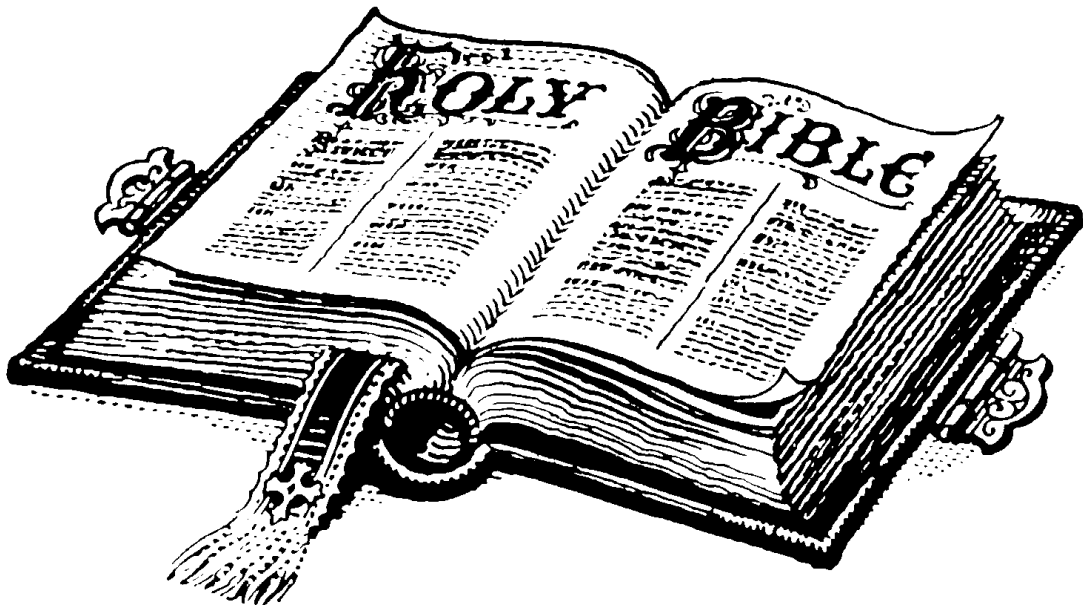


Those Who Spoke the Word



History of The Ministers Who Preached God's Holy Word

Fairbury, Forrest, North Side and South Side

Apostolic Christian Church

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Faith of Our Fathers

Hymns of Zion #85

1. Faith of our fathers! Living still In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! Holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

2. Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free:
How sweet would be their children's fate, if they, like them, could die for thee!
Faith of our fathers! Holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

3. Faith of our fathers! We will love both friends and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee, too, as love knows how, by kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers! Holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

The Watchmen's Call

Zion's Harp #112

1. Call and cry, ye watchman, boldly;
Call aloud and spare them not!
Jesus wants a faithful witness;
Teachers not confessing Jesus
Have stern judgment as their lot.
Call and cry, ye watchmen, boldly;
Call aloud and spare them not.

2. Truly stones could not help crying
If the watchmen's call would cease,
And the very rocks about us,
Ev'ry one a crying witness
Could no longer hold their peace.
Truly stones could not help crying
If the watchmen's call would cease!

3. Therefore rise, all ye, His servants;
For Elijah's spirit pray!
If as Lord ye would address Him,
Faithfully ye must confess Him,
And his holy will obey!
Therefore rise, all ye, His servants;
For Elijah's spirit pray!

4. Speak the gospel of salvation
Boldly in the wilderness!
In the Saviour's blood there's healing.
Grace and pardon he's revealing
To the sinner in distress.
Speak the gospel of salvation
Boldly in the wilderness!

Dedication

I would like to welcome you to this book that I am dedicating to the Apostolic Christian faith and the church leadership that is truly led by the Holy Spirit of God. I am indebted to you, for being the vehicle that delivered me to my soul's salvation and taught me the moral values of life through His Holy Word, which has made me the person I can be today. Thank you and May God bless you all.

Derrick K. Babbs

My Goal

I was led, not by my will, to rewrite and update this book. I am humbled once again and blessed to present this very small gift to you with no cost. This book is not for any profit to myself in anyway. My simple goal is for you to read it, copy it, and pass it on to someone else. The copy you have is yours to do with as you want. The only thing I ask is that no one else gains monetary value from it because the book does have a copyright.

THOSE WHO SPOKE THE WORD

1. Peter Bach
2. Jacob Baer
3. Emil Bahler
4. Robert Bahler
5. Herbert G. Bingham
6. Joshua J. Broquard
7. Christian Gerber
8. Ernest Gerber
9. John Gerber
10. Friederich Hari
11. Edward Honegger
12. Jacob Honegger
13. George Ifft
14. Clarence Kachelmuss
15. John Kaisner
16. Joseph Kaisner
17. Nicholas Keller
18. John Henry Kilgus
19. Edmund Kloter
20. Andrew Koehl
21. Walter Koehl
22. Rudolph Leuthold
23. John Maurer
24. Johannes Moser
25. Jacob Nussbaum
26. Daniel Roth
27. Peter Schaffer
28. John Schieler
29. Karl Schwing
30. Samuel Slagel
31. Peter W. Sommer
32. Conrad Steffen
33. Walter J. Steffen
34. John Georg Steidinger
35. Martin Steidinger
36. Alexander Stoller
37. Gilian Stoller
38. Joseph Verkler
39. Jacob Von Tobel
40. Christian Wagler
41. Nicklaus Wanner
42. Benjamin Wiegand
43. Heinrich Ziegenhorn
44. Perry H. Zimmerman

Peter Bach
1873 – 1946

Fairbury Blade - May 10, 1946

Peter Bach, Forrest, Dies Suddenly

Peter Bach, a well-known resident of Forrest, passed away there last Saturday morning shortly after 11 o'clock. Mr. Bach had for many years resided north of Forrest, moving to that village a few weeks ago. Last Saturday morning he was to have met a party at the Bach Lumber office in Forrest. When he did not put in an appearance a telephone call was made to his home. When Mrs. Bach went to look for him he was found at the grade door landing having evidently passed away with a heart attack. He was aged 72 years, four months and 24 days.

Mr. Bach was a well-known minister of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Mr. Bach was born in Alsace Lorraine, December 10, 1873. When seven years of age he came with other members of the family to America, landing at New York, December 6, 1880. They located at Wisner, Neb., where they resided until 1892, when the family moved to this vicinity. Since 1896 Mr. Bach had resided on the home place near Forrest, until he moved into Forrest in March.

On April 20, 1902, at the Apostolic Christian Church in this city, He was united in marriage to Miss Lena Scharlach, and they took up their home on a farm northeast of this city.

She survives, together with the following children: George, Edward Bach, Mrs. William Honegger, Mrs. Paul Schrof, all of Forrest; Mrs. John Joos, of Princeville; Mrs. Dan Schlatter, of Chatsworth; Carl Bach, Phoenix, Ariz., and Reuben Bach, of Fairbury. Surviving also are two brothers, J. N. Bach, of Fairbury, and Emil Bach, of Norfolk, Neb., and fourteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the North Apostolic Christian Church on Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock and interment was in the church cemetery. The services were largely attended. He had been the presiding minister of that church for many years.

Among the relatives attending the services from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bach, of Norfolk, Neb., and Chris Scharlach and daughter, Geneva, of Algona, Iowa.

1900 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Nicolous Bach	Head	58	1841	Germany	Farmer
Carrie C. Bach	Wife	53	1846	Germany	
Peter Bach	Son	26	1873	Germany	Farm Laborer

1910 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:
Peter Bach	Head	37	Germany	1880	Farmer
Mary Bach	Wife	36	Illinois		
George H. Bach	Son	6	Illinois		
Ester M. Bach	Daughter	4	Illinois		
Edward S. Bach	Son	3	Illinois		

Louise C. Bach	Daughter	2	Illinois		
Mary M. Bach	Daughter	6/12	Illinois		
G. H. Heincelman	Hired Man	30	Germany	1900	Farm Laborer

1920 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:
Peter Bach	Head	46	Alsace Loraine	1891	Farmer
Lena Bach	Wife	44	Illinois		
George Bach	Son	15	Illinois		
Esther Bach	Daughter	14	Illinois		
Edward Bach	Son	13	Illinois		
Louise Bach	Daughter	11	Illinois		
Marie Bach	Daughter	10	Illinois		
Carl Bach	Son	8	Illinois		
Ruth Bach	Daughter	6	Illinois		
Reuben Bach	Son	3	Illinois		

1930 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Peter Bach	Head	56	France	Farmer	General Farm
Lena M. Bach	Wife	55	Illinois		
Edward S. Bach	Son	23	Illinois	Laborer	General Farm
Carl E. Bach	Son	18	Illinois	Truck Driver	Oil Company
Ruth E. Bach	Daughter	16	Illinois		
Ruben J. Bach	Son	14	Illinois		

1940 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Peter Bach	Head	66	Alsace, France		
Lena Bach	Wife	64	Illinois		
Reuben Bach	Son	24	Illinois	Farmer	Grain Farm
Ruth Bach	Daughter	26	Illinois		

Jacob Baer
1857 – 1933

Fairbury Blade - May 19, 1933

Jacob Baer

Jacob Baer, a well-known resident of this city for many years, living at 606 E. Elm Street, passed away this morning about 5 o'clock.

Fairbury Blade - May 26, 1933

Jacob Baer

The funeral services of Jacob Baer who passed away last Friday morning at his home, 606 East Elm Street, were held at the home Sunday afternoon and interment was made at Graceland. Mr. Baer had been ill and confined to his bed for the past eleven weeks.

Jacob Baer was born in Zuzenhauzen, Germany, October 26, 1857. He was married to Magdalene Hunsinger in 1884, and came to the United States in September 1912, locating first at Morton. A year later the family moved to a farm north of Cropsey, where they lived until removing to the present home in Fairbury nine years ago.

There are surviving nine children: Emil, Peoria; Chris and Fred, Morton; Mrs. John Kaeb, Rankin; Jacob and Mrs. Carl Widmer, Cropsey; Mrs. Carl Aberle, Strawn; Anna Marie, at home.

1920 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:
Jake Baer	Head	62	Germany	1916	
Anna Baer	Daughter	30	Germany		
Mary Baer	Daughter	28	Germany		
Henry Baer	Son	25	Germany		Farm Labor
Fred Baer	Son	19	Germany		

1930 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:	Industry:
Jacob Baer	Head	72	Baden, Germany	1912		
Mary Baer	Daughter	37	Baden, Germany	1912		
Anna Baer	Daughter	39	Baden, Germany	1910	Worker	House Work

Emil Bahler
1891 – 1959

Fairbury Blade – December 3, 1959

Emil Bahler, 67, Buried Tuesday

Services were held at the Apostolic Christian Church, Tuesday at 10 a.m. for the Rev. Emil Bahler, 67, who died at his home at 9:20 p.m. Saturday. He had been ill for three years.

Services were held at the Bahler home south of Fairbury at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. Buried was in the South Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 24, 1891, at Fairbury, a son of Jacob and Nina Keller Bahler. He married Ida Steffen at Fairbury, Feb. 8, 1920.

They moved to a farm in Belle Prairie Township, where they made their home for 39 years.

Surviving are his wife, three sons, Marvin and Ralph, Fairbury; Arthur, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; two daughter, Mrs. Helen Frye, Cropsey; Mrs. Verla Davis, Strawn; eight grandchildren; three brothers, Herman, Fairbury; Edwin, Remington, Ind.; Jacob, Wolcott, Ind.; seven sisters, Mrs. Marie Schieler, Remington, Ind.; Mrs. Walter Steffen, Fairbury; Mrs. Obid Gerber, Miss Tillie Bahler, Decatur, Ind.; Mrs. Ben Steffen, Cropsey; Mrs. Philip Getz, Wolcott, Ind.; and Mrs. Henry Kilgus, Forrest.

A brother and a sister preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, and one of the ministers.

1900 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Jacob Bahler	Head	38	1861	Switzerland	Farmer
Nina Bahler	Wife	35	1865	Illinois	
Mary Bahler	Daughter	10	1889	Illinois	
Herman Bahler	Son	9	1890	Illinois	
Emil Bahler	Son	8	1891	Illinois	
Martha Bahler	Daughter	6	1893	Illinois	
Lydia Bahler	Daughter	5	1895	Illinois	
Matilda Bahler	Daughter	3	1896	Illinois	
Erwin Bahler	Son	1	1898	Illinois	
Jacob Bahler	Son	7/12	1899	Illinois	

1910 West Point Township, White County, Indiana Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:
Jacob Bahler	Head	48	Switzerland	1884	Farmer
Nina Bahler	Wife	45	Illinois		
Mary Bahler	Daughter	20	Illinois		
Herman Bahler	Son	19	Illinois		
Emil Bahler	Son	18	Illinois		
Martha Bahler	Daughter	16	Illinois		
Lydia Bahler	Daughter	15	Illinois		

Matilda Bahler	Daughter	13	Illinois		
Erwin Bahler	Son	11	Illinois		
Jacob Bahler	Son	10	Illinois		
Gertrude Bahler	Daughter	9	Illinois		
Nina Bahler	Daughter	6	Indiana		
Eliza Bahler	Daughter	2	Indiana		

World War I



World War I Draft – June 5, 1917

Registration Card

1. (Name in full) Emil Bahler / (Age in year) 25
 2. (Home address) Fairbury, Illinois
 3. (Date of birth) December 24, 1892
 4. (Are you a (1) natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention?) Natural born
 5. (Where were you born?) Fairbury, Illinois, US
 6. (If not a citizen of what country are you a citizen or subject?)
 7. (What is your present trade, occupation, or office?) Farm Laborer
 8. (By whom employed?) Christian S. Gerber / (Where employed?) Farm on Belle Prairie Township
 9. (Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, safety depends on you for support?) No
 10. (Married or single?) Single / (Race?) Caucasian
 11. (What military service have you had?) None
 12. (Do you claim exemption from draft?) Member of Apostolic Christian Church
- (I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true) Signed: Emil Bahler

Registrar's Report

1. (Tall, medium or short?) Medium / (Slender, medium or stout?) Medium
2. (Color of eyes?) Light brown / (Color of hair?) Dark brown / (Bald?) No
3. (Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled?) Hernia

Livingston County, Illinois, in the World War.

122 F. H. – Vet. Cps.

Bahler, Emil, Fairbury, Illinois. Born December 24, 1892, Fairbury, Illinois. Farmer. Inducted June 24, 1918, Pontiac, Illinois. To Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Pvt., 122 Field Hosp. Transferred to Veterinary Corps, A. R. D., August 8 1918. Discharged April 30, 1919, Centaur, Georgia.

1920 Census – Not Found					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:

1930 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Emil Bahler	Head	38	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Ida Bahler	Wife	36	Illinois		
Helen L. Bahler	Daughter	8	Illinois		
Marvin H. Bahler	Son	4	Illinois		
Verla M. Bahler	Daughter	1	Illinois		
Albert Steffen	Father in law	66	Illinois		
Elizabeth Steffen	Mother in law	57	Illinois		

1940 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Emil Bahler	Head	48	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Ida Bahler	Wife	47	Illinois		
Helen Bahler	Daughter	18	Illinois		
Marvin Bahler	Son	14	Illinois		
Verla Bahler	Daughter	11	Illinois		
Ralph Bahler	Son	9	Illinois		
Arthur Bahler	Son	5	Illinois		
Albert Steffen	Father in law	76	Illinois		
Elizabeth Steffen	Mother in law	67	Illinois		

Robert Bahler
1863 – 1936

Remington Press – December 11, 1936

Robert Bahler, Sr. Dies

The town has lost another old and desirable citizen, in death of Mr. Robert Bahler, Sr. who passed away at the Home Hospital in Lafayette, Friday at 1:45 a.m. where he had been a patient for a week.

Mr. Bahler's health had been failing for over a year, and for some time preceding his death he had been in a serious condition. He was one of Remington's most respected and honored citizens and was an enterprising business man, being connected with the firm of Bahler's feed store since its inception. He retired from the farm some years ago, and since that time had been one of our business men.

A native of Berne, Switzerland, he was born May 30, 1863, and came to America about 50 years ago. He had lived in Remington and Vicinity 30 years. His wife, who was Matilda Waibel, died four years ago. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church here. He leaves six children, William, of DeMotte; Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum, Robert J., and Harry F., of Remington; Chris R., of Galveston and Mrs. Howard Schaibley, of Frankfort; three brothers, Godford and Adolph Bahler, of Rockville, Conn., and Jacob Bahler, Sr., of Remington, and 16 grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday, short services being conducted at the late residence in the north part of Remington followed by regular services at the Apostolic Christian Church, south of town, where burial was made.

1900 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Robert Bahler	Head	37	1863	Switzerland	Farmer
Tillie Bahler	Wife	38	1862	Germany	
William Bahler	Son	10	1890	Illinois	
Mary Bahler	Daughter	8	1892	Illinois	
Robert Bahler	Son	6	1894	Illinois	
Chris Bahler	Son	3	1897	Illinois	
Tillie Bahler	Daughter	10/12	1899	Illinois	
Annie Aellig	Servant	66	1834	Switzerland	Servant

1910 West Point Township, White County, Indiana Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:
Robert Bahler	Head	46	Switzerland	1884	Farmer
Matilda Bahler	Wife	48	Germany	1883	
William Bahler	Son	20	Illinois		Farm Laborer
Marie Bahler	Daughter	18	Illinois		
Robert Bahler	Son	16	Illinois		Farm Laborer
Christian Bahler	Son	14	Illinois		Farm Laborer
Matilda Bahler	Daughter	12	Illinois		
Harry Bahler	Son	2	Indiana		

1920 Carpenter Township, Jasper County, Indiana Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:
Robert Bahler	Head	56	Switzerland	1900	Farmer
Metilda Bahler	Wife	57	Switzerland	1900	
Merea Bahler	Daughter	28	Illinois		Dress Maker
Christina Bahler	Daughter	22	Illinois		House Keeping
Milda Bahler	Daughter	19	Illinois		
Harry Bahler	Son	11	Indiana		

1930 Remington, Carpenter Township, Jasper County, Indiana Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Robert Bahler	Head	66	Switzerland	Retail Merchant	Feed Store
Matilda Bahler	Wife	68	Germany		
Harry Bahler	Son	21	Indiana	Laborer	Feed Mill

Herbert G. Bingham
1859 – 19??

1870 Pembroke Township, Genesee County, New York Census			
Name:	Age:	Occupation:	Birthplace:
Martin L. Bingham	44	Farmer	New York
Olive Bingham	30	Keeping House	New York
Henry M. Bingham	15	Farm Laborer	New York
Herbert Bingham	11	Farm Laborer	New York
Belle Denton	9	At School	New York

1880 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Sam Nussbaum	Head	30	Switzerland	Farmer
Christine Nussbaum	Wife	25	Baden	Keeping House
Benjamin Nussbaum	Son	2	Illinois	
Joseph Nussbaum	Son	1	Illinois	
Christina Stortz	Mother in law	50	Baden	
Katie Stortz	Sister in law	30	Baden	Works at home
Herbert Bingham	Servant	21	New York	Works on farm

Livingston County Marriages – January 2, 1883			
(Full Name of Groom)	Herbert G. Bingham	(Full Name of Bride)	Elizabeth Baerlocher
(Residence)	Fairbury	(Residence)	Fairbury
(Occupation)	Carpenter		
(Age at Next Birthday)	24	(Age at Next Birthday)	27
(Place of Birth)	Genesee Co., New York	(Place of Birth)	Switzerland
(Father's Name)	Martin L. Bingham	(Father's Name)	Andrew Baerlocher
(Mother's Name)	S. K. Dexton	(Mother's Name)	Elizabeth Keller
	(When Married)	January 3, 1883	
	(Where Married)	Fairbury	
	(Witness)	N. Keller and T. Stutz	
	(Marriage Performed By)	J. G. Steidinger	

1900 Beaver Township, Dallas County, Iowa Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Chas. E. Woodward	Head	30	1869	Indiana	Farm Laborer
Mary R. Woodard	Wife	26	1873	Iowa	
Frank Hoover	Boarder	31	1868	Illinois	Farmer
Herbert G. Bingham	Boarder (Married)	41	1858	New York	Carpenter

1900 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Elizabeth Bingham	Head (Widow)	44	1856	1881	Switzerland	Carpet Weaver
Addie B. Bingham	Daughter	14	1885		Illinois	At School

Herbert A. Bingham	Son	11	1888		Illinois	At School
Walter S. Bingham	Son	9	1890		Illinois	At School
Andrew Baerlocker	Father	78	1821	1880	Switzerland	

1920 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:	
Elizabeth Bingham	Head (Divorced)	63	Switzerland	1880		

Fairbury Blade – January 13, 1928

Mrs. Elizabeth Bingham Passed Away Yesterday

Mrs. Elizabeth Bingham, ages 72, a highly respected resident of this city for many years, passed away at the home of her son, Walter Bingham, at Cassopolis, Mich., yesterday morning at 4:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Bingham had been ailing for some time and her son came down the latter part of last week to take her home. The trip was made Tuesday, a local physical accompanying her as far as Chicago. A telephone message received here Tuesday evening from the son stated that his mother, although tired, had stood the trip well, and was resting easy. Another message yesterday morning told of her death.

The remains will arrive here tonight, and the funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Christian Apostolic Church.

Fairbury Blade – January 20, 1928

Mrs. Elizabeth Bingham

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Bingham, whose death was noted in the Blade of last week, were held at the Christian Apostolic Church last Saturday afternoon. Interment was in Graceland Cemetery. She was 71 years, 8 months and 26 days of age.

Elizabeth Baerlocher, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Baerlocher, was born at Thal, Kt. St. Gallen, Switzerland, April 16, 1856. In 1880 the family made the ocean trip to America, arriving in this city on May 9. On January 3, 1883, she was united in marriage to Herbert G. Bingham, who together with three sons, Benjamin, Edward and Herbert, and one daughter, Marie, have preceded her in death. Surviving her is one son, Walter, of Cassopolis, Mich., at whose home she passed away. There also survive four grandchildren.

Mrs. Bingham had been a resident of this city for over 47 years. During this long period of residence here she had by her thoughtfulness of others and her kind disposition made many lasting friendships. She was a fine Christian woman and those who knew her best loved her most.

Joshua J. Broquard
1899 – 1989

Fairbury Blade – April 5, 1989

J. J. Broquard, 89, Church Minister for 47 Years

Funeral services for Joshua J. Broquard, 89, who served 47 years as a minister of the Apostolic Christian Church in Fairbury, were held there Tuesday morning, following by interment at Graceland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chris Khail, Mark Feucht, Troy Cottrell and Greg, Rob, and Dave Broquard.

Visitation was Monday afternoon and evening at the Duffy-Pils Memorial Home in Fairbury and for an hour Tuesday at the church prior to the service, at which ministers of the church officiated.

Mr. Broquard died at 12:30 a.m., Sunday, April 2, 1989 at Fairview Haven Nursing Home where he had recently resided and to which memorials may be left.

He served as a minister of the Apostolic Christian Church from 1937 until retiring in 1984, and was an elder of the church from 1946 until that retirement.

Mr. Broquard and his late wife farmer east of Fairbury where they raised a family of six children during a time that included the hard years of the Great Depression. They retired and moved to town more than 25 years ago.

He was born July 14, 1899, in Forrest, the son of Joseph and Anna Zehr Broquard. He married Marie M. Schmidt on Feb. 28, 1925, in Fairbury. She died July 8, 1983.

Survivors included four sons, Earl and Ralph, both of Watseka; and Kenneth and Dean, both of Fairbury; two daughters, Margaret Feucht, Princeville and Doris Cottrell, Chenoa; three brothers, George and Joe Broquard, both of Fairbury and Ben Broquard, East Peoria; five sisters, Pereda Moser, Kathryn Broquard and Leona Broquard, all of Fairbury, Ella Kuerth, Gridley, and Esther Herrmann, Princeville; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One sister and one grandson preceded him in death.

1900 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Joseph Broquard	Head	29	1871	Illinois	Farmer
Annie Broquard	Wife	29	1871	Illinois	
Joshua Broquard	Son	11/12	1899	Illinois	
Sam Nussbaum	Servant	17	1882	Illinois	Farm Laborer

1910 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:
Joseph Broquard	Head	39	Illinois		Farmer
Anna Broquard	Wife	39	Illinois		
Joshua Broquard	Son	10	Illinois		
Persida Broquard	Daughter	9	Illinois		
George Broquard	Son	7	Illinois		
Lydia Broquard	Daughter	5	Illinois		
Katy Broquard	Daughter	4	Illinois		

Ella Broquard	Daughter	2	Illinois		
Jacob Zehr	Father in law	73	Prussia		

1920 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Joe Broquard	Head	48	Illinois	Farmer	Stock Farm
Anna Broquard	Wife	48	Illinois	House Work	
Joshua Broquard	Son	20	Illinois		
Perseada Broquard	Daughter	18	Illinois		
George Broquard	Son	16	Illinois		
Liddla Broquard	Daughter	15	Illinois		
Katey Broquard	Daughter	13	Illinois		
Ella Broquard	Daughter	12	Illinois		
Esther Broquard	Daughter	9	Illinois		
Leona Broquard	Daughter	8	Illinois		
Joseph Broquard	Son	5	Illinois		
Benjamin Broquard	Son	3	Illinois		

1930 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Joshua J. Broquard	Head	30	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Marie M. Broquard	Wife	26	Illinois		
Earl D. Broquard	Son	1	Illinois		

1940 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Joshua Broquard	Head	40	Illinois	Farming	Farm
Marie Broquard	Wife	37	Illinois		
Earl Broquard	Son	11	Illinois		
Kenneth Broquard	Son	9	Illinois		
Ralph Broquard	Son	6	Illinois		
Dean Broquard	Son	2	Illinois		

Christian Gerber
1847 – 1910

Fairbury Blade - July 15, 1910

Rev. Christian Gerber Dead

Passes Away Suddenly Thursday Afternoon at His Home

Rev. Christian Gerber, one of the best known of the German residents of this locality and a preacher of the German Apostolic Church, died suddenly at his home south of Fairbury Thursday afternoon about three o'clock while at work in the hay field. He was stricken with apoplexy, and altho medical aid was at once summoned he had passed away before the physician arrived.

Rev. Gerber has lived on his farm south of Fairbury for many years. He was a man who stood high in the estimation of all who knew him and one of the chief conselers of the German Apostolic Church. His death is a great shock to his many friends as he was apparently in the best of health.

The funeral services will be held Sunday, July 17, at 12 o'clock, at the South German Apostolic Church.

Fairbury Blade - July 22, 1910

Death of Rev. Christian Gerber

The further details of the death of Rev. Christian Gerber add but little to that published in the Blade last week. Rev. Gerber was working in his hay field and was walking and driving the head team hitched to a hay loader. John Hoerr, who was walking with the loader was first to notice Rev. Gerber's absence. The team went by and Mr. Hoerr notices the lines were dragging. He looked back and saw that Mr. Gerber had fallen in the tracks of the loader. He had evidentially been stricken and stood up for a moment or two before falling. When Mr. Hoerr and the others reached his side he was still alive and breathing heavily. Death occurred in about five minutes.

Obituary

Christian Geber was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Dec. 12, 1848. When a boy of 11 years his parents moved to Iowa and the family resided there for five years and then they moved to Tazewell County near Morton Ill. On January 20, 1870. He was united in marriage to Miss. Barbara Roth and to this Union seven children were born, three dying while young during an epidemic of scarlet fever. The children living are Anna, Lydia, Katie and Christian, all at home.

Mr. Gerber with his family came to Livingston County to live in 1875, settling on the present home farm, where he has lived continuously since that time, loved and respected by all his neighbors and all who knew him.

There are few men who rise to that place in the hearts of the people who know them, that Mr. Gerber had risen, and few men who know tested by the trails of life prove so worthy. For over twenty years Rev. Gerber had been an elder of the German Apostolic Church and he not only stood high in the councils of his church, but was loved and revered for his rugged honesty, his high moral character and the earnest Christian principles he set forth in his sermons and in his life. He taught his people to shun the vanities of the world and as he taught so he lived. He traveled from coast to coast and crossed the ocean twice on missionary work. He was a man of pleasant disposition, and one whom it was a pleasure to meet at any time. He was widely known among his church people, many of whom had been married by him, and he had preached at funeral in many families. He was one of the

leading men in the German Apostolic Church and for years held position of great honor. His life was one that might be emulated by all.

The funeral services were held Sunday at noon at the south church and were perhaps the most largely attended of any ever held in this section of the state. It is estimated that there were fully 2500 people who assembled to pay their last respects to the memory of the deceased. Among the towns and cities represented by visiting delegates were the following:

Morton, Eureka, Princeville, Roanoke, Peoria, Elgin, Mackinaw, Gridley, Meadows, Forrest, Cissna Park, Wolcott and Remington Ind., and others points. A special train was run from Bloomington to Cropsey and a Special train carried the people west from Fairbury in the evening. Rev. Engweiler, of Mansfield Ohio, preached the funeral sermon, talking for his text the word, "In my Father's house there are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you." He preached an eloquent sermon, dealing with the life and character of the deceased. The expressions of sorrow over the death of the deceased was universal among those assembled. There were said – to have been almost 500 carriages to convey the people to the cemetery where the remains were laid to rest.

The bereaved wife, children and relatives have the sympathy of all in their sad loss.

1880 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Andrew Roth	Head	68	Germany	Farmer
Annie Roth	Wife	61	Germany	
Daniel Roth	Son	26	Illinois	Farmer
Catherine Roth	Daughter	24	Illinois	
Samuel Roth	Son	21	Illinois	Farm Laborer
Christian Gerber	Son in law	31	Ohio	Farmer
Barbara Gerber	Daughter	32	Illinois	Keeping House
Annie Gerber	Granddaughter	5	Illinois	
Joseph Gerber	Grandson	3	Illinois	
Lydia Gerber	Granddaughter	5/12	Illinois	
Emma Slagel	Servant	20	Iowa	

1900 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Christian Gerber	Head	52	1847		Ohio	Farmer
Barbara Gerber	Wife	53	1847		Illinois	
Annie Gerber	Daughter	17	1882		Illinois	
Katherine Gerber	Daughter	14	1886		Illinois	At School
Christian Gerber	Son	12	1888		Illinois	At School
Andrew Rapp	Servant	24	1875	1894	Germany	Farm Laborer
Joseph Bella	Boarder	88	1812	1855	Hungary	Minister

1910 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Christian Gerber	Head	62	Ohio	Own Income	General Farm
Barbara Gerber	Wife	62	Illinois		
Anna Gerber	Daughter	34	Illinois		
Lydia Gerber	Daughter	27	Illinois		

Katherine Gerber	Daughter	23	Illinois		
Christian S. Gerber	Son	21	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Tillie Warner	Adopted daughter	12	Illinois		
Sarah Warner	Adopted daughter	9	Illinois		
Rudolph Graf	Hired Man	26	Germany	Farmer laborer	Working Out

Ernest Gerber
1897 – 1979

Fairbury Blade – August 2, 1979

Hold Sunday Rites for Ernest Gerber, 81

Ernest Gerber, 81, of 708 E. Oak St. died at 1:35 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at Fairview Haven Nursing Home, where he had been a resident six weeks.

His funeral was at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Rockville Apostolic Christian Church, Rockville, Conn., with church ministers officiating. Burial was in Ellington Center Cemetery, Ellington, Conn.

Visitation was Friday at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home.

He was born Aug. 5, 1897, in Switzerland, a son of Christian and Rosetta Kupferschmid Gerber. He married Mathilda Wanner Oct. 12, 1919, at Cropsey. She died Jan. 11, 1970. He married Kathryn Kaisner June 20, 1973, at Fairbury. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Emmanuel, Melvin and Everett, all of Rockville, Conn., and Earl, Forrest; three daughters, Margaret Fehr and Betty Bauman, both of Phoenix, Ariz. and Rosetta Stoller, Forrest; one brother, Walter, Rockville, Conn.; five sisters, Bertha Lanz, Rose Schneider, Emily Schneider, Pauline Gerber and Lydia Lanz, all of Rockville, Conn.; 28 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, one daughter, one brother, one sister and one grandchild preceded him in death.

He was a member of Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church, of which he was a retired minister. He was a machinist for U. S. Envelope Co. retiring in 1963. He moved to Fairbury area in 1970.

1910 Ellington Township, Tolland County, Connecticut Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:	Industry:
Christian Gerber	Head	42	Switzerland	1901	Farmer	General Farm
Rosette Gerber	Wife	46	Switzerland	1901		
Bertha Gerber	Daughter	19	Switzerland	1901	?????	Woolen Mill
Rosy Gerber	Daughter	17	Switzerland	1901	Sewer	Woolen Mill
Emily Gerber	Daughter	16	Switzerland	1901	Spooler	Woolen Mill
Pauline Gerber	Daughter	14	Switzerland	1901	Hander in	Woolen Mill
Ernest Gerber	Son	12	Switzerland	1901		
Frederick Gerber	Son	11	Switzerland	1901		
Lydia Gerber	Daughter	9	Switzerland	1901		
Walter Gerber	Son	6	Connecticut			
Ella Gerber	Daughter	3	Connecticut			

1920 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Chris Gerber	Head	31	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Lena Gerber	Wife	29	Illinois		
Barbara Gerber	Daughter	5	Illinois		

Magline Gerber	Daughter	4	Illinois		
Emil Gerber	Son	1	Illinois		
Lena Mary Gerber	Daughter	3/12	Illinois		
Sarah Warner	Servant	18	Illinois	Servant	Private Family
Earnest Gerber	Labor	21	Illinois	Labor	Farm
Tillie Gerber	Wife	20	Illinois		

1930 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Earnest Gerber	Head	32	Switzerland	Farmer	General Farm
Matilda Gerber	Wife	32	Illinois		
Emanuel Gerber	Son	9	Illinois		
Margaret M. Gerber	Daughter	5	Connecticut		
Rosetti B. Gerber	Daughter	4	Connecticut		
Earl E. Gerber	Son	2	Illinois		
Melvin W. Gerber	Son	8/12	Illinois		
Leon G. Reavis	Hired Man	16	Illinois	Laborer	General Farm

1940 Census – Not Found					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	

John Gerber
1849 – 1912

Fairbury Blade – March 29, 1912

Rev. John Gerber Dead

News was received in this city on Saturday of the death of Rev. John Gerber at Bremen, Ind., his home. The news caused a chock of surprise and sorrow among the many old friends of Rev. Gerber in this city who supposed he was in the best of health. Rev. Gerber was in good health until a few hours before his death, which was thought to have been caused by rheumatism of the heart. Joseph Unsicker, north-east of town, had been visiting Rev. Gerber and other friends in that locality and was present during his last moments. He said that Mr. Gerber complained of a pain in his left shoulder and breast for two days previous, but it was light and he did not think it amounted to much. A few hours before his death he was taken very severely and sank rapidly until the end.

Rev. John Gerber was widely known not only in this immediate locality but in this section of the state. He lived southeast of Fairbury for a number of years and was highly esteemed by his neighbors and the citizens of Fairbury. He was a minister of the German Apostolic Church and two years ago he purchased a farm and moved to Bremen, Ind., where he farmed his land and on Sundays preached for his people.

Fairbury Blade – April 5, 1912

Sudden Summons

Rev. John Gerber, who moved here a year or so ago from Fairbury, Ill., died suddenly Saturday forenoon at his home some five miles northeast of Bremen of neuralgia of the heart. He had suffered no serious illness and only the night before was at the home of his daughter near by until 10 o'clock. Saturday morning he was taken with severe pains in the region of the heart and they resulted fatally in a few hours.

Mr. Gerber was 63 years old March 6. He was born in Ohio, his father dying when he was four years old. He lived for a time in Iowa, going from there to Fairbury, Illinois, where he lived for 22 years. He moved to Bremen, Ind., March 1911. He was a man of kindly, genial disposition, had been a minister of the German Apostolic faith for many years and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him. Was the father of eleven children, Mrs. Edward Getz, William, Mrs. Edward Hirstein, Mrs. William Leman, Miss. Leah, Sam, Louis, Jephtha, of Bremen; John, of New Boston, Ill.; Mrs. Joseph Nussbaum and Joseph, of Fairbury, Ill. There were also 32 grandchildren, and these with the bereaved wife and numerous friends mourn his death.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon in Grace U. B. Church, which was secured for the occasion, followed by interment in the Bremen Cemetery.

It was one of the largest funerals ever held in Bremen. More than 700 people crowded onto Grace U. B. Church, while many were unable to gain admission. Rev. Michael Mangold, of Roanoke, Ill., preached the sermon and half a dozen other ministers were present. More than 400 friends were here from distance, coming from Peoria, Fairbury, Eureka, Roanoke, Gridley, Forrest, and Cissna Park, Ill.; Croghan, N. Y.; Wolcott, Remington and Milford, Indiana, and other points. A higher tribute to the worth of a good man could scarcely have been paid. Rev. Geber was esteemed one of the ablest preachers of his faith and was an object of regard amounting to veneration. - Bremen Enquirer.

1880 Cresco Township, Kossuth County, Iowa Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
John Gerber	Head	31	Ohio	Farmer
Mary Gerber	Wife	25	Switzerland	Keeping House
Lydia Gerber	Daughter	6	Illinois	
Willie Gerber	Son	5	Illinois	
Ida Gerber	Daughter	3	Illinois	
Mary Gerber	Daughter	1	Illinois	
John Gerber	Son	1/12	Iowa	
Nicholas Falb	Father in law	69	Switzerland	Works on farm

1900 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
John Gerber	Head	51	1849		Ohio	Farmer
Mary Gerber	Wife	45	1854	1870	Switzerland	
Ida Gerber	Daughter	23	1876		Illinois	
John Gerber	Son	19	1880		Illinois	Laborer Farm
Joseph Gerber	Son	17	1883		Illinois	Laborer Farm
Anna Gerber	Daughter	14	1886		Illinois	At School
Leah Gerber	Daughter	11	1889		Illinois	At School
Samuel Gerber	Son	6	1894		Illinois	
Louis Gerber	Son	4	1895		Illinois	
Jeptha Gerber	Son	3	1897		Illinois	

1910 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Gerber	Head	61	Ohio	Farmer	General Farm
Mary Gerber	Wife	55	Germany		
Leah Gerber	Daughter	19	Illinois		
Samuel Gerber	Son	16	Illinois		
Lewis Gerber	Son	14	Illinois		

Friederich Hari
1830 – 1909

Fairbury Blade - December 17, 1909

Death of Fred Hari

The death of Mr. Fred Hari occurred at the home of his son-in-law, Conrad Steffen, south of Fairbury, on Monday, Dec 13. The deceased had been ill for several months and his death was not unexpected.

Fred Hari was born in Germany, Aug. 12, 1830, being aged 79 years, 4 months and 1 day at the of his death. He was united in marriage to Miss. Lizzie Trochsel in Germany in April 1856, and eight children born to them as follows: Fred, Lizzie, Mary, Maggie, John, Katie, Rosa and Gottlieb, all of whom survive and mourn the death of a kind and indulgent father. Mr. Hari was a man who held the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He with his family came to America in 1882, and for a number of years he has resided on the farm south of Fairbury. His wife passed away some time ago and since then he has made his home with his children. The funeral services were held at the German Apostolic Church south of town Thursday and were largely attended.

1900 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Frederick Hari	Head	69	1830	1882	Germany	Farmer
Elizabeth Hari	Wife	66	1833	1882	Germany	
Gottlieb Hari	Son	26	1874	1882	Germany	Laborer Farm
Katie Hari	Daughter	20	1880	1882	Germany	

Edward Honegger
1861 – 1925

Fairbury Blade – May 1, 1925

Edward Honegger

Edward Honegger, who for many years resided in this vicinity, died at his home eight miles southeast of this city, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock his death being due to a complication of disease with which he had been afflicted for several months. He was aged 63 years, 3 months and 25 days.

Edward Honegger was born in Switzerland, December 31, 1861, and when five years of age came with his parents to this country. He grew to young manhood in Pleasant Ridge Township, and on February 11, 1887, was united in marriage to Bertha Haab, and they immediately went to housekeeping southeast of this city, where they have since resided. Surviving Mr. Honegger are his wife and twelve children.

The funeral services were held from the South Christian Apostolic Church Wednesday.

Passenger List of the Guiding Star Arrived 16 May 1867 in New York, New York				
Name:	Sex:	Age:	Occupation:	Birthplace:
Jacob Honiger	Male	35	Laborer	Switzerland
Magel Honiger	Female	36		Switzerland
Barbara Honiger	Female	9		Switzerland
Herman Honiger	Male	6		Switzerland
Edward Honiger	Male	5		Switzerland
Jacob Honiger	Male	5		Switzerland
Emil Honiger	Male	1		Switzerland
Magdl Honiger	Female	5/12		Switzerland

1870 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Jacob Honegger	38	Switzerland	Farmer
Madglena Honegger	39	Switzerland	Keeping House
Bara Honegger	13	Switzerland	
Edward Honegger	8	Switzerland	
Jacob Honegger	6	Switzerland	
Emil Honegger	4	Switzerland	
Julius Honegger	1	Illinois	

1880 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Jacob Honegar	Head	48	Switzerland	Farmer
Hellena Honegar	Wife	49	Switzerland	Keeps House
Barbar Honegar	Daughter	23	Switzerland	Works on Farm
Edward Honegar	Son	18	Switzerland	Works on Farm
Jacob Honegar	Son	16	Switzerland	Works on Farm
Emil Honegar	Son	15	Switzerland	Works on Farm

Julius Honegar	Son	11	Illinois	At School
Herman Honegar	Son	7	Illinois	At School

1900 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Edward Honegger	Head	38	1861	1865	Germany	Farmer
Bertha Honegger	Wife	40	1860		Illinois	
Walter Honegger	Son	12	1888		Illinois	At School
Lena Honegger	Daughter	11	188_		Illinois	At School
Julie Honegger	Daughter	10	_____		Illinois	At School
Anna Honegger	Daughter	8	1891		Illinois	At School
Addie Honegger	Daughter	7	1893		Illinois	At School
Alfred Honegger	Son	6	1894		Illinois	At School
Ella Honegger	Daughter	6	1894		Illinois	
Percy Honegger	Son	4	1895		Illinois	
Katie Honegger	Daughter	3	1897		Illinois	
Paul Honegger	Son	2	1898		Illinois	
Infant Honegger	Daughter	0/12	1900		Illinois	
Sarah Eggle	Servant	20	1879		Illinois	House Work

1910 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Edward Honnegger	Head	48	Switzerland	Farmer	General Farm
Bertha Honnegger	Wife	50	Illinois		
Walter Honnegger	Son	22	Illinois	Laborer	Home Farm
Lena Honnegger	Daughter	21	Illinois	House Keeper	Private Family
Julia Honnegger	Daughter	20	Illinois		
Anna Honnegger	Daughter	18	Illinois		
Addie Honnegger	Daughter	17	Illinois		
Alfa Honnegger	Daughter	16	Illinois		
Ella Honnegger	Daughter	16	Illinois		
Persa Honnegger	Daughter	15	Illinois		
Kattie Honnegger	Daughter	13	Illinois		
Pauley Honnegger	Son	12	Illinois		
Nettie Honnegger	Daughter	11	Illinois		
Frank Honnegger	Son	9	Illinois		
Edward Honnegger	Son	7	Illinois		
Samuel Honnegger	Son	5	Illinois		

1920 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Naturalized:	Occupation:
Edward Honegger	Head	58	Switzerland	1887	1895	Farmer
Bertha Honegger	Wife	59	Switzerland	1888	1895	House Work
Addie Honegger	Daughter	26	Illinois			
Nathalia Honegger	Daughter	19	Illinois			
Frank Honegger	Son	18	Illinois			
Sam Honegger	Son	14	Illinois			

Anna Haab	Mother in law	90	Switzerland	1888	1896	
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Jacob Honegger
1832 – 1920

Fairbury Blade - November 26, 1920

Jacob Honneger

Jacob Honneger, better known to many of the Christian Apostolic people of this community as "Father" Honneger, passed away Monday evening at his home north of Forrest, at the age of 88 years. He had for many years preached at the Christian Apostolic Church north of Forrest.

The funeral services were held yesterday and were largely attended.

Passenger List of the Guiding Star Arrived 16 May 1867 in New York, New York				
Name:	Sex:	Age:	Occupation:	Birthplace:
Jacob Honiger	Male	35	Laborer	Switzerland
Magel Honiger	Female	36		Switzerland
Barbara Honiger	Female	9		Switzerland
Herman Honiger	Male	6		Switzerland
Edward Honiger	Male	5		Switzerland
Jacob Honiger	Male	5		Switzerland
Emil Honiger	Male	1		Switzerland
Magdl Honiger	Female	5/12		Switzerland

1870 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Jacob Honegger	38	Switzerland	Farmer
Madglena Honegger	39	Switzerland	Keeping House
Bara Honegger	13	Switzerland	
Edward Honegger	8	Switzerland	
Jacob Honegger	6	Switzerland	
Emil Honegger	4	Switzerland	
Julius Honegger	1	Illinois	

1880 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Jacob Honeger	Head	48	Switzerland	Farmer
Hellena Honegar	Wife	49	Switzerland	Keeps House
Barbar Honegar	Daughter	23	Switzerland	Works on Farm
Edward Honegar	Son	18	Switzerland	Works on Farm
Jacob Honegar	Son	16	Switzerland	Works on Farm
Emil Honegar	Son	15	Switzerland	Works on Farm
Julius Honegar	Son	11	Illinois	At School
Herman Honegar	Son	7	Illinois	At School

1900 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Jacob Hongger	Head	68	1832	1868	Germany	Landlord
Lelain Hongger	Wife	70	1829	1868	Germany	
Emil Hongger	Son	34	1865	1868	Germany	
Mary Ealga	Servant	40	1860	1890	Germany	Servant

1910 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:
Jacob Honegger	Head	78	Switzerland	1867	Own Income
Priscilla Honegger	Daughter in law	33	Illinois		Farmer
Persidan V. Honegger	Grandson	7	Illinois		
William E. Honegger	Grandson	5	Illinois		
Emil J. Honegger	Grandson	4	Illinois		
Lydia M. Honegger	Granddaughter	2	Illinois		

1920 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Naturalized:	Occupation:
Ludwig Metz	Head	28	Germany	1911		Farmer
Pricilla Metz	Wife	42	Illinois			
Perside Honneger	Daughter	17	Illinois			
Wilhelm Honneger	Daughter	15	Illinois			
Emil Honneger	Son	13	Illinois			
Lydia Honneger	Daughter	12	Illinois			
Christian Metz	Son	3	Illinois			
Emanuel Metz	Son	1	Illinois			
Jacob Honneger	Father in law	87	Switzerland	1867	1894	

George Ifft
1863 – 1945

Fairbury Blade – January 19, 1945

Funeral Services for Geo. Ifft Held Sunday

Funeral services for George Ifft were held Sunday afternoon from the Christian Apostolic Church and interment was in the church cemetery. Mr. Ifft passed away last Friday morning at seven o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Steidinger following a several weeks illness. He was aged 81 years; six months and eight days.

Mr. Ifft was born in Walroth, Hessen, Germany, July 4, 1863. When 18 years of age he came to America, and on April 21, 1884, he was united in marriage to Susannah Miller, of Congerville. To them were born Mrs. Minnie Steidinger, Margaret, William, of Strawn; John, of Peoria; Sam, of Cropsey; Mrs. Susie Schlick, of Elgin. Mrs. Ifft passed away December 24, 1893, and in April 1895, he was married to Salome Schlipf, of Peoria. She preceded him in death in September 1897. On November 25, 1898, he was married to Margaret Hari, of Forrest. She survives together with the following children born to this union: Mrs. Salome Fehr, of Roanoke; Mrs. Bertha Steidinger, of Forrest; Fred and George, of Fairbury; Paul, of Forrest; Mrs. Edna Mueller, of Strawn. There are 48 grandchildren.

Mr. Ifft was a farmer. Which occupation he followed for many years, southeast of this city. He retired about 15 years ago. He was a member of the Christian Apostolic Church.

1900 Fayette Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
George Ifft	Head	36	1864	1881	Germany	Farmer
Maggie Ifft	3 rd Wife	35	1865	1882	Switzerland	
Minnie Ifft	Daughter	12	1887		Illinois	At School
Maggie Ifft	Daughter	11	1888		Illinois	At School
John Ifft	Son	10	1890		Illinois	At School
Samuel Ifft	Son	9	1891		Illinois	At School
William Ifft	Son	8	1892		Illinois	At School
Susan Ifft	Daughter	6	1893		Illinois	At School
Sally Ifft	Daughter	9/12	1899		Illinois	
Edward Hinshaw	Boarder	32	1868		Illinois	Farm Laborer

1910 Fayette Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
George Ifft	Head	46	Germany	Farmer	Own Farm
Marguerite Ifft	Wife	46	Switzerland		
Minnie Ifft	Daughter	23	Illinois		
Maggie Ifft	Daughter	22	Illinois		
John Ifft	Son	21	Illinois	Laborer	Farm
Samuel Ifft	Son	19	Illinois	Laborer	Home Farm
William Ifft	Son	17	Illinois	Laborer	Home Farm
Susan Ifft	Daughter	16	Illinois		
Sallie Ifft	Daughter	10	Illinois		
Bertha Ifft	Daughter	9	Illinois		
Freddie Ifft	Son	8	Illinois		

George Ifft	Son	6	Illinois		
Paul Ifft	Son	5	Illinois		

1920 Fayette Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:
George Ifft	Head	57	Germany	1894	Farmer
Maraguirette Ifft	Wife	56	Switzerland		
Minnie Ifft	Daughter	31	Illinois		
Bertha Ifft	Daughter	19	Illinois		
Fred Ifft	Son	17	Illinois		
George Ifft	Son	16	Illinois		
Paul Ifft	Son	14	Illinois		
Ednia Ifft	Daughter	9	Illinois		

1930 Fayette Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
George Ifft	Head	66	Germany	Farmer	General Farm
Margaretha Ifft	Wife	65	Switzerland		
George Ifft Jr.	Son	27	Illinois	Farm Laborer	General Farm
Paul Ifft	Son	25	Illinois	Farm Laborer	General Farm
Edna Ifft	Daughter	19	Illinois		

1940 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
George Ifft	Head	76	Germany		
Margaret Ifft	Wife	75	Switzerland		

Clarence Kachelmuss
1913 - 2000

Pantagraph - December 31, 2000

Clarence Kachelmuss

FORREST – Clarence Kachelmuss, 87, of Forrest died Saturday morning (Dec. 30, 2000) at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Arrangements are pending at Hager Memorial Home, Forrest.

Pantagraph - January 1, 2001

Clarence Kachelmuss

FORREST – The funeral of Clarence Kachelmuss, 87, of Forrest will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Forrest Apostolic Christian Church, with ministers of the church officiating. Burial will be in South Apostolic Christian Cemetery, rural Fairbury. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hager Memorial Home, Forrest.

He died at 4:35 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 30, 2000) at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Memorials may be made to Fairview Haven of Alms Fund Apostolic Christian Church.

Mr. Kachelmuss was born June 27, 1913, at Remington, Ind., a son of Carl and Minnie Lindorfer Kachelmuss. He married Laura Leman on Nov. 16, 1941, at Forrest. She died July 4, 1994. He later married Doris Steffen on June 23, 1999, at Forrest. She survives.

Other survivors include three daughter, Carol Robbins, Normal; Nancy Martin, Corinth, Texas; and Shirley Herman, Denton, Texas; a son, James Kachelmuss, Bloomington; two stepdaughters, Connie Hoerr, Eureka; and Larae Walter, Forrest; a sister, Martha Greiner, Elgin; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and six step grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters and a brother.

Mr. Kachelmuss was a member of the Forrest Apostolic Christian Church. He was a tool and die maker for Elgin National Watch Factory for 23 years, and also for Hoffman Tool and Die of Fairbury.

He also farmer in the Forrest area and was a minister for the Apostolic Christian Church for many years.

1920 Hanover Township, Cook County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:	Industry:
Carl Kachelmuss	Head	45	Germany	1912	Farmer	Dairy Farm
Minnie Kachelmuss	Wife	45	Germany			
Edwin Kachelmuss	Son	20	Illinois		Laborer	Home Farm
Gertrude Kachelmuss	Daughter	15	Illinois			
Katherine Kachelmuss	Daughter	13	Illinois			
Cecillea Kachelmuss	Daughter	7	Illinois			
Clarence Kachelmuss	Son	6	Indiana			
Martha Kachelmuss	Daughter	4	Illinois			

1930 Elgin, Kane County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:	Industry:
Carl Kachelmuss	Head	55	Germany	1891	Salesman	Real Estate
Minnie Kachelmuss	Wife	55	Germany	1880		
Esther Kachelmuss	Daughter	26	Illinois		Watch worker	Watch factory
Gertrude Kachelmuss	Daughter	24	Illinois		Watch worker	Watch factory
Catherine Kachelmuss	Daughter	23	Illinois		Watch worker	Watch factory
Cecilia Kachelmuss	Daughter	18	Indiana		Salesman	Kresze Store
Clarence Kachelmuss	Son	16	Indiana		Watch worker	Watch factory
Martha Kachelmuss	Daughter	15	Illinois			

1940 Census – Not Found

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	

John Kaisner
1857 – 1930

Fairbury Blade - February 14, 1930

John Kaisner Sr.

John Kaisner Sr., well known retired farmer, died at his home, 206 E. Elm Street, Sunday morning at 8:15 o'clock. Mr. Kaisner had been ill for the past four months with a complication of diseases. He had been a resident of this locality for the past 37 years.

Mr. Kaisner was born in Austria-Hungary, September 15, 1857, and grew to manhood in his native country. He was united in marriage there May 4, 1879, to Miss Katherine Snyder, and with their family, then five sons, they came to the United States in 1893. They settled on a farm south of Fairbury and lived there until 1926, when Mr. Kaisner retired from active work and moved to his home in Fairbury.

The children are Jacob, John, Adam, David, Joseph, Francis and Samuel, sons, and one daughter, Mrs. John Tyler, north of Forrest. These together with the bereaved wife, one sister living in the old country, and one sister, Mrs. Barbara Kalaman, living in Ohio, survive him. All of the children live in this locality. There are 21 grandchildren surviving. One son, William, died 11 years ago.

Mr. Kaisner was a member of the Christian Apostolic Church of this city, and the funeral services were held there Wednesday. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended. The remains were laid to rest in Graceland Cemetery.

1900 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
John Kaisner	Head	42	1857	1893	Hungary	Farmer
Katie Kaisner	Wife	40	1860	1893	Hungary	
Jacob Kaisner	Son	19	1880	1893	Hungary	Farm Laborer
John Kaisner	Son	17	1883	1893	Hungary	Farm Laborer
Adam Kaisner	Son	14	1885	1893	Hungary	In School
David Kaisner	Son	12	1887	1893	Hungary	In School
Willie Kaisner	Son	10	1889	1893	Hungary	In School
Lydia Kaisner	Daughter	3	1897		Illinois	
Joseph Kaisner	Son	1	1899		Illinois	

1910 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Kaisner	Head	52	Germany	Farmer	
Kathrine Kaisner	Wife	50	Germany		
David Kaisner	Son	22	Germany	Laborer	Home Farm
William Kaisner	Son	20	Germany	Laborer	Home Farm
Lydia Kaisner	Daughter	13	Illinois		
Joe Kaisner	Son	11	Illinois		
Frank Kaisner	Son	8	Illinois		
Samuel Kaisner	Son	5	Illinois		

1920 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Kaisner Sr.	Head	62	Hungary	1903	Farmer	
Katherine Kaisner	Wife	59	Hungary	1903		
Joseph Kaisner	Son	20	Hungary		Laborer	Farm Home
Francis Kaisner	Son	18	Hungary		Laborer	Farm Home
Samuel Kaisner	Son	13	Hungary			
Katherine Kaisner Jr.	Daughter	12	Hungary			
Lydia Kaisner	Daughter	23	Hungary			
Rosa Kaisner	Daughter in law	27	Switzerland			
Louis Kaisner	Granddaughter	6	Illinois			

Joseph Kaisner
1899 - 1984

Fairbury Blade - January 19, 1984

Funeral Rites Held Wednesday for Joseph Kaisner, 84, at Forrest

Joseph Kaisner, 84, of Forrest died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, 1984, at his home.

He was the father of Merle Kaisner of Fairbury.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Forrest Apostolic Christian Church with ministers of the church officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery.

Culkin-Diggie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Kaisner was born March 13, 1899, at Fairbury, a son of John and Katherina (Schneider) Kaisner. He married Ida Sutter Feb. 8, 1922, at Pontiac. She survives.

He was a lifetime farmer in the Forrest area and retired in 1972.

Mr. Kaisner was a member of the Forrest Apostolic Christian Church and was a retired minister of the church.

In addition to the son in Fairbury survivors include his wife: daughters, Helen Follmer of Newbury Park, Calif., Alma Jean Schmidgall, Janet Farney and Lou Ida Steffen, all of Forrest; sons: Hartzell of Northville, Mich., Leon of East Peoria and Larry of Forrest; 33 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, seven brothers, one sister, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1900 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
John Kaisner	Head	42	1857	1893	Hungary	Farmer
Katie Kaisner	Wife	40	1860	1893	Hungary	
Jacob Kaisner	Son	19	1880	1893	Hungary	Farm Laborer
John Kaisner	Son	17	1883	1893	Hungary	Farm Laborer
Adam Kaisner	Son	14	1885	1893	Hungary	In School
David Kaisner	Son	12	1887	1893	Hungary	In School
Willie Kaisner	Son	10	1889	1893	Hungary	In School
Lydia Kaisner	Daughter	3	1897		Illinois	
Joseph Kaisner	Son	1	1899		Illinois	

1910 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Kaisner	Head	52	Germany	Farmer	
Kathrine Kaisner	Wife	50	Germany		
David Kaisner	Son	22	Germany	Laborer	Home Farm
William Kaisner	Son	20	Germany	Laborer	Home Farm
Lydia Kaisner	Daughter	13	Illinois		

Joe Kaisner	Son	11	Illinois		
Frank Kaisner	Son	8	Illinois		
Samuel Kaisner	Son	5	Illinois		

1920 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Kaisner Sr.	Head	62	Hungary	1903	Farmer	
Katherine Kaisner	Wife	59	Hungary	1903		
Joseph Kaisner	Son	20	Hungary		Laborer	Farm Home
Francis Kaisner	Son	18	Hungary		Laborer	Farm Home
Samuel Kaisner	Son	13	Hungary			
Katherine Kaisner Jr.	Daughter	12	Hungary			
Lydia Kaisner	Daughter	23	Hungary			
Rosa Kaisner	Daughter in law	27	Switzerland			
Louis Kaisner	Granddaughter	6	Illinois			

1930 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:	
Joseph Kaisner	Head	31	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm	
Ida H. Kaisner	Wife	29	Illinois			
Merle W. Kaisner	Son	7	Illinois			
Hartzell E. Kaisner	Son	6	Illinois			
Nicholes M. Tellers	Hired Man	16	Illinois	Laborer	General Farm	

1940 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:	
Joseph Kaisner	Head	41	Illinois	Farmer	Farm	
Ida Kaisner	Wife	39	Illinois			
Merle Kaisner	Son	17	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Farm	
Hartzell Kaisner	Son	16	Illinois			
Alma Jean Kaisner	Daughter	6	Illinois			
Leon Kaisner	Son	4	Illinois			
Helen Kaisner	Daughter	3	Illinois			
Janet Kaisner	Daughter	2	Illinois			

Nicholas Keller
1831 – 1890

Fairbury Blade – August 16, 1890

Died

Nicholas Keller, whose serious illness was mentioned in these columns last week, died shortly after midnight Tuesday. The attending physicians gave the friends but little hope of recovery from the beginning of the fatal attack, and he gradually grew weaker, until he sank to the sleep that knows no waking, surrounded by his sorrowing family.

Mr. Keller was a member of the German Apostolic Christian Church, and one of its ministers and his name is familiar to every member of that denomination in central Illinois. He had a wide personal acquaintance in this vicinity. His sterling character and strict business integrity endeared him to all who knew him. His death is deeply deplored.

The funeral which took place from the Apostolic Church, Thursday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, was very largely attended, many friends of the deceased coming from a distance to pay their last tribute to the memory of a good man. The clerk at Walton Bros.' where Mr. Keller had held a position for some time. Attended the funeral in a body, as a mark of respect to their late fellow clerk.

Nicholas Keller was born in Canton St. Gall, Switzerland, Nov. 20, 1831, and was, therefore, 59 years, 8 months and 28 days of age at his death. At the age of 19 he graduated from a seminary, and entered upon the profession of a school teacher, which he followed four years. He emigrated to America in 1856, making the trip on a sail boat in 37 days, and located in West Virginia, where he worked as a farm hand with slaves. In 1857 he removed to Monroe County, Ohio, and was married to Maria Seggesemann, the wife who survives him. To them were born a son and a daughter both of whom, now married, also survive him. In 1863. Mr. Keller moved to Illinois and located in Woodford County, engaging in farming, removing thence in 1869, to Livingston County, settling within a mile of where the village of Wing now is. After a severe illness in 1874 he came to Fairbury and engaged in the sash and blind manufacturing business with J. Von Tobel and J. Keller under the firm name of the Germania Manufacturing Co., which business he followed for about two years. Since then he had been engaged different lines of mercantile business, - boots & shoes, groceries, etc. In 1876, Mr. Keller in company with his twin brother visited his old house in Switzerland. The two bore such a striking resemblance to each other that the one was frequently taken for the other. At the time of his death Mr. Keller was contemplating taking up his permanent residence on his farm, as he was tiring of business life. Owing to his liberality and great confidence in his fellow men, his business ventures proved unsuccessful, and to retrieve a portion of his losses he engaged in clerking, being physically unfit for the labor of farm life. He joined the Apostolic Church in 1840 and was a consistent member of the same to the hour of his death.

1860 Ohio Township, Monroe County, Ohio Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Nicholas Keller	29	Switzerland	Grocer
Mary Keller	35	Switzerland	
John Keller	10	Switzerland	
John Steibley	30	Switzerland	Shoemaker

1870 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Nicholis Keller	39	Switzerland	Farmer
Mary Keller	38	Switzerland	Keeping House
Emil Keller	9	Ohio	
Minna Keller	5	Illinois	
Andrew Schnetter	25	Switzerland	Farm Laborer

1880 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Nicholas Keller	Head	48	Switzerland	Retired Grocer
Mary Keller	Wife	55	Switzerland	Keeping House
Emil Keller	Son	17	Ohio	Clerk in Store
Nina Keller	Daughter	15	Illinois	
Elizabeth Baerlocker	Servant	24	Switzerland	Servant

John Henry Kilgus
1892 – 1987

Fairbury Blade – February 4, 1987

J. Henry Kilgus, 94, Dies at Fairview Haven Nursing Home.

J. Henry Kilgus, 94, died at 5 a.m., Jan. 30, 1987 at Fairview Haven, Fairbury, where he resided.

His funeral was at 10 a.m. Monday at the Forrest Apostolic Christian church, Forrest, church minister officiating.

Burial was in the North Apostolic Christian Cemetery, rural Forrest.

Culkin-Diggie Funeral Home, Forrest, was in charge of arrangements.

He was born August 30, 1892, in Fairbury, a son of John and Johanna Streib Kilgus. He married Lydia Bahler Jan. 11, 1920, in Remington Ind. She died April 13, 1986.

Survivors include two sons, John, Forrest, and Earl, Remington Ind.; one daughter, Alice Myer, Bloomington; one foster son, William Farrell, Dallas Texas; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, five brothers and four sisters.

He was a member and former elder of the Forrest Apostolic Christian Church.

He had farmed in the Forrest area until his retirement.

1900 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
John Kilgus	Head	34	1865	1883	Germany	Farmer
Annie Kilgus	Wife	30	1867		Illinois	
Henry J. Kilgus	Son	7	1892		Illinois	At School
Alvy Kilgus	Son	6	1894		Illinois	
Amie Kilgus	Daughter	5	1895		Illinois	
Sarah Kilgus	Daughter	2	1897		Illinois	
Mary Kilgus	Daughter	1	1898		Illinois	
Fred Obergfell	Servant	17	1883	1893	Germany	Farm Laborer
Bertha Strieb	Servant	24	1875		Illinois	Servant

1910 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Kilgus	Head	44	Germany	Farmer	General Farm
Hannah Kilgus	Wife	43	Illinois		
Henry J. Kilgus	Son	17	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Home Farm
Alphy N. Kilgus	Son	16	Illinois		
Sammie A. Kilgus	Son	15	Illinois		
Sarah A. Kilgus	Daughter	12	Illinois		
Mary M. Kilgus	Daughter	11	Illinois		

Hulda R. Kilgus	Daughter	9	Illinois		
Bertha Kilgus	Daughter	7	Illinois		
Phillip C. Kilgus	Son	5	Illinois		
William E. Kilgus	Son	4	Illinois		

1920 Census – Not Found						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:	Industry:

1930 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:	
Henry J. Kilgus	Head	37	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm	
Lydia Kilgus	Wife	34	Illinois			
Alice M. Kilgus	Daughter	7	Illinois			
Earl E. Kilgus	Son	5	Illinois			
Alfred J. Kilgus	Son	11/12	Illinois			

1940 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:	
Henry Kilgus	Head	47	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm	
Lydia Kilgus	Wife	45	Illinois			
Alice Marie Kilgus	Daughter	17	Illinois			
Earl Kilgus	Son	15	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Farming	
John Kilgus	Son	10	Illinois			

Edmund Kloter
1920 – 1993

Fairbury Blade - November 17, 1993

Edmund Kloter

Edmund Kloter, 73, former minister at a Fairbury church, died at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, November 13, 1993, at the Apostolic Christian Home, Eureka, where he was a resident for three years.

His funeral was at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Goodfield Apostolic Christian Church. Church ministers officiated.

Burial was in Goodfield-Congerville Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

Visitation was made at Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home, Morton.

Mr. Kloter was born Sept. 6, 1920, on Rockville, Conn., a son of Henry and Lizzie Beckley Kloter. He married Lorene Huber May 11, 1947, in Fairbury. She survives.

Other survivors include three son, Barry, Eureka; Darryl, Orlando, Fla.; and Kent, Goodfield; two brothers, Emmanuel, Ellington, Conn.; and Wilbur, Coventry, Conn.; two sisters, Lavina Kloter and Helen Heintz, both of Ellington, Conn.; and 10 grandchildren.

An infant son, an infant daughter and a sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Kloter was a World War II army veteran. He owned and operated Kloter House of Kitchens in Goodfield, retiring in 1984.

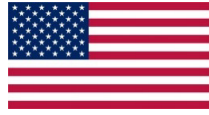
He was a member of Goodfield Apostolic Christian Church and a former minister of the Fairbury and Goodfield Apostolic Christian Church.

1930 Ellington, Tolland County, Connecticut Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Henry Kloter	Head	52	Connecticut	Proprietor	Laundry
Elizabeth Kloter	Wife	50	Switzerland		
Emmanuel Kloter	Son	21	Connecticut	Truck Driver	Laundry
Madeline C. Kloter	Daughter	19	Connecticut	Laundress	Laundry
Lavina E. Kloter	Daughter	18	Connecticut	Laundress	Laundry
Helen M. Kloter	Daughter	16	Connecticut		
Wilbur B. Kloter	Son	13	Connecticut		
Edmund B. Kloter	Son	9	Connecticut		

1940 Ellington, Tolland County, Connecticut Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Henry Kloter	Head	62	Connecticut	Owner	Laundry
Lizzie Kloter	Wife	60	Switzerland		
Emanuel H. Kloter	Son	31	Connecticut	Truck Driver	Laundry
Madeline C. Kloter	Daughter	29	Connecticut	Girl	Married
Lavina M. Kloter	Daughter	27	Connecticut	Laundry	Laundry
Helen M. Kloter	Daughter	26	Connecticut	Laundry	Laundry

Wilbur B. Kloter	Son	23	Connecticut	Laundry	Laundry
Edmond B. Kloter	Son	19	Connecticut	Carpenter	???????

World War II



World War II Army Enlistment

(Name:) Edmund B. Kloter
 (Birth Year:) 1920
 (Race:) White, Citizen
 (Nativity State or Country:) Connecticut
 (State of Residence:) Connecticut
 (County or City:) Tolland
 (Enlistment Date:) January 28, 1944
 (Enlistment State:) Connecticut
 (Enlistment City:) New Haven
 (Branch:) No branch assignment
 (Branch Code:) No branch assignment
 (Grade:) Private
 (Grade Code:) Private
 (Term of Enlistment:) Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law
 (Component:) Selectees
 (Source:) Civil Life
 (Education:) 2 years of high school
 (Civil Occupation:) Carpenters

Andrew Koehl
1888 – 1969

Fairbury Blade - July 3, 1969

Rites Monday for Andrew Koehl, 80

Funeral services for Andrew Koehl, 80 of Fairbury were held Monday morning, June 30, 1969, at 10 o'clock in the Forrest Apostolic Christian Church. Burial was in the South Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

Mr. Koehl died at 7:15 p.m. Friday at Fairbury Hospital, where he had been a patient for four weeks. His body was taken to the Cook Funeral Home.

He was born August 11, 1888, at Fairbury, a son of Frederick and Mary Steffen Koehl. He was married to Martha Zimmerman February 16, 1916, at Pontiac. They farmer near Strawn for 33 years before retiring and moving to Fairbury in 1948.

Surviving are his wife; four sons, Clarence and Maurice, both of Fairbury; Virgil, Cropsey; Leroy, Forrest; four daughters, Mrs. Bernice Cox, Fairbury; Mrs. Edith Meiss, Normal; Mrs. Velda Huette, Forrest; Mrs. Eldora Hoerr, Peoria; two brothers, John and Walter, both of Fairbury; two sisters, Miss. Mary Koehl, Fairbury, and Mrs. Emma Schmidgall, Hancock, Minn.; 30 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Mr. Koehl was a minister of the Apostolic Christian Church for 37 years.

1900 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Fred Koehl	Head	47	1852	1873	Germany	Farmer
Mary Koehl	Wife	46	1854		Switzerland	
Neoma Koehl	Daughter	21	1879		Illinois	
Fred Koehl	Son	19	1880		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Henry Koehl	Son	17	1882		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Christ Koehl	Son	16	1884		Illinois	At School
John Koehl	Son	14	1885		Illinois	At School
Mary Koehl	Daughter	12	1887		Illinois	At School
Andrew Koehl	Son	11	1888		Illinois	At School
Emma Koehl	Daughter	8	1891		Illinois	At School
Walter Koehl	Son	6	1893		Illinois	At School

1910 Nashville Township, Barton County, Missouri Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Henry Koehl	Head	27	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Mary Koehl	Mother	55	Germany		
Andrew Koehl	Brother	21	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Home Farm
Emma Koehl	Sister	18	Illinois		
Walter Koehl	Brother	16	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Home Farm

1920 Fayette Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Andrew Koehl	Head	31	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Martha Koehl	Wife	29	Illinois		
Clarence Koehl	Son	3	Illinois		
Bernice E. Koehl	Daughter	1	Illinois		
Virgil Koehl	Son	4/12	Illinois		

1930 Fayette Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Andrew Koehl	Head	41	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Martha Koehl	Wife	40	Illinois		
Clarence Koehl	Son	13	Illinois		
Bernice Koehl	Daughter	11	Illinois		
Virgil Koehl	Son	10	Illinois		
Edith Koehl	Daughter	8	Illinois		
Leroy Koehl	Son	6	Illinois		
Velda Koehl	Daughter	4	Illinois		
Eldora Koehl	Daughter	2	Illinois		

1940 Fayette Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Andrew Koehl	Head	51	Illinois	Farmer	Farm
Martha Koehl	Wife	50	Illinois		
Virgil Koehl	Son	20	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Farm
Edith Koehl	Daughter	18	Illinois		
LeRoy Koehl	Son	16	Illinois		
Velda Koehl	Daughter	14	Illinois		
Eldora Koehl	Daughter	12	Illinois		
Maurice Koehl	Son	5	Illinois		

Walter Koehl
1893 – 1976

Fairbury Blade - March 11, 1976

Hold Walter Koehl Rite on March 5

Walter Koehl, 82, who had resided at Fairview Haven since April 1972, died at 12:10 p.m. Friday, March 5, 1976, at Fairbury Hospital.

His funeral was held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday. March 7, at the Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church, with ministers of the church officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, Fairbury. Duffy-Pils Memorial Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was born July 30, 1893, son of Fred and Mary Steffen Koehl. Mr. Koehl was a World War I veteran and worked for Langstaff Clinic for many years. He was a member of the Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church and served as a minister for more than 35 years.

Surviving are a brother, John, Fairbury; a sister, Mrs. Emma Schmidtgall, Hancock, Minn.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

1900 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Fred Koehl	Head	47	1852	1873	Germany	Farmer
Mary Koehl	Wife	46	1854		Switzerland	
Neoma Koehl	Daughter	21	1879		Illinois	
Fred Koehl	Son	19	1880		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Henry Koehl	Son	17	1882		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Christ Koehl	Son	16	1884		Illinois	At School
John Koehl	Son	14	1885		Illinois	At School
Mary Koehl	Daughter	12	1887		Illinois	At School
Andrew Koehl	Son	11	1888		Illinois	At School
Emma Koehl	Daughter	8	1891		Illinois	At School
Walter Koehl	Son	6	1893		Illinois	At School

1910 Nashville Township, Barton County, Missouri Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Henry Koehl	Head	27	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Mary Koehl	Mother	55	Germany		
Andrew Koehl	Brother	21	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Home Farm
Emma Koehl	Sister	18	Illinois		
Walter Koehl	Brother	16	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Home Farm

World War I



World War I Draft – June 5, 1917

Registration Card

1. (Name in full) Walter Koehl / (Age in year) 23
2. (Home address) Rock Rapids, Iowa
3. (Date of birth) July 30, 1893
4. (Are you a (1) natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention?) Natural Born
5. (Where were you born?) Fairbury, Illinois, U.S.
6. (If not a citizen of what country are you a citizen or subject?)
7. (What is your present trade, occupation, or office?) Farmer
8. (By whom employed?) Self / (Where employed?)
9. (Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, safety depends on you for support?) No
10. (Married or single?) Single / (Race?) Caucasian
11. (What military service have you had?) None
12. (Do you claim exemption from draft?) Apostolic Christian Church religious convictions
(I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true) Signed: Walter Koehl

Registrar's Report

1. (Tall, medium or short?) Tall / (Slender, medium or stout?) Slender
2. (Color of eyes?) Light brown / (Color of hair?) Dark brown / (Bald?) -
3. (Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled?) No

1920 Horton Township, Stevens County, Minnesota Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Chris Koehl	Head	35	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Elizabeth Koehl	Wife	31	Iowa		
Edward H. Koehl	Son	9	Iowa		
Edwin C. Koehl	Son	9	Iowa		
Adolph W. Koehl	Son	7	Iowa		
Marjorie E. Koehl	Daughter	6	Iowa		
Thelma A. Koehl	Daughter	3	Iowa		
Jack C. Koehl	Son	2	Iowa		
Walter Koehl	Brother	25	Illinois	Farm Laborer	General Farm

1930 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Mary Koehl	Head	76	Switzerland		
Walter Koehl	Son	36	Illinois	Laborer	Odd Jobs

1940 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Mary Kale	Head	52	Illinois	Laborer	??
Walter Kale	Brother	46	Illinois	Painter & Carpenter	Painting
Ruby Britt	Roomer	55	Kentucky		

Rudolph Leuthold
1813 – 1892

110 Years of “North Side”
Apostolic Christian Church History
By Ben Nussbaum

Rudolph Leuthold came to this country from Zurich, Switzerland in 1868 and we assume that is where he was also born in 1813. With previous pulpit experience in Europe, he was welcomed to the north side where, in addition to ministering, he shortly replaced Virkler as elder. Since Virkler was his junior by three years, there was speculation that some jealousy may have existed between the two, although Virkler’s health was probably the prime consideration.

Leuthold was both elder and trustee to the south side in its infancy. He possibly served in the same capacity at Fairbury since his 1868 arrival predated that of the Steidingers by about seven years. John Georg Steidinger did not assume the south side and Fairbury elderships until sometime after 1875.

Rudolph Leuthold served the north side long and well as their elder before relinquishing the position to Jacob Honegger, his death occurred on March 27, 1892 and burial was in the church cemetery.

Passenger List of the Cimbria Arrived March 31, 1868 in New York, New York				
Name:	Sex:	Age:	Occupation:	Birthplace:
Rudolph Leuthold	Male	54	Farmer	Switzerland
Eliese Leuthold	Female	49	his wife	Switzerland
Emanuel Leuthold	Male	18	children	Switzerland
Eliese Leuthold	Female	16	children	Switzerland
Heinrich Leuthold	Male	9	children	Switzerland
Jacob Leuthold	Male	1	children	Switzerland

1870 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Rudolph Lighthoet	56	Switzerland	Farmer
Elizabeth Lighthoet	52	Switzerland	Keeping House
Amonora Lighthoet	19	Switzerland	
Henry Lighthoet	14	Switzerland	
Jacob Lighthoet	11	Switzerland	

1880 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Rudolph Leuthold	Head	66	Switzerland	Farmer
Elizabeth Leuthold	Wife	62	Switzerland	Keeps House
Eliza Leuthold	Daughter	28	Switzerland	
Henry Leuthold	Son	24	Switzerland	Works on Farm
Jacob Leuthold	Son	21	Switzerland	Works on Farm

John Maurer
1862 – 1953

Fairbury Blade - April 9, 1953

John Maurer, 91, Dies, Funeral Sunday

John Maurer, resident of Fairbury and vicinity since he was a boy, passed away at the Fairbury Hospital last Thursday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock. Mr. Maurer, who had been ill for seven weeks, was aged 91 years, one month and 25 days. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at one o'clock from the Christian Apostolic Church and interment was in East Graceland Cemetery.

Mr. Maurer was a native of the vicinity of Morton, being born near that city February 7, 1862, a son of John and Magdalena (Peter) Maurer. When just a boy seven years old he came with his parents to this community and had resided in Fairbury and vicinity since that time.

Mr. Maurer was twice married. His first marriage was to Mary Haas, who passed away on July 30, 1917. Three years later he was married to Barbara Jackle.

Survivors are his wife: three sons, Henry, of Fairbury; Martin and Alpha, of Forrest; a daughter, Mrs. Alex Stoller, of Faribury; 29 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

1870 Fayette Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
John Mourey	50	Germany	Farmer
Lena Mourey	41	Switzerland	Keeping House
John Mourey	8	Illinois	
Leo Mourey	6	Illinois	
Lidia Mourey	5	Illinois	
John Highnecker	24	Germany	Farmer

1880 Fayette Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
John Muorey	Head	62	Poland	Farmer
Maletine Muorey	Wife	53	Baden	Keeping House
John Muorey	Son	18	Illinois	Farm Laborer
Leena Muorey	Daughter	17	Illinois	
Lydia Muorey	Daughter	15	Illinois	

1900 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
John Maurer	Head	38	1862		Illinois	Farmer
Mary Maurer	Wife	43	1857	1870	Germany	
Mary Maurer	Daughter	14	1886		Illinois	At School
John Maurer	Son	12	1888		Illinois	At School
Lillie Maurer	Daughter	10	1889		Illinois	At School
Martin Maurer	Son	6	1893		Illinois	

Henry Maurer	Son	4	1895		Illinois	
Alvin Maurer	Son	3	1896		Illinois	
John Maurer	Father	80	1819	1851	Switzerland	
Magdalena Maurer	Mother	72	1827	1858	Switzerland	
Christian Hoerr	Servant	30	1870	1900	Switzerland	Laborer Farm

1910 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Maurer	Head	48	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Mary Maurer	Wife	53	Germany		
John G. Maurer	Son	22	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Working Out
Martin Maurer	Son	16	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Home Farm
Mary Maurer	Daughter	24	Illinois		
Henry Maurer	Son	14	Illinois		
Alvin Maurer	Son	13	Illinois		

1920 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Maurer	Head	57	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Martin Maurer	Son	27	Illinois	Laborer	General Farm
Henry Maurer	Son	25	Illinois	Laborer	General Farm
Alphia Maurer	Son	24	Illinois	Laborer	General Farm
Lillian Maurer	Daughter	30	Illinois		

1930 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Maurer	Head	68	Illinois		
Barbara Maurer	Wife	62	Baden, Germany		

1940 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Mauer	Head	78	Illinois		
Barbara Mauer	Wife	71	Germany		

Johannes Moser
1820 – 1899

110 Years of “North Side”
Apostolic Christian Church History
By Ben Nussbaum

This early minister lived diagonally across the road to the southwest from the original corner site of this small church. It was here that he served for several years before moving on to Kansas.

Name: Johannes “John” Moser

Born: April 11, 1820 in Zollikofen, Bern, Switzerland

Parents: Benedikt and Anna (Koenig) Moser

Married: Elizabeth Moser, November 20, 1816 in Zollikofen, Bern, Switzerland

Children: Nicholas Moser

Anna Moser

Anna Elisabeth Moser

Christian Moser

Elisabeth Moser

Christina Moser

Johannes Moser

Gottlieb Moser

Jacob Moser

Died: April 1899 in Bern, Nemaha County, Kansas

Buried: Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery in Bern, Nemaha County, Kansas

1895 Washington Township, Nemaha County, Kansas Census

Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
_____ Moser	52	Swiss	Farmer
Elisabeth Moser	53	Swiss	
Joseph Moser	12	Swiss	
Christina Moser	38	Kansas	
John Moser	74	Swiss	

Jacob Nussbaum
1847 – 1932

Fairbury Blade - November 11, 1932

Jacob Nussbaum

Jacob Nussbaum, residing in Pleasant Ridge Township, eight and a half miles northeast of Fairbury, passed away last Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Fairbury Hospital. Mr. Nussbaum, who had been ill with hernia, was aged 85 years, 7 months and 12 days.

Jacob, son of Anna and Nicholas Nussbaum, was born at Beatzville, Canton Slothurn, Switzerland, March 29, 1847. When a boy of nine years he came with other members of the family to America, locating near Palmyra Mo. From there he moved to Peoria, then to Metamora and finally locating near Fairbury.

On February 20, 1881, in Woodford County, he was united in marriage to Mary Hartman. For three years following their marriage they resided southeast of Fairbury, and then removed to Pleasant Ridge Township.

Of the immediate family the bereaved wife and the following children survive: Edward, of Wolcott Ind.; Mrs. Fred Rieger and Ira Nussbaum, of Forrest, and Silas and Mary at home. There also survive two brothers, John, of Fairbury, and Nicholas, of Remington Ind., and twenty grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Ben Stoller, passed away August 4th 1931.

Mr. Nussbaum was good neighbor and friend, and in the home was a kind and loving father. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church.

The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at the Northside Church and interment was in Northside Cemetery.

1860 Warren Township, Marion County, Missouri Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Nicholas Nussbaum	50	Switzerland	Tailor
Barbary Nussbaum	46	Switzerland	
John Nussbaum	15	Switzerland	
Jacob Nussbaum	13	Switzerland	
Samuel Nussbaum	10	Switzerland	
Anna Nussbaum	6	Switzerland	
Nicholas Nussbaum	3	Missouri	

1870 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Nick Newsbaum	60	Switzerland	Farmer
Barbara Newsbaum	56	Switzerland	Keeping House
John Newsbaum	25	Switzerland	Farm Laborer
Jacob Newsbaum	23	Switzerland	Farm Laborer
Samuel Newsbaum	21	Switzerland	Farm Laborer
Anne Newsbaum	16	Switzerland	
Nicholas Newsbaum	13	Switzerland	

1880 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Nickolas Nusbaum	Head	70	Switzerland	Farmer
Barbary Nusbaum	Wife	66	Switzerland	Housekeeper
Jacob Nusbaum	Son	33	Switzerland	Farmer
Nicholas Nusbaum	Son	23	Missouri	Farmer
Anna Nusbaum	Daughter	25	Switzerland	Keeps House

1900 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Jacob Nussbaum	Head	53	1847	1856	Switzerland	Farmer
Mary E. Nussbaum	Wife	51	1848		Missouri	
Edward J. Nussbaum	Son	17	1882		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Lydia C. Nussbaum	Daughter	10	1884		Illinois	
Elnora A. Nussbaum	Daughter	14	1886		Illinois	
Ira I. Nussbaum	Son	12	1888		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Silas S. Nussbaum	Son	10	1889		Illinois	At School
Mary B. Nussbaum	Daughter	8	1891		Illinois	At School

1910 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Jake Nussbaum	Head	63	Switzerland	Farmer	General Farm
Mary Nussbaum	Wife	61	Missouri		
Ed J. Nussbaum	Son	27	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Nora A. Nussbaum	Daughter	23	Illinois		
Ira I. Nussbaum	Son	21	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Home Farm
Silas S. Nussbaum	Son	20	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Home Farm
Mary B. Nussbaum	Daughter	18	Illinois		

1920 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:	Industry:
Jacob Nussbaum	Head	71	Switzerland	1890	Farmer	General Farm
Mary Nussbaum	Wife	71	Missouri			
Ira Nussbaum	Son	31	Illinois		Farmer	General Farm
Silas Nussbaum	Son	30	Illinois		Farm Laborer	Home Farm
Mary Nussbaum	Daughter	28	Illinois			

1930 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Silas S. Nussbaum	Head	40	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Jacob Nussbaum	Father	83	Switzerland		
Mary E. Nussbaum	Mother	81	Missouri		
Mary B. Nussbaum	Sister	38	Illinois		

Daniel Roth
1857 – 1909

Fairbury Blade - June 25, 1909

Daniel Roth

Daniel Roth died Monday night at 11:30 at his home east of Fairbury. The deceased had been in poor health in recent years and had made repeated trips to the health resort at Latham, Mo., in the hopes of being benefited. He left here the last time in March and remained there with his family for three months, returning home Friday last, with but little signs of improvement. He was afflicted with throat trouble, and passed away while seated in a chair.

Daniel Roth came with his parents to Livingston County in 1871, when he was 19 years of age and was a member of it for nine years afterward. He was married in 1880 to Catherine Herstein, who died in 1900. Because of failing health he removed from his farm in 1892, and purchased a four-acre tract just east of town. Later he married Miss Clara Herzog, to whom was born four children. As a man he was eminently fair in all his dealings and ever ready to extend a helping hand to the needy and struggling.

The funeral will be held today at 12:30 from the Apostolic Church.

Fairbury Blade - July 2, 1909

Funeral of Daniel Roth

The funeral services of the late Daniel Roth, whose obituary was published last week, were held from the German Apostolic Church last Friday and was one of the largest attended ever held in this city. Rev. Chris Wagler, of Pulaski, Iowa, preached the sermon. Mr. Roth had made many friends in his long residence in this city and vicinity and his death is deeply mourned. The following friends and relatives were present from out of town:

Dan Roth and son, of Morton, Mike Zimmerman, of Congerville, Peter Roth, Lamar, Mo., Nick Roth and family, of Strawn, A. J. Zimmerman, Nick Nussbaum and family of Remington, Ind., Peter Herstein, of Cullom, Sam Roth and family, Chris Gerber and family, Geo. Zimmerman, John Zimmerman and families, Sam Zehr, Joe Zehr, Joshua Zehr and families from out of town, and a host of friends from Remington, Ind., Gridley, Eureka and other points.

1860 Washington Township, Tazewell County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Andrew Roth	49	Germany	Farmer
Amy Roth	42	Germany	
Nicholas Roth	17	Ohio	
Anna Roth	15	Ohio	
Barbary Roth	13	Illinois	
Peter Roth	11	Illinois	
John Roth	9	Illinois	
Daniel Roth	7	Illinois	
Catherine Roth	5	Illinois	
Jane Roth	2	Illinois	

1870 Washington Township, Tazewell County, Illinois Census

Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Andrew Roth	59	Germany	Farmer
Anna Roth	51	Germany	Keeping House
Barbary Roth	23	Illinois	
Peter Roth	20	Illinois	Farm Laborer
John Roth	18	Illinois	Farm Laborer
Daniel Roth	15	Illinois	Farm Laborer
Catherine Roth	14	Illinois	
Samuel Roth	11	Illinois	

1880 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Andrew Roth	Head	68	Germany	Farmer
Annie Roth	Wife	61	Germany	
Daniel Roth	Son	26	Illinois	Farmer
Catherine Roth	Daughter	24	Illinois	
Samuel Roth	Son	21	Illinois	Farm Laborer
Christian Gerber	Son in law	31	Ohio	Farmer
Barbara Gerber	Daughter	32	Illinois	Keeping House
Annie Gerber	Granddaughter	5	Illinois	
Joseph Gerber	Grandson	3	Illinois	
Lydia Gerber	Granddaughter	5/12	Illinois	
Emma Slagel	Servant	20	Iowa	

1900 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Daniel Roth	Head	46	1853		Illinois	Landlord
Katie Roth	Wife	44	1856		Illinois	
Lydia Egly	Servant	15	1885		Illinois	Servant

Peter Schaffer
1893 – 1968

Fairbury Blade - May 2, 1968

Forrest Rites for Peter Schaffer, 74

Funeral service for Peter Schaffer Sr., 74, of Fairbury were held 1:30 Wednesday at the Forrest Christian Apostolic Church with burial at Graceland Cemetery.

Mr. Schaffer died at 8:10 p.m. Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ivan Steidinger, in Forrest. His body was taken to the Cook Funeral Home in Fairbury.

He was born Oct. 4, 1893, in Voehherdingen, Bes Rhin, France, a son of Peter and Helen Bauer Schaffer. He came to the United States in 1895. He married Katie Gerber in Fairbury April 28, 1912.

Mr. Schaffer was a minister in the Christian Apostolic Church and also farmer.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, Chris of Forrest, and Peter Jr., Robert and Richard of Fairbury; five daughters, Anna Reber and Edna Reber, both of Peoria, Nathalia Wenger and Helen Walter, both of Fairbury, and Catherine Steidinger of Forrest; 47 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A sister preceded him in death.

1910 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:
Peter Schaffer	Head	26	Germany	1898	Farmer
Helen Schaffer	Mother	46	Germany	1898	

1920 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:	Industry:
Peter Schaffer	Head	36	Alsace-Lorraine	1904	Farmer	Stock Farm
Kate Schaffer	Wife	33			House Work	
Christian Schaffer	Son	6				
Helen Schaffer	Daughter	4				
Anna Schaffer	Daughter	3				
Edna Schaffer	Daughter	1				
Helen Schaffer	Mother	55	Alsace-Lorraine			
Jake Wyss	Laborer	41	Switzerland		Farm Laborer	

1930 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Peter Schaffer	Head	46	France	Farmer	General Farm
Katherine Schaffer	Wife	43	Illinois		
Christian P. Schaffer	Son	16	Illinois	Farm Laborer	General Farm
Helen L. Schaffer	Daughter	15	Illinois		
Anna M. Schaffer	Daughter	13	Illinois		
Edna M. Schaffer	Daughter	12	Illinois		
Peter B. Schaffer	Son	7	Illinois		

Robert E. Schaffer	Son	5	Illinois		
Richard W. Schaffer	Son	3	Illinois		
Katherine M. Schaffer	Daughter	2/12	Illinois		
Helen Schaffer	Mother	65	France		

1940 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Peter Schaffer	Head	56	Alsace-Lorraine	Farmer	Farm
Kathyrn Schaffer	Wife	53	Illinois		
Chris Schaffer	Son	26	Illinois	Laborer	Farm
Helen Schaffer	Daughter	25	Illinois		
Edna Schaffer	Daughter	22	Illinois		
Peter Schaffer	Son	18	Illinois		
Robert Schaffer	Son	16	Illinois		
Richard Schaffer	Son	13	Illinois		
Kathyrn Schaffer	Daughter	10	Illinois		
Helen Schaffer	Mother	75	Alsace-Lorraine		

John Schieler
1861 – 1927

Gridley Advance - September 8, 1927

John Schieler is Called By Death

Highly Respected of Gridley Died on Sunday Morning

Interment on Tuesday

Funeral Services Held From Apostolic Christian Church; Burial in Gridley Cemetery

John Schieler passed away at 5:30 o'clock on Sunday morning, at his home in the East part of Gridley. After a two weeks' illness. Unassuming in his ways, and a man of sterling honesty, he was highly respected by a large circle of friends. He was one of the leading members of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Mr. Schieler was born in Germany on August 7, 1861, coming to the United States when a young man. With his parents, he settled on a farm near Fairbury. Later he moved to a farm near Remington, Indiana. He retired in 1914, taking up his residence in Gridley.

Mr. Schieler leaves his wife, one son, John Schieler, of Remington, Indiana, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Schambas, of Elgin, and Mrs. Lena Huber, of Remington, Indiana. There are twenty-one grandchildren. Three brothers survive, Jacob Schieler, of Pontiac; William Schieler, of Fairbury, and Andrew Schieler, of Missouri.

Funeral services were held at the Apostolic Christian Church at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, Rev. Martin Steidinger, of Fairbury, preaching in the German language, and Rev. Eli Winzeler, of Tremont, delivering a sermon in English. Rev. Michael Mangold, of Roanoke, and Rev. Robert Bahler, of Remington, Indiana, assisted in the services. Interment was made in the Gridley Cemetery. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Lukas Kiefer, Joel Boller, Paul Hany, Peter Meiss, Samuel Kuerth and Diebold Kiefer.

Such a large number of people came to attend the services that fully two hundred were unable to get inside the church. There were cars from many towns in Illinois and Indiana.

1900 Carpenter Township, Jasper County, Indiana Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
John Schieler	Head	38	1861	1884	Germany	Carpenter
Mary L. Schieler	Wife	46	1853	1866	Germany	
John Schieler	Son	11	1888		Illinois	
Mary L. Schieler	Daughter	6	1893		Illinois	
Lena Schieler	Daughter	5	1895		Illinois	

1910 Gilboa Township, Benton County, Indiana Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Schieler	Head	68	Germany	Farmer	General Farm
Mary Schieler	Wife	56	Germany		
John Schieler	Son	21	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Home Farm
Mary Schieler	Daughter	16	Illinois	Servant	Private Family
Lena Schieler	Daughter	15	Illinois		

1920 Gridley Township, McLean County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:	Industry:
John Schieler	Head	58	Germany	1912		
Mary Schieler	Wife	52		1912		

Karl Schwing
1813 – 1880

Chatsworth Plaindealer – August 14, 1880

Deaths

Mr. Swing formerly of Ackron, Ohio, died at his home in this township. Tuesday evening, aged 67 years. His funeral was attended Thursday.

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Carl Swing was born at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Germany, and amid scenes familiar to the great Goethe, passed from boyhood to manhood, equipping himself in the meantime in the art of ladies' high class tailoring.

From the first dawn of seriousness his nature was profoundly religious, and this inclination grew in after years to potential proportions.

Realizing that the United States offered larger opportunities than existed in his native land, he came here while still a young man, and after locating in Akron, Ohio, married Salina Bollinger, a native of Schaufhausen, Switzerland.

In 1877 he brought his family to Livingston County, locating on a farm south of Chatsworth, where his death occurred August 10, 1880, while at the zenith of his powers.

The untimely passing of Mr. Swing was the more to be regretted, as he had just become located in the midst of the most favorable of agricultural surroundings, and it seemed that many more years of happiness and usefulness remained to him.

His tailoring or farming operations were really secondary avenues of activity, for his mind and heart dwelt constantly upon the moral condition of the race and for many years he sought its uplift as a preacher in the German Christian or Amish church.

The self-sacrificing and impersonal labor of Amish clergy appeals to men of high moral caliber and unselfish character, as they received no stipulated compensation, working solely for the cause in which their sympathies are enlisted.

Mr. Swing was an exception even among these consecrated men, and his devotion and faithfulness won him the confidence and gratitude of many outside his own denomination. He had a hearty, cheerful greeting.

In his wake, there arose better community feeling, greater honesty, nobler aspirations and cleaner, saner living, and of him it may be truthfully said that he left the world the better for his having sojourned in it.

The wife whose aims and sympathies were so closely knit to those of Mr. Swing survived him until February 9, 1900.

To them were born five sons, of whom John, the oldest died at the age of twenty-nine years; Charles died in infancy; Henry is a farmer near Remington, Indiana, and as were his parents, is a member of the Amish church; Albert also is a farmer in Wolcott, Indiana; and Joseph G. is a merchant in Fairbury.

1870 Akron Ward 2, Summit County, Ohio Census

Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Charles Schwing	56	Hesse-Darmstadt	Tailor
Soloma Schwing	49	Switzerland	Keeping House
John Schwing	19	Ohio	Totter
Henry Schwing	13	Ohio	Attending School
Albert Schwing	10	Ohio	Attending School
Joseph Schwing	8	Ohio	Attending School

1880 Chatsworth Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Charles Swing	Head	66	Kentucky	Farmer
Lalla Swing	Wife	58	Kentucky	Keeping House
Henry Swing	Son	23	Ohio	Farm Laborer
Albert Swing	Son	20	Ohio	Farm Laborer
Joseph Swing	Son	18	Ohio	

Samuel Slagel
1849 – 1937

Fairbury Blade - December 3, 1937

Funeral Services of Samuel Slagel Hold Yesterday

Passed Away Monday Evening at 6 O'clock at His Home on East Walnut Street

Samuel Slagel, prominent farmer of this community for many years, passed away Monday evening at six o'clock at his home at 407 East Walnut Street, death being due to the infirmities of advanced age.

He was born November 30, 1849, in Wisconsin and grew to young manhood there. In the early seventies he came to this community, and on November 28, 1875, in this city he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Demler.

Mr. Slagel was engaged in farming most of his life and resided on his farm, about five miles southeast of this city, for many years.

Retiring from the farm in 1908, he and Mrs. Slagel moved to the home in this city where he had since resided.

He leaves surviving one daughter, Mrs. Paul Hoffman, and one son, Daniel, both residents of this community. One son, Samuel, died at the age of four years, and another son, Joseph, passed away a number of year ago in New Mexico. Surviving also are two sisters, Mrs. Sophia Rapp, of Evanston, and Mrs. Albert Reiman, of Oakville Iowa. Mrs. Slagel died about ten years ago.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at one o'clock at the Christian Apostolic Church on East Elm Street, of which he was a member. Interment was in Graceland Cemetery.

Out-of-town relatives who were here yesterday to attend the funeral include: Mr. and Mrs. Al Himelich, of Francesville Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mueller and J. D. Swing, of La Crosse Ind.; Joe Swing, of Hoopston; Mrs. Sam Getz, of Tremont; Mrs. Lena Schaab, of Normal, and friends from Cissna Park, Remington Ind., Peoria, Morton, Elgin, Tremont and Sabetha Kan.

1856 Highland Township, Clayton County, Iowa Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
John Slagle	40	Switzerland	Farmer
Marian Slagle	36	Switzerland	
Magdalene	9	France	
John Slagle	7	Wisconsin	
Samuel Slagle	6	Wisconsin	
Jacob Slagle	5	Wisconsin	
Rosina Slagle	4	Wisconsin	
Elizabeth Slagle	3	Wisconsin	
Marian Slagle	1	Iowa	

1870 Morton Township, Tazewell County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
William Moobery	29	Illinois	Farmer
Julia Moobery	25	Illinois	Keeping House
Walter Moobery	9/12	Illinois	
Samuel Slagel	20	Wisconsin	Farm Laborer

1880 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Samuel Slegel	Head	30	Wisconsin	Farmer
Mary Slegel	Wife	24	Baden	Keeping House
Daniel Slegel	Son	1	Illinois	
Emma Slegel	Daughter	2/12	Illinois	
Kate Demler	Mother in law	56	Baden	
Frederick Verkler	Servant	17	Switzerland	Farm Laborer
Andrew Steidinger	Boarder	23	Baden	Farmer

1900 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Samuel Slagel	Head	50	1849		Wisconsin	Farmer
Mary Slagel	Wife	45	1855		Switzerland	
Daniel Slagel	Son	22	1878		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Joseph Slagel	Son	18	1882		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Emma Slagel	Daughter	20	1880		Illinois	
Lena Demler	Niece	12	1887		Kansas	

1910 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Samuel Slagel	Head	59	Wisconsin	Own in come	
Mary Slagel	Wife	54	Germany		

1920 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:	Industry:
Samuel Slagal	Head	70	Wisconsin			
Mary Slagal	Wife	63	Germany			
Lena Demler	Niece	32	Kansas		House work	

Peter W. Sommer
1843 – 1920

Fairbury Blade – February 20, 1920

Peter Sommer Dead, Formerly Resided here

The Peoria Star of Tuesday contained a notice of the death of Peter Sommer, of that city, who passed away at St. Petersburg, Fla., Monday, where he had gone to spend the winter. He was 75 years old. Mr. Sommer resided here in his younger days and owned the farm where the South Christian Apostolic Church now stands.

The Star in Speaking of His Death Says:

Peter Sommer, father of president P. W. Sommer of Keystone Steel and Wire Co., who, in a little wooden shed in Tremont, Tazewell County, wove the first wire fence, nucleus of the giant Peoria industry of today, died at 11 o'clock Monday morning in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he had been spending the colder months at the winter home of his son. His ailment was angina pectoris. His age was 76 years.

Peter Sommer was the inventor of the wire fence. Thirty-one years ago he conceived the idea of weaving wire into a "new" kind of fence. With his sons John and P.W. he designed and built his first weaving machine in a frame building still standing in that village. His first string of fence created a sensation among the farmers. They saw it was cheap, practical and a great saving of labor. The little plant was soon outgrown and a larger one was built. That was ___ turn outgrown and besides his sons the inventor was employing several men.

In 1895 when it became evident that Tremont could not supply facilities for making and shipping fencing, the _____ came when the conservative inventor decided to move to Peoria, which he did in 1895, locating on South Adams Street. Although this plant was much larger, it, too was soon outgrown and then followed the removal to the manufacturing suburb of south Bartonville.

The fence and the machine for its weaving were perfected and the brand was made "Square Deal." Addition after addition came rapidly and then the steel mills with their three open-heart furnaces each representing a million dollar investment, the vast structures of rod mills, blooming mills, soaking pits, etc., connected with five miles of private switch tracks and a canal a mile or more long from the river. It is a far call from the wooden shed in Tremont to the steeldale of today, the culminations of Peter Sommer's dream. The keystone story is an industrial romance.

Mr. Sommer held the position of vice-president in the vast enterprise he founded, but had retired from active management of its affairs and with his wife, divided his time between their home in Colorado, in Peoria and in Florida. Mrs. Sommer was with him at the time of his death, as was his son, P. W. Sommer. B. L. Sommer left for Florida yesterday and John Sommer today. The body will be brought to Peoria for commitment in Springdale Cemetery.

Peter Sommer was a man of simple and kindly life. He was a member of the Apostolic Church, a man whose simple word was his bond, honored and respected of all. He was born in Tazewell County, near Pekin, in 1844, and when 21 years of age was married his bride Miss. Mary Breisacher. He followed his trade as wagon maker in the village of Morton. Later he moved to Fairbury where he lived on a farm until he moved to Tremont.

1870 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Peter D. Summer	26	Illinois	Farmer
Mary Summer	23	Baden, Germany	Keeping House
John Summer	4	Illinois	
Peter Summer	11/12	Illinois	
Jacob Seigler	15	Switzerland	Farm Laborer
Mary Engle	29	Switzerland	Domestic Servant
Chris Heinager	20	Switzerland	Farm Laborer

1880 Dillon Township, Tazewell County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Peter Somers	Head	36	Illinois	Farmer
Mary Somers	Wife	32	Baden	Keeps Home
John Somers	Son	14	Illinois	
Peter Somers	Son	11	Illinois	
Joseph Somers	Son	3	Illinois	
Benjamin Somers	Son	5/12	Illinois	
Ursula Calenberg	Servant	30	Switzerland	House Servant

1900 West Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Peter Sommer	Head	56	1844	Illinois	Manufacture Woven Wire
Mary Sommer	Wife	53	1846	Germany	
Joseph W. Sommer	Son	23	1877	Illinois	Shipping Clerk Wire Manuf.
Benjamin L. Sommer	Son	20	1880	Illinois	Book Keeper
William Sommer	Son	17	1882	Illinois	Clerk Wire Manufacture
James Smith	Servant	22	1878	Illinois	Coachman
Barbara Luffentsamer	Servant	19	1880	Germany	Domestic

1910 Peoria Ward 5, Peoria County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Peter W. Sommer	Head	48	Illinois	President	Wire Factory
Elizabeth G. Sommer	Wife	37	Germany		
Mary H. Sommer	Daughter	14	Illinois		
Henry G. Sommer	Son	12	Illinois		
Ruben E. Sommer	Son	10	Illinois		
Marcus A. Sommer	Son	5	Illinois		
Emma H. Sommer	Daughter	3	Illinois		
Ruth E. Sommer	Daughter	7/12	Illinois		
Henry Getz	Father in law	74	Germany		
Hannah Getz	Mother in law	69	Germany		
Daniel P. Sommer	Nephew	17	Illinois		
Benjamin L. Sommer	Brother	30	Illinois	Treasurer	Wire Factory
William H. Sommer	Brother	27	Illinois	Mechanical Engr.	Supt. Constr.
Peter Sommer Sr.	Father	63	Illinois	Vice President	Wire Factory
Mary Sommer	Mother	64	Germany		

Emma H. Getz	Sister in law	25	Illinois		
Annie Shrouf	Cook	55	Germany	Cook	Private Family
Louis W. Weakley	Janitor	55	Pennsylvania		
Laura B. Weakley	Servant	53	Ohio	Servant	Private Family

1920 Peoria Ward 5, Peoria County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Peter Sommer	Head	72	Illinois	Retired	
Mary Sommer	Wife	70	Germany		

Conrad Steffen
1869 – 1922

Fairbury Blade - January 20, 1922

Conrad Steffen Dies Suddenly Near Cropsey

Conrad Steffen, one of the highly respected and well-known farmers residing south of this city in the vicinity of Cropsey, was found dead by members of the family Tuesday evening a little before six o'clock, death being caused by apoplexy.

Mr. Steffen together with others of his family had been to Forrest that afternoon in his car, and when they arrived home a little after five o'clock, he told the others to go into the house and he would drain the radiator and put the car away. When he did not return within a reasonable time members of the family went out to see what was keeping him. They found him lying dead just outside the garage by the side of his car. A physician was summoned, but life was extinct.

Mr. Steffen had seemed to be in usual robust health and his death was not only a shock to his family, but also his acquaintances.

Conrad Steffen was born on the old home place near Cropsey, November 24, 1869. Twenty-nine years ago he was united in marriage to Kati Hari who together with the following children survives: Walter, Anna, Mary, Tillie, Ben and Katie. All of the children reside at home, with the exception of Walter, who is married. There also survive two brothers and two sisters – Albert and Andrew Steffen of Cropsey and Mrs. Carl Huber and Mrs. Gottlieb Hari, of Strawn.

For 26 years Mr. Steffen had resided on the place where he died and during that he had gained the confidence and respect of all who knew him. For a number of years he had acted as pastor of the South Christian Apostolic Church, from which place the funeral services will be held this afternoon.

1870 Cropsey Township, McLean County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Ulrich Steffron	35	Switzerland	Farmer
Ann Mary Steffron	35	Baden	Keeping House
Caroline Steffron	9	Illinois	
Albert Steffron	7	Illinois	
Mary Steffron	5	Illinois	
Andrew Steffron	3	Illinois	
Conrad Steffron	1	Illinois	
Jacob Sedold	16	Switzerland	Farm Hand

1880 Cropsey Township, McLean County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Ulrich Steffen	Head	44	Switzerland	Farmer
Mary Steffen	Wife	43	Baden	Keeping House
Caroline Steffen	Daughter	18	Illinois	
Albert Steffen	Son	16	Illinois	
Mary Steffen	Daughter	14	Illinois	
Andrew Steffen	Son	12	Illinois	
Conrad Steffen	Son	10	Illinois	

Wilhelmina Steffen	Daughter	8	Illinois	
Lena Steffen	Daughter	5	Illinois	

1900 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Conrad Steffen	Head	36	1869		Illinois	Farmer
Katie Steffen	Wife	31	1869	1880	Germany	
Walter Steffen	Son	4	1896		Illinois	
Anna Steffen	Daughter	1	1898		Illinois	
Archie Hayes	Boarder	26	1875		Ohio	Farm Laborer

1910 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Conrad Steffen	Head	40	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Catherine H. Steffen	Wife	41	Switzerland		
Walter Steffen	Son	14	Illinois		
Anna Steffen	Daughter	11	Illinois		
Mary Steffen	Daughter	8	Illinois		
Matilda Steffen	Daughter	6	Illinois		
Benjamin Steffen	Son	4	Illinois		
Katherine Steffen	Daughter	9/12	Illinois		
Amil Stapfer	Hired Man	17	New Jersey	Farm Laborer	Working Out

1920 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:	Industry:
Conrad Staffen	Head	50	Illinois		Farmer	General Farm
Catherine Staffen	Wife	50	Switzerland			
Walter Staffen	Son	23	Illinois			
Anna Staffen	Daughter	21	Illinois			
Mary Staffen	Daughter	18	Illinois			
Tillie Staffen	Daughter	15	Illinois			
Bennie Staffen	Son	13	Illinois			
Katie Staffen	Daughter	10	Illinois			

Walter J. Steffen
1896 – 1980

Fairbury Blade - October 9, 1980

Hold Friday Rites for Walter Steffen

Walter J. Steffen, 84, of 202 S. Sixth St., Fairbury died at 10:18 a.m. Wednesday Oct. 1 at Fairbury Hospital.

His funeral was Friday at Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church ministers officiating. Burial was in South Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

Duffy-Pils Memorial Home was in charge of the arrangements.

He was born Feb. 1, 1896, in Cropsey, a son of Conrad and Catherine Hari Steffen. He married Martha R. Bahler March 7, 1920, in Remington, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Ben, Fairbury; and four sisters, Anna, Mary, Tillie and Kathryn Steffen, all of Fairbury. .

He was a member of Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church, and was a World War I veteran and retired farmer.

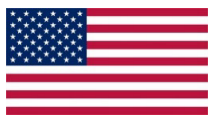
1900 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Conrad Steffen	Head	36	1869		Illinois	Farmer
Katie Steffen	Wife	31	1869	1880	Germany	
Walter Steffen	Son	4	1896		Illinois	
Anna Steffen	Daughter	1	1898		Illinois	
Archie Hayes	Boarder	26	1875		Ohio	Farm Laborer

1910 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Conrad Steffen	Head	40	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Catherine H. Steffen	Wife	41	Switzerland		
Walter Steffen	Son	14	Illinois		
Anna Steffen	Daughter	11	Illinois		
Mary Steffen	Daughter	8	Illinois		
Matilda Steffen	Daughter	6	Illinois		
Benjamin Steffen	Son	4	Illinois		
Katherine Steffen	Daughter	9/12	Illinois		
Amil Stapfer	Hired Man	17	New Jersey	Farm Laborer	Working Out

World War I



World War I Draft – June 5, 1917

Registration Card

1. (Name in full) Walter J. Steffen / (Age in year) 21
2. (Home address) Cropsey, Illinois
3. (Date of birth) February 1, 1886
4. (Are you a (1) natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention?) Natural born
5. (Where were you born?) Cropsey, Illinois, USA
6. (If not a citizen of what country are you a citizen or subject?)
7. (What is your present trade, occupation, or office?) Farmer
8. (By whom employed?) His father Conrad Steffen / (Where employed?) Farm in Belle Prairie Township
9. (Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, safety depends on you for support?) No
10. (Married or single?) Single / (Race?) Caucasian
11. (What military service have you had?) None
12. (Do you claim exemption from draft?) Member Apostolic Christian Church religious conviction
(I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true) Signed: Walter J. Steffen

Registrar’s Report

1. (Tall, medium or short?) Tall / (Slender, medium or stout?) Medium
2. (Color of eyes?) Light Blue / (Color of hair?) Dark Brown / (Bald?) No
3. (Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled?) No

Livingston County, Illinois, in the World War.

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Steffen, Walter J., Cropsey, Illinois. Born February 1, 1896; Cropsey. Illinois. Farmer. Inducted June 24, 1918, Pontiac, Illinois. To Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Pvt., 18 Co., 2 Prov. Reg. Transferred to Amb. Co. 122, 106 San. Tr., August 12, 1918; to Camp Mills, New York, September 21, 1918, on Rijndam. Landed at Brest, France, November 9, 1918. To Base Hosp. No. 33, November 13, 1918, influenza. Transferred to Co. F, 8 Inf., December 1, 1919; to hosp., December 25, 1918. Sailed from Brest, France, January 13, 1919, on Orizaba. Landed at Hoboken, New Jersey, January 22, 1919; to Ellis Island, New York, January 23, 1919; to Camp Grant, Illinois, February 2, 1919. Discharge February 14, 1919.

1920 Belle Prairie Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Naturalized:	Occupation:	Industry:
Conrad Staffen	Head	50	Illinois		Farmer	General Farm
Catherine Staffen	Wife	50	Switzerland			
Walter Staffen	Son	23	Illinois			
Anna Staffen	Daughter	21	Illinois			
Mary Staffen	Daughter	18	Illinois			

Tillie Staffen	Daughter	15	Illinois			
Bennie Staffen	Son	13	Illinois			
Katie Staffen	Daughter	10	Illinois			

1930 Fayette Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Walter J. Steffen	Head	34	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Martha Steffen	Wife	36	Illinois		
Carl Bose	Lodger	24	Illinois	Farm Laborer	General Farm

1940 Fayette Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Walter J. Steffen	Head	44	Illinois	Farmer	Farm
Martha R. Steffen	Wife	46	Illinois		
Tillie Steffen	Sister	(Extra Line do to mistake)			
Freeman Vaughn	Hired man	19	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Farm

John Georg Steidinger
1825 – 1906

Fairbury Blade - April 13, 1906

John G. Steidinger

John Georg Steidinger was born at Baden Germany, April 3, 1825 and died at his home in this city, Monday morning at three o'clock, aged 81 years, six days. He grew to manhood in his native home, coming to America in 1875, coming direct to this city. About a month after arriving here Mr. Steidinger purchased the home farm in Avoca Township, where he resided until the death of his wife.

He was untied in marriage to Miss Anna Mary Yackley in 1844, at Baden Germany, and traveled life's pathway together until April 27, 1902, when Mrs. Steidinger passed to her rest. Sixteen children were born to them, eight of whom are living, John, John G., Mrs. Sallie Bittner, Andrew, Mrs. Mary Ramseyer, Martin, Alex, Anna L., and Bartel. All the children reside in this vicinity.

Mr. Steidinger was a minister of the German Apostolic Church in Germany and was one of the first ministers of that church in this city. He was true Christian and a citizen, who held the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

The funeral services were held at the German Apostolic Church Tuesday afternoon, Revs. Gottlieb Hohuling, of Macanaw, and M. Mongold, of Roanoke, officiating. A large number of friends from neighboring towns, as well as neighbors and friends in this city were present. The remains were laid to rest in the Fairbury Cemetery.

Passenger List of the Amerique Arrived July 14, 1875 in New York, New York				
Name:	Sex:	Age:	Occupation:	Birthplace:
Jean Georges Steidinger	Male	50	Farmer	Switzerland
Anne Steidinger	Female	48		Switzerland
Christian Steidinger	Male	26		Switzerland
Ursula Steidinger	Female	25		Switzerland
Salomie Steidinger	Female	20		Switzerland
Elise Steidinger	Female	19		Switzerland
Marie Steidinger	Female	18		Switzerland
Mathias Steidinger	Male	15		Switzerland
Jacogues Steidinger	Male	11		Switzerland
Martin Steidinger	Male	10		Switzerland
Alexander Steidinger	Male	9		Switzerland
Anne Steidinger	Female	7		Switzerland
Bartolome Steidinger	Male	5		Switzerland

1880 Avoca Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
George Stidenger	Head	55	Baden	Farmer
Anna M. Stidenger	Wife	53	Baden	Keeping House
Christina Stidenger	Daughter	32	Baden	
John G. Stidenger	Son	27	Baden	Farmer
Soloman Stidenger	Son	24	Baden	Farmer
Andrew Stidenger	Son	23	Baden	Farmer
Mary Stidenger	Daughter	22	Baden	

Mathew Stidenger	Son	19	Baden	Farmer
Jacob Stidenger	Son	17	Baden	Farmer
John M. Stidenger	Son	16	Baden	Farmer
Alexander Stidenger	Son	15	Baden	Farmer
Anna Stidenger	Daughter	13	Baden	
Barchle Stidenger	Son	10	Baden	

1900 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
George Steidinger	Head	74	1825	1875	Germany	Land Lord
Anna M. Steidinger	Wife	72	1827	1875	Germany	
Anna Steidinger	Daughter	32	1867	1875	Germany	
Mary Grusy	Servant	16	1884		Illinois	Servant

Martin Steidinger
1863 – 1957

Fairbury Blade - May 30, 1957

Hold Services for Martin Steidinger, 93

Martin Steidinger, 93, died Saturday at 1:10 p.m. at his home on East Elm Street, following a long illness. He was pastor of the Fairbury Christian Apostolic Church 60 years.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at the home and at the Christian Apostolic Church at 1:30 p.m. Burial was in East Graceland Cemetery.

He was born in Baden, Germany, Aug. 17, 1863, a son of John G. and Mary Yackley Steidinger. He came to this country at the age of 12. He farmer near Fairbury and moved into town 28 years ago. He married Eunice Weyeneth at Roanoke, July 1, 1888.

Surviving are four sons, Elias, Joseph, Benjamin and Urban, Fairbury; four daughters, Mrs. Herman Bahler, Fairbury; Miss Salome and Miss Eunice Steidinger, at home; Mrs. Will Edelman, Bern, Kansas; 39 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife.

Passenger List of the Amerique Arrived July 14, 1875 in New York, New York				
Name:	Sex:	Age:	Occupation:	Birthplace:
Jean Georges Steidinger	Male	50	Farmer	Switzerland
Anne Steidinger	Female	48		Switzerland
Christian Steidinger	Male	26		Switzerland
Ursula Steidinger	Female	25		Switzerland
Salomie Steidinger	Female	20		Switzerland
Elise Steidinger	Female	19		Switzerland
Marie Steidinger	Female	18		Switzerland
Mathias Steidinger	Male	15		Switzerland
Jacogues Steidinger	Male	11		Switzerland
Martin Steidinger	Male	10		Switzerland
Alexander Steidinger	Male	9		Switzerland
Anne Steidinger	Female	7		Switzerland
Bartolome Steidinger	Male	5		Switzerland

1880 Census – Not Found				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:

1900 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Martin Steidinger	Head	36	1863	1876	Germany	Farmer
Eulice Steidinger	Wife	35	1864		Illinois	
Evodia Steidinger	Daughter	11	1889		Illinois	At School
Natalie Steidinger	Daughter	9	1890		Illinois	At School
Elias Steidinger	Son	7	1892		Illinois	At School

Josie Steidinger	Son	6	1894		Illinois	At School
Scalone Steidinger	Daughter	4	1895		Illinois	
Fred Kilgus	Laborer	20	1880		Germany	Farm Laborer
John G. Steidinger	Brother	46	1854	1873	Germany	Farm Laborer

1910 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:	
Martin Steidinger	Head	46	Germany	Farmer		
Eunice Steidinger	Wife	45	Illinois			
Evodia Steidinger	Daughter	20	Illinois			
Natalie Steidinger	Daughter	19	Illinois			
Elias Steidinger	Son	17	Illinois			
Joseph Steidinger	Son	15	Illinois			
Salome Steidinger	Daughter	14	Illinois			
Benjamin Steidinger	Son	8	Illinois			
Eunice Steidinger	Daughter	7	Illinois			
Urban Steidinger	Son	4	Illinois			
Fred Daringer	Roomer	73	Germany			

1920 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:	Industry:
Martin Stiedinger	Head	56	Germany	1875	Farmer	
Eunice Stiedinger	Wife	55	Illinois			
Nathelia Stiedinger	Daughter	29	Illinois			
Elias Stiedinger	Son	27	Illinois		Farmer	Home Farm
Joseph Stiedinger	Son	25	Illinois		Farmer	Home Farm
Salome Stiedinger	Daughter	24	Illinois			
Benjamin Stiedinger	Son	18	Illinois		Farmer	Home Farm
Eunice Stiedinger Jr.	Daughter	16	Illinois			
Urban Stiedinger	Son	14	Illinois			

1930 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:	
Martin Steidinger	Head	66	Baden, Germany	Minister	Amish Church	
Eunice Steidinger	Wife	65	Illinois			
Natalie Steidinger	Daughter	39	Illinois			

1940 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:	
Martin Steidinger	Head	76	Germany			
Eunice Steidinger	Wife	75	Illinois			
Eunice Steidinger	Daughter	34	Illinois			
Salome Steidinger	Daughter	37	Illinois	House Work	Day Work	

Alexander Stoller
1886 – 1967

Fairbury Blade - May 25, 1967

Funeral Rites Wednesday for Alex Stoller

Funeral services for Alexander Stoller, 81, were held Wednesday, May 24, 1967, at the Apostolic Church, he died Sunday at the Fairbury Hospital where he was a patient for six weeks following a 17 day hospitalization at Carle Clinic in Urbana. Joshua Broquard officiated at the services and burial was in the North Apostolic Christian Cemetery.

Visitation was held on Monday and Tuesday at the Stiver Home for Funerals and he was taken to the church at 9 a.m. Wednesday morning. Pallbearers were the Stoller nephews.

He was born Feb. 10, 1886, in pleasant Ridge Township, a son of Gilgian and Elizabeth Meyer Stoller. He married Maria Maurer in Pontiac March 19, 1910. They lived on a farm near Forrest until 1946 when they retired and moved to Fairbury. Mrs. Stoller died May 10, 1967.

Surviving are a daughter, Edna, at home; one sister, Mrs. Mary Streib, Fairbury; two brothers Isaac of Eureka and Edward of Spokane, Wash. He was preceded in death by two daughters, two brothers and one sister. He was a member and a retired minister of the Apostolic Christian Church.

1900 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Gilligan Staller	Head	58	1841	1866	Switzerland	Farmer
Elizabeth Staller	Wife	53	1846	1870	Switzerland	
Isaac Staller	Son	20	1880		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Lena Staller	Daughter	19	1881		Illinois	
Mary Staller	Daughter	17	1883		Illinois	
Benjamin Staller	Son	16	1884		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Alexander Staller	Son	14	1886		Illinois	
Edward Staller	Son	11	1888		Illinois	At School

1910 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Gilgian Stoller	Head	69	Germany	Own Income	
Satha Stoller	Wife	63	Germany		
Alexander Stoller	Son	24	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Mary Stoller	Daughter in law	25	Illinois		
Benjamin Tyner	Laborer	21	Illinois	Laborer	On Farm

1920 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:	Industry:
Alex Stoller	Head	33	Illinois		Farmer	Stock Farm
Mary Stoller	Wife	33	Illinois		House Work	
Ester Stoller	Daughter	8	Illinois			
Edna Stoller	Daughter	3	Illinois			

Katy Honegger	Servant	22	Illinois		House Work	
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1930 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Alexander Stoller	Head	44	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Mary A. Stoller	Wife	44	Illinois		
Edna L. Stoller	Daughter	14	Illinois		
Edward Stoller	Nephew	17	Illinois	Farm Laborer	General Farm

1940 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Alex Stoller	Head	54	Illinois	Farmer	Farm
Maria Stoller	Wife	54	Illinois		
Edna Stoller	Daughter	24	Illinois		
Merle Kaisner	Hired Man	17	Illinois	Farm Laborer	Farm

Gilgian Stoller
1841 – 1919

Fairbury Blade - July 26, 1919

Gilligan Stoller

Gilligan Stoller, who was ill for the past five weeks at his home in the country, passed away at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, at the age of 78 years. Mr. Stoller was one of the most highly respected men of our community, and had been engaged in farming near Forrest for many years. Besides his wife he leave to mourn his departure seven children, namely: Moses, Alexander, Benjamin, of Forrest; Edward, of Montana. Isaac, of Goodland Ind.; Mrs. Lena Gruzi, of Latty O., and Mrs. Mary Streib, of Fairbury; two brothers, Samuel, of Fairbury, and John, of Latty, O.; one sister, Mrs. Susan Schneider, of Peoria. The funeral was held at the Amish Church north of town Monday and burial was at the Amish Cemetery.

Passenger List of the Atalanta Arrived November 5, 1866 in New York, New York				
Name:	Sex:	Age:	Occupation:	Birthplace:
Gilgian Stoller	Male	25		Baden
Maria Stoller	Female	60		Baden
Johannes Stoller	Male	27		Baden
Elisth Stoller	Female	28		Baden
Jean Albert Stoller	Male	3		Baden
Herman Stoller	Male	11/12		Switzerland

1870 Census – Not Found			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:

1880 Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Gilgian Stoller	Head	38	Switzerland	Farmer
Elizabeth Stoller	Wife	33	Switzerland	Keeping House
Moses Stoller	Son	2	Illinois	
Isaac Stoller	Son	1/12	Illinois	

1900 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Gilligan Staller	Head	58	1841	1866	Switzerland	Farmer
Elizabeth Staller	Wife	53	1846	1870	Switzerland	
Isaac Staller	Son	20	1880		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Lena Staller	Daughter	19	1881		Illinois	
Mary Staller	Daughter	17	1883		Illinois	
Benjamin Staller	Son	16	1884		Illinois	Farm Laborer
Alexander Staller	Son	14	1886		Illinois	
Edward Staller	Son	11	1888		Illinois	At School

1910 Forrest Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Gilgian Stoller	Head	69	Germany	Own Income	
Satha Stoller	Wife	63	Germany		
Alexander Stoller	Son	24	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Mary Stoller	Daughter in law	25	Illinois		
Benjamin Tyner	Laborer	21	Illinois	Laborer	On Farm

Joseph Verkler
1807 – 1885

Fairbury Blade - September 25, 1885

Mr. Verkler, living north of Forrest, died Tues. evening. His aged companion preceded him several weeks ago. Funeral today at 2 p.m.

Fairbury Blade - October 2, 1885

Obituary

Joseph Verkler, after a lingering illness of many weeks, quietly and peacefully passed away at his home near Forrest, on the morning of September 23, 1885, aged 78.

He came to Pleasant Ridge nineteen years ago, and ever since lived in the neighborhood where he died. On December 27, 1832, he was married, and lived happily with his wife until her death, some two weeks ago. Nine children, we believe, were the fruit of this union, of whom eight survive their parents. His remains were interred in the family cemetery on Thursday. The large attendance of friends attended the universal esteem he had won, and expressed the general sympathy with his bereaved family. He died as he had lived, a pure and upright man.

1850 District 56, Woodford County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Joseph Verkler	43	France	Farmer
Jacobine Virkler	36	France	
Barbary Virkler	15	Illinois	
Joseph Virkler	13	Illinois	
Catherine Virkler	11	Illinois	
Christian Virkler	9	Illinois	
Jacobine Virkler	7	Illinois	
Madaline Virkler	5	Illinois	
Peter Virkler	3	Illinois	
John Virkler	1	Illinois	

1860 Worth Township, Woodford County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Joseph Verckler	53	France	Farmer
Jacobina Verckler	46	France	
Joseph Verckler	23	Illinois	Farm Laborer
Catherine Verckler	21	Illinois	?
Jacobina Verckler	18	Illinois	?
Madeline Verckler	17	Illinois	?
Peter Verckler	14	Illinois	
John Verckler	12	Illinois	
Mary Verckler	9	Illinois	
Samuel Verckler	4	Illinois	
Henry Mayburger	25	Switzerland	Farm Laborer

1870 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Joseph Verkler	63	France	Farmer
Jacobena Verkler	50	France	Keeping House
Mary Verkler	19	Illinois	
Samuel Verkler	14	Illinois	
Nettie Verkler	9	Illinois	
Christ Kippher	21	Germany	Farm Laborer

1880 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Joseph Verkler	Head	72	France	Farmer
Jacobena Verkler	Wife	66	France	Keeping House
Ada Roggy	Grandchild	9	Illinois	At School

Jacob Von Tobel
1839 – 1933

Fairbury Blade - March 2, 1933

Jacob Von Tobel

Jacob Von Tobel has gone to rest. He passed away at his home in this city yesterday morning, March 2nd 1933, at 5:20 o'clock at the age of 93 years, 11 months and 7 days. His death came after an illness of about two and a half months duration.

Mr. Von Tobel was born March 26 1839, in Meilen Canton, Zurich Switzerland. He received his early education in his native land, and it was there that he took up the trade of cabinet maker. In 1868, lured perhaps by the letters his friends sent him about the land beyond the stormful Atlantic, He decided to migrate to America. This was about the time that America was undergoing many changes during the period of reconstruction following the Civil War. This ambition-fired young cabinet maker, however, saw in this land only opportunity, as it had never been offered to him before.

Upon his arrival in America he came directly to Fairbury. Here he followed the trade of cabinet maker for a time and after a few years engaged in business for himself. After a time he broadened his business to include building operations, and one of his first undertakings was the remodeling of the old Mitchell House, which later came to be known as the Fairbury House.

Ever progressive in spirit Mr. Von Tobel become a leader in business activity in this community. His next move was his entrance into the lumber and building material business in this city. His first yard was located on what is now known as central park. It took in this entire space before its expansion was complete. In 1900 he was ready to retire. His son-in-law, J. N. Bach, carried on the business which he left, and the business he founded is still in existence today.

On March 19 1871, Mr. Von Tobel was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Keller, a girl from his native land. Mr. and Mrs. Von Tobel were the parents of twelve children, four of whom survive. He also leaves a sister, Susan Von Tobel, who has made her home with him for many years; twenty-one grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Von Tobel so lived his life that anyone might well profit by his example. Fair in his business dealings, kind to his family, loyal to his friends and true to his faith, He will always be remembered as a man among men.

He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church and one of its most faithful members and followers. For many years, until his increasing years would no longer permit him to officiate, He was a preacher in the local church. Under his guidance the church grew to be one of the strongest bodies in this community.

His friends have always enjoyed passing his way and in these later years it was a real satisfaction to hear his assurance of the future when they paused to pass the time of day with him. Always his answer was the same to the question of "Good morning. Mr. Von Tobel, how are you?"

"Well, thank you. But I am an old man now, and I have lived a long life and I am ready to go."

Funeral services will be held from the Apostolic Christian Church Sunday, with burial at Graceland Cemetery.

1870 Census – Not Found			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:

1880 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Jacob Vontoble	Head	41	Switzerland	Lumber Dealer
Catherine Vontoble	Wife	36	Switzerland	Keeping House
Edward Vontoble	Son	7	Illinois	
Lydia Vontoble	Daughter	5	Illinois	
John Vontoble	Son	2	Illinois	
Jacob Vontoble	Son	5/12	Illinois	

1900 Census – Not Found						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:

1910 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:
Jacob Vontobel	Head	71	Switz-German	1868	Own Income
Katherine Vontobel	Wife	66	Switz-German		

1920 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:	Industry:
Jacob Vontobel	Head	80	Switzerland	1868	None	
Katherine Vontobel	Wife	76	Switzerland	1868		
Anna Manneschott	Servant	46	France	1892	Servant	Private Family

1930 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:
Jacob Vontobel	Head	91	Switzerland	1868	None
Susan Vontobel	Sister	83	Switzerland	1873	

Christian Wagler
1846 – 1926

Fairbury Blade - March 15, 1926

Christian Wagler

Christian Wagler, one of the well-known residents of this city, passed away on Monday, March 15, 1926, at the age of 79 years and 6 months, after an illness of ten days.

Deceased was born in Alsace Lorraine France, on September 15, 1846, and came to the United States at the age of nine years with his parents, who settled in Pulaski Iowa. He was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Slagle at Pulaski Iowa, in 1870, and they moved to Burlington Kansas, where she died in 1898. Mr. Wagler moved to Illinois in 1900, settling in Fairbury, and in 1902 was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Yeagley, who survives him. They later moved to Pulaski Iowa, and some years ago moved back to this city, which had since been his home.

Surviving are the following children: William Wagler, of Morton; Chris Wagler, Sam Wagler and Joseph Wagler, of Burlington Iowa; Al Wagler, of Gridley Kansas; Mrs. Rosa Storrer, of Madison Kansas; Dan Wagler, of Kansas City Mo.; Edward Wagler, of Spirit Falls Wis.; Philip Wagler, of Muscatine Iowa. One sister, Mrs. Joseph Wagler, of Pulaski Iowa, Also survives together with 59 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Wagler was a man held in the highest respect by all who knew him. A good neighbor and citizen and a kind and devoted father and husband, he will be missed both in the home and by his many friends. Although totally blind for several years he bore his affliction with patience. For 59 years Mr. Wagler had served as a minister of the Christian Apostolic Church.

The funeral services were held yesterday from the Christian Apostolic Church. Interment was in Graceland Cemetery.

1860 Roscoe Township, Davis County, Iowa Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Christian Wagler	45	France	Farmer
Elizabeth Wagler	40	France	
Joseph Wagler	18	France	
Magdaline Wagler	16	France	
Christian Wagler	14	France	
Eliz Wagler	12	France	

1870 Roscoe Township, Davis County, Iowa Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Christian Wagler	24	France	Farmer
Magdalena Wagler	22	Loraine	Keeping House

1880 Liberty Township, Coffey County, Kansas Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Christian Wagler	Head	34	France	Farmer
Magdalena Wagler	Wife	33	On Ocean	Keeping House
Christian J. Wagler	Son	10	Iowa	
Rosanna Wagler	Daughter	8	Iowa	

Alpheus Wagler	Son	6	Iowa	
William Wagler	Son	4	Iowa	
Mary Wagler	Daughter	2	Iowa	
Elizabeth Wagler	Daughter	1	Kansas	
Mary Schlial	Sister in law	24	Wisconsin	Servant

1900 Census – Not Found						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:

1910 Prairie Township, Davis County, Iowa Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:
Christian Wagler	Head	63	France	1857	Retired Farmer
Gertrude Wagler	Wife	56	Germany	1874	

1920 Fairbury, Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:	Industry:
Christian Wagler	Head	73	France	1857	None	
Gertrude Wagler	Wife	67	Germany	1873		

Nicklaus / Nicholas Wanner
1834 – 1905

Name: Nicklaus / Nicholas "Nick" Wanner
 Born: August 11, 1834 in Tavannes, Bern Switzerland
 Parents: Jakob and Anna Marie (Haas) Wanner
 Married: Elizabeth Andreas in Switzerland
 Children: Joseph A. Wanner
 Adolph E. Wanner
 Otto Wanner
 Jacob Wanner
 William Wanner
 Emil Wanner
 Wilhelmina "Minnie" Wanner
 Louis Wanner
 Elizabeth Wanner
 Lydia Wanner

Died: May 5, 1905 in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois
 Buried: Old Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois

1880 Richwood Township, Peoria County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Health:	Occupation:
Nicholas Warner	Head	46	Switzerland	General Debility	At Leisure
Elizabeth Warner	Wife	45	Switzerland		Keeping House
Otto Warner	Son	17	Switzerland		
Emil Warner	Son	13	Switzerland		
Minnie Warner	Daughter	11	Switzerland		
Elizabeth Warner	Daughter	7	Switzerland		
Liddie Warner	Daughter	3	Illinois		

1900 Fondulac Township, Tazewell County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Nichlos Warner	Head	65	1834	1869	Switzerland	Farmer
Elizabeth Warner	Wife	65	1835	1869	Switzerland	
William Warner	Son	36	1863	1869	Switzerland	Farmer
Freddie Warner	Grandson	8	1892		Illinois	

Benjamin Wiegand
1885 – 1956

Fairbury Blade - December 16, 1956

Hold Services at Forrest for Ben Wiegand

Services were held for Benjamin Wiegand, 71, on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the family home northeast of Forrest and from the Apostolic Christian Church at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Wiegand died after a heart attack in a Forrest restaurant at 9 p.m. Wednesday evening, Dec. 5.

He was born in East Peoria May 19, 1885, a son of Henry and Mary Mueller Wiegand. He was married Oct. 11, 1911 to Caroline Moser in Peoria. They had farmed in the Saunemin area for the past nine years. He is survived by his wife, seven sons, Lester, Quincy; Joseph, Pontiac; Paul, Laverne, Wilbur, David and Benjamin Jr. all of Saunemin and four daughters including Mrs. Virginia Hilti, Saunemin and Mrs. Melvin Steffen of Gibson City, five brother and 11 grandchildren.

1900 Fondulac Township, Tazewell County, Illinois Census						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Mary Wiegand	Head	49	1850	1882	Germany	Farmer
John Wiegand	Son	25	1875	1882	Germany	
Jake Wiegand	Son	22	1877	1882	Germany	
Paul Wiegand	Son	21	1879	1882	Germany	
Simon Wiegand	Son	20	1880	1882	Germany	
Hannah Wiegand	Daughter	18	1881	1882	Germany	
Benjamin Wiegand	Son	16	1884		Illinois	
Charles Wiegand	Son	14	1885		Illinois	
David Wiegand	Son	12	1888		Illinois	
Joseph Wiegand	Son	10	1890		Illinois	
Martha Wiegand	Daughter	8	1892		Illinois	
Annie Wiegand	Daughter	7	1892		Illinois	
Daniel Wiegand	Son	6	1893		Illinois	

1910 Census – Not Found					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:

1920 Census – Not Found						
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Immigrated:	Occupation:	Industry:

1930 Fabius Township, Marion County, Missouri Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Ben Wiegand	Head	45	Illinois	Farmer	General Farm
Caroline Wiegand	Wife	40	Illinois		
Lester B. Wiegand	Son	16	Iowa	Farm Laborer	Farm
Paul J. Wiegand	Son	15	Iowa	Farm Laborer	Farm
Caroline M. Wiegand	Daughter	14	Iowa		

Joseph R. Wiegand	Son	13	Iowa		
Leona C. Wiegand	Daughter	10	Iowa		
Laverne E. Wiegand	Son	9	Iowa		
Edith M. Wiegand	Daughter	6	Illinois		
Wilbur J. Wiegand	Son	5	Missouri		
David H. Wiegand	Son	1	Missouri		

1940 Fabius Township, Marion County, Missouri Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Ben Wiegand	Head	54	Illinois	Farmer	Farm
Caroline Wiegand	Wife	50	Illinois		
Lester B. Wiegand	Son	26	Iowa	Farmer	Farm
Paul J. Wiegand	Son	25	Iowa		
Joseph R. Wiegand	Son	23	Iowa	Farm Laborer	Farm
Laverne E. Wiegand	Son	19	Iowa		
Edith M. Wiegand	Daughter	16	Illinois		
Wilbur J. Wiegand	Son	15	Missouri		
David H. Wiegand	Son	11	Missouri		
Virginia M. Wiegand	Daughter	8	Illinois		
Benjamin L. Wiegand	Son	6	Illinois		

Heinrich Ziegenhorn
1823 – 1906

Fairbury Blade - December 14, 1906

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ziegenhorn and son, Aaron, Samuel Nussbaum and Jake Nussbaum are attending the funeral of Mr. Ziegenhorn's father, at Claytonville, Ill., this week. He was 85 years of age.

Unknown Paper – December 1906

A Father Laid to Rest

Heinrich Ziegenhorn died at residence in Claytonville, Tuesday morning, Dec. 11, 1906, at 2 o'clock. Before his death Mr. Ziegenhorn did not complain of any ailments but seemed to grow weak, and death came as a peaceful sleep.

Heinrich Ziegenhorn was born in Prussia, Oct. 19, 1823. When a young man he became a mechanic.

He was married to Dorotha Schmidt in Prussia about the year 1850. Six children were born to them in Prussia and France where they lived for seven years. In 1865 Mr. Ziegenhorn emigrated to the United States where they made their home at Peoria, Ill. Here he followed his trade for three years. In Peoria the youngest child was born.

In 1868 the family moved to Fairbury where they commenced farming. In 1875 the family again moved and this time to Iroquois County, locating south of Claytonville. The children having grown so they could run the farm. Mr. Ziegenhorn moved to Claytonville in 1888 where he lived until his death. Dorotha, his wife, having died in May, 1905.

The seven children who mourn his death and survive him are Alena Heineger, North of Claytonville, Samuel, of Fairbury, Illinois, Henry, of Joy, Illinois; Dorothea Baumgartner, of Cissna Park, Hannah Hardy, of Buckley, Theodore, of Weiner, Arkansas and August, of Claytonville.

1870 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census			
Name:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Henry Stakenhorn	46	Prussia Germany	Farmer
Doratha Stakenhorn	46	Bavaria Germany	Keeping House
Lena Stakenhorn	15	Bavaria Germany	
Samuel Stakenhorn	14	Bavaria Germany	
Henry Stakenhorn	11	Bavaria Germany	
Doratha Stackenhorn	10	Bavaria Germany	
Hannah Stackenhorn	8	Bavaria Germany	
Theodore Stackenhorn	6	Bavaria Germany	
Augusta Stakenhorn	4	Illinois	

1880 Fountain Creek Township, Iroquois County, Illinois Census				
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Henry Ziegenhorn	Head	56	Prussia	Farmer
Aline Ziegenhorn	Wife	55	Bavaria	Keeping House
Henry Ziegenhorn	Son	22	Strasburg	Farmer
Doratha Ziegenhorn	Daughter	20	Strasburg	
Johannah Ziegenhorn	Daughter	18	Strasburg	

Theodore Ziegenhorn	Son	16	Strasburg	
August Ziegenhorn	Son	14	Illinois	

1900 Ash Grove Township, Iroquois County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Born:	Immigrated:	Birthplace:	Occupation:
Jacob Heiniger	Head	55	1845	1867	Germany	Farmer
Aline Heiniger	Wife	45	1855	1865	Germany	
Andreas Heiniger	Son	20	1880		Illinois	
Christian Heiniger	Son	18	1882		Illinois	
Aline Heiniger	Daughter	15	1885		Illinois	
Heinrich Heiniger	Son	12	1888		Illinois	At School
Samuel Heiniger	Son	9	1890		Illinois	At School
Friedrich Heiniger	Son	5	1894		Illinois	
Edwin Heiniger	Son	3	1897		Illinois	
Henry Ziegenhorn	Father in law	76	1823	1865	Germany	
Dorethea Ziegenhorn	Mother in law	75	1824	1865	Germany	
Louise Habeger	Servant	28	1871		Iowa	

Perry H. Zimmerman
1919 – 2012

Pantagraph – February 5, 2012

FAIRBURY — Perry Hamilton Zimmerman, 92, of Fairbury, formerly of Forrest, died at 3:43 p.m. Friday (Feb. 3, 2012) at his daughter’s residence in Fairbury.

His funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Apostolic Christian Church, Forrest, with ministers of the church officiating. Burial will be in the North Apostolic Christian Cemetery, rural Forrest.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Mr. Zimmerman was born March 14, 1919, in Saunemin, a son of Louis and Louise Mueller Zimmerman. He married Dorothy Gudeman on April 18, 1948, in Elgin. She survives in Fairbury.

Other survivors include his children, Sharon Adams, Fairbury; Mike (Jeanette) Zimmerman, Forrest; Paul (Loretta) Zimmerman and Wayne (Nancy) Zimmerman, both of Fairbury; and Donna (Larry) Bachman, Forrest; two sisters, Marge (Merle) Kaisner, Fairbury, and Betty (Bill) Hodel, Roanoke; three brothers, Glen (Mildred) Zimmerman, Forrest; Allen (Melba) Zimmerman, Fairbury; and Bob (Judy) Zimmerman, Normal; 21 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roy; a son-in-law, Terry Adams; a grandson, Jonathan Zimmerman; three brothers; three sisters; and three sisters-in-law.

Mr. Zimmerman was a lifetime farmer and a 72-year member of the Forrest Apostolic Christian Church. He served as a minister of the church for 25 years and elder for 19 of those years.

The family suggests memorials be given to the OSF Hospice Eastern Region, Normal; the Apostolic Christian Church, Forrest; or Fairview Haven Nursing Home, Fairbury.

1920 Saunemin Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Louis Zimmerman	Head	29	Illinois	Farmer	Grain & Stock
Louise Zimmerman	Wife	26	Illinois		
Josephine Zimmerman	Daughter	5	Illinois		
Henry Zimmerman	Son	4	Illinois		
Ernie Zimmerman	Son	2	Illinois		
Perry Zimmerman	Son	10/12	Illinois		
Margaret Zimmerman	Sister	23	Illinois		

1930 Pleasant Ridge Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census					
Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Louis A. Zimmerman	Head	40	Illinois	Laborer	General Farm
Louise A. Zimmerman	Wife	37	Illinois		

Josephine E. Zimmerman	Daughter	15	Illinois		
Henry G. Zimmerman	Son	14	Illinois	Laborer	General Farm
Earnest M. Zimmerman	Son	13	Illinois		
Perry H. Zimmerman	Son	11	Illinois		
Glen E. Zimmerman	Son	8	Illinois		
Leora Jean Zimmerman	Daughter	6	Illinois		
Gladys M. Zimmerman	Daughter	4	Illinois		
Marion L. Zimmerman	Daughter	4/12	Illinois		

1940 Indian Grove Township, Livingston County, Illinois Census

Name:	Relationship:	Age:	Birthplace:	Occupation:	Industry:
Lydia Bittner	Head	45	Illinois		
Emma Bittner	Daughter	17	Illinois		
Wayne Bittner	Son	15	Illinois		
Merl Bittner	Son	13	Illinois		
Cynthia Bittner	Daughter	10	Illinois		
Betty Bittner	Daughter	9	Illinois		
Jean Bittner	Daughter	7	Illinois		
Darlene Bittner	Daughter	5	Illinois		
Perry Zimmerman	Hand	21	Illinois	Laborer	Farm