

FAMILY
of
ABRAHAM AND SUSANNA MAUER
and
UMMEL RELATIVES

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I. FAMILY OF ABRAHAM AND SUSANNA UMMEL MAURER

Abraham and Susanna Ummel Maurer came to America in 1869 from Chaux-de-fonds, Switzerland. This is the French part of Switzerland; in fact, the home was but three miles from the French border. Neuchatel is the capital city of the canton. But the family is of Germanic origin, having migrated into Switzerland sometime earlier in the nineteenth century.

In religious affiliation the family background is that of the Mennonite church. "The Martyr's Mirror", by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, tells of early Reformation terror in the story of this church.

According to Mr. M. E. Maurer, special assistant to the President, Southern Pacific Railroad Co., the name Maurer means stone-mason or wall-builder and is believed to predate the Reformation. Certainly in medieval times towns were walled and many persons living within such walled towns, surely a large number of people, came to be called Maurers. But the name, says Mr. Maurer, was known before the Middle Ages and may go back to Roman times. It is a common name in Switzerland, Germany, France and the Low Countries.

Nine children were born to Abraham and Susanna Ummel Maurer, two of whom, the boys Alexander, died in infancy. The nine children are listed below in order of birth and the Arabic numerals given are followed in succeeding pages:

	Born:	Died:
A. Rosina	1-16-1861	4-2-1941
B. Abraham	7-13-1862	5-24-1912
C. Elise (Elizabeth)	11-17-1863	3-27-1933
D. Emma	11-3-1865	11-27-1909
E. Alexander	7-15-1867	10-28-1868
F. Alexander	3-13-1869	8-18-1870
G. Susie (Susanna)	11-14-1873	1-28-1912
H. John	7-8-1876	4-3-1925
I. Bertha	10-13-1878	6-15-1952

A. ROSINA (MAURER) SLONEKER

"A Sloneker History and Genealogy" of Sloneker descendants in America since early 1700 was compiled and edited by Dr. James Rollin Sloneker, emeritus professor of physiology, Stanford university, Palo Alto, California. It was printed in 1941 and some copies are still available of the limited edition of 500 from the publisher, Chester S. Lyday, 422 Boyd Street, Los Angeles, California, himself in the family tree of Slonekers. Two copies are in the Library of Congress.

The Slonekers of this branch, as shown on pages 535-548 inclusive of the above work, are descended from Rev. John Schlunegger, who was born in 1777 at Arna, Switzerland, and died in 1814 in Switzerland; he was married in 1799 to Fannie Lichty born 1-24-1779 (calculated) in France, died 2-14-1868, age 89 years, 20 days, in Hamilton county, Ohio. The widow remarried John Ramseyer who died in 1816 in Switzerland. The widow and her children migrated to America and landed in New York, 3-24-1824, and found their way to Pennsylvania. After a short stay in Pennsylvania they moved to Butler county, Ohio. There were six children by the first marriage: Peter, John, Christian, Jacob, Mary and Barbara, and one child, Fannie Ramseyer, by the second marriage. Jacob King Sloneker was the sixth child of Peter Schlunegger, oldest of the six aforementioned. He was born 6-5-1803 in Switzerland and died 11-4-1891 at Wayland, Iowa. He married Jacobina King, born 11-13-1808, in Germany; she died 12-13-1864 at Collinsville, Ohio. Jacob was the sixth of nine children.

Jacob King Sloneker was born 7-3-1846 and died 1-2-1928. He married Rosina Maurer on 3-7-1878. Rosina Maurer owned a farm near Danvers and a home at 208 N. Main Street, Normal, Illinois, later selling her home to a Ramseyer family and living with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Frances Schad at Hudson, Illinois. The couple lived at Seward, Nebraska, from 1886-89, moving their possessions by railroad box car. They returned to Bloomington, Illinois, area thereafter.

Children of Jacob King and Rosina Maurer Sloneker and other descendants are:

1. Edward O., born 8-11-1879; died 3-5-1926. Married Edith Cryer, born 11-10-1878; died 2-5-1926. Lived at Haviland, Ohio.

Children:

Pauline, who died at birth.

Wendell, born 9-22-1915. Graduate of I.S.N.U., Normal, Ill. Employed in the Postal Service, Tucson, Ariz. Address in 1941 Sloneker Genealogy: 803 E. 9th Street, Tucson, Arizona. Attended national mail carrier's convention in New York City in 1952 and visited Illinois relatives at that time.

One daughter, born 9-19-1941.

2. Naomi (Sloneker) Imhoff, born 8-11-1881. Many years on farm at RR 6, Bloomington, Illinois. Now living in own new home, Carlock, Ill. Married David E. Imhoff, born 8-2-1876, on 11-27-1902.

Children:

Harold R., born 6-27-1904. Married Dessie Amstutz, born 11-5-1903, on 1-1-1932. She died 7-18-1937. Harold and Dessie Imhoff had one daughter, Joanne, born 5-2-1936. Harold's second marriage was to Dorothy Hoffman Williams on 5-11-1947. She was born 11-2-1911, and had a daughter, Wanita, by first marriage, who married Richard Rader. Richard and Wanita have two children.

Lloyd R., born 10-11-1907. Married 6-20-1939 to Cordelia Ruth Brown, who was born 12-10-1908. Lloyd and Cordelia Imhoff have six children:

Marjorie Jean, born 6-2-1941.)	The three older children were
David Eugene, born 4-11-1943.)	born in Congo Belge, Africa,
Robert William, born 1-4-1945.)	where their parents were
Barbara Jane, born 10-9-1946.)	Mennonite missionaries.
Ronald Stephen, born 11-10-1950.)	Address in 1953:
Rebecca Louise, born 12-16-1951.)	Whitehall, Mich.

Irene, born 6-27-1913. Married 9-1-1935 to Roy H. Miller, who was born 4-29-1913. Address: Hudson, Ill. Two children:

Gracelyn Irene, born 8-4-1936.

Marilyn Jean, born 1-3-1942.

3. Albert, born 9-30-1883. Died 5-9-1951, after being hit on bicycle by automobile at Lockhart, Florida. Owned farm land there where he grew tangerines, oranges and grapefruit. Had worked in hotel in Detroit - Flint, Mich., area a number of years and went south with employer.

4. Florence (Sloneker) Salzman, born 10-28-1885. Married Elmer Salzman 10-22-1917, in Joliet, Ill., by Rev. Carl Ferdinand Bruhn, Presbyterian pastor. Address: R. R. 1, Farmington, Iowa. Formerly lived in Ft. Madison, Iowa, home of Shaeffer Pen Co. They have one son:

John Warren, born 9-23-1921. Married Pauline Lytle of Biltmore, N. C., on 6-14-1947, by Rev. C. F. Rogers. She was born 5-18-1923. John graduated from Wheaton College, Ill., with the class of 1943, same class as Billy Graham, called the "Barrymore of the Bible". John and Pauline Salzman have two children:

John Warren, Jr., born 8-4-1948, at Bonham, Texas, where his father had first pastorate.

David Lee, born 2-17-1952, at Muskogee, Okla.

John is pastor of First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Okla., which has 2,500 members. John graduated from Farmington high school with class of 1939 and preached his own baccalaureate sermon. He also graduated from seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, in 1946.

5. Pearl (Sloneker) Schwartz-entruber, born 12-9-1888, died 12-21-1933. Married 5-6-1909 to Louis E. Schwartz, who was born 11-18-1881.

Children:

Dr. Merle, born 12-14-1910. Graduated from Bluffton College, Ohio, with the class of 1932, in same class with second cousin, Hugh Maurer. Received degree of doctor of tropical medicine from Tulane University, New Orleans. Medical missionary, Belgian Congo, Africa. Married 6-30-1940 to Dorothy Bowman, Chicago, who was born 5-30-1919. They have two children

Judith Ann, born 5-11-1945, in Belgian Congo.

Robert Schwartz, born 10-16-1946, in Belgian Congo.

Merle was on the Zam Zam sunk by the Nazis in 1941 and rescued at sea with the other passengers.

H. Wayne, born 2-1-1916. Married 6-3-1938 to Virginia L. Engel, who was born 9-24-1917. Address: Carlock, Ill. They have two children:

Jerry Kent, born 5-7-1943.

Alan Lynn, born 2-21-1946.

6. Clara (Sloneker) Miller, born 1-25-1891. Married Albert A. Miller 1-25-1916. He was born 2-13-1892. Living near Normal, Ill.

Children:

Orville E., born 8-5-1920. Married Mary Grieser 1-12-1947. One son, Brian James, born 4-22-1948. Works in Graymont bank. Address: Lexington, Ill.

Vernon E., born 6-25-1925. Married Alice Schrock 5-1-1948. One daughter, Beverly Ann, born 2-12-1951. Farmer, Lexington, Ill.

7. Ethel (Sloneker) Fry, born 2-10-1893. Married 2-4-1920 to Floyd Fry, born 9-2-1896. Living in Lexington, Ill., area.

One son:

Marlin K., born 12-9-1926. Barber at Carlock, Ill. Served in Korea, 1952.

8. Herbert P. Sloneker, born 12-24-1899. Married Elsie E. Irons, born 9-21-1897, on 1-19-1921. Address: RR 4, Bloomington, Ill. Herbert formerly farmed his mother's farm.

Children:

Barbara Jean, born 1-10-1922. Married Lyle Singley, who is manager of Y & M Appliances, Bloomington, Ill.

Derryl, born 1-12-1944.

Donald P., born 8-9-1923. Married Sara McWhorter of Pittsburg, Pa., whom he met while in Army service. Both work at State Farm Insurance Co., Bloomington.

Richard L., born 11-8-1928. Married Dona Gent of Pekin and lives in South Pekin, Ill. Employed at Quaker Oats Corporation. They have two children:

Ricky Lee, born 1-2-1949

Gary Joe, born 6-21-1951.

James H., born 12-16-1932. Member of class of 1954 at I.S.N.U., Normal, Ill., majoring in physical science, looking to laboratory technician work.

9. Frances (Sloneker) Schad, born 5-18-1905. Married 1-20-1926 to Ralph Schad, born 5-26-1901. Address Hudson, Ill.

Children:

LaRue Glen, born 1-5-1927. In Korea, 1953.

Dorothy M., born 10-4-1929.

Harlan, born 3-30-1940.

B. ABRAHAM MAURER

Born 7-13-1862 in Switzerland. Died 5-24-1912. A horse was frightened by a train and fell on him at farm near Batavia, Iowa. Married 2-9-1893 to Emma Kennel by Rev. Stuckey at North Danvers, Ill. They had one son who died in infancy and wife passed away shortly afterward. Married again February, 1899, to Nannie Troyer of Carlock, daughter of Jacob and Catharine Yoder Troyer. Jacob Troyer was a first cousin of Manasses Troyer, father of Rev. Emanuel Troyer, for whom Troyer Memorial Nurse's Home, Bloomington, Ill., is named.

In 1899 Abraham and Nannie Maurer moved to Iowa and located first at Highland center in Wapello county. A year later they moved to Jefferson county, near Batavia. Nannie Troyer died in 1914. Both are buried in North Danvers cemetery, Illinois.

When a young man, Abraham "worked out" and gave his earnings to his parents, thus enabling them to buy their home. This was the forty acre home northwest of Danvers, Ill.

Children:

1. Elmer Ray, born 11-30-1899. Married 10-10-1931 to Anna Tetmeyer by Rev. Klemm of German Lutheran Church, Ottumwa, Iowa. A son, Paul Ray, was born 8-10-1932, who died in infancy. Anna passed away a few days afterward. Married again 5-4-1935 to Edna Robinson. Members of Presbyterian church, Ottumwa. Employed at John Morell & Co., meat packers. Address: 107 S. Foster Ave., Ottumwa, Iowa.
2. Catherine, born 9-7-1901. Died 12-21-1946. Buried in Ottumwa cemetery. In Illinois for a time after parents' deaths; later returned to Iowa.
3. Edna, born 8-9-1903. Teaches school at Kirksville, Iowa, but lives in Eddyville, where she attends the Methodist church. In Illinois for time after parents' deaths; later returned to Iowa.
4. Mabel, born 6-10-1905. Married in December 1926 to Henry Roth by the Rev. Klemm of the German Lutheran Church in Ottumwa, Iowa. Members of Zion Lutheran church, Davenport, Iowa. Address: 807 Gaines Street, Davenport, Iowa. Two sons:

Donald, born 12-11-1927

Richard, born 5-1-1938.
5. Clarence, born December 1906. Died in infancy.

C. ELISE (ELIZABETH MAURER) GINGERICH

Born 10-17-1863 in Switzerland. Died 3-27-1933 at Okmulgee, Okla. Funeral services in Beck Memorial Home, Bloomington, Ill. Burial in Danvers cemetery. Married in January 1883, to John B. Gingerich, who died in a runaway 6-17-1896 at Bloomington, Ill., aged 46. Some building sheets fell in a construction project and scared his horses. Lived in 300 block North School Street, Normal, Ill., where she boarded students while children went to school. All her children were born on farms within ten miles northwest of Bloomington.

Children:

1. Katherine E., born 10-24-1883. Died 2-14-1951, in Columbia, S. C. Married Harold P. Flukart in 1920, insurance salesman. She was a graduate of I.S.N.U., with the class of 1906, at a time when few women went to college. One son:

James Harold, born 12-6-1924 in Okmulgee, Okla. An ROTC graduate. Lieutenant in U. S. Navy, located in Washington, D. C., after having been in Cuba. Is married and has one daughter:

Janice Katherine, born 2-4-1951.
2. Elmer G., born 8-24-1885. Died 4-23-1953. Married Edna Campbell, 12-25-1920 at Okmulgee. Address of Edna: 220 W. 13th St., Okmulgee, Okla. One son:

John Clark, born 12-2-1921 in Okmulgee. A graduate of Oklahoma City University and Iliff Seminary, Denver, Colo. A Methodist minister, director of Wesley Foundation in charge of student work at A & M College, Stillwater, Okla. Married Roberta Crow of Oklahoma City 6-6-1943.

John and Roberta Gingerich have three children:

Harriet Elyse, born 10-13-1945, in Denver, Colo.

Robin Anne, born 5-23-1948, in Enid, Okla.

J. Clark, born 9-6-1952, in Stillwater, Okla.

3. Howard A., born 6-17-1887, died January 1929. A shoe merchant in Okmulgee, although at time of his death, was living in Eldorado, Ark. Buried in Scottsboro, Ala., home of his wife.
4. William McKinley, born 1-29-1893. Died 8-23-1939 in Okmulgee, where buried. Married Crystal Sieder in January, 1911. A lieutenant in World War I under fire in France; trained in Infantry School at Ft. Sill, Okla. His wife is employed by Government and lives in Washington, D. C. One adopted son:

William Franklin, married and at present living in Germany. William Franklin is a World War II veteran, a graduate of Georgetown university with a Ph. D. degree. He spent three years in Geneva, Switzerland, with the International Refugee Organization of the United Nations.

D. EMMA (MAURER) NAFZIGER

Born 11-3-1865 in Switzerland. Died 10-27-1909. Married Gus Nafziger. Died suddenly of heart attack near Yuton. Had visited relatives in Glen Elder, Kansas, in 1908, traveling by train. Her children spell the name Nafzinger now.

Children:

1. Harry, born 1-28-1891. Died 4-26-1945. Married 8-28-1912 to Grace Lash of Heyworth, Ill., who was born 5-6-1888. Harry and Grace Nafziger have four children:

James, born 12-2-1914. Farmer RR 4, Caldwell, Idaho. Married Mildred Mesaler 6-14-1946. Two children:

Steven
Kirk

Eleanor, born 2-7-1919. Living in Luxembourg where her husband is stationed nearby at Bitburg, Germany, with the U. S. Air Force. Married L. E. Adair, Jr., 3-1-1943. Children:

Robert
William

William, born 2-10-1925. Married Arlene Lawrence, 8-28-1950. Farmer. Address Box 65, Jamieson, Oregon. One child:

Kerry

2. Tobe, (Alvador). Married Florence Weinheimer, deceased. Cattle buyer; returned to Bloomington, Ill., after World War II and lives now at Hotel Tilden-Hall, Bloomington. Two children:

Mildred, living in San Diego, California.

Robert, born in 1920. In dry-cleaning business in Redwood Fall, Minn.

3. George, married Louise Edborg, deceased. One daughter, Charlotte, also deceased. Living at Marysville, Washington, where is part owner of a plywood lumber business. Formerly lived in Anacortes, Wash.

Rev. Samuel Ummel, pastor of Peoria Mennonite Mission, and a distant relative, visited occasionally at the Nafziger home near Yuton.

E. & F. THE BOYS ALEXANDER

The first son, Alexander, died in Switzerland at the age of fifteen months. The second son, Alexander, was born northwest of Danvers. He sat accidentally in boiling water when his mother and Aunt Katie Sharp, stepmother of the wife of John Maurer, were dressing chickens and was badly scalded. He died the next day.

G. SUSAN (MAURER) WICK

Born 11-14-1873, northwest of Danvers, Ill. Died 1-28-1912, near Wheeler, Mich. Her brother, John Maurer, farmed nearby. Susan married George Wick, who was born 12-5-1876, and lives today at 815 Bush St., Jackson, Mich. Lived south of Congerville, Ill., at Rock Creek bridge, then east of Danvers, where George Wick was employed by a Mr. Sills, and later five miles from Stanford. They cleared their Michigan farm of rocks by hand.

Susan's sister, Bertha, went to Michigan to be with Susan in her last days. She died of severe rheumatism.

George Wick's father was born in Marburg, Germany. His mother, Helen Zimmerman, was New Amish, born in Cleveland, Ohio; her family was from Germany also. George Wick's second wife passed away in September 1953.

Children of George and Susan Wick:

1. Menno, born 8-21-1903. Married 5-22-1928 to Bernice Huntoon, who was born 12-24-1902. Address: Concord, Mich. Employed at Clark Equipment Co., Jackson, Mich.
2. Florence, born 2-17-1906. Married 7-3-1937, to Harley Smoke. Address: 2521 Alpha St., Lansing 10, Mich. Florence is employed in Accounts Receivable Department of Michigan State College, Lansing, which was founded in 1855 as the first land-grant college in the United States.
One son:

Duane Harry, born 6-2-1939.

3. Conrad, born 8-14-1910. Married Bertha King Aldrich at Carson City, Mich., 3-22-1915. Owns farm but is renting out land in 1953 and has employment at Dow Chemical Co., Midland, Mich. Belong to Methodist church, Wheeler. Address: 10135 North Wheeler Road, Route No. 1, Wheeler, Mich.
Conrad and Bertha Wick have two children living:

Gene Dennis, born and died 9-17-1940.

Dennis Wayne, born 4-24-1942

Viola Sue, born 9-27-1943.

H. JOHN MAURER

Born 7-8-1876, northwest of Danvers, Ill. Died 4-3-1925, when automobile was hit by train near Chenoa, Ill. Daughter, Bertha, died in same accident. John Maurer was a carpenter and thresherman at Meadows, Ill. He was married 3-19-1905

in Danvers by Rev. Stuckey to Sylvia E. (Zook) Sharp. She died in January, 1930.

Children:

1. Jesse John, born 9-1-1906 in Danvers, Ill. Married 6-21-1941 to Eleanor Culbertson of Danvers. Teaching in junior high school in Decatur, Ill. Formerly taught in schools at Steger, Ill. Graduate I.S.N.U. Address: 1045 West Eldorado, Decatur, Ill. Jesse and Eleanor Maurer have one daughter:

Karen Jean, born 10-2-1946 in Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, Ill.

2. Hugh Harry, born 4-5-1909 in Danvers, Ill. Married 6-16-1932 to Gaynell F. Rice of Delphos, Ohio, by Rev. Jesse Anglemeyer. Hugh is a graduate of Bluffton College, Ohio, with the class of 1932. His wife attended Bluffton and Ohio Wesleyan. Teaching in Streator, Ill., schools. Address: Meadows, Illinois. Children (all born in Meadows):

Elaine Louise, born 7-14-1933. Graduate Chenoa high school¹. FBI clerk. Address: 5028 - 5th St., NW., Washington, D. C.

Joan Bertha, born 1-31-1935. Graduate Chenoa high school. FBI clerk. Address: 5028 - 5th St., NW., Washington, D. C.

Helen Statia, born 3-28-1937.

Iris Sue, born 3-29-1939.

Eloise Gay, born 9-13-1946.

3. Ada Alva, born 3-13-1911. Enjoys position in households taking care of small children. Now living with brother, Jesse, in Decatur.
4. Bertha Bessie, born 2-1-1915 at Wheeler, Mich. Died 4-3-1925 in same accident with father.
5. Ethel Emily, born 2-10-1917, in Congerville, Ill. Died 12-12-1951 in Indianapolis, Ind. A social service worker. A graduate of the University of Indiana.

I. BERTHA LOUISE (MAURER) KAUFFMAN

Born 10-13-1878 northwest of Danvers, Ill., and died 6-15-1952 at Congerville, Ill. Married David Andrew Kauffman, who was born 10-6-1871, on 12-20-1904. His first American ancestor, Jacob Kauffman, came to Philadelphia on the ship, "Brothers" 9-30-1754, from the Palatinate of Germany. David Kauffman's mother's family came from Berne, Switzerland, and his father, Jonathan Kauffman was a Forty-niner to California. Both his father and grandfather Sharp met Lincoln in Illinois.

A sidenote: On page 177, of Vol. LII, No. 7 of the papers of the Lancaster County (Pa.) Historical Society, the immigrant ancestor Jacob Kauffman is named the administrator of the estate of Ulrich Engle, founder of the River Brethren branch of Mennonites to which President Eisenhower's family became adherents. It appears that the first Kauffmans and Eisenhowers in America were part of the same settlement. Common intermarriage names appear also in the two families.

From Lancaster county the Kauffmans moved to Belleville in the Kishocoquillas Valley, Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, next to West Liberty, Ohio, and to Illinois.

Children (all born in Congerville):

1. Lyle David, born 10-16-1905. Died 10-20-1905.
2. Eldon Elmer, born 8-21-1907. On staff, "Turf", Chicago. Address: Lawson Y.M.C.A., Chicago.
3. Merle Maurer, born 4-30-1910. Married Mildred Langbehn 6-11-1938. She was born 11-8-1914. Address: 914 Walnut Street, Waukegan, Ill. Children:

John Dale, born 5-15-1940.

Anna Louise, born 4-16-1943. Born with partial visual ability. Attends Illinois School for the Blind, Jacksonville.

Shirley Jeane, born 4-20-1944.

David William, born August, 1953.

4. Susanna Gertrude, born 10-5-1912. Married Joseph Harold Satterfield of Hudson, Ill., who was born 5-8-1913. Operate a meat locker plant in Lexington, Ill. Children:

Robert Harold, born 11-5-1941.

Carol Sue, born 11-24-1943.

5. John Jonathan, born 4-19-1915. Married Loretta Widmer, who was born near Congerville, 7-26-1916, on 8-20-1936. Farming on original Kauffman homestead obtained in 1849 by sheepskin grant signed by the President of the United States. Children:

Vyra Deene, born 5-21-1941.

Claire Ann, born 1-31-1941.

John Jaye, born 7-5-1944.

6. Frank Truman. Born 7-25-1918. Married Elizabeth Maria Schwaiger, who was born 2-4-1920 in Augsburg, Germany, on 8-7-1948. Served in Europe in World War II. Address: 5520 Garvin Ave., Richmond 9, Calif.

7. Herbert Gerdon, born 12-18-1920. Married Viola Widmer (sister of John's wife) on 12-20-1941 by Rev. Smith at bride's parents' home. Viola was born 3-31-1921. Gerdon is an accountant with Schrock's Hybrid Seed Corn Co., Congerville. Lives in home he built on portion of the old Kauffman farm at Congerville. Served in South Pacific in World War II. Children:

Joy Elaine, born 10-24-1942.

Larry Gene, born 4-29-1947.

Janet Lynn, born 10-17-1951.

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THE UMMELS OF ILLINOIS

Recent secretaries of the Ummel groups centering in and around Bloomington, Illinois, are the following:

1954: Miss Mae Kohler, 801 North Main Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

1953: Mrs. Martha Kaufman, 513 Hovey Avenue, Normal, Illinois.

1952: Mrs. Alvin Mohr, 615 West Mulberry Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Perhaps these persons can furnish information concerning records of the groups with which they have dealt as secretary. The names in the family circle are Kohler, Kaufman, Mohr, Ramseyer, Ummel, Maurer, Kinsinger, Patton, Detweiler, Mishler, and others.

The compiler of this record has some of the information from memory but a detailed record has yet to be made.

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II. THE UMMELS OF KANSAS

Two brothers of Susanna Maurer Ummel, John and David, came to Ransom, Kansas, from Switzerland. Their parents were Rev. Peter Ummel and Lydia Staley. The two brothers had twelve children as follows:

Rev. John Ummel and Lydia Mueller, born in Switzerland.

- A. Daniel - wheat farmer and coal miner; died at Ransom, Kansas, at 89.
- B. John -- sons deceased. A daughter was sought for information but nothing was received.
- C. Lydia (Rutschman). Data from Mary Zuercher, Whitewater, Kansas, and Harry Rutschman, Whitewater; also the Roth families.
- D. Christian - family of Mrs. Joe North, Arnold, Kansas, who assisted in collecting this record.
- E. Mary (Baumgartner). Data from Elma Anspaugh, Ness City, Kansas.
- F. David -- farmer northwest of Ransom, Kansas.

David Ummel and Rosa Mathew:

- G. Emma (Rufenacht) - data from Nellie Dubbs, Ransom, Kansas.
- H. Christian - a daughter in Colorado was contacted but no facts were received.

Rev. John Ummel and Rosa Mathew:

- I. Anna (Graeff). Mary Bartlett, Dighton, Kansas, has the facts about this family but they were not received.
- J. Philip - passed away at 16.
- K. Rosa (Oppliger) - facts from her at Ransom, Kansas.
- L. Benjamin - facts from him at Ransom, Kansas.

A. Daniel became the stepfather of Christian's family (D) when the latter died. He was a wheat farmer, after having been a coal miner in Indiana for thirty-seven years. He died in January 1945, at the age of 89. Active in the Mennonite church.

B. John - no information received.

C. Lydia (Ummel) Rutschman, born 4-22-1859 at LaLocle, Switzerland; married Henry Rutschman, who was born 4-11-1854 in Zurich, Switzerland, on 2-10-1878 at Berne, Mo. They had thirteen children, two of whom died in infancy.

- 1. John A., born King City, Mo., 11-11-1878. Farmer. Married Mary Roth 2-2-1909. Lived near Elbing, Kansas.
Children:

Paul H., born 1-26-1912. Married Ruby Thomas. Car Dealer. Two daughters:

Mary Beth
Martha

John Jr., born 1-26-1914. Minister in Richmond, California.

Lillian, born 3-24-1916. Married to Arthur Brender at Silverton, Ore.
Children:

Alena
Marilyn
Lee

Clarence, born 7-16-1918. Married to Edna _____ in Nigeria, Africa.
Clarence and Edna are missionaries. On furlough in July 1953, but expect to return soon to Africa. They have one daughter:

Myrna Joy

In 1919 Mary, wife of John A. died. In 1923 John A. married Freda Wiens of Elbing Kansas. Present address: Silverton, Ore. Their children:

Arthur L., born 10-?-1924. Working in Silverton, Ore.

Vivian ~~---~~ born in 1927. Secretary.

2. Will E. Rutschman, born 7-27-1880. Retired farmer. Married 5-8-1913 to Martha Schirmer of Switzerland, whose mother was an Ummel also from Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland. Address: 1435 Calmar St., Salem, Ore.
Children:

Roy E., born 5-24-1914. Married Eleanor Jefferson 11-?-1941. Address: Route 2, Silverton, Ore. Two children:

Howard Charles, born 3-4-1949.
Ruthie Marie, born 1-4-1953.

Susanne Lydia Duvall, born 11-26-1916. Married to Glenn Duvall, 11-?-1941.
Address: Hebo, Ore.

3. David Henry Rutschman, born 1-15-1882. Married 10-1-1903 to Elizabeth Zuercher, who was born 12-11-1881. She died 9-27-1947. Address: Whitewater, Kansas.
Children:

Evelyn Ruth, born 9-21-1904; married Fred Langenegger 5-14-1931. Their children are:

David LaVerne, born 4-4-1933. Married 12-11-1951 to Melba Andreas.
They have one daughter:

Karen Lynette, born 11-2-1952.
Ida Orrine, born 4-11-1936
Evelyn Jean, born 3-14-1939
Frederick Edward, born 3-6-1940
Elizabeth Ann, born 2-6-1945

Waldo David, born 10-13-1905. Married Vera Stuard 8-?-1932. Their children:

Marlin, born 1-4-1936
Floyd, born 10-21-1937.
Delores, born 12-6-1932; married 3-31-1950 to Dean Hiebert. Children:
Donnie, born 4-?-1951
Kathy, born 9-?-1952
Carolyn, born 3-2-1941
Janet, born 9-1-1943

Orrin Rufus, born 3-5-1907. Died 5-31-1937. Married to Evelyn Peterson, June, 1936. Lived in Peoria, Ill., at time of death. Daughter:
Orrilyn, born 2-17-1938.

Henry Floyd, born 10-17-1910. Married Frances Stuart in 1932. Address:
Longview, Texas (LeTourneau factory). Their children:
Charles, born 5-13-1933.
Marilyn, born 7-19-1936.

Peter Z., born 12-27-1911. Died 5-31-1937. Lived at Peoria, Ill., at time of death.

LaVerne Archie, born 3-31-1919. Married Harriet Fischback in 1936. Missionaries in Cachipay Cund, Colombia, South America. Their children:
David, born 7-25-1948.
Robert, born 12-14-1950.
Thomas, born 3-12-1952.

Jeannette Irene, born 1-11-1921. Married Frank Isaac 7-5-1942. Address:
Whitewater, Kansas. Their children:
Gary Orrin, born 3-2-1944.
Sherrilyn Kay, born 5-2-1947.
Nancy Dianne, born 10-30-1952.

4. Mary Emma (Rutschman) Zuercher, born 2-1-1886, at Berne, Mo. Married 10-3-1907 to Ernest Marcus Zuercher, who was born 9-2-1883, at Whitewater, Kansas. Farmer, Whitewater. Children:

Laurence Oliver, born 9-28-1908 at Whitewater, Kansas. Former teacher. Now Production Control Manager of Texas Division of LeTourneau, Inc., Longview, Texas. Married 8-19-1936 at Moundridge, Kansas, to Elizabeth Pankratz, who was born 5-31-1911, at Moundridge. She was a former teacher. Their children:
Ronald Ernest, born 5-3-1938, at Peoria, Ill.
Earl David, born 9-14-1941, at Greenville, Miss.

Victor Hugh. Former teacher. Now hatchery and produce owner and operator, Whitewater, Kansas. Married 8-3-1935 at Oklahoma City to Marion Nola Gray, who was born 1-16-1913, at Whitewater, Kansas. Former teacher also. Their children:
Victor Hugh, Jr., born 3-6-1941, Whitewater.
Irpha Diane, born 6-6-1943, Whitewater.

Dennis William, nurseryman and electric plant operator, Hutchinson, Kansas. Married 4-21-1940 at Omaha, Nebr., to Adele Marie Smith, who was born 3-30-1920, at Powell, Wyoming.

Edna Blanche. Former teacher. Married on 4-7-1946 at Whitewater, Kansas, to Walter Dean Stangle, who was born 8-14-1921, at Mound Valley, Kansas. Electric plant operator, Hutchinson, Kansas. Their children:
Walter Dean, Jr., born 6-17-1949, at Manhattan, Kansas.
Mary Leota, born 11-16-1951, at Hutchinson.

5. Edward H. Rutschman. Farmer, Ransom, Kansas, born 3-4-1888. Married to Rosa Amstutz, on 8-19-1915. One son:

M. Edward, born 6-24-1919, married Gladys Hall on 9-27-1944. He is a school teacher. They have two children:

Eddie Ray, born 7-9-1946;
Janis K., born 6-8-1951.

6. Fred A. Rutschman, born 6-4-1890. Farmer and school custodian. Married Wilmina Ewy in 1917. Address: 918 W. 5th St., Newton, Kansas. Children:

Willard F., born 2-1-1918. Welder. Married Lois Maninger 6-1-1940. Son:
Jerry L., born 8-10-1942.

James D., born 8-15-1919. Farmer. Married Charlotte Leap 5-14-1944. Son:
Roger C., born 7-3-1947.

7. Annie L. (Rutschman) Roth, born 10-26-1893 at Ransom, Kansas. Married J. P. Roth, 12-26-1912, at Whitewater, Kansas. Died 6-25-1947. Children:

Vernon, born 8-27-1914. Married to Pauline Whiteside 4-26-1940 at Whitewater, Kansas. Their children:

Judy, born 2-10-1942.
John Charles, born 6-14-1943.
Dale, born 4-22-1947.

Ruth, born 11-14-1916. Married Ed Voth 8-18-1940 at Whitewater. Children:
James Michael, born 8-9-1944.
Suzanne, born 7-15-1948.
Sally, born 8-31-1948.

Irene, born 8-12-1918. Married Hoyt Mauck 6-30-1940 at Whitewater. Children:
Donald Glenn, born 11-26-1942.
Paul Eugene, born 12-12-1945.
Ronnie, born 10-10-1949.

Pauline E., born 6-30-1920. Married Dane Bales 11-29-1941 at Whitewater. One son:
Dane Gray, born 8-1-1947.

8. Harry R. Rutschman, born 8-1-1896. Farmer, Hesston, Kansas. Married Emma _____ 8-2-1926. She was born 3-3-1900. Their children:

Marjorie Lee, born 4-30-1927. Married Arthur Jantz, Omaha, Nebr., Son:
A. Kent, born 8-30-1948, at Omaha, Nebr.

Orville K., born 5-12-1929, Hesston, Kansas.

Wayne Wessby, born 12-14-1934, Hesston, Kansas.

9. Della H. (Rutschman) Roth, born 6-27-1899. Married William Roth, 2-12-1920. Children:

Wilbur K., born 9-9-1921. Married to Dorothy Jean Buerha 5-15-1942. Farmer. Their children:
Kenneth W., born 3-31-1945.
Linda K., born 10-26-1946.
Susan L., born 5-30-1951.

Lois F., born 4-29-1923. She is a missionary in French Morocco, Africa; at present (July 1953) in Neuchatel, Switzerland, studying French language. Thus she has returned to the home city of many of the Ummels and Maurers for her study.

M. Dean, born 4-13-1926, is in college preparing for the ministry.

Lynn R., born 2-26-1928. Farmer; active in Youth for Christ work.

Alan E., born 8-22-1935, student at Bible Institute.

10. Minnie L. (Rutschman) Harms, born 9-19-1902, at Elbing, Kansas, married Edward Harms 4-30-1925, at Whitewater, Kansas. Children:

Viola Mae, born 1-30-1926. Married 4-8-1945 to Delbert Hulsey at El Dorado, Kansas. Their children:

D. Eddie, born 1-16-1946.

Charlotte Kathleen, born 9-30-1947.

Marjorie Colleen, born 10-10-1949.

Sherry Eileen, born 3-15-1951.

Glenn Edward, born 1-8-1939.

Wayne Leroy, born 2-1-1941.

(Edward Harms was killed 11-1-1947 in a car and train collision near El Dorado, Kans. After his death and the death of Mrs. J. P. Roth, Mrs. Edward Harms and J. P. Roth were married 9-7-1948.)

11. Elma M. (Rutschman) Schrag, born 9-30-1905, at Elbing, Kansas. Married to Waldo Schrag, 6-1-1933; address, Pretty Prairie, Kansas. Farmer; active in Gideon and child evangelism work. He is nephew of Menno Schrag, Editor, Mennonite Weekly Review, Newton, Kans. Children:

Elwyn, born 5-3-1935.

Marlin, born 5-2-1937.

D. Christian Ummel, born 5-11-1857, at LaLochle, Switzerland; died 6-23-1923, at Halstead, Kansas. His mother died in 1886. Christian came to Pulaski, Iowa, in 1868. Pre-empted eighty acres of virgin prairie land in Ness County, Kansas, in 1884. Married Esther Matthey of Switzerland 12-5-1886, at Elbing, Kansas. Esther Matthey was born in Neuchatel, Switzerland, 1-8-1864 and died 5-25-1951 at Arnold, Kansas. Her mother died in 1877. She came to America with Rev. Gerber family in 1883. Married Dan Ummel 9-14-1924.

Children:

1. Mary Louise, born 11-5-1887 at Ransom, Kansas; died 12-13-1935. Married Elmer Huxman, Utica, Kansas, 10-27-1915. Home wedding by Rev. Ummel & Aeby. Children:

Wilbur, born 6-12-1918, Arnold, Kansas. Died 6-12-1918.

Mildred, born 10-22-1919, Arnold, Kansas.

Ruth Marie, born 10-21-1922, Newton, Kansas. Married Albert Meyer, Hesston, Kansas, 1-28-1944. Address: Hugo, Oklahoma. Their children:

Julie Anne, born 6-16-1950, at Tulsa, Okla.

Steven James, born 11-29-1952, at Hugo, Okla.

Dale Laverne, born 8-16-1924, at Arnold, Kansas. Married Lorine Fose, Ness City, Kansas, 8-18-1946. Address: Hill City, Kansas. Children:

Daylene Kay, born 6-3-1947, at Hays, Kansas.

Joe Lynn, born 4-13-1953, Hays, Kansas.

Doris Elaine, born 7-28-1926, at Arnold, Kansas. Married Elwin Brown of Larned, Kansas, 12-2-1944 in Oklahoma City. Address: Norman, Okla. Their children:

Rhonda Kay, born 3-5-1949, at Norman.
Carla Annette, born 7-5-1951, at Norman.

2. David, born 2-5-1889, at Ransom. Died July 1889.
3. Malinda Rose, born 6-4-1891, at Ransom. Died 1-26-1910.
4. Lena, born 1-18-1892, at Ransom. Married R. E. Biggerstaff, Newton, Kans., 6-18-1918. He died 2-1-1928. Lena married Frank Vermillion 4-24-1952. Address: 3401 Gabriel, RFD 3, Parsons, Kansas. Children:

Marshall Dwight, born 8-11-1922, at Newton. Married Donna Faye Sutton, 6-3-1941 at Arnold. Address: Dodge City, Kansas. Their children:
Karen Louise, born 8-25-1943, at Ransom.
Donna Darlene, born 2-13-1945, at Ransom.
Dwight Keith, born 5-1-1950, at Liberal.

Wilbur Eugene, born 4-7-1927, at Arnold. Married Mary Carol Fain, Guymon, Okla., 8-13-1950. Address: Arnold. One daughter:
Maria Diane, born 11-5-1951, at Ransom.
(Wilbur has three stepsons also.)

5. Lillie, born 9-28-1893, at Ransom. Married Roy E. Burgess, of Ipava, Ill., 6-18-1918. Home wedding by Rev. Young of Arnold ME church. Address: Arnold. Children:

Orley Glade, born 12-28-1919 at Arnold. Married Evelyn Este, of Farmington, Minn., on 3-17-1945 at Oakland, Calif. Address: Spokane, Wash. Son:
Bruce Roy, born 5-9-1952, at El Paso, Tex.

6. Lydia, born 5-24-1895, at Ransom. Married Joseph M. North, 9-1-1921. Home wedding by Rev. J. P. Carrier. Home address: Arnold. Winter address: Box 2065, Mesa, Ariz. Mr. North has two inventions to his credit. The North-Aire Car Cooler and the Greasemaster lubricator, the latter being manufactured by the G&T Industries, Inc., 1426 Barwise, Wichita, Kansas.

7. Henry William, born 2-3-1897, at Ransom. Married Katherine Sargent, Bridgeport, Kansas, on 8-2-1922. Address: Arnold. Children:

Evelyn Faye, born 10-6-1923, at Arnold. Married G. Keith Clark, 5-6-1944, of Wakeeney, Kans. Child:
Linda Lou, born 7-1-1951, at Ransom.

Mildred Maxine, born 10-15-1925, at Arnold. Married Marvin Fink, of Salina, Kansas, on 8-17-1948 at Salina. Children, all born in Salina:
Robert Allen, born 9-25-1949.
Donald Ray, born 5-23-1951.
Katherine Ann, born 5-24-1953.

Dorothy Belle, born 12-18-1926, at Arnold. Died 1-24-1927, at Arnold.

Donald Keith, born 3-30-1928, at Arnold. Married Doris Jackson, of Stockton, Kansas, 11-22-1952. Address: Scott City, Kansas.

Phyllis Marie, born 4-26-1929, at Ransom. School teacher, Oakley, Kans.

Kenneth Dean, born 10-15-1930, at Arnold. Married Louise Riggs of Oklahoma, 7-21-1953, at Bentonville, Ark. Serving in U. S. Navy, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Marvin Gayle, born 3-4-1932, at Arnold. Serving in U.S. Navy in Korea.
Eunice Esther, born 9-4-1934, at Arnold. Nurse-aid in Grisell Hospital.
Ralph Eugene, born 8-14-1936, at Ransom.

8. John Louis, born 11-15-1898, at Ransom. Married Clara E. McDonald, of New York, 5-3-1925. Married by Rev. Mitchell of ME church, Ransom. Address: Ransom. One son:

Louis Dudley, born 11-17-1926, at Ransom. Louis Dudley served in Korea.

9. Esther Millie, born 9-25-1901, at Ransom. Married Leon E. Bonser, of Bertrand, Nebr., on 9-5-1923, at Arnold. Married by Rev. Anderson at his Arnold Parsonage. Home address: 7406 S. LaSalle Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. Children:

Arlene & Darlene, twins born 5-18-1927, at Ransom. Arlene married L. E. Ellis on 6-6-1952. Darlene is active in Christian Service of Youth group in CE.

10. Christian Fred, born 6-12-1903, at Arnold. Married Rheba Farr, of Sylvan Grove, Kansas, by Rev. Mitchell of ME church. Ordained into ministry by Rev. John Hubbard of Los Angeles and is minister in Farm Labor Center, Shafter, Calif. Address: Box 1055, Shafter, Calif. Children:

Douglas Howard, born 11-26-1949, at Fresno, Calif.

Carolyn Marie, born 4-19-1951, at Salem, Ore.

Virgil Stanley, born 5-1-1952, at Salem, Ore.

11. Lorene Fern, born 6-8-1906, at Arnold. Married Hurley M. Duncan, Brownell, Kansas, on 8-4-1932, at Ness City by Rev. P. T. Glass. Address: Box 157, Deerfield, Kans. Children:

Twila Lea, born 4-7-1934, at Brownell, Kans. Married Ralph H. Claar, 10-5-1952, of Deerfield, Kans. Address: Deerfield.

Joyce Joan, born 4-26-1937, at Arnold.

Elaine Kay, born 12-3-1941, at Deerfield.

12. Elmer Jennings, born 9-14-1908, at Arnold. Married Delma Pearl Farr, of Arnold, 10-29-1931. Address: Arnold. Married at Ness City by Rev. T. P. Glass. Children:

Beverly Ann, born 7-29-1938, at Grisell.

Rosemary Jean, born 9-4-1942, at Grisell.

Quenten Dean, born 1-6-1948, at Grisell. Died 1-8-1948.

E. Mary Louise (Ummel) Baumgartner, born 4-5-1862, at LaLocle, Switzerland. Died 1-19-1951. Mary Louise Ummel married Benjamin Baumgartner, 6-10-1883. The couple lived at Lynn Grove, Ind., later at Ransom, Kansas. Farmer. Lynn Grove is in the Limberlost country near Berne.

Children:

1. Rufus Frank, born 3-10-1884, at Lynn Grove, Ind. Retired farmer, Ransom, Kansas.

2. Lydia Emma (Baumgartner) Smith, born 8-17-1885, at Lynn Grove, Ind. Married 3-21-1921 to Ollie Guy Smith by Rev. R. P. McPherson of Hastings, Nebr. Husband railroad conductor. Address: 619 Elm St., Emporia, Kansas.

3. Harry Edward, born 2-21-1887 at Berne, Ind. Married 9-19-1909 to Bessie May Mitchell by Rev. O. M. Keme of Ransom, Kansas. Retired businessman, Nashville, Kansas.
Children:

Harold Wesley, born 7-17-1910, at Ransom. Married Mildred Jones in 1934. Boeing Mechanic. Address: 805 E. 1st St., Newton, Kansas. They have five children:

Earle Benjamin, born 10-16-1912, at Elbing. Married Jean Socolofsky on 7-19-1941. Storekeeper, Cessna Aircraft. Address: 2920 S. Rutan, Wichita 10, Kans. They have two children.

Melvin Leslie, born 10-25-1914, at Newton, Kansas. Married Florence Finch on 8-8-1939. Detective, Police Force. Address: 5022 E. 14th, Wichita 14, Kansas. They have two children.

Ferne Lenora, born 8-14-1917, at Elbing. Married Joseph E. Cloutier on 3-18-1945. Address: 3961 Ross Parkway, Wichita 10, Kans. Four children.

Louis Marion, born 9-1-1919, at Newton, Kansas. He was killed on 5-8-1943 in a B-24 crash. He was a Master Sergeant in the Air Force.

Betty Jane, born 7-5-1921, at Elbing. First Lieutenant in the W.A.C. Address: 632 McClellan, Apt. 1, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.

4. Rosa Bertha, born 4-5-1889, at Ransom. Married 12-24-1910 to Jesse G. Stahly by Rev. J. A. W. Brown of Newton. Retired farmer. Address: RR5, Newton, Kans.

5. Hattie Della, born 2-17-1892 at Ransom. Married 3-8-1933 to Ray Summa by Judge J. L. Caster of Emporia, Kans. Retired railroader. Address: 1921 W. 12th, Emporia, Kans. One son:

Lamoine Ray, born 6-2-1934, a railroad fireman on the AT&SF.

6. Anna Grace, born 4-5-1894 at Ransom. Married 11-20-1926 to Olen N. Whitfield by Rev. P. T. Glass, of Elbing. Feed & Seed business, Ness City, Kans. Children:

Maxine Lois, born 10-10-1927 at Elbing. Married James Claypool on 12-7-1952. Has two stepchildren. Address: Ness City.

Melvin Dean, born 12-20-1928 at Elbing. Married Vera May Schreiber on 9-5-1948. Farmer. Two children. Address: Ness City.

7. David Phillip, born 8-29-1896, at Ransom. Married 4-15-1923 to Ruth Evelyn Peters by Rev. Walter N. Reynolds of Minneapolis, Minn. Railroad Depot agent. Address: Plainville, Kans. Children:

Delmar Duane, born 8-24-1925, at Sylvan Grove, Kans. Married Mary Evelyn Richmond, on 10-14-1946. Railroad telegrapher. Address: Bonner Springs, Kansas. Two children.

Dale Eudean, born 11-20-1929, at Blaine, Kans. Married Shirley Ann Langerman on 11-22-1951. Railroad carpenter. Address: Wilson, Kans. One child.

Patricia Ann, born 1-22-1931, at Russell, Kans. Married Niland Clements, on 12-12-1952. Address: Plainville, Kans. One child by former marriage.

Bobby Gene, born 12-4-1937, at Clay Center, Kans. Address: Plainville, Kan.

8. Elma Faye, born 4-19-1901 at Ransom. Married 6-10-1922 to George Anspaugh by Rev. S. E. Anspaugh of Ransom. Retired farmer. Address: Ness City. Children:

Oral Thaine, born 5-4-1924, at Ransom. Married to Shirley Arlene Betz, on 12-19-1948. Farmer and stockman. One child. Address: Ness City.

Letty Marie, born 8-3-1926, at Ransom. Married Edward E. Dietz, on 4-18-1948. Farmer and stockman. One child. Address: Ness City.

F. David Ummel -- farmer northwest of Ransom. No information received.

G. Emma (Ummel) Rufenacht, born 2-14-1872, near Bloomington, Ill. Married to G. F. Rufenacht 4-8-1888, who died 11-1-1916.

Children:

1. Celia, born 7-6-1889. Married Wilhelm Nimz 8-6-1905. Their children:

Emma, born 11-15-1906; married Nova Moody.

Leroy, born 4-6-1908, married Gertrude Smith.

Celia Katherine, born 6-14-1910; died 1-16-1924.

Willie, born 10-12-1912; married Elsie Wolfe.

Freddie Glen, born 12-2-1920.

Marjorie, born 4-14-1923; married Wayne Duncan.

Marvin, born 10-22-1929; married in 1952.

(Their grandchildren, as well as other grandchildren of this branch were listed without further identification in the information received and are so listed here. -- Grandchildren: Nova Loraine Moody, Richard Nimz, Robert Nimz, Billy Nimz, Ellen Nimz, Elsie Ruth Nimz, Dale Ruth Nimz, Curtis Ruth Nimz, Celia Waynette Duncan, and Gayene Duncan.)

2. Nellie, born 9-5-1891. Married 6-16-1920 to Maurice Dubbs. Children:

Thelma, born 2-16-1923. Married Don Anderson 6-16-1946. Two children: Gwendolyn born 4-20-1947, and Coleen, born 3-20-1951.

Melba, born 7-27-1926. Married to Leslie Tillitson, 1-24-1945. Two children:

Ronald, born 9-27-1947.

Jeanette, born 9-3-1950.

3. Anna, born 12-22-1893. Married Scott Day 1-23-1915. Children:

Myrtle, born 12-26-1915. Married 7-19-1936 to Rev. Ralph Herrick.

Jolena, born 2-23-1918. Married Roy Clason, 10-30-1939.

Lamöine, born 10-5-1920. Married Reta Parker in 1943.

Scott, Jr., born 2-4-1923. Married in 1946.

(Grandchildren: Donald and Janice Herrick; Sandra Clason; Beverly, Morgan and Lynn Ann Day.)

4. Eva, born 11-13-1895. Married Lee Coppersmith in 1917. Children:

Earl, born 3-5-1918. Married in 1940.

Minnie, born 3-3-1920. Married to Jack Finlayson in 1941.

Ethel, born 3-28-1922. Married to Howard Kruse in 1941.

Pearl, born 11-14-1923. Married Mike Cluster in 1944.

Paul, born 12-16-1925.

Vernon, born 4-30-1928.

(Grandchildren: Glen, Patricia and Joyce Coppersmith; Danny and Vicki Finlayson, Danny Kruse, Barbara Cluster.)

5. Emma E., born 12-17-1897. Married Clarence Pearce, 3-8-1917. Children:

Floyd, born 2-18-1919. Married in 1948.

Edmond, born 10-25-1920. Married 10-25-1941.

Violet, born 7-26-1924. Married Hugh House, 1948.

Margaret, born 3-29-1930.

(Grandchildren: Betty and Billie Joe Pearce; Edna House.)

6. Leo, born 2-27-1900. Died 4-24-1900.

7. Ida, born 5-24-1901. Married S. E. Simpson, April, 1919. Children:

Harold, born 12-?-1919. Married in 1945.

Gailord, born 8-11-1923. Married in 1945.

Bobby, born 8-13-1925.

Leon, born 5-2-1929.

(Grandchildren: Harold, Vicki and Deborah Simpson.)

8. Fred, born 1-10-1904. Married Blanche Horchem, 5-7-1929. Children:

Vernon, born 2-16-1930.

Urla Jane, born 5-6-1932, she married John Hopkins in Sept. 1951.

Ila Rhea, born 3-17-1937.

Freda Mae, born 9-14-1939.

George, born 1-23-1942.

9. Lena, born 1-27-1907. Died 4-3-1907.

10. Alice, born 6-24-1908. Died 8-25-1928. Married Harold Barber in 1923.
Children:

Faye, born in 1924. Married Virgil Schreiber in 1942.

Betty, born 11-1-1925. Married Keith Rider in 1946.

Dorothy, born 1-13-1928. Married to Louis Schreiber in 1948.

(Grandchildren: Virgie, Larry and Gail Ann Schreiber.)

11. Eleska, born 7-28-1910. Married to John Mishler 8-4-1949.

12. Leslie, born 8-4-1913. Died 8-4-1913.

H. Christian - no data received.

I. Anna (Graeff) - no data received.

J. Philip - passed away at sixteen.

K. Rosa (Ummel) Opplinger. Born 7-20-1881, at Berlin, Mo., (Gentry County). Married 3-18-1897 to Frederick Oscar Opplinger, who was born 6-15-1875, at Savannah, Mo., (Andrew County). He died 10-19-1944. Rosa wrote the letter sending these facts gathered by her children.

Children:

1. Alfred, born 12-21-1897, at Ransom, Kans. Died 12-22-1897.

2. Joseph Benjamin, born 12-12-1898. Died 7-19-1947. Children:

Dwight

Dixie Irene

Larry

Donald Ray

3. Louise, born 2-7-1901. Died 9-21-1935. Married 6-4-1931 to Walter Wills, who was born 4-7-1903. One child:

Della Lou

4. John Ulrich, born 2-7-1903, at Ransom. Married 4-30-1932 to Eunice Haug, who was born 10-17-? . Children

Orrin Dean

Gerald Theodore

Judy Kay

5. Jesse Herman, born 10-16-1905, at Ransom. Married 11-20-1930 to Myldred Stover, born 10-26-? . Children:

Myldred Arlene

Lavonne Iris

6. Dixie, born 4-18-1908, at Ransom. Married Donald W. Johnson 8-23-1936.
Children:

James Jay

Judy Valerie

7. Alice, born 2-2-1911, at Ransom. Married Wilbur William 2-20-1932.
8. Emma, born 1-16-1914, at Ransom. Married Glen Olsen in 1935. They had two children:

LeMoyne

Sandra

(Emma married Frank Hamlin 9-28-1943. They have one child:

Scherry Dian.)

9. Oscar David, born 10-10-1916, at Ransom. Married Evangeline McAuley, 7-1-1939. Children:
Cynthia
Michael
10. Eric Raye, born 4-8-1920, at Ransom. Married Dorothy Ecl 1-3-1943. Children
Catherine Raye
Erie Raye
11. Wilma, born 2-19-1923, at Ransom. Married Max Demuth 2-8-1946. Children:
Curtis Wayne
Stuart Wade

L. Benjamin Samuel Ummel. Born 8-1-1884, near Berlin, Mo. Married 6-12-1909 to Mary Ann Stutzman.

Children:

1. Frank Rufus, born 1-1-1910. Married Dana Idell Douglas 3-26-1933. Children
Edward Samuel, born 4-19-1934.
Barbara Rose, born 2-14-1936.
Arbadella Joann, born 1-7-1938.
Wilma Marie, born 4-8-1943.
Lester Frank, born 12-17-1946.
2. Orra Noah, born 9-24-1912. Died 3-10-1923.
3. Philip Ralph, born 10-1-1915. Married Florence Elizabeth Wittman on 6-7-1940. Children:
Lawrence Dean, born 7-26-1941.
Robert Harold, born 11-1-1945.
4. Robert Harold, born 10-29-1917. Died 12-10-1930.
5. Rolla Pearl, born 10-30-1919. Married Edna Berniece Wittman 7-14-1946. Children:
Richard Pearl, born 7-5-1947.
Fern Alice, born 3- 6-1951
David Samuel, born 2-26-1953.

6. Fern Alice, born 9-5-1922. Died 9-21-1933.
7. Frederick Earl, born 12-15-1924. Married Letha Maxine Tillitson. Children:
Earl Wayne, born 7-12-1945.
Billie Dean, born 4-10-1948.
8. Ruby Darlene, born 12-18-1931.

Ness County is the birthplace of George Washington Carver, the Negro scientist. Ransom area is also the birthplace of Gov. and Sen. Schoeppel of Kansas, a friend of the Ummels.

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III. THE MAURERS OF KANSAS

Christian Maurer of Glen Elder, Kansas, was a half-brother of the Maurers listed on page 1. His father was Abraham Maurer. He was born 11-27-1847 in Switzerland and died 10-11-1934 in Glen Elder.

Christian Maurer married Rosina Schmidt, who was born 2-2-1853, in St. Joseph, Mo., the old "Pony Express" starting point. She died 1-3-1916.

Nine children were born to Christian and Rosina Maurer:

1. William, born in 1871, died in 1936. Born in Doniphan county, Kansas; all the others were born in Mitchell county, Kansas.
2. Charles, born 12-15-1873; died 4-10-1910.
3. Bertha, born 12-8-1875; died 3-18-1942 in Canon City, Colo. Married George Emery 5-31-1902 in Oklahoma. He died 2-8-1941; he was a plasterer. Bertha had three sons:
William married Verna Church, and has two daughters: Mary Margaret and Barbara Rose. Both are married and one has a child. William was born 3-13-1903 and lives at 8845 Highland Ave., Whittier, Calif. Is Ass't. Supt. of Mails in Whittier.
George Oscar was born 2-19-1905 and is a plasterer in Canon City, Colo. He married Margaret Abbot. They have two daughters, both married -- Margaret A., born 10-5-1930 and Rosemary, born 9-20-1932.
Eugene Victor, also a plasterer in birthplace, Canon City. He married Grace Beck and they have two children -- Eugene Edward, born 11-9-1936 and Betty Lou, born 8-7-1939.
4. Emma A., born 10-2-1878. Living in Glen Elder.
5. John O., born 8-9-1880.
6. Adolph, born 4-17-1883. Living at 810 N. Pine St., Beloit, Kansas, county seat of Mitchell county. Was flooded out of former home in 1951 flood on Solomon River in Beloit. Married Byrd Peaslee on 1-1-1908.
7. Lucie, born 2-11-1888. Died 8-4-1891.
8. Nora)
9. Laura) Twins, born 10-17-1890. Nora died 3-19-1921. Laura living in Glen Elder.

Laura Maurer of Glen Elder supplied the above information. She says Grandfather Abraham Maurer had five brothers and three sisters, all born in Switzerland. They were Christian, John, Joel, Phillip, Jacob, Rosina (Rosina was the grandmother of Laura); and two sisters whose names are not known. Rosina married Mr. Jacob Schmidt. They had three daughters. After Mr. Schmidt died in St. Joseph, Mo., Rosina married Mr. Gus Schuman. They had two girls, one boy. Rosina's daughter Selina married Mr. Henry Marzolf. They had two children. Mary Schmidt married Gus Schuman, Jr., stepson of her mother's. She and Mr. Schuman had one daughter; after he died, she married Henry Kohler. They had eleven or twelve children. Caroline married John Lehman in Doniphan county, Kansas; Bertha married Charles Wirth; Fred married in Doniphan county, Kansas; name of wife not known.

Christian Maurer helped pay passage of Abraham and Susanna Ummel Maurer to America.

INFORMATION ON SHIP TICKET OF CHRISTIAN MAURER, furnished by his daughter Laura, Glen Elder, Kansas. Mostly in German, but also some French. Now in possession of William Emery, Whittier, California.

Regular Outgoing of the Post Steamer
Between Havre, Liverpool, Southampton, Bremen, Hamburg to New York
and Liverpool, to Quebec and Portland.
Bordeau to Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, Buenos Aires.
From Southampton to Panama and San Francisco.
Swiss Concession General Agency For Emigrants
Jean Stossel & Co., Central Bureau in Basel
Agency of Basel
Travel Contract No. 541
Between Mr. Jean Stossel in Basel as chief agent
for above named house and following contracting
person, the following contract was made:

MAURER, CHRISTIAN, 20 years of age of
Diesbach, Switzerland

Guarantees to ship through Basel-Luxembourg, Antwerp to New York
inbetween (mid) decks of the steamer...
Medway leaving 13th of April from Antwerp. Capt. Harris.

Started from Antwerp 16 April, 1867.
Left Basel 9th April 1867.

There follow some notations in French regarding personal
characteristics.

A coupon next. Two large packages identified.
To harbor by third class railroad.
Had to bring dishes and bedding.
Trip cost 240 francs. Paid cash.
Mutual cancellation possible, but agent can keep half, and can keep
all if loss to agency more than half.
Children's ages proved by birth certificates.
Subject to immigration regulations and police laws at harbors.

Not accepted for passengers: Crazy, somnabulists, morons, mentally
deficient, one eyed, blind, deaf, dumb, sickly, paralyzed, crippled,
or those in any way cripply, older than 60, widows with minor
children, women without husbands with children with themselves,
pregnant women, children under 13 not under protection of relatives
traveling with them; persons without means upon arrival to travel
inland.

The above information is a line by line translation of a typical
immigrant ticket of the nineteenth century. However, Abraham and
Susanna Ummel Maurer, as told by oldest daughter Rosina Maurer Sloneker,
traveled overland through Paris to the coast, evidently from LeHavre.
Rosina Maurer Sloneker remembered the trip.

Christian Maurer's sister Anna, married Mr. Joseph Schirmer. They had thirteen children, several of whom died in infancy. One member of this family is still living -- the youngest daughter, Mary, who was a missionary to the Hopi Indians for over thirty years in Arizona, and is now Mrs. Abe Baumgartner, aged seventy-two, of Elkland, Mo.

One daughter, Emilie Schirmer, married Abraham Henry Regier, who was born near Elbing, Kansas, on 11-16-1878. Emilie Schirmer was born in Germany, just across from the Swiss border. She visited Illinois relatives a number of times.

Family of Emilie and Abraham Regier:

Arthur Abraham, born 1-26-1909. Married Dorothy White, 10-28-1932. Their children are Mary Alice, born 12-16-1933; Kathryn Louise, born 7-4-1935, and Alan Arthur, born 12-9-1939. Address: 12 North Pine, Hampton, Va. Arthur is in aeronautical research at Langley Field, Va.

Paul Gerhard, born 2-15-1911. Married 9-20-1934 to Blanche Rosefeld. Their children are: Ruby Irene, born 10-31-1935; Judith Kay, born 2-9-1941. Farmer, Route 3, Newton, Kansas. Active in Mennonite church, Elbing.

Theodore James Regier, born 7-6-1912. Married Betty Gerard 1-15-1938. Their children are Theodore James, Jr., born 8-27-1938; Louis Laverne, born 11-12-1939; and Betty Jo, born 10-21-1941. Theodore was a teacher, but is now farming at Route 3, Newton, Kansas.

Philip John, born 7-12-1914, married Rachel Schmidt, 11-17-1935. Their children are: Carol Jean, born 8-27-1936; Donald Ray, born 1-4-1939; Philip John, Jr., born 8-19-1940; Gerald Arthur, born 5-14-1943. Philip is farming on the homeplace at Rural Route 3, Newton, Kansas.

Johanna Emilie, born 3-28-1917. Married Gordon Milldrum, a minister in the Christian church, on 6-26-1938. Their children: Gordon John, Jr., born 5-5-1939; Kathleen Joanne, born 8-4-1942; Nancy Louise, born 9-25-1946; Stephen Joel, born 4-13-1953. Address: 15 Johnson Place, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Frieda Schirmer is the only child of Richard Schirmer, brother of Emilie. She is teaching school in Kansas. Frieda Schirmer was formerly a nurse in the clinic of Dr. Hertzler, author of "The Horse and Buggy Doctor."

Christian Maurer often delighted his Schirmer relatives by telling true stories of his early pioneer days in Kansas, where he lived in a sodhouse the first years, and took in Indians for shelter in winter.

IV. SUPPLEMENT

MAGIC SWITZERLAND

(Written by Frank T. Kauffman in "Mennonite Weekly Review", Newton, Kansas, May 14, 1953.)

Switzerland, astride the Alps, the "roof" of Europe, is the homeland of the antecedents of many American Mennonites.

This enchanted country, the scene of Byron's "Prisoner of Chillon", of the old League of Nations at Geneva, the International Red Cross and World Health Organization and at Davos-Grissons of Thomas Mann's "The Magic Mountain" is a model of unity in diversity. The confederation, dating from 1291, has 22 cantons, each of which is sovereign, except for powers vested in the Federal Government, whose seat is Berne.

Of the 4,600,000 inhabitants, about 73 per cent speak German, 21 per cent speak French and 5 per cent speak Italian. About 60 per cent of the population is Protestant and the remainder Catholic. Population density is 282 persons per square mile.

With a national motto of "One for all and all for one", tiny Switzerland (15,938 square miles) has become a model country. Its trains are electrified and its economy stable.

Drawing interest this year (1953) again is the 37th annual Swiss Industries Fair, held from April 11 to 21 at Basel. This exhibition covers 14 halls with 1,000,000 square feet of floor space. Last year there were 650,000 visitors and 2,200 exhibitors.

This Fair paces the continued expansion of Swiss industry. Where in 1937 there were 8,365 factories, there were 11,529 in 1951. Swiss electrical machinery frequently wins bids for big industrial and urban projects in the United States.

At the present rate of exchange about 4.35 Swiss francs are equal to an American dollar.

Among universities, Switzerland has the three German-language institutions at Zurich, Basel and Berne. At Lausanne, Geneva and Neuchatel universities, instruction is in French. The Catholic university at Fribourg (the other six are non-sectarian) is bi-lingual, using both German and French. The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich and the Swiss School of Economic and Public Administration in St. Gall serve the whole country.

At any one time, one person in 20 in Switzerland is a tourist and guest, and the tourist business ranks first in the country. What is that magic that draws millions to this enchanted, vaulted land, where peace and freedom remain undefiled Here's a statement from Mark Twain in "Letters to Harris":

"O Switzerland! The further it recedes into the enriching haze of time, the more intolerably delicious the charm of it and the cheer of it and the glory and majesty and solemnity and pathos of it grow...There are mountains and mountains and mountains in this world, but only these take you by the heartstrings. I wonder what the secret of it is? Time and time again it has seemed to me that I must drop everything and flee to Switzerland once more. It is a longing, a deep strong, tugging longing--that is the word. We must go again, Joe."

One of several letters received from Thomas Mann.

16th October, 1940

Princeton, New Jersey

Mr. Frank Truman Kauffman
206 East John Street
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kauffman:

As you are a graduate student at the University of Illinois and of Mennonite stock, I wish that I were not so over-charged with work and could write to you fully on the subject of the Amish and Mennonite groups in the United States, which you mentioned in your interesting letter of September 2nd.

A few thoughts occur to me which I can perhaps put briefly. The fact that the original Mennonite reformers denied civil authority to a great extent and sought to cultivate their religious life apart from the world may possibly account a little for whatever difficulty the modern Mennonites have in becoming fully a part of the life of the countries which gave their forefathers sanctuary. As regards the German Mennonites, do you not think that the original character of the German people had many good qualities - such as integrity, industriousness, and independence - and may it not be that the Germans over a long period of years have contributed to the American way of life in certain respects, while appearing to lack some of the democratic virtues in another?

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Thomas Mann

An excerpt from "What is German?", essay by Thomas Mann, published in May, 1944, "Atlantic Monthly":

"The non-social Ur-poetry is in fact Germany's own special myth, its typical and fundamental national nature, which differentiates it from the other European national minds and types."

"His work (Wagner's "The Ring of the Nibelung"), is the German contribution to the monumental art of the nineteenth century, which took the form in other nations, primarily, of great social-poetical novels---Dickens, Thackeray, Tolstoy, Dostoevski, Balzac, Zola. These monumental works that reveal a similar tendency toward moral grandeur were par excellence, the European nineteenth century, the literary world of social critique."

In his "The Permanent Goethe", Thomas Mann, quoting Goethe, states it is not constitution, in terms of the Federal Government, that presents any future difficulties, but stupidity in the use of constitution.

An excerpt from the "Mission of Music", by Thomas Mann, published in "New York Times" magazine of March 19, 1944:

"The most beautiful heritage we owe to Greek humanism is that cultural concept which insists on a pious and sanctifying inclusion of the powers of darkness in the cult of the gods."

"If the world is music, conversely music is the reflection of the world, of a cosmos pervaded with demoniac forces. Music is number, the worship of number, hallowed computation, resonant algebra."