

## Paul Garber Farm, c. 1836

### Summary

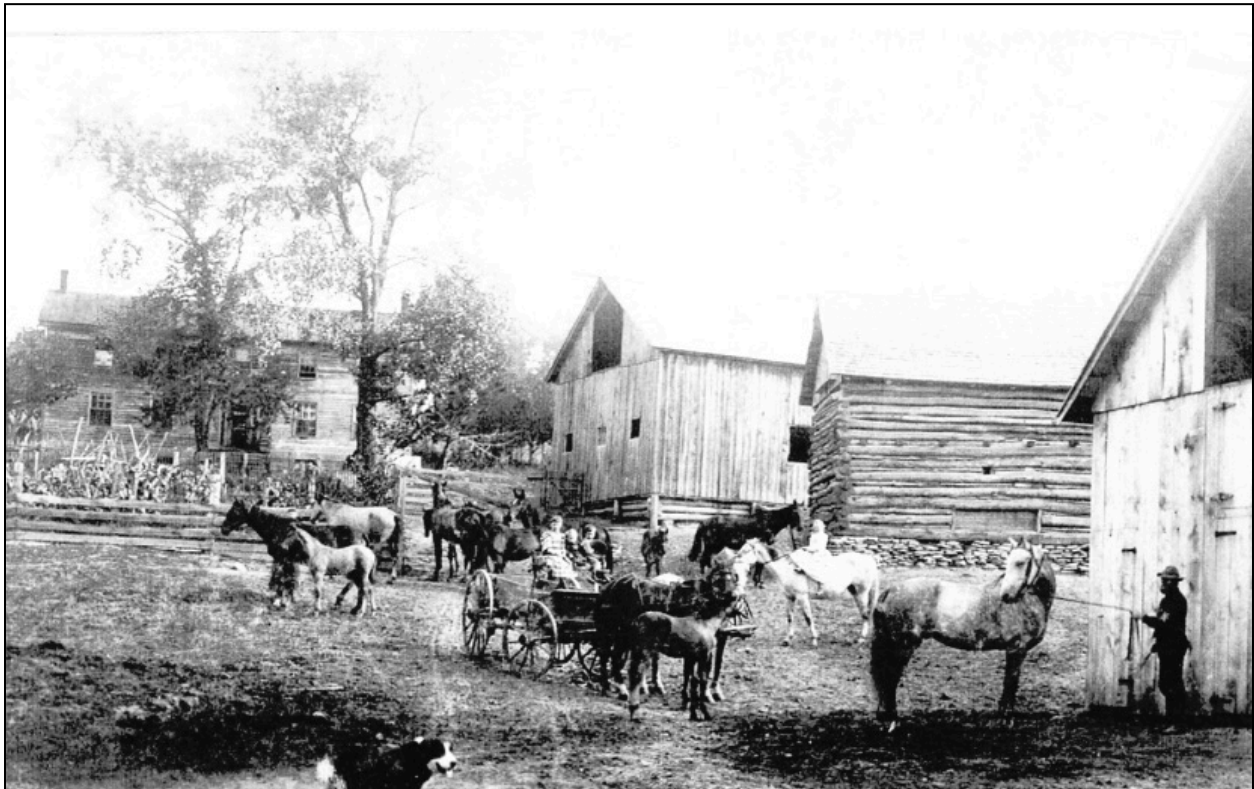
Emigrating, even today, can be arduous, dangerous, sometimes fatal.

Paul Gerber/Garber and Marie Juliette “Julia” Pelletier had more harrowing emigrations to Jo Daviess County than most immigrants, although ones they shared with a singular group of people who played important roles in the history of Jo Daviess County; Lafayette County, Wisconsin; St. Louis, Missouri, and Canada. Theirs was an amazing odyssey.

It started with ocean voyages. All ocean trips under sail were inherently dangerous in the 19th century, followed by often arduous overland and/or riverine trips to get to Jo Daviess County. Paul’s and Julia’s journeys were especially fraught.

Julia Pelletier was part of the 200-person Swiss colony recruited by Lord Selkirk’s agents to emigrate to the Selkirk Settlement in Canada. After a difficult voyage, man and nature challenged their lives and livelihoods. *“The early settlement of the Red River region was marked by a long series of crises and ecological disasters. Within the first decade of settling the region, it had already suffered renewed warfare, epidemics, prairie fires and a flood”* (Wikipedia).

We call it the Paul Garber Farm, but it is equally so Marie Juliette “Julia” Pelletier Garber’s Farm. One could make a case for it being even more so Julia’s, notwithstanding laws considering land ownership and white male privilege at the time



Early photo of Garber farm. Photo undated. Craig Albaugh photo collection.

Uncovering Julia's history, one is reminded of the famous anecdote about Ginger Rogers: "She did everything Fred Astaire did, but backwards and in heels." In Julia's case, that meant pregnancies, young children to care for, and husbands dying serially.

Julia and her three husbands shared the experience of living in three different countries; in her case, Switzerland, Canada, and the United States. All three husbands were members of the de Meuron Regiment, a Swiss regiment—comprised primarily of Swiss and German mercenaries—which ultimately was stationed in Canada, then disbanded. The de Meurons had served in other countries as well.

Marie "Julia" Pelletier married Simon Dazio (see "names" below) in the Selkirk Settlement. They had a son, Simon Jr. When Simon Jr. was very young, his father died.

Julia then married James or Joseph Frick (Fricke), also a de Meuron veteran, in Canada. The Fricks had a son and daughter.

After severe flooding and other disasters, the original Swiss Selkirk settlers and the de Meurons had had enough. They fled Canada en masse. The group traveled through Canada to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, then on to southern Wisconsin. Some of the party, including Paul Gerber, settled in Gratiot's Grove, near today's Shullsburg, Wisconsin.

Julia and her second husband, Joseph or James Frick, and children, including Julia's child, Simon Dazio/Tatchio, by her first husband, were living in Mill Creek Precinct, now Guilford Township. Joseph or James Frick died in 1829.

After all these veteran soldiers and Swiss colonists had endured, southern Wisconsin and Jo Daviess County, Illinois, must have seemed like heaven, despite having to start their lives over as refugees once again. Then, in 1832, the Black Hawk War erupted.

With war's outbreak, Paul Gerber and his neighbors sheltered at the fort at Gratiot's Grove, Wisconsin. Harrowing and uncertain as the situation was, Gerber and his former de Meuron neighbors were professional soldiers, much better prepared for warfare than the average male settler who had only rudimentary militia training. The de Meuron veterans would have been formidable in battle.

Paul Gerber served as a private in Captain Fortunatus Berry's Company, Michigan Militia. In any event, there was no attack on Gratiot's Grove.

We're uncertain where Julia and children were during the Black Hawk War. Research continues.

Sometime—date and place as yet unknown—Paul Garber and Julia Frick married.

Paul Garber preempted land and began farming in Jo Daviess County, Illinois. He built his log house around 1836.

Paul Garber expanded his acreage significantly during the 1840s.

The year before he died, he received 40 acres of land for his service in the Black Hawk War.

Paul Garber, born circa 1786, died 15 December 1853 in Guilford Township.

Julia's daughter by her second husband—Julia Frick Casper—died the following year.

Marie Juliette “Julia” Pelletier Garber, born circa 1784, died sometime between 1855 and 1860. No obituary, death notice, or tombstone has been found for either her or Paul Garber.

Julia Pelletier married three soldiers consecutively, whom, she noted, all fought for the emperor (Napoleon). Because of shifting geopolitics on the world stage, all three husbands also served Great Britain, France’s opponent in the Napoleonic Wars.

Paul Garber added the United States to that list, serving in Wisconsin—then part of Michigan Territory—during the Black Hawk War.

Paul and Julia Garber’s lives are testaments to grit, perseverance, and fortitude. Theirs is an incredible story covering two continents, multiple countries (for the de Meuron veteran) and three countries for Julia alone. They share this history with a small group of Selkirk Settlement refugees, many of whose descendants still live in Jo Daviess County, Illinois, and Lafayette County, Wisconsin.

The legacy Paul and Julia left us is their farmstead, their incredible story, and Julia’s descendants.

Today, the Garber Farm welcomes guests to lovely—and peaceful—Hawk Valley Retreat and Cottages.

### **A word about names and spelling**

#### **Paul Gerber/Garber:**

The name in Switzerland is “Gerber,” but both “Gerber” and “Garber” appear in records. This was a matter of language and pronunciation—accents—as well as scribes and enumerators of various nationalities hearing the same name differently.

By the end of Paul’s life, “Garber” is mainly found in the records. Julia’s name in Paul’s probate records is “Julia Garber.” (That said, in one probate record, both “Gerber” and “Garber” appear within the same record.) It should be remembered that neither Paul nor Julia was the person creating those written records. Julia made her mark (x) as her signature.

#### **Marie Juliette or Juliane “Julia” Pelletier:**

Pelletier is spelled at least three ways depending on the record and transcription of handwriting. She went by “Julia.”

#### **Simon Dazio / Tatchio / Tattchio, also Datsch in at least one de Meuron military record:**

Simon was Julia’s first husband. He and Julia’s son, Simon Jr., are listed variously as “Tatchio” and “Tattchio.” Census enumerators spelled the surname differently in three different U.S. censuses. In 1860, Simon, Jr. and his family are enumerated as Fattchio; in 1870, Thachio.

#### **James or Joseph Frick or Fricke:**

Julia’s second husband seems to have been named either James Joseph Frick or Joseph James Frick. In a few records, the surname is “Fricke.”

#### **Selkirk’s Settlement:**

The story of Selkirk’s Settlement, the Swiss colony of which Julia was a part, the de Meuron Regiment, and the geopolitical situation at the time is a fascinating, complex story.

It involves a benevolent plan by Lord Selkirk to help Scottish farmers, poor and dispossessed by the Highland Clearances; a battle (literally) with the North West Company in Canada; a Catholic mission to serve the French and Metis populations in Canada; and much more.

Varying names of the settlement include Selkirk Settlement, Red River Colony, Red River of the North, Rupert's Land, and Assiniboia.





## Garber Farm, c. 1836

### Marie Juliette or Juliane "Julia" Pelletier or Peltier: born St. Imier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, circa 1784

Marie Juliette "Julia" Pelletier emigrated in 1821 with the Swiss colony—nearly 200 people—to the Selkirk Settlement, also known as the Red River Colony and Rupert's Land. Famine conditions in Switzerland compelled many to move to the Red River Settlement. Whether that was true in Marie Juliette "Julia" Pelletier's situation is unknown.

A.L. Chetlain: Letter to the editor; List of Emigrants, Bulger Papers, "probably the work of Walter of Huser, one of the Swiss settlers," document dated 31 July 1822; "Documents Relating to the Swiss Immigration to Red River [Canada] in 1821, Canadian Historical Review, Vol 22:1, March 1941, ancestry.com; 1850 Federal census

Juliette/Juliane Pelletier went by "Julia." She had three husbands, all former soldiers, and outlived them all:

1. Simon Dazio or Tatchio or Tattchio; also Datsch in one record. He was born in 1796 in Germany and died in the early 1820s in the Selkirk Settlement in Canada.
2. James Frick or Fricke who died in 1829. His name may have been James Joseph Frick or Joseph James Frick. We find his military records under the name "Joseph Frick."
3. James Gerber or Garber. The Swiss spelling is Gerber, but Gerber and Garber are found interchangeably in records. Later, the name became "Garber" in common usage in Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

### Paul Gerber: born Sardith/Sardich, Switzerland, c. 1786

1850 Federal census for Jo Daviess County, Illinois; National Archives, Kew, Surrey, England, UK, Ancestry.com; Regimental Roster (below); Great Britain, War Office Registers, The National Archives (below)

Note: In "Liste des soldats et officiers du Regiment de Meuron venus defendre le Bas-Canada en 1813 contre l'envahisseur americain," Paul Gerber is listed as "soldat natif d'Allemagne" (soldier native of Germany), Maurice Vallee. This may have been because he was born in the German-speaking area of Switzerland.

### Paul Gerber serves with Regiment de Meuron, UK Regimental Register of Service, 1810

*Suite au Controle General du Reg<sup>t</sup> Suisse des Meuron*

N <sup>o</sup>	Noms	Grade	Age Taille					Lieu de Naissance	Profession
			Année	Mois	Jours	Pieds	Pouces		
2233	George Teustle	Inf.	26	"	5	8	3	Thuring Germany	"
2234	George Trischer	"	20	"	5	8	3	Haps Germany	"
2235	Johann Forsthuber	"	30	"	5	6	6	Thurgau Germany	Joiner
2236	Paul Gerber	"	24	"	5	6	7	Sardith Switzerland	"
2237	Joseph Gertschuh	"	24	"	5	7	"	Sardith Switzerland	"

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*Regimental Book commencé le 1<sup>er</sup> Octobre 1795*

<i>Entre à son Service au arivée</i>			<i>Change de lieu</i>			<i>Engagement</i>			<i>Engagement</i>			<i>Observations</i>
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5	août	1810	J <sup>e</sup>	5	août	1817	"	"	"	"	"	

Paul Gerber (4th line down from the top)

Paul Gerber, 24, Sardith, Switzerland.

National Archives, Kew, Surrey, England, UK, Ancestry.com; UK, Regimental Registers of Service, Meuron's Regiment, 1795-1816

### Paul Gerber, military service register, Cartagena, Murcia, Spain, 5 August 1810

Paul Gerber was 24 years old when he served in Spain.

Great Britain, War Office Registers, The National Archives, Kew, Surrey, England

### Pay list, Regiment de Meuron, Canada, 24 December 1810

No of the Company	No of the Private	No of each Class entitled to higher pay from length of service	No.	Privates continued.	Pay and additional Allowances.			Remarks explanatory of the Reasons of Absence at the respective Musters, or during any part of the Period of this Account, of broken Periods, dates of Inlistment, &c. and of all such other points as may tend to elucidate the respective Charges.				
					Periods for which Payment has been made: or, where not made, Periods for which the respective Persons are considered to be entitled thereto.	Rate per Day	Amount Issued.	Reasons of Absence at the respective Musters.	1 <sup>st</sup> Muster.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Muster.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Muster.	
From	To	Days	Days				£. s. d.					
1			1	Griffin's Son	91	1.2	5.6	duty	duty	duty		
1			2	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
6			3	Belair Blaisel		1.2	5.6					
5	2		4	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
7			5	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6			duty		
1			6	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
1			7	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6	duty				at mylna
1			8	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6	duty				
1			9	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6			duty		
1			10	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
1			11	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
1			12	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
1			13	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
1			14	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
1			15	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
1			16	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
1			17	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
1			18	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
1			19	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					
1			20	Griffin's Son		1.2	5.6					

Canada, British Army and Canadian Militia Muster Rolls and Pay lists, Regiment de Meuron, 1810

Note: In the British records, "Infantry Abroad," the official name is De Meuron's Regiment of Foot.

### British Army Muster Book and Pay List, de Meuron's Swiss Regiment, 1814-1815

Paul Gerber, stationed or muster place: Sacada, Lower Canada

Start of muster: 25 December 1814 End of muster: 24 March 1815



### **Reference to Paul Gerber, Red River Settlement, 8 April 1818 and 26 April 1818**

*"...Gerber remains at the Forks, he has a swelled Knee."*

*"...on Friday Gerber & a Canadian came here from the Forks in 4 Days with a Letter from Albany to Mr. Bird..."*

Peter Fidler and the Fur Trade of the Red River and Manitobah Districts 1812 to 1823, transcribed, edited, and written by Gerhard J. Ens, [rtparchivepress.com](http://rtparchivepress.com)

Note: Author Ens states: "This is in all likelihood Paul Gerber, a De Meuron Soldier who came to the RRS with Lord Selkirk in 1817. He is listed as a settler at Red River in 1818." LAC, Selkirk Papers.

### **Thomas Douglas, Earl of Selkirk, dies in France, April, 1820**

He was 49 years old.

"Death of the Earl of Selkirk," The Glasgow Herald, 28 April 1820, A Selkirk Settlement Sourcebook, selected, transcribed and annotated by Chris Willmore, [onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca](http://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca)

### **Simon Dazio, Julia Pelletier's first husband, is cited as emigrating to Selkirk's Settlement, also known as Red River Colony and Rupert's Land, 1821 (however, an earlier date, by at least 1818, is more accurate)**

"Documents Relating to the Swiss Immigration to Red River (Canada) in 1821," Canadian Historical Review, Vol. 22:1, Mar. 1941.

Note: "Date and place of settlement. Extracted from the Bulger Papers, volume II, Public Archives of Canada

Note: In "*Liste des soldats et officiers du Regiment de Meuron venus defendre le Bas-Canada en 1813 contre l'envahisseur americain*," Simon's name is Datsch, as follows: *Datsch, Simon, soldat natif d'Allemagne* (soldier native of Germany).

Note: Simon Dazio is listed as one of the de Meuron's settlers, Bicentenary of the Red River Selkirk Settlement Committee, 2011-2015

Note: However, please see the roster, 1818, above. Simon Dazio was clearly in the colony before 1821.

### **Marie Juliette "Julia" Pelletier emigrates to Selkirk's Settlement, 1821**

Almost 200 Swiss emigrated to Selkirk's Settlement at Red River in autumn, 1821, at the earlier invitation of Lord Selkirk. Julia had emigrated to Canada with "a Franco-Swiss colony." *"Many of the young women were quickly wooed and won by the de Meurons."*

"The Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert's Land," [www.lordselkirk.ca](http://www.lordselkirk.ca)).

(The Regiment de Meuron was an infantry regiment raised in Switzerland in 1781 for service with the Dutch East India Company. They were Swiss mercenaries. While the regiment was in Ceylon, French forces overthrew the Dutch Republic. In a tangle of geopolitics, the Swiss transferred the de Meuron Regiment to the British Empire.

The regiment moved to Canada in 1812. In 1816, the de Meuron Regiment was disbanded. Later, many of its soldiers served in the Red River Colony under Lord Selkirk or his designees.) Bulger Papers, Vol. II, pps. 172-178, Public Archives of Canada; Documents Relating to the Swiss Immigration to Red River (Canada) in 1821, notes and documents in Canadian Historical Review, Vol. 22, March. 1941, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, Ancestry.com; Names of Settlers of Red River, August 1818, Meuron's Settlers, The Selkirk Settlers of Red River and Their Descendants 1812-1997, The Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert's Land, 1997; The Founding of the Selkirk Settlement at Red River, The Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert's Land, [lordselkirk.ca](http://lordselkirk.ca); Wikipedia for the history of the de Meuron Regiment

### **Marie Juliane Peltier and Simon Dazio marry, Fort Gibraltar, Rupert's Land, Canada, 25 November 1821**

Julia, 37, was of French-Swiss descent; Simon, German. He was Catholic and a veteran of the de Meuron Regiment. Julia's religion was Reformed Church. They married in the Parish Church, St. John's Anglican.

Bulger Papers, Volume II, thought to be the work of Walter of Huser



Extracts from Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in Rupert's Land sent to the Governor and Committee (1820-1851), Archives of Manitoba

Notes: Manitoba Archives has his name "Dazio" and hers as Marie Juliane Peltier and also Pettier (same document).

•One genealogical source has Simon Dazio's birthplace as Baden-Wurtemberg, primary source unknown to this researcher.

•The original Fort Gibraltar was destroyed in 1816. Their marriage took place at the second iteration of Fort Gibraltar.

### **Birth of son, Simon Dazio Jr., Selkirk Settlement, 1823**

Bulger Papers, *ibid*; Biography of Simon Dazio, *ibid*; Guilford Township, The History of Jo Daviess County Illinois, H.F. Kett & Co., 1878

Notes: The Sangamo Journal reprinted this story from The Galena Gazette. (See addendum for the newspaper story)

•A.L. Chetlain, in a letter to the editor about the late Joseph Frick of Guilford, states that Julia Pelletier Tachio's first husband died "in Switzerland" in 1820.

•*Simon Tatchio [Jr.]... was thrown upon his own resources at an early period in his life. His mother taught him to read and write in French, and he gained a good understanding of the German tongue. His schooling was, of course, in English.*

Simon Tatchio [Jr.] biography, Portrait and Biographical Album of Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties, Illinois, 1889

•Find A Grave has his year of birth as 1823; however, source unknown and burial site unlisted.

### **Simon Dazio Sr., dies, "while his son was young," Selkirk Settlement, Canada, c. 1824**

Bulger Papers, *ibid*; marriage of Julia Pelletier Dazio and James Frick, next entry

### **Julia Pelletier Dazio marries, second, James Frick, Selkirk Settlement, Canada, 1824**

Julia's second husband was James Frick. Their son, Joseph Frick, was born 25 December 1824 in the Selkirk Settlement, Red River of the North.

Daughter, Julia Frick, was born in Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

Biography of Simon Tatchio [Jr.], Portrait of Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties Illinois, 1899; genealogytrails.com; For date of marriage: A.L. Chetlain letter to the editor, *ibid*; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Congregational Records, Zion Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, Illinois

Note: James Frick's full name seems to have been either James Joseph Frick or Joseph James Frick.

### **Birth of son, Joseph Frick, Selkirk Settlement, Red River of the North, 25 December 1824**

See above references; also, tombstone, St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Guilford Township, Robert Hansen, [jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org](http://jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org)

Note: The name is sometimes rendered Fricke.

### **Flooding and exodus, 1826**

*"In the spring..., after a wet autumn season, a winter of deep snowfall and a...late spring break-up [of ice], the crests of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers reached the Forks together. On May 2, the river rose nine feet perpendicular, and by May 4 the Settlement was submerged. As a result of this devastation the Swiss and de Meurons who still remained decided to leave.... Two hundred and forty of these people went to the United States and sixty to Canada."*

Chronology, MHS, *ibid*

Note: In a case of Nature piling on, there was also an infestation of grub worms in the colony.

Dictionary of Canadian Biography

### **Hard times in Canada**

The above has touched briefly on only some of the hardships faced by the Swiss and other settlers at and on their way to the Selkirk Settlement. There is a great deal of information available online and in several books for a fuller picture than time and space permit here.

## The de Meurons

There are numerous references to the de Meurons' involvement in military activities in Canada; however, we don't know if this was the entire company each time or in which Dazio/Tatchio, Frick/Fricke, and/or Gerber/Garber might have been engaged. Two brief examples, courtesy of Alice E. Brown, "Chronology of Events in the History of the Red River Settlement—1815 to 1836," *Manitoba Pageant*, September 1962, Vol. 8, No. 1, follow:

- 10 January 1817 — *An advance party of Selkirk's men, led by Miles Macdonell and Captain D'Orsonnens of the de Meurons recaptured Fort Douglas in a surprise winter attack.*
- 21 June 1817—*Lord Selkirk arrived at the Forks with his body-guard of seven regular soldiers and thirty-seven men of the de Meurons and Wattville Regiments."*

## Frick family moves from Selkirk Settlement via Ft. Snelling to Galena, 1826

*"The spring of 1826 was noted for the great rise of water in the Mississippi and its tributaries, and in the Red and Assiniboine rivers, caused by the unusual deep snow of the preceding winter, which had melted with warm and heavy rains. ...the lands...were completely inundated, and the settlers compelled to seek safety by flight to higher ground several miles distant, taking with them their cattle and household effects. The losses sustained by the flood were very great, and no efforts were made to repair them.*

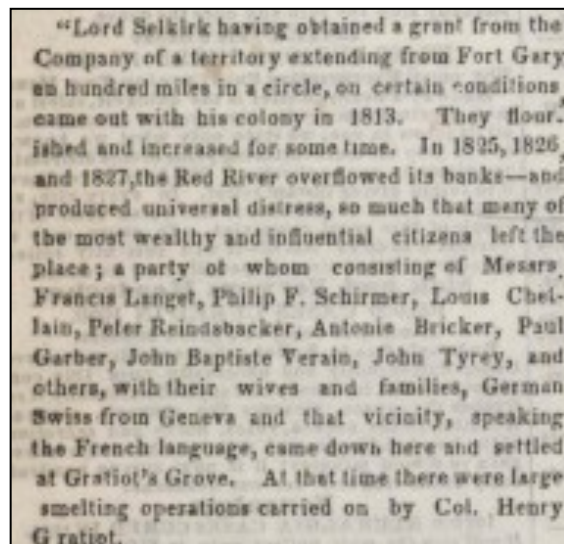
*Nearly all the Swiss settlers remaining...including a part of the Canadian settlers, having become thoroughly discouraged, decided to leave at once for the United States. Abandoning their lands, and selling their cattle and farming implements for what they could, they hired carts to transport their effects and provisions, and started in a body for Fort St. Anthony [later, Fort Snelling; later still, St. Paul]." The governor and other officers of the Hudson's Bay Company "deeply regretted their departure and generously supplied them with provisions for the journey free of cost, an interpreter, and an armed escort of forty-five men."*

The Red River Colony. Harper's New Monthly Magazine, LVIII, Augustus Louis Chetlain

*"...the Swiss experience at Red River was an unhappy one and they soon began moving south to the U.S. After the disastrous flood of 1826, they left en masse."*

The Founding of the Selkirk Settlement at Red River, The Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert's Land, [lordselkirk.ca](http://lordselkirk.ca)

## Many of "the most wealthy and influential citizens left..." the Selkirk Settlement, 1826-2s



"Lord Selkirk having obtained a grant from the Company of a territory extending from Fort Gary an hundred miles in a circle, on certain conditions came out with his colony in 1813. They flourished and increased for some time. In 1825, 1826, and 1827, the Red River overflowed its banks—and produced universal distress, so much that many of the most wealthy and influential citizens left the place; a party of whom consisting of Messrs. Francis Langet, Philip F. Schirmer, Louis Chetlain, Peter Reindsacker, Antonio Bricker, Paul Garber, John Baptiste Vernal, John Tyrey, and others, with their wives and families, German Swiss from Geneva and that vicinity, speaking the French language, came down here and settled at Gratiot's Grove. At that time there were large smelting operations carried on by Col. Henry Gratiot.

*"The colonists of the Red River Valley of the North were obliged to leave that region on account of a flood caused by the melting of deep snow, and after various vicissitudes, [Julia], with her second husband, finally emigrated to Galena via Ft. Snelling, in 1826."*

Biography of Simon Tatchio [Jr.], genealogytrails.com, *ibid*; A.L. Chetlain's letter to the editor, *ibid*

### **James or Joseph Frick dies, Gratiot's Grove, Wisconsin, 1829**

The Fricks moved to Gratiot's Grove, Wisconsin, after first coming to Galena in 1826. They remained there until 1835 when they moved to Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

Biography of Simon Tatchio [Jr.], *ibid*

Note: In Joseph Frick's biographical sketch in "Guilford Township," The History of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 1878, it states: "Joseph was born in Selkirk Settlement, Red River of the North, in 1823. Came to Galena with his father [and mother] in 1826. Was eight years old at the time of the Blackhawk War."

### **Paul Gerber and Julia Pelletier (Dazio/Tatchio) Frick marry, 1829 or 1830?**

Source, possibly: 1830 Iowa County, Michigan Territory—now Lafayette County, Wisconsin—census. See next entry.

Note: Marriage record not yet found.

### **Michigan Territory census: Iowa County, 1830**

[Assume Paul "Gerbo" to be Paul Gerber.]

Paul Gerbo	Males	Females
	1 male under 5	1 female under 5
	1 male 5-9	1 female 40-49
	1 male 40-49	

### **Black Hawk War, Gratiot's Grove, Michigan Territory, (today, Lafayette County, Wisconsin), 1832**

*"Among those who sought the fort for protection were the families residing thereabouts, including that of Antoine Boyne, Paul Garber, Eugene Fournier, Joseph Kemp, William Powell and about forty others whose names have escaped the memory of the oldest inhabitants...."*

History of Lafayette County, Wisconsin, Western Historical Society, 1881

*"During the Black Hawk War they took refuge at Ft. Gratiot Grove, La Fayette Co., Wisc., and Paul Garber, the second step-father of [Simon Tatchio] assisted in the protection of the [fort]...."*

Simon Tatchio biography, *ibid*

Simon Tatchio (Jr.), in his biographical sketch in "History of Jo Daviess County Illinois," states he was *"in old Fort Gratiot most of the time."*

Paul Gerber served as a private in Captain Fortunatus Berry's Company, Michigan Militia, during the Black Hawk War.

(See the addendum for the full muster roll.)

General Land Office Record, Bureau of Land Management; Muster Roll of Captain Fortunatus Berry's Company, Iowa Militia, stationed at Fort Gratiot; called into service of the United States on the Requisition of Gen. Henry Atkinson, 19 May 1832, Wisconsin Historical Society

Notes: The Berry Tavern still stands at Gratiot's Grove, Lafayette County, Wisconsin.

•"Gerber" is spelled "Gerbert" on the muster roll.

•Note: Simon Tatchio, Jr., was quoted as saying the family remained at Gratiot's Grove until 1835 when they moved to Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

"From an old Jo Daviess County Directory," Ancestry.com

**Paul Gerber purchases two parcels of land, Gratiot's Grove, Lafayette County, Wisconsin,  
22 June 1835**

No. of Certificate.	Date of Sale.	NAME OF THE PURCHASER.	DESCRIPTION OF	THE TRACT.		
			Part of Section	No. of Section.	Township.	Range.
356	June 22. 1835	Benjamin King	W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> of NWqr.	23	1 N.	2 E
357	June 22. 1835	Paul Gerber	N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> of NWqr.	"	"	"
358	June 22. 1835	Henry Gratiot	S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> of NWqr.	"	"	"
492	Aug. 8. 1835	Antoine Brückler	E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> of SEqr.	"	"	"
359	June 22. 1835	Paul Gerber	W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> of SEqr.	"	"	"
660	Sept. 10. 1835	Henry Gratiot	SWqr.	30	"	"
2662	June 21. 1836	Ephraim Fauchild Ozden	E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> of NEqr.			

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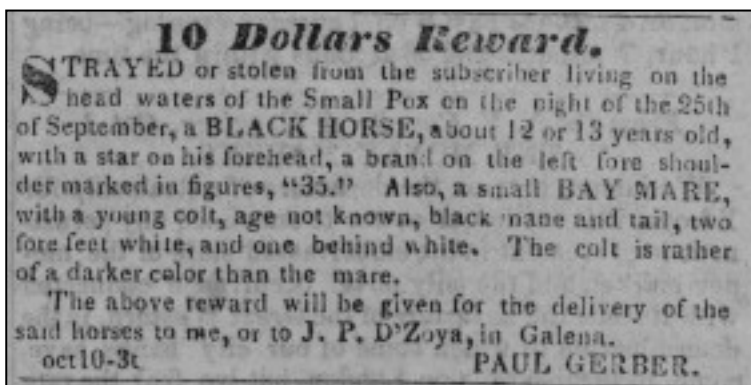
records, FamilySearch

**"...[Garber] preempted land and opened a farm in the town of Guilford," Jo Daviess County, Illinois, "late 1830's"**

Simon Tatchio, Jr., in his biographical sketch, has the story this way (quote above). The family moved to Mill Creek Precinct, now Guilford Township, in 1835. A neighbor of Joseph Frick contributed the date of 1833, which seems to be too early. Research of the current property owners indicates 1836.

A.L. Chetlain letter to the editor, Simon Tatchio [Jr.] biography, *ibid*; also, a neighbor's contribution; Hawk Valley Retreat Instagram post

**Reward offered for "strayed or stolen" horses, North Western Gazette & Galena Advertiser, 19 October 1839**



Note: Paul Gerber lists his home "on the head waters of the Small Pox" [Creek].

**1840 Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census**

Scales Precinct

Paul Gerber

Males

- 1 male 10-14
- 1 male 15-19
- 1 male 50-59
- 1 person employed in agriculture
- 1 person employed in commerce

Females

- 1 female 10-14
- 1 female 40-49



•total persons enumerated: 5

**Paul Garber purchases land, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 10 July 1844**

L1NENE, Section 16, Township 28N, Range 2E, 40 acres, \$3.50 per acre, total price: \$140

Illinois Public Land Purchase Records, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Secretary of State

**Paul Garber buys land, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 8 April 1847**

E2NW, Section 15, Township 28N, Range 2E, 80 acres, \$1.25 per acre, total price: \$100

286 *Prescription*  
**CERTIFICATE**  
No. 157

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

*W*  
**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WHEREAS** *Henry Grated* *assignee of Paul Garber*

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Mineral Point* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Paul Garber*

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for *the North half of the North West quarter of Section Twenty three in Township One of Range Two East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Mineral Point Wisconsin Territory containing eighty acres*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Paul Garber*

**NOW KNOW YE,** That the United States of America, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said *Henry Grated*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Henry Grated*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof, I,** *James K Polk*  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *fourth* day of *April* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty eight* and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the *Twenty Second*

BY THE PRESIDENT: *James K Polk*  
By *L. S. Stephens* Sec'y.  
*W. H. Laughlin* RECORDER of the General Land Office.

and W2NW, Section 15, Township 28N, Range 2E, 80 acres, \$1.25 per acre; total price: \$100

382 Preemption  
**CERTIFICATE**  
 No. 359

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

*W*  
**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WHEREAS** *Henry Gratiot Assignee of Paul Gerber*

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Mineral Point* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Paul Gerber*

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for *the West half of South East quarter of Section Twenty three, in Town 44 One, of Range Two East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Mineral Point Wisconsin Territory containing eighty acres,*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Paul Gerber*

**NOW KNOW YE,** That the **United States of America,** in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED,** and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT,** unto the said *Henry Gratiot*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Henry Gratiot*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof,** *I, James K. Polk*  
 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *twelfth* day of *April* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty eight* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the *twenty second*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:** *James K. Polk*  
*J. K. Stephens* Sec'y  
*J. H. Laydlin* Recorder of the General Land Office.

Illinois Public Land Purchase Records, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Secretary of State

**Julia Garber's son, Simon Tatchio, marries Christine Casper, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 20 May 1847**

Simon Tatchio [Jr.] biography, *ibid*; Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, Illinois State Archives, Secretary of State; [jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org](http://jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org) (which has her name "Christiana Cusher.")

**Preemption certificates, Henry Gratiot, assignee of Paul Gerber, Mineral Point, Wisconsin Territory, Lafayette County, 10 April 1848**

Paul Garber bought "the North half of the North West quarter of Section Twenty three in Township One of Range Two East, in the District of Lands subject to Sale at Mineral Point Wisconsin Territory containing eighty acres."

and

"the West half of South East quarter of Section Twenty three, in Township One, of Range Two East...containing eighty acres...."

**Paul Garber purchases land, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 1 July 1848**

Paul Garber of Jo Daviess County, Illinois bought The East half of the North west Quarter of Section Fifteen, in Township Twenty eight, of Range Two East...containing Eighty acres.

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**CERTIFICATE**  
No. 25654

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WHEREAS** *Paul Garber of Jo Daviess County, Illinois*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the **REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE** at *Spring* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Paul Garber*

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

*The East half of the North west Quarter of Section Fifteen, in Township Twenty eight, of Range Two East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Spring, Illinois, containing Eighty acres*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Paul Garber*

**NOW KNOW YE, That the**

**United States of America**, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such cases made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED**, and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT**, unto the said *Paul Garber*

and to his heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Paul Garber*

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof, I, James Polk**

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT**, and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON**, the *first* day of *July*

in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty eight* and of the

**INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the *twenty second*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:** *James Polk*

By *S. H. Laughlin* **Recorder of the General Land Office.**

and

The west half of the North west Quarter of Section Fifteen in Township Twenty eight of Range Two East...containing Eighty acres.

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**CERTIFICATE**  
No. 25655

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WE HEREBY** *Paul Harber of St. James County, Illinois*

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Dixon* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Paul Harber*

According to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for *The west half of the North west Quarter of Section Fifteen, in Township Twenty eight of Range Two East, in the District of Land subject to sale at Dixon, Illinois, containing Eighty acres*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Paul Harber*

**NOW KNOW YE,** That the United States of America, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED,** and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT,** unto the said *Paul Harber*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Paul Harber*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof, I, James H. Polke**  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT,** and the **SEAL** of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *first* day of *July*  
in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty eight* and of the  
**INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the Seventy *second*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:** *James H. Polke*  
By *J. H. Stephens* Sec'y.  
*S. H. Vaughan* Recorder of the General Land Office.

General Land Office Records, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

## Original log house built, Guilford Township, 1848(?)

### Uncover Century-Old Log House

Another county land-mark will soon be only a memory. The Art Cording house in Guilford is being torn down to be replaced by a modern ranch-type house.

In the process Art uncovered the original log walls put in the house when it was built in 1848. The land was deeded to Paul Garber in that year by the government of President James Polk.

Nicholas Riderwick acquired the house in 1853. Art's grand-father,

Christel Cording, bought the house in 1889. Art acquired the house in 1944. Originally two log houses, the buildings became joined by a covered passage-way that later became incorporated into the house. One of the houses, the east end, was used for the meetings of the Mennonite sect.

Art removed the modern lathe and plaster and found the original logs covered with primitive mud plaster. He also uncovered old-fashioned hand-cut square nails.

Galena Daily Gazette, 29 March 1951

## Daughter, Julia "Garbor" (so spelled in the record), marries Thomas Casper, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 9 April 1849

U.S. Marriage Index, Ancestry.com; Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, Illinois State Archives

Note: Thomas D. Casper was born 17 January 1823 in Switzerland. He died 10 August 1895 in Jo Daviess County. Will Records, Vol. C-F, Jo Daviess County, Illinois

Note: Julia Garber's son and daughter each married a Casper.

## 1850 Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census

Mill Creek Precinct

Paul Garber	64	farmer	1200	Switzerland
Julia Garber	64			Switzerland

Enumerated adjacent to the Garbers are:

Simmon Tatcheo	27	farmer	635	Selkirk Settlement
Christina Tatcheo	27			Switzerland
Simon Tatcheo	2			Illinois
Peter Tatcheo	7/12			Illinois

## "The Red River Country," Galena Gazette, reprinted in Sangamo Journal, 1 August 1851

The article mentions Francis Langet, Philip F. Schirmer, Louis Chetlain, Peter Reindsbacker, Antonie Bricker, Paul Garber, John Baptiste Verain, John Tyrey, "and others" in its history of the Selkirk Settlement and aftermath.

Note: Peter Reindsbacker is Peter Rindisbacher. Please see September 1812 reference (above).

## Paul Gerber receives 40 acres of land for service in the Black Hawk War, 1 October 1852

Paul Gerber assigned this land to Cyrus Woodman.

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The United States of America,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved September 28th, 1850, entitled "An Act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," Warrant No. 53400 for 40 acres, issued in favor of *Paul Garber Private in Captain Perry's Comp- Any Michigan Militia Black Hawk War*

has been returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the *North West quarter of the North West quarter of Section Twenty in Township Nine North of Range One West in the District of Land subject to sale at Mineral Point, Wisconsin Containing Forty Acres*

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Lands returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL: And Whereas also the said Warrant has been by the said Paul Garber duly assigned unto *Cyrus Woodman*

Now know Ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said *Cyrus Woodman*

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *Cyrus Woodman and his*

heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *Millard Fillmore*  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the *First* day of *October*  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and *Fifty two* and of the INDEPENDENCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES the seventy-*Fourth*

BY THE PRESIDENT *Millard Fillmore*  
By *Alex M. Cormick* appt Secy.  
*C. J. Perry* Recorder of the General Land Office.

SEAL

General Land Office Records, Bureau of Land Management

**Deed: Louis Chetlain sells land to Paul Garber and "Julian his wife," Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 14 November 1853**

## Deed, Jo Daviess County, Illinois

• In addition, Paul Gerber [misspelled Gerbert] and Louis Chatelain served together in Captain Fortunatus Berry's Company of Militia stationed at Fort Gratiot during the Black Hawk War.

Paul Garber died intestate. At the time of his death, Garber owned a few personal effects and 189 acres of land. Julia Garber, spouse and administratrix of Paul Garber's estate, valued his personal estate at \$50 (not including real estate). She signed, making her mark with an "x."

Paul Gerber's land was valued at \$1,040 and his personal property at \$80.50:

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The appraisers of the estate valued items per the widow's dower.

<b>A SCHEDULE</b>	
And an estimate of the value of each article of specific property allowed by the statute, in exclusion of creditors, to the Widow or Children of persons whose Estates are administered upon in the State of Illinois, as their sole and exclusive property forever, viz:	
Necessary beds, bedsteads and bedding for the Family of the deceased,	\$ 25 00
Necessary Household and Kitchen Furniture,	25 00
One Spinning Wheel,	3 00
One Loom and its appendages,	10 00
One pair of Cards,	25
One Stove and necessary Pipe therefor,	15 00
The Wearing Apparel of the Family,	20 00
milk Cow with Cal ; one for every four persons in the Family,	25 00
One Horse, at the value of forty dollars,	40 00
One woman's Saddle and Bridle, at the value of fifteen dollars,	15 00
Provisions for the Family for one year,	50 00
Sheep, two for each member of the family,	4 00
Fleeces taken from the same,	1 50
Food for the stock above described for six months,	40 00
Fuel for the family for three months,	12 00
Sixty dollars worth of other Property,	60 00
	\$ 345 75

WE, the undersigned, appraisers, appointed and authorized by the COUNTY COURT of JO DAVIESS COUNTY, in the State of Illinois, to appraise the Goods, Chattels and Personal Estate of Paul Garber late of said County, deceased, do certify, to the County Court of said County, that we have made our estimate of the value of each of the above mentioned articles of Property, and set the same down opposite thereto in the column on the right hand side.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D., 185 \_\_\_\_\_

John Bayne Jr.  
Henry Singer  
Francis Sparing } Appraisers.

Administratrix records, Julia Garber, County Clerk, Jo Daviess County

Paul Garber's burial site is lost to us. He may be buried on the property—that's purely speculation—or he might be buried in another cemetery nearby. The Casper Cemetery is a possibility. Neighbors told GLHA researcher Dale Glick that a cemetery in the area which had Selkirk settlers buried there had been bulldozed and destroyed. Research continues.

#### Julia's daughter, Julia Frick Casper, dies, Guilford Township, 1854

Julia Frick Casper was survived by three children. Thomas Casper later remarried.  
 Obituary of Thomas Casper, Galena Daily Gazette, 12 August 1895



**Petition to Jo Daviess County Court by Julia Garber regarding value of Paul Garber's estate, 1 November 1854**

**TO THE COUNTY COURT OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY,  
STATE OF ILLINOIS.**

The Petition of Julia Garber  
of the County of Jo Daviess, and State of Illinois,  
Shows,  
That Paul Garber died in the  
County of Jo Daviess, on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 1852.  
That at and immediately preceding his death he was a resident of the  
said County:  
That the said deceased left no last Will and Testament, to the knowledge  
or belief of your Petitioner:  
That your Petitioner considers the probable value of the said Estate of the  
said deceased to be about fifty Dollars:  
That the property consist of personal effects, more or less  
and of land

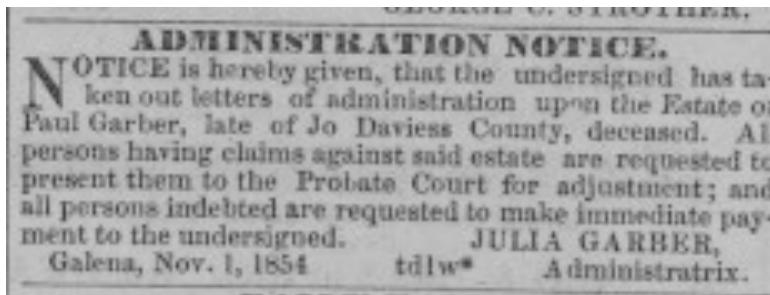
Your Petitioner therefore prays that Letters of Administration be granted to  
her as aforesaid  
of all and singular, the Real Estate, Goods, Chattels, and Personal Effects,  
which were of the said Deceased at the time of his death.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ) Julia Garber

being sworn, says, that the matters set forth in the above Petition are true to the best of her  
knowledge and belief.  
Subscribed and sworn before  
me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Nov, 1854.  
H. Paul

Julia Garber

**Notice by Julia Garber, administratrix of Paul Garber's estate, Jo Daviess County, Galena Daily Advertiser, 4 November 1854**



Note: The Administration Notice is dated 1 November 1854.

**Administrator's notice, Galena Daily Advertiser, 14 April 1855**

Note: This notice ran in subsequent issues of the Daily Advertiser.

**Administratrix sale, Galena Daily Advertiser, Jo Daviess County. 19 June 1855**

Note: This ran in subsequent editions of the newspaper.

**Simon Tattchio and Joseph Fricke petition Jo Daviess County Court for claims of \$500 and \$600, respectively, 1855**

County Court, Jo Daviess County, Julia Garber, administratrix, Paul Garber estate, 16 July 1855

**Deed, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 6 August/13 August 1855**

Julia Garber, administratrix of Paul Garber's estate, petitioned the court to sell real estate to Simon Tattchio and Joseph Fricke since the personal property of the estate "is insufficient to pay debts of the deceased." The property consists of "*Lot No one (1) in the north East quarter of the north East quarter of section No sixteen (16) in Township No twenty eight (28) north of Range No two (2) East of the Fourth principal meridian in Jo Daviess County Illinois. Also the north west quarter of section No Fifteen (15) in Township and range aforesaid. Also the following pieces or parcels of land to wit: A part of the west half of the north East quarter of said section No Fifteen (15) Township & Range aforesaid: commencing at the North west corner of the same, thence East 4.97 chains, thence North 30 [degrees] East 10.13 chains, then North 51 3/4 [degrees] west 13.22 chains thence South 16.85 chains to the place of beginning, containing 10 84/100 acres. Also a part of the South half of the South west quarter of section No 10 [same township and range] commencing at the South west corner of same or at the corner of sections No 9, 10, 15 & 16 thence North 9.50 chains thence South 64 1/2 [degrees] East 4.61 chains, thence South 52 1/2 [degrees] East 13 chains or to the East & west line dividing sections Nos ten and fifteen, thence west on said line 14.32 chains to the place of beginning containing 7 87/100 acres more or less....*"

The property was sold for \$1100, Tattchio and Fricke being the highest bidders.

The deed states that the latter two parcels of land "*being the same conveyed by Louis Chetlain and wife to Paul Garber by deed dated 14th November AD 1853.*"

Julia Garber signed with her mark. The deed was entered 13 August 1855.

Deed, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Illinois, FamilySearch

**Joseph Frick note to Julia Garber, administratrix, received \$486 "in Judgment in my farm," probate records, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 19 August 1855**

Rec'd Galena August 19<sup>th</sup> 1855 of Julia Garber, Administratrix  
 of the Estate of Paul Garber, deceased. Four hundred & eight &  
 57/100 Dollars in full of Judgment in my favor, rendered  
 against said Estate at the March Term AD 1855 of  
 the Jo Daviess County Court —  
 \$486.57  
 Joseph Frick

**Simon Tattchio note to Julia Garber, administratrix, received \$572.50 "Judgement in my farm," probate records, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 19 August 1855**

Rec'd Galena August 19<sup>th</sup> 1855 of Julia Garber, Administratrix  
 of the Estate of Paul Garber deceased. Five hundred & twelve 5/10  
 Dollars in full of Judgment in my favor, rendered against  
 said Estate at the March Term AD 1855 of the Jo Daviess  
 County Court  
 \$572.50  
 Simon Tattchio

**Marie Juliette "Julia" (Dazio, Tattchio) (Frick or Fricke) Garber dies, sometime between 1855 and 1860 Federal census, but possibly 1855**

Her burial site is lost. It may be the Casper Cemetery or the cemetery which Dale Glick found out had been destroyed. Research continues.

**Personal property tax, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 1855**

Tattchio, Simon      Personal property value: \$337      Township: Guilford  
[jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org](http://jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org)

**Illinois state census, Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, 1855**

Joseph Frick and family are enumerated in Guilford Township. Eight persons are enumerated in this household.

**Joseph Frick inherits Garber farm, Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois**

Joseph Frick "lived upon it until his death."

A.L. Chetlain: letter to the editor, ibid

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1860**

3rd Ward City of Galena—Post Office: Galena—12 June 1860  
633/672

Joseph Frich	35	Jour Tailor	Baden
Margaret Frich	33		Switzerland
Amelia Frich	3/12		Illinois

Note: The places of birth for Joseph and Margaret "Frich" are incorrect.

Guilford Township—4 September 1860—Post Office: Avery  
3637/3771

Jos. Frick	35	Farmer 3000 500	Selkirk Settlement
Margaret Frick	26		Saxony
Elizabeth Frick	5		Illinois
Julia Frick	3		Illinois
Eliza Frick	2		Illinois
Mary Frick	9/12		Illinois
Fridrick Hammer	11	(Neice ( <i>sic</i> ))	Germany

Note: Fridrick Hammer has attended school within the year.

Note regarding the next entry: Nicholas A. Riderick will be a future owner of the Garber Farm.

3638/3772

Nicholas A. Riderick	46	Farmer 2500 575	France
Mina Riderick	48		France
Augusta ?	18	Farm hand	New York
Joseph Riderick	15		New York
Edward Riderick	13		New York
Isidore Riderick	8		New York
George Ditmore	20	Farm hand	Germany

Note: Augusta ?, Joseph, Edward, and Isidore Riderick have attended school within the year.

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1860**

Guilford Township—Post Office: Guilford

Simon Fattchio	37	Farmer 2800 531	Minnesota
Simon Fattchio	12		Illinois
Peter Fattchio	10		Illinois
Friedoline Fattchio	7		Illinois
Emily Fattchio	5		Illinois
Christina Fattchio	3		Illinois
Amenta Casper	63		Switzerland

Note: Place of birth for Simon Fattchio (Minnesota) is an error.

•The Thomas Casper family is enumerated next door.

•Frena Garber, 66, mother-in-law, is enumerated with the Jacob and Frena Highberger family.

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1870**

Guilford Township—Post Office: Guilford

Simeon Thachio	46	Farmer 2000 600	Rupert's Land
Simeon Thachio	22	Working on farm	Illinois
Peter Thachio	20	Working on farm	Illinois
Fred Thachio	16	Working on farm	Illinois
Emily Thachio	14		Illinois
Christina Thachio	12		Illinois
Ann Casper	74	House Keeper	Switzerland

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1870**

Guilford—Post Office: Guilford—8 June 1870

59/59

Joseph Frick	45	Farmer 3000 900	Rupert Land
Margaret Frick	35	Keeping House	Saxony
Elizabeth Frick	14		Illinois
Julia Frick	13		Illinois
Louisa Frick	12		Illinois
Mary Frick	10		Illinois
Emma Frick	8		Illinois
Joseph Frick	6		Illinois

Note: All the children have attended school within the year.

60/60

Nicholas Ridrick	55	Farmer 4000 1000	France
Margaret Ridrick	49	Keeping House	Hesse Darmstadt
Isador Ridrick	17	Working on farm	New York
Henry Ridrick	14	Working on farm	Illinois
William Ridrick	12	Working on farm	Illinois
Valentine Ridrick	9		Illinois

Note: Henry, William, and Valentine Ridick have attended school within the year.

**Auction sale, Town of Guilford, 17 February 1877**

*Simon Tatchio will sell at auction on the Evart farm, in the town of Guilford, near Scales Mound, Saturday Feb. 17th, a lot of horses, hogs, chickens, farming implements, corn, household furniture, etc. Wm. Whitham auctioneer.*

Galena Daily Gazette, 15 February 1877

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1880**

Guilford Township

Simon Tatchio	57	Farmer	MN	Baden Swit.
Simon Tatchio	32	Laborer	IL	MN Swit.
Fred Tatchio	26	School Teacher	IL	MN Swit.
Christina Tatchio	23	Keeping House	IL	MN Swit.

•The Tatchio family is enumerated next door to the Thomas and Mary Casper family.

•Minnesota is not the correct place of birth for Simon Tatchio.

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1880**

Guilford Township—9 June 1880

54/57

Joseph Frick	55	Farmer		MN	MN	MN
Margaret Frick	46	Keeping house	Wife	Saxe	Saxe	Saxe
				Miningen	"	"
Elizabeth Frick	24	At Home	Daughter	IL	MN	Saxe
						"
Julia Frick	23	At Home	Daughter	IL	MN	Saxe
						"
Louisa Frick	22	At Home	Daughter	IL	MN	Saxe
						"
Mary Frick	20	At Home	Daughter	IL	MN	Saxe
						"
Emma Frick	18	At Home	Daughter	IL	MN	Saxe
						"

**Article about Joseph Fricke Jr., detailing the Red River settlement, his parents, and other Jo Daviess Countians who were fellow immigrants, Galena Daily Gazette, 29 May 1888**

**Old Settlers.** . . . Mr. Joseph Fricke, of Guilford township, called at the GAZETTE office to-day to pay for his paper, and from him we learn that he was born at the Red River of the North, his parents having been members of the colony that came over from Europe and settled up there—the colony to which the Chetlains, the Ehrlers, the Rindesbachers and others belonged, who afterwards settled in Jo Daviess County. Mr. Fricke came to Galena with his parents in 1827, and has lived here ever since, except short periods when he was temporarily absent. His half brother, Simon Tatchio, who is also a citizen of Guilford, came to Galena

also a citizen of Guilford, came to Galena at the same time, and both have lived here 61 years. There are no older settlers than these now living in the mining region except Capt. Smith Harris and Hiram Hunt, who came four years earlier. There are several others living, however, who came the same year as Messrs. Fricke and Tatchio. Among them are Mrs. Monnier, of Guilford, Mr. F. Chetlain, Major Rountree, of Platteville, Warren Johnson, of Platteville, formerly of Benton, and some others. Many of those who came in 1827 have died within a few years. Of their number were Dr. H. H. Newhall, Allen Tomlin, Rev. Father Kent, William Townsend, Mrs. Quinche and others of Galena; also Michael Ehrler, of Guilford; F. Rindesbacher, of Stockton; Abram Looney of Benton; Solomon Oliver, of White Oak Springs, and some others whom we do not recall.

It is a somewhat peculiar fact that, in mental capacity and sterling manhood, the earliest settlers of the mining region averaged superior to those who came later, notwithstanding the fact that many of the former had meagre opportunities to obtain an education.

**Simon Tatchio “of Scales Mound, Illinois,” purchases land, Beaverhead County, Montana, 9 July 1895**

Simon Tatchio bought land from B.F. White of Dillon, Montana, for \$1300. The transaction was notarized in Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 16 November 1895. Simon Tatchio was the sole heir of Peter Tatchio, deceased.

Beaverhead County, Montana, FamilySearch; Probate case file, Beaverhead County, Montana, FamilySearch

**Julia's son, Simon Tatchio, dies, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 6 May 1896**

Simon Tatchio died “at the home of his son, Fred Tatchio....aged nearly 73 years.” He is buried “in the Casper burying ground....” Simon Tatchio's will is dated 13 February 1896 and was probated three days later.

Galena Daily Gazette, 14 May 1896; Will Records, Vol. F-H, 1895-1908, Jo Daviess County Court

**Executor's final report, Simon Tatchio's estate, Jo Daviess County Court, May term, 1899**

PERSONAL ESTATE.		
CHATELS	No.	CHATELS
Bed + Bedding	5.00	
Spade	.50	
Crabbar	.50	
Burran	2.00	
Razor, etc	.75	
Singer Harness	10.00	
Field Glass	5.00	
Heating stove	4.00	
Trunk		
	\$28.75	



STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.	
Jodavies County	
In the Matter of the Estate of <u>Simon Tatchio</u> Deceased.	
The following is a full and perfect Inventory of all the Real and Personal Estate of the said deceased, so far as the same has come to the possession or knowledge of the undersigned <u>Executor</u> of <u>the Will of said deceased,</u>	
REAL ESTATE.	VALUE
	DOLLS. CTS.
The South half of the North West quarter of <del>section</del> section one (1) and the South West quarter of the North East quarter of said Section one (1), in Town-ship Twenty-eight North of Range Two East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the County of Guilford, County of Jodavies and State of Illinois -	\$4000 00
Said deceased owned the above premises in fee simple, unencumbered,	

State of Illinois }  
Jodavies County } ss

In the County Court  
May Term A.D. 1899

Estate of Simon Tatchio, deceased.

To the Hon. William J. Hudson Judge  
of said Court:

Fred Tatchio was the executor of his father's estate.

The undersigned J. M. Tatchio  
 executor of the last will and testament  
 of Simon Tatchio, deceased, respectfully  
 submits the following final report  
 of his acts and doings as such executor.  
 He charges himself as follows:

Dr		
to cash as per Inventory		\$374.00
Cr		
paid Anton Stephan Vanden	1	50
" A. Wierich	2	275
" Hammerich + Belver	3	80
" The News Democrat	4	200
" Wm Rippin	5	535
" H. M. Howler	6	825
" John Miller	7	155
" J. B. Watson	8	10000
" Jones + King	9	5000
" Michael Mc Guire	10	220
Ans: carried forward		\$26410



**Julia's son, Joseph Frick, dies, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 1 March 1900**

Joseph Frick died 1 March 1900. He was buried 3 March 1900 in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Scales Mound, Jo Daviess County, beside his wife, Margaret E. Duerrstein Frick (15 December 1833-4 November 1905). Margaret was 71 years, 10 months, and 19 days old.

Find A Grave; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Congregational Records, St. John's Lutheran Church, Guilford, Illinois, Robert Hansen, jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org; Find A Grave, photograph added: Tombstone Tourist

**Simon Tachio visits his sister, Mrs. E. Schoenhard, Galena Daily Gazette, 25 March 1910**

*Mr. Simon Tachio was visiting with his sister, Mrs. E. Schoenhard.*

**Simon Tachio dies, Guilford Township (assumed), Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 30 May 1920**

*The funeral of Simon Tachio was held Sunday afternoon with services at the home of Lester V. Schoenhard on N. Park Ave., and at the Casper Cemetery in Scales Mound, Dr. Jerome R. McGlade officiating.*

Note: This is at least the third generation of family named Simon Tachio (various surname spellings).  
Galena Daily Gazette, 1 June 1920

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**Julia Garber and her three husbands**

*"Mr. Garber had...served under Napoleon, and thus [Julia] married three soldiers of the Emperor; she outlived them all."*

Simon Tatchio biography, ibid



## Addendum

### The Red River Country, Sangamo Journal, 1 August 1851

#### The Red River Country.

The *Galena Gazette* continues its description of this country, its productions and its history.

"In the year 1670, Charles the Second granted all the territory in North America, subject to the British crown that was drained by waters flowing into the Hudson's Bay, to the Hudson's Bay Company—and among other privileges, the exclusive right to deal and traffic in furs with the natives. Besides this territory they have extended their jurisdiction over the lands watered by the rivers that flow into the Arctic ocean, and also that vast country west of the Rocky mountains. Their territory, in fine, embraces all North America, (with the exception of the Russian possessions in the extreme northwest, and Greenland in the northeast, each of which is, separately, about ten times as large as this State,) that lies north of the Canadas, and the United States and its possessions. The southern boundary of the company commences on the Pacific coast opposite to, and including Vancouver's Island, at latitude 49 and extends on this parallel to the Southeastern point of the Lake of the Woods, thence on the highlands that divide the waters which flow into Lake Superior and the St. Lawrence, from those flowing into the Hudson's Bay, east to the Atlantic ocean. So much for the Hudson's Bay Company and its possessions, both of which may become objects of interest in a few years to us and our neighborhood.

"Lord Selkirk having obtained a grant from the Company of a territory extending from Fort Gary an hundred miles in a circle, on certain conditions came out with his colony in 1813. They flourished and increased for some time. In 1825, 1826, and 1827, the Red River overflowed its banks—and produced universal distress, so much that many of the most wealthy and influential citizens left the place; a party of whom consisting of Messrs. Francis Langet, Philip F. Schirmer, Louis Chelain, Peter Reindsbacker, Antonie Bricker, Paul Garber, John Baptiste Verain, John Tyrey, and others, with their wives and families, German Swiss from Geneva and that vicinity, speaking the French language, came down here and settled at Gratiot's Grove. At that time there were large smelting operations carried on by Col. Henry Gratiot.

"The party we have named came out to Selkirk in 1817, the first band being nearly all Scotchmen, but the second from the continent. Those emigrating here, the most of whom are now living, have been among our best citizens and worthy members of society, handing down their virtues to their children.

"The origin of the floods which did such immense damage on Red River, in the years we named has never been satisfactorily accounted for but it is surmised, that they came from the superabundant water from the branches of the Missouri bursting over the low ridge, which divides the water flowing into the Gulf of Mexico from that flowing into Hudson's Bay.

"The only tax the colonists of Red River pay, is four per cent. on all the goods they import, whether from England or elsewhere, and the Hudson's Bay Company pay the same on all imports they sell or consume, within the limits of the Red River colony. The company imports goods and merchandize from England, and charge the consumer in the colony, 75 per cent. advance on the London invoice prices, for freight, insurance, duty, land carriage and profit. They sell bar and sheet iron for 12 cents a pound; sugar London crushed, 24 cents; tea from 50 cents to \$2, and other articles in proportion. The imports for the last five years have averaged \$100,000, from all sources, and the \$4,000 revenue is devoted to schools, roads, bridges and internal improvements; all salaries being paid by the Company. The colonists export comparatively nothing—the only article that will pay being furs, (not including Buffalo Robes,) on which the Hudson's Bay Company have a monopoly, over which they watch with a jealous eye.

"Since the route has been opened and traveled from Pembina to St. Paul, they have commenced to bring forward merchandize. But we learn, that the late train from Selkirk, of more than a hundred cars, has been met by a U. S. custom-house officer, above St. Paul, and 20 per cent. duty demanded of the Selkirkers on buffalo robes, and 30 per cent. on their moccasins. The Minnesota Democrat says, that the red river gentlemen express the assurance that they can never pay that tax, and that hereafter, they will be obliged to avail themselves of the boats and ships

(Continued on next page)

of the Company. We presume Congress will look into this matter, and discriminate in their favor, unless there exists good reason, for a contrary course.

"The cold is sometimes excessive in the settlement. Mercury freezes once or twice every year and sometimes the spirit thermometer indicates a temperature as low as 52 deg. below zero. When such a low temperature occurs, there is a pervading haze or smoky appearance in the atmosphere, resembling a generally diffused yellow smoke; and the sun looks red as in a sultry evening. As the sun rises, so does the thermometer; and when the mercury thaws out and stands at 10 or 15 below, a breeze sets in and pleasant weather follows—that is, as pleasant as can be, while the mercury keeps below zero as continually as a fish is in his own element, and coming up above the surface just about as often.

"For weeks, sometimes, the wind will blow from the north—temperature say from 5 to 10 below—suddenly it shifts into the south, and for six hours the thermometer will continue to fall, a phenomena which meteorologists, perhaps, can account for. Another: when, in summer, the wind blows a length of time from the north, it drives the water back, and Red River will have its banks full in the driest seasons. The same thing occurs, when the wind blows from the same direction in winter,

although the sea and river are frozen, unbrokenly, ten feet thick, to the north pole.

Notes: The Sangamo Journal reprinted this story from The Galena Gazette.

MUSTER ROLL of Captain Fortunatus Berry's Company, of Iowa Militia Stationed at Fort Gratiot called into the service of the United States on the Requisition of Gen. Henry Atkinson....the 19th of May 1832.

1. Fortunatus Berry	Captain	19 May 1832	3 months
2. Antoine Brickler	1st Lieut.	19 May 1832	3 months
3. William Collins	2d Lieut.	19 May 1832	3 months
4. Benjamin Glover	1st Serg.	19 May 1832	3 months
5. Joseph Polindre	2d Serg.	19 May 1832	3 months
6. Louis Peligor	3d Serg.	19 May 1832	3 months
7. Arthur Thomas	1st Corpl.	19 May 1832	3 months
8. Medard Dupuis	2d Corpl.	19 May 1832	3 months
9. Geo. Cabbage <sup>1</sup>	Asst. Com.	19 May 1832	3 months
10. William Bowles	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
11. Antoine Bain	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
12. Aaron Castle	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
13. Louis Chatelain	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
14. Adams Collins	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
15. William Currie	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
16. William Curtis	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
17. Ralph Carver	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
18. Charles Charlefof	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
19. John M. Curtis	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
20. Maurice Fougire	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
21. Eugene Fournier <sup>2</sup>	Private		
22. John B. Gayon	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
23. Paul Gerbert	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
24. William C. Green	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
25. David Hildreth	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
26. Nicholas Hebert	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
27. Auguste Hebert	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
28. Jacob Heruff	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
29. Joseph Hebert	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
30. Henry Hart	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
31. Joseph Henault	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
32. Ellick Ignace	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
33. John Kemp	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
34. Joseph Kemp	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
35. Benjamin King	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
36. Vanderlin Lansing	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
37. Francis Lafleur <sup>3</sup>	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
38. Joseph Morell	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
39. Joseph Minette	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
40. Rowley McMillen	Private	19 May 1832	3 months

<sup>1</sup> In remarks on Pay Roll, "Drew no rations."

<sup>2</sup> In remarks on Pay Roll, "Commenced 14 June. Paid in Clarkes to June 14."

<sup>3</sup> In remarks on Pay Roll, "Musket \$10 damages."

41. Henderson Nolan	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
42. Jonathan Olmstead	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
43. Charles Olmstead	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
44. Joseph Payne <sup>4</sup>	Private		
45. Paul Saulnier	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
46. Bernard Smith	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
47. J. B. Saulnier	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
48. Bazil Tournelle	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
49. Michael Tyer Senr	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
50. Michael Tyer Jur	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
51. Frederick Tyer	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
52. John Vereing	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
53. John Viznette <sup>5</sup>	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
54. Bernard Ward	Private	19 May 1832	3 months
55. William Wastle <sup>6</sup>			
56. Lewis Woods <sup>7</sup>			

I CERTIFY, on honor, that this muster roll exhibits the true state of Capt. Fortunatus Berry's Company of Iowa Militia in the service of the United States for the period herein mentioned; that the "Remarks" set opposite the names of each officer and soldier, are accurate and just; and that the Recapitulation exhibits, in every particular, the true state of the Company.<sup>8</sup>

Fortunatus Berry, Capt.  
Commanding the Company

I CERTIFY, on honor, that I have carefully examined this muster roll, and that I have this 20th day of Aug 1832, mustered out of the service of the United States, the above mentioned Company of Iowa Militia By order of Gen. Atkinson.

W. W. Woodbridge  
Adj. & Inspec Iowa Militia

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<sup>4</sup> In remarks on Pay Roll, "Commenced 15 June. Paid in Clarks to June 14."

<sup>5</sup> Listed as John Vignette on Pay Roll.

<sup>6</sup> Listed as William Worthey and William Wastley on Pay Roll.

<sup>7</sup> In remarks on Pay Roll, "Commenced 15 June. Paid in Clarks to June 14."

<sup>8</sup> In remarks on Pay Roll, "Deductions—1 ration per day for every officer & man Except Cabbage."



Jacob Gerber, Section 2; Simon Tatchio, Section 1; Joseph Frick, Sections 15 and 16; S. Tatchio, Section 15; C.F. Cording, Section 10 and 15



**Photo of Garber farmhouse shortly before it was demolished (photo is undated)**



Craig Albaugh photo collection



**Photo showing remnants of original log cabin inside the farmhouse. The log cabin was built in 1848 by Paul Garber.**



Craig Albaugh photo collection



**View of the Garber/Cording farm in winter (undated photo)**



Craig Albaugh photo collection

## The Rindisbacher family and Peter Rindisbacher

A brief focus on the Rindisbachers, notably, Peter, for two reasons.

1. The Rindisbachers and (at least) Paul Gerber knew each other, probably in Canada and on the exodus south, but certainly when both the Rindisbachers and Gerber settled in Gratiot's Grove, Wisconsin.
2. Peter Rindisbacher is probably the most famous of all the settlers who moved south from Selkirk Colony. He was the first trained artist to reside in Wisconsin (Wisconsin Historical Society).

The back story: The Rindisbacher family were among the Swiss settlers recruited to the Selkirk Settlement in Canada.

Some of them traveled farther south because of improved trade possibilities and *"where it would be easier to obtain winter food from local Metis bison hunters"* (Manitoba Historical Society Archives). They settled near the junction of the Red and Pembina Rivers. Fort Pembina, a fur trading outpost of the North West Company, already existed on one side of the river. The Selkirkers lived on the other side at what they named Fort Daer.

We know definitively Peter Rindisbacher was in this southern outpost because of watercolor paintings and etchings he made there.

The settlement is now Pembina, North Dakota, U.S.A. (At the time, Pembina was believed to be in Canada. But when the 49th parallel was surveyed in 1818, it was discovered to be in the United States.)

Peter Rindisbacher was born 12 April 1806 in Emmmental, Canton of Berne, Switzerland. He showed great aptitude as a boy, studied art, and became a famous watercolorist. He is noted for many "firsts."

The Rindisbacher family moved to Gratiot's Grove, Lafayette County, Wisconsin, in 1826. In 1829, the Rindisbachers moved from Gratiot's Grove to St. Louis, Missouri.

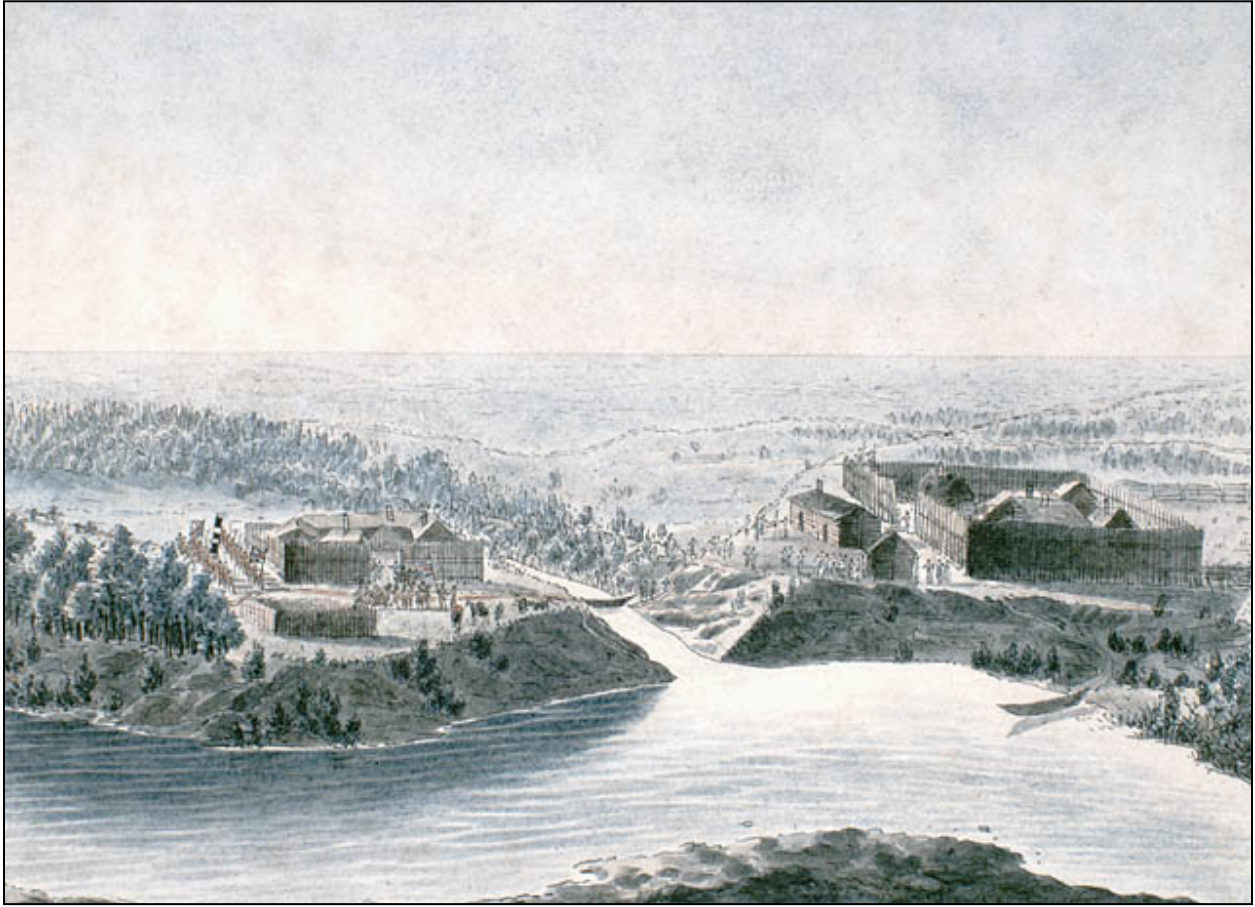
Rindisbacher died of cholera in St. Louis 13 August 1834. He was just 28.

This is what the Dictionary of Canadian Biography has to say about him:

*"He ranks among that group of celebrated artists of the west, including Catlin...whose principal interest was the recording of indigenous life. Rindisbacher's close observation of detail combined with his growing ability to capture the spirit of his subjects and their land make him a valuable witness to his time and place, to be appreciated as much by historians, anthropologists, and geographers...as by connoisseurs of art...."*

Manitoba Historical Society; Wisconsin Historical Society; Dictionary of Canadian Biography, vol. 6, in collaboration with J. Russell Harper, 1987, accessed 2025

**Watercolor of Forts Daer (left) and Pembina (right) by Peter Rindisbacher, 1822**



View of the two Company Forts on the level prairie at Pembina on the Red River.





## Nicholas Augustus Rederich and 1. Rose or Rosa Michele Colin 2. Margaret Ott

### Rose Michele Colin, born: Alsace, France, 12 February 1812

Tombstone, Find A Grave, Singer Cemetery, Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois; Augustus Josephus Rederich's death certificate, Division of Vital Statistics, Iowa State Department of Health

### Nicholas Augustus Riderich, born: France, 15 September 1814

Find A Grave, Singer Cemetery, Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois

### Margaret Beck, born Hesse-Darmstadt (now Germany), 22 May 1821

1870, 1880, and 1900 Federal censuses; tombstone, Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls, Black Hawk County, Iowa, Find A Grave, researched by Dale Glick

### Nicholas A. Riderich of New York City purchases land in Delaware County, New York, for \$248 from Pierce Antoine Topinard of New Jersey, 13 April 1840

This deed was recorded 16 April 1851.

Delaware Mortgages 1849-1851, FamilySearch

### Nicholas A. Rederich, "master mechanic," New York City

Dr. Augustus J. Rederich characterized his father, Nicholas, as a "master mechanic."

Obituary of Dr. Augustus J. Rederich, Sioux City Journal, Sioux City, Iowa, 18 September 1938

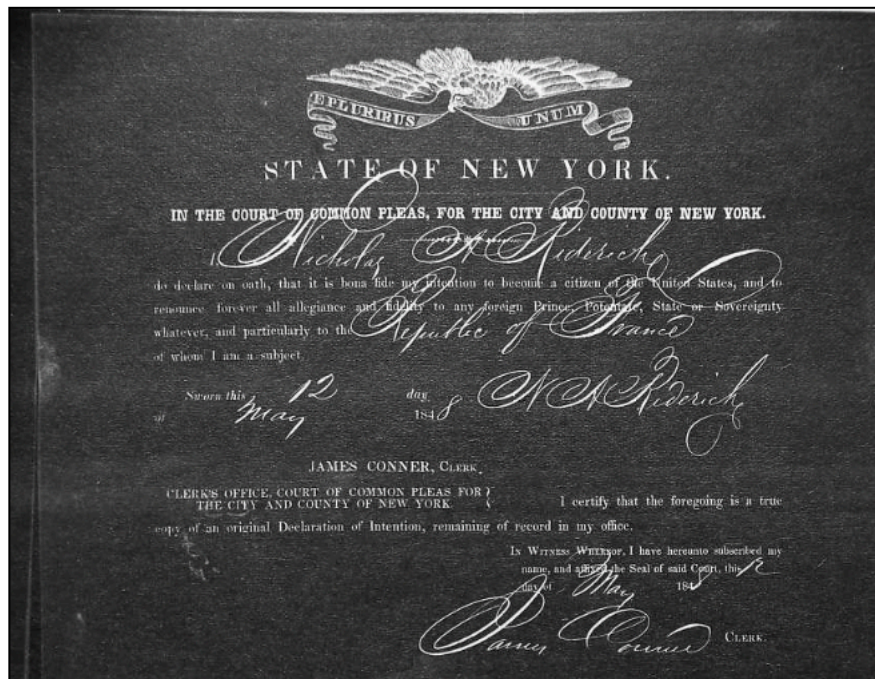
### Birth of son, Augustus Josephus Rederich, New York City, New York, 29 September 1842

Death certificate, Division of Vital Statistics, Iowa State Department of Health; obituary, The Sioux City Journal, Sioux City, Iowa, 18 September 1938

### Birth of son, Joseph E. Rederich, New York City, New York, 16 August 1845

Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, Find A Grave

### Naturalization Declaration of Nicholas A. Riderich, Superior Court of the City of New York, 12 May 1848



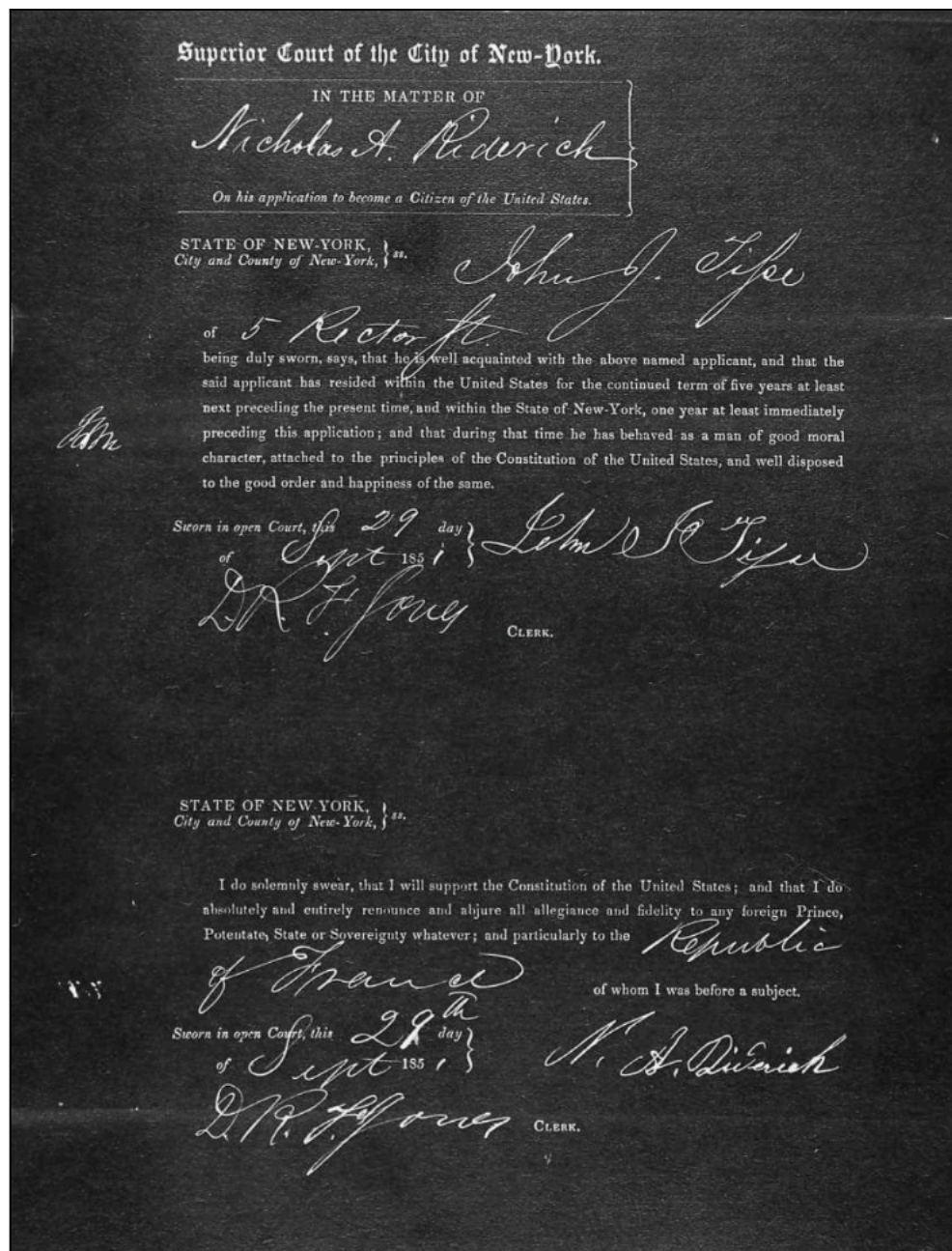
## Federal census, New York, 1850?

**Nicholas A. Riderich, and a long list of others, summoned "to answer the complaint" of Miles C. Smith, et al, New York Tribune, 30 April 1851**

Many of the defendants have French surnames, but not all. One is Pierre Antoine Topinard, from whom Nicholas A. Riderich bought property on 13 April 1840 (see above).

**Naturalization Oath of Allegiance of Nicholas A. Riderich, Superior Court of the City of New York, 29 September 1851**

His Oath of Allegiance was filed in open Court 29 September 1851.



### **Family moves to Gouverneur, New York, approximately 1852**

Obituary of Dr. Augustus J. Rederich, Sioux City Journal, *ibid*

### **Birth of son, Isador Rederick, location?, New York, 1852**

Isador Rederick was born in 1852 in New York, possibly Gouverneur(?).

Tombstone, Saint Stephens Cemetery, Bridgewater, McCook County, South Dakota, Find A Grave; For place of birth, 1910 Federal census

### **Riderich family moves to Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, sometime between 1852 and 1855**

#### **Illinois state census, Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 1855**

These three heads of household are enumerated consecutively—next door neighbors—in the 1855 Illinois state census:

N.A. Redrich	3 males 10-20	1 male under 5
		1 female under 5

Joseph Frick

Henry Singer (for whom Singer Cemetery is named)

### **Margaret Beck marries Adam Ott, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 11 November 1855**

Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Secretary of State

### **Adam and Margaret Ott's son, Henry William Ott, born: Scales Mound, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 7 October 1857**

Find A Grave; Obituary, Galena Daily Gazette, 5 September 1907

Note: Henry William Ott's first wife was Lisetta Recht Ott. She was born 24 August 1859 and died 1 October 1892.

Lisetta Recht Ott is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois. William Ott married Elizabeth "Lisetta" Recht 18 January 1881. Lisetta died 1 October 1892. William married Lisetta's sister, Emma Recht, 26 June 1895.

### **Adam Ott, father of William Ott, husband of Margaret, dies, "when [William] was a child," Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois (assumed),**

Obituary of William Ott, Galena Daily Gazette, 5 September 1907

#### **Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1860**

Guilford Township—4 September 1860—Post Office: Avery  
3638/3772

Nicholas A. Riderick	46	Farmer	2500	575	France
Mina Riderick	48				France
Augusta J. Riderick	18	Farm hand			New York
Joseph Riderick	15				New York
Edward Riderick	13				New York
Isidore Riderick	8				New York
George Ditmore	20	Farm hand			Germany

Note: Augusta, Joseph, Edward, and Isidore Riderick have attended school within the year.

### **Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Agriculture census, Guilford Township, Post Office: Guilford, 5 September 1860**

N.A. Redrick

30 acres improved land      147 acres unimproved land      Cash value of farm: \$2500

•Value of farming implements and machinery: \$75

•Horses: 4

•Milch cows: 2

- Working oxen: 2
- Other cattle: 13
- Sheep: 12
- Swine: 4
- Value of live stock: \$450
- Bushels of wheat: [hard to read]
- Bushels of rye: 14 (?)
- Bushels of Indian corn: 600
- Bushels of oats: 212 (?)
- Bushels of Irish potatoes: 300
- Pounds of butter: 200
- Tons of hay: 6
- Value of homemade manufactures: \$20
- Value of animals slaughtered: \$20

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

### **Illinois state census, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 1865**

Guilford

N.A. Redrich

•3 males 10-19

•1 male 50-59

•1 female 50-59

Total persons enumerated: 5

Guilford

Joseph Frick

•1 male under 10

•4 females under 10

•1 female 10-19

•1 male 40-49

•1 female 30-39

Scales Mound

Margart Ott

•3 males under 10

•1 female 40-49

### **IRS Tax Assessment, Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, January, 1866**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Tax</u>
<i>Riderick N A.</i>	<i>Guilford</i>	<i>Swine</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>\$3.40</i>

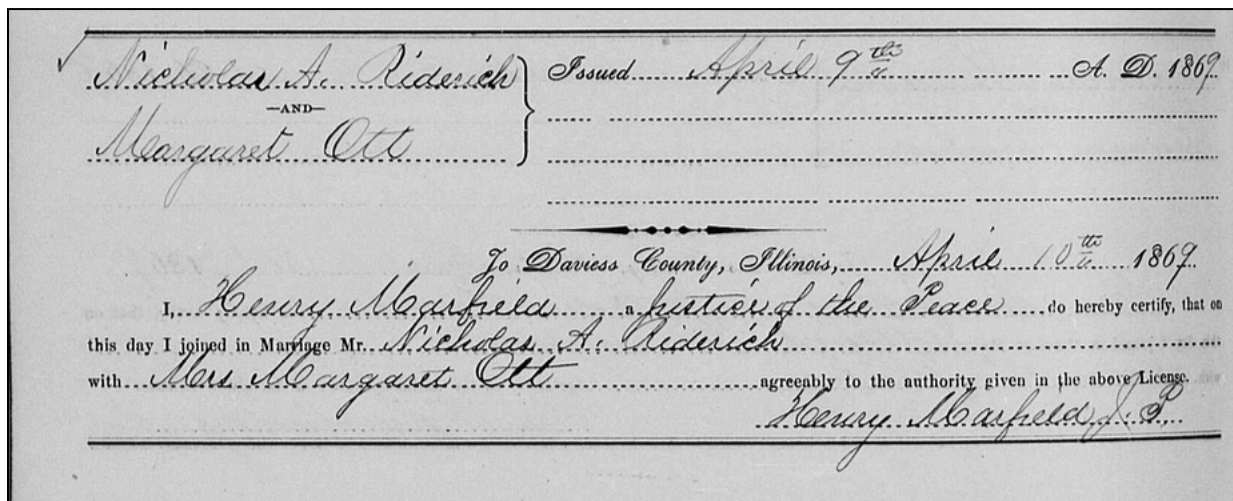
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

### **Rose Colin Riderich dies, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 11 October 1868**

Rose Colin Riderich is buried in Singer Catholic Cemetery, Guilford Township. She was 56 years, 7 months and 29 days old when she passed. Inscribed on her tombstone is "France Fauliten."

Find A Grave; jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org, collected by Robert Hansen

**Nicholas A. Riderich marries Margaret Ott, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 10 April 1869**  
 Nicholas and Margaret were wed by a Justice of the Peace.



Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Secretary of State; FamilySearch

#### **Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1870**

Guilford—Post Office: Guilford—8 June 1870

60/60

Nicholas Ridrick	55	Farmer 4000 1000	France
Margaret Ridrick	49	Keeping House	Hesse Darmstadt
Isador Ridrick	17	Working on farm	New York
Henry Ridrick	14	Working on farm	Illinois
William Ridrick	12	Working on farm	Illinois
Valentine Ridrick	9		Illinois

Notes: Henry, William, and Valentine Ridick have attended school within the year.

•William is William Ott, born

•Valentine is Valentine Ott in the 1880 census (below).

#### **Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Agriculture census, Guilford Township, Post Office: Guilford, 8 June 1870**

Nicholas Riderick

70 acres improved land 80 acres unimproved land 20 acres other unimproved land

•Present cash value of farm: \$4,000

•Present cash value of farming implements and machinery: \$300

•Total amount of wages paid during the year including value of board: \$100

•Number of horses: 7

•Milch cows: 4

•Other cattle: 4

•Swine: 12

•Value of all livestock: \$700

•Bushels of spring wheat: 125

•Bushels of Indian corn: 550

•Bushels of oats: 767

•Bushels of Irish potatoes: 75(?)

•Pounds of butter: 300

•Tons of hay: 36

•Value of animals slaughtered or sold to slaughter: \$400



•Estimated value of all farm production including betterments and addition to stock: \$1264  
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

**Son, Edward Rederick, and Louisa Varing marry, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 17 February 1874**

Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Secretary of State

**Rederick listings, "History of Jo Daviess County Illinois," 1878**

*Rederick Isadore, renter; Sec. 10, P.O. Scales Mound*

*Rederick N.A. farmer; Sec. 10, P.O. Scales Mound*

History of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, H.F. Kett & Co., 1878

**Birth of grandson, Harry Rederick, Guilford, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 7 January 1878**

Harry Rederick, son of Isador and Elizabeth Montague Rederick, was born 7 January 1878.

Federal censuses; obituary, Argus-Leader, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 20 May 1960; Illinois Statewide Marriage Index

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1880**

Guilford township—10 June 1880

62/66

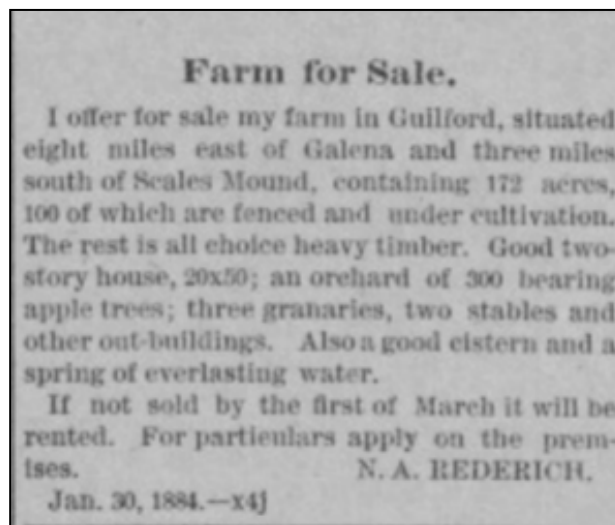
Nicholas Rederick	64	Retired Farmer		FR	AUS	FR
Margaret Rederick	52	Keeping house	Wife	Hesse	France	Hesse
				Darmstadt		Darm-
						stadt
Valentine Ott	19	Laborer	Step Son	Illinois	Hesse	Hesse
					Darm-	Darm-
					stadt	stadt

Note: FR stands for France; AUS for Austria.

62/67

Isador Rederick	27	Farmer		NY	FR	FR
Elizabeth Rederick	23	Keeping house	Wife	IL	CAN	WI
Harry Rederick	2		Son	IL	NY	IL
Cora Rederick	2/12		Daughter	IL	NY	IL

**Farm for sale, Galena Daily Gazette, 11 February 1884**



**Galena Daily Gazette, 12 March 1884**

*From Guilford.*

*Isadore Rederich and Mrs. Singer and boys left for LeMars, Iowa, to-day to settle on John Saam's farm. Mr. Rederich is one of our Guilford boys, and has the best wishes of the entire community.*

**Massive downtown fire in Sioux City, Iowa: A.J. Rederich's dental office burned, Sioux City Journal, 10 and 11 January 1885**

10 January 1885

*The Rederich and the Breun-Schulein Blocks Consumed By Flames Last Night.*

*The Worst Fire that Has Ever Struck Sioux City—Loss, \$60,000; Insurance, \$35,000.*

11 January 1885

*Fire Facts.*

*Round-Up of the Most Disastrous Fire That has Visited Sioux City.*

*The Great Fire.*

*It was the worst fire by a great deal that has ever visited Sioux City, and, with one exception, the only one that has destroyed brick business blocks.*

*Dr. A.J. Rederich was feeling all broken up over the loss of his office and a new \$125 Scott gun more than over the loss on his building. He said that if he could get a fair price he would sell, if not he would rebuild.*

*Dr. A.J. Rederich carried, until last November, \$1,500 more insurance on his block than he had when the fire came.*

*It is understood that Dr. A.J. Rederich has refused an offer of \$11,000 for the site of his building burned on Friday night.*

*Dr. A.J. Rederich will have his dental office, temporarily at least, with Dr. Beggs. He will go to Chicago to-day to provide himself with a new stock of goods and new instruments.*

	Loss.	Ins.
<i>Dr. A.J. Rederich, building</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$7,300</i>
<i>Dr. A.J. Rederich, dental tools, etc.</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>\$500</i>

**Mrs. N.A. Rederick visits son, Valentine Rederick, in Bridgewater, Dakota, Galena Daily Gazette, 11 June 1885**

*Mrs. N.A. Rederick left for Bridgewater, Dak., Monday to visit her son Valentine, who was married recently.*

**Nicholas Riderich dies, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 22 May 1888**

Nicholas Riderich was 73 years, 8 months, and 7 days old when he died. He is buried in Singer Catholic Cemetery, Guilford Township.

jodaviess.illinoisgenweb.org; tombstone, Find A Grave, photograph added by Tombstone Tourist

**Margaret Riderich, widow of Nicholas A. Riderich, to Augustus J. Riderich, Joseph Riderich, Edward Riderich and Isador Riderich, children "and only heirs" of Nicholas A. Riderich, deeds the following real estate to the children, 1888, as follows:**

*A part of the West half of the North East quarter of section fifteen (15) commencing four chains and ninety seven links (4.97 ch.) East of the South West corner of same, thence East fifteen chains and forty three links (15.43 ch.) onto the South East corner of said West half: thence North on the true line dividing the North East quarter of said section fifteen (15) forty (40) chains, onto the North East corner of said West half: thence West twenty (20) chain, or to the 1/4 corner on line between sections ten and fifteen (10 and 15): thence South twenty four chains and thirty five links (24.35 ch.): thence South fifty one and three fourths degrees (51 3/4) East thirteen chains and twenty two links (13.22 ch.); thence South thirty degrees (30) West then chains and thirteen links (10.13 ch.) to the place of beginning, containing 69 16/100 acres, more or less.*

*Also a part of the North West quarter of said section fifteen (15) commencing at the North East corner of same, thence South twenty four chains and thirty five links (24.35 ch.); thence North forty nine and one half degrees (49 1/2) West seven chains and fifty links (7.50 ch); thence North forty degrees (40) West nine chains and fourteen links (9.14 ch); thence North forty five and one half degrees West three chains and sixty eight links (3.68 ch.); thence North fifty five and one half degrees (55 1/2) West eight chains and seventy-three links (8.73); thence North fifty-two and one fourth degrees (52 1/4) West seven (7) chains to the East and West line dividing sections ten and fifteen (10 and 15); thence East on said line twenty-five chains and sixty eight links (25.68) to the place of beginning, containing 29.72 acres more or less.*

*And a part of the South half of the South West quarter of section ten (10), commencing at the South East corner of same, thence North twenty (20) chains, or to the North East corner of said South half; thence West forty (40) chains or to the North West corner of said South half; thence South to a point nine chains and fifty links (9.50 ch.) North of the corner to sections nine (9), then (10), fifteen (15) and sixteen (16); thence South Sixty-four and one-half degrees (64 1/2) East four chains and sixty one links (4.61 ch.); thence South fifty-two and one fourth degrees East thirteen chains 913 ch.); thence East twenty five chains and sixty eight links (25.68 ch.) to the place of beginning containing 72.13 acres, more or less. Containing in all 171.01 acres, more or less. All being in township twenty eight (28) North, of Range two (2) East of the Fourth (4th) Principal Meridian, situated in the County of Jo Daviess in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of this State."*

*Dated this Twenty eighth day of May A.D. 1888*

*Margretha Ridrich*

Deed, Jo Daviess. Land Records 1887-1889, [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org)

### **Mrs. N.A. Rederick to sell items at farm auction on 16 October 1888**

*Mrs. N.A. Rederick will sell at auction on her farm near Scales Mound on Tuesday, Oct. 16th, a quantity of personal property, consisting of horses, cattle, harness and other articles. M. Erbert, auctioneer.*

### **Heirs of Nicholas A. Riderich—Augustus J., Alice, Joseph, Anne, Edward, Louisa, Isador, and Elizabeth Riderich—sell their land to C.F. Cording, Jo Daviess County, 22 April 1889**

Deed, Jo Daviess. Land Records, 1870-1889, [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org)

### **Louisa Rederick visits her parents in Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 1890**

*Mrs. Louisa Rederick, of South Dakota, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Varing, in Guilford township. In honor of her return home, she having been absent nearly seventeen years, a party was given a few evenings ago. About 60 invited guests were present, and had a very sociable time.*

Galena Daily Gazette, 28 November 1890

**Margaret Ott's son, Valentine H. Ott, dies, Chicago, Illinois, 25 December 1895**

Valentine H. Ott was a merchant. He was 35 when he died in Chicago. He is buried in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Bridgewater, South Dakota.

Cook County, Illinois, Deaths Index, Ancestry.com; Find A Grave

**Black Hawk County, Iowa, census, 1900**

Cedar Falls City—4 June 1900—413 Marlington St.

58/60

William Ott	42	Head	Proprietor of Restaurant	IL	GER	GER
Emma Ott	35	Wife		IL	GER	GER
Margret Rederich	79	Mother		GER	FRA	GER
Hary W.L. Ott	14	Son		Iowa	IL	IL

Notes: William and Emma Ott have been married 5 years. Emma has had no children.

•William Ott was born in October of 1857; Emma in January of 1865; "Margret" in March of 1821, and "Hary" Ott in April of 1886. "Hary" Ott has attended school 9 months of the year.

•Margret Rederich, a widow, has had 3 children; 2 are living.

**Margaret Ott Rederick dies, Cedar Falls, Black Hawk County, Iowa, 20 or 22 May 1902**

Mrs. M. Ott, 80, died 22 May 1902 in Cedar Falls, Black Hawk County, Iowa. She was a widow, born in Germany. Cause of death was "old age."

Iowa Death Records, 1880-1968, Black Hawk County, Iowa, 1902, Ancestry.com



**William Ott dies, Cedar Falls, Black Hawk County, Iowa, 23 August 1907**

William Ott was 49. His burial site is listed as two different cemeteries. One has him buried in Greenwood Cemetery; the other in St. Bernard Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls, Black Hawk County, Iowa.

Find A Grave; Iowa Cemetery Records, Ancestry.com; Obituary, Galena Daily Gazette, 5 September 1907, reprinted from the Cedar Falls Record, Cedar Falls, Iowa

**Son, Edward Rederick, dies, Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota, 26 December 1920**

Edward Rederick is buried in Saint Agnes Calvary Cemetery, Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota.

Find A Grave, photograph added by Carolyn Wickens

**Son, Joseph E. Rederich, dies, Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, 18 July 1923**

Joseph E. Rederich is buried in Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Vancouver, Clark County, Washington.

Find A Grave, photograph added by Jan Grant

**Son, Isador Rederick, dies, Bridgewater, McCook County, South Dakota, 1934**

He is buried in Saint Stephens Cemetery, Bridgewater, McCook County, South Dakota.

Find A Grave, photograph added by Khoward

**Son, Augustus Josephus Rederich, dies, Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, 17 September 1938**

Augustus J. Rederich was 95 years, 11 months, and 18 days old when he died of terminal pneumonia and senility. He had been a dentist for 50 years. He last worked at his occupation 16 May 1910. His spouse was Alice Elward Rederich. Augustus J. Rederich is buried in Floyd Cemetery, Sioux City, Iowa.

Death certificate, Division of Vital Statistics, Iowa State Department of Health; Find A Grave



## Christel Frederick Cording and Louise/Louisa Menzemer Cording

### Birth of Louise Menzemer, daughter of Georg Jacob Menzemer, and Katherina Kleinle Menzemer, Gondelsheim, Landkreis Karlsruhe, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany, 10 October 1850

Obituary, Galena Daily Gazette, 20 December 1943; Find A Grave; Baptism, Evangelische Landeskirche Baden, Gondelshim, Baden, Prussia, 27 October 1850, FamilySearch; Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths Index

### Birth of Christel F. Cording, Oldenburg, Lower Saxony, Germany, 15 or 16 May 1853

"The History of Jo Daviess County Illinois," H.F. Kett & Co., 1878; Tombstone, Greenwood Cemetery, Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Find A Grave; Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths index of daughter, Clara Cording Dimke

### Louisa Menzemer and parents emigrate from Germany to Galena, Illinois, circa 1853

Louisa was two years old, per the ship's passenger list.

Obituary, *ibid*; Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)

338	Menzemer	Bath	95	m
339	Cathar		39	f
340	Cathar		17	f
341	Christ		15	m
342	Livob		9	f
343	Adel		9	f
344	Ernst		8	m
345	Caroline		1	f
346	Carl		6	m
347	Wilhelmina		2	f
348	Louisa		2	f
349	Bath		3/4	f

### Birth of Christel F. Cording's brother, John Frederick (possibly Frederick John) Cording, Germany, 2 September 1855

"The History of Jo Daviess County Illinois," *ibid*

### Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1860

East Galena Township—2 July 1860—Post Office: Galena  
1041/1243

Jacob Menzimer	52	Farmer	2400	250	Baden
Catharin Menzimer	45				Baden
Lena Menzimer	19				Baden
Christina Menzimer	17				Baden
Caroline Menzimer	14				Baden
Charles Menzimer	12				Baden
Wilhelmina Menzimer	10				Baden
Louiza Menzimer	9				Baden
Jacob Menzimer Jr.	7				Baden
John Menzimer	2				Illinois

Note: Caroline, Charles, Wilhelmina, Louiza, and Jacob Menzimer, Jr., have all attended school within the year.

### Cording brothers, Christel, 17, and John, 15, respectively, emigrate to Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 1869

"The History of Jo Daviess County Illinois," *ibid*



**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1870**

East Galena—22 July 1870—Post Office: Galena  
153/159

Jacob Mensmer	62	Farmer 4000 1000	Baden
Catherin Mensmer	55	Keeping House	Baden
Charles Mensmer	23		Baden
Mena Mensmer	20		Baden
Louisa Mensmer	19		Baden
Jacob Mensmer	17		Baden
John Mensmer	12		Illinois

Note: John “Mensmer” has attended school within the year.

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1870**

Town of Menominee—30 July 1870—Post Office: Excelsior Mill

Brothers “Christian” Cording, 17, and Frederick Cording, 15, born in Oldenburg, are enumerated as farm hands on the Henry and Sophia Schwarting farm. Both Henry and Sophia also were born in Oldenburg.

**Christel F. Cording becomes naturalized U.S. citizen, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 16 November 1874**

Illinois Federal Naturalization Records, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

**Cording brothers “purchase farm to partnership,” 1875**

“The History of Jo Daviess County Illinois,” *ibid*

**John F. Cording becomes naturalized U.S. citizen, Circuit Court, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 18 November 1875**

Witnesses were J.A. Gaffney and John’s brother, C.F. Cording.

Index to Naturalization Petitions, District and Circuit Courts, Northern District, Illinois, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

**Christel F. and John F. Cording, Menominee Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 1878**

*“They have 152 acres of land valued at \$6,000. Their parents are still living in Germany. The brothers are not married.”*

“The History of Jo Daviess County Illinois,” *ibid*

**Christel F. Cording and Louise Menzemer marry, Lutheran Church, 22 March 1879**

Obituary, *ibid*, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Secretary of State

Notes: Illinois Statewide Marriage Index has his name as "Christian" and her surname as "Menzimer."



Wedding photo of Louise Menzemer and Christel F. Cording, photo courtesy of Mary Ann (Kern) Kaiser, Galena, Illinois.

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1880**

Menominee Township—10 June 1880

84/79

Fred. J. Cording	25		Farmer	Breman	Bre-	Bre-
					man	man
				GER	GER	GER
Christian Cording	27	Brother	At Home	(ditto)	(ditto)	(ditto)
Louias Cording	28	Wife	At Home	(ditto)	(ditto)	(ditto)
Wilhelminia Cording	3/12	daughter	At Home	Illinois	(ditto)	(ditto)
Elicabeth Braugh	14	Servant	At Home	Illinois	(ditto)	(ditto)

Notes: Wilhelmina Cording was born in March.

•Louias, Wilhelminia, and Elicabeth are written as the census enumerator did.

**Birth of daughter, Minnie Cording, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, circa 1882**

Obituary, Galena Daily Gazette, 24 March 1942

**Birth of daughter, Clara Caroline Cording, Menominee Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 2 July 1882**

She was baptized 16 December 1882 in St. Mathew Church, Galena, Illinois.

Tombstone, Find A Grave; Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths Index

Note: Clara Caroline Cording married Carl Henry Dimke 17 May 1911.

**State census, Butler County, Nebraska, 1885**

Read Precinct — 12 June 1885

81

Christel Cordind	32		Farmer	Oldenburg	GER	GER
Louisa Cordind	33	Wife	Keeping house	Baden	Baden	Baden
Wilhelmina Cordind	5	Dau.		IL	Olden.	Baden
Clara Cordind	2	Dau.		IL	Olden.	Baden
Kate Cordind	7/12	Dau.	(Nov.)	IL	Olden.	Baden
Frederick Cordind	31	Bro.	Farmer	Oldenburg	GER	GER
Geo. J. Cordind	28	Bro.	Stock Breeder	Oldenburg	GER	GER

**Birth of son, Christel Fredrick Cording, David City, Butler County, Nebraska, 28 October 1888**

World War II Draft Registration card, aka the Old Man's Draft, National Archives and Records Administration

Note: In 1942, when he registered for the draft in Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Christel Fredrick Cording was 53. He farmed "for my self" in Galena. He was 5' 8" tall, weighed 160 pounds, had brown hair and a dark complexion.

**Cristel F. Cording purchases Rederick farm, 1889**

See next entry.

**Christ. Cording puts up new stable "on the Rederick place," Galena Daily Gazette, 27 January 1890**

*From Guilford.*

*Guilford, Jan. 27, '90*

*Mr. Christ Cording is putting up a stable on the Rederick place, which he bought last year.*

**Son, William Henry Cording, born: Guilford, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 3 May 1893**

Obituary, Galena Daily Gazette, 21 October 1948

**Cording family members help J.W. Baus of Guilford celebrate his 39th birthday, Galena Daily Gazette, 19 April 1898**

Among the guests were: Minnie Cording, Katie Cording, Clara Cording, and Mrs. Cording.

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1900**

4 June 1900

25/25

Christel Cording	47	Head	Farmer	GER	GER	GER
Louisa Cording	49	Wife		GER	GER	GER
C. Clara Cording	17	Daughter		IL	GER	GER
L. Katie Cording	15	Daughter		IL	GER	GER
H. Willie Cording	7	Son		IL	GER	GER
C. Freddie Cording	11	Son		IL	GER	GER
August Keoster	16	Boarder	Hired Labour	IL	GER	GER

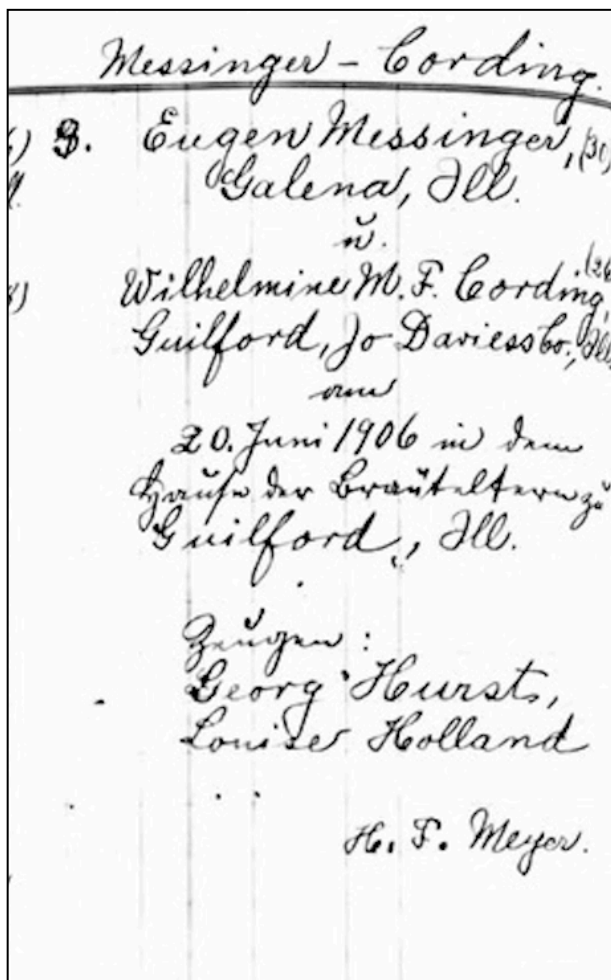
Notes: Christel and Louisa Cording have been married 21 years.

•Louisa Cording has had 7 children, 5 of whom are living.

- Christel Cording emigrated to the U.S. in 1869. He is a naturalized citizen. He has lived in the U.S. for 31 years.
- Louisa Cording emigrated in 1853. She has lived here 47 years.
- Christel Cording was born in May of 1853; Louisa Cording was born in October 1850; Clara Cording was born July 1883; Katie Cording was born November 1884; Freddie Cording was born October 1888; Willie Cording was born May 1893; August Keoster was born February 1884.

The next enumeration is the Joseph and Margret Frick family.

**Wilhelmine M.F. Cording (26) marries Eugen Messinger (30), Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 20 June 1906**  
 Georg Hurst and Louise Holland were witnesses. H.F. Meyer was pastor.



Evangelical Lutheran Church Records, 1781-1969, Ancestry.com

**Clara Cording visits Galena with her sisters, Galena Daily Gazette, 25 March 1910**

*Small Pox Creek*

*Miss Clara Cording is visiting in Galena with her sisters, Mrs. E. Mensinger and Mrs. Herman Kellar.*

**Mrs. Christ Cording returns home, Galena Daily Gazette, 25 March 1910**

*Mrs. Christ Cording returned home after visiting with her relatives in Galena.*

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1910**

Guilford Township—26 &amp; 27 April 1910

73/75

Chris Cording	56	head	farmer	GER	GER	GER
Louisa Cording	58	wife	None	GER	GER	GER
Clara Cording	27	daughter	None	IL	GER	GER
Fred Cording	21	Son	farm laborer	IL	GER	GER
William Cording	16	Son	farm laborer	IL	GER	GER

Notes: Chris and Louisa Cording have been married 30 years. It is the first marriage for both.

•Louisa Cording has had 7 children; 5 are living.

•Chris Cording emigrated to the U.S. in 1869. He is a naturalized citizen. Louisa Cording emigrated to the U.S. in 1870.

The next enumeration is Joseph Frick, 45, and his two sisters, Elizabeth, 50, and Emma, 41. All three are single.

**Clara Caroline Cording and Henry Dimke marry, St. John Church, Guilford, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 17 May 1911**

U.S. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, Ancestry.com

**Christel F. Cording dies, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 11 February 1912**

Christel F. Cording was 58 years, 9 months, and 5 days old. His last will and testament was recorded 20 April 1912.

**Record of the Last Will and Testament**

STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
Jo DAVIESS COUNTY, )  
On Friday the eleventh day of March, A. D. 1912,  
Thousand nine hundred and twelve,  
PRESENT: Hon. John E. Poores County Clerk, and E. J. Menzemer Clerk,  
Robert E. Poores Sheriff.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Christel F. Cording DECEASED. PROBATE OF WILL.

It is ordered that the Matter of the Estate of said Will be set for hearing on Friday the 18 day of March, A. D. 1912, and that the Clerk of this Court cause notice to be given of the intention to Probate said Will to the parties in interest, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation, published in said County, before the day set for hearing, a newspaper of general circulation, published in said County.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
Jo DAVIESS COUNTY, )  
On Friday the twelfth day of March, A. D. 1912,  
Thousand nine hundred and twelve,  
PRESENT: Hon. W. J. Blanton Acting Judge, E. J. Menzemer Clerk,  
Robert E. Poores Sheriff.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Christel F. Cording DECEASED. PROBATE OF WILL.

AND NOW on this day the above entitled cause coming on to be heard, it appearing to the Court from the affidavit of Town of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State aforesaid, departed this life at \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 19\_\_\_\_ which proof is ordered to be entered of record. It further appearing to the Court that all parties in interest have been notified of the intention to Probate said Will on this day and date by publication of notice in \_\_\_\_\_ a newspaper of general circulation published in said County, for the time and in the manner as required by statute and the order of this Court.

AND NOW COME John E. Poores and John Sanders witnesses to the aforesaid instrument of writing, and being first duly sworn, testify to the due execution of said instrument by the said deceased, and their attestation thereof, according to law, on the day of the date thereof, as and for the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased, and that at the time of the execution of said instrument said witnesses believed said testator to be of sound mind and memory, and under no constraint, which testimony is ordered by the Court to be entered of record in full. And the Court being now fully advised in the premises, it is ordered that the foregoing be entered and the same is hereby declared to be duly and sufficiently proven and authenticated as the true Last Will and Testament of the said deceased. And it is further ordered that the said Will be entered of record.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
Jo DAVIESS COUNTY, )  
being duly sworn, deposes and saith that  
State aforesaid, departed this life at \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
A. D. 19\_\_\_\_, and that \_\_\_\_\_ died leaving \_\_\_\_\_ Last Will and Testament to the best of \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge and belief.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 19\_\_\_\_  
ENDORSED: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.  
A true record of the original proof of death and endorsements. \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
Jo DAVIESS COUNTY, )  
Personally appeared in open court \_\_\_\_\_ Court of said County. In Probate \_\_\_\_\_ Term, A. D. 1912,  
witnesses \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ subscribing  
to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of \_\_\_\_\_  
late of said County, deceased, and being first duly sworn according to law, do \_\_\_\_\_ depose and say each for \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ present and saw the  
said \_\_\_\_\_ sign and seal said instrument of writing, as and for the \_\_\_\_\_ Last Will and Testament,  
and they at his \_\_\_\_\_ presence, and in the presence of each other, subscribed their names as attesting witnesses thereto, and that \_\_\_\_\_ believe \_\_\_\_\_ that the said testator \_\_\_\_\_ was of sound mind and memory, of lawful age, and under no constraint when \_\_\_\_\_ he signed said Will.  
Subscribed and sworn to by said witnesses in open court, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1912.  
By \_\_\_\_\_ County Clerk.  
ENDORSED: \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.  
A true record of the original proof of will and endorsement. \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.  
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.



The last will and Testament of Cristel Flooding  
Cristel Flooding of the County of Jo Diness and State of Illinois being of full  
age of sound mind, body memory and free from all duress, constraint or coercion  
make herein establish and declare this to be my last will and Testament hereby making  
all other wills if any by me heretofore made that is to say  
First:- It is my will that on my death all my just debts and funeral  
expenses be paid.

Second:- After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses as aforesaid I  
give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Louisa Flooding all the rest residue and  
remainder of my estate real personal and mixed of what kind or nature and  
wheresoever situated whether owned by me or acquired by me hereafter for her sole  
use comfort and support for and during the period of her natural life.

Third:- After the death of my said wife what may remain of the principal of my said estate  
afterly proper subject for my said wife and also what may remain and principal of the  
income thereon I give devise and bequeath to my children namely Minnie Messenger  
Colana Flooding Fred Fred Flooding and William Flooding but it is my will and  
wish that said Colana Flooding shall first receive the sum of five hundred dollars out of said  
residue after the death of my said wife and that same shall be charged how daughter  
Fred Flooding the sum of four hundred dollars that being money I have said to her and  
her husband and shall be taken as an advancement unless said sum is paid to me or my  
estate before the death of my said wife and after paying said daughter Colana said sum  
of five hundred dollars and charging to my said daughter Fred Flooding said sum of four  
hundred dollars the residue of my said estate after the death of my said wife shall be equally  
divided among my said children the said Minnie Messenger Colana Flooding Fred  
Fred Flooding and William Flooding.

Fourth:- I hereby nominate and appoint my son Fred Flooding executor of this my last will  
and Testament and I direct that he be not required to give any bond as such executor unless  
required by my said legacies or the court and with full power to handle manage and  
control my said estate for the purposes above stated as to him and my said wife shall  
serve full and with power to sell and dispose of any or all of my personal estate without  
a writ or obtaining commission from any Court so that and I direct that my executor be not  
required to make annual reports to the Court unless required by any said wife or some of my  
legacies above named.

It is further my wish that my wife make no gift or bequest to any of our children with her  
income or with my estate it being my wish that all our children be treated alike and in  
case she should make any gift or advancement to any of our children that she also make  
the same to the others thus to express as my wish and desire feeling assured that my wife and  
my said children will respect my wishes in that matter though the contrary of any wills  
not within my control.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and Seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February A.D. 1911

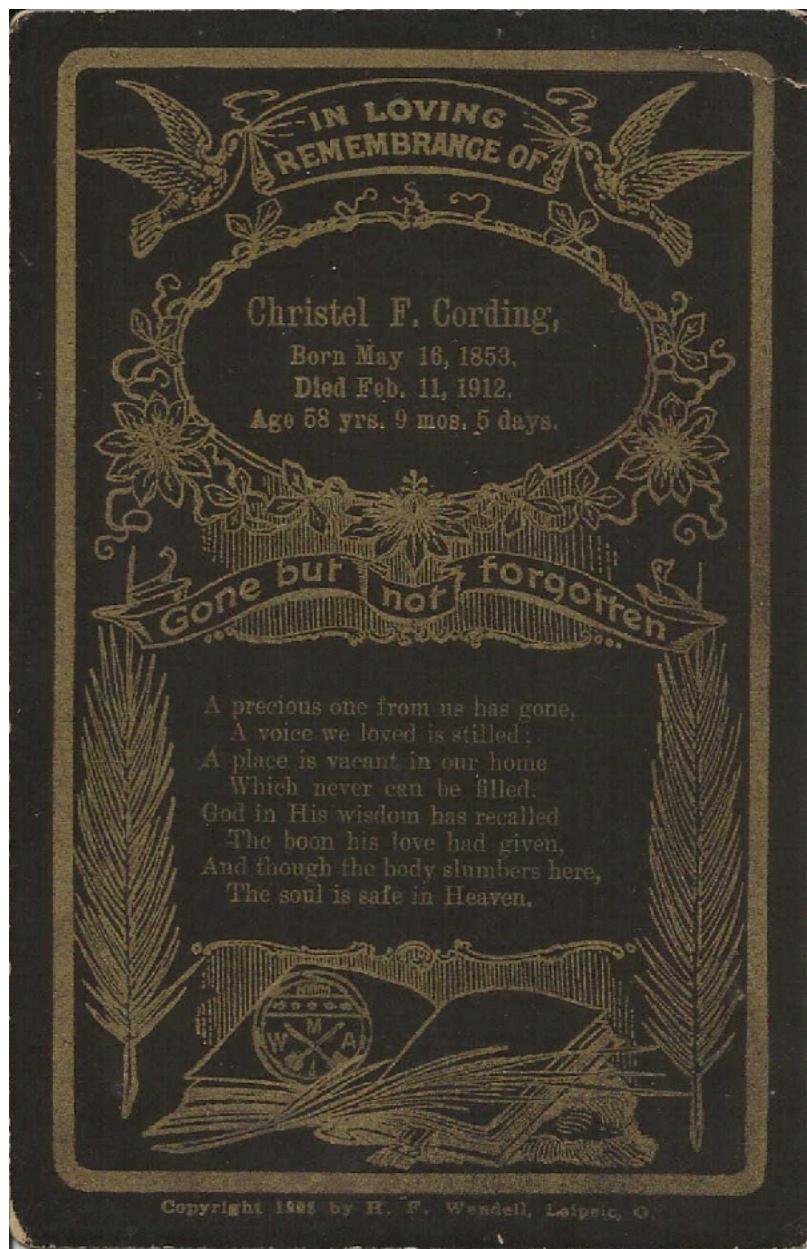
Cristel Flooding  
The foregoing will was written by this and one preceding page was at the date there-  
of signed sealed published and declared by the said testator Cristel Flooding as and for  
his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence  
and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses thereto believing  
him to be of sound mind and memory and free from all duress or restraint.

Witnessed  
Recorded April 20<sup>th</sup> 1912

Lois Jones  
James Sanders

E. J. Monroemer Clerk  
By John H. Hordor Deputy

**Christel F. Cording funeral card**



Obituary, *ibid*; tombstone, Greenwood Cemetery, Galena, Illinois, Find A Grave; Last Will and Testament, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Ancestry.com

**Galena, Illinois, Rural Route Directory, Galena, Illinois, 1914**

C.F. Cording's address is Rural Route 1, Galena, Illinois.

Jost & Kiefer's 1914 Rural Route Directory

**Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1920**

Guilford Township—6 January 1920

21/22

Joseph Frick	55	Head	Farmer, stock farm	IL	MN	GER
Emma Frick	57	Sister	none	IL	MN	GER
Elizabeth Frick	64	Sister	none	IL	MN	GER

Note: Joseph, Emma, and Elizabeth Frick are all single.

22/23

Fred Cording	31	Head	Farmer, general farming	NEB	GER	GER
William H. Cording	26	Brother	Partner to No. 5 [Fred Cording]	IL	GER	GER
Letha M. Cording	19	Wife	none	IL	IL	IL
Louisa Cording	69	Mother	none	GER	GER	GER

Notes: Joseph Frick owns his home. Fred Cording rents his.

•Fred and Letha M. are married. William H. is single. Louisa Cording is a widow.

### Farmer List, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 1930

Elizabeth Township:

Wm. H. Cording	Rt. 3	Elizabeth	5NW
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Guilford Township:

Fred Cording	Rt. 1	Galena	9E
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### Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1930

Guilford Township—26 April 1930

63/64

Elizabeth Frick	74	Head	Farm manager	IL	US	GER
Louise Frick	71	Sister	None	IL	US	GER
Mary Frick	70	Sister	None	IL	US	GER
Emma Frick	67	Sister	None	IL	US	GER

64/65

Fred Cording	41	Head	Farmer	NEB	GER	GER
Letha M. Cording	30	Wife	None	IL	IL	IL
Elden F. Cording	10	Son	None	IL	NEB	IL
Helen S. Cording	9	daughter	None	IL	NEB	IL
Arthur J. Cording	7	Son	None	IL	NEB	IL
Melvin C. Cording	2/12	Son	None	IL	NEB	IL
Louisa Cording	79	Mother	None	IL	NEB	IL

Notes: Fred Cording was 30 when he married; Letha M. was 19.

### Clara Cording Dimke dies, Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 11 November 1935

Clara Cording Dimke was 53. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Galena, Illinois, 13 November 1935.

Find A Grave

### Jo Daviess County, Illinois, census, 1940

Guilford Township—19 April 1940

92

Fred Cording	51	Head	Farmer	Nebraska
Helen Cording	19	Daughter		Illinois
Arthur Cording	17	Son	Construction Work	Illinois
Melvin Cording	10	Son		Illinois
Leila Cording	6	Daughter		Illinois

Louisa Cording

89

Mother

House work,  
private family

Germany

Notes: Fred Cording is a widower. Louisa Cording is a widow.

•Fred Cording rents his home for \$9 a month.

•The highest grade achieved in school: Fred Cording: 8th; Helen Cording: 8th; Arthur Cording: 8th; Melvin Cording: 4th; Leila Cording: 0; Louisa Cording: 7th.

•The family lived in the same house in 1935.

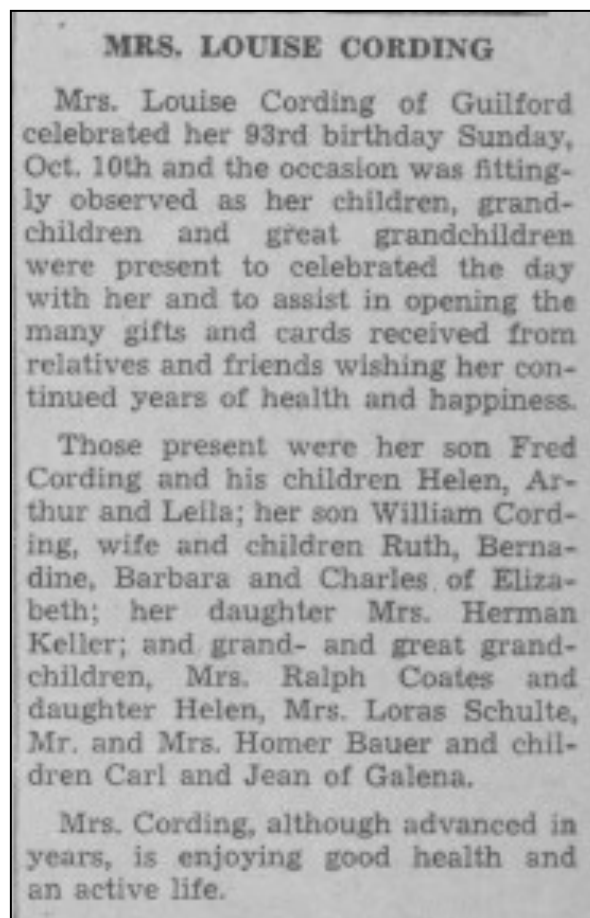
### **Elizabeth news, Galena Daily Gazette, 8 November 1940**

*Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Turpin, who reside on the tenant house on the Otto Berlage farm where Mr. Turpin was employed, have rented the Mrs. William Cording farm for the coming year.*

*Charles R. Williams, who resides on the Cording farm, at present, will discontinue farming and expects to have an auction sale in the near future.*

*Mrs. Louis Cording of Guilford, and Mrs. Eugene Messinger of Kansas City, were guests the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cording.*

### **Mrs. Louise Cording celebrates her 93rd birthday, Guilford, 10 October 1943**



Galena Daily Gazette, 14 October 1943



**Louise Menzemer Cording, 93, dies, Guilford Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 26 December 1943**

Louise Menzemer Cording was buried 29 December 1943 in Greenwood Cemetery, Galena, Illinois.

Find A Grave; obituary, Galena Daily Gazette, 30 December 1943; Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths Index

**Mrs. C. F. Cording, 93,  
Dies At Her Home In  
Guilford Sunday**

Mrs. Louise Menzemer Cording, 93, died at her home in Guilford township Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. Cording had enjoyed good health up until the last year and was bed-fast only a brief period prior to her death.

She had been a resident of Guilford for the past 55 years.

Louise Menzemer was born in Germany on Oct. 10, 1850, the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Menzemer. She came from Germany to Galena with her parents when she was three years old.

On March 22, 1879 she was united in marriage to Christel F. Cording at Galena. Rev. Klindworth of the Lutheran church performing the ceremony.

They were the parents of seven children, three of whom survive; Mrs. Herman (Katie) Keller and Fred Cording of Galena and William Cording of Elizabeth. Sixteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband who passed away in 1912 and two daughters: Mrs. Eugene (Minnie) Messinger and Mrs. Henry (Clara) Dimke. Two children passed away in infancy.

The funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the Nash Funeral Chapel with her pastor, Rev. A. T. Buckler of St. John's Lutheran church of Guilford officiating. Burial was made in the family lot in Greenwood cemetery.





**Card of Thanks, Galena Daily Gazette, 6 January 1944**

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to friends and neighbors for the flowers, use of cars and the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown at the death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Louise Cording.

Mrs. Herman Keller,  
Fred Cording,  
William Cording.

**Jo Daviess County Circuit Court, In Chancery: William Cording et al, Plaintiffs, vs. Fred C. Cording et al, Defendants, Galena Daily Gazette, 27 July 1944**

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) ss.  
County of Jo Daviess )

In the Circuit Court of said County  
and State.

William Cording, et al., ) In  
Plaintiffs,) Chancery  
vs. ) No. 985  
Fred C. Cording, et al., )  
Defendants.) Notice

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Eugene Messenger and Dorothy Dimke, defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the above suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, by the said plaintiffs against you and other defendants praying for the partition and division of the premises described as follows, to wit:

A part of the West half of the North East Quarter of Section Fifteen (15), commencing four chains and South East corner of same, thence North twenty chains (20 ch.) or to the North East corner of said South half, thence West forty chains (40 ch.) or to the North West corner of said South half, thence South to a point nine chains and fifty links (9.50 ch.) North of the corner to Sections Nine (9), Ten (10), Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16), thence South sixty-four and a half degrees ( $64\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ ) East four chains and sixty-one links (4.61 ch.), thence South fifty-two and a fourth degrees ( $52\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ ) East thirteen chains (13 ch.), thence East twenty-five chains and sixty-eight links (25.68 ch.) to the place of beginning, containing 72.13 acres, more or less. All of the above and foregoing described real estate being situated in Township Twenty-eight (28) North of Range Two (2) East of the Fourth (4th) Principal Meridian, in the County of Jo Daviess and State of Illinois, and containing in the aggregate 171.01 acres, more or less.

ninety-seven links (4.97 ch.) East of the South West corner of same, thence East fifteen chains and forty-three links (15.43 ch.) or to the South East corner of said West half, thence North on the true line dividing the North East Quarter of said Section Fifteen (15) forty chains (40 ch.) or to the North East corner of said West half, thence West twenty chains (20 ch.) or to the quarter corner on the line between Sections Ten (10) and Fifteen (15), thence South twenty-four chains and thirty-five links (24.35 ch.), thence South fifty-one and three-fourths degrees (51 $\frac{3}{4}$ °) East thirteen chains and twenty-two links (13.22 ch.), thence South thirty degrees (30°) West ten chains and thirteen links (10.13 ch.) to the place of beginning, containing 69.16 acres, more or less. Also a part of the North West Quarter of said Section Fifteen (15), commencing at the North East corner of

same, thence South twenty-four chains and thirty-five links (24.35 ch.), thence North forty-nine and a half degrees ( $49\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ ) West seven chains and fifty links (7.50 ch.), thence North forty degrees ( $40^{\circ}$ ) West nine chains and fourteen links (9.14 ch.), thence North forty-five and a half degrees ( $45\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ ) West three chains and sixty-eight links (3.68 ch.), thence North fifty-five and a half degrees ( $55\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ ) West eight chains and seventy-three links (8.73 ch.), thence North fifty-two and a fourth degrees ( $52\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ ) West seven chains (7 ch.) to the East and West line dividing Sections Ten (10) and Fifteen (15), thence East on said line twenty-five chains and sixty-eight links (25.68 ch.), to the place of beginning, containing 29.72 acres, more or less. And a part of the South half of the South West Quarter of Section Ten (10), commencing at the South East corner of same, thence

Son, Fred Cording, purchases farm of the late William Cording, Galena Daily Gazette, 23 November 1944

Fred Cording, part heir and present occupant of the 171 acre farm of the late William Cording purchased the farm last Saturday, when it was sold at auction for \$23.35 per acre.

Letter from Germany to "next of kin to C.F. Cording (deceased) farmer in Galena, Ills.," Galena Daily Gazette, 10 April 1947

## Galena Man Receives Letter From Germany

Fred Cording has received a letter from Germany addressed to "the town, mayor or county, Galena, Illinois, U. S. A." Inside the outer enveloped with a note:

"I beg to grant me the favour to forward this accompanying letter, if possible, to the next of kin to C. F. Cording (deceased) farmer in Galena, Ills. May I thank you in advance and hope not to have got you into trouble. Sincerely yours, Alma Berlich, born Cording."

The letter follows:

Bremen a/Weser Donaudtstr  
Dear Cousin:

in front of me there lies a letter from Christel Cording to my father Diedrich Cording in Bremen. After much thinking about reaching you by a letter, I tried.

Both our fathers exchanged letters all their life, and maybe your father told your children, as my father did over the Cording family "over there." In our sitting room there was a picture of uncle Christel and his family.

My father died when he was 54 years old in 1915. Three days after I made my examination as a teacher.

My sister Kate married early, our only brother Karl studied political economy and made his Dr. degree, and married 1931 at Konigsberg in Prussia. I married 1937. So we lived as a happy family with our dear mother. Often we spent our holidays in Hiddigwarden, our father's birthplace. At family reunion and at my father's death in Bremen and when uncle Heini Cording died in Hiddigwarden, we often talked about you. How are

you getting now?

This terrible last war has brought so much usury. My mother died 1945. My brothers family, his wife and three little children perished on the flight from Konigsberg to Bremen. My brother writes me out of Russia, being a prisoner of war, he was soldier at the eastern front. My sister's husband was employed by the Industry. He is an engineer and is still employed in his profession.

On April 22nd, 1945 in the very last hour I lost my home. My husband came back from captivity severely ill at the age of 64 years. In spite of not being a party member nor a Nazi my husband does not draw any pension for being an army official. Therefore we are without any pension since two years. I'm giving private lessons to school children to help out. But taking care of a family of 4, doing the housework and doing a job as a teacher do not go well together these times. Especially the food situation is my

biggest concern! Here is almost no help possible from Hiddigwarden, because two daughters with 4 children in a town-household and additional fugitives from the east zones (12 persons). Also they don't realiz how difficult it is in these days to manage a town household without any additional foodstuffs.

So I take heart to ask your understanding—would it be possible for you to help us out of my present need with foodstuff. I shall be so grateful and will certainly make up for it as soon as I am able to.

Please do let me also hear about your family.

With the best of wishes,

Yours Cousin Alma Berlich.



**Son, William Henry Cording, dies, Elizabeth, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, Galena Daily Gazette, 21 October 1948**

*Wm. Henry Cording, 55, Elizabeth, died at 5 a.m. Monday in a Freeport hospital. He failed to rally from a stroke suffered Saturday morning. Funeral services were held at Elizabeth this afternoon. A son of Christel and Louise Menzemer Cording, he was born in Guilford May 3, 1893. Surviving are his wife, four daughters, four grandchildren and a brother, Fred, and a sister, Mrs. Herman Keller of Galena.*

**Addendum**



Sisters Wilhelmine, Louisa and Caroline Menzemer in an undated photo.