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## Preamble

This is the third document that I have written about my great grandparents, Barbara Kessler and Johannes Rombs. The first was mostly devoted to their lives in the USA, and it explained where some of my family history source information originated. See *Johannes and Barbara (Kessler) Rombs, A Compilation of Information About Their Lives*. The second document provided a plausible explanation for the transfer of the family from a Catholic Church to a Lutheran Church in South Dakota. See *Corroborating a Family Story*. The first two documents can be accessed at <https://281connections.us>, where this document will also reside.

One objective in writing this document is to summarize what I have learned about the contingent of my ancestors who spent much of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in South Russia, just northwest of Odessa. My intention is also to provide a superficial understanding my Russian ancestors with enough references to allow more detailed study if desired by those who follow me. (There is still much that could be done.)

I explore findings about relationships of Johannes and Barbara with their ancestors and with some of their contemporary relatives in Russia. This is my way of familiarizing myself as much as time and money allow with the 35+ years of their lives in Russia.

I am solely responsible for what is written here – especially mistakes. But, I do want to thank the following people for their research help as I assembled the basic facts and tried to interpret them – Tom Schumacher, Sharold Hipfner, Dennis Roth, David Kessler, Niko Heinz, Geri Heilman, Robert Heilman, and Phyllis Jansen. And please be aware that new facts may change conclusions.

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## Introduction

“My Russians” were actually a small part of a fairly large migration of people who spoke a German dialect, who originated in parts of western Europe, and who established colonies in Russia. The migrants were invited by the Russian government starting in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century to help establish effective agricultural practices near the Black Sea and along the Volga River.

My research has focused on the relatives of my great grandparents Barbara Kessler and Johannes Rombs. Their family names figure prominently, but the names Schumacher and Usselmann are also important as they pertain to two important maternal lines of Barbara and Johannes, respectively. From Barbara and Johannes I have fanned out in time to discover the interactions with many lines in addition to the four mentioned above.

Surnames mentioned here include the following.

Adolf	Hoffart	Thornburg
Austin	House	Usselmann
Bimber	Kah	Vetsch
Blank	Kessler	Vinton
Cranage	Kiefel	Wald
Evans	Mertz	Werner
Fetsch	Peasnall	Zentner
Fought	Rhombs	Zilliox
Geg	Rombs	
Geiger	Schall	
Hohren	Schatz	
Graff	Schickel	
Gritzer	Schmidt	
Hansen	Schumacher	
Harris	Schwab	
Heinz	Sennhauser	
Hipfner	Sieberg	
Hirsch	Silbernagel	
Hoepfner	Stein	

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## Brief History - Alsace

The migrants that I focus on here were uniformly from Catholic areas of the regions currently known as Alsace (France) and Pfalz (Germany). They shared a common Germanic language in spite of the fact that they were from areas that alternated between French and “German” governmental/administrative control. (At the time that they lived near the Rhein River, there was no unified German nation, just a confederation of “states.”) Geographic areas were traded around according to who won one of many disputes. In general, the people that I describe are typically considered Germanic in terms of ethnicity.

Here is a contemporary map of the northeast corner of France and parts of Germany that shows the area from which my ancestors originated. The red pin marks the location of a town named Selz, which is near the point of origin for my Rombs migrants. This name will appear later in a Russian context.

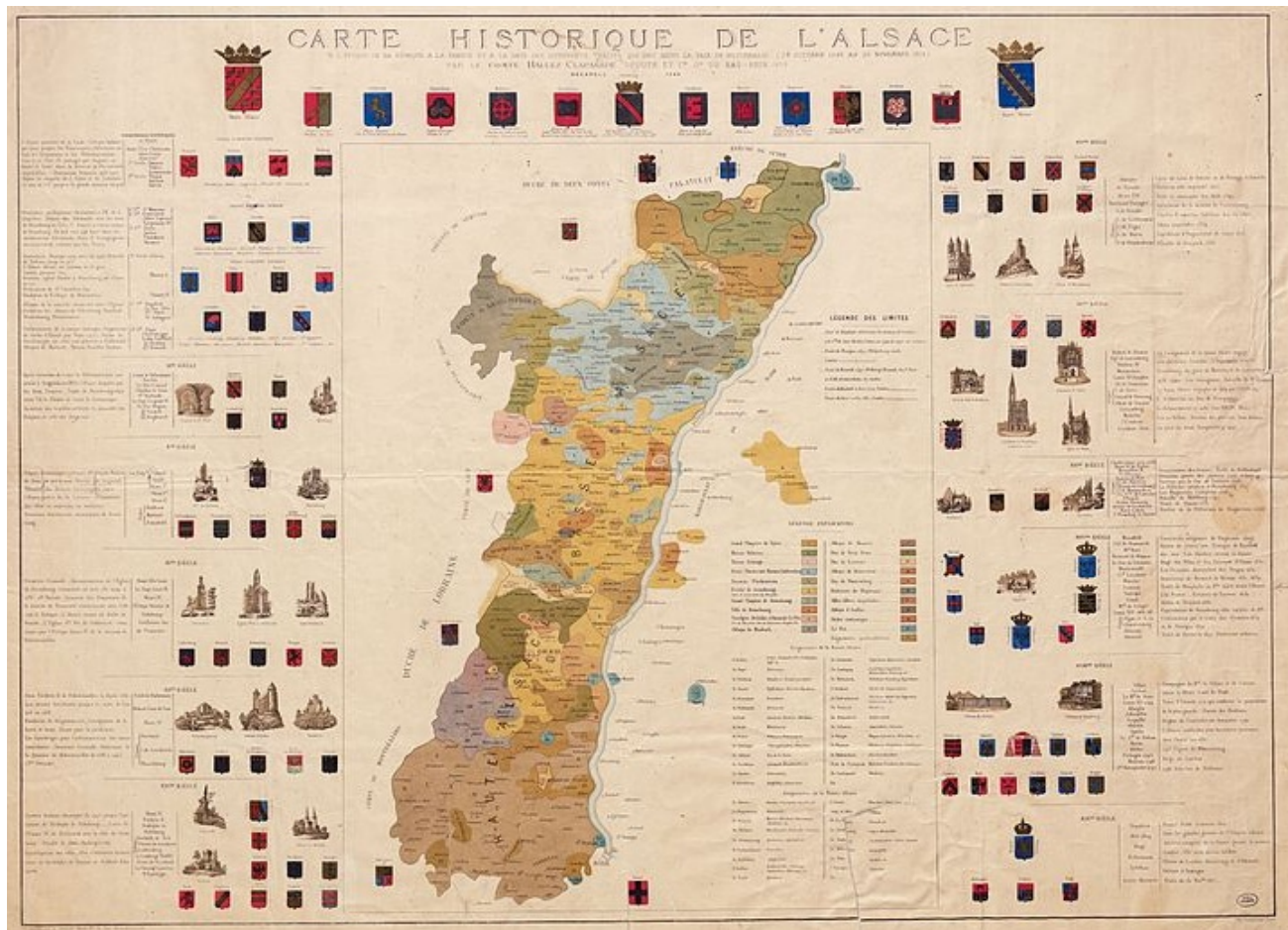
Downstream on the Rhein River from there (upward on the map), about 70% of the way to Germersheim (upper right on the map), is the village of Leimersheim on the west side of the Rhein, not far from the river itself. This town is the point of origin for my Kessler migrants.

These two towns are only about 40 km apart.



That the departure areas for the migrants had complicated and interwoven histories can be seen on this map - [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:L%C3%A9once\\_Hallez-Clapar%C3%A8de\\_-\\_Alsace\\_1648-1815\\_-\\_001.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:L%C3%A9once_Hallez-Clapar%C3%A8de_-_Alsace_1648-1815_-_001.jpg) . (Léonce Hallez-Claparède (1813-1870), Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons) The map gives a century by century account of how Alsace changed.

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Rather than go through the details, suffice it to say that from 1648-1871, this rather narrow area on the west bank of the Rhein was ruled by France. Both French and German languages were present. See the following references for more details.

<http://dgmweb.net/Ancillary/Geog/Europe/Alsace-Lorraine.html>

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Elsass-Lothringen\\_Timeline](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Elsass-Lothringen_Timeline)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_Alsace#Timeline](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Alsace#Timeline)

The shortest history of Germany : from Julius Caesar to Angela Merkel : a retelling for our times, by J. M. Hawes, ISBN 9781615195695 1615195696.

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In the following expanded excerpt from the map I have shown the locations from which Rombs, Kessler, Schumacher, and Usselmann families departed for Russia.



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## Brief History – Travel to Russia

There are many sources of information about how the migrants traveled to Russia. I will not repeat the details here. You can find descriptions in the following source materials.

- The Emigration from Germany to Russia in the Years 1763 to 1862, by Karl Stumpp; available from the AHGSR online store (<https://www.ahsgr.org/>).
- Books by Joseph S. Height. For example, Paradise on the Steppe, c.1973; available from the online store of the Germans from Russia heritage Collection at NDSU in Fargo, ND (<https://library.ndsu.edu/grhc/>).
- There is another fine series of overview articles by Johannes Brendel from the 1979 time-frame. They were entitled *The German Colonies in the Kutschurgan Region*. They were published in the GRHS Heritage Review, a periodical published by the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (<https://www.grhs.org/pages/home>), which has other publications that may be of interest.
- An extensive mapping project entitled *Germans from Russia Settlement Locations* can be found at <https://www.germansfromrussiasettlementlocations.org/>.
- NDSU collection mentioned above also has a website that provides much information. <https://library.ndsu.edu/grhc/research-history/germans-russia/german-villages-maps>
- The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (<https://www.ahsgr.org/>) can also be a useful source of information in some cases.
- The Black Sea German Research site (<http://blackseagr.org/>) is significant for providing very accessible information shared by people with an interest in Germans from Russia.

The summary goes like this. - Russian agents came to Alsace and offered attractive “package deals” to South Russia. The deals included items/promises like travel to Russia, land on arrival, freedom of worship, and freedom from conscription. This was a kind of all expenses paid (by the Russian government) permanent relocation plan. (Apparently in most cases there were loans involved as well.) Given the fact that the Alsatians had recently dealt with the Revolution and Napoleon, they probably were very receptive/vulnerable to the sales pitch that would lead to selling possessions and enduring a long journey to establish colonies in Russia. They were to start the colonies in an area called the Kutschurgan region, which had recently been obtained from Turkey as a part of war settlement. I encourage you to read some of the more detailed accounts of all of this. These had to be strong, desperate, hopeful, enterprising people. Lots of adjectives could be applied.

My ancestors were part of a group that founded the colony known as Selz (after the town in Alsace). They arrived at their destination in June, 1808, after a difficult trip according to Height in Paradise on the Steppe. (The full list of settlers can be found in this reference.) Family lore has it that my ancestors traveled through Strasbourg and then mostly by river (the Danube) to Odessa and thence to their final destination. Height offers various estimates of the duration of a trip like this, and a duration of about six weeks seems to be a good guess.

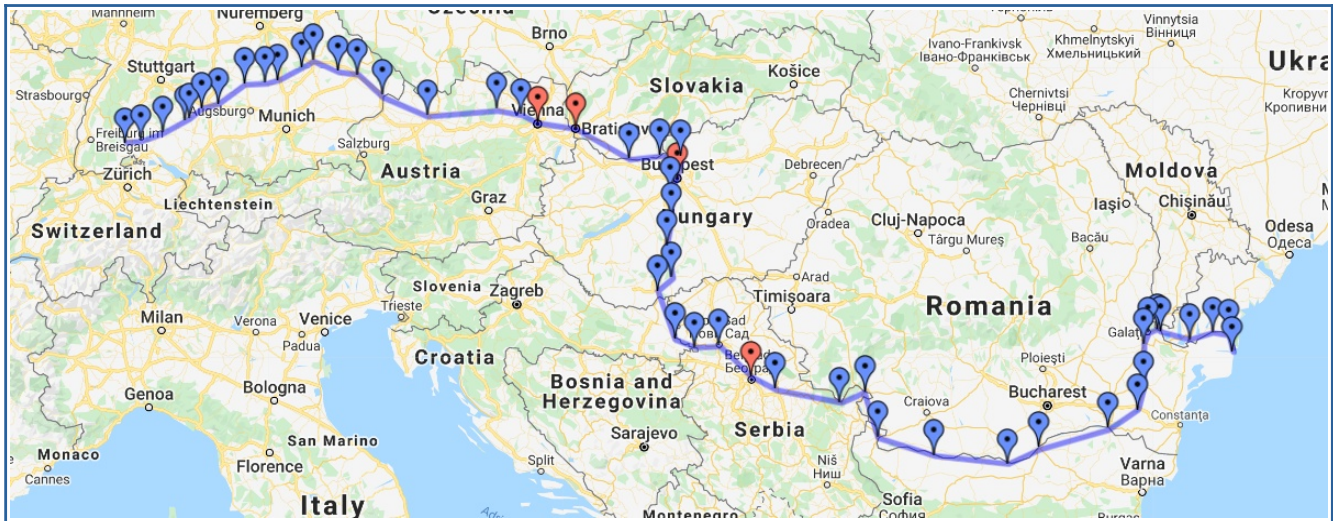
Following is a contemporary map that illustrates the path of the Danube River. I suspect that the journey from Strasbourg began as an overland route and continued by boat/barge beginning at roughly Ulm. Once near the Danube delta, probably the trip returned to an overland one again.



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Map source: [https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=16ih\\_QoK8-IKJ0eqfx4bGIE2DGBc&ll=46.0552045295188%2C18.165000673808827&z=6](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=16ih_QoK8-IKJ0eqfx4bGIE2DGBc&ll=46.0552045295188%2C18.165000673808827&z=6) .



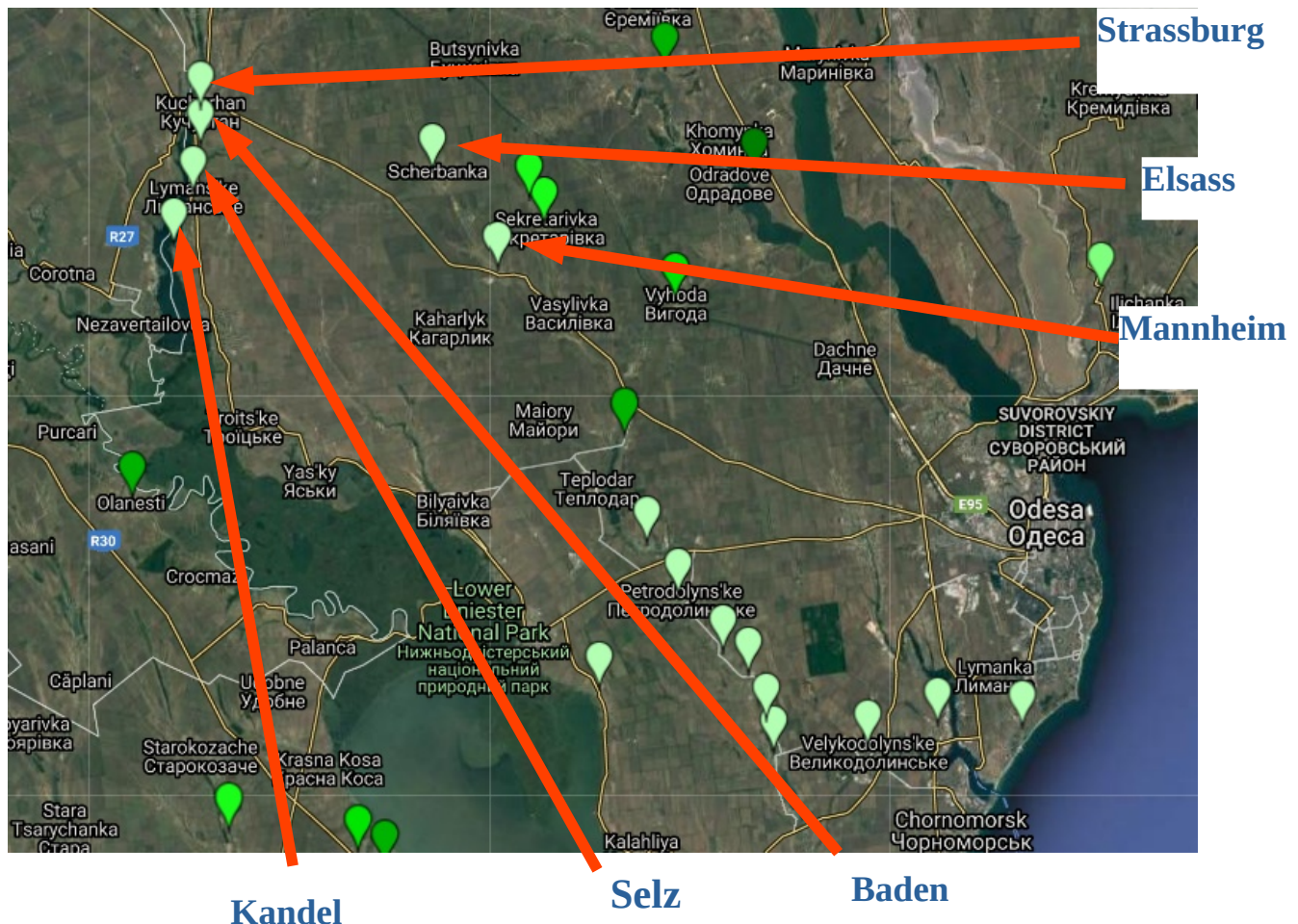
Some way-points are listed below. They may have seen some pretty prominent/historic places, just not under leisurely/touristic conditions.

- Ulm, Germany (beginning of river journey?)
- Vienna, Austria
- Budapest, Hungary
- Belgrade, Serbia
- Galati, Romania (end of river journey?)



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The Kutschurgan Colonies that they founded initially consisted of five villages in addition to the village of Selz. These were Strassburg, Baden, Kandel, Elsass, and Mannheim. Selz was a major community, with a church that initially served all villages except for Mannheim. Their locations are illustrated on the following contemporary map. Source: [https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1zLV9hXtN249P7S5PD9D\\_L\\_iT6eI&ll=46.61313430405937%2C30.295446162997894&z=10](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1zLV9hXtN249P7S5PD9D_L_iT6eI&ll=46.61313430405937%2C30.295446162997894&z=10)



So, what was their destination area like? What was its recent history? To understand the answers to such questions, I provide some brief explanations as well as references that can provide considerably more detail. For example, a Wikipedia page provides a long time-line of Russian history, part of which is important for the Kutschurgan region. See . . .

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline\\_of\\_Russian\\_history](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_Russian_history) .

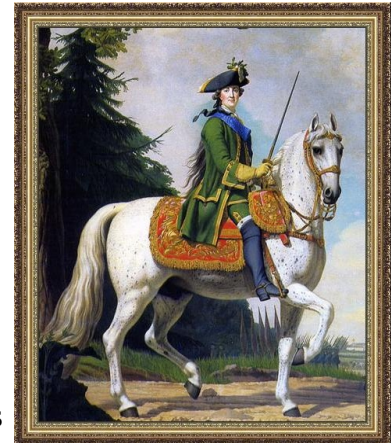
The story usually starts with Catherine II (Catherine the Great) taking power from her husband in 1762. Catherine is a colorful character to say the least. She had Germanic roots and has been portrayed in a very interesting way in an historical serial drama entitled *Ekaterina*. See

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ekaterina\\_\(TV\\_series\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ekaterina_(TV_series)) .

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Catherine directed Russian armies to engage other nations in successful efforts to expand Russian influence, and she began a period in which she called upon the skills of people from western (Germanic) areas to improve Russia. In the period 1768-1795, Russia took over part of Poland, and challenged the Ottoman Empire in wars that resulted in Russia acquiring the land on which the Kutschurgan Colonies were established. The final acquisition of the Kutschurgan land took place in January, 1792, with the [Treaty of Jassy](#) .



Catherine the Great of Russia (1729-1796)  
in Life Guard Uniform on the Horse Brillante;  
Vigilius Eriksen, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

The region acquired from the Ottomans was known as [Yedisan/Jedisan](#) and is pictured in the following map.



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<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/f/f7/Yedisan.jpg>



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Once under Russian control, the region was administered from two cities, Tiraspol and Cherson. Administratively, it was known as the [Cherson/Kherson](#) region. As illustrated in the 1817 map that follows. This map does not show the Kutschurgan Colonies, but they were approximately where the call-out box indicates. [Odessa](#) was formally established in 1794, but it is not shown on the map. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, this was primarily an agricultural area, which is why our Alsatian ancestors were invited. (That is, to make it a stronger agricultural area.)



Source: <https://www.darvillsrareprints.com/images/Antique%20maps%20of%20Russia%20Russian%20Empire/russia-in-europe-map-1817.jpg>

After Catherine's death in 1796, her grandson Alexander took power and continued her Black Sea settlement policies. Alexander died in 1825 and was succeeded by his brother Nicholas, who died in 1855 and was succeeded by his son Alexander (Alexander II). It was under Alexander II's control that the original agreements with the colonists began to be abrogated. See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander\\_II\\_of\\_Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_II_of_Russia).

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## The Early Days of the Kutschurgan Colonies

If you have an interest in the early history of the Kutschurgan Colonies, I suggest that you refer to references provided previously. What I provide here is a view of the activity in some of the colonies as seen through the filter of the records of the Selz church. After that there are sections devoted to four groups of early settlers with emphasis on people with surnames of Rombs and Kessler..

## Generalities Based on Selz Church Records

In Paradise on the Steppe, (page 100), Joseph Height provides a table like the following to show how the Kutschurgan Colonies progressed during roughly the first 50 years. From just the population estimates, it is apparent that the villages expanded by a factor of at least 3 over the 43 intervening years between enumerations

Village	“crownland” (acres)	Founding Families	Population in 1816	Population in 1859	Number of Houses	Number of Pupils
Selz	16019	118	477	1523	192	194
Kandel	16108	120	522	1583	193	213
Strassburg	9615	67	310	1023	148	175
Baden	9615	61	234	1034	149	206
Mannheim	9615	69	320	1035	117	162
Elsass	9615	68	326	1175	151	144

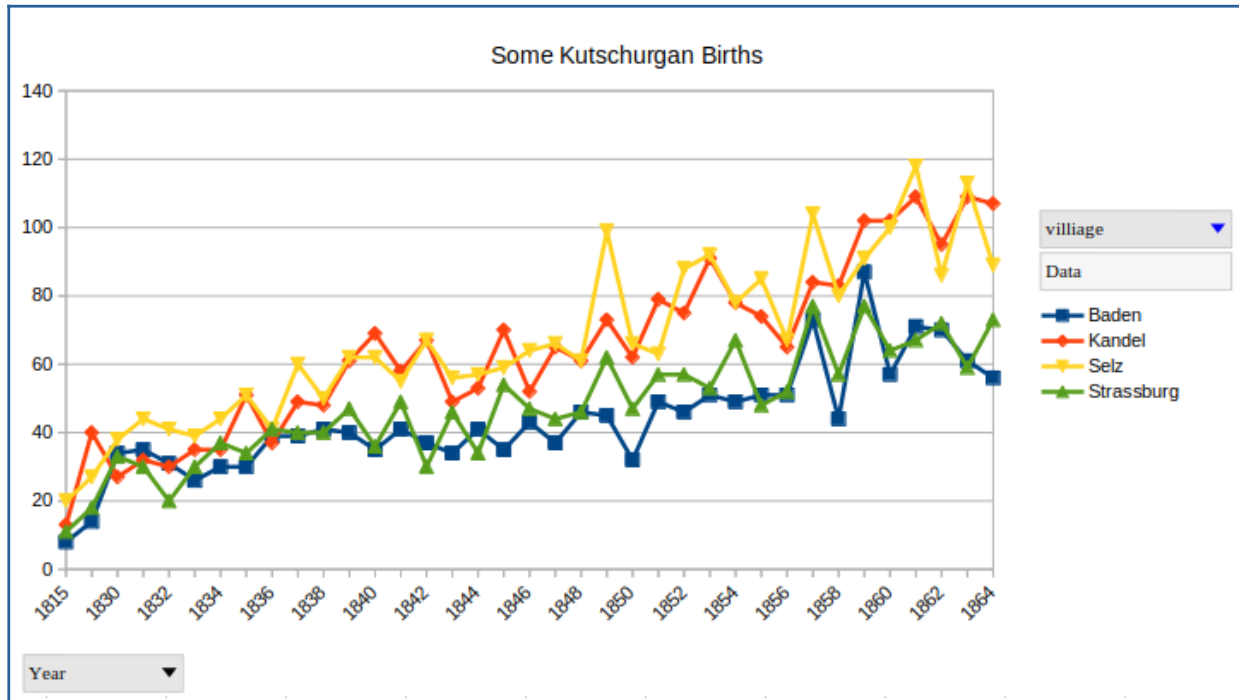
He mentions that, because of the successful growth of the colonies, some families could purchase an isolated farm (a khutor), and it became possible to establish satellite (daughter) colonies.

To reinforce these facts, following are some statistical summaries based on the records of the Selz Church as documented in the transcribed archive data from Saratov by the Germans from Russian Heritage Society (<https://www.grhs.org/pages/home>). The summaries are only for the four villages near the Kutschurgan Liman (i.e., Selz, Kandel, Strassburg, and Baden).

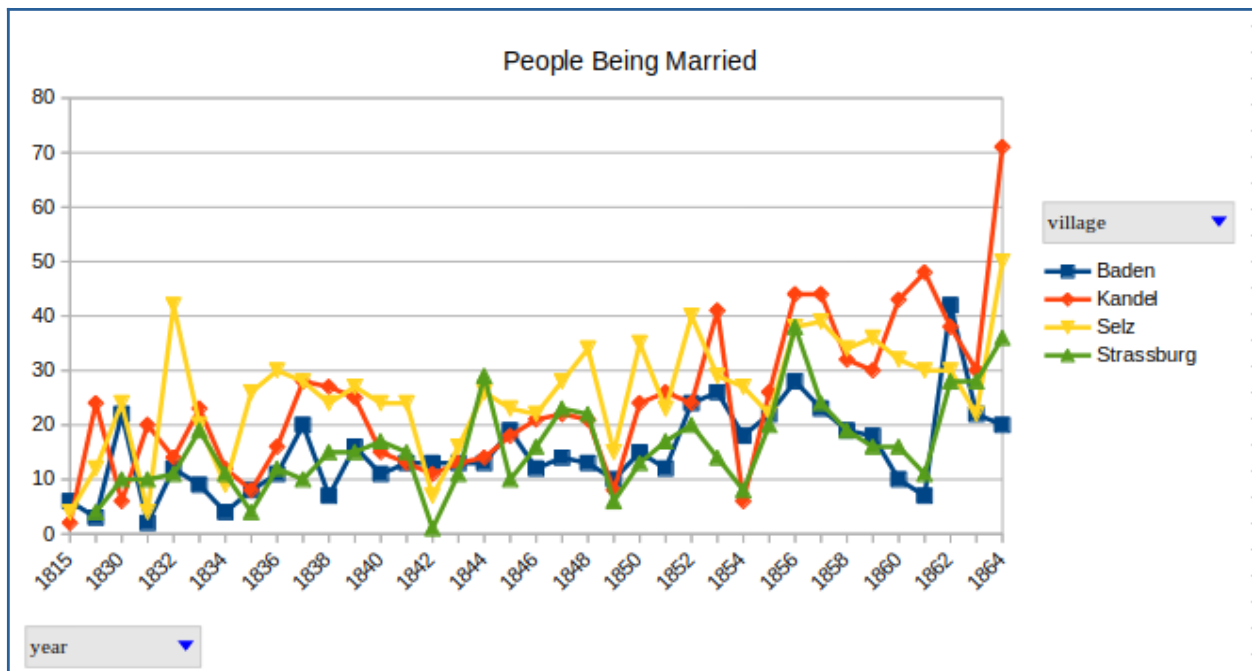


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Here is a summary of births by year for each village for the years 1815-1864.



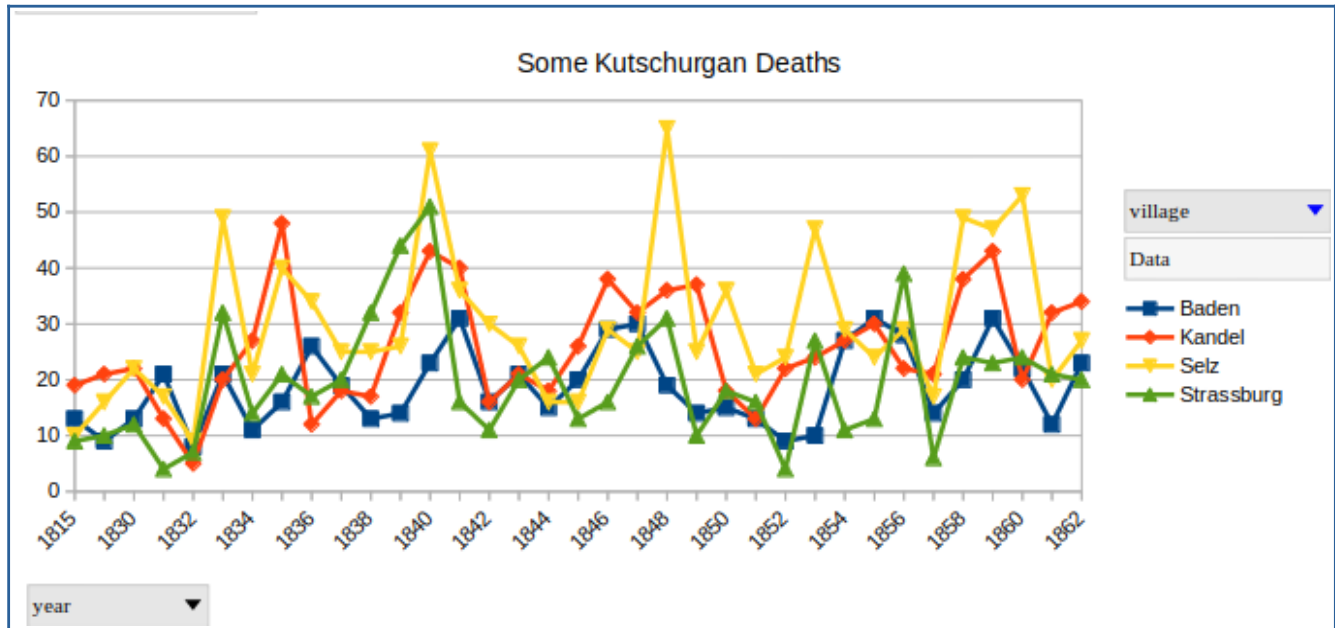
Next is a summary of marriages for roughly the same period of time. It shows people counts, not marriage counts.



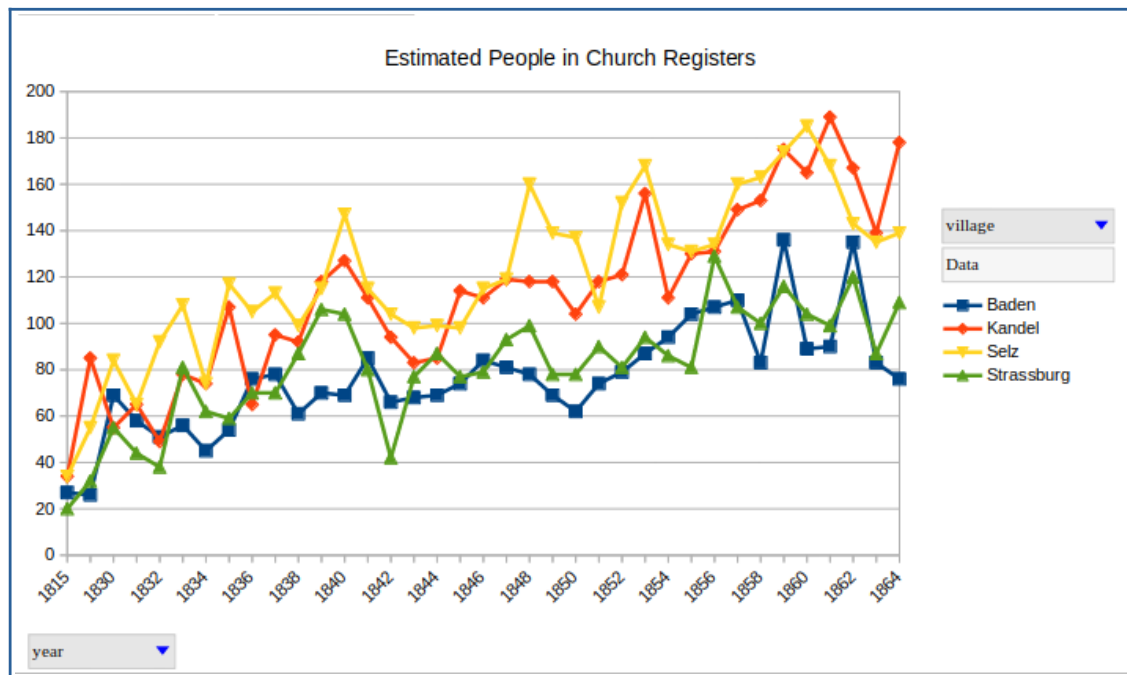


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Then there is a count of deaths by village and year.



As an indirect measure of the level of activity at the Selz Church, here is a plot showing the number of primary names recorded in the registers.



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The point of all of these graphs is to illustrate that these four villages were succeeding – one could even say flourishing. And, to illustrate further the activity at the Selz church and the fact that the four villages were not isolated, here is a list of all the locations mentioned in the records transcribed for the Selz Church thus far. It is not hard to imagine that there was enough activity to warrant opening a new church in Strassburg in 1867.

village			
Data			
Akermann	AngelindoiokaEstate	Baden	Badn
BendenEstate	Bender	Bergdorf	Blumenfeld
Bohachevo	ChutorNikolowska	ChutorPonjatowka	ChutorSchlosser
CityOfTyraspol	Czernishovski	Derevna	Derevni
DerevniSochi	Derevno	DorovniKurpino	Ednogradz
Elenovka	Elsass	EstateStobodzieie	Franzfeld
Germany	Gluckstal	Grossiebental	Holoneszt
Johannestal	Josephstal	Kandel	Kardamisch
Kassel	Kleinliebenstal	Kleinliebental	Klementinowka
Kosinka	Kuczurbanka	Kurtina	Landau
Lublin	Lustdorf	Malchanov	Mannheim
Mariental	Marienthal	Marjowka	MilzaninCherson
Mochikviens	Munchen	Nikolausthal	null
Odessa	OstrowskiEstate	Parkansy	Parkany
Podola	Podolia	Podulia	Ponjatowka
Ponjayovka	PradoLeondief	Saratov	Schlessel
Selz	Stakosova	Stetin	Stobodzieje
Strassburg	Teraspol	Tiraspol	Tirospol
Tumanov	Tumanova	Tyraspol	Viktor
VillaAndrianszowo	VillaAntonowka	VillaBobykow	VillaChadurowka
VillaCzerpina	VillaFutorowski	VillaIwanowka	VillaKatharinowka
VillaKlementinowka	VillaKlementonowka	VillaKorsinow	VillaKurpinow
VillaKursinow	VillaMajor	VillaNikolki	VillaParkanski
VillaSamokraki	VillaSczerbina	VillaSerekowka	VillaStobodzieje
VillaStobodzui	VillaWoynowa	Vilna	Wesota
Witebacensi	Woliski	Wotonensk	Zalesieski





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## Surnames of Neighbors

In an appendix is a rather long list of the surnames of the “primary actors” in the church records. The most common names in the village of Selz, where Barbara and Johannes lived are shown below. My guess is that these are the surnames of the people with whom they were most likely to have interacted on a daily basis.

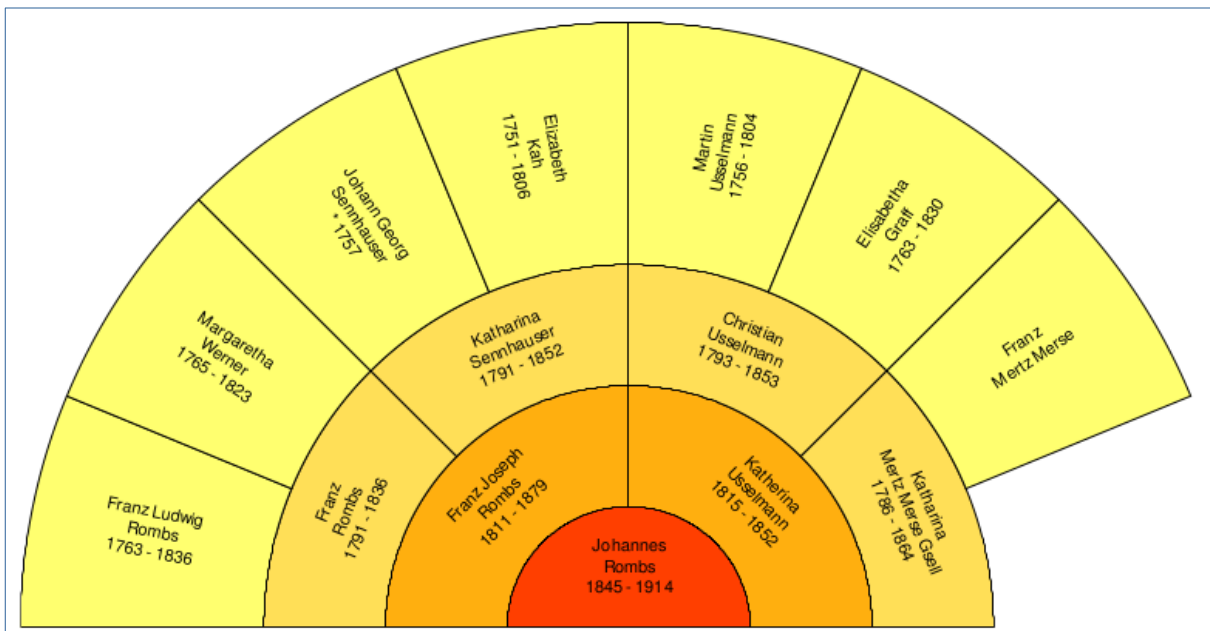
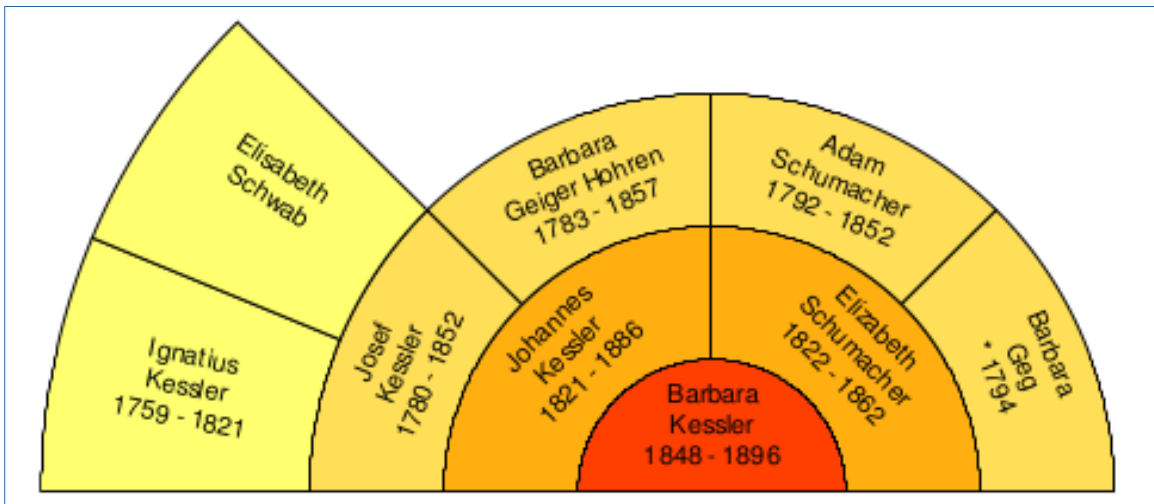
■ ANKER	■ ARTH	■ BARTLE	■ BÄTSCH	■ BAUMSTARK
■ BECHT	■ BECKER	■ BERTSCH	■ BRAUN	■ BRENDDEL
■ BROSSART	■ DEIBERT	■ DEMELET	■ DITTOR	■ DOSCH
■ EICHENLAUB	■ EISENZIMMER	■ FAHN	■ FETSCH	■ FISCHER
■ FRANK	■ FRISON	■ FUHRMANN	■ FUNK	■ GELSENLICHTER
■ GLATT	■ GOLDATE	■ GROSS	■ HARTMANN	■ HELMER
■ HERRLE	■ HIRSCH	■ HOFFART	■ HOPFINGER	■ HUBER
■ HUCK	■ HULM	■ JAKOB	■ JERGER	■ JUNDT
■ JUNG	■ KELLER	■ KESSLER	■ KIEFEL	■ KLEIN
■ KÖHLER	■ KÖSSLER	■ KRAFT	■ LEIBHAM	■ LINDEMANN
■ LOCHERT	■ MANGOLD	■ MARBACH	■ MASTIO	■ MEIER
■ MITZEL	■ MÜLLER	■ NOEL	■ OTTMANN	■ RAPPOLD
■ REISS	■ REITMEIER	■ ROMBS	■ SAHLI	■ SALVEY
■ SANDER	■ SCHALL	■ SCHERR	■ SCHLEPPE	■ SCHMIDT
■ SCHMUKEL	■ SCHNEIDER	■ SCHUMACHER	■ SITTER	■ STACHOWSKI
■ STOLZ	■ SWIDERSKI	■ THOMAS	■ USELMANN	■ USSELMANN
■ VETSCH	■ VETTER	■ VÖLLER	■ VOLZ	■ WAGNER
■ WALD	■ WEIGEL	■ WEISS	■ WEISSBECK	■ WEISSENBURGER
■ WELK	■ WENINGER	■ WERLINGER	■ WERNER	■ ZAHN
■ ZERR	■ ZINGER			

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## Four Specific Family Lines of Settlers

My great grandfather, Johannes, was himself a great grandchild of original settlers of Selz. Franz Ludwig Rombs/Margaretha Werner and Martin Usselmann/Elisabetha Graff were two pairs of great grandparents of Johannes. Barbara was a grandchild of Josef Kessler/Barbara Geiger and Adam Schumacher/Barbara Geg. They represent the second generation of children born on Russian soil after colonization. Both Barbara and Johannes were thus native Russians, and they had no direct knowledge of Alsace. What ever they knew of their roots must have been handed down by their parents. Following are fan charts that illustrate their heritage.



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An appendix shows detailed listings of the descendants for each of these lines. However, in the interest of staying focused, I next want to concentrate on the family members that Barbara and Johannes would have likely been able to interact with while in Russia. The next section describes their children, aunts/uncles/parents, cousins, and nieces/nephews.

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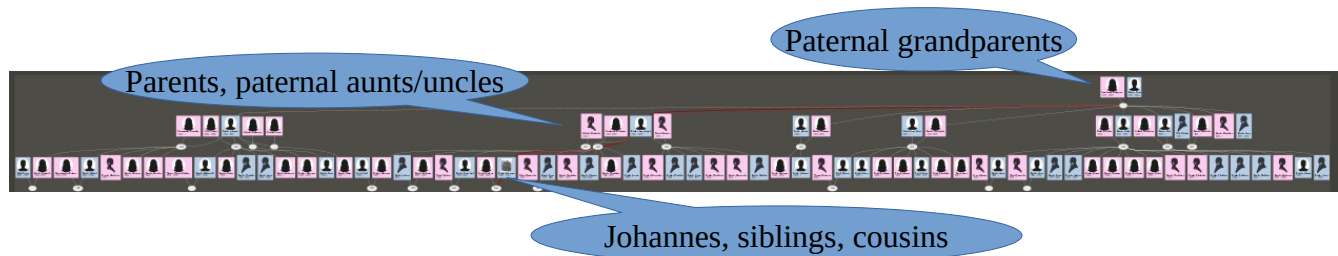


## Families

Here are some details of the families of Barbara and Johannes and their contemporary relatives. The purpose is to provide a more specific way of visualizing the family members with whom they could have interacted.

I think that this is important in understanding their lives in Russia since families clearly stuck together. This is apparent in the 1852 census, where it is easy to see multiple generations living in one household. Brothers and their families are frequently seen in the same household as paternal parents. This is not always the case, but it is frequent enough to be a hint regarding the importance of family ties. See for example the Fetsch household #107, the Kessler household #49, the Rombs household #29, the Usselman household #28, and the Schumacher household #24.

In addition, families tended to be large – 8 to 10 children per couple over the course of about 20 years. This means that the number of contemporary brothers, sister, cousins, nieces, and nephews could be large. In just the case of Johannes, I have identified at least 64 brothers, sisters, and paternal line cousins that were roughly his contemporaries.



So, it is not a simple task to enumerate all, but the next sections are devoted to systematically estimating what family members they might have encountered.

As I created this section, it became apparent to me that Barbara and Johannes had many opportunities for interaction with relatives in Russia, where large families lived fairly close to each other in close, relatively insular communities. However, upon arrival in the USA, I think that this situation changed significantly for them. Johannes had no close family members nearby. His physically nearest relative was Sylvester Usselman, a maternal second cousin living in Ipswich (SD). There were other second/distant cousins in Aberdeen (SD), near Devils Lake (ND), in south Texas, and in Canada. There was probably even a distant Rombs cousin in Michigan, who migrated directly from Baden to the USA. (See the Further Research section for this document.) Barbara, however, had brothers (Josef and Rochus and Wendelin) fairly close by. Another brother, Franz, was at least for a while in ND, where her older sister, Margaretha, lived with a cousin of Johannes as well. Two half brothers (Thomas & Stefan) were temporarily in the Ipswich (SD) area. Barbara also had some maternal second cousins in Edmunds and Brown counties (SD).

You can see the details in the sections that follow.

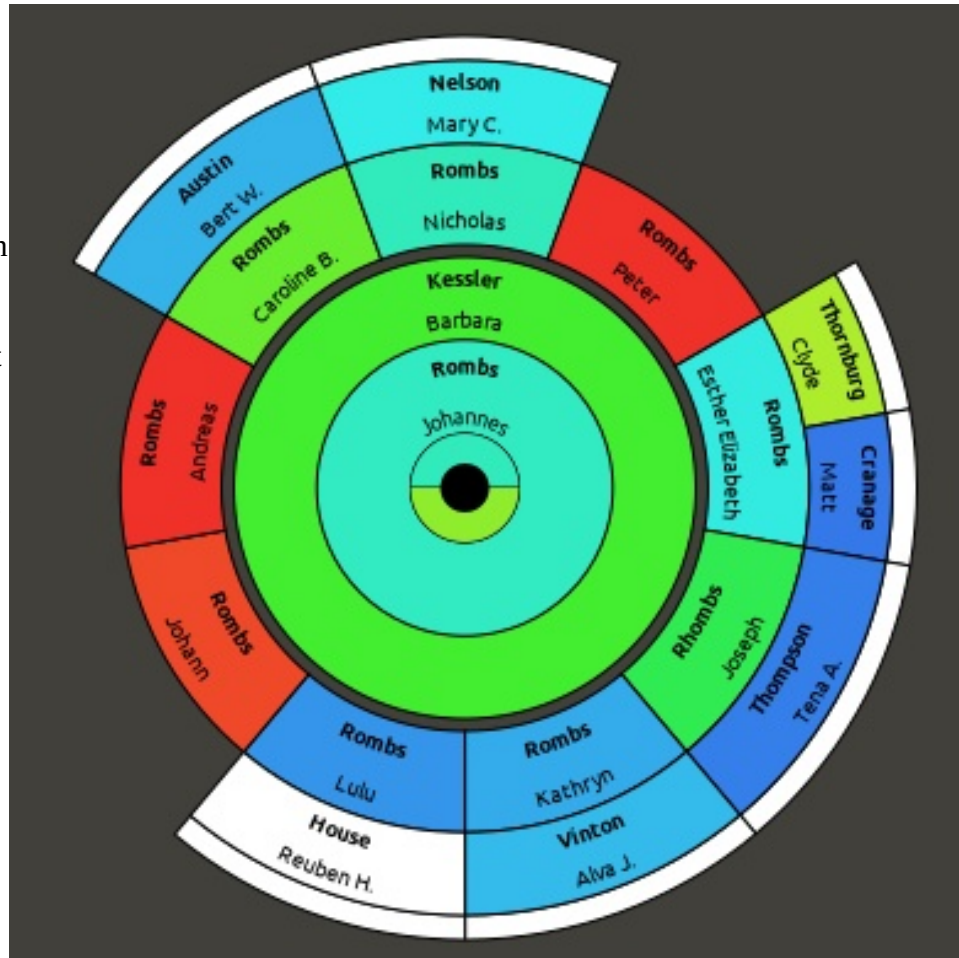
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## Family of Barbara Kessler and Johannes Rombs

First, here is a summary of their own family, including all of their children. Note that they had seven children in Russia, four who survived to travel to the USA. Two additional children were born in South Dakota.

The descendant chart at right shows their children and spouses. The table below is a standard family group presentation showing somewhat more detail.



### Family Group Report – marriage 11/7/1866

<b>Husband: Rombs, Johannes</b>		
Birth	1845-07-01	Selz, Russia
Death	1914-08-08	South Dakota, USA
Father	Rombs, Franz Joseph	
Mother	Usselmann, Katherina	

<b>Wife: Kessler, Barbara</b>		
Birth	1848-06-26	Selz, Russia
Death	1896-03-10	Wecota, Faulk, Sotuh Dakota, USA
Father	Kessler, Johannes	
Mother	Schumacher, Elizabeth	



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<b>Children</b>			
<b>1F</b>	<b>Rombs, Lulu</b>		
	Birth	1866-07-02	Selz, Russia
	Death	1953-04-17	Faulk, South Dakota, US
	Spouse	House, Reuben H.	
	Marriage	1886	
<b>2M</b>	<b>Rombs, Johann</b>		
	Birth	1868	Selz, Russia
	Death	1872-06-18	Selz, Russia
<b>3M</b>	<b>Rombs, Andreas</b>		
	Birth	1872-03-14	Selz, Russia
	Death	1873-06-23	Selz, Russia
<b>4F</b>	<b>Rombs, Caroline B.</b>		
	Birth	1875	Selz, Russia
	Death	1917-02-03	Faulk, South Dakota, US
	Spouse	Austin, Bert W.	
	Marriage	1899	
<b>5M</b>	<b>Rombs, Nicholas</b>		
	Birth	1877	Selz, Russia
	Death	1945-09-01	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, PA, USA
	Spouse	Nelson, Mary C.	
	Marriage	1906-08-15	Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US
<b>6M</b>	<b>Rombs, Peter</b>		
	Birth	1881	Selz, Russia
	Death	1882-07-03	Selz, Russia
<b>7F</b>	<b>Rombs, Esther Elizabeth</b>		
	Birth	1883-06-26	Selz, Russia
	Death	1957	Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota, US
	Spouse	Thornburg, Clyde	
	Marriage	1903	
	Spouse	Cranage, Matt	
Marriage	1916-03-31	Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA	
<b>8M</b>	<b>Rhombs, Joseph</b>		
	Birth	1885-11-03	Faulk, South Dakota, US
	Death	1940-09-03	Pierre, South Dakota, US
	Spouse	Thompson, Tena A.	
	Marriage	1910-12-24	Potter, South Dakota
<b>9F</b>	<b>Rombs, Kathryn</b>		
	Birth	1887-03-00	
	Death	1970-12-22	Jefferson, Montana
	Spouse	Vinton, Alva J.	

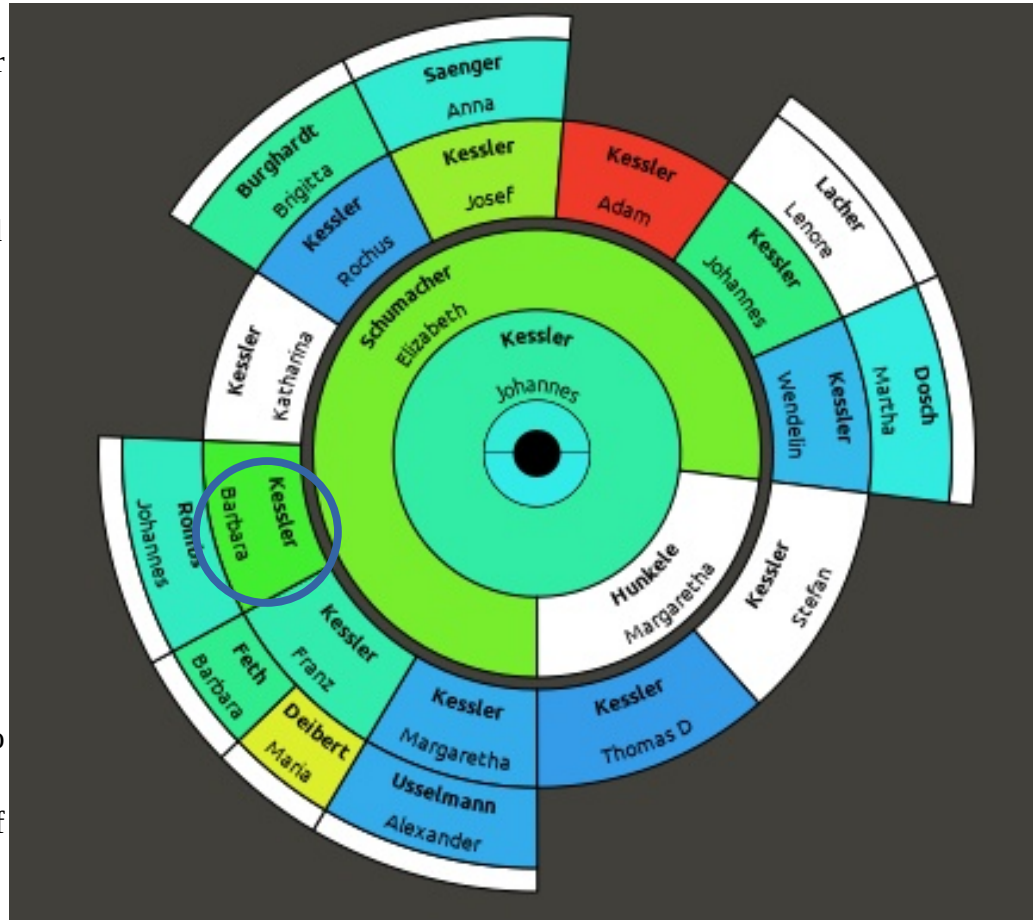
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## Barbara: Brothers, Sisters, Nieces, & Nephews

Here is some more information about Barbara's siblings and their families. There are at least two dozen nieces and nephews. I am guessing that she did not send out birthday cards to them all!

Regarding Barbara's immediate family prior to her marriage in 1866, she had eight full brothers and sisters. One (Adam) died at the age of about 2 years, and another (Katharina) is so far unaccounted for. Of the remaining six, it appears that one stayed in Russia and the remaining emigrated to the USA. So, for at least part of her life, she was fairly close geographically to some immediate family members. Two half siblings from the marriage of her father to



Margaretha Hunkele after his first wife, Elizabeth, died are shown in the fan chart. They are not shown in the family group form below, however.

## Family Group Report

<b>Husband: Kessler, Johannes</b>	
Birth	1852 census
	1821 Selz, Russia
Death	1886
Father	Kessler, Josef
Mother	Geiger Hohren, Barbara

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<b>Marriage:</b>		
Marriage		
	1844-11-05	Selz, Russia

<b>Wife: Schumacher, Elizabeth</b>		
Birth	1852 census	
	1822	Selz, Russia
Death	1862-10-29	Selz, Russia
Father	Schumacher, Adam	
Mother	Geg, Barbara	

<b>Children</b>		
<b>1F</b>	<b>Kessler, Margaretha</b>	
	Birth	1845-08-04 Selz, Russia
	Death	1928-10-25 McLean, North Dakota
	Spouse	Usselmann, Alexander
	Marriage	1865-11-08 Selz, Russia
<b>2M</b>	<b>Kessler, Franz</b>	
	Birth	1846-09-26 Selz, Russia
	Death	1913-04-20 Oregon
	Spouse	Deibert, Maria Anna
	Marriage	1870-10-26 Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Feth, Barbara
<b>3F</b>	<b>Kessler, Barbara</b>	
	Birth	1848-06-26 Selz, Russia
	Death	1896-03-10 Wecota, Faulk, Sotuh Dakota, USA
	Spouse	Rombs, Johannes
	Marriage	1866-11-07 Selz, Russia
<b>4F</b>	<b>Kessler, Katharina</b>	
	Birth	1850-11-25 Selz, Russia
	Death	
<b>5M</b>	<b>Kessler, Rochus</b>	
	Birth	1854-03-18 Selz, Russia
	Death	1939 South Dakota
	Spouse	Burghardt, Brigitta
	Marriage	1881-11-09 Strassburg, Russia
<b>6M</b>	<b>Kessler, Josef</b>	
	Birth	1856-03-18 Selz, Russia
	Death	1893
	Spouse	Saenger, Anna
	Marriage	1881
<b>7M</b>	<b>Kessler, Adam</b>	
	Birth	1859-01-02 Selz, Russia
	Death	1861-10-29 Selz, Russia
<b>8M</b>	<b>Kessler, Johannes</b>	



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	Birth	1860-11-08	Selz, Russia
	Death	1921	Kandel, Russia
	Spouse	Lacher, Lenore	
<b>9M</b>	<b>Kessler, Wendelin</b>		
	Birth	1862-10-24	Selz, Russia
	Death	1944-03-26	Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
	Spouse	Dosch, Martha	

Barbara certainly knew her older sister, **Margaretha** pictured here with her husband. Margaretha married into the Usselmann line, which was Johannes Rombs' maternal line. Margaretha and husband Alexander Usselmann (Johannes' cousin) moved their family to North Dakota, arriving in April, 1889, so it is possible that Barbara could have seen her sister in the USA before her death in 1896.



3. Kessler, Margaretha (b. 1845-08-04 - Selz, Russia, d. 1928-10-25 - McLean, North Dakota)
  - sp. Usselmann, Alexander (b. 1844 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927-06-28 - Hazen, Mercer, North Dakota), m. 1865-11-08 - Selz, Russia
    4. Usselmann, Valentine (b. 1866 - Selz, Russia)
    4. Usselmann, John (b. 1867-10-15 - Selz, Russia, d. 1944-10-07 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
      - sp. Detling, Marianna, m. 1894-10-11
    4. Usselmann, Anna (b. 1869-05-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927-05-09 - Hazen, Mercer, North Dakota)
    4. Usselmann, Margareta (b. 1872-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1955-02-19 - Dickenson, Stark, North Dakota)
      - sp. Geisinger, Konstantin (b. 1870-09-15 - Russia, d. 1942-02-06 - North Dakota)
    4. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1874 - Selz, Russia)
    4. Usselmann, Julianna (b. 1877-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1949-01-26 - Mercer, North Dakota)
      - sp. Hoepfner, Jacob (b. 1874-09-29 - Baden, Kutschurgan, d. 1949-10-02 - Bismark, North Dakota), m. 1896-11-13 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
        5. Hipfner, Joseph (b. 1901-04-20 - Morton, North Dakota, d. 1987-10-26 - Morton, North Dakota)
    4. Usselmann, Josef (b. 1882 - Selz, Russia)
    4. Usselmann, Adam (b. 1886-06-20 - Selz, Russia, d. 1947-03-12)

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**Franz** married twice in Russia, migrated with his family to Edmunds Co., South Dakota, in 1885, then went to ND, and finally to Oregon, where he and his wife died. He was slightly older than Barbara, so they certainly played together as children. When he and his family immigrated (only about a year after Barbara and Johannes), he was close enough geographically so that the families could have interacted.

3. Kessler, Franz (b. 1846-09-26 - Selz, Russia, d. 1913-04-20 - Oregon)  
sp. Deibert, Maria Anna (b. 1850 - Selz, Russia, d. 1877 - Selz, Russia), m. 1870-10-26 - Selz, Russia
  4. Kessler, Margaret Katherine (b. 1877, d. 1960)
- sp. Feth, Barbara (b. 1854, d. 1916-08-28 - Oregon)
  4. Kessler, Michael (b. 1883-07-27 - Selz, Russia, d. 1982-04-08 - Oregon)
  4. Kessler, Elizabeth Anna (b. 1886-01-18 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1950-06-22 - Oregon)

**Katharina** was a sister, who was slightly younger than Barbara. I have not been able to determine any details of her life.

3. Kessler, Katharina (b. 1850-11-25 - Selz, Russia)

**Rochus** is a (younger) brother of Barbara. He and his family came to Edmunds Co., South Dakota, in the Fall of 1888, about four years after Barbara. Once again, they were geographically close at that time, so their families probably had some interactions.



3. Kessler, Rochus (b. 1854-03-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1939 - South Dakota)  
sp. Burghardt, Brigitta (b. 1862, d. 1926 - South Dakota), m. 1881-11-09 - Strassburg, Russia
  4. Kessler, Agnesia (b. 1884)
  4. Kessler, Felix V. (b. 1888 - Russia)
  4. Kessler, John (b. 1891 - South Dakota)
  4. Kessler, Anna (b. 1896 - South Dakota)
  4. Kessler, Anton (b. 1899 - South Dakota)
  4. Kessler, Sebastian (b. 1901-11-25 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1982-02-02 - Montana)

Following is a transcription of an obituary for Rochus that appeared in the *Aberdeen American News*.

Rochus Kessler, 216 N. Jay, died Sunday, April 16, 1939, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Frison. He was 85 years old. Born in Odessa, Russia, on March 19, 1854, Mr. Kessler settled at Ipswich in 1888, farming there for many years. In 1902, he moved to Leola and in 1909, when he retired, he moved to Aberdeen. Surviving are five children, Felix Kessler, Anoka, Minn.; John Kessler, Leola; Anton Kessler, LaCrosse, Wis.; Mrs. James Frison, Aberdeen; Sebastian Kessler, Great Falls, Mont.; three brothers, Wendlin, of Ipswich; Tom, Tigard, Ore.; Steve, Portland, Ore.; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His wife and one daughter died previously.

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Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's church with the Rev. Fr. H. Hoerner officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's cemetery. Rosary will be said at the family home Tuesday at 8 p.m.

**Josef** married Anna Saenger/Senger, who stayed in Ipswich after Josef's death in 1893. I have researched this family, but I have never found out where or how Josef died. They immigrated to Edmunds Co. in 1885, and there is no question (based on family notes) that the Rombs and Senger families visited each other. The picture of the family at right was taken around 1900 in South Dakota.



3. Kessler, Josef (b. 1856-03-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1893)  
sp. Saenger, Anna (b. 1858-11-29 - Strassburg, Russia, d. 1930 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA), m. 1881
  4. Kessler, Edith (b. 1882-07-22 - Russia, d. 1974-04-00 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
  4. Kessler, Frances (b. 1884-12-00, d. 1963 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota)  
sp. Silbernagel, Leonard L. (b. 1884-12-20, d. 1953), m. 1909-11-10 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
  4. Kessler, Lizzie (b. 1887-02-17 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1901-12-17 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
  4. Kessler, Joseph (b. 1889-01-06 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1983-01-21 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
  4. 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), m. 1914-02-10 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
  4. 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), m. 1919-11-27 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA

Barbara's brother **Adam** was born in Russia and died there, just shy of 2 years old.

3. Kessler, Adam (b. 1859-01-02 - Selz, Russia, d. 1861-10-29 - Selz, Russia)

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**Johannes** married in Selz to a Lenore Lacher. They stayed and died in Russia, but I believe that a son, Andreas, made it to Emmons Co., ND in 1904.

3. Kessler, Johannes (b. 1860-11-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1921 - Kandel, Russia)  
sp. Lacher, Lenore
4. Kessler, Andreas (b. 1886-04-15 - Kandel, Russia, d. 1934-12-28)

Pictured below is part of Andreas' application for citizenship in 1906 in Emmons Co., ND.

I arrived at the port of New York, in the State of New York, on or about the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, anno Domini 1904; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:  
SO HELP ME GOD.

Andreas Kessler  
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, anno Domini 1906.

[SEAL.]

**Wendelin** made it to Edmunds Co., SD, with Rochus in 1888. Most of his children that survived were born after Barbara's death, but she still could have interacted with Wendelin and his wife Martha in South Dakota.

3. Kessler, Wendelin (b. 1862-10-24 - Selz, Russia, d. 1944-03-26 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)  
sp. Dosch, Martha (b. 1875-05-05 - Kandel, Russia, d. 1949-02-16 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota)
  4. Kessler, Margaret (b. 1896-01-08, d. 1896-03-16)
  4. Kessler, Stephen (b. 1897-07-26, d. 1897-08-20)
  4. Kessler, Katherine M. (b. 1899-07-29 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1997-11-05)
  4. Kessler, John (b. 1901-09-27 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1977-03-03)
  4. Kessler, Michael (b. 1903-06-08 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
  4. Kessler, Regina (b. 1905-09-28, d. 1906-02-04)
  4. Kessler, Bernard (b. 1907-08-19 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1992-09-19 - Brown, South Dakota)
  4. Kessler, Sylvester (b. 1911-08-10, d. 1916-01-14)
  4. Kessler, Anna Marie (b. 1915-01-14 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 2004-06-26)
  4. Kessler, Wendelin (b. 1917-12-08 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1991-12-08)

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**Stefan** (a half brother) came to Edmunds Co. with Rochus in 1888. He traveled to Oregon like his brothers Thomas and Franz. His wife's name was Anna.

3. Kessler, Stefan (b. 1868 - Selz, Russia)

Thomas (another half brother) also traveled with Rochus to the US in 1888. He married a lady named Anna Ochs in 1896, and they settled in Oregon, but I have not followed any of the details. (The photo at right is from an ancestry.com account owned by "lesengle.")



3. Kessler, Thomas D (b. 1870-02-20 - Selz, Russia, d. 1956-01-31 - Oregon)

So, a conclusion to be drawn from all of this is that Barbara had many siblings fairly close to her before and after coming to South Dakota. Some did not stay long in the Dakotas and moved to Oregon. I think that this knowledge has been lost over time. Wouldn't it be interesting to discover correspondence that explained their thoughts and showed what they shared with siblings?

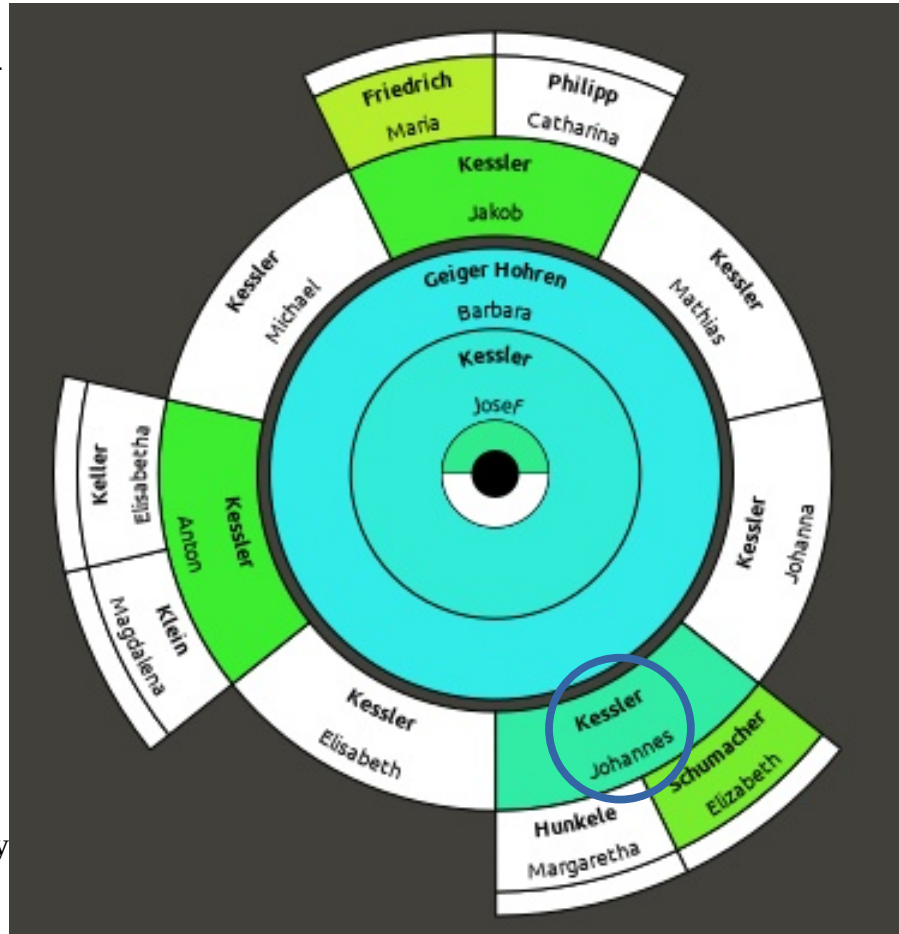
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## Barbara: Aunts, Uncles, & Cousins

The next tables show some information about the families of Barbara's parents. The purpose is to identify aunts, uncles, and cousins that she might have known during her life in Russia (i.e., 1848-1884).

At the right is a descendant fan chart. The ring that includes Barbara's father (Johannes Kessler) includes her paternal aunts and uncles. The inner blue rings represent her paternal grandparents.



Next is a form showing the family of her paternal grandparents.

## Family Group Report

<b>Husband: Kessler, Josef</b>	
Birth	1813 census
	1780
Death	pg. 23 of "Kesslers and Sahlis" by Sister Ann Kessler
	1852 Selz, Russia
Father	Kessler, Ignatius
Mother	Schwab, Elisabeth

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<b>Marriage:</b>		
Marriage		

<b>Wife: Geiger Hohen, Barbara</b>		
Birth	1813 census	
	1783	
Death	1857-09-07	Selz, Russia
Father		
Mother		

<b>Children</b>		
<b>1F</b>	<b>Kessler, Elisabeth</b>	
	Birth	1801
	Death	
<b>2M</b>	<b>Kessler, Anton</b>	
	Birth	1805 Leimersheim, Germany, Pfalz, Germany
	Death	1853 Kandel, Russia
	Spouse	Klein, Magdalena
	Marriage	1831-11-23 Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Keller, Elisabetha
<b>3M</b>	<b>Kessler, Michael</b>	
	Birth	1807
	Death	
<b>4M</b>	<b>Kessler, Jakob</b>	
	Birth	1810
	Death	1857-02-28
	Spouse	Friedrich, Maria Elisabetha
	Marriage	1841-11-16 Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Philipp, Catharina
<b>5M</b>	<b>Kessler, Mathias</b>	
	Birth	1812
	Death	
<b>6F</b>	<b>Kessler, Johanna</b>	
	Birth	1815-02-17 Selz, Russia
	Death	
<b>7M</b>	<b>Kessler, Johannes</b>	
	Birth	1821 Selz, Russia
	Death	1886
	Spouse	Schumacher, Elizabeth
	Marriage	1844-11-05 Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Hunkele, Margaretha
	Marriage	1866-01-24 Selz, Russia



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Barbara had four uncles and two aunts on her paternal side. How many of these she actually knew and interacted with is really unknown, partly because records are incomplete or undiscovered. You could speculate that she knew some paternal cousins. Here is a list of her paternal aunts and uncles and some of their offspring. It is clear that Barbara had many first-order paternal cousins, at least some of whom made the journey to Canada and the USA. Her uncle Jakob's line is the most promising in this regard.

2. Kessler, Elisabeth (b. 1801)
2. Kessler, Anton (b. 1805 - Leimersheim, Germany, Pfalz, Germany, d. 1853 - Kandel, Russia)
  - sp. Klein, Magdalena (d. 1846), m. 1831-11-23 - Selz, Russia
  3. Kessler, Franz (b. 1835)
    - sp. Ott, Elisabetha (b. 1831 - Kleinliebental, Russia), m. 1854-09-20 - Selz, Russia
    4. Kessler, Johannes (b. 1866 - Kandel, Russia)
      - sp. Schwengler, Eleonora (b. 1865 - Kandel, Russia), m. 1886-01-26 - Selz, Russia
  3. Kessler, Gertruda (b. 1838)
  3. Kessler, Barbara (b. 1841)
  3. Kessler, Georg (b. 1843)
  - sp. Keller, Elisabetha (b. 1822)
    3. Kessler, Daria (b. 1849)
    3. Kessler, Johannes (b. 1854 - Selz, Russia)
      - sp. Gelsenlicht, Magdalena (b. 1854), m. 1876-11-21 - Selz, Russia
2. Kessler, Michael (b. 1807)
2. Kessler, Jakob (b. 1810, d. 1857-02-28)
  - sp. Friedrich, Maria Elisabetha (b. 1821 - Mannheim, Russia, d. 1853-02-11 - Selz, Russia), m. 1841-11-16 - Selz, Russia
  3. Kessler, Genoveva (b. 1842-08-05 - Selz, Russia, d. 1924-04-15 - Canada)
    - sp. Hoepfner, Johannes (b. 1841-03-25 - Russia, d. 1922-07-01 - Canada), m. 1863-10-14 - Selz, Russia
    4. Hoepfner, Regina (b. 1868)
      4. Hoepfner, Jacob (b. 1874-09-29 - Baden, Kutschurgan, d. 1949-10-02 - Bismark, North Dakota)
        - sp. Usselmann, Julianna (b. 1877-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1949-01-26 - Mercer, North Dakota), m. 1896-11-13 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
        5. Hipfner, Joseph (b. 1901-04-20 - Morton, North Dakota, d. 1987-10-26 - Morton, North Dakota)
      4. Hoepfner, Helena (b. 1881)
      4. Hoepfner, Anton
    3. Kessler, Ignatz (b. 1844)
    3. Kessler, Marianna (b. 1846)
    3. Kessler, Josef (b. 1847-12-12 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Kessler, Ludwig (b. 1849-09-22 - Selz, Russia)
      - sp. Fischer, Elisabetha (b. 1853-03-15 - Selz, Russia), m. 1872-10-18 - Selz, Russia
    3. Kessler, Nicholas (b. 1851-07-06 - Selz, Russia)
      - sp. Schwartz, Mary
      4. Kesler, John Nicholas (b. 1872, d. 1951)
        - sp. Hoffart, Mary Ann (b. 1881, d. 1947)
          5. Kesler, Wilhem (b. 1900, d. 1927)
          5. Kesler, John (b. 1901, d. 1952)
          5. Kesler, Elizabeth (b. 1903, d. 1984)
          5. Kesler, Mary (b. 1905, d. 1927)
          5. Kesler, Frank (b. 1907, d. 1958)
          5. Kesler, Joseph (b. 1909, d. 1984)
          5. Kesler, Herman (b. 1911, d. 1987)
          5. Kesler, Edward (b. 1914, d. 1972)
          5. Kesler, Nicholas (b. 1918, d. 1978)



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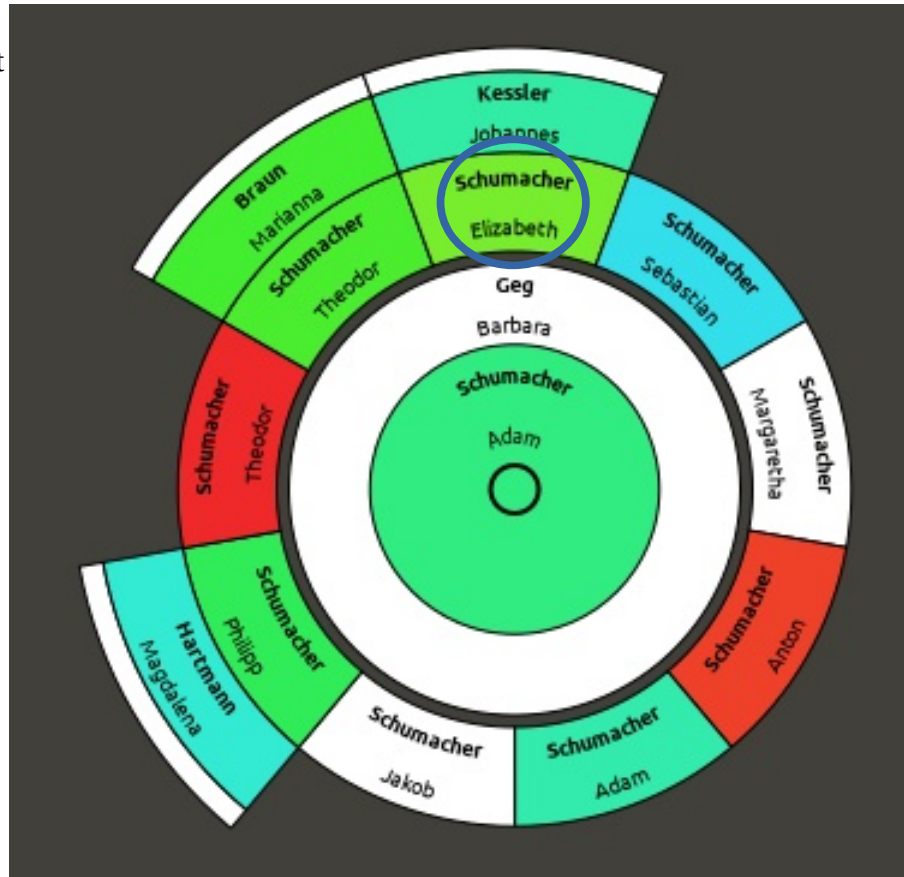


3. Kessler, Wendelin (b. 1852-09-12 - Selz, Russia)
3. Kessler, Sebastian (b. 1853-02-01 - Selz, Russia)
- sp. Philipp, Catharina (b. 1833), m. 1853-05-11 - Selz, Russia
3. Kessler, Catharina (b. 1855-05-03 - Selz, Russia)
3. Kessler, Gertruda (b. 1857-03-19 - Selz, Russia)
2. Kessler, Mathias (b. 1812)
2. Kessler, Johanna (b. 1815-02-17 - Selz, Russia)

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Here is the family of Barbara's maternal grandparents. She eight aunts and uncles and LOTS of cousins on her maternal side.



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<b>Husband: Schumacher, Adam</b>	
Birth	1816 census
	1792
Death	?? Selz Church records??
	1852
Father	
Mother	

<b>Marriage:</b>	
Marriage	1813?
	Selz, Russia

<b>Wife: Geg, Barbara</b>	
Birth	1816 census
	1794
Death	
Father	
Mother	

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Children			
1M	<b>Schumacher, Jakob</b>		
	Birth	1814	Selz, Russia
	Death		
2M	<b>Schumacher, Philipp</b>		
	Birth	1817 or 1814 (preferred)	
	Death	1872-12-30	Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Hartmann, Magdalena	
3M	<b>Schumacher, Theodor</b>		
	Birth	1816	Selz, Russia
	Death	1816	Selz, Russia
4M	<b>Schumacher, Theodor</b>		
	Birth	1818	
	Death	1864	
	Spouse	Braun, Marianna	
5F	<b>Schumacher, Elizabeth</b>		
	Birth	1822	Selz, Russia
	Death	1862-10-29	Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Kessler, Johannes	
	Marriage	1844-11-05	Selz, Russia
6M	<b>Schumacher, Sebastian</b>		
	Birth	<u>1827 or 1828</u>	
	Death	1903	Russia
7F	<b>Schumacher, Margaretha</b>		
	Birth	1829	Selz, Russia
	Death	<u>1862</u>	
8M	<b>Schumacher, Anton</b>		
	Birth	1831	Selz, Russia
	Death	1834	Selz, Russia
9M	<b>Schumacher, Adam</b>		
	Birth	1834-10-10	Selz, Russia
	Death	1900-12-30	Zeeland, McIntosh, North Dakota

From this information it appears that Barbara had seven maternal uncles and one maternal aunt. Following is a list of maternal aunts, uncles, and some cousins. Many of Barbara's maternal uncles and aunts are interesting as people that she would have known in Russia and possibly the Dakotas. Some notes are embedded in the list in ***bold italics***.

2. Schumacher, Jakob (b. 1814 - Selz, Russia)
2. Schumacher, Philipp (b. 1817, d. 1872-12-30 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Hartmann, Magdalena (b. 1817, d. 1888 - Mannheim, Russia)
  - 3. Schumacher, Franz – ***NOTE: A son (Andreas) made it to Rugby, ND. Married Catharina Volk.***
  - 3. Schumacher, Maria Ann (b. 1839, d. 1840)
  - 3. Schumacher, Johannes (b. 1841 - Selz, Russia, d. 1898 - Selz, Russia)
  - 3. Schumacher, Thomas (b. 1843 - Selz, Russia)
  - 3. Schumacher, Anton (b. 1846 - Selz, Russia)

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3. Schumacher, Philipp (b. 1847 - Selz, Russia, d. 1907 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Mack, Elizabeth (b. 1848, d. 1935) – **Note: Elizabeth died in Brown Co., SD.**
  4. Schumacher, Josephine
  4. Schumacher, Johannes
  4. Schumacher, Anna Maria
  4. Schumacher, Anton – **Note: He and his families made it to Brown Co., SD.**
  4. Schumacher, Marianna
  4. Schumacher, Franz – **Note: He and his family made it to Brown Co., SD.**
  4. Schumacher, Magdalena - **Note: She and her family made it to McHenry Co., ND.**
  4. Schumacher, Margaretha (b. 1887, d. 1968) - **Note: She and her family made it to WA.**
    - sp. Weninger, George (b. 1882, d. 1958)
  4. Schumacher, Josephine
  4. Schumacher, Martina- **Note: She and her family made it to McHenry Co., ND.**
- sp. Weninger, Helena
  4. Schumacher, Philipp (b. 1868)
    - sp. Usselman, Theresa (b. 1876)
3. Schumacher, Margaretha (b. 1853 - Selz, Russia)
3. Schumacher, Martha Josefa (b. 1855 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927 – Russia) – **Note: Some of her children made it to WA and ND.**
2. Schumacher, Theodor (b. 1816 - Selz, Russia, d. 1816 - Selz, Russia)
2. Schumacher, Theodor (b. 1818, d. 1864)
  - sp. Braun, Marianna (b. 1817, d. 1864)
    3. Schumacher, Jakob (b. 1840) – **Note: Daughter Elisabetha and family made it to ND and SD.**
    3. Schumacher, Elisabetha (b. 1843)
    3. Schumacher, Klara (b. 1845) – **Note: Some of Klara’s children made it to SD and ND.**
    3. Schumacher, Barbara (b. 1848) – **Note: Barbara and husband made it to ND.**
    3. Schumacher, Joseph Theodor (b. 1850) – **Note: His wife and family made it to ND and WA.**
    3. Schumacher, Sebastian (b. 1853) – **Note: His wife and family made it to ND and SD.**
    3. Schumacher, Paul (b. 1856) **Note: His wife and family made it to ND and SD.**
    3. Schumacher, Adam (b. 1858, d. 1920 - Strasburg, North Dakota)
      - sp. Wolf, Marianna (b. 1863, d. 1894) **Note: His wives and families made it to ND, SD, and MN.**
      4. Schumacher, John J. (b. 1884-03-19 - Selz, Russia, d. 1944-08-06 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
        - sp. Biegler, Theresa (b. 1889, d. 1971 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota), m. 1910-05-10 - Leola, McPherson, North Dakota
          5. Schumacher, Adam P.
          5. Schumacher, Mary Elizabeth
          5. Schumacher, Kathryn Margaret
          5. Schumacher, Michael P. - tom’s dad
          5. Schumacher, Paul
          5. Schumacher, Anna
          5. Schumacher, John P.
          5. Schumacher, Elizabeth
          5. Schumacher, Lydia k.
          5. Schumacher, Joseph John
          5. Schumacher, Delores
          5. Schumacher, Celestine Albert
          5. Schumacher, Theresa
          5. Schumacher, Andrew
  - sp. Wolf, Marianna (b. 1867, d. 1951)
    5. Schumacher, Mary
    5. Schumacher, Veronica
    5. Schumacher, Elizabeth Ann

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4. Schumacher, Joseph (b. 1887, d. 1982 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
4. Schumacher, Anna (b. 1889, d. 1982 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
2. Schumacher, Sebastian (b. 1827, d. 1903 - Russia)
2. Schumacher, Margaretha (b. 1829 - Selz, Russia) – **Note: A child (*Markus Werner*) made it to SD.**
2. Schumacher, Anton (b. 1831 - Selz, Russia, d. 1834 - Selz, Russia)
2. Schumacher, Adam (b. 1834-10-10 - Selz, Russia, d. 1900-12-30 - Zeeland, McIntosh, North Dakota) – **Note: He and his family made it to the Dakotas and WA.**



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<b>Children</b>			
<b>1F</b>	<b>Rombs, Marianna</b>		
	Birth	1835-09-17	Selz, Russia
	Death		
	Spouse	Fetsch, Josef	
	Marriage	1854-10-18	
<b>2F</b>	<b>Rombs, Magdalena</b>		
	Birth	1837-03-18	Selz, Russia
	Death	1839-06-17	Selz, Russia
<b>3F</b>	<b>Rombs, Katharina</b>		
	Birth	1838-09-23	Selz, Russia
	Death	1869-04-22	Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Hirsch, Andreas	
	Marriage	1858-10-13	Selz, Russia
<b>4M</b>	<b>Rombs, Johannes</b>		
	Birth	1840-02-08	Selz, Russia
	Death	1840-12-04	Selz, Russia
<b>5M</b>	<b>Rombs, Franz Josef</b>		
	Birth	1842-03-19	Selz, Russia
	Death	1865-12-10	Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Weigel, Barbara	
	Marriage	1864-10-19	Selz, Russia
<b>6M</b>	<b>Rombs, Johannes</b>		
	Birth	1845-07-01	Selz, Russia
	Death	1914-08-08	South Dakota, USA
	Spouse	Kessler, Barbara	
	Marriage	1866-11-07	Selz, Russia
<b>7F</b>	<b>Rombs, Magdalena</b>		
	Birth	1848-02-17	Selz, Russia
	Death	1853-10-15	Selz, Russia
<b>8M</b>	<b>Rombs, Franz</b>		
	Birth	1849-08-16	Selz, Russia
	Death	1880-12-07	Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Klein, Margaretha	
	Marriage	1874-10-27	Selz, Russia
<b>9M</b>	<b>Rombs, Severin</b>		
	Birth	1852-05-21	Selz, Russia
	Death		



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Regarding siblings that Johannes could have known. -

His older sister, **Marianna** married Josef Fetsch in 1854. Their daughter, Margaretha, (Johannes' niece) married Jakob Goldade in 1877 and eventually moved to the USA (ND), dying in 1951 in Beulah, ND. I have not tracked the other nieces and nephews to determine if they emigrated.

2. Rombs, Marianna (b. 1835-09-17 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Fetsch, Josef (b. 1831), m. 1854-10-18
  3. Fetsch, Katharina (b. 1855)
  3. Fetsch, Michael (b. 1858)
  3. Fetsch, Bernhard (b. 1859)
  3. Fetsch, Magdalena (b. 1860)
  3. Fetsch, Josef (b. 1864)
  3. Fetsch, Margaretha (b. 1856-11-01 - Selz, Russia)

Sister **Katharina** married Andreas Hirsch in 1858, when Johannes was young. Katharina died in 1869 in Russia, but I have not done enough research to determine what became of her children.

2. Rombs, Katharina (b. 1838-09-23 - Selz, Russia, d. 1869-04-22 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Hirsch, Andreas (b. 1836 - Selz, Russia), m. 1858-10-13 - Selz, Russia
  3. Hirsch, Anna
  3. Hirsch, Pilomena

Brother **Franz Joseph** did not survive long (dying just about a year after his marriage), but Johannes could have known him in Russia when Johannes was young.

2. Rombs, Franz Josef (b. 1842-03-19 - Selz, Russia, d. 1865-12-10 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Weigel, Barbara (b. 1843 - Selz, Russia), m. 1864-10-19 - Selz, Russia

Lastly, there is a younger brother **Franz**, who was about four years younger. Again, I presume that they knew each other well. However, brother Franz died about four years before Johannes and his family emigrated. I have not tracked Franz' offspring to determine what became of them.

2. Rombs, Franz (b. 1849-08-16 - Selz, Russia, d. 1880-12-07 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Klein, Margaretha (b. 1854 - Selz, Russia), m. 1874-10-27 - Selz, Russia
  3. Rombs, Ferdinand (b. 1875)
  3. Rombs, Elisabetha (b. 1877)
  3. Rombs, Katharina



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With just circumstantial evidence I presume that Johannes' mother Katherina died shortly after the birth of the child named Severin noted above. (Her death in July, 1852, followed his birth by just two months.) In just over a year (on 10/12/1853) Johannes' father Franz Joseph married a much younger Barbara Hirsch. Together they had a family consisting of six half siblings to Johannes. They are shown below.

### Family Group Report

<b>Husband: Rombs, Franz Joseph</b>		
Birth	1816 census	
	1811	Selz, Russia
Death	1879-07-12	Selz, Russia
Father	Rombs, Franz	
Mother	Sennhauser, Katharina	

<b>Marriage:</b>		
Marriage	1853-10-12	Selz, Russia

<b>Wife: Hirsch, Barbara</b>		
Birth	est. from marriage doc.	
	1833	Selz, Russia
Death		
Father	Hirsch, Andreas	
Mother	Rappold, Magdalena	

<b>Children</b>		
<b>1F</b>	<b>Rombs, Margaretha</b>	
	Birth	1856-11-28 Selz, Russia
	Death	
<b>2M</b>	<b>Rombs, Wendelin</b>	
	Birth	1858-02-23 Selz, Russia
	Death	
<b>3M</b>	<b>Rombs, Georg</b>	
	Birth	1859-09-16 Selz, Russia
	Death	1859-10-14 Selz, Russia
<b>4F</b>	<b>Rombs, Magdalena</b>	
	Birth	1860-11-19 Selz, Russia
	Death	
<b>5F</b>	<b>Rombs, Margaretha</b>	
	Birth	1862-06-14 Selz, Russia
	Death	
<b>6M</b>	<b>Rombs, Wendelin</b>	
	Birth	1863-09-18 Selz, Russia
	Death	

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Of all of these, the only one that I have been able to trace is **Magdalena**, who married Xavieri Senger b. 1858 of Strassburg. Their children are thought to be . . .

- Mary Magdalena Senger, who stayed in and died in Russia.
- Joseph Senger, who emigrated and ended up in Alberta, dying there in 1953.
- Johannes Senger, who also emigrated and ended up in Los Angeles, dying there in 1962.
- Barbara Senger, who may have married Joseph Schmaltz b.1896.

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Franz Joseph's second wife (Barbara Hirsch) must have died time time after 1863, after which he married as indicated as follows. Thus ended the long line of 16 children attributable to Franz Joseph Rombs!

### Family Group Report – Third Marriage 4/24/1877

<b>Husband: Rombs, Franz Joseph</b>		
Birth	1816 census	
	1811	Selz, Russia
Death	1879-07-12	Selz, Russia
Father	Rombs, Franz	
Mother	Sennhauser, Katharina	

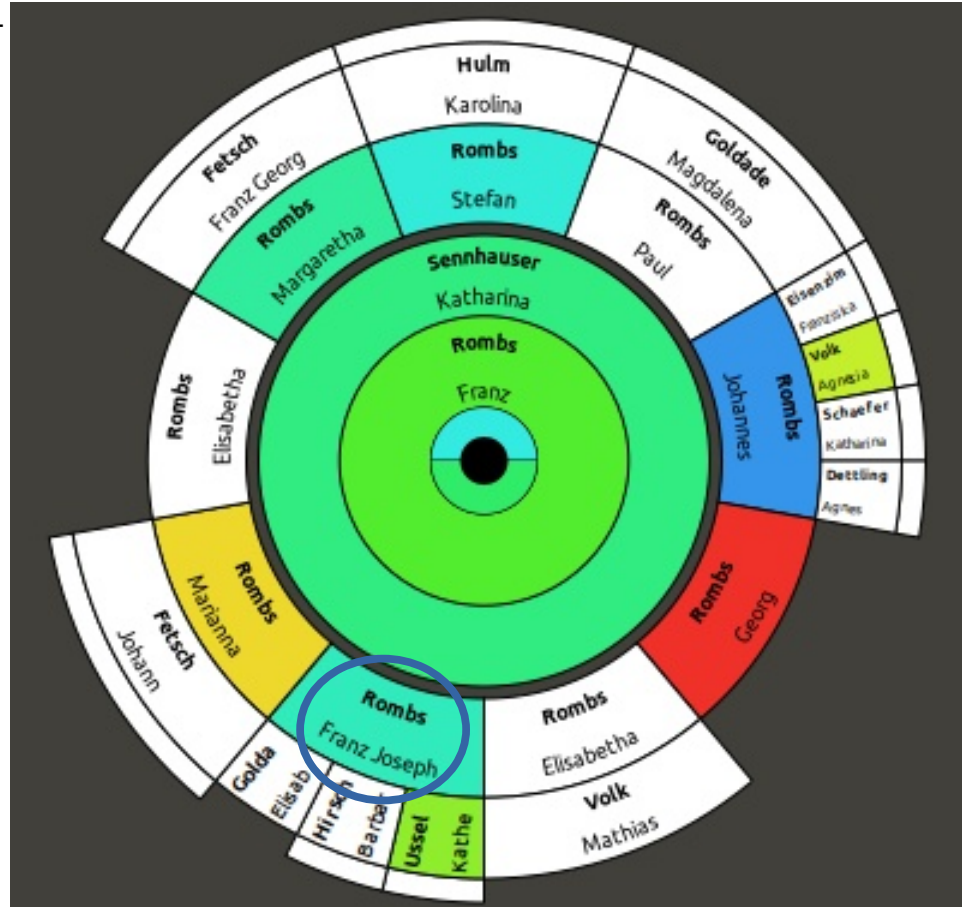
<b>Wife: Goldade, Elisabetha</b>		
Birth	est. based on marriage doc. (w/FranzJoseph Rombs)	
	1817	
Death		
Father		
Mother		

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## Johannes: Aunts, Uncles, & Cousins

Johannes had quite a few paternal aunts, uncles, and cousins but relatively few maternal ones. Here are paternal aunts, uncles, and cousins.



## Family Group Report

<b>Husband: Rombs, Franz</b>	
Birth	kaidenburg, alsace; <a href="https://www.meyersgaz.org/place/10912020">https://www.meyersgaz.org/place/10912020</a> ??
	1791
Death	1836-02-13 Selz, Russia
Father	Rombs, Franz Ludwig
Mother	Werner, Margaretha

<b>Marriage:</b>	
Marriage	
Immigration	20151231 email from Dennis Roth conveying info from the Saratov Archives (from Kessel-dorf, Elsass)
	1808-06-22 Selz, Russia

<b>Wife: Sennhauser, Katharina</b>	
Birth	1791-02-09



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Death	1852	Selz, Russia
Father	Sennhauser, Johann Georg	
Mother	Kah, Elizabeth	

Children		
<b>1M</b>	<b>Rombs, Franz Joseph</b>	
	Birth	1811 Selz, Russia
	Death	1879-07-12 Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Usselmann, Katherina
	Marriage	1834-10-21 Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Hirsch, Barbara
	Marriage	1853-10-12 Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Goldade, Elisabetha
<b>2F</b>	<b>Rombs, Marianna</b>	
	Birth	1812 Selz, Russia
	Death	1834-09-11 Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Fetsch, Johann
<b>3F</b>	<b>Rombs, Elisabetha</b>	
	Birth	1814 Selz, Russia
<b>4F</b>	<b>Rombs, Margaretha</b>	
	Birth	1815-09-25 Selz, Russia
	Death	1879-12-29 Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Fetsch, Franz Georg
<b>5M</b>	<b>Rombs, Stefan</b>	
	Birth	1819 Selz, Russia
	Death	1891 Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Hulm, Karolina
<b>6M</b>	<b>Rombs, Paul</b>	
	Birth	1825 Selz, Russia
	Death	
	Spouse	Goldade, Magdalena
<b>7M</b>	<b>Rombs, Johannes</b>	
	Birth	1826 Selz, Russia
	Death	1913 Blumenfeld, Russia
	Spouse	Eisenzimmer, Franziska
	Marriage	1858-10-06 Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Volk, Agnesia
Marriage	1845-09-16 Selz, Russia	

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	Spouse	Schaefer, Katharina	
	Spouse	Dettling, Agnes	
<b>8M</b>	<b>Rombs, Georg</b>		
	Birth	1832-02-02	Selz, Russia
	Death	1833-09-03	Selz, Russia
<b>9F</b>	<b>Rombs, Elisabetha</b>		
	Birth	1834-04-25	Selz, Russia
	Death		
	Spouse	Volk, Mathias	
	Marriage	1855-01-17	Selz, Russia

I believe that it is true that none of the following aunts and uncles emigrated. However, it is likely that at least some of Johannes' paternal cousins did.

His father's sister, Marianna married into the Fetsch family (as did one of Johannes' sisters). I have not followed this family in detail.

2. Rombs, Marianna (b. 1812 - Selz, Russia, d. 1834-09-11 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Fetsch, Johann (b. 1812), m. 1833-11-05
  3. Fetsch, Marianna (b. 1833-11-14 - Selz, Russia, d. 1833)
  3. Fetsch, Johannes (b. 1834-09-03 - Selz, Russia)

Aunt Margaretha had a number of children with another Fetsch family member (a son of the first mayor of Selz if I have my information correct). The children could have interacted with Johannes as some were of about the same age as Johannes.

2. Rombs, Margaretha (b. 1815-09-25 - Selz, Russia, d. 1879-12-29 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Fetsch, Franz Georg (b. 1813 - Selz, Russia), m. 1838-11-06 - Selz, Russia
  3. Fetsch, Johann (b. 1839)
  3. Fetsch, Katharina (b. 1842-05-24 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Fetsch, Thomas (b. 1844-12-21 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Wagner, Marianna (b. 1848), m. 1866-11-07
  3. Fetsch, Julianna (b. 1847-05-03 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Fetsch, Franz (b. 1850 - Selz, Russia, d. 1911-04-25 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Fetsch, Elizabetha (b. 1852 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Fetsch, Anna (b. 1854-03-27 - Selz, Russia)

Stefan is an uncle that had many children and who stayed in Russia. At least some of his children emigrated, however. Georg immigrated to North Dakota (near Devils Lake). And, I believe that Anton's son Walter b. 1874 immigrated to Brown Co., South Dakota.

2. Rombs, Stefan (b. 1819 - Selz, Russia, d. 1891 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Hulm, Karolina (b. 1822), m. 1838-11-06 - Selz, Russia
  3. Rombs, Franz (b. 1839, d. 1840)
  3. Rombs, Anton (b. 1840)  
sp. Jung, Julianna (b. 1845)
  3. Rombs, Georg (b. 1843, d. 1916 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Weigel, Franziska (b. 1844-10-24 - Selz, Russia)

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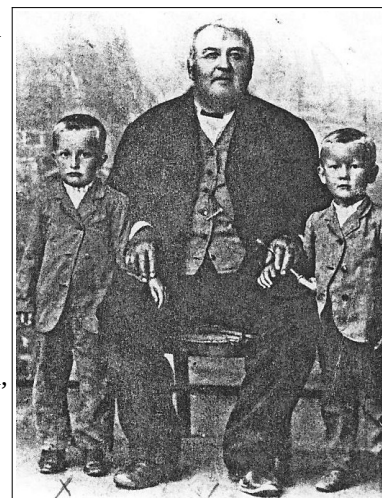


- 3. Rombs, Andreas (b. 1845, d. 1845)
- 3. Rombs, Rosina (b. 1846)
- 3. Rombs, Marianna (b. 1848 - Selz, Russia)
- 3. Rombs, Katharina (b. 1850)
- 3. Rombs, Helena (b. 1852 - Selz, Russia)
- 3. Rombs, Magdalena (b. 1854)
- 3. Rombs, Elisabetha (b. 1857)
- 3. Rombs, Thaddeus (b. 1859)
- 3. Rombs, Balthazar (b. 1860)
- 3. Rombs, Thaddeus (b. 1863)

I have limited information about about the family of Paul Rombs.

- 2. Rombs, Paul (b. 1825 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Goldade, Magdalena (b. 1827 - Selz, Russia), m. 1847-10-12
    - 3. Rombs, Katharina (b. 1849 - Selz, Russia, d. 1850-05-08 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Rombs, Johann (b. 1851 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Rombs, Georg (d. 1858 - Selz, Russia)

Next there is an uncle also named Johannes, who stayed behind in Russia and married four times. His picture has been confused by my family for some time as a picture of his nephew (my great grandfather) Johannes. Here is the picture, taken about 1900 in Russia with a couple grandchildren.



- 2. Rombs, Johannes (b. 1826 - Selz, Russia, d. 1913 - Blumenfeld, Russia)
  - sp. Eisenzimmer, Franziska (b. 1837 - Selz, Russia), m. 1858-10-06 - Selz, Russia
    - 3. Rombs, Magdalena (b. 1859-11-07 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Rombs, Elizabeth (b. 1861-12-03 - Selz, Russia, d. 1945 - Blumenfeld, Russia)
      - sp. Kiefel, Eugen (b. 1854 - Franzfeld, Russia, d. 1929 - Blumenfeld, Russia)
    - 3. Rombs, Michael (b. 1864-04-20 - Blumenfeld, Russia, d. 1920 - Neu-Petersburg, Russia)
      - sp. Hatzenbuehler, Barbara (b. 1871-09-11 - Neu-Baden, Russia, d. 1933-12-20 - Neu-Petersburg, Russia), m. 1891
      - 3. Rombs, Christina (b. 1866-04-28 - Russia)
      - 3. Rombs, Dorothea (b. 1868-07-10 - Russia)
  - sp. Volk, Agnesia (b. 1828 - Baden, Kutschurgan, d. 1858-05-09 - Selz, Russia), m. 1845-09-16 - Selz, Russia
    - 3. Rombs, Katharina (b. 1846 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Rombs, Marianna (b. 1850-02-01 - Selz, Russia, d. 1852-12-26 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Rombs, Balthazar R. (b. 1853-05-23 - Selz, Russia, d. 1926-05-11)
      - sp. Wagner, Helena (Halaline) (b. 1854-05-28 - Franzfeld, Russia, d. 1932-09-14)
    - 3. Rombs, Helena (b. 1855 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Rombs, Wendelin (b. 1856-09-02 - Selz, Russia, d. 1856-09-10 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Rombs, Anton (b. 1858-04-20 - Selz, Russia, d. 1858-08-14 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Schaefer, Katharina
    - 3. Rombs, Franz (b. 1870)
  - sp. Dettling, Agnes
    - 3. Rombs, Albina (b. 1877-04-06)

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One of these cousins listed above, Balthazar, immigrated with his family to south Texas in 1886. This family is well documented elsewhere. They lived so far from my Rombs family that they likely did not interact in the USA. However, in Selz they could have interacted. A picture of Balthazar and his wife is shown here.



Other cousins that were descendants of Uncle Johannes remained in Russia. Some descendants along this line (like Niko Heinz, mentioned earlier) have moved from Russia to Germany. Because of his knowledge, Niko has been very helpful by correcting my mistakes.

Uncle Georg did not survive long enough for him to be known to my great grandfather.

2. Rombs, Georg (b. 1832-02-02 - Selz, Russia, d. 1833-09-03 - Selz, Russia)

An Aunt Elizabeth married Mathias Volk. I have not followed this Volk/Rombs family in detail.

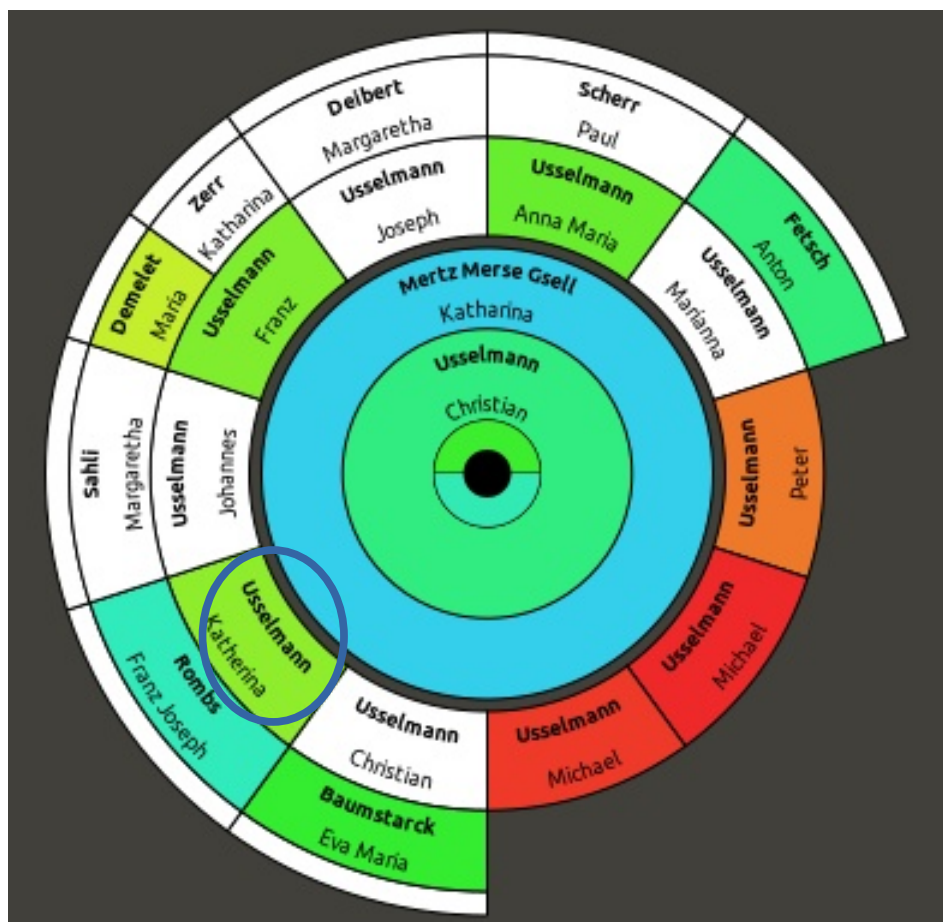
2. Rombs, Elizabetha (b. 1834-04-25 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Volk, Mathias (b. 1833 - Selz, Russia), m. 1855-01-17 - Selz, Russia





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Here is Johannes' maternal side – the family of his mother, Katharina Usselmann.



### Family Group Report

<b>Husband: Usselmann, Christian</b>		
Birth	1813 census	
	1793-03-19	Niederseebach, Weissburg, Elsass, Germany
Death	1853-05-14	Selz, Russia
Father	Usselmann, Martin	
Mother	Graff, Elisabetha	

<b>Marriage:</b>		
Marriage	Kutschurgan	
	1813-12-22	

<b>Wife: Mertz Merse Gsell, Katharina</b>		
Birth	1813 census	
	1786	Salmbach, Weiss, Elsass, Germany
Death	1864	Selz, Russia
Father	Mertz Merse, Franz	
Mother		

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Children			
<b>1M</b>	<b>Usselmann, Christian</b>		
	Birth	1814	
	Death		
	Spouse	Baumstarck, Eva Maria	
	Marriage	1835-11-17	Selz, Russia
<b>2F</b>	<b>Usselmann, Katherina</b>		
	Birth	1815-03-12	Selz, Russia
	Death	1852-07-18	Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Rombs, Franz Joseph	
	Marriage	1834-10-21	Selz, Russia
<b>3M</b>	<b>Usselmann, Johannes</b>		
	Birth	1817	Selz, Russia
	Death		
	Spouse	Sahli, Margaretha	
	Marriage	1837	Selz, Russia
<b>4M</b>	<b>Usselmann, Franz</b>		
	Birth	1819	Selz, Russia
	Death	1858	Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Demelet, Maria Anna	
	Marriage	1840	Selz, Russia
	Spouse	Zerr, Katharina	
	Marriage	1852	Selz, Russia
<b>5M</b>	<b>Usselmann, Joseph</b>		
	Birth	1822	Selz, Russia
	Death		
	Spouse	Deibert, Margaretha	
	Marriage	1841	Selz, Russia
<b>6F</b>	<b>Usselmann, Anna Maria</b>		
	Birth	1821	Selz, Russia
	Death	1863	Kandel, Russia
	Spouse	Scherr, Paul	
	Marriage	1840-11-10	Selz, Russia
<b>7F</b>	<b>Usselmann, Marianna</b>		
	Birth	1824	Selz, Russia
	Death		
	Spouse	Fetsch, Anton	
	Marriage	1843-10-24	Selz, Russia
<b>8M</b>	<b>Usselmann, Peter</b>		
	Birth	1828	Selz, Russia
	Death	1838-02-24	Selz, Russia
<b>9M</b>	<b>Usselmann, Michael</b>		
	Birth	1830-05-10	Selz, Russia

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	Death	1831	Selz, Russia
10M	<b>Usselmann, Michael</b>		
	Birth	1832-03-31	Selz, Russia
	Death	1835	Selz, Russia

Here is some information that I have discovered about Johannes' maternal aunts, uncles, and cousins. There are many! I have not traced very many, but it is clear that some of Johannes' maternal cousins made it to SD, ND, and Canada.

Uncle Christian and Aunt Eva Maria produced some children that were of about the same age as Johannes. Some descendants lived in SD.

2. Usselmann, Christian (b. 1814)
  - sp. Baumstarck, Eva Maria (b. 1816, d. 1865), m. 1835-11-17 - Selz, Russia
    3. Usselmann, Margaretha (b. 1836 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Valentin (b. 1838 - Selz, Russia)
      - sp. Wagner, Christina (b. 1840)
        4. Usselmann, Franz (b. 1880)
          - sp. Rombs, Barbara (b. 1880)
            5. Usselmann, Sylvester (b. 1910)
            5. Usselmann, Pius (b. 1912)
            5. Usselmann, Franz (b. 1916)
          4. Usselmann, Bernhard (b. 1883)
  3. Usselmann, Peter (b. 1841) – *Note: A child named Christian married a daughter of Barbara's sister Margaretha and Johannes' first cousin Alexander. They lived in Mercer Co., ND, and McPherson Co., SD.*
    3. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1843, d. 1891)
    3. Usselmann, Josef (b. 1845 - Selz, Russia, d. 1847 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Catharina (b. 1848 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Johann (b. 1850)
    3. Usselmann, Josef (b. 1852 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Wendelin (b. 1854, d. - Selz, Russia)
      - sp. Schumacher, Catharina (b. 1861), m. 1880-04-20
        4. Usselmann, Helena (b. 1881 - Selz, Russia)
          - sp. Schatz, Baltazar
            5. Schatz, Ambrosius
              - sp. unknown, unknown wife of Ambrosius Schatz
            5. Schatz, Gabriel
            5. Schatz, Angelica
            5. Schatz, Wendelin
          4. Usselmann, Eva
          4. Usselmann, Helene's sibling 1
          4. Usselmann, Helene's sibling 2
  3. Usselmann, Franz (b. 1856 - Selz, Russia, d. 1858 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Marianna (b. 1858 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Bernhard (b. 1861)

I have not traced the children of this uncle, but there were clearly cousins that Johannes could have known in Russia.

2. Usselmann, Johannes (b. 1817 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Sahli, Margaretha (b. 1816 - Selz, Russia), m. 1837 - Selz, Russia

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3. Usselmann, Carolina (b. 1837 - Selz, Russia, d. 1837 - Selz, Russia)
3. Usselmann, Karolina (b. 1838 - Selz, Russia)
3. Usselmann, Katharina (b. 1841 - Selz, Russia)
3. Usselmann, Nicolaus (b. 1845 - Selz, Russia, d. 1848 - Selz, Russia)
3. Usselmann, Anna (b. 1847 - Selz, Russia)
3. Usselmann, Johannes (b. 1849 - Selz, Russia)
3. Usselmann, Georg (b. 1852 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Voeller, Helen (b. 1852)
    4. Usselmann, Theresa (b. 1876)
      - sp. Schumacher, Philipp (b. 1868)
3. Usselmann, Lucia (b. 1855 - Selz, Russia)
3. Usselmann, Elisabetha (b. 1860 - Selz, Russia)
3. Usselmann, Franz Joseph (b. 1860 - Selz, Russia)
3. Usselmann, Kasimir (b. 1861 - Selz, Russia)
3. Usselmann, Johannes (b. 1863 - Selz, Russia)

I have not traced the children of this uncle, but there were clearly cousins that Johannes could have known in Russia.

2. Usselmann, Franz (b. 1819 - Selz, Russia, d. 1858 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Demelet, Maria Anna (b. 1822, d. 1852 - Selz, Russia), m. 1840 - Selz, Russia
    3. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1842 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Anna (b. 1843 - Selz, Russia, d. 1844 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Josef (b. 1846 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Franz (b. 1849 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Christian (b. 1851 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Zerr, Katharina, m. 1852 - Selz, Russia
    3. Usselmann, Marianna (b. 1853 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Christina (b. 1854 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Marianna (b. 1857 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Margaretha (b. 1860 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Catharina (b. 1861 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Helena (b. 1864 - Selz, Russia)

I have not traced the children of Josef Usselmann, but there were clearly cousins that Johannes could have known in Russia and some along this line made it to ND and CA.

2. Usselmann, Joseph (b. 1822 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Deibert, Margaretha (b. 1825 - Selz, Russia), m. 1841 - Selz, Russia
    3. Usselmann, Ludwig (b. 1842 - Selz, Russia, d. 1849 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Alexander (b. 1844 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927-06-28 - Hazen, Mercer, North Dakota)
      - sp. Kessler, Margaretha (b. 1845-08-04 - Selz, Russia, d. 1928-10-25 - McLean, North Dakota), m. 1865-11-08 - Selz, Russia
        4. Usselmann, Valentine (b. 1866 - Selz, Russia)
        4. Usselmann, John (b. 1867-10-15 - Selz, Russia, d. 1944-10-07 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
          - sp. Detling, Marianna, m. 1894-10-11
        4. Usselmann, Anna (b. 1869-05-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927-05-09 - Hazen, Mercer, North Dakota)
        4. Usselmann, Margareta (b. 1872-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1955-02-19 - Dickenson, Stark, North Dakota)
          - sp. Geisinger, Konstantin (b. 1870-09-15 - Russia, d. 1942-02-06 - North Dakota)
      4. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1874 - Selz, Russia)
      4. Usselmann, Julianna (b. 1877-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1949-01-26 - Mercer, North Dakota)

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- sp. Hoepfner, Jacob (b. 1874-09-29 - Baden, Kutschurgan, d. 1949-10-02 - Bismark, North Dakota), m. 1896-11-13 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
  - 5. Hipfner, Joseph (b. 1901-04-20 - Morton, North Dakota, d. 1987-10-26 - Morton, North Dakota)
- 4. Usselmann, Josef (b. 1882 - Selz, Russia)
- 4. Usselmann, Adam (b. 1886-06-20 - Selz, Russia, d. 1947-03-12)
- 3. Usselmann, Joseph (b. 1846)
- 3. Usselmann, Johannes (b. 1849)
- 3. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1851)
- 3. Usselmann, Katherine (b. 1853, d. 1937)
  - sp. Hoffart, Balthasar (b. 1853, d. 1926)
    - 4. Hoffart, Alexander
    - 4. Hoffart, Margaret
    - 4. Hoffart, Mary Ann (b. 1881, d. 1947)
  - sp. Kesler, John Nicholas (b. 1872, d. 1951)
    - 5. Kesler, Wilhem (b. 1900, d. 1927)
    - 5. Kesler, John (b. 1901, d. 1952)
    - 5. Kesler, Elizabeth (b. 1903, d. 1984)
    - 5. Kesler, Mary (b. 1905, d. 1927)
    - 5. Kesler, Frank (b. 1907, d. 1958)
    - 5. Kesler, Joseph (b. 1909, d. 1984)
    - 5. Kesler, Herman (b. 1911, d. 1987)
    - 5. Kesler, Edward (b. 1914, d. 1972)
    - 5. Kesler, Nicholas (b. 1918, d. 1978)
  - 4. Hoffart, Josef
  - 4. Hoffart, Michael
  - 4. Hoffart, Rochus
  - 4. Hoffart, Elizabeth
  - 4. Hoffart, Martha
- 3. Usselmann, Anna (b. 1855 - Selz, North Dakota)
- 3. Usselmann, Magdalena (b. 1857 - Selz, Russia)
- 3. Usselmann, Margaretha (b. 1859 - Selz, Russia)
- 3. Usselmann, Elisabetha (b. 1862 - Selz, Russia)

I have not traced the children of this aunt, but there were clearly cousins that Johannes could have known in Russia.

- 2. Usselmann, Anna Maria (b. 1821 - Selz, Russia, d. 1863 - Kandel, Russia)
  - sp. Scherr, Paul (b. 1815 - Selz, Russia), m. 1840-11-10 - Selz, Russia
    - 3. Scherr, Johann (b. 1840 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Scherr, Margaretha (b. 1843 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Scherr, Franz (b. 1848 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Scherr, Magdalena (b. 1851 - Kandel, Russia)
    - 3. Scherr, Marianna (b. 1854 - Kandel, Russia)
    - 3. Scherr, Peter (b. 1856 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Scherr, Michael (b. 1859 - Kandel, Russia)
    - 3. Scherr, Magdalena (b. 1862 - Kandel, Russia)
    - 3. Scherr, Gertruda (b. 1863 - Kandel, Russia)

I have not traced the children of this aunt, but there were clearly cousins that Johannes could have known in Russia.

- 2. Usselmann, Marianna (b. 1824 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Fetsch, Anton (b. 1820, d. 1879 - Selz, Russia), m. 1843-10-24 - Selz, Russia

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3. Fetsch, Serafina (b. 1844, d. 1846 - Selz, Russia)
3. Fetsch, Franz (b. 1846)
3. Fetsch, Marrianna (b. 1848, d. 1928)
3. Fetsch, Anton (b. 1849 - Selz, Russia)
3. Fetsch, Katharina (b. 1850, d. 1870)
3. Fetsch, Apolonia (b. 1852)
3. Fetsch, Helena (b. 1854 - Selz, Russia)
3. Fetsch, Anna (b. 1858 - Selz, Russia, d. 1858 - Selz, Russia)
3. Fetsch, Margaretha (b. 1859, d. 1860 - Selz, Russia)
3. Fetsch, Regina (b. 1861)
3. Fetsch, Bernhard (b. 1865, d. 1866-04-16 - Selz, Russia)

The following three uncles sis not survive long enough for Johannes to have known them.

2. Usselmann, Peter (b. 1828 - Selz, Russia, d. 1838-02-24 - Selz, Russia)
2. Usselmann, Michael (b. 1830-05-10 - Selz, Russia, d. 1831 - Selz, Russia)
2. Usselmann, Michael (b. 1832-03-31 - Selz, Russia, d. 1835 - Selz, Russia)

I have not traced the children of this uncle (Josef) very effective;y, but there were clearly cousins that Johannes could have known in Russia. At least one cousin, Alexander Usselmann, married Barbara's sister, and they lived in ND. (Noted earlier.)

2. Usselmann, Joseph (b. 1822 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Deibert, Margaretha (b. 1825 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Alexander (b. 1845-07-05, d. 1927-06-28 - Hazen, Mercer, North Dakota)
      - sp. Kessler, Margaretha (b. 1845-08-04 - Selz, Russia, d. 1928-10-05 - McLean, North Dakota), m. 1865-11-08 - Selz, Russia
    3. Usselmann, Joseph (b. 1846)
    3. Usselmann, Johann (b. 1849)
    3. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1851)
    3. Usselmann, Katherine (b. 1853, d. 1937)
      - sp. Hoffart, Balthasar (b. 1853, d. 1926)



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## Emigration/Immigration

As mentioned earlier, Alexander II's rule started in 1855. He was assassinated in 1881, but around 1871 he took actions that started a general abrogation of the favorable policies toward the German Russians. (The photo of him at the right is in the public domain -

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander\\_II\\_of\\_Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_II_of_Russia) .)

So, it is little wonder that my relatives began to consider how to deal with increased taxes and forced conscription. And, it can not be an accident that "travel agents" started selling package deals to travel to the USA. I have not seen their sales materials nor heard their pitch, but I am sure that the agents greatly over sold the benefits of settling new land in the Americas.



Johannes and Barbara were some of the first Kutschugan people that decided to sell what they could and make the trip with their family to Dakota territory in 1884.

Their journey probably started by rail in either Tiraspol or Odessa. Railroad service had been completed to the region in the early 1860s, and it connected them to the rest of Western Europe. Bremerhaven was their first destination, from which they embarked on an ocean voyage to the USA. Following is an extract from a map (<http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/cat/bib/8623828>) to illustrate the rail system in south Russia. (Red lines are rail lines.)





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The familysearch.org website has devoted a page to emigration through Bremen. See [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Bremen\\_Emigration/Immigration](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Bremen_Emigration/Immigration) for information about what records exist. There are also contemporary German websites that explain much of the Bremerhaven experience. See <https://www.deutsche-auswanderer-datenbank.de/index.php?id=275> and <https://www.historisches-museum-bremerhaven.de/>. There is a gallery of pictures that help to illustrate the emigrant experience. Here is an example showing a Bremerhaven dock scene in 1880, four years before Johannes and Barbara and family were there.



Auswanderer in Bremerhaven, Holzstich von 1880  
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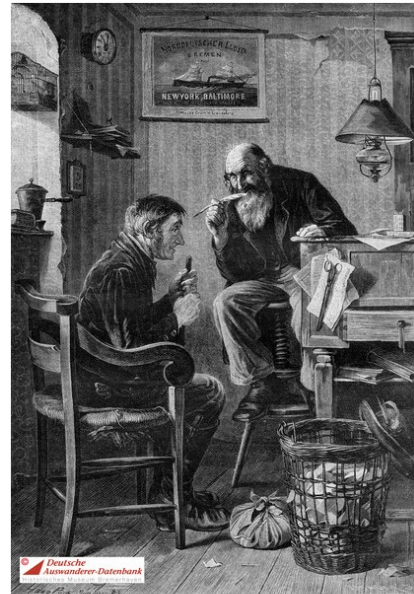




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Here is an engraving illustrating an emigrant interacting with an agent of the North German Lloyd Line (Norddeutscher Lloyd).



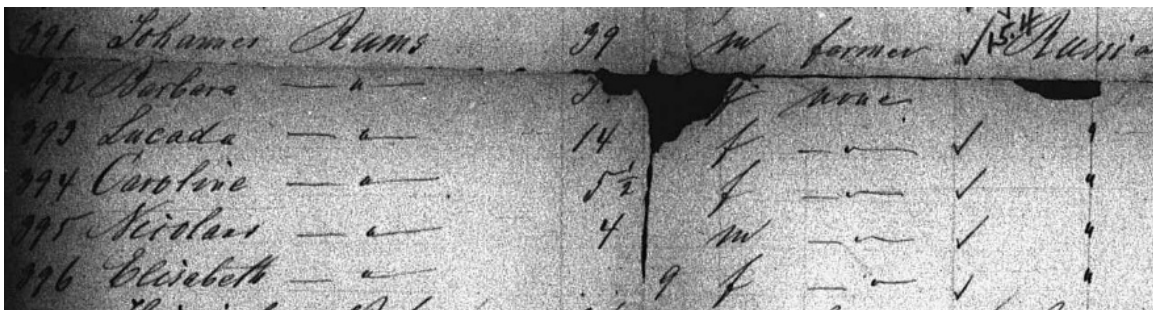
At the emigration agent, wood engraving from 1883  
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Barbara and Johannes and their family traveled on a ship named the Oder. They arrived at the Castle Garden disembarkation site late in November, 1884. For information about the history of the ship, see [http://www.norwayheritage.com/p\\_ship.asp?sh=oder2](http://www.norwayheritage.com/p_ship.asp?sh=oder2) . The route of travel was from Bremen to Southampton, England, to New York. Capacity was about 90 first-class, 126 second-class, and 650 third-class (steerage) passengers, with a crew of crew of 103.

For information about Castle Garden, see <http://www.castlegarden.org/> .

A copy of the ship manifest showing the family can be found here <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVSV-3FB5> .



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There is also information available about the ship (The Elbe) on which Barbara's brothers Franz and Josef Kessler traveled with their families in the Fall of 1885. See <https://www.deutsche-auswanderer-datenbank.de/index.php?id=563> . A model of the ship is shown here. There is also a cut away section that shows the various levels of the ship – the third below the main deck being where the families spent about three weeks in passage to their destination – Castle Garden at the Port of NY.



A copy of the ship manifest can be found here <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVRS-LXYD> . Here is the section showing Franz, his family along with one B. Dorsch (probably Dosch), who probably is related to people by the same name in Selz and Edmunds Co.

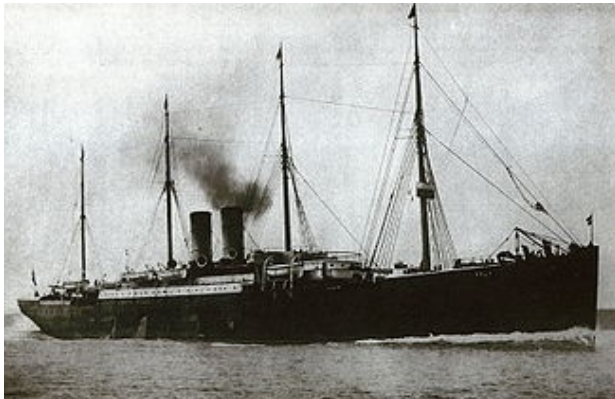
Franz Kessler	31	m	farmer	✓
Barbara	31	f	wife	✓
Maria	8	f	child	✓
Michael	2	m		✓
B. Dorsch	21		workman	

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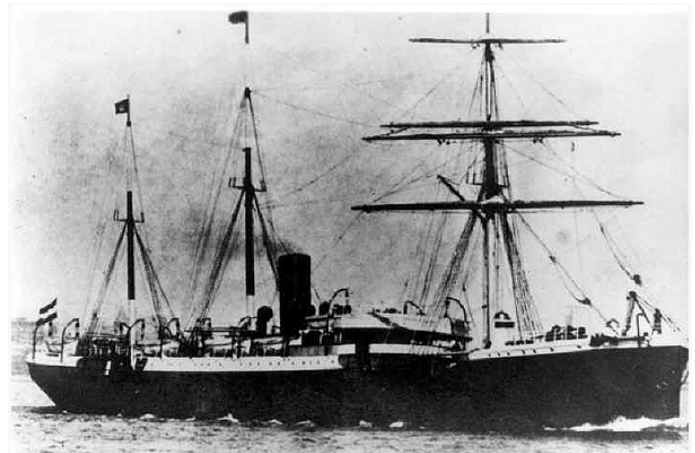
Next is the section that shows the family of Josef Kessler, including wife Anna and daughters Edith and Frances.

Josef Kessler	30	m	farmer	✓
Anna	28	f	wife	✓
Edith	2	m	child	✓
Frances	8	f	child	✓



For more information about the Elbe, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS\\_Elbe\\_\(1881\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Elbe_(1881)).

Barbara's brother Rochus and his family must have traveled much the same route, arriving in Castle Garden in the Fall of 1888. Their ship was the Rhaetia (Hamburg America Line). See [http://www.norwayheritage.com/p\\_ship.asp?sh=rhaet](http://www.norwayheritage.com/p_ship.asp?sh=rhaet) for more information about the ship.



Their immigration is recorded at <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVSL-87XJ>.

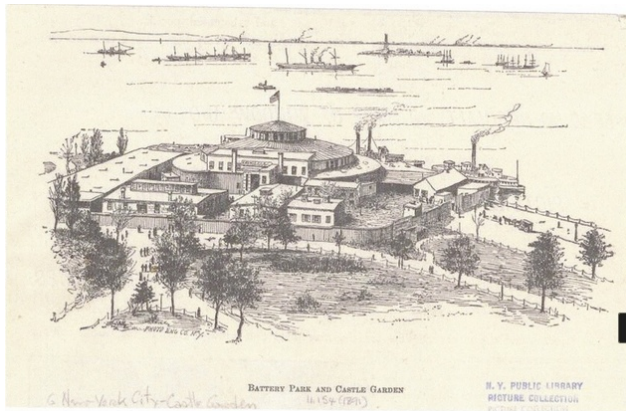
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A copy of the ship manifest follows to show the family members.

4.	Rochus Kessler	33		u	
5.	Bregita	26		few.	wife
6.	Felia		9.	m.	Relig.
7.	Agnesia	4.		few.	daughter
8.	Sofia	20.		m.	sumer
9.	Dominik	17		"	"
330.	Wendelin	22		"	"

The Castle Garden experience is well documented elsewhere. See for example the book [A Day in Castle Garden](#), by Louis Bagger ([https://www.worldcat.org/title/day-in-castle-garden/oclc/70890575&referer=brief\\_results](https://www.worldcat.org/title/day-in-castle-garden/oclc/70890575&referer=brief_results) ). The site is now managed by the National Park Service (<https://www.nps.gov/media/photo/gallery.htm?id=CA595716-155D-451F-675EBBAD8A6BA3FC> ), which provides images like the following..



Immigrants were screened and held over if unwell. After successfully passing this hurdle, then there must have been agent-supplied transportation to a local train station for the next leg of the journey (to Dakota Territory).

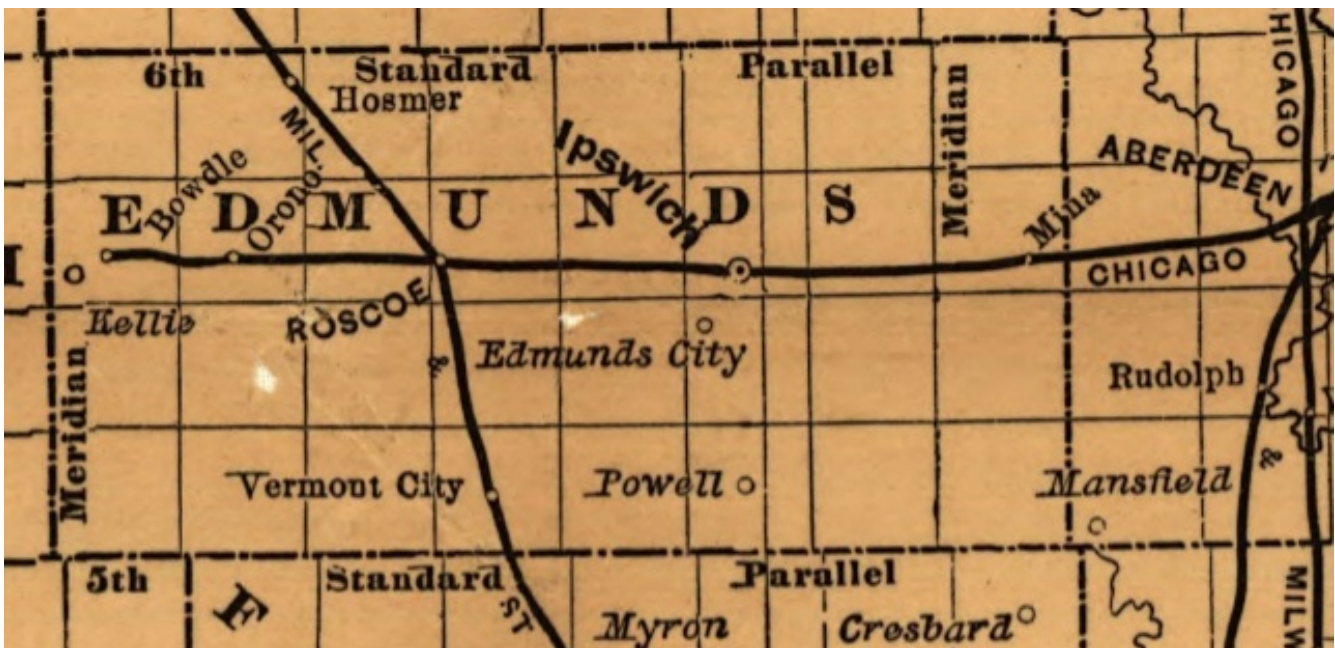
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In 1883, there was no railroad access to their destination west of the James River. The railroad only reached Ipswich, their ultimate destination in 1884. Here is a railroad map from 1883 from the Library of Congress. (<https://lccn.loc.gov/98688749> )



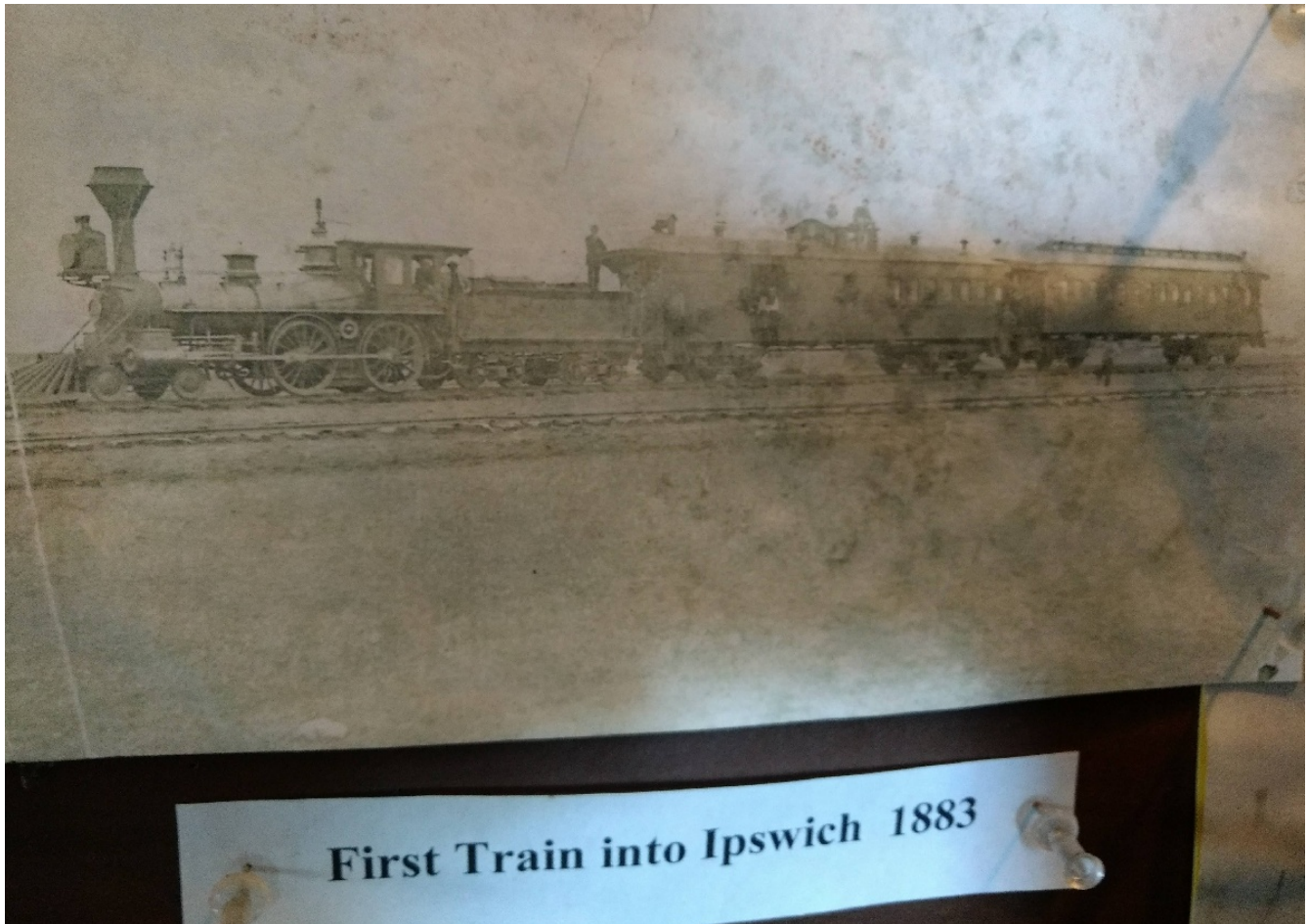
By 1886, rail service reached to Bowdle. See <https://lccn.loc.gov/98688534> .



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In fact, the railroad reached Ipswich in November, 1883, according to a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary book for the town in a museum in Ipswich.



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More evidence that the town was just in its infancy when the Rombs family arrived is found in a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary book for the town, an excerpt of which follows.

by a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners appointed by Governor Ordway consisting of Louis F. Diefendorf, Loren A. Barbour and Charles N. Skillman at the Skillman House on the townsite of Edmunds. The Board after organizing adjourned until the next day when the county seat was located at Edmunds by a vote of two for Edmunds and one for Freeport. At this meeting C. L. Pratt was appointed Register of Deeds, and the Board adjourned to meet August 13th. At this meeting W. R. Ruggles, who had been appointed Clerk of Courts by the district judge, qualified. The board appointed John Hughes of Powell City, Sheriff; A. B. Allen of Freeport, Treasurer; John Sweet of Georgetown, Assessor; J. A. Rice of Roscoe County Judge; and adjourned to August 27th, when J. W. Parmley was appointed Superintendent of Schools; and C. L. Seabright, Coroner; also justices and constables were appointed and the organization was completed.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway extended its line from Aberdeen west 26 miles to the center of a triangle formed by the towns of Freeport, Edmunds and Georgetown. On October 2, 1883, a town was platted on Section 27 and 28 town 123 range 68, and was given the name of

Ipswich. Lots were sold at auction to the amount of over \$5,000 the first day and at once the moving of the three disappointed boom towns to Ipswich was commenced.

Within three weeks a large town had sprung up. On November 1, 1883, the Board of County Commissioners met in the one remaining building at Edmunds and by resolution changed the county seat from Edmunds to Ipswich at which it was later permanently located by a vote of the people of the county.

In 1886, the road was extended from Ipswich west to section 21, town 123, range 73, where the town of Bowdle was established.

The territorial legislature in 1885 changed the boundaries of Edmunds County by annexing range 66, thus making the county 48 miles long by 24 wide.

The first homestead entry was made October 2, 1882 by Milton Bliss and the first pre-emption filing by John Ackley, September 20, 1882.

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This is what Ipswich looked like in the spring of 1884, about 6 months before the Rombs family arrived. Note the railroad tracks.





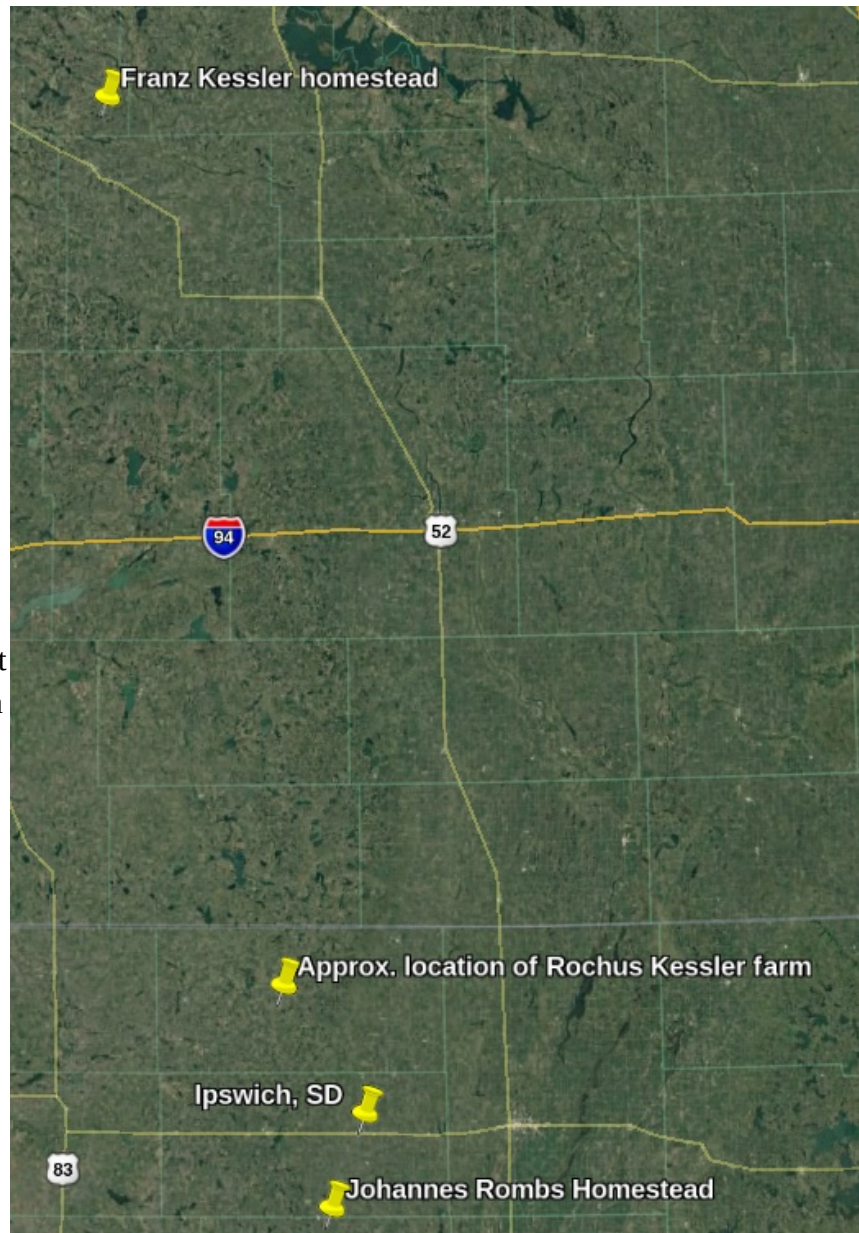
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## Final Destinations

So, the next steps once arriving in Dakota territory must have been to (1) locate temporary housing, (2) procure land, (3) procure materials to establish the homestead. This had to be a busy period for a family in foreign environs, where the native language is not yours. Latter arrivals may have had it a little easier if people that they already knew were present at the destination.

Ultimately, all the families mentioned in the previous section found homes. I believe that the only one that stayed in the town of Ipswich was the family of Joseph and Anna (Saenger) Kessler. Franz and family stayed long enough to have a child and move north to what would become Pierce Co., ND. Rochus and his family eventually established themselves just to the north of Ipswich in what would become McPherson Co., SD. The Rombs family started a homestead about 10 miles due south of Ipswich (in what would become Faulk Co., SD), about half way to Faulkton. Following is a contemporary map that shows estimated locations these four families.



Thus ends the Russian part of the part of the story of my ancestors.

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### A Parting Note

The story of my Russian ancestors is in many ways one of change and adaptation. For many years they were able to establish a stable environment in which they could flourish, but before long events beyond their control spoiled what they had. As the stable environment started to disintegrate, many of my relatives were able to relocate to avoid the coming trouble.

Although their journey could not have been easy, it resulted in experiences quite unlike those of their relatives that stayed in Russia. Those that did not emigrate dealt with numerous significant hardships including loss of special status, the Russian Revolution, WWII, state sponsored execution and relocation to places like Kazakhstan, “escape” to Nazi Germany, etc. As difficult as the journey to the USA was and as difficult as life in the Dakotas was, my relatives had an arguably easier time than their relatives that did not emigrate.

To read more about those who stayed in Russia, there are references like [Our Relatives The Persecuted](#), by Peter Goldade, c.2006, [www.xlibris.com](http://www.xlibris.com).

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### Further Research

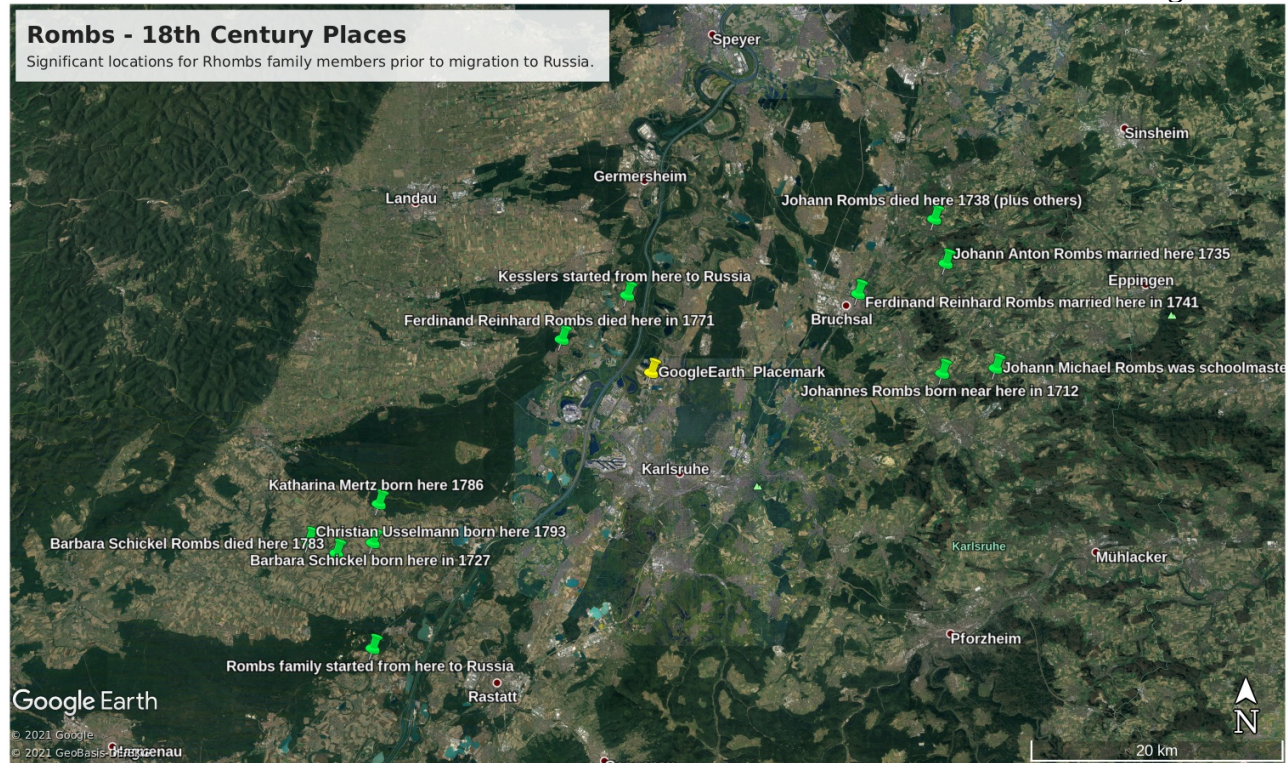
- **Disconnected.** - Who were the ancestors of Marianna (Rombs) Zentner b.1772 – see <http://www.blackseagr.org/blksea-db/getperson.php?personID=I10389&tree=111> . She was married to Zentner in Kessledorf, which makes a suspect to be the sister of Franz Ludwig. I have temporarily assigned her to be a sister of Franz Ludwig / daughter of Johannes Rombs & Barbara Schickel m. 1744 in Oberlauterbach.
- **Disconnected.** - Who were the ancestors of Maria Josepha Rombs b.1783 (Georg Baumgartner's wife)? – see Gramps. See also <http://www.blackseagr.org/blksea-db/getperson.php?personID=I00297&tree=111> . She is a candidate to be the first daughter of Franz Ludwig She died in the same year as Barbara Shickel.
- **Disconnected.** - Who were the ancestors of Katharina Rombs b.1791 (Anton Halter's wife) – see Gramps. Probably a daughter of Franz Ludwig. See also <http://www.blackseagr.org/blksea-db/getperson.php?personID=I31784&tree=125> .
- **Disconnected.** - Who were the ancestors of Katherina Rombs who may have married Josef Schmalz in the 1870s and lost the following children? – see Gramps. Could be a daughter of Stefan or Johannes? Was she the single Magdalena Rombs that married single Joseph Schmalz in 1879?
  - See [https://www.blackseagr.org/pdfs/weiss/SELZ%20deaths%201865-1880\\_bsg.pdf](https://www.blackseagr.org/pdfs/weiss/SELZ%20deaths%201865-1880_bsg.pdf) .
  - Karolina d.12/9/1878; death 211
  - Marianna d.8/22/1879; death 99
- What became of Katharia Kessler b. Nov., 1850, to Kessler/Schumacher? See Gramps.
- What became of Johannes Kessler b. Nov., 1860, to Kessler/Schumacher? See Gramps.
- Resolve details of Paul Rombs b.1785 and wife Elisabetha Schell b. 1794 and their family.
- There is much research that could be done on Usselman cousins!
- There is another Rombs family in Michigan that may have spread to Ohio. It would be interesting to see if their origin can be traced backward to see if it intersects with the Rombs folks that went to Russia. There may be a connection to Baden that may tie in nicely. Superficially, based on geography, I would expect to find a connection in the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> century. See . . .  
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- Researching the Michigan connection is probably best conducted as a part of a general exploration of life in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries in Alsace and Baden. Could lead to exciting research!



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### Appendix – Surnames Organized by Village

Here is a rather long list of the surnames of the “primary actors” in the church records. These are surnames associated with the people born (1814-1864), being married (1815-1892), and dying (1815-1862), not associated people like witnesses, parents, etc. The number by each name indicates how many entries include the surname broken down by village for the four primary villages. Names are exactly as transcribed, including recording errors made by Selz church personnel. Corrective hints can sometime be found with the transcribed records, available from the GRHS organization (<https://www.grhs.org/pages/home>). There are slightly over 1100 surnames and surname variations in the list. The names, particularly the Selz names, are ones that Barbara and Johannes would have recognized. They represent the people that they might have encountered in a church setting.

Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
ABEL	3	31	1	1
ABERLACH				1
ABERLE	1		4	9
ACKERMANN	1			
ADAM		1	2	22
ADAMS				1
ANDREAS	1			
ANHELGER	1	4	2	6
ANKER			20	
ANTON	1			
APPEL		6		
APPELL		1		
ARTH	3		28	
ASBERGER			2	
ASCHNEBRENNER			1	
AXTMAN		1		
AXTMANN	75	2	3	14
BÄCHEL			3	
BACHMANN		1		
BACHMEIER	1			
BÄCKER	1	2	11	
BÄKER		1		
BALL	1		1	
BALSAM				1
BARTLE			47	17
BÄRTSCH			2	2
BÄTSCH			13	4
BATZER				1
BAUAMSTARK			1	
BAUMANN	6	48	3	48
BAUMGARTNER			1	15
BAUMGÄRTNER				6

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
BÄUMGARTNER				2
BAUMSTARK	1	2	77	
BAUNSTEIN	1			
BECHE			1	
BEHEL			9	
BECHT	2		33	
BECK	19	1		
BECKER	5	47	75	
BECKT			1	
BEGER		1		
BEHLER	2	1	1	
BELLER	1			
BEREGOWICZ			1	
BERTHOLD		1		
BERTOLD	1	1		
BERTRAM			6	
BERTRAND		1	1	
BERTSCH		2	50	32
BETSCH			4	
BEZ	2	15	1	2
BEZ/BÖSS	1			
BEZS		1		
BIATZ				1
BIATZER				1
BIAZER				1
BICHEL			1	
BICKO		1		
BIEGLER		1	1	
BIENFAIT			2	1
BIENFET			2	
BIKO	2	20		
BILLER				1
BILLMANN	11	3	1	
BIRKENSTOCK		1		
BISCHOF	2	23	1	
BISCHOFF		7	2	
BITERMANN			1	
BITON				1
BITZ		70	5	
BLANDO		2	4	14
BLEIGER			1	
BLEILE	2	70	4	
BLIELE		1		
BLIGER			1	
BÖCK	4	3		
BOCKENMEIER		1		
BOCKMEIER		1		

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
BOGART			1	
BOHL		11		
BOHN	35	3	2	
BOHNN	1			
BÖK	2			
BÖKER			1	
BOOS		1		
BORSCHNECK	1	40	1	1
BOSCH		40	8	3
BOSLER		1		
BOSS		1		
BÖSS		7	1	
BOSSART	20		1	
BOSSERT	16	1		
BOSSERT/BOSSART	1			
BRANDEL	2			
BRAUN	3	13	67	20
BRAUNAGEL	25	2	1	6
BRAUNNAGEL	13	1		
BRAUNSTEIN	12			
BRENDEL	15		79	1
BRIGARDEN			4	
BRIGARDIN			2	
BRIGARTEN			3	
BRIMM	1			
BRINSTER		38	1	
BROSAR			1	
BROSARD			1	
BROSSARD			6	
BROSSART	1	5	41	
BROSSARTH			2	
BROSSERT	1		1	
BRUCK			4	
BRUGARD				1
BRUNSTER		1		
BRÜNSTER		5		
BTOSZCZYNSKA			1	
BUCHMANN	1			
BUCKAMEIER		1		
BUCKEMEIER		1	1	
BUCKENMEIER	2	7		1
BULACH	1	5		
BULINGER		1		
BULLACH		46	1	
BULLINGER		2		
BURCHKART				1
BURCKHARD				10

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
BURCKHART				4
BURCKHARTSMEIER				4
BURGARD				21
BURGARDSMEIER				1
BURGARDT				1
BURGART	1			10
BURGART(SMEIER)				1
BURGARTMEIER				1
BURGARTSMEIER				2
BURGHARD	1	3	5	56
BURGHARDSMEIER				2
BURGHART				9
BURGHARTSMEIER	1			2
BURKHARD				2
BURKHART	1			1
BURKHARTSMEIER				1
BUSCH	1	5	1	
BUSCHEL				1
CAMBEIS		1		
CANN			1	
CIRN			1	
CIRN/ZERN			1	
CLAUSS		1		
DALMANN		1		
DECK			2	
DEGENSTEIN		1		
DEIBERT	3	98	67	1
DEIGEL			1	
DEIS	1	41	2	
DEISS		11		1
DEMELET			13	
DENIG	15	5		
DENING	1			
DENIS	10	3		
DERAZPF			1	
DERES		1	1	23
DERESS				2
DERIAN	1	19	5	
DERINGER		1		
DERSAM		1		
DERSCHNER	1			
DERZAPF			7	
DETLING	1		2	1
DEXHEIMER	1			
DIERINGER		1		
DIETZ	38	3	2	1
DIKMANN			1	



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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
DILLMANN		41		
DIRREIN				1
DITTER			1	
DITTOR		2	33	
DITZ	1			
DOBERSZANSKA	1			
DOBROWOLSKI		1		
DOLL		34	1	
DORSCHER	56	3	1	
DOSCH	2	100	18	1
DOSCHER	1			
DREI		5	1	
DREY		1		
DUTENBERGER				1
DUTENHEEFER	1			
DUTENHEFER	3	30	3	
DUTENHEFNER	2	49		
DUTENHÖFER	6	16	1	
DUTENHÖFFER		1		
DUTENHOFFNER		1		
DUTENHOFNER		3		
DUTENHÖFNER		14		
DUTTENHEFER		2		
DUTTENHOFER		2		
DUTTENHÖFER	2	6	1	
DUTTENHOFNER		1		
DUTTÖNHEFFER		1		
EBERHARDT				1
EBERLE		2	2	
EBERTZ	2			
ECKSTADT		1		
EGER				1
EHRENWEIN		1		
EHRESMANN	1	41	6	
EICHENLAUB		1	24	
EICHNELAUB			1	
EINGELAUB			1	
EISENMENGER	1	49	5	1
EISENZIMMER	11	15	61	46
ELL	41	1	2	1
ELTER	1			
EMETER		1		
ENGELAUB			1	
ENGELHARD		14		
ENGELHARDT	1	37	2	
ENGELHART		16		
ENGLER		21		

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
EPPELE				1
ERCK		1	1	51
ERESMANN		2		
ERHESMANN		1		
ERICH				1
ERK				1
ERNST			1	
FAHN	1	9	88	2
FAUST	1			2
FEETT		1		
FEIST	1	2	1	116
FELDMANN		1		29
FELIX	22		1	
FELLER			5	3
FELLGER			2	
FELZ		1		
FESST		1		
FETH		42	3	
FETSCH	19	6	131	3
FETSCH/VETSCH	1		6	
FETTICH			1	
FETTIG	2	4	9	114
FETTING				3
FIEDER		1		
FIEGER		34	2	1
FIEGERER		1		
FIGEL		1		
FILIPP			1	
FIRAN			1	
FISCHER	64	5	71	77
FIX	23	1	6	
FLEI	1			
FLEICH	1			
FLEIG	3			
FLEISCHMANN		1		
FLEIT	1			
FLEY	2			
FÖLCHER			1	
FORTMEIER	2	1		
FÖTH		1		
FRANK	4	3	64	
FRANZ	2			
FREI	1		2	
FREIDEL	1			
FREY		1	5	
FREÿ			1	
FRIDEL	1			

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
FRIEDEL	9		2	
FRIEDRICH	1	5	1	
FRIGER	1			
FRISCHER			1	
FRISON	48	10	73	
FRITZ	4	2	7	1
FROHLICH		1		
FRÖHLICH		1		
FRUH	1			
FRÜH	2			
FUCHS	1			
FUCHS/FIX				1
FÜGER		2		
FUHRMANN		2	13	
FUNK	1	3	52	
FURMANN			1	
FUSCHER		1		
GAGNE			1	
GAMBE		5		
GANJE				3
GANTZER		2		
GANZER		4		
GANZERT		5	1	
GAUER	3	42		
GECK			1	
GEFERE				10
GEFERI				2
GEFFER				1
GEFRE	2		1	22
GEFRI	1	2	1	9
GEFROH				4
GEGER		1	1	1
GEIGER				5
GEILFUSS	45	1	2	
GELSENLICHT			3	
GELSENLICHTER		2	23	
GELZENLICHTER			3	
GELZENLICHTER			1	
GEREIN			1	
GERGER			1	2
GERHARDT			1	
GERMANN		2	2	
GEST				1
GIESINGER	1	1	3	1
GISCHOFF		1		
GLASS	21	1	1	1
GLATT	1	8	24	1

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
GÖCK			1	
GOETZ	1			
GÖFRI				1
GÖHFRI				1
GOLDADE			11	
GOLDATE		4	28	
GOLDATHA			1	
GOLDE		1	3	
GÖLSENLICHTER			2	
GOLTHE			1	
GÖLTZENLICHTER		1	12	
GOLZENLICHTER			4	
GÖLZENLICHTER			2	
GOTTE		1		
GÖTTE		3		
GOTZ	1			
GÖTZ	68	26	3	8
GOTZENLICHTER			1	
GRABOWSKI				1
GRAF	3			
GRAU		3	1	1
GRESS		1		
GRIEL		1		
GRIMM	14		1	
GRISMER	1			
GROCH		1		
GROH		4		
GROSJEAN		1		
GROSS		2	22	
GROT		1		
GRUBER	1			
GRUENSTEIN				7
GRUENSTEINER				2
GRUENSTIEN				1
GRUNSTEIN				6
GRÜNSTEIN				11
GRUNSTEINER				3
GRÜNSTEINER				7
GSELL	9	4	3	33
GUTENBERG				6
GUTENBERGER			4	20
GUTFREUND		1		
GUTTENBERG				8
GUTTENBERGER				3
HAAR	2			1
HAAS	1		2	35
HAASS				1

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
HABER				1
HABERLACH	1	62	4	
HAFFNER	1	13	1	
HAFNER	2	8		
HAGEL			1	2
HAGER	1	2		24
HAHN			1	
HALTER	44	35	2	1
HAMANN		24	1	4
HARI			1	
HARLE			1	
HARR	3			
HARTMANN	1	6	61	3
HASTMANN			1	
HATZ	1			
HATZENBEHLER			8	
HATZENBEUHLER			1	
HATZENBÖHLER			8	
HATZENBUHLER			2	
HATZENBÜHLER	1		4	
HAUER	61	3		1
HECK	1			
HEFER	1			
HEFFNER	1			1
HEFNER	1	1		
HEGEL		1		
HEGELE		1		
HEIDT		1		
HEILMANN		1		
HEINRICH			1	
HEINTZ	2	53	1	1
HEINZ	1	52	2	1
HEIS				1
HEISEL	3			
HEISLER	1			
HEISNER	1			
HEISSEL	10			
HEISSELL	1			
HEISSLER	20	1	2	
HELD		7	8	28
HELMANN			1	
HELMER		1	14	
HELTMANN				1
HEMMERLING	1			
HENGELHARDT		1		
HENIGER			3	
HENINGER			3	

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
HENKENBELDER			1	
HENTZLER	2			
HENZ		1		
HEPFNER	19	1		
HERMANN	1	35	1	
HERRLE	1	13	29	
HERRMAN		1		
HERRMANN		7	1	
HERRSCHAFT				12
HERSLMANN		1		
HERTNER				1
HESLER	1			
HETTEL	2	1		
HETTLER	1			
HETZ		1		
HEÜSSEL	1			
HILDEBRAND				1
HILSENDEGEN	32			
HILSENDEGER	32	3	1	1
HILZENDEGER	6			
HIPFNER	1			
HIRSCH		3	43	1
HIRT		29	1	
HIRTH		3		
HOCHMUTH		1	1	
HOCK			1	
HOFFART	86	10	68	2
HOFFARTH	1	1	1	
HOFFMANN	1	23	5	1
HOFFNER		1		
HÖFFNER	1			
HÖGELE			1	
HOGER				1
HOLETZ	1			
HOLZER	2	2	1	33
HOLZMANN			1	
HONECKER	3			
HOPFINGER	2	4	60	
HOPFNER	2	1		
HÖPFNER	8	6		
HORNSTEIN	1	1		
HOTMANN			1	
HOZENBOLER			1	
HOZLER				1
HRISCH			1	
HUBER		1	23	
HUBERT			9	

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
HUCK			39	
HUHN	37	6		1
HULM	2	9	68	1
HULMER			1	
HUMMEL	2	25	1	
HUNECKER	28	2	1	
HUNKELE	1	79	3	
HUNN	1			
IBACH	75	1	1	1
IBALER		1		
IBERGER		1		
IHLE	22	1		
IHLI	17	1		
IHLLE	1			
ILHE	1			
ILLI	1			
ISEMANN	1	3		
IVAN				1
JACHMANN			1	
JACOB			5	
JAEGER			1	6
JAHNER		70	2	
JAKOB	1	2	165	4
JAKOBS			3	
JAZELZ			1	
JERGER	3	1	16	2
JESEL		1		2
JESELL				2
JESSE				1
JESSEL				14
JOACHIM		1		
JOCHIM	16	70	5	1
JÖRGER			3	
JOSEL				1
JUND			10	
JUNDT	2	1	42	1
JUNG	38	2	47	
JUNGER			1	
JUNK	1			
JUNT			2	
KACZYN			1	
KAHN	1			
KAISER	6			
KAIZYN			1	
KAMBEIS		1		
KAMBEITZ	4	50		
KANZERT		1		

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
KAUER	1			
KECK			1	
KEFERE				1
KEFRE				1
KEHLER			1	
KEIFEL			1	
KELIN	1	1		
KELLER	5	5	163	8
KERNER		2		1
KESCHNER	1			
KESL	1			
KESSLER	1	16	40	
KIEFEL		2	37	1
KIEFLED			1	
KIESCHTNER		1		
KIN	1			
KINS	1			
KIRCHNER	1			
KIRSCHNECK	1			
KIRSCHNER	41	2	1	
KISCHNER	3	1		
KISTNER	45	26	1	
KITEL		1		
KLAUS		12		
KLAUSS		5		
KLEIN	3	27	107	39
KLEIST		1		
KLOETZEL		3	1	
KNOLL	2			
KOBELT				1
KOBLE			1	
KOCHERT			3	
KOHLER			1	
KÖHLER			16	1
KOHM	31			
KOKERT			12	
KÖLLER			1	
KOMM	4			
KONANZ			2	
KOPP	2			
KÖRN		1		
KOSMOVSKA	1			
KOSSAN			1	
KOSSLER			1	
KÖSSLER			14	
KRACH				1
KRAFT	128	40	16	91



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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
KRAMER	1	21	1	
KRÄMER	1	9		1
KRÄMMER		1		1
KRAUS				2
KRAUSS		1		
KREMMER		2		
KREZ		1		
KRIM	2			
KRIMM	6			
KROH	1	8	1	
KUBI		3		
KÜHFEL			11	
KUHM	2			
KÜHM	1			
KUHN	21	1	1	
KÜHN	4			
KUMM	1			
KUNANZ		1	1	
KUNDACUS		1		
KUNSLER			1	
KUNTZ	3	40	1	
KUNZ	1	18		
KUNZLER			3	
KÜNZLER			2	
KUPI		37		
KUPPI		6		
KUPSER	2	40	6	2
KÜRSCHNER	1			
KURSER		1		
KURTZ		31	2	
KURZ		16		
KÜSTNER	9	2		
LACHER		41	5	
LACHERT		10	1	
LÄMER		2		
LANG	1		2	
LAPUCZKI		1		
LATURNUS		6	5	2
LAUBER		1	2	
LAUINGER	2	1	1	55
LAUT			1	14
LAUTH				1
LEBOLDUS	12	4		
LEHLE	23	1	1	
LEIB			1	
LEIBEL			2	
LEIBHAM	1	1	52	

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
LEIBHANN			2	
LEIBSTEIN			1	
LEIDCHAM			1	
LEIER		3	1	
LEINGANG		1		
LEISMEISTER		17		
LEISSMEISTER		6		
LEISTMEISTER		47		1
LEMAIRE	1	14	1	
LEMER	1	43		
LEMMER		3		
LEOBOLDLUS	1			
LEOBOLDUS	2			
LEONHARD		1		
LEOPOL	1			
LEOPOLD	10			
LEOPOLDUS	17	2		1
LEPOLDUS	4			
LEPPERT			1	
LESMEISTER		1		
LINCHOR		1		
LINDEMANN			21	
LINGHOR		1		
LINGOR	1	40		
LINKOHR		1		
LINKOR		2		
LINNIG		1		
LIPP			2	
LITZINGER	58	2		
LOCHER			2	
LOCHERT	2	3	58	
LOINGER				1
LOTER		1		
LTIZINGER	1			
LUBANSKI				1
LUBINSKI				1
LUKAS		1		
MACH				1
MACK	1	46	5	17
MAIER		1		
MAKSISZOWICZ				1
MALD				1
MALER			1	
MALLIOR	1			
MALSAM	1	1		9
MANGOLD	8	4	45	30
MANN			1	

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
MARBACH		1	34	
MARDIAN	17	6	1	
Maria	1			
MARNEVICH				1
MARQUARDT		7		
MARQUART	1	65	4	3
MARTEL		2	1	1
MARTIAN	28	7	6	1
MARTINA	1			
MASER				2
MASINI	7			
MASSET			2	45
MASSETH				9
MASSINA	12	1		5
MASSINER			1	
MASSINI	16	1	1	1
MASTEL	4		3	47
MASTIO	3		21	
MASTIO.			1	
MATAM		1		
MATANN	1			
MATERI			2	
MATERN		1		
MATIAN				1
MATKAM	1			
MATTERN		1		
MATUL		1		
MATZ		4		
MAUMANN				1
MAURAT		1		
MEIER	1	67	36	8
MEIGEL	1			
MEIS				1
MEISCHNER		1		
MEISLER		1		
MEISNER		1	1	1
MELLE		8	1	
MENSIA			1	
MENZIA	1	4		
MER		1		
MERDIAN	1	3		1
MERK	2			
MERTIAN			1	
MESNER			1	
MESSIMER			1	
MESSMER			1	
METTERNICH		1		

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
MEYER		2	2	2
MEYER		1		
MILDENBERG				6
MILDENBERGER		1	1	14
MILDENBURGER				1
MILLER			2	1
MILTENBERGER			1	
MINKA		1		
MIREZINSKA	1			
MITZEL	1	5	20	70
MITZLE				1
MIZEL				1
MÖHR		1		
MORLAB		1		
MORLACH		1		
MORLOCH			1	
MORLOK		1		
MOSER	2	94	6	5
MUCHERT				1
MULLER			2	2
MÜLLER	12	10	68	29
MÜNZIA			1	
MÜTZEL			1	3
NAGEL	15			
NAUERTZ			1	
NEISS	5		1	34
NENNINGER		1		1
NEYHZ	1			
NIKOLAS	1			
NOCHIM		1		
NOEL	1	1	19	
NOLD		2	1	
OCHS	28	1	2	
OLMANN		1		
OSTERMEIER		2		
OSTERMEYER		1		
OTT	1			
OTTMANN		2	24	3
PÄCHEL			1	
PÄTSCH				1
PAZER				1
PECH			1	
PECHEL		1	1	
PEKER		1		
PETER	34	3	1	2
PETERS				1
PETSCH			2	

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
PFEIFER	63	7	3	1
PFEIFFER	32	2		
PFEIFGER	1			
PFLEIG	15		1	
PFLIEGER			1	1
PFLÜGER				1
PHILIPP		2	9	
PHILIPPS			1	
PHILIPS			1	
PIATZ				1
PICHLER	1			
PIETROVSKI			1	
PIKO		1		
PLESKI			1	
PLOVSKI				1
POHUL		1		
PRINSTER		2		
PROTZEL			1	
PRÜNSTER		1		
RAPPOLD			14	
REICHART		1		
REICHERT	2	57	1	
REIF			1	
REINBOLD	28	12	1	
REINBOLT	1			
REINHARD	1			6
REINHARDT				8
REINHART				6
REINHOLD		3		
REIS	2		1	
REISS	1	8	62	
REITER		26	3	
REITMEIER	1		19	
REITMEISTER	1			
REITMEYER		1	1	
REITTER		3		
RENERT		1		
RENGERT		12		
RERICH				35
RERIG				2
RHEINBOLD	12	5		
RHEINHARD				1
RHEINHART				2
RIBBLER		1		
RICHER		1		
RICHERT		1		
RICHTER	1	53	12	46

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
RIDINGER	1			
RIEDEL		1		
RIEDER		17	1	
RIEDINGER	1			
RIEGER	1	65	1	
RIEGERT		1		
RIEHER		1		
RIEHL	1	24	1	
RIESLING			3	
RIESSLING			1	
RIETER		1		
RIFELD		1		
RIFFEL	4	26	3	
RIGER		1		
RIL		1		
RILL		1	1	
RINDER		1		
RING	2		1	
RINGEL	1			
RINK	1			
RINTZ	1			
RIPPEL		1	1	
RIPPLINGER			2	
RISLING	1	1	9	
RITER		1		
RITTINGER	1			
RODER		1		
RODIGER				1
ROHRICH				6
RÖHRICH		1		14
RÖHRIG			1	30
ROJER				2
ROMBS	2	1	91	1
ROSHAU		1		
RÖSSLER			1	
ROTDECKER		1		
ROTECK		1		
ROTECKER		45	4	
ROTGER		1		
ROTH	2	126	1	
ROTHDECKER		6		
ROTHECKER		2		
ROTIGER		7		1
ROTTINGER		2		
ROYER				1
RUFF	1			
RÜHLL		1		

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
SACK		1		
SADLER				1
SAHL			1	
SAHLI	1	50	25	
SAKRECZSKI	1			
SALI			1	
SALVAY			8	
SALVEY		1	15	
SALVINSKI			1	
SALWAY			7	
SALWEI			1	
SALWEY			4	
SAMOYTOWA			1	
SANDER	1	2	94	
SANGER			1	
SATTLER				26
SCHAAF				4
SCHAAN			1	
SCHAANN			1	
SCHAFER	2	22	1	
SCHÄFER		38	5	
SCHAFF				3
SCHÄFFER		2		
SCHAFRINSKI		1		
SCHALL			42	
SCHAM	1			
SCHAN	1			
SCHÄR				1
SCHARTZINGER	2			
SCHÄRTZINGER	2			
SCHARZINGER	2			
SCHÄRZINGER	2			
SCHATZ	1	1	6	3
SCHATZINGER	4			
SCHAUMLAUFEL		1		
SCHAUMLEFEL		1		
SCHAUMLOFEL	1	9	2	
SCHAUMLÖFEL		21	1	
SCHEER			1	
SCHEFFER		2		
SCHEHR			7	1
SCHEHRER		1		1
SCHELL			2	1
SCHELMANN			1	
SCHEP				1
SCHERER	6	7	3	6
SCHERR	6	19	34	28

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
SCHERRER				1
SCHICK		1		
SCHIELE		1	1	
SCHIFF	1		6	
SCHIFFMACHER		1	1	
SCHLABE		1	1	
SCHLÄBE		2	2	
SCHLÄBIE			1	
SCHLEPPE	1		13	
SCHLICH				1
SCHLICK		2		
SCHLOSS	1		2	
SCHLOSSEL				1
SCHLOSSER	74	5	9	60
SCHMALTZ	1	1		
SCHMALZ	29	94	3	1
SCHMIDT	97	229	26	9
SCHMIDTHEISLER	1	1		
SCHMIDTHEISSLER		1		
SCHMIT		2		
SCHMITT	5	12		
SCHMUKEL			18	1
SCHNALL	1		6	1
SCHNEIDER	45	14	34	121
SCHNUKEL			1	
SCHNUR			1	
SCHÖFER		1		
SCHOFF				2
SCHÖLLHAMMER				1
SCHOOFF				1
SCHÖPFER	1			
SCHOSTACHOWSKI				1
SCHOSTAKOVSKI				1
SCHOSTAKOWSKI			2	1
SCHREIDER	1			
SCHREITZINGER	1			
SCHROETER			1	
SCHUCK		1		1
SCHUH	1	2	1	
SCHUHMACHER			11	14
SCHUMACHER		4	41	17
SCHÜTZINGER	1			
SCHWAB		2	5	1
SCHWAHN	1	6		43
SCHWALBE		1		
SCHWAN	2	31	6	102
SCHWANN				2



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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
SCHWARTZ		11	12	
SCHWARZ		2	3	
SCHWEITZER	12	1	11	68
SCHWEIZ				1
SCHWEIZER	2		1	10
SCHWENGLER	2	61		2
SCOFF				1
SEILER	1			5
SELTZLER				1
SELZLER		1	1	39
SENER		1		
SENGER	4	58	9	142
SERR				1
SICHINGER	37		3	
SICKINGER	5		1	
SIEBLE		1		
SILBERNAGEL		4	1	2
SINGER			1	
SITTER	1	108	13	
SIZINGER	1			
SLAVINSKI			1	
SLEPE			1	
SLIWINSKI			6	
SOLVAY	1		5	
SPITZNAGEL	3			
SPRINGER		1		
STABLER				1
STACHOVSKA			1	
STACHOVSKI			1	
STACHOWSKI	4		20	
STAHL			1	3
STALGER		1		
STAMMER		33	1	
STAPLER				1
STAPPLER		1		1
STARK	1			
STAUS	24		2	
STAUSS	39	2	3	
STEFAN		2	2	
STEFKO		1		
STEHLE		3	1	
STEIER		2		
STEIGMANN		1		
STEINER	2			
STEPHA	1			
STEPHAN		21		
STOLPEL				1

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
STOLZ			44	1
STRAUS			1	
STRAUSS			1	
STREIFEL	1	1		40
STRICHFADEN				2
STRICKFADEN	2			
STRITZINGER	7			
STRIZINGER	1			
STROH	10	91	4	2
STRUBEL	1			
STURM			1	
SVOBODA	1			
SWIDERSKI			19	1
THOMAS	3	16	139	45
TIEGER		2		
TOMAS				1
TOMCHIK		1		
TORSCHER	3			
TÖSSELL				1
TREFS		1		
TSCHAN	1			
TUCHSCHERER	5	9	3	
TUSCHER	1	3		
TUTENHEFER	1	4		
TUTENHÖFER	1	1		
UBELHOR	1	18	1	
UHLM		2	4	
ULM		9	1	
ULMEIN		1		
UNKNOWN		1	2	
UNSER	36			1
USELMANN	2	2	132	1
USLEMANN			1	
USNER	1			
USSELMANN			33	
VASIL			1	
VEIST				1
VELLER				1
VERON			1	
VETSCH	10		83	
VETT		1	1	
VETTER		55	39	1
VETTIG				4
VINCENT				1
VIRON			1	
VOGEL		34	1	1
VOLK	142	20	11	3

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
VOLKZ		1		
VÖLLER	2	3	114	39
VOLZ	53	24	13	
VÖLZ			2	
VONHOFER			1	
VonHOFFEN			2	
VONHOFFEN			1	
VP;Z	1			
WACK	14		1	
WAG	2			
WAGLER	1			
WAGMANN	2	4		
WAGNER	32	5	20	1
WALD	3	2	65	67
WALIJOR	4			
WALIOR	10			
WALJIOR	5			
WALLIOR	6			
WALTER	1	32	1	
WALTZ		1		
WANGLER	65	4	2	1
WASSER	2	1	9	
WEBER	6	1	4	1
WECKER		1		
WEGMANN	52	3	1	
WEIBECK			1	
WEICHMANN	1		1	
WEIDEMANN				1
WEIGEL	3	4	99	8
WEIMER	1			4
WEININGER			2	
WEISBER			1	
WEISBURG			1	
WEISBURGER			1	
WEISENBERGER			2	
WEISMAN	1			
WEISS		2	25	4
WEISSBECK		4	80	
WEISSBURGER			1	
WEISSEBURGER			3	
WEISSENBERGER			6	
WEISSENBURG			1	
WEISSENBURGER	3	2	22	1
WEISSGERBER				1
WEISSMANN	1			
WELCK			5	1
WELICK			3	1

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
WELIK			5	2
WELINGER			2	
WELK	3	4	90	21
WELKER		1		
WELTER		2		1
WELZLER				1
WENGLER	1			
WENINGER		1	18	49
WENNINGER			1	1
WERLING			5	
WERLINGER	1	1	45	1
WERNER		2	43	10
WERO		1	4	
WERON		1		
WERRON		1		
WICHENHÄUSER	1			
WICHENHEISER				2
WICKENHAUSER	1	1		
WICKENHÄUSER	1			
WICKENHÄUSER	18		1	
WICKENHÄUSSER	9			
WICKENHEISER	43	1	2	
WICKENHEISLER	1			
WICKENHEISSER	1			
WICKENHEUSER	2			
WIELAND		1		
WIESSBECK			1	
WIEST	1	2		
WIKENHEISER	1			
WILDEMANN	1			
WILHELM		7	1	
WINGERTER			2	
WINTER		1		
WINTERHALT		19		
WINTERHALTER		12	1	
WOLD				1
WOLF	14	8	1	38
ZAHN	8	54	48	2
ZEER			1	
ZEIGEN			1	
ZEILER			1	
ZELLER		1		
ZENTNER			2	14
ZERR	3	2	39	5
ZIEGLER			6	4
ZIGNER		1		
ZIMMER		1		

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Surname	Baden	Kandel	Selz	Strassburg
ZINGER			26	
ZINGNER		1	3	1
ZINK			1	
ZITTER		1		
ZWELIK				1
ZWIZLER	1			

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## Appendix – Descendant Lines of Four Settler Families.

Details of 4 settler lines follow. They are lines starting with the grandparents or great grandparents of Barbara Kessler and Johannes Rombs.

There are many names, dates, and places mentioned below with out supporting references. I have chosen to do this in order to make the size of this document more manageable. Please contact me for specific source information.

### Descendants of Josef Kessler and Barbara Geiger

1. Kessler, Josef (b. 1780, d. 1852 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Geiger Hohren, Barbara (b. 1783, d. 1857-09-07 - Selz, Russia)
  2. Kessler, Elisabeth (b. 1801)
  2. Kessler, Anton (b. 1805 - Leimersheim, Germany, Pfalz, Germany, d. 1853 - Kandel, Russia)  
sp. Klein, Magdalena (d. 1846), m. 1831-11-23 - Selz, Russia
    3. Kessler, Franz (b. 1835)  
sp. Ott, Elisabetha (b. 1831 - Kleinliebental, Russia), m. 1854-09-20 - Selz, Russia
      4. Kessler, Johannes (b. 1866 - Kandel, Russia)  
sp. Schwengler, Eleonora (b. 1865 - Kandel, Russia), m. 1886-01-26 - Selz, Russia
    3. Kessler, Gertruda (b. 1838)
    3. Kessler, Barbara (b. 1841)
    3. Kessler, Georg (b. 1843)
  - sp. Keller, Elisabetha (b. 1822)
    3. Kessler, Daria (b. 1849)
    3. Kessler, Johannes (b. 1854 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Gelsenlicht, Magdalena (b. 1854), m. 1876-11-21 - Selz, Russia
2. Kessler, Michael (b. 1807)
2. Kessler, Jakob (b. 1810, d. 1857-02-28)  
sp. Friedrich, Maria Elisabetha (b. 1821 - Mannheim, Russia, d. 1853-02-11 - Selz, Russia), m. 1841-11-16 - Selz, Russia
  3. Kessler, Genoveva (b. 1842-08-05 - Selz, Russia, d. 1924-04-15 - Canada)  
sp. Hoepfner, Johannes (b. 1841-03-25 - Russia, d. 1922-07-01 - Canada), m. 1863-10-14 - Selz, Russia
    4. Hoepfner, Regina (b. 1868)
    4. Hoepfner, Jacob (b. 1874-09-29 - Baden, Kutschurgan, d. 1949-10-02 - Bismark, North Dakota)  
sp. Usselmann, Julianna (b. 1877-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1949-01-26 - Mercer, North Dakota), m. 1896-11-13 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
      5. Hipfner, Joseph (b. 1901-04-20 - Morton, North Dakota, d. 1987-10-26 - Morton, North Dakota)  
4. Hoepfner, Helena (b. 1881)
      4. Hoepfner, Anton
  3. Kessler, Ignatz (b. 1844)
  3. Kessler, Marianna (b. 1846)
  3. Kessler, Josef (b. 1847-12-12 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Kessler, Ludwig (b. 1849-09-22 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Fischer, Elisabetha (b. 1853-03-15 - Selz, Russia), m. 1872-10-18 - Selz, Russia
  3. Kessler, Nicholas (b. 1851-07-06 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Schwartz, Mary
    4. Kesler, John Nicholas (b. 1872, d. 1951)  
sp. Hoffart, Mary Ann (b. 1881, d. 1947)

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5. Kesler, Wilhem (b. 1900, d. 1927)
5. Kesler, John (b. 1901, d. 1952)
5. Kesler, Elizabeth (b. 1903, d. 1984)
5. Kesler, Mary (b. 1905, d. 1927)
5. Kesler, Frank (b. 1907, d. 1958)
5. Kesler, Joseph (b. 1909, d. 1984)
5. Kesler, Herman (b. 1911, d. 1987)
5. Kesler, Edward (b. 1914, d. 1972)
5. Kesler, Nicholas (b. 1918, d. 1978)
3. Kessler, Wendelin (b. 1852-09-12 - Selz, Russia)
3. Kessler, Sebastian (b. 1853-02-01 - Selz, Russia)
- sp. Philipp, Catharina (b. 1833), m. 1853-05-11 - Selz, Russia
3. Kessler, Catharina (b. 1855-05-03 - Selz, Russia)
3. Kessler, Gertruda (b. 1857-03-19 - Selz, Russia)
2. Kessler, Mathias (b. 1812)
2. Kessler, Johanna (b. 1815-02-17 - Selz, Russia)
2. Kessler, Johannes (b. 1821 - Selz, Russia, d. 1886)
- sp. Schumacher, Elizabeth (b. 1822 - Selz, Russia, d. 1862-10-29 - Selz, Russia), m. 1844-11-05 - Selz, Russia
3. Kessler, Margaretha (b. 1845-08-04 - Selz, Russia, d. 1928-10-25 - McLean, North Dakota)
- sp. Usselmann, Alexander (b. 1844 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927-06-28 - Hazen, Mercer, North Dakota), m. 1865-11-08 - Selz, Russia
4. Usselmann, Valentine (b. 1866 - Selz, Russia)
4. Usselmann, John (b. 1867-10-15 - Selz, Russia, d. 1944-10-07 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
- sp. Detling, Marianna, m. 1894-10-11
4. Usselmann, Anna (b. 1869-05-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927-05-09 - Hazen, Mercer, North Dakota)
4. Usselmann, Margareta (b. 1872-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1955-02-19 - Dickenson, Stark, North Dakota)
- sp. Geisinger, Konstantin (b. 1870-09-15 - Russia, d. 1942-02-06 - North Dakota)
4. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1874 - Selz, Russia)
4. Usselmann, Julianna (b. 1877-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1949-01-26 - Mercer, North Dakota)
- sp. Hoepfner, Jacob (b. 1874-09-29 - Baden, Kutschurgan, d. 1949-10-02 - Bismark, North Dakota), m. 1896-11-13 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
5. Hipfner, Joseph (b. 1901-04-20 - Morton, North Dakota, d. 1987-10-26 - Morton, North Dakota)
4. Usselmann, Josef (b. 1882 - Selz, Russia)
4. Usselmann, Adam (b. 1886-06-20 - Selz, Russia, d. 1947-03-12)
3. Kessler, Franz (b. 1846-09-26 - Selz, Russia, d. 1913-04-20 - Oregon)
- sp. Deibert, Maria Anna (b. 1850 - Selz, Russia, d. 1877 - Selz, Russia), m. 1870-10-26 - Selz, Russia
4. Kessler, Margaret Katherine (b. 1877, d. 1960)
- sp. Feth, Barbara (b. 1854, d. 1916-08-28 - Oregon)
4. Kessler, Michael (b. 1883-07-27 - Selz, Russia, d. 1982-04-08 - Oregon)
4. Kessler, Elizabeth Anna (b. 1886-01-18 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1950-06-22 - Oregon)
3. Kessler, Barbara (b. 1848-06-26 - Selz, Russia, d. 1896-03-10 - Wecota, Faulk, Sotuh Dakota, USA)
- sp. Rombs, Johannes (b. 1845-07-01 - Selz, Russia, d. 1914-08-08 - South Dakota, USA), m. 1866-11-07 - Selz, Russia
4. Rombs, Lulu (b. 1866-07-02 - Selz, Russia, d. 1953-04-17 - Faulk, South Dakota, US)
- sp. House, Reuben H. (b. 1858 - Canada), m. 1886
5. House, James W. (b. 1888-08-05, d. 1928-07-08 - Montana)
5. House, Anna C. (b. 1890 - South Dakota, d. 1973)
- sp. Hansen, Fred
5. House, Bertha J. (b. 1892 - South Dakota)
- sp. Magnuson, Earl

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5. House, Charles Edward (b. 1893-07-22 - Watertown, South Dakota, USA, d. 1966-11-15 - Riverside, California)  
sp. unknown, Nina
5. House, Chester Ira (b. 1897-07-22 - South Dakota, d. 1972-06-04 - Swift, Minnesota)  
sp. Rieger, Rose M. (b. 1903 - North Dakota)
5. House, Esther Alta (b. 1900-02-25 - Sparta, Monroe, Wisconsin, US)  
sp. Soderquist, Clarence
5. House, Helen (b. 1902-07-22 - Wisconsin, d. 1982)  
sp. Hansen, Edward (b. 1896-06-17 - South Dakota, d. 1982-01-31)
5. House, William Theodore (b. 1904-03-30 - Sparta, Monroe, Wisconsin, US)  
sp. Rieger, Ethel
5. House, Joseph Franklin (b. 1906-05-14 - Sparta, Monroe, Wisconsin, US, d. 1988-05-10 - Hawthorne, California, USA)  
sp. unknown, Virginia
5. House, Vera Muriel (b. 1908-08-03 - South Dakota, d. 1980-04-04 - Sacramento, California, USA)
4. Rombs, Johann (b. 1868 - Selz, Russia, d. 1872-06-18 - Selz, Russia)
4. Rombs, Andreas (b. 1872-03-14 - Selz, Russia, d. 1873-06-23 - Selz, Russia)
4. Rombs, Caroline B. (b. 1875 - Selz, Russia, d. 1917-02-03 - Faulk, South Dakota, US)  
sp. Austin, Bert W. (b. 1870-02-10 - Illinois, USA, d. 1953-01-02 - San Diego, San Diego, California), m. 1899
  5. Austin, Mildred B. (b. 1900, d. 1918-11-07 - Brown, South Dakota, USA)  
sp. Mayer, R. G.
  5. Austin, Dorothy E. (b. 1901-01-27 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1979-12-20 - Los Angeles, California, US)  
sp. Sieberg, Roland
  5. Austin, Muriel Veva (b. 1904-11-15 - South Dakota, d. 1986-01-24 - Lakeport, Lake, California, USA)  
sp. Hill, Harry  
sp. Evans, Charles Dineen (b. 1895, d. 1950)
4. Rombs, Nicholas (b. 1877 - Selz, Russia, d. 1945-09-01 - Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, PA, USA)  
sp. Nelson, Mary C. (b. 1885-11-04 - Kandota, Todd, Minnesota, d. 1960-01-02 - Torrance, California), m. 1906-08-15 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US
  5. Rombs, Walter J. (b. 1907-04-21 - South Dakota, d. 1993-01-05 - Central Point, Oregon, USA)  
sp. Carlson, Edith
  5. Rombs, Evelyn Agnes (b. 1912-05-01 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 2006-01-27 - Newton, Iowa, USA)  
sp. Schmidt, Harold F. (b. 1905-04-07 - Iowa, USA, d. 1988-12-17 - Newton, Iowa, USA), m. 1930-06-02 - Napoleon, North Dakota, USA
  5. Rombs, Hazel Elizabeth (b. 1915-06-02 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1996-12-09)  
sp. Fought, Vance R. (b. 1911), m. 1934-07-03 - Belle Fourche, Butte, South Dakota, US
  5. Rombs, Lucille Eileen (b. 1919-06-08 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 2012-03-16 - Minnesota, US)  
sp. Harris, Keneth R., m. 1937-11-09 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US
  5. Rombs, Katherine A. (b. 1924 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US)  
sp. Steele, Robert G.
  5. Rombs, Marie I. (b. 1926 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 2010-01-08)  
sp. Schmidt, August E., m. 1972-12-02 - Los Angeles, California, US  
sp. Peasnell, James Oliver (b. 1920-05-13 - Utah, USA, d. 2004-08-26 - Redondo Beach, CA, USA), m. 1945 - Tooele, Utah, USA
4. Rombs, Peter (b. 1881 - Selz, Russia, d. 1882-07-03 - Selz, Russia)



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4. Rombs, Esther Elizabeth (b. 1883-06-26 - Selz, Russia, d. 1957 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota, US)
  - sp. Thornburg, Clyde (b. 1879 - Indiana, USA, d. 1912), m. 1903
    5. Thornburg, Harold Arlo (b. 1904 - North Dakota)
    5. Thornburg, Ambrose Clayton (b. 1906 - North Dakota)
    5. Thornburg, Mabel Evelyn (b. 1908 - Canada)
    5. Thornburg, Clyde Alva (b. 1910-10-28 - Montana, USA, bur. 1972-12-17 - Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA)
  - sp. Cranage, Matt (b. 1875 - Wisconsin, d. 1965), m. 1916-03-31 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
    5. Cranage, Ralph (b. 1917 - South Dakota)
    5. Cranage, Loren (b. 1919 - South Dakota)
    5. Cranage, Everett (b. 1921 - South Dakota)
    5. Cranage, Maynard (b. 1922 - South Dakota)
    5. Cranage, Elizabeth (b. 1927 - South Dakota)
4. Rhombs, Joseph (b. 1885-11-03 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1940-09-03 - Pierre, South Dakota, US)
  - sp. Thompson, Tena A. (b. 1890-03-17 - Potter, South Dakota, d. 1979-05-18 - Potter, South Dakota, US), m. 1910-12-24 - Potter, South Dakota
    5. Rhombs, Anna V. (b. 1911 - Potter, South Dakota, d. 2002 - Potter, South Dakota)
      - sp. Comeau, Leo (b. 1906, d. 1972)
    5. Rhombs, Vern J. (b. 1917-12-28 - Potter, South Dakota, d. 1970-08-13 - Lebanon, South Dakota)
    5. Rhombs, Robert Earl (b. 1920-02-20 - Lebanon, South Dakota, d. 2005-08-31 - Sarasota, Florida)
      - sp. Bates, Velma (b. 1921-12-22 - Bowman, North Dakota, United States, d. 2019-11-07 - Port Charlotte, Charlotte, Florida), m. 1945-07-24 - Pierre, South Dakota, US
  4. Rombs, Kathryn (b. 1887-03-00, d. 1970-12-22 - Jefferson, Montana)
    - sp. Vinton, Alva J. (b. 1878 - Tama, Iowa, USA, d. 1959-04-16 - Meagher, Montana, USA)
      5. Vinton, Fern C. (b. 1911 - South Dakota, d. 1993-03-13 - Meagher, Montana, USA)
        - sp. Campbell, Clarice A. (b. 1919), m. 1937-10-16 - Lewiston, Fergus, Montana, USA
  3. Kessler, Katharina (b. 1850-11-25 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Kessler, Rochus (b. 1854-03-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1939 - South Dakota)
    - sp. Burghardt, Brigitta (b. 1862, d. 1926 - South Dakota), m. 1881-11-09 - Strassburg, Russia
      4. Kessler, Agnesia (b. 1884)
      4. Kessler, Felix V. (b. 1888 - Russia)
      4. Kessler, John (b. 1891 - South Dakota)
      4. Kessler, Anna (b. 1896 - South Dakota)
      4. Kessler, Anton (b. 1899 - South Dakota)
      4. Kessler, Sebastian (b. 1901-11-25 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1982-02-02 - Montana)
  3. Kessler, Josef (b. 1856-03-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1893)
    - sp. Saenger, Anna (b. 1858-11-29 - Strassburg, Russia, d. 1930 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA), m. 1881
      4. Kessler, Edith (b. 1882-07-22 - Russia, d. 1974-04-00 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
      4. Kessler, Frances (b. 1884-12-00, d. 1963 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota)
        - sp. Silbernagel, Leonard L. (b. 1884-12-20, d. 1953), m. 1909-11-10 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
          5. Silbernagel, Marie (b. 1910-05-05 - Brown, South Dakota, US)
          5. Silbernagel, Monie
          5. Silbernagel, Joseph
          5. Silbernagel, Virgil
          5. Silbernagel, Lorraine (b. 1923, d. 2011)

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4. Kessler, Lizzie (b. 1887-02-17 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1901-12-17 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
4. Kessler, Joseph (b. 1889-01-06 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1983-01-21 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
4. 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), m. 1914-02-10 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
4. 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), m. 1919-11-27 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
  5. Blank, Jerome (b. 1921)
  5. Blank, Angela (b. 1923-07-19 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1993-10-26 - Colorado)
  5. Blank, Deloris (b. 1925)
  5. Blank, Carl Robert (b. 1926, d. 2010)
  5. Blank, Mary (b. 1930-09-05, d. 1984-03-21)  
sp. Horst, Herbert Harold (b. 1931-10-19, d. 1957-12-02)
3. Kessler, Adam (b. 1859-01-02 - Selz, Russia, d. 1861-10-29 - Selz, Russia)
3. Kessler, Johannes (b. 1860-11-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1921 - Kandel, Russia)  
sp. Lacher, Lenore
  4. Kessler, Andreas (b. 1886-04-15 - Kandel, Russia, d. 1934-12-28)
3. Kessler, Wendelin (b. 1862-10-24 - Selz, Russia, d. 1944-03-26 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)  
sp. Dosch, Martha (b. 1875-05-05 - Kandel, Russia, d. 1949-02-16 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota)
  4. Kessler, Margaret (b. 1896-01-08, d. 1896-03-16)
  4. Kessler, Stephen (b. 1897-07-26, d. 1897-08-20)
  4. Kessler, Katherine M. (b. 1899-07-29 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1997-11-05)
  4. Kessler, John (b. 1901-09-27 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1977-03-03)
  4. Kessler, Michael (b. 1903-06-08 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
  4. Kessler, Regina (b. 1905-09-28, d. 1906-02-04)
  4. Kessler, Bernard (b. 1907-08-19 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1992-09-19 - Brown, South Dakota)
    4. Kessler, Sylvester (b. 1911-08-10, d. 1916-01-14)
    4. Kessler, Anna Marie (b. 1915-01-14 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 2004-06-26)
    4. Kessler, Wendelin (b. 1917-12-08 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1991-12-08)
- sp. Hunkele, Margaretha (b. 1835 - Selz, Russia), m. 1866-01-24 - Selz, Russia
  3. Kessler, Stefan (b. 1868 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Kessler, Thomas D (b. 1870-02-20 - Selz, Russia, d. 1956-01-31 - Oregon)

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### Descendants of Franz Ludwig Rombs and Margaretha Werner

Note that Franz Ludwig is one of the few people whose profession is specifically called out. In Paradise on the Steppe, page 61, he is identified as one of two teachers among the Selz colonists. The other teacher was Simon Rostisher.

1. Rombs, Franz Ludwig (b. 1763-04-11 - Oberlauterbach, Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France, d. 1836-04-22 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Werner, Margaretha (b. 1765-11-03 - Kesseldorf, Alsace, Germany, d. 1823-03-16), m. 1784-05-03
  2. Rombs, Elisabetha (b. 1795 - Alsace, d. 1831 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Schall, Johann (b. 1795, d. 1833), m. 1814
    3. Schall, Jacob (b. 1813, d. 1814)
    3. Schall, Marianna (b. 1815, d. 1815)
    3. Schall, Nicholas (b. 1828-10-27 - Selz, Russia, d. 1897-03-19 - McIntosh, North Dakota)  
sp. Faehn, Marianna (b. 1826, d. 1897)
      4. Schall, Wendelin (b. 1862, d. 1950)  
sp. Duchscherer, Phillipina (b. 1877, d. 1966)
        5. Schall, Barbara
        5. Schall, Nicholas
        5. Schall, Raymond
        5. Schall, August
        5. Schall, Margaret
        5. Schall, Wendell
        5. Schall, Michael
        5. Schall, Simon
        5. Schall, Ned (b. 1916-06-01, d. 2003-06-14)
2. Rombs, Franz (b. 1791, d. 1836-02-13 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Sennhauser, Katharina (b. 1791-02-09, d. 1852 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Rombs, Franz Joseph (b. 1811 - Selz, Russia, d. 1879-07-12 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Usselmann, Katherina (b. 1815-03-12 - Selz, Russia, d. 1852-07-18 - Selz, Russia), m. 1834-10-21 - Selz, Russia
    4. Rombs, Marianna (b. 1835-09-17 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Fetsch, Josef (b. 1831), m. 1854-10-18
      5. Fetsch, Katharina (b. 1855)
      5. Fetsch, Michael (b. 1858)
      5. Fetsch, Bernhard (b. 1859)
      5. Fetsch, Magdalena (b. 1860)
      5. Fetsch, Josef (b. 1864)
        5. Fetsch, Margaretha (b. 1856-11-01 - Selz, Russia, d. 1951-08-08 - North Dakota)
    4. Rombs, Magdalena (b. 1837-03-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1839-06-17 - Selz, Russia)
    4. Rombs, Katharina (b. 1838-09-23 - Selz, Russia, d. 1869-04-22 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Hirsch, Andreas (b. 1836 - Selz, Russia), m. 1858-10-13 - Selz, Russia
      5. Hirsch, Anna
      5. Hirsch, Pilomena
    4. Rombs, Johannes (b. 1840-02-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1840-12-04 - Selz, Russia)
    4. Rombs, Franz Josef (b. 1842-03-19 - Selz, Russia, d. 1865-12-10 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Weigel, Barbara (b. 1843 - Selz, Russia), m. 1864-10-19 - Selz, Russia
    4. Rombs, Johannes (b. 1845-07-01 - Selz, Russia, d. 1914-08-08 - South Dakota, USA)  
sp. Kessler, Barbara (b. 1848-06-26 - Selz, Russia, d. 1896-03-10 - Wecota, Faulk, Sotuh Dakota, USA), m. 1866-11-07 - Selz, Russia
      5. Rombs, Lulu (b. 1866-07-02 - Selz, Russia, d. 1953-04-17 - Faulk, South Dakota, US)  
sp. House, Reuben H. (b. 1858 - Canada), m. 1886

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5. Rombs, Johann (b. 1868 - Selz, Russia, d. 1872-06-18 - Selz, Russia)
5. Rombs, Andreas (b. 1872-03-14 - Selz, Russia, d. 1873-06-23 - Selz, Russia)
5. Rombs, Caroline B. (b. 1875 - Selz, Russia, d. 1917-02-03 - Faulk, South Dakota, US)  
sp. Austin, Bert W. (b. 1870-02-10 - Illinois, USA, d. 1953-01-02 - San Diego, San Diego, California), m. 1899
5. Rombs, Nicholas (b. 1877 - Selz, Russia, d. 1945-09-01 - Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, PA, USA)  
sp. Nelson, Mary C. (b. 1885-11-04 - Kandota, Todd, Minnesota, d. 1960-01-02 - Torrance, California), m. 1906-08-15 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US
5. Rombs, Peter (b. 1881 - Selz, Russia, d. 1882-07-03 - Selz, Russia)
5. Rombs, Esther Elizabeth (b. 1883-06-26 - Selz, Russia, d. 1957 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota, US)  
sp. Thornburg, Clyde (b. 1879 - Indiana, USA, d. 1912), m. 1903  
sp. Cranage, Matt (b. 1875 - Wisconsin, d. 1965), m. 1916-03-31 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
5. Rhombs, Joseph (b. 1885-11-03 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1940-09-03 - Pierre, South Dakota, US)  
sp. Thompson, Tena A. (b. 1890-03-17 - Potter, South Dakota, d. 1979-05-18 - Potter, South Dakota, US), m. 1910-12-24 - Potter, South Dakota
5. Rombs, Kathryn (b. 1887-03-00, d. 1970-12-22 - Jefferson, Montana)  
sp. Vinton, Alva J. (b. 1878 - Tama, Iowa, USA, d. 1959-04-16 - Meagher, Montana, USA)
4. Rombs, Magdalena (b. 1848-02-17 - Selz, Russia, d. 1853-10-15 - Selz, Russia)
4. Rombs, Franz (b. 1849-08-16 - Selz, Russia, d. 1880-12-07 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Klein, Margaretha (b. 1854 - Selz, Russia), m. 1874-10-27 - Selz, Russia
  5. Rombs, Ferdinand (b. 1875)
  5. Rombs, Elisabetha (b. 1877)
  5. Rombs, Katharina
4. Rombs, Severin (b. 1852-05-21 - Selz, Russia)
- sp. Hirsch, Barbara (b. 1833 - Selz, Russia), m. 1853-10-12 - Selz, Russia
  4. Rombs, Margaretha (b. 1856-11-28 - Selz, Russia)
  4. Rombs, Wendelin (b. 1858-02-23 - Selz, Russia)
  4. Rombs, Georg (b. 1859-09-16 - Selz, Russia, d. 1859-10-14 - Selz, Russia)
  4. Rombs, Magdalena (b. 1860-11-19 - Selz, Russia)
  4. Rombs, Margaretha (b. 1862-06-14 - Selz, Russia)
  4. Rombs, Wendelin (b. 1863-09-18 - Selz, Russia)sp. Goldade, Elisabetha (b. 1817), m. 1877-04-24 - Selz, Russia
3. Rombs, Marianna (b. 1812 - Selz, Russia, d. 1834-09-11 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Fetsch, Johann (b. 1812), m. 1833-11-05
  4. Fetsch, Marianna (b. 1833-11-14 - Selz, Russia, d. 1833)
  4. Fetsch, Johannes (b. 1834-09-03 - Selz, Russia)
3. Rombs, Elisabetha (b. 1814 - Selz, Russia)
3. Rombs, Margaretha (b. 1815-09-25 - Selz, Russia, d. 1879-12-29 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Fetsch, Franz Georg (b. 1813 - Selz, Russia), m. 1838-11-06 - Selz, Russia
  4. Fetsch, Johann (b. 1839)
  4. Fetsch, Katharina (b. 1842-05-24 - Selz, Russia)
  4. Fetsch, Thomas (b. 1844-12-21 - Selz, Russia)sp. Wagner, Marianna (b. 1848), m. 1866-11-07
  5. Fetsch, Georg (b. 1871)
  5. Fetsch, Anton (b. 1875)
  5. Fetsch, Margarethe (b. 1879)
  5. Fetsch, Franz (b. 1882, d. 1947)
4. Fetsch, Julianna (b. 1847-05-03 - Selz, Russia)
4. Fetsch, Franz (b. 1850 - Selz, Russia, d. 1911-04-25 - Selz, Russia)

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4. Fetsch, Elizabetha (b. 1852 - Selz, Russia)
4. Fetsch, Anna (b. 1854-03-27 - Selz, Russia)
3. Rombs, Stefan (b. 1819 - Selz, Russia, d. 1891 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Hulm, Karolina (b. 1822), m. 1838-11-06 - Selz, Russia
  4. Rombs, Franz (b. 1839, d. 1840)
  4. Rombs, Anton (b. 1840)
    - sp. Jung, Julianna (b. 1845)
      5. Rombs, Karolina (b. 1867, d. 1868-12-12 - Selz, Russia)
      5. Rombs, Walter (b. 1874-03-15 - Selz, Russia, d. 1946-07-10 - Brown, South Dakota)
      5. Rombs, Stefan (b. 1877 - Selz, Russia, d. 1878-03-17 - Selz, Russia)
  4. Rombs, Georg (b. 1843, d. 1916 - Selz, Russia)
    - sp. Weigel, Franziska (b. 1844-10-24 - Selz, Russia)
      5. Rombs, Josef (b. 1867 - Selz, Russia, d. 1870-01-15 - Selz, Russia)
      5. Rombs, Barbara (b. 1868-07-06 - Selz, Russia, d. 1945 - Russia)
      5. Rombs, Joseph (b. 1874-01-06 - Russia, d. 1962-10-22 - Ramsey, North Dakota)
        - sp. Frank, Angelika (b. 1879-11-01 - Russia, d. 1967-05-22 - Ramsey, North Dakota)
    4. Rombs, Andreas (b. 1845, d. 1845)
    4. Rombs, Rosina (b. 1846)
    4. Rombs, Marianna (b. 1848 - Selz, Russia)
    4. Rombs, Katharina (b. 1850)
    4. Rombs, Helena (b. 1852 - Selz, Russia)
    4. Rombs, Magdalena (b. 1854)
    4. Rombs, Elisabetha (b. 1857)
    4. Rombs, Thaddeus (b. 1859)
    4. Rombs, Balthazar (b. 1860)
    4. Rombs, Thaddeus (b. 1863)
  3. Rombs, Paul (b. 1825 - Selz, Russia)
    - sp. Goldade, Magdalena (b. 1827 - Selz, Russia), m. 1847-10-12
    4. Rombs, Katharina (b. 1849 - Selz, Russia, d. 1850-05-08 - Selz, Russia)
    4. Rombs, Johann (b. 1851 - Selz, Russia)
    4. Rombs, Georg (d. 1858 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Rombs, Johannes (b. 1826 - Selz, Russia, d. 1912 - Neu-Petersburg, Russia)
    - sp. Eisenzimmer, Franziska (b. 1837 - Selz, Russia), m. 1858-10-06 - Selz, Russia
    4. Rombs, Magdalena (b. 1859-11-07 - Selz, Russia)
    4. Rombs, Elizabeth (b. 1861-12-03 - Selz, Russia, d. 1945 - Blumenfeld, Ukraine)
      - sp. Kiefel, Eugen (b. 1854 - Franzfeld, Russia, d. 1929 - Blumenfeld, Russia)
        5. Kiefel, Johann (b. 1882)
        5. Kiefel, Jakob (b. 1888 - Blumenfeld, Russia, d. 1938-07-13)
        5. Kiefel, Martin (b. 1891-11-11 - Blumenfeld, Russia, d. 1937-11-05)
        5. Kiefel, Rosa (b. 1893 - Blumenfeld, Russia)
        5. Kiefel, Theresia (b. 1898-09-13 - Blumenfeld, Russia)
        5. Kiefel, Klemens (b. 1903-11-23 - Blumenfeld, Russia)
    4. Rombs, Michael (b. 1864-04-20 - Blumenfeld, Russia, d. 1920 - Neu-Petersburg, Russia)
      - sp. Hatzenbuehler, Barbara (b. 1871-09-11 - Neu-Baden, Russia, d. 1933-12-20 - Neu-Petersburg, Russia), m. 1891
      5. Rombs, Daniel
      5. Rombs, Angelina (b. 1893, d. 1963)
      5. Rombs, Johannes (b. 1895, d. 1955)
      5. Rombs, Markus (b. 1896 - Neu-Petersburg, Russia, d. 1964 - Russia)
      5. Rombs, Valentin (b. 1900 - Neu Petersburg, Russia, d. 1955 - Ulm, Germany)
        - sp. Detling, Magdalena (b. 1906 - Blumenfeld, Russia, d. 1966 - Karaganda, Russia), m. 1925-11-26
      5. Rombs, Michail (b. 1903, d. 1946)

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- 5. Rombs, Nikodemus (b. 1906, d. 1977)
- 5. Rombs, Josef (b. 1909, d. 1947)
- 4. Rombs, Christina (b. 1866-04-28 - Russia)
- 4. Rombs, Dorothea (b. 1868-07-10 - Russia)
- sp. Volk, Agnesia (b. 1828 - Baden, Kutschurgan, d. 1858-05-09 - Selz, Russia), m. 1845-09-16 - Selz, Russia
  - 4. Rombs, Katharina (b. 1846 - Selz, Russia)
  - 4. Rombs, Marianna (b. 1850-02-01 - Selz, Russia, d. 1852-12-26 - Selz, Russia)
  - 4. Rombs, Balthazar R. (b. 1853-05-23 - Selz, Russia, d. 1926-05-11)
    - sp. Wagner, Helena (Halaline) (b. 1854-05-28 - Franzfeld, Russia, d. 1932-09-14)
      - 5. Rombs, Francis (b. 1875, d. 1927)
      - 5. Rombs, Agnes Dorothy (b. 1876, d. 1943)
      - 5. Rombs, Jakob B. (b. 1878-06-00 - Franzfeld, Russia, d. 1945)
      - 5. Rombs, John Balthasar (b. 1880-06-01 - Blumenfeld, Ukraine, d. 1953-01-30 - Alberta, Canada)
      - 5. Rombs, Elisabeth (b. 1882, d. 1968)
      - 5. Rombs, Anna (b. 1884-05-28 - Franzfeld, Russia, d. 1966)
      - 5. Rombs, Audenia (Lena?) (b. 1887-02-07 - Grimes, Texas, US, d. 1967)
      - 5. Rombs, Daniel Leon (b. 1889-02-21 - Grimes, Texas, US, d. 1970)
      - 5. Rombs, Teckla (Carrie R.?) (b. 1891-05-00 - Grimes, Texas, US, d. 1965)
      - 5. Rombs, Helen Ellie (b. 1894 - Grimes, Texas, US, d. 1964)
    - 4. Rombs, Helena (b. 1855 - Selz, Russia)
    - 4. Rombs, Wendelin (b. 1856-09-02 - Selz, Russia, d. 1856-09-10 - Selz, Russia)
    - 4. Rombs, Anton (b. 1858-04-20 - Selz, Russia, d. 1858-08-14 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Schaefer, Katharina
    - 4. Rombs, Franz (b. 1870)
  - sp. Dettling, Agnes
    - 4. Rombs, Albina (b. 1877-04-06)
  - 3. Rombs, Georg (b. 1832-02-02 - Selz, Russia, d. 1833-09-03 - Selz, Russia)
  - 3. Rombs, Elisabetha (b. 1834-04-25 - Selz, Russia)
    - sp. Volk, Mathias (b. 1833 - Selz, Russia, m. 1855-01-17 - Selz, Russia)
  - 2. Rombs, Marianna (b. 1801 - Alsace)
    - sp. Usselmann, Jakob (b. 1799, d. 1862 - Selz, Russia)
      - 3. Usselmann, Adam (b. 1823 - Selz, Russia)
        - sp. Arth, Margareta (b. 1825, d. 1862 - Selz, Russia), m. 1845 - Selz, Russia
          - 4. Usselmann, Magdalena (b. 1857 - Selz, Russia)
          - 4. Usselmann, Katharina (b. 1861 - Selz, Russia)
        - sp. Eisenzimmer, Helen (b. 1843 - Selz, Russia), m. 1862 - Selz, Russia
          - 4. Usselmann, Sylvester John (b. 1868-06-28 - Selz, Russia, d. 1937 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
            - sp. Dosch, Regina (b. 1868-09-29 - Kandel, Russia), m. 1890-11-18
              - 5. Usselmann, Helena (b. 1891-07-21 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1981 - Emmons, North Dakota, US)
                - sp. Schumacher, Michael Andrew (b. 1886 - Strassburg, Russia, d. 1954 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
              - 4. Usselmann, Anna Maria (b. 1869 - Selz, Russia)
              - 4. Usselmann, Eva (b. 1870 - Selz, Russia)
              - 4. Usselmann, Marianna (b. 1874 - Selz, Russia)
              - 4. Usselmann, Margaretha (b. 1877 - Selz, Russia)
        - 3. Usselmann, Lorenz (b. 1825 - Selz, Russia)
          - sp. Hopfinger, Lugwiga (b. 1825), m. 1848 - Selz, Russia
            - 4. Usselmann, Martin (b. 1849)
            - 4. Usselmann, Katharina (b. 1851)
            - 4. Usselmann, Magdalena (b. 1860 - Selz, Russia, d. 1941-05-19 - Cass, North Dakota)

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3. Usselmann, Kasimir (b. 1827 - Selz, Russia, d. 1857 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. unknown, Johanna (b. 1831)
    4. Usselmann, Joseph (b. 1851)
  3. Usselmann, Georg (b. 1832 - Selz, Russia, d. 1835 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Marianna (b. 1835)
  3. Usselmann, Johann (b. 1837 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Margaretha (b. 1840 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Martin (b. 1842 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Elisabetha (d. 1848 - Selz, Russia)
- sp. unknown
3. Rombs, Marianna (b. 1833-11-10 - Selz, Russia, d. 1833-11-19 - Selz, Russia)

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## Descendants of Adam Schumacher and Barbara Geg

Note that the descendants of Adam Schumacher below do NOT include the two Schumacher families that appear in the 1852 census in the Strassburg colony. The heads of those households are Josef and Thomas, both of whom descend from Mathias Schumacher and Elisabetha Hirsch from a Black Forest town called Epfendorf. See <http://epfendorf.com/> and <https://www.meyersgaz.org/place/10444033>. Some people that settled in the Edmunds Co., SD, area can be traced to this line.

1. Schumacher, Adam (b. 1792, d. 1852)
  - sp. Geg, Barbara (b. 1794), m. - Selz, Russia
  - 2. Schumacher, Jakob (b. 1814 - Selz, Russia)
  - 2. Schumacher, Philipp (b. 1817, d. 1872-12-30 - Selz, Russia)
    - sp. Hartmann, Magdalena (b. 1817, d. 1888 - Mannheim, Russia)
    - 3. Schumacher, Franz
    - 3. Schumacher, Maria Ann (b. 1839, d. 1840)
    - 3. Schumacher, Johannes (b. 1841 - Selz, Russia, d. 1898 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Schumacher, Thomas (b. 1843 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Schumacher, Anton (b. 1846 - Selz, Russia)
    - 3. Schumacher, Philipp (b. 1847 - Selz, Russia, d. 1907 - Selz, Russia)
      - sp. Mack, Elizabeth (b. 1848, d. 1935)
        - 4. Schumacher, Josephine
        - 4. Schumacher, Johannes
        - 4. Schumacher, Anna Maria
        - 4. Schumacher, Anton
        - 4. Schumacher, Marianna
        - 4. Schumacher, Franz
        - 4. Schumacher, Magdalena
        - 4. Schumacher, Margaretha (b. 1887, d. 1968)
          - sp. Weninger, George (b. 1882, d. 1958)
        - 4. Schumacher, Josephine
        - 4. Schumacher, Martina
      - sp. Weninger, Helena
        - 4. Schumacher, Philipp (b. 1868)
          - sp. Usselmann, Theresa (b. 1876)
      - 3. Schumacher, Margaretha (b. 1853 - Selz, Russia)
      - 3. Schumacher, Martha Josefa (b. 1855 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927 - Russia)
  - 2. Schumacher, Theodor (b. 1816 - Selz, Russia, d. 1816 - Selz, Russia)
  - 2. Schumacher, Theodor (b. 1818, d. 1864)
    - sp. Braun, Marianna (b. 1817, d. 1864)
      - 3. Schumacher, Jakob (b. 1840)
      - 3. Schumacher, Elisabetha (b. 1843)
      - 3. Schumacher, Klara (b. 1845)
      - 3. Schumacher, Barbara (b. 1848)
      - 3. Schumacher, Joseph Theodor (b. 1850)
      - 3. Schumacher, Sebastian (b. 1853)
      - 3. Schumacher, Paul (b. 1856)
      - 3. Schumacher, Adam (b. 1858, d. 1920 - Strasburg, North Dakota)
        - sp. Wolf, Marianna (b. 1864, d. 1894)
          - 4. Schumacher, John J. (b. 1884-03-19 - Selz, Russia, d. 1944-08-06 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)



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- sp. Biegler, Theresa (b. 1889, d. 1971 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota), m. 1910-05-10 - Leola, McPherson, North Dakota
- 5. Schumacher, Charles
  - 5. Schumacher, Adam P.
  - 5. Schumacher, Mary Elizabeth
  - 5. Schumacher, Kathryn Margaret
  - 5. Schumacher, Michael P.
  - 5. Schumacher, Paul Ames
  - 5. Schumacher, Anna
  - 5. Schumacher, John P.
  - 5. Schumacher, Elizabeth
  - 5. Schumacher, Joseph John
  - 5. Schumacher, Delores
  - 5. Schumacher, Theresa
  - 5. Schumacher, Andrew
- 4. Schumacher, Joseph (b. 1888, d. 1982 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
  - 4. Schumacher, Anna (b. 1889, d. 1982 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
  - 4. Schumacher, Andrew (b. 1892)
2. Schumacher, Elizabeth (b. 1822 - Selz, Russia, d. 1862-10-29 - Selz, Russia)
- sp. Kessler, Johannes (b. 1821 - Selz, Russia, d. 1886), m. 1844-11-05 - Selz, Russia
- 3. Kessler, Margaretha (b. 1845-08-04 - Selz, Russia, d. 1928-10-25 - McLean, North Dakota)
- sp. Usselmann, Alexander (b. 1844 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927-06-28 - Hazen, Mercer, North Dakota), m. 1865-11-08 - Selz, Russia
- 4. Usselmann, Valentine (b. 1866 - Selz, Russia)
  - 4. Usselmann, John (b. 1867-10-15 - Selz, Russia, d. 1944-10-07 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
- sp. Detling, Marianna, m. 1894-10-11
- 4. Usselmann, Anna (b. 1869-05-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927-05-09 - Hazen, Mercer, North Dakota)
  - 4. Usselmann, Margareta (b. 1872-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1955-02-19 - Dickenson, Stark, North Dakota)
- sp. Geisinger, Konstantin (b. 1870-09-15 - Russia, d. 1942-02-06 - North Dakota)
- 4. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1874 - Selz, Russia)
  - 4. Usselmann, Julianna (b. 1877-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1949-01-26 - Mercer, North Dakota)
- sp. Hoepfner, Jacob (b. 1874-09-29 - Baden, Kutschurgan, d. 1949-10-02 - Bismark, North Dakota), m. 1896-11-13 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
- 5. Hipfner, Joseph (b. 1901-04-20 - Morton, North Dakota, d. 1987-10-26 - Morton, North Dakota)
- 4. Usselmann, Josef (b. 1882 - Selz, Russia)
  - 4. Usselmann, Adam (b. 1886-06-20 - Selz, Russia, d. 1947-03-12)
3. Kessler, Franz (b. 1846-09-26 - Selz, Russia, d. 1913-04-20 - Oregon)
- sp. Deibert, Maria Anna (b. 1850 - Selz, Russia, d. 1877 - Selz, Russia), m. 1870-10-26 - Selz, Russia
- 4. Kessler, Margaret Katherine (b. 1877, d. 1960)
- sp. Feth, Barbara (b. 1854, d. 1916-08-28 - Oregon)
- 4. Kessler, Michael (b. 1883-07-27 - Selz, Russia, d. 1982-04-08 - Oregon)
  - 4. Kessler, Elizabeth Anna (b. 1886-01-18 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1950-06-22 - Oregon)
3. Kessler, Barbara (b. 1848-06-26 - Selz, Russia, d. 1896-03-10 - Wecota, Faulk, South Dakota, USA)
- sp. Rombs, Johannes (b. 1845-07-01 - Selz, Russia, d. 1914-08-08 - South Dakota, USA), m. 1866-11-07 - Selz, Russia
- 4. Rombs, Lulu (b. 1866-07-02 - Selz, Russia, d. 1953-04-17 - Faulk, South Dakota, US)
- sp. House, Reuben H. (b. 1858 - Canada), m. 1886
- 5. House, James W. (b. 1888-08-05, d. 1928-07-08 - Montana)
  - 5. House, Anna C. (b. 1890 - South Dakota, d. 1973)
- sp. Hansen, Fred
- 5. House, Bertha J. (b. 1892 - South Dakota)

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- sp. Magnuson, Earl
- 5. House, Charles Edward (b. 1893-07-22 - Watertown, South Dakota, USA, d. 1966-11-15 - Riverside, California)
  - sp. unknown, Nina
- 5. House, Chester Ira (b. 1897-07-22 - South Dakota, d. 1972-06-04 - Swift, Minnesota)
  - sp. Rieger, Rose M. (b. 1903 - North Dakota)
- 5. House, Esther Alta (b. 1900-02-25 - Sparta, Monroe, Wisconsin, US)
  - sp. Soderquist, Clarence
- 5. House, Helen (b. 1902-07-22 - Wisconsin, d. 1982)
  - sp. Hansen, Edward (b. 1896-06-17 - South Dakota, d. 1982-01-31)
- 5. House, William Theodore (b. 1904-03-30 - Sparta, Monroe, Wisconsin, US)
  - sp. Rieger, Ethel
- 5. House, Joseph Franklin (b. 1906-05-14 - Sparta, Monroe, Wisconsin, US, d. 1988-05-10 - Hawthorne, California, USA)
  - sp. unknown, Virginia
- 5. House, Vera Muriel (b. 1908-08-03 - South Dakota, d. 1980-04-04 - Sacramento, California, USA)
- 4. Rombs, Johann (b. 1868 - Selz, Russia, d. 1872-06-18 - Selz, Russia)
- 4. Rombs, Andreas (b. 1872-03-14 - Selz, Russia, d. 1873-06-23 - Selz, Russia)
- 4. Rombs, Caroline B. (b. 1875 - Selz, Russia, d. 1917-02-03 - Faulk, South Dakota, US)
  - sp. Austin, Bert W. (b. 1870-02-10 - Illinois, USA, d. 1953-01-02 - San Diego, San Diego, California), m. 1899
    - 5. Austin, Mildred B. (b. 1900, d. 1918-11-07 - Brown, South Dakota, USA)
      - sp. Mayer, R. G.
    - 5. Austin, Dorothy E. (b. 1901-01-27 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1979-12-20 - Los Angeles, California, US)
      - sp. Sieberg, Roland
    - 5. Austin, Muriel Veva (b. 1904-11-15 - South Dakota, d. 1986-01-24 - Lakeport, Lake, California, USA)
      - sp. Hill, Harry
      - sp. Evans, Charles Dineen (b. 1895, d. 1950)
- 4. Rombs, Nicholas (b. 1877 - Selz, Russia, d. 1945-09-01 - Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, PA, USA)
  - sp. Nelson, Mary C. (b. 1885-11-04 - Kandota, Todd, Minnesota, d. 1960-01-02 - Torrance, California), m. 1906-08-15 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US
    - 5. Rombs, Walter J. (b. 1907-04-21 - South Dakota, d. 1993-01-05 - Central Point, Oregon, USA)
      - sp. Carlson, Edith
    - 5. Rombs, Evelyn Agnes (b. 1912-05-01 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 2006-01-27 - Newton, Iowa, USA)
      - sp. Schmidt, Harold F. (b. 1905-04-07 - Iowa, USA, d. 1988-12-17 - Newton, Iowa, USA), m. 1930-06-02 - Napoleon, North Dakota, USA
    - 5. Rombs, Hazel Elizabeth (b. 1915-06-02 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1996-12-09)
      - sp. Fought, Vance R. (b. 1911), m. 1934-07-03 - Belle Fourche, Butte, South Dakota, US
    - 5. Rombs, Lucille Eileen (b. 1919-06-08 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 2012-03-16 - Minnesota, US)
      - sp. Harris, Keneth R., m. 1937-11-09 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US
    - 5. Rombs, Katherine A. (b. 1924 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US)
      - sp. Steele, Robert G.
    - 5. Rombs, Marie I. (b. 1926 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 2010-01-08)
      - sp. Schmidt, August E., m. 1972-12-02 - Los Angeles, California, US
      - sp. Peasnell, James Oliver (b. 1920-05-13 - Utah, USA, d. 2004-08-26 - Redondo Beach, CA, USA), m. 1945 - Tooele, Utah, USA

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4. Rombs, Peter (b. 1881 - Selz, Russia, d. 1882-07-03 - Selz, Russia)
4. Rombs, Esther Elizabeth (b. 1883-06-26 - Selz, Russia, d. 1957 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota, US)
  - sp. Thornburg, Clyde (b. 1879 - Indiana, USA, d. 1912), m. 1903
    5. Thornburg, Harold Arlo (b. 1904 - North Dakota)
    5. Thornburg, Ambrose Clayton (b. 1906 - North Dakota)
    5. Thornburg, Mabel Evelyn (b. 1908 - Canada)
    5. Thornburg, Clyde Alva (b. 1910-10-28 - Montana, USA, bur. 1972-12-17 - Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA)
  - sp. Cranage, Matt (b. 1875 - Wisconsin, d. 1965), m. 1916-03-31 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
    5. Cranage, Ralph (b. 1917 - South Dakota)
    5. Cranage, Loren (b. 1919 - South Dakota)
    5. Cranage, Everett (b. 1921 - South Dakota)
    5. Cranage, Maynard (b. 1922 - South Dakota)
    5. Cranage, Elizabeth (b. 1927 - South Dakota)
4. Rhombs, Joseph (b. 1885-11-03 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1940-09-03 - Pierre, South Dakota, US)
  - sp. Thompson, Tena A. (b. 1890-03-17 - Potter, South Dakota, d. 1979-05-18 - Potter, South Dakota, US), m. 1910-12-24 - Potter, South Dakota
    5. Rhombs, Anna V. (b. 1911 - Potter, South Dakota, d. 2002 - Potter, South Dakota)
      - sp. Comeau, Leo (b. 1906, d. 1972)
    5. Rhombs, Vern J. (b. 1917-12-28 - Potter, South Dakota, d. 1970-08-13 - Lebanon, South Dakota)
    5. Rhombs, Robert Earl (b. 1920-02-20 - Lebanon, South Dakota, d. 2005-08-31 - Sarasota, Florida)
      - sp. Bates, Velma (b. 1921-12-22 - Bowman, North Dakota, United States, d. 2019-11-07 - Port Charlotte, Charlotte, Florida), m. 1945-07-24 - Pierre, South Dakota, US
  4. Rombs, Kathryn (b. 1887-03-00, d. 1970-12-22 - Jefferson, Montana)
    - sp. Vinton, Alva J. (b. 1878 - Tama, Iowa, USA, d. 1959-04-16 - Meagher, Montana, USA)
      5. Vinton, Fern C. (b. 1911 - South Dakota, d. 1993-03-13 - Meagher, Montana, USA)
        - sp. Campbell, Clarice A. (b. 1919), m. 1937-10-16 - Lewiston, Fergus, Montana, USA
  3. Kessler, Katharina (b. 1850-11-25 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Kessler, Rochus (b. 1854-03-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1939 - South Dakota)
    - sp. Burghardt, Brigitta (b. 1862, d. 1926 - South Dakota), m. 1881-11-09 - Strassburg, Russia
      4. Kessler, Agnesia (b. 1884)
      4. Kessler, Felix V. (b. 1888 - Russia)
      4. Kessler, John (b. 1891 - South Dakota)
      4. Kessler, Anna (b. 1896 - South Dakota)
      4. Kessler, Anton (b. 1899 - South Dakota)
      4. Kessler, Sebastian (b. 1901-11-25 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1982-02-02 - Montana)
  3. Kessler, Josef (b. 1856-03-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1893)
    - sp. Saenger, Anna (b. 1858-11-29 - Strassburg, Russia, d. 1930 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA), m. 1881
      4. Kessler, Edith (b. 1882-07-22 - Russia, d. 1974-04-00 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
      4. Kessler, Frances (b. 1884-12-00, d. 1963 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota)
        - sp. Silbernagel, Leonard L. (b. 1884-12-20, d. 1953), m. 1909-11-10 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
          5. Silbernagel, Marie (b. 1910-05-05 - Brown, South Dakota, US)
          5. Silbernagel, Monie
          5. Silbernagel, Joseph
          5. Silbernagel, Virgil
          5. Silbernagel, Lorraine (b. 1923, d. 2011)

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4. Kessler, Lizzie (b. 1887-02-17 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1901-12-17 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
4. Kessler, Joseph (b. 1889-01-06 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1983-01-21 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
4. 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), m. 1914-02-10 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
4. 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), m. 1919-11-27 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
  5. Blank, Jerome (b. 1921)
  5. Blank, Angela (b. 1923-07-19 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1993-10-26 - Colorado)
  5. Blank, Deloris (b. 1925)
  5. Blank, Carl Robert (b. 1926, d. 2010)
  5. Blank, Mary (b. 1930-09-05, d. 1984-03-21)  
sp. Horst, Herbert Harold (b. 1931-10-19, d. 1957-12-02)
3. Kessler, Adam (b. 1859-01-02 - Selz, Russia, d. 1861-10-29 - Selz, Russia)
3. Kessler, Johannes (b. 1860-11-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1921 - Kandel, Russia)  
sp. Lacher, Lenore
  4. Kessler, Andreas (b. 1886-04-15 - Kandel, Russia, d. 1934-12-28)
3. Kessler, Wendelin (b. 1862-10-24 - Selz, Russia, d. 1944-03-26 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)  
sp. Dosch, Martha (b. 1875-05-05 - Kandel, Russia, d. 1949-02-16 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota)
  4. Kessler, Margaret (b. 1896-01-08, d. 1896-03-16)
  4. Kessler, Stephen (b. 1897-07-26, d. 1897-08-20)
  4. Kessler, Katherine M. (b. 1899-07-29 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1997-11-05)
  4. Kessler, John (b. 1901-09-27 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1977-03-03)
  4. Kessler, Michael (b. 1903-06-08 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
  4. Kessler, Regina (b. 1905-09-28, d. 1906-02-04)
  4. Kessler, Bernard (b. 1907-08-19 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1992-09-19 - Brown, South Dakota)
    4. Kessler, Sylvester (b. 1911-08-10, d. 1916-01-14)
    4. Kessler, Anna Marie (b. 1915-01-14 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 2004-06-26)
    4. Kessler, Wendelin (b. 1917-12-08 - Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1991-12-08)
2. Schumacher, Sebastian (b. 1827, d. 1903 - Russia)
2. Schumacher, Margaretha (b. 1829 - Selz, Russia)
2. Schumacher, Anton (b. 1831 - Selz, Russia, d. 1834 - Selz, Russia)
2. Schumacher, Adam (b. 1834-10-10 - Selz, Russia, d. 1900-12-30 - Zeeland, McIntosh, North Dakota)

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## Descendants of Christian Usselmann and Katharina Mertz

This line represents the maternal line for Johannes.

1. Usselmann, Christian (b. 1793-03-19 - Niederseebach, Weissburg, Elsass, Germany, d. 1853-05-14 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Mertz Merse Gsell, Katharina (b. 1786 - Salmbach, Weiss, Elsass, Germany, d. 1864 - Selz, Russia), m. 1813-12-22
  2. Usselmann, Christian (b. 1814)  
sp. Baumstarck, Eva Maria (b. 1816, d. 1865), m. 1835-11-17 - Selz, Russia
    3. Usselmann, Margaretha (b. 1836 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Valentin (b. 1838 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Wagner, Christina (b. 1840)
      4. Usselmann, Franz (b. 1880)  
sp. Rombs, Barbara (b. 1880)
        5. Usselmann, Sylvester (b. 1910)
        5. Usselmann, Pius (b. 1912)
        5. Usselmann, Franz (b. 1916)
    4. Usselmann, Bernhard (b. 1883)
  3. Usselmann, Peter (b. 1841)
  3. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1843, d. 1891)
  3. Usselmann, Josef (b. 1845 - Selz, Russia, d. 1847 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Catharina (b. 1848 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Johann (b. 1850)
  3. Usselmann, Josef (b. 1852 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Wendelin (b. 1854, d. - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Schumacher, Catharina (b. 1861), m. 1880-04-20
    4. Usselmann, Helena (b. 1881 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Schatz, Baltazar
      5. Schatz, Ambrosius  
sp. unknown, unknown wife of Ambrosius Schatz
      5. Schatz, Gabriel
      5. Schatz, Angelica
      5. Schatz, Wendelin
    4. Usselmann, Eva
    4. Usselmann, Helene's sibling 1
    4. Usselmann, Helene's sibling 2
  3. Usselmann, Franz (b. 1856 - Selz, Russia, d. 1858 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Marianna (b. 1858 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Bernhard (b. 1861)
2. Usselmann, Katherina (b. 1815-03-12 - Selz, Russia, d. 1852-07-18 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Rombs, Franz Joseph (b. 1811 - Selz, Russia, d. 1879-07-12 - Selz, Russia), m. 1834-10-21 - Selz, Russia
  3. Rombs, Marianna (b. 1835-09-17 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Fetsch, Josef (b. 1831), m. 1854-10-18
    4. Fetsch, Katharina (b. 1855)
    4. Fetsch, Michael (b. 1858)
    4. Fetsch, Bernhard (b. 1859)
    4. Fetsch, Magdalena (b. 1860)
    4. Fetsch, Josef (b. 1864)
    4. Fetsch, Margaretha (b. 1856-11-01 - Selz, Russia, d. 1951-08-08 - North Dakota)
  3. Rombs, Magdalena (b. 1837-03-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1839-06-17 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Rombs, Katharina (b. 1838-09-23 - Selz, Russia, d. 1869-04-22 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Hirsch, Andreas (b. 1836 - Selz, Russia), m. 1858-10-13 - Selz, Russia
    4. Hirsch, Anna

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3. Rombs, Johannes (b. 1840-02-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1840-12-04 - Selz, Russia)
3. Rombs, Franz Josef (b. 1842-03-19 - Selz, Russia, d. 1865-12-10 - Selz, Russia)  
sp. Weigel, Barbara (b. 1843 - Selz, Russia), m. 1864-10-19 - Selz, Russia
3. Rombs, Johannes (b. 1845-07-01 - Selz, Russia, d. 1914-08-08 - South Dakota, USA)  
sp. Kessler, Barbara (b. 1848-06-26 - Selz, Russia, d. 1896-03-10 - Wecota, Faulk, Sotuh Dakota, USA),  
m. 1866-11-07 - Selz, Russia
4. Rombs, Lulu (b. 1866-07-02 - Selz, Russia, d. 1953-04-17 - Faulk, South Dakota, US)  
sp. House, Reuben H. (b. 1858 - Canada), m. 1886
  5. House, James W. (b. 1888-08-05, d. 1928-07-08 - Montana)
  5. House, Anna C. (b. 1890 - South Dakota, d. 1973)  
sp. Hansen, Fred
  5. House, Bertha J. (b. 1892 - South Dakota)  
sp. Magnuson, Earl
  5. House, Charles Edward (b. 1893-07-22 - Watertown, South Dakota, USA, d. 1966-11-15 -  
Riverside, California)  
sp. unknown, Nina
  5. House, Chester Ira (b. 1897-07-22 - South Dakota, d. 1972-06-04 - Swift, Minnesota)  
sp. Rieger, Rose M. (b. 1903 - North Dakota)
  5. House, Esther Alta (b. 1900-02-25 - Sparta, Monroe, Wisconsin, US)  
sp. Soderquist, Clarence
  5. House, Helen (b. 1902-07-22 - Wisconsin, d. 1982)  
sp. Hansen, Edward (b. 1896-06-17 - South Dakota, d. 1982-01-31)
  5. House, William Theodore (b. 1904-03-30 - Sparta, Monroe, Wisconsin, US)  
sp. Rieger, Ethel
  5. House, Joseph Franklin (b. 1906-05-14 - Sparta, Monroe, Wisconsin, US, d. 1988-05-10 -  
Hawthorne, California, USA)  
sp. unknown, Virginia
  5. House, Vera Muriel (b. 1908-08-03 - South Dakota, d. 1980-04-04 - Sacramento, California,  
USA)
4. Rombs, Johann (b. 1868 - Selz, Russia, d. 1872-06-18 - Selz, Russia)
4. Rombs, Andreas (b. 1872-03-14 - Selz, Russia, d. 1873-06-23 - Selz, Russia)
4. Rombs, Caroline B. (b. 1875 - Selz, Russia, d. 1917-02-03 - Faulk, South Dakota, US)  
sp. Austin, Bert W. (b. 1870-02-10 - Illinois, USA, d. 1953-01-02 - San Diego, San Diego, Califor-  
nia), m. 1899
  5. Austin, Mildred B. (b. 1900, d. 1918-11-07 - Brown, South Dakota, USA)  
sp. Mayer, R. G.
  5. Austin, Dorothy E. (b. 1901-01-27 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1979-12-20 - Los Angeles,  
California, US)  
sp. Sieberg, Roland
  5. Austin, Muriel Veva (b. 1904-11-15 - South Dakota, d. 1986-01-24 - Lakeport, Lake, Cali-  
fornia, USA)  
sp. Hill, Harry  
sp. Evans, Charles Dineen (b. 1895, d. 1950)
4. Rombs, Nicholas (b. 1877 - Selz, Russia, d. 1945-09-01 - Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, PA, USA)  
sp. Nelson, Mary C. (b. 1885-11-04 - Kandota, Todd, Minnesota, d. 1960-01-02 - Torrance, Cali-  
fornia), m. 1906-08-15 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US
  5. Rombs, Walter J. (b. 1907-04-21 - South Dakota, d. 1993-01-05 - Central Point, Oregon,  
USA)  
sp. Carlson, Edith
  5. Rombs, Evelyn Agnes (b. 1912-05-01 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 2006-01-27 -  
Newton, Iowa, USA)

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- sp. Schmidt, Harold F. (b. 1905-04-07 - Iowa, USA, d. 1988-12-17 - Newton, Iowa, USA), m. 1930-06-02 - Napoleon, North Dakota, USA
5. Rombs, Hazel Elizabeth (b. 1915-06-02 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1996-12-09)
- sp. Fought, Vance R. (b. 1911), m. 1934-07-03 - Belle Fourche, Butte, South Dakota, US
5. Rombs, Lucille Eileen (b. 1919-06-08 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 2012-03-16 - Minnesota, US)
- sp. Harris, Kenneth R., m. 1937-11-09 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US
5. Rombs, Katherine A. (b. 1924 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US)
- sp. Steele, Robert G.
5. Rombs, Marie I. (b. 1926 - Faulkton, Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 2010-01-08)
- sp. Schmidt, August E., m. 1972-12-02 - Los Angeles, California, US
- sp. Peasnell, James Oliver (b. 1920-05-13 - Utah, USA, d. 2004-08-26 - Redondo Beach, CA, USA), m. 1945 - Tooele, Utah, USA
4. Rombs, Peter (b. 1881 - Selz, Russia, d. 1882-07-03 - Selz, Russia)
4. Rombs, Esther Elizabeth (b. 1883-06-26 - Selz, Russia, d. 1957 - Aberdeen, Brown, South Dakota, US)
- sp. Thornburg, Clyde (b. 1879 - Indiana, USA, d. 1912), m. 1903
5. Thornburg, Harold Arlo (b. 1904 - North Dakota)
5. Thornburg, Ambrose Clayton (b. 1906 - North Dakota)
5. Thornburg, Mabel Evelyn (b. 1908 - Canada)
5. Thornburg, Clyde Alva (b. 1910-10-28 - Montana, USA, bur. 1972-12-17 - Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA)
- sp. Cranage, Matt (b. 1875 - Wisconsin, d. 1965), m. 1916-03-31 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
5. Cranage, Ralph (b. 1917 - South Dakota)
5. Cranage, Loren (b. 1919 - South Dakota)
5. Cranage, Everett (b. 1921 - South Dakota)
5. Cranage, Maynard (b. 1922 - South Dakota)
5. Cranage, Elizabeth (b. 1927 - South Dakota)
4. Rhombs, Joseph (b. 1885-11-03 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1940-09-03 - Pierre, South Dakota, US)
- sp. Thompson, Tena A. (b. 1890-03-17 - Potter, South Dakota, d. 1979-05-18 - Potter, South Dakota, US), m. 1910-12-24 - Potter, South Dakota
5. Rhombs, Anna V. (b. 1911 - Potter, South Dakota, d. 2002 - Potter, South Dakota)
- sp. Comeau, Leo (b. 1906, d. 1972)
5. Rhombs, Vern J. (b. 1917-12-28 - Potter, South Dakota, d. 1970-08-13 - Lebanon, South Dakota)
5. Rhombs, Robert Earl (b. 1920-02-20 - Lebanon, South Dakota, d. 2005-08-31 - Sarasota, Florida)
- sp. Bates, Velma (b. 1921-12-22 - Bowman, North Dakota, United States, d. 2019-11-07 - Port Charlotte, Charlotte, Florida), m. 1945-07-24 - Pierre, South Dakota, US
4. Rombs, Kathryn (b. 1887-03-00, d. 1970-12-22 - Jefferson, Montana)
- sp. Vinton, Alva J. (b. 1878 - Tama, Iowa, USA, d. 1959-04-16 - Meagher, Montana, USA)
5. Vinton, Fern C. (b. 1911 - South Dakota, d. 1993-03-13 - Meagher, Montana, USA)
- sp. Campbell, Clarice A. (b. 1919), m. 1937-10-16 - Lewiston, Fergus, Montana, USA
3. Rombs, Magdalena (b. 1848-02-17 - Selz, Russia, d. 1853-10-15 - Selz, Russia)
3. Rombs, Franz (b. 1849-08-16 - Selz, Russia, d. 1880-12-07 - Selz, Russia)
- sp. Klein, Margaretha (b. 1854 - Selz, Russia), m. 1874-10-27 - Selz, Russia
4. Rombs, Ferdinand (b. 1875)
4. Rombs, Elisabetha (b. 1877)
4. Rombs, Katharina
3. Rombs, Severin (b. 1852-05-21 - Selz, Russia)

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2. Usselmann, Johannes (b. 1817 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Sahli, Margaretha (b. 1816 - Selz, Russia), m. 1837 - Selz, Russia
    3. Usselmann, Carolina (b. 1837 - Selz, Russia, d. 1837 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Karolina (b. 1838 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Katharina (b. 1841 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Nicolaus (b. 1845 - Selz, Russia, d. 1848 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Anna (b. 1847 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Johannes (b. 1849 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Georg (b. 1852 - Selz, Russia)
      - sp. Voeller, Helen (b. 1852)
        4. Usselmann, Theresa (b. 1876)
          - sp. Schumacher, Philipp (b. 1868)
    3. Usselmann, Lucia (b. 1855 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Elisabetha (b. 1860 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Franz Joseph (b. 1860 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Kasimir (b. 1861 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Usselmann, Johannes (b. 1863 - Selz, Russia)
  2. Usselmann, Franz (b. 1819 - Selz, Russia, d. 1858 - Selz, Russia)
    - sp. Demelet, Maria Anna (b. 1822, d. 1852 - Selz, Russia), m. 1840 - Selz, Russia
      3. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1842 - Selz, Russia)
      3. Usselmann, Anna (b. 1843 - Selz, Russia, d. 1844 - Selz, Russia)
      3. Usselmann, Josef (b. 1846 - Selz, Russia)
      3. Usselmann, Franz (b. 1849 - Selz, Russia)
      3. Usselmann, Christian (b. 1851 - Selz, Russia)
    - sp. Zerr, Katharina, m. 1852 - Selz, Russia
      3. Usselmann, Marianna (b. 1853 - Selz, Russia)
      3. Usselmann, Christina (b. 1854 - Selz, Russia)
      3. Usselmann, Marianna (b. 1857 - Selz, Russia)
      3. Usselmann, Margaretha (b. 1860 - Selz, Russia)
      3. Usselmann, Catharina (b. 1861 - Selz, Russia)
      3. Usselmann, Helena (b. 1864 - Selz, Russia)
  2. Usselmann, Joseph (b. 1822 - Selz, Russia)
    - sp. Deibert, Margaretha (b. 1825 - Selz, Russia), m. 1841 - Selz, Russia
      3. Usselmann, Ludwig (b. 1842 - Selz, Russia, d. 1849 - Selz, Russia)
      3. Usselmann, Alexander (b. 1844 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927-06-28 - Hazen, Mercer, North Dakota)
        - sp. Kessler, Margaretha (b. 1845-08-04 - Selz, Russia, d. 1928-10-25 - McLean, North Dakota), m. 1865-11-08 - Selz, Russia
          4. Usselmann, Valentine (b. 1866 - Selz, Russia)
          4. Usselmann, John (b. 1867-10-15 - Selz, Russia, d. 1944-10-07 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
            - sp. Detling, Marianna, m. 1894-10-11
          4. Usselmann, Anna (b. 1869-05-18 - Selz, Russia, d. 1927-05-09 - Hazen, Mercer, North Dakota)
          4. Usselmann, Margareta (b. 1872-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1955-02-19 - Dickenson, Stark, North Dakota)
            - sp. Geisinger, Konstantin (b. 1870-09-15 - Russia, d. 1942-02-06 - North Dakota)
          4. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1874 - Selz, Russia)
          4. Usselmann, Julianna (b. 1877-09-08 - Selz, Russia, d. 1949-01-26 - Mercer, North Dakota)
            - sp. Hoepfner, Jacob (b. 1874-09-29 - Baden, Kutschurgan, d. 1949-10-02 - Bismark, North Dakota), m. 1896-11-13 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA
              5. Hipfner, Joseph (b. 1901-04-20 - Morton, North Dakota, d. 1987-10-26 - Morton, North Dakota)
            4. Usselmann, Josef (b. 1882 - Selz, Russia)
            4. Usselmann, Adam (b. 1886-06-20 - Selz, Russia, d. 1947-03-12)
        3. Usselmann, Joseph (b. 1846)



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3. Usselmann, Johannes (b. 1849)
3. Usselmann, Anton (b. 1851)
3. Usselmann, Katherine (b. 1853, d. 1937)
  - sp. Hoffart, Balthasar (b. 1853, d. 1926)
    4. Hoffart, Alexander
    4. Hoffart, Margaret
    4. Hoffart, Mary Ann (b. 1881, d. 1947)
      - sp. Kesler, John Nicholas (b. 1872, d. 1951)
        5. Kesler, Wilhem (b. 1900, d. 1927)
        5. Kesler, John (b. 1901, d. 1952)
        5. Kesler, Elizabeth (b. 1903, d. 1984)
        5. Kesler, Mary (b. 1905, d. 1927)
        5. Kesler, Frank (b. 1907, d. 1958)
        5. Kesler, Joseph (b. 1909, d. 1984)
        5. Kesler, Herman (b. 1911, d. 1987)
        5. Kesler, Edward (b. 1914, d. 1972)
        5. Kesler, Nicholas (b. 1918, d. 1978)
      4. Hoffart, Josef
      4. Hoffart, Michael
      4. Hoffart, Rochus
      4. Hoffart, Elizabeth
      4. Hoffart, Martha
  3. Usselmann, Anna (b. 1855 - Selz, North Dakota)
  3. Usselmann, Magdalena (b. 1857 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Margaretha (b. 1859 - Selz, Russia)
  3. Usselmann, Elisabetha (b. 1862 - Selz, Russia)
2. Usselmann, Anna Maria (b. 1821 - Selz, Russia, d. 1863 - Kandel, Russia)
  - sp. Scherr, Paul (b. 1815 - Selz, Russia), m. 1840-11-10 - Selz, Russia
    3. Scherr, Johann (b. 1840 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Scherr, Margaretha (b. 1843 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Scherr, Franz (b. 1848 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Scherr, Magdalena (b. 1851 - Kandel, Russia)
    3. Scherr, Marianna (b. 1854 - Kandel, Russia)
    3. Scherr, Peter (b. 1856 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Scherr, Michael (b. 1859 - Kandel, Russia)
    3. Scherr, Magdalena (b. 1862 - Kandel, Russia)
    3. Scherr, Gertruda (b. 1863 - Kandel, Russia)
2. Usselmann, Marianna (b. 1824 - Selz, Russia)
  - sp. Fetsch, Anton (b. 1820, d. 1879 - Selz, Russia), m. 1843-10-24 - Selz, Russia
    3. Fetsch, Serafina (b. 1844, d. 1846 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Fetsch, Franz (b. 1846)
    3. Fetsch, Marianna (b. 1848, d. 1928)
    3. Fetsch, Anton (b. 1849 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Fetsch, Katharina (b. 1850, d. 1870)
    3. Fetsch, Apolonia (b. 1852)
    3. Fetsch, Helena (b. 1854 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Fetsch, Anna (b. 1858 - Selz, Russia, d. 1858 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Fetsch, Margaretha (b. 1859, d. 1860 - Selz, Russia)
    3. Fetsch, Regina (b. 1861)
    3. Fetsch, Bernhard (b. 1865, d. 1866-04-16 - Selz, Russia)
2. Usselmann, Peter (b. 1828 - Selz, Russia, d. 1838-02-24 - Selz, Russia)
2. Usselmann, Michael (b. 1830-05-10 - Selz, Russia, d. 1831 - Selz, Russia)
2. Usselmann, Michael (b. 1832-03-31 - Selz, Russia, d. 1835 - Selz, Russia)