



GEORGE STEMMLER AND WIFE



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APPENDIX NO. A.—SETTLERS OF ST. AGATHA PARISH.

The first immigrant from the Continent of Europe was undoubtedly Theobald Spetz. Born at Rodern, Upper Alsace, he had made the calamitous campaign under Napoleon to Moscow. Later he married Mary Ann Haehner, of the nearby Ober Sulzbach, and settled in Lower Sulzbach, where he bought a farm and acted as teamster. But the devastations of the Napoleonic wars had brought misery to many. So this man decided to seek a home in the new world. Having sold his land he drove in his own conveyance, with his little family of five or six, across the Vosges mountains by way of Paris to Havre, where he took passage on a small sailing ship to New York. The trip took 96 days. Another 16 days up the Hudson River and by canal boat to Lockport, and the rest of the way on foot to Buffalo. Here he attached himself to a caravan of Menonites going to Canada.

With them he went to the upper end of Waterloo Township, about three miles east of the Wilmot boundary line. Here he soon bought a farm and began life in the wilderness.

As soon as Wilmot became a religious centre he attached himself to the mission about seven miles distant and remained connected with it. His oldest son, who was nine years of age at the time of emigration, named Joseph, later took over his father's farm, and attached himself to Berlin as soon as the church was erected there about 1856, this being nearer and the market place for the surrounding district.

Favorable reports from this settler soon brought other immigrants from his old home. Among the earlier ones, besides those mentioned in the second chapter, were : Nicolaus Dietrich, who settled on Lot 6, Erbs Road, the north-east corner on the crossroad on which the church was built in 1841. He obtained his patent in 1845. Nicolaus Ditner, Joseph Strub, whose son Joseph died recently at the age of 86 years; Peter Weltin, Joseph Wey, L. Karges, Valentine Wagner, etc. At Bamberg, about five miles north of St. Agatha, there were also quite a number of early Catholics, the most prominent being Mr. Ferdinand Walter, the present License Inspector. John Kroetsch with a number of brothers had settled here, with many others, but went to St. Clement's church as soon as it was built, as being a little nearer. At New Prussia and its neighborhood another considerable number of Catholics sought homes about eight miles from St. Agatha.

Three or four miles further south there were a few at Philipsburg. Four miles further south, at Humburg, there was another small number; three miles east of here Baden had a small number, the next village east, Petersburg, had a few; New Dundee, six miles south of Petersburg also had a little colony, like Shingletown, Mannheim and Haysville.

Among the settlers, Antony Kaiser, who came rather late, was certainly the most important. He began a store, and somewhat later a tavern, both of which are still owned by the family. Antony Kaiser had a son of the same name. This was the man of some education, and gained great influence and distinction in the district. One of his sons, another Antony, succeeded the father in the tavern, which he later left to his younger brother Joseph. This man's widow, who now has the tavern, also has a son, Antony IV., who for some time was with his mother, but lately left the country.

Peter Tschirhart was another man of distinction. He opened the first tavern, a log house, that later became the orphanage for some years. For

many years he also plied his trade as tailor. Both these men were good singers and members of the church choir almost to their death. They both kept their taverns very strictly.

Joseph Strub, Sr., was also a prominent man in church and school, so was Joseph Wey, whose son Joseph became a priest. Many others might be honorably named if space allowed.

John Bury, son-in-law of Peter Tschirhart, had two daughters, Mary and Tillie. The elder, Mary, was organist for many years. When she got married and left, her sister Tillie took her place at the organ. Both are accomplished musicians. The St. Agatha choir has always sung Mass and Vespers complete and liturgically correct, something very few choirs can boast of.

ST. AGATHA SETTLERS, WITH TIME THEY OBTAINED THE PATENT FOR THEIR FARMS.

When they came can not be stated. But the time of their getting the Patent for their land can be given for some. It must however be remembered that nearly all came poor, and had to slave and economize for years before they could pay for their land and get the title to it.

Joseph Greierbiehl, Conc. 1, Lot No. 1	1847	Diebold Dietrich, Conc. 1, Lot No. 5	1852
Ignatius Deitner, Conc. 1, Lot No. 1	1853	Anton Dentinger, Conc. 1, Lot No. 6	1849
Joseph Winterberger, Conc. 1, Lot No. 2	1853	N. Busch, Conc. 1, Lot No. 6..	1849
Jacob Maerz, Conc. 1, Lot. No. 2	1848	Xavier Schuler, Conc. 1, Lot No. 6	1849
Andrew Bossong, Conc. 1, Lot No. 2	1859	Xavier Schuler, Jr., Conc. 1, Lot No. 6	1849
William Maurer, Conc. 1, Lot No. 2	1857	Nic. Busch to J. Weltin, Conc. 1, Lot No. 6	1850
Conrad K. Gies, Conc. 1, Lot No. 2	1860	Peter Ritz, Conc. 2, Lot No. 1	1870
Sebastian Kuttler, Conc. 1, Lot No. 3	1855	Anderw Sadler, Conc. 2, Lot No. 1	1872
Joseph Wey, Sr., Conc. 1, Lot No. 3	1864	Valentine Karges, Conc. 2, Lot No. 1	1872
Joseph Weiler, Conc. 1, Lot No. 3	1855	Joseph Stoesser, Conc. 2, Lot No. 2	1852
Ignatius Ditner, Jr., Conc. 1, Lot. No. 4	1845	Franz Reinhardt, Conc. 2, Lot No. 2	1857
Anton Weber, Conc. 1, Lot No. 4	1857	Fred Mueller, Conc. 2, Lot No. 3	1863
John Weber, Conc. 1, Lot No. 4	1862	Mr. Kinappel, Conc. 2, Lot No. 2	1863
Caspar Voll, Conc. 1, Lot No. 5	1853	Phil. Schweitzer, Conc. 2, Lot No. 3	1863
Morand Dietrich, Conc. 1, Lot No. 5	1854	John Hinsberger, Conc. 2, Lot No. 4, 1857; to Morand Die- trich	1858
Anton Wilhelm, Conc. 1, Lot No. 5	1854	Nicolaus Dietrich, Conc. 2, Lot No. 4	1871

Bernard Bieth, Conc. 2, Lot No. 5	1852	Anton Diemert, Conc. 3, Lot No. 3	1853
Anton Hergott, Conc. 2, Lot No. 5	1853	Jacob Haus, Conc. 3, Lot No. 4	1853
Adam Thaler, Conc. 2, Lot No. 6	1854	Jos. Steffler, Conc. 3, Lot No. 4	1853
Christian Meder, Conc. 2, Lot No. 6	1867	Ludwig Schneider, Conc. 3, Lot No. 6	1855
Jos. Strub, Jr., Conc. 2, Lot No. 6	1845	Eg. Mosburger, Conc. 3, Lot No. 6	1856
Anton Hargott, Conc. 3, Lot No. 1	1845	Christ. Schabach	1869
Jacob W. Schneider, Conc. 3, Lot No. 2	1855	Christian Stocky	1836
		Wendel Burehart	1846
		Christ Fortney	1839

Mr. Fortunatus Gatchene, who sold the school site on the southwest corner of the crossroad, must have been one of the first comers. So were Bernard Brenner and Aloysius Schneider, who gave the southeast corner to the church. The Kaiser family came about 1839 or 1840. Antony Kaiser I. had one son, Antony, and seven daughters. Antony Kaiser II. is said to have been the first one married in the new church by Father Schneider, Aug. 4, 1842, when the



REV. PETER SCHNEIDER.
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church was not yet finished inside. He was a Justice of the Peace, the first Postmaster, Township and County Councillor, School Trustee and the mainstay of the priest. Priests and Bishops sent their announcements to him for promulgation. He should have a special article on account of his merits if space permitted.

Others who were here in Father Wiriath's time, 1833, and found in his records: Joseph Kunemann, Aloysius Schneider, Sigmund Freiburger, Ignatius Dietner, Xavier Schuler, Joseph Lorenz, Conrad Gies, Edmund Freiburger, Joseph Greiesbiehl, Jos. Afholder, Carl Schaefer, John Winterberger, Morand Koenig, Michael Dietrich, Jos. Strub, Nicolaus Dietrich, John Strauss, Philip Moses, Theobald Dietrich, August Bish, Joseph Voisin, Anton Hergott, Bernard Brenner, Leodgar Beysang, Peter Schwartz, John Weltin, John Silvermann.

Father Wiriath's first baptism entered in Father Sanderl's Register by a later hand, likely one of the Jesuit Fathers, was on Nov. 30, 1834.

APPENDIX NO. B.—TO THE HISTORY OF NEW GERMANY.

Giving the origin and approximate date of coming to Canada, according to Mr. Edward Halter, the farmer Philosopher:

From 1827 to 1830.

Scharbach, FelixBaden
Fehrerbach, MatthiasBaden
Schumacher, JohnBaden
Rich, ChristianBaden
Lehmann, MichaelBaden
Weiler, IgnatiusBaden
Weiler, XavierBaden
Zuber, CarlBaden
Brohmann, GottliebAlsace
Roth, LawrenceAlsace
Lauber, JosephAlsace
Zinger, ChrysostomAlsace
Habur, JohnAlsace

Haus, JacobAlsace
Benninger, Jos.Alsace
Benninger, MichaelAlsace
Goetz, MichaelAlsace
Goetz, CasimirAlsace
Haus, JeromeAlsace
Weiler, JosephBaden
Mosack, MichaelAlsace
Schuett, JohnAlsace
Schaeffer, JohnAlsace
Schaeffer, Jos.Alsace
Wendling, Jos.Alsace
Schohn, Jos.Alsace

1835 to 1840.

Scherrer, AntonyAlsace
Kueh, JosephAlsace
Schwoob, JosephAlsace
Beitz, LawrenceAlsace
Borrho, JacobBaden
Bitschy, JacobAlsace
Mattel, JosephAlsace
Bitschy, JacobAlsace
Batte, JohnFrance
Brohmann, JosephAlsace
Baumann, AntonyBaden

Haus, AndrewBaden
Vogel, JanuaryAlsace
Knoepfler, JohnAlsace
Waechter, TheobaldAlsace
Messner, LeoAlsace
Wadel, TheobaldAlsace
Frank A. GustinAlsace
Rellinger, PhilipAlsace
Klein, AndrewAlsace
Bitschy, ErasmusAlsace
Brohmann, JosephAlsace

1840 to 1845.

Massel, AntonyAlsace
Knoepfler, CarlAlsace
Halter, Alexis, father of Edward
H., the farmer philosopher. Alsace
Halter, PeterAlsace
Fahrer, AntonyAlsace
Schaeffer, LeanderAlsace
Frank, MartinAlsace
Zinger, Jos.Alsace

May, JosephAlsace
Voegele, JosephAlsace
Von Hatten, JohnAlsace
Friedmann, IgnatiusBaden
Gehl, AntonyPrussia
Martin, CoelestinAlsace
Lehmann, IgnatiusAlsace
Bitschy, JohnAlsace
Kunkel, JohnBavaria

Balk, AndrewBavaria
Schohn, GeorgeAlsace
Meier, AegidiusWuertenberg
Welheuser, Matthias ..Wuertenberg
Reinhardt, MartinBaden
Zinger, JohnAlsace
Schroeder, JohnAlsace
Kurz, GottliebWuertenberg
Beck, BernardAlsace
Kiefer, JosephAlsace
Beck, IgnatiusAlsace
Roth, ArbogastAlsace

Bitschy, JacobAlsace
Vogt, AntonyBaden
Vogt, LouisBaden
Wadel, TheobaldAlsace
Obrecht, AndrewBaden
Selb, AloysiusAlsace
Wisser, ChristianAlsace
Frank, LouisAlsace
Frank, MarcusAlsace
Saakel, HenryAlsace
Gless, JosephAlsace

1845 to 1850.

Goetz, MartinAlsace
Lehmann, FrancisAlsace
Brohmann, IgnatiusAlsace
Haus, AndrewAlsace
Hoch, AndrewAlsace
Weiler, IgnatiusAlsace

Miller, AntonyAlsace
Miller, JosephAlsace
Bildstein, JacobAlsace
Weiler, AntonyBaden
Kunemann, JosephAlsace
Fehrenbach, JohnBaden

1850 to 1860.

Ernewein, PhilipAlsace
Adam, IgnatiusAlsace

Drechsler, SebastianAlsace

APPENDIX NO. C.—ST. CLEMENT'S EARLY SETTLERS.

Besides those early settlers mentioned in Chapter 2 of the text, a number of others can be given with the date when they received their Patent:

Adam Schickler	1850	Jacob Druar	1856
John Brenner	1855	Joseph Voisin	1856
Hessel Franz		Geo. Meyer	1864
Henry Boegel	1864	Jos. Freiburger	
Jos. Kless	1856	John Forwell	1862
Nic. Schneider		John Forwell	1856
Christ. Daub	1856	John Meyer	1864
Louis Huber	1859	Morand Koenig	1856
Jos. Mittelholz	1865	Frank Stemmer	
Blasius Baumann	1860	Ambrose Starr	
James Tracey	1858	Nicolaus Ball	1856
Stephen Neubecker	1851	Jacob Ament	1864
Phil. Vater	1864	Antony Heidt	1857
Nic. Busch	1864	Gregory Starr	1858
John Kroetsch	1858	Andrew Quering	

Jos. Freiburger paid £82 5s. for 100 acres.

Other early settlers were: Valentine Kuhry, Phil. Koebel, Henry Simmer, John Wernet, Conrad Gies, a Mr. Affholder, Andrew Quering, John Busch, Peter Bierschbach, John Meissen, Fred and Geo. Strasser, Adam Starr, Jos. Hitzel, Jos. Zettel, Fra Heidt, Sebastian Saddler, Anton Galosky, John Leichnam, Anton Eitel, John Kuhn, John Klersey, Aloysius Waechter, Adam Esbach, Lorenz Arnold, Moritz Hahn, John Wernet, Phil. Schiroda, Andrew Spillmacher, John and Geo. Kraemer, Lorenz Kroetsch, Martin Sum, Adam Prechtl, Franz Hammer, Emmanuel Green, Philip Koebel, Blasius Wallsmann, Christ. Rich, Nic. Kartes, Mich. Schneider, Geo. Michael, Caspar Voll, Adolph Schittler, Jos. Heep, Franz Olheuser, Anton Koloski, Blasius Schwanz, John Hahn, Andrew Quiry, John Heckler, John Kuntz, John Kieswetter, Jos. Rummig, Adam Boppre, Hubert Gilles, Mr. Flachs, and many others too numerous to mention.

APPENDIX NO. D.—BERLIN EARLY SETTLERS.

In Berlin Town or Village, besides those mentioned in the text: In his ministrations here, Father Sanderl mentions for 1845: Adam Goeckel, Jacob Jantz, John Moser, Anselm Wagner, Raphael Weinstein (for 1844), Nicolaus Dopp and his sons Joseph and Nicolaus, Geo. Blesch, Adam Meckel, August Riesterer, Joseph Schaller, Mr. Vogt, Jos. Hentges, Jos. Schopp, Christ. Fischer, Phil. Hausmann, John Hitzel, John Klein, Nic. Stuhlfahrt, Matthias Schmidt, Henry Rudolph, Jos. Pernfuss, William Jahn, Martin Nadler, Jacob Wenz, Peter Gilles, Maurice Hushin, John Murphy, Martin Deady, Frank O'Connor, and others occur 1859 in the Register as living in Berlin. There were quite a few others, too.

In Waterloo there was a considerable number, some of whom are given for that parish. Further north, about three miles, was Joseph Spetz, who joined Berlin parish as soon as the church was erected in 1855 or 1856. St. Jacobs had a few families, who mostly went to St. Clement's. Conestogo also had a few who mostly came to Berlin, like Theobald Spetz, his brother John, Anton Schmidt, the Feils, etc.

Lexington had quite a colony. Joseph Scheuermann, Geo. Amann, Jos. Deininger, Mich. Heck, John Hitzel, Adam Bierenstiel, etc.

At Bridgeport were: John D. Miller, the genial blacksmith; Steckenreider, Joseph Wendling, the woolen manufacturer; Fidel Fischer, Victor Lang, Wm. Miller, etc.

Near Breslau, this side of the river, Theobald Kunemann, the "Rich." In the village there were several Irish.

At Centreville: The O'Loane's, Geo. and Adam Miehm (1842), John Johnson, a family Hunt, Schreiber, Jantz, Schoenbecher, etc.

At Doon; Several families Lang, Webers, Nic. Jantz, Mich. Blesch, Peter Sehl, Jos. Schopp, Ferdinand Miller, John Hoffman, Hy. Kuehner, Fr. Ament and his brother George.

At Strassburg, Judenburg and Williamsburg there was the largest colony outside Berlin: Anton Wilhelm, 1846; Philip Fischer, 1846; Leopold Henhoefer and his brother Anton, 1850; Wendel Biek, Valentine Grosch, 1860; Geo. Baetz, 1855; John Stoeckle, 1835; Margaret Gehl, with Antony, her son, 1856; Gregory Weber, John Conrad, Frank Bishof, Adolph Werle, Fred Doll, Jos. and Theo. Miller, 1856; Phil. Roeser, Wendel Brunner, Remigius Lettner, Moritz Hunt, 1847; Nicolaus Jantz, 1853; Geo. Helmer, 1855; Jacob Fritz, 1865.

In the Petersburg Road: Michael Moser, Christian Gross.

In Greenbusch: Carl Bauer, Andrew Pihale, etc.

Altogether there must have been in the Berlin District about two hundred or more families. As many in the villages had no conveyances, they would hardly be expected to come to church very often, nor contribute much to its support, on account of poverty, etc.

As to their origin, they came from many different parts of Germany, Alsace, and some from France. The Irish became more numerous during and after the railroad was constructed. Many of them moved away again later.

The first Poles came about the year 1860, and later, after the Insurrection. Some made Berlin only a short stopping place, some remained, while newcomers increased their number gradually and slowly.

APPENDIX NO. E.—PRESTON.

A more complete list of early settlers:

Puhl, Cornelius, mason.	Beans, Hy.
Balk, Andrew.	Marly, Anton.
Schneider, Matt.	Compass, Morand.
Lienhardt, Mich.	Weingaertner, Jac.
Kohler, George.	Fuhri, Jac.
O'Connor, Mary.	Seidenband, Sebast.
Uhri, George.	Hoffmann, Regina.
Uhri, Caspar.	Fischer, Christian.
Lotter, Franz.	Gilles, Michael, father
Compass, Franz.	of Hubert, died at St.
Sorg, Nicolaus.	Clement's.

Note.—The above are found in Father Sanderl's Records, 1845 to 1848.

The following also came early:

Gilles, Hubert, and his mother and others of the family.	Dufresne, John Nic. Sieder, John. Faeth, Hy.	Schill, John. Haesler, Aug. Hartmann, Mich.
Henning, William.	Renner, Carl, mason.	Fuchs, August.
Haller, Jos.	Haller, Mich.	Soder, John.
Mickler, Caspar.	Halm, John.	Smit, John.
Weismiller, Lorenz.	Bieth, Jos.	Hafner, John.
Hartleib, John.	Dopp, John.	Castelli, Lorenz.
Friedmann.	Krausmann, Adam.	Huber, Sam.
Sorg, Franz, Xavier.	Maurer, Peter.	Koenig, Wm.
Lasert, Jos. and Anton.	Bernhardt, Caspar.	Grisch, John.
Puhl, Matt. Corneli.	Sorg, Xavier.	Boldue, Peter.
Hirsch, Geo.	Fady, John.	Zinger.
Winterhalt, Hy.	Fach, Jos. Anton.	Fach, Phil.
Aspenleiter, George.	Uhri, Andrew Nic.	Mahler, Geo.
Edel, John.	Koenig, Jos.	Schoenstein, Peter.
Wenz, John.	Smidt, Sebast.	Zimmer, Xavier.
Bauml, Jos.	Jansen, Matt.	
Hesch, Peter.	Pfeifer, Xavier.	

From 1847 to 1853 there were many baptisms from Galt, Hespeler, Puslinch, etc., in Preston. Those from Galt were mostly Irish.

The names given here may be (some of them) of people who did not stay long in Preston. Preston and Waterloo were for many only stopping places until they could look around and find a suitable place to go to more permanently. Preston from its early days was the most German centre for Germans. These attracted others, often only for a short time.

It is remarkable to find that so many of those German immigrants had a trade, and they understood their trade perfectly.

The reason for this is plain. Before the Rebellion of 1848 in Europe, the Guild system was still prevalent. It required from the apprentice a full-time apprenticeship. Then he was obliged to go abroad as a journeyman, the further and longer the better, in order to perfect himself in his trade or handi-

craft. Only then he was allowed to make his masterpiece, and be received by the guild and the public as a master of his trade.

The writer had the fortune to examine quite a few of the then Journeymen's Wander Books. The rules laid down for the travelling worker were very strict, so strict, indeed, that the author found the Rebellion in Germany quite natural on account of these strict rules and the severity with which they were enforced.

Another remarkable fact was the large number of masons in Preston during its early days, and indeed to quite recent times. The quarries and field stone abounding in the neighborhood no doubt account for this. Galt and Preston, as well as the district around them, were largely built up in stone that was so close to hand. Now brick, in its great variety of kinds and colors, give a handier and cheaper building material. Yet it is a pity that the solid looking stone buildings that defy frost, storms and the wear of centuries are so rarely erected now.

Puhl and Weingartner appear to have been among the very oldest comers.

APPENDIX NO. F.—HAMBURG EARLY SETTLERS.

Sylvester Frank, the brewer, came before	1843	Geo. Ruchty, before	1860
Jos. Hartmann, came before..	1850	Stephen Rau, about.....	1860
Xavier Boehler, the potter, be- fore	1846	Andrew Carly, before	1860
Jos. Ruchty, before	1860	Vincent Pinchenat, before ...	1860
		John Haffner, before	1860
		Franz Berger, before	1860

APPENDIX NO. G.—RELIGIOUS CENSUS OF WATERLOO COUNTY,
ONTARIO, OF 1911.

Total Population of the County	R. Cath's	Anglic'ns	Methd's	Presbyt'ns	Luth'r's	Mennonites.	
North Riding	33,619	7,223	1,516	2,904	2,492	11,251	4,006
Waterloo Tp. Nth.	3,474	879	93	93	105	655	1,074
Wellesley Tp.	4,757	1,421	173	344	605	1,314	805
Woolwich Tp.	4,051	369	22	179	331	1,399	1,417
Berlin Town	15,196	3,560	907	1,542	968	5,100	518
Waterloo Town ..	4,359	891	261	895	302	1,975	127
Elmira	1,782	103	60	351	181	808	124

SOUTH WATERLOO COUNTY.

South Riding	28,988	3,041	3,924	4,810	7,502	4,030	2,450
Dumfries N. Tp. .	2,095	38	179	305	1,180	83	43
Waterloo S. Tp. .	3,467	335	321	623	446	679	717
Wilmot Tp.	4,509	625	175	231	147	1,332	1,534
Galt Town	10,299	751	1,930	2,122	4,240	235	13
Hespeler Town ..	2,368	203	398	528	407	325	37
Preston Town ...	3,883	844	704	707	525	862	17
Ayr Village	823	11	79	183	515	9	..
New Hamburg Vil.	1,484	234	138	111	42	505	89

Note.—Since 1911 the Catholic population has greatly increased in all the towns and villages except Ayr, and remained about stationary elsewhere in the county.