

THE DESCENDANTS OF
ANDREW MEYER AND ANNA GERING

(Prepared by Wm. Meyer 1925-28)

The following is a record of three brothers, the sons of Andrew Meyer I and his wife Anna Gering, of Auggen of the Grand Duchy of Baden, who emigrated to the United States in 1834 and 1836, and of their descendants. The names of the three brothers in the order of their births were Frederick (see page 16), Andrew II (see page 2), and John Jacob (see page 19). There was a sister born next to Frederick named Sophronia.

As a matter of interest, we may note that Andrew Meyer I, the father of the three brothers, was noted for great physical strength. On one occasion when some French soldiers were quartered in his house, becoming obstreperous, he took the heads of two of them and bumped them together. However he had to temporarily absent himself while the troops remained, as the soldiers' comrades would have taken his life. At another time he took the keys from the keeper of the lockup, forced the keeper in the lockup and locked him in. When the keeper's friends became alarmed at his absence and had sought for him awhile, Andrew Meyer gave them the keys and told them to look for him in the lockup.

Andrew Meyer I is supposed to have come to Auggen from the Black Forest. There is some evidence that the family at one time lived in Switzerland. A family by the name of Meyer had emigrated from Switzerland and settled in Sullivan County, Missouri. They came from near Bern, Switzerland, and so striking was their resemblance to the descendants of Andrew I that it was noticed by the neighbors. As Basel, Switzerland, was only about nine miles from Auggen and bordered on the Black Forest, it is possible that they were remotely related. One of the old men was in size and features very like the older of Andrew Meyer II's sons.

The three brothers located in Wayne County, Ohio; Andrew in 1834, Frederick and John Jacob in 1836. Traveling in those days was quite different from what it is today. They came by hack or team to the coast of France, then by sailing vessel to New York. It took them thirty-nine days to make the voyage. Now the trip is made by railway and steam vessels, the latter making the voyage in a week.

When they settled in Ohio, their farms were covered with forest. The wheat was reaped with a hand sickle and threshed with a flail, so it took weeks to reap and months to thresh their grain.

Sophronia, or Vernes, Meyer, sister of the three brothers, married Jacob Butch, a saddler by occupation. During the Napoleonic war, Russian soldiers, on their way to France were quartered on the inhabitants of Auggen. They introduced typhoid fever from which Mr. Butch died in the year 1815. In 1830 the widowed Sophronia took up her residence with her brother, John Jacob; his wife having died, and took care of his two young children. She lived with them until she died May 21, 1856, aged 71 years, 11 months, 6 days. She was a member of the Lutheran Church in Germany, and of the Lutheran Reformed in the United States until her death. Her husband's remains are buried in Auggen, Baden; hers in Mt. Eaton, Ohio.

As this chronology was prepared by William Meyer, the son of John Meyer, the son of Andrew Meyer II, the son of Andrew Meyer I, the descendants of Andrew Meyer II are given first.

Andrew Meyer II was born in Auggen, Baden, in 1790. He learned the trade of cabinetmaker. Married Mary Adolph in 1817. Emigrated to the United States in 1834 and settled on a farm near Mt. Eaton, Ohio. In 1844 he came to Holt County, Missouri, and settled on a farm two miles northwest of Oregon, Missouri, where he resided until his death, October 3, 1846. His wife died October 28, 1858. They are buried in Oregon Cemetery at Oregon, Missouri (Holt County).

Their children were:

John Martin	born in Auggen, Baden,	September 27, 1819	(See page 9)
Andrew III	“	April 28, 1821	(See page 11)
John	“	December 29, 1822	(See page 2)
Anna Marie	“	January 17, 1824	(See page 12)

John George	“	March 5, 1827	(See page 13)
Christian	“	July 23, 1831	(See page 15)
John Jacob	“	April 13, 1834	(See page 15)
*Ludwick born at Mt. Eaton, Ohio		May 12, 1836	
Gottlieb	“	August 11, 1838	(See page 16)
William	“	May 24, 1840	(See page 16)

* Ludwick died at Mt. Eaton, Ohio, November 6, 1838, and is buried at Mt. Eaton

As this chronology was prepared by and is of particular interest to the descendants of John Meyer, the third son of Andrew Meyer II, he and his descendants are given first.

John Meyer, son of Andrew Meyer II, married Anna Maria Schorb, April 1848 near Trenton, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Their children were:

William born near Highland, Kansas,		March 7, 1849
*Robert J. born in Holt County, Missouri		November 15, 1850
Mary E.	“	November 12, 1852
Louisa C.	“	July 31, 1854
John Schorb	“	March 31, 1856
Elliot A.	“	October 16, 1857
Ellen	“	May 25, 1859
Amanda	“	March 21, 1861
**Martha	“	September 16, 1862
Sarah born in Holt County, Missouri		April 13, 1864
Rufus	“	July 25, 1865
Fannie	“	September 14, 1867
***Lydia R.	“	July 28, 1869

* Robert J. died October 7, 1855 - buried at Oregon, Missouri.

** Martha died November 27, 1893 - buried at New Point, Missouri.

***Lydia R. died July 28, 1897 - buried at New Point, Mo. Cemetery

John Meyer came with his father, Andrew II, to Missouri in 1844. He afterwards was engaged as the farmer at the Iowa Sac and Fox Mission, near where Highland Kansas now stands, which was under the care of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. It was to this place he brought his bride in 1848, going overland from Tuscarawas County, Ohio, to Wheeling, West Virginia, and then by steamboat down the Ohio River and up the Missouri River to St. Joseph or Iowa Point. When at St. Louis, many boats were burned, the fire seemingly of incendiary origin. The boat they were on was discovered to be on fire, but the fire was put out in time. In order to escape or save the boat from taking fire from the burning ones, it was pushed out into the river, but in doing so became entangled in the ropes of a burning boat. The mate cried out asking if anyone had a knife. John, having a French knife, cut the ropes and so saved the steamer. In 1849 he moved from the Mission to his farm in Holt County, Missouri. His last farm was in Nichols Grove, Holt County, Missouri, where most of his children were born and all grew up except one. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and for forty years was a Ruling Elder in the Church. He was a great admirer of Senator Thomas R. Benton and up to 1860 a supporter of the principles of the Democratic Party, although not in sympathy with slavery. From 1860 in national affairs, he was a Republican. He died near New Point, Holt County, Missouri, August 3, 1894, aged 72 years, 7 months, and 11 days. His body is buried in Nichols Grove Cemetery, New Point, Mo.

Anna Maria Meyer, nee Schorb, was born in Auggen, Baden, in 1825 and was brought to the United States in 1834, her father settling on a farm near Trenton, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. She united with the Sharon Moravian Church and continued a member of that church until her marriage, when she united with the Presbyterian Church at Oregon, Missouri, and afterwards at New Point, Missouri. She died December 5, 1890, aged 65 years, 3 months, and 14 days. Her body is buried at the Cowen

Cemetery, New Point, Missouri.

William Meyer, son of John Meyer, married Lille Jarvis Flynn at New York City, July 1, 1880.

Their children were:

Caroline (Carrie) Louisa	born at Phoenix, Arizona,	July 14, 1881
Florence	born at Grant City, Missouri,	January 27, 1883
Frank Jarvis	“	July 12, 1884
George Rufus	“	January 4, 1886
William Stockley	born at Edina, Missouri,	July 1, 1888
Clara	born at Green City, Missouri,	August 10, 1890
Robert Joseph	born at Tecumseh, Oklahoma,	February 7, 1893
Arthur McCool	“	October 6, 1895

Deaths:

Carrie Louisa, at Grant City, Missouri, July 28, 1882.

Buried at Grant City, Missouri.

William Stockley died at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, September 10, 1893.

Buried near Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

William Meyer was raised on his father's farm. He served several months in his father's place in the enrolled militia when not sixteen years old, and was taken farther from home than any militia taken from Holt County, Missouri. This was during the fall of 1864. The legal voters of his company voted in a barn in Richmond, Missouri, at the National election of 1864 when Lincoln was reelected. One of the ways in which the boys of the company amused themselves was to make all the men they met Hurrah for Abe Lincoln. Coercion was sometimes necessary to make them Hurrah.

William entered Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, in September, 1870, and graduated from that institution, in 1875. He entered Union Theological Seminary, New York City, in 1875 and graduated in May, 1878. He spent the summer of 1876 in the province of New Brunswick, going by steamship from Boston to St. Johns, New Brunswick. He was ordained to the Ministry by the Presbytery of Dayton at Dayton, Ohio, May 25, 1878. He was commissioned by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions as a missionary to Arizona. He preached in Phoenix, Arizona, during the years 1878-1881 and organized the First Presbyterian Church there. In 1881 he came to Missouri and until 1891 supplied the following churches: Grant City and Knox jointly, Edina and Green City. He came to Oklahoma in May 1891 in Home Missionary work. He was pastor of the church at Norman for approximately one year. He organized the church at Tecumseh and the church at Shannon. In November 1901 he was Pastor at Large in Tulsa and Oklahoma Presbytery, organizing churches at Wetumka, Okmulgee, Sapulpa, and Okemah. In 1907 he was commissioned Superintendent by the Board of Home Missions of Indian Work to the Creek and Seminole Indians. He acted as Superintendent until June 1916, when he was honorably retired. He was a Commissioner to the General Assembly of 1880 at Madison, Wisconsin, in 1901 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in 1910 at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Lillie Jarvis Meyer, nee Flynn, was born September 13, 1855 in New York City, and was raised in New York City, New York. She was a teacher in instrumental music when she was married. On her father's side she was of Irish descent, and on her mother's Scotch Irish and Dutch (Holland Dutch).

William Meyer died January 2, 1929. He is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Lillie Meyer died December 21, 1942. She is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Florence Meyer, daughter of William and Lillie Meyer, married Charles Otis Gooding, July 1, 1908. He was, at that time an employee of the Government, being in the Railway Postal Service. During World War I, Charles Otis applied for admission to the Second Officers Training Camp and was accepted, entering August 1917. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, in November and left for France in January, 1918. After three months of training at the French military school at Iangres, he was assigned to the 117th Infantry, 30th Division, he was commissioned a First Lieutenant, which rank he held until his discharge in May, 1919, returning to the Railway Postal Service. In World War II he was called to active duty August, 1942 and served for 13 months at Camp Stewart, Georgia in the headquarters detachment of Service Command. He was retired for overage as Captain. Charles Otis retired from the Railway Postal Service in 1948 and lives in St. Petersburg, Florida (1951).

Florence Meyer Gooding died at Kansas City, Missouri, December 22, 1946 and is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Oklahoma City.

Frank Jarvis Meyer, son of William and Lillie Meyer, married Della Louise Heister, September 21, 1910 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Their children:

Mildred Louise, born at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,	July 29, 1911
Margileth, “	July 22, 1917
Frank Jarvis Jr., “	October 23, 1920

Frank Jarvis Sr. is an electrical engineer and is assistant to the manager of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (1928). He attended school two years at the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, New York. After finishing the course there, he spent a year and a half in Puerto Rico as an assistant electrician on a sugar plantation. On coming back to the United States, he entered the employ of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company. His wife, Della Louise, died Dec. 20, 1923 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. On June 24, 1926, he married Ruby Gould at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Frank Jarvis Sr., at the time of his retirement in 1949 was Vice President in charge of operations. He and Ruby live in their place on Silver Lake near Oklahoma City.

Mildred Meyer, daughter of Frank Jarvis Meyer, Sr., married John Mench, 1936.

Margileth Meyer, daughter of Frank Jarvis Meyer, Sr., married Dr. Hubert M. Anderson, January 1, 1942. Their children are”

Joseph Manley, born Okla City	July 9, 1943
Frank Henry “	Oct. 12, 1946
David Meyer “	Jan. 16, 1949
Peter Meyer “	Sept. 3, 1954

Margileth and Dr. Anderson live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, (1951)

Frank Jarvis Meyer, Jr., married Virginia Wright of Lafayette, Indiana, May 10, 1942. Their children:

Michael Frank born	Sept. 7, 1944
Stephen Meyer “	July 10, 1954
Stacy Ann born	July 10, 1954

George Rufus Meyer, son of William and Lillie Meyer, married Lillie Long, April 2, 1906.

Their children:

Denny Jarvis, born in Pattawatomie County, Oklahoma	February, 1907
William L., “	August 21, 1908
Cecil M., born at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,	July 24, 1910
George Leroy “	September 9, 1919

Deaths:

Denny Jarvis died in June, 1908 and is buried near Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

George Rufus Meyer, after his marriage farmed for several years in Pattawatomie County, Oklahoma. In 1908, he was employed by the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company as Lamp Trimmer, Trouble Shooter and foreman of a construction crew. George and Lillie live in Oklahoma City (1951).

Children of George Rufus and Lillie Meyer:

William L. married Sterling Smith of Oklahoma City, October 21, 1934. They live in Oklahoma City.

Cecil M. married Mildred Meyer, April 18, 1934. Their children are:

Dorene Elaine, born Oklahoma City	June 23, 1936
Richard Monroe “	April 19,
1942	
Terry Joh “	May 20, 1946

Cecil M. and Mildred live in Oklahoma City (1951).

George Leroy married Hazel Pickett of Vevay, Indiana, August 29, 1942 at Fort Worth, Texas.

Their children:

Martha E., born September 5, 1944
Bruce Leroy, born January 13, 1949

George Leroy and Hazel live in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma (1951) where he is a minister in the Baptist Church.

Clara Meyer, daughter of William and Lillie Meyer, graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1914, taught school at Henryetta, Oklahoma, 1914-1919, and came to Oklahoma City in 1919. She received her M.A. from the University of Michigan, 1930. She is teaching at Gleason High School in Oklahoma City (1951).

Robert Joseph Meyer, son of William and Lillie Meyer, farmed for several years near Tecumseh, Oklahoma. He moved to Oklahoma City in 1926. During the first world war, he was called to service in August, 1918, sailed to France in October and was assigned to the 27th Division, 106th Infantry. He married Birdie Oliver, February 12, 1929. In November, 1931, Robert J. was employed by Helmerich & Payne, Contractors and Producers of Oil and Gas. The children of Robert J. and Birdie Meyer:

Norma Jean Meyer, born December 31, 1929
Donald Delbert, born November 27, 1931

Donald Delbert married Donna Yates, January 20, 1951. The children of Donald D. and Donna Meyer:

Vivian Dion, born September, 1951

Arthur McCool Meyer, son of William and Lillie Meyer, graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1921 with a degree in geology. He joined the regular army during WW I and held the rank of Sergeant in Company F, 20th Infantry U.S.A. at the time of his discharge at the end of the war. He was located at Fort Douglas, Utah, American Lake, Washington, Camp Funston, Kansas, and Nitro, West Virginia. After his graduation, he did geological work for the Marland Oil and Refining Company, the Texas Company, and in 1926, joined the Geological Department of the Atlantic Oil Producing Company, now the Atlantic Refining Company. He is now (1951) District Geologist, Southern Oklahoma, with headquarters at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Arthur McCool married Fern Hazel Houston, June 6, 1925 at Newkirk, Oklahoma. Their children:

Doris Fern, born May 23, 1928 at Ardmore, Oklahoma

Eileen Lois, born March 29, 1931 at Enid, Oklahoma

Doris Fern married Wesley Chalfwit of Cheyenne, Oklahoma, July 29, 1950. During WWII, Wesley was assigned to the Air Training Command stationed at Stewart Field, New York. Doris Fern attended Monticello College for Women 1936-1947 and The University of Oklahoma, graduating in 1950. Wesley graduated from the Law School of the University of Oklahoma in January of 1951.

Mary Elizabeth, daughter of John Meyer, married John W. Botkin near New Point, Missouri, December 26, 1872. He retired from farming in 1894 and moved to Tarkio, He served for three years in the Civil War. Their children were:

Leonard, born in Atchison County, Missouri, July 3, 1875

Louisa Francis, " September 17, 1882

Mary Meyer Botkin died January 8, 1897 at Tarkio, Missouri, and is buried at Tarkio.

Louisa C. Meyer, daughter of John Meyer, married Will Thomas in 1881 in Holt County, Missouri. About three months after her marriage, she died and is buried at Cowan Cemetery, New Point, Missouri.

John Schorb Meyer, son of John Meyer, married Harriett E. Waggoner at New Point, Missouri, February 12, 1880. Their children were:

Maud born near New Point, Missouri, January 11, 1882

Mary E. " September 28, 1883

Nellie O. " March 8, 1886

Elsie Estelle, born in Pocatello, Idaho November 15, 1897

Maud died near New Point, Missouri, March 17, 1885 and is buried in Cowan Cemetery, New Point.

John Schorb Meyer followed farming near New Point for several years. He then took a two years course at the American Veterinary College, New York City. He located in St. Joseph, Missouri, March 22, 1887 and followed his profession as a veterinary for ten years. During this time he held the position of Deputy State Veterinary from 1890 to 1897. He was also appointed by Secretary of Agriculture as Veterinary Inspector of Southern cattle at St. Joseph, Missouri stockyards. He graduated from the St. Joseph Medical College, March 1897 and moved to Pocatello, Idaho, and has since practiced in that state.

Harriett E., wife if John Schorb Meyer was, born near Oregon, Missouri, August 18, 1857.

Elliott A. Meyer, son of John Meyer, married Ida Carson, February 23, 1882 at New Point, Missouri. Their children were:

Elma, born near New Point, Missouri,	December 22, 1882
Wray, “	May 21, 1887

Elliott A. Meyer, had a common school education. He taught school three winters in Holt County, Missouri. After his marriage he engaged in farming several years. Then he entered into the mercantile business. He was twice elected Treasurer of Holt County, which office he held four years. In 1903 he moved to San Diego, California, for his health and there he died.

Ellen Meyer, daughter of John Meyer, married Thomas J. Payne, March 26, 1879 at New Point, Missouri.

Their children were:

Edith M., born in Atchison County, Missouri,	July 15, 1880
Mary L., born near Tecumseh, Nebraska,	May 4, 1884
John M., “	May 4, 1884
Loyal, “	July 14, 1889
William T., “	January 26, 1892

Thomas J. Payne’s occupation has been farming, first in Atchison County, Missouri, then in Johnson County, Nebraska. In 1892, he moved to a farm near Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Ellen, his wife died February 7, 1895, age 35 years, 8 months, 11 days, and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery near Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Amanda Meyer, daughter of John Meyer, married John A. Price, February 15, 1883 near New Point, Holt County, Missouri. Their children were:

Mattie May, born at New Point, Missouri,	May 29, 1884
Peter Raymond, “	December 20, 1885
Bessie Blanch, “	May 6, 1887
Harold Meyer, “	August 6, 1890

Harold Meyer Price died December 30, 1890 and is buried in Cowan Cemetery, New Point.

Amanda Meyer Price died at Parma, Idaho September, 1938.

Sarah Meyer, daughter of John Meyer, married Eli Karl Christensen, October 26, 1886. Their children were:

Herman M., born in Johnson County, Nebraska,	June 23, 1888
Frank J., “	July 21, 1890
Lydia L., “	July 15, 1894

Mr. E. K. Christensen was born in Denmark, January 20, 1856. He was a farmer and breeder of blooded Shorthorn stock. He now owns the John Meyer homestead near New Point, Missouri (1928)

Rufus Meyer, son of John Meyer, married Susie Orr Caskey, January 22, 1892 in St. Joseph, Missouri. Their children were:

John Caskey, born near New Point, Missouri,	May 4, 1893
Luther Rufus, “	July 9, 1894
Ruth Elizabeth, “	September 2, 1896
*Mary “	January 20, 1898
**Karl Kenneth “	December 6, 1902
Harlan Giffin, born at Yakima, Washington,	January 9, 1908

Rufus Meyer followed farming near New Point, Missouri. He moved to Washington State near Outlook where he died March 2, 1922.

*Mary died January 31, 1898.

**Karl Kenneth died July 30, 1918.

Fannie Meyer, daughter of John Meyer, married W. J. Findley, September 6, 1889 near New Point, Missouri. Their children were:

June
William

Fannie Meyer attended the Normal School at Oregon, Missouri. Mr. Findley was a physician having practiced mostly at Oregon, Missouri.

Record of the Brothers and Sisters
of John Meyer, Son of Andrew Meyer II

John Martin Meyer, eldest son of Andrew Meyer II, married Mary Catherine Sowers at Iowa Sac and Fox Presbyterian Mission in what is now Brown County, Kansas, in 1847.

He came to Holt County, Missouri with his brother Andrew in 1843. At that time Oregon, Missouri, was the farthest west post office in the United States. With the rest of his brothers, he was a Democrat until the issue of 1861, when they all supported the Republican Party. He was employed as farmer at the Iowa Sac and Fox Agency in Northeast Kansas, but after his marriage lived on his farm in Holt County, Missouri., until his death, which occurred October 4, 1886. He is buried in Oregon, Missouri. Catherine, his wife, was born in Germany. She died in 1895. Their children were: (all born in Holt County, Missouri)

John	April 18, 1848
George	1850
Mary Ann	March 31, 1853
Alexander	October 12, 1855
Eliza	
Florinda	
Sophonra	
John Martin died in 1878	
Amos	

John Meyer, son of John Martin Meyer and grandson of Andrew Meyer II, married Nancy Jane Ettinger, January 6, 1875, in Holt County, Missouri. Their children were:

Myrtye, born in Holt County, Missouri, January 1, 1876

Amos Meyer, son of John Martin Meyer is married and living on the Martin Meyer homestead. No report from him.

Andrew Meyer III, son of Andrew Meyer II, left Germany with his parents the first of June, 1834. They crossed the Atlantic Ocean on the sailing vessel Formosa. They were in the ocean forty days and forty nights and arrived at New York, N.Y., the latter part of July, 1834. Afterwards, with his parents, he moved to Wayne County, Ohio and lived there until 1843. In May of that year, in company with his older brother, Marvin, he moved to Holt County, Missouri, and labored on a farm near Oregon in this county. On this trip he visited the present site of St. Joseph, Missouri, then called Black Snake Hills. There were only three houses, log cabins, occupied by Joseph Roubideaux and his Indian wives and servants.

In 1845, his parents and the remainder of the family moved to Holt County, Missouri, and settled near Oregon on a farm containing 160 acres owned by his parents. In 1843 he went near Highland, Kansas, and was in the employ of the U. S. Government as a blacksmith for the Indian Agency. He lived there until June, 1847. July 4, 1847 he was mustered into the Oregon Battalion (a battalion of cavalry) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in Company C during the War with Mexico and served as company blacksmith until October, 1848, when he was honorably discharged. In the fall of 1848 he went to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, bought 640 acres of Government land, but never lived on it.

In the spring of 1849 from near Highland, Kansas, that the Sac and Iowa Indian Agency, with five yoke of steers, two cows, and a wagon; three in the party, Andrew Meyer, George Meyer, his brother, and George McIntyre. He started across the plains to seek gold. Upon reaching Fort Laramie, Wyoming, they joined a party of gold seekers from Missouri and Illinois, numbering thirteen wagons in all. They crossed the North Platte River on a canoe ferry boat, paying \$2.00 per wagon to be transferred over. From there they crossed the Rocky Mountains and then over sixty miles of desert. One day during the trip through the desert, they would have been willing to pay \$5.00 for a quart of water, less than a quart would not have quenched the burning thirst. One night they came on the top of the Sierra Nevada Mountains by the side of a small lake. The next morning the lake was frozen over with ice so thick that it was impossible for the cattle to get water. This was about August 1, 1849.

From there he went to a mining camp on the middle fork of the American River, having previously sold the oxen and wagon for \$300.00 in gold. This mine was where the first pick was struck for gold. This claim did not pay. He then located a paying claim near Colona, California, which panned about an ounce of gold dust a day. While starting a fire at this camp by means of powder and a flint lock gun, the powder horn exploded and Andrew Meyer nearly lost his eyesight. His beard which was about eighteen inches long was burned in an instant. He soon recovered from his injuries and in October, 1850 left San Francisco, California on the steamer Tennessee, the largest vessel in the harbor; paying \$160.00 for steerage passage - first class passage would have cost \$300.00 Eighteen days travel brought him to Panama, he walked across the Isthmus of Panama carrying his pack, about the course of the present survey for the Panama Canal. He then took a steamer to New York, paying \$60.00 steerage passage. The ship touched at Kingston, Jamaica, where he saw a steamer loaded with oranges at 75¢ per barrel.

He went from New York to Philadelphia by railroad, deposited his gold dust in the United States mint, taking a gold certificate in exchange. He then came to Holt County, Missouri, about December, 1850. From 1850 he lived near Oregon until August 20, 1851, when he was married to Mary Secrist, formerly a resident of Ohio. To this union was born thirteen children - nine boys and four girls.

Mary Secrist Meyer was born July 13, 1834 near Johnville, Richland County, Ohio. At the age of fifteen years she moved with her parents to Holt County, Missouri and lived with them on a small farm near Oregon, Missouri, until her marriage to Andrew Meyer, August 20, 1851. She afterward resided with her husband on his farm near Mound City, Missouri until her death February 19, 1899. She professed Christ and joined the Protestant Methodist Church in 1865 and in 1879 united by letter with the Presbyterian Church at Mound City, Missouri.

In June, 1851 Andrew Meyer III purchased from Benjamin Kigisay of Platt County, Missouri, a farm of 320 acres about five miles southeast of Mound City, Missouri. Forty acres were in cultivation. There were three log cabins on this land; some of these logs are still in use. These premises are still in the possession of the family (1904). This farm was among the earliest settled farms in Holt County; it was first cultivated in 1841.

In 1862 Andrew Meyer joined Company C, Volunteer Militia of Missouri, and was mustered in at Jackson's Point, New Mound City, Missouri, and elected Captain. He only served thirty-five days, at which time the company was mustered out.

Andrew Meyer was one among the earliest settlers of Holt County, Missouri, and was at one time about the largest land owner in Holt County, having under his control nearly 2500 acres of land.

Their children were:

Annie Eliza	born	August 1, 1852
James Henry		December 31, 1853
Mary Margaret		June 18, 1855
Infant Son		August 24, 1856
Andrew Alfred		December 26, 1857
Willard Preble		January 4, 1860
Axmilda Cathrine		October 22, 1862
George Washington		February 22, 1863
Robert Samuel		January 4, 1866
Emma Jane		January 29, 1868
Charles Edward		April 18, 1869
Marvin Ellsworth		October 29, 1873
Don Christian		July 24, 1877

Infant Son died August 24, 1856

Anna Maria Meyer, only daughter of Andrew Meyer II and Mary Adolph, married Martin Hornieslert, March 17, 1877. There were no children.

“Aunt Mary fills a large place in the hearts of the oldest nephews and nieces, together with her brothers, Christian, Gottlieb, and William, who lived together for many years on the old Andrew Meyer homestead. She and her husband are now living at Oregon, Missouri, at a very advanced age (1898).

John George Meyer, son of Andrew Meyer II, was seven years old when his parents and family emigrated to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1834. In 1844 he came with them to Holt County, Missouri, where he grew up as a farmer. In 1849 he was taken with the prevalent gold fever and, with his brother Andrew, started for California with a team of five yoke of oxen. They were the first from that part of the country to cross the Missouri - they crossed at Iowa Point. The whole journey occupied 125 days.

This was exceptionally quick time, as there were no bridges over the streams or stores to visit on the way. In crossing the California mountains on August 10 snow was encountered two feet deep. They first stopped at Sutters Hill and within two miles of this place worked for nearly a year when George Meyer's share amounted to \$5,000. Potatoes were \$1.00 a pound; flour was the same price. In contrast to the stories of murders and robberies which abound in reference to California at this time, he knew of no murders during his stay and men were even known to take on mule back ten thousand dollars of gold dust to Sacramento, a distance of fifty miles without being molested. He returned by way of Panama and New York. On April 4, 1851, he married Mary Ann Kunkle, daughter of Jacob Kunkle, who came to Missouri from Morrow County, Ohio in 1845. In 1851 he bought his first farm consisting of 940 acres, a great portion of which was timber. He steadily added to this until he owned 1,125 acres.

Having had no educational advantages, by his untiring energy, he surrounded himself with books and literary helps, so that he was looked upon as a foremost representative of that class of intelligent and enterprising citizens of whom our country is justly proud. He was also prominent in public enterprises, such as county fairs and displays of fruits at district and state expositions. In politics, until the Civil War, he was a Douglas Democrat. After that time he supported the principles of the Republican Party. He was a member of the Methodist Church for over forty years, and a director of the Methodist College at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. On account of his friendly spirit, he was very popular among his nephews and nieces and fills a large place in their memories. This last is the tribute paid by the writer, his nephew - William Meyer.

Their children were:

Daughter, not named,	born	June 30, 1852
William N.	Born in Holt County, Missouri	May 14, 1854
Jacob S.		March 10, 1856
Julia Ann		February 23, 1857
Mary Alice		March 31, 1859
George W.		November 21, 1860
Francis Seigle		November 17, 1861
Daniel Webster		September 16, 1863
Peter Sherman		October 19, 1865
Fannie Ellen		March 7, 1868
Solomon Adolph		March 12, 1870
Ida Viena		February 27, 1872
Ada Viola		February 27, 1872

Deaths:

Daughter, not named	July 1, 1852
William N.	September 30, 1858
George W.	December 15, 1860
Francis Seigle	November, 1863
Peter S.	January 31, 1867
Daniel W.	November 23, 1889

All are buried at Oregon, Missouri.

Jacob S. married Carrie Blum, December 22, 1880. Their children were:

Julia Ann, born	October 18, 1881
Minnie Pearl	

Nellie Polett

Julia Ann, daughter of John George Meyer, married John Blum near Forbs, Holt County, Missouri, April 4, 1878. There were no children. She died August 4, 1879 and was buried at Oregon, Missouri.

Mary Alice, daughter of John George Meyer, married Henry Kunts in Holt County, Missouri, March 26, 1882. Their children were:

Edith Lillian born October 7, 1883

George Henry born October 17, 1886

Fannie Ellen, daughter of John George Meyer and Mary Meyer, became interested in the Missionary and Deaconess movement in the Methodist Church. She went to the Chicago Training School for Foreign, Home, and City Missions for two years, choosing Foreign Missions. On December 17, 1895, she left for China, arriving in Chung King, her destination, March 15, 1896. She was there during the Chinese-Japanese War. By the efforts of friends in Holt County, Missouri, a handsome school and house of rest was built in the hills as a fruit of her work. She was the first missionary sustaining herself in the Methodist Church, if not in the United States, her father supporting her. On account of ill health, she returned to the United States, where she now resides (1903).

Solomon Adolph, son of John George Meyer and Mary Meyer, married Elizabeth Wathburn of Templeton, Illinois, January 1, 1896. Their children were:

Mary Elizabeth, born in Holt County, Missouri, April 1, 1897.

Solomon A. is a farmer and now has charge of his father's farm. On a visit to the World's Fair at Chicago he was introduced to the lady who was ultimately to become his wife.

Ida Viena, daughter of John George Meyer and Mary Meyer, married William M. Rankin of Highland, Kansas, March 7, 1894. Their children were:

Geraldine Alice, born October 10, 1894, and died February 23, 1898.

Mr. Rankin first engaged in mercantile business, but on account of a disastrous fire, they moved to a farm.

Ada Viola, daughter of John George Meyer and Mary Meyer, was the completion of the baker's dozen. She, with her twin sister, received her education at the Methodist College at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Becoming interested in the Deaconess movement, she entered the Chicago Training School for Missionaries in 1894. Since that time she has been engaged in the Home Missionary and Sabbath School work.

Christian Meyer, son of Andrew Meyer II and Mary Adolph, was born in Auggen, Baden, July 22, 1831; died in Holt County, Missouri, November 14, 1878. He never married and was by occupation a farmer. He, with his younger brothers, Gottlieb and William, farmed the Andrew Meyer homestead.

On the breaking out of the Civil War, he enlisted in the Six Months State Militia. Afterwards he enlisted in Company F. 33 Mo. V. I. known as the Merchants Regiment of St. Louis, by reason of the merchants of St. Louis equipping it. Its first Colonel was Fisk who afterwards became a General and was a Prohibition candidate for President. Following is a partial list of the engagements in which the

regiment participated.

Duvalls Bluff expedition, Yazoo Pass expedition, battle of Helena, Arkansas, with Sherman's Expedition in Meridian, Mississippi, Red River Expedition, including Henderson Hill, Marionville, Louisiana, Pleasant Hill, Texas, capturing a five-gun battery in the battle of Tupalo, Mississippi against Forrest. Pursued Price in his last invasion of Missouri in 1864. Battle of Nashville, Tennessee, and then carried around by way of New Orleans to assist in the siege and capture of Fort Blakeley near Mobile, Alabama. His regiment was for the most part in the 16th Corps commanded by A. J. Smith and had as much, if not more, hard marching than any other regiment of the Union Army.

Though Christian Meyer never was anything but a private, such was the esteem in which he was held that the G.A.R. Post at Oregon, Missouri, the county seat of Holt County, was named for him - The Christian Meyer Post. It was said of him that he was always ready to assist any comrade needing help and on several occasions showed more than ordinary courage when calls were made for hazardous undertakings. At the battle of Nashville, while the Regiment was lying down before the enemies' works and the bullets swept the field, a call was made for volunteers to go to the rear and bring spades for the purpose of entrenching. Christian Meyer and one other were the only ones to volunteer for this duty.

His remains are buried in the German Methodist Cemetery at Oregon, Missouri.

John Jacob Meyer, son of Andrew Meyer II and Mary Adolph, married Minerva Curtis near Oregon, Missouri, October 8, 1857.

He was a farmer living one and one-half miles Northwest of Oregon near the Andrew Meyer homestead until his death, August 27, 1873. He told the writer that no doctor had attended him until the sickness that resulted in his death.. Death resulted from an abscess on the lung caused from a spell of pneumonia - lingering for months before death. Their children were:

James C.	Born near Oregon, Missouri,	July 14, 1858
Mary J.		July 16, 1860
Rebecca C.		May 4, 1862
Hannah J.		September 5, 1865
Sterner C.		February 5, 1868
Thomas C.		September 9, 1869
Laura		September 15, 1872

Gottlieb Meyer, son of Andrew Meyer II and Mary Adolph, Married Mary Ann Market at Oregon, Missouri, January 24, 1867. He farmed with his brothers, Christian and William, on the Andrew Meyer homestead until 1867, their sister Mary being housekeeper. When Civil War broke out he enlisted in the Missouri State Troops for six months as a home guard. He was in the battle of Blairs Lane, a skirmish near Mound City, Missouri. In the six month's service he was engaged in a skirmish opposite Lexington, Missouri. Mary Market, his wife, was born in Auggen, Baden.

Their children were:

Grant	born near New Point, Missouri,	November 21, 1868
Albert		May 2, 1870
John W.		July 8, 1872
Christian		February 12, 1875

Deaths: Albert died January 23, 1885, near New Point, Missouri

William Meyer, son of Andrew Meyer II and Mary Adolph, married Becky Sterly, who was born in Auggen, Baden. Two daughters and a son were born to them.

William, being but four years old when his parents came to Missouri, practically grew up on his father's farm near Oregon, Missouri. When the Civil War broke out, he, with his brothers, Christian and Gottlieb, enlisted in a company of Home Guards formed at Oregon, Missouri. After this he enlisted in the Missouri State Troops for six months; and then in the Missouri State Militia for three years. He saw much service fighting guerrillas and also with General Sterling Price's Confederate Troops in his invasion of Missouri. At the death of his brother, Christian, he bought the shares of all the heirs to the Andrew Meyer homestead. On July 30, 1880, while looking after his cattle, he was killed by lightning. He was buried at Oregon, Missouri.

Brief History of the Descendants of Frederick Meyer and John Jacob Meyer,
the First and Third Sons of Andrew Meyer I, and Brothers of Andrew Meyer II

Frederick Meyer, son of Andrew Meyer I, was born in Auggen, Baden, April 19, 1778. He was a nail smith by occupation in Germany, but in America, a farmer. He was a member of the Evangelical Church in Germany and of the Lutheran Reformed Church in Mt. Eaton, Ohio. He died March 19, 1864, at the age of 85 years, 11 months, and 19 days. His wife, Marie Kurts, was born December 26, 1776, and died March 29, 1866, at the age of 89 years, 3 months, and 3 days. Both are buried in Mt. Eaton, Ohio (Wayne County).

Their children were:

Annie Marie, born in Auggen, Baden	
Frederick II,	“ October 23, 1810
John Jacob	“ July 30, 1813

Annie Marie lived with her parents until they died, after which she lived with her brother Frederick II until her death in 1870. She was a member of the Lutheran Reformed Church in Mt. Eaton, Ohio where she was buried.

Frederick Meyer II, son of Frederick Meyer, son of Andrew Meyer I, was born in Auggen, Baden, October 23, 1810. Married Annie May Adams at Mt. Eaton, July 4, 1855. By occupation, Frederick Meyer was a farmer. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and a Democrat in his politics, as was his father. He died December 22, 1874 and is buried in Winesburg, Hoines County, Ohio. Their children were:

Caroline	born in Holmes County, Ohio,	July 5, 1857
Henry		December 10, 1858
Frederick William		May 25, 1861
Albert		August 6, 1864
Phillip		June 17, 1867

Deaths: Henry died October 10, 1859 and is buried at Mt. Eaton, Ohio.

Caroline married Joseph Smith, October 21, 1877. Mr. Smith was a farmer by occupation, a member of the Lutheran Church, and a Democrat in politics.

Their children were:

Irinie, born in Holmes County, Ohio,
Elmer E. “

October 6, 1878
January 7, 1883

Frederick William, married Laura Purkoy at Dundee, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, September 8, 1882. He was a carpenter and lived in Kansas City. They had one child, Charlie E., born at Dundee, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

Albert Meyer married Amanda Hollinger, December 15, 1887, at Eaton, Ohio. By trade, he was a coal prospector. Their children were:

Merle Grace	born	November 27, 1888
Frederick Floyd		January 30, 1891

Philip Meyer married Erma Sibert at Canal Dover, Ohio. He learned the trade of finisher in the furniture factory and later ran the carrier in the blast furnace at Canal Dover. Their children were:

Sidney	born at Rogerville, Ohio,	May 27, 1886
Anola	“ Canal Dover, Ohio,	June 14, 1887
Anna		October 15, 1890
Edna		May 3, 1892

Deaths: Edna died September 30, 1892, and is buried at Canal Dover.

John Jacob Meyer, son of Frederick Meyer and Marie Kurts, and grandson of Andrew Meyer I, married Mary Stiner, Wayne County, Ohio, May 18, 1837. He was a farmer by occupation and a Democrat in his party affiliations. He died at Millersburg, Ohio. His wife, Mary Stiner, was born in the Canton of Bern, Switzerland, February 12, 1815. Their children were:

John Jacob Jr.	born at Winesburg, Ohio,	April 10, 1841
Mary	“	August 17, 1843
Elizabeth		December 19, 1845
Louisa	Millersburg, Ohio	February 25, 1848
Frederick		January 3, 1850
Anna B.	“	August 20, 1853

Deaths: Louisa died November 20, 1850.

Mary Meyer, daughter of John Jacob Meyer, married Samuel Morris at Bloomfield, Ohio, March 14, 1878. Their children were:

Morris A.	Born at Bloomfield, Ohio,	July 20, 1879
William John	“	September 12, 1881
Gracie Bell	“	September 4, 1887

Elizabeth Meyer, daughter of John Jacob Meyer, married Charles Ports at Bloomfield, Ohio, April 30, 1874. Mr. Ports was a farmer and dealer in fast horses. He served three years in the Civil War in the 102nd Regiment, O.S.I., Company O. He was a Republican in politics.

Elizabeth Meyer Ports died April 11, 1878, and is buried at Elliott Church, Coshoston County, Ohio. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Their children were:

Fannie May born May 4, 1875

Frederick Meyer, son of John Jacob Meyer, son of Frederick Meyer, married Allie Fair at Millersburg, Ohio, December 24, 1877. Their children were:

John F. Born at Millersburg, Ohio,	September 23, 1880
R. May	July 27, 1882
Dermis	May 10, 1884
Carl W.	February 5, 1889
Esther A.	August 26, 1894
Lester R.	“
Chester E.	“
Laura Iola	June 2, 1898

Anna B. Meyer, daughter of John Jacob Meyer, married William Hocker at Millersburg, Ohio, February 20, 1879. Mr. Hocker was a member of the firm of Hocker Miller and Company, Empire Mills, Millersburg, Ohio. He was a member of the Methodist Church. Their children were:

Eula E. Born at Millersburg, Ohio,	November 28, 1879
Ralph B.	January 16, 1882
Mildred	May 25, 1884
Ines Fern	January 3, 1888
Charlotte	March 20, 1890

John Jacob Meyer, the youngest of the three brothers, married Catherine Holslein at Auggen Baden in 1825. He was a saddler by occupation, continuing in this business as long as he was able to work. He traveled as a Journeyman in Switzerland. After his return to Auggen, he had to go to Mannheim to enter the military training school. He served in the Grand Duchy Dragoons Regiment, 4th Squadron six years and nine months, being discharged December 27, 1824. On Good Friday, 1830, his wife died leaving two children, the youngest but eight months old. He came to the United States in 1836 and became a citizen in 1841. In politics he was a Democrat. In his religious belief, he was a member of the Lutheran Church in Germany and of the Lutheran Reformed Church at Mt. Eaton, Ohio. Their children were:

John Jacob Jr., born in Auggen Baden,	September 14, 1826
Jacob Frederick “	August 7, 1829

Deaths: a daughter died in infancy, and was buried in Auggen Baden. Catherine, his wife, died April, 1830 and was buried at Auggen Baden. John Jacob Sr. died October 3, 1875 in Wayne County, Ohio. John Jacob Jr. died June 6, 1879. Both he and his father were buried at Mt. Eaton, Ohio. John Jacob Jr. lived with his father and brother until his death. He was a member of the Lutheran Reformed Church.

Jacob Frederick, son of John Jacob Meyer Sr., married Anna Yoong at Mt. Eaton, Ohio, July 27, 1853. He was a farmer by occupation and lived on the same farm on which his father located in 1836. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of the St. Paul's Reformed Church in Mt. Eaton, Ohio.

Their children were:

Frederick born in Wayne County, Ohio,	February 3, 1855
Mary	June 26, 1856
Rosalina	August 18, 1857
William	September 13, 1863

It seems that most of the descendants of Frederick I and John Jacob I are living in Ohio.

In 1898 there were 40 descendants of Frederick; 147 descendants of Andrew; and 7 descendants of John Jacob.