On the track of the emigrants

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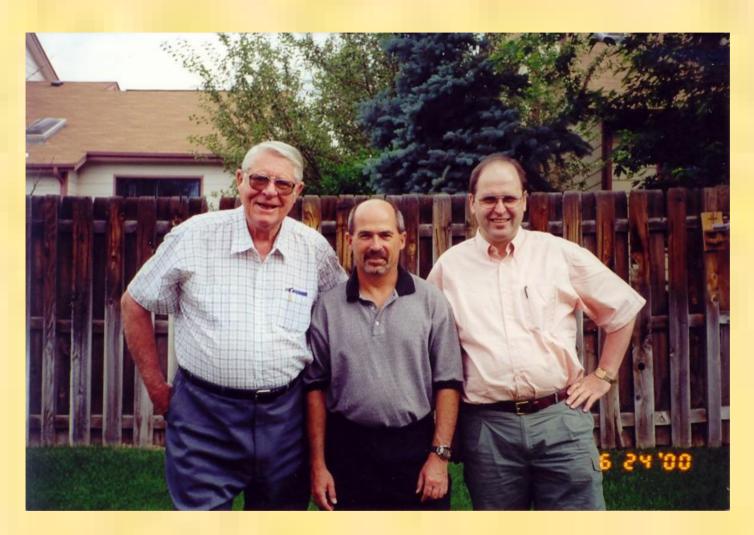
What you can expect this evening ...

- **Ø**How everything started
- **Ø**Background of the emigration
- ØDestination of the emigration
- **Ø**The settlement in America
- ØChallengers in the new homeland
- ØFarming in the past and today
- ØKaleidoscope of pictures
- ØPictures of emigrants

How everything started ...

- ØDuring my first internet research for my Kemmler ancestors I got in contact at an early stage with descendants of emigrants: Tim Grauer, Henry Doyle Walz and Jacky Bergstrom
- ØIn 2000 there was the first opportunity for a visit and I learned how important it is for lots of Americans to know about their ancestors homeland
- ØE.g. Tim's son Jochen was baptized in the church of his ancestors in Jettenburg

First visit to the relatives in America



Doyle Walz, Tim Grauer and Ruediger Kemmler in Aurora, Colorado – 24. Juni 2000

2001 first visit from America

Jacky Bergstrom, greatgranddaughter of
Johannes Keinath from
Maehringen and great
great-granddaughter of
Heinrich Duerr from
Jettenburg in front of
the church in
Maehringen



2002 a visit by the Walker's in Hartford City, Indiana



Family reunion of the Walker family (descendants of Johann Friedrich and Johann Jacob Walker)

Everybody brought photos, letters or other memory pieces with them



In August 2002 the Walkers visited the homeland of their ancestors



Lawrence, Charles & Betty Walker with members of the Historical Society

The experiences from this visits resulted in ...

- Ø building a web site on the internet with detailed information about the cities on the Haerten and the surrounding cities from 2001
- Ø consequent data entry of emigrants from the church records based on the emigration book "Die Auswanderung von den Härten" by 2002
- Ø posting the emigrants on the internet
- Ø a number of contacts with descendants of emigrants
- Ø successful family reunions

Backgrounds of the emigration

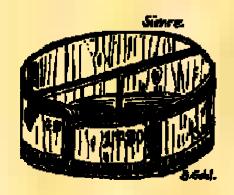
Reasons for the emigration

The reasons for the emigration have been documented quite well in Dr. Schmid's book "Die Auswanderung auf den Härten":

- Ø Poorness (dearths)
- **Ø** Religion
- Ø Military service, avoiding punishment (jail)
- Ø Taxes and high supporting fees for other countries
- Ø Active advertising for settlers in Russia, Austria and America
- Ø Deportation on the cost of the city (cheaper than the continuous alimony
- Ø Complicated family situations

The misery was immense ... (1)

"...I didn't make any progress. If I could sell my possessions as I did buy it, I would not need to ask for your support, but the houses have no value any more. Here in Koengisbronn at least 30 houses have been sold by auction but no one want to buy one. I don't have the heart to receive less of half the price what I have paid for and it was not expensive when I bought it. But in this hard times nobody buys anything as all the money is need for the food. The simre grain cost 3 florints and 36 cent, the simre potatoes cost 1 florint 30 cent, 2 pound (1 kilo) bread 11 cent and there are no earnings anymore. You can be assured if there would have been a chance I surely haven't given up my handcraft to work in a factory where the salary is low and you have to work the whole day and night until you only carry out the pure life.



1 simre = 29 liters

Quote from a letter dated 1850 from Johann Adam Schettler to his brother Johann Georg in America

The misery was immense ... (2)

"Dear brother I have thought quite often about your first letter telling us about your trip, how you have been treated on the ship where the cousin said to you: "I can't cook, cook yourself". I have been forced to tell my kids very often this, when they asked for bread. I have very often told them I can't give you any bread as I don't have any myself. You can see thereof how hard it is, if you have to fob off your own kids like this. If I should ever make it to America so my only wish is that I can make my living and I wouldn't have to care for food anymore. Here it is to less to live and too much to die. Therefore my dear brother I kindly ask you to help me, if it would be possible to do so and to release me from this slavery before I die and that I can be sure that my kids haven't to live in this slavery anymore.."

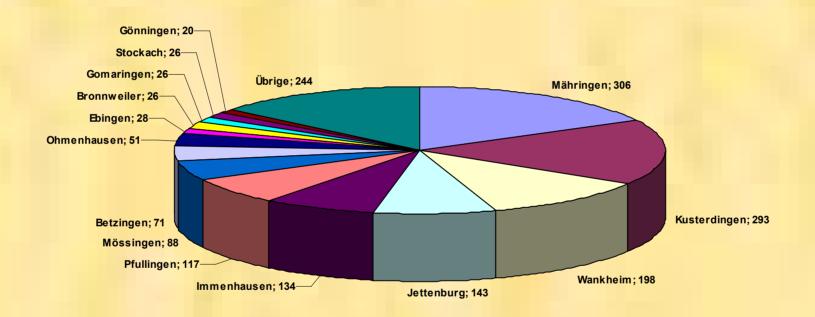
Quote from a letter dated 1850 from Johann Adam Schettler to his brother Johann Georg in America

... therefore many left their homeland

- Alone from the cities located on the Haerten 1074 persons left their homeland. In total my database covers 1771 emigrants, whereas most of them originally came from the surrounding cities
- Ø The distribution between men and women is approx. 60 %: 40 %.
- Ø In total the Kemmler name is leading whereas on the Haerten the names of the Grauer, Maier, Kuttler and Walker families are dominating
- Ø Most of the emigrants left from Maehringen and Kusterdingen

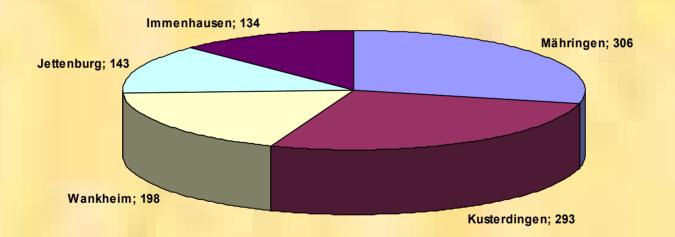
Distribution of the emigrants according their place of birth

Geburtsort der Auswanderer



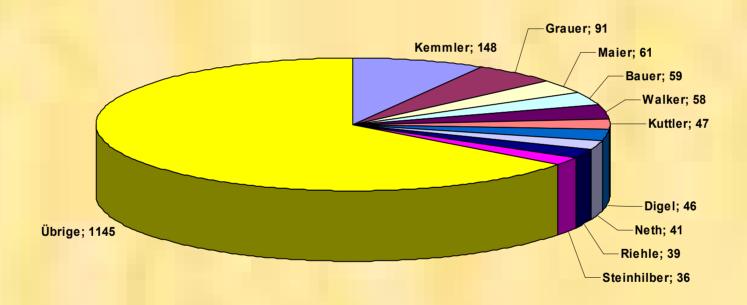
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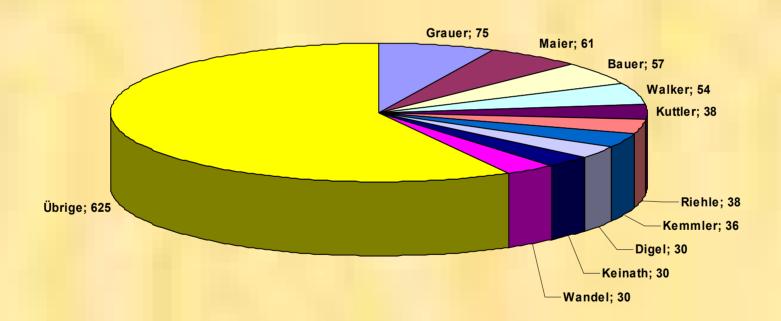
Distribution of the emigrants according their family names

Insgesamt nach Namen

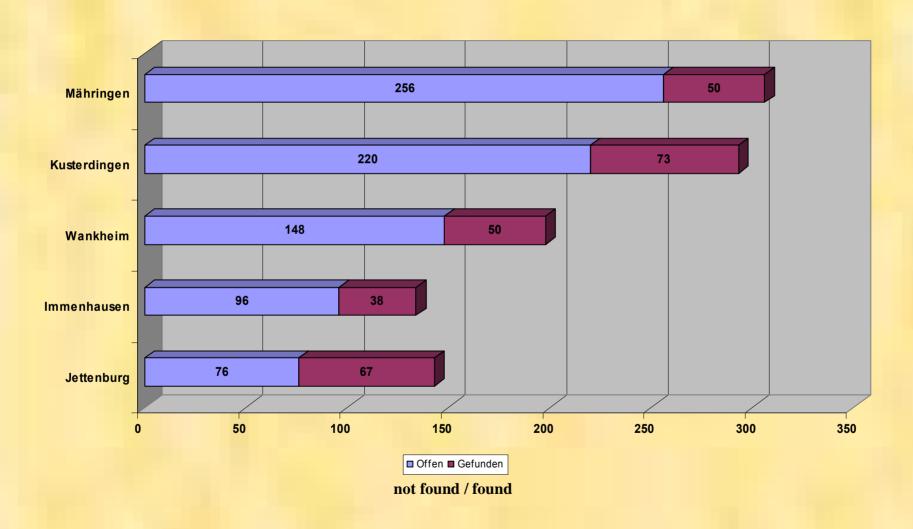


Distribution of the emigrants according their family names from the Haerten

Härten nach Namen



Approx. 1/4 of the 1,074 emigrants were found



Destination of the emigration

Emigration to the East (1)

There have been three main destinations:

Ø Transylvania

Ø Moldawia/Ukraine

Ø Bessarabia or the Kaukasus

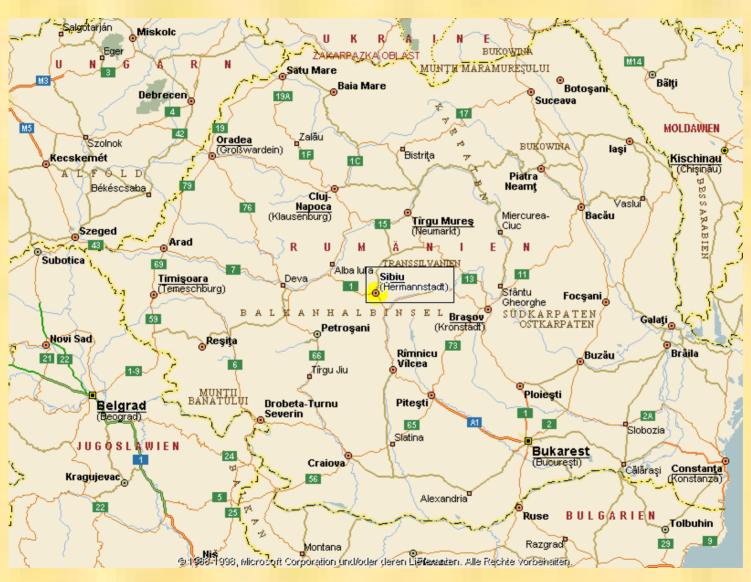
Emigration to the East (2)

- Ø The trip which was approx. 2.500 km long was done partly by foot, with wagons or with the ship from Ulm down the danube river via Budapest to Galatz or Ismail (Danube delta)
- Ø Depending on the destination they had to continue their trip by foot or wagon
- Ø A lot of emigrants don't survive the trip, died in the quarantine due to yellow fewer, malaria or other diseases in the new settlements
- Ø Some returned disappointed and devitalized

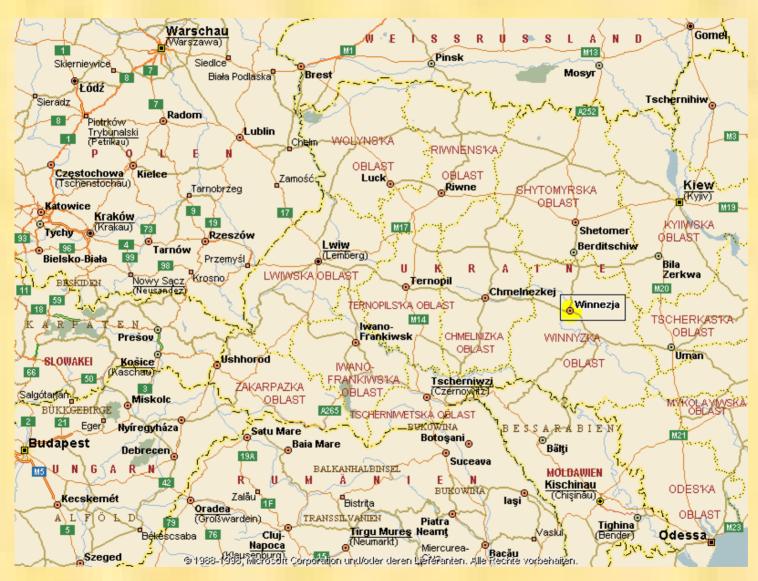
German settlements in Russia



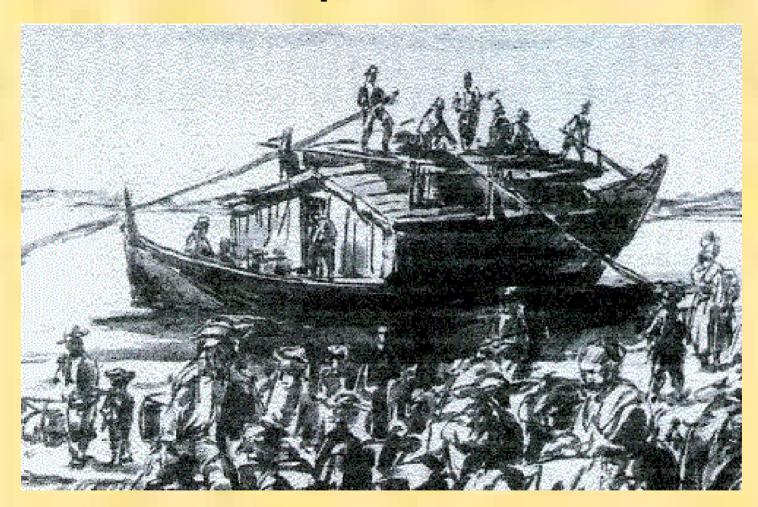
Transylvania (120 persons)



Moldawia (17), Bessarabia (7)



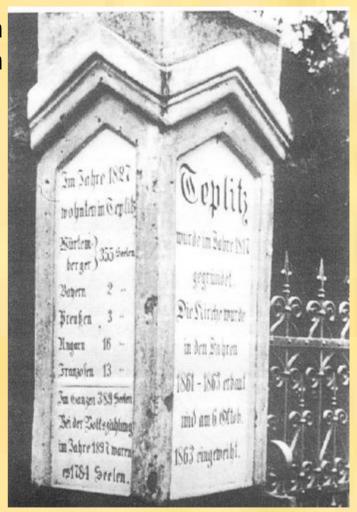
Means of transportation into the East



A ship type called "Ulmer Schachtel" - Box of Ulm

Sigmund Kemmler – a co-founder of the city of Teplitz in Bessarabia

- Ø Sigmund Kemmler (Kämmler), born in Wankheim on May 5,1798 emigrated in 1817 to Bessarabia due to religious reasons
- Ø It is told that he was a co-founder of the city of Teplitz, Northwest of Odessa (Black Sea)
- Ø The monument should remember to the foundation of Teplitz
- Ø In 1940 Hitler and Stalin made a deal, the people living in Bessarabia have been relocated to Poland (under German control) and the land was returned to Russia (being part of Romania after WWI)



Living in Teplitz, Bessarabia

Alfred and Felix Kämmler, descendants of Sigmund Kemmler on the fields at Teplitz (picture was taken one or two years before the relocation action).

The family had to leave most of their possessions behind and after the defeat of the German army in 1945 they were sent to Russian working camps in Siberia. In 1955 they have been released and could return to Germany.



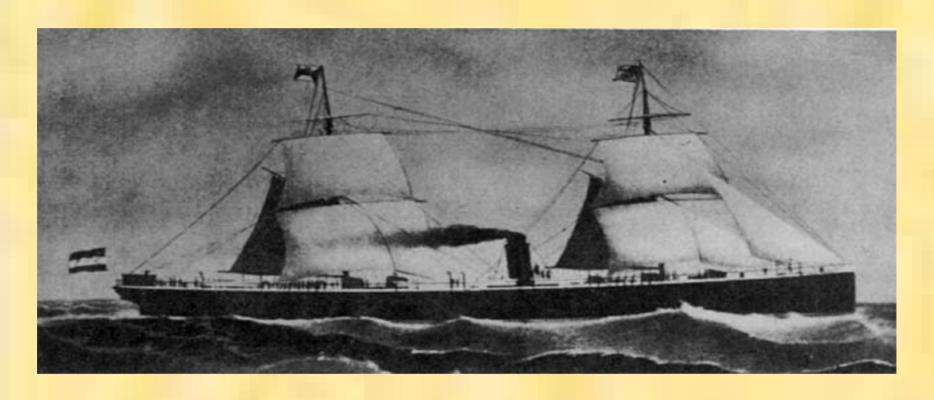
Emigration to the USA (1)

- ØThe emigrants mostly via the ports of Le Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Bremen and Hamburg
- ØPorts of destination were Philadelphia, Boston, New York and New Orleans
- ØIn the US they took the railway or the ship on the Hudson, Mississippi, Ohio continued on the Erie- or Ohio canal and had to use wagons for the rest of the trip

Emigration to the USA (2)

- Most of them settled in rural areas at the border of the civilization in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa und Michigan
- The second generation or the emigrants coming later settled more in the West up to the Pacific in Oregon and Washington
- The reasons were the gold rush and the completion of the railway network between Atlantic and Pacific

The trip on the ship was an adventure itself ...



Emigrant ship "Allemannia"

Friedrich Kemmler (born June 11, 1848 in Wankheim) did arrive with this ship on Jan 11, 1869 in New York

which some of them did not survive:

The children Anna Maria Grauer (1833), Anna Margarethe Schwarzkopf (1854), Katharina Gutbrod (1862) died on sea

ØIn 1883 at the occasion of the loss of the "Cimbra" Johann Georg Digel, his brother Johann Ludwig Digel and Johann Georg Riehle died (all where from Maehringen)

How did they get in the areas of settlement?

They took the railway from **New York to** Albany and then on the Erie canal to the Lake Erie. **Afterwards** they continued their trip on the Ohio or Erie-Mamie canal.



The Ohio-Erie- and the Miami-Erie canal als important transportation tracks

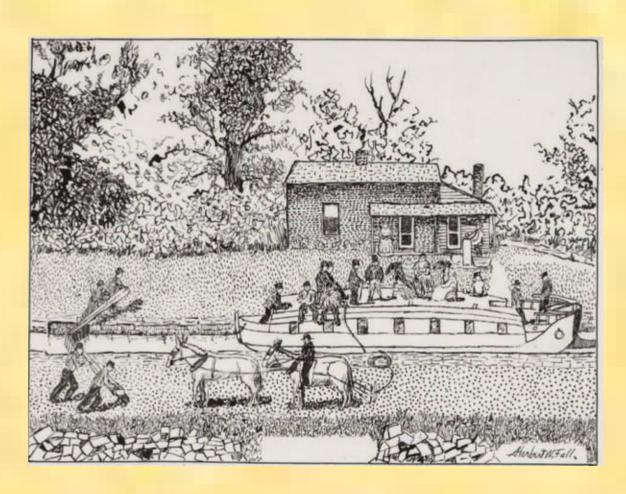
From Cleveland or Toledo they went South, the last part they used the train or wagons.

Another route led from New Orleans, on the Mississippi and the Ohio river to Cincinatti.



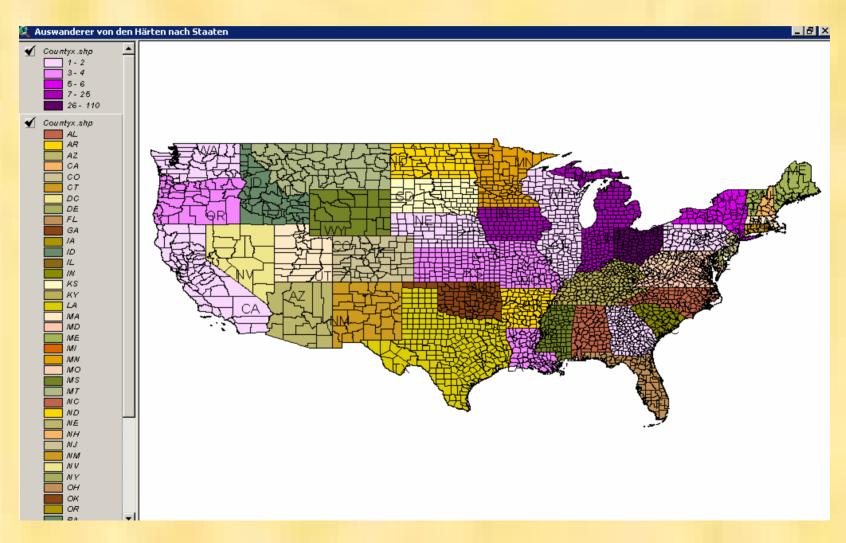
A typical canal boat

Transportation on the canals was done with small barges, which have been drawn by horses or mules.

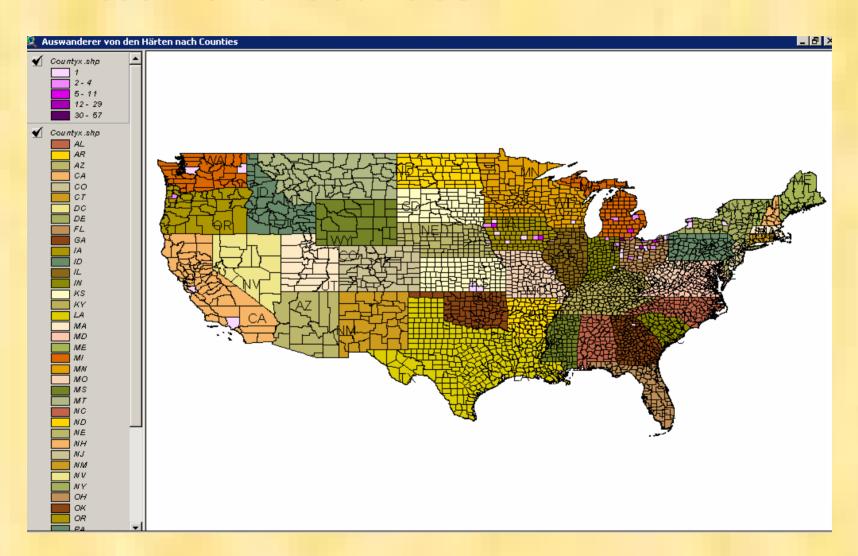


Settlements of the emigrants in **America**

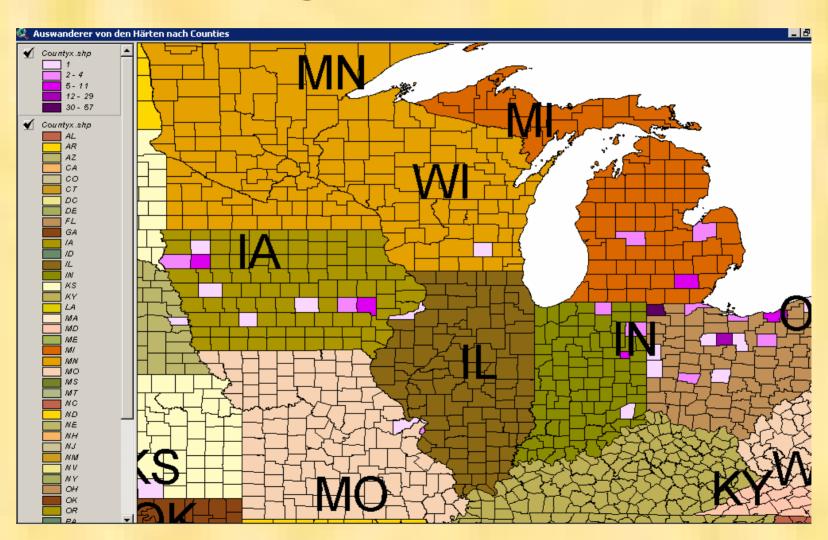
Most of the emigrants settled in the Midwest...



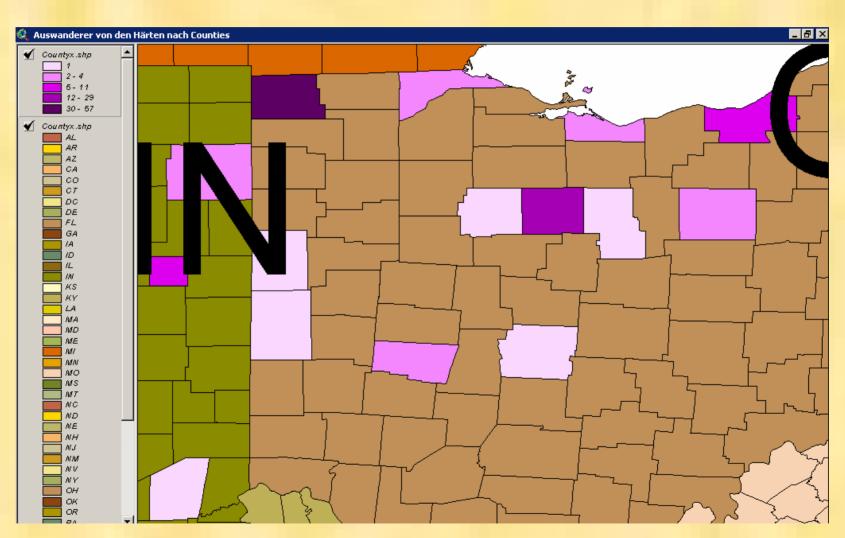
...concentrating themselves on very limited no. of counties ...



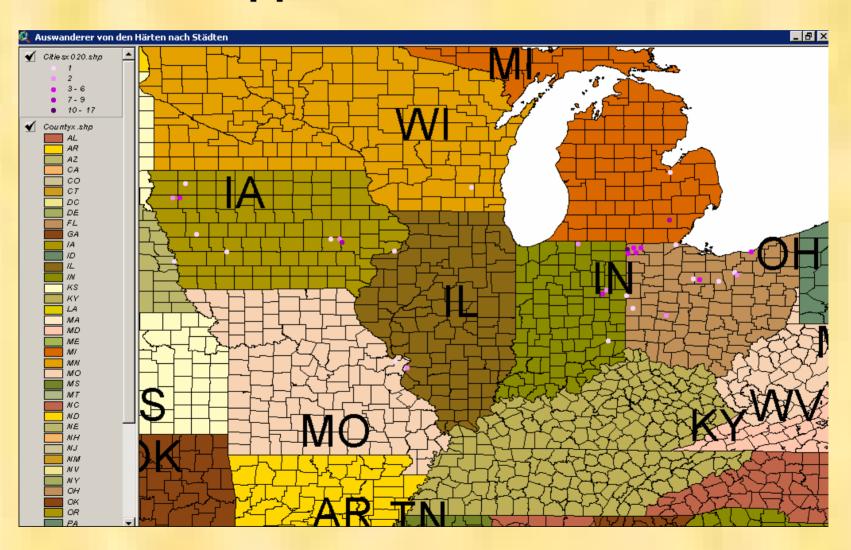
... especially in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan und Iowa ...



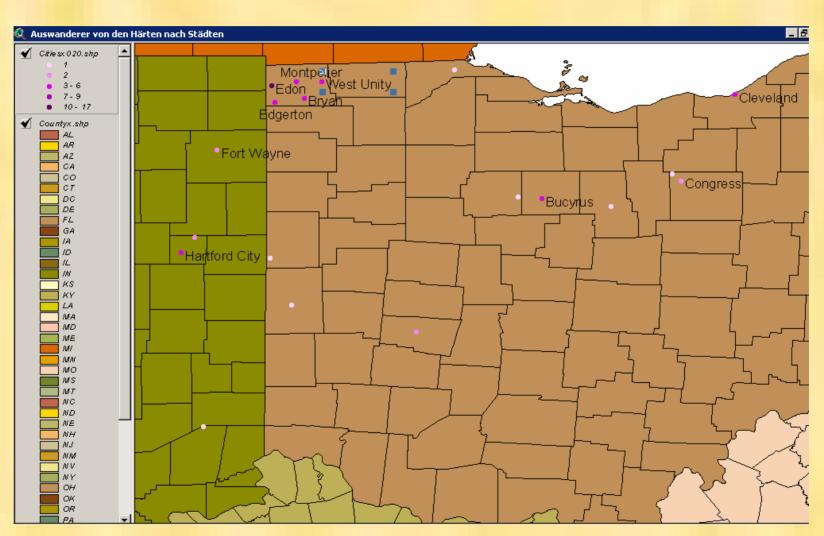
...with the highest concentrations in Williams und Crawford County, Ohio.



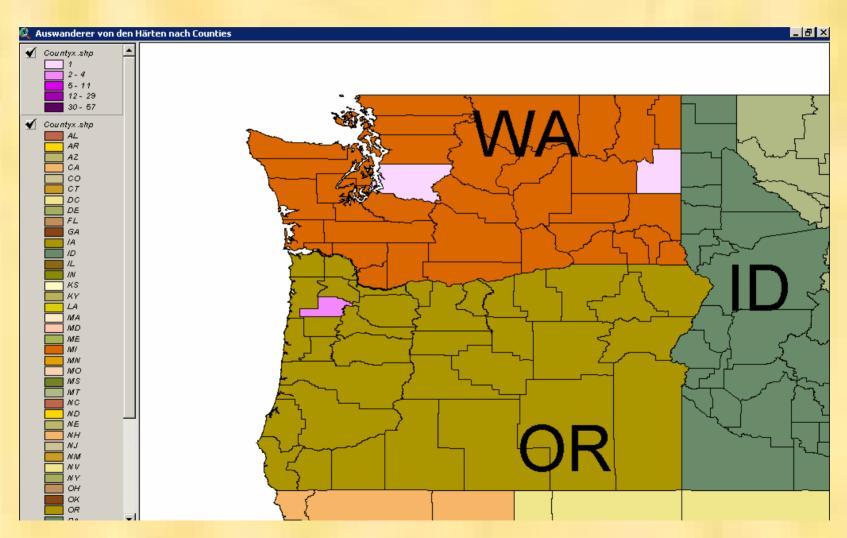
The same applies to the cities ...



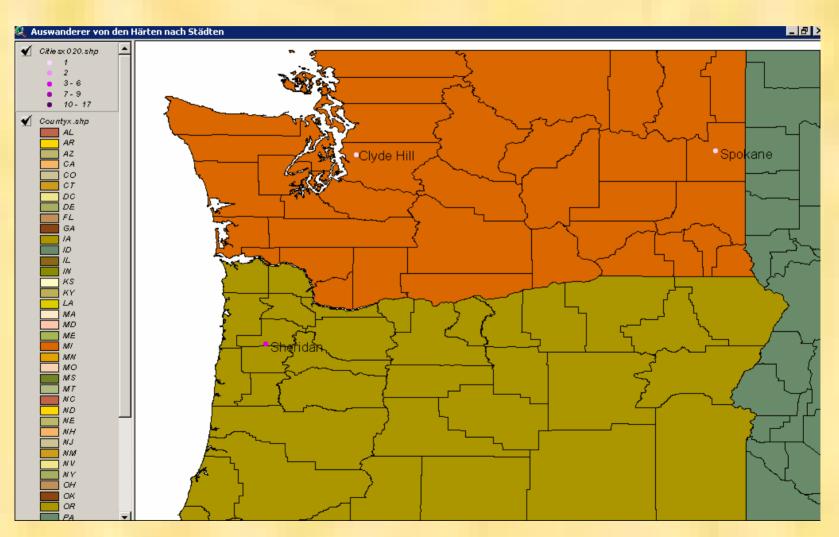
...with a high concentration in Edon, Edgerton, Bucyrus and Ann Arbor



Spätere Auswanderer siedeln sich verstärkt im Westen in Washington und Oregon an ...



... in Spokane (Riehles) und in Sheridan (Gutbrod und Grauers)



Challenges in the new homeland

All of their belongings had to fit in one or two boxes

Box of transportation of Johann Georg Keinath from Maehringen



At the beginning was the clearing of the land

Most of the land was wood and had to be cleaned up first.

A picture of the old Schwarzkopf / Walker Farm.



but the beginn was not easy...

When Mary was three years of age her parents sold all of their possessions except bedding and cooking utensils and started for Indiana in a covered wagon. It was a long tedious journey, it being in March and the weather cold and blustery, and only having mud and corduroy roads, including swamps. It took them fourteen days to travel from Bucyrus, Ohio to Blackford County.

A few nights were spent at farm homes along the way but most of the time they slept in the covered wagon. When the weather was too bad the children were kept in bed day and light. They took with them bologna and cheese and a boiler of home made bread, buying milk along the way.

They stopped at the John Wentz home east of Hartford City, staying three or four days with this family until they rented a farm near by. This was their first Blackford County home. The house made of logs, had one room with a slab floor (that is thick planks chopped from trees with an ax, rough and splintery), a clapboard door and roof and one small window. They had no stove, just an open fireplace. She baked bread for the family in a large iron Dutch oven with a heavy iron lid, much like our small Dutch ovens of today. To do this she would get a large bed of good hard wood coals, set the iron oven on them and cover coals over the top, leaving it the required time and her bread was baked.

They did not buy much furniture for the home, just one bed, a trundle bed (which can be pushed under the large bed to save floor space), a table and six kitchen chairs. Their dishes consisted of just one plate, one cup and saucer for each member of the family and a few deep dishes. Their cooking utensils were iron pots and skillets, tin pans, flat milk crocks and wooden water buckets and tubs. Their broom was a stick of wood whittled into a bunch of shavens at the bottom. They never owned a rocking chair until after Mary was married.

The houses have been simple ...

The house of Anna Maria Grauer from Jettenburg in 1868 in Wisconsin



House of Anna Maria Grauer & Valentine Raeder in Rhine, Wisconsin 1868

and in many places there were diseases

Beloved brother and sisters I have to write how difficult it was, when the cholera came over Sandusky. It was eerie to regard this and even harder to see how the death have been draggled around. You even couldn't go the streets up and down, as the malodor and the flavor of the death let you draw back.

You couldn't make enough coffins and graves. It was really bitterly for those, who had this decease. Because they have been thrown in the coffin immediately after their last breath to avoid an infection. Sometimes they were even buried alive.

But the Lord has spared us as we hold out and didn't rely on the city as so many did and believed they could escape the Lord. Everybody's heart was beating and thought to live better, because you didn't which heart beat would be the last one.

But now the people are godless as before.

Brother Jakob has been ill with the fever longer than a month but now he is well again thanks God.

They build churches ...

Methodist Church in Marcus, Iowa



... as their faith was a strong part of her daily routine ...

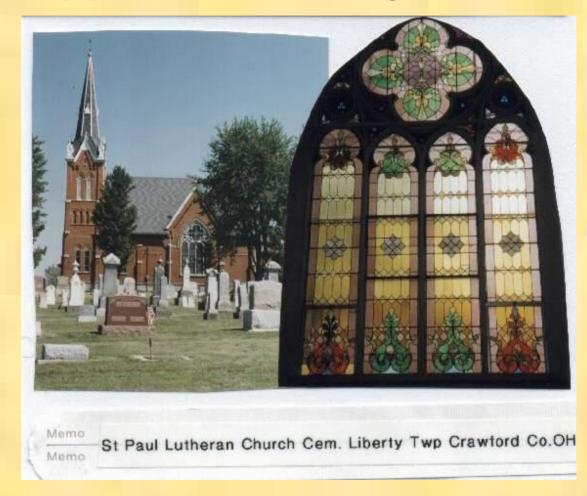
Lutheran Church in Liberty Township, Crawford Co.

Painting of the Durr family



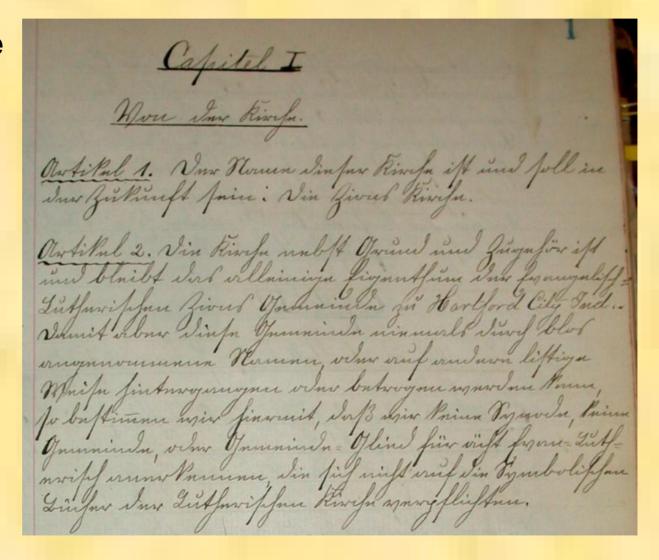
... and this still applies until today

New building of the church



The church constitution very often was in German

Example of the Zion Lutheran Church in Hartford City, Indiana



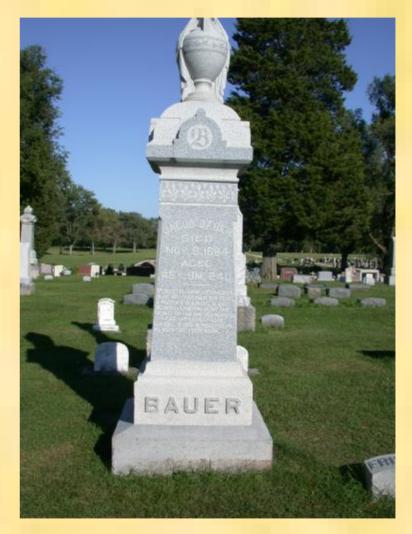
The cemeteries and the graves are still in good shape ...

The IOOF cemetery in Hartford City, IN., where the Walker brothers are buried



... therefore many graves of the emigrants still can be found

Monument of Jacob Bauer, born Jan 15, 1849, in Immenhausen



A typical lot for the whole family (1)



Monument of the Riehle family from Maehringen in Edon, OH

A typical lot for the whole family (2)



Grave of Johann Adam Riehle from Maehringen

Farming in the past and today

The most important was the barn

ØBeside the house the most important building was the barn to host the animals, the stocks and the equipment.

ØGena Schantz has written an expose about the various barn constructions. The Historical Society has received a copy in 2004.



Today you rarely find an original barn

The old barn of Johannes Schwarzkopf in Hartford City, IN



They have different styles and colors

The barn of the Riehle farm in Edgerton. Ernest Riehle, son of Adam Riehle with one of his price winning cows



The industrial revolution in the farming started much earlier than in Germany (1)

Tractor
with hay
wagon of
Jakob
Walker

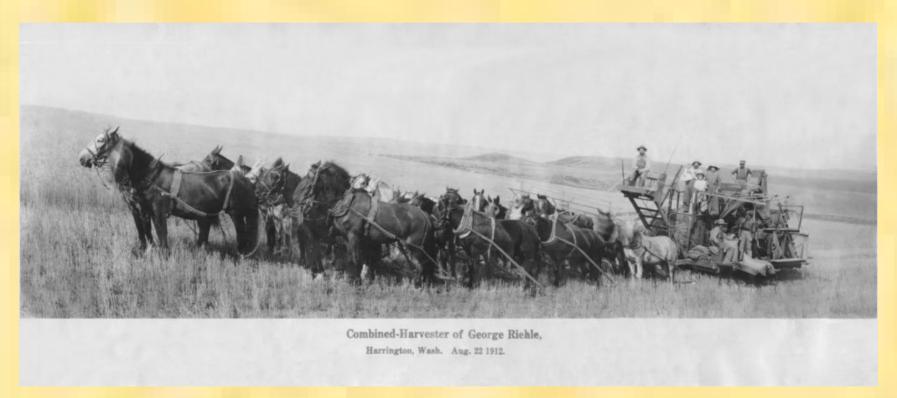


The industrial revolution in the farming started much earlier than in Germany (2)

John
Gutbrod
with a first
version of
a cultivator



The industrial revolution in the farming started much earlier than in Germany (3)



Combine harvester of Johann Georg Riehle (born Feb 5, 1897 in Maehringen) on his farm in Harrington, WA in August 1912.

Today they work with huge combines

Corn combine on a farm fair in Illinois 2003



Just once or twice up and down the field ...

A combine harvesting soja beans on a field in Montpelier, Indiana, in the neighborhood of the Walker Farm (2003)



and the truck is full!

The soja beans are transported by truck directly to a top modern grain elevator



The grain elevator in Montpelier, IN



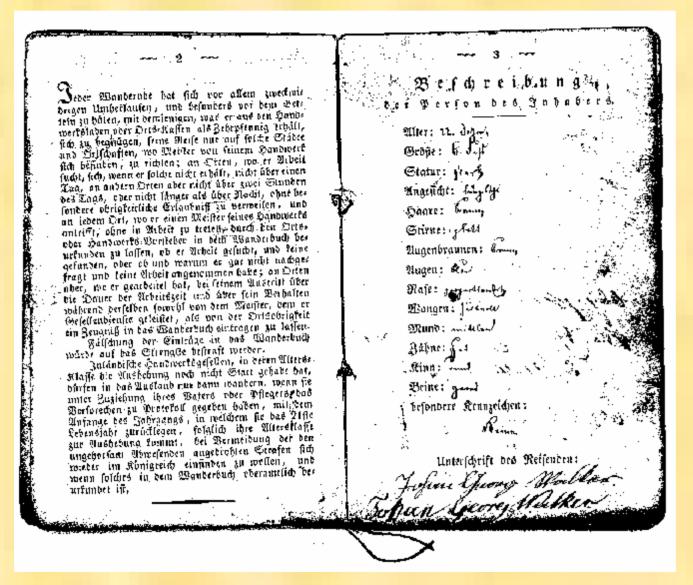
This plant has an overall capacity of 204 Mio. m³, the inbound capacity is 881 m³ per hour. It can fill 150 railway wagons.

Kaleidoscope of pictures

Travel book von Johann Georg Walker (1)



Travel book von Johann Georg Walker (2)

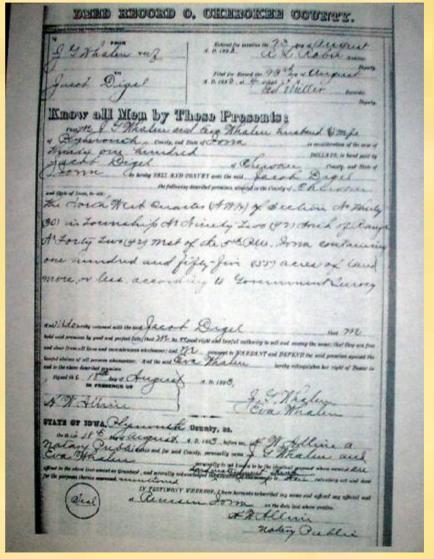


Naturalization record of Johann Adam Riehle from October 1885



Deed of land from Aug 18, 1883

Jacob Digel
purchased 155 acres
of land for \$ 3,100
three weeks after his
arrival in Cherokee
Co., lowa

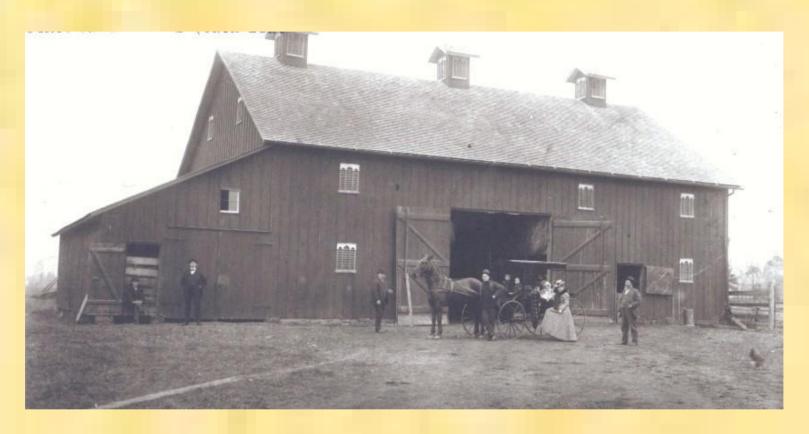


All beginning is difficult

The old farm house of the emigrant, Martin Krumm from Bronnweiler



but he made good progress ...



The modern barn shows the success of Martin Krumm's Farm

The Krumm's as owner of a flour mill

The electronically driven mill has replaced the old steam mill.



Farm houses of emigrants from the Haerten (1)

Farm house of Johann Jakob Grauer in Gopher Valley, Sheridan, OR (1900)



Farm houses of emigrants from the Haerten (2)

Farm house of Johann Adam Gutbrod in Sheridan, OR (1902)



Farm houses of emigrants from the Haerten (3)



The city house of Johann Adam Gutbrod in Sheridan, OR

Farm houses of emigrants from the Haerten (4)



The farm house of Christoph & Barbara Walz in Edon, Ohio

Pictures of emigrants

Bauer - Immenhausen

Friedrich Bauer, born Jan 1, 1868, in Immenhausen with his wife Gay Ritchey



Friedrich Bauer, *1.1.1868 Immenhausen, +19.4.1945 Montpelier, OH mit seiner Frau Gay Ritchey

Bauer - Immenhausen

Maria Agnes Bauer (born May 7, 1861, in Immenhausen) married the emigrant Johann Georg Kern (born Sept 25, 1843 in Kusterdingen) in Ann Arbor, MI



Maria Agnes Kern geb. Bauer geb. 7 Mai 1861 Immenhausen gest. 7 Okt 1930, Cleveland Ohio

Digel - Jettenburg

Jacob Digel, born
July 14, 1850, in
Stockach, former inn
keeper of the
"Ochsen" in
Jettenburg



Gutbrod - Jettenburg

Johann
Adam
Gutbrod,
born April
15, 1870, in
Jettenburg
with a
visitor from
Germany



Gutbrod - Jettenburg

Johann
Adam
Gutbrod,
born April
15, 1870, in
Jettenburg, with
family
(1931)



Gutbrod - Jettenburg

Rosina
(Gutbrod)
Grauer,
spouse of
Johann
Jacob Grauer
from
Jettenburg,
with family in
Sheridan, OR



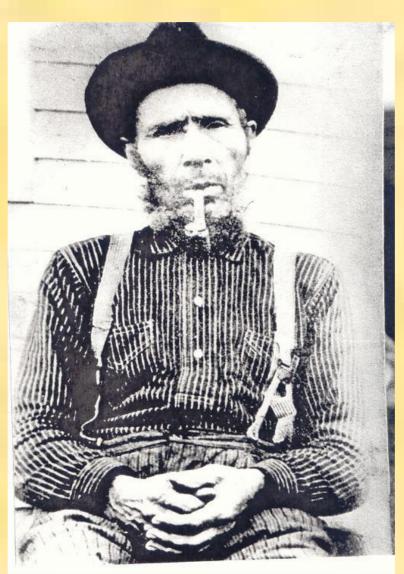
Walz - Jettenburg

Christoph
Walz with his
spouse
Barbara
Henes and the
children
Christopher,
Adam, Jakob,
Katharina,
Maria and
Friedrich



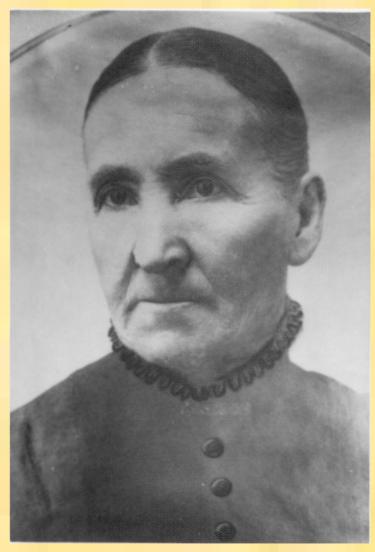
Walz - Jettenburg

Christoph
Walz in front
of his house
in Edon, Ohio



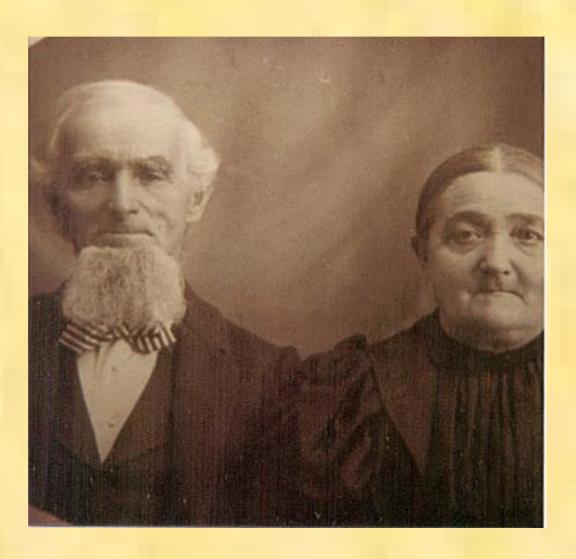
Maier - Maehringen

Barbara Maier, born February 9, 1830 in Maehringen. She emigrated in 1854 to America together with her sister Elizabeth to America and married her fiancé, Johannes Schwarzkopf, in Bucyrus, Ohio



Hoss - Maehringen

Jacob Burke and his spouse Catharina Hoss (born November 25, 1830, in Maehringen, daughter of Johann Adam Hoss and Christina Grauer)

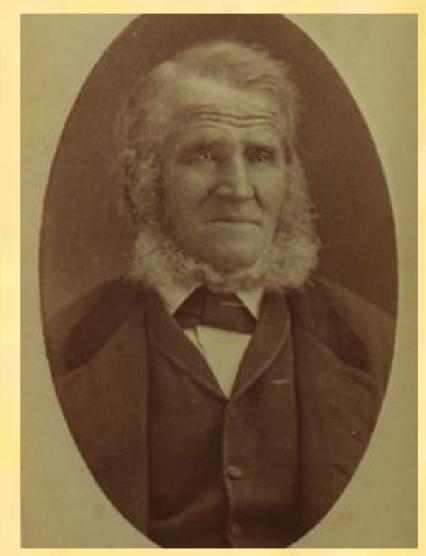


Keinath - Maehringen

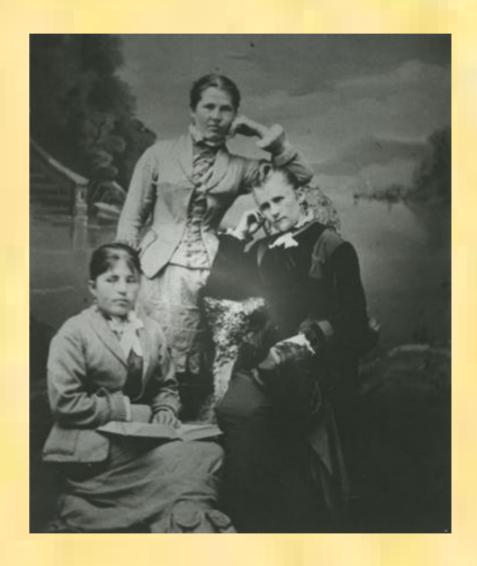


Johannes Keinath, born Jul 10, 1838, in Maehringen, emigrated in 1860. He married Caroline Durr, the daughter of emigrants of Jettenburg in Crawford Co., Ohio

Sebastian Riehle, born Aug. 1807, in Maehringen



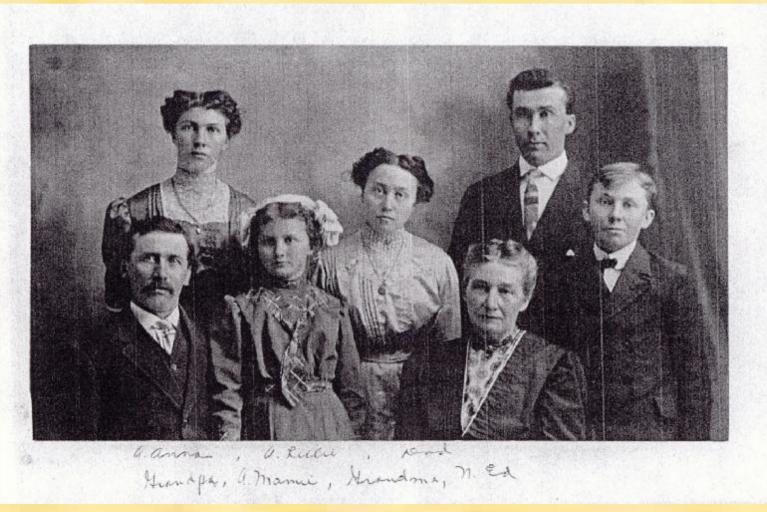
The daughters's of Sebastian Riehle, Louise (born 1855), Margaretha (born 1857) and Katharina (born 1860)



Johann Adam Riehle, born October 30, 1864, in the middle of his siblings



back row from left: Sigmund, Johann Adam, Johann Jacob front row from left: Eva, Katharina, Anna Margarethe (Schaefer) Riehle, Anna Margarethe



Johann Adam Riehle with his family

Johann Georg, Anna Maria and Anna Margarethe Riehle in the middle of his family (1898)



from left back row: Johann Adam, Anna Maria (Knapp), Johann Georg, Anna Margarethe (Entrican) from left front row: Eva (Kuttler), Johann Georg, Johann Friedrich, Maria Agnes (Fauser), Maria Agnes geb. Riehle, Regina (Kern), Magdalina (Schettler)

Johann Georg Riehle with his descendants around 1950



from left backwards: Paul W., David C., Fredrich B., Agnes E., Albert G. from left, v.l. vorne: Philip J., Edna A., Johann Georg, Daniel

Gutbrod - Kusterdingen

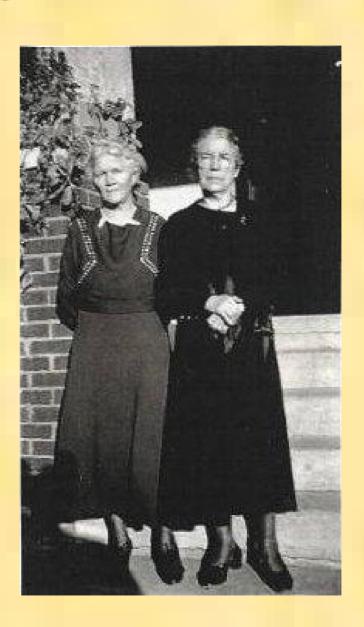


Maria Barbara Gutbrod, born March 23, 1870, with her family at the occasion of her Golden Wedding

Gutbrod - Kusterdingen

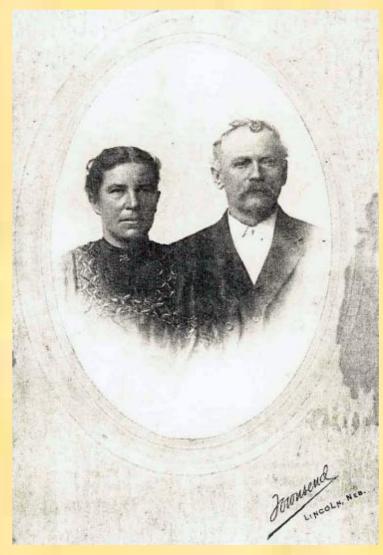
Maria Barbara Gutbrod, with her cousin Magdalena (Boeblinger) Gutbrod, born March 11, 1867, in Kusterdingen as daughter of Maria **Barbara Friesch** and Jakob Boeblinger.

Magdalena was the second wife of



Gutbrod - Kusterdingen

Johann Georg
Gutbrod, born July 6,
1848, in Kusterdingen
with his second wife
Magdalena Boeblinger



Kuttler - Kusterdingen

Anna Mary Hermann, daughter of Johann Martin Kuttler und Rosina Friederike Kaiser, born September 29, 1869 in Wood Co, OH with her son Clarence in 1918



Mozer - Kusterdingen

Emilie Mozer born
October 1, 1880, daughter
of Adam Mozer und Emilie
Regelmann.

Emilie is called "Mildred" in the U.S.



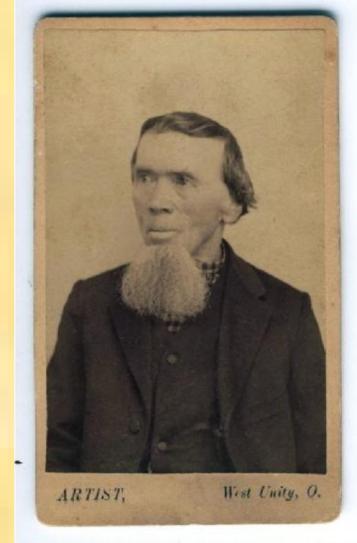
Riehle - Kusterdingen

Friederike Katharina
Riehle (born June 8,
1826 in Kusterdingen),
daughter of Georg
Friedrich Riehle one
of the former owner of
the actual
"Klosterhof" in
Kusterdingen



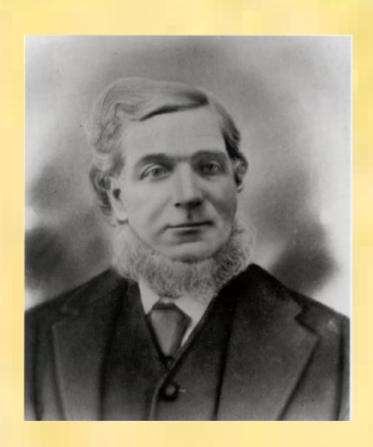
Schettler - Wankheim

Johann Georg Schettler, born March 10, 1815, in Wankheim. His father and seven of his eight siblings emigrated to the U.S. as well



Schwarzkopf - Wankheim

Johannes Schwarzkopf, born July 29, 1833, in Wankheim. He married in America, Barbara Maier, the sister of his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Maier, who he had ordered to come one year after him.



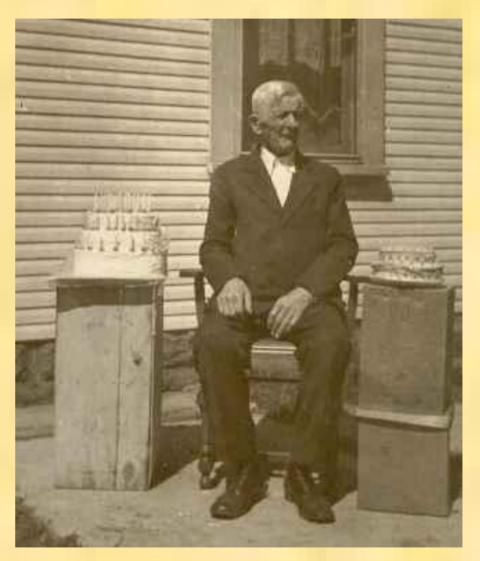
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Family of Johannes Schwarzkopf and his wife Barbara Maier in 1897

Walker - Wankheim

Johann Friedrich
Walker, born August
23, 1851, in Wankheim,
emigrated in 1868, on
his 83rd anniversary in
Hartford City, Indiana



Walker - Wankheim

Johann Jacob
Walker, born
February 4, 1859, in
Wankheim,
emigrated in 1868,
in the middle of his
family in Hartford
City, Indiana



The result of successful cooperation

Family reunion in Maehringen 2004

Steve Thunander descendant of **Johannes Grauer from** Kusterdingen and from Johann Adam Riehle from Maehringen - in the middle of his relatives



from left to right: Theo Grauer and his wife, Bernd Braun, Dorothea Grauer Braun, Christopher, Mathew, Renate Riehle, John, Paul Riehle, Cecilia, Steve front row left tor right: Christina Riehle Scheerle, daughter Julia, Rainer Scheerle, daughter Laura

Thanks for your attention!

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Greetings from Helen Riehle from Edon

Greetings,

I am 94 years old and live in the Northwest part of Ohio. My husband was Allen D. Riehle, whose Grandfather was Adam Riehle from Germany.

We married in 1939 and three children Lu Wana, Delton and Thelma. Allen and his father Ernest ere Dairy farmers and were noted for their cattle. Their note card shows the farm. We live in the small house.

I use to teach in a one room School House in the country. Later I taught in Edgerton in town and a Second Grade class in Hicksville, Ohio total 28 years.

I attend the same Methodist Church that Adam Riehle attended in the area.

Enjoy writing to our new found friends in Germany.

Have a good day and good health.

Best wishes to you and Yours.

Helen L. Riehle Edgerton, Ohio

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