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Regener Family

Regener Family Bible

Submitted by Sue Hebbeler

This Bible was given to me after my grandmother died. I believe it might have belonged to her father, John F. Regener. It is a Lutheran Bible, written in German and published in Leipzig and Dresden in 1874. It also contains the Apocryphal books such as Judith and Macabees that are not found in Protestant Bibles. Most of the family information contained in the Bible are written in German, although there are a few entries that are written in English. This Bible is rather worn and has been used a lot. It was bound at Gebr. Buchbinder at Rotha Leipzig.

Johann Friedrich Regener
geboren in Samswegen D.L.
18 November, 1853

Maria Regener geb Schornhorst
geb Warrington Gibson Co, IN
11 November 1861

Johann C (Stacer) Regener
geb in Warrington IN 5th Februar 1882

Georg Andreas Regener
geb in Evansville, IN
14 Januar 1892

Marthe Maria Luise Regener
geb Warrington
5 Dec 1894

Zwillings Luis and Henry
geb 6 August 1898
gest 6 August 1898.

Delia
Born Sept 10 1904

Note: In the entry for John C Regener, the surname *Stacer* is written in parentheses, as he was Mary Regener's son by a previous relationship with a John Stacer. Also, *Warrington* is actually Warrenton in Gibson County. It is close to Haubstadt. Luise Regener is my grandmother.

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His record was a clean one because as he often stated he knew the rivers of the Mississippi valley "like you know the path from your home to your place of business." He was one of the Beau Brummels of his day as well as an adventurer and a gala entertainment or affair was not complete without him. He described vividly many of the beautiful balls which he had attended at his hostelry, on the palatial steamers and in the ante-bellum homes of the socially prominent of the Tri-State territory.

Captain Nelson returned to Mt. Vernon following the war and managed his father's hotel for five years. The fact that he was acquainted with and well-liked by all the river men made his hostelry the most popular along the river. He then sold the place and went back to the river, serving as pilot of the Hudnut boats for many years, the company owning the old Hudnut hominy mills here. His last work was during the flood of 1913 when his general knowledge of the overflowed district caused the state of Illinois to employ him to pilot the Steamer *Illinois* during its relief efforts.

Mt. Vernon has grown from a struggling backwoods village of 1,000 people to one of the beautiful smaller cities in the Middle West during the span of "Uncle Mat's" life. He is the last of his family, his sister, Mrs. Angeline Fuhrer, having passed away several years ago at the age of 97. His wife died four years ago and he had lived alone with a housekeeper at his home on North Main street.

Captain Nelson was not a senile old man as he had made his daily visits to the business section up until close to the time of his death and he was always interested in what transpired in the community. His was a mind filled with historical lore, local data and information on practically every subject. He was interested in current affairs and always possessed a bright outlook for tomorrow.

The nearest surviving relatives are several nieces and nephews. They are Mrs. Malcolm W. Fuhrer and Mrs. Lynn M. Stracks of Mt. Vernon, Charles Fuhrer of Evansville, James Nelson and Mrs. Leland Adams of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Albert Given and Mrs. Caleb Bartlett of Meridian, Miss.

Funeral services will take place Saturday afternoon but complete arrangements have not been made this morning.

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