

Descendants of Ditrich Wurtmann

This family was submitted by Marilyn Saenz. Ditrich Wurtmann is her mother's ancestor.

Detrich Wurtmann

+Margareth Denker b: September 1876 in Germany

2. Meta Wurtmann b: November 1894 in South Dakota

2. Margareth Emma Wurtmann b: December 24, 1896 in Straubville, North Dakota

+ M. E. Flick

2. Cora Betty Wurtmann b: April 25, 1897 in North Dakota

+ James Louis Oxtoby b: August 27 Spring Grove, Illinois, Lake County

+ 2nd Frank Blood

+ 3rd Allan Strawn b: October 18, 1893

2. Son Wurtmann

Descendants of Konrad Spielmann

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1. Konrad Spielmann b: about 1690 in Germany d: November 1760 in Germany

+ Margarethe Distelmann b. November 1692 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

d: November 20, 1761 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

2. Anna Barbara Spielmann b: October 06, 1724 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

2. Anna Barbara Spielmann b: November 07, 1726 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

d: February 20, 1771 in Muggenbach, Germany

+ Georg Muench b: 1718 in Germany d: 1778 in Germany

2. Johann Valentin Spielmann b: May 15, 1730 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

d: August 20, 1771 in Muggenbach, Germany

+ Elisabeth Cobriger b: November 19, 1735 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

d: 26 January 1807 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

3. Barbara Spielmann b: July 28, 1763 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

3. Johann Georg Spielmann b: June 19, 1766 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

d: June 24, 1766 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

3. Johann Georg Spielmann b: August 11, 1767 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

d: October 12, 1834 in Burgpreppach, Germany

+ Margarete Roeder b: Unknown d: January 10, 1843 in Germany

3. Johann Valentin Spielmann b: November 08, 1769 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Ger.

d: May 9, 1836 Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

+ Otilie Heuchler b. September 6, 1767 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

d. January 28, 1852 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

4. Wendelin Spielmann b: January 8, 1791 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Ger.

d. Unknown in USA

+ Gertraud Roth b: 1801 in Germany d: unknown

4. Barbara Spielmann b: August 28, 1794 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germ.

d: September 2, 1805 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

4. Johann Christian Spielmann b: November 21, 1797 in Dietersdorf

d: December 29, 1875 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

+ Anna Maria Autsch b: 1813 in Germany d: 1888 in Germany

4. Joseph Spielmann b: June 24, 1801 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

d. February 19, 1888 in Spillville, Iowa

JEAN PETERSON ROSENKRANZ

By Trina Miller

Jean has been doing genealogy for over 20 years. She was always interested in the family story about the "tornado", but never did anything about it. While taking a class on family dynamics for her Masters Degree, she became interested in how our family influences us. She wanted to know more about her great-grandmother, Samantha GUTHRIE PETERSON, who, along with two of her children, survived a tornado that killed her husband and six other children. Samantha was pregnant at the time. She was left almost deaf from her injuries. Jean's father knew this grandmother and the family often told the "tornado" story. The children and the father were all buried together in an unmarked grave. Jean placed a very nice stone on their graves.



The highlight of her "discoveries" through the years was probably when she and her husband, Curt, took a trip to the little village of Friedelsheim, Germany. They were wandering around the town on foot looking for any signs of descendants of her German Mennonite ancestors who might still live there when she spotted a "RISSER" name plate on a yard gate. Later in the day they took Curt's German cousins back to the house so they could translate for them. They found that indeed they were her relatives and they were treated to Friedelsheim wine. This village is well known in that area for its grapes and winery.



Jean has been to Salt Lake to the Family History Library 10 or 12 times. She also uses the Internet a lot now, particularly Ancestry and genweb. She also belongs to the Godfrey Library online. She does urge us to use caution and to find the source for information found on the Internet. She says every name entered in our Family Tree needs a source. She is so right!

Relative to "yet to do" research would be a trip to Washington County, New York (Hebron, Argyle area). Also hopefully a trip to County Monaghan and Fermanagh in Northern Ireland in search of GUTHRIE roots. They were Scots-Irish and came over in the mid-1700's. Most fought in the revolutionary war. (Jean still hasn't filled out her DAR application though!)

Jean has served as secretary, treasurer, and membership steward for our society. If you came for author's night, Jean showed us her latest book about the ROGERS family, weavers from Yorkshire. She has also written about the following surnames: ROSENKRANZ from Germany; CHRISTENSEN from Germany and Denmark; and NELSON, her mother's family from Sweden. She is now working on her fifth! This one will be on her PETERSON line. They had a PETERSON family reunion this summer. It was the first time all the cousins had gotten together. They are all waiting to buy the book as soon as Jean finishes it!

With all this genealogy going on, you'd think that was all Jean did. Wrong! She is active in many social justice organizations, among them Bread for the World and the Peace and Justice League. She loves to read and she also knits in her spare time. We're glad she saves some time for the Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research!

- + 1st wife unknown
- + 2nd Eva Margarete Muench b: 1803 in Germany d: 1855 in Iowa
one child
- +3rd Anna Komenda d: 1889 in Iowa
- 4. Johann Valentin Spielmann b: October 7, 1804 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria
d: October 7, 1804 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany
- 4. Katharina Spielmann b: October 16, 1805 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Ger.
d. March 12, 1888 in Ossian, Iowa
- + Leonhard Herold b: 1809 in Germany d: 1836 in Germany
- + 2nd Josef Reuss b. 1798 in Germany d: 1867 in Germany
- 4. Phillip Spielmann b: March 30, 1812 in Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany
d: January 25, 1803 in Pfarrweisach Bavaria Germany
- + Barbara Reuss b: March 16, 1810 in Unterpreppach, Bavaria
d: May 1, 1853 in Pfarrweisach, Bavaria, Germany
- + 2nd Kunigunde Wagner Zaim b: 1822 d: 1879
- 5. Andreas Spielmann b: March 18, 1835 in Unterpreppach,
d: June 13, 1916 in Pfarrweisach, Bavaria, Germany
- + Katharina Giebfried b: October 8, 1844 Germany
- 6. Joseph Spielmann b: November 3, 1874 in Pfarrweisach
d: 1945 in Pfarrweisach, Bavaria, Germany
- +Dorothea Appel b: January 29 1869 in Germany
- 5. Josef Spielmann b: February 22, 1837 in Pfarrweisach, Bavaria
d: February 28, 1937 in Pfarrweisach, Bavaria, Germany
- 5. Georg Spielmann b: December 3, 1838 in Pfarrweisach, Bavaria
d: December 9 1838 in Pfarrweisach, Bavaria, Germany
- 5. Anna Maria Spielmann b: May 15, 1840 in Pfarrweisach,
d: May 20, 1840 in Pfarrweisach, Bavaria, Germany
- 5. Dorothea Spielmann b: October 20, 1841 in Pfarrweisach
d: October 21, 1841 in Pfarrwiesach, Bavaria, Germany
- 5. Barbara Spielmann b: March 28, 1843 in Pfarrwiesach, Bavaria
d: November 12, 1936 in Orlando, Florida, Orange County
- + Caspar Miller (Kaspar Muller) b: November 13, 1833 in
Braidbach, Rhon-Grabfled, Bavaria, Germany
d: August 7, 1903 in Grand Junction, Colorado
- 6. Joseph Miller b: November 13, 1863 Pfarrweisach
d: Orlando, Florida, Orange County
- 6. George Miller b: February 20, 1866 in Pfarrweisach
d: February 28, 1930 in Esterville, Iowa, Emmet Co
- + Mary Catherine Fitzpatrick b: Jan 4, 1873 in NY
d: Sep 3, 1965 Esterville, Iowa, Emmet Co.
- 6. Dorothea Miller b: March 4, 1868 in Braidbach Germany
d: Grand Junction, Colorado, Mesa County
+ Smith
- 6. Ludwig Louis Miller b: Aug 23 1870 Braidbach, Ger.
d: 1999 Fullerton, North Dakota, Dickey County
+ Mary Linck b: June 7, 1884 LaMoure, ND
- 6. Maria Rosmunda Miller b: Nov 27, 1873 Braidbach, Ger
d: Orlando, Florida, Orange County
- 6. Dorothea Miller b: March 4, 1868 in Braidbach Germany
d: Grand Junction, Colorado, Mesa County
+ Smith
- 6. Ludwig Louis Miller b: Aug 23 1870 Braidbach, Ger.
d: 1999 Fullerton, North Dakota, Dickey County
+ Mary Linck b: June 7, 1884 LaMoure, ND
- 6. Maria Rosmunda Miller b: Nov 27, 1873 Braidbach, Ger
d: Orlando, Florida, Orange County

- + Tony Doyscher
6. Edward D. Miller b: Jan 25, 1876 Braidbach, Babaria
d: Apr 18, 1954 Oakes, North Dakota, Dickey Co.
+ Louise A. Splinter b: Apr 15, 1882 Iowa
d: Jan 25, 1944 Oakes, North Dakota
- 7 George Willard Miller b: Oct 16, 1898 Iowa
d: Dec 30, 1977 Wahepton, North Dakota
+ Elise Lay b: Jul 31, 1913 d: Apr 16, 1996
- 7 Harry Casper Miller b: Jan 28, 1901 Superior, IA
d: May 13, 1966 LaCrosse, Wisconsin
+ Ladice Dovenberg b: Aug 11, 1900 MN
d: LaVern, Minnesota
7. Edward Harold Miller b: Jul 26, 1903 Oakes, ND
d: Feb 20, 1987 Oakes, North Dakota
+ Hazel Johnson b: Jun 13, 1913 Oakes, ND
d: Feb 20 1987 Oakes, North Dakota
7. William Frederick Miller b: May 18, 1906 MN
d: Sep 10, 1985 Minneapolis, MN
+ Kathryn Hasbargen b: Oct 29, 1906 MN
d: Jun 12, 2002 Jackson, MN
7. Katherine Marie Miller b: Nov 4, 1909 ND
d: Mar 14, 1983
+ Ed Groth
+ 2nd Ira Moore b: Jul 20, 1916
- 7 Edna Henritta Miller b: Mar 31, 1911 Oakes, ND
d: May 11, 1977 Oakes, North Dakota
+ Henry Schmidt b: Jul 1, 1907 Oakes, ND
d: May 30, 1962 Oakes, ND
- 7 Son Miller b: Jun 13, 1913 Oakes, North Dakota
d: Oakes, North Dakota, Dickey County
7. Floyd Melvin Miller b: Jul 14, 1914 Oakes, ND
d: 20 Apr 2002 Ocala, Florida
+ Ann Lazor b: Sep 23, 1916 Cleveland, OH
d: Jun 4, 1985 Miami, Florida
+ 2nd Emily Frances Woycitzky b: 1929 OH
7. Melvin Louis Miller b: Jul 1, 1916 Oakes, ND
+ Fern May Oxtoby b: Nov 13, 1918 Oakes
6. Gertraud Rosa Miller b: Aug 29, 1877 Braidbach, Ger.
d: Orlando, Florida, Orange County
+ Frank Mack
6. Maria Margaretha Miller b: Mar 23, 1880 Braidbach
d: Feb 11, 1924 Spirit Lake, Iowa
+ Gus O'Connell
6. Ferdinand Miller b: May 3, 1883 Braidbach, Germany
d: Grand Junction, Colorado, Mesa County
6. Annie Miller b: unknown Spirit Lake, IA d: unknown
5. Anna Maria Spielmann b: Sep 29, 1844 Pfarrweisach, Bavaria
d: Feb 11, 1924, Spirit Lake, Iowa, Dickinson County

- +John Phillip Kuhn b: 1839
d: 1932 Spirit Lake, IA
- 6. ? Kuhn b: abt. 1875 d: in Iowa
 - + McClurg b: abt. 1870
 - 7. Ed McClurg b: abt. 1900
 - + Karen b: abt. 1905
- 5. Dorothea Spielmann b: Apr 7, 1847 Pfarrweisach, Bavaria, Ger.
d: May 27, 1917 Roedelmair
 - + Markus Phillip Seufert b: 1844 Rodles d: 1897
- 5. Ottilie Spielmann b: Apr 7 1847 Pfarrweisach, Bavaria, Ger.
d: Jun 5, 1847 Pfarrweisach, Bavaria, Germany
- 5. Joseph Spielmann b: June 10, 1851 Pfarrweisach, Bavaria, Ger.
d: Dec 1, 1922 Wayside, Nebraska (b: Mitchell, SD
 - + Margaret Agnes Kenny b: Oct 5, 1847 Missouri
 - + 2nd Delia Conley
- 6. Lawrence (Orphan) Spielmann b: 1875 - 1890 MD
d: 1900 - 1910 Spirit Lake, Iowa
- 6. Baby Boy Spielmann b: 1879 Spirit Lake, Iowa
d: Spirit Lake, Iowa, Dickinson County
- 6. Mary Judith Spielmann b: Nov 2, 1880 Larchwood, IA
d: Jul 18, 1964 Windom, Minnesota
 - + Norbert Patrick Sarazine b: Mar 11, 1874 IA
- 6. Joseph Thomas Spielmann b: Apr 13, 1882 Spirit Lake
+ Hannah Daris b: Apr 23, 1885 Sutton, Nebraska
- 6. Dorothy Stella Spielmann b: Dec 25, 1881 Spirit Lake
d: May 25, 1972
 - + Adrian Cornelius (Arthur) Kerkvliet
b: Mar 21, 1881 Haarlemmermeer, Holland
- 6. Vincent John Spielmann b: Mar 28, 1887 Spirit Lake, IA
d: Jan 28, 1981 Vancouver
 - + Anna E. Jacobs b: Mar 17, 1885 Milbank, SD
- 3. Margarete Franziska Spielmann b: March 3, 1775 Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Ger.
d: December 5, 1813 Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany
 - + Philip Fisher b: December 9, 1767 Germany d: 1817 Germany
- 3. Johann Georg Spielmann b: September 5, 1776 Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Ger.
d: July 1, 1834 Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany
 - + Anna Maria Wolf b: September 2, 1777 Germany
- 3. Johann Valentin Spielmann b: May 21, 1779 Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany
d: June 12, 1844 Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany
 - + Dorothea Heinlein b: Jul 27 1780 Germany d: February 6, 1854
- 2. Johann Spielmann b: April 9, 1733 Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany
d: March 9, 1755 Dietersdorf, Bavaria, Germany

The Dress

By Rhonda Whetstone Neibauer

Contributed by Elaine Campbell

This poem, "The Dress" was written by Elaine Campbell's cousin, Rhonda Whetstone Neibauer. Elaine writes, "The poem speaks of our family memories, and also the crash of United Flight 93 on land owned by the Lambert/Statler families for generations. This piece of land came down through Lambert descendants. She said, in an email to Somerset County, PA. Researchers, "I wrote this entire poem on the drive back to my sister's house from the site. I dictated it into a mini-recorder that I use. Of all the things at the memorial, it was that dress that haunted me the most, that seemed to really 'bring it all home' to me."

"The land Flight 93 crashed on was some of the very land my ancestors lived on generations ago. I am proudly flying my Flight 93 Memorial flag today, in honor of those who gave their lives so heroically."

The land originally belonged to Casper Statler, Sr. (1743-1798) and his wife, Rebecca Walter (1746-1826). Four of Casper Statler, Sr.'s children married four of Jacob Lambert's children, so I have double cousins on those lines. Casper Statler was an innkeeper, as were some of his sons, and some of the Lamberts.

Rhonda descends from Casper Statler, Sr.'s son, Casper Statler, Jr. (1767-1833) m. Anna Mary Lambert, d. 1851.

I descend from Casper, Sr.'s daughter, Mary Statler (I 768-1852) m. John Lambert (I 761-1844). Samuel Statler, Sr., another of Casper and Rebecca's sons, was the ancestor of Ellsworth Milton Statler, owner of the Statler Hotels, which were sold to the Hilton chain in the 1950's.

I'm told by another cousin that the crash happened on land once owned by Elizabeth Lambert b. 1796 and her husband Abraham Brandt, and at the time of the crash was owned by a coal company. Elizabeth was a daughter of John Lambert and Mary Statler. Elizabeth was a sister to my 2nd great grandfather, Samuel Lambert (1790-1869) m. Sarah Good (1796-1861). Samuel Lambert is my dad, Clarence Lambert's, ancestor."

John Lambert was a Revolutionary War veteran. The crash happened on land owned by one who fought the enemy, so perhaps that is a fitting resting place, somehow.

Rhonda said "The strength and determination of those heroes on that plane seems to match that of my grandmother (i.e., Rebecca Walter). If she could have looked ahead, the way I can look to the past, I am sure she would have been honored." (On August 8, 1756, near Greencastle, Pa., when Rebecca was ten years old, Casper Walter, Rebecca Walter's father, was at home with the children, and was killed by Indians, their home was burned, and Rebecca, and her brothers John, 13, Ephriam, 12, and sister Mary, 11, were taken captive of the Indians. Other siblings, names unknown were murdered by the Indians. Her mother, Barbara, was in church at the time. Rebecca held a younger brother, and tried to protect him, but the Indians dashed his head against a tree and killed him. She was scalped. A squaw begged for her life. (Indians tended to kill older and younger siblings because they felt the older ones would give them problems, and the younger ones could not fend for themselves.) Rebecca was forced to walk from Pennsylvania to what is now Ohio. In August, 1762, a Moravian missionary, Frederick Post, bartered for her release - by then she had been traded to a Christian Indian, and Mr. Post gave a coat to get her back. Mary came back a month later. In November, 1764, Ephriam and John were returned. The children had become separated while in captivity. (This is a brief synopsis of a very long story).

Rhonda, in a sermonette at her church said: "That land that Rebecca lived on and raised her family on, that land I used to walk and wonder about the past - it has different meaning to the rest