

# Information about Josef Kessler

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## Purpose

This is a summary of information that I have about the Kessler/Saenger family. I am hoping to some day determine where the father, Josef, died.

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## 1848 Birth in Russia (from 1852 Selz census)

Selz 1852 Census

HH#	#Males in Village	#Females in Village	Surname	Given (First) Name	Age of Male	Age of Female
		246		Barbara		38
	224			Valentin	5	
	225			Franz	1/2	
		247		Katharina		14
		248		Karolina		9
48	226		<b>Thomas</b>	Peter	26	
		249		Karolina		24
	227			Josef	6	
	228			Franz	2	
		250		Karolina		1/2
49	229		<b>Kessler</b>	Josef	73	
		251		Barbara		70
	230		<b>Kessler</b>	Anton	48	
		252		Elisabetha		30
	231			Franz	17	
	232			Georg	9	
		253		Gertruda		14
		254		Barbara		11
		255		Daria		3
	233		<b>Kessler</b>	Jakob	40	
		256		Elisabetha		31
	234			Ignatz	8	
	235		<i>Edwards Co. →</i>	Josef	4	
	236			Ludwig	2	
	237			Nikolaus	3/4	
		257		Genoveva		10
		258		Marianna		6
	238		<b>Kessler</b>	Johann	31	
		259		Elisabetha <i>Schmayer</i>		30
	239			Franz	5	
		260		Margareta		6
		261	<i>Faulk Co. →</i>	Barbara		4
		262		Katharina		1
50	240		<b>Eisenzimmer</b>	Johann	48	
		263		Maria Eva		39
	241			Valentin	1	
		264		Franziska		15
		265		Elisabetha		11
		266		Helena		9
		267		Margareta		6
	242		<b>Philipps</b>	Georg	39	
		268		Henrika		37

# Information about Josef Kessler

## 1881 (?) Marriage in Russia to Anna Saenger (b.~1858)

1881: estimated from birth of first daughter, Edith, on 7/22/1882. The 1905 SD census indicates 1883, but I am inclined to think that Edith was legitimate.

Anna may have been from one of the Kutshurgan colonies in Russia. The last census that I have is for 1852, however.

## 1885 Immigration to the USA

From the manifest of the SS Elbe (Bremen to NY 10/31/1885)

636	476*	?	Kessler	31	m	farmer	Germany	1-5
637	477		Barbara Kessler	30	f	wife	Germany	1-
638	478		Maria Kessler	8	f	child	Germany	1-
639	479		Michael Kessler	2	m	child	Germany	1-
640	480		B. Dorsch	21	m	workman	Germany	3-1
641	481	?	Meldenbreyer	21	m	workman	Germany	3-2
642	482		Jos Kessler	30	m	farmer	Germany	1-5
643	483		Anna Kessler	28	f	wife	Germany	1-
644	484	?	Kessler	2	m	child	Germany	1-
645	485		Franziska Kessler	8m	f	child	Germany	1-
646	486	?	Meyer	26	m	farmer	Germany	3-1

See persons 482-485. Person 484 is probably Edith. Birth dates are slightly off from other sources.

Person 476 is probably Franz Kessler with wife and family. (Franz is a brother of my great grandmother, Barbara. Josef Kessler is a cousin to my great grandmother and her brother, Franz.)

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## 1893 Death

1893: The only reference comes from his wife's obit from 1930. (1930-37 = 1893) I can't find a burial location!

### Funeral Services For Mrs. Kessler

Mrs. Anna Kessler was born November 29, 1858 in Russia and passed away November 19, 1930 at Ipswich, S. D.

In 1886, Mr. and Mrs. Kessler came to the United States, locating in Edmunds County. They lived in Bowdle a year and then moved to Ipswich. Mr. Kessler passed away thirty-seven years ago.

Mrs. Kessler has been ill the past six years, and has been confined to her bed since last April.

Those left to mourn are three daughters, Miss Edith Kessler, Mrs. Carl Blank and Mrs. L. L. Silvernail; one son, Joseph Kessler.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at nine o'clock at nine o'clock from Holy Cross Church, with Rev. F. Bormann officiating. Interment was made in the Ipswich cemetery.

The pall bearers were: Adam Siller, Peter Pietz, Frank Archer, Will Deminck, F. E. Lass and Peter Geditz.

# Information about Josef Kessler

## Family Events

Family of Joseph (and Anna) shown as descendants of Jakob Kessler.

### Descendants of Kessler, Jakob

1. Kessler, Jakob (b. 1812, d. 1853 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Weber, Elisabetha (b. 1821)
    2. Kessler, Genoveva (b. 1842)
    2. Kessler, Marianna (b. 1846)
    2. Kessler, Josef (b. 1848, d. 1893)
      - sp. Saenger, Anna (b. 1858 - Russia, d. 1930 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
        3. Kessler, Edith (b. 1882-07-22 - Russia, d. 1974-04-00 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
        3. Kessler, Frances (b. 1884-12-00, d. 1963 - Aberdeen, US, South Dakota)
          - sp. Silbermagel, Leonard L. (b. 1884-12-20, d. 1953)
            4. Silbermagel, Marie (b. 1910-05-05 - Brown, South Dakota, US)
            4. Silbermagel, Monie
            4. Silbermagel, Joseph
            4. Silbermagel, Virgil
            4. Silbermagel, Lorraine (b. 1923, d. 2011)
      3. Kessler, Lizzie (b. 1887-02-17 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1901-12-17 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
      3. Kessler, Joseph (b. 1889-01-06 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1983-01-21 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
      3. Kessler, Anna (b. 1891-02-00 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1926)
        - sp. Blank, Martin L. (b. 1883-10-07, d. 1971-10-00)
      3. Kessler, Katie (b. 1894-05-00 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1960 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
        - sp. Blank, Carl R. (b. 1886, d. 1987 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
          4. Blank, Jerome (b. 1921)
          4. Blank, Angela (b. 1923-07-19 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1993-10-26 - Colorado)
          4. Blank, Deloris (b. 1925)
          4. Blank, Carl Robert (b. 1926, d. 2010)
          4. Blank, Mary (b. 1930-09-05, d. 1984-03-21)
            - sp. Horst, Herbert Harold (b. 1931-10-19, d. 1957-12-02)
      2. Kessler, Ludwig (b. 1850)
      2. Kessler, Nicholas (b. 1851)
    - sp. Friedrich, Elisabetha (b. 1825, d. 1844)
      2. Kessler, Ignatz (b. 1844)

# Information about Josef Kessler

## Picture: The Family of Anna (Saenger) and Josef Kessler

I suspect that the picture was taken around 1900 in Ipswich.



# Information about Josef Kessler

## 1889 Birth of Son Joseph in Faulk County

Why in Faulk Co.?? (This is where cousins Johannes and Barbara (Kessler) Rombs lived at the time.)

Name: Joseph Kessler

Event Type: Birth

Event Date: 06 Jan 1889

Event Place: Faulk, South Dakota, United States

Gender: Male

Father's Name: Joseph Kessler

Mother's Name: Anna Saenger

Digital Folder Number:

Citing this Record:

"South Dakota, Department of Health, Index to Births 1843-1914 and Marriages 1950-2016," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QKD8-D3BW> : 11 February 2018), Joseph Kessler, 06 Jan 1889; citing Birth, Faulk, South Dakota, United States, South Dakota Department of Health, Pierre.

# Information about Josef Kessler

## 1900 fed census

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

State South Dakota } SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION. { Supervisor's District No. 2

County Edmunds } Enumeration District No. 141

Township or other division of county Ipswich Township Name of Institution, X

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Ipswich Village Ward of city, \_\_\_\_\_

Enumerated by me on the 8<sup>th</sup> V 9<sup>th</sup> days of June, 1900, Arvid J. Barker, Enumerator.

Edith:

87	Jones, James J.	Servant	M.	July	1859	40	6	Russia	Russia	Scotland			Wash	0	
88	Kessler, Edith	Servant	F.	July	1882	17	0	Russia	Russia	Russia			Laundry girl	0	

Rest of family down the street:

74	107-108	Kessler, Anna	Head	M.	Aug	1849	40	20	6	Russia	Russia	Russia	1885	15	Wash woman	0	
75		" Frank	Daughter	F.	Dec	1888	15	0		"	"	"	1888	15	"at school"	1	
76		" Fannie	Daughter	F.	July	1887	13	5		South Dakota	"	"			"at school"	1	
77		" Joseph	Boy	M.	Jan	1889	11	5		"	"	"			"at school"	1	
78		" Anna	Daughter	F.	July	1891	9	5		"	"	"			"at school"	1	
79	105-107	" Kate	Daughter	F.	May	1894	6	5		South Dako	"	"					

## Source Citation

Year: 1900; Census Place: Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota; Page: 6; Enumeration District: 0141; FHL microfilm: 1241549

## Source Information

Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.

Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.



# Information about Josef Kessler

## 1905 SD census

Male	Name <i>Annie Kessler</i> Card No. <i>205</i>
Female	County..... P. O. <i>IPSWICH</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White	Township..... Sec..... T..... R.....
Black	Ward..... City <i>IPSWICH</i> No.....
Red	} St..... Av.....
Yellow	
Married	Hotel or Institution.....
Single	Age <i>47</i> Occupation.....
Widowed	Place of Birth <i>Russia</i>
Divorced	Years in South Dakota <i>18</i> Years in United States <i>18</i>
Can Read	Birthplace of Father <i>Russia</i>
Can't Read	Birthplace of Mother <i>Russia</i>
Can Write	Signed <i>Jas. A. Champlin</i> Enumerator
Can't Write	
Blind	
Deaf	
Idiotic	
Insane	

Citing this Record

"South Dakota State Census, 1905," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MM4Y-7VK> : 29 July 2017), Annie Kessler, South Dakota, United States; citing State Historical Society, Pierre; FHL microfilm 2,281,694.

# Information about Josef Kessler

## 1910 fed census

STATE South Dakota DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR - BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 COUNTY Edmunds THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 - POPULATION SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. 174 SHEET No. 8  
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Ipswich WARD OF CITY 3 1496  
 NAME OF INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_ ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 24 DAY OF April 1910. ENUMERATOR \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	SEX	AGE	ETHNICITY	OTHER	OCCUPATION	EDUCATION	ORDER OF BIRTH
59										
60	138 176	Joseph Kessler	Head	M	52	W		Engineer	High School	1
61		Anna Kessler	Wife	F	52	W		Housewife	High School	2
62		Joseph Kessler	Son	M	21	S		Student	High School	3
63		Anna Kessler	Daughter	F	17	S		Student	High School	4
64	139 177	Anna Kessler	Head	F	46	W		Housewife	High School	5

Joseph, Anna, and Katie all present with mother Anna. In Ipswich.

### Source Citation

Year: 1910; Census Place: Ipswich Ward 3, Edmunds, South Dakota; Roll: T624\_1480; Page: 8B;  
 Enumeration District: 0174; FHL microfilm: 1375493

### Source Information

Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.

# Information about Josef Kessler

## 1915 SD census

<b>1915</b>	Name <i>Anna Kessler</i> .....	Age <i>58</i> .....
Card No. <i>640</i> .....	County <b>EDMUNDS</b> .....	P. O. <b>IPSWICH</b> .....
Sex <i>F</i> .....	Town or Township <b>IPSWICH</b> .....	Ward <i>2</i> .....
Color <i>W</i> .....	Occupation <i>housekeeper</i> .....	Do you own your home or farm { Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> .....
Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .....	Birthplace <i>Germany</i> .....	Ancestry <i>German</i> .....
Single .....	Father's birthplace <i>Germany</i> .....	.....
Widowed .....	Mother's birthplace <i>Germany</i> .....	.....
Divorced .....	Extent of Education <i>Common</i> .....	Graduate of .....
Read .....	Military Service: Civil War .....	Mexican .....
Write .....	State .....	Regiment .....
Blind ... Deaf ...	Maiden name of wife .....	Year married <i>1883</i> .....
Insane ... Idiot ...	Church affiliation <i>Catholic</i> .....	.....
If Foreign Born are you Naturalized .....	Signed <i>A. B. Chubbuck</i> Assessor	.....
Years in U. S. <i>30</i> .....	This card becomes a permanent record.	
Years in S. D. <i>30</i> .....		

Citing this Record

"South Dakota State Census, 1915," database with images, *FamilySearch*

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MMH2-6WX> : 5 August 2017), Anna Kessler; citing State Historical Society, Pierre; FHL microfilm 2,283,794.

# Information about Josef Kessler

## 1920 fed census

Anna with Edith and Josef in Ipswich.

STATE South Dakota COUNTY Edmunds TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION 103

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Ipswich City WARD OF CITY Third

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 10 DAY OF June 1920. SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. 2 ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 139 SHEET No. 6860

8	X	Anna	Head	2	O	F	W	62	10	1876	Mar	1899	Odessa Rus	Russian
9		Edith	Daughter		F	W	38	5	7	Mar			Odessa Rus	Russian
10		Joseph	Son		M	W	31	5					South Dakota	Russian
11			Head	1	M	W	27	M	1910	Mar	1911		Russia	Russian

12		Anna	Daughter		F	W	35	5	7	Mar			Odessa Rus	Russian
13		Edith	Daughter		F	W	33	5	7	Mar			Odessa Rus	Russian
14		Joseph	Son		M	W	31	5					South Dakota	Russian
15			Head	1	M	W	27	M	1910	Mar	1911		Russia	Russian

Daughter Edith is a dressmaker and son Joseph is a manager at a garage.

### Citing this Record

"United States Census, 1920," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M6NP-VJY> : accessed 29 July 2018), Anna Kessler, Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, United States; citing ED 139, sheet 9A, line 9, family 2, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 1720; FHL microfilm 1,821,720.

# Information about Josef Kessler

## 1925 SD census

<b>1925</b>	Name .....	Anna Kessler	Age .....	48
Card No. <u>434</u>	County .....	Edmunds	P. O. ....	Howard
Sex .....	Town or Township .....	Howard	Ward .....	3
Color .....	Occupation .....	Home & Wife	Do you own your home or farm	{ Yes .... No .....
Married .....	Birthplace .....	Russia	Ancestry .....	Russian
Single .....	Father's birthplace .....	Russia		
Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mother's birthplace .....	Russia		
Divorced .....	Extent of Education .....		Graduate of .....	
Read <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military Service: Civil War .....		Spanish .....	World .....
Write <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State .....		Company .....	Regiment .....
Blind .... Deaf ...	Maiden name of wife .....		Year married .....	
Insane ... Idiot ...	Church affiliation .....	Catholic		
If foreign born, are you naturalized .....	Signed .....	Geo. J. J. J.	Assessor	
Years in U. S. ....	This card becomes a permanent record.			
Years in S. D. ....				

Citing this Record

"South Dakota State Census, 1925," database with images, *FamilySearch*

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MM43-8L2> : 5 August 2017), Anna Kessler; citing 434, State Historical Society, Pierre; FHL microfilm 2,368,580.

# Information about Josef Kessler

## 1930 fed census

Form 1-28  
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930  
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

State South Dakota Incorporated place City of Ipswich Enumeration District No. 23-20 Sheet No. 9 A  
 County Edmunds Ward of city                      Block No.                      Supervisor's District No.                       
 Township or other division of county                      Unincorporated place                      Institution                      Enumerated by me on April 10, 1930, Anna Kessler C. Jay, Enumerator.

Again with Edith and Joseph . . .

0				Rose	adopted daughter				v	F	W	18	S	no	yes	South Dakota	Odessa, Russia	Odessa, Russia		
10	x	208	208	Kessler	Annie	Head	71	0	1000	no	F	W	71	wd	22	no	no	Russia	Russia	Russia
11					Edith	daughter				v	F	W	47	S	no	yes		Russia	Russia	Russia
12					Joseph	son				v	M	W	40	S	no	yes		South Dakota	Russia	Russia
13		208	208			Head				v	M	W	35	M	no	no		South Dakota	Russia	Illinois

South Dakota	Odessa, Russia	Odessa, Russia		68	19	0		yes	none												9	
Russia	Russia	Russia	Berman	13	19	v	1886	al	no	none												10
Russia	Russia	Russia	Berman	13	19	v	1886	al	yes	seamstress	private home	8364	W	yes								11
South Dakota	Russia	Russia		68	19	0		yes	mechanic	garage	7673	W	yes	yes	low							12
South Dakota	Russia	Illinois		68	43	1		yes	salesman	hardware	4590	W	yes	no								13

Edith is a seamstress and Joseph is at a garage. Anna and Edith are listed as aliens, which I believe means that husband, Josef, never was naturalized.

Anna says that she was 22 when married, so marriage would have taken place in about 1881, confirming the conjecture above.

### Citing this Record

"United States Census, 1930," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XQV3-KYS> : accessed 29 July 2018), Annie Kessler, Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 20, sheet 9A, line 10, family 208, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 2222; FHL microfilm 2,341,956.

# Information about Josef Kessler

## 1930 Death of Anna (wife)

Death about 7 months after the federal census.

### Funeral Services For Mrs. Kessler

Mrs. Anna Kessler was born November 29, 1858 in Russia and passed away November 19, 1930 at Ipswich, S. D.

In 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Kessler came to the United States, locating in Edmunds County. They lived in Bowdle a year and then moved to Ipswich. Mr. Kessler passed away thirty-seven years ago.

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