

Descendents of Heinrich Ludwig (Henry Louis) Ethen

Heinrich Ludwig (also known as H. Ludwig, Louis, Henry, and Henry Louis) was born in Prussia June 18, 1814. The area was also known as the Rhineland. Today we just refer to it as Germany. We believe the area he came from was around Trier, Germany. However, three other versions exist. According to Dorothea Garlett, granddaughter of Belle (Ethen) Rossbo, Ethens came from Haremburg, Baden, Germany. German genealogists at the Stearns County Historical Society, however, could not locate the town. Then, according to Eleanor Guillory, daughter of Cecelia (Ethen) Stewart, Ethen/Loesch families came together from Alsace-Lorraine/Luxembourg. This covers a pretty wide area and may be all encompassing. And according to a third source (probably Sophie Finnegan), Ludwig and Katharina lived in Malmody, Germany, now part of Belgium, half way between Aachen, Germany and Luxembourg.

Heinrich Ludwig (here after referred to as Ludwig) emigrated to the United States June 15, 1852. His initial application for naturalization from the County of Clayton, State of Iowa is dated July 20, 1852 and was signed in the city of Garnavillo. A map of the area is enclosed. However, his son Peter, in his second papers for citizenship on May 31, 1858 indicates arriving June 15, 1852. Stephan Ethen, Ludwig's son, also appears in the United States on June 15, 1852. Peter later witnesses his father Ludwig's second papers on March 18, 1859. Ludwig had seven children and his wife with him when he emigrated to America.

Ludwig was a stone mason. Their fortunes brought them to Guttenberg, Iowa where he supposedly built a church, still standing, out of field stone. A Visit to the area revealed that the only church still standing is actually in CERES (pronounced SEARS), half way between Garnavillo and Guttenberg on US Hwy 52. It was a German United Evangelical Lutheran Church and is now on the National Registry. It was built in 1858 after Ludwig had left Iowa. The catholic church in Guttenberg was built in 1851, a year before Ludwig emigrated to the United States.

Per Steve Condon, Ludwig then went on to St. Anthony, Minnesota, now Minneapolis. There he got a contract to haul flour by wagon and oxen to Fort Pembina, North Dakota, at the corner of North Dakota, Minnesota, and Canada. Later, he homesteaded around St. Joseph, Minnesota. There he was said to have built another church of field stone which is still standing. This may be the church of St. Joseph in St. Joseph, Minnesota since their records do date back to 1856.

Another Ethen, Joseph, is buried in St. Joseph, Minnesota and has a headstone showing date of death as April 6, 1876. No relationship to Ludwig is known. He was 55 years and 3 months at the time of his death.

Ludwig and his wife Katharina (Catherine), originally lived near Guttenberg, Iowa. 1860 Minnesota census shows them having a child Maria (Mary) while in Iowa in 1853. A son, Joseph, was later born while in Minnesota in June of 1856. This was probably in St. Joseph Township. St. Joseph Church records show him baptized June 15, 1856 as Joseph Clemens. Another son, Peter Joseph is shown in those same church records born June 28, 1859 and baptized July 12, 1859. It is assumed he died in 1859 since he does not appear on the 1860 census. His sponsors were Peter Joseph Menz and Lucia Heinen. Since most of the children were named for their sponsors, it explains why a second child was named Peter. Joseph Clemens sponsors were Joseph Clemens Teread and Anna Marie Edelbrook.

Later, Ludwig and his wife lived with their son Mathias on a homestead three miles north of St. Joseph, Minnesota. An 1880 plat map of Stearns County, Minnesota shows it to be in the

Heinrich Ludwig Ethen
(Henry Louis)

Peter Briedy
b. 10/29/1817 d. 6/8/1888
Bu. Calvary, St. Cloud
Born in Alsace-Lorraine

Margaretha (Knuerr)
b. 3/9/1826 d. 12/8/1910
Bu. Calvary, St. Cloud
Born in Bavaria

Mathias Ethen
b. 5/18/1851 d. 4/30/1926
Bu. Calvary, St. Cloud
Blacksmith

Magdeline Briedy
b. 10/18/1851 d. 5/27/1936
Bu. Calvary, St. Cloud
Married 10/14/1873 In St. Joe

W. Mary Fuchs d. 1910 (Aunt of Joe's wife
who is Mary F Fuchs and known as "Mamie")
D. Tillie (H. Victor John (Jack) VonRuden)
D. Clara (Julian Ness) b. 3/28/1905
D. Pauline M. (Irgens) b. 6/5/1906, D. Laverne
D. Louise M. (Dickhaut) b. 11/11/1907
D. Martin b. 7/3/1910 d. 2/ /1937

Katharina M. (Kate)
b. 1/14/1875 d. 3/24 /1965
Bu. Tolley, N.D.

Henry Louis
b. 3/27/1876 d. 4/26/1944
Bu. Noonan, N.D.

Peter Joseph
b. 4/18/1878 d. 12/19/1893
Bu. Calvary w/Anton & Katherine
Heart Disease

Anton C. (Constantine Anton)
a.k.a. Constant A.
b. 1/12/1880 d. 1/25/1970
Bu. Calvary, St. Cloud

Mary (Maria)
b. 2/4/1882 d. 5/8/1884
Bu.
Whooping Cough

Cecelia
b. 9/17/1884 d. 1/19/1890
Bu. Calvary, St. Cloud
LaGrippe/Croup

Joseph Anton
b. 8/9/1886 d. 5/22/1962
Bu. Tolley, N.D.

August A. (Influenza)
b. 6/13/1888 d. 10/26/1918
Bu. Calvary, St. Cloud

Bernard (Twin)
b. 6/3/1890 d. 10/25/1918
Bu. Calvary, St. Cloud

John (Rev. Fabian) (Twin)
b. 6/3/1890 d. 11/7/1918
Bu.
Spanish Influenza & Pneumonia

Edward Joseph
b. 9/6/1892 d. 9/17/1955
Bu. Calvary, St. Cloud

Stephen Anthony (T.B.)
b. 7/9/1894 d. 6/16/1920

H. Ignatius Zeldinger d. 3/11/1952
Married 6/2/1896 in St. Cloud
S. Mathias
D. Magdalena (H. Clem Resch, D. Rita)
D. Louise (never married)
S. Frank (D. Shirley-4D&1S)
S. John d. 7/4/1965
D. Clara
D. Anne (H. Lloyd Owen d. 1951, D. Anita-Gene Grengs
(H. Lloyd Rowe d. 11/22/1975) Married 1951
D. Marie
D. Otilia
S. Raymond
S. Edward
D. Loretta (Shores), S. James

W. Anna (Rategunda) (Bloomer) b. 1874 d. 12/15/1943
Married
S. Mathias b. 5/4/1904 Was a catholic priest.
D. Caroline (Sis Fabiola) b. 11/17/1905 d. 12/31/1991
D. Florence (Borash) b. 1908 d. ?
S. Alfred b. 6/19/1910 d. 5/ /1983
D. Teresa b. 9/20/1912 d. 9/23/1998
S. Norbert b. 1917 d. 11/9/1918

W. Gertrude (Hankes) b. 1891
Married
D. Marie
S. August Jr.

W. Agnes (Pesch) b. 11/1/1890 d. 2/13/1968
Married 6/ /1910
S. Raymond J. (W. Mildred Orieski) b. 2/4/1912 d. 12/14
D. Regina C. (Sis Bertrum) b. 5/4/1913 Vows 7/11/1932
S. Julius H. (W. Gladys Lafond) b. 2/2/1915 d. 5/16/1965
D. Bernadine G. b. 8/20/1916 d. 1/4/1934 or 1/14/1933
D. Scholastica (Sally) M. (H. David Moran) b. 9/9/1918

W. Antonia M. (Kaupa) b. 8/17/1888 d. 2/10/1952
Married 5/19/1919 in St. Cloud
D. Genofeva b. 12/23/1920 d. 12/223/1920
S. Maurice E. (W. Eva Sand) b. 3/11/1922 d. 1/12/2000
D. Elizabeth C. (Bath) (H. Cl...)

W. Anna A. (Hankas) b. / /1897
Married d. 12/8/1920
S. Gilbert J. b. 7/11/1916 d. 5/27/1927
D. Valeria M. b. 1/6/1919 d. 3/1/1983

W. Mary H. (Pull) b. 7/13/1897 d. 12/17/1920
Married 9/4/1922 in St. Cloud

Dolores M. (Witthans) b. 7/10/1923
Gerald F. b. 6/24/1924 d. 4/30/1952
S. Adrian D. b. 4/30/1926 d. 6/27/1994
D. Donna Mae b. 4/7/1928 d. 12/23/28
S. Frederick C. b. 8/27/1929
D. Frances A. (Alagna) b. 3/11/1931

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township of Saint Wendel. Mathias (Matt) owned land in section 18 of Le Sauk Township and section 23 of St. Wendel Township.

Ludwig, Katharina, and daughter Maria are buried in St. Joseph, Minnesota in the St. Benedicts cemetery. A monument listing Ludwig and Katharina can be found in the center west end of the cemetery, near an angel statue. Records of Maria's burial are from the Minnesota Historical Society of St. Cloud, Minnesota, and from 1860 Stearns County Census. Ludwig and Katharina both died from heart attacks. Maria's death cause is unknown.

Church records from St. Mary's Cathedral Church show son Matt moving to St. Cloud in 1882, perhaps shortly after Ludwig's death. Personal Property records of Stearns County show him located in School District No. 47, which was located just south west of St. Cloud at the intersection of what is now Quarry Road and Maine Prairie Road. A Unitarian Fellowship Church is now located on that site.

Matt's farm was located near Calvary cemetery, somewhere by what is now identified as Prairie Hill Road and 22nd street South. Communication towers stand on the property today.

Mathias, a son of Ludwig, was born in the Rhineland and emigrated to the United States with his parents, his sister Schela, and his brothers Peter, Nicolas, Stephen, John, and Anton. Mathias is the family tree of Ethen's we are following, since we are descendents of Mathias. However, where data is available it has been supplied for all of Matt's brothers and sisters and their descendents.

Special Notes.

#1 According to Mathias Ethen (son of Anthony - son of Mathias - son of Henry Ludwig) in an article dated June 5, 1992, in The Catholic Sentinel Newspaper from Ponthand Oregon, Matt states (and I quote) Ethen is an Irish surname, our ancestors left Ireland for Bavaria during the time of Cromwell's persecution. Alsace and Lorraine became a part of Prussia. That is how our ancestors come from Prussia.

#2 The hand printed articles and pictures have been added by RI Ethen after Denny's death.