

Some Early German Burials in St. Louis County

original cemetery records for any of these cemeteries. The records of Elm Lawn cemetery, for example, are handwritten in a modern ledger book. They are an obvious transcription, but the trustees have no older records. One must search the death registers of the various churches, if they exist and are available, to get clues about a final resting place for an early ancestor.

Table 1 [page 26] is a transcription of selected columns from the first thirty years of the death register for the "Evangelisch Zions Gemeinde bei Des Peres." It covers the period from the founding of the original congregation until the cemetery at Clayton and Ballas Roads was firmly established. The notes found in the last column of Table 1 reflect my interpretation of the data relating to the final resting place for those early German Protestant settlers. The death register, Elm Lawn Cemetery records, and published indexes seem to list the same people after 1868.

To resolve the question of my missing Preiss ancestors, I compared data in the original church records, the StLGS published list in *Old Cemeteries of St. Louis County, Missouri, Volume 1*, and the Elm Lawn Cemetery ledger book. Finally, I walked the cemetery photographing and recording information from Preiss headstones. It appears the missing people are listed in *St. Louis County Burials, Volume 2* under the name REISS. Both names appear in the handwritten records and were probably misread. Table 2 is my interpretation of the correct names and relationships. If there were date differences, I used the church records, as they are the only primary sources available. Table 2 [page 34] also includes a few Preiss names that appear in the death register, but are not in the cemetery trustee's ledger book.

My effort to resolve discrepancies found in *St. Louis County Burials, Volume 2* provided several lessons in genealogy (although not new lessons). First, you need to check original primary sources, even when a usually reliable secondary source is available. Second, you need to check all the spellings. And finally, when you have incomplete or conflicting information, you must consider the available information in total; i.e., place

of worship, the name being used by the congregation at the time of a person's death, headstone inscriptions, family relationships and their relatives' burial places, etc., to arrive at a credible conclusion. While I cannot guarantee my interpretations are correct, they seem reasonable when you consider all the information.

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Table 1. Death Register Transcription
Evangelische Zions Gemeinde bei Des Peres, St. Louis County, Missouri

Year	Entry #	Last Name	First/Middle Name	Relationships	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Buried	Notes *
1839	1	Mueller	Daniel	Son of Dan. & Ros. Mueller		14 Aug 1839	Presbyt. Cem.	1, 2, 3
1840	2	Schmidt	Johann Wilhelm	Son of Barh. & Urs. Schmidt	07 Jun 1840	15 Aug 1840	Presbyt. Cem.	1, 2, 3
	3	Vette	Johann Friedrich	Son of Joh. F. & Marie Vette	1814	28 Jul 1840	Presbyt. Cem.	1, 2, 3
	4	Schneider	Anna Barbara	geb. Greb — Widow of Heinrich Schmidt	1787	12 Aug 1840	Presbyt. Cem.	1, 2, 3
1841	5	Vette	Johann Friedrich	Husband of Marie geb. Engel		Mar 1841	Presbyt. Cem.	1, 4, 9
	6	Woerther	[blank]			Jun 1841		4, 5
	7	Greb	Margarette	Daughter of Joh. & Cath. Greb	11 Jun 1841	17-18 Jul 1841	Presbyt. Cem.	1, 2, 3
	8	Reinhardt	Maria Eva	Daughter of Phil. & Marie Reinhardt	05 Oct 1840	11 Sep 1841	Presbyt. Cem.	1, 2, 3
	9	[not readable]				1841		Unknown
	10	Hofmann	[blank]	Husband of [blank]	1786	23 Sep 1841	Presbyt. Cem.	1, 2, 3
	11	Hergott	Melchior		1798	24 Oct 1841	Presbyt. Cem.	1, 2, 3
1842	12	Roether	Peter	Husband of Kunig. Marg. Woerther	1803	02 Sep 1842		4, 5
	13	Woerther	Kunig. Marg.	Daughter of Joh. C. & Cath. Woerther	04 Jul 1841	16 Sep 1842		4, 5
	14	Arculerius	Hein. Albr. Ludw.	Son of Ed. & Joh. Arcularius	23 Aug 1842	22 Sep 1842	Presbyt. Cem.	1, 2, 3
	15	Woerther	Philipp	Husband of [blank]	1779	30 Sep 1842		4, 5
	16	Greb	Georg	Son of Georg & Cath. Greb		06 Oct 1842	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
1843	17	Fehl	Heinrich	Husband of x) [sic]	1813	08 Aug 1843	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
	18	Greb	Anna Maria	geb. Kaiser — Wife of Johannes Greb	1784	15 Aug 1843	Evang. Cem.	4, 6

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1843	19	Hergenroether	Heinrich		1823	07 Sep 1843	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
	20	Lochhaas	Margarethe	geb. Arculerius — Wife of John Lochhaas		10 Sep 1843	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
	21	Miller	Anna Catharine	geb. Hoffmann	1824	15 Sep 1843	**	4, 6	
	22	Alt	Anna Catharine	geb. Finger	1783	16 Sep 1843	**	4, 6	
	23	Kleinschmidt	Heinrich		1784	23 Sep 1843	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
	24	Seppen	Bernhard Heinrich	Son of [blank] Seppen	1841	24 Sep 1843	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
	25	Grob	Margarethe	geb. Miller — Wife of Joh. Grob	1784	30 Sep 1843	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
	26	Mild	Claus	Husband of Christina geb. Schaefer	1793	20 Oct 1843	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
	27	Lochhaas	Johannes	Widower of Marg. L. geb. Audin	1779	30 Oct 1843	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
	28	Merks	Johannes	Son of Joh. & Cath. Merks	18 Mar 1842	30 Oct 1843	cremated [?]	4, Unknown	
	29	Hoch	Agnes	geb. Möller — Wife of Heinrich Hoch	12 Jun 1814	17 Nov 1843	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
	1844	30	Weizen	Christoph		1773	26 Mar 1844	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
		31	Pleser	Johann Gebhard		1800	12 Jul 1844	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
32		Jokel	Andreas	Husband of Marg. geb. Kleinschmidt	1804	10 Aug 1844	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
33		Liebknecht	Heinrich		1804	30 Sep 1844	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
34		Steinbach	Carl	Son of Carl Steinbach	1842	02 Oct 1844		4, Unknown	
35		Bauer	Louise	Daughter of Geo. & Marg. Bauer	15 Dec 1843	02 Nov 1844	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
36		Lechten	Heinrich	Son of J.J. & E. Lechten	18 [blank] 1844	23 Nov 1844		4, Unknown	
1845	37	Grob	Margarethe	Wife of Johannes Grob	1815	20 Feb 1845	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
1847	38	Greb	Heinrich	Son of Georg & Cath. Greb	11 Aug 1837	28 Jan 1847	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
	39	Knobloch	Maria	Daughter of J.G. & Cath. Knobloch	13 Aug 1845	27 Jan 1847	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	
	40	Mueller	Michael	Son of Ad. & Marg. Mueller	1845	17 Feb 1847	Evang. Cem.	4, 6	

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1847	40	Mueller	Michael	Son of Ad. & Marg. Mueller	1845	17 Feb 1847	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
	41	Sturm	Johannes	Son of Joh. & Cath. Sturm	1835	24 Jul 1847	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
	42	Sturm	Friederich	Son of Joh. & Cath. Sturm	1843	31 Jul 1847	Evang. Cem.	6, 16
	43	Schneider	Johannes		1822	22 Aug 1847	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
	44	Haas	Michael	Son of Mart. & Salom. Haas	20 Oct 1846	15 Sep 1847	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
	45	Mertz	Magdalene	Daughter of Gottfroi & Magd. Mertz	27 May 1841	17 Oct 1847	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
	46	Pfizinger	Georg	Husband of Magd. geb. Gerstt	Aug 1793	24 Oct 1847	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
	47	Mertz	Catharine Salome	geb. Hiller — Wife of Joh. Geo. Mertz	7 Mar 1783	02 Nov 1847	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
	48	Zwilling	Elisabeth	geb. Neuhardt — Wife of Michael Zwilling	26 Dec 1825	12 Dec 1847	Evang. Cem.	4, 6
1848	49	Knobloch	Georg		1800	3 Jan 1848	Evang. Cem.	4, 7
	50	Bien	Elisabeth	geb. Hoffmann	1829	24 Feb 1848	Evang. Cem.	4, 7
	51	Mueller	Heinrich	Son of Geo. & Marie Mueller	27 Mar 1847	01 Apr 1848	Evang. Cem.	4, 7
	52	Woerther	Catharine Margarethe	geb. Capousin — Wife of Georg Philipp Woerther		03 Apr 1848		4, 5
	53	Mertz	Elisabeth	Daughter of Gottfr. & Magd. Mertz	06 Nov 1843	12 Aug 1848	Evang. Cem.	4, 7
	54	Neuhardt	Georg Heinrich	Husband of Elis. geb. Köbel			Evang. Cem.	4, 7
	55	Blase	Heinrich	Husband of Louise Charl. Bruggemeier		18 Dec 1848	Evang. Cem.	4, 7
1850	56	Schaub	Elisabeth Dina	Daughter of Balth. & An. Schaub	Jul 1849	22 Aug 1850	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
	57	Bopp	Maria	Daughter of Joh. & Clara Bopp	10 Aug 1849	23 Sep 1850	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8

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1851	58	Kaiser	Anna Maria		Nov 1787	03 Feb 1851	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
	59	Müller	Maria Elisabeth	Daughter of Chr. & Henr. Müller	01 Jun 1850	06 Jun 1851	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
	60	Beische	Rosina	Widow of Wilh. Reinhard	May 1781	09 Sep 1851	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
	61	Zimmer	Sebastian Adam	Son of Ad. & Elis. Zimmer	01 Oct 1850	03 Oct 1851	Evang. Cem.	7, 8, 16
	62	Wesel	Heinrich		Apr 1826	06 Oct 1851	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
1852	63	Reis	Maria Dorothea	geb. Hiller — Wife of Daniel Reis	1812	08 Jan 1852	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
	64	Mueller	Adam		1804	04 Mar 1852	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
	65	Bopp	Clara Elsabein	geb. Klockemeier — Wife of Johann Bopp	1825	01 Jul 1852	Evang. Cem.**	4, 7, 8
	66	Bopp	Johann	Husband of [previous]	1825	02 Jul 1852	Evang. Cem.**	4, 7, 8
	67	Bopp	Maria	Daughter of [previous] parents	04 Aug 1851	04 Jul 1852	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
	68	Bopp	Johannes	Son of Chr. & Cath. Bopp	08 Feb 1850	30 Nov 1852	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
1853	69	Alt	Catharina	Daughter of Joh. & Cath. Alt	08 Apr 1845	13 Jan 1853	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
	70	Reiss	Daniel	Son of Dan. & M. Dor. Reiss	09 Jul 1851	22 Feb 1853	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
	71	Clamor	Christian Friedrich	Son of Joh. Fr. & M.E. Clamor	16 Feb 1853	10 Mar 1853	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
1854	72	Schlüter	Maria Elisabeth	geb. Hanrath — Wife of Franz Schlüter		13 Mar 1854	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
	73	Reinhardt	Michael	Husband of Elisabeth geb. Reiss	1828	21 Jul 1854		4, Unknown
1855	74	Orth	Daniel Jacob	Son of Georg & Dor. Orth	15 Apr 1855	20 Apr 1855	Presbyt. Cem.	1, 4, 9
	75	Pfeifer	Rahel	Daughter of H. Pfeifer	08 Jul 1853	07 Aug 1855		4, 8

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1855	76	Bopp	Nicolaus	Son of Christ. & Cath. Bopp	26 May 1854	26 Oct 1855		4, 8
	77	Hahn	Barbara	Daughter of Leonh. & M.B. Hahn	07 Aug 1855	12 Sep 1855		4, 8
1856	78	Neuhard	Mrs.	geb. Koebel	1798	20 Feb 1856		4, 8
	79	Schlüter	Charlotte	geb. Beineken. — Wife of W. Schlüter	1814	1 May 1856		4, 8
	80	Schlüter	Friedrich Wilhelm	Son of W. & Ch. Schlüter	11 Apr 1856	13 Jul 1856	Evang. Cem.	4, 7, 8
	81	Orth	Georg	Husband of Dorothea geb. Preiss	10 Jan 1810	10 Sep 1856		4, 8
	82	Müller	Magdalene	Daughter of Adam & Marg. Müller	22 Jun 1849	25 Sep 1856		4, 8
1857	83	Bauer	Elisabeth		04 Mar 1838	31 Jan 1857		4, 8
1858	84	Winter	not named	Son of Caspar & Anna Maria Winter	24 Jan 1858	30 Jan 1858		4, 8
	85	Matthes	[blank]		01 Nov 1795	24 May 1858		4, 8
1858	86	Hartmann	not named	Son of [blank] Hartmann		04 Aug 1858		8, 16
	87	Reedemaker	Johannes		22 Nov 1852	31 Aug 1858		4, 8
	88	Eschenbrenner	Georg	Husband of Barb. Eschenbrenner	1803	01 Sep 1858		4, 8
	89	Maurer	frau			06 Sep 1858	X	8, 16
	90	Andre'	Reinhard		Mar 1838	17 Nov 1858	Conway & White Rds.	4, 10
	91	Winter	Heinrich	Son of Caspar & Anna M. Winter	10 Oct 1858	27 Oct 1858		4, 8
1859	92	Hahn	Maria Dorothea	Daughter of Georg & Barb. Hahn	21 Sep 1856	31 May 1859		4, 8
	93	Mueller	Henrietta	geb. Clamors — Wife of Christ. Müller	01 Jan 1829	18 Jul 1859		4, 8
	94	Winter	not named	Child of [blank] Winters	Sep 1859	Sept 1859		8, 16
1860	95	Heintz	Johannes		1857	24 Apr 1860		4, 8
	96	Kropp	Jacob		Jun 1860	Jul 1860		4, 8
	97	Schlüter	Peter Heinrich	Son of Franz & C.M. Schlueter	14 Nov 1858	04 Jul 1860		4, 8

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	98	Reiss	Margarethe	geb. Wüst — Wife of Daniel Reiss	1815	06 Oct 1860		4, 8
	99	Reifschneider	Johann		Nov 1809	25 Dec 1860		4, 8
1861	100	Jakob	Barbara	geb. Jakob	07 Apr 1784	15 Mar 1861		4, 8
	101	Jakob	Georg	Son of W. Dan. & Barb. Jakob	04 Jan 1812	27 Mar 1861		4, 8
	102	Groenmeier	Cath. Wilhelmine		1796	07 Apr 1861		4, 8
	103	Doehring	Friederike Maria	Daughter of P.C. Fr. & M. Doehring	06 Jan 1860	11 Jul 1861		4, 8
	104	Mild	Maria Cath.	Daughter of Claus & Maria Mild	05 Apr 1861	02 Aug 1861		4, 8
	105	Bopp	Sebastian		03 Sep 1793	22 Sep 1861	Old God's Acre	4, 11
	106	Burkert	Johann	Son of Chr. & Charl. Burkert	24 Feb 1861	16 Nov 1861	Old God's Acre	4, 11
1862	107	Preiss	Cath. Elis.	geb. Jakob — Wife of Geo. Heinr. Preiss	13 Jun 1789	02 Apr 1862	New God's Acre	12
	108	Rupp	Christian	Son of Georg & Barbara Rupp	19 Mar 1861	04 Aug 1862	New God's Acre	12
	109	Budde	Adolph Heinr.	Son of Franz & Elisabein Budde	19 Dec 1834	13 Sep 1862	New God's Acre	12
	110	Fischer	Heinr.		18 Dec 1784	04 Oct 1862	New God's Acre	12
	111	Wüllner	Maria Cath. Carol.	Daughter of Adam & M.F. Wüllner	08 Jun 1862	11 Oct 1862	New God's Acre	12
	112	Preiss	Georg. Heinr.	Widower of Cath. Elis. Preiss	23 Oct 1786	25 Nov 1862	New God's Acre	12
	113	Clamors	Johann Friedr.		1794	11 Dec 1862	Old God's Acre	4, 11
1863	114	Bacher	Auguste	geb. Hunger	09 Feb 1828	02 Apr 1863	New God's Acre	12
	115	Weber	Michael		12 Dec 1814	11 Aug 1863	New God's Acre	12
	116	Krauss	Conrad	Son of Conrad & Cath. Krauss	05 Jul 1863	11 Jul 1863	New God's Acre	12
	117	Preiss	Elisabeth	Daughter of Georg & Cath. Preiss	31 Jul 1862	11 Oct 1863	New God's Acre	12

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1863	118	Anselm	Theobald		11 Feb 1788	17 Oct 1863	New God's Acre	12
1864	119	Baumgart	Jacob	Son of Pet. Jac. & Cath. Baumgart		20 Feb 1864	New God's Acre	12
	120	Kropp	Maria Barbara	Daughter of Jacob & Christ, Kropp	02 May 1864	20 Jun 1864	New God's Acre	12
	121	Fotsch	Friedrich Jacob Nathan	Son of P. Martin & Christ. Fotsch	Dec 1863	07 Sep 1864	New God's Acre	12
	122	Rupp	Barbara	geb. Weber — Wife of Georg Rupp	14 Apr 1821	09 Sep 1864	Ev. God's Acre	12
	123	Rupp	Barbara Magd.	Daughter of Georg & Barb. Rupp	30 Jun 1864	20 Sep 1864	Ev. God's Acre	12
	124	Orth	Dorothea	geb. Preiss — Widow of Georg Orth	06 Feb 1813	12 Oct 1864	Ev. God's Acre	12
	125	Matthes	Barbara	geb. Bauer — Wife of Gottlob Matthes	01 Mar 1834	21 Dec 1864	Ev. God's Acre	12
1865	126	Weidmann	Michael		14 May 1800	01 Feb 1865	Ev. God's Acre	12
	127	Hahn	Joh. Friedrich	Son of G.L. & M.B. Hahn	26 Oct 1860	14 Feb 1865	[can't read]	4, Unknown
	128	Preiss	Jacob	Son of Georg & Cath. Preiss	09 Nov 1852	14 Mar 1865	Ev. God's Acre	12
	129	Haas	Salome	geb. Zwilling — Wife of Martin Haas	25 Oct 1806	30 May 1865	Ev. God's Acre	12
1865	130	Winter	Martha Elis.	geb. Reyer — Wife of Heinr. Winter sen.	20 Jan 1804	21 Jul 1865	Ev. God's Acre	12
	131	Hirschfeld	Mathilda Ernest.	Daughter of Ferd. & Dor. Hirschfeld	22 Jul 1865	06 Nov 1865	Ev. God's Acre	12
	132	Donges	Franziska	geb. Riegert — Wife of Ludw. Donges	04 Oct 1834	21 Nov 1865	In Bottom	4, Unknown
1866	133	Ruhl	Maria Catharine	Daughter of Andr. & Cath. Ruhl	22 Nov 1864	10 Mar 1866	Ev. God's Acre	12
	134	Winter	Anna Catharine	Daughter of Heinr. & M.E. Winter	04 Apr 1864	21 Jul 1866	Ev. God's Acre	12
	135	Preiss	Catharine	geb. Fink — Wife of Georg Preiss	15 Mar 1829	31 Aug 1866	Ev. God's Acre	12, 15
	136	Eppler	Anna	Daughter of G.Sim. & Christ. Eppler	24 Jul 1861	20 Nov 1866	Ev. God's Acre	12

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1867	137	Hunger	Barbara		25 Nov 1804	27 Mar 1867	Ev. God's Acre	12
	138	Weidmann	Martha Cath.		25 Dec 1806	08 Apr 1867	Old God's Acre	4, 11
	139	Helmkamp	Hermann Heinr.		12 May 1797	27 Dec 1867	St. Peter's Cem.	13
1868	140	Koebel	Jacob	Son of Jacob & Elis. Koebel	19 May 1866	17 Feb 1868	Ev. Zions Cem.	14
	141	Kolbe	Johann		28 Aug 1819	12 Mar 1868	Ev. Zions Cem.	14
	142	Foehringer	Wilhelm	Son of Jas. & Anna Foehringer	26 Apr 1868	31 Jul 1868	Ev. Zions Cem.	14
	143	Stock	Balthasar	Husband of [blank]	05 Jan 1814	08 Aug 1868	Ev. Zions Cem.	14

Notes:

*All entries are included in *Old Cemeteries of St. Louis County, Missouri, Volume 1*, published by the Cemetery Publications Committee of the St. Louis Genealogical Society, 1982, except as noted below.

**Buried in the grave together.

- Probably interred at Des Peres Presbyterian Church cemetery. Not included in that cemetery's list on *St. Louis County Burials, Volume 2*.
- Included in Parkway UCC cemetery list on *St. Louis County Burials, Volume 2*, with a note indicating interment at Des Peres Presbyterian.
- Included in Parkway UCC cemetery list in *Old Cemeteries of St. Louis County, Missouri, Volume 1*, with a note indicating interment at Des Peres Presbyterian.
- Erroneously included in Parkway UCC cemetery list on *St. Louis County Burials, Volume 2*.
- Location unknown. Since all Woerther entries in the death register have blank locations, probably interred in family plot.
- Location unknown. Probably interred at the original Ballas and Manchester Roads location.
- Location unknown. No name change. Possibly interred at the Ballas and Manchester location, however congregation had split in 1848.
- Location unknown. Probably interred at "old cemetery" location on Windmoor Place.
- Erroneously included in Parkway UCC cemetery list in *Old Cemeteries of St. Louis County, Missouri, Volume 1*.
- Probably interred at Old Bonhomme Presbyterian (Rock) Church.
- Probably interred at "old cemetery" location on Windmoor Place.
- Probably interred at current [Elm Lawn/ Parkway UCC] cemetery location at Ballas and Clayton Roads.
- Interred at St. Peter's Cemetery, Lucas & Hunt Rd, Normandy. Included in both St. Peter's and Parkway UCC listings on *St. Louis County Burials, Volume 2*.
- Interred at current [Elm Lawn/ Parkway UCC] cemetery, Ballas and Clayton Roads.
- Listed in *St. Louis County Burials, Volume 2*, under the name "Reiss."
- Not listed in *Old Cemeteries of St. Louis County, Missouri, Volume 1*.

Note: "geb." is the abbreviation for "geboren," the German word for "born."

Table 2. Preiss Burials Recorded at Elm Lawn (Parkway UCC) Cemetery

Section	Lot	Last Name	First/Middle Name	Relationships	Date of Birth	Date of Death
A	50	Preiss	Arthur	Son of George, Jr. & Eva geb. WINDECKER	08 Dec 1883	21 Sep 1951
		Preiss	Lea	Wife of Arthur		01 Jan 1968
B	2	Preiss	Heinrich	son of George Heinrich & Catharine geb. JAKOB	08 Apr 1821	01 Aug 1889
		Preiss	Maria Ursula	geb. FINK, wife of Heinrich	04 Jul 1826	21 Sep 1883
B	144	Preiss	Gustav	Son of Wm Heinrich & Sophie geb. KOESTER	07 Jun 1886	12 Nov 1964
C	24	Preiss	Hilda	Daughter of Johann Friedrich & Maria geb. HAUSHALTER	26 Dec 1905	16 Jun 1906
C	47	Preiss	Stillborn girl	Daughter of Johann Friedrich & Maria geb. HAUSHALTER	20 Sep 1888	20 Sep 1888
C	44	Preiss	Mary	Daughter of Edward Daniel & Henrietta geb. GROENE	21 Apr 1887	21 Jul 1888
C	140	Preiss	George Heinrich		23 Oct 1786	25 Nov 1862
		Preiss	Catharine Elisabeth	geb. JAKOB, wife of George Heinrich	13 Jun 1789	02 Apr 1862
		Preiss	George Philipp, Sr.	Son of George Heinrich & Catharine Elisabeth geb. JAKOB	10 Apr 1824	24 Nov 1908
		Preiss	Catharine	geb. FINK, 1st wife of George Philipp	15 Mar 1829	31 Aug 1866
		Preiss	Barbara	geb. HAAS, 2nd wife of George Philipp	06 Jun 1842	21 Mar 1880
		Preiss	Elisabeth	Daughter of George Philipp & Catharine geb. FINK	31 Jul 1862	11 Oct 1863
		Preiss	Jacob	Son of George Philipp & Catharine geb. FINK	09 Nov 1852	14 Mar 1865

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		Preiss	Karl Jacob	Son of George Philipp & Barbara geb. HAAS	26 Mar 1876	18 Jul 1878
		Preiss	Anna	Daughter of George, Jr. & Eva geb. WINDECKER	19 Mar 1870	30 Jul 1870
		Preiss	Edwill	Son of George, Jr. & Eva geb. WINDECKER	01 Mar 1874	07 Jul 1874
		Preiss	Johannes Friedrich	Son of George Philipp & Catharine geb. FINK	30 Nov 1849	05 Apr 1920
		Preiss	Caroline	geb. ALT, wife of Johannes Friedrich	06 Oct 1855	12 May 1938
		Frankhauser	Ella Barbara	Daughter of George P & Barbara geb. HAAS. Wife of ?? Frankhauser	22 Jun 1879	14 Jul 1909
C	148	Preiss	Albert Ferdinand	Son of George Philipp & Barbara geb. HAAS	20 Mar 1871	1950
		Preiss	Caroline	geb. UNVERFERTH, wife of Albert		1949
		Preiss	Adelle V.	Daughter of Albert & Caroline geb. UNVERFERTH		1937
		Preiss	Ruth A.	Daughter of Albert & Caroline geb. UNVERFERTH		1938
		Preiss	Nelda D.	Daughter of Albert & Caroline geb. UNVERFERTH	24 Aug 1900	19 Dec 1985
E	27	Bauer	Anna Catharine	Daughter of George P. & Catharine geb. Fink. Wife of George BAUER	12 Jul 1851	29 Dec 1929
E	28	Preiss	William Henry	Son of George Philipp & Catharine geb. FINK	09 Aug 1854	15 Sep 1926
		Preiss	Sophia	geb. KOESTER, wife of William Henry		1937

Table 2. Preiss Burials Recorded at Elm Lawn (Parkway UCC) Cemetery – cont'd

Section	Lot	Last Name	First/Middle Name	Relationships	Date of Birth	Date of Death
E	29	Preiss	Otto	Son of George P. & Catharine geb. FINK. Husb. of Louise geb. LUEDLOFF	19 May 1856	21 Mar 1907
E	49	Preiss	Johann Friedrich	Son of Heinrich & Maria Ursula geb. FINK	28 Nov 1861	15 Jun 1909
		Preiss	Mary	geb. HAUSHALTER, wife of Johann Friedrich		22 Aug 1944
E	89	Preiss	Heinrich [Jr.]	Son of Heinrich & Maria Ursula geb. FINK	23 Nov 1846	16 Jun 1918
		Preiss	Sophie	geb. MUSIK, 2nd wife of Heinrich, Jr.		22 May 1939
E	91	Preiss	Walter	Son of George, Jr. & Eva geb. WINDECKER	08 Dec 1883	10 Oct 1966
		Preiss	Virginia	Daughter of Walter		1939
		Preiss	Ora	geb. ???, wife of Arthur?		1975
F	10	Preiss	William Jacob	Son of Heinrich & Maria Ursula geb. FINK	20 Jul 1866	1941
		Preiss	Hazel	geb. ???, wife of William Jacob	06 Aug 1871	26 Nov 1917

Additional Preiss Burials in Unknown Section/Lot at Elm Lawn Cemetery

Section	Lot	Last Name	First/Middle Name	Relationships	Date of Birth	Date of Death
		Preiss	Anna Catharine	geb. GRUN, 1st wife of Heinrich, Jr.	12 Jul 1850	30 Aug 1872
		Preiss	Jacob Moses	Son of Heinrich & Maria Ursula geb. FINK	27 May 1873	27 Jul 1873
		Preiss	William Henry	Son of Heinrich, Jr. & Sophie geb. MUSIC	14 Feb 1874	17 Mar 1874
		Preiss	Lillie Euphemia	Child of Heinrich, Jr. & Sophie geb. MUSIC	24 Dec 1876	05 Aug 1879
		Preiss	Otto	Son of George, Jr. & Eva geb. WINDECKER	15 Oct 1881	16 Oct 1881
		Preiss	Augusta Etta	Daughter of Edward Daniel & Henrietta geb. GROENE	20 Nov 1888	11 Aug 1890
		Preiss	Fred Walter	Son of Johann Friedrich & Maria geb. HAUSHALTER	13 Sep 1891	12 Oct 1892
		Preiss	Otto J.		10 Nov 1882	02 Feb 1920
		Wipke	Mathilda	geb. PREISS	31 May 1869	14 Apr 1949
		Wilmas	Frank	Stepson of George Philipp, Son of Barbara geb. HAAS, Husband of Louise geb. SAHM	01 Sep 1862	30 Apr 1898

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**Some Burials in North St. Louis Burial Ground
(also known as Grace Church Burial Ground)**

Presumed Surname	Name	Date*	Comments	Church
Coxe	Henry Berry	9 July 1839	Son of Henry S. and Mary Anne Coxe	Christ Church
Christy	Edmund Christy	22 November 1839	Age 39	Christ Church
Wells	Mary Wells	12 August 1847	41 years	Grace Church
Rawlings	Henry Harvard Rawlings	19 August 1847	8 months	Grace Church
Dixon	Eliza Geddings(?)	20 October 1847	18½ months – Child of D. W. Dixon	Grace Church
Mullits	Mary Mullits	6 July 1850	12 years	Grace Church
Durkee	Julia	1 April 1848	Wife of Dwight Durkee, Esq.	St. Paul's Church

*Unknown whether this is death or burial date.

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God's Acres: St. Paul's Cemetery

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God's Acres.

Sketches of the Graveyards of
St. Louis County

Epitaphs Quaint, Poetic and Otherwise,
Writ on Old-time Marble and
Modern Granite.

'Tis a solemn place.
For this dark purple loam, whereon I lie,
And the green mold, the mother of bright
flowers,
Was bone and sinew once, now decomposed;
Perhaps has lived, breathed, walked as proud
as we.
And animate with all the faculties
And finer senses of the human soul!
And now what are they? To their elements
Each has returned, dust crumbled back to
dust,
The spirit gone to God.
Bacon.

Ev.-Luth. St. Paul's Cemetery.

The burial ground here described, which is over fifty years old, is that near Des Peres post-office, and a few hundred yards south of the Manchester road, on a yellow clay ridge, which embraces two acres of ground, donated for the purpose in 1842, by Mr. G. Greb.

The road leading to the graveyard is graveled and private. If the Ballas road were extended southward, that thoroughfare would absorb this. The cemetery is that of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's

Kirche, Unaltered Augsburg Confession, and the church, which stands at the northeast corner of the Manchester and Ballas roads, was built in 1866, and takes the place of the old log edifice, which previously stood in the graveyard.

Evergreens, cedars, arbor vitas, rose bushes and flowers of all kinds are plentiful in this beautiful city of the dead, and the tributes in marble or granite or other material, are conspicuous for the text of Scripture or appropriate sentiment carved in memory of the dear departed.

Beginning at the northwest corner, the visitor will find a slender marble pillar, with urn on top, which has on one side of its pedestal, the epitaph: "Hier ruhet in Gott, Catharina Gattin von Carl Koester, geb. Moeller, geb. 15 Oct. 1822, gest. 27 April, 1886." On the next face is read: "Selig sind die Todten die in dem Herrn sterben von nun an. Ja der Geist spricht, oas sie ruhen von ihrer arbeit denn ihre Werke folgen ihnen nach." On another face the inscription reads: "Hier ruht in Gott. Carl Koester, geb. 23 Jan. 1824, gest." The rest is blank.

Next south is a marble slab, leaning east, with joined hands cut in above the inscription, which reads after the customary "Hier ruht in Gott, Geo. Wolkenhauer, geboren den 6 Mai, 1814, gestorben den 22 Maerz, 1882." A text is annexed:

Herr nun lassest Du deinen Diener im Frieden fuehren wie Du gesagt hast. Denn meine Augen haben deinen Heiland gesehen.

—Ev. Luca 2, v 29 u 30.

This portion is hardly readable on account of grass and vines. The line, "Gewidmet von seinen Toechtern," however, can be made out.

Near the Koester and Wolkenhauer tombs are several graves, appearing to be freshly made, and adjoining them, backed by a cedar tree, is a wooden cross to which is affixed a tin sign, reading: "H.M. Hansen dod den 8th July, 1889." South of Hansen is a grave with a cedar growing out of it. There is a wooden headboard which has the epitaph: "Hier Ruht in Christo, Friederich Orth, geb. den 25 Dec. 1840, gest. den 3 Nov. 1885." A marble slab erected by the United States Government, stands in front of the wooden tribute, and partly obscures the words on the latter.



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On the marble is cut: "Fred'k Orth, Co. K, 12th Mo. Inf." A little southeast of Orth, is a similar marble slab, also put up by the Government, to "Philip Merz. Co. K, 12th Mo. Inf."

A little slab, with a lamb cut in its face, memorializes Albert M. Ravens, who died Jan. 25, 1882, at the tender age of 6 months. Just east there is a wooden cross to E. K. Walter Zetzsche, born Oct. 18, 1884, died Dec. 9, the same year. "Ruhe sanft."

A wooden board bears the inscription, "Auf wiedersehen! Hier ruht in Gott, August R. Bøese, geb. den 28 Dec. 83, gest. den 30 Juli, 85, im Weisenhaus zum 'Kindlein Jesu.'

'Ich schaue Gottes Angesicht
Drum liebe Mutter weine nicht.'"

Another wooden cross stands above the grave of Robert F. Rudolph Zetzsche, aged 17 days. Under a peach tree on the west line of the graveyard lies Otto, son of Jos. and Louise Diem, who died Nov. 3, 1882, aged 5 years, 8 months and 23 days. "Dein Sohn lebet" is carved on the base of the stone.

An obelisk of variegated marble, with an urn on top, marks the last resting place of "Johanna Friedericke Wiszmann, gest. 7 Jan. 1885, im alter von 51 J. 6 m. 4 t." A text follows the above, as follows:

Kommt wir wollen wieder zum Herrn den er
hat uns zerrissen er wird uns auch heilen
er hat uns geschlagen er wird auch verbinden.
Hos. 6. 1.

Jesus lebt. Nun ist der Tod
Mir der Eingung in das Leben.

A marble slab, draped, and having the inscription cut on a raised tablet, reads: "Hier ruht in Gott, mein geliebte Gatte, Andreas Joeckel, geboren Hessen Darmstadt, 24 Maerz, 1821, gest. 23 Aug. 1879. Friede seiner Asche."

Northeast of the Wiszmann monument are two little graves, one of Anna M. daughter of Geo.

and M. Trog, who died May 2 1886, in her 4th year, and the other of Lilia J.D. Trog, who died April 10, 1889, in her 2d year. Near by on the north is a box with a wreath of white flowers, the words "G. Trog," being strung with white beads on wire, across [*sic*] the wreath. At the foot of the grave is a smaller box, of tin, also holding a beautiful wreath.

East of Trog are two graves with a dual stone at their heads. On one side is cut: "Hier ruht in Gott, unser Vater, Johann Heinrich Hoffmann, geb. 6 Dec. 1804, gest. 24 Dec. 1880, im alter von 76 Jah, 18 t. Hebr. 13. 14." Beneath the above is the sentiment:

Wir haben hier keine bleibende Staedt, sondern die zukuenftige suchen wir.

On the other side of the arch which joins the two memorial tablets is engraved: "Hier ruht in Gott, unsere Mutter, Frau Katharine Hoffmann, geb. im Dec. 1804, gest. 18 Sept. 1868, im alter von 65 Jah, 9 mo. 2 Cor. 4, 16-18. Selig sind die Todten, die dem Herrn starben."

Near by is a row of short graves, at the head of one being a marble, which records the deaths of two children of G. and M. Hoffmann—Emma Louise, born March 19, 1878, died June 9, 1878, and Martha Magdalena, born April 13, 1879, died June 6, 1879. The sixth verse of the sixteenth Psalm is appended:

Das Loos is uns gefallen auf's Liebliche uns
ist ein schoen Erbtheit worden.

Just south is a handsome white marble shaft with urn atop. At the base on the west side are the words, "L. Hoffmann." All the other sides are blank, except the south. Here is a beautiful bunch of flowers cut in the monument, beneath which is the inscription to "Frau Louise Hoffmann, geb. Mertz, geb. d 28 Feb 1854, gest. d 23 Oct, 1881." The Leichentext is from Røem. 14, 8, as follows:

Leben wir so leben wir dem Herrn, sterben
wir so sterben wir dem Herrn Darum wir leben
oder sterben, so sind wir des Herrn.

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On the same face is the further epitaph: "Und ihr Tochterlein, Louise W. Elizabeth, geb. d 15 Sept. 1881, gest. d 10 Nov. 1881." The text from Marc 10. 14, reads: Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen und wehret ihnen nicht; denn sulcher ist dass Reich Gottes."

There is a double marble slab near, handsomely carved. On one tablet the epitaph is to Daniel Mueller, who died March 28, 1883, aged 66 years, 3 months, 17 days. On the other is recorded the death of Rosina Mueller, Aug. 30, 1884, aged 76 years, 10 months, 20 days. The text under the first-mentioned is, "Der Tod ist verschlungen in den Sieg," under the other, "Christus ist mein Leben."

To the east is a grave with a lilac bush at its foot and other shrubs growing out of it. The inscription reads to Gustav Stohlmann, born June 17, 1847, died Nov. 5, 1879.

Hat der Tod uns auch geschieden,
Uns're Liebe schied er nicht,
Theu'rer ruh in Gottes Frieden,
Uns're Liebe stirbt ja nicht.
Scheiden, ach, zerreisst das Herz
Bitter ist der Trennung Schmerz,
Aber wonnereich und schön.
Ist ein frohes Wiederseh'n.

There are lots in this vicinity, inclosed [*sic*] by picket fences, and containing nameless graves. Here, too, are four graves, there being between the heads of the two center ones, a slender marble column on a square pedestal, inscribed on its north and west faces. The epitaph on the west is to Emma E., born Sept. 21, 1872, died Aug. 29, 1887, and Andreas, born Oct. 11, 1874, died Sept. 2, 1887; both children of J. and M. Rasch. The inscription concludes: "Unser Glaube it der Sieg, der die Welt ueberwunden hat." On the north face is commemorated the deaths of two other children—J. Christoph, born Oct. 12, 1859, died Aug. 20, 1885, and J. Adam, born July 4, 1862, died Oct. 30, 1885.

Wir werden bei dem Herrn sein allezeit.

West of the last-mentioned is a tall marble obelisk, with the inscription on the east face,

partly in German text, the remainder in English letters. It reads: "Hier ruht in Gott, unser lieber Vater, Christoph Rasch, gest. den 28 Febr. 1886, alter 46 J, 4 m, 8 T."

"Ich sterbe, und Gott wird mit euch sein.—1 mos. 48, 21."

—
Mir is Sterben ein Gewinn
Denn ich geh zu Jesu hin.

There is a grave near with marble stones at head and foot. On the last is cut "C.R." and on the other, "Unser Vater."

South of Rasch are two large graves and two small ones. Three headstones of marble indicate the occupants of the tombs. One, with elaborate drapery and roses carved on it, is in memory of Katharine Rauscher, born Greb, born Jan 24, 1848, died Aug. 4, 1881. The text annexed reads:

Der Herr ist mein Hirte mir wird nichts mangeln.—Ps. 23, 1.

A marble slab with a weeping willow adjoins, on the south, to A.S.K. Rauscher, born Werther, born Feb. 2, 1807, died Feb. 29, 1880, aged 73 years and 27 days. Here also is a text appended, as follows:

Wer will die Auserwählten Gottes beschuldigen Gott ist hier der da gerecht macht. Wer will verdammen Christus ist hier der Gestorben ist ja viel mehr der auch auferwecket Ist, welcher ist zur Rechten Gottes und vertritt uns.—Røemer 8, 33, 34.

In the same lot is a small slab with a lamb in medallion to Amalie Rauschler, "geb. 29 Apr. 1880, gest 27 Mar. 1881, alter 10 m. 28 t."

Wie hat der Herr die Leute so lieb! Alle sine Heiligen sind in deiner Hand—5 Mos 33, 3.

Due west of Christoph Rasch is a plain and handsome marble shaft, with urn atop, and the epitaph on the east face is the pedestal. It reads in memory of Johannes Lochhaas, who died Aug. 18, 1884, in his 71st year. The epitaph concludes.

Ich habe einen guten Kampf gekampft, ich habe Glauben gehalten; himfort ist mier

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beigelegt die Krone der Gerechtigkeit—Tim.
4, 6, 7.

Der Welt entnommen, bin ich nur zu meniem
Gott gekommen. Ich hor jetzt singen nur von
Gott und suessen Himmelsdingen.

In this lot also is a smaller shaft, handsomely
carved, to Frau Maria Lochhaas, geb. 13 Feb.
1850. gest 6, Feb. 1883. 1 mos. 35, 9–20.

Christus is mein Leben,
Sterben ist mein gewin.

Above the inscription is a hand pointing up-
ward and the words "Gone Home," on the oppo-
site face is a rose; on the east a wreath and on the
west a cross.

West of Lochhaas there are several apparently
fresh graves, and close by is a blue mottled square
marble shaft, tastefully cut, and set diagonally to
the compass points. On the southeast face is the
inscription to Michael Mertz, who died July 2,
1887, in his 69th year.

Es ist noch eine Ruhe vorhanden dem Volke
Gottes —Ebr. 4, 9.

A beautiful lot near here is circular in form,
surrounded by an evergreen hedge, with the en-
trance on the east. There are five marked graves,
the headstone to Mathilda L.E. Leeser resting
against the footstone to F.H.W. Leeser's grave.
The lot is sown in grass and is ornamented with
shrubs and flowers. A white marble slab, draped at
one corner and having a cross, with a vine twining
about it, at the other, is sacred to the memory of
Maria Miessler, who died Sept. 20, 1886, at the
age of 40 years, 4 months, 10 days.

Jesus lebt! nun ist der Tod
Mir der Eingang in das Leben.

Another tasteful marble headstone is inscribed
"Hier schlaeft in Jesu meine theure Gattin. Pauline
Miessler, gest. 8 Juni, 1882, in alter von 96 Jah, 5
Mo, 11 T.

'Wie selig die Ruhe bei Jesu im licht;
Tod, Suende und Schmerzen, die kennt man
hier nicht.'"

A little slab, with a broken bud carved above
the epitaph, marks the grave of Maria Miessler,
who died Dec. 2, 1878, aged 4 years, lacking 2
days. As is the custom in this cemetery, there is a
text or line of poetry on nearly every tombstone,
so here there are both.

Wo ich hingehe, das wisset ihr, und den Weg
wisset ihr auch.—Joh. 14, 4.

Ich schaue Jesu Angesicht
Daran gedenkt u weinet nicht.

A handsomely carved marble memorializes
"F.H. Wiehelm Leeser, Lehrer der Ev. Luth. St.
Paul's Gemeinde, geb. den 4 Nov. 1845, gest, den 27
Sept. 1881. Leichentext: Hosea 6, 1. Das Loos ist mir
gefallen aufs Liebliche, mir ist ein schoen Erbtheil
geworden.—Psalm 16, 6. Gewidmet von den Ge-
sangvereinen zu Des Peres, St. Louis Co. Mo."

A small slab chronicles the death of Mathilde
Lidia Elisabeth Leeser, born April 24, 1880, died
Jan. 25, 1882. The text appended is from St. Luke
VIII, 52:

Weinet nicht; sie ist nicht gestorben sondern
sie schlaeft.

South of the circular lot are two or three graves,
one of which has a marble headstone to the infant
son of Fred and Mary Mertz, who passed away Sept.
29, 1887, aged 7 days. The epitaph concludes: "Aus
Gottes Hand in Gottes Hand."

Not far away is a row of monuments, four in
number, elaborate and striking. One, of white
marble, is in the center of a lot, defined by stone
posts at the corners and having a stone portal. On
the east face of the shaft is an inverted torch,
above a wreath, beneath which the inscription
reads to Gottlieb Lindemann, born April 24,
1816, died Sept. 9, 1880.

Ich will den heilsamen kelch nehmen u des
Herrn Namen predigen. Psalm 116, v. 13. Sanft
ruhe seine Asche.

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On the south face is cut: Unser geliebter Mutter, Philippine C. Lindemann, geb. 16, Sep. 1827, gest. Aug. 1883

Seid stille und erkennet das ich Gott bin.— Psalm 46, 11. Mit Jesu sterben seliger Gewinn.

Next on the south is a blue mottled marble of handsome shape and embellished with ornamental engraving. It stands in memory of Sebastian Luft, who died Jan. 8, 1890, in his 71st year.

Es ist genug, so nimm num Herr mein[?] Seele.—Koen, 19, v. 4. So jemand Christi Worte glaubt Im Tod und Grabe der nicht bleibt, Er lebt, ob er gleich stirbet.

A tall white marble shaft, draped, has inscriptions on its north and south faces. That on the north is to Dorothea Koehler, who died March 10, 1890, aged 68 years, 8 months and 6 days. It ends with:

Wir, die wir glauben, gehen in die Ruhe— Hebr. 4, 3. Der Tod der Christen is kein Tod, Nur uebergang zum Leben.

On the south face is the epitaph to Leonhard Koehler, who died May 29, 1890, aged 69 years, 3 months, 23 days.

Das ist je gewisslich wahr; Sterben wir mit, so werden wir mit leben—2 Tim. 2, 11. Sterben ist unser Los. Auferstehen unsere Hoffnung.

In this lot under a slender evergreen is a little slab to Katharina, daughter of Aug. and Marie Grossheim, born March 9, 1878, died Feb. 25, 1883.

Adjoining the last mentioned lot is that of Dietrich, in which is a gray mottled monument, not lofty, on the north face of which is an epitaph to Jacob P. Dietrich, who died Sept. 7, 1887, aged 18 years 2 months. The verse appended reads:

Was wollt ihr euch betueben
Dass ich zur Ruh gebracht,
Seid still ihr, meine Lieben
Gott hat es wohl gemacht.

On the opposite face is an inscription to Johann H. Dietrich, deceased Dec. 4, 1887, aged 20 years, 7 months, 4 days.

Wohl ihm dass von Gottes Hand,

So frueh ist aufgenommen,
Und in das rechte Vaterland
Zur Seligkeit gekommen.

Near the southern line of the burying ground is a tasteful square tombstone of variegated marble to Elisabeth Mertz, departed this life Nov. 24, 1887, aged 66 years.

Leben wir, so leben wir dem Herrn, sterben wir, so sterben wir dem Herrn.

In this row of graves is one having at its head a box with a glass lid, showing a wreath of white flowers and a little book opened, on the two pages of which are inscribed, "Herr des Todes deine Liebe waltet von der Wiege bis zur Todtengruft." Here is a fence of evergreens with the entrance on the west, the east side being open, and the lot having no tombstones. Just north there is a beautiful marble obelisk, with inscriptions on two sides. On the west face is recorded the death of J. Georg Møeller, born Nov. 11, 1805, died Sept. 11, 1881. "Ich habe Lust abzuschneiden und bei Christo zu sein." Phil. 1, 23. On the north side the epitaph is in memory of Maria Møeller, who died March 7, 1882, aged 62 years 10 months. A little north is a small slab to John, son of E. and H. Hoch, died Feb. 25, 1875, aged 3 months. "Our darling sleeps."

A large white marble slab has elaborate carving on it, and inscriptions on both faces. That on the west reads:

IM HIMMEL!
Michael & Margarethe Ruck's
Familien Grab.

Ihr Geliebten weinet nicht,
Das Ich schon geschieden;
Der mich nahm, der liebe Gott,
Gab mir seinen Frieden.
Und ist euer Lauf vollbracht;
Wird im ewigen Leben,
Der mich nahm, der liebe Gott
Mich euch Wiedergeben.

On the east face are roses cut in above the sentiment "Auf wiederseh'n" and a pair of clasped hands.

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The epitaph, which closes with a poetic tribute is in memory of "Johann Michael Ruck." geboren Feb. 13, 1824, starb Juli 24, 1886. The lines are:

Ach wie gerne wolltest Du noch Leben.
Und Dich mit den Deinen freun;
Dennoch war Dir nicht gegeben,
Længere Zeit bei uns zu sein.
Gar treulich hast Du fuer die Deinen
Mit unnerdross' ner Mueh' geschafft
Und warst im Grosszen wie im kleinen
Stets redlich und Gewissenhaft.
Freudig werden wir uns sehn
Wenn wir einstmal Auferstehn.

A weather-stained slab has joined hands above its epitaph to "Maria J., Gattin von Friederick Nau, gest den 11 Marz, 1884, im alter von 63 Jahre." In contrast, because of its evident newness, is a handsome marble headstone to Henriette L. Lochlaas, who died Feb. 24, 1891, in her 75th year. A text and a couplet are given.

Selig sind die Todten, die in dem Herrn sterben, von nun an. Ja, der Geist spricht, dass sie ruhen von ihrer Arbeit, denn ihre Werke folgen ihnen nach.—Offenb, 14, 13.

—
Mir ist Sterben ein Gewinn,
Denn ich geb' zu Jesu him.

Within a paling fence are several graves, a wooden headboard, undecipherable, being over one. In this vicinity are three tombstones—one a weather beaten marble, another, a mottled marble column, set on a square pedestal, and the third a fine slab, highly engraved. The first-mentioned is inscribed to "Herrn Andreas Greb, geboren 6 Oct. 1828, in Niedermoos, im Grosherzogthum Hessen, gestorben 21 Oct. 1858." The sentiment appended reads:

Wachet und bethet das ihr nicht in anfechtung fallet der geist willig aber das fleish ist schwach.

The central memorial is for Anna Katharina Greb Hoell, who died March 6, 1888, in her 87th year. Beneath the inscription is cut:

Leichentext Ps. 31, 6: In deine Haendebe-fehleich meinen Geist, du hast mich ertoeset, Herr, du treuer Gott.

The slab on the south reads: "Hier ruhet Johann Georg Greb, geb. Sep. 1797 zu Slechtenwegen, Hessen, Darmstadt, gest Aug. 15, 1857. Ps. 90, 10: 38, 12. Ev. Joh 6, 17: Wahrlich, wahrlich, ich sage euch: Wer an mich glaubt der hat das ewige Leben."

A marble headstone with a lamb cut in above the inscription marks the grave of Heinrich A. Menke, born Oct. 31, 1878, died July 14, 1880. There is a little verse, as follows:

Lebt wohl, wir sehn uns wieder
Laszt uns zur Heimath gehn
Ihr Freunde und ihr Brueder
Lebt wohl auf Wiedersehen.

Close to the south line of the yard is a slab crumbling with age, the lower part of the epitaph being illegible. It reads: "Hier ruhet in Gott Katharina Lochnaas, eine gebohrne Hofmann ans Satz, im Grossherzogthum, Hessen, geborenen den 25 Februar[sic], 1820, verehelicht den 26 December, 1840, gestorben den 8 Februar[sic], 1852. Text: Seleg sind die Todten, die in dem Herrn sterben, von nun an Da der Geist spricht, dass sie ruhen von——." The remainder cannot be read. It is the same text, however, as that on the memorial to Henriette L. Lochhaas, already described, with slight changes in the spelling. A marble slab near by marks the grave of Carl. W. Holm, "geboren 18 Mai, 1808, gestorben 24 Dec. 1863. Sanft ruhe seine Asche."

In the southeast corner of the yard are numerous old cedars, with wide-spreading boughs, whose shade lies deep on many nameless graves. Old-fashioned picket fences surround little plats of ground, beneath whose surface lie the dead who have no memorial slab or board to mark their last resting place. Some of the fences are in the last stage of decay. In such surroundings is a twin marble headstone, with joined hands at the center of the arch. On one side of the tribute is an inscription to Margarethe Rieffenach, who died Jan. 21, 1884, in her 79th year. The text is Luc. 2, 20:

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"Herr nun lasset du deinen Deiner in Frieden fahren." On its counterpart the epitaph is to Heinrich Rieffenach, died July 2, 1860, in his 70th year. The text for him is 1 Joh. 1, 7: "Das Blut Jesu Christi macht uns rein von aller Suende."

A modest slab stands above the grave of Gertrud Bopp, born Lind, wife of Peter Bopp, Kirkwood, who was born May 7, 1817 and died Oct. 24, 1861, "Ausgewandert den 28ten Sept. 1852, aus Graebenhain Grossherzogthum, Hessen Darmstadt." The 5th verse of the 90th Psalm ends the epitaph. Just north is a small picketed inclosure, with a wooden headboard having painted letters lying on the grave, from which last grow sassafras sprouts and blackberry bushes. The grave is that of Georg Haushalter, private 12th Reg. Mo. Vol. Co. K, born March 23, 1841, in Des Peres, Mo, died Dec. 20, 1861.

On the east is a slab with a dove and olive branch, in memory of L. Wilhelmine A. Wissmann, died March 4, 1865, aged 3 years, 9 months. The epitaph concludes:

Ich will wandeln vor dem Herrn im Lande der Leben.—Ps. 116,9. Ich habe schon nach kurzem Sareit erlangt die Krone der Herrlichkeit.

Under a large cedar is a picket fence, with a board screwed to one end. On it is painted an epitaph to Anna Margaretha Rauscher, born Sept. 7, 1845, died March 8, 1864. The headboard on an adjoining picketed lot reads to Heinrich Merz. The weather has effaced the rest. Still another which can be deciphered with difficulty, is in memory of Daniel Reinhardt, born in September, 1857, died in October, 1858. Close by is another to Magdalena Reinhardt, born July 24, 1847, died Nov. 28, 1857. The verse can't be read. Adjoining Merz is a similar fence and headboard above Anna Friederike Lowise Wehmeier, born Sept. 15, 1860, died Aug. 10, 1862. There is a long verse which is nearly all illegible.

A weather beaten headstone is the tribute to "George Dietrich von Freiensteinau Grosz Hessen, geboren am 10 August, 1830, gestorben am 20 April, 1858." A marble slab recites the death of John Dietrich, husband of Margaretha, who died June 9, 1860, aged 48.

A weeping willow is cut in the marble headstone above the grave of Georg H. Rauscher, who was born way back in January, 1808. "im Klein Heubach, Koenigreich Baiern," and died Sept. 10, 1870—nearly a quarter of a century ago. A text from the Bible—the verse that is on the stones to members of the Lochhaas family, already given—finishes his epitaph.

The little mound above Emilie, daughter of G. and P. Lindeman, born Feb. 7, 1863, died Oct. 30, 1865, has an appropriate marble memorial. The appended text reads:

Da sprachen die Juden, Siehe wie hat er sie so lieb gehabt—Joh 11. v. 36.

In this vicinity are numerous children's graves, many with neat and tasteful headstones, and some of the inscriptions embodying texts and poetic tributes to the little ones. E. and H. Hoch have several children interred here, of various ages, all dying prior to 1871: Wm. and A.C. Meier have a daughter aged 3, who died in 1871; J. and K. Greb have a daughter of 3; and then there are little graves of children of J.C. and R. Rauscher, Diem, Wissman, and others.

A white wooden cross, with black edges, stands above the mound of Louise Hartman. Other details are not given. A weather-beaten slab, with a weeping willow carved upon it, is the memorial to "Katharina Luft, geborene Haack, geb. d. 8 Maerz, 1823, gest. d. 31 Oct. 1866."

Leichentext: Selig sind die Todten die in dem Herrn sterben.—Off. John 14, v 13.

More picketed graves, with headboards difficult to read. One is in memory of Frau Charlotte Lindeman, born 14 May, 1812, died 11 Sept. 1859. An old-fashioned headstone records the death of frau Maria Eva Orth, geb. Haushalter, geb. Jan. 14, 1810, verehelicht March 17, 1839, gest. April 10, 1851.

Christus ist mein Leben,
Sterben ist mein Gewinn.

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A crumbling stone under a wide-spreading old sycamore is in memory of Maria Alt, born Feb. 20, 1845, died July 20, 1846. The stone is broken at the last line of the poetry, which is here given:

Befreit von Schmerz und Muehe,
Geh ich euch so fruehe,
Zieh bin, geliebtes Kind,
Dein Schoepfer heisst dich schlafen,
Und wohnen bei den Schafen
Di-ewig wohl versorget sind.

An angel pointing upward is engraved above the epitaph on the marble to "Chr. August Lehmann, Pastor an der Ev. Luth. St. Paul's Kirche. Zu Des Peres, Mo., geboren den 8 Dec. 1815, gestorben den 1 Febr. 1875" The inscription ends with a verse, 1 Cor. 2, 2.

An iron railing, newly painted, defines the lot in which a plain marble headstone is erected to Heinrich Bertram Kohlstock, born June 29, 1838, died March 7, 1872.

Die LEHRER werden leuchten wie des Himmels Glanz.—Daniel 12. v 3.

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Near by is a stone, with a broken bud, to Anna Margretha Dietrich, born June 27, 1856, died July 26, 1873, in her 18th year.

Schoen war stets ihr leben,
Edel ihr bemuehn,
Møeg gottes segen
Ewig ihr stets bluehen.

Philip H. Kaiser, who died Sept. 22, 1874, aged 37 years, 3 months, lies buried near, and in a cluster here are several children's graves, among them being members of the families of Hoch, Weber, Lochhaas and Stock. A wooden board painted black on one side and having the inscription on the other in black letters denotes the grave of Friederike W. Blasé, who died July 25, 1873, aged 1 year, 5 months, 28 days.

Ich habe schon nach kurzem Streit
Erlangt die Kron' der Herrlichkeit

North of where the old church stood are sundry graves. Inside a picket fence is a neat marble slab, having joined hands cut in beneath the word "Lebewohl" and above the inscription to Jacob F. Ravens, born Jan. 8, 1812, died Oct. 8, 1875. Close is a handsome headstone in memory of Peter Nielson, born Aug. 3, 1841, died Oct. 9, 1875. A wooden board tells the history of "Wieh. F. Stork, geb. Feb. 14, 1834, gest. Jan. 5, 1875." A pretty slab, with a child asleep, is a tribute to J.T. Bopp, aged 2.

Heinrich Blase, who died June 26, 1876, in his 40th year, lies under a handsome stone. Next north of him is a tasteful slab to "A. Martha Newroth, geb. Schmauch. geb. in Solz. Hessen, 28, Mai, 1828, gest. 7 Aug. 1876. Leichentext: Jesaias c 60, v 20." Just under the above are lines.

Ruh' im stillen Frieden müa,
Beste Mutter, stets uns theuer,
Dankbar hegen wir dein Bild
Bis zur Auferstehungsfeier.

A wooden cross, with letters almost illegible, stands at the head of the mound to Otto Diem, born Nov. 12, 1875, died June 21, 1876.

A mottled marble indicates the grave of Sophia, daughter of August and Mary Liebmann, born Feb. 10, 1865, died Nov. 10, 1877. "Des Herrn Hand hat mich beruehrt."

Gottlieb Mertz, who died May 21, 1877, in his 20th year, is buried near. His epitaph concludes:

Schlafe wohl in deinem Theil,
Bis anbricht das ewige Heil.

A six-year-old boy, Johann Georg Wissmann, who died Oct. 3, 1877, has a neat headstone, with a text and sentiment beneath the name and dates.

Ich muss sein in dem, des meines Vaters ist.—Lui 2, 49.

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Aus Gottes Hand in Gottes Hand.

A small marble slab commemorates the death of Edmund G. Schirmer, born Oct. 29, 1833, died April 21, 1878. "Friede seiner Asche."

A leaning headstone, embellished with an angel flying toward heaven, marks the tomb of Dorothea Trog, born Jan. 20, 1862, died Sept. 7, 1878. "Leichentext: Matth, 25, 10."

O wie selig seid ihr doch ihr Frommen,
Die ihr durch den Tod zu Gott gekommen,
Ihr seid entgangen aller Noth
De uns noch hælt gefangen.

A slab, with a sleeping lamb, stands at the head of the grave of Heinrich, son of W. W. and Elisabeth Ravens, born Nov. 15, 1876, died June 24, 1878.

There are other graves in this vicinity, but nameless, and the above sketch though somewhat extended, by reason of the almost universal custom of the lot-owners to remember their dead with some comforting text of Scripture or line of appropriate poetry, is as faithful in its mournful particulars, as the visiting writer could possibly make it.

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