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PIONEER BUSER FAMILIES

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS



THE BUSER FAMILY CREST

The Coat of Arms illustrated above appears here through the courtesy of Hans Buser of Basel, Switzerland.

TO MY WIFE, MILDRED, WITHOUT WHOSE LOVE,
PATIENT UNDERSTANDING AND ASSISTANCE
THIS WORK COULD NEVER HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

FOREWORD

Willing hands and benevolent hearts make a study like this possible. Many people have taken the time to talk, answer questions and write letters to obtain and give the information herein presented. One could not possibly name them all.

Were it not for a surprise visit from Franklin and Margaret Buser of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, it is doubtful if this search would have been generated. For it was he who catalyzed our interest and curiosity in the beginning. In addition to this Franklin, who has done much research in this area, has been kind enough to furnish a considerable part of the data on the (Sharpsburg) family. We are extremely grateful to him.

Once on our way the great interest and assistance of Mrs. Myrtle Railsback, nee Buser, of Langdon, Kansas really gave us the boost we needed. Old letters, pictures and records saved by her for many years and most graciously shared have become the very heart of this story. Her hospitality and advice have been deeply appreciated throughout the entire struggle to put the material together. Her sister, Beth Ellis, along with husband Robert Ellis of Concordia, Kansas also shared old letters and pictures and made us welcome in their home. In Hutchinson, Kansas the gentle humor and patient understanding of Atlee Buser as well as the gracious hospitality of his daughter, Mary Alice Crawford, will long be remembered and appreciated. Their knowledge and suggestions are also a part of this little history of our family.

Mrs. Sylvia Potts and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Everett who live in and near Conesville, Iowa as well as many other descendants of John Hanson Buser made our visit in Iowa most pleasant and productive. We appreciate the contribution of each and every one of them.

Even here in Indiana, where they knew us best, everyone was eager to lend a helping hand. Particularly Mrs. Fern Dearth of Frankfort, Indiana who furnished much information and several pictures that had been completely forgotten from our youth.

As was mentioned in the beginning we could never name them all but every effort of every person is very much appreciated. This has been a rewarding experience. We are glad we did it.

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Nathaniel Emory Buser, son of Jeremiah Buser, youngest brother of John Buser. Nathaniel was founder of Buser Lumber Co. in Mount Morris, Ill. Well known builder.



Mrs. Myrtle Buser Railsback of Langdon, Kansas the eldest child of Atlee Maxwell Buser. Much of the material and many of the pictures for this work were furnished by her. Without her help and inspiration, this work could never have been completed. This gracious lady has always been ready when I needed help.



Present house at 211 Bow Street, Lot #77, Thorntown, Indiana. John and Susanna Buser with Betty and Atlee lived at this address in 1861 when John died at Ladoga.



Ruth Otto, granddaughter of Mary Magdalena Buser Ecker, only known sister of John Buser. Mrs. Otto lives at Sharpsburg, Maryland and very graciously assisted this author in his search for records of her grandmother. The gentleman is a friend of Mrs. Otto but his name has been lost.



Left to right: Myrtle Buser Railsback, Atlee M. Buser (daughter and son of Atlee Maxwell Buser, Sr.) Mary Alice Crawford, daughter of Atlee M. Buser, Jr.



Robert Ellis and Beth Buser Ellis, his wife. Mrs. Ellis is daughter of Atlee Maxwell Buser, Sr.



Fannie Farber Wolff the daughter of Mary Catherine Buser Farber.



In striped dress Mrs. Leona Oglesbee and Joan Pagett granddaughter of Leona. They live on the old Hiram Oglesbee farm at Xenia, Ohio.



Mrs. Sylvia Buser Potts and Mrs. Callie Mable Buser Everett, both granddaughters of John Hanson Buser, Conesville, Iowa. Kenneth K. Buser, grandson of William H. Buser Sr., Crawfordsville, Indiana.

PART I

FROM BASEL TO YORKTOWN

Curiosity did it — just plain eager desire to know more about the ancestors and descendants of a family named 'Buser' who lived on The Cold-Friday Survey a little north but a little more east of Frederick, Maryland in the early 1830's. This hunger to know more about my people touched off a long rewarding search which led us to several states, many cities and towns, libraries, courthouses and cemeteries.

It is almost axiomatic that people become sufficiently interested in their genealogies to do something about recording them long after the demise of the most of those who could contribute toward the work from their personal knowledge. So it has been with me. For as long as I can remember I have been curious about the origin and history of my family, but in my early youth questions about them were usually given very short answers or none at all. Later education, marriage and just living pushed family history far into the background. So when the time finally came for my look into the past of the family many of those who really knew about my ancestors had passed from the scene. This made research difficult and time consuming. It also caused a limited study of my own family to spread until it included other branches of the clan which I did not know existed.

For instance I learned that my great grandfather, John Buser, had at least two brothers and one sister. Perhaps more. So in researching his ancestors it naturally followed that I would encounter the family histories of George Buser, Jeremiah Buser and Mary Magdalena Buser (Ecker).

This family had its beginning in Switzerland near the city of Basel in Canton Bale-Campagne. Particularly in the northern part of the canton near a little village called BUUS (Pronounced B-OO-S). The older form of the name was von Bus. Two of the earliest of record were brothers, Rudolph von Bus and Heinreich von Bus. They lived at Rheinfelden in the late thirteenth century when, it is claimed, they gave the Knights of Saint John all their possessions at Buus. But they later took their property back as an hereditary fief on June 10, 1288. The family was represented at the Council of Rheinfelden July 2, 1311 and we also have records which show the von Bus family at Rickenback in 1321 and at Gelterkinden in 1324.

As far as has been learned there are no records of legends which tell how the name 'Buser' actually emerged. We do know that it first appeared at the beginning of the fourteenth century or near the close of the thirteenth century in the villages neighboring the von Bus grounds, especially in the vicinity of Farnsbourg and Buus. And although there is no evidence of such, it is easy to imagine the folks in the little village of Farnsbourg referring to their friends at Buus as 'Buusers'. From this it is only one small step for some individual to adopt 'Buuser' as his family name and later simplify its spelling to 'Buser'.

Swiss history tells of many Busers, i.e. Jakob, Johaan-Jakob, Benjamin, Hans, Frederick and others who were artists, engravers, generals, bankers, politicians and revolutionaries of their time.

During the religious wars Jacob Buser was said to have sent messages from village to village to stimulate and help the revolt against the government at Basel. As a result of this he was sentenced to lose both his ears but he was pardoned later.

Life was hard and dangerous near Farnsbourg and Buus in the 17th and 18th centuries. Conflicts inside and outside this little country at that time almost belie the peace, calm and prosperity of the present day Switzerland. The feudal system of lords and fiefs flourished causing rebellion and confiscation of property both real and personal. One family legend has it that an ancestor of the distaff side of the Buser clan sewed the little family fortune of gold coins into the folds of her red petticoat before escaping with her family from the tyranny of the government at Basel. After the beginning of the colonization of America where a new life was offered to all people, refugees and established citizenry alike, many Swiss immigrants left the discomforts of their homeland and set off for the land of promise and opportunity.

They had to be hardy souls and lucky these German-speaking Swiss who arrived in America during the latter part of the 18th century. Hardy to withstand the terrible hardships of the many weeks of travel without proper food, water or medical supplies. Lucky to pass the numerous inspections and to have sufficient funds to live during the endless days and nights experienced on the rivers, in port and on board ships at sea.

Usually the trip began in late May or early June. These

plain, sturdy people took whatever personal funds they had, their clothing, their Bibles, then bade farewell to their homes, friends, and relatives and set forth with high hopes to a new life in America. From Buus or Farnsbourg it was only a short distance to the river Rhine. Probably about seven or eight miles. Here they embarked on river boats or open barges for the tedious trek to Rotterdam, Holland. There, on the river, their hardships really began and had they not been devout people, perhaps, those who did survive would have perished by the wayside.

The trip up the Rhine lasted from 4 to 6 weeks depending upon the whims of the German Barons along the river. There were no less than 26 customs houses manned by autocratic inspectors who forced the river boats to tie up at the wharves and wait until such time as they felt moved to complete the inspection and collect the toll for passage to the next port of inspection. During this layover the immigrants whiled away the time as best they could, but necessarily had to purchase food and supplies of the German merchants which could and often did prove quite expensive.

Upon arrival at Rotterdam further delay was often experienced because their vessel was not ready to sail. This and further customs inspections along with other technical difficulties often kept them in port another 3 to 5 weeks with accompanying expenses and frustrations.

Usually once on board ship and under sail they could expect to touch port somewhere in England. Many times it was at Cowes. Here the ship could spend another week before proceeding to Philadelphia where most of these immigrants entered the new world.

The ocean voyage took from 8 to 12 weeks depending upon the ship, its crew, favorable or unfavorable winds as well as bad weather during the stormy seasons. It is readily seen that some trips could take more than five months from start to finish with the shortest time being about three months.

These ships were crowded with every available space occupied. As many as 500 passengers are known to have been crowded into some of these small sailing vessels. So crowded were they that some individuals were able to move only a few feet in any direction during the whole voyage. There were few if any toilet facilities and too little refuge from bad weather. Food was scarce sometimes really unfit to eat, much of the time the water was foul, sometimes polluted, and occa-

sionally unavailable especially during the latter part of the extra long voyages. These conditions promoted disease and death. During the voyage it was not unusual for scurvy, typhoid fever, smallpox, and other dread illnesses to break out and take the lives of both passengers and crewmen. Death was rampant on some ships particularly for the very young and the very old. Sometimes those who died were just thrust through a port-hole or thrown overboard. Prayers were mingled with curses, home seemed aeons behind and the new world which appeared so near at first now had vanished behind miles and miles of trackless ocean.

But the day did come as days are apt to do when the ship could dock and disgorge its weary passengers; all of whom were supremely happy to feel the solid earth under their feet once more and grateful to be in America whatever the cost in goods and discomfort. For here their new life was to begin. Here at last was the land of opportunity!

Of such was the good ship Crown with Michael James master in charge. It arrived at Philadelphia from Rotterdam via Cowes, England on Wednesday, August 30, 1749. After taking the oath of allegiance to King George III its passengers were thrust ashore with but little of the world's goods to cope with the problems this promised land was to present. Some of them would have to sell themselves into virtual slavery to obtain food, clothing and shelter for themselves and their families, if any. Others, better off financially, could stay in the city of Philadelphia to become merchants or tradesmen or travel inland to find friends and/or relatives and establish their new homes.

On board the Crown this August day was one Heinrich (Henry) Buser and his bride of only three months Mary Magdalena Buser, nee, Tschudi. They had been married June 3, 1749 and this voyage had served as their honeymoon. After taking the oath of allegiance to King George III of England they set forth to Yorktown (now York) Pennsylvania, where they made their first home in America. Heinrich was born August 8, 1725 at Ziffern (now Ziefen) Canton Bale-Campagne, Switzerland and Mary Magdalena was born May 12, 1730 at Benwiel (now Bennwil) Canton Bale-Campagne, Switzerland. These two little villages are about ten or eleven miles apart and are about fourteen miles south and east of Basel. According to the known length of time required for these voyages it seems evident that this couple departed for American shores immediately after their wedding; finally settling down and rearing their family in York, Pennsylvania.

During their lifetime at York eight children are known to have been born into their home. Their names and birth dates follow:

	John Henry Buser	born	March 12, 1753
	Anna Barbara Buser	born	July 24, 1755
	Magdalena Buser	born	February 2, 1758
	Catherine Buser	born	December 14, 1759
Twins:	(Elizabeth Buser	born	May 20, 1762 (3:00 A.M.)
	(Frederick Buser	born	May 20, 1762 (3:30 A.M.)
	Anna Maria I	born	March 28, 1764
	Anna Maria II	born	February 3, 1766

Frederick Buser, the ancestor of the Cold-Friday Busers, and his twin sister, Elizabeth, were baptized in the Moravian Church on the day of their birth. Elizabeth was baptized by Rev. Schegel and Frederick was baptized by Rev. Lindenmeyer in the presence of six sponsors, three for each child. It is interesting to note that both Heinrich Buser and Magdalena Buser, his wife, were members of the Reformed Church in Switzerland and as such were likely involved in the Reformation started by Martin Luther in Germany, Ulrich Zwingley and John Calvin in Switzerland and Martin 'Bucer' (as he spelled it) in Strausbourg in France. It is more than likely that this couple left Basel to escape the church turmoil of the period. After a few years Heinrich and Magdalena left the Moravian fold and returned to worship in the German Reformed Church with other natives of Switzerland who were living in that area. Heinrich died (circa) January 1783 and Mary Magdalena died (circa) April 1800 with the places of burial unknown. It would be interesting to know why the 7th and 8th children bore nearly the same name. Could the first have died in infancy? And while thinking of names it must be noted that all the given names of the above children with the exception of Henry appear again and again as the given names of the Cold-Fraday Busers. Very interesting!

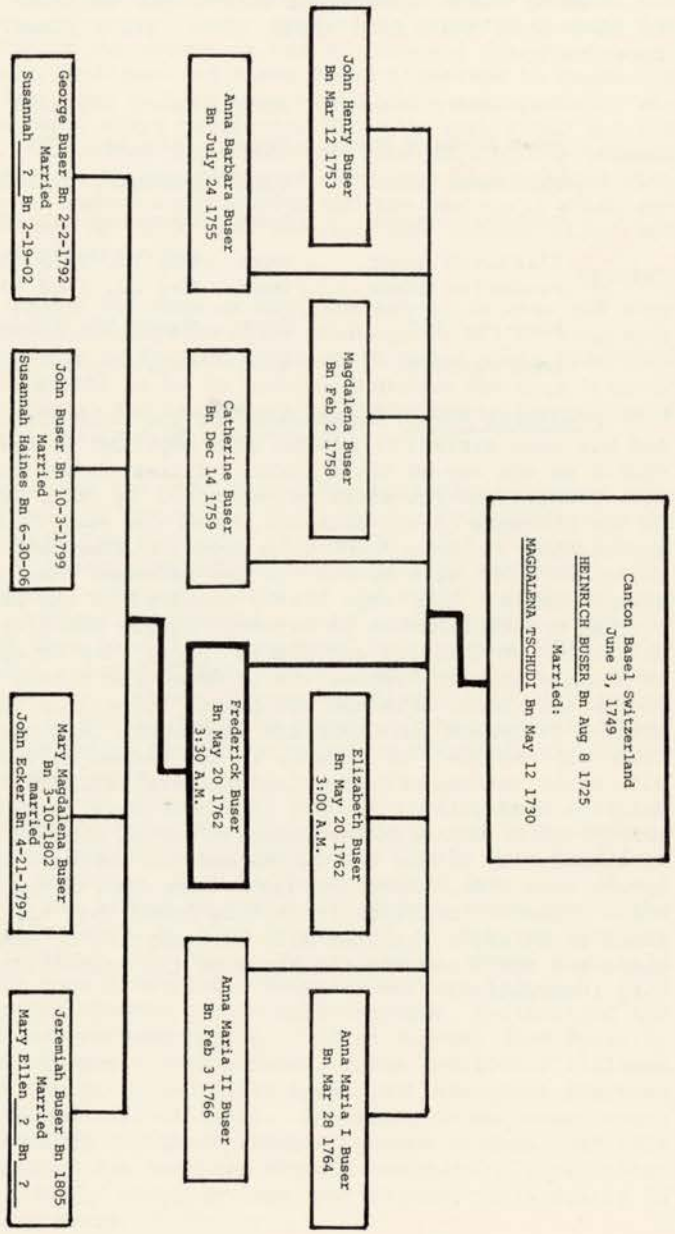


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PART II

SOME FREDERICK COUNTY BUSERS

It is by a tenuous thread that we tie the Cold-Friday Busers to Frederick Buser and his wife, Catherine. No record has been found to tell the maiden name of Catherine, nor can the place and/or date of their marriage be established. However, we do have a written statement that the parents of John Buser who sired the Cold-Friday Busers were named Frederick and Catherine Buser. It should be noted here that Frederick Buser, born at or near York, Pennsylvania, had a twin sister named Elizabeth and that family legends tell of John Buser's father being a twin. So the York, Pennsylvania Frederick Buser fits this criteria. In addition to this mortgage records in the county court house at Frederick, Maryland (Lieber W-R Vol 13 Page 75) show a document filed for recording March 2, 1795 which covers the loan of 50 pounds to Frederick Buser by one Richard Jennings. The property listed in the mortgage is as follows:

1 case of drawers	1 regulating clock
2 walnut dining tables	1 large cutting engine
30 pounds of pewter ware	1 ditto panel
3 iron pots	2 turning lathes
1 dutch oven	3 vices
1 pipe stove	1 pair bellows
2 beds and bed clothes	

This mortgage was to have been paid by March 1, 1796 and Frederick Buser sealed the deal by delivering one pair of silver tongs. (To Jennings it is supposed.)

The document was signed on February 26, 1795 and witnessed by William Emmit and Christian Smith. Since we have been able to establish that both Mr. Emmit and Mr. Smith were residents of Emmitsburg, Maryland as was Richard Jennings it seems to follow that it was also the home of Frederick Buser. Jennings must have been something of a 'loan specialist' as we found numerous instances where he had loaned money to residents of Emmitsburg and recorded mortgages to cover the loans in the county court house.

The tools listed in the above mortgage are clearly those of a carpenter or cabinet maker, perhaps both. It is a matter of record that these two related trades have been the principle means of livelihood for the Cold-Friday Busers and many

of their descendants.

In addition to this the United States Census records of 1800 show Frederick Buser living near Emmitsburg, Maryland. This isn't very far from York, Pennsylvania, where the Busers were born, and this is the same area where John Buser grew to manhood and near where he met his future wife, Susannah Haines who was a native of Emmitsburg, Maryland. No record could be found of any other Frederick Buser in this area at this time.

The final strand in this connection, already mentioned above, is the repeated use of the names of Frederick, his brothers, and his sisters as given names of children born to John and Susannah Buser as well as many of their descendants.

John and Susannah Buser owned the little farm near Frederick, Maryland described in the Survey Made On A Cold-Friday. Here they started their family and it is for that reason that we have chosen to call them and their descendants The Cold-Friday Busers.

Frederick and Catherine Buser are known to have brought four children to their union, i.e. George, John, Mary Magdalena and Jeremiah. There may well have been others. However, in available correspondence of these four children and other family records of the time no evidence has been found that there were other children. The census records do show that there may have been other issue, but tests have shown that these early records are not always accurate with reference to children's ages. There is also the possibility that they may have died in early childhood since the mortality rate of children was especially high during this time.

George Buser, the first child of Frederick and Catherine Buser, was born February 2, 1792 and lived until April 22, 1852. His wife was named Susannah according to family records but nothing is known of her maiden family name or her ancestors. She was born February 19, 1802 and died June 29, 1850. They are buried in the pleasant little cemetery just across the road from the Emmerts Manor Church of the Brethern. The church is located something over a mile east of Fairplay, Washington County, Maryland. To this union was born three girls, Mary, Elizabeth, and Catherine; as well as one boy, Theodore. Although George Buser and his wife spent most of their lives in Washington County the three daughters migrated to northern Illinois while Theodore married and spent most of his life in Morgan County, West Virginia (then Virginia). He did live the early portions of his life in Washington County,

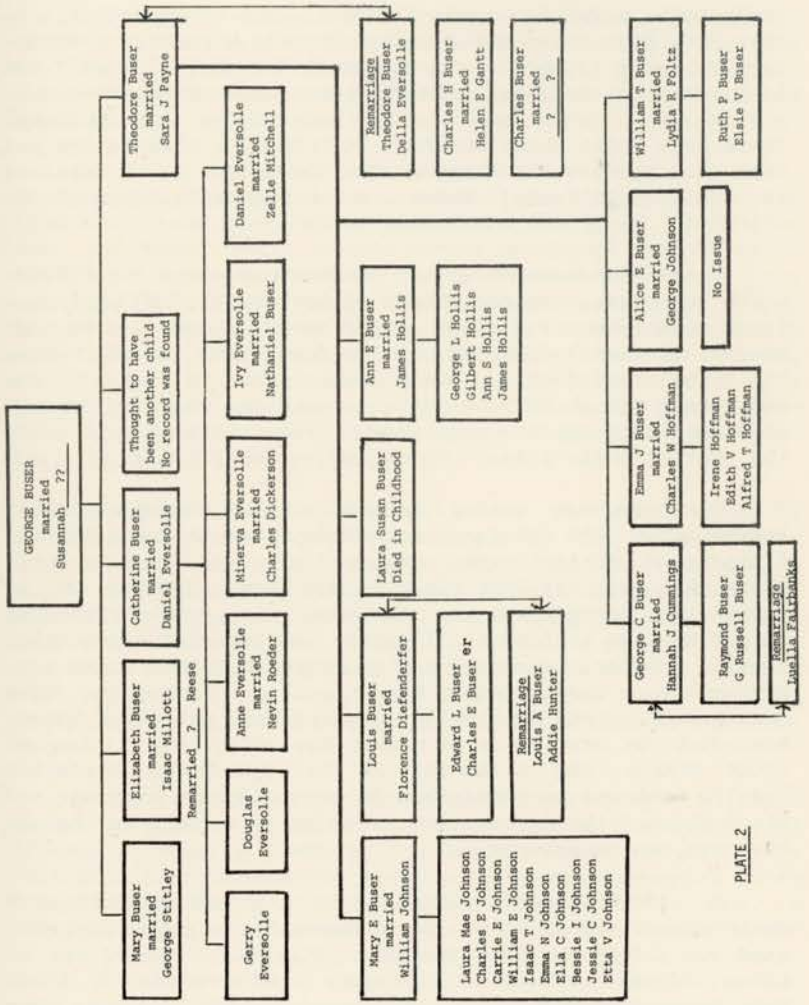


PLATE 2

around and on soil that was later to be host to the bloody battle of Antietamas named by the Union forces and (Sharpsburg) as named by the Confederate forces.

It would appear that Mary Buser was the first of the girls to be married. Records in Washington County clerks office show that she married George Stitely on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, 1850. The minister was named Conrad. Not long after the wedding, exact date not known, this young couple moved to Mount Carroll, Illinois where they continued their home until their deaths. It is thought that George and Mary Stitely were the first of the family to leave Maryland to settle in Illinois. There are no known descendants of the Stitelys.

Washington County Maryland records also reveal that Elizabeth Buser was married to Isaac Millott May 7, 1851 by a minister named Emmert. This couple next appears in or near Oregon, Illinois which is not far from Mount Carroll where the Stitelys resided. No known descendants are listed for the Millotts. Elizabeth Buser Millott remarried a man by the name of Reese and it appears that they remained in Oregon, Illinois the rest of their lives. There are no known issue.

The remaining sister, Catherine Buser, married Daniel Eversolle in 1859 and they made their home in Mount Morris, Illinois which is located between Oregon and Mount Carroll. Where this marriage took place is not known, it was not in Washington County Maryland. It seems likely that Catherine joined her two sisters in Illinois, was married and settled there. However, it should not be overlooked that there were Eversolles in Morgan County West Virginia. Daniel may have come from there and the marriage may have been performed there. According to Mrs. Zella Mitchell Eversolle, now living at Mount Morris, she is the last of that particular Eversolle family. She was very gracious in our interview with her and she furnished the information given above as well as that in the next two paragraphs.

No effort is made to list these children according to their chronological ages. Gerry Eversolle, a physician, married and lived in Chandlerville, Illinois. There are no known children. Douglas Eversolle died unmarried in 1914. Anna Eversolle married Nevin Roeder and Minerva Eversolle married Charles Dickerson. There are no known descendants from either of these two marriages. Daniel B. Eversolle, Jr. married Zella Mitchell (our contact in Mount Morris) and he passed away in 1932. As with all the others there are no known descendants.

The above leaves one child, Ivy, to be accounted for. She married her cousin and fellow towns-person Nathaniel Emory Buser who was the son of her mother's Uncle Jeremiah. Ivy D. Eversolle Buser died in 1919. So of all George Buser's daughters there are no direct descendants living. The line is finished in that area, but it is still going strong through George's son Theodore Buser who remained in West Virginia and whose history we will now explore.

According to his own statement Theodore Buser was born, "October 18, 1833 on the banks of Antietam Creek on the pike from Sharpsburg, Maryland to Boonesboro, Maryland". The lonesome old house still stands having weathered the battle of Antietam during the Civil War and since then all the ravages of time. During his early life Theodore operated or helped to operate several flour and other mills in and around what was to become the 'bloodiest battlefield' of the war between the states. He also worked for a time as a railroader on a local line, and spent several years in the U. S. Postal Service part of which was in the position of Assistant Postmaster. He died June 13, 1919.

Theodore Buser was married twice, the first being to Sarah Jane Payne of Sandy Hook, Maryland. She was born January 31, 1834 and died July 15, 1883. To this couple came eight children, Mary Ellen, Louis Albert, Laura Susan, Ann Eliza, George Clinton, Emma Jane, Alice Elizabeth, and William Theodore. He remarried January 15, 1885 to a Sarah Della Eversole of Morgan County West Virginia and she died in November 1919. To this union it appears three children were born, two dying in infancy and the other, a boy called Charles Harrison Buser.

There is an amazing set of coincidences brought to light here. It will be recalled that in discussing the descendants of George Buser's daughter, Catherine Buser Eversolle, we mentioned that her daughter married her cousin Nathaniel Emory Buser. She, Ivy D. Eversolle Buser, died in 1919. Now, in the paragraph above we see Theodore Buser (who is the uncle of Ivy D. mentioned in the sentence above) marrying one Sarah Della Eversole of Morgan County West Virginia. But more than this, the records show that Sarah Della Eversolle Buser died in Morgan County, West Virginia in November 1919, the same month and year of the death of Ivy D. Eversolle Buser in northern Illinois.

Interpolated here are two documents developed by Mr. Franklin B. Buser of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. The first is the record of Theodore Buser and his descendants for which Mr. Buser gives much credit to Mrs. Viola Hoffman Donley of Shepherdstown, West Virginia and Mr. Raymond A. Buser of Coral Gables, Florida. (The genealogical listings of his work are a little different than those used in the remainder of this book but they are being used as Mr. Buser developed them.) The second paper is an autobiographical sketch by Theodore Buser written on his 75th birthday October 18, 1908 at Martinsburg, West Virginia.

10. THEODORE BUSER Bn Oct 18 1833 Dd June 13 1919
Married Jan 3 1856 to Sarah Jane Payne Bn Jan 13 1834 Dd July 15 1883

Children:
100. Mary Ellen Buser
101. Louis Albert Buser
102. Laura Susan Buser
103. Ann Eliza Buser
104. George Clinton Buser
105. Emma Jane Buser
106. Alice Elizabeth Buser
107. William Theodore Buser

Remarried Jan 15 1885 to Sarah Della Eversole. She died November 1919

108. Charles Harrison Buser
109. Infant
110. Infant

100. MARY ELLEN BUSER Bn Oct 7 1856 Dd Mar 28 1929
Married William Martin Johnson and lived in Martinsburg, West Virginia

Children:
1000. Laura May Johnson
1001. Charles E. Johnson
1002. Carrie Estella Johnson
1003. William A. Johnson
1004. Isaac Theodore Johnson
1005. Emma Nora Johnson
1006. Ella Cora Johnson
1007. Bessie Irene Johnson
1008. Jessie Clorene Johnson
1009. Etta Virginia Johnson

1000. Laura May Johnson Bn Mar 28 1876 Dd Dec 16 1961
Married Reuben DeLancy

Children:
10000. Ermo Clorene DeLancey Bn Sept 16 1894
Marr Frankenberry
10001. Wm Reuben DeLancey Bn Oct 20 1896 Dd May 1953
10002. Estella DeLancey Bn Mar 18 1899 Marr Norton
10003. Clyde DeLancey Bn July 6 1903
10004. Lillian DeLancey Bn Nov 10 1905 Marr Moler
10005. Charles DeLancey Bn Mar 17 1907
10006. Comery DeLancey Bn Feb 16 1910

1001. Charles E. Johnson Bn Mar 25 1878 Dd Nov 11 1929
Marr Lillian Phillips

Children:
10010. Elizabeth Johnson Bn July 26 1903 Dd Dec 1927
Marr Warfield
10011. Louise Johnson Bn May 22 1909 Marr King

1002. Carrie Estella Johnson Bn May 20 1880 Dd Nov 26 1964
Marr L. Harmon

Children:
10020. Nora Virginia Harmon Bn Oct 4 1903
Marr Pittsnogle
10021. Ruth Estella Harmon Bn Aug 8 1905 Marr Kidwiler
10022. Lawrence Kenneth Harmon Bn May 23 1907
10023. Mary Inez Harmon Bn Mar 1 1909
10024. Frances Louise Harmon Bn Jan 3 1916
Dd Mar 5 1942 Marr Stotler

1003. William A. Johnson Bn June 16 1882 Marr Nellie ____

Children:
10030. Paul Revere Johnson Bn Oct 5 1904 Dd ? ?
10031. Virginia Johnson Married Kelly
10032. Irene Johnson Bn May 11 1909
10033. William Johnson Bn Sept 1912

1004. Isaac Theodore Johnson Bn July 2 1884 Dd 1884

1005. Emma Nora Johnson Bn May 10 1885 Dd Sept 23 1960
Marr Wm. Hunter

Children:
10050. Marie H. Hunter Bn July 5 1904 Marr Rogers
10051. William Hunter Bn Sept 29 1906
10052. Blanch Hunter Bn Dec 14 1909
10053. Edward Hunter Bn Jan 3 1917
10054. Ruth Hunter Bn Mar 27 1918 Marr DeNichle
10055. Mary Hunter Bn Jan 18 1921 Marr Miller

10056. Merle Hunter Bn Feb 6 1924
10057. Phillip Hunter Bn Jan 9 1928

1006. Ella Cora Johnson Bn May 10 1885 Dd June 20 1951
Married Wm. Lloyd
Children:
10060. Robert L. Lloyd Bn April 14 1906
10061. Nora Lloyd Bn Aug 2 1908 Marr Sellers
10062. Cora Lloyd Bn Dec 26 1910 Dd ? ? Marr Crowell
10063. Mary Lloyd Bn July 12 1913 Marr Dunn
10064. John Wm. Lloyd Bn Nov 7 1915
10065. Harold Lee Lloyd Bn June 12 1921

1007. Bessie Irene Johnson Bn Oct 26 1887 Dd June 14 1949
Marr James Brenner
Children:
10070. Viola Brenner Bn Apr 18 1905 Marr Ryan
10071. James Brenner Bn Feb 11 1909
10072. Luther Brenner Bn Dec 6 1914
10073. Mary Jane Brenner Bn Nov 30 1918 Marr Molner
10074. Eleanor Brenner Bn Jan 21 1923 Marr Brown

1008. Jessie Clorene Johnson Bn Oct 26 1887 Dd in infancy

1009. Etta Virginia Johnson Bn Feb 21 1890 Dd July 21 1961
Marr Geo Martin Bn Oct 11 1890 Dd Aug 19 1964
Children:
10090. Virginia Irene Martin Lives in Pittsburgh Pa.
Bn Oct 12 1938 Married Harold R. Trunick
Bn Aug 2 1933
Children:
100900. Tracey Carnell Trunick Bn Apr 30 1963

101. Louis Albert Buser Lived McKeesport Pa. Bn Nov 30 1858
Dd Sept 12 1947 Married Florence Diefenderfer
Children:
1010. Edward Louis Buser
1011. Charles Edgar Buser
Remarried Addie Hunter

1010. Edward Louis Buser Lived 1509 Ballard St., Silver
Spring Md. Bn Feb 28 1885 Dd July 17 1968
Married Anna Andrew Bn Sept 9 1885
Children:
10100. John Edward Buser
10101. Ruth Anna Buser
10102. Jessie Garnet Buser

10100. John Edward Buser Lives Oakton Va. Bn Oct 26 1908
Married Ruby Wilson Owen Bn Dec 8 1914
Children:
101000. Sharon Gayle Buser Bn Feb 11 1948
101001. Nancy Wilson Buser Bn Dec 9 1951

10101. Ruth Anna Buser Bn Apr 3 1911 Dd March 12 1928

10102. Jessie Garnet Buser Lives in Silver Spring, Md
Bn May 1 1913 Married Alphonse Cammisa
Bn Oct 11 1910
Children:
101020 Judy Lynn Cammisa Bn Nov 7 1936
Married Anthony Joseph Trapani
Children:
1010200. Michael Paul Trapani Bn Mar 24 1960
1010201. Theresa Lynn Trapani Bn June 1 1963

1011. Charles Edgar Buser Lives at 979 Bank St. Painesville, Ohio Bn Aug 22 1886 Married Ethel Weimer
No Children

102. Laura Susan Buser Died in Childhood

103. Ann Eliza Buser Lived Martinsburg W.Va. Bn July 24 1861
Dd Apr 26 1928 Married James Day Hollis
Bn Aug 24 1854 Dd Nov 3 1911
Children:
1030. George Leslie Hollis
1031. Gilbert Hollis
1032. Anna Spickler Hollis
1033. James Leroy Hollis

1030. George Leslie Hollis Bn Aug 5 1883 Dd Jan 16 1952
Married Eugenia Border Small
Bn Aug 29 1888 Dd Sept 14 1948
Children:
10300. Rose Virginia Hollis
10301. George Henry Hollis
10302. Franklin Hollis
Remarried Rosa Augusta Zill Bn Sept 23 1887
Dd Aug 22 1966

10300. Rose Virginia Hollis Bn Apr 6 1908
Married William T. Martin
Children:
103000. Jeannine Border Martin
Remarried Kenneth Dorsey Wever Bn Aug 8 1904

POSTSCRIPT

To quote a great statesman of our era, —
"This is the end of the beginning!"

Because as we look back over the past six years of driving, walking, talking, searching every nook and cranny as well as writing and rewriting our notes we realize how little has been accomplished when we compare it with what needs to be done. So now we are hopeful that someone, perhaps yet to be born, will use the foregoing pages as a nucleus for a more complete and more widely developed record of our far flung Buser family.

To him who accepts this challenge, good luck and God speed!

To those who meet him doing his appointed rounds greet him with the same kindness, assistance and courtesy that it has been our good fortune to receive.

No one can ask for more than that.

Ken and Mildred Buser

Children:
103001. Charles Dorsey Wever

103000. Jeannine Border Martin Bn Jan 11 1929
Married Max Nagley
Children:
1030000. Steven Robinson Nagley Bn Mar 29 1950
1030001. Carole Jean Nagley Bn Mar 27 1962

103001. Chas. Dorsey Wever Bn July 9 1935
Married Barbara Madison
Children:
1030010. Douglas Lee Wever Bn Jan 11 1959

10301. George Henry Hollis Bn Aug 1 1909
Married Naomi Elsie Wotring
Children:
103010. Naomi Shirley Hollis
103011. George Robert Hollis

103010. Naomi Shirley Hollis Bn Sept 20 1934
Marr Lloyd G Walter
Children:
1030100. David Lloyd Walter Bn July 1 1958
1030101. Sharon Naomi Walter Bn Apr 1 1960
1030102. April Frances Walter Bn Apr 11 1962

103011. George Robert Hollis Bn May 8 1938
Married Judith W Rhodes
Children:
1030110. Carol Vivian Hollis Bn Sept 12 1964
1030111. James Robert Hollis Bn July 21 1966
1030112. Margery Leigh Hollis Bn June 7 1968

10302. Franklin Hollis Bn Oct 1 1915
Marr Olive May Clark Bn 1916
Children: (One adopted child, Gilbert Kent Hollis Bn Apr 19 1942)

1031. Gilbert Hollis Bn June 11 1889 Dd Jan 22 1959
Married Jane E Gordon
Children:
10310. Ruth Gordon Hollis Bn June 8 1913
Marr Owen J Mesner
Bn 1909 Dd 1969
Children:
103100. Ruth Jane Mesner Bn May 31 1948
103101. Mary Jo Mesner Bn Feb 22 1955

1032. Anna Spickler Hollis Bn Feb 6 1895

1033. James Leroy Hollis Bn Dec 15 1896 Marr Blanche M. Miller Bn Jan 19 1899 Dd Jan 13 1958
Children:
10330. Anna Roszella Hollis
10331. Margaret Addela Hollis
10332. James Leroy Hollis

10330. Anna Roszella Hollis Bn June 24 1918
Married Howard W. Digman
Children:
103300. Howard Willis Digman
103301. James Stephen Digman Marr Aiba Acebedo
103302. Michael Talbott Digman Bn Feb 3 1949
103303. Anne Myrie Digman Bn June 10 1951

103300. Howard Willis Digman Bn Feb 22 1943
Married Bonnie Cole Bn June 22 1942
Children:
1033000. Deborah Lee Digman Bn Feb 22 1966
1033001. Cathy Marie Digman Bn Feb 14 1968

10331. Margaret Adella Hollis Bn Nov 28 1922
Dd Feb 2 1967
Married Merle Ware Gallion Bn Oct 14 1928
Children:
103310. Debra Adelle Gallion Bn Feb 9 1950
103311. James Robert Gallion Bn Jan 11 1951

10332. James Leroy Hollis Bn Oct 5 1924 Married Sarah Poisal Bn 1926
Children:
103320. James Kevin Hollis Bn Dec 10 1959
103321. Sarah Elizabeth Hollis Bn Mar 20 1962

104. George Clinton Buser Lived McKeesport,Pa. Bn Oct 2 1864
Dd Oct 10 1952 Marr Hannah J. Cummings
Bn May 1 1872 Dd Apr 28 1927
Children:
1040. Raymond Buser
1041. G. Russell Buser
Remarried Louella Fairbanks Bn June 27 1879 Dd Mar 3 1946

1040. Raymond Buser lived in McKeesport, Pa. Now lives at at 450 Loretto Ave. Coral Gables, Fla.
Married Marie K. Doughtery Bn Oct 26 1896
Children:

10400. Richard A. Buser Bn Nov 4 1918
Now lives Miami, Florida
10401. Bernard R. Buser Bn Feb 28 1921
Now lives Ft. Lauderdale,Fla.

1041. G. Russell Buser Bn June 22 1899 Marr Twyla DeHaven
Children:
10410. James Buser
10411. Nancy Buser

105. Emma Jane Buser Lived in McKeesport,Pa. Bn Nov 27 1866
Dd Feb 14 1943 Marr Charles Worthington Hoffman
Bn Dec 22 1861 Dd Sept 9 1920
Children:
1050. Irene Buser Hoffman
1051. Edith Viola Hoffman
1052. Alfred Theodore Hoffman

1050. Irene Buser Hoffman Bn Jan 31 1892 Dd June 1 1959
Married Orion E. Eyman Bn Jan 20 1892
Children:
10500. Gladys Jane Eyman
10501. Helen Zenia Eyman
10502. Ruth Virginia Eyman
10503. Donald Seese Eyman

10500. Gladys Jane Eyman Bn Mar 25 1919
Married R. Jay Sellers
Children:
105001. Ruth Jane Sellers Bn May 19 1956

10501. Helen Zenia Eyman Bn Feb 7 1921 Marr M.J.Giba
No Children

10502. Ruth Virginia Eyman Bn Dec 30 1923
Married J. P. Place
Children:
105020. John Mark Place Bn Mar 28 1954
105021. Richard Scott Place Bn Aug 7 1956

10503. Donald Seese Eyman Bn July 19 1929
Married Myra Heerlein
Children:
105030. Lesley Ann Eyman Bn June 1 1958
105031. Donald Robert Eyman Bn May 31 1961
105032. David Harvey Eyman Bn March 9 1964

1051. Edith Viola Hoffman Lives RFD#1, Shepherdstown,

West Virginia Bn Jan 24 1895 Married Fred M Donley Bn Sept 18 1883
No Children

1052. Alfred Theodore Hoffman Bn Aug 8 1897 Dd Dec 9 1955
Married Neva Weller
Children:
10520. Betty Jean Hoffman
10521. Dorothy Virginia Hoffman

10520. Betty Jean Hoffman Bn May 4 1923 Dd Aug 21,1967
Married James N Downham Bn Feb 24 1918
Children:
105200. James Theodore Downham Bn Dec 6 1945
Married Judy Wolfe
1052000. Dawn Ann Downham Bn Dec 23 1965
1052001. James Theodore Downham Bn Dec 18 1966
1052002. Beverly Jean Downham Bn Mar 9 1968

10521. Dorothy Virginia Hoffman Bn Sept 24 1924
Married John O'Hearn Bn Mar 20 1924
Children:
105210. Patricia Lynn O'Hearn Bn Apr 21 1947
105211. Timothy Jay O'Hearn Bn Dec 9 1950

106. Alice Elizabeth Buser Bn Nov 12 1868 Dd Dec 9 1934
Married George Johnson

107. William Theodore Buser Bn Dec 4 1871 Dd June 16 1935
Married Lydia R Foltz
Children:
1070. Ruth Pilling Buser Bn Sept 19 1905 Dd Oct 8 1923
1071. Elsie Virginia Buser Bn Oct 20 1913
Married Paul Johnson
Children:
10710. Nancy Carol Johnson Bn Nov 27 1945
10711. Bruce Edward Johnson Bn Oct 20 1946
Married Ann Burgess
Elsie Buser remarried Arne Ralph Nyholm Bn Jan 6 1896

108. Charles Harrison Buser Bn Oct 11 1888 Dd Mar 28 1925
Married Helen E Gantt
Children:
1080. Charles Buser Lives in Front Royal Virginia Bn Mar 25 1943 Marr Ruby Erlean Crooks Bn May 20 1923
Children:
10800. Helen Charlene Buser Bn Nov 6 1950

This closes that part of Theodore Buser's genealogy prepared by Mr. Franklin Buser which it is desired to use at this time. Mrs. Viola Hoffman Donley of Shepherdstown, W.Va. (#10521 on previous page) and Mr. Raymond A. Buser of Coral Gables, Florida (#1040 on a previous page) furnished most of the data used by Mr. Franklin Buser.

The next two pages carry a copy of an autobiographical sketch by Theodore Buser, the only son of George Buser. This sketch also came from the files of Mr. Franklin Buser.

The contributions of Mrs. Donley, Mr. Raymond A. Buser, and Mr. Franklin B. Buser are herewith gratefully acknowledged. Without their assistance this genealogy would have been very incomplete.

Autobiographical sketch of Theodore Buser, #10 in the genealogy above, the only son of George Buser. Every effort has been made to preserve it just as he wrote it.

"I was born on the 18th of October, 1833, on the banks of the Antietam, (the great battlefield of the rebellion) on the pike from Sharpsburg, Md. to Boonsboro, Md. My father ran a flour mill at that time for Samuel Mumma, near that place. I recollect the Presidential Campaign in 1840. Shortly after that my father moved to Joseph Long's mill near Fairplay in Washington Co. Md. My father ran that mill ten years, and during that time I went to school four winters and a quarter, that was all the schooling I ever received.

On the 19th day of June 1850 my mother died, and on April 1st 1851 my father moved to a little village called Fairplay, Md. and in July of that year I went to Virginia to work in Bill Myers mill near Shepherdstown at $10.00 per month and board. I worked there until Christmas and then came back home and did not do anything that winter.

On April 1st 1852 my father moved to Sharpsburg, Md. at Col. Miller's mill near Burnside Bridge. On the 22nd day of April 1852 my father died and we broke up house keeping and I ran the mill for Col. Miller until fall and I loafed most of the winter, and on the 4th day of March 1853 I came to Martinsburg, Va. and it snowed that day on Friday and on Monday, March 7th, I went to work for H. L. Staub at Flagg's Mill (now A. Parks). I worked for him until harvest and harvested for A. P. Vanmetre and after that I came into town and

worked about here and there until October 19, 1853.

I went to Swartz's mill where the Electric Light Plant is now. I stayed there until the next summer, 1854 and then went to railroading until fall and then I went to Swartz's mill again and worked for him until next spring and then I again went to railroading and stayed then until the War of Rebellion broke out in 1861. During that time I was married (on the 3rd of January 1856) to Sarah Jane Payne of Sandy Hook, Md. and on July 14th 1858 I joined the Odd Fellows. I am still a member. In 1860 I joined a Military Company called Berkeley Border Guards and on the 19th of April 1861 our company was ordered to Harper's Ferry and at that time the state of Va. had not seceded, therefore we still belonged to the U.S. And on the 20th day of April 1861 we were mustered into the Rebel Army. What was I to do? Now I never favored secession, so I run off shortly, sometime in May, but did not get away from home before they arrested me and took me back to my Company again and put me in the guard house over night and the next morning I came out and took up my gun and sometime in June we broke up camp and marched through Williamsport, Md., but did not get there.

Gen. Patterson crossed the river and run us back to Winchester, Va. and we laid around there until the 19th day of July 1861, and then we marched across the Blue Ridge Mountains to Manassas Junction & on Sunday the 21st day of July we went into battle and licked the Yankees and after the battle we laid around that county until fall, then we came back to Winchester, Va. and shortly after that I run off home again. They arrested me again and took me back and put me in the guard house one night and the next morning they put me to cooking for the officers of our company and the first of Jan. '62 we started on a trip to Berkeley Springs over the mountains and back to Winchester again.

And about the middle of March '62 we crossed the river at Williamsport, Md. and Gen. Banks drove us back up the valley and one day myself and another man made up our minds to leave the army, so that evening Gen. Banks advanced on us, and as we were falling back through Winchester, Va. I asked the Lieut. to let me go out of the company to buy some bread and he let me go, so I motioned my partner and we left and we traveled between North Mt. and the Martinsburg Pike all night. And next morning marched into Martinsburg and gave ourselves up to the Yankees so that ended my career soldiering.

I did not do much that year, but work about a little and when the Rebels came in town of course I had to leave and when the Yankees came back I came back too. And in 1863 I went to work for the Express Co. and every time the Rebels came in I had to leave. I worked most of that year for the Express Co. and in 1864 I worked part of the time for the Express Co. and sometimes clerked in a clothing store. During the summer of 1864 I was in Illinois, and on (sic) I had a pretty rough time during the war, and when the war closed I clerked in stores of different kind and in Nov 1867 I sought and found Jesus Christ to the comfort of my soul and have had many seasons of joy since that time, and am still on the old ship of Zion.

In 1868 I was police Sgt. one year. On the 1st day of October 1869 I went into the Post Office as Deputy Post Master under Geo. W. Tabler, P.M. and stayed with him until Jan. 1880 and then J. Nelson Whisner became P. M. I stayed with him until April 1881 & then went into the mail service on the C.V.R.R. And in April 1882 I went back into the Post Office again and remained there until April 1884.

My wife died July 15, 1883, and on April 1st 1884 George Evans became P.M. and I stayed with him until March 1st, 1886. Cleveland was President then and W.B.Colston became P.M. and of course I had to get out. While I was out I was milling one year and two years in merchandise and other business. And on March 1st, 1890, W.H.H.Flick became P.M. and I went back again as Deputy P.M. and stayed with him until June 1st, 1891, and then I went out for good. So that is all of the P.O. business.

I was married again Jan. 15th, 1885 to Miss Sarah Della Eversolle, of Morgan C., W. Va. and since that time I kept grocery for 8 years, and part of the time clerking in stores. On April 19th 1904 I was taken very sick with pneumonia and was very ill. But recovered and in Sept. 1904 I had my right eye operated on for cataract and since that time I have not been able to do but little and now I have cataract on my left eye. I have nine children by my first wife; seven are living and two are dead; and two children by my second wife, one living and one dead. So today I have eight children living, and three dead, making eleven. And Grand children, 28 living and seven dead, making thirty-five, and Great Grand Children, 12 living and none dead, making in all 66 descendants (sic)."

(signed) Theodore Buser
Martinsburg, W. Va.

October 18th, 1908.

Mary Magdalena Buser was born March 10, 1802 and died July 15, 1856. She was married to John Ecker January 12, 1823. Mr. Ecker died February 28, 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Ecker are buried in the Mumma Cemetery on the Antietam Battlefield. Their first child, Sarah, born March 22, 1824 and died July 5, 1853. is also buried on the family plot. She was never married. Sarah and her mother were buried before the great battle at Antietam and records show that a Union Battery fired from this cemetery during the battle but there seems to have been no damage to either the graves or their head stones.

The Eckers had two sons John and Jacob. John Ecker is known to have visited his Uncle John Buser and family in Thorntown, Indiana in December of 1860. He reared a family in or around Sharpsburg and is buried there. Nothing has been learned concerning Jacob Ecker.

The record of Mary Magdalena's marriage shows her residence at that time to have been one mile east of Sharpsburg. So it would appear that some member of the family lived near the mill at that time. We know that Mary Magdalena's brother George Buser lived there in 1833, perhaps he lived there in 1823 and she lived with him. It could be that Frederick and Catherine Buser, her parents, lived there at the time but no evidence has been uncovered to place them there. The house is still there, badly in need of repair but still occupied. It is known that John and Mary Magdalena began housekeeping right across the road from the Buser home on Antietam Creek. It is thought they lived there all their lives. This house also is still standing and occupied by a farm family. When Mary Magdalena died Mr. Ecker married Elizabeth Fisher she is also buried in the Mumma Cemetery.

Jeremiah Buser, the youngest son of Frederick and Catherine Buser, was bound out to Nathaniel Bonsack at or near Salem, Virginia. Mr. Bonsack was to rear the boy with the Bonsack family and teach him a suitable trade. It is not known when this action was taken nor when or where Jeremiah was born. It is possible that one or both the parents had died before he was sent to Virginia because we hear no more about them nor has any record been found of them since that time. We do know that young Jerry Buser became restless and ran away back to the South Mountains of Maryland where he lived in the home of his sister Magdalena Buser Ecker for a while. Eventually he met a mountain girl whose name was Mary Ellen Pool and they appear to have been married in the home of his sister north of Sharpsburg near the bridge over Antietam Creek. It is thought that they went to housekeeping in the

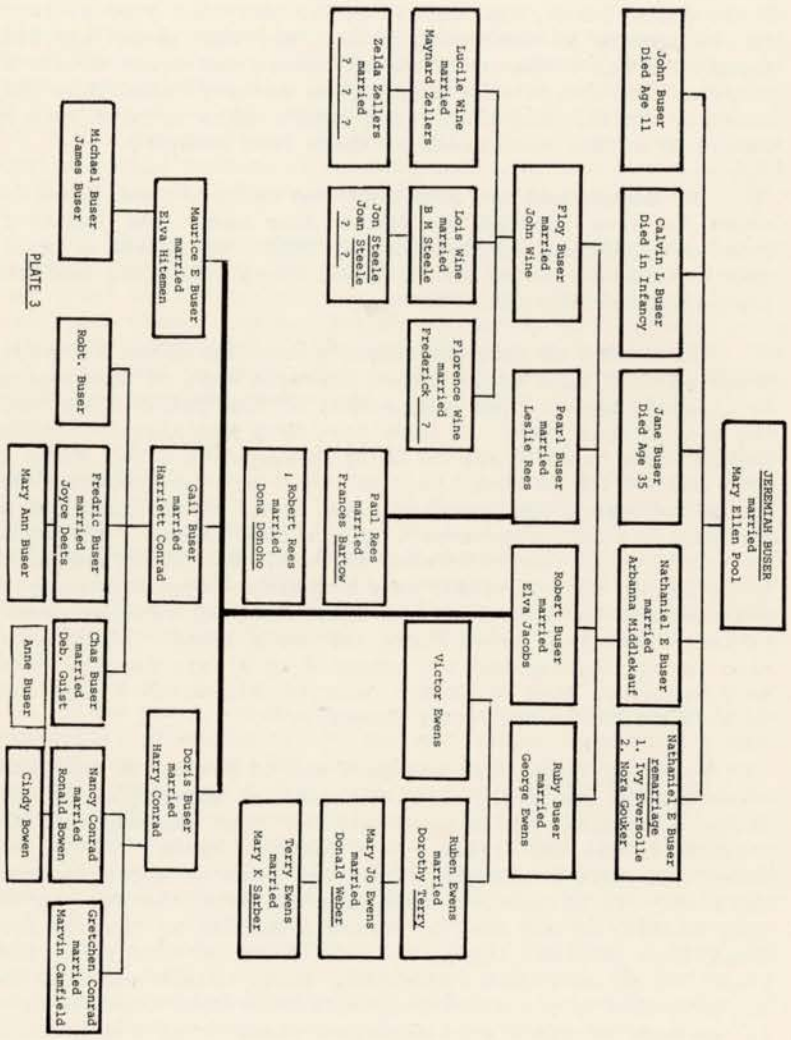


PLATE 3

little town of Boonsboro, Maryland. At least they lived there for a little while.

Their first child was a boy, Nathaniel Emory Buser, born April 28, 1851 in Boonsboro about seven miles northeast of Sharpsburg. He was christened in a Lutheran Church in 1851. Other children born to this union include a son named John H. Buser who died at the age of eleven whose stone has been found in the Mumma Cemetery near that of his aunt Magdalena Buser Ecker. A daughter, Ellen Jane Buser, (never married) died at the age of 35 but the location of her grave is unknown. There was another boy, Calvin L. Buser who died in infancy or a very short time later in very early youth. No information has been found concerning the death or place of burial of Jeremiah but his wife, Mary Ellen, died at Mount Morris, Illinois and is buried there.

So it appears from the data available that the only descendants of Jeremiah and Mary Ellen Buser have come through Nathaniel Emory Buser who took up residence in Mount Morris, Illinois along with his mother in 1868. Nathaniel was about 16 or 17 years of age at that time.

The information given below is furnished through the courtesy of Mrs. Doris Conrad, the granddaughter of N.E.Buser. It has been condensed from the Mount Morris' Past and Present Red and Blue Books published in 1900 and 1938.

"Nathaniel E. Buser, son of Jeremiah and Mary Ellen Buser, was born in the South Mountains of Maryland in the little village of Boonsboro on April 28, 1851. He was christened in the Lutheran Church in infancy. At the age of 16, in the year 1868, he came to Mount Morris with his mother and completed his education here. Later he taught school for a time until he took up his life's work as a carpenter and builder. On September 15, 1872 he was married to Arbanna Middlekauff, daughter of Christian and Jane Middlekauff, and they became the parents of six children. They were Florence, Oliver, Pearl, Robert, Ruby and Charles.

Mr. Buser began his career as a carpenter under Henry Middlekauff in 1868 and after an apprenticeship of three years formed a partnership with him. After several years Mr. Middlekauff dropped out of the business so Mr. Buser continued alone and, later in 1876, commenced to draw plans and specifications for his expanding clientele. He was one of the first architects in the state to receive a license and bears

the distinction of being the only man in Ogle County now holding one (1900). Mr. Buser has built all of the large buildings in Mount Morris in late years, with few exceptions, and most of the fine residences. Among the large buildings which he has erected are the Lutheran Church, the College Hall, the Sharer's Building, the Ladies Dormitory, the Old Folk's Home, the Hotel Rohrer, the Seibert Block and others. He built the Catholic Church at Oregon, a $20,000 poorhouse at Mount Carroll, two churches in Leaf River, one church in Adeline as well as numerous country churches and schools in various parts of this and adjoining counties.

In addition to this he built residences for two bankers at Manson, Iowa and superintended the construction of a building for the Brethern Publishing House at Elgin as well as many of the fine homes in Mount Morris.

He went into the lumber and coal business in 1894 taking Jos. T. Baker as a partner the next year. After two years, Mr. Buser sold his interest in the stock to Frank Coffman but retained ownership of the buildings and grounds. In 1898 he formed a partnership with W. S. Mumma under the name of Buser and Mumma, Contractors and Builders. During the past year (1900) they have been building extensively in the city of Elgin, Illinois".

So ends the record written by the ones who knew him many years ago. In addition to that we know that he was a member of the Church of The Brethren, who operated the college in Mount Morris and that he also was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Buser lived to be 80 years of age, passing away April 16, 1931 with Mrs. Buser living until November 24, 1954 to the wonderful age of 100 years.

The Buser Lumber Company stayed in business in Mount Morris for more than 100 years and celebrated their century mark a few years ago. However, since that time it has been liquidated with Gail Buser being the only descendant presently following the trade in Leaf River, Illinois. It would be nice if some of the younger generations would revive the Buser Lumber Company and there seems to be some speculation that this might happen. Only the future can etch out the picture.

The name 'Mumma' above is interesting when we recall that this is the name of the cemetery on the Antietam Battlefield where N. E. Buser's little brother was buried in Maryland. Could W. S. Mumma have been a friend from Maryland?

NATHANIEL E BUSER 1-1

1-1 Nathaniel E Buser bn Apr 28 1851 died Apr 16 1931 Married Arbanna C Middlekauff bn Nov 21 1854 died Dec 24 1954.

1-2 Floy A Buser bn Dec 14 1873 married John W Wine bn on Dec 27 1873 died Dec 25 1927. Original home Mount Morris, Illinois

NOTE: (Taken from 1938 Mount Morris Past and Present. John W Wine, son of Jacob W and Katherine Brubaker Wine, was born in Northampton, Ohio, Dec. 27, 1873, and died Dec. 25, 1927, aged nearly 53 years. He was educated at Bridgewater, Va., and at Mount Morris College, and then filled several responsible positions in Louisiana and Missouri. In 1907, he came to Mount Morris and was connected with the Buser Company, the Farmer's Elevator Company and in the coal business for himself. In 1921 he became cashier of the Citizens State Bank. He served on the school board and village board and two terms as mayor. He died in Mount Morris.)

1-3 Lucille Wine married Maynard Zellers
- 1-4 Zelda Zellers
- 2-4 Russell Zellers

2-3 Lois Wine married B. M. Stelle
- 1-4 Jon Stelle
- 2-4 Joan Stelle

2-3 Lois Wine Stelle remarriage ?????

3-3 Florence Wine married Frederick ?????

2-2 Pearl Buser bn Nov 5 1878 died in 1968 married Leslie E Rees.

1-3 Paul P Rees bn Mar 12 1906 married Frances Bartow
- 1-4 Patricia Rees bn June 19 1928 married John Dahlin
  - 1-5 Liza Dahlin
  - 2-5 Laura Dahlin
- 2-4 Paul Robert Rees bn July 28 1935 married Donna Donoho
  - 1-5 Robert Paul Rees
  - 2-5 Spencer Rees

2-2 Pearl Buser Rees remarriage Francis A Myers

3-2 Robert E Buser bn Sept 7 1880 died Jan 6 1940 married Elva M Jacobs bn July 20 1880 died May 1 1957. Mount Morris, Illinois

NATHANIEL E BUSER 1-1

NOTE: (Taken from the Mount Morris Past and Present book of 1938. Robert E Buser, president of the Buser Concrete Construction Company, is the son of Nathaniel E. and Arbanna C. (Middlekauff) Buser. He was born in Mount Morris September 7, 1880. He attended the Mount Morris Public Schools and graduated from Mount Morris College in 1905. He taught country schools in 1898 and 1899 and then became associated with his father in the building and building material business, of which he is now the head. He married Elva M Jacobs in 1905.)

1-3 Maurice Emory Buser bn Nov 21 1907 married Leota Heftye

1-3 Maurice Emory Buser (second marriage) Elva June Hiteman

- 1-4 Michael Lee Buser bn Apr 5 1949
- 2-4 James Brian Buser bn May 29 1956

2-3 Gail Buser bn Feb 22 1910 married Harriett Conrad by Mar 29 1910 (Sister to Harry E Conrad below) Mount Morris, Illinois

- 1-4 Robert Edward Buser bn July 26 1938
- 2-4 Frederic Eugene Buser bn Apr 11 1943 married Joyce Deets bn Sept 9 1944
  - 1-5 Mary Ann Buser bn January 25 1968
- 3-4 Charles Emory Buser bn Aug 7 1948 married to Deborah Guist bn Sept 23 1951
  - 1-5 Anne Cathryn Buser bn July 3 1971

3-3 Doris Buser bn July 28 1914 married Harry Edward Conrad bn Nov 23 1913. Mount Morris, Illinois present home.

- 1-4 Nancy Ann Conrad bn Aug 13 1938 married Ronald Dean Bowen bn May 29 1937
  - 1-5 Cindy Ann Bowen bn Mar 13 1959
- 2-4 Gretchen Conrad bn Jan 6 1940 married Marvin Camfield

4-2 Ruby Buser bn Apr 27 1882 died in 1966 married George H Ewens bn 1878 died 1924

1-3 Victor Ewens

2-3 Ruben Carlyle Ewens bn Sept 11 1911 married Dorothy Terry bn Aug 14 1912

- 1-4 Mary Jo Ewens bn Sept 13 1942 married Donald Weber bn Feb 15 1942
  - 1-5 Kimberly Sue Weber bn May 27 1967
  - 2-5 Tracy Dawn Weber bn Aug 29 1968
- 2-4 Terry Carlyle Ewens bn Sept 24 1943 married

Mary Kay Sarber bn Feb 8 1943

1-5 Troy Carlyle Ewens bn May 12 1965

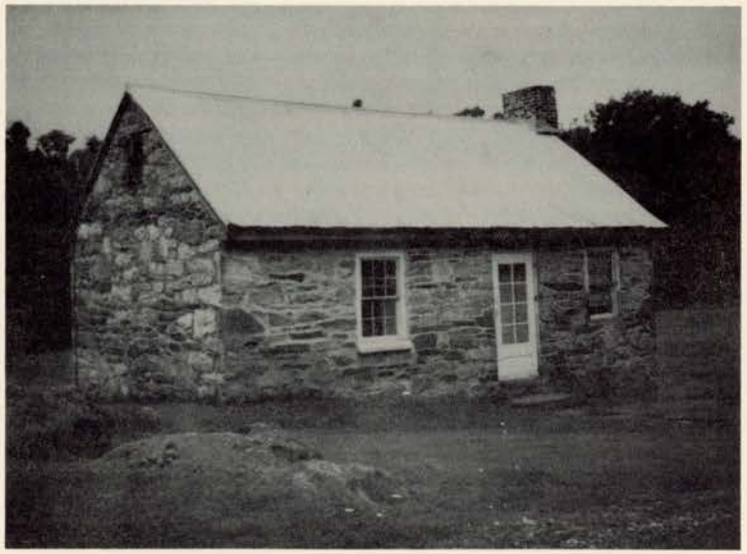
5-2 Charles E Buser bn Oct 27 1885 died in early childhood. Likely sometime during the year 1887.

There was another child born to this union, Oliver C Buser, who died in infancy sometime during 1875.





John and Susanna Buser, above, homesteaded their little farm in the Lingamore Valley near Frederick, Maryland and attended worship services in the Lingamore Valley Church of the Brethern as seen restored below on the site of the original structure.



PART III

THE COLD-FRIDAY BUSERS

John Buser was born October 3, 1799 in Frederick County, Maryland.

Susannah (later often referred to as Susan) Haines was born June 30, 1806 in what is now Carroll County, Maryland.

Family legend maintains that John went fishing along the river on the other side of the mountain from his home and there met Susannah who was taking a stroll through the woods. Things progressed pretty rapidly after that and we find a marriage license was issued to them in Frederick, Maryland on May 15, 1824. The exact time and place of their wedding as well as the place where they began housekeeping is unknown. It is thought they surely lived the first five or six years of their married lives in and around Frederick because it is near here that we first are able to locate them after their marriage.

Apparently John Buser was a combination farmer and carpenter for there is a record of a mortgage made by him as security for a loan of $200 made to William Luganbeel by Peter Luganbeel. It appears that Mr. Buser was 'going security' for William Luganbeel for a loan from his own brother. He pledged:

> "2 cows, 1 heifer, 1 horse, 2 plows, 1 wagon, 1 buggy, 1 harrow, 10 acres of rye in the ground, 2 bureaus, 5 feather beds, 2 straw beds, 8 hogs, 18 sheep, 1 clock, 2 stoves, and all other household goods, all cabinet tools and all house joiner tools."

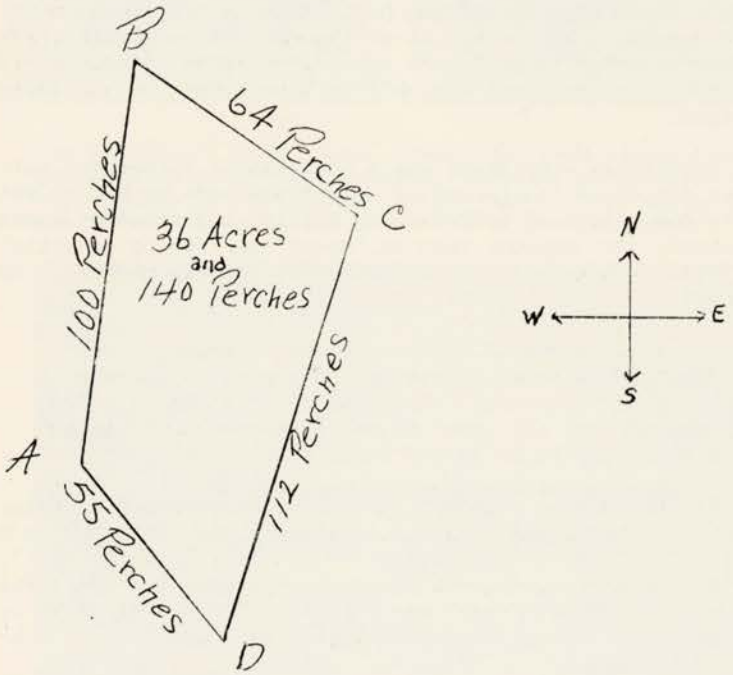
All the above property was to be surrendered to Peter Luganbeel if William Luganbeel failed to pay Peter the $200 by April 6, 1833. Since this instrument was dated April 17, 1829 one wonders how he was going to surrender that "10 acres of rye in the ground" upon any default. It was witnessed by John Luganbeel and Andrew Luganbeel before Jacob Cassell Justice of the Peace.

There is also a record of their purchase of a small farm on April 2, 1830. It was purchased from Jacob and Rachael Legon for the sum of $500. $240 was paid in cash and a mortgage for $260 was given on the property. It was described as

follows:

"Beginning at the end of the 65th line of the said 'RESURVEY ON A COLD FRIDAY' and running thence north 4½ degrees east, 100 perches; south 68 degrees east, 64 perches; south 15 degrees west, 112 perches; then with a straight line to the first mentioned place of beginning containing 36 acres and 140 perches of land."

The diagram below shows the shape of the farm which was located south of present day state route 26 and about 3 miles southeast of Unionville, Maryland in Frederick County.



The farm was sold to John Hanna on April 18, 1833, just previous to their setting forth for a new home in Ohio. An interesting side light appears in the statement of Justice of the Peace, Jacob Cassell in regard to the circumstances surrounding the sale. He states that he interviewed Mrs. Susannah Buser privately without her husband and that she assured him she was selling the land of her own free will without fear and without being threatened by her husband. This statement has a tendancy to lend a flavor of mystery to the transaction but nothing concrete has come to light at this time.

Perhaps John and Susannah with their six children started their long trek to Ohio in 1833 soon after they sold the farm. Or it may have been that they did not leave until the next year. It has been impossible to firm up a leaving date but it wasn't long until they loaded all their possessions into a Conestoga wagon and set forth over the mountains via the Cumberland Road. Susannah took Ann, her colored servant, who became free in the state of Ohio. They started with the family dog but somewhere enroute he became homesick and tucked his tail for home. Their former neighbors told of his arrival back in Maryland weary and footsore. Although the dog didn't mention it, he was thoroughly disgusted at finding no one at home. A daughter, Mary Catherine, who was about four or five years of age when the trip was made, related in the after years how she and the other children ate cookies from storage in an old Revolutionary War Drum.

During the early youth of this writer a chair whose back and bottom were laced with split hickory strips was in our farm home. The old hand made rockers on the chair were worn so flat that the chair could no longer rock.

Many times my father explained to me that those rockers were worn flat by Susannah rocking the baby in the wagon as it rumbled along the Old National Road (now state road 40) through Ohio. The old chair is no longer in the possession of the family and no record is had of its disposal.

It may have taken as much as 60 days to make this trip. The National Road was finished across Ohio and parts of it were macadamized but the wagons and coaches kept it in a poor state of repair while Congress was slow to provide money to make the needed repairs. There were inns and taverns at intervals for those with enough money to stay or eat inside. Many camped out the whole time, good weather or bad. There were many wagons on the road, all or most all, pointed west. They liked to travel in groups for safety and companionship,

safety from highwaymen more than Indians. It was a long hard journey fought with hunger, hardship and sickness and many died from cholera which ravaged the frontier during the early 1880s.

Apparently our family made the trip without serious illness and arrived in Green County, Ohio during the summer of 1833 or 1834. They settled in or near Xenia where the remainder of the family were born and some of the older ones were married. Ann, Susan, Mary Catherine and John Hanson were married in Green County. Susan and Mary Catherine spent the remainder of their lives there, John Hanson migrated to Iowa but not much is known of Ann's later years. Actually little is known of their life in Green County and what little is known has been gleaned from church records, county records and census records of the time.

A little German Reformed Church stood at the corner of Monroe and Church Streets in Xenia and the records of this church have been kept by the succeeding generations and are available for study.

Two new church buildings have been built since that time. These records show that Susannah Buser along with her son John Hanson and her daughter Susan joined this congregation. No record was found of John Buser becoming a member but he enjoyed attending worship services especially the singing. His voice was often heard among those of his friends at the song fests as well as church services. His favorite hymn was entitled, Come All Ye Disconsolate.

John and Susannah Buser owned at least two parcels of land in old Green County and the records there show the sale of these two parcels on February 20, 1856 and September 23, 1857. No further record was found of their activities in Ohio and it is assumed that they left soon after the September transaction for Boone County, Indiana.

The census records for Green County, Ohio dated July 19, 1850 show:

John Buser	age	49	born in Maryland	carpenter
Susan Buser (Susannah)	"	46	"	- - -
John H. Buser	"	24	"	clergyman
Joshua P. Buser	"	17	"	carpenter
Susan Buser	"	20	"	- - -
William H. Buser	"	13	born in Ohio	- - -

Daniel T. Buser	age	8	born in Ohio	- - -
Elizabeth Buser	"	5	"	- - -
Atlee M. Buser	"	2	"	- - -

It will be noted that the above record does not show the names of the family in chronological order but they are shown in the order in which they were listed in the census record.

The above record does not show the name of Anna Marie Buser who was married September 30, 1840, nor does it show Mary Catherine Buser who was married October 24, 1848. These two girls had left home to establish their own families. In addition to this the census record does not show the name of Belle Buser. There seems to be sufficient evidence to show that there was such a person as several of the family, now living, remember hearing their parents talk about her. But not one shred of tangible evidence has been turned up concerning her except that she visited relatives in Iowa at one time.

This family next appears in the Indiana census records dated June 18, 1860.

BOONE COUNTY (Thorntown)

John Buser	age	60	born in Maryland	carpenter
Susannah Buser	"	56	"	- - -
Elizabeth Buser	"	15	born in Ohio	- - -
Atlee M. Buser	"	12	"	- - -

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (Ladoga)

Joshua P. Buser	age	26	born in Maryland	carpenter
Susan (his wife)	"	21	born in Kentucky	- - -
Ida (their daughter)	"	2	born in Indiana	- - -
William H. Buser	"	23	born in Ohio	cabinet maker

John Hanson Buser had left the family home in 1854 to pursue his calling as an evangelist for the German Reformed Church. Much of his time was spent around Conesville, Iowa where he lived with his wife Margaret DeMoss Lennox Buser.

Daniel T. Buser had married Harriet S. Fall and established their home in Thorntown, Indiana where they engaged in the meat business for quite some time. They are buried in the Old Cemetery there along with their first born son Willie.

Records in the recorder's office at the county seat of

Boone County in Lebanon, Indiana show John Buser purchasing Lot # 77 in the Old Plat of Thorntown, Indiana on September 11, 1859. It was located at 211 Bow Street. He gave John and Edith Rogers $450.00 for the lot which likely had some sort of house thereon. But it isn't likely that it is the same house that stands today at the same address in Thorntown. He still owned the property at the time of his death in 1861.

About two years elapsed between the time of the sale of their land in Ohio and the purchase of real estate in Thorntown. There is no record as to whether they spent these two years in Ohio or Indiana nor if in Indiana in what area. In discussions with various members of the Indiana descendants it has developed that John and Susannah lived somewhere in Lebanon at least a part of this time before moving to Thorntown.

We know that their son, William H. Buser, came to Montgomery County Indiana in 1855. We know that Ida, the daughter of Joshua Peter Buser, was three years of age in 1860 and that she was born in Indiana. So Joshua must have been in Montgomery County, Indiana in 1857 (the year John and Susannah sold out in Ohio). But the actual date these pioneers came to Indiana is still unknown as is the name of the first place to which they came.

John Buser died May 16, 1861 and was buried in the Ladoga Cemetery high above the south bank of Big Raccoon Creek in Montgomery County, Indiana. At this time of course the family home was located at 211 Bow Street in the little village of Thorntown with Elizabeth and Atlee still in the household. Daniel and his wife Harriett also lived in Thorntown while William H. and Joshua P. with his family resided in Ladoga. One can not help but wonder why Ladoga was chosen over Thorntown for his final resting place. Particularly in the view of the fact that Daniel owned a lot in the Old Cemetery there where his son Willie was buried. John's grave is well kept on a shady knoll. The old stone is erect but the dates are well worn and difficult to decipher while the name appears bold and clear.

As stated above John Buser still owned Lot #77 in the Old Plat of Thorntown, Indiana when he died. Further search of the Boone County records revealed that one Elias Gerhart sued the heirs for $171.50 due on a note which was secured by a mortgage on the lot. A hearing was held in Lebanon, Indiana on May 5, 1863 and a judgment was handed down in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of $171.50 plus costs. Sheriff

Riley Colgrove was ordered to sell Lot # 77 in order to make the amount of the judgment after it had been advertised 30 days. At the end of the waiting period it was sold to Eber Hollingsworth on June 13, 1863 for the sum of $232.65. Apparently the additional money over the amount of the note went for costs and attorney's fees. Defendants in this case were listed as Susannah Buser(the widow),John Hanson Buser, Joshua Peter Buser, William Hiram Buser, Daniel T. Buser,(Anita) M. Buser, Susannah Oglesbee, Mary Farber, B. F. Farber, Elizabeth Buser, Henry Schooley, and Hiram Oglesbee.

There are some odd things about this list of defendants. Belle Buser is not listed and one wonders if she is either known or presumed to be dead. Atlee M. Buser, aged 15, is not listed and it is strange that his name is left off when Elizabeth's name was included. The name Anita M. Buser undoubtedly refers to Anna Marie Buser, but we know that she was married to James Schooley in 1840. Could it be that she had the marriage annulled and took her maiden name back again? Perhaps it was a divorce with the same result. The name Henry Schooly is new. Was this Anna's son? Or, was her husband named James Henry Schooley? Also one wonders since they named Benjamin (B.F.) Farber, the husband of Catherine Buser, and Hiram Oglesbee, husband of Susan Buser, why did they not name Harriett S. Fall Buser, the wife of Daniel T. Buser. Perhaps it was a sloppily prepared document as was the case many times in those days.

However that may be, here ends the story of the family in Indiana. After 1863 Susannah and the two younger children must have lived with the older members of the family until Elizabeth and Atlee formed homes of their own and Susannah passed away in 1885. We next hear of her in the home of Elizabeth Buser Richardson in Iowa in 1879. She lived there during the next six years of her life.

Susannah Buser died at 4 P.M. September 29, 1885 at the farm home of George F. and Elizabeth Richardson. The cause of death, according to Dr. Eggleston of Shellrock, Iowa who attended her during the last days, was chronic rheumatism and old age. She was buried in Harlington Cemetery in Waverly, Iowa and the stone there shows her age to have been 78 years, 2 months and 29 days at the time of her death.

The grave is well kept in beautiful surroundings near that of her son-in-law George F. Richardson but her daughter, Elizabeth Richardson, is buried in Xenia, Ohio near that of her sister Mary Catherine Farber.

While doing research on this project in Shellrock, Iowa Dr. M. B. Cheeseboro and his wife were interviewed. Through their courtesy we were directed to the old farm home of Elizabeth Buser Richardson and her husband George F. Richardson in Washington Township, Bremmer County along the banks of the Shellrock River. The old house and barn are still standing on a narrow strip of land between the gravel road and the Shellrock with the land sloping gently south about 200 yards to the river bank.

The story and a half house and the pioneer barn are mostly in good condition except the little front porch of the house is rather dilapidated. The house is painted white and apparently looks about the same as it did 80 years ago. The bank barn, about 50 yards east, has stone walls up to a height of about five feet but from thereon it is rough plank painted red. One must stoop to enter the old cow stable because the door was built to admit cows not persons. Both barn and house are being used by a family with several children who evidently raise many chickens and ducks. Local rumor insists that rattlesnakes are seen at times along the river.

John and Susannah Haines Buser had ten children, five boys and five girls. Six of the children were born somewhere in Maryland and the remaining four were born in or near Xenia, Ohio. They are listed below. In some cases the birth dates have been firmed up from official records that are available for the time but for others the birth dates have been computed from ages given in the census records of the period or other records. At times the census records show different ages in different decades, in such cases the ages have been computed and adjusted to conform with other available records. As will be noted it has been impossible to obtain some of the dates and they have been left vacant.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND SUSANNAH BUSER

	Ann Marie Buser	born in Maryland	_____	1825
*	John Hanson Buser	"	December 5,	1826
	Belle Buser	"	_____	1827
	Susan Buser	"	_____	1828
	Mary Catherine Buser	"	September 8,	1831
	Joshua Peter Buser	"	_____	1833
	William H. Buser	born in Ohio	December 19,	1836
	Daniel T. Buser	"	_____	1841
	Elizabeth L. Buser	"	December 8,	1844
	Atlee Maxwell Buser	"	August 12,	1848

*NOTE: Named for John Hanson President of the Thirteen Colonies under the Articles of Confederation prior to the adoption of the U.S.Constitution and the election of George Washington.



Four of the five sons of John and Susannah Haines Buser are: Top row left to right: Atlee Maxwell Buser and Daniel Buser. Bottom row left to right: Joshua Peter Buser and John Hanson Buser.



Susan Buser Oglesbee



Mary Catherine Buser Farber

John Buser and Susanna Haines Buser were known to have had five daughters but pictures were unavailable for two. Photographs could not be found for Belle and Ann Maria Buser.



Elizabeth Lydia Buser Richardson

PART IV

DESCENDANTS OF THE COLD-FRIDAY BUSERS

ANN MARIE BUSER 1-1

Ann Marie Buser was the oldest child of John and Susannah Buser. It appears that she was born in 1825 but at this time no authenticated date of her birth is available. In the county Clerk's office in Xenia, Ohio a record was found that she was married, with parental consent, to one James Schooley on September 30, 1840. Nothing is known of the husband or his parents. One Henry Schooley is listed as one of the defendants in a suit against the heirs of John Buser in 1863 at Lebanon, Indiana. It is possible that he was Ann Marie's son or her husband may have been named James Henry Schooley. Also named in this suit is Anita Marie Buser not Ann Marie Schooley. This would lead one to believe that she had obtained a divorce or an annulment of her marriage to James Schooley.

Later Ann Marie married a man by the name of Hopwood and lived in California according to excerpts from old letters but little is known of this marriage. Relatives speak of a Walter Williams who lived in California as being a descendant of Ann Marie's but no further data has been obtained in this regard.

1-1 Ann Marie Buser (1825- ?) married James Schooley
1-1 Ann Marie Buser Schooley (1825- ?) married ? Hopwood

JOHN HANSON BUSER 2-1

John Hanson Buser was born in Maryland on December 5, 1826 and, with his parents, migrated to Xenia, Ohio about 1833 or 1834. It is not known when he became interested in the little German Reformed Church located at the corner of Monroe and Church Streets in Xenia; but the records of the congregation show that he and his sister, Susan, joined the church April 18, 1846. Later, on August 22, 1847 his mother, Susannah Buser, became a member there. No record was found to show membership for his father, John Buser.

From 1848 to 1854 the name of John Hanson Buser appears in the church records every Sunday. At times he was designated Superintendent of the Church School at other times as

Assistant Superintendent. On several occasions he served as librarian. He was first called Reverend John H. Buser, in the records, in the entry for September 1, 1850.

An early pastor, Henry Willard, served this church from 1844 to 1850 and we find his name in and out of the Buser records and it goes without saying that he had considerable influence in the decision of John Hanson becoming a minister and took part in his ordination at the church.

On September 22, 1851 Reverend Buser married Margaret DeMoss Lenox of Xenia and the young couple made their home there for the next two or three years. One son, John Winfield Buser, was born in Xenia in 1852 and another was born there in 1854. He was named Baxter H. Buser but he lived only about one year, dying in 1855.

The congregation built a new church building on the corner of North Detroit and West Market Streets in 1852 and the first Sunday School was held there January 2, 1853. Apparently the church was unfinished at this time as it was not dedicated until September 18, 1853.

The Reverend John Hanson Buser is listed as one of the dedicatory speakers of the day along with what appears to have been some high officials of the denomination from other congregations.

Mr. Buser remained active in the Xenia church until 1854 when he set forth on his missionary journey deeper into the midwest. Family legends say that he made the long trek into Iowa on the back of his favorite horse. No mention is made of the manner in which his wife and children made the trip or if they went west at the same time that he did. But we know that the family eventually settled in the little village of Conesville, Iowa where the remainder of the family were born and where many of their descendants still reside. Reverend Buser, his wife and several of their children and grandchildren are buried in the beautiful little cemetery at the edge of town.

Reverend Buser's first stop in Iowa was at Oskaloosa where he established a church that is still in existance today. Later he served pastorates at Pella, Columbus City and Conesville all in Iowa. He also established a church in Johnson County. It first met in the King school building and a

building was later erected at a cost of $2,200.00. The congregation is still worshiping in this building.

In 1865 he moved to Conesville and settled there permanently. The first meeting of his congregation in Conesville was held in the Oakland School and continued to meet there for quite some time. The church building was erected in 1872 and cost about $3,000.00. But only eleven years later, on Christmas Eve 1883, it burned after a Christmas gathering in the sanctuary. However, it was soon rebuilt and is in use today with his name prominently displayed across one of the colored glass windows on the east side of the building.

This congregation began it's service under the name of The German Reformed Church but in 1925 the name was changed to "Reformed" having dropped the word "German" from the title. Later on June 26, 1934 the title was again changed to Evangelical And Reformed Church. This title remained with the congregation until June 25, 1957 when it was again changed to United Church Of Christ. This is the present day title of the church.

Reverend John Hanson Buser and Margaret DeMoss Buser are well remembered in these Iowa communities. The great service rendered by these pioneer patriots will remain on the lips not only of their own descendants out across the coming years but also in the minds and consciences of their fellow towns people as well. Many of their descendants still reside in Iowa and without their wholehearted assistance this work could not have been completed.

Obtaining information about a large family which has matured and moved about, some for long distances, is extremely difficult and time consuming. Every effort has been made to contact descendants of the families to obtain records and dates of family births and deaths. But it has not been possible to cover every element of the record. Most people have been eager to help but some, through lack of information or inability to do the research necessary, have failed to answer our correspondence. This we regret. So we have compiled the record to the best of our ability and sincerely hope the work presented is as correct as possible and covers most of the descendants.

JOHN HANSON BUSER 2-1

2-1 John Hanson Buser (1826-1893) married Margaret DeMoss Lenox (1828-1884)

1-2 John Winfield Buser (1852-1928) married Carrie M Ingram (1855-1914)

1-3 Margaretta L Buser bn Apr 20 1887 died Nov 18 1972 married Charles E Chamberlain on Apr 6 1911

1-4 David M Chamberlain married Helen M Donneley June 19 1916

1-5 Susan Marie Chamberlain bn Oct 4 1940

2-5 Jean Louise Chamberlain bn May 28 1943

2-4 Ruth M Chamberlain bn Apr 22 1915 married James H Webb Oct 20 1935

1-5 Margaret Elizabeth Webb bn June 5 1938

2-4 Ruth M Chamberlain (second marriage) Howard M Bosch December 12 1944

3-4 Arleen R Chamberlain bn Jan 12 1917 married Roy O Shankel Mar 15 1935

1-5 Carol Rebecca Shankel bn Jan 1 1936

2-5 Richard LeRoy Shankel bn Feb 18 1938

3-4 Arleen R Chamberlain (second marriage) Kelly Truman

1-5 Kelly Loyal Truman

2-5 _____ Truman

4-4 John E Chamberlain bn Jan 4 1919 died Jan 6 1919

5-4 Chas R Chamberlain bn May 5 1922 married Florence Milim (Note: Florence Milim had been previously married and brought two children to this marriage.)

1. Millicent F Milim
2. Sandra Milim

1-5 Robert J Chamberlain bn Jan 29 1947

6-4 Donald B Chamberlain bn June 28 1923 died June 28 1923

7-4 Theodore Chamberlain bn Feb 22 1928 died Feb 22 1928

2-3 George Melville Buser bn Feb 25 1889 lives in Estacada, Oregon

3-3 John M Buser bn Nov 5 1891 died Dec 31 1943

4-3 Paul Ingram Buser bn Dec 25 1893 died Apr 3 1972 married Eva Belle De Lap bn July 25 1894 died Oct 6 1962

1-4 Evelyn Buser bn Feb 1 1914 married _____ Hemminger. Mr Hemminger died in 1949

5-3 Mary Elizabeth Buser bn Aug 10 1896 died in infancy 1896

2-2 Baxter H Buser bn Aug 2 1854 died Oct 9 1855 (Scarlet Fever)

3-2 William P Buser bn Jan 7 1856 died Jan 7 1883 married Fannie Hawkins

4-2 Jesse Belle Buser bn July 14 1857 married _____ Mc Curdy (Note: It appears that there were two girls born to this union but no trace was found of any record thereof)

5-2 Rose Helen Buser bn Mar 15 1859 died Oct 1861 (Scarlet Fever)

6-2 Mary Margaret Buser bn May 4 1862 died Jan 1919 married Frank Lutz

7-2 Nora Caroline Buser bn Apr 5 1863 married _____ Heath

1-3 Belle Heath

2-3 Estelle Heath married _____ Travis

7-2 Nora Caroline Buser (second marriage) Clarice James on Feb 15 1897

1-3 August James

2-3 Albert James

7-2 Nora Caroline Buser (third marriage) _____ Dunaman Nora Caroline Buser, Heath, James, Dunaman died July 12 1918

8-2 Samual Sherman Buser bn Apr 3 1864 died Aug 5 1937 married Anna M Emerson Jan 17 1888

1-3 Rose Mae Buser bn Nov 26 1888 died Sept 23 1958 married Ethan Blieu

1-4 Lyle Blieu

2-3 Ethel Mary Buser bn May 13 1890 died May 1968 married John T Curtain Jan 26 1916. Date of Mr Curtain's death unknown

3-3 Hazel Buser died in infancy

4-3 John H Buser bn Sept 10 1893 died Nov 8 1960 married Hazel C Brent bn July 1 1899

1-4 John F Buser bn Feb 12 1921 died July 1968 married Marylan Keller

2-4 Ellen Anna Buser bn Feb 13 1922 married Lawrence M Baker Apr 9 1939

3-4 Henry Samuel Buser bn Mar 30 1924 married

Gola L Vetter Dec 16 1944

4-4 Grant Eugene Buser bn Sept 19 1925 married Martha E Hiniger Mar 11 1948

5-4 Robert Gaylord Buser bn Aug 28 1927 married Elane Grothe Sept 23 1949

6-4 Hazel Grace Buser bn May 28 1929 married Robert W Manley Apr 19 1946

6-4 Hazel Grace Buser(second marriage)Arthur J Schwabenlander bn May 26 1923

7-4 Lela Mildred Buser bn Feb 16 1932 married Ralph A Warren Jan 21 1949

8-4 Betty Louise Buser bn July 10 1934 married Raymond R Mason Jan 23 1953

5-3 George McKinley Buser bn Aug 3 1895 died Mar 1 1962 married Frances Schoultz bn Sept 21 1895 died October 17 1952. They were married May 20 1918

1-4 Donald Buser bn Mar 7 1919 married Jean Allen bn Jan 14 1922. They were married Mar 7 1942. Conesville, Iowa present home

1-5 Thomas Buser bn Oct 11 1943 married Patricia Bowen bn July 25 1947. Married on June 18 1967

2-5 Michael Buser bn Aug 12 1946 married Elizabeth _____

3-5 Kay Buser bn Dec 31 1950

4-5 Scott Buser bn July 2 1957

5-5 Donae Buser bn Nov 26 1963

2-4 Charles Buser bn Mar 12 1922 married Ruth Walker bn Dec 21 1921. They were married June 29 1941

1-5 Lemoyne Buser bn Feb 18 194_ married Janice Enke bn Aug 5 1942. They married Aug 27 1961

1-6 Virginia Enke bn Dec 30 1963

2-6 Jeffrey Enke bn Nov 22 1965

2-5 Loren Buser bn Aug 26 1944 married Beverly Thompson bn May 21 1944. They were married May 15 1965

1-6 Lori Buser bn Dec 31 1965

3-5 Raymond Buser bn May 20 1946 married Sally Duncan bn Jan 30 1946. They were married July 21 1963

1-6 James Buser bn Feb 11 1964

4-5 Charlene Buser bn Jan 18 1949

5-5 Beverly Buser bn Oct 28 1952

6-5 Boyd Buser bn Jan 19 1954

7-5 Sandra Buser bn July 31 1960

8-5 Susan Buser bn Feb 7 1961

6-3 Esther Belle Buser bn Sept 9 1899 married Arthur Schlotfeldt on Jan 4 1923. Mr Schlotfeldt died on Aug 4 1923

1-4 Kenneth Arthur Schlotfeldt bn Sept 20 1923 married Dorothy Palm July 20 1945. Kenneth A Schlotfeldt was killed in Korea Aug 1 1952.

1-5 Jean Ethel Schlotfeldt bn Aug 18 1949

6-3 Esther Belle Buser(second marriage)Elmer Robbins who died May of 1927. They had been married Apr 29 1925

1-4 Mary Anna Esther Robbins bn Dec 6 1927 married Lawrence E Willers bn Aug 21 1924

1-5 Arthur L Willers bn Nov 21 1946

2-5 Alberta A Willers bn Apr 14 1948

3-5 Ruth Esther Willers bn Dec 24 1949

4-5 David G Willers bn Jan 30 1953

1-4 Mary Anna Esther Robbins(second marriage)Robert L Shea bn May 4 1927

1-5 Daniel Michael Shea bn Apr 30 1958

2-5 Teresa Rose Shea bn Jan 14 1960

(Note: Daniel and Teresa were adopted by Elmer W Diehl listed below.)

1-4 Mary Anna Esther Robbins(third marriage)Elmer W Diehl bn Nov 9 1930

1-5 Robin L Diehl bn Oct 26 1962

2-5 Hoyt B Diehl bn Mar 23 1965

7-3 Ivan(Jack)M Buser bn Jan 16 1902 married Marjory Sholsberg

9-2 Jonas DeMoss Buser bn Jan 15 1867 died Mar 6 1951 married Rebecca Jane McKee bn Aug 22 1875 died Sept 6 1927 Married on Jan 22 1896

1-3 Sylvia Frances Buser bn Apr 9 1897 married Waldo H Plotts bn Apr 19 1894 died Feb 20 1945. Conesville Iowa present home

2-3 Lenox DeMoss Buser bn Oct 13 1898 died Dec 7 1968 married Isebelle McCormic on Sept 26 1924. She was born June 6 1911

1-4 Audrey Buser bn Jan 2 1933 married Dean Housel bn Aug 8 1926

1-5 Janene Housel bn Apr 25 1959

2-5 Dwight Housel bn Oct 25 1965

3-5 Nadine Housel bn June 10 1967

2-4 Richard K Buser bn June 25 1935 married Bonnie

McCormick bn Sept 2 1941
1- 1-5 Richard Buser bn Jan 18 1963
2-5 Jamey Buser bn Mar 16 1967
3-4 Joyce Buser bn Oct 6 1940 married Fred Wookey bn Jan 19 1930
1-5 James Wookey bn July 12 1965
2-5 Larry Wookey bn Jan 15 1968
4-4 Jane Buser bn July 22 1946 married Ronald Brenneman bn Mar 21 1946
1-5 Clinton Brenneman bn Oct 11 1971

3-3 Callie Mable Buser bn Feb 3 1900 married Irwin F Everett bn Aug 12 1900. Conesville, Iowa vicinity present home
1-4 Leslie B Everett bn Sept 2 1925 married Lois Ruth Shave bn Jan 12 1930
1-5 Larry B Everett bn Oct 16 1951
2-5 Janet Elaine Everett bn Oct 28 1952
3-5 James Odell Everett bn Oct 17 1953
4-5 Charles Edward Everett bn Sept 27 1954
5-5 Jeffrey Lynn Everett bn Dec 27 1955
6-5 Pamela Jo Ellen Everett bn May 16 1957
7-5 Jennifer Ann Everett bn Jan 5 1960
8-5 Andrew John Everett bn Mar 29 1965
2-4 Helen Gayle Everett bn Dec 20 1926 died May 24 1964 married John T Gartzke Nov 4 1924 on June 26 1948
1-5 Boy infant died in February 1950
2-5 Rebecca Jane Gartzke bn May 10 1951
3-5 Herbert John Gartzke bn Apr 26 1961
3-4 Dale W Everett bn Feb 11 1929 married Barbara Fansler bn Jan 26 1932. Date married Aug 29 1947
1-5 William D Everett bn Sept 7 1948
2-5 Michael Cragg Everett bn July 11 1950
3-5 Eugene Allen Everett bn May 17 1951 died May 20 1951
4-4 Irvin Frederic Everett bn Jan 6 1931 married Beverly Ann Pine bn Aug 11 1929. Married 1949 Divorced 1955
1-5 Douglas Mark Everett bn Oct 24 1949
2-5 David Frederic Everett bn Aug 23 1951
3-5 Duane Everett bn Feb 18 1955
4-4 Irvin Frederic Everett(second marriage) Norma Louise Munsen bn Aug 30 1936. Date of marriage Feb 27 1955
1-5 Connie Lynn Everett bn July 27 1957

2-5 Kathleen Ann Everett bn May 31 1958
3-5 Karen Sue Everett bn Aug 27 1959
5-4 Louis Edward Everett bn Apr 14 1935 married Erma Cook Higgins bn Jan 26 1939
1-5 Tamera Everett bn Apr 2 1964
2-5 Jason Edward Everett bn July 1 1966
3-5 Jonas Cash Everett bn Mar 13 1971
4-3 Warren Jonas Buser bn Sept 14 1901 died July 4 1966 married Cecelia Elmore bn Oct 7 1903. Married Dec 18 1924
1-4 Dortha Buser bn July 20 1925
2-4 Harold Buser bn July 1 1926. Married to Japanese native
3-4 William E Buser

10-2 Lillian Jane Buser bn June 18 1869 died Dec 8 1924 married John Scott Beck bn Mar 22 1863 died Nov 28 1947
1-3 Paul August Beck bn Nov 19 1889 died Nov 21 1889
2-3 John Vernon Beck bn Nov 21 1891 died Oct 11 1969 married Clara La Hue bn_____died Mar of 1947
3-3 Lillian Pauline Beck bn Aug 13 1894 died Feb 2 1968 married Louis B Koffron bn Aug 20 1890 died Oct 20 1936
1-4 Lua Lillian Koffron bn July 25 1917 married Harold Clark bn Apr 1 1915
1-5 Nancy Ellen Clark bn Apr 12 1947 married Leon Goldsberry
2-5 Judith Ann Clark bn Jan 13 1949 married John Wharton bn Aug 20 1946
3-5 Susan Elizabeth Clark bn Sept 5 1950
4-5 Robert Lewis Clark bn Mar 24 1953
4-3 Violet I Beck bn Aug 27 1896 married Ernest George Whetzel bn Nov 19 1884 died Oct 12 1918
4-3 Violet I Beck (second marriage) married Newton A Morse bn Feb __ 1881 died Nov 10 1941
5-3 Rosa Gladys Beck bn Aug 30 1900 married Wesley F Pike bn Sept 29 1905
6-3 Alston Roosevelt Beck bn June 25 1902
7-3 George Scott Beck bn Feb 28 1911 died Mar 2 1911
8-3 Adrian Lenox Beck bn Mar 1 1912 died in infancy

BELLE BUSER 3-1

Belle Buser was born in Maryland in 1827. She would have been about six years of age when the family left Maryland for Ohio in 1833. However that may be, her name does not appear in any of the census records of the period nor is she mentioned in any of the letters which have come to the attention of this writer.

Traces were found of her in Iowa where descendants of John Hanson Buser, the evangelist, stated that they had heard stories of her coming to Iowa to help John Hanson with his church work. One descendant slyly remarked that he had heard that she was a better preacher than her brother.

Rumors were heard in Kansas that Belle had gone to Alaska from Iowa and nothing had ever been heard of her since that time.

Stories have been told for years among the William H. Buser descendants that she was a very high tempered individual and that one fine morning while she was having a mad fit, she mounted her horse and rode off. Never to be seen again.

Among these legends all or none may well be true. It appears that nothing will ever be known for sure about this person. Perhaps it is just as well. Every family should have at least one bona fide mystery.

SUSAN BUSER 4-1

Susan Buser was born near Frederick, Maryland in 1828 and made the long trip in the covered wagon with the family to Xenia, Ohio in 1833. To a little five year old this must have been a very great adventure. In later years she remembered eating cookies which were being carried inside an old Revolutionary War Drum. Most likely the cookies had been made by Ann, a black servant girl, who had been a slave in Maryland but upon entering Ohio, a free state, she became free.

On August 2, 1858 Susan married Hiram Oglesbee, a farmer near Xenia. John Hanson Buser, her brother, was a circuit riding preacher of the Reformed German Church and had left Xenia sometime in 1854 probably with the first warm days of spring to preach the gospel of the New Testament in Iowa. He

returned for Susan's wedding fours years later and officiated at the wedding. Susan and Hiram celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on their farm during the summer of 1908 with many of the family, neighbors and friends present for the festive dinner spread under the great trees in the yard.

In a letter dated October 7, 1915 written to Atlee M. Buser, her brother, in Hutchinson, Kansas Susan tells of the death of Hiram of tuberculosis on September 15, 1915. She was eighty-seven then with crippling arthritis in both hands making her writing so erratic that reading it is extremely difficult. She lived until October 1917. Both Hiram and Susan are buried in the cemetery at Port William, Ohio not far from the farm home where they spent all their married lives.

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4-1 Susan Buser (1828-1917) married Hiram Oglesbee (1834-1915)

1-2 Louise Oglesbee is reported to have married a man by the name of McMellon, first name unknown.
- 1-3 Twin girls were born to this union probably about 1894, but tragically the lives of both the infants and their mother were lost when the twins were born.

2-2 Charles N Oglesbee (1860-1917) married Elizabeth Evelyn Davis (1862-1909)

Note: Evelyn Davis was related to Mrs. Stephen Allen who was the mother of Mrs. William H. Buser, Sr. Therefore, the descendants of Charles and Evelyn Oglesbee are double cousins to the descendants of William H. and Sara A. Buser.

Note: Next below is an instance where a brother and a sister marry a sister and a brother, i.e. wherein William H. Oglesbee and his sister, Blanch Oglesbee, marry Myrtle Reddish and her brother, Otto Reddish.

- 1-3 William H. Oglesbee (1885-1960) married Myrtle Reddish (1888-1956)
  - 1-4 Lenora Oglesbee died in infancy
- 2-3 Blanch Oglesbee (1888-1932) married Otto Reddish (1883-1956)
  - 1-4 Ronald Reddish bn Dec 25 1905 married Lucile Hall bn Jan 8 1905. Near Crawfordsville, Indiana present home.

2-4 Herman Reddish bn Dec 22 1907 married Carmelita Dazy
- 1-5 Richard Reddish married Darlene _____ It is thought two children, a boy and a girl were born to this union.
- 2-5 Rita Reddish married Reginald Perkins. One son born.

3-4 William R Reddish bn Mar 14 1912 married Evelyn Rice bn Dec 25 1908. Indianapolis,Indiana present home.
- 1-5 Mary Reddish bn July 2 1933 married Ralph Bruin bn July 5 1932
  - 1-6 Mark Bruin bn Sept 26 1957
  - 2-6 Mike Bruin bn Aug 20 1960
  - 3-6 Bret Bruin bn Nov 27 1968
- 2-5 James Reddish bn Aug 15 1936 married Isabella White bn Aug 22 1937
  - 1-6 Lisa Reddish bn Jan 3 1958
  - 2-6 Kimberly Reddish bn Nov 8 1960
  - 3-6 Lori Reddish bn May 1 1964
- 3-5 Lois Reddish bn Nov 21 1937 married Don McGaughey bn June 7 1930
  - 1-6 Sandra McGaughey bn May 31 1958
  - 2-6 Donna McGaughey bn Aug 10 1961
- 3-5 Lois Reddish (second marriage) Roy Rightsell bn Mar 28 1928
  - 1-6 Shari Rightsell bn Oct 30 1967
- 4-5 John Reddish bn Sept 25 1939 married Patricia Andrews bn June 18 1941
  - 1-6 Gina Reddish bn Oct 22 1964
  - 2-6 Gerri Reddish bn Nov 23 1965
  - 3-6 Lana Reddish bn Sept 18 1967
- 5-5 Kathryn Reddish bn Sept 9 1940 married Danny Marshall bn Nov 11 1937
  - 1-6 Vicki Marshall bn Oct 24 1959
  - 2-6 Brenda Marshall bn Jan 23 1961
  - 3-6 Kristi Marshall bn Feb 15 1963
  - 4-6 Jana Marshall bn Nov 8 1968
- 6-5 Donald Reddish bn Oct 26 1942 married Frances Obering bn Mar 13 1946
  - 1-6 Cynthia Reddish bn Apr 11 1961
  - 2-6 Diana Reddish bn Sept 5 1965
  - 3-6 Mary Reddish bn Dec 6 1967
- 7-5 Carolyn Reddish bn Nov 22 1946 married Daryl Fullen bn Oct 5 1942
  - 1-6 Amy Fullen bn June 22 1967

- 2-6 Beth Fullen bn Dec 17 1970

4-4 Clay Francis Reddish bn Mar 7 1914 married Frances Servies bn May 21 1914. Greenfield, Indiana present home.
- 1-5 William Thomas Reddish bn June 11 1936 married Carol Corbin bn Oct 17 1937
  - 1-6 Julie Kay Reddish bn Dec 22 1963
  - 2-6 Susan Lynn Reddish bn Sept 10 1967
- 2-5 Judith Ann Reddish bn Sept 18 1938 married George L Schick bn Oct 8 1937
  - 1-6 Deborah Anne Schick bn Mar 28 1965

5-4 Marjorie Reddish bn June 15 1923 married Charles Goff bn Apr 8 1921. Present home near New Market, Indiana.
- 1-5 Marilyn Goff bn Oct 2 1942 married Glen Edwards bn May 20 1937
  - 1-6 Linda Edwards bn Sept 25 1965
  - 2-6 Ronald Eugene Edwards bn July 15 1966
- 2-5 Sharon Goff bn Jan 17 1945 married Robert Hedrick
  - 1-6 Aaron Wayne Hedrick (Adopted)
- 3-5 Mary Ann Goff bn Nov 11 1948 married Thomas Bishop bn July 27 1947
  - 1-6 Sean Bishop bn Apr 6 1968
- 4-5 Dale Goff bn July 27 1951
- 5-5 Kenneth Goff bn May 27 1953
- 6-5 Teresa Goff bn Mar 16 1955

6-4 Helen Ruth Reddish bn Apr 27 1926 married to Frank Fritts bn Feb 26 1921. Lives at Marshall, Indiana
- 1-5 Michael Fritts bn June 18 1947 married Martea Klinker bn May 28 1951
  - 1-6 Mark Alan Fritts bn Sept 16 1971
- 2-5 Barbara Fritts bn Dec 26 1949 married Robert Measel bn Feb 19 1949
  - 1-6 Robert Alan Measel bn Jan 12 1971
- 3-5 Beverly Fritts bn Mar 4 1953
- 4-5 Janet Fritts bn Nov 1 1958

3-3 Edward Oglesbee married Ida Fry
- 1-4 Elmo Oglesbee
- 2-4 Louisa Oglesbee

(Note: Elmo Oglesbee and Louisa Oglesbee died in 1918 during the Influenza Epidemic. Their deaths came within one week of each other.)

3-4 Albert Oglesbee apparently married with no

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children

4-3 Lester Oglesbee (1868-1949) married Ada Stingley (1866-1920)

1-4 Leona Oglesbee bn Oct 8 1893 married Ottis Pagett bn Oct 7 1888 died May 21 1960

1-5 Ottis Lester Pagett bn Apr 11 1920 married Georgia Elizabeth Keiter bn Oct 15 1919

1-6 James David Pagett bn Nov 2 1948

2-6 Jo Anne Pagett bn Mar 17 1950

3-6 Ottis Alan Pagett bn Oct 3 1954

5-3 Harry William Oglesbee married Ella _____

1-4 Bessie Oglesbee (Note: It is believed both of these girls died in their early youth; Hazel following an operation of some kind.)

2-4 Hazel Oglesbee

3-4 Velda Oglesbee married Jesse Watkins

MARY CATHERINE BUSER 5-1

Mary Catherine Buser was born in Maryland September 8, 1831. She also made the trip via covered wagon from Frederick County over the old National Road to Xenia, Ohio. It is doubtful if she ever actually remembered much about the ordeal since she was only two years old at the time. She grew into a tall and erect young woman who enjoyed the dances and parties of the era where she met Benjamin T. Farber a struggling young cobbler who, orphaned at nine years of age, was helping to support four brothers and one sister.

They were married October 25, 1848 in Xenia by the Reverend Henry Willard of the German Reformed Church. Due to the fact that Mary Catherine was only 17 years old it was necessary for her father to give his consent. The records show that he did. The young couple went to housekeeping in only one room likely close to the cobbler shop. But they had hardly gotten settled when Benjamin took off for the gold fields in California with a lot of other 49ers.

In a letter written on October 7, 1947 Fannie Farber Wolff, the daughter of the Farbers, tells that when her father returned from the gold fields he brought considerable gold. A portion of it he had made into five gold rings which he presented to his bride of only a few months. Mary Cath-

erine wore these rings alternately because they had been made without alloy and each one became so thin that they were almost wire-like and cut her fingers. In later life they were given one to each of her five children.

Benjamin did not go back to his cobbler's bench after California. Instead he started making building brick and constructing houses in Xenia. He was very successful at this and many homes still stand which he built before the turn of the century.

In 1872 they purchased a lot at 660 South Detroit Street in Xenia where he built their permanent home. The bricks for the house were formed of clay on the back side of the lot and were burned there also. It was a large house situated on the front of the lot near the sidewalk and consisted of eight rooms sixteen feet square, four up and four down, connected by a beautiful solid cherry stair case leading up from a hall eight feet wide. The kitchen and pantry were in addition to the other rooms. It was occupied until 1917 when it was purchased from the estate by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fenney, a prominent attorney in Xenia. This writer and Mrs. Buser were received very courteously by the Fenneys who took much time to show us the house and talk about it. He stood on the front porch, which runs all around the front and down the south side, and pointed out houses Mr. Farber had built that could be seen from there. There were several mostly constructed of bricks as was this elegant old home in which we were welcomed.

Benjamin T. Farber passed away December 22, 1901 and was buried in Woodland Cemetery at Xenia. Mary Catherine lived in the old home until March 20, 1917 when she died at the age of 85 years 6 months and 11 days. She was laid to rest beside her husband in Woodlawn.

Their descendants have scattered all about and it has been rather difficult to obtain information about them. There is a family legend that many of the descendants either died tragically or during extremely bad weather. However that may be, there are many still living today who have been helpful in gathering the information we do have available.

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5-1 Mary Catherine Buser (1831-1917) married Benjamin T Farber (1824-1901)

1-2 Infant daughter (1849-1850)

2-2 John C. Farber (1852-____) married Ruth Margaret Sims (1855-____)
(Note: This couple came to Boone County Indiana in 1873; later moved to Frankfort, Indiana (Clinton County) where he became a very prominent attorney and State Senator.)
- 1-3 William Farber, Admiral United States Navy
- 2-3 John C. Farber, Jr. bn Mar 6 1893 died Feb 10 1969 Married Alice Shaw. Member Franklin D. Roosevelt law firm in New York City. No children.
- 3-3 Benjamin F Farber married Willie Hutchison who died Apr 13 1924. Became a famous Presbyterian minister
  - 1-4 William Farber career officer in the United States Army who died under unusual circumstances in eastern United States.
  - 2-4 Benjamin Farber, Jr. was lost on an aircraft carrier during World War II
- 3-3 Benjamin F Farber (second marriage) Helen Welty
  - 1-4 Charles Farber

3-2 James H Farber (1853-1964) married Cora Louise Coffman
- 1-3 Thomas James Farber, Jr. thought to be a cartoonist and newspaper writer in Texas
- 2-3 Joseph Farber, thought to be a banker in New York City

4-2 Infant son (1854-1854)

5-2 Benjamin F Farber, Jr (1856-1859) died of diphtheria in his mother's arms saying, "My pretty home, my pretty home!"

6-2 Anna M Farber (1861-1921) not married, reported incompetent

7-2 Fannie Bell Farber (1865-1948) married William T Wolff (1858-1924)
- 1-3 Robert F Wolff (1888-1964) married Elizabeth Campbell (1889-1955)
  - 1-4 Robert C Wolff bn 1924 married Ann Paish bn 1930 (England)
    - 1-5 Susan Wolff bn 1954
    - 2-5 Nancy Wolff bn 1955
    - 3-5 Robert Wolff bn 1957
    - 4-5 Donald Wolff bn 1958

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The information concerning this family is very sketchy. Even after considerable leg work and much letter writing it has not been possible to fill many of the blanks in the record. Several attempts have been made to contact Olive Parr and Lynne Beerbower by mail but not one letter was answered. It is known that Joshua Peter Buser was born near Frederick, Maryland about 1833. Apparently he was the baby Susannah Buser rocked in the old split-hickory rocking chair as their wagon alternately labored and rumbled over the National Road on the way to the middle west in the early 1830s. He grew to manhood in Xenia, Ohio but left there in 1855 to settle in Indiana with his brother William.

We next find him in Ladoga, Indiana and married to the former Susan English who, according to records, was born in Kentucky the daughter of Dr. Frank English. Doctor English later became a very famous surgeon in Des Moines, Iowa and it is reported that he died while performing a very difficult operation in a hospital there after many years of devoted service to his community. "Josh", as I have heard my grandfather refer to him, was a carpenter as well as a cabinet maker and followed those trades while he lived in Ladoga.

The 1860 census also shows that Joshua and Susan had one daughter, Ida, who was three years of age. Original letters written by Ida many years later reveal that, as a little girl, she recalled the visit of her grandfather, John Buser, to Ladoga in 1861. She states that he brought her a little blue dress on one such visit. She also mentions that John Buser was buried in the Ladoga Cemetery but fails to mention any illness he may have had or any of the circumstances of his death. Her grandfather and the remainder of his family were residing in Thorntown, Indiana at the time of his death. He must have died while on a visit to Ladoga in 1861.

No further record has been found of this family in Ladoga, but since William and Atlee moved to Waveland, Indiana a year or two after their father's death it is not unreasonable to think that Joshua may have gone there also. Ladoga, Indiana Masonic Records show his demit February 9, 1865 but the records do not show where he went. Ida must of been about 8 years old when they left Ladoga.

It is known that the family lived in Jacksonville, Florida for sometime and there is a record of Joshua Peter's burial there in the Evergreen Cemetery in June 1888. Susan was

laid by his side two years later in June 1890. Other children George, Grace and Ivan were born to this family but most is known about Ida through her letters. One of them speaks about how good Joshua looked in his Knight Templar uniform.

Ida Buser married a Captain Beerbower and lived in Jacksonville for many years. It is not known if Captain Beerbower was a military man or a sea captain. Ida had a daughter named Olive Jean Beerbower and a son named Lynne Beerbower. After the death of her husband Ida went to live with Olive on a homestead in Montana where they raised sheep. This life on a sheep ranch must have been a tremendous ordeal in weather which often went to 30° below zero. In one letter she describes a scene in one room with the two women, the hands and a few of the sheep all warming by the same fireside. Ida is buried in Sidney, Montana.

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6-1 Joshua Peter Buser (1833-1888) married Susan English died June 1890

1-2 Ida Buser (1857-1944) married Captain Beerbower died in 1919
- 1-3 Lynne Beerbower, Sr. died 1906 married _____
  - 1-4 Dena Mae Beerbower
  - 2-4 Lynne Beerbower,Jr. thought to live in Detroit Michigan
- 2-3 Olive Jean Beerbower married _____Parr

2-2 George Buser married twice; to one woman named Ruby and one named Erma. It is not known who was the mother of the children.
- 1-3 Ernest Buser
- 2-3 George Buser,Jr. It is known that George graduated from the St. Petersburg High School. There is a family legend that he was drowned when the good ship The George Humphries sank on one of the great lakes. There is also a story that, he owned a precious Stradivarius violin and that it was lost when he drowned. No knowledge is had as to whether he was a passenger on the ship or an employee.

3-2 Grace Buser apparently married a druggist named Duke, first name not known. It is thought they lived in California and that their descendants still do.

- 1-3 Garnet Duke
- 2-3 _____boy
- 3-3 _____

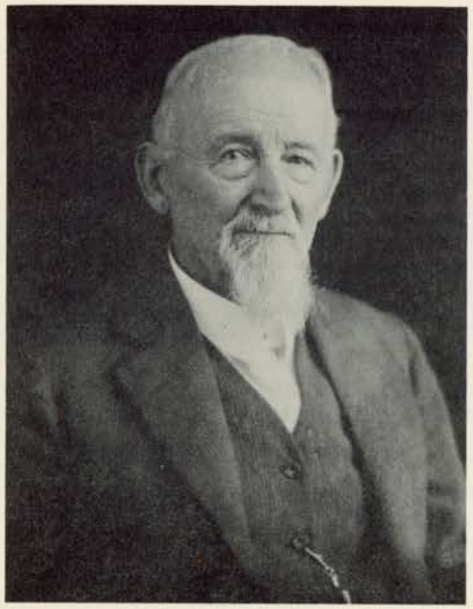
4-2 Ivan Buser

5-2 Ella Buser died January 1901



Family portrait of the William H. Buser family, left to right:
First row: Evelyn Buser, William H. Buser Sr., Mrs. Sara A. Buser, wife of William Buser Sr. and Fannie Buser. Second row: William Buser Jr., John Buser, Charles Buser, Louise Buser (insert), Roy J. Buser and Stephen A. Buser. This is the whole family with the exception of Trudie who died in her early youth.

WILLIAM H BUSER 7-1



William Hiram Buser, born December 19, 1836 was the first of the family to be born in Xenia, Ohio. He lived there until 1855 when he migrated to Ladoga, Indiana to join his brother Joshua. While there he made his living at cabinet making and/or other carpenter work. He purchased Lot #36 on the north side of Taylor Street between Sycamore and Hickory Streets in Ladoga on May 19, 1860. The purchase price was $100 and was later sold for $95 on September 22, 1863 thereby losing $5 on the deal. He was made a Master Mason in Ladoga Lodge #187 on September 27, 1860 and was demitted to Waveland Lodge #300 November 3, 1863. Only a few weeks later he married Sara Allen December 24, 1863. They made their early home on farms east and south of New Market, Indiana where they became the parents of nine children.

During 1891 and 1892 Mr. Buser engaged in a business partnership with his son-in-law, Marcus Beckner, at 132 South Washington Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana. It is possible that this business arrangement may have continued on through 1893 and 1894; but the city directory of 1895 shows the firm to be Sanders and Beckner. Since records are not available for 1893 and 1894 it has not been determined when the change took place. Apparently Mr. and Mrs. Buser remained on the farm until around the turn of the century. The city directory of 1903 shows them at 514 East Jefferson Street, Crawfordsville but it wasn't long after this that they moved to the west side of New Market, Indiana where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Buser died September 23, 1917 while Mr. Buser lived until September 30, 1925. Both are buried in the Freedom Cemetery about five miles south west of New Market.

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Many interesting legends have grown with the years about this large Montgomery County family. One worth repeating shows the thinking of the times very clearly.

While in Ladoga Mr. Buser, as a cabinet maker, was called upon very frequently to fashion coffins for the burial of his fellow townspeople as well as for those who died in the surrounding countryside. Unfortunately in those days burial of the dead was sometimes hastened due to the lack of embalming as we know it today. Since a request for a coffin was received only after the passing of the expected occupant Mr. Buser was required to hire a boy to hold a light and otherwise assist him while they worked all day and all night to meet the 'deadline' for the funeral. This was expensive and tiring.

As a result of these experiences he conceived the idea of making up a few coffins of assorted sizes to have them ready when deaths occurred. But when passers-by thrust their curious heads into the shop and queried, "Who's dead?", and he replied, "No one. I'm just making up a few extras to have them on hand when someone dies," —— They went away mumbling into their beards or sunbonnets. These plain people were not yet ready to accept this concept of burying their dead. They thought him to be greedy, unfeeling, and possibly a little addlepated to prepare coffins ahead for the dead.

And it likely didn't help any when he told the little fellow who was holding the light that the spirit of the departed one always came back and stood around the shop where the work was going on to see to it that the coffin fit! After a number of these instances his services were used less and less not only for coffins but for other work from which he made his living. Who knows if this tale or that tale is true but if they are so the situation undoubtedly contributed to his resolve to move to New Market and vicinity where he married Sara Allen, took up farming and began rearing their family.

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7-1 William H Buser bn Dec 19 1836 died Sept 30 1925 married Sara Allen bn May 22 1840 died Sept 23 1917

1-2 Gertrude (Tudie) Buser. Little is known of this child. Family legend tells us that she became fatally ill when she was about 10 years of age. Since she had not been

baptized she asked her father to baptize her and he did in the farm watering trough used for the livestock. She died very soon after that. The location of the grave is actually unknown but it may well have been in the little cemetery on the west side of the farm where they lived at the time. This little cemetery is located just at the top of the hill over the fence east of the road that runs from the New Market road south to Southmont School. The grave stones are broken now and many are completely gone, destroyed by the livestock which have grazed there these many years. No names can be found.

2-2 Mary Louise Buser (1865-1949) married Marcus Beckner who now is also deceased.
- 1-3 Arthur J. Beckner married Grace Wallace, both are deceased.

3-2 William H Buser, Jr. bn Aug 2 1868 died Oct 4 1943 married Emma Miles bn Dec 12 1871 died May 24 1954.
- 1-3 Clide Buser bn Dec 25 1890 died Apr 7 1908
- 2-3 Ruth Buser bn June 24 1893 died Mar 13 1936 married Chalmer Miller bn Aug 1891 died Jan 1965
  - 1-4 Ralph Miller bn June 1 1920 married Irene Wilson bn Apr 30 1928. Lives near New Ross, Indiana
    - 1-5 Ruth Ellen Miller bn Dec 9 1960
- 3-3 Leroy Buser bn Aug 14 1899 married Lucile Eubank bn Aug 11 1896 died June 11 1959. Lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana.
  - 1-4 Robert L. Buser bn June 6 1928 married Margaret Booher bn Apr 23 1931. Lives in Carbondale, Illinois
    - 1-5 Joe Buser bn Nov 29 1954
    - 2-5 Beth Ann Buser bn Jan 25 1959
- 3-3 Leroy Buser (second marriage) Dorothy Rush bn Oct 17 1906
- 4-3 Ralph Buser bn Feb 17 1902 died June 1 1902
- 5-3 Mary Esther Buser bn Mar 1 1904 married Harold Steele bn Sept 19 1900. Lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana.
- 6-3 Hazel Buser bn May 4 1909 married Raymond Milligan bn Dec 11 1910. Lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana

4-2 John Buser bn Mar 20 1870 died Sept 7 1937 married Etta Follick bn Mar 22 1872 died Apr 23 1936
- 1-3 Lucile Buser died in infancy

2-3 Dolly Buser bn July 7 1913 married John Kenneth Doyel bn May 2 1909. Lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana.
- 1-4 John Doyel bn May 15 1941 married Linda D Kernodle bn Feb 7 1943
  - 1-5 Julie Rene' Doyel bn Mar 16 1967
  - 2-5 Dana Kae Doyel bn Oct 31 1969

5-2 Eva Buser (1872-1940) married Charles Easley(1869-1923)
- 1-3 J. L. Easley died in infancy 1891
- 2-3 J. C. Easley bn 1893 died 1895
- 3-3 Caretta Easley bn Dec 24 1895 died Aug 5 1967 married Paul Everson bn Mar 12 1893 died Dec 8 1961
  - 1-4 Evelyn Everson bn May 1 1915 married Charles Carlile bn Sept 29 1911 died Feb 18 1948. Lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana
  - 2-4 Mariam Everson bn Sept 13 1917 married William Surface bn Oct 6 1918. Lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana
    - 1-5 Carolyn Surface bn Apr 25 1942 married Robert Snyder bn Dec 10 1938
      - 1-6 James Andrew Snyder bn Jan 21 1969
      - 2-6 Susan Elizabeth Snyder bn Aug 7 1970
    - 2-5 Marilyn Sue Surface bn Aug 15 1947 married James Michael Goforth bn Oct 17 1946
      - 1-6 Tracy Elaine Goforth bn July 5 1967
      - 2-6 Jeffrey Michael Goforth bn July 20 1970
  - 3-4 Margaret Everson bn July 31 1922 died Sept 1956 married Robert Smiley
    - 1-5 Robert Smiley Jr bn Dec 12 1942 married Janet Steele bn Mar 18 1947. Lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana.
- 4-3 Mary Easley bn May 15 1899 married Earl Cowdin bn June 18 1895 Earl Cowdin died Jan 6 1970. Mary lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.
  - 1-4 Norma Cowdin bn Oct 12 1919 married Alex Montrose bn Jan 27 1918. Lives in Las Vegas,Nev.
    - 1-5 Nancy Montrose bn Jan 11 1944 married Richard Carson bn Jan 11 1944
      - 1-6 Kim Carson bn Aug 3 1964
      - 2-6 Michelle Carson bn Apr 5 1966
    - 2-5 Jerry Montrose bn Jan 2 1948 married Estar Eller Brock
- 5-3 Velma Easley bn Mar 15 1902 married Walter Tague bn July 16 1901. Walter Tague died June 12 1971.

Lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 6-3 Mildred Easley bn Apr 5 1905 married John C Saidla bn July 28 1901 died Sept 11 1964.
  - 1-4 Collyn Saidla Jr bn July 18 1923 died Oct 3 1942
  - 2-4 Joan Saidla bn Mar 9 1928 married Dallas B Summers bn Sept 28 1926
    - 1-5 Collyn B Summers bn Oct 3 1948 married Justina Catherine Styonavich bn Jan 4 1951
    - 2-5 Julie K Summers bn Apr 25 1950 married Ernest E Esgate bn Nov 5 1947
      - 1-6 Sara Esgate bn Mar 14 1970
  - 3-4 Charles Saidla bn June 8 1932 married Bernadine Seiple
    - 1-5 Judy Ann Saidla bn May 7 1953
    - 2-5 Donald Jay Saidla bn May 28 1955
    - 3-5 Sharon Marie Saidla bn June 2 1956
  - 3-4 Charles Saidla(second marriage)Rita Flantero bn Mar 31 1937
    - 1-5 John Charles Saidla bn Sept 15 1966

6-2 Charles Buser bn Nov 10 1874 died Mar 27 1955 married Sarah Kessler bn Jan 20 1876 died Jan 1 1940
- 1-3 Cline Buser bn Dec 7 1898 died Mar 17 1959 unmarried
- 2-3 Ben Buser bn Apr 30 1902 married Lavetta Dickerson bn Oct 1 1902. Lives near Roachdale, Indiana
  - 1-4 Warren Buser bn Feb 3 1923 married Marjori Wilson bn July 2 1926. Lives in Roachdale, Indiana.
    - 1-5 Alan Buser bn Mar 9 1948 married Jolee Schmidt bn Sept 10 1950. Lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana
  - 2-4 Wayne Buser bn Jan 6 1931 married Nancy Miller bn June 21 1938. Lives near Roachdale, Indiana
    - 1-5 Joe Wayne Buser bn Mar 3 1957
    - 2-5 Joan Elizabeth Buser bn Nov 17 1959
    - 3-5 Jon Charles Buser bn July 12 1964
    - 4-5 Jana Jo Buser bn Nov 20 1967
  - 3-4 Marilyn Buser bn June 21 1936 married Max Call bn July 3 1934. Lives near Roachdale
    - 1-5 Ricky Call bn Mar 9 1955 married Debra Nichols bn Nov 30 1954
      - 1-6 Brandi Lyn Call bn Mar 5 1973

2-5 Rex Call bn May 20 1957
3-5 Roger Call bn Jan 20 1961

7-2 Roy J Buser bn Dec 2 1876 died 1954 married Ethel ___?___
7-2 Roy J Buser (second marriage) married Clevie Hill. Mrs. Buser lived in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, now lives at Gulfport, Mississippi.

8-2 Fannie Buser bn May 12 1880 died Jan 19 1944 married Gilbert Rakestraw who died in 1945. They were divorced.
1-3 Fern Rakestraw bn May 22 1897 married Raymond H Dearth bn Jan 8 1895 died July 28 1971. Lives in Frankfort, Indiana.
1-4 Raymond Dearth Jr bn Mar 2 1916 married Joan McNary
1-4 Raymond Dearth Jr (second marriage) Margaret Blue
1-5 Ruth Ann Dearth
2-5 Deborah Dearth married Donald Hoover
1-6 Todd Allen Hoover bn Nov 2 1972
2-6 Jennifer Joan Hoover bn Mar 27 1973
2-4 Melville F Dearth bn May 16 1922 died June 28 1922
3-4 Barbara Grace Dearth bn Apr 21 1923
8-2 Fannie Buser (second marriage) Charles Shurr divorced.
1-3 Carl E Shurr bn June 19 1902 died Dec 23 1969 married Margaret Miller divorced.
2-3 Isabel Shurr bn Aug 25 1904 married Paul F Wetzel bn Apr 16 1898. Lives near Peru, Indiana.
1-4 Billie Joe Wetzel bn Aug 29 1921 married Ruthanna King bn Jan 2 1925. Lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.
1-5 Carolyn Sue Wetzel bn May 12 1946 married Robert Black bn June 26 1946
1-6 Shana Black bn Mar 5 1957
2-6 Christene Black bn June 18 1964
2-5 Patricia Wetzel bn Nov 14 1951 married Mark Redmon
1-6 Holly Redmon bn Dec 13 1972
2-4 Frances Louise Wetzel bn Jan 28 1923 married B. M. Eder bn Nov 26 1923. Lives near Peru, Indiana.
1-5 Sandra Kay Eder bn Oct 11 1945 married Bruce Klang bn Nov 13 1946
2-5 Stephen Paul Eder bn July 28 1947 married Cloe Giver bn Dec 12 1946

1-6 Jeffery Eder bn Sept 9 1969
2-6 Kevin Eder bn Oct 25 1970
3-6 Annette Eder bn Nov 2 1972
3-4 Janice Lee Wetzel bn Nov 19 1936 married James Miller bn July 24 1936. Lives in Missouri.
1-5 Michael Francis Miller bn Dec 10 1955
2-5 Tammra Lou Miller bn Jan 13 1958
3-5 Gregory Lee Miller bn Apr 5 1959
4-5 Tarra Lynn Miller bn Apr 27 1960
3-3 Robert Harvey Shurr bn Aug 30 1906 died Mar 11 1951 married Gertrude Kilgore bn May 7 1909
1-4 Sarah Shurr bn Sept 24 1946 married Ronald Camp bn Sept 14 1946
1-5 Michael Alan Camp bn Aug 28 1965
2-5 Manda Ann Camp bn July 31 1967
3-5 Margaret Amy Camp bn Nov 22 1968
4-3 Everett A Shurr bn Apr 21 1909 died Apr 24 1961 married Helen E Sparrow bn Dec 22 1911
1-4 Carol Shurr bn Dec 24 1933 married Robert Corcoran bn Dec 23 1931. Thought to have six children.
2-4 Everett Allen Shurr, Jr. bn Nov 12 1935 married Sharon Arlene Bradford bn Sept 28 1939. Lives in Frankfort, Indiana.
1-5 Elizabeth Irene Shurr bn Aug 6 1957 died May 24 1967
2-5 Pamela Kay Shurr bn July 10 1958
3-5 Deborah Allyn Shurr bn Sept 9 1961
4-5 Margaret Renee Shurr bn June 18 1967
3-4 Boyd Robert Shurr bn Jan 15 1943 married Glenda Parnell bn July 26 1944. Lives in Frankfort, Indiana.
1-5 Robert Boyd Shurr Jr. bn Nov 8 1963
2-5 Richard Eugene Shurr bn Mar 13 1966
4-4 Sally Shurr bn July 24 1945 married Dale Stiles
1-5 Robert Stiles
8-2 Fannie Buser (third marriage) William Fenstemaker deceased.

9-2 Stephen Ard Buser bn Apr 15 1883 died Apr 18 1966 married Manna Blanch Simpson bn July 18 1881 died Aug 21 1932
- 1-3 Helen Buser died in infancy (circa) 1901
- 2-3 Kenneth K Buser bn July 14 1903 married Mildred M Douglass bn Apr 7 1905. Lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana.
  - 1-4 Kenneth Rene' Buser bn Apr 13 1925 married Yugoslava Lenici of Yugoslavia bn Aug 1 1927. Lives in Wilmington, Delaware.
    - 1-5 Juanita S Buser bn Nov 25 1946 married Hubert Wirtz
      - 1-6 Jacqueline Michele Wirtz bn June 22 1968
      - 2-6 Katherine Renee' Wirtz bn Jan 10 1971
    - 2-5 Steven D Buser bn Aug 7 1951
    - 3-5 John T Buser bn Feb 15 1960
  - 2-4 Dale Eugene Buser bn Feb 3 1927 married Irene Wolfe bn Aug 11 1929. Lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana.
    - 1-5 Minda Faye Buser bn Nov 21 1950
    - 2-5 Hans Lee Buser bn Mar 1 1958
  - 3-4 Sue Carolyn Buser bn Feb 11 1935 married Robert R Morrison bn Apr 8 1935. Lives in Phoenix, Arizona.
    - 1-5 Daniel D Morrison bn Feb 5 1957
    - 2-5 Elizabeth Ann Morrison bn Sept 17 1964
- 3-3 Beulah Imogene Buser bn Dec 16 1906 died Feb 20 1973 married Frank Alfrey bn Sept 18 1879 died Apr 3 1968. Lived near Crawfordsville, Indiana
  - 1-4 Teddy D Alfrey bn May 21 1928 married Bonnie Ross bn Sept 18 1931. Lives near Crawfordsville, Indiana.
    - 1-5 Teddy Alfrey bn July 15 1952
    - 2-5 Terry Alfrey bn June 3 1954 married Dolly McClamrock
      - 1-6 Tera L Alfrey bn July 15 1972
    - 3-5 Timmy Alfrey bn June 18 1958
    - 4-5 Tommy Alfrey bn May 10 1962
  - 2-4 Betty Alfrey bn Jan 2 1930 married Donald Thompson bn Sept 28 1926. Lives near Crawfordsville, Indiana.
    - 1-5 Donald Thompson Jr bn Feb 14 1958
    - 2-5 Michele Thompson bn June 26 1961
    - 3-5 Misha Jene' Thompson bn June 28 1971

- 3-4 Mary Kathryn Alfrey bn Feb 13 1931 married Myron R Lampl bn Apr 8 1924 divorced. Lives near Crawfordsville, Indiana
  - 1-5 Michael W Lampl bn Feb 23 1949
  - 2-5 Tanna Sue Lampl bn Nov 3 1950 married Richard Shirar bn Aug 18 1948
    - 1-6 Stacey Joe Shirar bn Apr 16 1967
    - 2-6 Franka Gene Shirar bn Oct 14 1969
    - 3-6 Mary Jo Shirar bn Feb 25 1971
    - 4-6 Richard Jason Shirar bn July 28 1972
- 3-4 Mary Kathryn Alfrey (second marriage) Walter Jacoby bn Nov 8 1933
  - 1-5 Stephen N Jacoby bn June 19 1957
- 4-4 Carroll Franklin Alfrey bn Apr 21 1933 died May 11 1940

3-3 Beulah Imogene Buser (second marriage) Roman Cler bn July 7 1898

4-3 Mary Kathryn Buser bn Oct 23 1911 married Carroll C Canine bn July 8 1912. Lives in Reading, Pa.
- 1-4 Michael Clark Canine bn Dec 22 1938 married Kathe Wiggam bn Sept 13 1942
  - 1-5 Michael C Canine II bn Sept 8 1965
  - 2-5 Kimberly Canine bn Dec 1 1967

5-3 Robert L Buser bn Aug 4 1916 married Maxine Stevenson bn Mar 14 1918 died June 22 1949
- 1-4 Billy Joe Buser bn Dec 3 1937 married Judith L Mabe bn Apr 25 1938. Lives in Mohegan Lake, New York.
  - 1-5 Curtis L Buser bn Sept 2 1963
  - 2-5 Amy Jo Buser bn Jan 21 1966

5-3 Robert L Buser (second marriage) Audrey Esther Mays bn May 10 1915. Lives in Clearwater, Florida

6-3 Charles A Buser bn May 13 1922 married Patricia Anderson bn Mar 26 1924. Lives in Bethesda, Md.
- 1-4 Margaret Lee Buser bn Dec 8 1945 married Eugene Kijowski bn Sept 14 1946. Lives in Kensington, Maryland.
  - 1-5 Brian Keith Kijowski bn Sept 17 1967
  - 2-5 Melissa Ardia Kijowski bn June 14 1970
- 2-4 Stephen Buser bn July 13 1947 married Catherine Kearney bn July 19 1947. Lives in Carbondale, Illinois
  - 1-5 Amy Teresa Buser bn June 7 1972

9-2 Stephen A Buser (second marriage) Alice Thomas bn Dec 22 1895. Mrs. Alice Buser is living in Muncie, Indiana.

DANIEL T BUSER 8-1

Daniel T. Buser was born in Xenia, Ohio in 1841, the exact date is unknown. He came to Thorntown, Indiana from Lebanon with his parents sometime between September 1857 and September 1859. Here on February 22, 1860 he married Harriett Fall who lived on a farm near Thorntown. It is not known where Daniel and Harriett started housekeeping but in later years they owned lot # 64 in the Original Plat of Thorntown. They also operated a meat business first in Thorntown and later in Indianapolis, Indiana. To this union two sons were born, Willie, who died when he was about one and one half years of age and Charles O. who later became his father's business partner in a meat market in Indianapolis as well as in Thorntown.

A little story that has been told in the family for many years concerns the discussion of their coming marriage with Daniel's father, John Buser. It seems the elder Buser was a rather frugal individual and he also knew that although Harriett's parents were rather well off that they had a tendancy to frown on the marriage. So he asked the young couple what they expected to live on. Harriett, with all the confidence of a young bride to be, assured him, "Danny and I can live on love." To which the old pioneer wryly rejoined, "You'll find that pretty poor pickens."

It is not known when the meat business was started in Thorntown nor indeed how 'Danny' did provide the livelihood for his family before the business began. But evidence has been found that the shop was in existance in Thorntown as late as 1887 before it was transferred to Indianapolis.

Sometime in the early 1880's the son, Charles O. Buser, became a partner in the business and it seems that he continued as a partner when the move was made to Indianapolis. Their meat shop was established at 1518 North Alabama Street and was continued there for several years. It was called The Palace Meat Market of which we have pictures of both the interior and exterior. The exterior shot shows the delivery department complete with horse and wagon.

Daniel and Harriett lived in at least two locations in Indianapolis and they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at 210 East 19th Street on February 22, 1910. A short four months later Harriett died on June 22, 1910. Apparently Daniel soon left the meat business and began to wander from state to state and from relative to relative until his death. Rumors of friction appear frequently in conver-

sations with relatives living now and there may have been misunderstandings between Daniel and his son. Just what it was, how great, or if it actually existed has not been established.

We do know that Daniel spent considerable time in Iowa, Indiana and Illinois during his later years and that he died near Conesville, Iowa at the home of Samuel Buser. John Buser, one of Samuel Buser's sons, accompanied Uncle Dan's body back to Thorntown, Indiana where it was laid to rest beside his beloved Harriett in Old Thorntown Cemetery.

DANIEL T BUSER 8-1

8-1 Daniel T Buser bn 1841 died Sept 20 1923 married Harriett Fall bn Dec 22 1841 died June 22 1910.

1-2 Willie Buser bn Sept 19 1860 lived about one and one half years.
(Note: In a letter dated Dec 13 1860 to Elizabeth Buser in Xenia, Ohio, Grandfather John says of Willie, "He is a rite perty little feller".

2-2 Charles O Buser (1861-1922) married Ollie Dunbar
1-3 Charles Buser, Jr (*)
2-2 Charles O Buser (second marriage) married Ozella Long bn 1873.

(*) There is some reason to believe that Charles Buser, Jr. was a well known football player and that he attended college in some southern city, possibly New Orleans. It has not been possible to establish this report as fact.

Other relatives recall that Charles Jr., or his father were interested in the game of billiards and that one or the other became quite adept at the game. So much so that an article appeared in a national magazine published in Chicago, Illinois.

ELIZABETH L BUSER 9-1

Elizabeth Lydia Buser was born at Xenia, Ohio December 8, 1844. She married George F. Richardson, a native of Liverpool, England, who came to America at the age of five years. Mr. Richardson was a veteran of the Civil War having served with the 145th Ohio Vol. Infantry. Elizabeth and George Richardson moved to Washington Township Brenner County, Iowa in 1875 and established their home along the banks of the Shellrock River between Waverly and Shellrock, Iowa. They continued to live there through the time of Elizabeth's mother's death at their home in 1885 and on to the time of Mr. Richardson's death July 8, 1903. They made their living on the little farm as best they could with the assistance of some income from his carpenter's trade. According to statements made by some of the present day senior citizens of Shellrock he was a better carpenter than farmer. The body of Mr. Richardson was placed in a holding vault after his memorial service with the thought that it would be taken to Xenia, Ohio for permanent burial. But this must have been given up as he was later buried in a single grave in Harlington Cemetery at Waverly, Iowa. His grave is only about forty feet from the final resting place of Susannah Buser, his mother-in-law, who as above stated, passed away at his home.

'Aunt Betty' as she was called by nearly all the remainder of the family, was known as the one, who got around! The date is not sure, but subsequent to George Richardson's death she disposed of the property in Iowa and moved back to Xenia, Ohio where she built a little house on the rear of the lot at 660 South Detroit Street, the home of her sister Mary Catherine Farber and her husband.

From there she frequently set forth on visits to relatives far and near. This writer can remember at least two such visits to our Indiana farm in the 1910 to 1917 period. In letters written by relatives during the time many references are made to Aunt Betty's coming, going, or just being there. She must have been pretty good at needle work for Fannie Farber Wolff speaks in one of her many letters of a comforter made by Aunt Betty for the golden wedding anniversary of Susan and Hiram Oglesbee in 1908.

One morning in May 1920 Aunt Betty filled her teakettle with rain water preparatory to washing her hair. She placed it on the stove to heat but before she could light the fire she became ill and sat down to rest in her little rocker. She was found there on May 10 having died only minutes after she

sat down. She is buried in a shady spot in Woodland Cemetery at Xenia, Ohio near where she was born but several hundred miles from the final resting place of her husband, George Richardson, in Waverly, Iowa.

ELIZABETH L BUSER 9-1

9-1 Elizabeth L Buser bn Dec 8 1844 died May 10 1920 married George Richardson bn Aug 20 1837 died July 8 1903.

1-2 George Richardson, Jr. married Alice Sewell, both are deceased.

2-2 Walter Richardson married Addie Wells, both are deceased
1-3 Daughter died in infancy.

(Note: George and Walter Richardson lived a short while with Atlee M. Buser, their mother's younger brother, in Hutchinson, Kansas where they learned the carpenter's trade from their uncle. Later after George and Alice were married they moved to Waterloo, Iowa where they spent several years. But Walter and Addie remained in Hutchinson where they subsequently owned a grocery business. Both Walter and George are buried in Hutchinson. After George's death Alice married Fred Gibbs and continued to live in Waterloo, Iowa.

ATLEE M BUSER 10-1

Atlee Maxwell Buser was the youngest child of John and Susannah Buser. He was born in Xenia, Ohio on August 12, 1848. He migrated to Indiana with his parents, brothers and sisters and settled in Thorntown. He attended school there and spent some time attending the old Thorntown Academy located there. He married Cynthia Estelle Messenger in August 1882 and they lived near Reynolds, Illinois until about 1884 or 1885. There is some uncertainty about this date but his older daughter, Myrtle Buser Rowland Railsback states that she and her mother were on their way to join her father in Kansas when they stopped off at Waverly, Iowa to visit Aunt Betty and Grandmother Susannah Buser. While there the grandmother became very ill and passed away on September 29, 1885. So it would appear that Atlee Buser Sr. must have been in

Kansas on that date. His wife and daughter joined him in Hutchinson, Kansas after Susannah's memorial service.

Mr. Buser spent the remainder of his life in and around Hutchinson. He was a splendid carpenter and cabinet maker as well as a well known contractor. He was known far and wide for his honesty and ability as a builder and architect although he had no formal education in this field. During his later years he traveled for the John Morrell Packing Company of Ottumwa, Iowa but he kept his home in Hutchinson. Many people yet living in Kansas and Iowa recall his coming into their area as a representative of Morrells.

Mr. Buser spent part of his early youth working in a general store in Ladoga, Indiana; later living in Waveland, Indiana while earning his livelihood as a salesman for an Indianapolis Dry Goods Company. In 1876 he moved to Rock Island, Illinois where he began his career as a carpenter, builder and contractor. From family records we find that he was also interested in writing, especially poetry.

He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Railsback, near Hutchinson in November of 1935. His wife preceded him in death in 1914. Both are buried in Hutchinson.

ATLEE M BUSER 10-1

10-1 Atlee M Buser bn Aug 12 1848 died Nov 1935 married to Cynthia E Messenger died 1914.

1-2 Myrtle Buser bn May 1 1883 married James Rowland bn May 1 1883 died Mar 3 1931. Lives near Hutchinson, Kansas.

1-2 Myrtle Buser Rowland (second marriage) William J Railsback, deceased.

2-2 Atlee M Buser bn July 6 1885 married Lillian Avery bn May 12 1890 died July 24 1961. Lives in Hutchinson, Kansas.

1-3 Mary Alice Buser bn Jan 21 1915 married Alfred S Crawford bn Sept 8 1916 died Oct 27 1969. Lives in Hutchinson, Kansas

1-4 Mary Ann Crawford bn Dec 12 1939 married Tommy Baker.

1-5 Connie Baker bn June 11 1967

1-4 Mary Ann Crawford (second marriage) married Keith Kohls

1-5 Rodney Raymond Kohls bn Apr 28 1961

2-5 Carol Janine Kohls bn Oct 28 1962

3-5 Kathryn Kaye Kohls bn July 16 1965

3-2 Beth Buser bn Dec 18 1888 married Robert Ellis bn June 27 1883

1-3 Miriam Ellis bn Feb 23 1917 married John S McNown bn Jan 15 1916.

1-4 Steven McNown bn Apr 25 1942 died Feb 1 1968

2-4 Robert N McNown bn Nov 4 1944 married Diane Jay.

3-4 Cynthia L McNown bn Feb 2 1947

4-4 Mark W McNown bn Feb 18 1962

2-3 Harriett Myrtle Ellis bn June 20 1919 married Lyman E Diven bn Feb 11 1917.

1-4 Diane Diven bn June 15 1947

2-4 Nancy Diven bn June 17 1951

3-3 Marcia Beth Ellis bn Jan 25 1924 married Charles R Harris bn Mar 19 1924

1-4 Beth Buser Harris bn Dec 11 1947

2-4 Charles R Harris Jr. bn Oct 31 1952

3-4 Richard Harris bn May 11 1955

4-3 Atlee Robert Ellis bn Feb 23 1926 married Doris Hess born in Germany

1-4 Robert Lee Ellis bn Dec 12 1959

2-4 Deborah Ellis bn Feb 27 1961

3-4 Patricia Ellis bn Sept 16 1963