

FESTINA CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 1857

(Below is from Membership List)

Gerleman, Wilhelm, wife: Marie Catherine, children: Eberhard 24, Heinrich, Friederich, Carl, Josephina 16.

BRIEF FAMILY BIO

Wilhelm Gerleman, Sr. (1804-1877) b. Castrop, Westphalia, Germany. bur. Festina.

Maria Lechtenberg (1806-) b. Datteln, Recklinghaus, Nordrhein, Westphalia, Germany.
bur. ? mar. 1825 Castrop, Westphalia, Germany. Immigrated 1847.

CHILDREN:

Wilhelm, Jr. (1825-1875) b. Datteln. bur. Independence, Kansas. mar: Catherine Witte.

Elisabeth (1828-) b. Castrop.

Eberhard (1831-1904) b. Castrop. bur. Calmar, Winneshiek, Ia. mar: Catherine Shones.

Henry (1833-1924) b. Datteln. bur. Olpe, Lyon County, Kansas. mar: Anna Hildebrandt.

Carl (1838-1911) b. Datteln. bur. La Crosse, La Crosse, Wisconsin. (Sacristan to Bishop)

Josephine (1840-1862) b. Datteln. bur. Festina. (Death - wagon overturned near Festina.)

Joseph (1846-) b. Datteln.

Wilhelm, Jr. left Winneshiek County and moved to St. Benedict, Kansas, in the late 1860's. The family would also live in Humbolt, Kansas, and Independence, Kansas. Wilhelm, Jr. & 2 children would die of Diphtheria in 1875. Catherine & her living children would return to St. Lucas, Iowa, in 1875. The 1880 Federal Census had them living next to her brother, John Witte, in Auburn Twp., Fayette Co., Iowa. Eberhard also lived in Kansas for a period of time, but returned to the Festina. Henry would also live in Kansas.

Information about Henry is sketchy. He did serve in the Civil War.

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