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**Ancestors of
Jakob Gottlieb Sr. Weimer**

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First Generation

1. **Jakob Gottlieb Sr. Weimer-[31]** was born 4 Aug 1841 in Oberjettingen, Herrenberg, Wuerttemberg, Germany (1). He died 5 Aug 1914 in Ordway, Crowley Co., CO, USA (2). Jakob was buried After 5 Aug 1914 in Ordway Cemetery, Crowley Co., CO, USA.

Notes: Jakob Gottlieb WEIMER

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BIOGRAPHY

My great grandfather, Jakob Gottlieb WEIMER was born in the small town of Oberjettingen, in the Herrenberg Oberamt (County) in the Wuerttemberg State of Germany. This town is about 25 miles south of Stuttgart. Jakob G. Weimer's patriarchal lineage can be traced back almost 400 years to a Hans Weimer born about 1540 who lived in the town of Bondorf which is just a few miles from Oberjettingen.

Jakob G. Weimer was born on 4 August 1841. He was married to Katherina Barbara Roehm on 12 May 1868. She was also born in Oberjettingen on 22 February 1846. It is told that my great grandfather wanted to emigrate to America. In order to do so he would have to sell the property he and his sisters inherited from their father. The property consisted of the house with associated barn in the town of Oberjettingen and some farmland outside of town.

It is traditional to have the house and barn in the same building in many parts of Europe. You would travel to the farmland outside the town to work the land. His two sisters were Eva Margaretha and Eva Catharina.

Jakob G. Weimer's family belonged to a protestant church group, Evangelische Gemeindeshaft (Fellowship of Evangelicals). At that time one was either Protestant or Catholic, there were not too many denominations. The meetings of this church were held in the Weimer house in Oberjettingen. When Jakob G. Weimer wanted to emigrate he built a small church in Oberjettingen so the church would have a place to meet. He also built several rooms on the second story of this church for his sisters to live. He exchanged their interest in the family house for the rooms above the church. That gave him clear title to the house and farm so he could sell it. Jakob G. Weimer was a farmer. At

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that time all farming was hand work, with no machinery of any kind. Three to five acres was a big farm. The old Weimer house and church building still exists in Oberjettingen today. Today they would be over 125 years old. The following children were born to Jakob G. Weimer and Katherina B. Roehm:

In Oberjettingen

- * 1) Anna Marie- born 23 March 1869
- 2) Katherina Barbara- b. 29 January 1871
- 3) Eva Maria- b. 8 January 1872 died 23 July 1872
- 4) Friedrich- b. 6 January 1873 d. 10 February 1873
- 5) Eva Maria- b. 17 January 1874 d. 8 June 1874
- **6) Jacob Friedrich-b. 16 February 1875 d. 11 August 1911 in Ordway, CO
- 7) Friedrich- b. 13 February 1876
- 8) Johann Georg-b. 14 March 1877 d. 31 May 1877
- 9) Margaretha- b. 6 January 1879
- 10) Johann Georg- b. 23 August 1880

In America

- 11) Emma- b. 28 September 1881 in Americus KS, d. 9 October 1979
- 12) John G.- b. April 1883 in Americus KS
- 13) William C.- b. 1886 in Americus KS

*= Mary Pantle who is grandmother of Duane Pantle who lives in the Ordway area.

**= Jacob F. Weimer, my grandfather

Jacob G. Weimer and his family (wife and six children) left Oberjettingen on or about 9 Sept 1880. They probably went by horse and wagon to Hamburg which was the major port of embarkation in those days. They got on the ship OLYMPUS which stopped in Liverpool and Queenstown England before sailing to New York. They arrived in New York on 7 October 1880. They probably went by train to Americus, Kansas. They left Germany probably because of the threat of wars and poor economic conditions. Jakob G. Weimer brought 15,000 German marks with him to America. This represented the proceeds from the sale of his property. This was a good sum of money. They bought a farm just north of the town of Americus, Kansas. Other German families had settled in this area as the West was open to new immigrants.

My grandfather Jacob F. Weimer, son of Jakob G. Weimer, met and married my

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grandmother Frederike Veit who with her family had also come from Germany and settled in the Americus area. She was born in 1879 in Germany. The Veits had emigrated in 1885. She was known by the nickname Rickie. In early 1906 Jacob F. Weimer and Fredericke moved to Ordway. They had traveled by covered wagon from Kansas. Jacob F. found employment as a carpenter. He built the house at 503 Sherman for his use, where a son Wesley Clarence was born 11 October 1906. The Weimers came to Colorado from Kansas looking for a dryer climate. Some of them had asthma quite bad and the Colorado climate was more suitable. Later they moved to the farm one mile north and two and one half miles west of Ordway where a daughter Ruth Lucille was born 2 November 1908. This old stone farmhouse still stands on the northwest corner of the intersection.

As a result of the Weimer's moving to Ordway, Jacob's brothers John and William and also sister Mary and her husband Jacob Pantle moved to Ordway. Later his parents Jakob G. Weimer and his wife Katherina B. also came to Ordway. Jacob F. Weimer convinced other German relatives and friends from Kansas, including the August Entenmans, Chris Bauer, and George Bartsch families to come to Ordway also.

Jacob F. Weimer passed away 11 August 1911, a victim of typhoid fever. It is surmised that he was infected by a mosquito bite while fishing at Lake Meridith. His widow, Rickie and children Wesley and Ruth continued to live on the farm. They farmed and raised their own garden to support themselves. Times were hard for them. My father, Wesley C. Weimer, after completing high school, farmed the Weimer place from 1927 to 1941. Horses were used for farming in those days, before the tractor came. More information about our family can be found on page 284 of the Crowley County History book.

Warren Weimer

Date written: 10 April 1997

Jakob married Katharina Barbara Roehm-[32] [MRIN:22], daughter of Johann Jacob Roehm-[389] and Eva Maria Maser-[390], on 12 May 1868 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Children from this marriage were:

1. Anna Maria Weimer-[205] (1869-1952)
2. Katharina Barbara Weimer-[421] (1871-1891)
3. Eva Maria Weimer-[462] (1872-1872)

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4. Friedrich Weimer-[518] (1873-1873)
5. Eva Maria Weimer-[519] (1874-1874)
6. Jacob Frederick Jr. Weimer-[18] (1875-1911)
7. Friedrich Weimer-[422] (1876-1896)
8. Johann Georg Weimer-[520] (1877-1877)
9. Margarethe Weiner-[423] (1879-)
10. Johann Georg Weimer-[424] (1880-)
11. Emma Weimer-[206] (1881-1979)
12. John George Weimer-[207] (1883-1933)
13. William Carl Weimer-[208] (1886-1961)

Second Generation (Parents)

2. Johann Georg Weimer-[387] was born 14 Oct 1811 in Oberjettingen, Herrenberg, Wuerttemberg, Germany. He died 3 May 1869 in Oberjettingen, Herrenberg, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes: OCCUPATION: Farmer

BIOGRAPHY: Died of Pneumonia (Lungenentz) Protestant until 1877 Joined Methodist in 1877

Johann married Katharina Strohhaecker-[388] [MRIN:154], daughter of Johann Friderich Strohhaecker-[521] and Catharina Barbara Renz-[522], on 30 Jan 1838 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Children from this marriage were:

1. Eva Margaretha Weimer-[480] (1839-)
2. Jakob Gottlieb Sr. Weimer-[31] (1841-1914)
3. Eva Catharina Weimer-[482] (1843-)
4. Georg Friederich Weimer-[481] (1845-1845)
5. Maria Catharina Weimer-[483] (1847-1915)
6. Gottlieb Weimer-[484] (1850-1851)
7. Anna Maria Weimer-[485] (1853-1932)

3. Katharina Strohhaecker-[388] was born 15 Aug 1813 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. She died 16 Nov 1877 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Katharina married Johann Georg Weimer-[387] [MRIN:154], son of Johann Jacob Weimer-[486] and Anna Maria Weipert-[487], on 30 Jan 1838 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

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Third Generation (Grandparents)

4. Johann Jacob Weimer-[486] was born 31 May 1779 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. He died 23 Jun 1863 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes: OCCUPATION: Farmer/Butcher

BIOGRAPHY: Died of cerebral Stroke/Hemmorage
(Hirnschlad)

Johann married Anna Maria Weipert-[487] [MRIN:177], daughter of Johann Georg Weipert-[1280] and Margaretha Renz-[1285], on 7 Jul 1802 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Children from this marriage were:

1. Maria Barbara Weimer-[511] (1802-)
2. Johann Friderich Weimer-[512] (1804-1830)
3. Anna Catharina Weimer-[513] (1806-1832)
4. Johann Jacob Weimer-[514] (1808-1833)
5. Anna Maria Weimer-[515] (1809-1889)
6. Johann Georg Weimer-[387] (1811-1869)
7. Margarethe Weimer-[516] (1814-)
8. Eva Weimer-[517] (1816-)

5. Anna Maria Weipert-[487] was born 28 Aug 1777 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. She died 12 Sep 1817 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Anna married Johann Jacob Weimer-[486] [MRIN:177], son of Johann Georg Weimer-[488] and Maria Barbara Roehm-[489], on 7 Jul 1802 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

6. Johann Friderich Strohhaecker-[521] was born 26 Oct 1781 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. He died 14 Apr 1823 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Johann married Catharina Barbara Renz-[522] [MRIN:188], daughter of Johann Conrad Renz-[1290] and Eva Barbara Armbruster-[1291], on 17 Nov 1808 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Children from this marriage were:

1. Margaretha Strohhaecker-[523] (1809-1815)
2. Georg Friderich Strohhaecker-[524] (1811-1811)
3. Jacob Friderich Strohhaecker-[525] (1812-1812)

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4. Katharina Strohhaecker-[388] (1813-1877)

7. **Catharina Barbara Renz-[522]** was born 4 Apr 1775 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. She died 20 Jun 1815 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes: Died of nervous fever (Nervenfieber)

Catharina married Johann Friderich Strohhaecker-[521] [MRIN:188], son of Johann Jacob Strohaecker-[1288] and Anna Margaretha Wolfer-[1289], on 17 Nov 1808 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Catharina also married Johann Jakob Renz-[1300] [MRIN:346] on 1 Oct 1793 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Children from this marriage were:

1. Johann Georg Renz-[1301] (1795-1798)
2. Johann Jacob Renz-[1302] (1798-)
3. Catharina Barbara Renz-[1303] (1801-1815)
4. Johann Georg Renz-[1304] (1804-1805)
5. Anna Catharina Renz-[1305] (1806-1807)

Fourth Generation (Great Grandparents)

8. **Johann Georg Weimer-[488]** was born 18 Oct 1739 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. He died 7 Jan 1807 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes: OCCUPATION: Farmer

BIOGRAPHY: Died of Pleurisy (Bronchitis)
(Entzündung der Brust)

Johann married Maria Barbara Roehm-[489] [MRIN:178], daughter of Johann Georg Roehm-[1370] and Maria Eva Vetter-[1371], on 5 Jun 1759 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Children from this marriage were:

1. Marie Barbara Weimer-[597] (1760-1777)
2. Johann Georg Weimer-[598] (1764-1857)
3. Eva Weimer-[599] (1766-)
4. Anna Catherina Weimer-[600] (1769-)
5. Anna Maria Weimer-[601] (1771-1773)
6. Johann Jacob Weimer-[486] (1779-1863)

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9. Maria Barbara Roehm-[489] was born 19 Feb 1740 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. She died 20 Jan 1815 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes: Died of Apoplexy
(Schlagfluß)

Maria married Johann Georg Weimer-[488] [MRIN:178], son of Andreas (Weymar) Weimer-[576] and Eva Kohler-[577], on 5 Jun 1759 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

10. Johann Georg Weipert-[1280] was born 6 Jan 1749 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. He died 25 Aug 1822 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes: OCCUPATION: Farmer

Johann married Marie Barbara Stokinger-[1281] [MRIN:342] on 14 Jul 1772 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Children from this marriage were:

1. Johann Georg Weipert-[1282] (1773-1773)
2. Johann Martin Weipert-[1283] (1774-1774)
3. Johann Georg Weipert-[1284] (1776-1829)

Johann also married Margaretha Renz-[1285] [MRIN:343], daughter of Johann Georg (Renz) Renz-[1395] and Anna Maria Widmajer-[1396], on 15 Oct 1776 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Children from this marriage were:

1. Anna Maria Weipert-[487] (1777-1817)
2. Maria Catharina Weipert-[1286] (1780-)
3. Johann Georg Weipert-[1287] (1784-)

11. Margaretha Renz-[1285] was born 5 Sep 1754 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. She died 13 Feb 1822 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Margaretha married Johann Georg Weipert-[1280] [MRIN:343], son of Johann Michael Weippert-[1386] and Waldburga Gauss-[1387], on 15 Oct 1776 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

12. Johann Jacob Strohaecker-[1288] was born 28 Aug 1754 in Nellingsheim, Herrenberg, Wuerttemberg, Germany. He died 8 Mar 1837 in Unterjettingen, Herrenberg, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

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Notes: OCCUPATION: Farmer

Johann married Anna Margaretha Wolfer-[1289] [MRIN:344], daughter of Johann Georg Wolfer-[1771] and Anna Catharina Seeger-[1772], on 31 May 1774 in Unterjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Children from this marriage were:

1. Johann Friderich Strohaecker-[521] (1781-1823)

13. Anna Margaretha Wolfer-[1289] was born 10 May 1754 in Unterjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. She died 10 Oct 1818 in Unterjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Anna married Johann Jacob Strohaecker-[1288] [MRIN:344], son of Johannes Strohaecker-[1769] and Maria Elisabetha Walther-[1770], on 31 May 1774 in Unterjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

14. Johann Conrad Renz-[1290] was born 1 Feb 1746 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. He died 9 Aug 1802 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes: Died of "Dorrsucht"

Johann married Eva Barbara Armbruster-[1291] [MRIN:345], daughter of Matthaeus Armbruster-[1412] and Anna Catharina Rempp-[1413], on 7 Jul 1772 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Children from this marriage were:

1. Johann Martin Renz-[1292] (1773-1773)
2. Catharina Barbara Renz-[522] (1775-1815)
3. Johann Conrad Renz-[1293] (1778-)
4. Catharina Renz-[1294] (1780-)
5. Johann Georg Renz-[1295] (1783-)
6. Johannes Renz-[1296] (1785-1789)
7. Johanna Renz-[1297] (1788-1789)
8. Johann Matthaus Renz-[1298] (1791-)
9. Johanna Renz-[1299] (1795-1799)

15. Eva Barbara Armbruster-[1291] was born 19 Mar 1750 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. She died 27 Nov 1808 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes: Died of "Gichter"

Eva married Johann Conrad Renz-[1290] [MRIN:345], son of Johann Conrad (Renz) Renz-[1405] and Catharina Sajer-[1406], on 7 Jul 1772 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg,

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Germany.

Fifth Generation (Great Great Grandparents)

16. Andreas (Weymar) Weimer-[576] was born 20 Feb 1705 in Oeschelbronn, Wuerttemberg, Germany. He died 9 Jun 1753 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes: OCCUPATION: Blacksmith, Blacksmith in Tailfingen, Horseshoe smith in Oberjettingen

BIOGRAPHY: Died of "Stechkranckheit"

Andreas married Eva Kohler-[577] [MRIN:200], daughter of Hannss Jacob Kohler-[1425] and Eva Bihler-[1426], on 6 May 1727 in Oeschelbronn, Herrenberg, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Children from this marriage were:

1. Anna Marie (Weymar) Weimer-[602] (1728-)
2. Andreas (Weymar) Weimer-[603] (1730-1731)
3. Maria Barbara (Weymar) Weimer-[604] (1732-)
4. Rosina Catharina (Weymar) Weimer-[605] (1735-Abt 1736)
5. Johann Jacob (Weymar) Weimer-[606] (1737-)
6. Johann Georg Weimer-[488] (1739-1807)
7. Andreas (Weymar) Weimer-[607] (1743-1745)

17. Eva Kohler-[577] was born Abt 20 Mar 1703 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. She was christened 20 Mar 1703 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. Eva died 14 Feb 1745 in Oberjettingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes: Died of "an der hitzen Kranckheit"

Eva married Andreas (Weymar) Weimer-[576] [MRIN:200], son of Andreas (Weinmar) Weimer-[578] and Maria Weinmar-[579], on 6 May 1727 in Oeschelbronn, Herrenberg, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

18. Johann Georg Roehm-[1370] was born 29 May 1704 in Sultz/Dorf, , Germany. He died 23 Oct 1775 in Oberjettingen, Herrenberg, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Notes: OCCUPATION: Farmer
Died of old age (feeble)

Johann married Maria Eva Vetter-[1371] [MRIN:355], daughter of Georg Vetter-[1443] and

another appeal to all of you to send in a picture which we can use as a regular feature of the *Quarterly*. It may show a scene now vanished from the landscape, or one which recalls an incident in county history or has a tale to tell. Several years ago we had a series like this, which

did arouse a lot of interest, but we were forced to abandon the project for lack of pictures. Now that PCHS membership is so much larger, we shall try again, provided that we receive the pictures to print.

THE WEIMER DOCUMENTS:

Three Manuscripts
Related to the Life and Times
Of the Rev. Jacob Weimer
With an Introduction by W. W. Higgins

With the kind permission of W. E. Reichelderfer of 150 W. Union St., Circleville, we reproduce these manuscripts from his transcripts of the originals. Mr. Reichelderfer is a descendent of the Rev. Mr. Weimer.

Jacob Weimer was born in Thorn Township, Perry County, Ohio, in 1923. Never a man of robust health, his energetic service to small charges with several individual churches did little to improve his physical condition.

The northwestern corner of Perry County, where Mr. Weimer was born and served part of his pastorate, was still a part of Fairfield County when it was settled in 1804. The first settlers were Pennsylvania Germans who were of the Lutheran faith. Peter Overmeyer, one of the leaders, founded the town of New Reading and the township of Reading, named for his home in Pennsylvania. The oldest Lutheran Church in Ohio was established at New Reading in 1805.

Before his ordination, Weimer taught school for several years. In 1848, he was the first teacher in the Lutheran parochial school established by the Circleville congregation. This church-related school continued intermittently for many years. Another popular teacher in that school was Clement L. Martzloff, who taught there in 1888. The items on Mr. Weimer's Perry County era come from Martzloff's *History of Perry County, Ohio* (1902).

Immediately following his year of teaching in Circleville, he was ordained into the Lutheran ministry and continued in that calling for the remainder of his life.

His last charge was a Tarlton and apparently included several small churches in Pickaway and Fairfield Counties. The Rev. C. Albrecht, who served the local Trinity Lutheran Congregation in 1859 and 1860, wrote the obituary reproduced here from a transcript of the Synod minutes.

In the latter part of March, 1857, the Rev. Joel Schwartz of Shenandoah County, Va., accepted a call as pastor of the Lutheran congregation in Circleville. During his pastorate, a split occurred in the congregation. The "conservative" or "old school" or "high church" faction felt that the Rev. Mr. Schwartz was preaching heretical doctrines. It appears that Mr. Schwartz declined to subscribe to "certain articles of the Augsburg Confession" (to quote Van Cleaf).

At the annual meeting in March of 1859, the "Old Lutherans" withdrew, leaving Mr. Schwartz and the "low church" party in possession of the church edifice on West Franklin St. A law suit and an appeal followed. The "Old Lutherans" won the original suit but lost the appeal, so the "New Lutherans" remained in possession of the building. In June of 1859, the "Old Lutherans" called the Rev. C. Albrecht, who continued until April, 1860. The Rev. Mr. Schwartz remained pastor of the "New Lutherans" for a year after the division.

The "New Lutheran" group became known as "The English Evangelical Lutheran Church" while the "Old Lutherans" bought part of the old burying ground on the south side of East Mound St. where they built the "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church". G. F. Wittich,

local confectioner, amateur historian and artist, belonged to the latter congregation until another split occurred in its membership around 1870.

Mr. Weimer was a sincere supporter of the "Old Lutheran" point of view and during the troubles within the Circleville congregation in 1859 he was greatly disturbed by the controversy. Although he was living at East Rush Creek and serving the New Reading Charge at the time, he was well informed on the situation in Circleville. His friend G. F. Wittich apparently sent him local newspapers, letters and notes on the controversial portions of Mr. Schwartz's sermons. Two of Mr. Weimer's letters to Mr. Wittich survive and are printed following the obituary. His views on the controversy are sincerely and uncompromisingly partisan and his characterization of the Rev. Mr. Schwartz is blunt and quite uncomplimentary. There are also little glimpses of the family life of a struggling pastor.

MEMORIAL AND OBITUARY

(Taken from the minutes of the Synodical Meeting of the Joint Synod of Ohio.)

When Synod met at St. John's Church, St. Paris, Champaigne County, Ohio, we read this in the minutes:

"Since the last meeting of our body, death has again invaded our ranks, and taken from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward one of our most esteemed and useful ministers - one whom we thought we could not spare yet for many years.

On the fifth of November, 1863, Brother Jacob Weimer fell asleep in Jesus, after a short illness, to the sincere regret of the members of his congregations and all his synodical brethren. His age was 40 years, 9 months, and 1 day. He has been laboring with much acceptance for something more than three years in and around Tarlton, Ohio, where he had the gratification of seeing fruits of his self-denying labors. I would suggest the propriety of publishing a memoir of our departed Brother in your Minutes. The congregations left vacant by his death are still vacant."

Biographical Sketch of the late Rev. Jacob Weimer
(Taken from minutes of a later meeting)

"Rev. Jacob Weimer was born in Thorn Township, Perry County, Ohio, on the fourth day of July, 1823. His parents, being regular members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and mindful of their duty, presented their infant son to the Lord for His grace and blessing in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, on the eighth day of May next following. He passed the early years of his

youth in the usual quiet of a country life and under the affectionate care of a pious mother. When he arrived at the age of discretion he was instructed in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion, confirmed as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and admitted to the Holy Communion of our Lord, in the Church at New Reading, by Pastor C. Spielman, on the seventh day of November, 1841.

On the day following his first communion, he entered the Theological Seminary of our Church at Columbus, to prepare himself by regular course of study for the work of the ministry. But, after two years of assiduous, and perhaps for his bodily strength, too close application to his studies, he was compelled by the failure of his health, to return to his paternal home. Having, however, under the genial influence of his country home, regained his health in some degree, and not wishing to be idle and unprofitable in the world, he devoted himself to teaching school in the vicinity of his native place. And, as a teacher, Brother Weimer was highly esteemed by his patrons and much loved by his pupils. His firmness of mind, and his kind and complaisant disposition seemed to have fitted him in an eminent degree for usefulness as an instructor of young persons. He was employed in his work in the immediate vicinity of his home for several years. During this time he was united in the bonds of Matrimony on the ninth day of April, 1846, with Miss Mary Cotterman, an unassuming and amiable Christian sister, who deserves much praise for self-denying devotion to her husband's comfort; being ever ready to alleviate by all means in her power, the burdens of his laborious and often afflicted life.

Having spent several years in his native county, he received and accepted an invitation from the Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Circleville, Ohio, to take charge of a parochial school which they were about to establish, and entered upon his labors in the new enterprise with his usual zeal and fidelity, in the month of May, 1848. He taught the large, and under his faithful labors, very prosperous school, with the occasional assistance of his wife for the term of one year, giving entire satisfaction to all who were in any way connected with it.

But Brother Weimer had never entirely relinquished his hope and desire of serving the Lord in the office of the Gospel Ministry. Hence, he still continued to pursue his theological studies in private amidst many disadvantages and frequent interruptions it is true, but, nevertheless, as diligently and perseveringly as his health and opportunities would permit. And during his connection with the congregation at Circleville as a teacher, he would occasionally also preach a sermon by request of Pastor Roof, and in his stead. He was examined and

licensed, a candidate of theology, according to the then prevailing practice of the Western District of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, at its meeting in Lewisburg, June 5, 1849, and was afterwards ordained pastor by order of the same Synod at its session in the city of Dayton, June 5, 1852. Immediately after his licensure by said Synod, he accepted a call from the New Reading pastorate in Perry County. This charge consisted originally of but two congregations to which, however, he soon afterwards added two more. These four congregations being located a considerable distance from each other, and the roads in portions of the district exceedingly rough and hilly, they constituted a rather laborious charge. But the confidence and love of his kind people which he possessed in a high degree, seemed to smooth his rough roads and repay him to some extent at least for his wearisome travels. He served these congregations for about eleven years with general approbation and much success. And during his connection with this charge, he assisted also with the organization of the English District of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio in the early part of June, 1857, and remained a respected member of the said Synod to the end of his life. He received a call from several congregations in the vicinity of Tarlton, Pickaway County, Ohio, in the fall of 1859 which, I believe he at first declined, but when it was repeated, and urged upon him, he thought it his duty to accept it. He entered upon the active discharge of his pastoral duties in his new field of labor in the spring of 1860 with apparently promising prospects for usefulness and success, but it was not the will of God that he should labor long in this part of his vineyard.

In the latter part of the month of October, 1863, he was laid upon a sick bed by a severe attack of typhoid fever. His naturally weak constitution rapidly gave way under the inroads of this malignant disease, and in a few weeks he was taken away from his labors in the Church militant to his eternal reward in the Church triumphant. He died November 5th, 1863, as he had lived in the Lord. 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they rest from their labors and their works do follow them'. His mortal remains were conveyed to the cemetery near Tarlton, followed by a large number of mourning relatives and friends, November 7th, where they now sleep 'until they that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life'. Pastors Wagenhals and Roof attended the funeral of our departed brother and preached appropriate sermons on this solemn and impressive occasion. He leaves in this world to mourn their irreparable loss, his widow and seven children.

Brother Weimer was not distinguished for any high

degree of learning and scholarship although he possessed respectable attainments; but he understood the great doctrines of his church as they are set forth in the venerable confessions and knew how to apply them for the instruction and edification of his hearers. Neither was he admired by the world for his eloquence as the word is popularly understood. He had none of the brilliancy by which men are oftener dazzled than enlightened and edified; but he possessed nobler qualities. The transparent honesty of his guileless heart, his unfeigned modesty and humility, his kind and affable bearing, and above all, his truly Christian deportment and life, were prominent qualities of our brother's character, and by which he won the confidence and love of all who knew him, and which opened to him not the ears only but the hearts also of his hearers. Hence, though many outside of his church may have dissented from his sound and evangelical Lutheran doctrines, he had few, if any personal enemies, and the writer feels confident that even this imperfect delineation of our friend's life and character will find a grateful response in the hearts of hundreds of his former parishioners. And it affords the undersigned unfeigned though melancholy pleasure to be permitted by these deficient memoirs, to add his tribute of respect to the sainted memory of his ever friend and dear brother in Christ.

C. Albrecht

FIRST LETTER TO G. F. WITTICH

East Rush Creek, Perry Co., Ohio
March 26, 1859

Dear Friend:

Yesterday I received a letter together with a copy of the Circleville Watchman from you, for which you have my hearty thanks. It is astonishing to see how far those people, namely Schwartz and his party, are degrading themselves. The article is one that scarcely deserves any notice at all, for it is almost too mean and full of odium and lies to be noticed. I am now convinced that Schwartz and his party are not strictly religiously honest, that they willfully misrepresent and pervert the truth. For that article is nothing but a perversion of the doctrine of the Evang Lutheran Church and the doctrine of our ministerium. I hope that if their article is worth while answering that some of our bretheran will do so. Schwartz seeks in every way to gain the applause of the world and especially of the town of Circleville. If they have any defence to bring, why do they not bring it before the religious world and not before the political world. You ought to elect Mr. Schwartz mayor of the town, or give him some other high office, where he can

Weimer Family

Since the last meeting of our body, death has again invaded our ranks, and taken from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward one of our most esteemed and useful ministers -- one whom we thought we could not spare yet for many years.

On the fifth of November, 1863, Brother Jacob Weimer fell asleep in Jesus, after a short illness, to the sincere regret of the members of his congregations and all his synodical brethren. His age was 40 years, 9 months, and 1 day. He had been laboring with much acceptance for something more than three years in and around Tarlton, Ohio, (Pickaway Co.) where he had the gratification of seeing fruits of his self-denying labors. I would suggest the propriety of publishing a memoir of our departed Brother in your Minutes. The congregations left vacant by his death are still vacant.

Biographical Sketch of the late Rev. Jacob Weimer

(Taken from minutes of a later meeting)

"Rev. Jacob Weimer was born in Thorn Township, Perry County, Ohio, on the fourth day of July 1823. His parents, being regular members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and mindful of their duty, presented their infant son to the Lord for his grace and blessing in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, on the eighth day of May next following. He passed the early years of his youth in the usual quiet of a country life and under the affectionate care of pious mother. When he arrived at the age of discretion he was instructed in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion, confirmed as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and admitted to the Holy Communion of our Lord, in the Church at New Reading, by Pastor C. Spielman, on the seventh day of November, 1841.

On the day following his first communion, he entered the Theological Seminary of our Church at Columbus, to prepare himself by regular course of study for the work of the ministry. But, after two years of assiduous, and perhaps for his bodily strength, too close application to his studies, he was compelled by the failure of his health, to return to his paternal home. Having, however, under the genial influence of his country home, regained his health in some degree, and not wishing to be idle and unprofitable in the world, he devoted himself to teaching school in the vicinity of his native place. And, as a teacher, Brother Weimer was highly esteemed by his patrons and much loved by his pupils. His firmness of mind, and his kind and complaisant disposition seemed to have fitted him in an eminent degree for usefulness as an instructor of young persons. He was employed in his work in the immediate vicinity of his home for several years. During this time he was united



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in the bonds of matrimony on the ninth day of April, 1846, with Miss Mary Cotterman, an unassuming and amiable Christian sister, who deserves much praise for her self-denying devotion to her husband's comfort, being ever ready to alleviate by all means in her power, the burdens of his laborious and often afflicted life.

Having spent several years in his native county, he received and accepted an invitation from the Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Circleville, Ohio, to take charge of a parochial school which they were about to establish, and entered upon his labors in the new enterprise with his usual zeal and fidelity, in the month of May, 1848. He taught the large, and under his faithful labors, very prosperous school, with the occasional assistance of his wife for the term of one year, giving entire satisfaction to all who were in any way connected with it.

But Brother Weimer had never entirely relinquished his hope and desire of serving the Lord in the office of the Gospel Ministry. Hence, he still continued to pursue his theological studies in private amidst many disadvantages and frequent interruptions it is true, but, nevertheless, as diligently and perseveringly as his health and opportunities would permit. And during his connection with the congregation at Circleville as a teacher, he would occasionally also preach a sermon by request of Pastor Roof, and in his stead. He was examined and licensed, a candidate of theology, according to the then prevailing practice of the Western District of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, at its meeting in Lewisburg, June 5, 1849 and was afterwards ordained pastor by order of the same Synod at its session in the city of Dayton, June 5, 1852. Immediately after his licensure by said Synod, he accepted a call from the New Reading pastorate in Perry County. This charge consisted originally of but two congregations to which, however, he soon afterwards added two more. These four congregations being located a considerable distance from each other, and the roads in portions of the district exceedingly rough and hilly, they constituted a rather laborious charge. But the confidence and love of his kind people which he possessed in a high degree, seemed to smooth his rough roads and repay him to some extent at least for his wearisome travels. He served these congregations for about eleven years with general approbation and much success. And during his connection with this charge, he assisted also with the organization of the English District of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio in the early part of June, 1857, and remained a respected member of the said Synod to the end of his life. He received a call from several congregations in the vicinity of Tarlton, Pickaway County, Ohio, in the fall of 1859 which, I believe he at first declined, but when it was repeated, and urged upon

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Remaining Yours
Truly,
Jacob Weimer.