

# CHAPTER SIX

## The Family of Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER

Engelke STEINKE  
m. Anna TALKE  
- Johann STEINKE  
m. Adelheid FEY  
- Theodore H. STEINKE  
m. Margaret BRECKSCHMID  
- Johann STEINKE  
m. Margarete Katharina SANDER  
- Hermann STEINKE  
m. Margaretha RUWE  
- Joseph John Lambert STEINKE  
m. Mary Anna KAISER  
- Diedrich STEINKE  
m. Theresia WERLING-SCHNIPPEL  
- Stephen Bernard STEINKE  
m. Margaret Gertrude SCHEMMEL  
- Peter Bernard STEINKE  
m. Alvina Mary GREVE  
- Sylvia A. STEINKE  
m. Urban E. SCHNEIDER

# Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER

## Joseph John Lambert STEINKE \$

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b. 5/1/1815 Voltlage  
m. 2/6/1840 Minster  
d. 4/4/1858 Rhine  
bur. Rhine Cem. +

1. Henry STEINKE
2. Diedrich STEINKE
3. Elisabeth STEINKE
4. Mary Anna STEINKE
5. John Edward STEINKE
6. George STEINKE
7. Joseph STEINKE
8. Leo John STEINKE
9. Elizabeth STEINKE
10. Margaret STEINKE
11. Maria Catherine STEINKE
12. Theresia STEINKE
13. Henry John STEINKE

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## Mary Anna KAISER

b. 5/24/1825 Voltlage GER  
m2. 8/29/1860 Shelby Co. OH  
d. 3/27/1897 Rhine OH  
bur. Rhine cem +

1. Bernard Henry THIEMAN  
b. 6/6/1861 Rhine; moved to Canada
2. Anna Marie Elizabeth THIEMAN  
b. 11/30/1862 Rhine m. George MONGER
3. Stephen Bernard THIEMAN  
b. 6/9/1864 Rhine d. 5/6/1932 Granville,  
Mercer Co. m. Mary Ann GILBURNS (or GELHAUS)
4. Bernardina THIEMAN  
b. 5/7/1866 Rhine d. 2/20/1868

m2. Bernard H. THIEMAN  
b. ~1/26/1821 d. 5/5/1898  
bur. Rhine cem +



Mary KAISER-STEINKE-THIEMANN

The German surname "KAISER" is from the Middle High German word "keiser," meaning emperor. From the Latin name Caesar, it was often given to one who played the part of "King" in local plays and pageants year after year - a popular pastime during the middle ages. It may also refer to one with a kingly appearance or manner.

Joseph John Lambert STEINKE was born on May 1, 1815, in Voltlage, Hanover, Lower Saxony (Niedersachsen), Germany. He was the fifth of seven children born to Hermann and Margaretha (RUWE) STEINKE.

Joseph John Lambert STEINKE immigrated to America, possibly in 1837 or 1838. He settled in the Rhine, Ohio, possibly living with the KAISER family. He married Mary Anna KAISER on February 6, 1840 at St. Augustine Church, in Minster, Ohio. Mary Anna KAISER was born on May 24, 1825 in Voltlage, Hanover, Lower Saxony (Niedersachsen), Germany. She was the daughter of George Henry (Gerhard Heinrich) KAISER and Elizabeth (WERNKE) KAISER. Mary Anna KAISER immigrated to Ohio with her parents around 1838.

Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE continued living at the KAISER farm after their marriage. George Henry & Elizabeth KAISER deeded 80 acres of their land to Joseph & Mary STEINKE. Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE had thirteen known children between 1840 and 1858. All born in Rhine, Fryburg, or Petersburg.

Joseph John Lambert STEINKE was one of the original trustees charged with starting the parish and building the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Rhine. He died on April 4, 1858 in Rhine, Ohio. He was the first person buried in that cemetery.

Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE married a second husband, Bernard THIEMAN, and had four more children. Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE-THIEMAN died on March 27, 1897 in Rhine, Ohio. The funeral took place in Rhine church, and according to her obituary, she had the "largest funeral ever held at Rhine". A year later, Bernard THIEMAN died. Both are buried at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church Cemetery in Rhine, Ohio.

## St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Rhine



Joseph John Lambert STEINKE was one of three church trustees charged with building the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Rhine. (Dietrich SCHULTE donated four acres of his farm for the church, and George SCHNIPPEL donated one acre across Botkins Road for the cemetery.)

Joseph John Lambert STEINKE was the first person to be buried in the cemetery. His grave is just to the west side of the monument in the center of the cemetery (shown left). The stone marking his grave today appears to be a replacement of the original tomb stone.

At right is Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE-THIEMAN's tombstone.



## This well-researched KAISER-STEINKE History is from Mark STEINKE

<http://www.steinkes.us/SupportFiles/SteinHis.htm>

"The Kaisers arrived in Dinsmore Township, Shelby County, Ohio and procured this land tract: *The north end of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township No. 6, south of Range No. 6 east, containing 40 acres.*

This tract was to become the homeplace. The land was cleared and buildings erected. The first part of the old cabin was possibly built by Mr. Kaiser at this time. George Henry and Elizabeth Kaiser also acquired this tract of land: *The south end of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township No. 6, south of Range No. 6 east, containing 40 acres.* This land is located south and adjacent to the homeplace.

We believe that Joseph Steinke may have lived with the Kaisers when they settled in America. During this time he became very well acquainted with them. Two years later, on February 6, 1840, Joseph Steinke married Mary Anna Kaiser. (Marriage record is at St. Augustine Church, Minster). ... From the 1840 U.S. Federal Census, we can be reasonably certain that Joseph and Mary Steinke lived with George Henry and Elizabeth Kaiser after their marriage.

On May 18, 1844, Henry and Elizabeth Kaiser deeded the 40 acre tract of the homeplace to Joseph and Mary Steinke. On June 21, 1845, Henry Kaiser deeded 40 acres of the land to Joseph and Mary Steinke. This 40 acre tract is adjoining and south of the homeplace. On September 30, 1852, Joseph [Steinke] acquired 40 acres in the north east quarter of Section 36, Dinsmore Township. This tract was sold to George and Catherine [Steinke - Joseph's brother] and in 1857 it was transferred to Diedrich Schulte. ... At the time of his death in 1858, he owned 240 acres of land in Section 36, all adjoining the homeplace to the east and south.

Elizabeth Kaiser died on March 4, 1843. There is no record of her burial, but assumed to be an unrecorded burial at St. Peter and Paul Cemetary at Petersburg. The death of Gerhard Kaiser is recorded at Rhine. (He lived with his oldest grandson, Diedrich Steinke, until his death on January 8, 1866).

As time passed the family of Joseph J. Steinke grew larger and larger. It was necessary to build new additions to the old cabin. A lean-to was added all along the rear (east) side. This was used for cooking and eating. In the old cabin there were two rooms divided by a hall. The upstairs was one large room. A partition about four foot high divided the room. A crawl hole was located in the center of the partition. A steep stair provided access to the second floor. The only protection from the elements on this floor were the rafters, slats and shingles. Heating and cooking in the cabin was achieved by cast iron stoves. If fireplaces were ever used, there is no evidence to show of their existence. Around 1860, an addition with a cellar was added to the west end of the old building. The old cabin was occupied until 1945. The last tenants were the family of George and Minnie (Koenig) Steinke. ... The cabin was used as a grainery by the Greve family, who still own the property. The old cabin stood until its destruction and removal in 1981.



When Joseph Steinke died, he left all his land to his wife, Mary. ... Evidently it was transferred [to Bernard Thiemann] when Mary Kaiser Steinke married him in 1860. On September 23, 1876 Bernard Thiemann deeded the 40 acre homeplace and the 40 acres due east of the homeplace, a total of 80 acres to Leo Steinke. Leo farmed the tract and lived in the oldest part of the cabin. Mary and Bernard lived in the added western rooms of the cabin. Also on September 23, 1876 the remaining portions of the land was divided among Joseph J. and Mary's sons, Diedrich, John, and Joseph."

The 1860 Dinsmore Twp. Census (right) shows Mary STEINKE (Stone), a single mother living next to her son, Diedrich (Rich) STEINKE, and his wife Theresia WERLING-SCHNIPPEL (Terrace) along with two children from Theresia's first marriage. Also living with them was Mary STEINKE's father, Henry KAISER (Keyser).

713	Mary Stone	34	M
	John	14	M
	George	13	M
	Joseph	12	M
	Leo	10	M
	Mgt	6	F
	Theresa	4	F
	Henry	2	M
714	Rich Stone	18	M
	Terrace	26	F
	Italy	6	F
	Joseph	2	M
	Henry Keyser	20	M
	"	21	M

The 1880 Dinsmore Twp. Census shows Mary & Bernard THIEMAN living next to her son, Leo STEINKE, and his family. It is not known who "Maggie, age 10" is, listed with Mary & Bernard THIEMAN - is it heir youngest child, Bernidina, who would have been 14? There is no record of another child.

3436	Steinke Leo	11	2	unmarried
	- Elizabeth	11	29	Alfred
	- Theresia	11	25	Wife
	- Bernard	11	12	Wife
3387	Thiemann B	11	28	Alfred
	- Mary	11	24	Wife
	- Maggie	11	10	Daughter
	- Bernard	11	19	Son

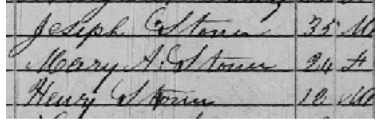


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## Children of Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER - Henry STEINKE

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Henry STEINKE  
b.~1840 Petersburg  
d.8/13/1853



The only record I have of Henry is the 1850 Census, which lists his age as 12. His parents were married in 1840, so it is likely a mistake on the part of the census taker, age mistakes were very common.

**H**enry STEINKE was born about 1840 in Petersburg, Ohio (near Fryburg). He was the oldest of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

Henry STEINKE died on August 13, 1853.

Nothing else is known of Henry STEINKE.

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## Children of Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER - Diedrich STEINKE

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### Diedrich STEINKE

b.10/17/1841 Rhine  
m.8/16/1859 Fryburg  
**Farmer**  
d.11/19/1904 Rhine  
bur.Rhine Cem +

1. Mary Anna STEINKE
2. John STEINKE
3. Peter STEINKE
4. Anna Louisa STEINKE
5. Stephen Bernard STEINKE
6. Bernardina STEINKE
7. Michael Joseph STEINKE
8. August STEINKE
9. Philomena STEINKE
10. Agnes STEINKE
11. Elizabeth STEINKE

### Theresia WERLING

b.3/8/1834 Fryburg  
d.4/30/1915 Fryburg +  
bur. Rhine cem +

### Bernard SCHNIPPEL

b.1830 Voltlage  
m.2/13/1855 Fryburg  
d.7/19/1858 Rhine, Oh

1. Katherine SCHNIPPEL
2. Bernard J. SCHNIPPEL

More information on this family is in the next Chapter: "Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING".

The 1870 Pusheta Township Census lists the Diedrich STEINKE family. The first two children listed are from Theresia's first marriage to Bernard SCHNIPPEL.

**D**iedrich STEINKE was born on October 17, 1841 in Rhine, Ohio. He was the second of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

Diedrich STEINKE married Theresia WERLING on August 16, 1859 at St. John's Catholic Church in Fryburg, Ohio. Theresia WERLING was born on March 8, 1834 in Fryburg, Ohio. She was the fifth of six children born to Stephen WERLING and Rosalia KNAPPER. Her parents immigrated to America from Weyersheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France sometime between 1829 and 1831.

Diedrich STEINKE was a farmer, owning part of his parent's farm in 1876. Diedrich and Theresia (WERLING) STEINKE had eleven children between 1910 and 1983.

Diedrich STEINKE died on November 19, 1904 in Rhine. Theresia (WERLING) STEINKE died on April 30, 1915 in Fryburg. They are buried together at St. Lawrence Catholic Church Cemetery in Rhine.

"WERLING" comes from the Middle High German word weren 'to defend', warnen 'to warn', or wären 'to protect'.

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## Children of Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER - Elisabeth STEINKE

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Elisabeth STEINKE  
b.1/4/1843 Petersburg  
d.~1850

**E**lisabeth STEINKE was born on January 4, 1843 in Petersburg, Ohio (near Fryburg). She was the third of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

Elisabeth STEINKE was the first recorded baptism at the Petersburg Church.

Elisabeth STEINKE died as a young girl, around 1850. She is not listed with her family in the Dinsmore Township Census taken in September of 1850. There have been no records found to indicate where she was buried.

Nothing else is known of Elisabeth STEINKE.

**Mary Anna STEINKE**  
b.6/6/1844 Petersburg  
d.10/24/1859 Rhine

Mary Anna STEINKE appears in the 1850  
Dinsmore Township Census, (age 6).

Joseph A. Steinke	35	M
Mary A. Steinke	24	F
Henry A. Steinke	10	M
Leannell A. Steinke	8	F
Mary A. Steinke	6	F

**M**ary Anna STEINKE was born June 6, 1844 in Petersburg, Ohio (near Fryburg). She was the fourth of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

Mary Anna STEINKE died at the age of fifteen, on October 24, 1859, in Rhine, Ohio. She was ill for 60 days, and died of "ague" (a combination of fever and shaking chills). There have been no records found to indicate where she was buried, but it is probably at Rhine.

NAME OF EVERY PERSON WHO DIED during the year ending Jan 1, 1860, whose usual place of abode at the time of death was in this family.	SEX	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BIRTH, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	THE MONTH in which the person died.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	NUMBER OF DAYS ILL.
Mary Stoner	F	15	Oct 24	Ohio	Oct		Ague	60

From the Dinsmore Twp. Mortality Schedule year ending June 1860. She is listed on Line 9 as "Mary Stoner".

### History of Rhine, Ohio from: Rhine's One Hundred Years 1856-1956

Situated three miles east of Botkins, Ohio, is the little community of farming families called Rhine. Most of the early settlers in Rhine were German immigrants. Perhaps they lived in regions touching the Rhine River, greatly celebrated in their home country, and do they handed down its name to the new community in their new land. This guess is strengthened by another fact that these early folks, isolated from towns and cities when much of the land was covered with forests, and travel was difficult, loved to get together in recreation to relieve their loneliness. One of their diversions was the singing of songs and one of their favorite songs was "The Watch on the Rhine." It is therefore again surmised that the Rhine River had a part in establishing the name of their new home.

Relative to divine service the catholic people of Rhine first offered the Holy Sacrifice of Mass in Petersburg parish, one mile south of Fryburg. Here a little log church was built in 1836. In this church the families of Rhine together with those from Wapakoneta, Fryburg, and Botkins worshipped God. But distance, and mud roads which became impossible in winter, caused the catholics of each of these places to build their own churches, the first, Wapakoneta in 1839, the second Fryburg in 1849, the third, Rhine 1856, and Botkins in 1866. "Surrounded completely by her children as Father Tebbe writes in his centenary book of the Fryburg Parish, the little log church of Petersburg" was needed no longer.



An early history of Shelby County, compiled in 1883 has the following account of the Rhine Parish: "St. Lawrence Catholic Church is located near the southwest corner of section 36, Dinsmore Township on the Botkins Pike. The society was organized in the school house of sub-district No. 1 by Father Henry J. Muckerhelde with about twenty families. Their church was dedicated sometime during the autumn of 1858. The building is a brick structure 50 by 40 feet with a 22 foot ceiling and was erected at a cost of \$2100. John B. Shipper, D. Schulte, Joseph Schmerge and Steinke were then appointed trustees."

Schools were built in Dinsmore Township very early, the first one constructed entirely of logs in 1836. By 1846 there were nine schools, one in the center of every four sections and a tenth devoted to the instruction of negro children.

## Children of Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER - John Edward STEINKE

<b>John Edward STEINKE</b> b.2/10/1846 Petersburg m.10/6/1868 Rhine d.9/23/1922 Cranberry Prairie, Mercer Co. <b>D</b> bur. St. Francis Catholic Cemetery +	
Joseph Bernard STEINKE b.6/12/1869 Rhine d.3/22/1949 Canada Gertrude BREKER	Anna Mary Amelia STEINKE b.8/20/1870 Rhine d.1/3/1959 John EVANS
Mary Theresia STEINKE b.10/6/1871 Rhine d.8/16/1944 <b>D</b> Frank DILLHOFF <b>D</b>	Catherine Agnes STEINKE b.10/30/1872 Rhine d.9/15/1905(1907?) Canada - they had no children Jacob HEILMAN
Elizabeth C. STEINKE b.7/24/1874 Rhine d.4/13/1916 Canada John ASHMAN	Caroline Mary STEINKE b.11/14/1875 Rhine d.5/9/1954 Bernard DIERKERS
Clara Philomena STEINKE b.12/5/1876 Rhine d.3/6/1922 St. Henry Henry RINDERLE	John Henry STEINKE b.6/7/1878 Rhine d.6/4/1956 Canada Lawrence Bernard STEINKE
Anna M. STEINKE b.1/17/1881 d.8/14/1881 Rosalie Helen STEINKE b.9/2/1882 d.10/5/1905 Chickasaw Frank GRIESHOP	Herman Theodore STEINKE b.1/25/1885 Cranberry Prairie d.6/17/1975 Watson, Canada Susan HINDERKS
Jacob Steven STEINKE b.9/25/1886 Cranberry Prairie d.1/3/1967 Canada Elizabeth HINDERKS	Leo P. STEINKE b.3/6/1889 Cranberry Prairie d.3/19/1889 Cranberry Prairie
<b>Caroline Mary WISS</b> b.12/8/1846 Clay Twp. d.1/21/1926 Cranberry Prairie, Mercer Co. <b>D</b> bur. St. Francis Catholic Cemetery +	

Joseph C. Steink	35	Mo
Mary A. Steink	24	Mo
Henry A. Steink	18	Mo
Louise C. Steink	9	Mo
Mary A. Steink	6	Mo
John C. Steink	4	Mo

Four year old John Edward STEINKE appears in the 1850 Dinsmore Township Census, above.



"WISS" is a North German nickname for a sure, reliable person, from Middle Low German wisse 'sure', 'reliable'.

The John Edward STEINKE family, in the 1880 Dinsmore Township Census.

John E. Steink	20	35
Caroline Wiss	20	33
Joseph C. Steink	20	10
Mary A. Steink	18	9
Henry A. Steink	18	8
Louise C. Steink	18	7
Mary A. Steink	18	6
John C. Steink	18	5
John E. Steink	18	4
Caroline Wiss	18	2
Joseph C. Steink	18	1

John Edward STEINKE was born February 10, 1846 in Petersburg, Ohio (near Fryburg). He was the fifth of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

John Edward STEINKE married Caroline Mary WISS on October 6, 1868 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Rhine, Ohio. Caroline Mary WISS was born on December 8, 1846 in Clay Township, Auglaize County. She was the daughter of John WISS, a French immigrant, and Catherine (ADAMS) WISS, and Irish immigrant.

John Edward STEINKE and Caroline (WISS) STEINKE had fourteen children from 1869 to 1889. They began their married life in Rhine, Ohio. John Edward STEINKE was a farmer, owning part of his parent's farm in 1876. They were farming this land at the time of the 1880 Census. By 1885 he sold this to his brother, and John Edward STEINKE and his family moved to Cranberry Prairie, (in Granville Township, Mercer County, Ohio), where he bought a farm.

John Edward STEINKE died on September 23, 1922 in Cranberry Prairie, at the age of 76 years. Caroline (WISS) STEINKE died on January 21, 1926 in Cranberry Prairie, at 79 years of age. Both are buried at Cranberry Prairie, in Mercer County, Ohio.



Tomb stone of John E. & Caroline STEINKE at St. St. Francis Catholic Cemetery, Cranberry Prairie, Ohio.



## Children of Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER - George STEINKE

<b>George (Gerhard) STEINKE</b> b.5/8/1847 Petersburg farmer m.1/17/1871 Auglaize Co. d.12/18/1928 Botkins <b>D</b> bur. Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins <b>+</b>	
<b>Anna Mary GRAF</b> b.7/15/1851 Pusheta d.2/14/1924 Botkins <b>D</b> bur. Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins <b>+</b>	
Bernard A. STEINKE	Pages D4-D6
Michael Marion STEINKE	
Anthony STEINKE	
Margaret Helen STEINKE	
Hugo John George STEINKE	
Frederick STEINKE	
Pius Alexious "Ollie" STEINKE	
Henry Joseph Daniel STEINKE	
Victoria Philomena STEINKE	Pg D5
Anna Mary Zita STEINKE	

"GRAF" is status name from Middle High German grāve, grābe, which was used as a title denoting various officials. It also denoted a variety of different minor local functionaries in different parts of Germany. In the Grand Duchy of Hesse, for example, it was used for the holder of the comparatively humble office of village headman.



George STEINKE & Anna Mary GRAF Family:  
Michael .. Alexious .. Bernard .. Hugo; George ..  
Mary .. Henry; Mary Zeta .. Anthony

George STEINKE was born May 8, 1847 in Petersburg, Ohio (near Fryburg). He was the sixth of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

George STEINKE married Anna Mary GRAF on January 17, 1871 in Auglaize County, Ohio. Anna Mary GRAF was born on July 15, 1851 in Pusheta Township, Auglaize County. She was one of six children born to Ignaz GRAFF and Helena (GRÄSSIG) GRAF, immigrants from Baden, Germany. She also had two half-siblings when her mother, Helena (GRÄSSIG) GRAF, married to her second husband, Balthasar SCHAEFFER. Her mother, after being widowed twice, married her third husband, Jean Micheal SCHNEIDER, Jr. (More information on Jean Micheal SCHNEIDER, Jr. and his family is in the SCHNEIDER Section of this Genealogy Book.)

George STEINKE and Anna Mary (GRAF) STEINKE had ten children from 1871 to 1891. George STEINKE was a farmer near Botkins, Ohio.



George STEINKE  
& Anna Mary GRAF

Anna Mary (GRAF) STEINKE died from pulmonary oedema, on February 14, 1924 in Botkins, at the age of 72 years. George STEINKE died from uremia, on December 18, 1928 in Botkins. He was 81 years old. Both are buried at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Botkins, Ohio.



George & Anna Mary (GRAF) STEINKE,  
Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins

### Over 100 Years of Business in Botkins

"Steinke's Inc. started in 1905 by Bernard A. Steinke [the oldest son of George & Anna Mary STEINKE, above] who was a blacksmith by trade. His business was in the building on Main Street (now State Street) which was the former Steinke Insurance Agency. "B.A.'s" son Clem purchased the business after his father's death and added a car repair business, dropping the blacksmith business. In the 1940's Clem's son Bob bought the repair business and moved the garage to the corner of South and Main Street where the new village park is now located. He later purchased the land at the corner of State and Main Street and constructed a new building where the business is currently operating. Bob's sons Ron and Dave purchased the business in 1978, and Ron bought out his brother Dave in 1991, becoming the sole owner. Steinke's Marathon is now under the ownership and management of Steve and Andy Steinke, the fifth generation."

From: "Village of Botkins Founder's Day Celebration 1858-2008"  
<http://www.botkinsohio.com/docs/150annvbook.pdf>



## Children of Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER - Joseph STEINKE

<b>Joseph STEINKE</b> b.8/25/1848 Petersburg m.8/11/1874 Auglaize Co. d.2/19/1926 Rhine bur. Rhine Cem. +	<b>Frank Andrew Bernard SCHMERGE</b>  <b>Mary Anna STEINKE</b> b.9/12/1875 Rhine d.1/28/1927 Rhine Joseph LENHART  <b>Carolina Josephine STEINKE</b> b.8/2/1877 Rhine d.2/15/1920 Piqua D <b>Rudolph Albert STEINKE</b> b.12/16/1879 Rhine d.5/23/1974 Dayton bur.St.Joseph's Cem. + Elenora B. KREBS b.4/9/1886 d.9/6/1975 bur.St.Joseph's Cem. + <b>William Frederick STEINKE</b> b.12/20/1881 Rhine d.4/26/1952 Lima D Clara SODER  <b>Casper George STEINKE</b> b.1/5/1884 Rhine d.12/19/1963 Wapak bur.St.Johns Cem. + Florence KREBS 1885-1963 bur.St.Johns Cem. + <b>Joseph STEINKE</b> b.12/24/1885 Rhine d.7/13/1887 Rhine + Henry BROCKERT  <b>Helena Anna STEINKE</b> b.12/3/1887 Rhine d.3/30/1979 Warren MI <b>Edward Leo STEINKE</b> b.8/18/1890 Rhine d.8/23/1969 Piqua Margaret RABLE  <b>Catherine Cecelia STEINKE</b> b.2/23/1893 Rhine d.9/25/1910 Piqua D bur.Rhine Cem. + <b>Clement Michael STEINKE</b> b.4/9/1895 Rhine d.4/25/1985 Piqua  <b>Philomena Johanna WEMPE</b> b.12/5/1854 Cincinnati d.3/27/1937 Rhine D bur. Rhine Cem. +
	<b>Philomena Loretta Gertrude STEINKE</b> b.1/23/1898 Rhine d.4/9/1919 D bur.Rhine Cem. +



Joseph E. & Philomina (WEMPE) STEINKE  
at St. Lawrence Catholic Church Cemetery,  
Rhine, Ohio.

Joseph STEINKE was born August 25, 1848 in Petersburg, Ohio (near Fryburg). He was the seventh of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

Joseph STEINKE married Philomena Johanna WEMPE on August 11, 1874 in Auglaize County, Ohio. Philomena Johanna WEMPE was born on December 5, 1854 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was the oldest known daughter of German immigrants John Rudolph WEMPE and Philomena (SUTMANN) WEMPE.

Joseph and Philomena Johanna (WEMPE) STEINKE had eleven children from 1875 to 1898. Joseph STEINKE was a farmer, owning part of his parent's farm in 1876.

Joseph STEINKE died on February 19, 1926 in Rhine. He was 77 years old. Philomena Johanna (WEMPE) STEINKE died on March 27, 1937 in Rhine at the age of 82. Both are buried at the St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery in Rhine, Ohio.

"WEMPE" is from the Old High German words wān 'hope' and bald 'bold' or berht 'shining', meaning a bold hope, or shining hope.

The 1930 Dinsmore Twp., Shelby Co., Ohio Census lists Philomena STEINKE, age 75, living with her son, Clem.

38	Steinke, Philomena	Had	0	20	910	14	21	35	8
	Philomena J. Mathis-H				X	F	W	75	11



The Family of Joseph E. Steinke &  
Philomina Wempe, Circa 1903  
Standing L.-R. Edward, William, Casper,  
Helen, Albert  
Seated: Josephine, Clem, Joseph E,  
Loretta, Philomina, Catherine & Mary



## Children of Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER - Leo John STEINKE

<b>Leo John STEINKE</b> b.8/11/1850 Petersburg m.5/9/1876 Rhine d.2/15/1918 Botkins bur. Rhine Cem. +	
<b>Joseph Bernard STEINKE</b> b.9/10/1877 Rhine d.2/15/1918 Rhine <b>Mary Bernardina STEINKE</b> b.2/8/1879 Rhine d.7/25/1879 Rhine +	<b>Frank Dietrich STEINKE</b> b.5/29/1880 Rhine d.3/5/1972 Huntington WV <b>Lida COUNTS</b> <b>Louis Joseph STEINKE</b> b.3/17/1882 Rhine d.12/20/1857 <b>Katherine BOERGER</b> <b>m2 Anna SCHMIDT</b> <b>William RUPPERT</b> both bur.St.John's cem + <b>Theresa Elizabeth STEINKE</b> b.10/14/1883 Rhine d.7/12/1961 Fryburg + <b>John Leo STEINKE</b> b.3/5/1885 Rhine d.10/29/1916 Swanders <b>Marie WAHLER</b> <b>Helena Elizabeth STEINKE</b> b.10/29/1886 Rhine d.3/7/1889 Rhine <b>George Andrew STEINKE</b> b.2/4/1888 Rhine d.5/3/1936 Lima <b>Philomena KOENIG</b> <b>Leo SHERMAN</b> <b>Rose Catherine STEINKE</b> b.6/22/1890 Rhine d.9/8/1920 St.Patrick <b>Herman KNAPSCHAFFER</b> <b>Philomena Mary STEINKE</b> b.4/6/1892 Rhine d.1929 <b>Lawrence Leo STEINKE</b> b.5/13/1894 Rhine d.4/21/1979 Dayton bur. St.Johns Cem. +
<b>Lawrence Steinke</b> PFC US ARMY World War I	<b>Adelheid Elizabeth SCHIPPER</b> b.7/21/1854 Rhine d.6/21/1906 Rhine bur. Rhine Cem. +

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Leo J. & Elizabeth  
(SCHIPPER) STEINKE

"SCHIPPER" is derived from the German word "schippe", which means shovel. It is an occupational surname for a shovel maker or a digger. It could also come from the North German or Dutch 'schip', which means ship, thus referring to a shipman, or ship builder.

The 1900 Census for Dinsmore Twp, Shelby Co., OH

Steinke, Leo J.	Head	24 Aug 1850
Elizabeth	Wife	24 July 1854
Theresa	Son	24 May 1880
Francis	Daughter	24 Oct 1881
George	Son	24 Feb 1882
Rosa	Daughter	24 June 1883
Minnie	Daughter	24 Jan 1885
Lawrence	Son	24 May 1886

Leo John STEINKE was born August 11, 1850 in Petersburg, Ohio (near Fryburg). He was the eighth of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

Leo John STEINKE married Adelheid Elizabeth SCHIPPER on May 9, 1876 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Rhine, Ohio. Adelheid Elizabeth SCHIPPER was born on July 21, 1854 in Rhine, Ohio. She was a daughter of German immigrants John Bernard SCHIPPER and Mary Catherine (SCHULTE) SCHIPPER.

Leo John and Adelheid Elizabeth (SCHIPPER) STEINKE had eleven children from 1877 to 1894. Leo John STEINKE was a farmer, owning part of his parent's farm.

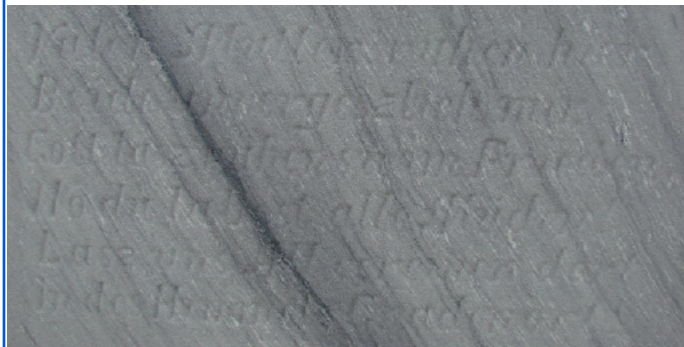
Adelheid Elizabeth (SCHIPPER) STEINKE died on June 21, 1906 in Rhine, Ohio. She was 51 years old. Leo John STEINKE died of pneumonia on February 15, 1918 in Botkins, Ohio. He was 67 years old. Both are buried at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church Cemetery in Rhine.



LEO J. STEINKE  
the other side says:  
ELISABETH A. STEINKE  
Gest den 21 Jun 1906  
Alter 51 Ju. 11 Mo.

The German writing on the third side of Leo J. & Elizabeth (SCHIPPER) STEINKE's tomb stone is worn and difficult to read, but says something like this:

Vater Mutter ruhen hier  
Binde unerge\_\_ mir (?)  
Gott lais heis uam Frieden  
Ilo du labest alle thiden (?)  
Lase un\_\_reiu dert (?)  
In des Him de Gradinard (?)  
Translated, it means something like this:  
Father mother resting here  
Holding and carrying what was lent to me  
God \_\_relays Peace  
\_\_you were doing all these \_\_  
\_\_hundred to rest  
In order of the degrees of Heaven



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#### Children of Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER - Elizabeth STEINKE

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Elizabeth STEINKE  
b.12/28/1851 Fryburg  
d. bef.1860

**E**lizabeth STEINKE was born December 28, 1851 in Fryburg, Ohio. She was the ninth of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

Elizabeth STEINKE died before 1860 in \_\_\_\_\_, Ohio.

Nothing else is known of Elizabeth STEINKE.

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#### Children of Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER - Margaret STEINKE

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Margaret STEINKE  
b.3/6/1854 Fryburg  
d.8/27/1855 Rhine ?

**M**argaret STEINKE was born March 3, 1854 in Fryburg, Ohio. She was the tenth of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

One record indicates that Margaret STEINKE died on August 27, 1855, in Rhine, Ohio. However, the 1860 Dinsmore Twp. Census lists "Mgt", age 6, female, along with Mary (KAISER) STEINKE's family. This is very likely Margaret. She was not listed with the Bernard THEIMAN and Mary (KAISER-STEINKE) THIEMAN family in the 1870 Census, and I could not find a Margaret STEINKE, age 16, elsewhere in the Dinsmore Township 1870 Census.

The 1860 Census - Dinsmore Twp.

7/13	7/13	Mary Stone	34	(D)
		Peter	11	M
		George	13	M
		Joseph	12	M
		Geo	10	M
		Mgt	6	F
		Barbara	4	(D)
		Thimman	2	(D)

Nothing else is known of Margaret STEINKE.

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#### Children of Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna KAISER - Maria Catherine STEINKE

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Maria Catherine STEINKE  
b.4/15/1855 Fryburg  
d.8/27/1855 Fryburg

**M**aria Catherine STEINKE was born April 15, 1855 in Fryburg, Ohio. She was the eleventh of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

Maria Catherine STEINKE died twelve days later, on April 27, 1855, in Fryburg, Ohio.

Nothing else is known of Maria Catherine STEINKE.

#### History of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Cemetery

"Immaculate Conception Catholic Church was built in 1867. At first, members of the new church were buried in a cemetery on a high hill located at the intersection of Southland Road and the newly constructed railroad, one mile north of Botkins. The Biersdorfer family had donated the high hill for a Catholic cemetery.

After only a few years and not very many burials, the Catholic cemetery was moved to its present location on the north edge of Botkins on what was the Huber farm. At that time, the pine boxes containing the remains of the few buried in the original cemetery on the Biersdorfer farm were removed and re-buried in the present cemetery along with their tombstones. Over the years, the Huber and Hageman family made donations of land for the creation and expansion of the present cemetery.

In the old part of the cemetery, there is a fairly large section of large tombstones containing only one name, not the names of husband and wife. The priest at that time decreed that people would be buried as they died and no spots could be reserved for future deaths. Thus, husband and wives were not buried alongside each other in that time period.

For much of the cemetery's history, infants and young children were buried in a separate section of the cemetery, not beside their parents. That children's section is toward the back of the original cemetery. The grave markers in that section of the cemetery are small.

A few years ago, the Wiest family donated a large statue, which was placed in the recently opened new section behind the original cemetery. Today the old section of the cemetery is completely occupied and reserved, so new gravesites are only available in the new section."

by Dave Hemmert from: <http://www.botkinsohio.com/community/cemeteries.php>

Immaculate Conception Cemetery is located at St. Rt. 219, PO Box 519, Botkins, OH 45306

<b>Bernard G. SCHIPPER</b> b.12/1/1842 Cincinnati m.2/3/1874 Rhine d.4/23/1922 Rhine bur. Rhine	<b>John Bernard SCHIPPER</b> b.12/6/1874 Rhine d.4/24/1957 Osgood <b>Mary Margaret QUINTER</b> b.12/6/1882 d.12/19/1945 <b>Joseph Bernard SCHIPPER</b> b.2/23/1877 Rhine
	<b>Minnie SWARTZ</b> <b>Frederick Diedrich SCHIPPER</b> b.4/9/1879 Rhine d.4/13/1942 Botkins <b>Cora Mable McMANAMY</b> <b>Mary Elizabeth SCHIPPER</b> b.6/8/1881 Rhine d.8/12/1882 Rhine <b>John William TRAUTWEIN</b> <b>Anna Helena SCHIPPER</b> b.8/16/1883 Rhine d.7/13/1968 Dayton <b>Anthony Frederick KEVELDER</b> <b>Elizabeth Theresa SCHIPPER</b> b.9/14/1885 Rhine d.7/29/1961 Columbus <b>William J. TAUBKEN</b> <b>Rose Margaret SCHIPPER</b> b.2/4/1888 Rhine d.6/26/1972 Wapak <b>Frank Joseph KREBS</b> <b>Philomena Catherine SCHIPPER</b> b.4/10/1890 Rhine d.6/11/1968 Dayton <b>Albert Steven SCHIPPER</b> b.8/2/1892 Rhine d.10/21/1974 Lima <b>Matilda Theresa SCHMITMEYER</b> <b>John B. SOMMER</b> <b>Clara Mary SCHIPPER</b> b.1/27/1895 Rhine d.9/20/1973 Xenia
<b>Theresia STEINKE</b> b.8/4/1856 Rhine d.9/26/1933 Botkins bur. Rhine	

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Bernard Schipper and Theresia Steinke

Theresia STEINKE was born August 4, 1856 in Rhine, Ohio. She was the twelfth of thirteen children born to Joseph John Lambert STEINKE and Mary Anna (KAISER) STEINKE.

Theresia STEINKE married Bernard G. SCHIPPER on February 3, 1874 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Rhine, Ohio. Bernard G. SCHIPPER was born on December 1, 1842 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a son of German immigrants John Bernard SCHIPPER and Mary Catherine (SCHULTE) SCHIPPER. Bernard G. SCHIPPER was also the brother of Adelheid Elizabeth SCHIPPER, who married Leo John STEINKE, Theresia STEINKE's brother.

Bernard G. SCHIPPER and Theresia (STEINKE) SCHIPPER had ten children from 1874 to 1895.

Bernard G. SCHIPPER died of chronic heart disease, on April 23, 1922 in Rhine, Ohio. He was 79 years old. Theresia (STEINKE) SCHIPPER died on September 26, 1933 in Botkins, Ohio at the age of 77 years. Both are buried at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church Cemetery in Rhine, Ohio.

The 1930 Dinsmore Twp. Census lists Theresia SCHIPPER, age 73, living in Botkins, with her daughter, Elizabeth KEVELDER, and her five children.

65	Married, Elizabeth T	Head	0	1000	No	F	W	44	WD
	Arville B	Son			V	M	W	19	Un
	May Elean	Daughter			V	F	W	17	S
	Ruth T	Daughter			V	F	W	16	S
	Arthur A	Son			V	M	W	14	S
	Blanche E	Son			V	M	W	12	S
	Schipper, Theresia	Mother			V	F	N	73	WD

### Dinsmore Township Soils

Here's an interesting description of what the soils were like in Dinsmore Township. It was written on the last page of the 1870 Dinsmore Township, Shelby Co., Ohio Census.

The soils of Dinsmore Township is varied, the principal features of the soil however, being a rather dark sandy, in some places mixed with gravel and loam and is adapted to raising all the grains and grapes grown in this latitude and with good cultivation produces very good crops of wheat, Rye, Oats, Corn, Barley and grapes, and when better system of underdraining is better perfected will be one of the best Townships of the County for farming purposes.





