CHAPTER SEVEN

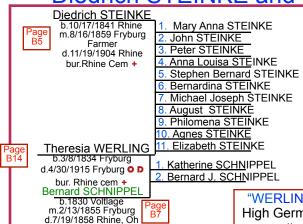
The Family of

Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING

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
```

Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING



STEINKE

St. Lawrance Catholic Cemetery, Rhine





Theresia WERLING-Diedrich Steinke **STEINKE**

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

ledrich 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) SCHNIPPEL on August 16, 1859 at St. John's Catholic Church in Fryburg, Ohio. Theresia WERLING was born on March 8, 1834 in Fryburg, 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. Theresia (WERLING) SCHNIPPEL had two children from her marriage to Bernard SCHNIPPEL, who died in 1858.

After his married, Diedrich STEINKE farmed in Dinsmore Township. The 1860 Census showed his grandfather, Henry KAISER, age 70, lived with him, Theresia, and her two children. This was possibly on the original KAISER farm. By 1870, he was farming in Pusheta Township. Both the 1870 and 1880 Pusheta Township "Productions of Agriculture" Schedules show him owning 80 acres. In 1870, he owned 4 horses, 3 "milch" cows, 14 sheep, and 11 swine. In 1869, he produced 200 bushels of wheat, 300 bu. corn, 180 bu. oats, and 50 bu. barley. He also harvested 8 bu. "Irish" potatoes, 20 bu. orchard

Diedrich and Theresia products, 100 lbs. of butter, 8 tons of hay, and 5 gallons of sorghum molasses. By 1880, farm production increased considerably, and they raised 75 chickens producing 300 dozen eggs, and they had bees that produced 12 pounds of honey.

> Diedrich and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE had eleven children between 1910 and 1983.

Diedrich STEINKE died on November 19, 1904 at his farm. Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE died, at the age of 81 years, on April 30,

1915 at the home of her son, John, in Fryburg. She moved there shortly after her husband's death. Theresia and Diedrich STEINKE are buried together at St. Lawrence Catholic Church Cemetery in Rhine.

The 1850 Census from Clay Twp., **Auglaize County** shows Theresia WERLING, age 16, and her family

Hetten Warling	46 44
Rosella D	53 7
milal.	21 94
Lewis .	19 14
Joseph .	17 1/2
Thereta .	16 7
Vite .	12 9/4

WERLING

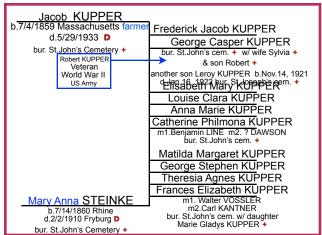
Three Werling Brothers Drown in Lake St. Marys

Three of Theresia (WERLING) STEINKE's brothers drowned in 1859, in Grand Lake St. Marys. (Michael Joseph, Louis Ludwig, and Peter WERLING). They are buried together at St. John's Catholic Cem. in Fryburg. From Theresia (WERLING) STEINKE's obituary: "Mrs. Steinke was the last member of her family, and older residents will remember the terrible catastrophe which occurred to the three Werling brothers, all of them brothers of the subject of this article, at the Grand Reservoir at St. Marys about 40 years ago, when all three of them were drowned while fishing."

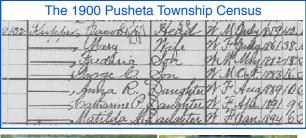
From THE WESTERN STANDARD, Thursday May 26, 1859, Celina, Ohio: "Five Men Drown In Reservoir

On last Tuesday five men were drowned in the Reservoir at the east side by the upsetting of a small canoe in which the were riding. We do not have their names but understand they were men of families out on a fishing excursion and that bad whisky was the main cause of the dreadful calamity. Their bodies were recovered in a short time after the accident."

Children of Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING - Mary Anna STEINKE



"KUPPER" could be from Middle German 'kuper', meaning 'COOPER' or "barrelmaker", or the German 'küpfer', which means copper, referring to a worker or trader in cooper.





Jacob and Mary KUPPER
St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Fryburg, Ohio

Lary Anna STEINKE was born on July 14, 1860 in Rhine, Ohio. She was the first of eleven children born to Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE.

Mary Anna STEINKE married Jacob KUPPER in on . Jacob KUPPER was born in

Massachusetts on July 4, 1859, the son of German immigrants. (Though his death certificate says he was born in Europe, on July 4, 1858, three different census records say he was born in Massachusetts).

Mary Anna (STEINKE) KUPPER and Jacob KUPPER had ten children. They lived near Fryburg, Ohio. At the time of his death, Jacob KUPPER was a farmer in Shawnee Township, Allen County.

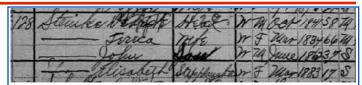
Mary Anna (STEINKE) KUPPER died of pulmonary tuberculosis on February 2, 1910 in Fryburg. She was 49 years old. Jacob KUPPER died on May 29, 1933 in Lima. He was 74 years old. Both are buried at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Fryburg, Ohio.

Children of Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING - John A. STEINKE

John A. STEINKE b.6/26/1862 farmer d.11/26/1937 D bur.St.Johns Cemetery

ohn A. STEINKE was born on June 26, 1862 in Pusheta Township, Auglaize County, Ohio. He was the second of eleven children born to Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE.

John A. STEINKE was a farmer in Pusheta Township. He never married.



The 1900 Dinsmore Township Census shows John STEINKE living with his parents, along with Elizabeth STEINKE, "step-daughter", which seems to be inaccurate, since Elizabeth is listed as adopted elsewhere. In 1930, John A. STEINKE was living in Fryburg, Ohio:

168 Stringer, John a Head H 0 400 10 11 W 66

John A. STEINKE died of cirrhosis of the liver at the age of 75, on November 26, 1937 in Fryburg, Ohio. He is buried at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Fryburg, Ohio.

Children of Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING -Peter STEINKE

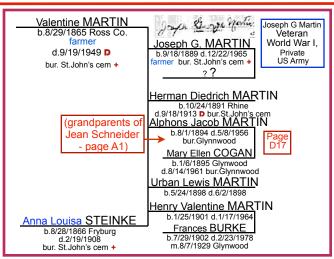
Peter STEINKE b.2/25/1864 Rhine d.5/1/1877

Peter STEINKE was born on February 25, 1864 in Rhine, Ohio. He was the third of eleven children born to Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE.

Peter STEINKE died at the age of thirteen, on May 1, 1877 in , Ohio.

Nothing more is known of Peter STEINKE.

Children of Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING - Anna Louisa STEINKE



"MARTIN" comes from the ancient Latin given name Martinus, derived from Mars, the Roman god of fertility and war.







Inna Louisa STEINKE was born on August 28, 1866 in Fryburg, Ohio. She was the fourth of eleven children born to Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE.

Anna Louisa STEINKE married Valentine MARTIN in _____ on ____. Valentine MARTIN was born on August 29, 1865 in Ross County, Ohio, the son of George MARTIN and .

Anna Louisa (STEINKE) and Valentine MARTIN had five children, one died as an infant. At the time of the 1900 U.S. Census, they were renting a house in Pusheta Township, Auglaize County, Ohio.

Valentine MARTIN was listed as a day laborer in the 1900 & 1930 census. In 1930 and 1940, he lived in Fryburg with his son Joseph, the home was valued at \$500 in 1940. His highest level of education was the seventh grade. His death certificate stated he was a retired farmer, who resided at 310 Hoopingarner Street, Wapakoneta.

Anna Louisa (STEINKE) MARTIN died on February 19, 1908 in ____. Valentine MARTIN died on September 19, 1949 in ____. Both are buried at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Fryburg, Ohio.

The second secon							
Valentine & Louisa MARTIN are shown here in the							
1900 Pusheta Township, Auglaize County Census.							
VIS Martin! Halentinos Head W.M. Jan 186337M1							
Jama Dife VI F Aug 86435 M							
- Doseph H. Son 71 M. Not. 1888 118							
Helman D. Son WM Heb. 1891 9 S.							
- Alphouse Don MM Aus 1890 40							
In 1930, he was living with his son, Joseph.							
165 Martin, Falentine Head & un my No m 20 64 Wd							
Joseph of ab Jon 12 12 34 5							
and 1940, Joseph was the church janitor.							
204 0 500 No Martin, Valentine & Head 17 W 74 W4 1/3 7							
- Joseph don MW 50 S M 2							

Common German words found on grave stones.

Many of our German ancestors continued to speak German after they immigrated to America, some of them never learned English. It was not uncommon for these ancestors to have their grave stones written in German. Some of their children, and even grandchildren, who were born in America have German tomb stones. Below are common words found on German grave stones. It will be useful in interpreting the writing on stones of our ancestors found in this and previous chapters.

German	English
jahr	year
jahrig	years of age
gestorben	date of death
gest.	date of death
gest den	date of death
alter	aged
Yahre (juhn)	years
maunt	months
tage	days

German	English
geboren	born
geb.	born
kind von	child of
kinder von	children of
Mutter	mother
Vater	father
heir ruht	here rests
im alter von	at the age of

German	English
gattin von	wife of
Frau von	wife of
ehefrau	wife
von	of
und	and
tochter von	daughter of
Friede	Peace
immer	always (forever)

Children of Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING - Stephen Bernard STEINKE

Stephen Bernard STEINKE b.11/5/1868 m.5/10/1892 Peter Bernard STEINKE Page B4 2. Ferdinand Lewis STEINKE Andrew J. STEINKE d.1/10/1956 O 4. Benedict Michael STEINKE bur. St. Joseph's Cem. + 5. Anna Marie STEINKE 6. Urban STEINKE Charles Alonzo (Carl) STEINKE 8. Richard G. STEINKE Margaret Gertrude Lorena STEINKE SCHEMMEL b.7/17/1870 Shelby Co. d.11/7/1946 Wapakoneta • D bur. St. Joseph's Cem. +

"SCHEMMEL" is an old German nickname for a disabled person, from Middle High German schemel 'stool', which was used as a crutch by invalids.



Stephen & Margareth STEINKE St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Wapakoneta

tephen Bernard STEINKE was born on November 5, 1868 in Ohio. He was the fifth of eleven children born to Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE.

Stephen Bernard STEINKE married Margaret Gertrude SCHIMMEL (or SCHEMMEL) in ______ on _____. Margaret Gertrude SCHIMMEL was born on July 17, 1870 in Shelby County, Ohio, the daughter of German immigrants. Coorga SCHIMMEL of Egophausan Baden Wustemberg (Per

immigrants, George SCHIMMEL, of Egenhausen, Baden, Wurtemberg, (Bavaria), Germany and Theresia (ENGESSER) SCHIMMEL, of Wurtemberg, (Bavaria), Germany.

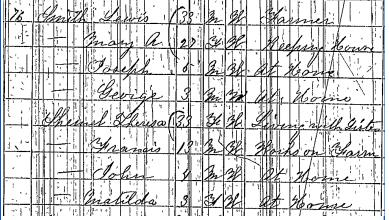
Stephen Bernard STEINKE and Margaret Gertrude (SCHIMMEL) STEINKE had nine children between 1893 and 1911. Stephen Bernard STEINKE was a farmer in Pusheta Township, according to the 1930

Census. They lived at 508 South Perry Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio, at the time of Margaret Gertrude (SCHIMMEL) STEINKE's death.

Margaret Gertrude (SCHIMMEL) STEINKE died at 508 South Perry Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio on November 7, 1846. She was 76 years old. Stephen Bernard STEINKE died on January 10, 1856 in Wapakoneta at the age of 87. They are buried in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Wapakoneta.

More information on this family is in the next chapter:

"Stephen Bernard STEINKE and Margaret Gertrude SCHIMMEL".



1870 Dinsmore Twp. Census June 23, 1870, less than a month before Margaret Gertrude SCHEMMEL was born, shows her mother, Theresa (ENGESSER) SCHEMMEL (age 33), with children Francis, John, & Matilda, (Margaret was born 7/17/1870); living with her sister-in-law's family, Louis & Mary (SCHEMMEL) SCHMIDT, and sons Joseph & George. Their neighbors were George & Mary (MEYER) STEINKE (Pg B7), w/ their children Elizabeth & Margaret.

Children of Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING - Bernadina STEINKE

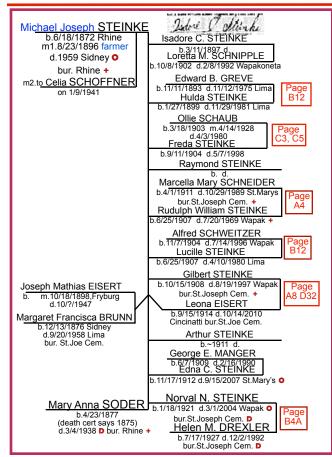
Bernadina STEINKE b.11/27/1870 d.6/18/1873

Bernadina STEINKE was born on November 27, 1870 in _____, Ohio. She was the sixth of eleven children born to Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE.

Bernadina STEINKE died before her third birthday, on June 18, 1873.

Nothing else is known of Bernadina STEINKE.

Children of Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING - Michael Joseph STEINKE



Michael Joseph STEINKE was born on June 18, 1872 in Rhine, Ohio. He was the seventh of eleven children born to Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE.

Michael Joseph STEINKE married Mary Anna SODER in _____ on August 23, 1896. Mary Anna SODER was born on April 23, 1877 in Rhine, Ohio, the daughter of John George SODER and Catherine SCHULTE, of Rhine, Ohio.

Michael Joseph STEINKE and Mary Anna (SODER) STEINKE had ten children between 1899 and 1921. Michael Joseph STEINKE was a farmer in Pusheta Township, according to the 1920 Census. They lived and farmed in Jackson Township, R.R.#1 Botkins, Ohio, by the 1930 Census.

Michael Joseph STEINKE married Thelia (or Celia) SCHOFFNER on January 9, 1941. Thelia

SCHOFFNER was already living with him as a housekeeper in the 1940 Census. There were no children from this marriage. They lived east of Kettlersville, and were members of the Sacred Heart Church in McCartyville, Ohio. Michael Joseph STEINKE's highest level of education was the fifth grade.

Michael Joseph STEINKE died in 1959, following a two week illness, at the age of 86, at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney, Ohio. He was the last of his siblings to die. He is buried with his first wife in St. Lawrence Catholic Church Cemetery, Rhine.



Michael J. & Mary Anna STEINKE St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery



Wedding of Michael J. Steinke & Mary Ann Soder, seated. Back row: Joseph Soder -Elizabeth Stolte, Mary Steinke - August Steinke

The 1920 Pusheta Township, Auglaize County,
Ohio Census shows the Mike & Mary
STEINKE family. Their youngest child, Norval,
was born in 1921. Mike's brother, Stephen
Bernard STEINKE, was their neighbor.

21 Noise	1) Miles de	Board	OFMW4
9.000	Mary	Wile	FW4
	Isadore	Son	m W 2
	Mulda	Manghter	J W 2
	Raymond	1 stone	1 1 W 18
	Rudolph	Lugina	m w 13

In 1930, Michael & Mary STEINKE owned a farm in Jackson Township, Shelby County, Ohio, and lived there with their three youngest children.

	Anichael 4							55
-	mary a	Quite N	3 3		X	F		53
	arther a	San		3	X	m	po	19
	Edna	Daughte			X			
	growas or	San		- 1	X	22	00	9
֡		_ Edna C	- arther & Sar - Edna & Daughte	- letter J. San - Gaughte	- letter of San Daughte	- letter of San X	- littler of San X la X la X la X la	- arther of San X on 200 - Gana & Daughte X F W

Children of Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING - August STEINKE



AUGUST STEINKE Gest den 27 Mar 1907 Alter 33J 18T ?

Lugust STEINKE was born on August 12, 1874 in Rhine, Ohio. He was the eighth of eleven children born to Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE.

August STEINKE married Elizabeth G. BORGES in Shelby County on 5/4/1897. Elizabeth G. BORGES was born on February 25, 1877 in Dinsmore Township, Shelby County, Ohio, the daughter of Andrew BORGES and Mary Clara SCHNIPPEL, of Dinsmore Township, Ohio.

August STEINKE and Elizabeth G. (BORGES) STEINKE had four children.

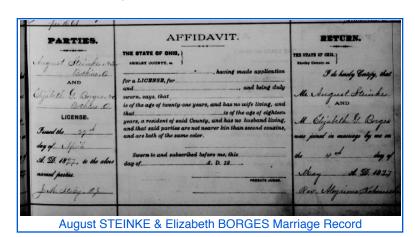
August STEINKE died on March 27, 1907 in Rhine, Ohio. He is buried at St. Lawrence Catholic Church Cemetery in Rhine, Ohio.

Elizabeth G. (BORGES) STEINKE then married Joseph KOHLREISER.

The 1910 Census for Dinsmore Township, Shelby County, lists Joseph and Elizabeth, along with children:

> Urban KOHLREISER, age 15, Clara STEINKE age 5, and Agnes STEINKE, age 3.

Joseph KOHLREISER died in 1927. Elizabeth G. (BORGES-STEINKE) KOHLREISER died on August 28, 1937. She is buried in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Wapakoneta, Ohio.



The 1930 Dochouquet Township, Auglaize County, Ohio Census shows Agnes STEINKE living with her sister, Loretta, and mother Elizabeth KOHLREISER at 505 Middle Street, Wapakoneta. Agnes' occupation was listed as a "roller" in a cigar factory. Loretta was listed as a "servant" for a "private family".

505 156 12	5 Kohluese	r Elizabeth &	Head N	0 1500	no	7	1 53	Wd
		Lauretta E.	Daughter		V	7	W 19	8
	Steinke	agnis J.	Daughler		V	7	W 25	8

Children of Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING - Philomena STEINKE

Philomena STEINKE b.4/9/1876 d.8/2/1876 bur. Rhine +

Philomena STEINKE was born on April 9, 1876 in Ohio. She was the ninth of eleven children born to Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE.

Philomena STEINKE died less than four months later, on August 2, 1876.

Philomena STEINKE is buried at St. Lawrence Catholic Church Cemetery in Rhine, Ohio.

Nothing else is known of Bernadina STEINKE.



PHILEMENA tochter von D. UND T. STEINKE ____1876 Alter 3M 12T

Children of Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING - Agnes STEINKE

Agnes STEINKE b.7/25/1878 d.8/6/1878 Rhine bur. Rhine +

gnes STEINKE was born on July 25, 1878 in
, Ohio. She was the tenth of eleven children born to Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE.

Agnes STEINKE died twelve days later, on August 6, 1878.

Agnes STEINKE is buried at St. Lawrence Catholic Church Cemetery in Rhine, Ohio.

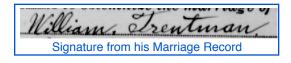
Nothing else is known of Agnes STEINKE.



AGNES tochter von D. UND T.STEINKE Gest den 6 Aug 1878 Alter 9T

Children of Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia WERLING - Elizabeth STEINKE

William TRENTMAN
b.5/27/1870 Fryburg
m.8/1/1905 Fryburg farme
d.2/19/1944 Fryburg D
bur.St.John's Cemetery
Elizabeth STEINKE
(adopted?)
b.3/2/1881 Cincinnatti
d.3/31/1941 Auglaize D
bur.St.John's Cemetery



In 1930, William & Elizabeth TRENTMAN lived in Fryburg,
Pusheta Twp., Auglaize County, Ohio.

171 Jean William M. Rand O 400 16 11 20 57

Lizabeth STEINKE was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on March 2, 1881. She was the last of eleven children raised by Diedrich STEINKE and Theresia (WERLING-SCHNIPPEL) STEINKE, who possibly adopted her.

Elizabeth STEINKE married William TRENTMAN on August 1, 1905 in Fryburg, Ohio. William TRENTMAN was born on May 27, 1870 in Fryburg, Ohio, the son of John Henry and Mary (SCHNIPPEL) TRENTMAN. William TRENTMAN was a farmer. in the 1930 census, he was listed as a laborer.

Elizabeth (STEINKE) TRENTMAN and William TRENTMAN had two children.

Elizabeth (STEINKE) TRENTMAN died on March 31, 1941 in Fryburg, Ohio. She was 60 years old. William TRENTMAN died in Fryburg on February 19, 1944, at the age of 73years. William and Elizabeth (STEINKE) TRENTMAN are buried at St. John's Catholic Church Cemetery in Fryburg, Ohio.