

Below I typed the enclosed letter which was hand written by Clarence Zeltinger (1913-1994) in 1990.

(Clarence was the son of John Zeltinger (1879-1971). John was the brother of Ignatius Zeltinger (1871-1952). Ignatius is my great grandfather.) Clarence references the enclosed 1886 letter written in German by Ignatius as a 15-year old. Clarence also prepared the enclosed type-written vignettes and family ancestry of the John Adam Zeltinger (1840-1882) family. - David J. Maloney, Jr. 2/6/2015

Louise and Ann

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I hope this finds you both well. Hope you enjoy this information.

Clarence

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March 1900
Margaret Weber is the only
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& not well.

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Rockville 28 Nov 1886

habe auch nur 1 Centum
Wir sind wohl alle gesund
und die Leute sehr lustig
haben mich auch so entzückt
zu sein.

Die Farben von mir sind
nicht so schön wie die
von dem anderen. Ich
bin sehr zufrieden mit
den Farben.

und sind sehr gut zu
benutzen. Ich habe
zu schreiben und im letzten
Jahre sehr viel geschrieben.
Ich habe auch sehr
geschrieben. Ich habe
auch sehr viel geschrieben.

Ich habe auch sehr
geschrieben. Ich habe
auch sehr viel geschrieben.
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Alles was ich dir schreiben

willig mitzutheilen

ich dir alles

Ignatz Seltner

Herrn Seltner

noch ein wenig
Alles was ich dir
schreiben willig mitzutheilen

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Original
March 5-90

JOHN ADAM ZELTINGER
(1840-1882)

John Adam Zeltinger was born in Dreis, Germany and died 17 miles south of St. Cloud, Minn.

He bought forty acres of railroad land in 1867, about a year after he arrived in the St. Cloud community. He built a shack on this land however he never lived in it. He married Magdalena Haller around the year of 1868. She was a daughter of Anselm Haller and Magdalena Fuchs Haller. Her identical twin sister, Mary, married Casper Scheeler in a double wedding ceremony along with Magdalena and John Adam. John Adam moved in with Magdalena's family after the wedding. Several years later Anselm died. Anselm never fully recovered from the death of a son in 1866, of an appendicitis attack. A man by the name of Mike Moerls also lived on the Haller farm at this time. He was a good friend of John Adam and a brother of Joseph Moerls who was married to John Adam's sister, Margaret. Mike Moerls did not farm; he was a cabinet maker and had a very nice shop on the Haller farm equipped with many fine tools.

John Adam and Magdalena each had an ox team and enjoyed working together. The children from the union of John Adam Zeltinger and Magdalena Haller were as follows:

1) Ignatius	Born: 1871	Died: 1952	Married: Katie Ethen
2) Mary	" 1873	" 1915	Nick Kirsch
3) Magdalena	" ?	" 1882	Cause of death: Diphtheria
4) Adam	" ?	" 1882	
5) John	" 1879	" 1971	Married: Anna Marie (Josephine) Dahinden his step-sister
6) Magdalena (Katie)	" 1882	" ?	Married: Jens C. Jensen (Jim) They lived in the Norma area before home-steading in Montana in 1914.

Events of 1882:

1) During this time frame it was common practice for farmers to be in competition with each other to see who could have the highest grain stack. In the process of stacking bundles of grain on the Schaefer farm John Adam was descending down the ladder from the top of the stack when a frightened team of horses pulled the ladder away causing John Adam to fall to the ground and land on the handle of the fork he was carrying. The pitch fork did not penetrate the skin, however it caused massive internal injuries and he died within three days. The second day after the accident he had his family help him up and lead him to the mirror to see his injuries. Upon seeing his own bruises he remarked, "Now the Zeltinger has lived long enough." Hearing this the eleven year old, Ignatius, fainted.

Upon his death Mike Moerls made the coffin for his friend. At the grave site as the family were leaving young John of three years said to his mother, "When these people go home we'll come back with a shovel and dig him out and take him home again."

2) Magdalena also suffered the loss of two children, ~~Magdalena~~ ^{Mary} and Adam. They died of Diphtheria eight days apart. Moerls also made their coffins.

3) Magdalena, who was called Katie, was born later that same fall. She never met her father.

Mike Moerls helped out with the farming at this time. Twin calves were born on the farm, they were so much alike no one could tell them apart. Mike Moerls trained them for a team on the request of the boys. They were young and during a lightening storm they took off running and were hung up on a tree. Moerls cut them down and never hitched them up again. Ignatius suffered a dislocated shoulder and a broken arm during this ordeal. Shortly after this Magdalena married Francis Xavier Dahinden, a widower with three children. The year was 1888.

Francis Xavier Dahinden married Anna Marie Iten in 1881. She died in childbirth in 1886. Their children were as follows:

1) Anna Marie	Born: 1882	Died: 1971	Married: John Zeltinger
2) Frank	" 1884	" 1950s	Margaret Weber
3) John Joseph	" 1886	" 1968	Lilly Swenson Mattson

Francis Xavier Dahinden died in 1922 of cancer.

From the union of Magdalena and Francis Xavier Dahinden a daughter was born:

1) Magdalena	Born: 1889	Died: 1975	Married: Albert Marum
			one son: Leonard
			Married: Arthur Marum (brother of Albert)
			two sons: Robert