

Notes on Anna Elisabeth Caroline Schneider

Generation 1

1. **ANNA ELISABETH CAROLINE¹ SCHNEIDER** was born on August 13, 1833 in Wunderthausen. She died on April 10, 1905 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa (St. Paul's Cemetery, Wheatland). She married (1) **GEORG LUDWIG DÜRR**, son of Georg Ludwig Dürr and Elisabeth Gertraud Althaus, on October 14, 1850 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. He was born on May 28, 1823 in Wunderthausen. He died on September 07, 1888 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. 2) **JOSEPH F. ZELLER** on September 29, 1891 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born in 1833 in Germany. He died on August 20, 1899 in Oxford, Jones, Iowa (Mayflower Cemetery).

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Notes for Anna Elisabeth Caroline Schneider:

Known as Caroline. Born in Altehäusers Haus in Wunderthausen. The Schneider family arrived in New York on the ship Amazone out of Bremen on May 31, 1848. Some records (including her obituary in the local paper!) report that the wife of Ludwig Dürr was "Catherine Schneider", but this is totally incorrect. She was Caroline in her day; her sister, Catherine, married J. Ludwig Riedesel in 1845. Four of her twelve children died in childhood. She is buried with Ludwig Dürr in St. Paul's Cemetery though there is no grave marker.

Notes for Georg Ludwig Dürr:

Known as Ludwig. Apparently raised in Haase Haus in Wunderthausen. With his first cousin, J. Ludwig Riedesel, and his mother he traveled to New York on the ship Lesmona out of Bremen, debarking on June 24, 1844. Their destination was Crawford County, Ohio, where the cousins' aunt and uncle (the Gerhardts) lived. Family legend has it that he built a barn for someone in exchange for his passage. Exactly where he lived is uncertain. It is likely that he and his family lived outside the towns of Galion and Bucyrus. Just prior to his marriage, the 1850 Crawford County Census found him living in the household of a German-born wagonmaker, John Miller. While living in Ohio, he received some theological tutelage from the Rev. Max Stern of the German Reformed Church in Galion. The Dürres, the Riedesels, the Gerhardts and the Schneiders appear not to have been members of that congregation. Instead, they evidently met in homes and perhaps a rough meeting house for religious services. Reports differ on when he settled for good at Wheatland. The reported birth places of their children imply a move to Iowa between 1855-1857.

Their family scattered. Unlike many of the other Wunderthäuser, they had no "home place" (farm) to pass down to another generation.

Dürr was a carpenter, not a farmer, and lived in the town of Wheatland. He was a founder of St. Paul's Church in Wheatland and had served as a lay leader of worship services in Wheatland before a regular minister was available. Before the founding of St. Paul's in 1861, he is recorded as a founding member of a German Reformed congregation or community (Gemeinde) in 1857. He was an elder in the first Kirchenrat (Board) of St. Paul's church in 1861. He and Caroline are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, but no marker exists.

Georg Ludwig Dürr and Anna Elisabeth Caroline Schneider had the following children:

- i. **SARAH ELISABETH² DÜRR** was born on September 20, 1851 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. She died on November 15, 1927 in Gause, Milam, Texas (Gause Cemetery). She married John Camillus Bowling, son of James Madison Bowling and Margaret Ann Pelter, in September 1873 in Clinton Co., Iowa. He was born on February 29, 1848 in Davenport, Scott, Iowa. He died on July 14, 1932 in Gause, Milam, Texas (Gause Cemetery).

Notes for Sarah Elisabeth Dürr:

She and her husband had moved to Texas by 1898.

Notes for John Camillus Bowling:

Served in the Union army. Survived imprisonment at Andersonville and Libby after being captured at Chickamauga.

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- ii. MARIA DÜRR was born on June 19, 1853 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. She died on January 06, 1854 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio.
- iii. ANNA DÜRR was born on November 18, 1854 in Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio. She died on March 18, 1921 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas (Murray Cemetery). She married George Rettig, son of Johann Rettig and Anna Maria Schmiedel, on September 05, 1875 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He was born on August 16, 1851 in Randolph, Portage, Ohio. He died on November 17, 1936 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas (Murray Cemetery).

Notes for George Rettig:

He was the son of one of the early ministers at St. Paul's church in Wheatland. Moved to Texas around 1880.

- iv. CHRISTINA DÜRR was born on September 20, 1857 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on November 23, 1864 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
- v. ELIZABETH DÜRR was born on November 11, 1859 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 23, 1940 in Humbird, Clark, Wisconsin. She married Jacob Baumgartner in August 1893 in Harbine, Jefferson, Nebraska. He was born on September 21, 1872 in Switzerland. He died on February 24, 1942 in Humbird, Clark, Wisconsin.
- vi. JOHN HEINRICH DÜRR was born on May 06, 1861 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on July 08, 1863 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
- vii. JOHN KLAR DÜRR was born on March 03, 1863 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on December 09, 1864 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.
- viii. JOHANNA DÜRR was born on March 13, 1865 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on September 21, 1903 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa.
- ix. LUDWIG DÜRR was born on March 18, 1867 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died in 1956 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa. He married Helena Meyer, daughter of Michael Meyer and Elizabeth Seigmuller, on June 26, 1890. She was born on November 17, 1866 in Lyons, Clinton, Iowa. She died on July 19, 1936 in Battle Creek, Ida, Iowa (Mount Hope Cemetery, Battle Creek).

Notes for Ludwig Dürr:

While certainly known as a Dürr in his childhood, the family name had become Derr by the next generation.

Notes for Helena Meyer:

Lived with the family of L. Henry Riedesel after her parents died.

- x. JOHANNES DÜRR was born on July 02, 1869 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on October 06, 1881 in Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas.
- xi. FLORENTINA LOUISE DÜRR was born on July 10, 1872 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. She died on February 14, 1962 in Meadow Grove, Madison, Nebraska, USA. She married John George Louis Wiese, son of Johannes Wiese and Florentine ??, on November 30, 1893 in Harbine, Jefferson, Nebraska. He was born on December 10, 1871 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on August 06, 1937 in Meadow Grove, Madison, Nebraska, USA.
- xii. GEORGE DÜRR was born on October 23, 1874 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa. He died on July 28, 1950 in Des Moines, Polk, Iowa (Larchwood Cemetery). He married (1) DORA HARTENHOFF on April 28, 1904 in Larchwood, Lyon, Iowa. She was born on February 02, 1880 in Ida County, Iowa. She died on May 18, 1970 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa (Larchwood Cemetery). He married (2) LAURA LANGE in 1899. She was born on March 11, 1876 in Fayette, Texas. She died on July 15, 1899 in Rockdale, Milam, Texas.