

Chapter 9. The Duerrwaechter (Dürrwächter) Family: Switzerland to Knittlingen, Germany, to Wisconsin

My grandmother Amelia Duerrwaechter Eggler was born in Wisconsin, but her father emigrated, with his parents, to Wisconsin from Knittlingen in Germany. Dürrwächter ancestry can be traced back six generations in Knittlingen. My grandmother must have influenced my father in things German, because our small record collection included a number of Wagner operas. On our occasional trips north to Wisconsin, we had lunch at a particular German restaurant in Milwaukee. Up until a few months ago, I considered my Duerrwaechter lineage definitely to be German.



Wohlen, Bern, Switzerland

Yet that is not true. The Duerrwaechters were not, ultimately, German. They were Swiss. That was recently pointed out to me by Friedrich Wollmershäuser, a German genealogist whom I had hired to work on my Imm ancestry. He referred me to an article by Konstantin Huber that lays out the story in scholarly detail.¹

That story concerns my penultimate ancestor Peter Dürrwächter, born about 1603. Almost every tree in ancestry.com shows his birthplace in Enzberg, which is about 15 km southwest of Knittlingen. But Mr. Huber suspected that not to be true and that the place of origin was near Bern in Switzerland, where today there are a number of families with surnames that are spelling variants of Dürrwächter. He found proof in parish registers of Wohlen, which is near Bern. “Between 1630 and 1651 a Peter Dyrenwächter and his wife Anna Enzen had ten children christened, among them not only Simon, Peter and Elsbeth, who are verified to be descendants of Peter senior in Enzberg, but also Christen, Adam, Hans and Ulrich – exactly the same forenames as appear in further members of the Dürrwächter family in the areas around Knittlingen.” (Huber, 2008)

When did the family migrate from Switzerland to Enzberg, Germany? The youngest child of Peter and Anna Enzen, Ulrich, was born in Wohlen in 1651. In 1657 Peter was mentioned in the Enzberg bailiff’s protocol. So migration from Switzerland to Germany occurred between 1651 and 1657. As explained in a section below, when the Thirty Years War ended in

1648, most towns in the Enz region were left destitute and with few inhabitants. Resettlement then came from areas quite far away including Switzerland.

Peter Dürrwächter and His Children

Peter Thierwächter (Dürrwächter) the senior was born in Wohlen between 1600 and 1606. As detailed above, he is first documented to have been in Enzberg in 1657 but is also mentioned as a citizen in 1662-1665 and an Archer in 1672. He died after 1671. Before 1631 he married Anna Enzen, who was born 8 June 1609 in Wohlen, the daughter of Nikolaus, and was buried in Niefern, a village just south of Enzberg, in 1665.

Peter and Anna had 10 children, all born in Wohlen: (1) Barbara ‘Barbli’ on 10 Sep 1630, (2) Samuel on 17 Dec 1635, (3) Simon on 6 Aug 1637, (4) Christian ‘Christen’ on 4 Aug 1639, (5) Samuel on 14 Feb 1641, (6) Peter on 4 Dec 1642, (7) Adam on 4 May 1645, (8) Elisabeth ‘Elsbeth’ on 4 Apr 1647, (9) Johannes ‘Hans’ on 3 Dec 1648 (**my 6th-great grandfather**), and (10) Ulrich on 23 Feb 1651.

After the death of Anna, Peter married Barbara Zug in Enzberg on 16 Jul 1665. She was from Jgischdorff in Canton Bern in Switzerland. They had one child Anna Barbara, born in Enzberg or Niefern 23 Aug 1666.

Huber (2008)¹ expounded on some of the children of Peter the senior, who are brothers and a sister of my 6th-great-grandfather Johannes. They all lived in the general area around Enzberg, but only Johannes became a citizen of Knittlingen.

(3) **Simon Dürrwächter** was mentioned in 1660 as an unmarried godfather in Niefern-Enzberg, in 1684 was a cow herd in Birkenfeld, in 1691 was a vineyard helper in Maulbronn, and in 1692 was a vineyard gardener on a sheep farm near Maulbronn. On 18 Feb 1662, in Enzberg, he married Anna Maria **Eberhard** (1642-1692), the daughter of Joseph, a citizen and baker in Enzberg. They had seven children.

(4) **Christian Dürrwächter** in 1673-1674 was listed as a subject of Neuneck in Dürrn, in 1677-1679 as a steward at Rechtentshofen Monastery near Hohenhaslach, in 1684 as a citizen of Freckenfeld, in 1684-1688 as a steward at Elfling Farm near Maulbronn, in 1690 as a “poor day laborer,” in 1692 as a vineyard gardener, and in 1694 as an assessor in Brackenheim. He had eight children with two wives, Elisabeth and Anna Barbara. Two of the children of Christian were **Michael**

Dürrwächter (1666-1738), in 1692 a ploughman in Maulbronn and later a citizen, councilor and juror in Freudenstein; and **Johann Georg Dürrwächter** (1674-1735), a citizen and farmer in Knittlingen. Johann Georg has been confused, in family trees, with Johann Georg the son of Johannes Dürrwächter, my 6th great-grandfather.

(6) **Peter Dürrwächter** the junior was a citizen of Enzberg. On 29 Nov 1664 he married



Anna Barbara Mesich, the daughter of Wilhelm Meschig, a tenant farmer on the estate of Dürrmenz, and Anna Murer from Bötzingen. Anna Barbara was born in 1640 in Wichtrach, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Peter and Anna Barbara had six children born in Niefern-Enzberg.

(7) **Adam Dürrwächter** is mentioned in 1673-1686 as a subject of Neunegg in Durru and in 1686 as a night watchman.

(8) **Elisabeth Dürrwächter** in 1672 gave birth to an illegitimate child Peter, who died three years later in Enzberg, five months before the death of Elisabeth.

(10) **Ulrich Dürrwächter** was listed in 1724 as a former citizen of Freudenstein. He had a son Johann Jakob, a cloth maker in Freudenstein.

Now we turn to (9) **Johannes ‘Hans’ Dürrwächter**, my 6th-great-grandfather and the son of Peter. He became a citizen of Knittlingen. On 26 Nov 1671, in Knittlingen, he married Anna Maria **Weidenlich** (1634-1677), the daughter of Johann Jakob, a lay judge in Knittlingen known as “the old judge.” Anna Maria had previously been married to Lorenz Ebert, himself a lay judge in Knittlingen, who had died in 1670. Johannes and Anna Maria had two children, Johann Martin (1671-1697) and Johann Georg (1675-1683).

After the death of Anna Maria, Johannes married **Anna Barbara** (surname not known; 1654-1694), my 6th-great-grandmother. They had three children: Johann Bernhard (1682-1716), Johann Georg (1685-1747), my ancestor, and Anna Barbara (1687-1695).

Johann Bernhard Dürrwächter, the brother of my 5th-great-grandfather, was a citizen and butcher in Knittlingen. He married Anna Maria and had four children.

Johann Georg Dürrwächter, my 5th-great-grandfather, was a citizen and farmer in Knittlingen. On 9 Nov 1706, in Ruit, he married **Anna Katharina Müller** {1686-1771}, my 5th-great-grandmother, the daughter of Johann Melchior Müller, an almoner and juror in Ruit, and Anna Maria **Velte**. Ruit is about 5 km southwest of Knittlingen. They had six children, all born in Knittlingen: (1) **Johann Jakob Dürrwächter** (1708-1757); in 1733 he married Anna Maria **Braun** from Ruit. Descendants of Johann Jakob emigrated to America. They are discussed in a separate section on the Dürrwachters of Tennessee and Missouri. According to one tree on ancestry.com, another descendant of Johann Jakob emigrated to Newark, New Jersey, and then Philadelphia. (2) **Anna Margaretha Dürrwächter** (1710-1766); in 1731 she married Johann Jakob **Knodel** from Knittlingen, (3) **Johannes Dürrwächter** (1714-1793); in 1739, in Ötisheim, he married Anna Jakobina **Scheible** from Ötisheim. (4) **Johann Georg Dürrwächter** (1716-1771); in 1738 in Diedelsheim he married Maria Katharina **Kaps** from Diedelsheim. (5) **Bernhard Dürrwächter** (1719-1785), a cooper (barrel-maker) and my 4th-great-grandfather; in 1745 he married **Maria Agnes Hochwald** from Knittlingen, my 5th great-grandmother, the daughter of Johannes Georg Hochwald (1695-) and Maria Barbara **Zaiger** (1700-). (6) **Katharina Dürrwächter** (1722-); in 1746 she married Christoph Knöller from Knittlingen.

The Further Descendants of Peter Dürrwächter

Thus far, we have established my descendant line from
Peter Dürrwächter (~1603-, Anna Enzen) →
Johannes ‘Hans’ Dürrwächter (1648-1694, Anna Barbara) →
Johann Georg Dürrwächter (1685-1747, Anna Katharina Müller) →

Bernhard Dürrwächter (1719-1782, Maria Agnes Hochwald).

Our locale began in Wohlen (Switzerland), then migrated with Peter to Enzberg, and with Johannes to Knittlingen.

Here is the remaining line, in brief:

Bernhard Dürrwächter (1719-1782, Maria Agnes Hochwald) →

Alexander Dürrwächter (1756-1816, Anna Maria Etter) →

Jonathan Dürrwächter (1793-1863, Katharina Barbara Niedermaier) →

Alexander Ludwig Dürrwächter (1842-1920, Catherine Thiel) →

Amelia Anna Dürrwächter (1873-1956, Albert Egger).

Our locale continued in Knittlingen and with Jonathan and Alexander Ludwig migrated to Wisconsin.

To amplify that second half of the descendant line, let's begin with my 2nd-great grandfather, Jonathan Dürrwächter (b. 11 Jan 1793 in Knittlingen, d. 27 Jan 1863 in Hokah, Houston, Minnesota), who was the first Dürrwächter to emigrate to America. His first wife was Catharina Etter (b. 22 Sep 1797 in Knittlingen). She was Jonathan's first cousin and died in Knittlingen in 1832, 11 years after their marriage. They had no children. Jonathan then married Katharina Barbara Niedermaier (b. 23 Sep 1809 in Knittlingen, d. 21 Nov 1890 in La Crosse, La Crosse, Wisconsin). We'll talk about their children later. The parents of Jonathan were Alexander Dürrwächter (25 Feb 1756 – 25 Jul 1816), my 3rd-great grandfather and a cabinetmaker, and Anna Maria Etter (12 Feb 1761 – 9 Jan 1818), who were married in 1783. Anna Maria's parents were Jonathan Etter (1 Sep 1729 – 5 Apr 1812), a wagon builder, and Maria Catharina Zaiger (26 May 1736 – 7 Jan 1796). In addition to Jonathan, Alexander and Anna Maria Dürrwächter had a son Alexander (1798-1862); his descendant Christian Jonathan Durrwachter appears in a separate section later.

Knittlingen and the Maulbronn Monastery

Knittlingen is a town in the Enz district of the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg in southern



Germany, near Heidelberg and Stuttgart. Its population in 2015 was 7,900; in 1840 it was 2,538. It is one of the largest wine-growing municipalities in Wuerttemberg.

Knittlingen was founded during the Frankish period in the 5th century. Over the years it was a possession of various religious and secular territories, including the Margraviate of Baden, a territory of the Holy Roman Empire, until it came under the control of the Monastery Maulbronn in the territory of the Palatinate of Rhine, itself part of the Holy Roman Empire. The Monastery is 3 km southeast of Knittlingen.

In 1534, just after the Protestant Reformation began, Ulrich, Duke of Wuerttemberg, enforced the Reformation in his Duchy of Wuerttemberg. Former Catholic bishops lost all privileges. From the beginning, the Evangelical State Church was a Lutheran church. The Maulbronn Monastery actually alternated as a Protestant abbey and a Catholic abbey between 1534 and 1651. In that latter year the Peace of Westphalia settled the monastery as Protestant. The monastery lost its political quasi-independence in 1806 during the German Mediatization, which



Maulbronn Monastery

Maulbronn Monastery near Knittlingen

saw the absorption of a large number of self-ruling entities of the Holy Roman Empire into a small number of German states. That movement was forced by pressure from Emperor Napoleon I of France. The monastery is today a UNESCO World Heritage Site; its narthex is the oldest example of Gothic architecture in Germany.

In 1360, in 1632, during the Thirty Years War (1618-1648), in 1662, and again in 1692, Knittlingen was completely destroyed and set on fire. After those episodes, original inhabitants were chased away or killed, and the town was

repopulated by people from all over Germany, Switzerland, and Alsace.²

By legend, Knittlingen is the birthplace of the wandering magician, alchemist, and fortune-teller Johann George Faust (~1480-1541). That semi-historical character was the basis for the fictional Faust of Christopher Marlowe, Goethe, Berlioz, and others. Knittlingen has a Faust Archive and a Faust Museum. Also by legend, Faust lived in a house, shown to the right in a 1929 photograph, that sits across from the church in the center of the Old Town. That house was once occupied by my ancestor Alexander Dürrwächter, according to Jörg Dürrwächter.



Faust house in Knittlingen

etwa 1926.

The Niedermaier Families in Germany and America

Perusal of the previous section will reveal a number of ancestral surnames in addition to Dürrwächter. I have researched all those surnames back as far as records allow. Each surname engenders even more ancestral surnames back in time, so that I have many ancestors connected to Dürrwächter genealogy. Those are all spelled out in my tree Nearly All Our Ancestors 2 that can be viewed at ancestry.com (for a fee) or on Rootsweb Worldconnect (free). One surname stands out, however: Niedermaier..

Katharina Barbara Niedermaier, my 2nd-great grandmother, was the second wife of **Jonathan Dürrwächter**. Her parents were Georg Jakob Niedermaier (1781-1837), a farmer, born and died in Knittlingen, and Maria Agatha Sailer (1782-1861), who was born in Fellbach, which is near Stuttgart. George Jakob and Maria Agatha are my 3rd-great grandparents. Maria Agatha's parents, my 4th-great grandparents, were Johan Casper Sailer (1759-1820) and Jacobina Seibold (1759-1828); both were born in Fellbach but died in Knittlingen. Johan Casper and Jacobina had another daughter Anna Barbara Sailer (1794-1835), who emigrated to America in 1817 and a year later married Karl Wilhelm (Carl William) Weyhenmaier (1798-1870), who had been born in Knittlingen. Both died in Mauch Chunk, Carbon, Pennsylvania.



Katharina Niedermaier Duerrwaechter

Katharina Barbara Niedermaier had a brother, John Ludwig Niedermaier (1807-1874), who married Christine Karcher (1812-1873) in 1836 in Knittlingen. Their daughter Christiane Magdalena Niedermaier (1838-1914) married Philipp Jacob Blumer (1836-1922) in Knittlingen, and they had a daughter Louise Christine Blumer born in 1862 in Knittlingen. Philipp Jacob, Christiane Magdalena, and Louise Christine all emigrated to Hancock County, Iowa. There in 1885 Louise married August Elmer Katter (1862-1941); they had children Alvin Jacob Katter (1886-1916), Elmer August Katter (1900-1989) and Edna Louise Katter Leese (1896-1989) and grandchildren Ruth Otillia Katter Harlan (1912-1992) and Robert Vincent Katter (1926-2011).

Parents of Georg Jakob Niedermaier were Johannes Georg Niedermaier (1745-1803) and Margaretha Barbara Zimmermann (1752-1828), my 4th-great grandparents; both were born and died in Knittlingen. Margaretha was the daughter of Hans Jacob Zimmermann (1716-1792) and Anna Barbara Walter (1721-1782), who therefore are my 5th-great grandparents. The father of Johannes Georg Niedermaier was also Johannes Georg Niedermaier (1711-1789), my 5th-great grandfather; his mother was Maria Agnes Haar (1716-1790), my 5th-great grandmother. The father of the second Johannes Georg Niedermaier was a third Johannes Georg Niedermaier (1681-1744), my 6th-great grandfather, who married Anna Maria Koenig (1686-1747). The parents of that Johannes George Niedermaier were Paul Niedermaier (1654 – 1693) and Salome Kintsch (born 1653 in Knittlingen), my 7th-great grandparents. Paul was born in Schützingen, which is east of Knittlingen.

The Jonathan Duerrwaechter Family in America

Note: The surname Dürrwächter in German is written with umlauts. English contains no umlauts as characters, so ü is written as ue and ä as ae. I used the umlauted surname when writing about German events, but I will use the non-umlauted surname when writing about American people and events.

From the Heimatbuch Knittlingen²: *"In later years it was primarily economic hardship, failed crops, famine and the high cost of living led people to leave their homeland. Some of*

them achieved prosperity and recognition in their new countries. After the famine years of 1816 and 1817, 152 people emigrated. As a result of the failed harvests in the years 1845 - 1849 there were 154 emigrants. About the year 1854 it was reported: 'A community of 92 emigrants left our midst on April 11, 1854. Among them were the following families: Faber, Hammer, Blumer, Jost, Dürrwächter, Burk, Etter, and Hessenberger along with a number of single people and minors in order to create a new home in America.' " That Dürrwächter family was the Jonathan Duerrwaechter family. They sailed from Le Havre, France to New York on the Metropolis, arriving on May 23, 1854; ship logs show Jonathan 50, Catherine 40, Rosine 17, Sophie 14, Alexander 11, and Catherine 8. In fact, most of the party of 92 seems to have been on the ship. The Duerrwaechter family spent one year in Salem, New Jersey and then moved near Hokah, Houston, Minnesota, which is across the Mississippi River from La Crosse, Wisconsin. On April 2, 1857 Jonathan Duerrwaechter purchased 81.1 acres near Brownsville, Houston, Minnesota at Township 103N, Range 4W, section 3.

Jonathan Duerrwaechter and Katharina Barbara Niedermaier had six children. Their first two died young in Knittlingen. The four others, who made the trip to America with their parents, were Rosina Katharina, Sophia Christina, Alexander Ludwig, and Katharina Christina.

Jonathan Duerrwaechter died on 27 Jan 1863 in Hokah, Houston, Minnesota. There is a burial plot on the farm of Erwin and Margaret Welke, located at NW 1/4 Sec. 3 Twp. 103N R4W, Hokah Township, Houston County, Minnesota. It contains three graves, one unknown, the second probably Jonathan Duerrwaechter, and the third Anna Catherine Kappauf [email from Lyle Hartman]. After his death Katharina moved across the Mississippi River to La Crosse, Wisconsin, to live with her son Alexander Ludwig Duerrwaechter. Her obituary says that "there she had a pleasant home and affectionate treatment. Although afflicted in her later years, she often declared, 'The Lord makes all well.' " She is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in La Crosse.

Rosina Katharina Duerrwaechter (1837-1896), daughter of Jonathan Duerrwaechter and Katharine Barbara Niedermaier and my great-grandaunt

Rosina married **John Mathias Breit** in 1856 in Brownsville, Houston, Minnesota. He was born in Wuerttemberg in 1829; the original name was Breitenberger. He emigrated to America at age 23. After marriage, John and Rosa took a homestead of 160 acres in Rush City, Chisago County, on a farm called Rusheba. He enlisted for the Civil War in 1864 and fought to the end of the war.

John and Rosa had twelve children, all born in Rush City: Louise Maggie (1858-1943, Robert Strike), Mary (1860-1950), John Jr. (1863-1952, Nellie Kuehl), Joseph William (1866-1955, Mildred Preine), Charles L (1868-1957, Anna Schulze), Alexander S (1869-1921, Jane 'Jennie' Donahue), Catherine 'Kate' Rose (1871-1953, Louis Demarr), Fred Robert (1873-1956, Dora Jansen), George Washington (1874-1935, Dorothy Scheffel), William Henry (1876-1959, Gertrude Roemer), Frank Benjamin (1878-1903), and Rudolph Albert (1882-1935).

Sophia Christina Duerrwaechter (1840-1930), daughter of Jonathan Duerrwaechter and Katharine Barbara Niedermaier and my great-grandaunt

Sophia Christina married **Johannes Andreas Kappauf** in 1859 in Houston County, Minnesota. He was born in 1833 in Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Germany (now in Bavaria). Sophia Christina and Johannes Andreas had 11 children that lived into adulthood: Carolina Frederica (1859-1947, John Conrad Huber), John W (1861-1943, Mina ‘Minnie’ Kunerth), Louise Henrietta (1864-1901, Fred Yeiter), Emma Augusta (1866-1944, Richard R Mills, a millwright), Sophie Catherine ‘Katy’ (1867-1950, Andreas ‘Andrew’ Hartman), Anna Marie (1871-1938, Herman Gross), Lydia Rosina (1873-1951, Louis Henry Prah, a carpenter), Bertha Matilda (1874-1958, Walter Wye), George Jonathan (1877-1949, a farmer, Betty Frieda McLean, Louis Gustave (1879-1951, Carrie Saterbo), Esther Elizabeth (1881-1969, Ambrose Richard Briselden).

There are many Kappauf descendants listed in my tree and, I am sure, many not listed. I have a number of DNA relatives at ancestry.com that have definite or plausible Kappauf ancestry.

Katharina Christina Duerrwaechter (1846-1919), daughter of Jonathan Duerrwaechter and Katharine Barbara Niedermaier and my great-grandaunt

Katharine Christina Duerrwaechter married **John George Weis** (1828-1912) in 1859. He was born in Aschaffenberg, which is in far northwest Bavaria, southwest of Frankfurt. Their children were Alexander John (1868-1953), who lived and died in Muskegon, Michigan; William J (1871-, Mary Bicha), Charles Louis (1872-1956, Clara Emilie Alvina Schauland), who owned a book and stationery store in LaCrosse; Bertha Emilie (1874-1957, Edward Louis Bauer, who for most of his life was a produce manager in Mitchell, South Dakota); and John Alexander (1878-1975, Jessie Colter), who lived in St Paul, Minnesota and was a department store and house painter.



Catherine Thiel

Alexander Ludwig Duerrwaechter (1842-1920), son of Jonathan Duerrwaechter and Katharine Barbara Niedermaier and my great-grandfather

Alexander Ludwig Duerrwaechter grew up in Brownsville and Hokah Ridge, Minnesota before coming to La Crosse as a young man. In 1871, in the Town of Hamburg, Vernon, Wisconsin he married **Catharine Thiel** (1852-1910). She was the daughter of John Thiel and Theresia Imm. She had moved to Hamburg from Cincinnati, her birthplace, as a child. Her parents and my Thiel and Imm ancestors are discussed in Chapters 7 and 8.

Alexander was employed by the C. L. Colman Lumber Company for about 40 years. The family worshipped in the Salzer Memorial Church² for 48 years and lived at 1009 Mississippi Street in La Crosse. Children of Alexander and Catherine were Alexander John, Amelia Anna, Anna Catharina, John Jonathan, Rudolph Benjamin (1879-1881), and Emma.



Alexander Ludwig Duerrwaechter family. Alexander and Catherine Thiel Duerrwaechter seated center, my grandmother Amelia lower right

Alexander John Duerrwaechter (1872-1940) was a pharmacist in Chicago, Illinois. In 1904, in Chicago, he married **Mary Lemm** (1884-1980). They had no children.

Anna Catharina Duerrwaechter (1876-1936) was a World War I nurse at Hines Veterans Hospital and later a private nurse in Chicago.

John Jonathan Duerrwaechter (1878-1942)

married **Bessie Priscilla Jensen** (1881-1927), whose parents were Danish, and, after her death, **Veleda Johnson** (1892-1973). He lived all his life in La Crosse and was a hardware clerk. John Jonathan and Bessie had six children: **Helen Margarethe** (1901-1989), who married **Arthur Oscar Dahlie**, a Teletype Corporation executive; **Mildred** (1902-1989), who married **Lloyd D Miller**, a steam railroad machinist; **Ralph John** (1905-1955), who lived both in Chicago and in La Crosse and held various jobs including automobile salesman; **John Alexander** (1907-1973), who married **Edythe Luella Morken** in La Crosse, where they had two children, but in 1944 moved the family to Billings, Montana, where he was a field construction welder and then had two more wives, **Francis M Landblom** and **Ludvena Agnes Lawrence**; **William Clinton Duerrwaechter** (1911-1985), who spelled the family name Duerwachter and married **Kathryn Jennette Miller**, with whom he had three children Jerold, Don, and Steven; and **Elizabeth Bessie** (1913-1935), who married **Arthur Vinienc Kathan**. William Clinton Duerwachter was at various times an automobile mechanic, machinist, and, before he retired, a railroad electrician. During World War II he lived in Muskegon, Michigan, where he was a factory worker at CM Corporation, later Teledyne Continental, a huge enterprise built up during the War to manufacture auto and aircraft engines.

Emma Duerrwaechter (1883-1969) married **William Gerald Lesemann**, a Chicago attorney, in 1927, a year after his wife had died, leaving him with three young children. She outlived her husband by 27 years and died in Wheaton, Illinois.

Amelia Anna Duerrwaechter (1873-1956), my grandmother, married **Albert H Egger** in 1896. They undoubtedly met at the Salzer Memorial Church. At that time Albert was a foreman with the J A Salzer Seed Company. Three of the children were born in La Crosse – **Edith Amalie**, **Earl Clarence**, who lived less than a year, and **Willis Alexander**.

The Egger family lived briefly in the Town of Spring Green, Sauk, Wisconsin, as did Amelia's brother Alex Duerrwaechter, but in 1907 went far north in Wisconsin to Bayfield, on the shores of Lake Superior. Two men who had worked at the Salzer Seed Company in La Crosse started orchards outside Bayfield, my grandfather Albert Egger and John F Hauser. The Hauser orchards are still there, but the Egger orchards are long gone. Using a 1915 plat map, I drove to the site of the Egger orchard, east of the Hauser orchard. That land today is either wooded or swamp, so perhaps the orchard failed because of poor land. In any case, by 1920 Albert was a logger and Amelia was a seamstress. Amelia also worked for a Chicago family that summered in Bayfield.



Amelia Duerrwaechter Egger



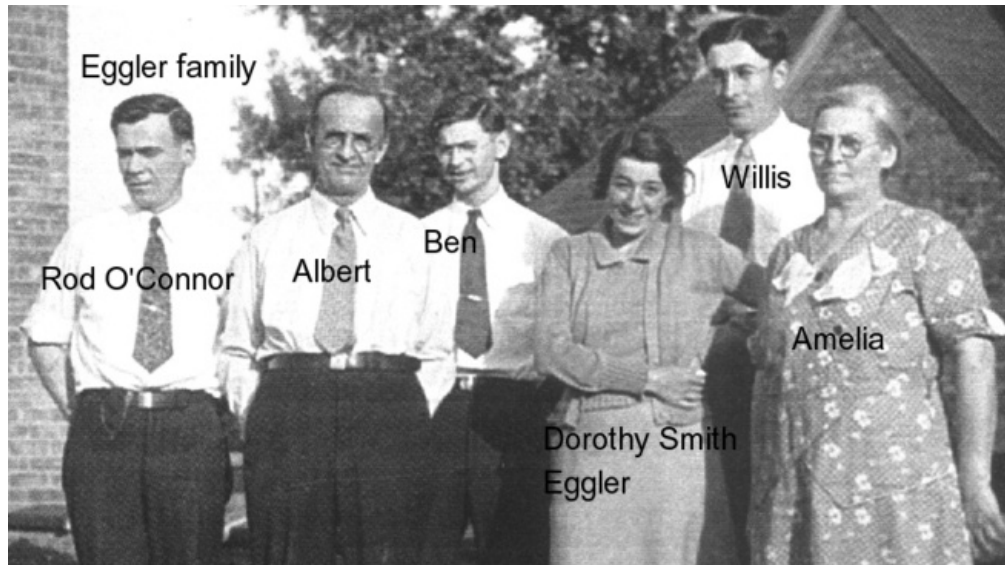
Edith, Willis, Albert, Ben, Amelia Egger

A fourth member of the family, **Benjamin Albert** (1910-1993), had been born in Bayfield. Ben went south to Chicago about 1928 and trained as a machinist. His parents followed shortly thereafter. In the 1930 census Albert, Amelia, and Ben were living at 1943 Lawrence Avenue in Chicago, where Amelia was superintendent of the American Boarding House for Aged Ladies, Albert a janitor there, and Ben a machinist. The Boarding House held 10 ladies. Subsequently, according to my Aunt LaVerne, Albert was a janitor in a Methodist church and repaired donated items, and Amelia helped in the church soup kitchen and babysat. In 1940 Albert and Amelia lived at 2433 Leland Avenue.

Ben met **LaVerne Tauscher** (1914-2003) in that Methodist church. She was born in Racine, Wisconsin, the daughter of Frank Louis Tauscher and Elizabeth Veronica Karpen. They were married in 1936. In 1940 Ben and Laverne lived at 2176 Eastwood in Chicago with their son **James Willis Egger** (1939-2021), 4 months old. In 1943 Daughter **Maralyn** (1943-2016) followed. In 1945 Albert, Amelia, and Ben with his family moved west to Nampa, Idaho, which

is near Idaho's capitol Boise. There Ben continued his career as a machinist. Jim Egger, a machinist himself, married Beverly Hickman. They had two children. Maralyn, a beautician who died in 2016, married Lanis Lyons and had one child.

Edith Egger (1898-1963) also left Bayfield for Chicago and in 1928 married **Roderick Arthur O'Connor** (1896-1974). He was from Kansas City. His parents were Francis O'Connor, born in 1857 in Virginia, and Anna 'Annie' C



Robertson (1860-1954), born in Long Grove, Iowa. His grandparents were Francis O'Connor married to Celia, both born in Ireland, and John M Robertson (1812-1895), born in Inchinnan, Renfrewshire, Scotland, married to Mary Ann Neil (1824-1922), born in Edinburgh, Scotland.

When Rod first came to Chicago, he worked as a stockyard clerk, but by 1930 was working in a grocery store, which is where he worked all the time that I knew them. When I stopped in Chicago in 1951 on a trip from New Orleans to my grandparents in Washburn, Wisconsin, Rod took me to a White Sox game. They lived on E. 73rd St in Chicago's South Side. Edith and Rod had one son, **Roderick Arthur "Rod" O'Connor Jr.** Rod O'Connor (1928-2002) served in the US Army during Korea. He graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology in 1957. For over 37 years he was employed by the DuKane Corporation in St. Charles, Illinois. He briefly taught at Aurora College. He married **Joanne Lee Blanchard** (1936-1999), and they had two children.

Willis Egger did not follow his family to Chicago. He attended Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin, 23 miles from Bayfield but also on Lake Superior, majoring in biology. There he met **Dorothy Smith**, who had grown up on farms outside Washburn, Wisconsin with her parents Howard Allison Smith and Florence Lenore Hewitt Smith. Washburn is halfway between Bayfield and Ashland. After college he taught for a time at high schools in Wisconsin including Black River Falls, and she was a librarian at the Library of Congress in Washington DC. They married in Two Harbors, Minnesota, after which he obtained M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in ecological botany at the University of Minnesota. His M.S. thesis was on ecology of Mackinac Island and his Ph.D. on revegetation of Craters of the Moon, a volcanic National Monument in Idaho.

After teaching stints at Gogebic Junior College, Alma College, and Central Michigan College, Willis Egger spent most of his career teaching at Newcomb College of Tulane University in New Orleans. His research program principally concerned revegetation of volcanic areas in Mexico, Guatemala, and Hawaii. After retirement from Tulane, he taught for a number of years

at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina. After seeing two sons into high school, Dorothy Egger resumed her library career at Tulane and then volunteered in the Warren Wilson library.

Christian Jonathan Duerrwaechter

My 3rd-great grandfather Alexander Dürrwächter (1756 – 1816) and Anna Maria Etter had a son Jonathan, my 2nd-great grandfather, and a son Alexander (1798-1862). Alexander married Christina Sophia Burkhardt (1799-1886). Eight children of Alexander and Christina Sophia died young before they had Jonathan Alexander Durrwachter in 1829 and Sophia Friederika in 1830. Sophia Friederika married Georg Friedrich Bickel, and Jonathan Alexander married Wilhelmine Katharine Vogt. Jonathan and Wilhelmine had a son Christian Jonathan Duerrwaechter, born in 1874 in Knittlingen. Jonathan, Wilhelmine, and Christian emigrated to Wisconsin in 1891. Christian was a brewmeister, having graduated from the Wahl Heinins Institute of Brewing and Fermentation. He is listed in City Directories for La Crosse, Wisconsin from 1895 to 1906 as a brewer for G.H. Brewing Company and in 1909 as assistant superintendent. He then moved to Red Lodge, Montana and worked there and in Billings as a brewer. Red Lodge had been established in the early 1880s as a mining town for coal and, to a lesser extent, gold. In 1896 it had 20 saloons and a reputation for riotous living.

Chris was married in 1918 to Maude Hoffmeyer, who had moved to Red Lodge 3 years earlier, living with her brother. Chris and Maude were active in the social life of Red Lodge and in the Episcopal Church. He organized the Montana-Wyoming Master Brewers Association and was its president for ten years. During Prohibition he and a partner built a Pepsi-Cola bottling plant in Red Lodge.

Chris died in 1954 at Carbon County Memorial Hospital and was buried in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Maude died in 1965 at her home in Red Lodge and was buried in the same cemetery.

This story is of interest to me because I have spent some time in Red Lodge and have had a draft or two at local establishments.

Duerrwaechters of Eastern Wisconsin

An extended Duerrwaechter family originated in the Freudenstein – Diefenbach area of Wuerttemberg and emigrated to Wisconsin. Freudenstein and Diefenbach are immediately east of Knittlingen and in the same Enz administrative district. I am indebted to Jörg Dürrwächter for all the information on this line in Germany, as well as for sending me the Ortssippenbuch Diefenbach 1558-1945, by Prof. Dr. Burkhardt Oertel.

The oldest Dürrwachter in the record, **Michael**, died in Freudenstein in 1739. He was married to Anna Catharina, who died in Freudenstein in 1745. Jorg thinks that Michael moved from Knittlingen to Freudenstein, which would link him to the “main” Dürrwachter line. Unfortunately, records do not extend far enough back in time to discover the linkage. The son of Michael and Anna Catharina was **Johann Jacob** (1699-1771), who was born and died in Freudenstein, and who married Maria Catherine Armbruster (1704-1757) in Freudenstein on 4 Nov 1727. The son of Johann Jacob and Maria Catherine was **Johann Michael Dürrwachter**

(1736-1782), who was born and died in Diefenbach and who married Catherins Frick (1735-1773) on 29 Jan 1765 in Diefenbach. The next Durrwachter down the line was **Jakob Friedrich** (1766-1849), a stonemason and farmer. He was born in Freudenstein but died in Diefenbach. On 29 Jan 1793, in Diefenbach, he married **Eva Magdalena Hering** (1770-1852).

Jakob Friedrich and Eva Magdalena had six children, two of whom emigrated to America. One was **Jakobina Dürrwachter**, born in Diefenbach in 1815 and died in 1904 in Perrysburg, Wood, Ohio. She married John David Greiner (1818-1900) in 1845 in Diefenbach. He was born in Haefnerhaslach, Wuerttemberg, where he was a farmer, and he continued farming in Ohio.

The other child who emigrated was **Christian Friedrich Dürrwachter**, who was born in Diefenbach in 1793. In 1824, in Oelbronn, he married **Regina Catherine Schuering**, who was born in Oelbronn in 1806 and died there in 1833. Oelbronn is south of Knittlingen, about the same distance south as Diefenbach is east. They had two children, Elizabeth Catherine and Caroline. After the death of Regina Catherine, Christian Friedrich married, in Oelbronn in 1834, **Rosina Barbara Schlegel**, who was born in Oelbronn in 1811. They had four children, all born in Oelbronn – Christian Friedrich, Johan Wilhelm, Philip Gottlieb, and Christina Jakobina. In 1857 the family of two parents and six children emigrated to Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Manitowoc County is on the western shore of Lake Michigan, north of Sheboygan and south of Green Bay. Christian Friedrich died there in 1874 and Rosina Barbara in 1887; both are buried in the Schleswig Cemetery in Rockville.

Elizabeth Catherine Duerrwaechter (1825-1905), daughter of Christian Friedrich and Catherine Schuering. Almost immediately after emigrating with her parents, she married **Philipp Mahloch**, who was born in 1817 in Dienheim, Hesse-Darmstadt. He had been married to Sophie Best, but she died in 1857, leaving him with 8 children, the youngest of whom was 2 days old. Philipp and Elizabeth Catherine had six more children. They lived in the Town of Rhine, Sheboygan County.



Germantown (Staats) brewery

Caroline Duerrwaechter (1828- ~1875), daughter of Christian Friedrich and Catherine Schuering. Caroline married **John Staats** (1826-1881). John was born in Mannheim in Bavaria. He was previously married, in ~1850, to Elisabeth Hartman, but she died five years later. John was a brewer. He and Caroline lived in Germantown. Germantown is in Washington County,

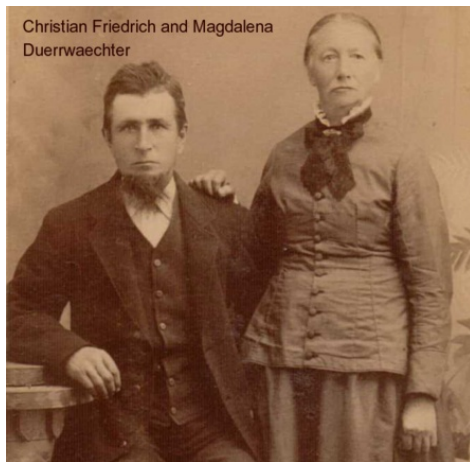
Wisconsin, and is today a northwestern outlier of Milwaukee.

The Germantown Brewery³, originally named the Staats Brewery, was one of the first businesses located in the original Town of Germantown. At the time the area was known as

Town 9 and soon was referred to as Staatsville. In 1858 on the southeast corner of Fond du Lac Trail, today Highway 145 (55), John Staats built a brewery into the stone hill. Across the trail to the west he located a hotel with a saloon and an eating area. Today the hotel building no longer exists but the brewery building does. According to the History of Washington and Ozaukee Counties, the brewery was owned in 1880 by John Staats and had been in existence since 1858. John Staats died in November 1881, at which time the business was continued by Ph. G. Duerrwaechter as administrator of the estate. The brewery operated under various owners, bottling under various names and surviving Prohibition, but finally closed in 1941.

Philip Gottlieb Duerrwaechter was the half-brother of Caroline; more on him below.

John and Caroline Staats had several children. One of interest is Philip Staats (1861-1906), because he married his half-first cousin, Louise Duerrwaechter. Louise was the daughter of the younger Christian Friedrich, whom I will discuss next.



Christian Friedrich Duerrwaechter (1838-1920), son of Christian Friedrich and Rosina Barbara Schlegel. In 1860 he purchased land north of Kiel in Manitowoc County. He married Mary Mahloch in 1862. Together they established a farm on that land. Mary died in 1880, leaving him with 11 children, the youngest four weeks old. A year later he married Magdalena Soemer, who died in 1906.

The eleven children of Christian Friedrich and Mary Mahloch were:

William Philip Duerrwaechter (1863-1915). He married Sarah Marshman (1867-1955). Trained as a carpenter, he followed that profession for 11 years, then bought a farm in Wabasha County, Minnesota. While farming, he continued working as a carpenter.

Christian J Duerrwaechter (1865-1906). He married Emelia Kohn (1864-1949).

Louise Duerrwaechter (1867-1961). As I said in the preceding section, she married Philip Staats. After his death, she married Charles John Krueger (1874-1954). He was a grocer in Fresno, California. After divorce or separation from Charles, she lived with her daughter Alma Staats McDermand in California and died in Alameda County.

Mary Duerrwaechter (1868-1916) married Edmund Hanske (1868-1915), the village marshall of Kiel.

Henry Duerrwaechter (1870-) married Anna Kunz (1873-). They lived in Winnebago County, Wisconsin.

Ludwig Duerrwaechter (1872-1945) married Mary Boege (1885-1995). He had a shoe repair shop in Kiel, and they later operated the Commercial Hotel in Kiel.

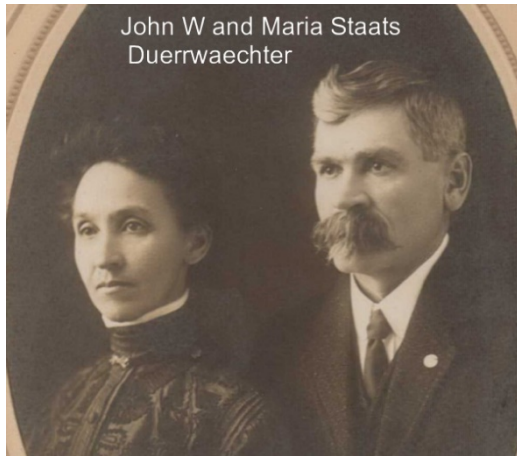
Otto Adolph Duerrwaechter (1875-1948) was a painter and decorator in Kiel. He married Louisa Desloch (1880-1957).

Fred Duerrwaechter (1877-1944) married Anna Boege (1884-1954). He ran a blacksmith shop in New Holstein, Calumet County.

Ida Ann Duerrwaechter (1878-1946) married Henry Darius Barlow (1867-1935).

Benjamin Christian Duerrwaechter (1880-1960) moved from his boyhood home south to

Germantown, where he was associated with his uncle Philip Gottlieb Duerrwaechter as cashier of the Germantown State Bank. He also owned and operated Duerrwaechter Implement Company in Germantown. His wife was Laura Diefenthaler (1880-1955).



John W and Maria Staats
Duerrwaechter

Johann Wilhelm Duerrwaechter (1841-1909), son of Christian Friedrich and Rosina Barbara Schlegel, enlisted in the 9th Infantry Regiment of the Union Arm in 1861. He was discharged because of health problems: he suffered from lung disease and loss of his right eye. In 1867 he married Maria Staats (1845-1926). They had a farm in the Town of Schleswig, Manitowoc County, which after Wilhelm's death was run by their son Adolph Rudolph. They had six children that lived past childhood:

Bertha Louisa Duerrwaechter (1869-1905) married Herman F Vogel (1871-1954). After Bertha's

death, he married Caroline, Bertha's sister.

Mary Duerrwaechter (1871-1957) married George Kuhn (1865-1942) in 1894. The couple farmed in the Town of Rhine, Sheboygan County, for eight years, another eight years in the town of New Holstein, Calumet County, and in 1912 moved into Kiel. There he was employed at the Kiel Woodenware Company.

Ernst Phillip Duerrwaechter (1876-1957) was married in 1903 to Lydia Berg (1883-1967) of the Town of Schleswig. A carpenter by trade, Mr. Duerrwaechter worked at that trade in Kiel after he was married, operated a farm in the Town of Schleswig for a time, then moved to Sheboygan and worked as a carpenter again until 1928. From 1928 to 1934, when he retired, he operated a meat market at Howards Grove, Sheboygan County.

Caroline "Lena" Duerrwaechter (1879-1965) was the second wife of Herman F Vogel.

Adolph Julius Duerrwaechter (1881-1976) ran the family farm after his father's death. He never married.

Clara Duerrwaechter (1886-1968) was married to Adolph Jochmann in 1913, and the couple farmed the Jochmann homestead that was in the Town of Schleswig, two miles north of Kiel.



Philip Gottlieb Duerrwaechter (1847-1923), son of Christian Friedrich and Rosina Barbara Schlegel. In 1860 Philip left the home farm and located in Kiel, where he clerked in country stores. In 1865 he accepted a position with the Mendota Copper Mines of northern Michigan, serving in the capacity of engineer until the mine ceased operations. In 1867, he began the carpenter trade and later was a contractor. He simultaneously dealt in lumber, adding builders' hardware in 1878, agricultural implements in 1880, and, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Adam Diefenthaler, a general store in 1885. He served as town clerk for a period of 13 years, justice of the peace 14 years, notary public 19 years, postmaster of South Germantown for 9 years, and was elected to the assembly in 1900. In 1873

he married Mary Diefenthaler (1852-1931).

The biggest safe in Germanton was in a room behind the Diefenthaeler Saloon. Locals brought their money to Phillip Duerraechter who operated a "bank" there. In time, Phillip began to make loans; a true bank developed and was chartered in 1910 as the Germantown State Bank.

Philip and Mary had four children: John Adam (1875-1946), George Washington (1877-198), Arthur (1879-1905), and Emma (1881-1969). None of the children married. In 1923, after Phillip died, **Emma Duerrwaechter** was elected bank President and with this act became the first woman bank president in the State of Wisconsin. She became known as "Wisconsin's First Lady of Banking." Emma retired in 1959 and in 1962 donated funds which were used to build Germantown's first public library. The building was located on land donated by the Germantown Fire Department. The library, named in her family's honor, was called "Duerrwaechter Memorial Library." In 1928, at the American Institute of Banking meeting, she said "After three years of training, women are competent to fill an executive position in the bank. Women in financial work show a greater patience for detail than do men."



Duerrwaechters of the Williamsport, Pennsylvania Area

In the narrative about the Milwaukee area Duerrwaechters, we discussed two children of **Jakob Friedrich Dürrwachter** and **Eva Magdalena Hering** who emigrated to America. Another son of Jakob Friedrich and Eva Magdalena, **Johannes Dürrwachter** (1800-1876), who married **Barbara Knodel** (1805-1876) never left Diefenbach, but two of his sons did. **Friedrich** (1828-1901) and **Johann Jacob** (1841-1901) were born in Diefenbach but died in Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Both married in Diefenbach, Friedrich in 1859 to Dorothea Jakobina Daiber (1834-1908) and Johann Jacob in 1868 to Wilhelmine Rosine Sommer (1841-1907).

Johann Jacob left Diefenbach in 1870, soon after marrying, for Williamsport. There he and Wilhelmine had two sons and a daughter. He had been a day laborer and farmer in Diefenbach; the 1900 Federal Census for Williamsport lists him as a day laborer.

Friedrich Duerrwaechter left Diefenbach much later, in 1890. The 1900 Federal Census for Williamsport lists him as a dairyman. He and Dorothea Jakobina had five children, all born in Diefenbach:

One daughter, **Gottliebin Catharine Dürrwachter** (1863-1921) did not leave Germany. She married Johann Georg Vogt (1858-1930). Both Gottliebin and Johann died in Knittlingen.

Johann Gottlieb Duerrwaechter (1860-1933) married Maria Kappenstein (1859-1941) in 1883 in Heutingsheim. They had one son in Diefenbach, then emigrated in 1885 and had seven more children in the Williamsport area. Johann Gottlieb was a farmer in Loyalsock Township, outside Williamsport. The first son, Gustave, had a bakery in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. The youngest son, John William, was an employee of Durrwachter Meats and a County Commissioner of Lycoming County.

Friedrich Duerrwaechter (1866-1930) married Catherine Roll (1865-1963). They emigrated in 1885 and had four children, all born in America. He had a bakery in Williamsport.

Christian Johann Durrwachter (1872-1949) married Mary Berger (1875-1930) in South Williamsport. Christ was also a baker in Williamsport. They had six children.

Gottlieb Jakob Durrwachter (1874-1925) married Mary Keller (1870-1924). She was born in Wuerttemberg, but they were married in America about ten years after each emigrated. He was yet another baker in Williamsport. They had three children.

There is a Durrwachter Alumni Conference Center on the campus of Lock Haven State University in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. It was financed by Dr. and Mrs. George A Durrwachter. He was a native of Jersey Shore who graduated from Lock Haven and went on to a career as an orthodontist in Jersey Shore.

The Durrwachter Family of Western Tennessee and the St. Louis Area

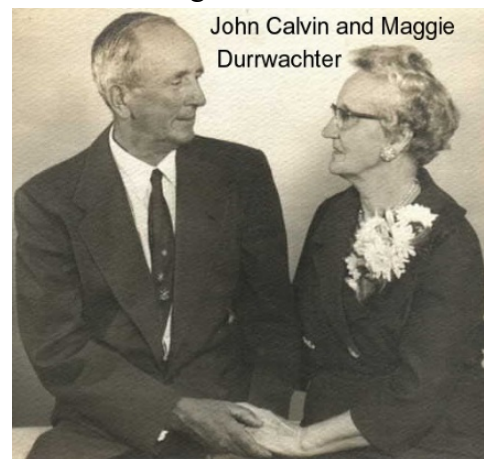
Near the beginning of this narrative I introduced Bernhard Dürrwächter, my 4th-great grandfather. Bernhard had a brother Johann Jacob Dürrwächter, who is the ancestor of the Tennessee-Missouri clan. This line converges with mine, the Duerrwaechters of the LaCrosse area, at the father of Bernhard and Johann Jacob, my 5th great-grandfather Johannes Georg Dürrwächter.

Johann Jacob, then, had a son Johann Michael Dürrwächter (1742-1814), who was born and died in Knittlingen. He married Maria Magdalena Knodel (1742-1800), who was also born and died in Knittlingen. They had three sons, one of whom was Georg Michael Dürrwächter (1777-1846). He was born in Knittlingen but after marrying Maria Margaretha Meffle in 1803 moved to her birthplace, Grossvillars, establishing himself as a farmer and establishing the Grossvillars Dürrwächters. Grossvillars is about 4 km from Knittlingen. Georg and Maria had a son Johann Georg Dürrwächter (1804-1882), who was born and died in Grossvillars, where he married Maria Jacobine Ernst and became a shoemaker. Johann Georg and Maria then had a son Johann Jakob Dürrwächter (1831-1883), who married Christiana Magdalena Schiek; he was a miller and wine grower. Johann Jakob and Christiana had two sons who emigrated to Dover, Stewart, Tennessee. Dover is 67 miles northwest of Nashville.

With those two sons, Johann Ludwig Dürrwächter (1862-1917) and Christian Georg Dürrwächter (b. 1865), the Tennessee line was established. Christian Georg married Ella Whitehurst, but little else about him is known. His brother Johann Ludwig emigrated to America in 1882. Ten years later he married Katherine Olive Belle Jones and established himself as a farmer. Johann Ludwig (John Louis) and Ollie had seven children, all born in Dover, Tennessee, and all of whom spelled their surname Durrwachter:

John Calvin Durrwachter (1893-1980), married to Maggie Lee Wall (1895-1986). Calvin was a farmer in Stewart County, but by 1930 Calvin, Maggie, and their eight children lived in University City, Saint Louis, Missouri, where he was a landscaper. He has many

descendants in the Saint Louis area, including Jerry Durrwachter, who organizes a periodic Durrwachter reunion.



Mary Elizabeth Durrwachter (1896-1954), married to Zollie Coffey George (1887-1977).

Henry Louis Durrwachter (1899-1979), married to Marianne Marianda Keel (1899-1986). Like his brother Calvin, by 1930 Henry lived in University City, Saint Louis, Missouri with his wife and three children, where he was a nickel plate polisher and, in 1940, an automobile company lineman.

Irene D Durrwachter (1901-1993), married to Paul Riley Earhart (1895-1933). Her children ran the family farm after Paul died, and she stayed in Stewart County.

Eva Wallace Durrwachter (1903-1988), married to Joseph Elige Earhart (1898-1969). Joe also started as a farmer. Joe and Eva did not leave Stewart County.

Bess Durrwachter (1906-1983), married to Charles Leon Carney (1900-1981). By 1940 Leon and Bess lived in Saint Louis with her mother Ollie. Leon was a metal worker in the Chevrolet automobile factory, and Bess was a clerk in a shoe manufacturer.

Katie Wilmoth Durrwachter (1908-1967), married to Newell Dudley Yarbrough, Sr. (1910-1992). Katie died in Decatur, Morgan, Alabama, where Newell was a feed mill superintendent for the Tennessee Valley Farmers Cooperative. They had a son and daughter.

The brother of Johann Jakob Dürrwächter (1831-1883), Jakob Dürrwächter (1838-1925), also emigrated to America in 1882, about the same time as his nephew Johann Ludwig Dürrwächter. In 1864 Jakob, who was a farmer, married Susanne Marie Combe (1839-1919) from Grossvillars. They had three children.

FOOTNOTES

¹Konstantin Huber (2004) Dürrwächter, Dörrwächter, Thierwächter, Auf den Spuren einer Familie mit Schweizer Wurzeln im Ram Pforzheim-Maulbronn-Bretten. Südwestdeutsche Blätter für Familien und Wappenkunde 26 p. 113-129. The article was translated for me by Vivien Ohnemus.

Records of the Evangelische Kirche Knittlingen (OA Maulbronn) are available on microfilm – births, deaths, marriages, and Familienbuch. The Familienbuch are especially useful, because every year a family was recorded in its entirety. The records are written in Old German Script and, depending upon the record, stretch back to about 1640; the Familienbuch records begin about 1760. I researched and translated those records in 2001-2002. Since that time many of those now can be accessed on ancestry.com. The films, available from the LDS Family History Library, are 1184973-1184976 and 1184978-1184981.

Up until a few months ago, for the earliest birth records, I had depended on the ancestry.com family tree of Jeff Burton, based on research of WGM Groll in 1956 on the Parish records but also the town record of Knittlingen. As it turns out, those records are correct with respect to names and most dates, but Groll was ignorant of the actual origins of the family in Switzerland.

My tree also incorporates records sent in emails by Jörg Dürrwächter from Bretton-Büchig.

²Heimatbuch Knittlingen, which is the book Knittlingen: Geschichter einer Staat, 1968, by Karl Weisert, published Stuttgart: Kohlhammer. I was sent sections of the book in 2000 by Lyle G. Hartman, which had been translated by Monique Fesenmeyer. Lyle had Knittlingen roots and was very helpful as I learned about my ancestry. He also, interestingly, had, like me, roots in Brienz, Switzerland.

³The history of the Staats Brewery is excerpted from The Omnibus Portal (www.schulteis.com/omnibus/).