

Children:	Birth	Com. or Conf.	Married	Died
1. Martin	24 Oct. 1844	11 April 1858		d. 13 Feb. 1916
2. Johanna	11 June 1848	27 April 1862		
3. Xavier	28 Nov. 1850		m. 25 Nov. 1890	
4. Johana	12 April 1853			d. 14 June 1906
5. Frz Josef	8 Aug. 1855			d. 11 Dec. 1856
6. Gerhard	30 Jan. 1858			d. 4 March 1859
7. Georg Josef (child of Johana No.4)	2 Dec. 1892	bp. 4 Dec.1892		d. 17 Feb. 1917

HARTNAGEL - Other information found in the German Records follows:

HURTNAGEL, Gangolf m. 22 Jan. 1794, virgo Anna Mar. ERENOBIN
HERTNAGEL, Jo Georgius m. 1 Feb. 1779 Bernadine GUNDELIN

HERTNAGEL, Maria b. 10 July 1732 (years do not figure out correctly)
d. 14 Dec. 16, 1811 age 79 years Wolpertswende
survivor widow Anton ZUMBIHL who died 26 Aug. 1814 age 71 years

HURTNAGEL, Maria m. Jo George BUG
ch: Elis. d. 16 Sept. 18, 1811 single age 48 years, Krummensbach

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THE FAMILY of CONRAD HARTNAGEL and THERESA KELLER



Vincent HARTNAGEL and Agnes ULLEMAN

We have included the HARTNAGEL family in this DILLER - BIGGS FAMILY TREE, because our great great great great grandmother was Maria HURTNAGEL, daughter of Josef Martin (Fr. Josef) HURTNEGEL and Rosalia SORG. Conrad HARTNAGEL's grandparents were Fr. Josef HERTNAGEL and Rosalia SORG. Monica BIGGS born ZUMBIHL's grandparents were the same, thus making Conrad HARTNAGEL and Monica BIGGS first cousins.

On the naturalization papers of Conrad HURTNEIL of 11 April 1860, Jay County, Indiana, he emigrated from Havre de Grace, France, in the year 1853, arriving in New York on 17th September 1853. Conrad signed his name in the old German script spelling it Conrad HIRTNAGEL.

Dr. WALCHER sent me information from Germany that Conrad HARTNAGEL and his family came to America in 1853 and settled at Bloomfield, Indiana. The family register at Wolpertswende states that the whole family came to America. Only Agatha, Maria, and Vinzens came. The other five children died in Germany.

Agatha HERTNAGEL went to work in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Many of the young ladies in the farming communities went to the city where they found work as maids in the homes of the wealthy. Agatha remained single and died in Ft. Wayne.

Maria HERTNAGEL married a man by the name of SPAIN. They moved West, we think Kansas, they had one daughter Theresa who married Mr. Conrad SCHAUF. Theresa and Conrad SCHAUF had two children: Mary, a nun, and John who died single.

Vincent stayed at Trinity, Indiana, he married Agnes ULLEMAN from St. Peter, Ohio, near Ft. Recovery. All the Hartnagels in the area are descended from Vincent HARTNAGEL.

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FAMILY REGISTER of PARISH of WOLPERTSWENDE

Gangolf HURTNAGEL b. 12 Mai 1756 d. 21 7-br 1827
pr: Josef HARTNAGEL and Rosalia SORG
I. m. 21 Jan. 1781
Maria EHE b. 10 Mar. 1754 d. 14 Jan. 1808
pr: Martin EHE and Maria STEINHAUSSEN
II. m. 29 Feb. 1808 (virgin from Staig)
Maria Anna SIGG b. 12 March 1779 d. 2 Oct. 1812 (SIGG could be HIGG)
pr: Andreas SIGG (STAIG) and Barbara STARK
III. m. 10 Jan. 1813
Maria MILLER b. 1 Feb. 1768 d. 19 Aug. 1829
pr: Johanes MILLER and Elisabetha CAPLAN HALLER

KINDER:		NAME	BIRTHDATE	COMMUNION	RESIDENCE DEATH
I.	EHE	none listed.			
II.	1.	Conradus	25 Nov. 1809	Easter 1823	living 1838 in Wolz
	2.	Regina	7 Sept. 1811		d. 23 Feb. 1811
	3.	Stephan	27 Sept. 1812		d. 2 May 1813
III.		Maria Anna Miller daughter of 3rd wife			d. 25 Jan. 1841
	1.	Agatha	24 Aug. 1819	1833	living 1841 in Wolz
	2.	Catharina	28 April 1822		d. 20 Aug. 1822
	3.	Martin	23 Jan. 1826	1839	living 1857 in Wolz

Brother of Gangolph listed:
Franz Anton HURTNAGEL 8 April 1760 d. 21 Feb. 1828

FAMILY REGISTER Book 13, Register No. 238, No. 34 & 26

Conrad Hurtnagel b. 25 May 1809 soldier, farmer, from Neiderweiler
pr: Gangelph HERTNAGEL from Wolpertswende and Rosalia SORG
m. 9 Jan. 1838 Wolpertswende
Theresa KELLER b.2 Oct. 1813
pr: Johan KELLER from REISMAYER (name of town or family name)
and Maria FETTERS

NOTE WRITTEN ON THIS REGISTER: Dir gangs Familia nach Amerika.
German for: the whole family to America.

Kinder: (Children)

1. Agatha b. 11 Jan. 1839
2. Elisabeth b. 11 Oct. 1840 d. 12 Dec. 1840 age 7 mon. 3 da.
3. M. Anna b. 9 May 1842 d. 7 Jan. 1844 age 1 3/4 yrs.
4. Maria b. 12 Aug. 1843
5. Elis. Kath. d. 24 Jan. 1845, 12 weeks (months or days?) baptized 2 Nov. 1844
6. Nuzmez b. 30 Aug. 1846 (another date 11 Aug. possibly the 11th is the birth and 30th is the baptism)
7. Elisabetha b. 27 April 1848 d. 9 Dec. 1849
8. Apollonia b. 9 Feb. 1850 d. 21 Jan 1853

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Conrad HERTNAGEL b. 25 May 1809 Wolpertswende, Ravensburg, Wurttemberg
d. 23 Feb. 1873 Trinity, Indiana
m. 9 Jan. 1839 Wolpertswende
Theresa KELLER b. 2 Oct. 1813 Wolpertswende
d. 1867 Trinity, Indiana
pr: Johan KELLER and Maria FETTERS

I. Agatha HARTNAGEL b. 11 Jan. 1839 Wolpertswende
d. Fort Wayne, Indiana never married

II. Maria HARTNAGEL b. 12 Aug. 1843 Wolpertswende
d. Kansas m. a Mr. SPAIN
A. Theresa SPAIN m. Conrad SCHAUF
1. Mary, a nun 2. John died single

III. Vincent HARTNAGEL b. 30 Aug. 1846 Wolpertswende
d. 25 Sept. 1909 Trinity, Indiana
m. 13 Feb. 1873 St. Peter, Ft. Recovery, Ohio
Agnes ULLEMAN b. 1854 St. Peter, Ohio
d. 8 Oct. 1915 Trinity, Indiana

A. Jacob HARTNAGEL b. 1874 Trinity, Indiana lived in California
ch: 1st wife: Clara, Edward
ch: 2nd wife: Steve, Frank

B. Austin (census 1880) Sebastian HARTNAGEL b. 8 March 1875
lived and died in Midland, Michigan (called Bosty)
m. 4 June 1901 Trinity, Indiana
Josephine SCHMIT pr: Peter SCHMIT from Trinity
1. Joseph Sebastian HARTNAGEL d. 8 Aug.1907 aged 1 y 11 m
2. Peter HARTNAGEL m. Betty of Midland, Michigan, 1 child
a. Donald James HARTNAGEL m. Nov. 1987
Karen Ann RYTTEWSKI pr: Donald and Barbara
RYTTEWSKI of Auburn, Michigan
3. Edward HARTNAGEL twin, had 1 boy and 1 girl
4. Raymond HARTNAGEL twin, 1 son lives in Dayton, Ohio

C. Mary HARTNAGEL b. 19 Sept. 1887 Trinity, Indiana
d. 5 Jan. 1964 Midland, Michigan (?) ten children?
m. probably at Trinity, Indiana
Michael WAGNER (from Trinity)
b. 1874 d. 1955 Michigan
1. Andrew WAGNER 2. Vincent WAGNER 3. Harvey WAGNER
4. Bertha HAVILAND 5. Wilfred WAGNER 6. Urban WAGNER
7. John WAGNER 8. Michael WAGNER 9. Martha WAGNER
10. Roy WAGNER 11. Elmer WAGNER 12. Mary WAGNER

D. George HARTNAGEL b. 4 Jan. 1880 Trinity, Indiana
d. 12 Feb. 1935 Trinity, Indiana
m. 6 May 1903 Trinity, Indiana
Anna MINCH b. Trinity, Indiana? lived in Delphos, Ohio
1. Frances HARTNAGEL 2. Helen HARTNAGEL

E. Steven HARTNAGEL b. 8 Dec. 1881 Trinity, Indiana
d. 25 March 1961 Trinity, Indiana
m. 5 June 1906 Trinity, Indiana

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Mary HIERHOLZER b. 8 Sept. 1883 Trinity, pr: Meinrad
d. 29 Oct. 1971 Trinity, Indiana HIERHOLZER

1. Viola HARTNAGEL b. 2 March 1907 Trinity, Indiana
   m. 6 April 1929 Trinity, Indiana
   Edward MAY b. 10 Nov. 1904 d.8 Dec. 1977
   pr: Theodore MAY and Elizabeth LOSHE
   a. Mary Ann MAY b. 28 Jan. 1930 Coldwater, Ohio
      m. 31 March 1948 Coldwater, Ohio
      Robert HOENING b. 14 May 1927 Coldwater, Ohio
      pr: Baltus HOENING and Lova TICE
      ch: Shirley and Linda
   b. Lucille MAY b. 7 March 1933 Coldwater, Ohio
      m. 3 May 1952 Coldwater, Ohio
      Paul BERTKE b. 23 May 1927 Celina, Ohio
      pr: Detrick BERTKE and Alma SHULTS
      ch: Marlene, Peggy, Mary Lou, and Paula BERTKE
2. Ambrose HARTNAGEL b. 23 March 1909 Trinity, Indiana
   d. 3 July 1982 Trinity, Indiana
   m. 23 (27) March 1939 Trinity, Indiana
   Catherine EISCHEN b. 15 Nov. 1918 Indiana
   pr: Peter EISCHEN and Veronica KLAUS
   a. Kenneth HARTNAGEL b. 27 Feb. 1940, m. 26 June 1965
      Constance RINDLER b. 12 June 1934
      ch: Sharon, Debbie, Ronda, Michael, Melissa
   b. Eugene HARTNAGEL b. 26 Nov. 1942, m. 3 Sept. 1966
      Carol REICHERT b. 19 Mar. 1944
      ch: Brian, Gregory, Tammy HARTNAGEL
3. Idella HARTNAGEL b. 8 June 1911 Trinity, Indiana
   Professed Sister Anacleta O. P.
   d. 18 March 1981 Adrian, Michigan
4. Irene HARTNAGEL b. 10 Dec. 1913 Trinity, Indiana
   m. 5 April 1932 Trinity, Indiana
   Fred MAY b. 14 Dec. 1908 St. Anthony, Ohio
   pr: Theodore MAY and Elizabeth LOSHE
   a. Vernon MAY (adopted) b. 4 June 1946 Ft. Wayne, IN
      m. 27 Aug. 1966 Coldwater, Ohio
      Cathy Ann WOURMS b. 12 July 1947 Coldwater, Ohio
      pr: Aloysius WOURMS and Luetta BRUNS
      ch: Angela and Theresa MAY
5. Clarence HARTNAGEL b. 17 Jan. 1917 Trinity, Indiana
   m. 18 July 1941 Trinity, Indiana
   Leona POST b. 24 May 1922
   ch: David, Ronnie, Danny

F. Peter HARTNAGEL b. 12 Nov. 1883 Trinity, Indiana
   d. 21 June 1950 Trinity, Indiana
   m. 17 Sept. 1907 Trinity, Indiana
   Elizabeth REMAKLUS b. 20 April 1886 Trinity, Indiana
   d. 30 May 1924 Trinity, Indiana
   pr: Nicholas REMAKLUS and Anna WAGNER
   1. Vincent E. HARTNAGEL b. 15 Oct. 1908 Trinity, Indiana
      d. 19 Nov. 1976 Trinity, Indiana
      m. 30 Jan. 1937 Trinity, Indiana

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Salome FULLENKAMP b. 1 Aug. 1914 Trinity, Indiana
d. 22 Nov. 1980 Trinity, Indiana
a. Mary HARTNAGEL b. 9 June 1938, m. 20 Aug. 1960
Urban HUELSKAMP b. 30 Aug. 1934 d. 7 July 1984
ch: Margaret, Julie, Lisa, Jeff HUELSKAMP

2. Christena HARTNAGEL b. 7 Aug. 1910 Trinity, Indiana
d. 4 Aug. 1973 m. 14 April 1934
George BRAUN b. 7 Jan. 1906 d. 27 Dec. 1980
a. Phylis BRAUN b. 4 July 1934 m. Bill BERG
ch: Tracy, Jackie, and Steve BERG
b. Garnet BRAUN b. Sept 1935
c. Jean BRAUN b. 28 May 1937 m. D. C. LITTLETON
3. Edna HARTNAGEL b. 21 Sept. 1912 Trinity, Indiana
m. 20 April 1960 Trinity, Indiana
Richard HUGHES b. 3 Feb. 1905 d. 29 Sept. 1982
4. Maxine HARTNAGEL b. 14 Sept. 1914 Trinity, Indiana
m. 11 April 1942 Trinity, Indiana
Alfons SUDHOFF b. 9 July 1908 St. Anthony, Ohio
5. Mary HARTNAGEL b. 3 Aug. 1916 Trinity, Indiana
m. 24 Nov. 1937 Trinity, Indiana
Fred SUDHOFF b. 2 March 1910 St. Anthony, Ohio
a. Elizabeth SUDHOFF b. 8 July 1938, m. 22 Oct. 1960
Ronald SCHINDLER ch: Anthony, Thomas, Theresa
b. James SUDHOFF b. 26 May 1942, m. 6 Sept. 1965
Patricia SANNING ch: William, Daniel, Cinthia
6. Bernard (Jake) HARTNAGEL b. 4 Oct. 1918 Trinity, IN
d. 18 Nov. 1966 Trinity, Indiana, m. 13 June 1918
Mary HELM b. 16 April 1922 d. 1974 Trinity, Indiana
ch: Candy
7. Martha HARTNAGEL b. 26 Nov. 1919 Trinity, Indiana
m. Arthur FLORENCE b. 19 Jan. 1918 d. 26 Feb. 1987
ch: Ann Maria, Margaret
8. Ivan HARTNAGEL b. 3 Feb. 1922 Trinity, Indiana
d. 29 Dec. 1966 Greenville, Ohio
m. 28 Nov. 1940 Rita GILMARTEN
ch: Michael, Dennis, Terry, James, Becky
9. Franklin HARTNAGEL twin b. 1924 d. April 1924
10. Peter HARTNAGEL twin b. 1924 d. April 1924

G. Nicholas HARTNAGEL b. 2 April 1886 Trinity, Indiana
d. 17 Aug. 1964 Trinity, Indiana
m. 18 Oct. 1910 Trinity, Indiana
Mary MINCH b. 17 Feb. 1889 Trinity, Indiana
d. 14 April 1975 Trinity, Indiana
1. Paul HARTNAGEL b. 10 Aug. 1911 Trinity, Indiana
d. 23 Nov. 1983 m. Margaret BUTCHER
ch: Marvin, Sara, John, Susan
2. Helen Rose HARTNAGEL d. 18 Feb. 1904 age 4 mo 11 da
3. Marguerite HARTNAGEL b. 13 Aug. 1915 Trinity, Indiana
m. Robert WELLER ch: Patricia, Barbara
4. Florence HARTNAGEL b. 5 April 1917 Trinity, Indiana
m. 27 Dec. 1934 Edward KNOTH b. 7 May 1907
ch: Carolyn, Jeanette, Richard

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H. Rose HARTNAGEL b. 29 June 1887 Trinity, Indiana
d. 18 Nov. 1967 Trinity, Indiana
m. 28 Feb. 1911 Trinity, Indiana
Theodore WELLING b. 25 July 1884 d. 6 Nov. 1968
1. Beatrice b. 24 Dec. 1915 d. 25 May 1946 single

I. Henry HARTNAGEL b. 16 Feb. 1891 Trinity, Indiana
m. 23 Sept. 1914 Celina, Ohio
d. 6 Jan. 1988 Coldwater, Ohio
Rose WAGNER b. 25 Dec. 1892 Washington Twp. Mercer Co. Ohio
d. 15 March 1984 Coldwater, Ohio
pr: John WAGNER and Regina REINHART
1. Willard HARTNAGEL b. 27 Feb. 1916 Trinity, Indiana
d. 18 March 1948 Portland, Indiana
m. 8 Feb. 1943 St. Marys Church, Geneva, Indiana
Virginia MURPHY b. 25 March 1919
pr: Martin MURPHY and Alice HENRICHS
a. Marilyn HARTNAGEL b. 21 Sept. 1943
m. 27 May 1964 St. Anthony, Ohio
Henry FORSTHOFF b. 7 June 1943
pr: Albert FORSTHOFF and Beata HERMANN
1). Danny FORSTHOFF b. 6 July 1965
2). Duane FORSTHOFF b. 29 July 1966
3). Diane FORSTHOFF b. 22 April 1968
4). Deborah FORSTHOFF b. 20 March 1979
b. Regina HARTNAGEL b. 14 Jan. 1947

J. Anna HARTNAGEL b. 13 Oct 1893 Trinity, Indiana
d. 4 Jan. 1974 bur. Trinity, Indiana
m. 28 Jan. 1913 Trinity, Indiana
Otto BRICKER b. 1888 d. 29 Dec. 1959
1. Orval BRICKER b. 6 July 1914 Mercer Co. Ohio
m. 22 June 1937
Agnes MINNICH b. 16 March 1915 d. 30 Jan. 1981
ch: Edith, Robert, Eugene, Thomas, Richard, James, Jane
2. Patricia BRICKER b. 4 Aug. 1932
m. 25 April 1956 John STEWART
ch: Allen, Betty, Linda
3. John BRICKER m. 7 May 1960 Judith HOLLY
ch: Beth, Pamela, Susan

Edna HARTNAGEL HUGHES related to me that the HARTNAGEL family came to the Portland area because they knew the PRILLIMAN family living near Portland, Indiana. The HARTNAGELs arrived there first before going to the Bloomfield area. The PRILLIMANs helped Conrad and his family with horses and a wagon to take their belongings to their first home in Wayne Township. Later the HARTNAGEL family moved to Wabash Township nearer to the Trinity Catholic Church. The PRILLIMAN family probably came from the same area in Germany. I have not had time to check on this.

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THE SCHINDLER FAMILY

The SCHINDLER Family information is being included in this book because there have been many incidences of family stories stating that the SCHINDLERs are related to the ZUMBIHLs. Marvin MAY stated that his mother Rosina DILLER MAY worked for the SCHINDLER Family and she said that they were relatives. Florence THEIS and her sister Mary Martha THEIS KOENIG of Wapakoneta, Ohio, also said the SCHINDLERS were relatives. Ed SCHINDLER of Moraine City, Michigan, son of Gustave SCHINDLER, also said they were relatives. However, I have not found any records which verify this.

It must be noted that Stephen SCHINDLER's wife, Anna Maria SCHINDLER, had engraved "born RIST" on her tombstone. In working on the family lines in Wolpertswende and Mochenwangan, Wurttemberg, Germany, we found several RIST families. However, I was not able to find her birth record among them, nor the birth record of Stephen SCHINDLER.

Stephen SCHINDLER and Anna Maria SCHINDLER were married 5 Sept. 1869 in Holy Rosary Catholic Church, St. Marys, Ohio by Pastor Philip RIST. A notation was made that there was a dispensation because they were first cousins. It is presumed that it was meant the first degree of relationship, because according to family tradition, Anna Maria married her dead husband's brother. Anna Maria did have an older son, Jacob SCHINDLER, a half brother to Charles and Gustav SCHINDLER.

Jacob SCHINDLER was listed in the 1870 Census for Wabash Township,Jay County, Indiana, with the Lawrence and Catherine WILLHOFF family. Martin WILLHOFF was listed with them also. Jacob SCHINDLER was 14 years old, and his occupation was a farm laborer, and born in Ohio. Living with the WILLHOFFs might also indicate relationship. Jacob SCHINDLER is buried on the Saint Anthony, Ohio, cemetery. He died 17 July 1887, aged 32 years, 3 months, and 12 days. This would make him born 15 April 1855. Jacob married Frances DEPPEN on 8 Feb. 1881 at St. Anthony. Jacob died young and his widow built the SCHINDLER house in St. Anthony. When his children were old enough they moved to Nebraska. There H. Edward SCHINDLER married Appolina WELLMAN, the daughter of John Gerhard WELLMAN and Mary MARTZ of Trinity, Indiana. Sons Lou and John are also believed to have moved West and their mother went with them.

Edmund SCHINDLER, son of Gustave SCHINDLER and Margaret LAUX, married Helen MINNICH, daughter of Peter MINNICH and Magdalena WAGNER all of Trinity, Indiana. Helen is my first cousin, she and her family live in Moraine City, Michigan. While visiting them this past winter, Edmund told some additional stories about the family. Stephen and Anna Maria SCHINDLER lived at New Bremen, Ohio, until Gust was about 3 years old, when they moved near Bryant, Indiana. Anton SCHINDLER from Riegel, Baden, Germany, the first German to settle at New Riegel, Ohio, is not related.

When Gust (Gustav) SCHINDLER and his wife Margaret LAUX were first married, Frank RIST lived with them until he married a LESCHER from Trinity, a sister to Nick LESCHER. Frank LIST was a little younger than Gust. It is believed that he was an only child and that his parents died while he was young. Frank RIST and his wife moved to Logansport, Indiana,

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where he repaired engines.

If anyone has any other information about this family, please contact me.

Stephen SCHINDLER b. 17 Dec. 1832 Wurttemberg, Germany
d. 29 Dec. 1895 Trinity, Indiana
m. 25 April 1864 in Auglaize Co. Ohio (from Mercer Co. History Book)
m. 5 Sept. 1869 recorded at Holy Rosary Church, St. Marys, Ohio. No witnesses were listed, other than the priest, P. Phillip RIST.
Anna Maria RIST b. 25 Dec. 1829 Germany d. 27 Nov. 1897 Trinity, Indiana

I. Jacob SCHINDLER pr: _____ SCHINDLER and Anna Maria RIST
b. 15 April 1855 Ohio d. 27 July 1887 St. Anthony
m. 8 Feb. 1881 St. Anthony, Ohio Frances DEPPEN
wit: Henry DEPPEN, Frank SCHINDLER, Elizabeth SCHROER, Sophia DILLER (maybe a relative)
A. H. Edward SCHINDLER m. Apollina WELLMAN in Nebraska
pr: Gerhard WELLMAN and Mary MARTZ of Trinity, Indiana
B. Lou C. John (Note Cemetery record: Elmer J. SCHINDLER b. 3 Feb. 1887 d. 28 Sept. 1910)

II. Gustav SCHINDLER b. 2 Nov. 1865 New Bremen, Ohio
d. 28 Feb. 1942 aged 76-3-26 bur. Trinity, Indiana
m. 3 Feb. 1891 at Trinity, Indiana
Margaret LAUX b. 1867 d. 1948 Trintiy, Indiana
ch: Adolph, Clara, Lewis, William, Daniel, Elizabeth, Rose, Florian, Albert, Edmund, Tony, John

III. Charles SCHINDLER b.15 Jan. 1869 d. 11 July 1949
m. 8 May 1894 Trinity, Indiana
Mary Elizabeth LAUX b. 19 Dec. 1872 c. 2 Nov. 1954 Trinity, IN
pr: John LAUX and Elizabeth STELZER
ch: Victoria, Alfred, Stephen, Ralph, Helen, Cyril, Agnes, Paul

IV. Frank SCHINDLER died young.

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FATHER CAMILLUS AUGUST KLOETERS



Father Camillus KLOETERS

Father Camillus August KLOETERS C.PP.S. was born 12 July 1884 in Muenchen-Gladbach, Germany. This town is approximately thirty miles northwest of Dusseldorf. He emigrated to the United States in 1900 and entered the Society of the Precious Blood in America 11 April 1901. He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood 31 May, 1913, at St. Charles Seminary, by Archbishop Moeller. He read his First Solemn Holy Mass on 8 June 1913 in the Immaculate Conception Church in Celina, Ohio, and in Minster Church in M. Gadbach, Germany, on 25 June 1922. From 8 December 1913 to 17 March 1918 he was an assistant Priest at Glandorf, Ohio. On 24 March 1918 he became pastor at St. Mary Church at Geneva, Adams County, Indiana, and was Superior of St. Mary's Home, Trinity, Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana, until it was abandoned during the summer of 1919. He then built a rectory in his parish and resided there. In September of 1923 he became pastor of a parish in Butternut, Wisconsin. In January 1935 he was appointed pastor of St. Boniface Church, New Riegel, Ohio.

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Father Camillus was stricken with bronchial trouble in April 1939, and developed a heavy cough with an unknown cancer. He sailed home to Germany to visit his sister Helen KLOETERS and other relatives. While there in Germany his health deteriorated, and after several months of hospitalization he returned home to the United States. He was confined to his bed in August and died at New Riegel, Ohio, 27 October, 1939, and was buried at Carthagena, Ohio.

Father KLOETERS had a brother, Henry KLOETERS, who also came to America, and lived in Dayton, Ohio. Father KLOETERS was a cousin of the LENNARTZs who lived in Celina, Ohio, and St. Peter, Mercer County, Ohio. The Mrs. Frederick LENNARTZ who came to America was Catherine KLOETERS, an aunt of Father KLOETERS. Christine BUSSMEIER, also from Germany, was Father KLOETERS' housekeeper.

Father Charles COUGHLIN, the radio priest from St. Theresa, the Little Flower Church, Royal Oak, Michigan, was a personal friend of Father Camillus. Father COUGHLIN spent many days vacationing and resting with Father Camillus at New Riegel. Father COUGHLIN's housekeeper was from New Riegel, and this is the way the two priests became acquainted. Both enjoyed each other's company. New Riegel was the perfect place for Father Coughlin to get away from the extra pressure of his radio work.

Father Camillus was the beloved pastor of St. Boniface Church, New Riegel, where he accomplished many things. The parish grew and the church and school buildings were improved. There is a chapter dedicated to Father Camillus in the Sesquicentennial Book published in 1984. The book is titled: Wooden Chalices, Golden Priests, Golden Hearts by Allen HUELSKAMP. It is a History of St. Boniface Parish, New Riegel, Ohio 1834-1984- Sesquicentennial of the first Mass in New Riegel, Ohio.

We have included Father Camillus in our family history because he was a special friend to the MAY family. We MAY grandchildren remember him on his visits to our grandparents' home. When we lived in Celina, we remember that he came to visit us. It was always a joyous occasion. After Father Camillus was transferred to New Riegel, Ohio, he and Christine would take the train to Celina, Ohio.

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CHRISTINE BUSSMEIER



Pictures left to right: Christine BUSSMEIER 1914; Christine BUSSMEIER, Caroline MAY, Elizabeth MAY, early 1920's.

We don't think that this book would be complete without including information about Christine BUSSMEIER. She was a friend of the Gerhard and Rosina MAY family and a friend thoughout the DILLER family. She came to America from Oelde, Westfalen, Germany, in 1913 landing at Baltimore, Maryland. From there she went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she had an aunt and a cousin living. Her cousin later moved to California. Her aunt helped her to obtain a position in Cincinnati doing housework. Here she met Lidwina MAY, as Lidwina did housework in the house next door to where Christine worked. Christine came to the MAY home for visits and to spend her vacations with them. When Father Camillus KLOETERS, who also was born in Germany and also a friend of the MAY family, became pastor of St. Marys Church at the Irish Settlement, near Geneva, Indiana, Christine BUSSMEIER became his housekeeper. She was his housekeeper at the Irish, Butternut, Wisconsin, and at New Riegel. Christine was with Fr. KLOETERS through his cancer illness, helping to care for him. He died 27 October 1939.

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After the death of Fr. KLOETERS, Christine worked at several different jobs. During an illness and convalescence she spent much time at the Gerhard MAY home. After World War II, I remember that with the help of the MAY family, Christine sent many packages to her family and Religious places in the war-torn Germany. Later she worked at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, in the sewing room. She made her home there with the Sisters until she died 19 July, 1959. She is buried on the St. Anthony Church, Padua, Mercer County, Ohio, cemetery.

She always called the Gerhard MAY home her home here in America. She was not only a friend but everyone considered her one of the family and treated her as a member. Christine said, "It had to be her mother's prayers that she met the MAY family who were so willing to accept her into their family." She also told this story. When she went to the bank to get her money to come to America, the banker told her that she should be sure to write back to her parents often. Many Germans who went to America never wrote home. Some were never heard from again, no one knew if they were dead or alive.

Christine BUSSMEIER was born 18 June 1890 in Oelde, Westfalen, Germany, the daughter of Franz BUSSMEIER and Anna Maria ROETGER. She was the youngest of five children.

The following information was found in her notes written 18 February 1950. Additional information was added when we visited the EDELKAMPs in Germany in 1981 and 1985.

Franz BUSSMEIER and Anna Maria ROETGER, my parents.

I. Bernadine BUSSMEIER and Bernard HAULING
   - A. Elli HAULING and Carl LINSEL no children
   - B. Marie HAULING and Willie WIRTHS no children but took a boy 14 years old to raise.
   - C. Sr. M. Gervasia HAULING
   - D. Bernard HAULING and wife Maria
     Children: Bernard b. 1935, Maria Eva b. 1938, George b. 1948
   - E. Anton HAULING and wife Hedwig
     Children: Winfred (twin), Rita (twin), Lothar, Ursula

II. Bernard BUSSMEIER and Gertrude KERKMANN
   - A. Franz BUSSMEIER and wife Hedwig
     Children: Egon
   - B. Bernard BUSSMEIER and wife Josepha,Bernard still missing from war
     Children: Bernard, Helmut
   - C. Heinrich BUSSMEIER married a widow with two children
     Heinrich had one child, Gertrude

III. Heinrich BUSSMEIER and wife Karoline all live at the same address
   - A. Franz BUSSMEIER, unmarried
   - B. Bernard BUSSMEIER, unmarried
   - C. Heinz BUSSMEIER and wife Luise, Heinz is missing in war
     Children: Wolfgang Rudiger 10 years, Renate 9 years

The Family Franz BUSSMEIER is listed but not said how related.
Franz BUSSMEIER and wife Elisabeth
Children: Bernadine about 24 years, Fritz about 22 years, Anthonia about 19 years, Franz (Christine's Godchild) about 17

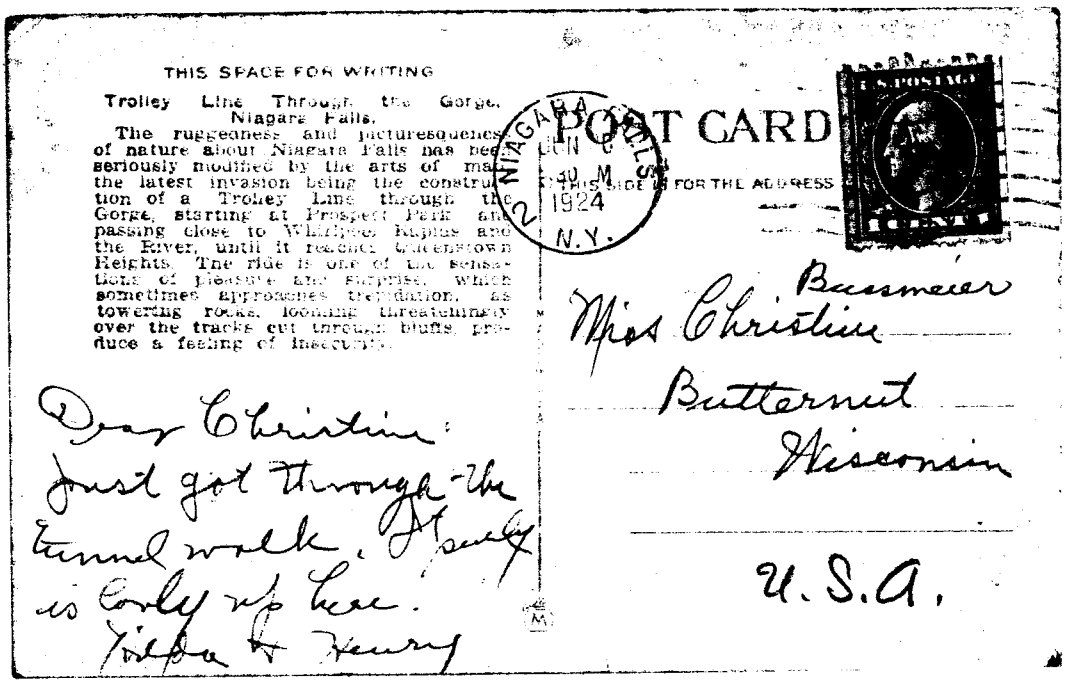
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years, Rudolf about 11 years, Heinz about 9 years

IV. Anton BUSSMEIER and wife Bernadine
- A. Franz BUSSMEIER and Kathe MULLER
  Children: Franzis, Maria, Edith
- B. Anton BUSSMEIER and wife Emilie
  Children: Bernadine (Christine's Godchild) b. 8 Feb. 1932, Leo b. June 1933, Marianne b. 7 Sept. 1938
- C. Bernadine BUSSMEIER and Franz SCHEPER,Franz lost a leg in the war
  Children: Franz, Leo, Adelheid
- D. Christine BUSSMEIER married SCHULTE, her husband declared dead in the war, there were no records of him.
  Children: Christine, Josephine, Maria
- E. Josephine BUSSMEIER and Bernard EDELKAMP
  Children: Leopold b. 23 Sept. 1944, Heinz b. 25 May 1947, Maria b. 5 Sept. 1949, Christel b. 6 Jan. 1956

V. Christine BUSSMEIER b. 18 June, 1890 in Oelde, Westfalen, Germany. d. 9 July 1959 Dayton, Ohio, buried St. Anthony Cemetery, Mercer County, Ohio.

When my daughter Regina, Uncle Marvin MAY and I were in Germany in 1981 we visited Christine's niece Josephine and her husband Bernard EDELKAMP in Nottuln, Germany. We then also met Josephine's daughter Maria and her husband Herr EMPTMEYER. Josephine and Bernard EDLEKAMP died in 1984. When we visited in Germany in 1985, we saw Maria and her son. Her husband was at his place of employment at a Health Spa.



Hilda MAY and Henry WAGNER sent this postcard to Christine BUSSMEIER from Niagara Falls on June 20, 1924. Henry and Hilda were married on June 17, 1924, and they went by train to Niagara Falls on their honeymoon.

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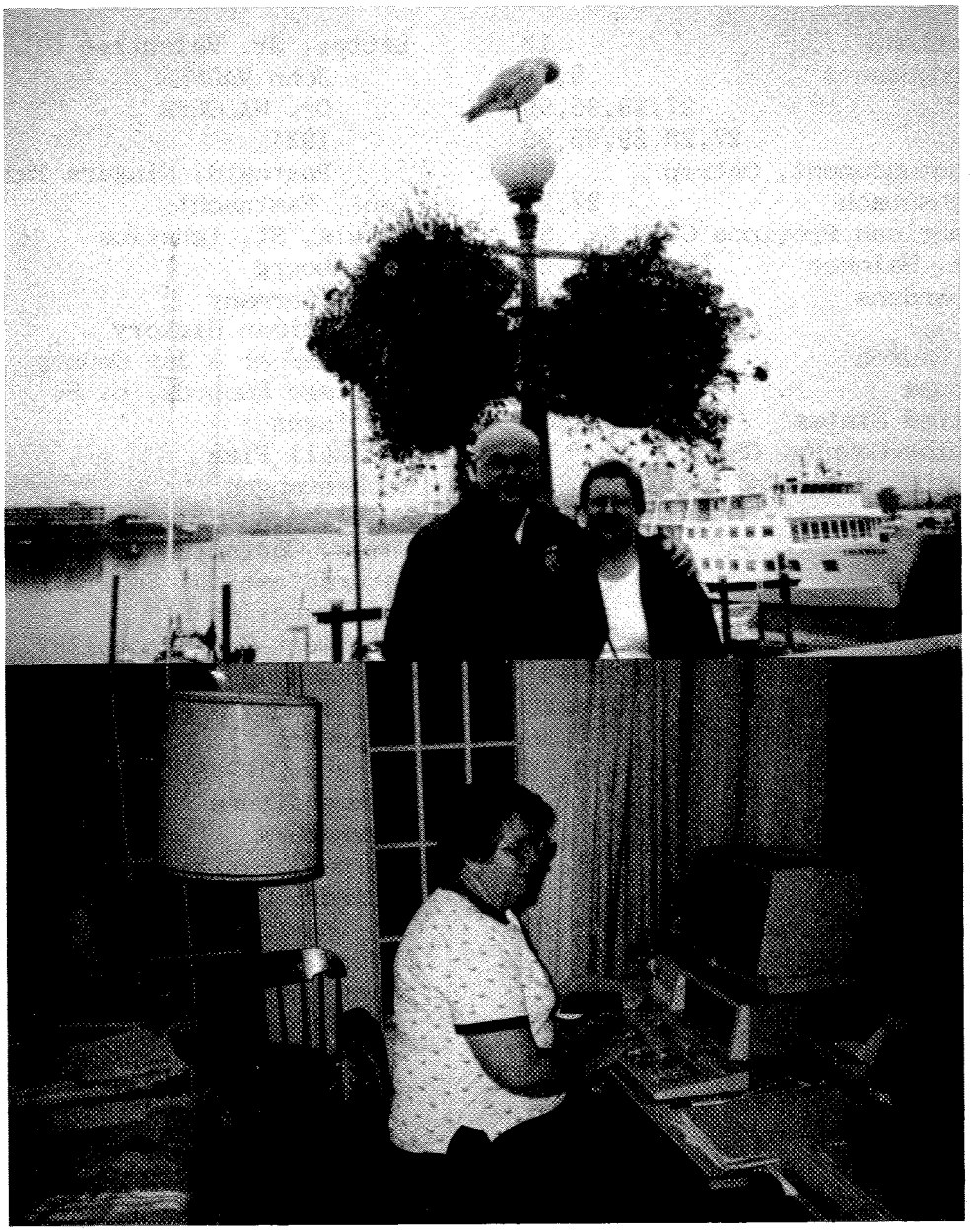
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When copying and typing as many dates and names as we have, there is a chance that there may be a mistake or two. My apologies to you for these errors and if they have caused you any embarrassment. We appreciate knowing of errors, so please send any corrections to me.

We wish to thank those who shared their old pictures with us. We wish that we could have included more pictures. A selection was made also from those collected by my sister Rita TIMMERMAN before she died. Others were printed when there were no old pictures of families. A collage was made of others. On the blank pages throughout the book, we suggest that you place your own family pictures.

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George and I took my retirement trip in September and October 1986, driving in our new 1986 Ford Custom Wagon Van to Western Canada and Western United States. We met Dick and Dolores SCHMIDT BROSS in Vancouver at the World's Fair and spent several days with them, crossing on a ferry to Vancouver Island, and taking another ferry to the State of Washington. Here we spent several delightful days tramping through the rain forest in the rain.

Top picture: George SCHIELTZ and Ruth WAGNER SCHIELTZ, taken at Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada, September 1986.
Bottom picture: Ruth SCHIELTZ at her computer in her genealogy and library room at her home on Reed Road, Versailles, Ohio.

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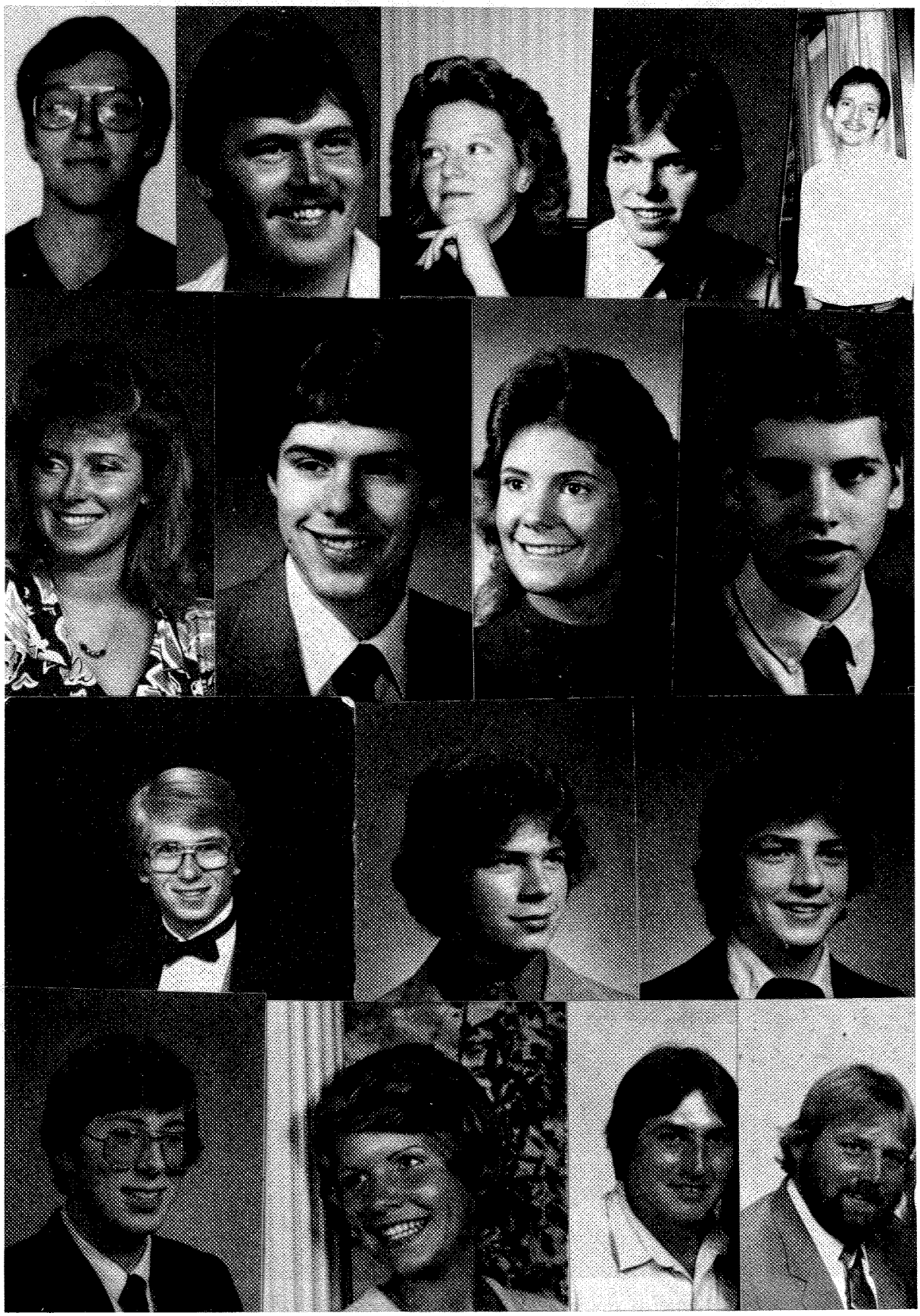


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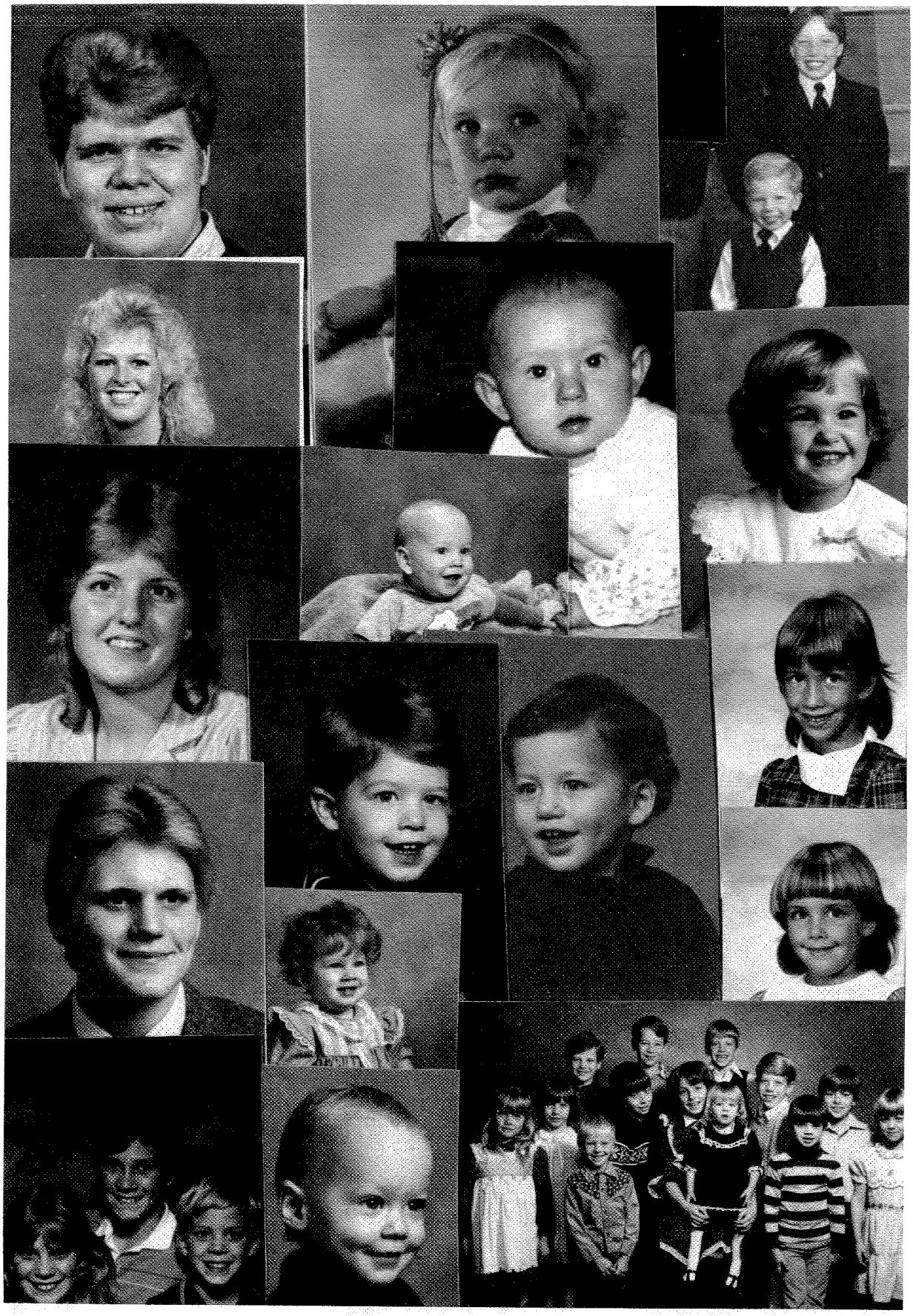
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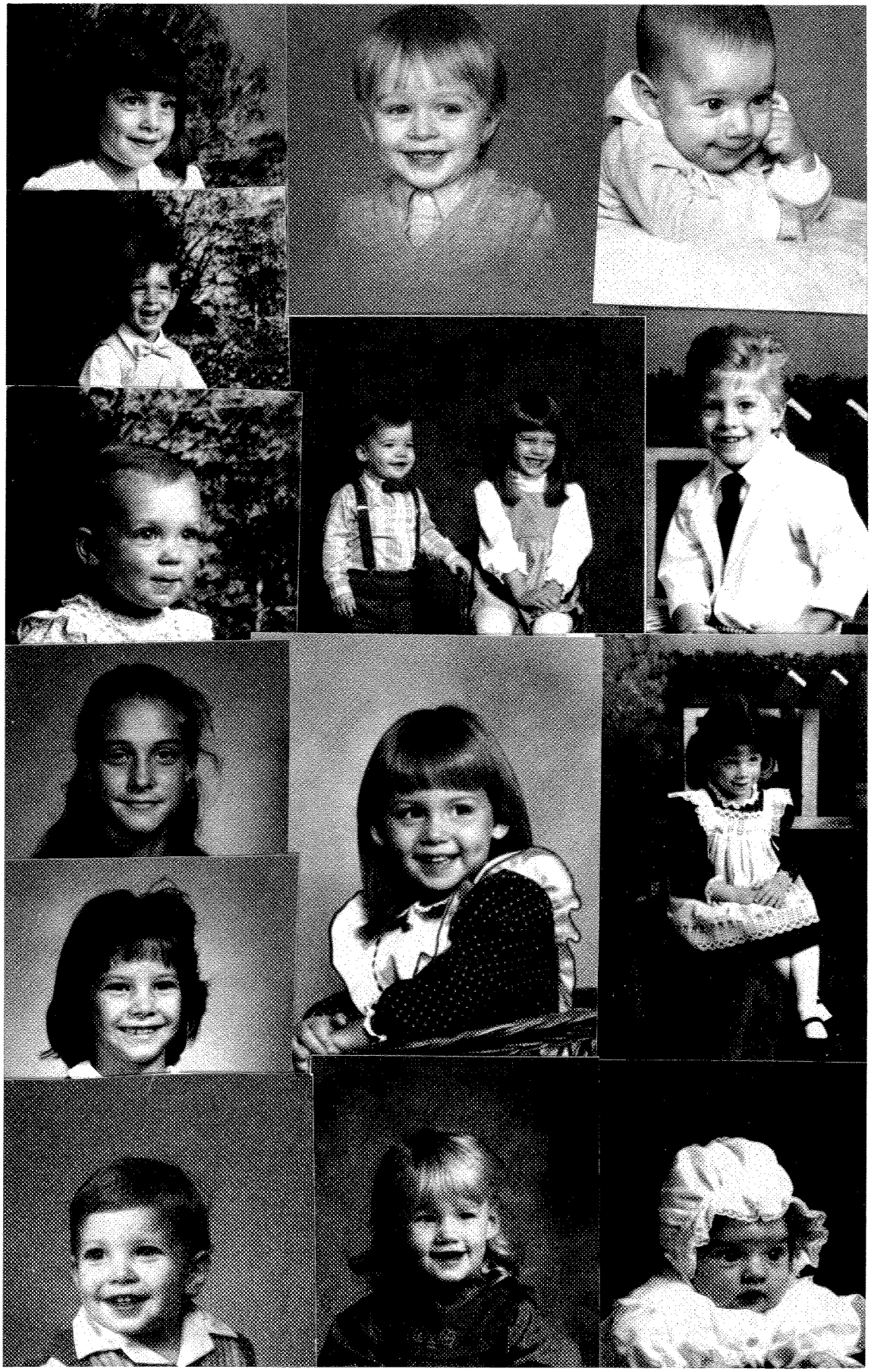
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