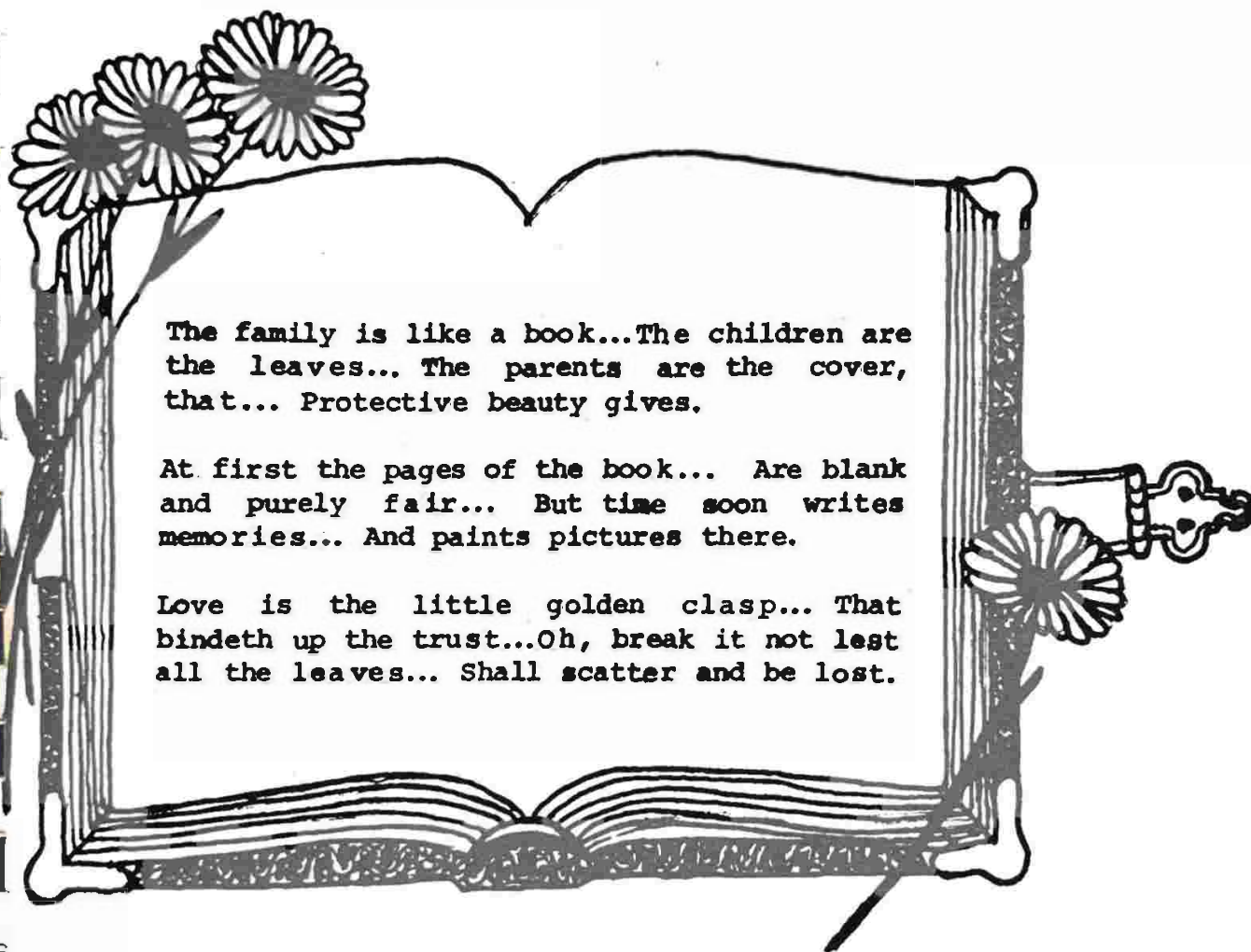


THE
BETZEN
FAMILY
RECORD



The family is like a book...The children are
the leaves... The parents are the cover,
that... Protective beauty gives.

At first the pages of the book... Are blank
and purely fair... But time soon writes
memories... And paints pictures there.

Love is the little golden clasp... That
bindeth up the trust...Oh, break it not lest
all the leaves... Shall scatter and be lost.

The family is like a book... The children see
the leaves... The parents see the cover,
that... Protective hands give.

At first the pages of the book... Are blank
and fairly fair... But time soon writes
numbers... And paints pictures there.

Love is the little golden clasp... That
binds up the text... Oh, break it not lest
all the leaves... Shall scatter and be lost.

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Dedicated to
MARY BETZEN GUNZELMAN
Whose son "Tex" has given me
30 beautiful years of marriage

"Behold the work of the Old...
Let your Heritage not be lost,
But bequeath it as a Memory,
Treasure and Blessing...
Gather the lost and the hidden
And preserve it for thy Children."

--Christian Metz

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The information and data for this book was gathered and compiled from the various Betzen descendents, civil records from Germany, library books and interviews with various people. Dates that are missing are due to not being able to make contact with parties involved, lack of knowledge of dates of family members contacted or no response from parties contacted. Many of you were so gracious as to share your knowledge with me. My special thanks to all who responded and assisted me in my search for information. Meeting many of you by correspondence only or in person has been most rewarding and worthwhile.

Names in this book are over a span of 11 generations. The first being Mathias (1642), the second is Peter (1690), third is Gerhard (1719), fourth is Peter and brother Gerhard. (John, Barthol, and Peter are descendents from Peter's line.) The 5th generation is indicated by the small letter a, the 6th generation is the Roman numerals, the 7th is English numbers, 8th by the capital letter A, 9th by capital letter B, 10th by capital letter C and the 11th generation is indicated by the capital letter D.

A Betzen reunion of the descendents of the three Betzen brothers, John, Peter and Barthol was held at St. Joseph's hall in Wichita, Kansas on September 10, 1978. This was a "first" of it's kind.

Guests of honor were Mary Betzen Gunzelman, sole survivor of the original Betzen brothers who came to America, and Jakob Betzen and his daughter Claudia, of Kastellaun, Germany.

In thanksgiving for the many sacrifices of the Betzen brothers, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was held at the precious Blood motherhouse in Wichita. Many people were in attendance, and this beautiful experience will remain in the memories of all who attended. All who played an important role in the mass were descendents, as well as the congregation. The entire group singing "Holy God we Praise Thy Name" in German concluded the ceremony.

A covered dish luncheon followed at the hall. Five generations of Betzens ranging in age from 90 years to 1 month, gathered there. Some traveled many miles; California, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Ohio and Iowa are some of the states they came from.

Many met relatives for the first time, while others renewed acquaintances after many years. Over 300 people were there, visiting and reminiscing, looking over old photographs and having an unforgettable time.

This event was given coverage by the TV stations and the newspapers. It was an experience that will remain in the hearts and minds of all who were there. The effort put forth by those

who participated in this occasion was well worth the time and money involved.

The assistance of Sister Verena Gunzelman, and her acquaintance with the many Betzen relatives was invaluable in making contact with all of you. Without her aid, it would have taken much longer to gather the information needed.

I especially want to thank my husband Tex, who patiently and unselfishly allowed me to pursue this undertaking. His help and cooperation have made this task much easier and very enjoyable. The cooperation and understanding of our children has also been appreciated by me.

I trust you will overlook any errors occurring in the process of typing or printing of this information.

Dorothy B. Gunzelman

BETZEN BEGINNINGS IN GERMANY

The information available on the Betzen family dates back to 1642. This is Mathias Betzen, born in 1642, in Freilingen, Germany, whose occupation was farming. We know that he had a son Peter Betzen who was also born in Freilingen in about the year 1690. Peter was also a farmer.

Peter had a son Gerhard born about 1719 in Freilingen. Gerhard followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, doing farming. Gerhard was married to Magdalena Schoelen. To our knowledge there were seven children born to them. These children were as follows:

Margaretha	born 4-28-1746
Eva	born 8-5-1748
Mathias	born 2-27-1750
Anna	born 11-7-1752
Gerhard	born 1754
Susanna	born 7-15-1755
Peter	born 8-23-1758

Of these seven children we have some information on the two sons, Gerhard and Peter. Gerhard had nine children; Paul,

Mathias, Joseph, Peter, Johann Jacob, Anna Katherina, Anna Marie, Gerhard and Johann. Information is available on his sons, Gerhard and Johann.

Peter was married to Margaretha Zahlen. There were eight known children; Magdalena, Katherina, Nikolaus, Peter, Philipp, Peter, Johann and Wilhelm. No information is available on Magdalena. Nikolaus and Katherina were not married. The descendents of Peter, Peter, Philipp, Johann and Wilhelm are listed.

Wilhelm who was born November 13, 1805 in Niedersteden, Germany was married to Susanna Stirn. There were two children born to them. This was Barbara and Peter. Shortly after the birth of these children, Susanna died. Wilhelm then married Anna Marie Dummer on January 14, 1836. Anna Marie was born June 6, 1815 in Nattenheim. There were nine children born of this union. These children were, Katherina, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Katharina, all unmarried, Magdalena who married Wilhelm Clemens, Johann Baptist married to Margareta Weber, John married to Elizabeth Stalpes, Peter married to Elizabeth Eck and Barthol who married Angela Mohr.

All of these children stayed in Germany except John, Peter and Barthol. There is information available on the descendents

of Peter, Magdalena and Johann Baptist. On the Betzens who came to America, the births, marriages and deaths of their spouses and their descendents are given.

The information available on the European Betzens as far back as Mathias Betzen (1642) was obtained from a chart done by Jakob Betzen of Kastellaun, Germany. Jakob is the grandson of Johann Baptist, a brother of John, Peter, and Barthol.

In corresponding with Jakob, and visiting with him, he stated that in 1937, as a student, he rode on a bicycle for two months. He traveled from relative to relative, office to office in the various towns, reading, hearing and learning all he could about the Betzen ancestors. The oldest papers he saw on the Betzen people were dated from 1642 to 1719. Some time later, the papers from 1642 could not be found.

The war broke out at this time and Jakob had to serve in the army for six years, thus having to temporarily give up his search on the ancestors. There were hard times after the war was over. Money was scarce and he had to work many long hours. Thus his time was limited for doing much research.

Throughout the past years, Jakob and his family have been visited in Germany by Betzen relatives from America. He and members of his family have visited in the United States. His

last trip was in September, 1978. At this time, he and his daughter Claudia, attended the Betzen reunion of the descendents of John, Peter and Barthol which was held in Wichita, Kansas. During his four week stay in America he visited with his many relatives.

We are indeed indebted and most grateful to Jakob for the time and effort he has spent in researching the Betzen family. Through his hard work we here in America have learned much about our ancestors who originated from Germany.

So to you Jakob, we here in America, say "Danke Vielmals."

FIRST GENERATION-----MATHIAS 1642

SECOND GENERATION---PETER 1690

THIRD GENERATION-----GERHARD 1719

GERHARD JR. 1754 ----- FOURTH GENERATION---PETER 1758

(children)

FIFTH GENERATION

(children)

PAUL

KATHERINA

MATHIAS

MAGDALENA

JOSEPH

NIKOLAUS

PETER

PETER

JOHANN JACOB

PETER

ANNA KATHERINA

PHILIPP

ANNA MARIE

JOHANN

GERHARD

WILHELM

JOHANN

GERHARD
AND
MAGDALENA SCHOELEN
BETZEN, JR.

MARRIAGE

BIRTH

DEATH

GERHARD BETZEN JR.

1754

a Paul Betzen

a Mathias Betzen

a Joseph Betzen

a Peter Betzen

a Johann Jacob Betzen

a Anna Katharina Betzen

a Anna Maria Betzen

a Gerhard Betzen

I Johann Betzen

1 Maria Betzen

2 Johann Betzen

3 Margaretha Betzen

4 Anne Maria Betzen

5 Jacob Betzen

6 Maria Betzen

II Maria Betzen

III Anna Maria

a Johann Betzen

I Anna Katharina Betzen

MARRIAGE

BIRTH

DEATH

- II Susanna Betzen
- III Gerhard Betzen
- IV Maria Betzen
- V Anne Maria Betzen
- VI Michel Betzen
- VII Andreas Betzen
- VIII Mathias Betzen
- IX Maria Betzen
- X Susanna Betzen
- XI Margaretha Betzen
- XII Maria Betzen
- XIII Barbara Betzen
- XIV Peter Betzen
- 1 Margaretha Betzen
- 2 Susanna Betzen
- 3 Maria Betzen
- 4 Katharina Betzen
- 5 Margaretha Betzen
- 6 Nikolaus Betzen
- 7 Gerhard Betzen

MARRIAGE

BIRTH

DEATH

XV Gerhard Betzen

1 Leonard Betzen

2 Michel Betzen

3 Johann Betzen

A Johann Betzen

A Michel Betzen

A Veronica Betzen

A Katharina Betzen

A Barbara Betzen

4 Johann Betzen

A Margarethe Betzen

A Alois Betzen

A Maria Betzen

A Josephine Betzen

A Anna Betzen

A Heinrich Betzen

1 Maria Betzen

2 Annita Betzen

3 Joseph Betzen

MARRIAGE

BIRTH

DEATH

A Leonard Betzen

1 Annita Betzen

2 Hans Joachim Betzen

A Johann Joseph Betzen

1 Albert Betzen

2 Heinrich Betzen

PETER
AND
MARGARETHA ZAHLEN
BETZEN

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
PETER BETZEN MARGARETHA ZAHLEN		8-23-1758	
a Katherina Betzen	unmarried	before 1800	
a Magdalena Betzen			
a Nikalaus Betzen	unmarried	before 1800	
a Peter Betzen			
I Elizabeth Betzen			
II Maria Betzen			
III Barbara Betzen			
IV Wilhelm Betzen			
V Nikolaus Betzen			
VI Mathias Betzen			
VII Peter Betzen			
1 Alois Betzen			
2 Nikolaus Betzen			
3 Maria Betzen			
4 Mathias Betzen			
5 Peter Betzen			
A Lydia Betzen			
A Lilli Betzen			
A Peter Betzen			

MARRIAGE

BIRTH

DEATH

- 6 Mathias Betzen
 A Maria Betzen
 A Katherina Betzen
- VIII Nikolas Betzen
 1 Susanna Betzen
 2 Nikolaus Betzen
 3 Theodor Betzen
 A Johann Betzen
 A Nikolaus Betzen
 4 Jacob Betzen
 A Maria Betzen
 A Susanna Betzen
 A Nikolaus Betzen
- IX Theodore Betzen
 1 Katherina Betzen
 2 Anne Maria Betzen
 3 Barbara Betzen
 4 Elizabeth Betzen
 5 Anna Betzen
 6 Maria Betzen
 7 Mathias Betzen

MARRIAGE

BIRTH

DEATH

A Richard Betzen

A Georg Betzen

A Anna Betzen

A Mathias Betzen

A Felix Betzen

A Emil Betzen

8 Peter Betzen

A Joseph Betzen

A Alois Betzen

a Peter Betzen

I Magdalena Betzen

II Johann Betzen

1 Peter Betzen

A Baptist Betzen

A Nikolaus Betzen

A Elizabeth Betzen

A Jacob Betzen

A Anna Maria Betzen

A Johann Betzen

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
a Philipp Betzen	1828	1803	
I Anna Katherina Betzen			
II Katherina Betzen			
III Theresia Betzen			
IV Susanna Betzen			
V Angela Betzen			
VI Margaretha Betzen			
VII Wilhelm Betzen			
1 Maria Betzen			
2 Christian Betzen			
3 Stephan Betzen			
A Maria Betzen			
4 ??????			
5 ??????			
6 ??????			
7 ??????			
a Johann Betzen	married	1791	
I Katharina Betzen			
II Margaretha Betzen			

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
III Eva Betzen Stockemer		1827	1894

IV Peter Betzen

- 1 Johann Betzen
- 2 Katharina Betzen
- 3 Regina Betzen

V Johann Betzen

- 1 Jacob Betzen
- 2 Maria Betzen
- 3 Peter Betzen
 - A Jacob Betzen
 - A Peter Betzen

a Wilhelm Betzen...Information on the descendents of Wilhelm follows. Descendents of his children who remained in Germany are listed first with a separate section following on those who came to America.

WILHELM BETZEN

DESCENDENTS

1805 - 1874

WILHELM AND ANNA MARIA JOHANNES BETZEN

ALSO PICTURED IN NEW PAGES AND UNIDENTIFIED COPIES



WILHELM AND ANNA MARIA DUMMER BETZEN

ALSO PICTURED IS SON PETER AND UNIDENTIFIED DAUGHTER

FIRST GENERATION	- - - - -	MATHIAS	1642
SECOND GENERATION	- - - - -	PETER	1690
THIRD GENERATION	- - - - -	GERHARD	1719
FOURTH GENERATION	- - - - -	PETER	1758
FIFTH GENERATION	- - - - -	WILHELM	1805
SIXTH GENERATION	- - - - -	BARBARA	
		PETER	
		MAGDALENA	
		KATHERINA	
		ELIZABETH	
		ELIZABETH	
		KATHERINA	
		JOHANN BAPTIST	
		JOHN	
		PETER	
		BARTHOL	

CHILDREN OF WILHELM BETZEN

The children of Wilhelm Betzen born November 13, 1805, and Susanna Stirn his first wife are: Barbara and Peter. The children of his second marriage are Magdalena, Katherina, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Katherina, Johann Baptist, John, Peter and Barthol. The following information is about the children who stayed in Germany. A separate section is devoted to John, Peter and Barthol, who came to America.

Barbara was married and her brother Peter was married first to Huveler, then to Elizabeth Clemens. Peter had seven children. One daughter, Annamaria, was still living in the year 1936, while the other six children had died as little children.

The four daughters, Katherina, Elizabeth, Elizabeth and Katherina were all unmarried. Magdalena was married to Wilhelm Clemens and had eight children.

Johann Baptist married Margareta Weber and had six children. Margareta died when the children were very young. She had been digging potatoes in the field in the fall of the year. There were many rotten potatoes among the good ones. In wiping perspiration from her face she apparently also rubbed her eyes. The next morning when she awoke, her eyes were swollen. By late evening,

she was very ill. Johann Baptist went for the doctor who was seven miles away from their home. He had to ride his bicycle in the dark of the night. When the doctor arrived, it was too late; she died of blood poisoning.

Johann Baptist was left with six small children. It was a hard and lonely life caring for the little ones alone. Three of the children died in childhood, leaving only Wilhelm (father of Jakob of Kastellaun), Theodore and Magdalena. Magdalena married, Theodore was an important figure in the German government, and Wilhelm farmed the land of his father. In 1905, Johann Baptist died at the age of 60 years, from a heart attack.

Johann Baptist's son Wilhelm had seen the hard and lonely life of his father. He rented out the farm and went in search of work. He became homesick and returned to his home in Hof Hutt. At the age of 24, he married and became the father of 11 children.

In 1909, he was visited by American relatives. They asked him to come to America where there were many opportunities, but he could not leave the land of his father. He was a serious and religious man who worked hard. Three of his sons died as young children, and all the other sons served in the war. One son was killed in the war, one suffered a serious leg injury, and another died at the age of 22 years due to an accident. Wilhelm died

in the year 1961 and his wife died in 1964•

•The above information was obtained from Jakob Betzen during his visit September 1978.

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
a Wilhelm Betzen Susanna Stirn (1st wife)	1836	11-13-1805	1874

I Barbara Betzen married

II Peter Betzen
Huveler (1st wife)
Elisabeth Clemens

1 Anna Maria Betzen

Six other children died in childhood

Anna Maria Dummer (2nd wife of Wilhelm)

III Magdalena Betzen
Wilhelm Clemens

1 Magdalena Clemens

2 AnneMarie Clemens

3 Barbara Clemens

4 Margareta Clemens

5 Katharina Clemens

6 Jakob Clemens

7 Elisabeth Clemens

8 Elisabeth Clemens

IV Katharina Betzen unmarried

V Elisabeth Betzen unmarried

VI Elisabeth Betzen unmarried

VII Katharina Betzen unmarried

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
VII Johann Baptist Margareta Weber	1879	5-5-1845	1905
1 Maria Betzen			in childhood
2 Magdalena Betzen	1908	1881	1959
3 Johann Betzen			in childhood
4 Jacob Betzen			in childhood
5 Theodor Betzen		1887	1965
A Klaus August Baptist Betzen			
A Hans Jurgen Betzen			
6 Wilhelm Betzen	5-24-1909	12-12-1883	2-17-1961
Katharina Koenen		11-24-1886	5-28-1964
A Johann Betzen		12-6-1910	
B Klothilde Betzen			
B Helene Betzen			
A Barbara Betzen Huenzen		7-9-1912	
A Jakob Betzen	4-2-1947	11-14-1913	
Irmgard Lauer		11-7-1923	
B Waltraud Betzen		1-5-1948	
Josef Bohr		10-12-1938	
C Bernard Bohr		12-8-1973	
C Stephan Bohr		2-26-1976	
B Rose Marie Betzen			
Raimer Heib	6-4-1976	2-4-1951	1-17-1948

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
	C Melainie Heib	6-2-1978	
	B Kornelia Betzen	3-29-1954	
	B Claudia Betzen	5-9-1956	
A	Theodor Betzen	12-19-1914	
A	Alois Betzen	3-23-1916	
A	Nikolaus Betzen	1917	
	B Karl Betzen		
	B Agnes Betzen		
	B Werner Betzen		
A	Karl Betzen	11-17-1918	
A	Alois Betzen	8-7-1920	
A	Wilhelm Betzen	2-11-1922	
A	Adolph Betzen	5-2-1923	
A	Maria Betzen Rausch	3-29-1929	

"BETZENS IN AMERICA"

"The mass colonization movement of Germans did not begin in Kansas until the 1870's and it was preceded by the completion of the Santa Fe railroad to the Colorado border.

Of all the foreign groups in Kansas, none were more numerous or influential than the Germans; they were found in every county and nearly every township of the state. Census records show the number of Germans in Kansas in the year 1860 being 4,318. The following years show this rapid increase; 1870--12,775, 1880--28,034 and 1890--46,423." ¹

Although life in America could offer many opportunities, it must have taken much courage to leave one's home, family and friends, not really knowing what life in America would hold for them. Our forefathers had this courage, thus we descendents are today enjoying the fruits of their fortitude.

"John Betzen was the first of the Betzen brothers to immigrate to America. He had been encouraged by a friend in America to come to the United States. This friend told him about a girl living in America. Her name was Elizabeth Eck and the friend said she would make a good wife for John. John was in love with a girl

¹ William Frank Zornow, Kansas - A History of the Jayhawker Norman 1957

in Germany and wished to marry her. Her father wasn't too enthused about the idea. John decided to go to America to make a new life. His stay in America was brief as he couldn't forget his first love whom he had left behind. He wrote to his brother Peter about the girl Elizabeth, telling him, perhaps Elizabeth would make him a good wife. John decided to return to Germany and marry his sweetheart, Elizabeth Stalpes." ¹

In the year 1871, John's younger brother Peter decided to go to America. He settled in Minnesota working as a hired hand. Here he became acquainted with Elizabeth Eck who would later become his wife.

In 1875, Peter and his friends who were Elizabeth's brothers, left Minnesota to go to the St. Mark Area. He purchased a 1/4 section of land and built a home on it. After putting in his crops, he returned to Minnesota to marry Elizabeth. The newly married couple returned to St. Mark to begin their new life together.

¹ Jakob Betzen Interview September 18, 1978

"The German immigrants to America struggled to keep their lives unchanged, their native customs and culture alive. Though they blended their European traditions with frontier living, they preserved their heritage and enriched both ways of life. Family closeness, strict moral discipline, and a little frivolity were all found in the frontier German settlements." ¹

In a new settlement, 'a saloon or trading post was usually built first, ² and the first public buildings were school houses.' ³ In St. Mark, the church was built before all other buildings. ⁴

Religion was an important part of life to Peter and Elizabeth Betzen. A church was built at St. Mark in 1875. This meant that their spiritual needs could be taken care of while tending to the every day tasks necessary to life.

Many long and hard working hours were necessary in the life of a farmer. To be able to raise crops, the land had to be worked. This was done by using a horse drawn plow or harrow. Much of the grain was sown by hand. When the wheat was ready for harvesting,

1 Harvesters of the Prairie-St. Mark 1875-1975 p 43

2 Dynamics of Faith Wichita 1870-1871 L. Curtis Wood

3 To Live in Symbols Kansas Historical Collections
George Martin

4 Harvesters of the Prairie-St. Mark 1875-1975 p 43

it was cut with a hand scythe. Many times the wife worked with her husband in the fields; tying the newly cut grain into bundles, helping shock the bundles. A shock consisted of a group of bundles placed together in a pyramid like shape. The grain was then threshed and stored in sacks. Some of the wheat was ground into flour to be used in the home and the remainder was taken to the market to sell. Before harvesting the crops, the farmer had the worry of the ruination of his crops brought about by drought, hail and harmful insects. The life of the farmer was not easy, but with hard work, determination, and trust in the good Lord, he overcame the many obstacles, building a better life for himself and his family. The strong in body and spirit stayed on, set down roots and helped make this great nation of ours. To us descendents, they left a legacy of deep religious conviction, a life worth living, with hope of continuing in the same spirit which they possessed.

In the year 1880, Peter's brother Barthol, his wife Angela and three children joined Peter in St. Mark. Barthol purchased a 1/4 section of land near Peter.

Stories regarding Barthol's coming to America have been told as such. While on the boat, Anna Maria, (Sr. Bartholmea) who

was only a few weeks old, was kidnapped. The captain searched throughout the boat for the baby. He found her hidden among the baggage. A black woman who had taken her wanted to keep her. She told the captain, "I have the right to have a white baby too." The baby was returned to her parents Barthol and Angela. ¹

An incident recorded, about the arrival of Barthol and family in Wichita is the following. Barthol had written to Peter to tell him when they were coming. "They got to Wichita July 4, 1880 and my uncle Pete didn't get the letter; they had changed post offices. And so they came to Wichita and there was nobody to meet them...Mother was sitting aside of an old shed that was built out of sunflowers, in the shade. See, Wichita was just a little bit of a town. My dad, he goes to the saloon. Of course they couldn't understand him there, and he couldn't understand English. Then that old man Wilkins comes in and so the bartender tells him right away to talk to my dad; he could talk German. My dad introduced himself. The first thing the old man says, 'Well, Betzen is my neighbor.' He had a team and wagon, loaded them all in the wagon and hauled them along out. They got there and my uncle didn't even know they were coming." ²

1 Jakob Betzen (Told to him by Sr. Bartholmea in 1963)

2 A History of my People, Bill R. Betzen (as told to him by his grandfather, William M. Betzen)

By this time, Peter and Elizabeth also had three children. Barthol and Angela also farmed and eventually built a home on their land. After nine years, Peter now had a member of his family nearby.

In about the year 1884 or 1885, John and Elizabeth Stalpes Betzen decided to join John's brothers, Peter and Barthol. They had five children at this time, but their one son Johann was in ill health and remained in Germany with his grandparents. Johann died in Germany at about the age of five years. The three brothers and families were all now living in the community of St. Mark.

By this time the community of St. Mark had grown considerably. A number of businesses had been established and plans for a new and bigger church were in progress. There had been some years of good crops, and the price of corn and wheat had increased substantially. New methods of farming, improved seed introduced, and new crops tested, meant prosperity for the farmers.

In January of 1886, a new adversity had to be faced by the Betzens. This was "the worst blizzard (actually a series of blizzards) in Kansas history--worse even than the storms of the winter of 1855-1856. The whole state suffered severely as drifting snow blocked rail transportation and fuel shortages became acute." ¹

¹ Kenneth S. Davis, Kansas A Bicentennial History.

Very cold temperatures, 20 or more degrees below zero, huge drifts of snow and strong winds caused many of the livestock to die from frost, and starvation. The following summer brought forth bountiful crops for the farmers.

Death was no stranger to the Betzen families. Peter and Elizabeth lost three of their little ones, either at birth or in their early years. John and Elizabeth had two daughters die in their early twenties, and Barthol and Angela's son died at the age of ten years. Their strong faith in God and accepting His will, sustained them in these times of trial. The deep faith of these people is evident in past and present generations. There are and has been a number of men and women, devoting their lives to God in the religious life.

In 1900, the frontier of Kansas apparently was gone. The census that year revealed only six counties with less than one person per square mile and ten years later there were none.¹

The Betzen families prospered, and the size of their families increased. Peter had eight children, Barthol had eleven and John had nine. From these three brothers, there has been a total of

¹ Zarnow, op. cit. p 172

1,020 direct descendents. At the present time, there is only one child of the three brothers who is still living. This is Mary Betzen Gunzelman who was 90 years old in March 1978. She is the daughter of Barthol and Angela Mohr Betzen.

There is a quotation that says, "There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children---One is roots, the other wings." Our forefathers certainly gave us both. There are Betzen descendents living throughout the United States. Our heritage is one we can all be proud of and pass on to future generations.

JOHN
AND
ELIZABETH STALPES
BETZEN



JOHN AND ELIZABETH STALPES BETZEN FAMILY

STANDING, BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: MARY BETZEN SEIWERT, KATHERINE BETZEN, ANNA BETZEN ROTH, BARBARA BETZEN, ELIZABETH BETZEN STOCKEMER

SEATED, FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: PETER BETZEN, ELIZABETH STALPES BETZEN, JOHN BETZEN, JACOB BETZEN

JOHN BETZEN AND ELIZABETH STALPES

John Betzen was born December 29, 1843 in Nattenheim, Germany. He was the oldest son of Wilhelm and Anna Maria Dummer Betzen. John Grew up on his father's farm in Nattenheim.

In about the year 1870, John was urged by a friend who had immigrated to America, to come to the United States. John left Germany and sailed for America, settling in Minnesota. He had left behind his sweetheart, Elizabeth. His stay in America was brief as his love for Elizabeth caused him to return to Germany to marry her. He and Elizabeth Stalpes were married February 6, 1874. Elizabeth was born March 28, 1846 in Rittersdorf, Germany.

During the next nine years of marriage, five children were born to them. These children were Anna, Barbara, Johann, Catherine and Jacob.

In about the year 1884 or 1885, John and Elizabeth decided to come to America. Their son Johann was in ill health and remained with his grandparents in Germany. He died at the age of five and is buried in Germany.

John, Elizabeth and the other four children came to America and settled in St. Mark Colwich, Kansas. John's younger brothers, Peter and Barthol were both living there.

John purchased land to farm, and during the following years,

three more children, Peter, Elizabeth and Mary were born to them. Another child, Anna, was adopted by the couple.

Two of their daughters became ill with tuberculosis and died at an early age. Catherine was twenty-one years old at the time of her death, and Barbara was twenty-seven years old.

Elizabeth died December 30, 1922 of dropsy and John died June 1, 1925. Both are buried in St. Mark's cemetery as are their two daughters Catherine and Barbara.

There has been a total of 230 direct descendents of John and Elizabeth Betzen.

The following is a collection of memories of John and Elizabeth Betzen and the brothers Peter and Barthol's families as recalled by Sr. Sophia, granddaughter of John and Elizabeth Betzen.

"My memory as to the history of the three grandfathers is limited, but these memories of them are with me. I was in my childhood and early teens when I knew them. I have a vivid picture of all of them in my mind. Of course I didn't know Grandpa Barthol as he had died before I was born.

However, I can recall Maⁿe Engel (colloquial title for Aunt) as we called Grandpa Barthol's wife. I can recall how she would come over to my grandparents, John Betzens to visit. They lived in the same block in St. Mark's. Her first greeting would be, "GRUSS GOTT" or "GELOBT SEI JESUS CHRISTUS" (Praised be Jesus Christ). She was a hard worker in her house and garden. Her son Pete was around a lot. She was in Mass every morning. (In fact all three grandparents were.) I can also recall when the five Sisters (her nun daughters) would come home; how Maⁿe Engel would prepare for their visit!

I stayed with my grandparents, John and Elizabeth Betzen a great deal and kept house for them when I was in the 7th and 8th grades. We grandchildren who stayed with them always had to say the rosary with them every evening. Grandpa used to tell me about his sisters and brother in Germany. When their eyes and hands failed them, I had to write letters to Germany for them. Grandpa would feed the chickens and get the cow in that had to be milked. (I usually milked it when it was my turn to stay with them.) Grandma could do a little cooking yet. I can also recall how Grandpa used to sit in his arm chair in the corner behind the

stove and thump on the arm rests, singing "O, du lieber Augustien" or "O wie wohl ist mir am Abend" (Oh how lovely is the evening.) Sometimes he would tease Grandma with his singing. She would tell him to be quiet.

My brother Ollie told me he could remember the time Grandpa Betzen wanted to test his stamina when he was quite young. Grandpa offered him a cigar to smoke one day. Ollie tried it and he didn't touch a cigar for a long time after this. The cigar had made him so sick. Brother Reiny remembers his grandpa saying to him, "Gib mir dein handklein" (Give me your little hand.)

Another vivid picture in my mind is Grandma's big garden north of the house (in the vicinity where my brothers have their machine shop now). Aunt Mary Seiwert and Anna Posch were still at home at this recollection. I can just see the long rows of flowers--phlox and sweet williams in particular.

Quite some time before my Grandma Betzen died she showed me the dress she wanted to wear in the coffin. As a child it frightened me a little and I asked her, "Doesn't it frighten you to think about that?" Her calm reply was "No, it doesn't." Aunt Mary Seiwert and I were at her side when she died; also Grandpa Betzen. I can remember Dr. Jaeger coming to their house when she was dying. He looked at her eyes and said, "Heir ist

keine arztliche kunst mehr hilflich." (No doctor's care can help her any more.) She died from the effects of dropsy, December 30, 1922.

A year or more after Grandma died, Grandpa's house burned down. Uncle Jake Betzen's Sophia (now Sister Caritas) Alphons, Tony, Teresa and myself, all took turns staying with him. This particular morning when the house burned (caused I think, by a defect in the chimney flue) Grandpa remarked, "I didn't want to get out of this house and stay with any one, so the Lord got me out." After that he stayed with his children and families. He died at my parents' home, June 1, 1925.

Regarding Peter Betzen and ["]Ma["]ne Lies, I can remember them coming to mass in the mornings. Usually some of their grandchildren (the Lies' and the Mohrs') would take turns staying with them, especially in the summer time. ["]Ma["]ne Lies always had to have a cane as her knees were bad. I remember they used to drive in a buggy from their farm, a little more than a mile east of St. Mark's.

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
IX JOHN (JOHANN) BETZEN ELISABETH STALPES	2-6-1874	12-29-1843 3-28-1846	6-1-1925 12-30-1922
1 Anna Betzen Gerharht Roth		12-10-1874	2-5-1964
2 Barbara Betzen		2-29-1876	5-7-1903
3 John Betzen (died of drowning accident in Germany at the age of 5 years)			
4 Catherine Betzen		10-22-1879	4-1-1900
5 Jacob Betzen Louise Strunk	5-8-1906	10-29-1881 9-1-1885	1-13-1959 9-15-1958
A Sophie Betzen Entered Convent Sister M. Caritas	11-5-1922	3-20-1907	
A Alphons Betzen Lou Gamron	11-4-1950	4-16-1908 11-2-1908	
A Anthony (Tony) Betzen Hilda Mannebach	11-28-1933	1-16-1910 5-27-1913	1-9-1968
B Kenneth Betzen Rose Marie Walbert	6-9-1962	9-15-1935 8-6-1936	
C Karyn Betzen		3-6-1964	
C Diane Betzen		8-27-1965	
C Michelle Betzen		2-14-1967	
B Betty Betzen Harry Vaplon	1-15-1962	10-7-1936 1-3-1931	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
	C Rene Vaplon	2-9-1965	
	C Richard Vaplon	7-11-1969	
	C Douglas Vaplon	10-24-1970	
B	Carol Betzen Jerry Oliver	9-7-1963	8-15-1943 9-27-1938
	C Suzette Elizabeth Oliver	6-20-1967	
	C Stacey Ann Oliver (Adopted)	10-12-1971	
A	Theresa Betzen Roman Rau	10-20-1936	5-9-1912 9-8-1910
B	Gregory Rau Sandra Lindner	6-1-1968	5-14-1946 3-5-1947
	C La Jean Rau	1-16-1970	
	C Bruce Rau	6-3-1971	
	C Darlene Rau	6-6-1973	
	C Dennis Rau	5-10-1977	
B	Mary Beth Rau William Borchardt	4-11-1970	7-3-1949 4-11-1949
	C Bonnie Borchardt	10-9-1970	
A	Catherine Betzen Anthony Berndson	8-10-1939	4-24-1914 11-17-1910
B	David Berndson Virginia Pratt	6-2-1962	2-14-1941 6-14-1945

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C	Angie Berndson	2-25-1963	
C	James Berndson	4-7-1964	
C	Tina Berndson	2-27-1967	
B	Dianne Berndson Richard Coiner	8-9-1969 9-13-1946 7-19-1943	
C	Heather Coiner	7-10-1973	
B	Debbie Berndson Tom Weaver	5-5-1970 4-26-1952 9-4-1949	
C	Leah Weaver	9-13-1970	
C	Emily Weaver	5-9-1973	
C	John Thomas Weaver	4-26-1977	
B	Timothy Berndson	8-2-1955	
A	Clem Betzen Eva Heinig	7-25-1957 6-18-1916 4-10-1925	3-24-1960
A	Walburga Betzen	4-2-1920	
A	Salome Betzen Warren Bilderbach	7-8-1946 5-3-1918 8-10-1917	
B	Kevin Bilderbach	10-25-1952	
B	Genny Bilderbach	3-10-1960	
A	Joseph Betzen Marcia Lagaly	10-2-1951 2-22-1922 10-31-1926	
B	Ronald Betzen	11-26-1952	
B	Gerald Betzen	4-13-1954	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Russell Betzen Sharon Fox	11-15-1975	¹³ 7-31-1956 1-27-1954	
B Larry Betzen		4-11-1960	
A Justin Betzen (Fr. Justin Betzen)	Ordained 4-22-1949	2-15-1924	
A Lucille Betzen Richard Ardnt	1-19-1953	10-27-1927 6-4-1927	
B Steven Ardnt		1-29-1954	
B Mary Lou Ardnt		8-26-1956	
B Richard Ardnt		4-14-1959	
B Anne Ardnt		8-24-1961	
6 Peter Betzen Matilda Vallaster	9- -1912	12-16-1885 10-1-1891	4-1-1945 5-3-1970
A John Betzen Opal Poindexter	5-7-1946	5-6-1914 6-11-1915	8-2-1971
B Jean Wilkerson Joseph Fager	7-10-1954	7-11-1935 7-7-1928	
C Lisa Ann Fager		6-21-1958	
C Teresa Marie Fager		8-19-1959	
C Mary Patricia Fager		8-15-1963	
C Susan Fager		12-24-1967	
B Joseph Betzen Nancy Kay Robideaux	11-27-1976	3-27-1951 6-12-1953	
B James Betzen		1-20-1955	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
A Francis Betzen Merle Cambell	9-8-1940	5-28-1916 10-23-1921	
B Francis Keith Betzen Eileen Alexander	1-21-1967	7-8-1941 4-17-1943	
C Shanna Paige Betzen		6-1-1968	
C Tiffany Lee Betzen		3-14-1973	
B Carol Marie Betzen John Austin	1-8-1966	4-13-1944 11-23-1943	
C John Christopher Austin		1-4-1970	
C Jason Michael Austin		11-5-1972	
B Kendall Joseph Betzen Betty Yindrick	1-23-1971	1-6-1949 4-28-1946	
C Eric James Betzen		11-17-1971	
C Kevin Joe Betzen		7-10-1975	
B Cathy La Rue Betzen James Thomas McProud	7-14-1973	12-28-1952 7-13-1951	
C Amy Susanne Mc Proud		8-20-1976	
A Marie Betzen		12-21-1918	5-31-1964
A Richard Betzen Patricia Comstock	1-24-1951	3-14-1921 7-27-1926	
B Mary Jane Betzen		7-19-1958	2-14-1967
B Richard Gerald Betzen		2-8-1960	

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A	Jake Herman Betzen	11-1-1923	
A	Kenneth Peter Betzen Bettie Hutchison	10-9-1952 12-2-1924 10-20-1934	
B	Roxanne Renee Betzen	5-18-1954	
B	Peter Randall Betzen	2-23-1957	
B	Rebecca Lynn Betzen	5-17-1960	
B	Ronald Justin Betzen	7-12-1962	
A	Dorothy Anita Betzen John Terrell (1st Husband)	2-14-1952 12-25-1929 5-23-1922	
B	Anita Marie Terrell Lawrence S. Kollar	12-22-1972 11-1-1954 8-22-1953	
C	Jason A. Kollar	10-11-1975	
	Jerome R. Rygg (2nd Husband of Dorothy)	1-29-1975	6-16-1917
7	Elizabeth Catherine Betzen John Mathias Stockemer	10-23-1907 2-9-1888 8-11-1885	4-30-1953 4-16-1958
A	Bertha Stockemer Sister M. Sophia	Entered convent 12-13-1930	8-18-1908
A	Aloysious J. Stockemer Bernetta Orth	10-23-1934 7-22-1910 11-8-1912	
B	Leroy Stockemer Mary Annette Rau	6-2-1956 7-31-1935 8-31-1937	
C	Monica Lynne Stockemer	6-30-1957	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C	Michael John Stockemer	2-12-1959	
C	Christopher Stockemer	1-18-1960	12-21-1960
C	Randy Lee Stockemer	12-15-1960	
C	Jennifer Stockemer	1-5-1962	
C	Dale Stockemer	1-16-1963	
C	Ronnie Stockemer	5-21-1964	
C	Vanessa Stockemer	8-9-1969	
C	Valerie Stockemer	8-13-1970	
B	Dennis Stockemer 5-22-1965	10-14-1936	
	Joan Marie Stock Spexarth	12-4-1945	
C	Scott Patrick Stockemer	3-8-1966	
C	Jerome Stockemer	4-13-1967	
C	Roger Stockemer	10-4-1970	
C	Stephanie Joan Stockemer	9-28-1978	
B	Virginia Stockemer	10-30-1937	7-21-1939
B	Marilyn Stockemer 9-17-1957	11-17-1938	
	Albert Kerschen	6-13-1938	
C	Mark Allen Kerschen 7-1-1978	10-22-1958	
	Connie Kraus	4-2-1960	
C	Alan Ray Kerschen	10-30-1959	
C	Joan Marie Kerschen	7-26-1961	
C	Kelly Jay Kerschen	12-20-1962	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C	Keith Matthew Kerschen	6-20-1964	
C	Pamela Sue Kerschen	7-19-1966	
C	Dianne Jeannette Kerschen	2-29-1972	
B	Donald Stockemer	3-8-1940	
B	Carol Stockemer	5-19-1962	8-17-1943
	Robert Marcus Lies		2-12-1974
		12-18-1937	
C	Gregory Alan Lies	4-1-1964	
C	Virginia Marie Lies	9-16-1966	
C	David Michael Lies	4-9-1968	
C	Michelle Renee Lies	6-10-1973	6-11-1973
	Marietta Kinderknidt Schippers	3-8-1937	
	(2nd wife of Robert Lies)		
		7-29-1978	
C	Robert J. Schippers	6-8-1961	
C	Michael J. Schippers	10-15-1964	
C	Sue Ann Schippers	2-9-1968	
A	Reinhardt Stockemer	11-10-1951	12-10-1912
	Olga Hein Martin		12-21-1907
A	Vincent Stockemer	12-8-1914	11-13-1970
A	Laurence Stockemer	Invested in order 8-13-1916	7-20-1944
	(Frater Ambrose O.F.M.) 8-23-1938		
A	Joseph Stockemer	9-27-1950	3-25-1918
	Emma Bergkamp		3-5-1928

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Danny Stockemer Ann Catalano	11-27-1974	10-25-1951 8-6-1953	
B Gordon Stockemer Stacy Palmer	7-26-1975	7-3-1953 3-6-1955	
B Karla Stockemer Steve Eckart	8-6-1977	4-19-1957 2-8-1954	
B Gina Stockemer		8-12-1959	
A Anna Marie Stockemer		1-15-1921	
A Bernadette Stockemer		1-11-1923	3-7-1923
A Mercedes Stockemer George Raple	7-21-1948	2-26-1924 10-18-1918	
B Dorothy Ellen Raple Edward Gruenbacker	4-8-1972	4-24-1949 5-4-1949	
C Monica Gruenbacker		11-16-1973	
C Lisa Gruenbacker		9-28-1976	
C Michael Gruenbacker		1-31-1978	
B Paula Raple Ronald Floyd	1-26-1974	4-8-1951 1-25-1947	
B Ronnie Raple Mary Kay Andra	5-28-1977	5-13-1953 10-16-1955	
B Jeanne Raple		12-18-1955	
B Mary Raple		11-26-1958	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
A	Theresa Stockemer Entered convent (Sr. M. Therese A.S.C.) 12-28-1941	3-9-1926	
A	Dorothy Stockemer 6-14-1952 Joseph Cooper	1-5-1928 9-29-1927	6-11-1976
B	Mary Elizabeth Cooper 6-20-1977 Fred Sanchez	9-2-1953 12-13-1951	
B	John Michael Cooper	10-30-1954	
B	Kathy Ann Cooper 5-20-1977 Michael McClellan	1-25-1958 7-11-1950	
B	Gerry Joseph Cooper	2-23-1962	
B	Steven Andrew Cooper	12-13-1963	
A	Eugene Stockemer 4-7-1956 Audine Zogelman	12-17-1931 1-17-1937	
B	Stephen Stockemer	4-27-1957	
B	Richard Stockemer	9-21-1959	
B	Gloria June Stockemer	8-13-1961	
B	Robert Stockemer	9-27-1964	
8	Mary Betzen 10-24-1916 Edward Seiwert	2-10-1890 2-9-1894	2-16-1978
A	Margaret Seiwert 9-11-1940 Frank Gegen	11-16-1917 11-8-1914	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Keith Gegen Virginia Hawkins	8-11-1962	6-16-1941 3-19-1942	
C Mary Rose Gegen		6-25-1963	
C Kenneth Gegen		7-23-1964	
C Steven Gegen		6-21-1967	
C Shelly Gegen		9-19-1972	
B Sharon Gegen Leonard Konda	7-27-1963	12-21-1944 1-14-1939	
C Elaine Konda		9-11-1964	
C Keven Konda		2-18-1966	
C Gregory Konda		6-2-1967	
C Dave Konda		11-9-1972	
B Stanley Gegen Wanda Steiner	9-15-1973	6-9-1951 7-31-1953	
C Jason Gegen		10-14-1975	
C Tricia Ann Gegen		3-19-1977	
B Jane Gegen Eddie Trueblood	7-27-1974	11-12-1952 8-10-1948	
A Regina Seiwert Ollie Klausmeyer	9-11-1951	7-3-1919 11-7-1918	
B Rodney Klausmeyer		7-13-1953	
A Clement Seiwert Mary Catherine Strunk	7-13-1957	11-22-1920 5-24-1928	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Mark E. Seiwert	5-27-1958	
B	Paul J. Seiwert	7-7-1959	
B	Irene Seiwert	12-28-1960	
B	Charles Seiwert	5-28-1962	
B	Elizabeth Seiwert	5-10-1963	
B	Mary Jane Seiwert	12-10-1964	
B	Vincent Seiwert	12-5-1967	
B	Thomas Seiwert	12-17-1969	
B	Leander Seiwert	1-22-1971	
A	Leo Seiwert Laurita Rash	10-25-1958	11-28-1922 8-30-1935
B	Douglas Preston Seiwert (adopted)		1-20-1963
B	Darrin Lee Seiwert (adopted)		8-1-1966
B	Charisce Ellen Seiwert (adopted)		4-9-1967
A	Francis Seiwert Catherine Manneback	5-1-1946	3-14-1924 11-18-1924
B	Judy Seiwert Raymond Puckett	10-21-1967	2-16-1947 6-22-1942
C	De Anna Puckett		10-5-1968
C	Hayes Puckett		11-23-1970

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
	C Blayne Puckett	1-1-1972	
	C Marlana Ann Puckett	8-7-1977	
B	Joyce Seiwert Darrell Garner	7-6-1970	11-3-1951 3-21-1937
	C John Robert Garner	9-16-1971	
	C Jeffery Garner	2-21-1973	
B	John Seiwert	10-23-1958	
B	Jo Ann Seiwert	9-25-1960	
A	Edward Seiwert Jr. Margaret Anne Burns	6-3-1952	9-28-1925 6-10-1931
B	Anne Seiwert Monte Jordan	6-25-1977	3-28-1953 4-13-1953
B	Michael Seiwert Cindy Lytle	3-25-1977	10-23-1954 12-19-1955
B	Joseph Seiwert	6-19-1959	
B	Joan Seiwert	10-3-1963	
9	Annie Betzen (adopted) Herman Posch	2-3-1920	1-29-1899 12-13-1971 6-5-1896 3-7-1977
A	John Joseph Posch Joyce Irene Crane	12-12-1942	12-2-1920 10-8-1921
B	John Joseph Posch Jr. Mary Ann Urban	9-26-1970	6-15-1948 5-31-1950

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C	Jonathan Paul Posch	1-25-1971	
C	Alan Michael Posch	5-5-1975	
B	Jill Ann Posch Terry Le Roy Smith (1st husband)	11-27-1971 12-5-1953 9-7-1953	
C	Christopher Michael Smith	6-5-1972	
	John Raymond Candy (2nd husband)	4-2-1976 6-17-1950	
C	Rusty Lynn Candy	8-3-1977	
A	Vincent Michael Posch Dorothy Maxine Lassley	5-26-1952 8-5-1922 10-26-1930	
B	Timothy Vincent Posch Jane Ann Stephan	1-8-1977 5-21-1954 12-21-1955	
B	T eresa Marie Posch	2-19-1958	
B	Thomas Kevin Posch	3-23-1961	
A	Barbara Agnes Posch Lawrence Richard Rabas	10-21-1954 7-2-1925 1-9-1919	
B	Diana Kay Rabas Patrick Henry	3-13-1976 1-20-1957 7-21-1956	
B	Donald Rabas	4-11-1959	
B	Steven Allen Rabas	1-1-1961	
A	Irene Louise Posch Andy J. Kuykendall	4-12-1951 9-6-1927 11-6-1926	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Andrew Herman Kuykendall Ordained Rev. Andrew Kukendall	10-4-1952 5-20-1978	
B	Michael Lee Kuykendall	2-6-1954	
B	Mary Ann Kuykendall Gregory Eric Margosian	7-17-1976 5-7-1956 10-15-1953	
B	Ivan Kuykendall	7-12-1961	
B	Judy Ann Kuykendall	5-30-1963	
A	Sylvester Francis Posch Marilyn Purthena Osburn	4-23-1960 6-23-1930 12-2-1940	
B	Leo Francis Posch	11-27-1961	
B	Angela Christine Posch	12-17-1962	
B	Mark Damian Posch	4-17-1964	
B	John Michael Posch	2-28-1967	
B	Amy Elizabeth Posch	2-24-1968	
B	Sarah Ashley Posch	2-29-1972	
A	Donald Ferd Posch	9-9-1932	2-7-1955
A	Herman Ernest Posch Shirley Austin	9-29-1959 8-4-1934 9-10-1940	
B	Betty Jo Posch	1-11-1961	
B	Frances Marie Posch	12-30-1963	
B	Rita Ann Posch	3-28-1965	
B	Harold James Posch	12-13-1966	

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A Fredrick Roman Posch Lou Victor (1st wife)		1-18-1939	
B Twila Posch			
B Mark Posch			
B Renee Sherlene Posch			
B Carl Posch			
Sylvia Louise Byington (2nd wife)	2-22-1972	2-25-1951	
B Curtis Lee Byington		2-19-1968	
B David Wayne Byington		10-26-1969	
B Ericka Dawn Byington		7-6-1971	
A Michael James Posch Ida Arletta Signer Parcell	7-17-1971	12-21-1941 1-25-1937	
B Judy Lynne Parcell		3-1-1957	
B Lee Clark Parcell		12-6-1958	
B Marcia Kay Parcell		11-13-1961	
B Tonia Sue Posch		9-23-1972	

PETER
AND
ELIZABETH ECK
BETZEN



PETER AND ELIZABETH ECK BETZEN FAMILY

STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: MARY BETZEN MOHR, BARTHOL BETZEN,
MATHIAS BETZEN, MARGARET BETZEN LIES

SEATED, FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: PETER BETZEN, ELIZABETH
ECK BETZEN

PETER BETZEN AND ELIZABETH ECK

Peter Betzen was born November 16, 1846 in Nattenheim, Germany. He was the second youngest son of Wilhelm and Anna Marie "Dummer" Betzen. He was a soldier in the German army during the Franco-Prussian war.

In 1871, he immigrated to America, settling in New Trier, Minnesota. There was a large settlement of German immigrants in this locality. During the years he lived in Minnesota, he worked as a hired hand.

After about four years, Peter and his friends, the Eck brothers, left Minnesota and went to St. Mark in Kansas. He purchased land, put in crops and built a house. He had met the girl he wished to marry while living in Minnesota. This was Elizabeth Eck, a sister of his friends, and the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Kranz) Eck. Elizabeth was born in New Trier, Minnesota on February 10, 1856. Having built a home for his bride to be and putting in his crops, Peter returned to Minnesota to marry Elizabeth on January 11, 1876. The couple journeyed to St. Mark to begin their new life.

There were eight children born to them; Peter I, Mary, Peter II, Barthol, Angela, Mathias, Margaret and Josephine. Four of these children, Peter I, Peter II, Angela and Josephine died during their childhood years.

Peter died March 23, 1924, and Elizabeth died January 6, 1936. They and their four children are buried in St. Mark's cemetery.

There has been 522 direct descendents of Peter and Elizabeth Betzen.

The following is a collection of memories of Elizabeth Mohr Brand, a granddaughter of Peter and Elizabeth Eck Betzen.

I remember Grandmother Betzen telling me that the first Christmas, she wished to have something special to eat. She asked my grandfather to go into town to buy some lard, so she could make doughnuts. Being winter time and the weather unpleasant, Grandfather told her, "We can do without doughnuts." Grandma cried because she didn't have anything special for Christmas day.

Grandfather and Grandmother brought two dozen chickens with them, when they came from Minnesota to St. Marks. Shelter for the chickens was a house built of sunflowers.

When they came to Kansas, they had to learn to protect themselves from grass fires, for the blue stem grass was

taller than a horse.

Grandfather had to plow the ground used for growing crops, with a team of horses and a walking plow. The wheat they raised was cut with a hand scythe, and bound into bundles. After while the husband cut the wheat, his wife would help by tying the cut wheat into bundles. Once the wheat was threshed, it was put into sacks. Some of the wheat was ground at a mill for flour used in cooking. The remainder of the wheat they would haul to Sedgwick, Kansas. They would leave early in the morning and return late at night. There were no bridges across the creeks or rivers, so they had to unload half of the load of sacks before crossing the river. The remainder of the load was taken across and unloaded. Then they would return to pick up the other half load, cross the river, and reload the first sacks taken over. They would then continue on their journey. This trip was not without danger, as horse thieves were still around. One time a man by the name of Metzen, hauled wheat or cattle to town and never returned home.

One time Grandfather went north of Colwich to get sand. He unhitched his team of horses and went into the sandpit to get his sand. While in the pit, the sand caved in on his shovel, causing the shovel to hit and break his leg. He crawled out of the sandpit, hitched up his horses and drove home (six miles)

with a broken leg.

Sunflowers and cow chips were used as fuel for heat. One winter they even burned corn on the cob as the market price was so low.

My great grandfather Eck came here and bought three quarters of land for \$1600, later dividing it into four parts (120 acres) for each of his children.

My grandfather was always generous to people who came here from Germany or Minnesota. He would help them get started farming.

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
X PETER BETZEN ELIZABETH ECK	1-11-1876	11-16-1846 2-10-1856	3-23-1924 1-6-1936
1 Peter Betzen		11-15-1876	1-25-1877
2 Mary Betzen Michael Mohr	11-24-1895	1-9-1878 9-6-1869	5-4-1947 10-3-1949
A Elizabetha Mohr		9-6-1896	2-11-1899
A Peter Mohr Anna Strunk	6-13-1922	8-15-1898 3-4-1901	12-17-1968
B Katherine Mohr Entered convent (Sr. Denise Marie O.S.B.)		4-20-1924	
		6- -1947	
B Michael J. Mohr Juanita Linnebur	11-21-1950	6-1-1925 1-29-1931	
C Bill Mohr Suzanne Rau	7-17-1976	5-6-1953 2-23-1956	
D Jason Mohr		5-25-1977	
D Erin Christine Mohr		7-31-1978	
C Steve Mohr		6-6-1954	
C Patricia Mohr		9-24-1956	
C Tim Mohr		9-24-1958	
C Donna Mohr		3-31-1962	
C Alan Mohr		8-4-1965	
B Nick Mohr Nancy Dugan	6-2-1953	10-16-1926 12-18-1933	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C Paul Mohr Sheryl Kovac	6-5-1976	4-6-1954 5-21-1954	
C Joseph Mohr		7-12-1955	
C Catherine Mohr		7-14-1956	
C Mary Mohr (Twins)		6-12-1957	
C Mark Mohr		6-12-1957	
C Tom Mohr		10-19-1958	
C Susan Mohr		10-30-1959	
C Nick Mohr		11-6-1960	
C Dan Mohr		2-20-1962	
C Martin Mohr		5-25-1963	
C David Mohr		6-18-1964	
C Nancy Mohr		2-5-1966	
C Kevin Mohr		2-12-1970	
C Peggy Mohr		12-8-1971	
B Joseph Mohr June Howard		9-24-1927 7-9-	
C Joseph Mohr		2-23-1968	
B Marie Mohr		5-19-1929	
B Josephine Mohr		7-13-1930	
B William Mohr		3-30-1932	10-7-1964

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Clarence Mohr Arlene Bierman	6-7-1961	4-25-1933 11-22-1936
C	Christopher Mohr		10-12-1962
C	Gerald Mohr		5-4-1964
C	Kenneth Mohr		8-25-1965
C	Mary Beth Mohr		5-9-1967
B	John Mohr Barbara Seimer	6-23-1962	6-13-1934 1-30-1924
C	John Mohr		9-2-1964
C	Michael Mohr		9-6-1966
C	Pamela Mohr		10-12-1968
C	Mark Mohr		11-18-1970
B	Ann Mohr Charles Timmermeyer	1-25-	6-11-1935 2-14-1936
C	Joan Timmermeyer		6-11-1962
C	Charles Timmermeyer		12-28-1964
C	James Timmermeyer		3-4-1967
B	Peter R. Mohr Marilyn Bland	4-20-1968	7-29-1936 1-3-1946
C	Peter A. Mohr		11-6-1968
C	Elizabeth A. Mohr		4-15-1970

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Anthony Mohr Judy Hommertzheimer	8- -1967	12-4-1937	
C Greg Mohr		5-8-1969	
C Douglas Mohr		2-20-1973	
B Frank Mohr Paula Peltzer	6-4-1966	12-23-1938 5-22-1946	
C Karla Mohr		7-26-1967	
C Stacy Mohr		9-6-1969	
C Curtis Mohr		7-28-1971	
C Chad Mohr		2-16-1975	
B Aloysious Mohr Laura Mannebach	2-1-1964	12-14-1939 3-31-1944	
C Jane Marie Mohr		12-1-1964	
C Phillip Mohr		4-2-1966	
C Karen Mohr		6-3-1968	
C Sidney Mohr		12-25-1972	
B Bartholmew Mohr Mary Lou Gorges	4-11-1968	12-15-1940 3-29-1949	
C Natlie Mohr		4-17-1969	
C Matthew Mohr		11-7-1970	
C Bricen Mohr		9-7-1972	
C Michelle Mohr		4-9-1975	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH	
B	Teresa Mohr Henry Wagner	11-	2-22-1942 5-17-1939	
C	Michael Wagner		8-22-1966	
C	Ann Marie Wagner		6-13-1969	
C	Katherine Wagner		10-13-1971	
B	Gregory Mohr Edith Jones	11-11-1967	9-16-1944 2-1-1948	
C	Rachel Mohr		9-25-1968	
C	Julie Mohr		12-12-1970	
B	Margaret Mohr George Roy	1-20-1968	3-24-1946 1-29-1945	
C	George Roy		1-14-1969	
C	Erik Roy		1-3-1970	
C	Dana Roy		9-29-1973	
A	Elizabeth Mohr John Brand	11-20-1928	2-21-1900 9-24-1894	8-11-1962
B	Eugene Brand Mary Kennedy	2-9-1957	10-18-1929 6-30-1937	
C	Daniel Brand		3-18-1959	
C	Kevin Brand		11-13-1960	
C	Chris Brand		2-9-1962	2-10-1962
C	Larry Brand		2-15-1963	
C	Joseph Brand		3-19-1964	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C Kathleen Brand		6-15-1965	9-23-1965
C Denise Rose Brand		6-18-1966	
C Keith Mathew Brand		12-18-1970	
B Dennis Brand	11-28-1964	1-30-1931	
Rita Rempe		12-7-1935	
C Diann Brand		10-4-1966	
C Michael Brand		3-13-1968	
C Sharon Brand		7-31-1972	
B Sylvester Brand	4-30-1960	1-15-1933	
Loretta Carl		3-27-1936	
C Paul Brand		2-6-1962	
C John Brand		6-16-1964	
C Carl Brand		10-17-1966	
C Ronald Brand		1-15-1968	
C Sandra Brand		4-12-1970	
B Dorothy Brand	11-20-1956	7-23-1935	
Lloyd Youngers		12-10-1931	
C Stanley Youngers		9-19-1957	
C Mark Youngers		6-9-1959	
C Karen Youngers		7-30-1961	
C Linda Youngers		3-9-1973	
B Doris Brand		2-21-1937	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Alma Brand John Groner	4-11-1964	1-7-1939 10-25-1931
C	Timothy Groner		1-21-1969
C	Stacey Lynn Groner		1-30-1973
B	Karlene Brand Ronald Weber	11-19-1966	7-10-1941 11-9-1938
C	Kristine Ann Weber		9-30-1967
C	Kimberly Kay Weber		6-1-1971
C	David Weber		5-5-1973
B	Leon Brand Marcie Metzinger	9-12-1970	8-15-1942 4-23-1945
C	Jeffrey Brand		6-16-1971
C	Paula Brand		1-4-1973
C	Terry Brand		12-20-1973
C	Jason Michael Brand		2-1-1977
A	John Mohr		5-11-1901 6-3-1946
A	Catherine Mohr		10-28-1902
A	Helena Mohr		3-3-1904 7-23-1905
A	Margaret Mohr Joseph Strunk	6-15-1927	5-6-1905 10-10-1903

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Mary Strunk Clement Seiwert	7-13-1957	5-24-1928 11-22-1920
C	Mark Seiwert		5-27-1958
C	Paul Seiwert		7-7-1959
C	Irene Seiwert		12-28-1960
C	Charles Seiwert		5-28-1962
C	Betty Seiwert		5-10-1963
C	Mary Jane Seiwert		12-10-1964
C	Vincent Seiwert		12-5-1967
C	Thomas Seiwert		12-17-1969
C	Leander Seiwert		1-22-1970
B	Francis Strunk Vera Suther	5-15-1954	12-28-1929 7-5-1931
C	Fred Strunk		12-12-1955
C	Michael Strunk		2-23-1956
C	Gregory Strunk		5-3-1957
C	Mary Margaret Strunk		4-10-1958
C	Barbara Strunk		6-27-1959
C	Catherine Strunk		8-30-1960
C	Angela Strunk		10-8-1961

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C	John Thomas Strunk	10-9-1962	
C	Denise Strunk	10-17-1963	
C	Gerald Strunk	1-17-1965	
C	Paul Strunk	2-26-1966	
C	Helen Strunk	7-25-1968	
C	Dorraine Strunk	4-5-1970	
B	William Strunk	1-26-1957	8-23-1931
	Betty Ann Flammang		8-7-1930
C	Jim Strunk	1-7-1958	
C	Robert Strunk	2-8-1959	
C	Edward Strunk	9-15-1962	
C	Tim Strunk	11-1-1963	
C	Theresa Strunk	12-12-1965	
B	Paul Strunk	10-8-1957	1-23-1933
	Ita Mc Mirren		6-6-1933
C	Peter Strunk	7-13-1958	
C	Sandra Strunk	9-15-1962	
C	David Strunk	10-16-1964	
B	Louis Strunk	8-30-1958	6-27-1934
	Roberta Rohar		6-25-1936
C	Steve Strunk	5-24-1959	
C	Patrick Strunk	6-25-1960	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C Sarah Strunk		9-24-1961	
C Michell Strunk		3-6-1963	
C Lisa Strunk		2-26-1964	
C Ronald Strunk		11-30-1965	
C Renee Strunk		11-5-1966	
C Shawn Strunk		1-19-1977	
B Raymond Strunk Shirley Stephens	6-7-1963	2-3-1937 2-21-1937	7-1-1971
C Joseph Strunk		5-24-1962	
C Math Strunk		12-16-1963	
C Rebecca Strunk		12-17-1966	
C Mark Strunk		2-9-1967	
C Bernard Strunk		6-4-1968	
C Christopher Strunk		6-24-1969	
C Rachel Strunk		5-28-1971	6-16-1973
Roy Laddawi (2nd husband of Shirley)	11-29-1974		
B Joan Strunk John Hemmen	5-7-1960	12-16-1938 2-10-1937	
C Stephanie Hemmen		3-9-1961	
C Joseph Hemmen		5-29-1962	
C David Hemmen		6-19-1963	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C	Caroline Hemmen	10-6-1964	
C	Daniel Hemmen	8-30-1965	
C	Anthony Hemmen	5-22-1967	
C	Kathleen Hemmen	8-20-1968	
C	Janice Hemmen	6-23-1970	
C	Kimberly Hemmen	6-22-1975	
B	Helen Strunk Leroy Blasi	7-23-1966	5-15-1941 9-25-1935
C	Michael Blasi	8-22-1967	
C	David Blasi	3-16-1969	
C	Darryl Blasi	7-13-1970	
C	Richard Blasi	1-22-1972	
C	Joseph Blasi	4-4-1973	
B	Thomas Strunk Rita Simon	7-10-1967	12-20-1943 10-5-1948
C	Cheryl Strunk	11-26-1969	
C	Jeffery Strunk	7-12-1971	
C	Shelley Strunk	10-2-1973	
C	Amy Renee Strunk	7-9-1975	
C	Joni Strunk	2-26-1977	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Betty Strunk Tim Stolz	1-17-1970	11-3-1948 12-15-1947	
C Donald Stolz		8-6-1971	
C Sandra Stolz		9-19-1972	
C Susanne Stolz		1-30-1975	
C Jay Stolz		1-27-1976	
A Marie Mohr Robert Martin	11-10-1931	4-8-1908 1-23-1909	6-16-1975
B Alfred Martin Shirley Sponsel	10-25-1969	12-20-1932 8-30-1950	
C Alfred Martin		4-28-1971	
C Bobbie Martin		8-1-1973	
C Peter Martin		3-12-1975	
B Adrain Martin Kay Lubbers	11-16-1963	4-16-1934 1-30-1944	
C Joseph Martin		9-7-1964	
C Michael Martin		5-29-1966	
C Thomas Martin		1-28-1968	
C John Martin		1-1-1970	
C Marie Therese Martin		1-28-1972	
C William Martin		3-16-1974	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Mary Ann Martin Arlen Freund	5-5-1962	9-8-1935 2-1-1935
C	Michelle Freund		4-4-1963
C	Martin Freund		4-27-1964
C	Denise Freund		4-22-1965
C	Karl Freund		12-21-1966
C	Mary Jeanette Freund		11-28-1969
C	Kimberly Freund		4-25-1973
B	Robert Martin Jr. Joan Lohkamp	1-12-1963	1-3-1937 3-18-1941
C	Paul Martin		⁹ 2 -23-1963
C	Peggy Martin		11-5-1964
C	Janice Martin		5-23-1967
C	Susan Martin		7-28-1968
C	Bernard Martin		4-19-1970
B	Mildred Martin		10-16-1938
B	Sylvia Martin Leo Seiler	8-27-1960	12-30-1940 9-7-1940
C	Lisa Seiler		3-11-1962
C	Lori Seiler		4-10-1963
C	David Seiler		6-5-1964
C	Leo Seiler Jr.		8-12-1965

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C	Karla Seiler	8-27-1966	
C	Alan Seiler	11-25-1967	
C	Eric Seiler	5-11-1970	
C	Rene Seiler	8-14-1974	
C	Matthew Seiler	1-6-1976	
B	Bernadette Martin	5-4-1963	2-3-1942
	Bill Sanders		5-25-1935
C	Kathleen Sanders	6-12-1964	
C	Gregory Sanders	4-9-1967	
C	James Sanders	6-27-1976	
B	Barbara Martin	5-30-1964	8-3-1943
	Fred Spexarth		8-13-1937
C	Mary Beth Spexarth	10-18-1969	
C	Gary Spexarth	5-21-1972	
C	Jerome Spexarth	6-5-1974	
B	Theresa Martin	5-8-1965	10-25-1944
	Michael Sanders		10-19-1942
C	Michael Sanders	10-16-1966	
C	Marie Sanders	2-28-1968	
C	Julie Ann Sanders	11-7-1969	
C	Steven Sanders	9-26-1971	
C	Emily Sanders	6-22-1977	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Carol Ann Martin Fred Schauf	10-12-1974	5-19-1949 2-10-1949
	C Heather Maria Schauf	7-14-1975	
	C Kenneth Robert Schauf	4-1-1977	
A	Josephine Mohr John Strunk (1st Husband)	5-28-1934	7-27-1910 4-27-1906
			2-2-1936
B	John Strunk Ruth Miller	8-22-1970	3-15-1935 7-20-19
	C Julie Strunk	9-9-1971	
	C Wayne Strunk	9-29-1973	
	C Angelica Strunk	10-5-1975	
	Aloys Strunk (2nd Husband)	1-3-1950	7-14-1914
B	Ann Strunk Douglas Taton	10-23-1971	10-7-1951 10-21-1946
	C Tammy Taton	8-12-1973	
B	Sandra Strunk	2-1-1953	1-9-1967
B	Mary Strunk	7-18-1957	
3	Peter Betzen II	10-22-1878	?

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
4 Barthol Betzen Mary Ann Lies	4-23-1912	2-4-1881 10-25-1882	1-25-1957 4-10-1921
A Aloys Betzen Mary Ann Spexarth	10-3-1939	2-7-1914 2-18-1919	
B Dolores Betzen Ray Falk	8-13-1960	7-10-1940 5-30-1933	
C David Falk		8-8-1961	
C Mary Sue Falk		5-16-1963	4-5-1964
C Steven Falk		9-10-1964	
C Mike Falk		7-2-1966	
C Nick Falk		1-28-1968	
C Brian Falk		12-29-1972	
B Bernard Betzen Ida Mae Heimerman	9-4-1965	9-5-1941 9-6-1946	
C Mary Betzen		5-6-1966	5-6-1966
C Cathy Betzen		6-5-1967	
C Patricia Betzen		6-2-1968	
C Lucinda Betzen		11-28-1969	
B Evelyn Betzen Robert Heimerman	8-24-1963	9-7-1942 5-24-1933	
C Ronald Heimerman		11-12-1964	
C Robert Heimerman		6-28-1966	
C Roy Heimerman		5-16-1968	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Loretta Betzen Ernest Nutsch	12-26-1963	9-30-1943 2-28-1934	
C Kevin Nutsch		7-22-1964	
C Debra Nutsch		9-29-1966	
C Constance Nutsch		12-26-1968	
C Mark Nutsch		6-30-1970	
B Joseph Betzen Carol Mans	1-15-1972	1-16-1945 1-7-1950	
C Marcy Betzen		2-14-1973	
B Rosella Betzen		6-15-1946	
B Agnes Betzen John Gorges	7-30-1966	7-14-1947 6-19-1940	
C Robert Gorges		8-24-1970	
C Dennis Gorges		9-2-1972	
B John Betzen Barbara Schmitz	5-18-1974	8-16-1950 4-18-1953	
C Pamela Ann Betzen		5-23-1975	
C Frances Lynn Betzen		6-27-1977	
B Paul Betzen Le Ann Mannebach	1-12-1974	12-13-1952 11-24-1952	
B Margaret Betzen Kenneth Mans	9-21-1974	5-11-1953 7-29-1952	
B Joyce Betzen Stuart Tolle	10-11-1975	8-3-1954 9-29-1954	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Eugene Betzen		11-20-1960	
A Marcellin Betzen Sylvia Strunk	10-12-1948	4-26-1915 3-30-1924	2-2-1975
B Mary Betzen John Schmitt	5-22-1971	3-24-1950 12-2-1948	
C Theodore Schmitt		1-2-1972	
C Brian Schmitt		1-2-1973	
C Sara Schmitt		9-5-1974	
C Marsha Karin Schmitt		10-24-1976	
B Gregory Betzen		11-16-1951	
B Carl Betzen		2-3-1954	
B Michael Betzen		8-13-1956	
B Fredrick Betzen		7-3-1958	
B Ann Marie Betzen		9-2-1959	
B Vincent Betzen		8-5-1961	
B Rose Marie Betzen		9-2-1964	
A Xavier Betzen Saturnina Vosotros	2-17-1975	2-20-1917 6-6-1927	
A Nick Betzen Esther Seidl	8-30-1948	10-23-1919 1-3-1923	
B Barthel J. Betzen Patricia Janssen	11-29-1974	10-16-1949 1-21-1952	
C Adam Joseph Betzen		1-13-1977	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Andrew J. Betzen	11-24-1950	
B	Therese Mary Betzen	9-14-1952	10-19-1962
B	James Gerard Betzen	9-24-1953	
B	Jane Anne Betzen	1-1-1955	
B	Nicholas Mark Betzen	12-19-1956	
B	Thomas Godfrey Betzen	2-9-1958	
B	Betty Josephine Betzen	2-2-1959	
B	Angela Ann Betzen	5-16-1960	
B	Lucy Martha Betzen	7-7-1961	
B	Luke Martin Betzen	9-17-1962	
B	Maria Therese Betzen	6-25-1964	
5	Angela Betzen	10-29-1882	5-8-1883
6	Mathias Betzen	6-11-1912	6-30-1884
	Lena May		8-25-1947
			8-29-1892
			12-8-1963
A	Peter Betzen	9-6-1939	3-9-1914
	Marianne Seidl		1-4-1916
			9-8-1977
B	David Betzen	9-6-1969	8-17-1940
	Ann Messerschmidt		12-1-1948
C	Keith Betzen		6-30-1970
C	Lisa Betzen		3-7-1972

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C Neil Betzen		8-23-1974	
C Amy Carmel		10-19-1975	
B Hubert Betzen Ellen Fisher	5-22-1965	11-29-1941 3-29-1945	
C George Betzen		6-14-1966	
C Angela Betzen		10-17-1970	
B Donald Betzen Sharon Howarth	2-9-1974	8-5-1943 1-30-1951	
h a C r a S Allyn Betzen		1-10-1975	
B Olivia Betzen Wendall Allan	9-10-1969	8-3-1944	
C Christopher Allen		5-17-1970	
B Mary Alice Betzen Larry Lubbers	1-2-1965	9-27-1945 5-22-1943	
C Richard Lubbers (twins)		8-21-1965	
C Ronald Lubbers		8-21-1965	
C Mary Therese Lubbers		8-9-1966	
C Jennifer Lubbers		11-23-1970	
C Thomas Lubbers		1-9-1974	
C Paul Lubbers		10-3-1969	10-7-1969
C Mark Lubbers		7-28-1976	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Phyllis Betzen	10-5-1946	
B	Brenda Betzen Rod Gardner	8-3-1968	9-3-1948 8-22-1945
C	Teddy Gardner	9-11-1969	
C	Donna Gardner	9-7-1971	
C	Gloria Gardner	4-19-1973	
C	Cathleen Gardner	5-20-1976	
B	Jovita Betzen (twin) Joe Anderson	5-26-1973	5-22-1951 8-15-1950
C	Joey Anderson	12-20-1975	
B	Anita Betzen (twin) Terry Thomas	6-7-1975	5-22-1951 4-13-1952
B	Mathias Betzen		7-13-1952
B	Carmel Betzen Paul Anderson	12-28-1974	7-22-1954 11-20-1952
C	Laura Ann Anderson		4-20-1977
B	Barbara Betzen		9-10-1956
A	Gerhard Betzen Martha Seidl	10-6-1943	6-11-1915 12-19-1919
B	Geraldine Betzen Ronald Sas	6-24-1967	9-28-1944 1-14-1943
C	Christine Sas		2-3-1970
C	Aaron Sas		3-16-1972
C	Ethan Sas		11-22-1973

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Louise Betzen	Entered Convent	6-21-1946	
Sr. M. Louise #50	8- -1964		
B Stephen Betzen	9-3-1971	6-13-1948	
Terry Sue Jungbluth		3-18-1948	
B Regina Betzen		9-13-1949	
B Julie Betzen		11-20-1951	
B Theodore Betzen	7-30-1977	10-18-1953	
Kathy Donathon		6-24-1956	
B Christopher Betzen		10-13-1955	
B Cecilia Betzen		8-29-1957	
B Robert Betzen		12-27-1960	
A Marie Betzen	5-15-1944	6-19-1917	11-19-1971
Clarence Tallman		1-13-1918	
B Michael Tallman	5-7-1966	3-3-1945	
Kathy Kiewit (1st wife)			
C Kathleen Tallman		12-10-1971	
Vernelle Buzenitz (2nd wife of Michael)			
B Mary Jean Tallman		9-16-1946	
Darryl Howerton			
C Sean Tallman		2-19-1967	
C Heidi D. Tallman		1-18-1968	
B Kenneth Tallman		11-5-1948	
B James Tallman	2-23-1974	1-4-1950	
Billie Van Cleave		11-25-1952	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Patrick J. Tallman	11-4-1951	6-16-1968
B	John Francis Tallman	10-4-1954	
A	Margaret Betzen Wendell Martin	11-27-1946	2-7-1920 7-12-1915
B	Carolann Martin (adopted) Gene Hoppe	⁸ 9 -31-1968	8-16-1948 3-13-1947
C	Julie Hoppe	4-18-1969	
C	Craig Hoppe	7-19-1972	
C	Laurie Hoppe	7-6-1976	
B	Mary Kay Martin (adopted) Douglas Davis	9-5-1970	10-12-1949 6-8-1950
C	Ronnie Davis	7-27-1971	
C	Duane Davis	12-18-1973	
B	Daniel Martin (adopted)	12-19-1953	
A	Albert Betzen	6-15-1922	7-23-1973
A	Rosalia Betzen	5-21-1925	
A	Mary Magdalen Betzen Entered Convent Sr. M. Mathias A.S.C.	5-17-1928 7-1-1945	
A	Mathias Betzen Fr. Conrad O.S.B.	Ordained 12-19-1957	11-9-1931

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
A Cecilia Betzen Entered Convent Sr. Assumpta O.S.B.	7-11-1956	6-3-1935	
7 Margaret Betzen Mathias Lies	2-26-1906	3-22-1886 12-4-1877	5-13-1966 11-20-1931
A Elizabeth Lies Aloys Martin	12-31-1935	1-10-1907 8-4-1908	1-29-1963
B Virginia Martin Anthony Manansola	11-29-1958	12-11-1937 9-5-1922	
C Tony Manansola		7-1-1959	
C Beth Donata Manansola		10-22-1960	
C Mary Margaret Manansola		8-29-1966	
B John Martin Karola Horsch	10-10-1959	4-3-1939 5-26-1940	
C Jon Ray Martin		2-6-1960	
C Tammy Martin		3-3-1961	
C Dennis Martin		11-2-1962	
C Peter Martin		2-15-1964	
C Charles Martin		2-4-1965	
C Richard Martin		4-15-1966	
C Michelle Martin		12-30-1970	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Margie Martin Steve Mainz	8-3-1963 11-18-1943 3-13-1943	
	C Mitch Mainz	5-10-1964	
	C Chris Mainz	6-10-1965	
	C Mark Mainz	1-9-1974	
A	Helen Lies Entered Convent Sr. M. Helena A.S.C. 8-25-1925	3-20-1908	6-28-1975
A	Bernard Charles Lies Ida Sylvana Grassl	8-17-1937 4-16-1909 9-13-1909	
B	Jullianne ^{MARGARET} Marget Lies Ronald Paul Micek	5-14-1966 1-13-1939 12-6-1935	
	C Damon John Micek	3-23-1967	
	C Karla Kay Micek	6-13-1968	
B	Michael John Lies Lucy Kay Belote	10-12-1968 2-12-1941 3-14-1945	
	C Sarah Jane Lies	12-16-1969	
	C Ashley Elizabeth Lies	12-2-1977	
B	Mary Kay Lies John Michael Mac Donnell	6-16-1973 10-24-1945 9-7-1946	
	C Kelly Christine Mac Donnell	2-19-1976	
B	Rose Marie Lies Steven Randal Schalk	4-30-1977 10-12-1948 7-4-1950	
B	Sara Jane Lies	6-28-1954	1-8-1968

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
A	Barthel Lies Zita M. Reichenberger	6-1-1938	2-17-1911 12-11-1912
B	Diana Lies Raymond Bachura	7-20-1963	8-30-1941 10-30-1941
	C Jeffery Bachura		5-2-1964
	C Linda Bachura		7-20-1965
	C Jana Bachura		3-7-1967
	C Barthel Bachura		10-1-1970
B	Richard Lies Emily Shaw	4-25-1970	7-18-1942 10-20-1946
	C Michael Richard Lies		9-8-1975
B	James Lies Carol Waskow	4-17-1971	8-28-1943 6-16-1946
	C Jennifer Lies		11-16-1971
	C Lucas James Lies		6-9-1974
B	Linda Lies Anthony Gutschenritter	1-25-1969	8-13-1946 4-9-1946
	C Gina Gutschenritter		2-20-1970
	C David Gutschenritter		2-1-1972
	C Steven Michael Gutschenritter		7-13-1976
B	Alice Ann Lies		7-15-1951
A	Josephine Lies Francis Hagan	10-26-1943	1-30-1913 8-5-1913
B	James Hagan		9-29-1944

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Kathleen Hagan		10-1-1945	
B Michael Hagan		1-25-1947	
B Corinne Hagan James Kelly	8-18-1973	11-7-1948 4-1-1947	
C Michael Kelly		1-29-1975	
C Patrick Kelly		3-9-1977	
B Ned Hagan		11-14-1950	
B Emilie Ann Hagan		3-12-1952	
B Stephen Hagan		10-17-1953	
B Mary Jo Hagan		8-20-1955	
A Nick Lies Emma Hilger	6-12-1940	7-28-1914 2-27-1922	
B Anita Lies Jack Webb	6-25-1974	3-2-1941 10-27-1936	
B Thomas Lies		8-2-1942	
B Mary Sue Lies Charles Long	6-24-1972	2-10-1943 8-16-1942	
C Brian Charles Long		3-15-1976	
C Bradley Forrest Long		5-5-1978	
B Helen Lies Brian Brown	2-27-1964	6-14-1945 5-29-1944	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C	Theresa Brown	7-10-1965	
C	Douglas Brown	2-22-1967	
C	Nick Brown	3-9-1969	
B	Judy Lies William Jordan	2-16-1974 8-4-1949 5-16-1947	
B	Mathias Lies	7-24-1950	
B	Jerry Lies Donna Miller	4-16-1974 8-20-1951 10-5-1953	
C	Kimberly Dawn Lies	2-13-1976	
B	Pamela Elizabeth Lies	11-19-1953	12-21-1953
B	Lou Ann Lies	11-1-1954	
B	Eric John Lies	10-20-1959	
B	Timothy Lies	12-30-1961	
A	Michael Lies Fr. Michael Lies	Ordained 12-19-1942	6-11-1916
A	Carolyn Lies Gregory Blick	6-22-1943	3-19-1918 6-6-1916
B	Joyce Blick Darrell Dugan	6-11-1966	4-3-1944 10-20-1944
C	Karla Ann Dugan	7-31-1967	
C	Todd Gregory Dugan	6-14-1968	
C	Craig Richard Dugan	10-22-1970	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Mark Blick	9-28-1945	
B	Patrick Blick	3-17-1947	
B	Mary Beth Blick George Mas	8-7-1971 1-11-1949 9-15-1949	
C	Michael John Mas	10-13-1975	
B	Ann Blick Terry May	7-1-1972 2-6-1950 4-9-1951	
C	Peter Gregory May	12-30-1974	
C	Carrie Ann May	5-25-1976	
B	Paul Blick Eileen Adelhardt	5-31-1975 10-23-1952 2-15-1953	
B	Margaret Blick Greg Eck	11-29-1975 8-5-1953 8-29-1953	
B	JOHN B. BLICK	5-23-1955	
B	Barbara Blick	10-2-1957	
A	Marie Lies	7-23-1920	
A	Susan Lies	11-20-1921	10-10-1965
A	Kathryn Lies Clem Suellentrop	5-3-1948 6-21-1924 10-2-1923	
B	Mark Suellentrop Jalaine Coover	8-22-1970 3-12-1949 8-20-1950	
C	Paul Jason Suellentrop	4-30-1971	
C	Brian Marcus Suellentrop	10-15-1972	
C	Jennifer Elaine Suellentrop	12-10-1974	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Joseph Suellentrop Marilyn Biggs	7-25-1970	2-18-1950 4-22-1951	
C Craig Joseph Suellentrop		12-2-1972	
C Christoper Suellentrop		2-12-1975	
C Lisa Nicole Suellentrop		5-4-1977	
B Betty Ann Suellentrop Joseph Surace Jr.	9-21-1974	1-5-1951 11-11-1951	
B Gene Suellentrop Chris Rusch	5-26-1973	1-1-1952 12-27-1952	
B Frank Suellentrop Laura O'Connor	4-27-1974	5-29-1953 8-18-1953	
B Richard Suellentrop		12-13-1954	
B Mary Suellentrop		8-11-1956	
B Charles Suellentrop		1-13-1959	
B Margaret Suellentrop		5-7-1960	
B Jane Marie Suellentrop		9-5-1961	
B Linda Rose Suellentrop		10-28-1962	
B Michael Suellentrop		7-21-1964	
B Susanne Suellentrop		1-1-1968	
A Rose Ann Lies Julius Stroemel	2-2-1959	2-13-1926 6-16-1922	
B Joe Stroemel		12-1-1959	
B Ann Stroemel		3-18-1961	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Math Stroemel		8-15-1962	
B Mary Lu Stroemel		2-10-1964	
B Benedict Stroemel		3-21-1965	
B Susan Stroemel		3-18-1968	
A Betty Lies (twin of Margaret) Vincent Lovett	3-6-1970	3-12-1929	
		3-4-1923	
A Margaret Mary Lies (twin of Betty)		3-12-1929	
8 Josephine Betzen		8-23-1892	9-10-1896

BARTHOL
AND
ANGELA MÄHR

BETZEN

SIX MONTHS OF LIFE IN THE BETZEN FAMILY
BACE WISE, STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: ANNA MARIA (SR. BARTHOLMEA)
BETZEN, PETER BETZEN

CENTER THE LIFE TO RIGHT: MARGARET BETZEN, KATHARINA (SR. DOMITILLA)
BETZEN, ANGELA MAHR BETZEN

RIGHT: ANNA MARIA (SR. BARTHOLMEA) BETZEN, PETER BETZEN
MARGARET BETZEN, KATHARINA (SR. DOMITILLA) BETZEN, ANGELA MAHR BETZEN

AND PETER BETZEN, ANGELA MAHR BETZEN



THE BARTHOL AND ANGELA MOHR BETZEN FAMILY

BACK ROW, STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: ANNA MARIA (SR. BARTHOLMEA)
BETZEN, PETER BETZEN

CENTER ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: BARTHOL BETZEN, ELIZABETH (SR. DOMITILLA)
BETZEN, ANGELA MOHR BETZEN

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: ANNA M. (SR. GONZAGA) BETZEN ON
BARTHOL'S LAP, THERESA (SR. ANSELMA) BETZEN, MARY BETZEN
GUNZELMAN ON ANGELA'S LAP

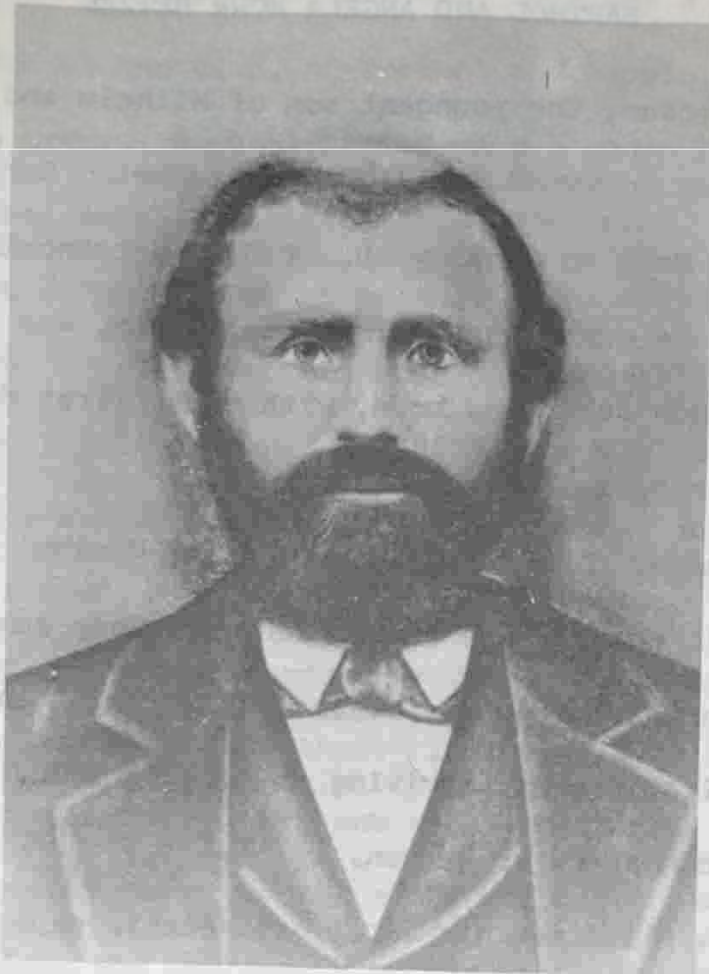
NOT PICTURED ARE WILLIAM BETZEN, HELEN BETZEN SIGGS AND JOHN
BETZEN



BARTHOL AND ANGELA MOHR BETZEN FAMILY
(TAKEN IN LATE 1920'S)

BACK ROW, STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: SR. BARTHOLMEA (ANNA MARIA),
PETER, SR. GONZAGA (ANNA M.), SR. DOMITILLA (ELIZABETH),
SR. ANSELMA (THERESA), WILLIAM, SR. AGEDIA (LIZZIE)

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: HELEN BETZEN SIGGS, ANGELA MOHR BETZEN,
MARY BETZEN GUNZELMAN



BARTHOL BETZEN

BARTHOL AND ANGELA MOHR BETZEN

Barthol Betzen, the youngest son of Wilhelm and Anna Maria Dummer, was born November 9, 1848 in Nattenheim, Germany. He married Angela Mohr on January 10, 1876 in Nattenheim. In December of the same year, their first son, Peter, was born. In 1878, another son Jakob was born, with their first daughter Anna Maria, (Sr. Bartholmea) being born in 1880.

Shortly after the birth of Anna Maria, Barthol and family left Germany to come to the United States. They came by steamer and arrived in the United States in June. They then went by train to Wichita, Kansas, arriving on July 4, 1880. They purchased land near Peter Betzen.

Barthol applied for his first citizenship papers in October, 1882, receiving his final papers in January, 1889 at the Sedgwick county court house.

After settling in St. Mark, eight more children were born to them: Lizzie, Elizabeth, Anna M., Theresa, Mary Ann, William, Helen and John. Their son Jakob died in 1888 at the age of ten years.

Between the years 1895 and 1903, the five oldest daughters

joined the order of the Sorrowful Mother. This was a young and impoverished order at the time, so Barthol and Angela, donated much food to the order. Barthol hauled many a wagon load of vegetables, fruits, eggs, etc. into the mother house.

Barthol died July 28, 1905 of cardiac complications. At the time of his death, a friend and neighbor of Angela's also died, leaving a two and a half year old daughter. Angela took this little girl, Grace Neises, into her home and heart, rearing her as her own. Grace stayed with Angela for twelve years.

After Barthol's death, Peter the oldest son, took charge of operating the farm for his mother. In the year 1919, Angela's youngest son died, leaving a wife and small daughter. After Angela's children had grown up, her son Peter built her a home in St. Mark across from the church. Here she spent the remainder of her life. In the year 1926, her son William's wife died and left him with eight young children. Angela did what she could in helping him care for these little ones.

In the year 1931 on October 25, Angela died in St. Francis Hospital, at Wichita, Kansas. Angela and Barthol are both buried in St. Mark cemetery. They have had a total of 268 direct descendents through the years.

The following is a collection of memories of Barthol and Angela Mohr Betzen written by Sr. M. Verena Gunzelman (Angela) a granddaughter of Barthol and Angela.

Since Grandpa Barthol Betzen had died in 1905, the only memories of him are incidents that have been told to us by our parents and others. It has been told that the rock used to make or build the church at St. Marks came from an old clock factory in Wichita. The people of the parish drove with wagons to Wichita to get the rock. Grandpa Barthol was one of those who helped. He and a neighbor, Theodore Neises would leave at three o'clock in the morning to drive to Wichita so they would get back the same day. Barthol remarked to Theodore, "No matter how early I get here, you are ready to go." Barthol helped the Neises family when they came to live at St. Marks by giving them two hogs.

Grandma Angela Betzen was small of stature. She wore long dresses always and if I remember well, at least two long petticoats. I never could communicate with her because she could not understand English. I still wonder why she didn't learn English. Now I wonder how I knew what to do when I stayed with her.

I can recall my last stay with Grandma Angela Betzen, which was the June of 1931. That was just a short time before I went

to the convent. This time stands out very pointedly because a tragedy occurred about a week after I had been with Grandma or "Grossmutter" as she was called by us to distinguish her from our Grandma Elizabeth Gunzelman. I had been with Grandma Betzen about a week. I recall very well my father Peter Gunzelman coming to get me. It was after dinner. Why I can clearly recall that trip home, I do not know. I can just see us driving west of St. Marks toward home.

After I had been home a week or so, my family learned of the death of a friend who lived across the street from Grossmutter. He died of a self inflicted wound in his home. Grossmutter grieved over this very much. She said, "He went straight to heaven because he was a good man."

Her home, right across the street from the church at St. Marks was always very clean. I don't ever recall seeing anything out of order. One interesting thing in her home was a "dummy" situated in her little pantry. I would go down in the cellar with her where she would place the canned goods she wanted on the dummy. Then we would go up to the pantry to pull the rope and there would be the food from the cellar.

In her home, upstairs she had a room filled with artificial flowers and all the necessities that were used for the Corpus Christi processions. Grandma always furnished the things that were needed at one of the altars during the Corpus Christi procession. I remember attending one of these processions. At the entrance on either side knelt two young girls. They never seemed to move, so I thought they were statues.

Grandma's yard was always so nice. She had many different kinds of flowers around the house and along the garden.

Sometimes our family would go to visit Grandma on Sunday afternoons. The drive was five miles to her home. As we drew near her home, my mother would always give directives as to the way we kids were to behave. Most of the time we were directed to stay in the house and sit on a chair. That was a difficult order to follow especially for farm kids. During these visits, my mother and Grossmutter would sit in the dining room by the table. Their whole conversation was in German, which we could not understand. I can't recall where my father was during these conversations, but he was probably at the store up the street. On our return trip home, my mother would tell my father in German what

she and Grossmutter had talked about. The German my folks spoke, I could understand.

Most every time we visited her, she had something "sweet" for us. If she didn't, she would give us kids a dime (it went far in those days) and with Mom's permission, we would go to the little store up the block and get a sack of candy.

The last few years of Grandma's life, my mother made it possible for her to make the "nine First Fridays." We would look forward to Grandma coming to our house the evening before. The next morning we would take her to church at St. Mary's. I don't recall any events that happened when she was at our house.

Grossmutter was a very prayerful person. Each day she attended mass. Often during my stays with Grossmutter, I would awake and hear her praying in a semi-vocal manner; always in German of course, so I didn't understand what she was praying. I slept in the same room with her; that is how I learned about her prayerful life.

I always liked what she would fix to eat, especially the the potatoes. She had a special way when she fried them, especially the Spring garden potatoes.

I had entered the convent in August of the year that Grossmutter died. Her death occurred in October. I was given

permission to go to the funeral. The evening before the funeral, I suppose my parents came to Wichita to get me, for I stayed in Grandma's house the night before the funeral. Her body lay in state in her home at St. Marks. All my nun aunts were there in the house also. I don't recall who, but one of them was very ill the whole night. I think it was Sr. Anselma. Grandma was buried on her birthday.

Marie Betzen Bogner, another granddaughter of Barthol and Angela Betzen also speaks of Angela being a very religious person. Marie states, "It seemed to me, Grandma prayed day and night. I also remember her visiting with a neighbor across the fence; she complained of the terrible heat to the neighbor. Later Grandma stated she had done wrong in complaining. Grandma Betzen also made the statement one time, "I made more off my potatoes than Pete (her son) made off his Texas wheat."

A copy of Barthol Betzen's military record while serving in the German army was obtained from Mathias and Edith Betzen.

These papers were translated into English giving us the following information:

"
Corporal Bartholomeus Betzen

born on Nov. 9, 1848

at Nattenheim, County of Bitburg

Height: 1 meter 70 cm

Religion: Catholic

Occupation or trade: ploughman

Joined the regular army on Feb. 2, 1871 as a recruit, and began service with the 1st Company of the Reserve (training) Battalion of the Hohenzollern Fusileer Regiment Nr. 40, serving there until July 4, 1871, then transferring to Nr. 58 of the roster of the Line Company, where he had last served.

PROMOTIONS: Sep. 19, 1871, to Private

March 5, 1873 to Corporal

Belongs to "Marksman II" rank

NO marksmanship badge issued

Medals: K.D. v. St. a. C. B. 70/71 (Possibly a medal given to participants of the Franco-Prussian War 70/71)

Upon discharge he was issued the following items of clothing: 1 tunic, 1 pair pants, 1 cap, 1 neckband(detachable liner to keep the uniform collar from getting dirty), 1 shirt, 1 pair of boots.

He was instructed to use the railroad from Cologne to Killburg, paying for his traveling expenses from the traveling allowance issued to him which consisted of 1 Thaler, 16 Silbergroschen and 6 Pfennig.

Oct. 13, 1877 he was transferred to the Landwehr (militia, "National Guard")

Service during Reserve and Landwehr membership

8th Rhenish Infantry Regiment, Nr. 70

Called for service from May 18 to 29, 1875, with 10th company,

8th Rhenish Infantry Regiment nr. 70.

Trained with infantry rifle M/71

Saarlouis, May 29, 1875

Called for a 13 day exercise from Apr. 28 to May 10, 1879

Called for a 13 day exercise in accordance with directions of
the Ministry of War, dated Feb. 14, 1880. Received his discharge
orders Nr. 138 and released at Nattenheim, County of Bitburg



	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
XI BARTHOL BETZEN	1-10-1876	11-9-1848	7-28-1905
Angela Mohr		10-27-1851	10-25-1931
1 Peter Betzen		12-6-1876	12-4-1969
2 Jakob Betzen		9-8-1878	11-9-1888
3 Anna Maria Betzen Entered Convent	4-16-1880		2-6-1975
Sr. M. Bartholmea S.S.M. 11-27-1895			
4 Lizzie Betzen Entered Convent	11-9-1881		5-30-1964
Sr. M. Aegedia S.S.M. 9-13-1899			
5 Elizabeth Betzen Entered Convent	4-16-1883		3-29-1973
Sr. M. Domitilla S.S.M. 8-14-1902			
6 Anna M. Betzen Entered Convent	10-12-1884		11-18-1945
Sr. M. Gonzaga S.S.M. 1- -1902			
7 Theresa Betzen Entered Convent	7-3-1886		4-21-1965
Sr. M. Anselma S.S.M. 12-20-1903			
8 Mary Ann Betzen	1-19-1915	3-24-1888	
Peter Gunzelman		3-20-1889	10-2-1958
A Angeline Gunzelman Entered		2-5-1916	
Sr. M. Verena A.S.C. Convent			
8-20-1931			
A Hilary Peter Gunzelman		4-27-1917	
8-12-1941			
Kathyrn Schauf		10-13-1915	
B Marsha Gunzelman 2-6-1965		10-15-1943	
Kenneth Leonard		4-29-1941	5-10-1975
C Kevin Leonard		8-16-1965	
C Lisa Leonard		2-16-1969	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Dennis Gunzelman Carol Schuckman	8-22-1970	12-11-1946 8-11-1951	
C Kurt Alan Gunzelman		5-11-1975	
C Jill Lynn Gunzelman		6-25-1978	
B Mary Kay Gunzelman Adolph Geier	10-5-1968	4-2-1949 10-7-1944	
C Stephanie Geier (twins)		1-15-1969	1-15-1969
C Sonya Geier		1-15-1969	1-15-1969
C Joshua Geier		10-17-1975	
B Dana Gunzelman		5-17-1953	
A Aloysious Gunzelman Dorothy Haas	1-27-1939	2-27-1919 7-16-1919	
B Gary Neil Gunzelman		9-6-1939	8-16-1943
B Janet Louise Gunzelman Matthew Klein	6-18-1960	8-8-1942 9-30-1941	
C Becky Lynn Klein		3-27-1961	
C Debbie Klein		10-29-1962	
C Vickie Klein		11-14-1963	
B Mary Ann Gunzelman John Paul Allen	8-6-1966	4-15-1945 5-1-1944	
C Jenifer Allen		3-3-1968	
C Heather Allen		6-9-1970	
C Stephanie Allen		11-29-1973	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
	C Michael John Allen	7-9-1975	
	C Mark Joseph Allen	9-9-1977	
B	Ronald Dean Gunzelman 6-1-1968 Anita Shirley	2-20-1947 12-26-1947	
	C Angela Gunzelman	3-2-1969	
	C Stephen Gunzelman	3-20-1971	
B	Darlene Kay Gunzelman 5-31-1975 Jacki Menefer	6-19-1952 8-29-1951	
	C Carrie Ann Menefer	4-2-1977	
B	Betty Jane Gunzelman 6-21-1974 Chris Kippenburger	7-13-1953 6-20-1953	
	C Joshua Dean Kippenburger	10-4-1976	
	C Jason Christopher Kippenburger	7-14-1977	
B	Gary Neil Gunzelman	6-7-1958	
A	Helen Gunzelman 1-6-1944 Frank Pickett	10-7-1920 3-10-1917	
B	Patricia Kay Pickett 2-21-1967 John Sullivan	12-13-1944 3-5-1944	
	C Christopher Sullivan	7-23-1967	
	C Stephen Sullivan	6-10-1968	
	C Mary Sullivan	7-22-1969	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Peter A. Pickett Deborah Rund	9-14-1968	4-5-1947 10-26-1947
C	Peter A. Pickett Jr.		3-4-1970
C	Paul A. Pickett		9-5-1971
C	Christina Pickett		9-6-1973
C	Catherine Pickett		10-8-1975
B	Richard Pickett Cheryl Foster Oliver	1-14-1977	8-8-1949 8-27-1949
C	Charlotte Oliver		6-23-1971
B	Mary Lynn Pickett Mikel J. Dodson	9-28-1974	10-22-1952 12-8-1950
C	Collin Che' Dodson		7-3-1975
B	James Pickett		1-18-1954
B	Phylis Pickett Gregg Mallett	5-1-1976	7-18-1955 7-5-1953
C	Kyle Geoffrey Mallett		5-11-1978
B	Cathy Pickett		11-20-1957
B	Susan Pickett		11-10-1959
A	Rene E. Gunzelman Patricia Hager (1st wife)	2-28-1951	12-23-1923 5-12-1929
B	Stephen Gunzelman		7-6-1951
B	Paul Michael Gunzelman		8-12-1952

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Jeffrey Gunzelman	7-30-1955	
B	Carol Gunzelman	5-18-1957	
B	David Gunzelman	4-18-1959	
B	Brian Gunzelman	6-7-1961	
	Lola Mireles Marales (2nd wife)	12-29-1973	5-9-1946
A	Linus Anthony Gunzelman Dorothy Vrtiska	6-10-1948	1-5-1925 3-5-1926
B	Linda Susan Gunzelman Eugene Neukam	6-6-1970	7-4-1949 1-7-1947
C	Jill Suzanne Neukam		7-2-1976
B	Kathleen Ann Gunzelman Douglas Conradson	7-16-1971	2-3-1951 10-21-1947
C	Matthew Douglas Conradson		7-27-1975
C	Mary Kathleen Conradson		3-31-1977
B	Jeanette Marie Gunzelman John D. Fisher	5-26-1972	7-1-1953 3-25-1951
C	Michele Marie Fisher (twins)		9-2-1971
C	Shannon Lynn Fisher		9-2-1971
B	Constance Louise Gunzelman William Blake	10-4-1974	1-25-1955 8-27-1952
B	James Anthony Gunzelman		9-10-1956
B	Peter Joseph Gunzelman		8-11-1958

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Nancy Joan Gunzelman		6-2-1961	
B Mark Alan Gunzelman		12-19-1963	
B Margaret Mary Gunzelman		10-14-1965	
9 William Betzen	10-14-1913	5-16-1890	5-19-1969
Catherine Ven John (1st wife)		3-25-1890	3-25-1926
A Marie Betzen	9-2-1936	12-22-1914	
Leonard Bogner		11-25-1914	7-15-1954
B Leon Andrew Bogner	9-19-1970	3-28-1940	
Donna Marie Cooper		2-21-1947	
C Leonard Bogner		8-6-1971	
C Lori Ann Bogner		2-21-1976	
B Jo Ann Bogner	11-7-1970	11-8-1942	
James D. Hopkins		11-1-1946	
C Brian James Hopkins		7-17-1973	
B Leona Rose Bogner	12-2-1966	8-15-1945	
Kent Cooper		9-10-1941	
C Ray Martin Cooper		7-20-1967	
C Michael Eugene Cooper		11-10-1968	
C Kristin Doyle Cooper		3-15-1971	
B Elouise Mary Bogner		7-15-1947	
B Carleen Bogner	6-14-1969	3-10-1949	
Lawrence Vincent Herbert		9-13-1942	
C Sarah Elizabeth Herbert		2-12-1971	
C Emily Clara Herbert		4-15-1977	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Catherine Bogner William Anthony Bezner	4-29-1978	9-5-1950 8-28-1950
B	Anna Mae Bogner Marc Brisnick	4-28-1973	2-7-1952 12-16-1951
B	Anthony William Bogner Linda Blyth	7-29-1978	7-15-1953 6-22-1954
A	Arnold Betzen Alice Luebbers	10-16-1939	7-25-1916 10-24-1913
B	Timothy W. Betzen Holly Blain	10-24-1975	4-13-1942 8-5-1952
C	Arron W. Betzen		3-22-1977
B	Phyllis A. Betzen Jessie E. Cash	6-7-1975	3-14-1944 10-7-1941
C	Cecilia Cash		3-25-1966
C	Amy Cash		5-18-1967
C	Russell Cash		5-25-1968
B	Mary A. Betzen Jerry E. Warren	12-10-1966	2-15-1946 10-18-1943
C	Steve Warren		2-10-1971
C	Bryan A. Warren		7-18-1973
B	Carmen M. Betzen Ernest D. Flood	8-11-1966	7-26-1948 7-29-1947
C	Don E. Flood		12-18-1966

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C	Nathan A. Flood	12-26-1968	
C	Justin Flood	7-11-1970	
C	Brandon Flood	3-29-1973	
B	Sandra M. Betzen Jack B. Coleman	12-27-1971 8-9-1952 6-8-1950	
C	Coby Jack Coleman	9-13-1976	
B	Rita M. Betzen Jimmy W. Lumpkin	6-23-1973 2-20-1955 7-1-1953	
C	Danny Paul Lumpkin	9-29-1974	
C	Katherine R. Lumpkin	9-10-1975	
B	Ruth Jean Betzen Joel A. Downey	5-7-1973 6-10-1956 3-5-1953	7-20-1974 7-20-1974
C	Paul A. Downey	10-23-1973	7-20-1974
B	Theresa R. Betzen Charles G. Sweny	12-2-1974 12-1-1957 7-19-1955	
C	Jacob A. Sweny	10-31-1975	
A	John Betzen Florine M. Kreutzer	11-28-1940 6-4-1918 1-17-1921	
B	Kathleen Ann Betzen Edward L. Sanchez	9-29-1962 6-4-1941 8-10-1941	
C	Juan Edward Sanchez	4-12-1963	
C	Juaquin B. Sanchez	6-8-1964	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C	Kimberly Marie Sanchez	9-4-1965	
C	Edward Lawrence Sanchez	3-1-1967	
C	Leslie Catherine Sanchez	10-25-1969	
C	Justin Leroy Sanchez	3-26-1976	
B	Kenneth A. Betzen 8-20-1964	10-1-1942	
	Roberta Slilson	7-23-1942	
C	Matthew Martin Betzen	12-3-1965	
C	Michael Anthony Betzen	8-27-1967	
C	Sara Ann Betzen	9-24-1969	
C	Rebecca Marie Betzen	12-30-1970	
C	Paul Damien Betzen	8-21-1972	
C	Joshua James Betzen	7-13-1974	
B	Karen Mary Betzen 1-25-1963	5-3-1944	
	Orand Arboth Carroll	6-22-1943	
C	David Leonard Carroll	11-15-1963	
C	Dennis James Carroll	6-14-1965	
C	Donald Edward Carroll	9-19-1966	
C	Diana Marie Carroll	12-5-1971	
B	Keith Michael Betzen 8-16-1975	9-9-1946	
	Marsha Herman	7-31-1949	
C	Rachel Melisea Betzen	3-1-1977	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Kay Angela Betzen Martin Miller	6-7-1969	9-26-1948 12-21-1946	
C Martin Joseph Miller		6-30-1970	
C Travis John Miller		9-3-1971	
C Zachary Thomas Miller		12-3-1976	
B Kelvin John Betzen Catherine Ann Koozer	2-12-1972	5-11-1950 2-28-1954	
C Phillip Bart Betzen		8-1-1972	
C Kyla Yvonne Betzen		12-20-1977	
B Karolyn Jean Betzen Douglas Thomas Lane	6-9-1972	9-2-1951 11-16-1949	
C Tasha Jean Lane		8-1-1974	
C Peter Douglas Lane		1-24-1978	
B Kevin Betzen		4-28-1953	
B Karla Marie Betzen		5-27-1955	
B Mary Jane (Janie) Betzen Jackie Wayne Williams	6-5-1976	1-15-1958 12-1-1954	
B John Albert Betzen		3-30-1960	
B Joseph A. Betzen		1-12-1964	
A Leo Alfred Betzen Rosina Zimmerman	11-8-1943	8-15-1921 10-31-1921	8-15-1944
B David Leo Betzen Glenda Ann Roth	10-23-1965	9-12-1944 5-21-1944	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
C	John David Betzen	1-28-1967	
C	Curtis David Betzen	7-21-1970	
C	Lisa Ann Betzen	2-24-1973	
A	Clarence Alfred Betzen Mildred Luke	9-2-1947	3-17-1923 11-26-1926
B	Beverly Mary Betzen Daniel Joseph Wegman	4-26-1975	10-30-1948 7-7-1947
B	Thomas Carl Betzen Cheryl Solomon	8-15-1970	11-1-1949 10-2-1949
C	Camille Dianne Betzen		6-9-1973
C	Nathan Eric Betzen		7-12-1975
B	Wayne William Betzen Melody Ann Tyler	1-10-1976	6-28-1955 7-14-1954
B	Sylvia Ann Betzen		8-14-1956
B	Mark Edward Betzen		7-19-1960
A	Michael William Betzen Dorothy Elizabeth Kingman	4-13-1948	5-9-1923 10-6-1924
B	William Raymond Betzen Mary Magdeline Sandor	1-15-1972	6-23-1949 3-9-1952
C	Michael Raymond Betzen		2-10-1973
C	Stephen Matthew Betzen		9-24-1976

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Dolores Ann Betzen Larry Stephen Jones	5-20-1972	11-2-1951 10-6-1951	
C Mary Elizabeth Jones		5-30-1975	
C Stacie Ann Jones		3-11-1977	
B Patrick Henry Betzen Janet Louise Lookingbill	3-11-1972	1-18-1953 1-14-1953	
C Jennifer Louise Betzen		11-2-1972	
C Cameron Patrick Betzen		10-27-1975	
B Melvin David Betzen		7-7-1956	
B Joyce Marie Betzen		7-28-1959	
A Anna Christine Betzen Joseph John Ridder Jr.	11-27-1945	3-6-1925 12-16-1923	
B Joseph ^{DANE L} David Ridder Charlotte Ann Zellner	6-8-1968	10-21-1947 1-6-1945	
C Jay Duane Ridder		12-14-1968	
C Jennifer Dawn Ridder		2-7-1974	
B James Edward Ridder Geraldine F. Zellner	7-25-1970	10-7-1950 12-19-1946	
C Neil Jerard Ridder		12-16-1974	
B Mary Sue Ridder		4-19-1952	
B Charles Mathias Ridder Karla Giesick	8-10-1974	8-24-1954 5-23-1954	
C Lexi Leigh Ridder		6-24-1978	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Jerald Eugene Ridder	8-8-1953	12-2-1974
B	Bonita Jo Ridder	12-30-1956	
A	Mathias Joseph Betzen Edith Madelyn Winter	8-2-1949	3-17-1926 11-29-1925
B	Mark Lawrence Betzen Gwendolyn Ann Preisser	2-6-1971	2-11-1951 12-31-1951
C	Jeremy Andrew Betzen	8-16-1975	
B	Ellen Marie Betzen David Dean Lilly	11-13-1976	4-28-1953 9-19-1954
C	Greta Ann Lilly	12-4-1978	
B	Ronald Gerard Betzen	5-28-1956	
B	Dale Francis Betzen	2-16-1958	
B	Elisa Ann Betzen	5-20-1959	
B	Janell Rose Betzen	4-14-1960	
B	Gary Leon Betzen	9-25-1965	
	Anna Linda Koetting (2nd wife of William Betzen)	11-28-1929	6-4-1894 8-7-1978
A	Robert Gerard Betzen Agnes Bernadette Zimmerer	11-11-1953	7-30-1931 1-2-1928
B	Marian Rose Betzen	8-28-1954	
B	James Anthony Betzen Mona Jane Huffman	11-24-1978	8-20-1955 8-20-1955
B	Raymond Joseph Betzen Diedra Ann Rosso	11-30-1974	8-1-1956 3-30-1956
C	Rae Ann Betzen	6-3-1975	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B	Linda Ann Betzen	8-22-1957	
B	Francis John Betzen	6-19-1959	
B	Gerald Wayne Betzen	3-19-1961	
B	Robin Diane Betzen	11-10-1962	
	Margaret Widner Janssen (2nd wife of Robert Betzen)	6-21-1971 9-24-1934	
A	Gertrude Mary Betzen Patrick Weinzirl	11-24-1956 8-15-1932 8-30-1927	
B	David Patrick Weinzirl	12-28-1957	
B	Steven Joseph Weinzirl	7-14-1959	
B	Jeanne Marie Weinzirl	8-17-1960	
B	Gerald Alan Weinzirl	5-20-1963	
B	Diane Mary Weinzirl	7-9-1964	
B	Scott Thomas Weinzirl	12-30-1972	
A	Linda Rose Betzen John Phillip Giachino	7-18-1959 12-25-1933 10-30-1929	1-17-1976
B	Andrew Joseph Giachino	5-7-1960	
B	Phillip John Giachino	7-28-1964	
B	Lori Rose Giachino	5-16-1966	
A	Joseph Anthony Betzen Jo Anne Lathy	8-5-1961 7-5-1935 12-31-1931	
B	Mary Jo Betzen (twins)	4-24-1962	
B	Charles Francis Betzen	4-24-1962	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
	B Anne Therese Betzen	10-9-1963	
	B James Joseph Betzen	7-9-1965	
A	Cleta Elizabeth Betzen 7-20-1963 Herman Francis Jasper	9-15-1937 8-28-1938	
	B Susan Michol Jasper	4-23-1964	
	B Nicholas Leo Jasper	2-11-1966	
	B Eric William Jasper	10-9-1968	
	B Ellen Rose Jasper	12-15-1970	
10	Helen Frances Betzen 2-10-1914 Ernest Fredrick Siggs Sr.	2-10-1893 4-22-1890	7-4-1968 11-27-1972
A	Sylvia Angelia Siggs 2-22-1944 Frank Peter Smith	2-10-1915 3-1-1910	
	B Helen Frances Smith 11-19-1966 Carl Cole Jr.	2-6-1945 4-19-1943	
	C Christopher Scott Cole	3-8-1969	
	C Andrew Carl Cole	4-26-1972	
	B Kenneth Gregory Smith	2-4-1947	
	B Stephen Fredrick Smith 5-7-1977 Kathleen Rae Looney	9-17-1950 12-15-1950	
	B Theresa Lynn Smith	7-13-1952	
	B Timothy Kevin Smith	11-23-1957	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH	
A	Peter Silverius Siggs Berenice Deptuch	8- -1943	2-12-1916 5-11-1917	12-20-1943
A	Helen Patricia Siggs John C. Miller (1st Husband)	9-16-1947	8-9-1924 3-16-1918	
B	Pamela Susan Miller James W. Palmer	1-25-1969	10-24-1948 10-1-1948	
C	Melissa Ellen Palmer		9-14-1969	
C	Mark Elliot Palmer		10-28-1973	
	Clifford E. Cobb (2nd husband of Helen P. Siggs)	2-18-1959	9-7-1922	4-6-1962
B	Paula Mary Cobb		9-30-1960	
A	Ernest Fredrick Siggs Jr Dolores May Utech	6-22-1963	12-11-1928 11-14-1934	
B	Ernest Siggs III		5-9-1964	
B	Cynthia Louise Siggs		9-11-1968	
B	William Eric Siggs		12-22-1970	
A	Mary Verena Siggs Hugo John Nett	9-19-1964	3-28-1933 11-9-1932	
B	John Patrick Nett		6-12-1965	
B	Lisa Ann Nett		2-14-1967	
11	John Betzen Lucy Schneider	2-29-1916	3-24-1895 3-17-1898	5-5-1919
A	Elfleda Betzen Clifton Dark	6-4-1934	1-30-1918 9-22-1912	

	MARRIAGE	BIRTH	DEATH
B Joan Doris Dark		5-1-1937	
B Delores Jane Dark Don Wittrock	10-11-1957	5-9-1939 11-27-1933	
C Deborah Wittrock		11-22-1958	
C Steven Wittrock		11-19-1960	
C Michael Wittrock		1-23-1962	
B Gary John Dark Beverly Gummow (1st wife)	5-12-1960	9-30-1940 2-22-1945	
C Pamela Dark		11-1-1961	
C Deanna Dark		11-22-1962	
C Rodney Dark		1-21-1964	
Nancy Humhries (2nd wife of Gary Dark)	5-26-1974	6-20-1942	
Theodore Reichenberger (2nd husband of Lucy Schneider Betzen)	9-13-1921	9-22-1900	3-20-1971
A Theodore Reichenberger		6-27-1922	3-22-1971
A Justin Reichenberger		3-17-1928	
12 Grace Neises Oscar Elpers (Grace lived with and was reared by Angela Mohr Betzen for 12 years)	10-12-1926	2-13-1903 9-24-1903	
A Terrence Elpers Connie Humphrey	8-29-1970	12-8-1942 4-6-1958	
B Janelle Rose Elpers		6-17-1970	

NAME DATE MARRIAGE BIRTH DEATH

B Karin Elaine Elpers

10-23-1968

B Terrence Edward Elpers Jr.

5-2-1976

B Gary John Park
 Beverly Gordon (nee White)
 2-11-1940
 2-25-1942

C Pamela Park
 11-1-1941

C Terrence Park
 11-22-1942

C Rodney Park
 1-21-1944

Nancy Harriet (nee)
 wife of Gary Park
 2-22-1934
 6-20-1942

Theodore Reichenberger
 (2nd husband of Lucy Schneider Detton)
 2-11-1911
 9-12-1980

A Theodore Reichenberger
 2-27-1922
 2-23-1971

A Justin Reichenberger
 3-17-1928

B Joyce Nelson
 Oscar Elpers
 (George lived with and was raised
 by Amelia Marie Nelson for 15 years)
 10-12-1926
 2-23-1982

A Terrence Elpers
 Cora's daughter
 8-22-1930
 4-4-1958

B Janell Rose Elpers
 6-17-1930

