

THE LUTZ FAMILIES FROM ECKARTSWEIER IN BADEN THAT SETTLED IN
PORTAGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN: A BRIEF INTRODUCTION.

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Introduction

During the second half of the 19th century several families from the village of Eckartsweier in Baden, Germany, came to America and settled in Portage County. Three of these families were named LUTZ. It is the purpose of this little paper to give a brief introduction to these families. The names are taken from "Immigrants From Eckartsweier in Baden, 1837-1885" prepared by Mayor and Mrs. Alfred Hetzel of Eckartsweier during the Christmas holidays of 1979. Their hand written list was later annotated and printed by the undersigned in 1980.

The first of the three LUTZ families described in this paper is that of ANDREW LUTZ (1792-1873) and his wife, ANNA MARIA LUTZ (1799-1863). This family consisting of parents, seven children, 25 grand children and at least one great grand child came to America in groups from 1851 to 1885. The entire family settled in the Portage - Wood County area. This family is described in Section 1. of this paper.

The second family consists of three brothers, the youngest of the eight children of JOHN LUTZ VI (1794-1859) and his wife, ELIZABETH KNAUER (1811-1873). The brothers came between 1869 and 1883. Two settled at Almond and one at Amherst Jct. Two of them were married in Portage County to granddaughters of ANDREW LUTZ (1792-1873) of Section 1. These brothers are described in Section 2. of this paper.

The third family settled in Stevens Point for some time and then moved on to Duluth, MN. It consists of MICHAEL LUTZ (1832-1902), his wife and two children. Michael was a nephew of ANDREW LUTZ (1792-1873). Something of this family is related in Section 3. of this paper.

This paper is intended only as a very brief introduction and deals only with those LUTZ's who were born in Eckartsweier or on the boat enroute to America. I have made no attempt here to trace the descendants of these original immigrants to the present day. One of them, in Section 2., is my grandfather.

Finally, it is my hope that this paper may be helpful to those who are interested in learning more about their family history and about the history of our area.

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Section 1.

ANDREW LUTZ (1792-1873) and ANNA MARIA LUTZ (1799-186).

Emigrated 1863 with sons John and Jacob. Andrew was a retired farmer. Lived at Almond with son, Andrew. Anna Maria died there and is buried in the East Almond Methodist cemetery. Andrew moved to Stevens Point with son Andrew in 1867. Afterward lived in Stevens Point with son, John. Died in Stevens Point and buried in East Almond Methodist cemetery. The seven children of this couple were:

[1.] ANDREW LUTZ (1822-1899) m. ELIZABETH GOEPFER (1823-1910)

Emigrated 1851. He was the first of the LUTZ's to settle in Portage County. Lived for a time in New York and then with his family for a few years near Racine. Settled at Almond in 1855, farmed there until 1867, moved to Stevens Point and operated the LUTZ BREWERY with brother, Jacob, until 1880. Then bought out his brother and operated brewery with his sons until 1897 when it was sold. In 1894 Andrew and Elizabeth celebrated their golden wedding with a large and gala celebration. Both died in Stevens Point and are buried in Forest Cemetery. The couple were parents of 13 children including three sets of twins. One son, Michael, died aboard ship on the way to America. Four others died in infancy or childhood. Those born in Germany include:

(A.) ANDREW LUTZ (1845-1917) m. CAROLINE WILHELMINE ("Minnie") KROHN (1848-1913). Farmed at Almond, operated a livery stable in Stevens Point, and then farmed near Meehan Station. Parents of several children of which only 4 grew to adulthood.

(B.) ELIZABETH LUTZ (1846-1929) m. JACOB MESSING (1844-1921) Farmed at Almond and then moved to Princeton, WI where Jacob operated a brewery with brother-in-law, John Ernst. Parents of 5 children.

(C.) JOHN LUTZ (1850-1908) m. BERTHA CHRISTINA HAERTEL (1856-1935) Worked with father on farm at Almond and in brewery at Stevens Point. After the brewery was sold worked as a railroad section hand and flagman in Stevens Point. Parents of 7 children 5 of whom reached adulthood.

(D.) MICHAEL LUTZ (1852-53) Died aboard ship enroute to America.

Born in America were: AUGUST LUTZ (1858-1928) m. ERNESTINE AUGUSTA DEMKE (1863-1941), lived in Stevens Point; ANNA MARIA LUTZ (1859 - 1938) m. JOHN ERNST (1848-1897), lived in Princeton, WI; GEORGE

LUTZ (1861-1948) m. (1) ANNA LOUISE DEMKE (1865-1890) (2) EMMA B. MEHNE (1873-1973), lived in Stevens Point.

[2.] MICHAEL LUTZ (1824-1903) m. (1) ANNA MARIA BAASS (+ 1864)
 (2) ANNA MARIA WALTER (1838-1876)
 (3) HENRIETTA PODEWITZ (1839-1906)

Emigrated in 1874 and farmed near Amherst Jct. Lived in the last years at Wisconsin Rapids and died there. Michael and Anna Maria Walter are buried in Forest Cemetery, Stevens Point; Anna Maria Baass died in Eckartsweier; Henrietta Podewitz is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Wisconsin Rapids. Had four surviving children by the first wife and two by the second, the last of which was born in America. They were:

(A.) MICHAEL LUTZ (1851-1931) m. ELIZABETH URBAN (1846-1929)
 Worked at the LUTZ BREWERY in Stevens Point and then farmed near Amherst Jct. Parents of 6 children.

(NOTE: The oldest, GEORGE LUTZ (1872-1951) m. CHRISTINA HOERTER (1877-1959) was born in Eckartsweier. Lived in Stevens Point and worked for the Soo Line Railroad. Had 6 children)

(B.) ANNA MARIA LUTZ (1855-1939) m. GEORGE LUTZ (1844-1909)
 Farmed with her husband at Almond. Had 8 children.

(C.) ELIZABETH LUTZ (1856-1948) m. KARL LUTZ (1850-1908)
 Farmed with her husband at Amherst Jct. on the original LUTZ homestead. Had 7 children.

(D.) JOHN LUTZ (1862-1930) m. ELIZA AUGUSTA MARGARETHA BICKEL (1865-1940) Farmed near Amherst Jct. Had 11 children.

(E.) DAVID LUTZ (1866-1933) m. SIDSEL (Celia) OPSATA (1878-1965)
 Farmed near New Brighton, MN. Had 6 children.

Born in America was JACOB LUTZ (1874-1952) m. RUTH PACKARD (1878-1960). Worked at various occupations in and around Wisconsin Rapids. Had 4 children.

[3.] ANNA MARIA LUTZ (1825-1865) m. JACOB MEHNE (1820-1901)

Emigrated in 1863 with 11 children and lived at Almond. Jacob was a carpenter and a farmer. Both are buried in the East Almond Methodist Cemetery. Their children were:

- (A.) JACOB MEHNE (1845-1935) m. BARBARA VETTER (1849-1918)
Civil War Vet. Farmed at Almond. Had 8 children.
- (B.) ANNA MARIA MEHNE (1847-1913) m. JOHN HETZEL (1846-1913)
Farmed at Almond, operated Hetzel Store. Had 8 children.
- (C.) JOHN MEHNE (1849-1935) m. BARBARA MILIUS (1856-1937)
Farmed at Almond. Had 6 children.
- (D.) ELIZABETH MEHNE (1850-1927) m. MICHAEL URBAN (1840-1911)
Farmed at Almond (Town Rose, Waushara Co.) Had 5 children.
- (E.) BARBARA MEHNE (1852-1880) m. GEORGE MARX (1849-1934)
Farmed at Almond. Had 2 children.
- (F.) MICHAEL MEHNE (1853-1927) m. MARY MILIUS (1861-1938)
Farmed at Almond. Had 6 children.
- (G.) MAGDALENE MEHNE (1855-1947) m. DAVID HETZEL (1851-1924)
Farmed at Almond. Had 12 children.
- (H.) GEORGE MEHNE (1857-1885) m. MARY LANGBAUER (1865-1949)
Farm hand at Almond. Killed in farm accident while
digging a well. Had one daughter.
- (I.) CHRISTINE MEHNE (1859-1925) m. DAVID RATH (1852-1928)
Farmed at Almond. Had 7 children.
- (J.) KATHERINE MEHNE (1860-1864) Died in New York enroute to
Wisconsin.
- (K.) DAVID MEHNE (1862) Born and died at sea enroute to America.

Born in America was DAVID MEHNE (1864-1935) m. MARY LANGBAUER
MEHNE (1865-1949), widow of brother, George. Farmed at Almond.
No children.

[4.] ELIZABETH LUTZ (1830-1882) m. MICHAEL WALTER IX (1821-1893)

Elizabeth died in Eckartsweier. Michael and 3 children emigrated
in 1883 and settled at Amherst. Michael later moved to Stevens
Point and lived out his life with brother-in-law, John Lutz.
He is buried in Forest Cemetery in Stevens Point. The children
were:

(A.) MICHAEL WALTER (1855-1926) m. MARY RIEGE (1868-1924)
 Farmed near Amherst, and then near Aniwa and finally
 near Antigo. Had 5 children.

(B.) ELIZABETH WALTER (1862- ?) m. DAVID HETZEL (1869-?)
 Married 1888 in Stevens Point, farmed near Amherst,
 had at least one child. No further information. Elizabeth
 is no mentioned in the father's obituary.

(C.) JOHN WALTER (1869-1933) m. JULIA MUELLER (1875-1944)
 Farmed between Plover and Wisconsin Rapids, on the
 Wood - Portage County line. Had 6 children.

[5.] JOHN MICHAEL LUTZ (1833-1907) m. ELIZABETH BAASS (1839-1916)

Emigrated 1863 with parents, married in New York, lived in
 various places including 8 years in Missouri. Settled in
 Stevens Point in 1874. Operated a hotel and tavern first
 in Stevens Point and then in McDill. Both died in Stevens
 Point and are buried in Forest Cemetery. Had 6 children.

[6.] DAVID LUTZ (1836-1908) m. BARBARA OERTEL (1837-1927)

Emigrated in 1874 (David came alone a few years earlier) with
 3 children. Lived first in Stevens Point and then operated a
 brewery in Wisconsin Rapids with brother Jacob. The children
 were:

(A.) DAVID JOHN LUTZ (1858-1928) m. ANTOINETTE MARIE LANGOSKY
 (1862-1949). Lived and worked in Wisconsin Rapids. Had
 4 children.

(B.) JACOB LUTZ (1862-1938) m. MINNIE MILLER (1866-1944)
 Lived and worked in Wisconsin Rapids. No children.

(C.) JOHN LUTZ (1867-1887) Never married. Worked with his
 father in Wisconsin Rapids.

Born in America was EMMA LUTZ (1874-1954) m. CHARLES EDWARD KRAUSE
 (1873-1924). Lived in Wisconsin Rapids.

[7.] JACOB LUTZ (1840-1901) Never married.

Emigrated in 1863. Learned the brewery business in Stevens Point. Operated brewery there with brother Andrew, 1867-1880, and after that operated brewery in Wisconsin Rapids with brother David. Died in Oshkosh Hospital. Buried in Forest Cemetery in Stevens Point.

Section 2.

Three brothers, the children of JOHN LUTZ VI (1794-1859) and his wife, ELIZABETH KNAUER (1811-1873) came to America and settled near Almond and Amherst. They were:

[1.] GEORGE LUTZ (1844-1909) m. ANNA MARIA LUTZ (1855-1939)

Emigrated 1869. Settled on a farm north of Almond presently (1983) being farmed by a grandson. Had 8 children. The wife is a daughter of Michael Lutz and Anna Maria Baass (See Sect. 1. No. 2)

[2.] ANDREW LUTZ (1846-1912) m. ELIZABETH BAASS (1847-1905)

Emigrated 1883 with 2 children. Farmed at Almond. Are buried in St. John Lutheran Cemetery at Almond as are George and Anna Maria. The children were:

(A.) ELIZABETH LUTZ (1877-1963) m. NICHOLAS RADER (1870-1946)
Lived at Almond and then at Oshkosh. Had 2 children
one of which died in childhood.

(B.) ANDREW LUTZ (1881-1963) m. HULDA AMANDA BOELTER (1887-1978)
Farmed at Almond. Had 3 children. (This is my grandfather)

[3.] KARL LUTZ (1850-1908) m. ELIZABETH LUTZ (1859-1948)

Emigrated 1883. Farmed first at Almond and after marriage on the LUTZ homestead at Amherst Jct. Had 7 children. The wife was also a daughter of Michael Lutz and Anna Maria Baass (See Sect. 1. No. 2).

Section 3.

A nephew of ANDREW LUTZ (1792-1873) also lived in Portage County for a time. He was:

[1.] MICHAEL LUTZ (1832-1902) m. BARBARA BAASS (1840- ?)

Emigrated in 1874 with 2 children. Operated a tavern in Stevens Point for a time and then moved to Duluth, MN. The children were:

(A.) BARBARA LUTZ (1858- ?) m. FRANK HIBBING (1856-1897)

He was a pioneer business man in Duluth and on the iron range of northern Minnesota. Hibbing, MN is named after him. No children.

(B.) MICHAEL LUTZ (1861- ?) m. LOUISE CLINE (1867-1891)

Married at Wisconsin Rapids. Had two children, one died in infancy. She is buried in Forest Hill cemetery in Wisconsin Rapids. The surviving daughter was raised by sister Barbara and Frank Hibbing.

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