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Notes to the Reader:

1. Finding all the children in a family is difficult when one has only sequential church baptism records to search, as is the case with European church records from two centuries or more ago. It is quite easy to miss children, due to difficulty in reading the script, because of missing records, or because of not knowing when the family started and ended their sequence of births. Therefore I will sometimes say that a family had a given number of children, or "at least" a given number of children. Either way it refers to the number of children I have found in the records; there may have been more children in many of the families in this study.

2. The names of people are spelled differently depending on the country and language. For example, Philip Hamm was born Philippe according to French records; and Andrew Hamm was born André. In the Latin records of the Catholic Church André is written Andreus. Franz, in German, becomes François in French and Francis, or sometimes Frank, in English. There is a name "translation" table in the appendix.

3. I have not been completely consistent in my spelling of names. I use Philippe, for example, while the family is in Europe, and Philip in the United States. The same is true in my use of André and Andrew. In addition I use the names as spelled at the time. For example, a German church record may list a child baptized Michäel; his marriage record may be in French, naming him Michel. In translations of the family records in Part XIII, I use the spelling given in the record.

4. Portions of this genealogical study are incomplete. I have not been able to find some of the ancestors and descendants of Philip and Catherine Hamm. Where data of this kind are missing, I have indicated it in the text or in a footnote. Any and all assistance from people who read this study and have additional information will be appreciated.
Introduction

This genealogical study began with a request from my wife, Julie: "Bill, now that you can read German church records, please find the ancestors of my grandmother, Nellie Hamm. She was German." I had just completed a study of my great grandfather's family, and during the process, learned to read old German script and to very slowly and with much difficulty translate German church records.

A relative of our family who had made a family tree thirty years ago gave us what information she had. In brief, she explained that Nellie Hamm was the daughter of William Hamm, and that William's father, John Hamm, had come from Europe, probably Germany. However, Nellie Hamm's (Mrs. C. O. Richards) obituary on 5 May 1954 stated that she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamm. Already you can see that the task of assembling this family history might be difficult. It was.

Eventually it became clear that Nellie's father was indeed William Hamm, and that William's father was Philip, a name somehow lost in the recent history of his family, at least in our branch of it. Several John Hamm's did make their appearance during the study; some were related to the Philip Hamm family; some were not.

The main characters in this genealogical study are Philip Hamm and his wife Catherine Wurth, both born in Alsace, near Strasbourg. His name in 1786 at the time of his birth was spelled Philippe; hers at the time of her birth in 1801 was Catérine. They were emigrants who arrived in the United States in 1836 and eventually settled in Erin Township, Stephenson County, Illinois in 1845. They are one of two Hamm families that emigrated from Alsace and settled in Stephenson County at about that time, but as far as we can determine, they are not related to each other. One was Catholic and one Protestant. In both families their religion goes back for at least several generations. Philip and Catherine were the Catholics.

Part I of our story will be the European part. We will begin with a brief biography of Philip and Catherine, their married life in the early nineteenth century and their emigration and sea voyage. Then we will provide some history of Alsace, up to the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars.

Part II begins with the arrival of the Hamm family in the United States. It includes what we know about their nine years of living and travel in New York State, West Virginia, and on to northern Illinois, where most of the family finally settled. Some history of Erin Township in northern Illinois is provided next, including a historical time line of northern Illinois history, with emphasis on Stephenson County and Erin Township, where the Hamms settled.

Part III contains information on the ancestors of Philip Hamm, such as family data and notes about the families and the towns in which they lived. Part IV contains similar information about the ancestors of Catherine Wurth.
Part V is a short chapter about Philip, Catherine and their immediate family. That is followed by six chapters, one on each of the Hamm children who lived to marry and have children of their own. Following those chapters, in Part XII, is a fifty year time line, showing the key events in the Hamm family during their first half century in the United States.

Part XIII contains copies of key family documents, such as birth records, marriage and death records. Many are in French, German or Latin; these are translated into English. The documents represent a cross section of what can be found in researching a family from western Europe that emigrated to the United States in the nineteenth century.

Part XIV contains several appendices, including the French Republican calendar; an aid to the spelling of names in four languages, English, French, German and Latin; information on the Jean and Georges Hamm’s who also emigrated from Alsace to Stephenson County Illinois; a bibliography and a name index.

Finding the ancestors involved more than reading German church records. The records for the family from 1805 to 1836 when they left for America are French Civil records; most of the records in Alsace between 1793 and 1805 are in German. Prior to 1793, only church records are available for research. The Protestant Church records are in German and most of the Catholic Church records are in Latin. A selection of all of these types of records is contained in Part XIII; for each record we provide a translation and notes of explanation.

Finding the descendants of Philip and Catherine Hamm proved to be even more difficult than finding their ancestors. Branches of the family, fifty years after their emigration, were found in Iowa, West Virginia, South Dakota, and Cook and Stephenson Counties in Illinois. More family members are yet to be found.

All genealogical studies involve great potential for error. This one will be no exception, I am certain. I hope this study will send other family members to their libraries and newspaper archives, and to the records in Germany and France to search out additional information on both the ancestors and descendants of Philip Hamm. I would appreciate receiving any additional information you find and I would even more appreciate having you point out my errors.

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PART I: EUROPE

- Philip and Catherine Hamm: early years in Alsace
- A Brief History of Alsace
**Philippe Hamm and Catherine Wurth: Early Years in Alsace**

**Philippe Hamm**

Philippe Hamm was born in the village of Lampertheim, a short distance north of Strasbourg, on 30 April 1786. As far as we know, he was the sixth and last child of André Hamm and Anne Marie Schott. The Schott’s were a family from Lampertheim, and the André Hamm family had come from the town of Rangen, a town about ten miles west of Lampertheim. Philippe’s paternal grandparents were Lorentz Hamm and Anna Lienhard. The Lienhards were a family from Rangen. About Lorentz Hamm’s ancestry we know nothing.

Philippe’s birth date has a question relating to it. When he applied for United States Citizenship fifty-four years later, Philippe stated that he had been born in 1787. Both his marriage record and the baptism record of the Catholic Church in Lampertheim state that he was born on 30 April 1786. There is no mistake in the church record regarding Philippe’s birth. It clearly states, in Latin, that the year is 1786. The records of births before and after his are also dated in the year 1786, and the page numbers in the church record book leave no doubt that the records were written in time sequence.

Why would there be any confusion regarding the date? In this case there probably is a good reason. Philippe’s father died on 25 April 1787. This date could easily have remained in his mind later and become associated with his birth date. Or it is possible that over the years he forgot the correct date.

Lampertheim (called Lambertheim in 1750) was a small village of some 400 people in 1786, only a bit less than five miles north of the center of Strasbourg. This may have been close enough to make it officially part of Strasbourg, especially during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries when Strasbourg was an independent city, administered by the Bishop of Strasbourg.

André Hamm, Philippe’s father, worked as a brick layer in Lampertheim until his death in 1787. He died when Philippe was only one year old. André Hamm was born on 24 November 1747, and he died in 1787; he was therefore only forty years old when he died. Philippe’s mother continued to live in Lampertheim until her death in 1818, when she was 65 and Philippe was 31.

Philippe’s older sister, Catherina, was born in 1773. She married Joseph Dittel in Lampertheim and her first child was born in 1792. His sister, Maria, and two brothers, Anton and Lorentz all died in childhood. His older brother, André, born in 1776, was married in Plobsheim, a small town nine miles south of Strasbourg, around 1798 to Marie Madeleine Michel. Their first child was born in 1800. Marie Madeleine was a sister of Maria Catherina Michel, Catherine Wurth’s mother and Philippe’s mother-in-law.
Children of André Hamm and Anne Marie Schott:

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Except for the early death of his father, we have very little information on Philippe's early life. Since his mother lived until 1818, it is likely that Philippe remained at home in Lampertheim until age sixteen or eighteen. From the records we have researched, he next appears in Plobsheim, a village just nine miles south of Strasbourg, in 1821 when he, at age thirty four, married Catherine Wurth. By then, Philippe's brother André was working as a bar keeper in Plobsheim. André had gone to Plobsheim in 1798 when he married.

Philippe may have fought in the Napoleonic Wars. He was seventeen in 1803 when the fighting began, and he was twenty-nine in 1815, when Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo. He probably did not fight, or do so for very long. People who had significant military records usually had their rank stated in the Civil records of the time. Philippe's marriage record does not include a military title. On the other hand, speaking German as his mother tongue, Philippe may have joined the Prussian army and fought against Napoleon.¹

Philippe was only six years old in 1792 when the New French Republic was officially begun. He was thirty four when he married Catherine Wurth in Plobsheim. The Republican calendar² which was used from 1793 through 1805 is what he probably first learned in school when he learned the months of the year. He was 19 when it was discontinued.

We can guess that, before his brother André left home in 1798, Philippe was raised by his mother, his brother, and his sister, Catharina. Lorentz, his brother three years older, died in infancy, as did his brother Anthony. His sister, Maria, born in 1781, died only nineteen months later.

Many people, particularly of the peasant class in those days never learned to read and write. Both Philippe and Catherine could sign their names clearly and did so on their marriage record. It probably means that both could read and write; and that means that both most likely attended school in Catholic schools provided by their churches.

¹ The question of Philippe’s participation in the Napoleonic wars needs further research. There is no record of an earlier marriage; that would have been likely during his twenties had there been no war.
² See appendix for a description of the Republican calendar.
Catherine Wurth was born on 20 April 1801, the only child of Bonaventure Wurth and Maria Catharina Michel. It was Bonaventure’s second marriage. Bonaventure was born in Dundenheim, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, in what is now Germany, just to the east of northern Alsace, across the Rhine River. His ancestors, as far back as we can trace them, came from this small town.

Bonaventure Wurth was married first to Anna Maria Burg, in Plobsheim in about 1780. He is listed as a day laborer in Plobsheim in the record of this, his first marriage. Between 1781 and 1799 the couple had six children, most of whom died within their first six years of life. They included two named Bonaventure, the first, born in 1781, died at age one month. The second Bonaventure was born in 1798 and lived only two weeks. Their son Antoine lived to at least fifty, marrying three times. He is the only child of the six that we know lived beyond infancy. Anna Maria Burg died on 3 June 1800, probably of problems with the birth of her last child six months before.

Bonaventure immediately married for a second time. On 28 June 1800 he married Maria Catharina Michel, also from Plobsheim. They had one child, Catharina Wurth, who became the wife of Philippe Hamm twenty years later. Both Bonaventure and Maria Catharina lived for another twenty five years or more, but there is no record of additional children being born to the couple.

Marriage

Philippe and Catherine were married on 6 January 1821. Their marriage record and a translation are to be found in Part XIII, along with other family records. It is an excellent example of French Civil records of that time, showing both the bride’s and groom’s parents, their place of birth or death, if deceased, and the names and occupations of witnesses, usually relatives of the bride and groom.

The family spoke German. Philippe, by signing his name using the French spelling, indicates that he may also have been able to speak French. That would be a small clue that, if he fought in the war, he fought on the side of Napoleon.

The ancestors of both Philippe Hamm and Catherine Wurth, and the towns in which these earlier generations were born are presented in Parts III and IV respectively.

Philippe and Catherine lived in house number 73 in Plobsheim for their first eight years. House number 73 was the Wurth home, that is, the home of Catherine's half-brother, Antoine Wurth and his first wife, Dorothee Rudolph. Later, about 1829, the Hamm's were living in house number 155.
The house numbering system in these villages is interesting. Houses were numbered in the sequence in which they were built. Therefore house number 73 would have been the seventy third house built in the village of Plobsheim. House 155 would have been relatively new, since in the 1820's the town probably had few more houses than 155.

Philippe and Catherine had eight children between 1821 and 1835, while they lived in Plobsheim. The first Louis, born in 1827, lived for only two years. And Joseph, born on 1 January 1835, lived for only one week. By spring of the year 1836, when they were planning their emigration, they had six living children ranging in age from 15 to under one year.

Children born to Philippe and Catherine Hamm between 1821 and 1836:

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Joseph, who lived only for one week, was born 1 January 1835. Cathérine was born 14 November 1835, the same year. Obviously they had decided on having another child in 1835 and, when Joseph died, they immediately set out to produce another. The woman's lot in those days was a difficult one.

**Why they decided to emigrate**

The main reasons people cited for leaving Alsace during the 1830's included poverty, the impossibility of developing a positive future or simply, "to improve my situation." This last statement was probably used most often when people were asked by officials why they wanted to leave. This statement avoided bureaucratic difficulties.

Most people had lived through periods of repression and were not certain that there would not be more wars and more repression in the future. During Philippe's lifetime to this point there had been a revolution, the Reign of Terror, the Napoleonic Wars and an attempt to outlaw all religions. By the early 1830's the religious suppression was mostly in the past, with Catholics and Protestants living together more or less at peace. In fact, in many of these small villages, the two religions shared the same church.

Philippe Hamm's situation was probably typical. He was the last child born to his family. If the family owned property, which is doubtful, it would have gone to Philippe's older brother,
André. They already had a large family and, working as a day laborer, Philippe undoubtedly had difficulty keeping them fed and housed. We know that for the first eight years of their marriage, they lived with his wife’s family rather than having a place of their own. With eight family members by 1835, living with relatives could have become a difficult problem.

Most emigrants knew where they were going. They had relatives or friends who had emigrated earlier and who sent word that life might be better in North America. In the case of the Philippe Hamm family, it is likely that they knew someone who had settled in New York state, and it is nearly certain that they knew Thomas Hamm who had emigrated from Baden in 1825 and who had been living in Wheeling, Virginia (today West Virginia) since 1831.

**Emigration**

The usual procedure for applying for emigration in the early nineteenth century was to apply in the spring in order to allow processing and approval time, to be able to depart in the summer or early autumn. Winter storms at sea were definitely to be avoided. Two witnesses were required for the application, as well as a down payment on the travel charges. Usually, fifty francs were collected per adult passenger at this point. Philippe Hamm followed this practice; in fact he was a bit early that year in applying. The family applied for permission to emigrate to the United States on 19 March 1836, and departed from Strasbourg in July 1836. During the first half of the nineteenth century, transportation to America was made possible by French cotton imports and the American firms shipping cotton to France. The trip was made via "la route du coton," or, the cotton route. Before the United States Civil War, France and several other European countries provided a major market for the southern United States cotton growers' product. Early in the 19th century, cotton ships docked at Amsterdam and took emigrants to America in the returning empty ships. The earliest Alsatian emigrants floated down the Rhine, often on homemade rafts. Beginning in 1827 the cotton trade found Le Havre a more desirable port. By this time railroads had begun to connect French cities, and Le Havre could be reached from most points on the French railway system. Strasbourg was one of the cities with rail service at that time.

**Departure**

Philippe, Catherine and their family of six children set out by train, on an empty freight car used for shipping cotton, for Le Havre. The rail journey was about 560 kilometers (350 miles) and required three days, sometimes a bit more, depending on stops, weather and condition of the railway and equipment. These trains with emigrants were very picturesque. The cars were small and open to the weather; often a family of eight had one car to itself. They carried cooking utensils, bread, bags of grain and dried fruit and meat. They knew that they had to survive for the next three or four months on whatever they could carry with them.

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3 We estimate that a common laborer earned something like two to four francs per week.
At the dock they had to show their official emigration permission documents, pay the remainder of their passage, some 50 to 100 additional francs per adult and wait for a ship with space for them. During the days or weeks of waiting, some did day labor for food and lodging. Some went into the streets begging for food or money. At the last moment, just before embarking, some hesitated in fear; some got aboard; and a few even turned back.

The conditions on the cotton ships were deplorable. The captain and the shipping company took responsibility only for providing space, fire for cooking, and water; everything else had to be provided and done by the passengers. They had to take responsibility for food, washing and taking care of each other, even when sick.

The journey lasted typically from fifty to seventy days, depending on weather, winds and seas. There were epidemics of cholera, typhus and smallpox. For a fifty-year period from about 1820 to 1870, an average of one in every sixty passengers died en-route. Most passengers were malnourished by the time they arrived. The press in New York called these ships "floating coffins." In some cases the passengers turned the ships into what the press called "floating cathedrals," because the entire group of passengers spent most of the trip chanting the Mass. After 1840, laws were passed in both the United States and France regarding the conditions of these emigrant ships. But, that was after Philippe and his family made the trip.

The Hamm family departed on a ship for New York late in the month of August 1836 and sailed for around nine weeks arriving at New York on November 3, 1836. Their vessel was the "Ship Robert Brown" from Le Havre to New York. It carried 200 passengers, all listed as being from Germany. Passengers numbered 152 through 159 were the eight member Hamm family, listed as:

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None were listed as having died on the trip. In fact, there is no death listed among the entire 200 on board. It was an unusually lucky sailing.
Maps included on the next four pages:

Map of Alsace-Lorraine and Surrounding Territory

This map shows the two provinces of northeastern France as they were in about 1915. The German Empire is to the north and the Grand Duchy of Baden to the east. The Rhine River forms the Alsacian border on the east.

Map of Europe in 1789

This is Europe as it was before the French Revolution. The major powers were Poland, Prussia, the German Empire, Austria, France and England. At this time Alsace was a part of France.

Administrative Map of Alsace

Here you can see the division of Alsace into its two Departments, Bas-Rhin and Haut-Rhin. They compare in size to typical midwestern United States Counties. The towns shown are the key towns in each Arrondissement, the next smaller administrative subdivision.

Strasbourg Region Map

This is a detailed modern map of the Strasbourg region. The scale is about five miles to the inch. All of the small towns and villages we mention are included on this map. Note Plobsheim about fourteen miles south of the center of Strasbourg; Dundenheim, just east across the Rhine; and about five miles north of Strasbourg the towns of Vendenheim, Lampertheim and Eckwersheim. A few miles west of Strasbourg, the main north-south road passing through Molsheim and Obernai is the Route du Vin (Wine Road) running along at the base of the Vosges mountains. The hillsides to the west of this road are covered with grape vines that produce the Rieslings, Gewürztraminers and sweet Muscats for which the region is famous. Many of the town names end in "-heim;" that is the German word meaning "home."
Administrative map of Alsace

Showing the two Departments, Bas-Rhin and Haut-Rhin, and the key towns in each Arrondissement.
**A Brief History of Alsace**

**The Province**

Alsace, today, is the northeastern-most province of France. It is a small strip of land along the Rhine River, about fifteen miles wide and sixty miles long, with the Rhine River making up its entire eastern border. The main cities are Strasbourg, Mulhouse and Colmar. Take a look at the maps on the previous pages. The one printed around 1915 presents a good perspective of the region, showing both Alsace and Lorraine, just northwest of Alsace. Across the Rhine to the east lies the Grand Duchy of Baden, today Baden-Württemburg. Other maps are provided to help the reader understand the Strasbourg region as a key strategic location between France and Germany both before and after the French Revolution.

Alsace is made up of two French Departments; we would probably compare them with counties in the United States, both in size and administration. The southern one is called the Upper Rhine; remember, the Rhine flows from south to north here. In French the Upper Rhine would be Haut-Rhin; in German, Oberrhein. The northern state, the one in which we are interested here, is the Lower Rhine, or Bas-Rhin, or Niederrhein.

Eastern Alsace, along the river, is lightly rolling, fertile farming country. Traveling west, up out of the river valley, the land becomes hilly; we are entering the foothills of the Vosges mountains. Some of its peaks are about 3000 feet above sea level. Running along the base of these hills is the beautiful Route-du-Vin, the road connecting the towns and vineyards that are part of the great Alsacian wine industry.

On the east side of the river is Germany. Traveling east, up out of the river valley, we come to the Black Forest. The entire region is a very beautiful part of Europe.

**Early History**

The three elements, Celtic, Frankish and Teutonic that make up early Alsacian history can be summed up in a medieval proverb:

Drey Schlosser auff einem Berge,
Drey Kirchen auff einem Kirchoffe,
Drey Stätte in einem Thal,
Ist das ganze Elsass überall.

Three castles on one mountain,
Three churches in one churchyard,
Three cities in one valley,
Such is Alsace everywhere
The proverb and the quotations that follow in this section are from the book, "The Spell of Alsace," by André Halays, published in 1919. The introduction, written by Frank Roy Fraprie, provides a particularly concise, though French-oriented, history of Alsace. The proverb as well as the quotations are from the introduction by Mr. Fraprie.

The region now called Alsace first appears in Caesar's Commentaries, in which we read of his difficulties with Ariovistus. This Germanic chieftain had crossed the Rhine at the invitation of the Gallic tribes to help them fight their battles. At first, some fifteen thousand from the region east of the Rhine crossed over; but when the fighting ceased, they took one-third of the land in payment, and an additional one hundred thousand people came over to settle there. After that, they wanted more land, and another appeal was made to Caesar by the Gallic tribes, this time to drive them off. Caesar cooperated and, as a result, Alsace became a part of the Roman Empire for the next four hundred years.

Beginning about the year 350, the fighting began again, and continued for the next fifty years. When in 403, Honorius withdrew the Roman legions to fight in Italy, "this was the beginning of the end. In 406 the Vandals and the Alans completely overran Alsace, and in twelve months every trace of the Roman civilization had been completely destroyed. The next year came the Burgundians, and after them the Huns, and until these latter were defeated at Châlons in 451, and Attila was driven across the Rhine for the last time, Alsace remained a waste."

In 536 Alsace was formed into a Dukedom. The most famous of the Dukes was Atticas, whose daughter became the basis for the Legend of Odile. She was born blind and miraculously cured by the water of baptism. This miracle led to the Christianization of Alsace. As Christianity spread many missionaries appeared in the province, to persuade the still partially pagan population of the advantages of Christianity.

The next major event in our much-abbreviated history was the Treaty of Verdun in 843, by which the grandsons of Charlemagne divided his empire. Lothaire, the eldest, received Lotharingia, the middle region, extending from Lorraine to Italy, including Alsace.

During the eleventh century the Dukedom of Alsace passed to the House of Hohenstaufen, and in 1168 the southern part of Alsace became part of the Habsburg Empire. The northern part remained dependent on the See of Strasbourg. Strasbourg was one of several cities that became independent, it became a Free Imperial City in 1201 with the right to mint its own coins. It became a trade center for tobacco, beer and metalwork. By 1482, Strasbourg had become an absolute republic, subject to no domination or taxation from outside. Two centuries later, its independence was so solid that even Louis XIV (1643 - 1715) did not attempt to infringe upon its rights, even though he regarded it as his own property. "Ne pas toucher aux usages d'Alsace,” he said, “Don’t interfere with the traditions (or customs) of Alsace.”

The history of Alsace from the twelfth century onward might be summarized by German authors as eight centuries of Teutonic rule, with occasional French ownership. Histories of the region written by French authors usually attempt to demonstrate just the opposite, that during these eight hundred years, the people really wanted to become French. Yet most of the people
spoke German, and as late as 1871 when Germany conquered the province, a referendum resulted in only about one-eighth of the people voting to belong to France.

To return to the sixteenth century, “Alsace was devastated by the Peasants’ War and Protestant risings. The Mass at Strasbourg was abolished by the vote of the burghers on February 20, 1529. The process was not so peaceful in the territories of the Hapsburgs, and there was much persecution. The struggle continued throughout the century and on through the Thirty Years’ War (1618 - 1648), during which Alsace was overrun and harassed by Swedes, Austrians and French. The cities were taken and retaken, one having been sacked ten times.”

The sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries also provided their share of religious upheaval and fanaticism. In Lorraine, eight hundred people were burned at the stake for witchcraft over a sixteen year period. In Strasbourg in October 1582, 134 people were burned for witchcraft in just four days.

The Peace of Westphalia transferred Alsace, but not the free state of Strasbourg, to French sovereignty in 1648. This broke the last link with the loose federation called the Holy Roman Empire. In 1697, the Peace of Ryswick ended the War of the Palatinate and confirmed again that Strasbourg and Alsace were part of France.

One would think that, with these treaties, Alsace would be permanently bound to France. But it was not that simple. The transfers were made community by community. “In 1648 France acquired from the House of Hapsburg 284 communities; in 1679 from the Holy Roman Empire 313 communities and in the next sixteen years 202. But even after 1695 there were still nearly fifty feudal units which still owed suzerainty to German overlords. Another century was required for the extinction of these rights, and it required no less a catastrophe than the French Revolution to abolish Feudalism.”

**Feudalism**

What did it mean to be a common laborer in Alsace in the mid eighteenth century? It meant barely existing in a system that was near collapse from its class divisions and privileges, its taxation, and its arbitrary jailing of anyone by a member of a class above him.

The King was, of course, at the top of the pyramid. He claimed to rule by the will of God, that is, by divine right. There was no restriction on his power. He declared wars at his whim. He could tax anyone any amount, and likewise spend with no limitation. He could seize the property of any of his subjects, and he could imprison them by just giving an order. These orders were called “lettres de cachet,” official documents that were often signed blank and used by others in the nobility to imprison, without trial, anyone they wished, for any length of time.

The so-called First Estate, the top level just beneath the King was made up of the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church, some one hundred bishops and archbishops, providing the leadership of some five thousand priests and others throughout France. The Church had the authority to
levy taxes and did so through tithing as well as other specific taxes. As with the nobility, the largest share of these taxes went to the top of the pyramid. For example, the Archbishop of Strasbourg held high court in a splendid palace, at which he often entertained lavishly two hundred guests at a time. Even the cooking pots and pans in his kitchen were of silver. Nearly two hundred horses were available from his stables for the use and pleasure of his guests.

The Second Estate was made up of the nobility, one thousand or so at the central court in Versailles and one hundred thousand or more in the provinces. Those at court lived a most enviable life of luxury, vying with each other for favors of the King, special appointments in the military or diplomatic service, pensions and other grants from the royal treasury. Those in the provinces were little more than peasants themselves, but they did enjoy the privilege of hunting, considered the chief noble sport. What this meant in practice was that the peasants might not disturb the game, even though the game was destroying their crops.

The remainder of the population of France made up the Third Estate; these were the some twenty five million bourgeoisie, artisans and peasants, the latter being by far the most numerous. In the mid eighteenth century it was not only the peasants but also the provincial nobles and priests who wished for a social revolution. The injustices were many; life at the bottom of the social scale was extremely difficult. In a year of poor crops, starvation became a reality for many people. It was only a matter of time before a crisis developed. It did so in 1789.

**Revolution**

The French Revolution, which took place from 1789 to 1799, was a violent transformation, taking France from a feudal state with a rigid social hierarchy to a modern nation in which the power was passed to the middle classes. It was a revolt of the masses against the aristocracy and the ruling powers.

The harvest of 1788 was a failure and the following winter was exceptionally severe. The peasants began burning chateaux of the aristocracy. By the summer of 1789 the fighting had reached a fever pitch; the storming of the Bastille took place on 14 July 1789. On October 5 the same year, a mob marched on Versailles and forced the King, Louis XVI and the Queen Marie Antoinette to move to Paris, practically as prisoners. It was relatively peaceful for the next two years, but when in July 1791, King Louis tried to escape, a civil war seemed imminent. Again things calmed down and a new constitution was drafted and accepted. Again the revolution was thought to be finished.

The first measures of ecclesiastical reform began in 1789. In September that year the German princes in Alsace sent protests to the head of the Holy Roman Empire against such decrees as the abolition of foreign ecclesiastical jurisdiction in France and the abolition of tithes. By 1790, there were protests against the religious decrees. In Alsace, in particular, these protests set off once again the jealousy and hatred between Catholics and Protestants; in Alsace the measures being taken in Paris were falsely represented as the work of Protestants and infidels. The leaders of the Catholic Church appealed a second time to the Head of the Holy Roman
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Empire to take action against revolutionary France. Religious war both in Alsace and the south of France was narrowly averted, but not before three hundred people were killed in Nîmes in a local skirmish.

By 1792 the constitution had collapsed and the new Assembly declared war on Austria. By August 10, both Austrian and Prussian forces invaded France and an insurrection broke out in Paris. Alsace was in the path of the Austrians and Prussians as they invaded. But by the end of 1794 they were driven back and peace was restored to Alsace. Still one further treaty, this one the Treaty of Bâle (Basle), in 1795, between France and Prussia recognized the facts, once again, giving France undisputed rights to the left bank of the Rhine including, of course, Alsace.

In the summer of 1792 The King was imprisoned. For the next two years the Reign of Terror produced much bloodshed, including the guillotining of the King and Queen. Later, in 1795, the death of the future King, Louis XVII, nearly made an end to the ruling family.

The anti-Christianization movement that began with the revolution was responsible for the new "Revolutionary Calendar" with its first date computed from 22 September 1792. By a year later all churches were closed. A new constitution and a government called a Directory were in power from 1795 to 1799. Another new constitution was established in 1799 centralizing control, and by 1801, restoring Catholicism. The Revolutionary period ended in 1804 and the calendar was returned to the Gregorian Calendar in use today.

Napoleon

Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica in 1769. When he was growing up he read much of the intoxicating literature of the day, particularly Voltaire, Yurgot and Rousseau. At age sixteen he left school and became a second lieutenant of artillery. In 1793 he distinguished himself by helping recover Toulon for France; in 1795 he achieved much greater recognition for defending the government against an insurrection. Shortly after that he was appointed to the command of The Army of Italy. Thus began ten years of great military performance, with, in 1804, yet another new constitution and Napoleon becoming "Emperor of The French."

The First Empire was established in 1804 and lasted until 1815. This was the period of the Napoleonic Wars, actually a continuation of the Revolution, but with the objective of French expansion. During the twelve year period of these wars, France invaded Holland, Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal and Russia. At the height of Napoleon's power, most of central Europe and all of western Europe except Britain were either part of the French Empire or allied with Napoleon and the French.

But by 1810 the tide was beginning to turn against the French. With the help of the British, Napoleon was driven out of Portugal that year. The invasion of Russia in 1812 was short-lived, and Napoleon was driven back late in the same year. By December 1813 Austria, Russia, and Prussia joined forces against Napoleon. They marched across the Rhine and, by 30

4 See appendix for a description.
March 1814 had taken Paris. Napoleon was forced to abdicate and was sent to exile in Elba, a small island off Corsica. Ten months later, while France was attempting to reorganize under the old monarchy, headed now by Louis XVIII, Napoleon escaped and made his way back to Paris. On March 20 the King fled and the army aligned with Napoleon. His final attempt was to reorganize his army and confront the British, Dutch and Prussian forces at Waterloo, south of Brussels, on 18 June 1815. His defeat sent him into permanent exile.

For Alsace, the resulting relative peace lasted until 1871 when it was annexed to Germany as part of the military and economic enlargement of Prussia.

Alsace remained in German territory until the end of World War I. From 1919 to 1939 it belonged to France; from 1940 to 1945 to Germany; and after World War II it once again became part of France as it is today.

As a result of changing hands so often, and its nearness to Germany, the region is bilingual. Most people in Alsace today speak both German and French; most in business or European governmental affairs speak English as their third language. As one researches old church and civil records in and around the Strasbourg area, both French and German are to be found, depending on the official language of the time. In addition, the records of the Catholic churches are mostly in Latin. Sometimes one finds Lutheran church records in a mixture of German and Latin.

Strasbourg today is a thriving city of 250,000 people. It provides the home for the European Parliament and it is a strong contender for consideration as a truly European city, with its location between the two key western European powers, Germany and France. Its international outlook and its participation in governing modern Europe make it a city we will hear more of in the future.
PART II: UNITED STATES

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- New Dublin, Erin Township, Stephenson County, Illinois
The Travels of the Hamm Family in the United States

Arrival; Upper New York State

Where did people from the Strasbourg area settle in the United States? There are actually ten towns named Strasbourg in as many states, New York, Ohio, Virginia, Wisconsin, Michigan and others. In 1836, 573 emigrants from Bas-Rhin made the voyage to the United States. In the period from 1815 to 1870, nearly 26,000 made the trip from Bas-Rhin; 19,000 from Haut-Rhin.

Philip and Catherine Hamm arrived on the “Ship Robert Brown” on the third of November 1836, sailing into New York Harbor. Their six children ranged in age from fifteen to just under one year. The weather was already showing the coolness of fall and they knew that they had to reach their destination before winter set in.

In 1836, Andrew Jackson was finishing his second term as president of the United States. In the election the fall of 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected. It was the year that Mexico won the Battle of The Alamo. For the Hamm family, arriving at New York harbor, there was no Statue of Liberty to greet them; its arrival was still more than a half century in the future.

We know that the Hamm’s had their next child, Mary Anne, born 10 March 1838, in Redford New York. Redford is in Clinton County in far upstate New York, about 25 miles south of the Canadian border. The small town of Redford is situated in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, along the Saranac River.

Reaching Redford would be most easily done by water, from New York harbor, up the Hudson River to Plattsburgh, and from there up the Saranac. From New York to Plattsburgh is about 275 miles; and from Plattsburgh to Redford is about 15 miles.

The village of Redford, a company town on the north bank of the Saranac River, was slightly smaller than Plobsheim when the Hamm family arrived. It had eighty houses, three stores, two taverns and a Protestant Church. In the 1830’s, before the surrounding forests were destroyed, they teemed with deer, bear, wolves and small game. The region was still a wilderness.

We do not know why the Hamm’s chose to go to Redford; so we must speculate as to their reasons. We do know that Hamm families had settled in New York and Pennsylvania in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. It may be that they had relatives from Alsace or Baden with whom they stayed after they arrived. One such possibility is that there was a Margaret Ham who had married Thomas Tedford living in Redford. Margaret was born in 1825.

1 The surname Ham may be from a completely different family line. When the name is spelled with one “m,” it usually comes from Great Britain. Or, this could be one of the many changes in spelling of names that took place when people arrived in the USA.
Another possibility is related to glass making, the main industry of the town. Some of the relatives of the Hamm's in Lampertheim were glass makers. It is interesting to note that, in Redford, New York, there was a company called The Redford Crown Glass Company, founded in 1831. The connection may be that Philip had acquired some glass making skill earlier in Alsace, or that through family connections in that trade, they knew a family in Redford that would help them get started in their new land.

The glass company made window glass and table and decorative ware. A very high quality sandstone was available nearby, as was an abundance of wood for firing the furnaces needed in glass making. The result was an excellent quality product. The few remaining decorative pieces are collectors' items bringing high prices as examples of early American craftsmanship.

Redford Glass quickly fell into financial difficulties, having had wage disagreements with its workers almost from the beginning. Mortgage payments were missed. One of the four partners died in 1837. That was the year of America's worst economic crisis up to that time, "The Panic of 1837." The company finally failed in 1842.

Redford's population in 1840 was 500. The work force at the glass factory was normally around 175 men; at its peak, employment reached 300.

Catholics living in Redford during the 1830's were served by priests coming from St. Johns Roman Catholic Church in Plattsburgh, fifteen miles away, to perform baptisms and weddings. It was not until 1853 that The Assumption of Mary Parish was established in Redford. Of interest as we speculate about the Hamm's living in Redford, is that while the records of the Catholic Church were in Latin, the nearness to Canada and its strong Catholic Church, French was probably spoken by the early missionaries passing through the region; French and English both were used in documents of the early Redford Parish in the 1850's.

The Hamm's stayed in Redford, New York for nearly three years. After Mary Anne was born and had reached about a year in age, the Hamm's set out once more, this time for Wheeling, in what then was the state of Virginia.

Their reason for setting out once again was economic. The Panic of 1837 brought many bank failures and widespread unemployment. It was the nation's first major depression. With Redford's only company already in financial trouble, the prospects for Philip and his older sons for paid employment were dim. Once again they set out to "improve their situation."

Next Stop: Wheeling

Most likely, the Hamm's, after three years of living and working in New York, had earned enough to purchase a team of horses and a reasonably sound wagon. Wheeling was well known at that time as the gateway to the west by road and river. From Wheeling one could sail down the Ohio River or could follow the National Road directly west.
The travels of the Philip Hamm family, 1836 - 1845
They arrived at Wheeling in what was then the state of Virginia on about the 15th of May 1839. We believe that they moved in with Thomas Hamm and his family, who they probably had known previously.

Thomas Hamm had emigrated from Baden in 1825, having traveled by cotton ship from Amsterdam to Baltimore, arriving at Baltimore on the 21st of October 1825, after a ten week sea voyage. Thomas and his wife Magdalen had three children when the Philip Hamm's arrived, William, age 15; Magdalen, age 13; and Rosinia, age 11. The Philip Hamm children at that time ranged in age from 18 to 1.

The first settlement at Wheeling took place in 1770; it was then called Zanesburg. A stockade fort, called Fort Fincastle, was built in 1774. Wheeling was incorporated as a town in 1806 and received its charter to be called a city in 1836. By that time it had a population of some five thousand. The first Catholic Church, St. Alphonsus Church, was built in 1822, and the first resident priest arrived in 1824. At this time there were only four resident priests in the entire state of Virginia with its population of over one million.

The third resident priest arrived in Wheeling in February 1833. He is of considerable interest to this study of the Hamm family. He was a German priest by the name of James Hoerner, a native of Alsace. He served the community of Catholics for ten years, until January 1, 1843, when he returned to his native Alsace. Sometime later it became the practice of the Church to continuously have a German priest in Wheeling to serve the large German speaking Catholic community.

Philip and Catherine's last child was born 12 April 1841, while they were in Wheeling. The child was a boy, named William Henry, probably after his "cousin" William, the son of Thomas Hamm. We have not been able to find a formal birth record for William. In 1841 it was not yet required by the state to record births; but the records of St. Joseph's Cathedral record his baptism on 15 April 1841.

On 29 September 1843 the oldest Hamm child, Madeleine, married Sebastian Lutz in St. Joseph's Cathedral in Wheeling. Philip and Catherine and the rest of the family did not remain in Wheeling long enough to see their first grandchild, who was Mary Louisa Lutz, born 27 November 1845.

With Philip and the two older boys working, the family was able to save enough to purchase farm land on the frontier. By the spring of 1845 they had decided to go on to the state of Illinois which many had praised as a place for excellent farming. They had been in Wheeling for six years.

While in Wheeling, Philip applied for his United States Citizenship. That record appears with the family records in Part XIII, on page 212.

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2 In 1862 Virginia seceded from the United States. What today is West Virginia dissented and, by 1863, succeeded in establishing itself as a new state.
The Trip to Illinois

In the spring of 1845, Philip, Catherine and their family set out from Wheeling on a journey that would take them six hundred miles to where they would settle, in northern Illinois. Philip was fifty-nine; Catherine forty-four. Their children ranged from Philip, Jr., age twenty-two to William, who was just four. Their oldest, Madeleine stayed behind in Wheeling to raise her future family.

There are two ways the family might have traveled to northern Illinois. Since it would be purely a guess for us to suggest which they took, we will describe both. First, they could have placed their horses, wagon and the rest of their belongings on one of the large flat river boats and gone by water down the Ohio River and then up the Mississippi to Galena. From there it was only forty miles overland to Erin Township, their destination.

The most used boats were called "keel boats," five to ten feet wide and up to 80 feet long, flat bottomed and shallow draft. Going downstream, they went with the current and were guided by men with sweeps both for steering and for propulsion when the wind was against them. "..but it was in upstream navigation that the light-draft keelboat played its most important part. In normal currents and over firm bottom upstream propulsion was effected by poling. The technique of poling varied, but in all cases it was backbreaking labor. In the smaller boats in medium current the crew of eight polemen lined up at the prow, four on either side, facing downstream. At the command of the steersman, the long iron-shod ash poles were "set" sloping upstream, the upper end was placed against the shoulder socket, feet gripped the cleated deck or extension runways, and with bodies stooped or braced at an acute angle, the crew walked the boat upstream under their feet. This method worked when enough momentum could be gained so that the command of "shift" or "lift" the men could run back to the front without the boat backsliding."3

And a passenger's description: "It forms a species of wooden prison, containing commonly four rooms; the first for the steward, the second a dining room, the third a cabin for gentlemen, and the fourth a ladies' cabin. Each of these cabins was provided with an iron stove ... on the sides were our births, in double rows, six feet in length and two broad."

One type of flatboat was called the "Ark." It was large and was used for downstream travel only. At the end of its voyage at New Orleans, for example, the Ark would be broken up and the lumber used for other purposes. Its name probably requires no explanation if you can imagine the families, their horses and wagons and goods, sometimes with a few small shacks built on board to keep out the weather.

This method of travel was typical of the interior rivers of America from 1788 until 1840 or so. However, by 1820 the steam powered ship, actually a keel boat with an engine, had arrived, the first one reaching St. Louis in 1817.

3 Quotations here from: The Old Northwest, Pioneer Period, 1815 - 1840.
But even the advent of steam powered ships did not completely revolutionize passenger comfort. In 1838, a Lake Erie steamer traveler wrote, "Shades of night & my grandmother. Here lie stretched in wild disorder & promiscuous confusion upon the floor like the slain on the field of battle in all shapes & positions both sexes & all ages, the man of gray hairs & the tender infant, the rosy cheeked damsel & the sturdy wood chopper. Here is crying & scolding & snoring & groaning. Some in births & some lying, some dressed & some undressed, some covered & some uncovered & naked; some are stretched on beds, others on mattresses & cushions & cloaks & not a few are trying to find the soft side of the hard floor. Such is steamboat life on Lake Erie, a scene which I do not wish to experience again."

We don’t know whether the Hamm family went by keel boat, an “Ark” or by steam powered ship, assuming they went by water.

The second way to make the trip was by road from Wheeling. The National Road by then connected much of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. One route would have been: Wheeling, Columbus, Springfield (Ohio), Indianapolis, Williamsport (Indiana), Iroquios (Illinois), Chicago, Elgin, Rockford, Freeport. The road from Chicago to Galena had opened in 1836. Chicago's population was still well below 30,000 in 1845, but it was growing rapidly, reaching 112,000 by 1860. Rockford, in 1845, was called Midway because of its place on the road. Since as early as 1806, the United States government had been opening roads to the west; by the time Philip and family went, the main roads had already seen thirty years of traffic — until they got to Chicago. Roads from Wheeling to Chicago were made of crushed stone; there were bridges on these main roads. From Chicago to the west, the roads were secondary, at best. One of the first roads, actually a trail, through the area was the Kellogg Trail, first used in 1827.

How did the Hamm family know where they were going? They probably had several sources of information. The first Bardell's (spelled Barthel in Alsace) came to Stephenson County in around 1838. They were from Ingenheim, about 15 miles northwest of Strasbourg. They had stopped in Canada in 1829 at Waterloo, Ontario. These Barthel's were related to the Hamm families who came to Stephenson County a few years later. Although not related to Philip Hamm, they may have known each other while living in Alsace.

Others had previously gone from Wheeling to Stephenson County. Jacob Rosenstiel from Germany made the trip by river boat to Galena and from there by hired wagon in 1842. They settled in Erin Township that year. There were many Rosenstiel families around Strasbourg, both in Baden and Alsace. It may be that the Hamm's knew the Rosenstiel's; and it may be that the Rosenstiel's first sent word to the Hamm's about the desirable land to be had in the region. Both Philip and Thomas Hamm had undoubtedly heard much of the talk about where cheap and good land was to be had on the frontier, as others decided to make the trip.
Early Days in Erin Township, Stephenson County, Illinois

A Little Regional History

Although Illinois had been a state for twenty-seven years by 1845, the northwest part of the state was still mainly frontier at that time. Iowa, to the west, became a state in 1846; and Wisconsin, to the north, entered the Union in 1848.

Northern Illinois, the region west of Chicago, had been explored by fur trappers and people going to work in the lead mines in and around Galena, on the Mississippi River. The first settlers to remain in the area that, since 1837 has been called Stephenson County, settled between 1827 and 1835. It was still a time of wars with the Indians as the white settlers moved in and began to take the land.

Before the first settlers arrived, the region was the home of a tribe of Winnebago Indians who lived by hunting bison, deer, rabbit and squirrel. They planted small fields of Indian corn and pumpkins and harvested hickory nuts and walnuts.

Larger numbers of immigrants arrived beginning in 1836. By 1840 the population of Stephenson County was 2800. By 1850 the number had reached 11,600. It was an age of expansion for the United States, and it was a time of great movement of people. In 1849, the great California gold rush attracted people from even this recently settled region of the country.

The land was one of rolling low hills, left by the edge of the glaciers from the last Ice Age. It was a rich dark soil, excellent for growing grains. In fact, the setting may have reminded the settlers from Alsace of their home region not far from a large river. In this case there were no mountains, however. The main difference was that the winters were longer and colder than where the settlers had come from. And, of course, the land was partially forested and had to be cleared to form the farms of the settlers. Roads had to be built; schools and churches were needed; much work was required to make the place suitable for farming and for the trading, religion and schooling of the settlers.

On the next two pages are maps; the first is a map of the northern portion of Illinois, showing the position of Stephenson County relative to Chicago and Galena. The second is a Stephenson County map, showing the townships.

Early Days in New Dublin, Erin Township

Erin Township, lying about eight miles west of Freeport, was organized in 1850. It was divided into two townships in 1856, the western half becoming Kent Township. Erin received its name from the large number of Irish settlers who first came to the region in 1839 and established a town they called New Dublin.
"A log chapel, sixteen feet by twenty-four feet, was built at New Dublin on a three acre site donated by Bartholomew Doyle. The hilltop site is at the northeast corner of the crossing of West Dublin and North Rees Roads. This was the first St. Mary's Church of the Mound, one of the two oldest Catholic parishes in the diocese between Galena and Chicago; the other was Irish Grove, in the eastern part of the county, and each claimed to be first."

For a time St. Mary's church also conducted a parochial school.

"By 1858 the parish had outgrown the enlarged log church and had built a stone building, sixty feet by thirty feet, well back from the road on the side of the mound overlooking broad Yellow Creek valley. A home for the priest was erected nearby. The church also started St. Mary's cemetery across the road west in Kent Township. This is now a public cemetery and all that survives of the New Dublin community."

When the Hamm's arrived, there was still some land available from the US government for approximately $1.25 to $2.00 per acre, normally sold in half or quarter sections. The terms were good; land could be had on a long-term loan basis -- as long as there was evidence that improvements were being made.

The land in northern Illinois, being relatively flat, was laid out in "sections," each numbered and containing one square mile or 640 acres. Much of the region is divided into these perfect squares. Only occasionally are there deviations from this practice, and then usually due to natural obstructions. The farm roads typically follow these section boundaries.

The land in Stephenson County was first surveyed and placed on sale at the government land office in 1843. Of course, available land at low prices and long term loans attracted speculators, both honest and dishonest. Many bought land from the government and then tried to quickly sell it at double, or more, what they had paid. Many went bankrupt in the process; others had to sell for little or no profit. The Hamm family arrived at just the moment in time when the first purchases were being made from the government, or the quick re-sales were taking place. Over several years they purchased a half section (360 acres) and later divided it among their sons Philip, Jr.; Andrew and William. We do not have all the land purchase records involving the Hamm family. But we do have one dated 7 December 1847 under which Philip Hamm purchased eighty acres from the United States Government for $1.25 per acre.

New Dublin, as the name implies was mostly an Irish settlement. St. Mary's Church was regarded as an Irish Catholic Church. The Hamm farm was surrounded by Irish names such as Murphy, Cahill, Donahue, Maher and Hogan. There were also some German immigrants, mostly in the eastern part of the Township. Here we find families with names such as Heitter, Liebhart, Otto, Gassman and Mideke. The names Otto and Gassman would have been familiar to the Hamm's. Families with these names came from the Strasbourg region. In 1867 when the village of Orangeville was incorporated, George Erb was one of the trustees. Orangeville is about fourteen miles north and east of New Dublin. Catherine Hamm's grandmother was an Erb.

4 History of Stephenson County, 1970, page 79.
5 Ibid.
Part II: United States

The best reference we have to the Hamm family during this period is the Unites States Census for 1850. It lists the family as follows:

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This picture of the family in 1850 raises a question that we, as yet, cannot answer. We know that their oldest daughter, Madeleine remained in Wheeling where she was married before the family left. We also know that Augustin died before 1840. But now we are left without knowing what happened to Louis. He would have been 18 at the time of this Census. Since there is no further record of him we must assume that he died between 1840 and 1850 somewhere along the journey from Wheeling to northern Illinois, or during the early years of living in Illinois.6

We will return to what happened to the Hamm family children later; now let us return to a bit more of the history of Stephenson County, Illinois.

The railroad between Galena and Freeport was completed in 1853. The nearest station was about two miles northeast of the Hamm farm, at Eleroy. It was the Illinois Central Railroad which went on to Chicago. Later, William Hamm and later still, the husband of one of his daughters, were employed by the Illinois Central.

Eleroy, the town of Erin Township, began with a store and inn, built in 1848; by 1854 the town added a grocery, a sash factory and a pottery maker. But in 1887 when the town had reached a population of one hundred, new railway construction virtually removed Eleroy from its position as a business center. The town was too close to Freeport and Lena to compete with them. The railway to the north passed through Red Oak and McConnell, while the one to the west now went through Pearl City. Eleroy is still there today; its population is still around 100, and its residents are mostly commuters to their work in Freeport.

Before highway and automobile transportation became possible in the 1920's and 1930's, the railroad was essential. For the ninety years between 1853 and the years of World War II, the railroad provided transportation for grain and livestock sold at the markets in Chicago. It provided easy transportation for passengers going to Galena, Rockford and Chicago. Trains also were a clock for everyone within hearing distance. Townspeople arose "when the morning train

6 We have searched for civil, church and cemetery records, with no evidence found for when he died.
passed through;" of course the farmers were up much earlier. Trains with freight, and especially
the occasional circus trains provided much entertainment for children.

Living was sometimes quite difficult. Epidemics of diphtheria, typhoid and cholera
sometimes took the lives of all the children in a family. One can see rows of tiny tombstones in
the old cemeteries of the region attesting to this problem.

Snakes at that time were a great hazard. The bite of the black rattlesnake, or black racer,
was fatal if the known remedies were not promptly applied. A farmer, working in the fields, could
be bitten and be too far away from remedies or assistance to survive the bite of one of these
snakes.

Wolves and prairie fires also took their toll on livestock and crops. Late summer swarms
of pigeons broke down young fruit trees with their weight and consumed grain and garden crops.
A 1969 Freeport Journal Standard article in a column entitled "Looking Backward," reporting on
the county's early pioneer days stated, "For a few days the pigeons have been flying over this
section in numerous swarms, and several wagon loads have been brought to market. Pigeon
potpie, well made, is a dish for the gods, and we can hardly wonder that these birds are hunted
with such vigor."

Another animal pest turned into food was the wild turkey. According to the 1970 History
of Stephenson County, wild turkeys were trapped by first "constructing a small low rough
building, six or eight feet square, with the bottom log on one side missing. Then a trail of corn
was sprinkled from the trees where the turkeys roosted, into the trap. Heads down eating corn,
the turkeys slipped easily into the trap, but inside they panicked and forgot all about putting their
heads down. Sometimes in the morning the farmer found the little house crowded."

The weather was violent, compared with that of Alsace. Winter blizzards and summer
tornadoes were more violent natural phenomena than the Alsatian settlers had experienced
before. Even the summer thunderstorms often were much more violent than those back home in
Alsace.

In the fall of 1857, just four years before the outbreak of the Civil War, there was a
depression in the United States. By this time the Hamm's had been established on their farm for
twelve years, but the drop in grain and farm animal prices could have had an effect on them. To
make matters worse that was a rather poor year for growing grain due to unseasonable rains and
early frosts. The same was true in both 1858 and 1859. In 1859 a heavy frost in June over the
northern half of Illinois caused severe damage to the corn crop, and an equally unwelcome early
frost in September virtually completed the destruction of the crop.

By 1871, the Erin Township plat map for the year shows the three Hamm farms just north
of the old church. The map is on the next page. Note the many Irish names surrounding the
Hamm's. Also note the Murphy farm just to the east, and the Conrad and Henry Otto farms about
two miles east of the Hamm's. Philip Hamm, Junior's, second wife was a Catherine Murphy. His
daughter by his first wife, Louisa, was Teresa Catherine Hamm; she married a Charles Otto.
1871 Plat Map of Erin Township, Stephenson County, Illinois
An Alsatian of today, viewing the map, would be surprised to see the land laid out in such neat squares, with the straight roads and square corners. This differs greatly from the land in Alsace, where it has been bought and sold, divided and combined, and farmed for centuries. The idea of this many square corners in land maps would seem very unusual.

**Erin Township Today**

Not much has changed in Erin Township, or Stephenson County, for that matter, since 1900. The town of Freeport, about 8 miles (13 km.) from New Dublin, grew to a population of slightly more than twenty thousand and remained there. The region has a small amount of light manufacturing, but still is mostly devoted to farming. Many of the farms are owned by descendants of those who settled the area one hundred fifty years ago.

**A One Hundred Year Time Line**

1829 Land (including Erin Township area) ceded to the United States by occupying Indian tribes

1832 "Black Hawk War," battles with Indians who did not honor the land cession treaty of 1829

1832 The first wagon-load of lead was driven from Galena to Chicago

1835 First settler built log cabin in what became Freeport

1837 First child of a settler born in Freeport

1837 State road between Freeport and Galena opened

1837 Stephenson County separated from Jo Daviess County

1839 First settlers in New Dublin area

1841 Log chapel for first St. Mary's Church of the Mound built.

1843 Land in the area first surveyed and placed on sale at the government land office

1843 First birth of settler's child in Erin area recorded

1846 Iowa became a state

1848 First houses built in the town of Eleroy

1848 First hotel, the Pennsylvania House, built in Freeport
1848 Wisconsin became a state
1850 Erin Township organized
1850 Freeport incorporated as a town
1854 First German Reformed Church organized in northern part of Erin Township
1854 First Eleroy school built
1856 Construction begun on Brewster House Hotel in Freeport
1856 Erin Township divided into two; the western half became Kent Township
1858 New stone church built at New Dublin for St. Mary's Church of the Mound
1858 Lincoln-Douglas debate in Freeport. This was a key event leading to Lincoln becoming president
1887 New railroad construction bypasses Eleroy producing a business downturn
1880 Peak membership of St. Mary's parish; 60 families
1900 St. Mary's Church at New Dublin abandoned
1918 Rural electric service came to Erin Township
1918 Influenza epidemic took many lives in the region
1932 St. Mary's Church at New Dublin torn down
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Family Records and Notes
We have no further information on where Lorentz HAMM came from. He was probably born about 1705.

The LIENHARD family came from Rangen, west of Strasbourg. They were Catholic and attended church at Hohengoett.

The early SCHOTT and PFRIMMER families were Lutheran.

Anna BATT was born in Mundolsheim, a Catholic; the town burned in 1815 and most records were destroyed.

The numbers in each of the boxes of the above chart refer to the individuals in the following listing of ancestors.
The Ancestors of Philippe Hamm

The Earliest Hamms

We do not know the origins of the northern Alsace Hamm family lines. According to the book, "die Geschichte der alten pfälzischen Sippe HAMM," by Wilhelm HAMM, published in 1979, the family name originated in southwest Germany in the area of Zweibrücken. This is only about 100 kilometers or 60 miles north of Strasbourg, so it certainly is reasonable that the Hamms living in Alsace in the eighteenth century might have come from two days' horseback ride, or three days walk, to the north.

The progenitor and name-bearer of the Hamm clan was probably Haman Ziegler, from the village of Hengstbach, Pfalz, who left a will, or testament, dated 1543. This document which is preserved in the official state record book, states that Haman, was by profession a Ziegler, a brick maker or tile maker, and also that he had three sons from his first marriage, namely Albrecht Haman, Peter Haman, and Debold Haman, as well as two children from his second marriage.

The Haman children, whose surname became Hamm by 1600, were linen weavers and brick makers, as were some of the Hamm’s we have identified later in this genealogy. Those that survived the Thirty Years’ War (1618 -1648) formed the basis for the Hamm population in the German towns of Webenheim and Mimbach, as well as the spread of the family name through parts of Germany, The Netherlands and northern France, or Alsace. The earliest Hamm's were Protestant, Evangelical in their religion. The Hamm's in northern Alsace were both; some were Protestant and some Catholic. Philippe’s grandfather Lorentz Hamm was Catholic, but Philippe’s mother’s family was mostly Lutheran.

These early Hamm’s can be traced to Peter Hamm, 1585 - 1645, one of whose children was Mathes Hamm, 1615 - 1690. Among Mathes’ children was a Hans Lorentz Hamm who was baptized on 30 November 1651. Strictly speculating, this Hans Lorentz may have been the grandfather, or great grandfather, of Lorentz Hamm, Philippe’s grandfather, who was probably born about 1720. From this point on we end the speculation and present family members that can be traced through church and civil records and connected to the Hamm’s in this genealogy.

Ancestral Birth Places

Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace (France)

Philippe’s father and his paternal grandparents came from the town of Rangen. It is a small town about fourteen miles west of Strasbourg, nestled in the foothills of the Vosges Mountains. It is near the famous Route du Vin, “Wine Road” which runs along the western side of Alsace. We know little more about the town, except that it lies in a region in which many
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towns have Hamm’s listed in their church books and civil records. The Protestant Hamm families, Georges and Jean Hamm came from the town of Ingenheim, only about five miles from Rangen.

Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace (France)

It is only about five miles from the small village of Lampertheim, the birthplace of Philippe’s mother, to the center of Strasbourg. This was probably close enough to make it officially part of Strasbourg when it was an independant city during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The town name appears to have been Lambertheim around 1750 and to have changed to Lampertheim by 1800. The pronunciation would have been the same, “lamper-time.”

The town of Lampertheim is now a bedroom community for people working in Strasbourg. Just outside the town limits is an industrial complex and a major shopping center. There is no resemblance to the small town it must have been in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. On the other hand, the towns of Eckwersheim and Vendenheim, although very near to Lampertheim, have not yet changed much as a result of the growth of Strasbourg. They are nicely restored, but clearly old villages.

The towns of Lampertheim, Vendenheim and Eckwersheim were all part of the same Catholic parish. The church was in Vendenheim, only about one-half mile north of Lampertheim. A visit to the cemetery in Vendenheim can still be informative. There are no graves of people born before about 1820. The cemetery serves both Catholic and Protestant religions. There are a few Hamm’s, Schott’s and Pfrimmer’s buried there during this century.

Family names connected with the Hamm family and its ancestors contained in the Lampertheim records are: Pfrimmer, Michel, Bastian, Blaesi, Klein and Dettweiller. There is virtually no reference to a Hamm there during the period 1800 to 1830. Most of the Hamm family must have gone to Plobsheim after Andre Hamm and his wife Anne Marie Schott died. We know that both Philippe and his brother Andre did. Their sister Catherine Hamm, born in 1773 remained in Lampertheim; she married Joseph Dittel and their first child was born in 1792.

There were Schotts and Pfrimmers in Lampertheim throughout the period 1750 through 1850. These families were long-time residents and it appears that Andre Hamm came to town and married into the Schott family. The name Schott, by the way, is pronounced “Scot.” It is a fairly common name, both in this part of Europe and in the United States today. Probably the best known Schott today is the name of a glass making firm.

The civil records, for the community of Lampertheim, both Catholic and Protestant, for the decades 1792-1802 and 1802-1812 produce the following totals:

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In other words, there were around twenty births and deaths per year during the twenty year period. That would indicate that the town had a population of approximately four hundred.

The early Schott and Pfimrimer families were Lutheran. André Schott was born in 1728; his birth record states that he was the son of André Schott of the Lutheran religion and Anna Batt born in Mundolsheim. Anna Batt was Catholic; her birth in 1728 was recorded as Catholic. Little information is available about the Batt family because the town of Mundolsheim burned in 1815 and most of the records were destroyed.

**Eckwersheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace (France)**

Eckwersheim is a small town only about one-half mile northwest of Vendenheim, and about a mile north of Lampertheim; all three towns are just outside today's Strasbourg metropolitan area. Philippe Hamm's mother's ancestors came from this area and mostly from these towns. Eckwersheim, sometimes called Eckbersheim in the 1700's, was the birthplace of Anna Pfimrimer and her ancestors. Anna Pfimrimer was Philippe Hamm's grandmother, his mother's mother. The Pfimrimer family dates back to the earliest days of recorded baptisms, marriages and burials in Eckwersheim. In the second year of Lutheran Church records, 1569, on 2 January Wolff Pfimrimer and his wife, Catharina, baptized a daughter named Margretha.

Anna Pfimrimer was born of a Lutheran family. Her parents, André Pfimrimer and Anna Maria Bollinger, were Lutheran. Anna converted to Catholicism just before marrying André Schott in March 1750. The special dispensation for her to marry was given by the church on 8 March 1750, and she was married on the 9th, just the next day.

The Lutheran Church in Eckwersheim served the community of only some two hundred people. The Catholics went to church in nearby Vendenheim. The Lutheran Church records began to be kept in 1568, and these church books provide us with a fairly complete record from then on, until 1792, when the new French record keeping system was adopted.

**FIRST GENERATION**

1. Philippe HAMM was born on 30 Apr 1786 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Lampertheim is about five miles north-northwest of the center of Strasbourg, and about thirteen miles north of Plobsheim. The two towns are at opposite ends of Strasbourg.

Philippe's Godparents were: Johann Meyer, son of Antony Meyer, school teacher; and Margaritha Braun, wife of George Graff. Both were from Lampertheim (or Lambertheim, as it is spelled in the records of the 18th century).

According to his application for US citizenship in Wheeling WV, Philip was born in the City of Strasbourg in the year 1787 (He was actually born the year before.) and was 53 when he applied for citizenship in
1840. He stated that he migrated from France in August 1836 and arrived in New York, NY in October 1836. He arrived at Wheeling on about the 15th of May 1839. The 1850 Stephenson County, Illinois census states that he was a farmer and that his property was worth $2500, quite a lot in 1850.

SECOND GENERATION

2. André HAMM was born on 24 Nov 1747 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. He was baptized on 24 Nov 1747 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. His God parents were: Anthony, son of Friedrich Wolbrecht, resident of Marmoutier; and Anna Maria Jauch, daughter of the deceased Florentz Jauch, resident of Hohengoeft. He died on 25 Apr 1787 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Witnesses at recording of death: "André Schott, citizen and day laborer; and another André Schott, citizen and day laborer in Lampertheim." These are probably his father-in-law and his father-in-law's father. He was a bricklayer during his working life, at Lampertheim.

He was married to Anne Marie SCHOTT on 9 Jun 1772 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. This marriage is listed in the records of both churches: Hohengoeft, serving the town of Rangen, where André Hamm was born; and Vendenheim, serving Lampertheim, where Anna Maria Schott was born. The marriage record states: "Today 9 June 1772 the Parish of Vendenheim proclaims the marriage (through the testimony of Michael Adam, Rector, of this day and month to the effect that the found impediments to this marriage have been set aside) of Andreas Hamm, son of Laurentz Hamm, resident of Rangenheim (actually, Rangen) and the deceased Anna Lienhard, when living his wife; — and Anna Maria Schott, daughter of Andreas Schott, resident of Lampertheim and Anna Pfrimmer, both living at Lampertheim. The witnesses are: Laurentis Hamm, father of the groom; Laurent is Hamm, brother of the groom; Andreas Schott, father of the bride; and Theobaldus Rothi (?) and signed below."

3. Anne Marie SCHOTT was born on 22 Mar 1753 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The priest that recorded the birth was from the Parish of Vendenheim, only about a half mile away. Her Godparents were: Nicholas Relli (or Retry), son of Anthony Relli; and Maria Schneider, daughter of Michael Schneider, judge. She died on 13 Dec 1818 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Witnesses at registration of death: "André Schott, brick layer, age 56, brother of decedant; and Joseph Dittel, day worker, age 52, son-in-law of decedant. Both witnesses were from Lampertheim." Her brother probably was really only 52 at the time. My guess is the priest looked up the age and found the André, born four years earlier, in the church books.

She died at house Number 131 on Rue Pfettisheim.

André HAMM and Anne Marie SCHOTT had the following children:

i. Catharina HAMM was born on 8 Jul 1773 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Her Godparents were: Laurentius Betz, son of Johann Betz; and Catharina Gerber, daughter of the deceased "Ignatz Gerber." The record is full of ink blots and is quite difficult to read. She had a child: "On the 25th of (month not clear) in 1792, a child, Joseph Dittel, was born to Joseph Dittle and Catharina Hamm. The Godparents were: Michael Lutz and Maria Kreutzer, wife of André Schott." This is enough evidence to suggest that Catherina Hamm married Joseph Dittel a year or two before. She was 19 at the time of this birth.
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ii. André HAMM was born on 19 Feb 1776 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{13}\) Godparents: Joannis George Cruird(?) t carpenter; and Marguerithe Gans, wife of Michael ? The Gans name was well represented in the Church records of the time. He died on 22 Feb 1847 in Plobsheim.\(^{14}\) He was an inn-keeper or bar-keeper; records vary on which.

iii. Maria HAMM was born on 4 Mar 1781 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{15}\) Her Godparents were: André Schott, son of André Schott, day worker; and Anna Braun, daughter of Martin Braun, day worker. She died on 2 Oct 1782 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{16}\) Witnesses: André Hamm, father; and Antonio Meyer, school teacher.

iv. Anthony HAMM was born in Apr 1782 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{17}\) He died on 16 Dec 1784 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{18}\) Witnesses: André Hamm, father; and Marrinius Braun.

v. Laurence HAMM was born on 22 Aug 1783 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{19}\) His Godparents were: André (Andreas) Schott, son of Andreas Schott and Anna Pfrimmer; and Margaritha Fister (or Pfister), daughter of Jacob Fister and Elisabeth Schneider. He died on 24 Dec 1783 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{20}\) Witnesses: André Hamm, father; and Antonio Meyer, school teacher. In the Latin birth record his name was spelled “Laurentius.”

vi. Philippe HAMM.

THIRD GENERATION

4. Lorentz HAMM. We first found this name in the marriage record for André Hamm 9 Jun 1772. It states that he was living at that time in "Rangenheim" and that his wife was already deceased. The town name does not appear on present-day maps of the Strasbourg region. The town is actually Rangen, served by a Catholic Church at Hohengoeft.

He signed his name Lorentz or Lorents. In French, it would be Laurence. In Latin it is listed in the church records as Laurentii or Laurentius. In the various birth records of his children he is usually listed as a day laborer in Rangen. In one record he is listed as a weaver. He probably did both as opportunity permitted.

As a guess, he was probably married to Anna Lienhard sometime around 1737. Anna would have already been 30 by then. She then had children until she was in her late 40's.

5. Anna LIENHARD was born about 1707.\(^{9}\) The date of her birth is based on the statement that she died at age 57, per her death record. She died on 14 Feb 1765 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{21}\)

Lorentz HAMM and Anna LIENHARD had the following children:

i. Lorentz HAMM. His name comes from André’s marriage record which lists a brother Laurentz. We have not found his birth record in the Hohengoeft (Rangen) records. He was undoubtedly the first son and was probably born around 1737 or so.
ii. Johann HAMM was born about 1741 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^22\) His death record gives his age at "about 9 years." He died on 21 Jan 1751 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^23\) He was buried on 23 Jan 1751 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^24\)

iii. Anna HAMM was born on 1 May 1743 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^25\) Her Godparents were: Michael Adam, son of George Adam from Saessolsheim; and Anna Leppheim, wife of ? Lienhard, resident of Saessolsheim. She was baptized on 2 May 1743 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^26\) Anna Hamm married Johann Jacob Ruhlman on 6 Feb 1769. The marriage is in the records of the Hohengoeft Catholic Church.

iv. André HAMM was born on 21 Nov 1745 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^27\) His Godparents at the baptism on 22 Nov 1745 were: Antony Wolbrecht, son of Friedrich Wolbrecht, from ? (We cannot read the remainder of the record.) He died on 7 Jan 1747 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. On the baptism record for this child, the father is given as André Hamm, but the mother is Anna Lienhard and Lorentz Hamm signed as on all the others as the child's father. So the father's name must have been written in error by the priest.

v. André HAMM.

vi. Anna Maria HAMM was born on 20 Apr 1750 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^28\) On the baptism record, on the same date, the Godparents were: Caspar Kreiger, son of the deceased George Kreiger of Rangen; and Anna Maria, daughter of the deceased Laurence Jauch, resident of Hohengoeft.

vii. Frantz HAMM was born on 28 Jan 1753 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^29\) From the baptism record of the same date, the Godparents were: George Kreiger son of George Kreiger of Rangen; and Brigitta Adam, daughter of ? Adam. His name is Francisus in the Latin birth record.

viii. Johann HAMM was born on 30 Jun 1756 in Rangen, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^30\) From the baptism record of the same date, the Godparents were: Johann Pefund son of George Pefund, resident and day laborer from Zeinheim; and Brigitta Adam, daughter of Michel Adam of ?

6. André SCHOTT was born on 8 Feb 1728 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^31\) This birth record states that he was the son of André Schott living in Lampertheim, of the Lutheran religion, and Anna Batt born in Mundolsheim. The Godparents were: Ludovicus (Ludwig) Edelmann, young unmarried man originally from Bavaria; and Barbara Schreiber, unmarried daughter of Ignatius Schreiber of Lampertheim. André SCHOTT was dead by the time of his daughter, Anne Marie's, death in 1818. He was a day worker, usually working as a brick layer, at Lampertheim, when alive. He is also listed as a farmer in some of his children's birth records.

He was married to Anna PFRIMMER on 9 Mar 1750 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^5\) Their marriage record states: "Today the 9th of March 1750 we make this proclamation of marriage (with a dispensation according to the practices of the church for which we solemnly call upon God to witness) in our Parish of Vendenheim. We publicly announce the nullification of any impediment and we recognize the mutual consent to the bond of matrimony between: Andreas Schott, son of Andreas Schott, citizen and Lutheran farmer in Lampertheim, — and Anna Pfimmer, new convert, daughter of the deceased Andrea Pfimmer, and Anna Marie Dettwiller, married Lutheran, living in Eckwersheim. Witnesses are: Andreas Schott, father of the groom; Valintinius Lutz; Antonius Maur, school master in this town; and Josephus Wendling,
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shoemaker coming from Verviller, all of whom sign below except the bride, who verbally declares her marriage commitment."\[32\]

7. Anna PFRIMMER was born on 15 Apr 1727 in Eckwersheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\[33\] She was christened on 17 Apr 1727.\[34\] Her Godparents were: Andreas, son of Andreas Pfimmer, "the young"; Maria Salome, the wife of ?, ? Walsher; and Anna ? The record is quite difficult to read. It is in a mixture of German and Latin and not clearly written. She (Anna PFRIMMER) died on 2 Dec 1798 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\[35\] (12 Frimaire, Year 7, according to the French Republic calendar). She had died by 1818.

There is a special record in the church book of Lampertheim. It is apparently an absolution of the excommunication of Anna Pfimmer born Lutheran. It says: "Today, 8 March 1750 we publicly intervene in the marriage of the previously Lutheran Anna Pfimmer, daughter of the deceased André Pfimmer and Anna Marie Dettwiller (name smeared, could be Detweiller or even Ichwiller), who were married Lutheran in Eckwersheim and who lived there. By my signature below we absolve the excommunication, which we have recognized, and present this before all in the Parish." Signed by the priest.

André SCHOTT and Anna PFRIMMER had the following children:

i. André SCHOTT was born on 11 Jun 1750 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\[36\] His Godparents were: Franciscus Antonius Wolff, weaver from Gintzen; and Maria Schneider daughter of Michael Schneider. He was christened on 12 Jun 1750. He died on 1 Jul 1762 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\[37\] Witnesses at the burial: Andreas Schott, father; and Joseph Hartnagel, a friend. There were three André Schott's born to this family. This one and the next must have died in infancy. Because André was the father's name, they tried to produce one to carry on the father's name.

ii. Catharina SCHOTT was born on 22 Sep 1756 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\[38\] Her Godparents: Joannes Michael Schneider; and Margaretha Relli, wife of Laurentis Stier? or Steiner?

iii. Barbara SCHOTT was born on 18 Nov 1759 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\[39\] Her Godparents: Antonius Schau, son of Antonius Schau and Barbara Konig; and Anna Maria Luch ?, daughter of Jacob Malay and Margaretha Relli. She died on 23 Sep 1760 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\[40\] Witnesses: Andreas Schott, father; and Antonio ?

iv. André SCHOTT was born on 21 Apr 1762 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\[41\] His Godparents were: Antonius Schau, son of Antonius Schau and Barbara Konig; and Anna Malay, daughter of deceased Jacob Malay and Marguerithe Relli. The fact that another André Schott was born four years later means that this one died in infancy.

v. André SCHOTT was born on 21 Aug 1766 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\[42\] His Godparents were: Antonius Schau and Barbara Konig; and Anna Malay, daughter of deceased Jacob Malay and Margaretha Relli. There is a Lampertheim Catholic Church Record stating that an André Schott and Maria Kreutzer had a child Anna Maria Schott, born 31 Jan 1787.
FOURTH GENERATION

12. André SCHOTT. According to the marriage record of his son, André and Anna Pfrimmer, this André Schott was "a farmer and Lutheran living in Lampertheim" at that time.

13. Anna BATT was born in Mundolsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.

André SCHOTT and Anna BATT had the following child:

6  i. André SCHOTT.

14. Andreas PFRIMMER was born about 1678 in Eckwersheim. We estimated his date of birth based on it being fourteen years before he was confirmed in 1692. There does not appear to be a birth or baptism record for him. He was confirmed in 1692 in Eckwersheim. He was married to Anna Maria BÖLLINGER on 31 Jan 1713 in Eckwersheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The marriage record states that the mother of the bride had to give her consent, due to the fact that the bride was too young. This seems odd, since she was already 25 when she was married. It may be that we have the wrong Anna Maria Bollinger here. There may have been another born about ten years later. At least there was an Anna Bollinger daughter of Hanss Adam confirmed in 1712. That would put her date of birth at about 1698. Or the record may have been in error. Finally, the permission may have been required because Anna Maria was pregnant, perhaps obviously.

There is a birth record of an Anna, born to a Hanss Adam, dated 6 Jul 1699, but that would make her age at marriage only thirteen. We don't believe she would be the right Anna Maria, but it is possible.

15. Anna Maria BÖLLINGER was born on 13 Oct 1688 in Eckwersheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. She was christened on 15 Oct 1688. She died on 3 Feb 1735 in Eckwersheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The record reads: 3 February (1735), Anna Maria, Andreas Pfrimmer's wife died at age 46 years, 5 weeks and 5 days. Burial is on the 5th day of this same month. She was buried on 5 Feb 1735 in Eckwersheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The name in the absolution record of 8 Mar 1750, is DETTWILLER; the same is true of the marriage record the following day. There were no Dettwillers in the small town of Eckwersheim, until 17 January 1736. On this date a Jacob Dettweiler (spelled Dettweyler), from Mundenheim, married Andreas Pfrimmer's daughter, Anna Maria. This would be the oldest daughter, born in 1713. Note that when her mother died in 1735, Anna (the last daughter) was only 6; she was 7 when her older sister married Dettweiler. The best guess is that Anna was "adopted" by her older sister and Mr. Dettweiler, and her name was Dettweiler when she married in 1750. The Dettweiler's stayed in Eckwersheim; we know that because Jacob Dettweiler appears as a Godparent or witness at baptisms or deaths during the following few years. There are no recorded births within the first five years of the Dettweiler marriage.

Andreas PFRIMMER and Anna Maria BÖLLINGER had the following children:

i. Anna Maria PFRIMMER was born on 9 Jun 1713 in Eckwersheim. The birth date is estimated as two days prior to christening. She was christened on 11 Jun 1713. In the church record of the christening, it states that the child was born only 19 weeks after the parents were married. It also states that the parents were chastized at church for their "loose ways." She was confirmed in 1727 in Eckwersheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Anna Maria married a Jacob Dettweiler, from
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Mundenheim, on 17 January 1736. Since her mother died in 1735, we believe that the Dettweiler's "adopted" the younger children, at least the youngest, Anna.

ii. Andreas PFRIMMER was born on 1 Apr 1715 in Eckwersheim. He died on 1 Apr 1715 in Eckwersheim.

iii. Nicolaus PFRIMMER was born on 16 May 1716 in Eckwersheim. He was christened on 19 May 1716. He was confirmed in 1730 in Eckwersheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.

iv. Catherina PFRIMMER was born on 1 Apr 1718 in Eckwersheim. She was christened on 3 Apr 1718.

v. Eva PFRIMMER was born on 2 Dec 1719 in Eckwersheim. She was christened on 3 Dec 1719. First name is difficult to decipher. This is probably correct.

vi. Andreas PFRIMMER was born on 19 Feb 1722 in Eckwersheim. He was christened on 21 Feb 1722. He died on 1 Sep 1727 in Eckwersheim. The record states his age as 5 years, 2 months (blurred), and 2 weeks. He was buried on 2 Sep 1727 in Eckwersheim.

vii. Lorentz PFRIMMER was born on 24 Mar 1724 in Eckwersheim. He was christened on 26 Mar 1724. In the Latin baptism record, he is Laurentius.

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28. Lorentz PFRIMMER. We first found his name in the marriage record of his son Andreas, dated 31 Jan 1713. The record states that he, Lorentz, was already dead at that time. He was married to Catharina ARBOGAST on 30 Apr 1667 in Eckwersheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.

29. Catharina ARBOGAST was born about 1640 in Eckwersheim. Her death record states that she was 44 years old at the time, in 1684. That would place her year of birth at about 1640. She died on 15 Feb 1684 in Eckwersheim. She was buried on 17 Feb 1684 in Eckwersheim. She was the daughter of Andreas Arbogast from Vendenheim; the record is difficult to read, but it was not Eckwersheim.

Lorentz PFRIMMER and Catharina ARBOGAST had the following children:

i. Anna PFRIMMER was born on 28 Mar 1668 in Eckwersheim. On 19 May 1693, this Anna Pfrimmer married Michael Pfrimmer, "the younger," the son of Michael Pfrimmer. There were many Pfrimmer's in the town, so this was not a rare event; that is, the marrying of two people with the same surname. They were probably second cousins. Usually first cousins required approval from the church to marry; there is no such approval record associated with this marriage.

ii. Valentin PFRIMMER was born on 21 Sep 1669 in Eckwersheim.

iii. Hans PFRIMMER was born on 22 Jan 1671 in Eckwersheim.

iv. Lorentz PFRIMMER was born about Jul 1674 in Eckwersheim. He died on 17 Oct 1693 in Eckwersheim. He was buried on 19 Oct 1693 in Eckwersheim.

v. Andreas PFRIMMER.

vi. Catharina PFRIMMER was born on 21 May 1679 in Eckwersheim.
30. **Hanss Adam BÖLLINGER.** He was a carpenter, according to records of the birth of his children and his marriage record.

There is a death record for Anna Shau Böllinger, 11 April 1731. She died at age 67 years, 5 months and 11 days. This makes her date of birth 31 Oct 1663. This could make her a sister of Hanss Adam. Shou is probably the name of the man she married. He (Hanss Adam) was married to Anna ZÜLTZER on 27 Jan 1688 in Eckwersheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The marriage record states that (Hanss) Adam Böllinger was the son of another Adam Böllinger and that Anna Zültzer was the daughter of Michael Zültzer, all living in Eckwersheim. There is a marriage record dated 4 May 1682: marriage between Michael Zültzer, widower, and a Catharina, Benedict Bradbüht's daughter. This probably was his second marriage, meaning that his first wife, Anna's mother died some time around 1680.

31. **Anna ZÜLTZER.** We have no information about Anna ZÜLTZER, except that given above.

Hanss Adam BÖLLINGER and Anna ZÜLTZER had the following children:

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PART IV: CATHERINE'S ANCESTORS

Family Records and Notes
The families with surnames WURTH, DERENDINGER, ROHRHIRSCH, and SCHÄFFER probably all came from the Dundenheim area in Baden, just south of Strasbourg. The records contain many references to people with these surnames.

The Michel family name probably came from Plobsheim, just south of Strasbourg for at least a few generations further back.

We don't know much about the SCHAAL ancestors. They may have come from Geisbolsheim, Alsace.
The Ancestors of Catharina Wurth

Ancestral Birth Places

Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace (France)

Catherine, or Catharina, as she was named at birth, was born in the village of Plobsheim (pronounced “Plops-heim”). It is a town of several hundred population, about nine miles directly south of the center of the city of Strasbourg. It lies on the west bank of the Rhine River only a mile or two from the river itself. Today it is a pretty, quiet town of a bit more than 1000 people, close enough to Strasbourg to provide homes for people who work in the large city.

Plobsheim exhibits a sense of humor. All over Alsace there are road signs pointing the traveler toward the famous Route du Vin, or “wine road,” along which grow the grapes that produce the many famous Alsatian wines. At the entrance to the village of Plobsheim there is a similar sign, but with quite a different message. It announces just below the Plobsheim village sign, la route de la choucroute, or “the route of the sauerkraut.”

Catherine’s mother’s family and their ancestors lived in or near Plobsheim for a far back as we can trace them in existing records. They were families with names, Michel, Erb, Hiss, Schaal, Roth and Henning.

Dundenheim, Baden (Germany)

Catherine’s father, Bonaventure Wurth and his ancestors lived in or near the village of Dundenheim. It is a little more than four miles, as the crow flies, from Plobsheim to Dundenheim. Of course where the nearest bridge across the Rhine was in 1750 could make quite a difference in how long it took to travel from one to the other. From the center of Strasbourg, Dundenheim is about eleven miles.

In the nineteenth century, before the Rhine was a controlled waterway, it became over three miles wide during the spring floods. That means that Dundenheim and Plobsheim were then both nearly at the river’s edge.

The Catholic Church that served Dundenheim, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, was the one at Ichenheim, about a half-mile north of Dundenheim. The church was completely renovated during the 1960’s. There was also an Evangelical church population in Ichenheim, but the two groups used the same church. The Catholic population of Ichenheim and the rest of the Parish is estimated at about three hundred in the mid-eighteenth century. The Protestant, mostly Evangelical Lutheran, population was about the same. These were small towns and remained so up until the beginning of the 20th century. Today they are growing, as they develop into suburbs of Strasbourg.
Something approaching one-third of the Catholic population in the area were Wurths or close relatives. Family names most involved with this family are: Derendinger, Rohrhirsch, Schäffer, and to a slightly lesser extent, Beisser and Lehmann. These names appear as spouses or Godparents of children in this family tree. There is little evidence that the people were transient; they were in Dundenheim for generations; in fact there are still many Wurth's there today.

**FIRST GENERATION**

1. **Catharina WURTH** was born on 20 Apr 1801 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^1\) Date of birth: "1 Floreal, Year 9 of the Republique," (the same date as the child was baptized) 20 Apr 1801.\(^2\) She was called "Catherine" after emigrating to the USA.

Witnesses to the recording of the birth were: Franz Michael, resident and forester, age 40; and Jacob Michael, resident and farmer, age 32. Catharina died on 28 Oct 1859 in Erin Township, Stephenson Cty, IL.\(^3\) Her tombstone is the only Hamm stone left standing at the old St. Mary's Cemetery at Erin. It is a flat stone standing upright: about 18" wide, 36" high, and about 2" thick. At the top is an angel or bird with wings outstretched—it is worn to the point where it is not clear. The inscription states: CATHERINE; wife of; Phillip Hamm; died Oct 28 1859; age 57 years 11 mos. The year of death is not clear; it may be 1858, which would make her age 57 years and 6 months. (Her son Philip was married on 3 Oct 1858.) Next to her grave, there is an empty space large enough for at least six more graves. It is likely that several other members of the early Hamm family are buried there.

**SECOND GENERATION**

2. **Bonaventure WURTH** was born on 4 Oct 1757 in Dundenheim, Baden, Germany.\(^4\) His Godparents were: Antony Beisser, judge (or jurist) from Dundenheim; and the unmarried Ursula Lehmann, daughter of Matthio Lehmann, widower from Dundenheim. A judge (or jurist) in these small villages of those days was a minor local official who represented the village in provincial government affairs and occasionally helped to settle local disputes. Bonaventure WURTH died on 6 Aug 1827 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^5\)

He was married to Maria Catharina MICHEL on 28 Jun 1800 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^6\) The date is translated from 10 Messidor, Year 8 of the Republique.\(^7\)

3. **Maria Catharina MICHEL** was born on 4 Apr 1772 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^8\) Her birth date was calculated by using her exact age at death as recorded on the Civil Death Record. She died on 28 Dec 1828 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^9\) Witnesses at the registration of her death were: Philippe Hamm, son in law, and George Hardt, a neighbor. She was 56 years, 8 months, and 24 days of age at the time of her death. The name Michel is as spelled in French records, probably pronounced "mishell," with emphasis on the second syllable. In German, it appears as Michäel, probably pronounced "mick-hale." Maria Catharina (called Catharina) was Bonaventure WURTH's second wife. He was 47 when he married her. He had previously married Anna Maria BURG and they had five children. Anna Maria Burg died in June 1800. Bonaventure WURTH and Maria Catharina MICHEL had the following child:

1. **Catharina WURTH.**

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4. Johannes (Hanss) WURTH was born on 31 Jan 1728 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{10}\) He was baptized on 1 Feb 1728 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{11}\) He died on 20 Mar 1762 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{12}\) The record states that the witnesses to the recording of his death were: Georgio Wurth, his brother; and Matthia Rohrhirsch, brother of his widow. He was buried on 21 Mar 1762.\(^\text{13}\) The Latin Church records refer to him as Joannes. He was a day laborer, or farm worker. He signed his name “Hanss Wurth.” We would call him John, in German, Johannes, with Hanss as his nickname; and in French, Jean.

He was married to Catherina ROHRHIRSCH on 23 Jan 1747 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{14}\) Witnesses for the church record of the wedding were: Antony Rohrhirsch, father of the bride; Antony Rohrhirsch, first son (brother of the bride) and Joannes Derendinger, relative of the groom.

5. Catherina ROHRHIRSCH was born about 1725. Her date of birth is an estimate, based on birthdates of her children. The Dundenheim Sippenbuch\(^\text{15}\) lists her as the first born in her family, so she may have been born a year or two earlier. The Latin in the German Church records refers to her surname as “Rohrhirschin.” Many names in German or Latin at that time had the "in" added; it was a feminine ending. They did not write the "in" when they signed their names.

Johannes (Hanss) WURTH and Catherina ROHRHIRSCH had the following children:

i. Maria Catharina WURTH was born on 26 Oct 1747 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{16}\) Her Godparents were: Antonin Beisser and Magdalena Folsheim. The Ortssippenbuch Dundenheim gives the birth date as 6 Oct 1747.\(^\text{17}\)

ii. Maria Magdalena WURTH was born on 6 Apr 1749 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{17}\)

iii. Maria Francisca WURTH was born on 15 Feb 1751 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{18}\) Her Godparents were: Antonin Beisser and Magdalena Folsheim

iv. Joannes Georgi WURTH was born on 19 Apr 1753 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{19}\) His Godparents were: Antonin Beisser and Magdalena Folsheim. He died on 17 Aug 1763 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{20}\) The burial record refers to him as Georgius Wurth and states that he was about nine. It also states that Joannis Wurth, his father was deceased by this time. His name would be Johann Georg in German.

v. Maria Anna WURTH was born on 3 May 1755 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{21}\) Her Godparents were: Antonin Beisser and Ursula Lehmann. She died on 25 May 1756 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{22}\)

vi. Bonaventure WURTH.

vii. Anselmus WURTH was born on 28 Jul 1760 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{23}\) He died on 6 Sep 1762 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^\text{24}\) He was buried on 7 Sep 1762.\(^\text{25}\)

6. Franz Joseph MICHEL was born on 16 Nov 1737 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^\text{26}\) His Godparents were: Johann Bonapfel, blacksmith in Plobsheim; and Anna Maria Erb, the wife of Johann Jacob Meiler, farmer in Plobsheim. The child was baptized one day after birth, on the 17th of November. He died on 3 Jun 1803 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^\text{27}\) Witnesses at recording of his death: Jacob Michel, farmer, age 35; and Frantz Xavier Hetscher, age 56; and Frantz Anthon Michel, forester (no age given), a bricklayer in Plobsheim. In the death record for Salome, his daughter, it says that François Michel was 70 when he died.
He was married to Margaretha Dorothea ERB on 22 Nov 1762 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{28}\) There is a bit of a mystery relating to the parents of Dorothea Erb. They are not mentioned in the marriage record; instead there is a Joannis Georgii Brügel listed as what we might call her guardian.\(^{29}\)

7. **Margaretha Dorothea ERB** was born on 21 Jul 1733 in Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{30}\) Her Godparents were: Joannes (Johann) Kintz, son of George Kintz; and Maria Kraft, daughter of Johann Kraft. She was baptized the day she was born. She died on 7 Mar 1796 in Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{31}\) She was called “Dorothea.” This means that she had died by the time of Catharina’s wedding in 1800.

The name ERB, is pronounced EARP, as we would pronounce the name of the famous gunfighter in the old American west, Wyatt EARP. In looking for concentrations of the Erb name, we find many in Altenheim, Baden and at Illkirch-Graffenstaden. But the largest numbers are to be found in Switzerland. If we could go back far enough, that is, if there were church records for the time, we would probably find that Dorothea Erb is of Swiss descent. This is speculation, simply based on numbers of references to the name. Remember, the nearest part of Switzerland is quite close to Alsace and Baden. If one were to draw a circle with its center at about Basel, 50 miles in radius, one would very likely have the early Erb home.

Franz Joseph MICHEL and Margaretha Dorothea ERB had the following children:

i. **Franz Anton MICHEL** was born on 7 Jun 1763 in Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{32}\) His Godparents were: Anthony Hamm, wood worker in Plbsheim; and Salome Erb, unmarried daughter of the deceased Adam Erb. He was baptized the day he was born. His name in French was François Antoine.

ii. **Maria Salome MICHEL** was born on 21 Nov 1765 in Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{33}\) Her Godparents were: Antoine (Antonius) Hamm, cabinet maker; and Salome Erb, daughter of Adam Erb. She died on 3 May 1833 in Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{34}\) Witnesses listed on the death record were: Philippe Hamm, age 39, nephew of the deceased; Louis Barthelmé, age 60, property owner and neighbor.

iii. **Johann Jacob MICHEL** was born on 11 Jul 1768 in Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{35}\) His Godparents were: Anthony Hamm, woodworker in Plbsheim; and Salome Erb, wife of Matthiea Hirschel, blacksmith in Eschau. He died on 29 Apr 1837 in Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{36}\) Witnesses at recording of his death were: Joseph Michel, age 28, his son; and Joseph Grimer, age 63, his brother-in-law, a farmer in Plbsheim. He was called Jacques, in French.

iv. **Maria Catharina MICHEL**.

v. **Marie Madeleine MICHEL** was born on 1 Aug 1775 in Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{37}\) Her birth date was calculated using the age stated at death. She died on 15 Mar 1829 in Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{38}\) Witnesses at the registration of her death: André Hamm, her husband; and Louis Bitschy age 48, a neighbor. She and her husband André Hamm were living at house 114 when she died.

vi. **(infant) MICHEL** was born on 16 Jun 1778 in Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{39}\) The infant died at birth. He died on 16 Jun 1778 in Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.\(^{40}\) Witnesses at the registration of his death were: Franz Michel, the father; and Xavier Hetscher.
FOURTH GENERATION

8. Nicolaus WURTH was born about 1698. The date of birth is an estimate, based on the birthdates of his children. He died on 11 Nov 1737 in Dundenheim, Baden. We know that the name of Johann (Hanss) WURTH's father was Nicolaus, from Hanss' marriage record. We also have from the marriage record the name of Joannes DERENDINGER, a witness and blood relative. Finally we know that at the time of Hanss WURTH's wedding in 1747, Nicolaus was deceased. The reason we need logic to prove that we have the right parents of Jean (or Johann or Hanss) WURTH is that there were at least five WURTH families at the time, of which three were headed by a Nicolaus.

Nicolai, or Nicholas, was a farmer in Dundenheim and also was a judge as well. He signed his name "Claus Wurth." Once again, a judge was a minor official who helped settle local disputes and who occasionally represented the village at governmental functions.

The only way to distinguish between the Nicolaus WURTH's at the time was:
One married Magdalena Derendinger; he was called farmer and judge;
One married Anna Rueff; he was called Junior and peasant;
One married Cathrina Gloz; he was just called farmer.
All three of these families were having children in the 1720's Our Nicolaus was married to Maria Magdalena DERENDINGER about 1725 in Dundenheim, Baden. The marriage date is estimated, based on her children's birth dates where known, her death date, and her husbands estimated birth date. It was the first marriage for both of them. They were probably married around 1725. The Ortssippenbuch has their children in a different sequence and lists more of them: Georg, Catharina, Matthias, Magdalena, and the twins Johannes and Michael, and in that sequence. It does not list the Johannes born in 1731. Catharina, if she was a child of this family, was married 6 Feb 1741 to Johann Baptist DERENDINGER; they had five children and she, Catharina, died on 15 Apr 1769. Magdalena, if she was a child of this family, married on 7 Aug 1745 to Martin Leuthner from Kürzwell (where Rosina Carotsch came from).

We believe that Matthias was born last and that his death as an infant and Maria Magdalena Derendinger's death the same month were as a result of the complications of childbirth.

9. Maria Magdalena DERENDINGER died on 23 Dec 1734 in Dundenheim, Baden.

Nicolaus WURTH and Maria Magdalena DERENDINGER had the following children:

i. Georgius WURTH died on 6 Dec 1765 in Dundenheim, Baden. Evidence for Georgius is his marriage to Magdalena Wetter on 4 Feb 1754. His father is listed in the marriage record. He is also listed as a child of this family in the Dundenheim Ortssippenbuch. He married Magdalena Wetterer on 4 Feb 1754; they had three children.

ii. Joannes Michaeli WURTH was born on 31 Jan 1728 in Dundenheim, Baden, Germany. His Godparents were: Joannes Bried and Elisabeth Werner (?). He was christened on 1 Feb 1728 in Dundenheim, Baden. He died on 5 May 1820 in Dundenheim, Baden. He married Rosina Carotsch on 4 Nov 1749. This is the same Rosina Carotsch that his father married in 1737, just 10 months before he (the father) died. Johannes Michael was 21 in 1749 and Rosina was probably about 30.

iii. Johannes (Hanss) WURTH.
iv. **Johannes WURTH** was born on 21 Mar 1731 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{48}\) He was christened on 22 Mar 1731 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{49}\)

v. **Matthias WURTH** died on 1 Dec 1734 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{50}\)

10. Antony **ROHRHIRSCH** was born about 1700.\(^{15}\) The birth date is an estimate, based on the ages of his children. He died on 23 Mar 1771 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{51}\) He was a day worker, weaver and school teacher in Dundenheim. He probably became a school teacher later in his life.

He married a second time after his wife died. This time to Ursula Walther, who died 2 Nov 1779. They had three children including a pair of twins. This was also Ursula's second marriage. She had already had 11 children by Matthias Lehmann, who died in 1747.

The list of children is as reported in the Ortssippenbuch Dundenheim.\(^{15}\) For a few of them, I have not found birth records.

11. **Maria Salome SCHÄFFER** was born about 1705.\(^{52}\) She died on 30 Jan 1747 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{53}\)

Antony **ROHRHIRSCH** and Maria Salome SCHÄFFER had the following children:

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i. **Catherina ROHRHIRSCH.**

ii. **Antony ROHRHIRSCH.** On 19 May 1749, Antony Rohrhirsch married Rosina Fässler, daughter of Joannes Georgi Fässler and Barbara Derendinger.\(^{15}\)

iii. **Maria Anna ROHRHIRSCH.**

iv. **Joannes Baptist ROHRHIRSCH** was born on 9 Jun 1728 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{54}\) His Godparents were: Antony Vogel and Maria Anna Schillinger. We might well wonder whether Maria Anne Schillinger was an ancestor of Frank Anton Schillinger who married Louise Otto in Freeport, IL, two centuries later.

v. **Matthias ROHRHIRSCH** was born on 17 Dec 1730 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{35}\) The Ortssippenbuch Dundenheim gives the date of birth as 14 Dec 1730.\(^{15}\) Evidence for this person is in Jean Wurth's death record, 20 Mar 1762. It states that one of the witnesses at the recording was Matthia Rohrhirsch, brother of his widow. He is also listed in the Ortssippenbuch Dundenheim as a member of this family.\(^{15}\) He married Anna Maria Wolfe on 22 Sep 1765,\(^{15}\) and a second marriage to Gertrud Hässler on 14 Nov 1785.\(^{15}\)

vi. **Joannes Georgius ROHRHIRSCH** was born on 21 Apr 1732 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{56}\) He died on 23 Aug 1738 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{57}\)

vii. **Joannes Norbertus ROHRHIRSCH** was born on 6 Jun 1734 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{58}\) He died on 16 Mar 1739 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{39}\)

viii. **Maria Francisca ROHRHIRSCH** was born on 12 May 1738 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{60}\)

ix. **Maria Anna Francisca ROHRHIRSCH** was born on 23 Nov 1746 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{61}\) She died on 20 Feb 1747 in Dundenheim, Baden.\(^{62}\) Death record states that she was three months old at death.
12. Franz Jacob MICHEL was born about 1712 in Iffertzheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The place of birth comes from his marriage record. The date is an estimate based on his wife's age and the birth dates of their children. He died on 6 Feb 1776 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Witnesses signing the death record: Jacob Haselstein and Franz Michel, "son of decedent." We first found his name on the marriage record of his son and Dorothea Erb. He was a brickmaker in Plobsheim.

He was married to Maria Salome HISS on 18 Feb 1737 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Salome Hiss was listed in the record of her wedding as having a guardian, Peter Hudelstein, already deceased at the time of the wedding. Jacob Hiss, probably her brother, was a witness. The writing is not clear—he may have been from Eckbolsheim.

13. Maria Salome HISS was born on 20 Oct 1710 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Her Godparents were: Christian Meuler; and Salome Rudolph, both from Plobsheim. We first saw her name on the marriage record of her son Frantz Michel.

Franz Jacob MICHEL and Maria Salome HISS had the following children:

6   i. Franz Joseph MICHEL.
   ii. Maria Salome MICHEL was born about 1740 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Her age at death was stated as 9 years. Her birth date was estimated from that information. She died on 3 Oct 1749 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.
   iii. Catherina MICHEL was born on 8 May 1743 in Plobsheim. Her Godparents were: Johann Jacob Meiler, a farmer in Plobsheim; and Catharina Meiler, the wife of Johann Bonapfel, blacksmith in Plobsheim. She was christened on 9 May 1743. She died on 18 Dec 1812 in Plobsheim. The witnesses signing were: Christian Meiler, age 42, day laborer, son of the decedent; and François Xavier Hetscher, age 39, a school teacher. She was buried on 19 Dec 1812.
   iv. Johannes MICHEL. He married Magdalena Wurth and they had a child, Johann Jacob Michel, on 11 April 1768. They also had a child Frantz Anton Michel, who married Catharina Mutschler on 13 Oct 1806. Frantz Anton was then 32, making his birth date about 1774.
   v. Maria MICHEL was born on 8 Jul 1748 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Her Godparents were: Johann Bonapfel, blacksmith; and Maria Erb, wife of Johann Jacob Meiler, farmer. The child was baptized one day after her birth. She died on 9 Sep 1760 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. She was twelve years old at death.

14. Johann Adam ERB was born on 8 Dec 1690 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. His Godparents were: Johannes Hiss and Maria Rudolph. He died on 9 Jul 1744 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Witnesses at the recording of his death: ? Mutschler, ? Meyler both from Plobsheim; and Stephen Schaal from Geispitzen (Geispolsheim?) He was buried on 10 Jul 1744 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. We first saw his name on the birth records of his children. He was married to Anna Maria SCHAAL about 1716 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Their marriage date is an estimate, based on the date of birth of their first child.
15. Anna Maria SCHAAL was born about 1699. Date of birth is an estimate, based on her being about forty when her last child was born. She died on 21 Feb 1741 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Witnesses signing her death record were: Sigmund Schaal, father of the deceased; Adam Erb, husband of the deceased; and Jacob and Stephen Schaal, brothers of the deceased. She was buried on 22 Feb 1741 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. We first saw her name on the birth records of her children. In those, it is spelled variously: Schal, Schaal, Schaul.

From her death record, the witnesses included her brothers Jacob and Stephen Schaal from Geisboltzheim (Geisbolsheim). Also her father was Sigmund Schaal, from the same record.

Johann Adam ERB and Anna Maria SCHAAL had the following children:

i. Dorothea ERB was born on 1 Jan 1717 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Her Godparents were: Johannes Leonard Bonapfel, and Maria Anna Hiss.

ii. Maria ERB was born on 4 Feb 1721 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Since there was another Maria born later to this family, we know this one died in infancy. She was a twin of Catharina.

iii. Catharina ERB was born on 4 Feb 1721 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. She died on 6 Jan 1735 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Witnesses signing her death record were: Adam Herdt, and Franz Anton Seiler, school teacher. She was buried on 6 Jan 1735 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. She was a twin of Maria.

iv. Johann ERB was born on 28 Jul 1725 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. His Godparents were: Johannes Kraft, and Magdalena Scherer, daughter of the deceased Johann Heinrich Scherer. He died on 21 Aug 1729 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The death record states "infant" son of Adam Erb. Witnesses signing the death record were: Adam Erb, father, and Johann Diebrick, school teacher.

v. Jacob ERB was born on 14 Dec 1727 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Godparents: Johann Bonapfel; and Maria Heitz, wife of Johann Kraft. The child was baptized on the same day as his birth. He died on 13 Sep 1729 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Age given as one year and nine months. Witnesses were: Adam Erb, father; and Johann Diebrick, school teacher.

vi. Magdalena ERB was born on 30 Dec 1730 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Her Godparents were: Johann Bonapfel; and the unmarried Magdalena Scherer, daughter of the deceased Henry Scherer from Erstein. She died on 18 Sep 1797 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The date of death is a bit of guesswork. The record is in German, and for all the months of the French Republic they used the French names. But this one is not recognizable and therefore we assume it is one of the extra days added at the end of the year. Magdalena Erb married Johan Rudolph. He was 65 when she died and was one of the witnesses signing her death record.

vii. Margaretha Dorothea ERB.

viii. Maria ERB was born on 15 Jul 1736 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Her Godparents were: Theobald Rudolph; and Maria Kraft, daughter of Johann Kraft. She was baptized on the same day as she was born. There is a death record for an Anna Maria Erb, widow of the deceased Caspar Mutschler. Witnesses: Johann Rudolph and Franciscus Michel. This could be Maria, or someone else—probably this person, the number of Catholics in Plobsheim was rather small.
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ix. Sophia ERB was born on 4 Jul 1739 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Her Godparents were: Johann Kraft; and Sophia Daul, wife of Theobald Rudolph. She was christened on 5 Jul 1739 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. She died on 2 Mar 1740 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Witnesses signing her death record were: Adam Erb, father of the deceased; and Antonio Seiler, school teacher. She was listed as nine months old at death. She was buried on 3 Mar 1740 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.

FIFTH GENERATION

26. Johannis HISS was born about 1676. His birth date is a guess based on the ages of his children. He died on 14 Jul 1715 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Witnesses signing his death record were: Valentine Erb; and Christian Meiler, school teacher. According to his burial record, he was mayor of Plobsheim when he died. He was married to Maria Scholastica ROTH about 1698 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. His birth date was also estimated based on the birthdates of his children.

27. Maria Scholastica ROTH was born about 1678.

Johannis HISS and Maria Scholastica ROTH had the following children:

i. Maria Anna HISS was born on 17 Dec 1699 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Her Godparents were: Andreas Huck, son of Bernard Huck; and Anna Weret, daughter of Theobald Weret. She died on 3 Apr 1751 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Maria Anna Hiss was married on 7 Feb 1724 to Sigmund Schaal, woodworker and son of George Schaal, farmer. They had a child, George, born on 14 Nov 1724. They had another child, Johannes Jacob on 27 Jul 1728. A Johannes died on 27 Jan 1779.

ii. Johann Carl HISS was born on 1 Feb 1705 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. His Godparents were: Jacob Schneider; and Maria Schenhoffer. His name was Joannis Carolus in the Latin records.

iii. Johannis Jacob HISS was born on 5 May 1709 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. His Godparents were: Valentine Erb; and Margaretha Krimbacher.

iv. Maria Salome HISS.

28. Valentine ERB was born about 1668. This estimate is based on the idea that he would have been 20 or 21 at the time of his marriage. He died on 1 Sep 1735 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Witnesses signing his death record were: Adam Erb, son of decedant; and Jacob Meyler. It is this record that led to identifying Valentine Erb as the father of Adam. He (Valentine) was buried on 2 Sep 1735 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. On a birth record for 20 May 1686, the Godfather is "Valentine Erb, son of Joannis Erb." This is, so far, the only indication we have as to the older generation of Erbs; and since this date is at the very beginning of the Catholic Church books, it is the only reference we found.

Valentine probably had a brother Johann George, who married Margaretha Rudolph and who had a child Maria Magdalena on 1 Jul 1704. We have seen that birth record. He was married to Salome HENNING...
about 1688. This date is based on Erb being about 21 at the time of his marriage and that his first child would have been born about a year later.

29. Salome HENNING. Her name comes from the record of the birth of their son, Andreus in 1689. From another son's birth, Johannes Adam, her name is spelled HENCKIN, or HENCK.

Valentine ERB and Salome HENNING had the following children:

i. Andreus (André) ERB was born on 29 Aug 1689 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. His Godparents were: Ludwig Rudolph, son of Jacob Rudolph; and Chatarina Hiss, daughter of Beati Hiss. The priest performing the baptism had come from Eschau. Therefore what we have as a birth date here is actually a baptism date and that could have been several days after the birth itself.

14 ii. Johann Adam ERB.

iii. Anna Maria ERB. Anna Maria was married to Jacob Meiler, son of Christian Meiler, on 10 Nov 1727. Her name comes from that record as a daughter of Valentine Erb.

SIXTH GENERATION

54. Simon ROTH was born in Obermunster, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The town from which he came was given in his daughter's marriage record. Evidence for this person being Simon Roth are several marriages in the period 1705 to 1717, all of which are apparently children of Simon Roth. His wife's name is not given in these records. Simon ROTH had the following children:

27 i. Maria Scholastica ROTH.

ii. Johann Martin ROTH. He married Regina Genger, daughter of Matthias Genger from Withelsburg, Austria in Plobsheim on 2 May 1705 according to his marriage record.

iii. Maria Anna ROTH. She married Franciscus (Franz) Faber on 10 Aug 1706. She was probably born in about 1686. This record is the evidence for her being part of this family.
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2. See Appendix for description of French Republic calendar.
5. Civil records: Town of Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Death, 6 Aug 1827.
7. See Appendix for description of French Republic calendar.
8. Civil records: Town of Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Death, 28 Dec 1828.
9. Ibid.
10. Catholic Parish of Ichenheim, Baden, Baptism record, 1 Feb 1728.
11. Ibid.
13. Ibid.
24. Catholic Parish of Ichenheim, Baden, Burial record, 7 Sep 1762.
25. Ibid.
27. Ibid: Birth record, 3 Jun 1803.
29. Ibid.
31. Civil records: Town of Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Death, 7 Mar 1796.
32. Catholic Parish of Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Baptism record, 7 Jun 1763.
34. Civil records: Town of Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Death, 3 May 1833.
35. Catholic Parish of Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Baptism record, 11 Jul 1768.
36. Civil records: Town of Plbsheim, Bas-Rhin, Death, 29 Apr 1837.
38. Ibid.
40. Ibid: Birth record, 16 Jun 1778.
41. Catholic Parish of Ichenheim, Baden, Burial record, 11 Nov 1737.
42. Estimate based on birth dates of their children.
43. Catholic Parish of Ichenheim, Baden, Burial record, 23 Dec 1734.
46. Catholic Parish of Ichenheim, Baden, Baptism record, 1 Feb 1728.
49. Ibid.
52. Estimated, based on her having children during 1728 - 1732.
53. Catholic Parish of Ichenheim, Baden, Burial record, 30 Jan 1747.
56. Catholic Parish of Ichenheim, Baden, Baptism record, 21 Apr 1732.
58. Ibid: Baptism record, 6 Jun 1734.
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64. Catholic Parish of Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Burial record, 6 Feb 1776.
65. Ibid: Marriage record, 18 Feb 1737.
66. Ibid.
69. Ibid.
70. Ibid: Baptism record, 9 May 1743.
71. Civil records: Town of Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Death, 19 Dec 1812.
72. Catholic Parish of Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Baptism record, 9 Jul 1748.
73. Ibid: Burial record, 9 Sep 1760.
74. Ibid: Baptism record, 8 Dec 1690.
75. Ibid: Burial record, 10 Jul 1744.
76. Ibid.
77. Estimate, based on the date of birth of the first child.
78. Catholic Parish of Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Burial record, 22 Feb 1741.
79. Ibid.
80. Ibid: Baptism record, 1 Jan 1717.
81. Ibid: Baptism record, 4 Feb 1721.
82. Ibid.
83. Ibid: Burial record, 6 Jan 1735.
84. Ibid.
86. Ibid: Burial record, 21 Aug 1729.
88. Ibid: Burial record, 13 Sep 1729.
89. Ibid: Baptism record, 30 Dec 1730.
90. Civil records: Town of Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Death 18 Sep 1797.
93. Ibid.
95. Ibid.
96. Estimate, based on birth dates of his children.
97. Catholic Parish of Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Burial record, 14 Jul 1715.
98. Estimate, based on birth dates of their children.
99. Ibid.
100. Catholic Parish of Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Baptism record, 17 Dec 1699.
102. Ibid: Baptism record, 1 Feb 1705.
103. Ibid: Baptism record, 5 May 1709.
104. Ibid: Burial record, 2 Sep 1735.
105. Ibid.
107. Ibid: Marriage record, 10 Aug 1706 (marriage of his daughter Maria Anna).
PART V: PHILIP, CATHERINE, and FAMILY

Family Records and Notes
Philipp HAMM was born on 30 Apr 1786 in Lampertheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Lampertheim, where
Philippe was born, is about 5 miles north of the center of Strasbourg, and about fourteen miles north of
Plobsheim, where Catherine was born. In other words, the two towns are on opposite sides of Strasbourg.
We do not have the date Philip died. He is last listed in the 1860 US Census in Stephenson County, Illinois
at age 76, living with his three unmarried children, Andrew, William and Mary Anne.

Catharina WURTH was born on 20 Apr 1801 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. She was baptized the
same day she was born, stated in the French Republic calendar as: “1 Floreal, Year 9 of the Republique,”
or 20 Apr 1801. She died on 28 Oct 1859 in Erin Township, Stephenson Cty, IL. She is buried in the old
St. Mary’s Cemetery at New Dublin in Erin Township, Stephenson County, Illinois.

Philippe HAMM and Catharina WURTH had the following children:

i. Madeleine HAMM was born on 23 Jul 1821 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.1
Witnesses at recording of her birth were: Antoine Wurth, age 35, day laborer; and
her uncle, Andre Hamm, age 45, bar keeper. She died about 1850 in Wheeling WV.
This is an estimated date of death based on the fact that her third child was born on
5 July 1849, and that her husband, Sebastian Lutz married for a second time on 2
Jan 1851. Madeleine is probably buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, then called the
German Catholic Graveyard, in Wheeling.

ii. Philippe HAMM was born on 30 Jun 1823 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.2
He was born Philippe and changed the spelling of his name to Philip after emigrating to
the USA. The witnesses at the recording of his birth were: Andre Hamm, age 46,
bar keeper, his uncle; and Francois Xavier Hetsher, age 50, school teacher. He is
listed in the 1850 Census as a laborer. The 1868-1869 Freeport, IL City Directory
lists: "Phillip Hamm, laborer, residence north side Pleasant Street, between Railroad
and Fern Streets. He was married twice; his first wife, Louisa Bounty, died in 1858
after having three children; he was divorced from his second wife Catherine Murphy.
We do not know where or when he died. He was reported as living in Dubuque,
Iowa in 1861.

iii. Andre HAMM was born on 29 Jan 1825 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.3
It was a reference to Andre’s birth in Plobsheim that led us to find the rest of the
family. We were never able to discover why there was a lone reference to his birth
without the others. He was born Andrée, and changed his name to Andrew upon
emigrating to the USA. The witnesses at the recording of his birth were: Andre
Hamm, age 49, bar keeper, his uncle; and Francois Xavier Hetsher, age 51, school
teacher. He worked all his life as a farmer, first in Illinois on the family farm, and
later, in Iowa where he raised his family. He died on 20 Nov 1892 in Colo, Iowa.4
He was buried on 23 Nov 1892 in St. Patrick Cemetery, Nevada, Iowa.5

iv. Louis HAMM was born on 19 Jan 1827 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.6 The
witnesses at the recording of birth were: Andre Hamm, age 50, bar keeper, and
Louis Bitschy, age 47, sergeant of the commune. He died on 12 Dec 1829 in
Plobsheim at the age of only two and one-half. The witnesses at registration of his death were: Philippe Hamm, his father, age 42; and André Hamm, his uncle, age 53.

v. **Augustin Hamm** was born on 12 Feb 1829 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The witnesses at the recording of his birth were: Joseph Grimer, age 55, farmer; and Augustin Blaesi, age 47, a shoemaker. He died between 1836 and 1840. That would be sometime between the family’s arrival in the United States in 1836 and the 1840 Census which does not list a family member at his age. He may have died during the trip to Redford, New York, or in going from there to Wheeling in 1839.

vi. **Louis Hamm** was born on 14 Feb 1832 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The witnesses at the recording of his birth were: George Schaffer, age 57, fisherman; and Thiebaut Gamer, age 44, former. There is a record of a Louis Hamm marrying an Amelia Heise in 1871 in Wheeling WV. But we have not been able to find further information on this marriage or any children born to it. If it is this Louis, he must have stayed in Wheeling with his oldest sister after she married. We do know that he survived the family’s trip as far as Wheeling. He either stayed there or died between 1840 and 1850. He is not listed in the 1850 Census for Stephenson County IL.

vii. **Joseph Hamm** was born on 1 Jan 1835 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The witnesses at the recording of his birth were: Antoine Wurth, farmer; and Augustin Bitschy, age 30, a carpenter. He died only seven days later, on 8 Jan 1835 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace.

viii. **Catherine Hamm** was born on 14 Nov 1835 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Her name was spelled Cathérine in her birth record. It was Catherine when she emigrated to America; and later in her life it was changed to Katherine. Witnesses at the recording of her birth were: Augustin Blaesi, age 53, shoemaker; and Jean Barthelmé, age 53, bar keeper. She married John Geiger and for the remainder of her life, she and her family operated a general store in Baileyville, Illinois. She died on 3 May 1905 in Baileyville, IL. The funeral was held Saturday at home and at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, at Freeport, Illinois. She was buried on 5 May 1905 in City Cemetery, Freeport, IL.

ix. **Mary Anne Hamm** was born on 10 Mar 1838 in Redford, NY. Her obituary states: "Mrs. Broad (Mary Anne married Augustus Broad in 1862.) was born in Redford, NY, March 10, 57 years ago. She was the last of six children and the first to be born in America, the others being born in France. Her father’s name was Phillip Hamm. When she was ten years old, her father came to this state and settled on a farm near Eleroy, where she lived until her marriage to A. F. Broad.” If we are to believe this, she was born 10 Mar 1855. We believe it is an error and that the correct number is 75 years ago. That would make her birth date 10 Mar 1837, or maybe 1838, which agrees with all the other data we have. Until better information appears, we will use as 1838 as her date of birth, and Redford as the place of birth. Unfortunately, there is no record in Redford, NY of her birth and no record of any Hams living there at that time. She died on 16 Oct 1912 in Freeport, IL. She was buried on 18 Oct 1912 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Freeport, IL.
William Henry HAMM was born on 12 Apr 1841 in Wheeling, West Virginia.\textsuperscript{18} There is no civil record of his birth in Wheeling. They did not keep birth records until several years later. The date in his obituary, plus the fact of his baptism three days later, confirm this date. He was christened on 15 Apr 1841 in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Wheeling, WV.\textsuperscript{19} He died on 4 Oct 1906 in St. Francis Hosp., Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{18} He was buried on 8 Oct 1906 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{20} Apparently the St. Joseph Cemetery was called, at that time, the German Catholic Cemetery. According to his obituary in the Freeport Daily Bulletin, 5 Oct 1906, he came from Wheeling, West Virginia when he was 4. His parents settled in New Dublin in 1845. He moved to Freeport in 1872 after farming for several years after he married in 1864. Later, he worked for George Rustin as a janitor at the Stephenson County Court House, and after that as a janitor at the Brewster House Hotel. He had been living at 24 Dexter Street at the time of his death.
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10. Ibid: Civil birth record, 1 Jan 1835.
11. Ibid: Civil death record, 8 Jan 1835.
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PART VI: THE HAMM CHILDREN:

Madeleine
Descendants of Madeleine HAMM

Madeleine HAMM (23 Jul 1821-abt 1850)
sp: Sebastian LUTZ (Jan 1816-20 Nov 1866)
  Mary Louisa LUTZ (27 Nov 1845-11 Apr 1925)
    sp: Joseph GARDNER (-)
      — Joseph GARDNER (abt 1864-)
      — Sophia Anna GARDNER (28 Oct 1865-14 Dec 1954)
        sp: Charles Zachariah LANDMEYER (22 Feb 1861-23 Sep 1925)
          — Clara May LANDMEYER (abt 1890-)
            sp: Theresa Mildred CORDER (abt 1891-abt 1989)
              — Ralph LANDMEYER (8 Nov 1921-2 Apr 1922)
              — Joy Jacqueline LANDMEYER (22 Dec 1928-)
                sp: Virgil Lee HELLER (abt 1924-)
          — Sophia Cora LANDMEYER (7 Dec 1893-7 Feb 1926)
          — Bessie Priscilla LANDMEYER (20 Mar 1897-27 Jan 1976)
            — Robert Lee LANDMEYER (28 Sep 1919-6 Oct 1944)
              sp: Wanda Naomi SCHANE (abt 1918-)
              — Robert William LANDMEYER (27 May 1944-)
        — Harry Joseph LANDMEYER (9 Mar 1899-13 Apr 1973)
          sp: Wilda MCGONOGHY (-)
            — Beverly Margaret LANDMEYER (20 May 1918-)
            — Lois Lillian MANSELL (5 Sep 1904-24 Sep 1961)
              — Marjorie May LANDMEYER (18 Aug 1925-)
              — Geraldine LANDMEYER (29 May 1927-)
              — Donald Charles LANDMEYER (27 Aug 1932-)
                sp: Margaret Leona COUGHLAN (abt 1929-)
                — Donald Lee LANDMEYER (10 Oct 1951-)
                — William Edward LANDMEYER (31 Dec 1940-)
                  sp: Carroll Ann WELLS (abt 1939-)
            — Matilda B. GARDNER (1872-)
              sp: Lyman HOUGH (abt 1870-)
                sp: Frederick SCHWARTZ (Dec 1848-29 May 1915)
                  — Fred J. SCHWARTZ (Jan 1874-)
                    sp: Teresa STANG (abt 1876-)
                      sp: Cynthia HICKENBALL (18 Jan 1861-31 Jan 1946)
                        — Gilbert SCHWARTZ (14 Sep 1905-31 Jul 1941)
                          sp: Alice ORKOSKY (abt 1909-)
                    — Charles SCHWARTZ (abt 1877-)
                      sp: Lucy E. KENNEDY (abt 1880-)
                        — Frederick William SCHWARTZ (28 Mar 1900-)
                      — Louis W. SCHWARTZ (14 Apr 1880-11 Aug 1908)
                        sp: Viola NORMAN (abt 1880-)
                        — Gertrude Christina SCHWARTZ (25 Jul 1881-24 Oct 1917)
                          sp: James L. RICE (abt 1881-)
                          — George SCHWARTZ (31 Jan 1886-11 Oct 1944)
                    — Charles Philip LUTZ (21 Oct 1847-15 Apr 1925)
                      sp: Anna HUSEMAN (Oct 1851-22 Jan 1871)
                        — Louis LUTZ (-8 Jun 1871)
                          sp: Theresa MANION (1 Jan 1863-12 Jun 1917)
                          — George A. LUTZ (1 Jan 1879-24 Jan 1935)
                          — Josephine Catherine LUTZ (5 Jul 1849-)
        — George SCHWARTZ (31 Jan 1886-11 Oct 1944)
          — Gertrude Christina SCHWARTZ (25 Jul 1881-24 Oct 1917)
            sp: James L. RICE (abt 1881-)
            — George SCHWARTZ (31 Jan 1886-11 Oct 1944)
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                sp: Theresa MANION (1 Jan 1863-12 Jun 1917)
                — George A. LUTZ (1 Jan 1879-24 Jan 1935)
                — Josephine Catherine LUTZ (5 Jul 1849-)

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**The Hamm Children**

This and the following five parts of this book are devoted to the descendants of the six children of Philip and Catherine who lived to marry and have children. These were Philip and Catherine’s first three children and their last three. The middle four, Louis, Augustin, Louis (the second) and Joseph either died in childhood or, if they lived, have not been traced in this study. We are certain that the first Louis and Joseph died. We are less certain that Augustin and the second Louis died early. One or both of them may have married and produced a family; but if so we have not found them.

**Madeleine Hamm**

**FIRST GENERATION**

1. Madeleine HAMM was born on 23 Jul 1821 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. Witnesses at the recording of her birth were: Antoine Wurth, age 35, day laborer; and Andre Hamm, age 45, bar keeper. She died about 1850 in Wheeling WV. This is an estimated date of death based on the fact that her third child was born on 5 July 1849, and that Sebastian Lutz, her husband, married for a second time on 2 Jan 1851. Madeleine is probably buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, then called the German Catholic Graveyard.

She was married to Sebastian LUTZ on 29 Sep 1843 in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Wheeling, WV. Sebastian LUTZ was born in Jan 1816 in Germany. His birth date is estimated based on his age at death, stated as 50 years and 10 months. He died on 20 Nov 1866 in Wheeling, WV. The reference states: "Lutz, Sebastian, 20 Nov 1866, 50y 10m, remains will be conveyed from his residence on Market St. to the German Catholic Church, then to the Catholic Grave Yard - WI & DR 21 Nov 1866." He was buried on 21 Nov 1866 in German Catholic Church Cemetery. The German Catholic Graveyard was also called Mount Calvary Cemetery. That is what it is called now. Sebastian married again, to Anna Fitchler on 2 Jan 1851. This probably means that Madeleine died during the year following the birth of their third child on 5 Jul 1849. We do not have specific evidence of her death or burial.

From The History of the Upper Ohio Valley, 1890, Vol I, pp 364-365, "Sebastian Lutz, a pioneer of Wheeling (now dead), was a native of Germany, and he also learned the butcher's trade there, which he followed in the mother country until the year 1845, at which time he emigrated to the United States and located at Wheeling, where he followed his trade for some time. For many years preceding his death he was the proprietor of the Old Home hotel, and he was engaged in the hotel business at the time of his death in 1867. He had four children, all of whom are living..." The listed children do not include those of his marriage with Madeleine Hamm; only the ones born later. After Sebastian Lutz died, his wife Anna Fitchler married again, to Louis Baumberger. Anna Baumberger apparently purchased the property owned by Charles P. Lutz, one of the two living children of the first Lutz marriage, after his father's death for $2368.37 (about one-sixth of the listed property value of the house and/or the hotel). This purchase was dated 24 July 1871. She then made her will, giving this property to her children by Lutz, not the earlier Lutz/Hamm children. Her will is dated 7 Aug 1871.
The 1850 US Census for Wheeling, Ohio County, WV lists:
Sebastian Lutz, age 35, tavern keeper, born in Germany
  Mary L. age 5
  Charles, age 4
  Josephine C., age 1 (child must have died shortly thereafter)
  Catherine, age 37 (probably a sister of Sebastian)
  And, John Fisher, living in the tavern.

The 1860 US Census for Wheeling, Ohio County, WV lists:
Sebastian Lutz, age 45, Hotel Keeper, property value, 16,000; personal effects, 1100
  Anna, age 49
  Louisa, age 14 (this would be Madeleine's child)
  Charles, age 13 (the second of Madeleine's children)
  Then Sophia, 9; George, 6; William, 4; and John, 1.

Madeleine HAMM and Sebastian LUTZ had the following children:

+2 i. Mary Louisa LUTZ.
+3 ii. Charles Philip LUTZ.
4 iii. Josephine Catherine LUTZ was born on 5 Jul 1849 in Wheeling WV. She was christened on 8 Jul 1849 in St. Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling, WV.6 Madeleine Lutz probably died in childbirth with the birth of Josephine Catherine, or shortly thereafter. Sebastian Lutz married again on 2 Jan 1851. Josephine Catherine probably did not live very long. No references to her are found later.

SECOND GENERATION

2. Mary Louisa LUTZ was born on 27 Nov 1845 in Wheeling WV. We estimate her birth date as three days before her baptism. She was christened on 30 Nov 1845 in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Wheeling, WV.7 She died on 11 Apr 1925 in North Wheeling Hospital.8 Her death certificate gives her birthplace as Germany; her Father as Sebastian Lutz; mother: unknown; informant: Mrs. Charles Landmeyer, 441 National Road, Wheeling. Mrs. Landmeyer was her daughter. Mary Louisa LUTZ was buried on 14 Apr 1925 in Mount Calvary Cem., Wheeling.9 She is buried in Section 9, Lot N 1/2 54 in the center grave, in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling, WV.

The Wheeling City Directories provide some of the family history:
1877: Schwartz, Fred., butcher, residence s. s. National Road, Fulton
1884: Schwartz, Mrs. Louisa, widow, res. 107 S. Front.
1901-1902: Mrs Mary L. Schwartz, widow of Fred, res. 151 15th. Several probable sons and daughters are also listed all boarding at "rear 150 16th:
  Fred J., driver (H. G. Weiske & Co.)
  Miss Gertrude C.
  Louis, driver (White Swan Laundry)
1911-2: Schwartz, Mrs. Mary L. (wid Frederick), res 14 Pike. Also lists son George and daughter, Gertrude C.
1917-8: Schwartz, Mary L., (wid Fred) res. 925 W. Chapline (2nd fl).
Mary Louisa Lutz married Joseph GARDNER about 1864.\textsuperscript{10}

Mary Louisa LUTZ and Joseph GARDNER had the following children:

5 i. Joseph GARDNER was born about 1864 in Wheeling WV.\textsuperscript{11} We know that Joseph lived to be at least 16; he is shown as that age in the 1880 Census.

+6 ii. Sophia Anna GARDNER.

+7 iii. Matilda B. GARDNER.

We do not know whether Joseph Gardner died or divorced Mary Louisa. We do know that she married a second time, to Frederick SCHWARTZ on 30 May 1875 in Wheeling WV.\textsuperscript{12} Mary Louisa had a total of nine children, eight of whom lived into their 20's at least. This is according to the 1910 Census which shows Mary L. Schwartz as head of household, age 65, widowed, and a son George, age 22. Frederick SCHWARTZ was born in Dec 1848 in Switzerland.\textsuperscript{13} He died on 29 May 1915 in Wheeling WV.\textsuperscript{14} He died of self-inflicted slash wounds. His address was listed as 2309 Main St., Wheeling. The death certificate lists his parents as Frederick Schwartz and Elizabeth Riveman, both born in Switzerland. The informant was Henry Miller, 1313 Main St., Wheeling. He was buried on 1 Jun 1915 in Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV.\textsuperscript{15}

The 1880 US Census for Wheeling, Ohio County, WV lists:

Swartz, Frederick, age 31, laborer, born in Switzerland.
Louisa, age 33, born WV; father born in France; mother born in Germany.
Joseph, age 16, born WV, father born in Switzerland; mother born in WV.
Sophia, age 13, same
Matilda, age 8, same
Frederick, age 5, same
Charles, age 3, same
Louis, age 1, same

Mary Louisa LUTZ and Frederick SCHWARTZ had the following children:

+8 i. Fred J. SCHWARTZ.

+9 ii. Charles SCHWARTZ.

+10 iii. Louis W. SCHWARTZ.

+11 iv. Gertrude Christina SCHWARTZ.

12 v. George SCHWARTZ was born on 31 Jan 1886 in Wheeling WV.\textsuperscript{16} He died on 11 Oct 1944 in Wheeling WV.\textsuperscript{17} According to the obituary, the survivors were two sisters, Mrs Lyman Hough and Mrs. Charles Landmeyer, both of Wheeling and several nieces and nephews. He was buried on 14 Oct 1944 in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling WV.\textsuperscript{18} He was a "hostler" with Wheeling Livery Co., and lived at 14 Pike Street in 1911, with his mother and sister Gertrude C.

He apparently never married, according to his death certificate. The informant was Mrs. Lyman Hough, Wheeling.
Charles Philip LUTZ was born on 21 Oct 1847 in Wheeling WV. We estimate his birth date as three days before his baptism. He was christened on 24 Oct 1847 in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Wheeling WV. He died on 15 Apr 1925 in Chicago, IL. His death notice in the Chicago Tribune 17 Apr 1925: "Lutz -- Charles P. Lutz, beloved husband of the late Theresa Lutz, father of George A. Lutz, brother of George W. and John Lutz and Mrs. Sophia Hook of Wheeling W. Va. Funeral Saturday, 9:30 a.m., from 138 S. Hamlin Ave. to Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Burial at Mount Carmel." When his rather died in 1866, he became owner or part owner of his father's property. This was purchased by his step mother Anna Fitchler in 1871 for $2368.37, and given to her children.

The 1927 "History of Northern West Virginia Panhandle," p. 784 has a short biography of Charles' half-brother George W. Lutz. In it, is the statement: "By a previous marriage Sebastian Lutz had two children: Charles P., a railroad employee, living at Chicago; and Louisa, of Wheeling, widow of Fred Swartz."

The 1900 US Census for Chicago, IL has a Charles P. Lutz, born Sep 1846 in West Virginia and living at 221 Gladys Ave. He has a wife, Theresa, born Jan 1857 in Illinois and a son, George A., born Jan 1877 in Illinois. There is no Census listing for this family in Illinois in 1880. (The reference is: 1900 US Census; Cook County; Chicago; Vol 32, E.D. 352; Sheet 10; line 17.)

At the end of his life, he was a "gate-man," who tended a gate for the Metropolitan Elevated Co. in Chicago. He lived at 3433 Congress in Chicago at the time of his death in 1925.

He was married to Anna HUSEMAN (daughter of Louis HUSEMAN and Hannah) on 3 Apr 1870 in West Alexander, PA. Anna HUSEMAN was born in Oct 1851. Her birth date was calculated based on her age at death, stated as 19 years and 3 months. She died on 22 Jan 1871 in Wheeling WV, of Bright's Disease, according to the death register. Her obituary states that she died on 21 Jan 1871; her death certificate gives the 22nd. She was called Annie for most of her life. Even her marriage record lists her as Annie.

The Ohio County Records Survey lists a Mrs. C. P. Lutz as being buried on 22 Jan 1871, as listed in St. Joseph Cathedral records. She may have died of complications from giving birth to her first child. This date is verified by the death register as the date of death. She may have been buried a day or two later. Her parents are given as Louis and Hannah Hussman on the death register. The informant was Jos. Cummins.

Charles Philip LUTZ and Anna HUSEMAN had the following child:

13 i. Louis LUTZ died on 8 Jan 1871 in Wheeling, WV. This child must have been born about the time his mother died, i.e. 22 Jan 1871. His death register record states that he was 14 days old at the time of death, indicating that he was born Christmas Day, 1870, about a month before his mother died. The death register clearly states that he is the son of C. P. Lutz.

Charles Philip Lutz married a second time, to Theresa MANION about 1879. The marriage may have been in Chicago, or even Freeport, Illinois. Their son George was born in Freeport. Theresa MANION was born on 1 Jan 1863 in Illinois. She died on 12 Jun 1917 in Chicago, IL. She was buried on 15 Jun 1917 in Mount Carmel Cemetery. According to her death certificate, her parents were: Michael Manion, born in Canada; and Bridget Dooher, born in Ireland. At the time of her death in 1917, she and Charles Lutz were living at 2717 Lexington St. in Chicago.
Her death notice (The Daily News, Chicago, 14 Jun 1917) states: "Lutz — Theresa, June 12, beloved wife of Charles P. and mother of George A. Lutz, sister of Michael and Mary Manion and Mrs. Charles Flynn. Funeral Friday, 9:30 a.m., from her late residence, 2717 Lexington St., to Precious Blood Church, by autos to Mount Carmel Cemetery, Member of Branch 131, L. C. B. A. (probably Ladies Christian Bible Association?); Randolph Council; K. and L. of S.; Married Ladies Sodality of Our Lady of Sorrows' Church. Wheeling (W. Va.) and Freeport, (Ill.) papers please copy."

In the 1880 Census for Stephenson County, IL, Freeport, Third Ward, Dwelling 594, Family 634, there is a Theresa Lutz, age 26, and her son George, age 3 or 5, staying as boarders with Charlotte Haggerty, age 57. Charlotte Haggerty may be related to the Manion family. Theresa is listed as a dress-maker.

Charles Philip LUTZ and Theresa MANION had the following child:

14 i. George A. LUTZ was born on 1 Jan 1879 in Freeport, IL. He died on 24 Jan 1935 in Chicago, IL. His wife was Mary Jane. We do not know her surname. They lived at 729 N. Oak Park Ave. in Chicago when George died in 1935. His wife was still living at that time. He was a salesman for a plumbing supply house.

His death was a suicide. He swallowed mercury bichloride "while despondent due to ill health." The informant's name is not readable. It looks like Stroudbery. There is no evidence that they had children. None are mentioned in the death notice in the Chicago Tribune 25 Jan 1935.

THIRD GENERATION

6. Sophia Anna GARDNER was born on 28 Oct 1865 in Wheeling WV. Her death certificate gives her birth date as 28 Oct 1865. She died on 14 Dec 1954 in Wheeling WV. She was buried on 17 Dec 1954 in Mt. Wood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV. In the 1884 Wheeling City Directory, she was listed as boarding with her mother at 107 South Front.

She was married to Charles Zachariah LANDMEYER (son of Christian LANDMEYER and Hannah BAKER) about 1888 in Wheeling WV. Charles Zachariah LANDMEYER was born on 22 Feb 1861 in West Virginia. He died on 23 Sep 1925 in Wheeling WV. He was buried on 26 Sep 1925 in Mt. Wood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV. In addition to the children listed in this family, there is (in the 1920 Census) a child, age 3 mo. named Robert Lee. Since the wife (Anna Landmeyer) was 54 at the time, we assume that this child was the illegitimate child of one of the Landmeyer children.

Charles Z. Landmeyer probably had a brother George Landmeyer. Born 20 Apr 1870, died 16 Aug 1927. George's death certificate lists his father as Christian, but his mother as Mary Gautzer, (not easy to read). If so, the brother George had a son George, who died at age 82 on 17 Feb 1975. The numbers of Landmeyers are not large, so the chance that George is a brother is quite high.

Based on several references, the Landmeyer residence was for quite a few years at 435 National Road in Wheeling. Charles Z. was employed by the City of Wheeling.
Sophia Anna GARDNER and Charles Zachariah LANDMEYER had the following children:

15  i. Clara May LANDMEYER was born about 1890 in Wheeling WV. Referred to as "May" in the Census, and "Mary" in her sister's obituary and "May" in another family obituary, and in yet another "Clara May." We will accept the last one as correct.

+16  ii. Charles Edward LANDMEYER.

17  iii. Sophia Cora LANDMEYER was born on 7 Dec 1893 in Wheeling, WV. She died on 7 Feb 1926 in Wheeling, WV. She was buried on 10 Feb 1926 in Mt. Wood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV. According to her death certificate, she was a bookkeeper. She was single at the time of her death.

+18  iv. Bessie Priscilla LANDMEYER.

+19  v. Harry Joseph LANDMEYER.

7. Matilda B. GARDNER was born in 1872 in Wheeling WV. She apparently was called "Tillie," based on her marriage license. She was married to Lyman HOUGH on 16 Mar 1897 in Wheeling WV. The couple was married at the Wesley M. E. Parsonage in Wheeling, according to the marriage license. They had not had any children as of 1910 (Census) after 13 years of marriage. By that time he was 40 and she 38. Lyman HOUGH was born about 1870 in Pennsylvania. He was born in Fayette County, PA, not far from Wheeling. He was a retail oil merchant in 1910 at the time of the Census.

8. Fred J. SCHWARTZ was born in Jan 1874 in Wheeling WV. He was married to Teresa STANG on 4 Oct 1901 in Wheeling WV. Teresa STANG was born about 1876 in Hamilton, OH. His second marriage was to Cynthia HICKENBALL on 27 Apr 1904 in Wheeling WV. The wedding took place at First Christian Church, Wheeling. The Pastor was A. E. Zeigler. She was Cynthia Fonner at the time of her marriage. It probably was her second marriage. Cynthia HICKENBALL was born on 18 Jan 1861 in Littleton, WV. She died on 31 Jan 1946 in Wheeling WV. According to the obituary, survivors were a daughter, Mrs. Blanche Bechtel Richards of this city; a son George Fonner of Cleveland; a sister, Mrs. Jennie Carmen of Benwood; four granddaughters; two grandsons and two great grandchildren. All of these may be descendants of her first husband, Fonner. She was buried on 2 Feb 1946 in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Wheeling, WV.

Fred J. SCHWARTZ and Cynthia HICKENBALL had the following child:

+20  i. Gilbert SCHWARTZ.

9. Charles SCHWARTZ was born about 1877 in Wheeling WV. He was a worker at the White Swan Laundry in 1898 and he boarded then at 1137 Charles St. according to the 1898-1899 Wheeling City Directory. His younger brother, Louis, worked there too just a few years later.

The 1901-1902 City Directory lists him as, "laundryman, removed to Bolivar, PA."

He was married to Lucy E. KENNEDY on 7 Feb 1900 in Wheeling WV. Lucy E. KENNEDY was born about 1880 in Hamilton County, WV. Her wedding license lists her place of birth as "Hamm Co.,
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W. Va." We assume this means Hamilton County, just to the north of Ohio County. But the use of the name "Hamm" seems to be a signal that we are on the right track. On her marriage license her parents had to sign their approval; she was only 19. They were: Russel and Mary Kennedy.

Charles SCHWARTZ and Lucy E. KENNEDY had the following child:

   21 i. Frederick William SCHWARTZ was born on 28 Mar 1900 in Wheeling WV.\(^{53}\) The birth register referenced states (in type) "Schwartz Infant." Handwritten below that is "Frederick William." This name may belong to the next child born on the list; we have not been able to further verify this.

10. Louis W. SCHWARTZ was born on 14 Apr 1880 in Wheeling WV.\(^{54}\) The 1880 Census states that he was 1 in 1880. His marriage license states that he was 24 in Dec 1902. Yet the computation based on age at death yields that he was born in 1880. The first official birth date we have found is on his death certificate, 14 April 1880. He died on 11 Aug 1908 in Wheeling WV.\(^{55}\) The news coverage was particularly grim. He committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid. The article in the Wheeling Intelligencer of 12 Aug 1908 gives full coverage. He was buried on 13 Aug 1908 in Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV.\(^{56}\) The listing in 1901-1902 Wheeling City Directory states that he is boarding at "rear 150 16th." He was a driver for White Swan Laundry. 150 16th at the rear is the back of his mother's house at 151 15th. In 1898 he was listed as a laundry man, boarding with his mother at 36 Alley 15. His death certificate confirms that he was a laundry wagon driver and states that he committed suicide using carbolic acid. He was married to Viola NORMAN on 23 Dec 1902 in Wheeling WV.\(^{57}\) S. T. Westhahen was the minister or priest. Viola NORMAN was born about 1880 in Wheeling WV.\(^{58}\)

11. Gertrude Christina SCHWARTZ was born on 25 Jul 1881 in Wheeling WV.\(^{59}\) She died on 24 Oct 1917 in Wheeling WV.\(^{60}\) She died of perotinitis. The informant listed on the death certificate was Lyman Hough at 122 15th Street. She was buried on 27 Oct 1917 in Mount Calvary Cem., Wheeling.\(^{61}\) Her obituary states: "Funeral of Miss Gertrude Christina Schwartz (spelled Schwartz) daughter of Mrs. Mary Louise Schwartz, who died Wednesday evening at the North Wheeling Hospital, will be held from the home of her mother, No. 925 West Chapline Street this morning at 8:30 o'clock. High mass of requiem will be offered at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 9 o'clock. Intermment will take place in Mount Calvary Cemetery." The death announcement two days before gave the address as 925½ West Chapline. She is survived by her parents, it states. It also states that she was 33.

She was married to James L. RICE on 3 May 1905 in Wheeling, WV.\(^{62}\) At the time of their marriage, both members of the couple were living in Wheeling WV. However the 1910 Soundex for the Census does not show them. We must assume they moved away from Ohio County WV between 1905 and 1910. Or, perhaps she divorced during that 5 year span. She is listed as divorced when she died in 1917. James L. RICE was born about 1881 in Carter County, KY.\(^{63}\)

FOURTH GENERATION

16. Charles Edward LANDMEYER was born on 6 Aug 1891 in Wheeling WV.\(^{64}\) He died on 25 Jan 1960 in Wheeling, WV.\(^{65}\) He was buried on 28 Jan 1960 in Mt. Wood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV.\(^{66}\)
Charles Edward Landmeyer was working as a barber in 1928, in Wheeling. According to his obituary, he was a veteran of World War I. He was a retired employee of J. L. Stifel and Sons.

He was married to Theresa Mildred CORDER on 4 Mar 1922 in Ohio County, WV. Theresa Mildred CORDER was born about 1891 in Needles, California. The birthdate and place come from the birth certificate for her daughter Joy Jacqueline. The birthplace, Needles, CA, also comes from her marriage license. She died about 1989. This information came from Donald Landmeyer.

Charles Edward LANDMEYER and Theresa Mildred CORDER had the following children:

22 i. Ralph LANDMEYER was born on 8 Nov 1921 in Wheeling, WV. He died on 2 Apr 1922 in Wheeling, WV. He was buried on 3 Apr 1933 in Mt. Wood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV.

+23 ii. Joy Jacqueline LANDMEYER.

18. Bessie Priscilla LANDMEYER was born on 20 Mar 1897 in Wheeling WV. She died on 27 Jan 1976 in Aiken, SC. She died in a nursing home, probably in North Carolina, to the best of recollection by Donald Landmeyer during a phone conversation 21 Jul 1998. She was Donald's aunt. She was buried on 31 Jan 1976 in Mt. Wood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV. Bessie apparently never married; she is listed in 1954 as "Miss Bessie Landmeyer" on the death certificate of her mother. She was a bookkeeper in 1919.

Bessie Priscilla LANDMEYER had the following child:

+24 i. Robert Lee LANDMEYER.

19. Harry Joseph LANDMEYER was born on 9 Mar 1899 in Wheeling, WV. (Again, this information came from Donald Landmeyer.) He died on 13 Apr 1973 in Ohio County, WV. He was buried on 16 Apr 1973 in Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV. In 1925, Harry Landmeyer was a "Stogie Maker" or "Stogie Roller" and lived at 109 Locust Ave., Wheeling. In 1940 they lived at 408 N. Erie St., Wheeling. Later he worked as a watchman for the Blue Ribbon Paint Co. At the time of his death he was living at 90 New Jersey St. His death certificate lists him as the son of Charles Landmeyer and Anna Schwartz. This raises a question as to whether she dropped the Gardner name or if we have an error in Sophia Anna Gardner's name and parentage. He was married to Wilda MCGONOGHY before 1918.

Harry Joseph LANDMEYER and Wilda MCGONOGHY had the following child:

29 i. Beverly Margaret LANDMEYER was born on 20 May 1918 in Wheeling WV. His second marriage was to Lois Lillian MANSELL (daughter of J. W. MANSELL and Lillian BENLINE) on 6 Sep 1924 in Ohio County, WV. Lois Lillian MANSELL was born on 5 Sep 1904 in Bellaire, Ohio. She died on 24 Sep 1961 in Wheeling, WV. Her obituary gives the names of her brothers William and Kenneth Mansell of Wheeling at that time (1961). Another surviving person was a daughter, Mrs. James Hellen of New York City. And there was a step daughter Mrs. Margaret Hellman of Wheeling. She was buried on 27 Sep 1961 in Rose Hill Cemetery, Bellaire, Ohio.
Harry Joseph LANDMEYER and Lois Lillian MANSELL had the following children:

25  i.  Marjorie May LANDMEYER was born on 18 Aug 1925 in Wheeling WV. She may be the Margaret Helman referred to in her father's obituary.

26  ii.  Geraldine LANDMEYER was born on 29 May 1927 in Wheeling, WV. according to information from Donald Landmeyer Geraldine married James Hellen and was living in New York City in 1961 and in 1973.

+27  iii.  Donald Charles LANDMEYER.

+28  iv.  William Edward LANDMEYER.

20. Gilbert SCHWARTZ was born on 14 Sep 1905 in Wheeling WV. He died on 31 Jul 1941 in Wheeling WV. He died of acute alcoholism.

His obituary states: Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Cynthia Schwartz; a sister, Mrs. Blanche Bechtel, of this city; and a brother, George Fonner, of Cleveland Ohio. Fonner was probably his half-brother, by Cynthia's first husband. The same may be true for Blanche Bechtel. He was buried on 2 Aug 1941 in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Wheeling, WV. Gilbert never married, according to his death certificate; yet there is a marriage license for a Gilbert born the right year. He was married to Alice ORKOSKY on 15 Feb 1930 in Wheeling WV. Alice ORKOSKY was born about 1909 in Neff, Ohio. They had no children.

FIFTH GENERATION

23. Joy Jacqueline LANDMEYER was born on 22 Dec 1928 in Wheeling WV.

She was married to Virgil Lee HELLER on 12 Sep 1947 in Wheeling WV. Virgil Lee HELLER was born about 1924 in Bridgeport, Ohio.

24. Robert Lee LANDMEYER was born on 28 Sep 1919 in Wheeling WV. The father of Robert Lee is not known, at least not listed on the birth record, which states that the child was illegitimate. He died on 6 Oct 1944. He was killed in action in World War II according to Donald Landmeyer. He was married to Wanda Naomi SCHANE in Wheeling WV. Wanda Naomi SCHANE was born about 1918 in Wheeling WV.

Robert Lee LANDMEYER and Wanda Naomi SCHANE had the following child:

30  i.  Robert William LANDMEYER was born on 27 May 1944 in Wheeling WV.

27. Donald Charles LANDMEYER was born on 27 Aug 1932 in Wheeling, WV. Lived at 90 New Jersey St., Wheeling in 1951. Donald Landmeyer was a steel worker and is now (1999) retired and living in Beech Bottom, WV. He was married to Margaret Leona COUGHLAN on 25 Nov 1950 in Wheeling WV. Margaret Leona COUGHLAN was born about 1929 in Wheeling, WV. Her age as given on her marriage license differs from that found on other documents.
Donald Charles LANDMEYER and Margaret Leona COUGHLAN had the following child:

31  i.  **Donald Lee LANDMEYER** was born on 10 Oct 1951 in Wheeling WV.  

28.  **William Edward LANDMEYER** was born on 31 Dec 1940 in Wheeling, WV.  

He was married to Caroll Ann WELLS on 2 Mar 1963 in West Liberty, WV.  Caroll Ann WELLS was born about 1939 in Wheeling WV.
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99. Ibid. Dist 3541, Serial 1711, 31 Dec 1940, Ohio County, WV.
101. Ibid.
PART VII: THE HAMM CHILDREN:

Philip, Jr.
Descendants of Philippe HAMM

Philippe HAMM (30 Jun 1823-)
sp: Louisa BOURAY (14 Mar 1830-abt 1858)
  — Theresa Catherine HAMM (15 Dec 1853-18 Aug 1929)
    sp: Charles J. OTTO (1849-11 Mar 1888)
      — Marie Louise OTTO (1 Jan 1877-8 Oct 1932)
        sp: William PORTER (-)
          — Lucretia ("Doodle") PORTER (20 Oct 1896-)
            sp: Henry A. LICHTENBERGER (4 Feb 1896-)
              — William L. LICHTENBERGER (23 Feb 1929-)
                sp: Erna KLAUTE (12 Jan 1922-)
                sp: Frank Anton SCHILLINGER (2 Sep 1880-17 Feb 1936)
          — Anna Margaret (Gretchen) OTTO (26 Jan 1878-21 Jan 1945)
            sp: Francis CUMMINGS (-)
          — Elizabeth OTTO (26 Jan 1878-20 Mar 1958)
            sp: Fred W. SOUTHWICK (4 Jul 1876-26 Sep 1944)
          — Johanna OTTO (Dec 1879-)
            — Antonia OTTO (Jun 1881-14 May 1952)
              sp: George R. KNEFF (13 Feb 1870-9 Jul 1955)
        — Anna Margaret (Gretchen) OTTO (26 Jan 1878-21 Jan 1945)
          sp: Francis CUMMINGS (-)
    — Elizabeth OTTO (26 Jan 1878-20 Mar 1958)
      sp: Fred W. SOUTHWICK (4 Jul 1876-26 Sep 1944)
  — Johanna OTTO (Dec 1879-)
    — Antonia OTTO (Jun 1881-14 May 1952)
      sp: George R. KNEFF (13 Feb 1870-9 Jul 1955)
  — Mary Josephine HAMM (23 Dec 1855-)
    — Edward HAMM (abt 1857-)
      sp: Catherine MURPHY (-)
Philip Hamm, Jr.

FIRST GENERATION

1. Philippe HAMM was born on 30 Jun 1823 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. He was born Philippe and changed the spelling of his name to Philip after emigrating to the USA. Witnesses at the recording of his birth were: Andre Hamm, age 46, bar keeper; and Francois Xavier Hetsher, age 50, school teacher. He was listed in the 1850 Stephenson County (IL) Census as a laborer. The 1868-1869 Freeport, IL City Directory lists: "Phillip Hamm, laborer, residence north side Pleasant Street, between Railroad and Fern Streets."

He was married to Louisa BOURAY (daughter of Louis BOURAY and Adelaide DUPONT) on 27 Apr 1852 in Erin Township, Stephenson County, IL. There is no record of the marriage between Louisa Bouray and Philippe Hamm in the records of the old St. Mary's Church at New Dublin, IL. However, there is one baptism record for one of their children, Mary Josephine. In that record Louisa's surname is spelled Bouray, the correct spelling. They were probably married in another church—the one of which Louisa was a member; that would be the Catholic church at Irish Grove, IL.

The 1855 Census shows Philip Hamm, Jr. with a household of: 1 male 20-30 (Philip); 1 female 20-30 (Louisa); and 2 females age 0-10. One of these is Theresa Catherine and the other must have died before 1860.

The 1860 Census shows Philip Hamm (33); Catherine (25), Teresa (7), and Edward (3). Catherine would have been Philip's second wife. This last child must be the Edward Hamm that appears in the household of Andrew Hamm in the 1870 Census at age 13. Theresa Catherine was also gone at 1870, working as a domestic for her sister. Louisa BOURAY was born on 14 Mar 1830 in Arcey, Doubs, France. She was the daughter of Louis Bouray and Adeline Dupont.

Philippe HAMM and Louisa BOURAY had the following children:

+2  i. Theresa Catherine HAMM.

3  ii. Mary Josephine HAMM was born on 23 Dec 1855 in Erin Township. She was baptized on 16 Feb 1856 in St. Mary's Church, Erin Township, IL.

4  iii. Edward HAMM was born about 1857 in Erin Township, Illinois. We have found no birth record in St. Mary's Church records for Edward. He was 13 at the time of the census in 1870; therefore he was born in 1857. He appears in the 1870 Census as Andrew's child, at least living with Andrew, Ann and their other three children. But we speculate that he (Edward) was the son of Philip and his first wife Louisa.

His second marriage was to Catherine MURPHY on 3 Oct 1858 in Stephenson County, IL. She filed for divorce which was granted on 7 Apr 1861 in Circuit Court of Stephenson County, IL. Philip deserted Catherine in November 1859 and they were divorced.
SECOND GENERATION

2. Theresa Catherine HAMM was born on 15 Dec 1853 in Erin Township, New Dublin, IL. This date is calculated based on her age at death. However the 1900 Census states she was born Dec 1855. She died on 18 Aug 1929 in Freeport, IL. She was buried on 20 Aug 1929 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Freeport, IL. From her obituary in the 19 Aug 1929 Freeport Journal Standard: "Mrs C. J. Otto, born at New Dublin, daughter of Phillip and Louisa Hamm, 73 years and 8 months old at time of death. (She was Theresa Catherine Hamm.) Children: Mrs. F.A. Shillinger, Mrs. T.W. Southwick, Mrs. Gretchen Cummings, Mrs. G.R. Kneff, Mrs. H.A. Lichtenberger is her grand daughter, and William L. her great grandson." Her death certificate gives her name as Catherine Theresa.

The 1870 Census for Erin Township shows her at age 17 in domestic service for Augustus Broad and Mary Ann, her sister. She was really only 14 or 15 at that time.

The 1900 Census has her as head of the household at 29 Cherry Street, Freeport. She had had six children of which four were then living. Marie and her husband and daughter were also living there, as was a boarder, Charles Mansfield, from California.

She was married to Charles J. OTTO on 9 Feb 1875 in Freeport, IL. Charles J. OTTO was born in 1849 in Prussia. He died on 11 Mar 1888 in Elgin, IL. He was buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Freeport, IL. According to his obituary he was born in Prussia 39 years before his death in March 1888. (making the date about 1849) He served in the Civil War at the age of 15 and later became a harness maker. He entered partnership with Joseph Reineke; later sold out and moved to Iowa. He failed again and lost most of his property. He returned to Freeport, where his family discovered that his reason was faulty ("dethroned"). He was sent to the asylum at Elgin, IL where he resided until his death four years later. His obituary states that he had a wife and four children living in Freeport at the time of his death.

In the 1870 Census for Freeport (3rd Ward) we find his parents and family: Charles Otto, age 62, born in Prussia; Elizabeth, age 57, born in Prussia, house keeper; and Charles, age 22, harness maker, born in Prussia.

Theresa Catherine HAMM and Charles J. OTTO had the following children:

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<td>Elizabeth OTTO</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Johanna OTTO was born in Dec 1879 in Freeport, IL. Johanna is listed in the 1880 Census and not found again in any records. She was born in December 1779 according to the Census. It is probable that she died in childhood.</td>
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<td>Antonia OTTO</td>
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THIRD GENERATION

5. Marie Louise OTTO was born on 1 Jan 1877 in Freeport, IL. She died on 8 Oct 1932 in Freeport, IL. She was buried on 11 Oct 1932 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Freeport, IL. Her casket bearers were: Edward Cox, Frank McCoy, H. H. Deery, Charles Bookman, Nelson A. Baackus, and John Glennan. At the funeral were: Dr. Oscar Meng, Louis Schillinger, Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Schillinger, Mrs. George
The Hamm Children: Philip, Jr.

Lester, Mrs. Tillie Schaus, Charles Meng, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fix, all of Madison, WI. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Minch, Fred Sauer, Jr., Mrs A. Genin, Mrs. L. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Genin, all of Belleville, WI. In addition, W. B. Minch, Oregon, WI; Fred Sauer, Sr., Paoli, WI; Mrs. Fred DuFrene; Misses Van Edig; Mrs. J. Sticker, Middleton, WI; Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel Nichol; Mrs. J. Murray, Janesville, WI; Mrs. Al Kneff, Beloit, WI; Mrs. Leona Taylor, Wenona, IL; Mrs. James Burton; Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Richards; G. T. Cox; Mrs. Charles Kneff, all of Chicago; Mrs. Anna Meis, Dubuque, IA; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Porter, Rockford, IL; Mr. and Mrs. John McGowan, Amboy; William Geiger, Monroe, WI; Mrs. Mort Shearer; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Meng, Milwaukee, WI.

She was married to William PORTER about 1896.24 William PORTER was born in Illinois.25 Marie Louise OTTO and William PORTER had the following child:

+10 i. Lucretia ("Doodle") PORTER.

Later, Marie Louise OTTO was married to Frank Anton SCHILLINGER on 12 May 1912.2627 Frank Anton SCHILLINGER was born on 2 Sep 1880 in Paoli, WI.28 He died on 17 Feb 1936 in Freeport, IL.29 He was buried on 20 Feb 1936 in St. Mary (Calvary) Cemetery, Freeport, IL.30 His mother, Gertrude Schillinger was still living at the time Frank died in 1936. She lived at 823 S. Carroll Ave. in Freeport.

He was survived at death by two sisters, Mrs. C. H. Young and Mrs. R. R. Toombs, both of Freeport. He left a daughter, Mrs. H. A. Lichtenberger and a grandson Billy Lichtenberger. When he died he was residing with the Lichtenbergers at 1566 W. Harrison St. He worked as a partner with his son-in-law H. A. Lichtenberger. His parents were Anton Schillinger, born in Germany; and Gertrude Minch, born in Wisconsin, according to his death certificate.

6. Anna Margaret (Gretchen) OTTO was born on 26 Jan 1878 in Freeport, IL.31 She died on 21 Jan 1945 in Hospital in Freeport, IL.32 She was buried on 24 Jan 1945 in St. Joseph Cem., Freeport, IL.33 According to her obituary, Gretchen Cummings lived in Freeport all her life. She had worked at Burgess Battery Company for the past few years prior to her death; in fact had performed her usual duties there the day before she died. In the 1880 Census for Freeport, IL, she is listed as Margarette, not Gretchen, and a twin of Elizabeth. According to her death certificate she was Anna Margaret Cummings. She was probably called Gretchen as a nickname.

7. Elizabeth OTTO was born on 26 Jan 1878 in Freeport, IL.34 She died on 20 Mar 1958 in Freeport, IL.35 She was buried in St. Joseph Cem., Freeport, IL.36 This child is probably the one referred to in her mother's obituary as Mrs. F. W. Southwick. And she was the twin of Gretchen, or Margaret, in spite of the fact that we have their birth dates two days apart.

According to her obituary she was called Libby. At her death she was living at St. Joseph’s Home for the Aged in Freeport. It also states that she was the last surviving member of her family, meaning perhaps that she had no children or grandchildren when she died.

She was married to Fred W. SOUTHWICK (son of Edward D. SOUTHWICK and Cordelia A. UNDERWOOD) on 11 Mar 1905 in Freeport, IL.37 The source does not specifically state that they were married in Freeport, but it is probable. Fred W. SOUTHWICK was born on 4 Jul 1876 in Shullsberg,
WI. \(^38\) He died on 26 Sep 1944 in Freeport, IL. \(^39\) He was buried on 29 Sep 1944 in Oakland Cemetery, Freeport, IL. \(^40\) According to his death certificate, he was a high school custodian. He may have had a first wife, Stella, born 12 May 1885 in Darlington WI. Her parents were Jim Dunbar, born in Marietta Ohio; and Mary Morrison, born in Oil City, PA. His obituary states that he had worked for many years for the Illinois Central Railroad. It also states that he had served, many years ago, as the manager of the Freeport Reds baseball team. They probably had no children. There were none surviving when he died at age 68.

9. Antonia OTTO was born in Jun 1881 in Carroll, Iowa. \(^41\) Carroll is the County Seat of Carroll County, in west central Iowa. It is about the same size town as Freeport. Her obituary states that she spent most of her life in Freeport. Therefore, for some reason, her family had a brief stay in Carroll from about 1880, for probably for only a few years, if that. She died on 14 May 1952 in a Hospital in Freeport, IL. \(^42\) She was buried on 16 May 1952 in St. Joseph Cem., Freeport, IL. \(^43\) Her obituary states that she was born in Carroll, Iowa and that she attended St. Joseph's parochial school and was a member of St. Joseph's Church.

She was married to George R. KNEFF on 4 Mar 1906 in Freeport, IL. \(^44\) George R. KNEFF was born on 13 Feb 1870 in Freeport, IL. \(^45\) He died on 9 Jul 1955 in Freeport, IL. \(^46\) He was buried on 12 Jul 1955 in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Freeport, IL. \(^47\) Attending Marie (Otto) Schillinger's funeral in 1932 were: Mrs. Al Kneff, Beloit, WI; and Mrs. Charles Kneff of Chicago; and probably others related to this family.

According to his (Kneff's) obituary, he was the son of John and Mary Kneff. He was called Rudy. At the time of his death he lived at 414½ S. Adams Ave., Freeport. A sister survived him, Mrs. Wetzel Nichols. He was a partner in the firm Stover and Kneff, and later in life worked at the Arndt Sweet Shop.

FOURTH GENERATION

10. Lucretia ("Doodle") PORTER was born on 20 Oct 1896 in Rockford, Illinois. \(^48\) Helen Richards remembers Doodle even now—30 June 1997. She thought that Doodle, or Mrs. Henry Lichtenberger, had been adopted, or possibly was the daughter of a first marriage of Frank Schillinger. She, Helen Richards, thinks the family name was Porter. To help confirm that, there were a Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Porter of Rockford at the funeral of Marie (Otto) Schillinger on 11 October 1932.

She was married to Henry A. LICHTENBERGER on 22 Nov 1920 in Freeport, Illinois. \(^49\) Henry A. LICHTENBERGER was born on 4 Feb 1896 in Freeport, Illinois. \(^50\) From various Freeport City Directories, we can assemble his work history as:

- 1930 - Traveling salesman
- 1932 - 1946: Lichtenberger and Schillinger Real Estate and Loans.
- 1948 - Henry Lichtenberger Investments, 28 W. Stephenson, ST.
- 1950 - Henry A. Lichtenberger, 812 S. Carroll Ave, also Albert Lichtenberger.

Lucretia ("Doodle") PORTER and Henry A. LICHTENBERGER had the following child:

+11 i. William L. LICHTENBERGER.
FIFTH GENERATION

11. William L. LICHTENBERGER was born on 23 Feb 1929 in Freeport, Illinois. There also was an E. J. Lichtenberger who was a pallbearer for Mrs. Nellie Black in March 1929, but how he relates to this family we have not determined.

He was married to Erna KLAUTE on 29 Dec 1973. The Lichtenbergers have three adopted children: Elizabeth, born 11 Oct 1958; Matthew, born 23 Sep 1961; and Claire, born 10 Aug 1964. The source for this is the "Descendants of Louis Bouray" by Dolores Bouray Hilton. Erna KLAUTE was born on 12 Jan 1922. She was the daughter of E. and Marie (Kriz) Klaute.

Transcription of handwritten court document:
Petition for Divorce
Catherine Murphy vs. Philip Hamm

State of Illinois, Stephenson County

In the Circuit Court of Stephenson County on April Seventh A.D. 1861

To the Honorable Benjamin R. Sheldon, presiding judge of the fourteenth judicial district in the state of Illinois (in Chancery Setting)

Humbly complaining herewith unto your Honor, your Oratrix, Catherine Hamm, a resident of the County of Stephenson and the State of Illinois, that on or about the tenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, your Oratrix intermarried with one Philip Hamm of the County of Stephenson and the State of Illinois and that at the time of the said marriage your Oratrix and the said Philip Hamm were and now are inhabitants of this state.

Your Oratrix further showeth unto your Honor that at the time of her intermarriage with the said Philip Hamm your Oratrix had the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars in money and which your Oratrix gave to the said Philip Hamm for to purchase stock for the farm upon which your Oratrix and the said Philip Hamm then resided and which is hereinafter described.

Your Oratrix further showeth unto your Honor that at the time of her intermarriage with the said Philip Hamm the said Philip Hamm was possessed of and seized ad fee of the following described lands and tenements to wit the west half of the northwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section number twenty seven in Township number twenty seven North of Range Number Seven East in Stephenson County Illinois.
Your Oratrix further showeth unto your Honor that at the time your Oratrix cohabited with the said Philip Hamm he was possessed as of his own right of some five head of horses, four cows, four calves, eight fat pigs, three hundred and eighty bushels of wheat, twenty acres of corn, six stacks of wheat, one large lot of potatoes, in all at least worth the sum of one thousand dollars. Your Oratrix further showeth unto your Honor that about the time of the desertion by the said Philip Hamm of your Oratrix as aforesaid he sold and disposed of all his personal property or gave the same away to some of his relatives so that your Oratrix had no property or funds out of which she could make an honest livelihood, except by her daily labor, but when the said Philip Hamm deserted your Oratrix, breaking open his trunk and taking his clothes with him, as aforesaid he left your Oratrix in a destitute condition and in absolute want without any means for your Oratrix maintenance and without in the least manner providing for your Oratrix’ wants.

Your Oratrix further showeth unto your Honor that the said Philip Hamm in order to cheat and defraud your Oratrix out of her dower and interest in said land above described combined and confederated with one Andrew Hamm a brother of the said Philip Hamm and on or about the 19th day of August A.D. 1859 by a warrantee deed, to which your Oratrix declines to respect and make most thereof, and for a pretended consideration of eighteen hundred dollars conveyed the said tract of land aforesaid to the said Andrew Hamm and without the consent of your Oratrix or her signature and acknowledgment.

Your Oratrix further showeth unto your Honor that the said Andrew Hamm is indebted to the said Philip Hamm in the sum of about three thousand dollars. Your Oratrix prays that Philip Hamm and Andrew Hamm be made defendants to this your Oratrix’ bill of complaint.

(Two paragraphs about further selling the land to a Kaufman further complicating the land ownership situation. These paragraphs were crossed out.)

Your Oratrix further showeth unto your Honor that your Oratrix has not had any children as the fruits of your Oratrix’ intermarriage with the said Philip Hamm.

Your Oratrix further showeth unto your Honor that from the time of the intermarriage of your Oratrix with the said Philip Hamm up to and until the time of the absenting of the said Philip Hamm from your Oratrix as aforesaid and up to the time of the filing of this your Oratrix’ bill of complaint the said Philip Hamm has been guilty of extreme and repeated cruelty towards your Oratrix, such as the whipping beating bruising wounding and ill treating your Oratrix and the calling of your Oratrix of all kinds of lewd and indecent names and by scattering manure and other filth over the floors of the house of your Oratrix after your Oratrix had cleaned the same with a view to provoke insult and abuse your Oratrix.

Your Oratrix further showeth unto your Honor that a short time after the said Philip Hamm deserted and absented himself from your Oratrix he went to Dubuque in the state of Iowa and pretended to be resident of said state and filed his bill for divorce against your Oratrix in the City Court in the city of Dubuque in said state with a view to injure and cheat and defraud your Oratrix out of her dower interest in said land but which bill was dismissed for want of sufficient proof against your Oratrix.

Your Oratrix further showeth your Honor that the said defendant Philip Hamm is the owner of the Real Estate described in this your Oratrix’ bill, and if said sale was not pretended to his brother Andrew Hamm and made with a view to defraud your Oratrix then said Philip Hamm is worth the value of said real estate which is about the sum of twenty four hundred dollars your Oratrix therefore asks the aid of this court in the premises and that she may be allowed alimony during the pendency continuance and the prosecution of the said suit from and out of the said Philip Hamm defendant and that your Oratrix may be
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endowed of one-third of the real estate described herein or of the value thereof according to equity and that your Oratrix may have a decree for a division of said real estate appointing commissioners to set apart one-third part thereof as her share forever and in case that a division of said land cannot be made that your Oratrix may obtain a decree for the sale of said land and a division of the proceeds thereof so that your Oratrix would obtain one third part thereof.

And your Oratrix further showeth your Honor that she is desirous of having the said marriage between her and the said Philip Hamm dissolved and declared null and void by a decree of this Court.

In consideration whereof and forasmuch as your Oratrix is remediless in the premises, at and by the strictures of the common law as only realizable in a court of equity where matters of this nature are properly cognizable and realizable to the end therefore that the said Philip Hamm and Andrew Hamm may true direct and perfect answers make (their answers on oath being hereby expressly waived) to all and singular the premises, and that as fully and particularly as if the same were here again repeated and they thereto particularly interrogated and that the said marriage between your Oratrix and the said Philip Hamm may be dissolved and declared null and void by a decree of this Court according to the statute in such case made and provided and that your Oratrix may be decreed to have one third interest in the real estate described in this bill and that commissioners may be appointed by the Court to divide said land or to set apart one third thereof by notes and bounds to your Oratrix and in case said land is not susceptible of a division then that the Court may appoint a commissioner to sell said land to pay over to your Oratrix one third part of the proceeds thereof. And that if your Oratrix may have such further relief, or such other relief in the premises as shall be equitable and the circumstances of this case may require.

May it please your Honor to grant unto your Oratrix the writ of subpoena (summons in Chancery) issuing out of and under the seal of this honorable Court to be directed to the said Philip Hamm and Andrew Hamm commanding them and each of them by a certain day and under a certain penalty therein to be insisted to be and appear before the judge of the Circuit Court of Stephenson County Illinois and then and there to answer the premises and further to stand to and abide such order and decree therein as shall be agreeable to equity and good conscience.

And your Oratrix shall ever pray etc.

(names in same handwriting: Henry Bright, F. W. L. Bromley and Catherine Hamm)
The Hamm Children: Philip, Jr.

SOURCES

3. Estimate based on the age of Theresa Catherine in the 1860 and 1870 Censuses.
5. Their last child, Edward, was born in about 1857. Philip married a second time on 3 Oct 1858. We assume Louisa died, rather than being divorced, although that is also possible.
6. Transcribed church records: St. Mary's Church, New Dublin, Erin Township, Stephenson County, IL.
7. Ibid.
8. 1870 United States Census: Erin Township, Stephenson County, IL, Dw 156, Fam 152.
10. Stephenson County, IL, Circuit Court, 7 Apr 1861.
11. Ibid.
12. Based on her age at death. However her obituary on 19 Aug 1929 gives her age as 72 years and 8 months. She appears as 7 in the 1860 US Census and 17 in the 1870 US Census.
16. Ibid.
18. Ibid.
19. Ibid.
20. 1880 United States Census: Stephenson County, IL, Freeport, 2nd Ward, Dw 46, Fam 49.
22. Ibid.
23. Ibid.
24. 1900 United States Census: Freeport (IL), City, 29 Cherry St., Dw 339, Fam 347.
25. Ibid.
27. Ibid.
28. Ibid.
29. Ibid.
30. Death certificate: Stephenson County, IL, Dist 871, Reg No 67, 20 Feb 1926.
31. Ibid. Stephenson County, IL, Dist 871, Reg No 29, 23 Jan 1945.
32. Ibid.
35. Ibid.
36. Ibid.
37. Ibid.
38. Death certificate: Stephenson County, IL, Dist 871, Reg No 340, 29 Sep 1944.
40. Ibid.
42. Ibid.
43. Ibid.
44. Ibid.
46. Ibid.
47. Ibid.
49. Ibid. Page 25.
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50. Ibid. Page 25. 
51. Ibid. Page 25. 
52. Ibid. Page 25. 

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PART VIII: THE HAMM CHILDREN:

Andrew
Descendants of André HAMM

André HAMM (29 Jan 1825-20 Nov 1892)
sp: Ann MOULTON (24 Oct 1837-29 Jul 1924)
- William Joseph HAMM (22 Mar 1863-14 Sep 1940)
  - John HAMM (abt 1864-24 Apr 1936)
    sp: Annie COLEMAN (abt 1866-)
      - Mabel HAMM (-)
      - Helen HAMM (-)
      - Frank Coleman HAMM (30 Jan 1898-May 1981)
      - Mildred HAMM (-)
      - Ellen HAMM (-)
      - Mary HAMM (-)
  - Charles Philip HAMM (19 Aug 1869-27 Mar 1940)
    sp: Lyda MULCAHY (Nov 1873-25 Feb 1952)
      - Francis J. A. HAMM (Feb 1900-)
      - Aloysious HAMM (abt 1901-)
      - Mary G. HAMM (abt 1902-)
        sp: Earl V. PETTED (14 Dec 1897-Aug 1969)
      - Mark HAMM (abt 1905-1907)
      - Julia HAMM (31 Dec 1906-5 Jan 1907)
      - James C. HAMM (abt 1909-1941)
      - HAMM (1911-1911)
      - Anne (Sr. Imelda) HAMM (abt 1914-)
        - Charles Carroll HAMM (9 Apr 1915-Feb 1981)
      - Louis Michael HAMM (8 Aug 1871-28 Dec 1881)
    - Francis Patrick (Frank) HAMM (16 Mar 1874-21 Feb 1945)
      sp: Elizabeth NOWLAN (1875-)
        - Ethyl HAMM (-)
    - Mary (Mayme) HAMM (31 Dec 1875-7 Jan 1950)
      sp: Anthony O. McCOY (abt 1869-abt 1934)
        - Charles McCOY (-)
        - Arlin McCOY (-)
        - Archie McCOY (-)
Andrew Hamm

FIRST GENERATION

1. André HAMM was born on 29 Jan 1825 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. He was named André and, later, he changed his name to Andrew upon emigrating to the USA. The witnesses at the recording of his birth were: André Hamm, age 49, bar keeper; and François Xavier Hetsher, age 51, school teacher. He died on 20 Nov 1892 in Colo, Iowa. His obituary and his cemetery listing differ by one day as to his death date. We have accepted the date given in the obituary. He was buried on 23 Nov 1892 in St. Patrick Cemetery, Nevada, Iowa. He was a farmer for all of his working life.

In the LDS IGI (International Genealogical Index) there is an André Hamm, born 29 Jan 1825 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, France. His parents were: Philippe Hamm and Catherine Wurth. The record is not connected to any other family at all. It is this record that led us to find the home of the Philippe Hamm family before they emigrated to the USA.

In the probate records at the Court House in Freeport, dated 18 Feb 1873, there is a reference to an Andrew Hamm as guardian for John Weiser, age 15 (at the time of application on 28 Feb 1867), son of John (Sr.) and Barbara Weiser (or Weisser), both deceased at the time. The application is for Andrew Hamm to become guardian, with both Andrew and William Hamm as security. John Weiser (the father) is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery; died 9 Feb 1864, age 53 y 2m 1 Id according to the gravestone. The mother, Barbara Weiser, is buried next to the father; she died 12 Feb 1867; age 58y 9m 16d.

Based on the information from Colo, Iowa, the Andrew Hamm family went there in around 1879 and remained there, except for their sons, Frank and Charles, who went on to South Dakota after Charles got married in 1899. Since Andrew was dead by then, their mother, Ann, went with them, but was brought back to be buried with her husband and the rest of the family in 1924.

He was married to Ann MOULTON on 25 Jun 1862 in Stephenson County, IL. Ann MOULTON was born on 24 Oct 1837 in Ireland. In 1900, according to the Census, she was 62, and had had eight children, of which five were living at that time. It gives her date of immigration as 1848. She died on 29 Jul 1924 in Colo, Iowa. According to her obituary, she was living with her daughter Mrs. A. C. McCoy near Colo when she died. She had gone with her sons to Armour, South Dakota, and then moved back later. She was buried on 31 Jul 1924 in St. Patrick Cemetery, Nevada, Iowa.

Others with the same surname buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, New Dublin, Illinois are:
Margaret Kean Molten, wife of B. Molten, died 5 May 1851, age 38.
Patrick Moulton, died 7 Aug 1897, age 87. (Probably Ann's father)
Patrick Molton, died 4 May 1854, age 78. (Probably Ann's grandfather)
Michael Molton, died 22 Sep 1856, age 28.
Mary Molton, wife of Patrick, died 17 Nov 1876, age 73. (Probably Ann's mother)
William Molton, died 6 Jul 1853, age 23.

The 1850 United States Census (Erin Township) Stephenson County, Illinois lists two Moulton families:
Patrick, 72; Mary, 50; Richard, 40; Patrick, 30; Michael, 21; William, 18; Patrick, 5 (First dwelling)
Margaret, 34; Margaret, 11; Ellen, 9; Mary, 7; Elizabeth, 4; Ann, 1; Mary, 15; Ann, 13 (Second dwelling)
Our Ann Moulton, would be the one in the second dwelling: Ann, age 13.
Andrew HAMM and Ann MOULTON had the following children:

2  i.  William Joseph HAMM was born on 22 Mar 1863 in Erin Township, IL. He was baptized on 16 Apr 1863 in St. Mary's Church, Erin Township, IL. He died on 14 Sep 1940 in Colo, Iowa. He was buried on 16 Sep 1940 in St. Patrick Cemetery, Nevada, Iowa.

   From his obituary: "When but a young man he accepted a position with the C. & N. W. Railway Co., as bridge carpenter and later with the Rock Island Railway Co. where he remained until eight years ago (1932) when his health failed and he came to live with his sister, Mrs. A. O. McCoy at Colo." His obituary gives no indication that he had been married or that he had had children.

   +3  ii.  John HAMM.

   +4  iii.  Charles Philip HAMM.

5  iv.  Louis Michael HAMM was born on 8 Aug 1871 in Erin Township, IL. He was baptized on 10 Sep 1871 in Erin Township, IL. He died on 28 Dec 1881 in Colo, Iowa.

   +6  v.  Francis Patrick (Frank) HAMM.

   +7  vi.  Mary (Mayme) HAMM.

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3.  John HAMM was born about 1864 in Erin Township, IL. His marriage license gives his age as 27, in Sep 1891. He died on 24 Apr 1936 in Fairbury, Nebraska. He was buried on 28 Apr 1936 in St. Patrick Cemetery, Nevada, Iowa.

   He was married to Annie COLEMAN on 14 Sep 1891 in Colo, Iowa. The witnesses were: Charles Hamm and Lizzie Coleman. They were married by J. McNamara, Catholic Priest. Annie COLEMAN was born about 1866 in Illinois. Her parents were Edward Coleman and Ellen Eyod.

   John HAMM and Annie COLEMAN had the following children:

   8  i.  Mabel HAMM. In 1936 when her father died, Mabel was living in Washington, D. C.

   9  ii.  Helen HAMM. In 1936 when her father died, Helen was Mrs. S. W. Dee and lived in Rochelle, IL.

   10  iii.  Dr. Frank Coleman HAMM was born on 30 Jan 1898. He died in May 1981 in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1936 when his father died, Frank was a doctor in Brooklyn, NY.

   11  iv.  Mildred HAMM. In 1936 when her father died, Mildred was a teacher in the Evanston IL schools.

   12  v.  Ellen HAMM. Died in infancy.

   13  vi.  Mary HAMM. Died in infancy.
The Hamm Children: Andrew

4. Charles Philip HAMM was born on 19 Aug 1869 in Erin Township, IL.²³ He was baptized on 26 Sep 1869 in St. Mary's Church, Erin Township, IL.²⁴ The sponsors were: Philip Murphy and Annie Moulton. He died on 27 Mar 1940 in Armour, Douglas County, South Dakota.²⁵ The death record information was provided by his brother, Frank Hamm.

People attending his funeral included: Sister M. Anne and Sister M. Anthony of Aberdeen; Sister M. Monica, Sister M. DeChantel, Sister M. Norbert, and Sister M. Consilata of St. Joseph Hospital of Mitchell (SD); Carrol Hamm, Mrs. E. V. Petted and Miss Evangeline Mulcahy of Des Moines; Mrs. A. O. McCoy and Marie McCoy of Colo, IA; Mr. and Mrs Vincent Robinson of Rapid City SD; Dr. and Mrs Joe Hohn of Scotland SD; Mr. and Mrs Mark Kramer and Cleo Carlon of Mitchell (SD); Mr. Will Lyons and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lyons of Wagner (SD); and C. H. Palmer of Ravinia (SD). He was buried on 30 Mar 1940 in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Armour, SD.²⁶ Funeral services were held at St. Georges Catholic Church, Pastor Father Carey. Pall Bearers: John and Philip Walsh, Andrew Robinson, Ernest Hagensen, Johan McLaughlin, and Frank Farke. His death certificate states that he had lived in Armour for 18 years and 6 months, placing his move there in 1921.

From his obituary: When he was 10 years old (1879) he moved with his family to Colo, in Story Co. Iowa. He was married in 1899 to Lyda Mulcahy of Colo; then moved to Douglas Co., SD. They had 8 children, 4 sons and 4 daughters, with three infants preceding him in death. Several of the children went to college. Aloysus went to Notre Dame for two years; James for at least one year.

From a letter from Sister Maris Stella Leonard, age 82, (12 May 1998), "The Hamm family had a great sense of humor and we were very good friends. We grew up in the hard times so humor, etc. was cheap and we had lots of it."

Charles Philip HAMM was married to Lyda MULCAHY (daughter of Patrick MULCAHY and Julia DOYLE) on 8 Feb 1899 in Story County, Iowa.²⁷ Witnesses to the marriage were: Frank Hamm and Margaret Mulcahy. The marriage was performed by Michael Nichols, Pastor, Catholic Church. Lyda MULCAHY was born in Nov 1873 in Colo, Iowa.²⁸ She died on 25 Feb 1952 in Des Moines, IA.²⁹ Lyda had gone to college for two years at the Univerisity of Iowa, according to the 1935 South Dakota State Census.

Her parents were Patrick Mulcahy, Jr. (born about 1843 in Ireland) and Julia (born about 1851 in Ohio). Patrick Jr. was the son of Patrick (1797-1875) and Bridgett (1816-1894). There is more information about the Mulcahy family in cemetery listings and local history. Lyda had a brother who became Father Mulcahy in the 1930's.

From Sr. Maris Stella Leonard: "Lyda probably spent her last days in a nursing home in Pierre, SD, but I'm not sure where. Both (she and James) were buried in Armour Cemetery beside Charlie, the father and husband."

Charles Philip HAMM and Lyda MULCAHY had the following children:

14 i. Francis J. A. HAMM was born in Feb 1900 in Douglas County, South Dakota.³⁰ The 1900 US Census gives his age as 3 months at that time. He probably died under the age of 10. He is not listed with the family in the 1910 Census. Nor is he listed in the State (SD) Census for 1915.
15 ii. **Aloysious HAMM** was born about 1901 in Chester Township, Douglas County, South Dakota.\(^{31}\) He is listed as being 10 in the 1910 Census taken in May 1910. But he was not a twin of Francis; he would have been listed with him in the 1900 Census. The state Censuses give his age: 15 in 1915; 25 in 1925; and 35 in 1935. He was living at Armour, SD in 1940 at the time of Charles Hamm's death. He lived in North Platte NE, and was deceased by the time of the 75th anniversary of Armour (probably around 1975). The letter from Sister Maris Stella Leonard (12 May 1998) states that he married a teacher and lived in North Platte NE. She says, "they had no children as he was married later in life."

+16 iii. **Mary G. HAMM.**

17 iv. **Mark HAMM** was born about 1905 in Chester Township, Douglas County, South Dakota.\(^{32}\) He died in 1907 in Douglas County, South Dakota.\(^{32}\) He was buried in 1907 in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Armour, SD.\(^{32}\)

18 v. **Julia HAMM** was born on 31 Dec 1906 in Armour, Douglas County, South Dakota.\(^{32,33}\) She died on 5 Jan 1907 in Armour, Douglas County, South Dakota.\(^{34}\) She died at age 5 days, with yellow jaundice. There is no other information in the record. She was buried on 7 Jan 1907 in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Armour, SD.

19 vi. **James C. HAMM** was born about 1909 in Chester Township, Douglas County, South Dakota.\(^{31}\) He died in 1941 in Douglas County, South Dakota.\(^{32}\) Sister Maris Stella Leonard (letter of 12 May 1998) says that James died in Wagner SD. That is only a few miles south of Armour, in the next county, Charles Mix County. He was buried in 1941 in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Armour, SD. The cemetery listing states that he was 31 at death. That makes a match with his age from Census records. He was living at Armour, SD at the time of Charles Hamm's death in 1940. From Sr. Maris Stella Leonard: "James lived on a farm in Armour until his death in the 40's."

20 vii. **HAMM (infant)** was born in 1911 in Douglas County, South Dakota. He (or she) died in 1911 in Douglas County, South Dakota. The child only lived one day. He (or she) was buried in 1911 in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Armour, SD.\(^{35}\)

21 viii. **Anne (Sr. Imelda) HAMM** was born about 1914 in Chester Township, Douglas County, South Dakota.\(^{36,37}\) She was listed as 2 in the 1915 State Census; 10 in the 1925 Census. Sister Imelda graduated from High School in 1931 and went to Northern State Teacher's College in Aberdeen. She then enrolled in the nursing program at St. Joseph Hospital (now Queen of Peace) in Mitchell, SD. She entered Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Community at Aberdeen shortly afterward, even before she had taken her nursing exams. From then on she was actively in nursing care in Aberdeen Community Hospitals until she died of cancer, around 1970. (This is from a letter from Sister Maris Stella Leonard 12 May 1998, a member of the same order, and in 1998, age 82.)

From another letter from Sr. Maris Stella Leonard: "Anne entered Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Community in Aberdeen SD in 1934 taking the religious name of Sr. Imelda. ... She died in the early 70's of cancer." More from the same source: "Sr. Anne Hamm (Imelda) often called her mother 'Alyda' and she jokingly said 'Alyda was hard on Charlie,' because she was a perfectionist and he was so easy going. We shared family secrets respectfully. Imagine, using your parents' first names in the 30's!!!"
Charles Carroll HAMM was born on 9 Apr 1915 in Chester Township, Douglas County, South Dakota. He died in Feb 1981 in Fort Dodge, IA. He was living in Des Moines, IA at the time of Charles Hamm's death in 1940. From Sr. Maris Stella Leonard: "Carroll married and had children. He was my classmate in high school (graduating 1934). I'm not sure when he died."

Francis Patrick (Frank) HAMM was born on 16 Mar 1874 in Freeport, Illinois. He died on 21 Feb 1945 in Armour, Douglas County, South Dakota. He was buried on 24 Feb 1945 in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Armour, SD. From his brother Charles Hamm's obituary, he (Frank) was living in Armour at that time, 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Nowlan attended Frank's funeral. They were from State Center, IA in 1945. Also attending the funeral were: Mrs. E. McElroy of Fort Dodge Iowa, and Mrs. Charles Hamm of Des Moines, Iowa. From Sr. Maris Stella Leonard: "Frank Hamm was Charlie's brother who married Elizabeth Nowlan, and they had no children but adopted a girl who moved from Armour before I knew her. Elizabeth is also buried in Armour."

He was married to Elizabeth NOWLAN on 5 Feb 1902 in State Center, IA. Elizabeth NOWLAN was born in 1875 in State Center, IA. She was still living when her husband died in February 1945.

Francis Patrick (Frank) HAMM and Elizabeth NOWLAN had the following child:

i. Ethyl HAMM. Ethyl was an adopted daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Hamm, according to Sister Maris Stella Leonard. The Social Security Death Index lists an Ethyl Hamm, born 10 Feb 1909, died 18 Feb 1991, residence, Cowlitz WA, 98632. (SS issued in SD before 1951.)

Mary (Mayme) HAMM was born on 31 Dec 1875 in Erin Township, Stephenson County, IL. She was baptized on 5 Mar 1876 in St. Mary's Church, Erin Township, IL. The sponsors were: John Moran and Margaret Mangan. She died on 7 Jan 1950 in Colo, Iowa. She was buried on 10 Jan 1950 in Colo (IA) Catholic Cemetery. She was called "Mayme" as indicated on her application for a marriage license, but her legal name was Mary. Her death record gives her name as Mary Elizabeth McCoy.

She was married to Anthony O. McCoy on 11 Oct 1899 in Armour, Douglas County, South Dakota. The witnesses were: C. P. Hamm and Lyda Hamm. They were married by the Pastor of St. George Catholic Church in Armour, SD. Anthony O. McCoy was born about 1869. He died about 1934. A. O. McCoy was from Colo in Story County, Iowa. He and his wife Mary Hamm, probably lived there after they married. Mary (Mayme) HAMM and Anthony O. McCoy had the following children:

i. Charles McCoy. According to his mother's obituary, Charles was then (1950) teaching in the Davenport (IA) schools.

ii. Arlin McCoy. At the time of his mother's death in 1950, Arlin was living in Los Angeles.

iii. Archie McCoy. At the time of his mother's death in 1950, Archie was living in Los Angeles.
THIRD GENERATION

16. Mary G. HAMM was born about 1902 in Chester Township, Douglas County, South Dakota. According to the information provided by the County Clerk at Armour SD (informally), Mary G. Hamm, at age 29, married Earl V. Petted of Des Moines, IA on 12 Aug 1930.

From Sr. Maris Stella Leonard: "Mary Hamm taught country schools right after 8th grade graduation and later married Dr. Earl Petted, a dentist who lived in Des Moines. They had two boys, one Jerry, I do not know the name of the other. Earl died probably in the 1960's and Mary would be around 100 if she were living today (1998)."

She was married to Earl V. PETTED on 12 Aug 1930. All of the marriage documents are Douglas County SD documents. However, they were married by D. P. Mulcahy, a Catholic Priest of Bernard, in Jackson County, Iowa. It is likely that the priest came to Armour to perform the marriage. In fact he may have been a relative; Mary G. Hamm's mother was a Mulcahy.

Witnesses at the signing of the marriage documents were L. A. Petted and Imelda Hamm. Earl V. PETTED was born on 14 Dec 1897. Earl Petted was living in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, when he applied for a marriage license 11 Aug 1930. He died in Aug 1969. Earl Petted's father may have been L. A. Petted. At least that was the name of a witness to the marriage license.
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PART IX: THE HAMM CHILDREN:

*Catherine*
Descendants of Catherine HAMM

Catherine HAMM (14 Nov 1835-3 May 1905)
sp: John GEIGER (7 Jun 1818-13 Dec 1878)

- Mary Augusta GEIGER (Oct 1853-31 Jan 1928)
  sp: LeRoy WILKINS (Jan 1843-6 Sep 1921)
    - LeRoy J. WILKINS (Aug 1878-)
      sp: Kittic L. (abt 1881-)
      - Frances WILKINS (-)
    - Clara B. WILKINS (Jun 1880-14 Feb 1960)
      sp: James STEDMAN (3 Mar 1873-14 Dec 1943)
      - James W. STEDMAN (23 May 1905-12 Mar 1988)
        sp: Mary MURPHY (-12 Apr 1989)
          - James STEDMAN (-)
          - John STEDMAN (-)
        - Donlan J. STEDMAN (3 May 1911-2 Feb 1981)
          sp: M. Mercedes CONROY (-)
            - Susan STEDMAN (-)
            - Anne STEDMAN (-)
            - Kay STEDMAN (-)
            - Stephen STEDMAN (-)
      - Albert J. WILKINS (Apr 1888-)
        sp: Mary (-)
        - Mary WILKINS (-)
        - LeRoy WILKINS (-)
        - Catharine WILKINS (-)
        - William WILKINS (-)
        - Albert WILKINS (-)
        - Ronald WILKINS (-)
        - Ann WILKINS (-)
    - Clara GEIGER (19 May 1856-22 Jun 1860)
    - Oscar J. GEIGER (abt Jun 1859-May 1911)
      sp: Mary E. MCBURNNEY (Apr 1863-25 Mar 1903)
      - Clarence William GEIGER (23 Jun 1884-22 Jun 1938)
        sp: Minnie Maud SPITLER (15 Jan 1886-22 Feb 1966)
            sp: Agnes DAACON (-)
            - Alan GEIGER (-)
            - Susan GEIGER (-)
            - Sara GEIGER (-)
            sp: Peg ACKERMAN (-)
              - Betty Jean GEIGER (abt 1923-)
          - Viola May GEIGER (1 Aug 1911-10 May 1964)
            sp: Lynn George Joseph FRITZ (20 Apr 1911-10 Apr 1985)
              - Sharon FRITZ (-)
              - Todd FRITZ (-)
              - Stephen FRITZ (-)
          - Freda Mary GEIGER (16 Dec 1913-)
            sp: Robert West MADDEN (27 Sep 1911-16 Jun 1997)
              - Robert West, Jr. MADDEN (17 Mar 1939-)
                sp: Rachel GALIMBA (-)
                  - Tiffany Marta MADDEN (27 Jan 1970-)
                sp: Devon HASSARD (-)
                  - Brooke Jacklin MADDEN (13 Jan 1980-)
Descendants of Catherine HAMM

- Page Ross MADDEN (7 Jul 1982-)
  - Marianne K. MADDEN (30 Oct 1944-)
    - sp: Gerald DRYER (-)
      - Linda Weatheringham DRYER (14 Aug 1964-)
      - Gerald L., Jr. DRYER (19 Jul 1966-)
      - Andrew J. DRYER (28 Mar 1969-)
    - sp: Wayne FARRA (-)
      - Frederic Clarence GEIGER (14 Nov 1915-16 Jul 1924)
      - Evelyn Janice GEIGER (2 Mar 1919-1 Dec 1961)
        - sp: Glenn DeLong FOLGATE (17 Jun 1917-4 Apr 1988)
        - Steven FOLGATE (-)
      - Clarence William GEIGER (23 Dec 1923-18 Oct 1993)
        - sp: Isabel GREEN (-Mar 1988)
          - Arthur GEIGER (abt May 1886-abt May 1910)
    - Albert A. GEIGER (abt 1861-13 May 1930)
      - sp: Bernice WHITNEY (abt 1877-)
        - Mary GEIGER (abt 1900-)
          - Whitney GEIGER (abt 1905-)
          - Phyllis GEIGER (abt 1908-)
          - Albert, Jr GEIGER (abt 1917-)
      - Jane (Jennie) GEIGER (21 Feb 1863-19 Oct 1897)
        - sp: John Henry HOWELL (1 May 1859-28 Jan 1942)
          - John William HOWELL (11 Sep 1886-9 Dec 1950)
          - Carlyle George HOWELL (6 Feb 1888-11 Feb 1937)
          - Catherine Marie HOWELL (20 Aug 1890-Oct 1982)
      - Ella GEIGER (24 Oct 1864-14 Oct 1866)
        - William J. GEIGER (Apr 1870-1938)
          - sp: Sophia STEFFEN (Jul 1874-1949)
            - Marie GEIGER (Mar 1897-)
            - Solon GEIGER (25 Oct 1898-21 Mar 1903)
Catherine Hamm

FIRST GENERATION

1. Catherine HAMM was born on 14 Nov 1835 in Plobsheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The place of birth is stated as "Alsace, Germany" in her obituary. However, in 1835, Alsace was not a part of Germany. It was a part of France from 1648 to 1871. It then became part of Germany until 1918 when it again became part of France.

Her name was spelled Cathérine in her birth record. It was Catherine when she emigrated to America; and later in her life it was changed to Katherine. Witnesses at the recording of her birth were: Augustin Blaesi, age 53, shoemaker; and Jean Barthelmé, age 53, bar keeper. She died on 3 May 1905 in Baileyville, IL. She was buried on 5 May 1905 in City Cemetery, Freeport, IL. From her obituary: "About 1860 the family moved to Baileyville on this side of the Stephenson County line, and engaged in the general mercantile business. Being of a thrifty nature the business prospered and Mrs. Geiger also made it a point to provide hotel accommodations for the wayfaring traveler. During all these years her hotel has been a very popular place and she was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Being a woman possessed of all the Christian virtues she has performed her duty in this life and her loving kindness will be remembered by the many friends and strangers whom she has served so well in this life."

She was married to John GEIGER on 1 Jan 1854 in Freeport, Stephenson County, IL. John GEIGER was born on 7 Jun 1818 in Baden, Germany. He died on 13 Dec 1878 in Baileyville, IL. He was buried on 15 Dec 1878 in Freeport Cemetery. There is a C. Theodore Geiger buried next to the Geiger family. He was born 30 April 1814 and died at age 54 years 8 months and 10 days on 10 Jan 1869. He was probably John Geiger's brother.

Catherine HAMM and John GEIGER had the following children:

+2 i. Mary Augusta GEIGER.
+3 ii. Clara GEIGER was born on 19 May 1856 in Baileyville, IL. She died on 22 Jun 1860.
+4 iii. Oscar J. GEIGER.
+5 iv. Albert A. GEIGER.
+6 v. Jane (Jennie) GEIGER.
+7 vi. Ella GEIGER was born on 24 Oct 1864 in Baileyville, IL. She died on 14 Oct 1866 in Baileyville, IL.
+8 vii. William J. GEIGER.

SECOND GENERATION

2. Mary Augusta GEIGER was born in Oct 1854 in Erin Township, IL. She died on 31 Jan 1928 in Monroe, WI. She died while visiting her brother, W. J. Geiger. She was buried on 3 Feb 1928 in Nevada, IA. She was known to her nieces and nephews as "Aunt Gus."
She was married to LeRoy WILKINS on 7 Jun 1876 in Baileyville, IL. At the time of their marriage, Mr. Wilkins was living at Stanwood, Cedar County, Iowa. The couple had four children by the time of the 1900 Census, three of them living at that time. LeRoy WILKINS was born in Jan 1843 in Vermont. He died on 6 Sep 1921. He was buried on 8 Sep 1921 in Nevada, IA. According to a note from Mercedes Stedman (24 Jul 1998), LeRoy Wilkins was the youngest of seven children born to William Wilkins, born 13 Nov 1797, and Lucinda Grundy, born 15 Feb 1802, both in Reading Vermont. There is a local history called "The History of Reading Vermont" that contains information on this family.

Mary Augusta GEIGER and LeRoy WILKINS had the following children:

1. LeRoy J. WILKINS.
2. Clara B. WILKINS.
3. Albert J. WILKINS.

4. Oscar J. GEIGER was born about Jun 1859 in Erin Township, IL. His date of birth is confirmed by the 1870 US Census, Silver Creek Township, Stephenson County, Illinois, Dwelling 44, Family 45. He died in May 1911 in Freeport, IL.

He was married to Mary E. MCBURNEY on 3 Oct 1883 in Freeport, IL. The reference includes a newspaper article dated 4 Oct 1883; newspaper not named. Mary E. MCBURNEY was born in Apr 1863 in Eastern Canada. She died on 25 Mar 1903 in Elgin, IL. Her father and mother were born in Scotland. In the 1900 United States Census, she is listed as May E. Geiger.

Oscar J. GEIGER and Mary E. MCBURNEY had the following children:

1. Clarence William GEIGER.
2. Arthur GEIGER was born about May 1886. The 1900 Census states that he was born in Jan 1888. He died about May 1910. Arthur Geiger never married.

5. Albert A. GEIGER was born about 1861 in Erin Township, IL. He died on 13 May 1930. He was living in Baileyville in 1905. Albert married a Bernice Whitney. It is not clear whether Bernice was his first or second wife. Their children included Mary, Whitney, Albert and Phyllis. Mary (Sister) died in 1972. Phyllis had two children and lived in California. Another of the children may have been named Virginia.

Whitney Geiger's family tree notes show that Albert Geiger married an Ida Gibler on 23 April 1889. He may have been mistaken. The 1910 Census shows two Albert Geigers, one in Stephenson County, married to an Ida (age 40) and with children Alta (18) and George (10). This Albert was born in Pennsylvania, according to the Census information. The second is Albert A. Geiger living in Ogle County, with wife Bernice (32) and children: Mary (10), Whitney (6) and Phyllis (4). This Albert was born in Illinois. He was married to Bernice WHITNEY. As a guess it would have been about 1898 or so. Bernice WHITNEY was born about 1877 in Iowa.

Albert A. GEIGER and Bernice WHITNEY had the following children:
14 i. Mary GEIGER was born about 1900 in Illinois. According to information from Freda Madden, Mary became Sister Mary.
15 ii. Whitney GEIGER was born about 1905 in Illinois.
16 iii. Phyllis GEIGER was born about 1908 in Illinois. According to notes from Freda Madden, Phyllis had two children and lived in California.
17 iv. Albert, Jr GEIGER was born about 1917 in Wisconsin. According to notes from Freda Madden, Albert had 5 children.

6. Jane (Jennie) GEIGER was born on 21 Feb 1863 in Baileyville, IL. She died on 19 Oct 1897 in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. From her obituary in the Eagle Grove Times, Thursday Oct 28, 1897, front page: Relatives present: Mrs. John Geiger, Albert and William Geiger of Baileyville, IL; Oscar Geiger and wife, Freeport, IL; Miss Hamm of Colo, IA; Thos. Keefe and wife of Clinton; M. C. Scott and wife, and W. J. Coleman and wife of Chicago. (Keefe, Scott and Coleman are part of the Howell family, not Hamm.)

She was married to John Henry HOWELL (son of Michael HOWELL and Julia MILES, both born in Ireland) about 1885 in Freeport, IL. John Henry HOWELL was born on 1 May 1859 in Nachusa, Illinois. He died on 28 Jan 1942 in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. From his children's birth records: his occupation was postmaster in 1886 and 1888, and sheriff in 1890. When he died in 1942, he was a banker.


Jane (Jennie) GEIGER and John Henry HOWELL had the following children:

18 i. John William HOWELL was born on 11 Sep 1886 in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. He died on 9 Dec 1950 in Dubuque, Iowa. He was buried on 13 Dec 1950 in Calvary Cemetery, Eagle Grove, IA. John Howell became a priest. He was teaching at Loras College at Dubuque, IA in Jan 1942 when his father died.
19 ii. Carlyle George HOWELL was born on 6 Feb 1888 in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. He died on 11 Feb 1937 in Evansville, IN. He died in a hotel room. His remains were brought back to Eagle Grove, IA for burial. He never married. He graduated from Liberal Arts College at the University of Iowa at Iowa City in 1909. He held positions in several companies in Chicago, New York, Detroit and Wisconsin and fought in WW I, receiving his discharge 29 Apr 1919. His last job was in Evansville, IN.
20 iii. Catherine Marie HOWELL was born on 20 Aug 1890 in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. She died in Oct 1982 in Shawnee Mission, KS. Family notes state that she married and had one child. In 1937, when her brother Carlyle died, his obituary states that he was survived by a sister Mrs. Marie Dinah of Dubuque and one niece, Mrs. Dorothy Holland of New York City. Dorothy Holland would be the daughter of Marie Dinah. In 1942, the obituary of John Henry Howell states that she was Mrs. Marie Donohue of Dubuque, and her daughter Dorothy Donohue also known as Judy Parrish of stage and radio fame. By the time of the death of her
brother John, she was Mrs. Marie Donohue of Kansas City, MO. and her daughter was Mrs. John Harvey, known as Judy Parrish. The Harvey's had a daughter Jody.

On the death record of her step-mother (Frances Ray Howell), the informant is listed as Marie Howell Weaverling of Mission, Kansas. The Social Security Death Index lists a Marie Weaverling dying in Oct 1982 at Shawnee Mission KS.

Piecing all this together, we could say that Marie first married a Donohue, and later a Weaverling. Her daughter Dorothy (stage name: Judy Parrish) married John Harvey and had a daughter Jody. (The surname, Dinah, is undoubtedly an error made in typing the word Donohue.)

8. William J. GEIGER was born in Apr 1870 in Stephenson County, IL. He was married to Sophia STEFFEN in 1895. Marie, their first child, may have been Kathryn M. She is listed in the Cranes Grove Cemetery listings as Kathryn M., but in the 1900 Census as Marie. In both cases the birth date is 1897. Additional children may have been: Aileen, Isabel, and William. The family, was raised in Monroe, WI. Sophia STEFFEN was born in Jul 1874 in Stephenson County, IL. She died in 1949 in Stephenson County, IL. She was born in Illinois, according to the 1900 Census; her father and mother were both born in Germany.

William J. GEIGER and Sophia STEFFEN had the following children that we have been able to verify:

21 i. Marie GEIGER was born in Mar 1897 in Stephenson County, IL.
22 ii. Solon GEIGER was born on 25 Oct 1898 in Stephenson County, IL. He died on 21 Mar 1903 in Stephenson County, IL.

THIRD GENERATION

9. LeRoy J. WILKINS was born in Aug 1878 in Iowa. He died in Chicago, IL. He was married to Kittie L. (surname unknown) about 1902 in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. This date is estimated based on being married 8 years as of the 1910 Census. Kittie L. was born about 1881 in Iowa.

LeRoy J. WILKINS and Kittie L. had the following child:

23 i. Frances WILKINS. Frances is deceased, according to family notes.

10. Clara B. WILKINS was born in Jun 1880 in Colo, IA. She died on 14 Feb 1960 in Lockhart, TX. She was probably living with her son, Dr. James Stedman, at the time of her death. She was buried in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. Her obituary in 1960 indicates that she had two children, Don and Dr. James. In addition there were six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was a teacher at the East Side Grade School in Eagle Grove.
She was married to James STEDMAN on 31 Aug 1904 in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. James STEDMAN was born on 3 Mar 1873 in Vinton, Iowa. He died on 14 Dec 1943 in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. He was buried in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. He worked for the Northwestern Railroad in Eagle Grove for 43 years, retiring in 1938. He graduated from Vinton High School in the class of 1890.

Clara B. WILKINS and James STEDMAN had the following children:

+24 i. Dr. James W. STEDMAN.
+25 ii. Donlan J. STEDMAN.

11. Albert J. WILKINS was born in Apr 1888 in Iowa. He died in Chicago, IL. He was buried in Chicago. Albert had seven children according notes about this family. He was married to Mary (surname unknown).

Albert J. WILKINS and Mary had the following children:

26 i. Mary WILKINS.
27 ii. LeRoy WILKINS.
28 iii. Catherine WILKINS.
29 iv. William WILKINS.
30 v. Albert WILKINS.
31 vi. Ronald WILKINS.
32 vii. Ann WILKINS.

12. Clarence William GEIGER was born on 23 Jun 1884 in Freeport, IL. The 1900 Census states that he was born in June 1883. He died on 22 Jun 1938 in Chicago, IL. He was buried on 25 Jun 1938 in St. Mary's Cemetery, Chicago, IL. The burial date was estimated to be three days after death.

He was married to Minnie Maud SPITLER about 1904 in Freeport, Stephenson County, IL. All the children of this marriage were born at home at 430 North Nursery Ave., Freeport, IL. Minnie Maud SPITLER was born on 15 Jan 1886 in Freeport, Stephenson County, IL. She died on 22 Feb 1966 in Freeport, Stephenson County, IL. She was buried on 25 Feb 1966 in City Cemetery, Freeport, IL. Her father was William Henry Spitler; her mother was Sarah Forry. After a divorce in about 1930, Minnie Maud Spitler married Herman Brandt and later divorced him.

Clarence William GEIGER and Minnie Maud SPITLER had the following children:

+33 i. William Henry (Ted) GEIGER.
+34 ii. Viola May GEIGER.
+35 iii. Freda Mary GEIGER.
36 iv. Frederic Clarence GEIGER was born on 14 Nov 1915 in Freeport, Stephenson County, IL. He died on 16 Jul 1924 in Freeport, Stephenson County, IL. He was buried a few days after 16 Jul 1924 in City Cemetery, Freeport, IL.
+37 v. Evelyn Janice GEIGER.
+38 vi. Clarence William GEIGER.
FOURTH GENERATION

24. Dr. James W. STEDMAN was born on 23 May 1905 in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. He died on 12 Mar 1988 in Lockhart, TX. He was buried in Lockhart, TX. He was living in Lockhart Texas in 1943. He was married to Mary MURPHY in 1927 in Omaha, Nebraska. Mary MURPHY died on 12 Apr 1989 in Lockhart, TX.

Dr. James W. STEDMAN and Mary MURPHY had the following children:

39  i.  James STEDMAN.
40  ii. John STEDMAN.

25. Donlan J. STEDMAN was born on 3 May 1911 in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. He died on 2 Feb 1981 in Fort Dodge, IA. He was buried in Fort Dodge, IA. He was living in Fort Dodge Iowa in 1943. He was married to M. Mercedes CONROY on 30 Dec 1935 in Jefferson, IA.

Donlan J. STEDMAN and M. Mercedes CONROY had the following children:

41  i.  Susan STEDMAN.
42  ii. Anne STEDMAN.
43  iii. Kay STEDMAN.
44  iv. Stephen STEDMAN.

33. William Henry (Ted) GEIGER was born on 28 Mar 1905 in Freeport, Stephenson County, IL. He died in 1981. He was married to Peg ACKERMAN. Peg ACKERMAN was born in Freeport, IL. She died in Dixon, IL. Peg Ackerman was Ted Geiger's first wife. They were divorced some time after the birth of their one child.

William Henry (Ted) GEIGER and Peg ACKERMAN had the following child:

48  i.  Betty Jean GEIGER was born about 1923 in Freeport, Illinois. She married Carl Schnake. She currently (1997) is widowed and living in Dixon, IL after having four sons. She is about 73 now (1997).

His second marriage was to Agnes DAACON. Agnes DAACON was born in Freeport, IL. She was buried in Davenport, Iowa.

William Henry (Ted) GEIGER and Agnes DAACON had the following children:

45  i.  Alan GEIGER. Alan lived in Davenport, Iowa and has three children.
46  ii. Susan GEIGER. Susan lived in Eastern US and had no children.
47  iii. Sara GEIGER. She married a Fuch; lived in Galesburg, IL; had no children.
34. **Viola May GEIGER** was born on 1 Aug 1911 in Freeport, Stephenson County, IL. She died on 10 May 1964 in Freeport Memorial Hosp, Freeport, IL. She was buried on 12 May 1965 in Grand View Cemetery, Rte 26 North, Freeport, IL.

She was married to **Lynn George Joseph FRITZ** on 5 Oct 1931 in Freeport, IL. Lynn George Joseph FRITZ was born on 20 Apr 1911 in Freeport, Illinois. He died on 10 Apr 1985 in Freeport, IL. He was buried in "Joseph Fritz plot." His parents were Joseph F. and Kate (Lebrecht) Fritz. He married a second time: to Frances Butts, in Woodstock, IL on 31 Jan 1967.

Viola May GEIGER and Lynn George Joseph FRITZ had the following children:

49 i. **Sharon FRITZ.** Married a Hagmann, lived in St. Augustine, FL; worked as a teacher.

50 ii. **Todd FRITZ.** Lives (1997) in St. Augustine, FL.

51 iii. **Stephen FRITZ.** Lived in St. Augustine, FL; had no children.

35. **Freda Mary GEIGER** was born on 16 Dec 1913 in Freeport, Stephenson County, IL.

She was married to **Robert West MADDEN** on 19 Jul 1934 in Gary, IN. Robert West MADDEN was born on 27 Sep 1911 in Freeport, Illinois. He died on 16 Jun 1997 in Freeport, IL. He was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Freeport, IL. He was the son of Maurice John and Rose (Higley) Madden, according to his obituary. Freda Mary GEIGER and Robert West MADDEN had the following children:

+52 i. **Robert West, Jr. MADDEN.**

+53 ii. **Marianne K. MADDEN.**

37. **Evelyn Janice GEIGER** was born on 2 Mar 1919 in Freeport, Stephenson County, IL. She died on 1 Dec 1961 in Freeport, IL. She was living at 405 W. American St. in Freeport at the time of her death. She had become despondent and died from wounds received from a self-inflicted gunshot, according to her obituary. She was buried on 4 Dec 1961 in Oakland Cem, Freeport, IL.

She was married to **Glenn DeLong FOLGATE** on 22 Mar 1941. Glenn DeLong FOLGATE was born on 17 Jun 1917 in Freeport, IL. He died on 4 Apr 1988 in Freeport, IL. He was buried on 7 Apr 1988 in Oakland Cem, Freeport, IL. From his obituary, he was living at 1721 E. Shawnee Street in Freeport in 1988 when he died. It states that..."he was the son of Clinton and Cora (Mensenkamp) Folgate. He married Evelyn Geiger who preceded him in death. On June 28, 1980, he married Donna Dahm Sabin. Surviving are his widow; a son Steven of Holcombe, Wis; three stepsons, Warrant Officer Third Class John Sabin of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Richard Sabin, Pine Bluff, Ark., and Charles B. Sabin of Freeport; two stepdaughters, Sally (Mrs. Richard) Moore of Mesa, Ariz., and Teresa Baker of Sarasota Fla.; two sisters, Sylvia (Mrs. Glenn) Rudow of Athens Ga., and Cynthia (Mrs. Irving) Stone of Santa Maria, Calif.; and 11 step-grandchildren."

Evelyn Janice GEIGER and Glenn DeLong FOLGATE had the following child:

54 i. **Steven FOLGATE.** Steven lives (1997) in Holcombe, WI. He is married and has three children: Nicole, Adam and Levi. The latter two are twins.
38. Clarence William GEIGER was born on 23 Dec 1923 in Freeport, Stephenson County, IL. He died on 18 Oct 1993. He is buried at Conejo Mountain Memorial Park, 2052 Howard Road, Camarillo, CA 93012. He is buried alongside his wife, Isabel. Her mother, Mrs. Green is buried there also.

He was married to Isabel GREEN. Isabel GREEN died in Mar 1988 in California. They lived in West Los Angeles, CA. They had no children.

FIFTH GENERATION

52. Robert West, Jr. MADDEN was born on 17 Mar 1939 in Freeport, Memorial Hosp., Freeport, IL. He was married to Rachel GALIMBA.

Robert West MADDEN, Jr. and Rachel GALIMBA had the following child:

55 i. Tiffany Marta MADDEN was born on 27 Jan 1970.

His second marriage was to Devon HASSARD.

Robert West MADDEN, Jr. and Devon HASSARD had the following children:

56 i. Brooke Jacklin MADDEN was born on 13 Jan 1980 in Annapolis, MD.
57 ii. Page Ross MADDEN was born on 7 Jul 1982 in Annapolis, MD.

53. Marianne K. MADDEN was born on 30 Oct 1944 in Freeport Memorial Hosp, Freeport, IL.

She was married to Gerald DRYER.

Marianne K. MADDEN and Gerald DRYER had the following children:

58 i. Linda Weatheringham DRYER was born on 14 Aug 1964 in Peoria, IL. She married Tom Benjamin. They and their four children live (1997) in Hannibal, MO. Their children are Robert Dillon and Virginia Dillon from a first marriage. Then from the marriage with Benjamin, two more children: Amber Benjamin and Nicole Benjamin.
59 ii. Gerald L., Jr. DRYER was born on 19 Jul 1966 in Reedsburg, WI Hospital. He attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1988.
60 iii. Andrew J. DRYER was born on 28 Mar 1969 in University of WI Hospital at Madison. In 1988, he was living in Chicago, attending Columbia College in Chicago and now (1997) lives in Chicago.

She was married to Wayne FARRA in 1992 in Mount Horeb, WI. Current (1994) address: Rt. 1; Box 331; Lone Rock, WI 53556. They have a jewelry studio there. She kept her name—Madden, after this marriage.
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PART X: THE HAMM CHILDREN:

Mary Anne
Descendants of Mary Anne HAMM

Mary Anne HAMM (10 Mar 1838-16 Oct 1912)
sp: Augustus F. BROAD (1838-14 Apr 1900)
  — Ellen L. (Nellie) BROAD (20 Feb 1865-1 Mar 1929)
    sp: ? BLACK (-)
      — Margaret BLACK (abt 1898-)
      — (daughter) BLACK (-)
      — George E. BLACK (abt 1903-)
      — William F. BLACK (-)
  — Charles A. BROAD (3 Dec 1868-28 Jan 1939)
    sp: (First wife) (-)
      — Charles Mark BROAD (abt 1894-)
        sp: Margaret F. (abt 1899-)
    sp: Florence FALKE (1892-)
      — John W. BROAD (abt 1915-)
      — Charles A. BROAD (abt 1917-)
      — Frank F. BROAD (abt Dec 1919-)
      — William J. BROAD (10 Jun 1921-29 Aug 1935)
      — Catherine Ann BROAD (-)
  — Mary (Mollic) BROAD (abt 1872-)
Mary Anne Hamm

FIRST GENERATION

1. Mary Anne HAMM was born on 10 Mar 1838 in Redford, NY. Her obituary (Freeport Daily Journal 16 Oct 1912), states: "Mrs. Broad was born in Redford, NY, March 10, 57 years ago. She was the last of six children and the first to be born in America, the others being born in France. Her father's name was Phillip Hamm. When she was 10 years old, her father came to this state and settled on a farm near Eleroy, where she lived until her marriage to A. F. Broad. Mrs. Broad is survived by three children, Mrs. Ella Black and Miss Mollie Broad of this city and Mr. Charles Broad of Chicago. ... She was a member of St. Joseph's Church."

If we are to believe this, she was born 10 Mar 1855. We believe it is a typographical error and that the correct number is 75 years ago. That would make her birth date 10 Mar 1837, or perhaps 1838, which agrees with all the other data we have. Until better information surfaces, we will use as 1838 as her date of birth and Redford as the place of birth. Her place of birth is also in question. There is no record in Redford, NY of her birth and no record of any Hamms living there at that time.

She died on 16 Oct 1912 in Freeport, IL. She was buried on 18 Oct 1912 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Freeport, IL.

She was married to Augustus F. BROAD on 26 Apr 1862 in Stephenson County, IL. Augustus F. BROAD was born in 1838 in Germany. The 1880 US Census states that he was born in Lippe-Detmold. He died on 14 Apr 1900 in Freeport, IL. He was buried on 17 Apr 1900 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Freeport, IL. His death certificate gives his age at death as 62. His occupation was traveling salesman, and book merchant.

Mary Anne HAMM and Augustus F. BROAD had the following children:

+2  i. Ellen L. (Nellie) BROAD.
+3  ii. Charles A. BROAD.
4  iii. Mary (Mollie) BROAD was born about 1872 in Freeport, IL. The name (Molly) is given in her mother's obituary, Freeport Daily Journal 16 Oct 1912, as one of the survivors—and apparently not married at that time. She is "Mary" as listed on the 1880 Census. When her sister Nellie Broad Black died, she "was survived by a sister, Mrs. Otto Krause, Port Huron, Michigan." This may be Mollie, or possibly there was another sister.

SECOND GENERATION

2. Ellen L. (Nellie) BROAD was born on 20 Feb 1865 in Freeport, IL. She died on 1 Mar 1929 in Springfield, Ohio. The informant (death certificate) lived at the same address as Mrs. Black. The informant was Mrs. Margaret Stover, her daughter, living at 233½ N. Limestone St., Springfield, Ohio.
She (Nellie) was buried on 4 Mar 1929 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Freeport, IL. Her pallbearers were: John Hamm, E. J. Lichtenberger, Moritz Reichart, Burt Hamm, Phillip Mueller, and Fred Muehlenhoff.

According to her obituary, she had a daughter, Mrs. A. F. Hille living at 761 W. Pleasant Street, Freeport, in March 1929. Her death certificate lists her as Mrs. Nellie Black. It states that she was estranged.

Ellen L. (Nellie) BROAD and ? (given name unknown) BLACK had the following children:

5 i. Margaret BLACK was born about 1898 in Illinois. Margaret married a Stover and lived at 233½ N. Limestone Street, Springfield Ohio.

6 ii. daughter) BLACK. This daughter is referred to as Mrs. A. F. Hall of Freeport, IL, in the obituary of Nellie Black, and referred to in Mary Ann Hamm's obituary (1912) as Mrs. A. F. Hille. (Arthur F. Hille, who lived at 761 W. Pleasant St., in 1930 according to the Freeport City Directory, was married to Marie Heisler in 1918 according to his obituary, 20 Jan 1963. Marie is listed in the City Directories up to 1948. For this to be the right A. F. Hille, he would have had to have married the Black daughter prior to 1918 and then either she died or they divorced. That's quite possible since the Black daughter was probably born around 1900 or possibly a bit earlier.)

7 iii. George E. BLACK was born about 1903 in Illinois. George lived in Springfield Ohio at the time of his mother's death in 1929.

8 iv. William F. BLACK. William lived in South Bend Indiana at the time of his mother's death in 1929.

3. Charles A. BROAD was born on 3 Dec 1868 in Freeport, IL. He died on 28 Jan 1939 in Elgin, IL. He died in Elgin State Hospital for the insane. The cause of death was: "General paralysis of the insane."

Before he died, he lived in Wilmette, IL and worked as a milliner. He last worked 31 Aug 1938, according to his death certificate. Their address in Wilmette was 436 10th Street. Earlier, in 1920, they lived at 126 Woodbine Ave. in Wilmette. His obituary states: "Charles A. Broad was educated in Freeport and on leaving school entered the employ of William Walton. Later he was sent by Mr. Walton to Mendota to open a branch store. He then moved to Chicago where he engaged in the millinery business as a member of the firm of Weiskopf & Company, meeting with much success in this venture."

He was married to his first wife (name unknown) about 1892. This wife is inferred by the age of Mark Broad and Charles' second wife Florence, as listed in the 1920 United States Census.

Charles A. BROAD and his first wife had the following child:

+9 i. Charles Mark BROAD.

His second wife, Florence FALKE was born in 1892 in Chicago, IL. She is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Freeport, IL, with dates given as 1892 - 1944. In 1920, according to the Census that year, Florence's mother was living with the family in Wilmette, Illinois. Her name was Catherine C. but her maiden name is not known. Catherine was born about 1875 in Ohio.
Charles A. BROAD and Florence FALKE had the following children:

10  i.  **John W. BROAD** was born about 1915 in Illinois.\(^{20}\)
11  ii.  **Charles A. BROAD Jr.** was born about 1917 in Illinois.\(^{21}\)
12  iii. **Frank F. BROAD** was born about Dec 1919 in Illinois.\(^{22}\)
13  iv.  **William J. BROAD** was born on 10 Jun 1921 in Wilmette, IL.\(^{23}\) He died on 29 Aug 1935 in Wilmette, IL.\(^{24}\) He died of injuries received from a bicycle accident the same day. He was hit by a truck. He was buried on 31 Aug 1935 in All Saints Cem., Des Plaines, IL.\(^{25}\)
14  v.  **Catherine Ann BROAD**. She was probably born last, in about 1923 or so. She was probably named after her grandmother Catherine C. Falke.

**THIRD GENERATION**

9. **Charles Mark BROAD** was born about 1894 in Nebraska.\(^{26}\) Charles Mark Broad was called Mark. He married a Margaret F. but her surname is not known. She was born in Illinois, according to the 1920 Census. He was married to Margaret F. about 1919.\(^{27}\) The marriage date is just a guess based on the data in the 1920 Census. **Margaret F.** was born about 1899 in Illinois.\(^{28}\)
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PART XI: THE HAMM CHILDREN:

*William*
Descendants of William Henry HAMM

William Henry HAMM (12 Apr 1841-4 Oct 1906)
sp: Harriet B. BEAHEN (5 Nov 1842-3 Sep 1918)

--- Catherine L. HAMM (9 Aug 1865-24 Aug 1919)
sp: John WALL (19 Jul 1855-18 Apr 1904)
  --- John William WALL (28 Mar 1894-15 May 1958)
  ---- sp: Agnes JAEGGER (30 Oct 1893-21 Dec 1968)
  ------ John Henry WALL (21 Sep 1920-17 Jun 1983)
  ------ Mary Kathryn WALL (30 Dec 1922-)
  ------- sp: Eugene FISCHER (16 Dec 1917-26 Oct 1982)
  -------- Dianne FISCHER (13 Oct 1944-)
  --------- sp: Robert REIGLE (25 Dec 1940-)
  ------------ Robert Paul REIGLE (16 May 1969-)
  ------------ Elizabeth Jean FISCHER (16 Nov 1946-)
  ------------ sp: Patrick MAHONEY (4 Feb 1946-)
  -------------- Timothy Sean MAHONEY (9 Feb 1967-)
  ---------------- William John FISCHER (21 Nov 1953-)
  --- Harriet Margaret WALL (28 Mar 1896-26 Apr 1969)
  ---- sp: Karl Joseph BALLES (24 Nov 1890-10 Mar 1964)
  ---- Harriet Jane BALLES (1 Apr 1916-18 Dec 1995)
  ----- sp: Frank William REITINGER (11 Apr 1915-6 Dec 1978)
  ------- Judith Anne REITINGER (9 Jul 1940-)
  --------- sp: Norman Eugene BABCOCK (8 Jul 1938-)
  ------------ Nancy Louise BABCOCK (8 Jun 1960-)
  -------------- sp: Bruce Wayne HAUGH (26 Jul 1953-)
  ---------------- sp: James Albert WOITYNEK (17 Dec 1952-)
  ------------------ Janet Lynn BABCOCK (30 Jan 1962-)
  ------------------- sp: David Eugene GRAVES (16 Jan 1959-)
  ----------------------- Jeffrey Karl BABCOCK (1 Sep 1963-)
  --------------------------- sp: Patricia Ann PITTSLEY (18 Aug ?-)
  -------------------------------- Mary Ellen BABCOCK (5 Jan 1965-)
  ---------------------------------- sp: Richard Dale SCHRAMM (21 Mar 1963-)
  ------------------------------------------------ William DEMOS (12 Sep ?-)
  ------------------------------------------------- Steven James BABCOCK (10 Sep 1970-)
  --------------------------------------------------- sp: Colleen Jean BAUMGARTNER (17 Oct ?-)
  -------------------------------------------------------- sp: Merle E. ROSENSTIEL (12 Jul 1915-)
  ---------------------------------------------------------- Jane ROSENSTIEL (-)
  ---------------------------------- sp: Helen COLEMAN (14 Oct 1896-5 Aug 1946)
  ---------------------------------- Mary E. (Molly) HAMM (7 Feb 1867-22 Dec 1934)
  ---------------------------------- sp: William A. ROBERTS (27 Oct 1858-22 Mar 1925)
  ---------------------------------- William Emmett ROBERTS (-)
  ---------------------------------- Mary H. ROBERTS (-)
  ---------------------------------- Anna Jane (Jennie) HAMM (7 Dec 1868-1 Aug 1940)
  ---------------------------------- William Oscar HAMM (8 Aug 1870-20 Apr 1872)
  ---------------------------------- Albert S. HAMM (16 Mar 1872-28 Aug 1953)
  ---------------------------------- Ellen Theresa (Nellie) HAMM (1 Feb 1875-4 Nov 1954)
  ---------------------------------- sp: Charles Oliver RICHARDS (1 Jun 1874-6 Sep 1970)
  ---------------------------------- Harriet Margaret RICHARDS (19 Feb 1904-29 Nov 1993)
  ---------------------------------- Mary MCGURK (18 Oct 1931-)
  ---------------------------------- sp: Ray SCHOLBE (21 Jun 1928-)
  ---------------------------------- Marjorie SCHOLBE (15 Jul 1956-)
Descendants of William Henry HAMM

The Hamm Children: William

- Maureen SCHOLBE (22 Oct 1957-)
- Martha SCHOLBE (2 Aug 1959-)
- Charles SCHOLBE (10 Apr 1962-)
- John SCHOLBE (12 Jul 1964-)
  - Robert Frederick SCHOLBE (16 Apr 1966-18 Apr 1966)
- Margery MCGURK (12 Nov 1933-19 Sep 1945)
- William MCGURK (1 May 1943-)
  sp: Sue SWIFT (10 Sep 1944-)
  - Christine MCGURK (1 Oct 1969-)
  - Cathleen MCGURK (19 Jun 1966-)
- Anne Marie MCGURK (28 Jun 1948-5 Jul 1948)
- Charles William RICHARDS (6 Jun 1906-16 Jun 1987)
  sp: Norma J. HENSON (17 Feb 1909-)
  - Charles E. RICHARDS (29 Jun 1933-1 Jul 1933)
  - James Joseph RICHARDS (17 Nov 1907-12 Jan 1965)
  sp: Helen Rosemary CAHILL (2 Oct 1913-)
- Julie Ellen RICHARDS (28 May 1934-)
  sp: William Arthur WEIMER (9 May 1934-)
  - Lee James WEIMER (11 Dec 1956-)
    sp: Elizabeth Carole STEWART (20 Jan 1960-)
  - Mark William WEIMER (20 Jan 1958-)
    sp: Amy Sue NELSON (-)
    - Julie Mariana WEIMER (8 Mar 1980-)
    - Nicholas WEIMER (3 Jul 1981-)
      sp: Lisa Joy MICHEL (17 Nov 1967-)
    - Jay Arthur WEIMER (13 Dec 1959-)
      sp: Anna Marie NOS (24 Dec 1960-)
    - John William WEIMER (1 Feb 1989-)
      - Brian James WEIMER (23 May 1991-)
    - Kent Joseph WEIMER (7 Jan 1964-)
      sp: Lisa Marie HUGEBACK (10 Jul 1964-)
      - James Joseph, Jr. RICHARDS (15 Jan 1937-)
        sp: Deanna GREGORY (26 Jan 1943-)
      - Daniel James RICHARDS (11 Dec 1973-)
      - Oliver Albert RICHARDS (15 Mar 1911-3 Apr 1978)
        sp: Catherine POPKES (19 Mar 1911-)
      - Paul Vincent RICHARDS (29 Jun 1915-)
        sp: Peg ANDERSON (15 Apr 1917-)
        - Kathy RICHARDS (6 Sep 1946-)
          sp: Richard POMMER (-)
          - Susan RICHARDS (11 Dec 1949-)
            sp: DESMOND (-)
            - Evin DESMOND (-)
            - David DESMOND (-)
  - Myles Joseph HAMM (10 Sep 1877-5 May 1944)
    sp: Maggie Mac BOOKMAN (22 Aug 1874-15 Aug 1924)
      - Joseph G. HAMM (Mar 1900-)

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FIRST GENERATION

1. William Henry HAMM was born on 12 Apr 1841 in Wheeling, West Virginia.\(^1\) There is no civil record of his birth in Wheeling. They did not keep birth records until several years later. The date in his obituary, plus the fact of his baptism three days later, confirm this date. He was christened on 15 Apr 1841 in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Wheeling, WV.\(^2\) He died on 4 Oct 1906 in St. Francis Hospital, Freeport, IL.\(^3\) He was buried on 8 Oct 1906 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Freeport, IL.\(^4\) Apparently the St. Joseph Cemetery was called, at that time, the German Catholic Cemetery. According to his obituary in the Freeport Daily Bulletin, 5 Oct 1906, he came from Wheeling, West Virginia when he was 4 years old. His parents settled in New Dublin in Erin Township, in 1845. He moved to Freeport in 1872 after farming for several years after he married in 1864. Later, he worked for George Rustin as a janitor at the Stephenson County Court House, and after that as a janitor at the Brewster House Hotel. He lived at 24 Dexter Street at the time of his death.

According to the 1900 Census, they had seven children, six living at that time. The Census stated that William was a firemen, Jenny a saleslady, Ellen a silver filigree maker and Albert a harness maker. By 1900, the three children mentioned were the only ones living at home.

He was married to Harriet B. BEAHEN (daughter of Miles BEAHEN) on 1 Jun 1864 in Freeport, IL.\(^5\) Harriet B. BEAHEN was born on 5 Nov 1842 in New York State.\(^6\) She was probably born at Utica in Oneida County. This is from her brother's military record—at least he was born there. Her parents were born in Ireland.

Her birth date is given as 5 Nov in her obituary, and 4 Nov on the death certificate. She died on 3 Sep 1918 in Freeport, IL.\(^7\) She was buried on 5 Sep 1918 in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Freeport, IL.\(^8\) Her surname is spelled in a variety of ways on formal documents: Baham, Beahem, Beahen, Beachen and Behan. Her middle name was probably Bridgett. Most frequently the spelling is Bahen. It is spelled Bahen in the Geiger family bible. But her brother John spelled his name BEAHEN; so that is what we will use as the correct spelling. She lived at 24 Dexter Street in Freeport when she died. This is the same house that C. O. Richards lived in later.

Her obituary states that she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bahen and that, when she died, she had a brother living in Portland Oregon. His name was John and he was a Civil War veteran. It also states that she came west from New York with her parents when she was 5 years old and settled in Stephenson County where she had lived since then.

William Henry HAMM and Harriet B. BEAHEN had the following children:

+2 i. Catherine L. HAMM.
+3 ii. Mary E. (Molly) HAMM.
4 iii. Anna Jane (Jennie) HAMM was born on 7 Dec 1868 in New Dublin, Stephenson County, IL.\(^9\) She was baptized on 2 Feb 1869 in St. Mary's Church, Erin Township, IL.\(^10\) The sponsors were: Alexander Ham and Bridget Molton. (I think Alexander would be Andrew, her uncle; there was no Alexander at that time.
and place.) She died on 1 Aug 1940 in Freeport, IL.\footnote{11} She was buried on 3 Aug 1940 in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Freeport, IL.\footnote{12} She was a retail clerk most of her working life. She and her brother, "Uncle Bert," lived in the (duplex) house on Dexter Street. For a time her sister Nellie (Ellen Theresa) and her husband C. O. Richards lived in the other half of the house.

5 iv. William Oscar HAMM was born on 8 Aug 1870 in New Dublin, Stephenson Cty, IL.\footnote{13} He was baptized on 30 Oct 1870 in St. Mary's Church, Erin Township, IL.\footnote{14} The sponsors were: John Harrington and Teresa Hamm. The priest: Father Mullaney. He died on 20 Apr 1872 in New Dublin, Stephenson County, IL.\footnote{15} His obituary reads: "In the town of Erin, 20 April 1872, of typhoid pneumonia, William Oscar Hamm, eldest son of William and Bridgett Hamm, aged 1 year, 8 months."

6 v. Albert S. HAMM was born on 16 Mar 1872 in New Dublin, Stephenson Cty, IL.\footnote{16} He was baptized on 24 Mar 1872 in St. Mary's Church, Erin Township, IL.\footnote{17} He died on 28 Aug 1953 in St. Francis Hosp., Freeport, IL.\footnote{18} He was buried on 31 Aug 1953 in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Freeport, IL.\footnote{19} This is the family's "famous Uncle Bert." According to one of his nieces, he had hands that were very rough and fingernails that never got clean because he worked in a harness factory that eventually became Spencer Leather Co. He used to pinch the children with those rough fingers and scare them. According to another niece, "He pinched my brother and me too. We always took them farm goodies at Christmas -- a fresh dressed chicken, home made butter, etc. He always made us drink his dandelion wine--always made me sick and Daddy would have to stop on the way home to let me throw up." He died with a pair of false teeth in his stomach. He may have swallowed them while asleep.

+7 vi. Ellen Theresa (Nellie) HAMM.
+8 vii. Myles Joseph HAMM.

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2. Catherine L. HAMM was born on 9 Aug 1865 in New Dublin, Stephenson Cty, IL.\footnote{20} She died on 24 Aug 1919 in Freeport, Illinois.\footnote{21} She was buried on 26 Aug 1919 in St. Mary's Cemetery, Freeport.\footnote{22} She married John WALL, and they lived in Florence Township in Stephenson County.

She was married to John WALL in 1891 in Freeport, IL.\footnote{23} John WALL was born on 19 Jul 1855 in Florence Township, Stephenson Cty, IL.\footnote{24} He died on 18 Apr 1904 at his home in Florence Township.\footnote{25} He was buried on 20 Apr 1904 in St. Mary (Calvary) Cemetery, Freeport, IL.\footnote{26} From his obituary: "He was married to Miss Anna Sullivan in 1884, she having died five years later. In 1892 he was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Hamm, of this city, who with two children, Agnes and Bessie, by his first marriage, and three children, John, Harriet and Frances by his second marriage, and two brothers, Patrick of this city, and James of Florence (Township), are left to survive him."

Catherine L. HAMM and John WALL had the following children:

+9 i. John William WALL.
+10 ii. Harriet Margaret WALL.
+11 iii. Francis J. WALL.
3. Mary E. (Molly) HAMM was born on 7 Feb 1867 in New Dublin, Stephenson Cty, IL. She was buried on 25 Dec 1934 in St. Mary (Calvary) Cemetery, Freeport, IL. She married William A. Roberts. They were living in Carroll, Iowa in 1906, and in Omaha in 1919. But they must have returned to Freeport later, because there are a William A. and Mary E. Roberts buried in St. Mary's (Calvary) Cemetery— and the birth and death dates match.

She was married to William A. ROBERTS (son of Isaac ROBERTS and Mary LEWIS) on 11 Sep 1894 in Freeport, IL. The wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church, Freeport, by Father Kalvelage. William A. ROBERTS was born on 27 Oct 1858 in Shullsberg, WI. He died on 22 Mar 1925 in Omaha, Nebraska. He was buried on 26 Mar 1925 in St. Mary's Calvary Cemetery, Freeport, IL.

Mary E. (Molly) HAMM and William A. ROBERTS had the following children:

12 i. William Emmett ROBERTS. His wife was Alice; we do not know her surname. We first had his name as Emmet. His father's obituary lists a son as William E. Therefore we assume that this would be William Emmet.

13 ii. Mary H. ROBERTS. Her middle name was Harriett, based on her father's obituary, 23 Mar 1925, in the Freeport (IL) Journal Standard. She was living in Omaha, NE in 1934 when her mother died.

7. Ellen Theresa (Nellie) HAMM was born on 1 Feb 1875 in Freeport, Illinois. She was baptized on 25 Apr 1875 in St. Mary's Church, Erin Township, IL. She died on 4 Nov 1954 in Freeport, IL. She was buried on 8 Nov 1954 in St. Mary's Cemetery, Freeport, IL. According to the 1900 Census, she was a silver filigree maker. That is well known in the family and it is still possible to occasionally find filigree products of the company she worked for around 1900, Dirksen Silver Filigree Company.

She was married to Charles Oliver RICHARDS on 22 Feb 1903 in Freeport, Illinois. Charles Oliver RICHARDS was born on 1 Jun 1874 in Freeport, IL. Some family records have a birth date one day earlier, 31 May 1874. He died on 6 Sep 1970 in Freeport, IL. He was buried on 9 Sep 1970 in St. Mary's Calvary Cemetery, Freeport, IL. He was the son of Oliver and Mary (Callaghan) Richards. Ellen Theresa (Nellie) HAMM and Charles Oliver RICHARDS had the following children:

+14 i. Harriet Margaret RICHARDS.

+15 ii. Charles William RICHARDS.

+16 iii. James Joseph RICHARDS.

+17 iv. Oliver Albert RICHARDS.

+18 v. Paul Vincent RICHARDS.

8. Myles Joseph HAMM was born on 10 Sep 1877 in Freeport, IL. He was baptized on 16 Dec 1877 in St. Mary's Church, Erin Township, IL. He died on 5 May 1944 in Santa Barbara, California. According to a family note, dated 30 Jun 1970: "Myles Hamm ran a laundry in Freeport. After his wife, May [or Mary] Bookman Hamm died, he went to Santa Barbara, California where he lived until his death."
The last address of his son was: Joe Hamm, 9501 Bradley, Sun Valley, CA. This was taken from a letter dated 6 Dec 1948.

He was married to Maggie Mae BOOKMAN (daughter of Henry BOOKMAN and Mary J. MOOS) on 29 Sep 1898 in Freeport, IL. Witnesses were: Earl Bookman and Nellie Hamm. Maggie Mae BOOKMAN was born on 22 Aug 1874 in Freeport, IL. She died on 15 Aug 1924 in St. Francis Hospital, Freeport, IL. She was buried on 18 Aug 1924 in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Freeport, IL. Her name was listed as "May" on her marriage license.

From her obituary: "Besides her husband, Mrs. Hamm leaves one son, Joseph Grinnell Bookman, Detroit, Mich.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bookman, Freeport; Karl Bookman, Moline, and Walter Bookman, Detroit. She was preceded in death by one sister, Mrs. Henry Luecke, and a brother Harry. She is also survived by two grandchildren. ... Mrs. Hamm had of late years been making her home in Santa Barbara, Cal., and had returned to Freeport in November because of failing health."

Myles Joseph HAMM and Maggie Mae BOOKMAN had the following child:

19 i. Joseph G. HAMM was born in Mar 1900 in Freeport, Illinois. He resided in Roscoe, CA in May 1944 at the time his father died. His father was living in the same city when he died. There is a note in the Freeport (IL) Weekly Democrat, 16 May 1902: "The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Hamm yesterday ate a fancy colored egg that had been in the house since Easter and the poison of it threw the little fellow into convulsions. Doctors Firestone and Torey were called."

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9. John William WALL was born on 28 Mar 1894 in Florence Township, Stephenson County, IL. He died on 15 May 1958 in Freeport, Illinois. He was buried on 19 May 1958 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Freeport, IL. He was living in Florence Township in 1919.

He was married to Agnes JAEGGER on 17 Apr 1917 in Freeport, IL. Agnes JAEGGER was born on 30 Oct 1893 in Stephenson County, IL. She died on 21 Dec 1968 in Freeport, IL. She was buried on 23 Dec 1968 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Freeport, IL. Her parents were Henry J. and Crescentia (MILLER) JAEGGER.

John William WALL and Agnes JAEGGER had the following children:

20 i. John Henry WALL was born on 21 Sep 1920 in Freeport, Illinois. He died on 17 Jun 1983 in Montgomery County, Illinois. He married Katherine Louch (spelled Louks in his obituary) of Aurora, IL. His nickname was "Bubb."

+21 ii. Mary Kathryn WALL.

10. Harriet Margaret WALL was born on 28 Mar 1896 in Stephenson County, IL. She died on 26 Apr 1969 in Freeport, IL. She was buried on 29 Apr 1969 in St. Mary's (Calvary) Cemetery, Freeport, IL. She lived at 260 State St., Freeport, IL, according to her mother's obituary in 1919.
She was married to Karl Joseph BALLES (son of Charles BALLES and Theresa ERDMAN) on 7 Apr 1915 in Freeport, IL. Karl Joseph BALLES was born on 24 Nov 1890 in Freeport, IL. He died on 10 Mar 1964 in Freeport, IL. He was buried in St. Mary's (Calvary) Cemetery, Freeport, IL. From his obituary: "Besides his widow, survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Merle (Jane) Rosenstiel of Freeport; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Tyler, Mrs. Eleanor Broderson and Mrs. Frances Carroll, all of Freeport; a granddaughter, Mrs. Norman (Judy) Babcock of Freeport; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers." He was called "Mike."

Harriet Margaret WALL and Karl Joseph BALLES had the following child:

+22 i. Harriet Jane BALLES.

11. Francis J. WALL was born on 8 May 1898 in Stephenson County, IL. He died on 18 Sep 1974 in Monroe, WI. He was buried on 21 Sep 1974 in St. Mary (Calvary) Cemetery, Freeport, IL. According to his obituary, he was employed by the Illinois Central Railroad for 44 years before retiring in July 1967. It continues: "Surviving is a niece, Mrs. Merle (Jane) Rosenstiel of Freeport, with whom he resided. He was also preceded in death by a brother and two sisters."

He was married to Helen COLEMAN on 25 Nov 1940 in LaSalle, IL. Helen COLEMAN was born on 14 Oct 1896 in LaSalle, IL. She died on 5 Aug 1946. The couple had no children.

14. Harriet Margaret RICHARDS was born on 19 Feb 1904 in Freeport, IL. She died on 29 Nov 1993 in Freeport, IL. She was buried on 1 Dec 1993 in St. Mary (Calvary) Cemetery, Freeport, IL.

She was married to William John MCGURK on 16 Oct 1929 in Freeport, IL. William John MCGURK was born on 14 Aug 1899 in Freeport, IL. He died on 2 Oct 1975 in Freeport, Memorial Hosp., Freeport, IL. He was buried on 4 Oct 1975 in St. Mary's Calvary Cemetery, Freeport, IL.

Harriet Margaret RICHARDS and William John MCGURK had the following children:

+23 i. Mary MCGURK.

24 ii. Margery MCGURK was born on 12 Nov 1933 in Freeport, IL. She died on 19 Sep 1945 in Freeport, IL. She was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Freeport, IL.

+25 iii. William MCGURK.

26 iv. Anne Marie MCGURK was born on 28 Jun 1948 in Freeport, IL. She died on 5 Jul 1948 in Freeport, IL. She was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Freeport, IL.

15. Charles William RICHARDS was born on 6 Jun 1906 in Freeport, IL. His wife, Norma, in her notes, lists his birth as 4 Jun 1906. He died on 16 Jun 1987 in Dunedin, FL. He was buried in Curlew Memorial Gardens, Dunedin, FL.

He was married to Norma J. HENSON on 3 Jul 1930 in Freeport, IL. Norma J. HENSON was born on 17 Feb 1909 in Quincy, IL.
Charles William RICHARDS and Norma J. HENSON had the following child:

27  i.  Charles E. RICHARDS was born on 29 Jun 1933 in Freeport, IL. He died on 1 Jul 1933 in Freeport, IL. He was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Freeport, IL.

16. James Joseph RICHARDS was born on 17 Nov 1907 in Freeport, IL. He died on 12 Jan 1965 in Phoenix, Arizona. He was buried in St. Mary (Calvary) Cemetery, Freeport, IL.

He was married to Helen Rosemary CAHILL on 23 Jul 1932 in St. Mary's Church, Freeport, IL. Helen Rosemary CAHILL was born on 2 Oct 1913 in Stockton IL. James Joseph RICHARDS and Helen Rosemary CAHILL had the following children:

+28 i. Julie Ellen RICHARDS.
+29 ii. James Joseph, Jr. RICHARDS.

17. Oliver Albert RICHARDS was born on 15 Mar 1911 in Freeport, IL. He died on 3 Apr 1978 in Freeport Memorial Hosp, Freeport, IL. He was buried on 6 Apr 1978 in St. Mary (Calvary) Cemetery, Freeport, IL.

He was married to Catherine POPKES on 1 Aug 1934 in Freeport, IL. Catherine POPKES was born on 19 Mar 1911 in Freeport, IL.

18. Paul Vincent RICHARDS was born on 29 Jun 1915 in Freeport, IL.

He was married to Peg ANDERSON on 20 Apr 1940 in Chicago, IL. Peg ANDERSON was born on 15 Apr 1917 in Chicago, IL.

Paul Vincent RICHARDS and Peg ANDERSON had the following children:

+30 i. Kathy RICHARDS.
+31 ii. Susan RICHARDS.

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21. Mary Kathryn WALL was born on 30 Dec 1922 in Florence Township, Stephenson County, IL.

She was married to Eugene FISCHER on 7 Oct 1942 in Freeport, IL. Eugene FISCHER was born on 16 Dec 1917. He died on 26 Oct 1982. Mary Kathryn WALL and Eugene FISCHER had the following children:

+32 i. Dianne FISCHER.
+33 ii. Elizabeth Jean FISCHER.
+34 iii. William John FISCHER was born on 21 Nov 1953.
22. Harriet Jane BALLES was born on 1 Apr 1916 in Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{107} She died on 18 Dec 1995 in Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{108} She was living at St. Joseph's Home for the Aged at the time she died. She was buried on 21 Dec 1995 in St. Mary's Calvary Cemetery, Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{109}

She was married to Frank William REITINGER on 16 Jul 1936 in Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{110} She was divorced from Frank William REITINGER in Oct 1946 in Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{111} Frank William REITINGER was born on 11 Apr 1915.\textsuperscript{110} He died on 6 Dec 1978 in Los Angeles, CA.\textsuperscript{110}

Harriet Jane BALLES and Frank William REITINGER had the following child:

+35 i. Judith Anne REITINGER.

She was married (second marriage) to Merle E. ROSENSTIEL on 17 Sep 1955 in Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{112} Merle E. ROSENSTIEL was born on 12 Jul 1915.\textsuperscript{113} Harriet Jane BALLES and Merle E. ROSENSTIEL had the following child:

36 i. Jane ROSENSTIEL.

23. Mary MCGURK was born on 18 Oct 1931 in Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{114}

She was married to Ray SCHOLBE on 23 Apr 1955 in Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{115} Ray SCHOLBE was born on 21 Jun 1928 in Milwaukee, WI.

Mary MCGURK and Ray SCHOLBE had the following children:

37 i. Marjorie SCHOLBE was born on 15 Jul 1956 in Freeport, IL.

38 ii. Maureen SCHOLBE was born on 22 Oct 1957 in Freeport, IL.

39 iii. Martha SCHOLBE was born on 2 Aug 1959 in Freeport, IL.

40 iv. Charles SCHOLBE was born on 10 Apr 1962 in Freeport, IL.

41 v. John SCHOLBE was born on 12 Jul 1964 in Freeport, IL.

42 vi. Robert Frederick SCHOLBE was born on 16 Apr 1966 in Freeport, IL. He died on 18 Apr 1966 in Freeport, IL. He was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Freeport, IL.

25. William MCGURK was born on 1 May 1943 in Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{116}

He was married to Sue SWIFT on 5 Sep 1964 in Freeport, IL.\textsuperscript{117} Sue SWIFT was born on 10 Sep 1944 in Freeport, IL.

William MCGURK and Sue SWIFT had the following children:

43 i. Christine MCGURK was born on 1 Oct 1969.

44 ii. Cathleen MCGURK was born on 19 Jun 1966.
28. Julie Ellen RICHARDS was born on 28 May 1934 in Freeport, IL. She was married to William Arthur WEIMER on 10 Sep 1955 in Freeport, IL. William Arthur WEIMER was born on 9 May 1934 in Freeport, IL.

Julie Ellen RICHARDS and William Arthur WEIMER had the following children:

45  i.  Lee James WEIMER was born on 11 Dec 1956 in Anderson, IN.
46  ii. Mark William WEIMER was born on 20 Jan 1958 in Anderson, IN.
47  iii. Jay Arthur WEIMER was born on 13 Dec 1959 in Chicago Heights, IL.
48  iv. Kent Joseph WEIMER was born on 7 Jan 1964 in Tarrytown, NY.

29. James Joseph, Jr. RICHARDS was born on 15 Jan 1937 in Freeport, IL.

He was married to Deanna GREGORY on 19 Oct 1963 in St. John Church of God, Norwalk, CA. Deanna GREGORY was born on 26 Jan 1943 in Taft, California.

James Joseph, Jr. RICHARDS and Deanna GREGORY had the following child:

49  i.  Daniel James RICHARDS was born on 11 Dec 1973 in Eureka, CA.

30. Kathy RICHARDS was born on 6 Sep 1946.

31. Susan RICHARDS was born on 11 Dec 1949. She married ? (given name unknown) DESMOND.

Susan RICHARDS and DESMOND had the following children:

50  i.  Evin DESMOND.
51  ii. David DESMOND.

FIFTH GENERATION

32. Dianne FISCHER was born on 13 Oct 1944. She was married to Robert REIGLE on 28 Jan 1965. Robert REIGLE was born on 25 Dec 1940.

Dianne FISCHER and Robert REIGLE had the following child:

52  i.  Robert Paul REIGLE was born on 16 May 1969.
33. **Elizabeth Jean FISCHER** was born on 16 Nov 1946.\(^{127}\)

She was married to Patrick MAHONEY on 27 Nov 1966.\(^{128}\) **Patrick MAHONEY** was born on 4 Feb 1946.\(^{129}\) He was called "Mike."

Elizabeth Jean FISCHER and Patrick MAHONEY had the following child:

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   i.  **Timothy Sean MAHONEY** was born on 9 Feb 1967.\(^{130}\)

35. **Judith Anne REITINGER** was born on 9 Jul 1940 in Freeport, IL.\(^{131}\)

She was married to Norman Eugene BABCOCK on 7 Sep 1959.\(^{132}\) The marriage took place at St. Mary’s Church, Freeport, IL. **Norman Eugene BABCOCK** was born on 8 Jul 1938 in Buckeye Township, Stephenson County, IL.\(^{133}\) Judith Anne REITINGER and Norman Eugene BABCOCK had the following children:

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   i.  **Nancy Louise BABCOCK** was born on 8 Jan 1960 in Freeport, IL.\(^{134}\)
   ii. **Janet Lynn BABCOCK** was born on 30 Jan 1962 in Freeport, IL.\(^{134}\)
   iii. **Jeffrey Karl BABCOCK** was born on 1 Sep 1963 in Freeport, IL.\(^{134}\)
   iv. **Mary Ellen BABCOCK** was born on 5 Jan 1965 in Freeport, IL.\(^{134}\)
   v. **Steven James BABCOCK** was born on 10 Sep 1970 in Freeport, IL.\(^{134}\)
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PART XII: A HAMM FAMILY TIME LINE:
Their First Fifty Years in the USA
A Time Line: Hamm Family History: Their First Fifty Years in the USA

1836, 3 Nov  Family arrived in New York
1838, 10 Mar  Mary Anne born (Philip and Catherine)
1838  Augustin Hamm died (date uncertain: probably 1836 - 1840)
1839  Family moved to Wheeling
1841, 12 Apr  William born (Philip and Catherine)
1843, 29 Sep  Madeleine married Sebastian Lutz in Wheeling
1845  The Hamm family settled in Erin Township in Illinois
1845, 27 Nov  Mary Louisa born (Madeleine and Sebastian Lutz)
1847, 21 Apr  Charles Philip born (Madeleine and Sebastian Lutz)
1849, 5 Jul  Josephine Catherine born (Madeleine and Sebastian Lutz)
1850  Madeleine Hamm died (wife of Sebastian Lutz)
1852, 27 Apr  Philip married Louisa Bouray
1853, 15 Dec  Theresa Catherine born (Philip and Louisa Bouray)
1854, 1 Jan  Catherine married John Geiger
1854, Oct  Mary Augusta born (Catherine and John Geiger)
1855, 23 Dec  Mary Josephine born (Philip and Louisa Bouray; died before 1860)
1856, 19 May  Clara Geiger born (Catherine and John Geiger)
1857  Edward born (Philip and Louisa Bouray)
1858  Louisa Bouray died (Philip’s wife)
1858, 3 Oct  Philip married Catherine Murphy
1859, Jun  Oscar born (Catherine and John Geiger)
1859, 28 Oct  Catherine died (Philip Sr.’s wife)
1861  Albert A. born (Catherine and John Geiger)
1861, 7 Apr  Catherine Murphy divorced Philip Hamm
1862, 26 Apr  Mary Anne married Augustus F. Broad
1862, 25 Jun  Andrew married Ann Moulton
1863, 21 Feb  Jane (Jennie) born (Catherine and John Geiger)
1863, 22 Mar  William Joseph born (Andrew and Ann Moulton)
1864  John born (Andrew and Ann Moulton)
1864, 1 Jun  William married Harriet Beahen
1864, 24 Oct  Ella born (Catherine and John Geiger)
1864  Mary Louisa Lutz married Joseph Gardner
1864  Joseph Gardner born (Mary Louisa Lutz and Joseph Gardner)
1865, 9 Aug  Catherine L. born (William and Harriet Beahen)
1865, 28 Oct  Sophia Anna Gardner born (Mary Louisa Lutz and Joseph Gardner)
1866  Ellen L. (Nellie) born (Mary Anne and Augustus Broad)
1866, 20 Nov  Sebastian Lutz died (Madeleine Hamm’s husband)
1867, 7 Feb  Mary E. (Molly) born (William and Harriet Beahen)
1867  William J. born (Catherine and John Geiger)
1868, 3 Dec  Charles A. born (Mary Anne and Augustus Broad)
1868, 7 Dec  Anna Jane born (William and Harriet Beahen)
1869, 19 Aug  Charles Philip born (Andrew and Ann Moulton)
1870, 3 Apr  Charles Philip Lutz married Anna Huseman
1870, 8 Aug  William Oscar born (William and Harriet Beahen)
1871, 8 Jan   Louis Lutz born (Charles Philip Lutz and Anna Huseman)
1871, 21 Jan  Anna Huseman died (Charles Philip Lutz' wife)
1872        Mollie born (Mary Anne and Augustus Broad)
1872, 16 Mar  Albert S. born (William and Harriet Beahen)
1872, 20 Apr  William Oscar died (William and Harriet Beahen)
1872        Matilda B. Gardner born (Mary Louisa Lutz and Joseph Gardner)
1873        William and Harriet and family moved to Freeport
1874, Jan    Fred J. born (Mary Louisa Lutz and Frederick Schwartz)
1874, 16 Mar  Francis Patrick born (Andrew and Ann Moulton)
1875, 1 Feb   Ellen Theresa born (William and Harriet Beahen)
1875, 9 Feb   Theresa Catherine married Charles Otto
1875, 30 May  Mary Louisa Lutz married Frederick Schwartz
1875, 31 Dec  Mary (Mayme) born (Andrew and Ann Moulton)
1876, 7 Jun   Mary Augusta Geiger married LeRoy Wilkins
1877, 1 Jan   Marie Louise born (Theresa Cath and Chas Otto)
1877, 10 Sep  Miles J. born (William and Harriet Beahen)
1877        Charles Schwartz born (Mary Louisa Lutz and Frederick Schwartz)
1878, Jan    Gretchen born (Theresa Cath and Chas Otto)
1878, Jan    Elizabeth born (Theresa Cath and Chas Otto)
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1879, Dec    Johanna born (Theresa Cath and Chas Otto)
1880, 14 Apr  Louis W. Schwartz born (Mary Louisa Lutz and Frederick Schwartz)
1881        Antonia born (Theresa Cath and Chas Otto)
1881, 25 Jul  Gertrude Christina Schwartz born (Mary Louisa and Frederick Schwartz)
1883, 3 Oct  Oscar Geiger married Mary McBurney
1885        Jane (Jennie) Geiger married John Henry Howell
1888, 31 Jan  George Schwartz born (Mary Louisa Lutz and Frederick Schwartz)
1888, Mar    Charles Otto died
1888        Sophia Anna Gardner married Charles Z. Landmeyer

The above list includes forty four births between 1845 and 1888. It is undoubtedly still missing some of the grandchildren born after 1860 that we have not been able to identify. It is probable that the Hamm family increased on average by one birth per year for its first half century in America. We do not know how many descendants there are today.
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**Census Records Pertaining to the Hamm Family**

28 March 1668 - Baptism
Anna Pfrimmer

Comment: This and the next two records are presented here primarily so the reader can see the earliest records we have found. These three records come from the Eckwersheim Lutheran Church in the Bas-Rhin part of northern Alsace. They are in German, in the old German script used until the early part of the twentieth century.

Translation:
Lorentz Pfrimmer on the 28th of March (1668) baptized a baby daughter named Anna. The Godparents were: the daughter of Bernard Schlüter, ...?...; Catharina, Nicolas Schöllenham’s wife; and Anna, Jacob Elinor’s wife.

Notes:
We have shown the entire page from the church record book. The record above is the fifth record down the page. Note that the page covers all activity from 2 January to 2 April in the year 1668. This includes baptisms, marriages and burials. The burials are indicated by the roughly drawn cross on two of the entries. The small amount of activity indicates how small the church and town were.

This is one of the oldest records we have found in researching the Hamm family. Anna was the oldest child of Lorentz Pfrimmer and Catharina Arbogast; she was the first child born in the family and the sister of Lorentz Pfrimmer, an ancestor of Catharina Wurth.
Andreas Tomazewicz, dem 3. Januar geboren in Dolin, 
Nicolaus Tomazewicz, dem 7. Februar geboren in Kolobrzeg,
Nicolaus Tomazewicz, dem 15. Februar geboren in 

Familie: 
Johann Tomazewicz, dem 28. März geboren in 

Johann Tomazewicz, dem 9. April geboren in 

Johann Tomazewicz, dem 12. April geboren in 

Johann Tomazewicz, dem 15. April geboren in 

Johann Tomazewicz, dem 18. April geboren in 

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Johannes Tomazewicz, dem 14. Februar gebore
27 January 1688 - Marriage
Hanss Adam Böllinger and Anna Zültzer

Translation:

A. C. (After Christ) 1688. On the 27th of January Adam Bollinger, carpenter, son of Adam Bollinger, town resident, and sheep raiser, married Anna, daughter of Michael Zültzer, town resident of Eckwersheim, and weaver.

Note:

Again we have shown the entire page from the marriage section of the church record book. This page covers parts of three years. It was truly a small town and small church that had no activity (as it states) for 1686, and only four marriages during 1687.
A.C. 1686. In dem Jahr sind keine solchen Vorfälle vorgekommen.

A.C. 1687. Im 24sten Januar sind 2 Kinder geboren: Johann Christoph und Michael. Michael ist noch im Alter von 7 Jahren.

Den 13. Mai, Clara Stüringer, Clara Stüringer, Bürgerin in Leutkirch, Tochter von Barbara und Konrad Stüringer, des Bürgermeisters,

Im 25sten November, Josephina, Tochter von Pfarrer Johann, Pfarrer in Leutkirch, Tochter von Pfarrer Johann, des Pfarrers,

A.C. 1688. Im 27sten Januar, Adam Bollinger, Zimmermann, lässt und Benutzer, Bautzleiter in Bregenz, Gehörtengebiet, Tochter von Johann, der Anna, Michael Bollinger, Bürger in Leutkirch, Tochter von Johann, der Anna.

Den 23sten November, Johann Wüst, Tochter von Adam Wüst, Bürger in Leutkirch, Tochter von Johann, der Anna, Maria Andrea Dammann, der Maria, Tochter von Johann, der Anna.
15 October 1688 - Baptism
Anna Maria Böllinger

Translation:

15 October (the year 1688 is given on a previous page at the beginning of the year’s entries): Hanss Adam Bollinger, carpenter, baptized a daughter, Anna Maria. The Godparents were: Catharina Maria, the daughter of the Pastor of the church, Johann Wol..? Dorne; Anna, wife of Theobald Klein, resident of Eckwersheim; and Michael Pfrimmer son of the shoemaker Pfrimmer.

Notes:

The records on this page include several relatives of the Pfrimmer family. The first one is the birth of a Catharina Pfrimmer; the second mentions as a Godparent Eva, daughter of Erhard Pfrimmer; the third is the birth of Andreas, son of Andreas Pfrimmer. Including the record translated above, four out of the five records contain the surname Pfrimmer.

The record translated above is the last on the page.
8 February 1728 - Baptism
André Schott

Translation:

Today, the 8th of February of the year 1728, by my signature, the parish priest in Vendenheim and Olwisheim, we baptize Andreas Schott, son of Andreas Schott of the Lutheran Religion living in Plobsheim; and Anna Batt originating from the town of Mundolsheim. The birth was the preceding day of the same month and year. The Godfather is the young unmarried man Ludovicus (Ludwig) Edelman who is a cobbler here in Plobsheim and originally from Bavaria. The Godmother is young unmarried Barbara Schreiber, daughter of the mayor Ignatii (Ignatius) Schreiber of Plobsheim. The godparents and I sign in the absence of the father.

Notes:

The town of Mundolsheim, only a kilometer south of Lampertheim, was burned to the ground in 1815, so the records for the town prior to that year are almost non-existent. For that reason we are not able to trace the birth of Anna Batt. She was probably born there around 1700.

For some reason the parents, André Schott and Anna Batt decided to have the child, André Schott, baptized in the Catholic Church. We know from the record that the father was Lutheran and therefore could not sign the Catholic baptism record. Anna Batt was probably Catholic; if she was not, it would have been mentioned. It is probably for that reason that this baptism was Catholic.
Translation:

Today the 23 of December 1734, the death of Maria Magdalena Derendinger, legitimate wife of Nicolas Wurth, farmer and jurist from the village of Dundenheim, is recorded by me in the Parish of Ichenheim. Burial in the cemetery at Ichenheim on the date given above. Witness: Stephen Derendinger, miller and inn-keeper and resident here.

Made official by my signature here. (Signature of the Parish Priest)
18 February 1737 - Marriage  
Frantz Michel and Salome Hiss

Translation:

Today, the 18th of February 1737, we proclaim publicly in the church and parish of Iffertzheim, after publishing the notice (banns) on the third of February this year, and after finding no impediments, I sign below as the pastor of the church at Plbsheim, having received consent for this marriage. We tie the bond of matrimony between: respectable young man Franciscus (Frantz) Michel a brick maker by profession, originally from Iffertzheim; and (the bride) respectable Salome Hiss, previously married to the deceased Petri (Peter) Hudelstein, living in this village when he was alive.  
Witnesses signing below with me are: Mathias Fender and Sigmund Shaal citizens of Plobsheim; and Jacob Hiss from Geisboltzheim.

Notes:

The bride's name is smudged by an ink blot, so it cannot be certain that we have it spelled correctly. We do have the record of her marriage to Peter Hudelstein and her name is clearly readable there. Her mother's name was Maria Scholastica Roth and there is a possibility that this was another child of the family, named Scholastica, but there is no other evidence to support that.

The town mentioned in the record, Iffertzheim, cannot be found on modern maps of the region. Since the parish seems to be the same for Iffertzheim and Plbsheim, it is probable that Iffertzheim was a small hamlet nearby.

Geisboltzheim is today spelled Geisbolsheim, and is a short distance northwest of Plbsheim.
1737.

Hodie Deum octava februarii Anni Mdcxxii. Septemingesimae trigesimi
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seculo die iubem in Ecclesia Sanctitatis officio publico
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Translation:

Today, the 11th of November 1737, the death of Nicholas Wurth, resident farmer and jurist from the village of Dundenheim, is recorded by me in the Parish of Ichenheim. Burial in the cemetery at Ichenheim on the date given above. Witnesses: Johannes Adam Kloz, iron worker and resident of this place, and also Melchiore Bürik who is staying (visiting here) with Isadore Wernner.

Comment:

Writing the abbreviations for the last four months of the year is interesting. Here 9bris is November. Xbris would be December; 8bris October; and 7bris would be September.
21 February 1741 - Death
Maria Schaal

Translation:

Maria Schaal wife of Adam Erb
On the 21st of February in the year 1741 we perform the sacraments of the Eucharist and Extreme Unction for Maria Schaal, who died today. She was the wife of Adam Erb. By me representing the parish of Plobsheim, she will be interred on the 22nd day of the same month and year. Witnesses signing below are: Adam Erb, husband of the deceased; Sigismundo (Sigmund) Schaal, father of the deceased; Jacob Schaal and Stephen Schaal, brothers of the deceased and citizens of Geispolsheim. All of them and I sign below.

Notes:

Two things are unusual about this death and burial record. First, the number of witnesses is normally two; here there are four. Second, Maria Schaal's father, Sigmund is still living. He would have been nearly seventy in 1741; that is longer than most people lived those days.

The town mentioned, Geisboltzheim, spelled Geispolsheim today, is about five miles northwest of Plobsheim.
Anno Millesimo Septuagesimo quattuor quadragesimo primo Augusti mensis October die vigesima quinta hora infra die, Maria Schkel, uxori Theodori Schkel, mortua est. Horum mortis loco et die, Romano sakramentis vel dominicae Missae, est, vigesima die mensis Octobris, Anni. Quemque testis est, et Maria de furtu. Signum meum in funeris facultate postulatum. Signum meum in funeris facultate postulatum et signum meum in funeris facultate postulatum.

Joh. Wiemer auster in Holsteim
23 January 1747 - Marriage
Johannes Wurth and Catharina Rohrhirsch

Translation:

Today, the 23rd of the month of January 1747, in this holy family we in the parish proclaim publicly, with no objections, and with mutual consent, and signed by me the priest, we celebrate holy matrimony. The husband is the young unmarried Johannes Wurth, son of the deceased Nicholas Wurth, jurist in the village of Dundenheim. The wife is the unmarried virgin Catharina Rohrhirsch, legitimate daughter of Anthony Rohrhirsch, resident and school teacher of our sons and daughters in Dundenheim. Witnesses signing below are: Anthony Rohrhirsch, father of the bride; Anthony Rohrhirsch, first son (bride's oldest brother); Johannes Derendinger, relative of the groom; all of whom sign here below.

Notes:

The date at the top of the page is 1746; and then just under it, in flowing script, it says, "The Year 1747." Apparently the date was placed on the page earlier, expecting at least one more marriage in 1746. This marriage was the first in the new year.

Johannes Wurth's mother was Magdalena Derendinger, so the witness, Johannes Derendinger was probably the groom's uncle.

Finally, note that Johannes Wurth was just two months short of his sixteenth birthday. His bride is 22. Their first child was born on 26 October 1747, just nine months later. This age and age difference are a bit unusual even for those days. The dates have been re-checked and all appear to be correct.
Annis millesimus Septingentesimus
Quadragésimus Septimus.

Hodie Die vigesimá tertia mensis Januarii
Annus millesimus Septingentesimus quadragésimus Septimus
Ibi prope Proclamationibus in
Hæc nostra Ecclesia parochialis publicis factis
nullo detecito impedimento a me infideli quo
Parocho prætendit secreto mutuo onus seu quod
Matrimonium vinculo in facie Ecclesiae conjuncti
fuerunt non a publicis judiciis loquentes
Wurth ecclesiæ. Nicolaus Wurth justitiarius
in Lagæ Dundenheim p. m. iib. (pont. quod)
Virgo Catharina Iohannis Hirshin constat discreti
Anton. Iohannis Hirshin fidei et moderatoris
in situi nostro Dundenheim filia, ambo como-
rantes in hac parochia. Adeo sunt de ipses
Antonius Iohannis Hirshin Pater Bono, Antonii
Iohannis Hirshin filius Hierico Solebg, et Ioannes
Dereninger cognatus sponsi qui una mecum
Subscriptors sunt:
Antonius Iohannis Hirshin fidei

Carolus Iohannis Hirshin loco.
24 November 1747 - Baptism

André Hamm

Translation:

Page 98. On the 24th of the month of November one thousand seven hundred and forty seven (1747), we document here the baptism of Andreas (André), son of Laurentis Ham, resident and day laborer; and (his wife) Anna Lienhard. The couple make their home in Rangen. The child was born on this same day, month and year. The Godfather is: Antonius Wolbreth, son of Friedrich Wolbreth from Marmoutier. The Godmother is: Anna Maria Jauch, daughter of the deceased Laurents Jauch, living in Hohengoef. Signed by the father and by me (the Priest) for the Godparents who cannot write.

Notes:

This is the birth record of Philip Hamm’s father. It is in Latin.

The town of Rangen is served by the Catholic Church in Hohengoef, a town less than a half mile away. Marmoutier is about four miles west and Strasbourg is about sixteen miles southeast of Rangen.

Lorentz Hamm, the father (Philip’s grandfather) obviously could sign his name in a flowing script. That signature to the lower left of this record appears on several other records. He probably could write fairly well, a bit unusual for the time and position he occupied.
8 March 1750 - Dispensation
Anna Pfrimmer, born Lutheran

Translation:

Today, the 8th of March 1750, we publicly intervene in the
marriage of the previously confirmed Lutheran, Anna Pfrimmer,
daughter of the deceased André Pfrimmer and Anna Marie
Dettwiller, who were married Lutheran in Eckwersheim (and who
lived there); by my signature below representing the Parish
of Vendenheim, we absolve the excommunication which we
recognize, and present this before all in the Parish.

Notes:

This record was found almost by accident in a small section of three records covering a
thirty year period. In other words, this was a very special event and was quite rare at that time.

The use of the word excommunication probably means that anyone born Lutheran (or
other than Catholic) is regarded as excommunicated from the Catholic Church until that is
formally altered by such a document in the church records.

The date of this record, 8 March 1750, is one day before the marriage of Anna Pfrimmer
to André Schott.
Hadi odua Mensis martij anni Milleseimii
Septingentium quintum et tertia
M imagen pullam iahomeni, quam Catholica
abjuratorum anna primitiis filia de fundatorum
andre primitiori Hanne nomine Hett William
alii tormusum Catholiconnum in Erfurto hein.
Comoni Asin; et e no praecepto parocho un
Vendem heimi ab eiceommunicacione, quem
kainen professum incumbar, abvolto est
presente universo parochiae populo.

Ottman parochus est.
Translation:

Today, the 9th of March 1750 we make this proclamation of marriage (with a dispensation according to the practices of the church for which we solemnly call upon God to witness) in our Parish of Vendenheim. We publicly announce the nullification of any impediment and we recognize the mutual consent to the bond of matrimony between: Andreas Schott, son of Andreas Schott, citizen and Lutheran farmer in Lampertheim, -- and Anna Pfrimmer, new convert, daughter of the deceased Andrea Pfrimmer, and Anna Marie Dettwiller, married Lutheran, living in Eckwersheim. Witnesses are: Andreas Schott, father of the groom; Valentinius Lutz; Antonius Maur, school master in this town; and Josephus Wendling, shoemaker coming from Verviller, all of whom sign below, except the bride who verbally declares her marriage commitment.

Notes:

The comments about impediments relate to the couple's parents who were Lutheran. The groom had apparently converted earlier; and the bride received her special dispensation for this marriage only the day before; see that record.

Verviller does not appear nearby on the modern map. It is either some distance away or a town whose name has been changed in the intervening years.
Part XIII: Family Documents

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22 March 1753 - Baptism
Anna Maria Schott

Translation:

Today, the 22nd of the month of March 1753, baptized by me in the Parish of Vendenheim, is Anna Maria, daughter of André Schott, resident and farmer here; and Anna Pfrimmer his legitimate wife, from Lampertheim. Born the same day as above. The Godfather is Nicholas Zell, son of Anthony Zell, living in this town. The Godmother is Maria Schneider, daughter of Michael Schneider, resident and jurist from here. Presented by the father who signs below with the Godparents and the Parish Priest.

Comments:

Vendenheim is a small village about 500 yards to the north of Lampertheim; apparently the two towns made up one parish.

The spelling of names in these Latin records varies a bit from the names people used. Here André Schott is Andrea, and he signs his name as Andreas. Nicholas Zell is written Nicholas Zelly, and he signs his name as Clauss Zölli. The surname is actually Zill or Zell based on a look through all the family names in the civil records for Lampertheim as of about 1800. Also note that the first letter could be an R. But there were no Rell's or Relli's in the list of names. Finally, Michael Schneider is written as Michaelis in Latin.

The priest was a Father Attmann, of the parish at Vendenheim.

Note the town name is spelled Lambertheim. The spelling changed to Lampertheim during the second half of the eighteenth century. Actually, Lampertheim was probably closer to its pronunciation all along.
4 October 1757 - Baptism
Bonaventure Wurth

Translation:

Today, the 4th of the month of October 1757, baptized by me the undersigned parish Priest, is Bonaventure Wurth, son of Johannes Wurth, resident and day laborer of Dundenheim, and his legitimate wife Catharina Rohrhirsch. The Godfather is Anthony Beisser, judge from Dundenheim. The Godmother is the unmarried Ursula Lehmann, daughter of Matthew Lehmann widower from Dundenheim; (both witnesses) sign here below.

Signatures: Hanss Wurth, Anthony Beisser, X for the Godmother, and the Priest is Gregory Glockler

Notes:

The child's name is spelled Bonaventura Wurt. His father's signature is also interesting. He signs Hanss Wurth, with a small bar over the u. In German script, the e's, n's, and u's all appeared very much alike. The extra bar or small arc was placed over the u to distinguish it from the other two look-alike letters. This small mark over the u, and the first name Hanss, for "Joannis," are sufficient evidence to indicate that the family spoke German. This record is in Latin—a somewhat different script than the German.
Bonaventura

Bona ventura

Die quarta mensis Octobris Anni millesimi septet

sterAGESIMI quinquagesimini. Septimi a me in fratris

in Barcho descriptus est Bonaventura Wurt. Angeli

Joannis Wurt Civis et operarius ex Fünksenheim nec non

honi. Catharina, eobisi frisca, nostris ejus legit filia

legit: Patri filia huius Antonii Lipsi, Seabening il

Dünksenheim. Matrina vero ep. Ursula Lehmannin

honi. Matthaei Lehmanni m. Civis quondam in Dützenh

relica filia, quod scribere non salens eolum color

subscribentibus, quam notam fact.

Pater. Levius

Patris, Antonii Lipsi, Matrina et

Baptizes C. Gregorii Loadheer. Ehy.
22 November 1762 - Marriage
Frantz Michel and Dorothea Erb

Translation:

Today, the 22nd of November in the year 1762, we proclaim, in the parish church in Plobsheim, after finding no impediments by the undersigned pastor of Plobsheim, with all consenting, we tie the bond of matrimony between: young unmarried man Fransiscus (Frantz) Michel, son of Frantz Michel, brick maker, and his wife Marie Salome Hiss living here; and (the bride) respectable Dorothea Erb, here with her guardian Joannis Georgii (Johann Georg) Brügel, a wood worker here in Plbsheim, all members of this parish. Witnesses are: Joannes Franciscus (Johann Frantz) Michel, the father of the groom; Joannes Stephen Georgiis (Johann Stephen Georg) Huy, resident of Eschau; Jacob Meyler, Mathius Meyler and Joannes (Johann) Bonapfel, all residents of Plobsheim. The witnesses and I sign below.

Notes:

Eschau is a small town only about a mile north of Plobsheim.

The bride Dorothea Erb's parents had both died by the time she was eleven. This explains why she was with a guardian. Her father, Adam Erb, died in 1744, and her mother, Anna Maria Schaal, died in 1741.

The Meyler name is also spelled Meiler; that is the more modern spelling. The family is very close to the all of the Plobsheim relatives of the Hamm's and Wurth's. The same is true of the Bonapfel family. There are intermarriages between these families as well as many references to these families as Godparents in this Hamm/Wurth family tree.
Habere resoluts Anni. Dominic et Augustini, et conjugandus.

Et apud Balthas. Fugger, Anno. Domini 1620. Nisi die

Laurent. Scolopio, Fugger, et Annu. Domini 1620. Nisi die


Jacob. Thurner, Fugger, et Annu. Domini 1620. Nisi die
9 June 1772 - Marriage
André Hamm and Anna Maria Schott

Translation:

Today, the 9th of June 1772, the Parish of Vendenheim proclaims the marriage (through the testimony of Michael Adam, Rector, as of this day and month, to the effect that the impediments found to this marriage have been set aside) of Andreas (André) Hamm, son of Laurentius (Laurentz) Hamm, resident of Rangenheim and the deceased Anna Lienhard, when living his wife; -- and Anna Maria Schott, daughter of Andreas Schott, resident of Lambertheim (Lampertheim), and Anna Pfrimmer, both living at Lambertheim. The witnesses are: Laurentz Hamm, father of the groom; Laurentz Hamm, brother of the groom; Andreas Schott, father of the bride; and Theobaldus Rothi (Roth); signed below along with my signature.

Notes:

The only impediment to the marriage that we know of is that the mother of the bride was born Lutheran. She converted to Catholicism just before she married in 1750.

Laurentz Hamm signed his name Lorentz, in the German style. His name in French would have been Laurence, and in English, probably Lawrence. Certainly throughout his lifetime it was Lorentz.

Anna Maria Schott signed her name, but André Hamm apparently started writing and then gave up and just placed his "X."

The town of Rangenheim is not shown as a nearby town on today's maps; perhaps it is a town that changed its name between 1772 and today. There is a town called Rangen, about fourteen kilometers west of Vendenheim. It is the town to which the record refers.
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30 April 1786 - Baptism
Philippe Hamm

The record we have of the birth of Philippe is the Catholic Church baptism record. As is typical of the times, it was written in Latin. The transcript and translation follow:

Transcript:

Hodie trigesima die mensis aprilis anni millesimi Septingentesimi octogesimi sexti natus et a me infra scripto parochio baptisatus est Philipus filius Andrea Ham et Anna Marie Schott conjugum incolarium in Lampertheim. Patrinus suit Joannes Meyer, filius Antonii Meyer ludimoderatoris heijatis. Matrina a vero seit Margaretha Braun, uxor Georgii Graff incola huuijatis qui prosente patra una meum hic subscriperunt.

Johannes Meyer (name written by priest) Signum (mark) X patris (Godfather).

Signed by the priest: Ant. (probably Anthony) Primpal,
Parishes of Vendenheim and Lampertheim.

Translation:

Today, the 30th of April 1786, born and baptized by me the undersigned parish priest, is Philippe, son of André Hamm and Anna Marie Schott, inhabitants of Lampertheim. The godfather is Johann Meyer, son of Anthony Meyer, school master here. The godmother is Margaritha Braun, wife of George Graff, resident here. Presented by the godfather who signs here.

Comment:

It was customary that the godparents were aunts and uncles, unless the family had come from another town and had no relatives close by. In that case the godparents were close family friends, or someone well-known in the village, such as the school teacher. So far we have not discovered either a Braun or Meyer in the family.
...
25 April 1787 - Death

*André Hamm*

**Translation:**

The 25th of April 1787, A. D., the sudden and untimely death of Andreus (André) Hamm, when living the husband of Maria Anna Schott, residing in Lampertheim and working as a day laborer. Witnesses who sign with me below are: Andrea (André) Schott, citizen and day laborer; and another Andrea (André) Schott, citizen and day laborer in Lampertheim.

**Notes:**

The death of André Hamm was indeed untimely. His fifth and last child, Philippe Hamm, was only one year old. André Hamm was only 39 years old when he died. His widow, Anne Marie (or Marie Anne) Schott, lived on until 1818.

The two witnesses, both named André Schott, are probably his father-in-law and his brother-in-law. The reason none of his own family relatives were there to act as witnesses was that they were living in Plobsheim or nearby, some twelve miles to the south, directly through the center of Strasbourg. While twelve miles does not seem very far to us today, the word of the death would have to be brought by foot or horseback, and then the relatives would have to travel by the same means. With funerals and burial often taking place on the same day as the death, this becomes nearly impossible.
Annus Domini millesimo
Septingentesimo octogesimo
Die vigesima quinta Aprilis
improvisâ morte abrēptus
est Andreas Hanner maritus
relata Maria anno Schotttm
dum vixeret et succūsio
in Lampertheime et die
sequenti à me infra scripto
parocho securitio in amento
Eicaria in Lampertheime
prosentibus testibus Andreas
Schotttm et mercenariis
et alio Andrea Schotttm et
mūranio in Lampertheime
qui mea mecum ini subseripserunt.

Johannes /off Dando
Ant. Prinpe parochus in Verdenheim.

et Lampertheime.
20 April 1801 - Baptism
Catherina Wurth

This is one of the more difficult records to read and translate. It is in German, as were the Civil birth, marriage and death records of the village of Plobsheim until the end of the Republic in December 1805. After that the records appear on pre-printed forms, and are written in French. The Catholic Church records prior to the Revolution were all in Latin.

A rough translation follows:

In the city hall of the village of Plobsheim, on the first day of the month of Floreal in the year nine of the French Republic, at eight o'clock, these two witnesses appeared before me, the Mayor of the village of Plobsheim, to record a birth.

The child, baptized today, is (the daughter) of Bonaventure Wurth, resident of this town, and day laborer. Witnesses are: Franz Michael, resident and forester, age 40; and Jacob Michael, resident and farmer, age 32.

The name of the girl is Catharina. The child was born, at two o'clock in the morning, of a legitimate marriage. The mother is Maria Catharina Michael. The undersigned are the father, Bonaventure Wurth, and the two witnesses, Franz Michæl and Jacob Michæl, and the official signature of the Mayor of the village of Plobsheim.

Notes:

1. The date of birth, the first day of the month of Floreal in the year nine, translates to 20 April 1801.

2. Both witnesses were brothers of the child's mother, Maria Catharina Michæl, or Michel, as it was spelled in French.
Translation of the French Civil Death Record:

Declaration of a death, in the town hall of the village of Lampertheim, Department of The Lower Rhine, registered with the town official, at three o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday the 13th of December 1818.

Names of the decedent: Anna Marie Schott, wife of the deceased André Hamm, when living a brick layer in this town.

Age of the decedent: 65 years, 8 months and 21 days; born at Lampertheim. (No profession listed.) Living at Lampertheim. Died in this town today, Sunday the 13th of December at 11 o'clock in the morning, at house No. 131, on the road to Pfettisheim.

Name and profession of father: the deceased André Schott, day worker.

Name of mother: the also deceased Anne Pfrimmer

Name and profession of first witness: André Schott, brick layer, age 56, brother of the deceased.

Name and profession of second witness: Joseph Dittel, day worker, age 52, son-in-law of the deceased.

Both witnesses live in this town.

(Signed by the witnesses and the Mayor of Lampertheim)
DÉCLARATION DE DÉCÈS faite en la Maison commune de Sausport,
département du Bas-Rhin, par devant l'Officier de l'État civil, à
le Dimanche treizième Décembre— mil huit cent— heures du

Prénoms et nom de la DÉCÉDÉE Anne Marie Schott, veuve de feu André Hamm, vivant
maison en cette commune
Age de soixante-cinquième, huit mois vingt un jours; née à Sausport le

Profession ou qualité,
Domiciliée à Sausport cinquième, du mois de Décembre, à onze heures du matin, dans la maison située N° 131 rue dite de Pfettisheim

Prénoms, nom et profession de son PÈRE, feu André Schott, journalier

Prénoms et nom de sa MÈRE, aussi feu Anne Grimmder.

Premier DÉCLARANT : prénoms, nom, âge, profession; André Schott, maçon, âgé de cinquante ans, frère de la décédée

Deuxième DÉCLARANT : prénoms, nom, etc. Joseph Gittel, journalier, âgé de cinquante ans, gendre de la décédée

Les dit eure déclarant domicilié en cette mairie.

Lecture faite, l'Officier de l'État civil a signé avec les déclarams.
6 January 1821 - Marriage
Philippe Hamm and Cathérine Wurth

Translation:

Act of marriage noted by the mayor of the town of Plobsheim, Department of Bas-Rhin, at three o'clock in the afternoon of the 6th of January 1821.

Name of husband: Philippe Hamm, age: majority, born of a legitimate marriage the 30th of April 1786 at Lampertheim, in Bas-Rhin, living in Plobsheim, profession: day laborer.

Husband's father: (deceased) André Hamm, when living a brick layer at Lampertheim, died at Lampertheim the 25th of April, 1787, as is stated in the mortuary record at that place.

Husband's mother: (deceased) Anne Marie Schott, died at Lampertheim the 13th of December, 1818, also as stated in the records.

Name of Wife: Cathérine Wurth, age: majority, born of a legitimate marriage the first of Floreal, Year nine of the Republic. (20 April 1801) Born, and now living at Plobsheim.

Wife's father: Bonaventure Wurth, day laborer at Plobsheim, present and consenting (to the marriage).

Wife's mother: Cathérine Michel, living at Plobsheim.

The publication of this marriage as required by custom, was done at the hour of noon on Sundays the 17th and 24th of December 1820 and at Lampertheim on the same days. There was no opposition to the marriage.

Next is the formal statement that Philippe Hamm and Cathérine Wurth are united in marriage. Then follows the names of the four witnesses:

-- André Hamm, age 45, bar keeper (or inn keeper)
-- Joseph Grimer, age 48, farmer
-- Antoine Wurth, age 35, day laborer
-- Jacques Michel, age 52, farmer

All four witnesses are living in this town (Plobsheim)

Last, the signatures: Philippe Hamm and Catharina Wurth on first line, then “Bonnavendure” Wurth, then André Hamm (with Hamm in a circle), and on the same line, Joseph Grimer, and on the last line, Anthin Wurth and Jacob (German form of Jacques) Michel. The signature at lower right is the Mayor.
ACTE DE MARIAGE, célèbrée à la Mairie commune de...

PÈRE :

MÈRE :

Prénom :... nom :... profession :... domicile :...

TÉMOINS :

Prénom :... nom :... profession :... domicile :...

Le(s) témoin(s), ont été admis à la mairie, dans la forme réelle, et sans qu'il y eût apposition, à la fin du présent acte, que le phénomène civil a prononcé, au nom de la loi, que...

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Fraîcheur d'esprit et d'humeur, je suis revenue...
23 July 1821 - Birth
Madeleine Hamm

Translation:

Declaration, made at the Town Hall of Plobsheim, Department of Bas-Rhin, under the auspices of an officer of the Civil State, at three o'clock in the afternoon of the twenty third of the month of July in the year 1821, of the birth of a female infant, born of a legitimate marriage, today the twenty third of the month of July at five o'clock in the morning, and named Madeleine.

First and surname of person recording this event (Declarant): Philippe Hamm, age thirty five years, living at Plobsheim, profession, day laborer.

Father of the infant, name, profession and place of residence: The Declarant.

Mother of the infant, first and surname and place of residence: Cathérine Wurth, spouse of the Declarant, living at Plobsheim.

The birth took place in House Number: 73

The First Witness: Antoin Wurth, age thirty five years; day laborer.

The Second Witness: André Hamm, age forty five; bar keeper.

The two witnesses live in this town

Signatures

Notes:

The two witnesses would probably be the child's godparents. André Hamm is the child's uncle, Philippe's brother. Antoine Wurth is the half-brother of Cathérine Wurth, and therefore also an uncle of a sort.
Déclaration, faite à la Maison commune de Robsheim, département du Bas-Rhin, par l'Officier de l'État civil, à trois heures du soir, le vingt-trois du mois de juillet mil huit cent vingt-un, de la naissance d'un enfant du sexe féminin, né en l'état civile mariage, aujourd'hui, le vingt-trois du mois juillet à cinq heure du matin, et nommé Madeleine.

Prénoms et nom du déclarant: Philippe Baum.

Âge de trente cinq ans, domicile à Robsheim.

Qualité ou profession: journalier.

Père de l'enfant: prénoms, nom, profession et domicile. Se déclarant.

Mère de l'enfant: prénoms, nom et domicile, Catherine Wurth, épouse du déclarant à Robsheim.

L'accouchement a eu lieu en la maison N° 73.

Premier témoin: prénoms, nom, âge et profession, Charles Wurth, âgé de trente cinq ans, journalier.

Deuxième témoin: prénoms, etc. André Baum, âgé de quarante cing ans, Cabanier.

Les dits témoins domicilié en cette mairie.

Lecture faite, l'Officier de l'État civil a signé avec les comparans.

Maire, faisant les fonctions d'Officier de l'État civil,

Signatures.
30 June 1823 - Birth
Philippe Hamm

Translation:

Declaration, made at the Town Hall of Plobsheim, Department of Bas-Rhin, under the auspices of an officer of the Civil State, at nine o’clock in the morning of the first of the month of July in the year 1823, of the birth of a male infant, born of a legitimate marriage, yesterday the thirtieth of the month of June at eight o’clock in the evening, and named Philippe.

First and surname of person recording this event (Declarant): Philippe Hamm, age thirty six years, living at Plobsheim, profession, day laborer.

Father of the infant, name, profession and place of residence: The Declarant.

Mother of the infant, first and surname and place of residence: Cathérine Wurth, spouse of the Declarant, living at Plobsheim.

The birth took place in House Number: 73

The First Witness: André Hamm, age forty six; bar keeper.

The Second Witness: François Xavier Hetsher, age forty six, school teacher.

The two witnesses live in this town

Signatures

Notes:

The two witnesses would normally be the child’s godparents. André Hamm is the child’s uncle, Philippe’s brother. François Xavier Hetsher is not known to be a relative. It was common to ask officials of the town to bear witness if there was no family member available. That is what probably happened here.
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29 January 1825 - Birth
André Hamm

Translation:

Declaration, made at the Town Hall of Plobsheim, Department of Bas-Rhin, under the auspices of an officer of the Civil State, at four o’clock in the afternoon of the twenty ninth of the month of January in the year 1825, of the birth of a male infant, born of a legitimate marriage, today the twenty ninth of the month of January at noon, and named André.

First and surname of person recording this event (Declarant): Philippe Hamm, age thirty seven years, living at Plobsheim, profession, day laborer.

Father of the infant, name, profession and place of residence: The Declarant.

Mother of the infant, first and surname and place of residence: Cathérine Wurth, spouse of the Declarant, living at Plobsheim.

The birth took place in House Number: 73

The First Witness: André Hamm, age forty nine; bar keeper.

The Second Witness: François Xavier Hetsher, school teacher.

The two witnesses live in this town

Signatures

Notes:

The two witnesses would normally be the child’s godparents. André Hamm is the child’s uncle, Philippe’s brother. François Xavier Hetsher is not known to be a relative. It was common to ask officials of the town to bear witness if there was no family member available. That is what probably happened here.
Déclaration, faite à la maison commune de Plobsheim — départ du Bas-Rhin, par devant l'Officier de l'État civil, à quatre heure du soir — le douzième au mois de janvier, mil huit cent vingt-cinq, de la naissance d'un enfant du sexe masculin né en légitime mariage, aujourd'hui le vingt-neuf au mois janvier à l'heure de midi et nommé André.

Prénoms et nom du déclarant: Philippe Banwe.

Age de trente-sept ans — domicile à Plobsheim.

Qualité ou profession: journalier.

Père de l'enfant: prénoms, nom, profession et domicile, du déclarant.

Mère de l'enfant: prénoms, nom et domicile, Catherine Wurth, épouse du déclarant à Plobsheim.

L'accouchement a eu lieu en la maison N. 79.

Premier témoin: prénoms, nom, âge et profession, André Banwe, âgé de quarante-neuf ans, laboureur.

Deuxième témoin: prénoms, etc. François Xavier Bœf, âgé de cinquante ans, instituteur.

L'enfant témoin, domicilié en cette mairie.

Lecture faite, l'Officier de l'État civil a signé avec les comparans.

Maire, faisant les fonctions d'Officier de l'État civil.

Déclaration, faite à la maison commune de Plobsheim — département du Bas-Rhin, par devant l'Officier de l'État civil, à quatre heure du soir — le douzième au mois de janvier, mil huit cent vingt-cinq, de la naissance d'un enfant du sexe masculin né en légitime mariage, aujourd'hui le vingt-neuf au mois janvier à l'heure de midi et nommé André.
19 January 1827 - Birth
Louis Hamm

Translation:

Declaration, made at the Town Hall of Plobsheim, Department of Bas-Rhin, under the auspices of an officer of the Civil State, at two o’clock in the afternoon of the twentieth of the month of January in the year 1827, of the birth of a male infant, born of a legitimate marriage, yesterday the nineteenth of the month of January at eight o’clock in the evening, and named Louis.

First and surname of person recording this event (Declarant): Philippe Hamm, age forty years, living at Plobsheim, profession, day laborer.

Father of the infant, name, profession and place of residence: The Declarant.

Mother of the infant, first and surname and place of residence: Cathérine Wurth, spouse of the Declarant, living at Plobsheim.

The birth took place in a house with no number.

The First Witness: André Hamm, age fifty; bar keeper.

The Second Witness: Louis Bitschy, age forty seven, policeman.

The two witnesses live in this town.

Signatures

Notes:

The two witnesses would normally be the child’s godparents, if relatives. André Hamm is the child’s uncle, Philippe’s brother. Louis Bitschy is not known to be a relative. It was common to ask officials of the town to bear witness if there was no family member available. That is what probably happened here.
DÉCLARATION, faite à la maison commune de Lobresieu, départ du bas-Rhin, par devant l'Officier de l'État civil, à deux heures du soir, le vingt du mois de janvier mil huit cent vingt-sept, de la NAISSANCE d'un enfant du sexe masculin, né en légitime mariage, mâle, le dix-neuf du mois de janvier, à huit heures du soir, et nommé Louis.

Prénoms et nom du DÉCLARANT: Philippe Hannu.

Age: quarante ans, domicilé à Lobresieu.

Qualité ou profession: journalier.

PÈRE de l'enfant: prénoms, nom, profession et domicile, de la déclaration.

MÈRE de l'enfant: prénoms, nom et domicile, Catherine Wurth, âgée de vingt-cinq ans, épouse du déclarant à Lobresieu.

L'accouchement a eu lieu en la maison No. de la maison.

Premier TÉMOIN: prénoms, nom, âge et profession, André Manuel, âgé de cinquante ans, cabaretier.

Deuxième TÉMOIN: prénoms, etc. Louis Bitschij, âgé de quarante ans, sergent de la commune.

L'enfant: témoins domiciliés en cette mairie.

Lecture faite, l'Officier de l'État civil a signé avec les comparans.

[Signatures]

Maire, faisant les fonctions d'Officier de l'État civil.
12 February 1829 - Birth
Augustin Hamm

Translation:

Declaration, made at the Town Hall of Plobsheim, Department of Bas-Rhin, under the auspices of an officer of the Civil State, at eleven o'clock in the morning of the twelfth of the month of February in the year 1829, of the birth of a male infant, born of a legitimate marriage, today the twelfth of the month of February at two o'clock, and named Augustin.

First and surname of person recording this event (Declarant): Philippe Hamm, age forty two years, living at Plobsheim, profession, day laborer.

Father of the infant, name, profession and place of residence: The Declarant.

Mother of the infant, first and surname and place of residence: Catérine Wurth, spouse of the Declarant, age twenty seven, living at Plobsheim.

The birth took place in House Number: 155

The First Witness: Joseph Grinner, age fifty five, farm worker.

The Second Witness: Augustin Blaesi, age forty seven, shoemaker.

The two witnesses live in this town

Signatures making this official, after viewing the infant.

Notes:

The two witnesses would normally be the child’s godparents, if they were relatives. Here, neither one is known to be related to either Philippe’s or Catérine’s families.
Officier de l'État civil, à 10 h 15 heures à Bâle... le 12 février 1829, de la NAISSANCE d'un enfant du sexe masculin né en légitimate mariage, aujourd'hui les douze... du mois de février à dix-sept heures du matin et nommé Augustin Hamm.

Prénoms et nom du DECLARANT: Philipp Hamm

Âgé de quarante-deux ans, domicile à Blobenheim.

Qualité ou profession: journalier.

PÈRE de l'enfant: prénoms, nom, profession et domicile, de déclarant.

MÈRE de l'enfant: prénoms, nom et domicile, Cathérine Hamm épouse du déclarant, âgée de vingt-sept ans, domicile à Blobenheim.

L'accouchement a eu lieu en la maison N° 155.

Premier TÉMOIN: prénoms, nom, âge et profession, Joseph Gruen, âgé de cinquante-cinq ans, laboureur.

Deuxième TÉMOIN: prénoms, etc. Augustin Blasti, âgé de quarante-sept ans, cordonnier.

L'acte a été signé en cette mairie.

Lecture faite, l'officier de l'État civil a signé avec les comparans, après que l'enfant a été présenté.

Philipp Hamm, Josef Gruen

Maire, faisant les fonctions d'Officier de l'État civil.
14 February 1832 - Birth
Louis Hamm

Town of Plobsheim, Arondissement (like a county) of Strasbourg, on the fourteenth of the month of February of the year 1832, at four o’clock in the afternoon, we record the birth of Louis Hamm, born the fourteenth of February 1832 at three o’clock in the afternoon, the son of Philippe Hamm, age forty five, profession, day laborer, resident of Plobsheim; and Cathérine Wurth, age twenty nine, resident of Plobsheim.

The infant (shows the sex of) is male.

First Witness: George Schaeffer, age fifty seven, profession, fisherman, living at Plobsheim, in the Department of Bas-Rhin.

Second Witness: Thiebaut Grinner, age forty four, profession, farm worker, living at Plobsheim, in the Department of Bas-Rhin.

Under the request made by Philippe Hamm, father of the infant and after the reading of the signatures of the witnesses, this is confirmed official.

Signatures: witnesses, the father, and the Mayor of Plobsheim

Notes:

There were Schäffers (or Schaeffers) in the ancestors of the family a century before. It may be that George Schaffer is a relative and therefore a godfather of this child. We have no evidence that Thiebaut Grinner is a relative of the family.
MAIRIE DE SLOBHEM

ACTE DE NAISSANCE de Louis Sämme
neé le 14 février 1832.

L'enfant a été reconnu être du sexe masculin.

Premier TÉMOIN : George Schaffer
âgé de cinquante-sept ans, profession de prêteur
à Slobheim, département du Bas-Rhin.

Second TÉMOIN : Michael Amer
âgé de quarante-quatre ans, profession de laboureur
à Slobheim, département du Bas-Rhin.

Sur la requisition à nous faite par Philipp Sämme, père de l'enfant, et après la lecture du présent acte ont signé

Constaté suivant la loi par moi faisant les fonctions d'Officier de l'État civil.

Maire de Slobheim

Maire de Slobheim

Sjören
1 January 1835 - Birth
Joseph Hamm

Town of Plobsheim, Arondissement (like a county) of Strasbourg, on the first of the month of January of the year 1835, at eleven o’clock in the morning, we record the birth of Joseph Hamm, born at Plobsheim the first of January 1835 at nine o’clock in the morning, the son of Philippe Hamm, age forty six, profession, day laborer, resident of Plobsheim; and Cathérine Wurth, age thirty, resident of Plobsheim, his spouse in a legitimate marriage.

The infant (shows the sex of) is male.

First Witness: Antoine Wurth, age forty nine, farm worker, living at Plobsheim, in the Department of Bas-Rhin.

Second Witness: Augustin Bitschy, age thirty years, Profession, carpenter, living at Plobsheim, in the Department of Bas-Rhin.

Under the request made by Philippe Hamm, father of the infant and after the reading of the signatures of the witnesses, this is confirmed official.

Signatures: witnesses, the father, and the Mayor of Plobsheim

Notes:

As noted before, Antoin Wurth was a half brother of Cathérine Wurth and therefore a sort of uncle to the child. Louis Bitschy was a witness at the birth recording of a previous Hamm child. Augustin is probably a brother to Louis; however we have no evidence that either one is related to the Hamms or Wurths. Normally these witnesses, if relatives, were considered godparents.
ACTE DE NAISSANCE

Maire de Hobsheim

Le premier jour du mois de janvier

Joseph Hamm, enfant fort de l’année précédente, est né à Hobsheim le seizième jour du mois de janvier, à dix heures du matin.

Joseph Hamm est fils illégitime de Philippe Hamm, âgé de quarante-six ans, professeur de journalisme, domicilié à Hobsheim, et de Catherine Math, âgée de soixante ans.

L’enfant a été reconnu être du sexe masculin.

Premier TÉMOIN :

Second TÉMOIN :

Constaté suivant la loi par moi faisant les fonctions d’Officier de l’État civil, en présence et sur la déclaration des témoins ci-dessus dénommés.

Le Maire de Hobsheim

(1) Date de la déclaration.
(2) Prénoms donnés à l’enfant (les écrire en caractères très lisibles).
(3) Lieu de naissance de l’enfant.
(4) Membre exact de l’enfant, suivant l’année de la naissance.
(5) Fils ou fille légitime, si le père et mère sont mariés; fils naturel, si l’enfant est natif.
(6) Nom et prénoms du père; si l’enfant est naturel, et que le père se présente, on ajoutera, après ses nom et prénoms: reconnaissant la nature de l’enfant; si de ne se présente pas, on mettra dans ce blanc: de père inconnu, et l’on tira un trait de plume dans les blancs destinés à recevoir les autres renseignements relatifs au père.
(7) Nom et prénoms de la mère; si l’enfant est légitime, après l’indication du domicile, on ajoutera: son époux ou légitime mariage.
(8) Masculin ou féminin.
(9) Nom et prénoms du premier témoin.
(10) Nom et prénoms du second témoin.
Tous les deux doivent être de sexe masculin, et être de plus de vingt et un ans; être Français, et
14 November 1835 - Birth
Cathérine Hamm

Town of Plobsheim, Arondissement (like a county) of Strasbourg, on the fourteenth of the month of November of the year 1835, at eleven o’clock in the morning, we record the birth of Cathérine Hamm, born the fourteenth of November 1835 at three o’clock in the morning, the legitimate daughter of Philippe Hamm, age forty seven, profession, day laborer, resident of Plobsheim; and Cathérine Wurth, age thirty one, resident of Plobsheim, his spouse in a legitimate marriage.

The infant (shows the sex of) is female.

First Witness: Augustin Blaesi, age fifty three, profession, shoemaker, living at Plobsheim, in the Department of Bas-Rhin.

Second Witness: Jean Barthelmé, age fifty three, profession, bar keeper, living at Plobsheim, in the Department of Bas-Rhin.

Under the request made by Philippe Hamm, father of the infant and after the reading of the signatures of the witnesses, this is confirmed official.

Signatures: witnesses, the father, and the Mayor of Plobsheim

Notes:

Augustin Blaesi was a witness in the birth of a previous Hamm child. As far as we know he is not a relative of the family. This is the first appearance of Jean Barthelmé as a witness for this family. Again, we have no evidence that he is a relative.
Mairie de Polsheim — Arrondissement de Strasbourg.
Le 1° quatorzième jour de novembre
an mil huit cent trente-cinq, à onze heures du matin

ACTE DE NAISSANCE de 2° Catherine
née 3° Polsheim le quatorzième novembre mil huit cent trente-cinq
à trois heures du matin fille légitime de 6° Jamme Philippe,
âgé de quarante et un ans, professeur de journalier, domicilié à Polsheim, et de 7° Catharine
âgé de trente et un ans, domiciliée à Polsheim, son épouse, en légitime mariage.

L'enfant a été reconnu être du sexe 8° féminin.

Premier TÉMOIN : 9° Blesse Augustin, âgé de cinquante ans, profession de coiffeur, domicilié à Polsheim, département du Bas-Rhin.

Second TÉMOIN : 10° Baschelme Jean, âgé de cinquante ans, profession de cabaretier, domicilié à Polsheim, département du Bas-Rhin.

Sur la réquisition à nous faite par 11° le père de l'enfant et après lecture du présent acte authentique
le père et les témoins.

Constaté suivant la loi par moi 12° Felsz André, faisant les fonctions d'Officier de l'État civil, en présence et sur la déclaration des témoins ci-dessus dénommés.

Philipp Jamme

Le Maire
Part XIII: Family Documents

4 May 1840 - application for United States Citizenship
Philip Hamm

"Phillip Hamm, an alien who lately arrived in the United States and is desirous of being naturalized a citizen thereof this day appeared in Court on pursuance of the act of Congress, made a report of himself which report is in the following words: I Phillip Hamm make the following report of myself to the County Court of the County of Ohio in the State of Virginia, that is to say, I report that I was born in the City of Strasbourgh in the Kingdom of France on or about the year 1787, being now in the 53rd year of my age, that I am a subject of Louis Phillipe, King of France, owing allegiance to that monarch, and none other, that I migrated from said Kingdom of France in the Month of August in the year 1836, and arrived at New York in the State of New York, in the United States in the Month of October in the same year and that I arrived at Wheeling in the State of Virginia, One of the United States on or about the 15th day of May 1839, where I intend to settle myself. And that it is bona fide my intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance to the said King of France and every other foreign prince, state, or sovereignty whatever. Witness my hand and seal this 4th day of May 1840."

Signed, Phillip Hamm. "And the said Phillip Hamm declared on oath as to his intention above expressed."

Source: Ohio County, Virginia, Order Book number 28, page 291.

Note: West Virginia, although the region was settled during the late eighteenth century, did not become a state until 20 June 1863.
Philip Hamni an alien who has lately arrived in the United States and in pursuance of the Act of Congress made a report of himself which report is in the following words: I Philip Hamni make the following report of myself to the County Court for the County of Shenandoah in the State of Virginia. That is to say, I represent that I was born in the city of Strasbourg in the Kingdom of France on or about the (year 1787) being now in the 33rd year of my age, but I am a subject of Your Most Christian King of France, owing allegiance to that Monarch and none other, that I migrated from the said Kingdom of France in the month of August in the year 1836, and arrived at New York in the State of New York, in the United States, in the month of October in the same year, and that I arrived at Wheeling in the State of Virginia one of the United States on or about the 15th day of May 1839, where I intend to settle myself, and that it is bona fide my intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to remain forever, allegiance to the said King of France and every other foreign prince, state or sovereignty whatever. Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1839. Philip Hamni. And the said Philip Hamni, depose and on oath as he has been heretofore expressed.
You are hereby Authorized to join in the solemnity of Marriage and to celebrate the rites and ceremonies of Marriage between John Feiger and Miss Nathaniel Hamlin of Stephenson County, and this shall be your good and sufficient warrant, and you are required to issue said License to be within thirty days from the celebration of said Marriage, with a certificate of the same, and added taxes, and signed by you, under penalty of One Hundred Dollars.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said County, the Thirteenth day of December 1853.

James F. Rogers
County Clerk.
The People of the STATE OF ILLINOIS To any person legally authorized to solemnize Marriages, GREETING:

You are hereby Authorized, To join in the Holy Rites of Matrimony, and to Celebrate the Rites and Ceremonies of Marriage, between Mr. Philip Harmon and Catherine Murphy

of _______ County, and this shall be your good and sufficient warrant, and you are required to return this License within thirty days from the celebration of such marriage, with a Certificate of the same appended thereto and signed by you, under the Penalty of one hundred dollars.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said County this ______ day of ___________.

Ob. D. 1859

[Signature]

COUNTY CLERK.

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Michael Maughlin

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I, Michael Maughlin, a Roman Catholic priest hereby certify, that on this day I have joined in Marriage Mr. Philip Harmon with Catherine Murphy, agreeably to the authority given in the above License.

Michael Maughlin
STATE OF ILLINOIS,

The People of the STATE OF ILLINOIS, to any person legally authorized to solemnize Marriages, GREETING:

You are hereby Authorized, to join in the Holy Bands of Matrimony, and to celebrate the rites and ceremonies of Marriage, between Mr. Husley H. Broad, and Miss Eliza A. Beatty, of Madison County, and this shall be your good and sufficient warrant, and you are required to return this License within thirty days from the celebration of such Marriage, with a Certificate of the same appended thereto and signed by you, under the penalty of One Hundred Dollars.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said County, this 26th day of April, A. D. 1862:

[Signature]

Sudderland County Clerk.

I, [Signature], hereby certify that on this day I have joined in Marriage Mr. [Signature] with Miss [Signature], according to the authority given in the above License.

[Signature]

April 26, 1862.
STATE OF ILLINOIS,

The People of the STATE OF ILLINOIS, to any person legally authorized to solemnize Marriages, GREETING:

You are Hereby Authorized, To join in the Holy Bands of Matrimony, and to celebrate the rites and ceremonies of Marriage, between Mr. Andrew Hansen and Anna Molten, of Steuben County, and this shall be your good and sufficient warrant, and you are required to return this License within thirty days from the celebration of such Marriage, with a Certificate of the same appended thereto and signed by you, under the penalty of One Hundred Dollars.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of said County, this 25th day of June, A. D. 1862.

[Signature]

By Att. Clerk

The above is true, I hereby certify that on this day I have joined in Marriage Mr. Andrew Hansen to Anna Molten, agreeably to the authority given in the above License.

Andrew Hansen
Anna Molten

June 25, 1862.
STATE OF ILLINOIS,

STEPHENVSON COUNTY,

The People of the State of Illinois, to any person legally authorized to solemnize marriages,

You are hereby Authorized, To join in the Holy Bands of Matrimony, and to celebrate the rites and ceremonies of Marriage, between Mr. William Harrison — and Miss Harriet C. Bahouli of Stephenson County, and this shall be your good and sufficient warrant, and you are required to return this License within thirty days from the celebration of such Marriage, with a Certificate of the same appended thereto and signed by you, under the penalty of One Hundred Dollars.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of said County, this 31st day of September, A. D. 1854.

[Stamp]

[Signature]

The above is correct, and I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of said County, and do hereby certify that on this day I have joined in Marriage Mr. William Harrison — with Miss Harriet C. Bahouli, — according to the authority given in the above License.

[Signature]

Listed as June 1, 1854 in Marriage Registry.

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Mrs. Geiger of Baileyville Died This Morning; Family is Well Known Throughout the County

Mrs. Katherine Geiger, a lady who was well and favorably known in Freeport and Stephenson County, died at her home in Baileyville this morning at 11:30 o’clock after a brief illness of five days. While Mrs. Geiger has not been well for over a year, the attending physicians detected a cancerous condition of her stomach and this is regarded as the immediate cause of her death. During her residence in Freeport, Mrs. Geiger and her husband, who died in 1878, conducted a grocery store when the city was much less pretentious than it is today.

About 1860 the family moved to Baileyville, on this side of the Stephenson County line, and engaged in the general mercantile business. Being of a thrifty nature the business prospered and Mrs. Geiger also made it a point to provide hotel accommodations for the wayfaring traveler. During all these years her hotel has been a very popular place and she was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Being a woman possessed of all the Christian virtues she has performed her duty in this life and her loving kindness will be remembered by the many friends and strangers whom she has served so well in this life.

The deceased was born in Alsace, Germany, sixty-eight years ago, having celebrated her last birthday last November. She came to America when a child three years of age and has made Stephenson County her home ever since. She was united in marriage to John Geiger fifty-one years ago, who is remembered by many of the early residents of this city.

The deceased is survived by four children, Albert A. and William J., of Baileyville; Oscar, of Chicago, and Mrs. Roy Wilkins, of Eagle Grove, IA. She is also survived by one brother and one sister, Mrs. Mary Broad and William Hamm, both of this city.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 8 o’clock at the family residence at Baileyville and at 9:30 o’clock from St. Joseph’s Catholic church of this city.
William Henry Hamm

Obituary; The Daily Journal, Freeport, Illinois; 5 October 1906

Death Summons Well Known Man

William Hamm Expired Last Evening at St. Francis Hospital

Was Resident of Stephenson County over Fifty Years

William Hamm, a resident of Freeport for the past thirty-four years, died last evening at 7:30 o’clock of heart failure at St. Francis Hospital, where he had been taken last Sunday. Stomach trouble was also a contributory cause. Last Monday morning Mr. Hamm underwent an operation at the hospital, and from that time his decline was rapid.

The deceased was born April 12, 1841, at Wheeling, W. Va., and came to this county in 1845 with his parents, who located at New Dublin. After spending his boyhood days on the farm with his parents, he engaged in farming for himself, having married Miss Harriet Bahen in this city June 1, 1864. They moved to Freeport in 1872, where they have since resided.

After coming to Freeport Mr. Hamm became janitor of the county court house, where he remained for a number of years. During recent years he had been employed at the Brewster house in a similar capacity. Mr. Hamm was a man of exemplary habits, and enjoyed the confidence of a host of friends. He was a good companion, and kept abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to current events. He was a devout member of St. Joseph’s Catholic church, and belonged to the Knights of the Globe.

Besides his wife, he is survived by the following children: Mrs. John Wall, Florence township; Mrs. William Roberts, Carrol, Iowa; Mrs. Oliver Richards, Miles, Albert and Jennie, all of Freeport. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. A. F. Broad, of this city.

The funeral will be held Monday morning at 8 o’clock from the family residence, 24 Dexter street, and at 9:30 o’clock from St. Joseph’s Catholic church. The interment will be at the German Catholic cemetery.
16 October 1912 - Death
Mary Anne Hamm

Obituary; The Daily Journal, Freeport, Illinois; 16 October 1912

Mrs. A. F. Broad

Mrs. Anna Marie Broad, for 47 years a resident of Freeport, died this morning at 10 o’clock at her home at 105 Benton st., apoplexy being the cause of her death.

Mrs. Broad was born at Redford, N. Y., March 10, 57 years ago. She was the last of six children and the first to be born in America, the others being born in France. Her father's name was Philip Hamm. When she was 10 years old her father came to this state and settled on a farm near Eleroy, where she lived until her marriage to A. F. Broad. Her husband, who was a prominent stationer in this city, passed away several years ago.

Mrs. Broad is survived by three children, Mrs. Ella Black and Miss Mollie Broad of this city and Mr. Charles Broad of Chicago.

Mrs. Broad was a devoted and faithful member of St. Joseph’s church. No arrangements have been made regarding the funeral, as the relatives are awaiting the arrival of Mr. Broad from Chicago.

Funeral; The Daily Journal, Freeport, Illinois, 18 October 1912

Funeral of Mrs. Broad

The funeral of the late Mrs. A. F. Broad was held this morning at 8:30 o’clock at St. Joseph’s church. Rev. Father Kalvelage officiated and interment was in St. Joseph’s cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Joseph Hunt, Joseph Brown, W. H. Lamm, M. Zimmerman, Joseph Sampel and John Muehlenhoff.

Note: The obituary, above, has three errors. She was born some 75 years ago, rather than 57. She was not the last child to be born to her family; William was born after she was. She was not the sixth child; she was the ninth birth in the family.
Census Records Pertaining to the Hamm Family

Early Census Records

One of the first records we found pertaining to the Hamm family was the 1850 United States Census, when they were living in Erin Township, Stephenson County, Illinois. It was one of the first references we found in this study that made it clear that Philip and Catherine Hamm were indeed the parents of William Hamm, and gave us the beginning data to correlate with other information such as obituaries, news articles about weddings, birth and death records and other materials that came to light as this study was begun.

Census records played an important part in our ability to follow the various branches of the family as the Hamm children grew up and had children of their own. Here are the Census records we found:

**1840 US Census; Ohio County WV**

Philip Hamm:
- 1 male 5-10 (Louis)
- 2 males 15-20 (Philip and Andrew)
- 1 male 50-60 (Philip)
- 2 females 0-5 (Catherine and Mary Anne)
- 1 female 15-20 (Madeleine)
- 1 female 30-40 (Catherine)

The 1840 Census listed only the name of the head of the household; the rest of the family were shown only by listing the numbers of family members in the various age groups, as above. The names in parentheses above are our conclusions.

**1850 US Census; Ohio County, WV**

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<th>Occupation</th>
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<td>tavern keeper</td>
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<td>Charles</td>
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<td>Josephine C.</td>
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<td>Catherine</td>
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<td>Fisher, John</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>born in Germany</td>
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(Madeleine had died in 1849. Catherine Lutz may have been Sebastian's sister, helping with the small children. Fisher may have been resident in the tavern.)
1850 Census, Erin Township, Stephenson County, IL

Erin Township: Dwelling #1248; Family #1318
Property Value: $2500

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<td>William</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Virginia</td>
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1855 Special Illinois Census; Erin Township, Stephenson County, Illinois

First dwelling: Head of Household: Philip Hamm
1 male    age 60-70 (Philip)
1 female  age 50-60 (Catherine)
1 female  age 10-20 (Mary Anne)
1 male    age 10-20 (William)

Second Dwelling: Head of Household: Philip Hamm, Jr.
1 male    age 20-30 (Philip, Jr.)
1 female  age 20-30 (Louisa, Philip’s wife)
2 females age 0-10 (Theresa Catherine and unknown daughter)

This was another Census listing only the head of household. The names in parentheses are our conclusions. The new information in this Census was the fact that the Hamm farm had been subdivided into two farms.

1860 US Census; Erin Township, Stephenson County, Illinois

Dwelling 2049; Family 1933 (Philip, Sr. and his three unmarried children)
Andrew Hamm  age 30
William       age 18
Philip        age 76
Mary          age 20

Dwelling 2050; Family 1934
Philip Hamm  age 33
Catherine    age 25 (Philip’s second wife)
Theresa      age 7
Edward       age 3

Catherine Hamm died on 28 October 1859 at the age of 59. She is buried in St. Mary’s Cemetery, just across the road from the Hamm farms.
1860 US Census; Ohio County, West Virginia

Dwelling 1403; Family 1458
Sebastian Lutz age 45 Hotel Keeper Prop. Value: 16,000
Anna age 49 (Sebastian's second wife)
Louisa age 14 (Child of Sebastian and Madeleine Hamm)
Charles age 13 (Child of Sebastian and Madeleine Hamm)
Sophia age 9
George age 6
William age 4
John age 1

Louisa, above, is Mary Louisa. The last four children are of Sebastian's second family; his wife was Anna Fitchler.

1870 US Census; Erin Township; Stephenson County, Illinois

Dwelling 155; Family 151
William Hamm age 28
Harriet age 28 (William's wife)
Catherine age 5
Mary E. age 3
Anna J. age 1
Francis Byrne age 17 (farm laborer)

Dwelling 156; Family 152
Andrew Hamm age 40
Ann age 32 (Andrew's wife)
Edward age 13 (Probably Philip's son)
William age 7
John age 5
Charles age 9 months

Philip, Jr. does not appear in this Census. He is listed in the 1868-1869 Freeport City Directory as a laborer. There is, in the 1870 Census for the Third Ward of Freeport, a Philip Haman, age 45, laborer, born in France, with Annie, age 26, born in Prussia, and Louisa, age 2. This may or may not be our Philip, Jr. By 1880 the entire family had gone from the farms in Erin Township.
1870 US Census; Silver Creek Township, Stephenson County, Illinois

Dwelling #44; Family #45
Geiger, John age 52 grocery merchant born: Baden Prop. Val: 6000
Catherine age 32 keeping house born: France
Augusta age 14 born: Illinois
Oscar age 11 born: Illinois
Albert age 9 born: Illinois
Jennie age 6 born: Illinois
William age 3 born: Illinois

1870 US Census; Third Ward, Freeport, Illinois

Dwelling #104; Family #111
Haman, Philip age 45 Laborer born: France
Annie age 26 Keeps house born: Prussia
Louise age 2 born: Illinois

1870 US Census; Third Ward, Freeport, Illinois

Dwelling #518; Family #539
Elizabeth age 57 Keeps house born: Prussia
Charles age 22 Harness maker born: Prussia

1870 US Census; Second Ward, Freeport, Illinois

Dwelling #147; Family #157
Mary A. age 31 Keeps house born: New York
Nellie L. age 3 born: Illinois
Charlie age 1 born: Illinois
Ham, Theresa age 17 Domestic Servant born: Illinois
1870 US Census; Ohio County, West Virginia

Dwelling #17
Lewis Huseman  age 42 saloon keeper
Anna           age 40 (wife)
Fred           age 22 (child)
? (not clear)  age 20 (child)
Anna           age 19 (child) (wife of Charles Lutz)
Kate           age 16 (child)
George         age 12 (child)
Charles Lutz   age 23 saloon keeper, born in Virginia

1880 US Census; Ohio County, West Virginia

Swartz, Frederick age 31 laborer born: Switzerland
Louisa          age 33 born: WV Father: France Mother: Germany
Joseph          age 16 son born: WV
Sophia          age 13 daughter born: WV
Matilda         age 8 daughter born: WV
Frederick       age 5 son born: WV
Charles         age 3 son born: WV
Louis           age 1 son born: WV

1900 Census; Clark Township, Douglas County, South Dakota

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Notes:
1. Farmer, farm #120, Owns free
2. Year of Immigration: 1848; Years in US: 52; Farmer, farm #15; Owns free.
3. Farm Manager
**1910 US Census; Chester Township, Douglas County, South Dakota**

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**1910 US Census; Ohio County, West Virginia**

Dwelling #196; Family #231
Schwartz, Mary L. age 65 head of household widowed of 9 children born, 8 living
born: WV Father: France Mother: WV
George age 22 son; laborer
born: WV Father: Ger. Mother: WV

**1920 US Census; Douglas County, South Dakota**
(from Soundex; record not complete)

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Part XIII: Family Documents

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SECTION VI: APPENDICES

- The French Republican Calendar
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The French Republican, or Revolutionary, Calendar

A new calendar was instituted on 5 October 1793 by the First French Republic and abolished 31 December 1805. Its purpose was to obliterate Sundays, saints’ days and all religious festivals, in short foster the de-Christianisation of France. It divided the year into twelve months of thirty days each, with five supplementary days at the end of the last month. Each month was divided into three “decades”, every tenth day being a day of rest, Sundays being ignored; in fact there were no Sundays. Provision was made for leap years by adding a sixth day to the supplementary days whenever necessary to make the year end at the equinox, which is normally every fourth year. The calendar was made retroactive, making its first year, Year 1 of the Republic, begin 22 September 1792.

All official French civil records and documents were required to use these new month and year designations. As a result, one can find, for example, a date such as “the 24th of the month of Thermidor of the Year 4 of the Republic,” or about 11 August 1796.

To complete the confusion thus created, even the day was no longer divided into twenty four hours. Instead it was divided into ten hours, each hour being subdivided and then subdivided again. Parents were required to instruct their children in this new method of telling time. But since the parents were brought up on the old system, they experienced much difficulty in telling what time of day it was according to the new terminology. Watchmakers were driven to add another circle to the faces of their watches, one carrying the familiar set of figures, the other carrying the new.

While initially very confusing, there is a logical naming system to the new months; the months and their corresponding periods in the Gregorian Calendar are as follows:

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<th>Gregorian Range</th>
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<td>Vendemaire</td>
<td>Sep 22 to Oct 21</td>
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<td>Brumaire</td>
<td>Oct 22 to Nov 20</td>
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<td>Frimaire</td>
<td>Nov 21 to Dec 20</td>
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<td>Nivose</td>
<td>Dec 21 to Jan 19</td>
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<td>Pluviose</td>
<td>Jan 20 to Feb 19</td>
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<td>Ventose</td>
<td>Feb 19 to Mar 20</td>
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<td>Germinal</td>
<td>Mar 21 to Apr 19</td>
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<td>Floreal</td>
<td>Apr 20 to May 19</td>
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<td>Prairial</td>
<td>May 20 to Jun 18</td>
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<td>Jun 19 to Jul 18</td>
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<td>Sansculottides</td>
<td>Sep 17 to Sep 21</td>
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Those who studied Latin will recognize immediately that the names describe the times during the year. Thus July becomes Thermidor, or period of heat; April is Germinal, or budding time; November is Brumaire, or period of fogs.
While the dates actually began use on 5 October 1793, official authorities were requested to change the dates from 22 September 1792. In fact, it is quite difficult to find many records dated with either calendar during that one-year period of change. The years the system was in use are as follows:

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The system officially ended on 31 December 1805; therefore there were a few months of a Year 14. Because we do not know precisely which years were treated as leap years by adding the extra day, the translation of dates from the Republican Calendar to our Gregorian Calendar could be in error by one day at times.
Children's Names:

Children's names vary in spelling and pronunciation, depending on the language in use at the time. Many people in Alsace spoke German and used German names, even though the official records of their births and marriages were in French after 1805. The names in the church records were in Latin, differing from both the French and German. When anyone born in Alsace came to the USA, they usually changed their name to the US or English version. The following are examples:

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Part XIV: Appendices

No. 41
Mairie d'Ingénheim

Le Cinquième jour du mois d’Avril

La ville de Genève.

Dix heures du matin.

ACTE DE MARIAGE

Georges Hamm, âgé de vingt-neuf ans, et Marguerite Bastian, âgée de vingt-sept ans, domiciliée à Ingénheim, département du Bas-Rhin, séparément et conformément à la profession de l’Ingénieur, domiciliée à Ingénheim, département du Bas-Rhin, ont été mariés en la mairie d’Ingénheim, le cinquième jour du mois d’Avril, à dix heures du matin.

Les actes préliminaires ont été rédigés dans les registres de publications de mariages tenus à Ingénheim, à l’heure de midi, les dimanches et tous les jours de fête.

De cette union, constatant qu’il n’y a point d’appel.

Les actes et tous ceux exigés par le code civil sont déposés à la mairie de Genève.

Après quoi moi André Bonna, Maire, Officier de l’État civil, ai prononcé qu’un nom de la loi.

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5 April 1831 - Marriage
Georges Hamm and Marguérithe Bastian

Translation:

Town of Ingenheim, Arrondissement (like a county) of Saverne, the fifth day of the month of April, year 1831 (mil huit cent, trente-un), at 10 o'clock in the morning. Act of marriage of Georges Hamm, age 34 years, born at Ingenheim, Department (like a small state) of Bas-Rhin on the 24th of the month of Thermidor, the 4th year of the Republic; profession plowman or farmer (laboureur), living at Ingenheim, Department of Bas-Rhin. He is the legitimate son of Georges Hamm, who is present here and consents, a farmer, living at Ingenheim, Department of Bas-Rhin, age 66—And (mother of the groom) Marguerithe Eberlin, present here and consenting, age 57, living at Ingenheim, Department of Bas-Rhin.

AND (the bride) Marguérithe Bastian, profession female farm worker, age 26, born at Ingenheim, Department of Bas-Rhin the 15th of the month of Nivose in the 13th year of the Republic, living at Ingenheim, Department of Bas-Rhin, the legitimate daughter of the deceased Michel Bastian, died the 24th of April 1818 (folio 2, no. 6), profession when alive weaver (tisserand), and living at Ingenheim, Department of Bas-Rhin, --And (mother of the bride) the deceased Marguérithe Barth, died 15 April 1818 (folio 2, no. 5) living (when alive) at Ingenheim, Department of Bas-Rhin.

The preliminary acts of marriage were registered and made public at Ingenheim at noon on Sundays the 6th and 13th of the month of March. No opposition was listed.

After the blank space, it states that Georges Hamm calls Marguérithe Bastian his wife and Marguérithe Bastian calls Georges Hamm her husband in front of the following witnesses:

--Diebaud Hamm, the old (we would say Sr.), age 68, farmer and uncle of the groom;
--Valentin Hamm, age 34, farmer, and first cousin of the groom;
--Valentin Schaub, age 49, farmer, first cousin of the bride;
--Georges Bastian, age 36, farmer, brother of the bride.

All four witnesses live in this town. (Then the mayor André Bronner officially pronounces them married and there are signatures of the bride, groom's father, groom and the four witnesses.)

To the right is the signature, Bronner Maire (mayor). After the printed word Civil, the first signature is Georges Hamm (he wrote Georg Ham), probably the groom; then Georges Hamm (Georg Ham), father of the groom; then Marguér Bastian; then Diebold Hamm; then Valentin Hamm; then Valentin Schaub; and last Georg Bastian
Georges Hamm, from Ingenheim

In the process of doing the research in this genealogical study, it became obvious that there was another Hamm family that came to Stephenson County in the nineteenth century. They too came from Alsace. They came from a town called Ingenheim, about fifteen miles northwest of Strasbourg. The family was Protestant.

The marriage record on the two preceding pages documents the marriage of Georges Hamm and Marguérithe Bastian in 1831. Georges was born 11 Aug 1796; Marguérithe on 5 Jan 1805, both in Ingenheim. The couple had four children: Georges, Jean (John), Marguérithe and Valentin, all born in Alsace.

Apparently Georges Hamm (senior) died while still in Alsace. His wife, Marguérithe and the children emigrated to the United States in about 1851. In 1860, Georges (junior) married Elizabeth Gorman, who was born in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. His brother Jean (John) married Margaret Clause in about 1865 in Illinois. Their children included Sarah, John and Edward. This John Hamm married Mary Anne Bastian, who was probably descended from Bastians in Alsace.

These Hamm families settled in Florence Township in Stephenson County, Illinois. The plat map for 1871 shows George’s farm straddling the railroad tracks about a mile southwest of Florence Station. John Hamm is shown as having two parcels of land about a mile north of George. In the same area are farms owned by John Bastian and John Wall. John Wall married Kathryn Hamm, grand daughter of Philip Hamm. So it is in Florence Township that members of the two Hamm families came together after probably knowing about each others’ ancestors from Alsace. As far as we know the two families are not related.
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