

CHAPTER TEN

Peter Steffen 16.11.1782 – 10/30/1871

200 18.05.1816 Anna Bone (Bony, Bonhey) 26.02.1797- Jan 1854 ?

Anna's headstone was buried for many years and is very difficult to read the date of death.

Peter Steffen—1782 along with his second wife Anna Bone arrived in America in 1841 with the young children of his second family. Anna seems to be the forgotten Steffen since there was no record in the St. Joseph Cemetery until we found her grave stone in 2003.

Anna Bone Steffen was a mother to so many families of Campbell County. She became a mother at the age of nineteen when she married Peter Steffen (34 years old) in Losheim in May of 1816, just five weeks after Peter's first wife died. Peter Steffen married a young lady about half his age. Peter's oldest child was just nine years younger than his new wife. The nineteen year old maiden just became the wife to a 34 year old and a mother to his four living children, ages 2 through 9. Anna Bone Steffen became the mother of eleven more children before they immigrated to America. In 1841, she was 44 years old and traveled with her 59 year old husband across two continents and an ocean. With eleven children and part of her stepchildren's family and their young children, Anna Bone Steffen is indeed a mother of Campbell County to remember.

In Germany and here in America the Bone family was connected with the families of Enzweiler, Steffen, Schneider, Schue and Baumann to mention a few familiar names.

Some of Anna Bone family relatives arrived in Cincinnati but settled in Indiana. From there the Bone families are recorded in Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, but more specifically in Lake County Indiana.

Since I have recorded other Four Mile families who had relatives in Indiana, I seem to develop all kinds of questions. How did they keep in touch with each other as in the Neltner family of Chapter Nine? Did they know when others of their families arrived? Did they travel by the Ohio River? What kind of vessel and where did they board this transportation? Did they bypass Cincinnati to continue to farming opportunities in Indiana? If they stopped in Cincinnati, where did they stay? If they visited family in Four Mile, I can only guess what it would be like to travel along the creek beds. Was it a muddy horse path or a buggy path that brought them from their rural farm into the more populated area of the region? Today's paved roads still follow along Four Mile Creek from Camp Springs down stream to Silver Grove. Did they board a boat of some sort or did they continue by buggy path into Newport and then Cincinnati? Today we are inconvenienced by computer glitches in transportation. We do not know what hardships our families found to be a part of their new life in America. Then again, did they also question if this new life was better than they had hoped for, better than they had in Germany?

Because of their love and hopes we were born in America. Could we be so brave to accept the challenge?

Peter **Steffen** *16.11.1782 married Anna **Bone** in Losheim Germany 20.05.1816. Anna was born 26.02.1797 to Peter **Bonne Bone** * about 1755 + 28.09.1829 and his second wife Eva **Schmitt** *05.08.1766 + 22.01.1805. Anna **Bone Steffen** was one of eight children of Eva **Schmitt**. Three of their children died in February and March 1804. Twins died in 1806. Another child died in 1797. Anna was one of only two of their eight children who survived to adulthood. Peter **Bone** also had seven children with his first wife, Barbara Sartorius - 5 children with his third wife Katherina Weber - and thirteen step children from a previous marriage of his fourth wife Anna Gläser Müller. Of those thirteen, eight children died before she married Peter Bone.

Peter **Steffen** and Anna **Bone** made their home in Four Mile with Peter's second family. There were eleven children from his second marriage. As I reported in Chapter Four, they bought their farm from Peter and Mary Steffen. As we continue to discover new information, this may have been his nephew who arrived in 1837.

The family of Peter Steffen and Anna Bone is as follows:

f) Angela Steffen * 16.05.1817 + 5/2/1901
oo before 1845 Adrian **Wagner** 01.11.1808 + 9/24/1878

Their 9 children

i. Maria Barbara **Wagner** b. 6/4/1845
d.9/10/1846 St. Joseph Camp Springs
Ky.

ii. Frederick W. (Squire) **Wagner**
b. 3/1/1847 d.7/16/1942 oo Helena
Enzweiler b.06.01.1849 d.4/9/1928
St. Stephen Cemetery Ft.Thomas Ky.

iii. Jacob **Wagner** b.8/8/1848 . 7/18/1886
oo Anna **Murray** b. 3/9/1854 d.2/17/1933
St Mary Cemetery Alexandria Ky.

iv. Susanna **Wagner** b.5/8/1850
d. 1933
oo Charles **Greis** b.1841 d.4/20/1917
St. Joseph Camp Springs Ky.

v. John **Wagner** b.6/24/1852
oo Catherine **Neef** b. 2/0/1859

vi. Anna Frances **Wagner** b.3/7/1854 d.11/9/1858 St. Joseph Camp Springs Ky.

vii. Cecilia **Wagner** b.11/18/1856 d.00/00/00

viii. Ferdinand L. **Wagner** b.12/9/1859 d.10/22/1912 oo Elizabeth **Biel** b. 1/0/1867



Head stone Angela Steffen Wagner
St. Joseph Cemetery, Camp Springs KY.

ix. Adrian Crispin **Wagner** b.10/26/1860 d.7/19/1861 St. Joseph Camp Springs Ky.

g) Maria **Steffen** * 06.01.1819 + 7/6/1899 Dayton Ohio
oo 1/21/1845 at Holy Trinity Church, Cincinnati OH. to Phillip
Jergens *9/7/1823 Cincinnati + 5/21/1907 Dayton OH. He was
the son of Phillip and Monica **Jergens**.

Their 9 children

i. Helena **Jergens** 1846-1924
oo c.1868 Jacob **Zink** 1845-1912
12 children

ii. Mary **Jergens** 1847-1909
oo 1868 Franklin Joseph **Zink**
1847-1923
12 children

iii. Margaret **Jergens** 1849-1908
oo 1873 John Joseph **Kleinfelder**
1845-1899
10 children

iv. Jacob **Jergens** 1852-1872

v. Elisabeth **Jergens** 1853-1934
1 oo 1872 George **Logel**
2 children
2 oo 1910 Charles **Heckler**
1879-1948

vi. Phillip **Jergens** 1855-1937
oo Mary **Abele** 1860-1944
2 children

vii. Peter Joseph **Jergens** 1857-1948 oo 1886 Magdalena **Abele**
1871-1895 3 children



Philip Jergens and Maria Steffen Jergens
Golden Wedding Anniversary 1895

viii. William **Jergens** c. 1859-1859

ix. Joseph **Jergens** 1861-1924 oo 1880 Lucy B. **Dessinger** 1861-1914
7 children

Maria and Phillip were married in Cincinnati but then moved to Dayton Ohio where they lived until their death. They moved their family and belongings in a covered wagon pulled by two horses. I wonder if they ever visited Camp Springs again. Did Maria Steffen Jergens ever see her parents and siblings after she moved to Dayton Ohio? Perhaps they moved about more freely than we think since many of the early families moved out of the Cincinnati – Kentucky area.

h) Nikolaus **Steffen** * 05.11.1820 +1903
oo Elizabeth **Heck** *30.05.1828 +9/17/1897
Daughter of Johann **Heck** and Maria **Schuler**
15 children all born in KY.

i. Anna **Steffen** 1846-1943

ii. Mathias **Steffen** 1848-1923
1oo Barbara **Murray** 1855-1882 St Mary Cemetery, Alexandria Ky.
4 children born in Newport and Alexandria KY.
2oo Katherine **Wolbert** (Volpert) 1863-1891
5 children

iii. Frederick **Steffen** 1850-1858

iv. Jacob **Steffen** 1852-
oo Matilda ??? c.1857-
3 children

v. Elizabeth Maria **Steffen** 1854-1934 Kenton County
oo Valintine **Hoffer** 1853-1934

vi. Joseph Mathew **Steffen** 1856-1949 Norwood OH.
1oo Eleanor **Walton** 1868-1952
2 children

200 ? **Hohne** ??

vii. Mary Margaret Steffen 1857-1951
oo Frank Leininger abt1856-1946
5 children all born in Cold Spring KY.

viii. Julia Christina **Steffen** 1859-1949
oo George Joseph **Fromhold** 1862-1907
8 children

ix. Nicholas **Steffen** 1861-1932
oo Charlotte **Lahm** 1863-???

x. Peter John **Steffen** 1863-1886 St. Stephen Cemetery Ft. Thomas KY.

xi. Barbara Elizabeth **Steffen** 1865-1971
oo Fred **Lape** abt1867-1936 Hamilton County Ohio
6 children

xii. Anna Maria **Steffen** 1867- 1960
oo John Peter **Feilen** 1863-1926 St. Stephen Cemetery Ft. Thomas KY.
3 children born in Newport KY

xiii. Frank **Steffen** 1869- 1869

xiv. John Joseph **Steffen** 1872-1943
oo 1894 Louisa Rose **Sanner** 1875-1942

xv. William **Steffen** 1874-1875

i) Anna Maria Steffen * 16.06.1822 + 4/20/1894
oo Isidor Baumann *4.4.1815 + 12/19/1882

They are my paternal great grandparents and I will write more about them in future chapters.

j) Jakob Steffen *03.09.1824 Unable to locate this family --2005

k) Friedr. Wilhelm Steffen * 15.12.1826 +9/0/1899

oo Susan **Schultz** * 1829 Germany

8 children

- i. Catherine **Steffen** 1850- ?
- ii. Susana **Steffen** 1852- ?
- iii. Anna Catherine **Steffen** 1855- ?
- iv. Josepha Maria **Steffen** 1859- ?
- v. Theresia **Steffen** 1860- ?
- vi. Barbara Maria **Steffen** 1861- ?
oo Carl **Bencsik** 1855 - ?
4 children
- vii. Margaret Frances **Steffen** 1864- ?
- viii. Frederick J. **Steffen** 1866- ?

l) Anna Steffen * 23.04.1829 +2/24/1865

oo Anton **Biegner** *1824? +10/16/1868 St. Mary Cemetery
Alexandria KY.

7 children

- i. Susana Ursula **Biegner** 1843 - ?
- ii. John Adrian **Biegner** 1855 - ?
- iii. Nicholas **Biegner** 1856- ?
- iv. Joseph Michael **Biegner** 1858- ?
- v. Peter John **Biegner** 1860- ?
- vi. Anna **Biegner** 1863- ?

vii. Mary Elizabeth **Biegner** 1865-1865

Mary Elizabeth was born on the 21st of Feb. Her mother died on the 24th of Feb, just 3 days after giving birth. The child only lived until Mar. 17th. (Anton may have married again in 1867 to Mary Fasbe) Anton died in 1868. His youngest child was just 5 years old.

m) Helena **Steffen** *16.08.1831 +1/29/1908
oo John **Gunkel** *00.00.1822 +bef 1870 Camp Springs KY.
8 children

i. John Kasper **Gunkel** 1850-1912
oo Susan **Kuehn** 1853- 1934 Evergreen Cemetery Southgate KY.
12 children

ii. Jacob **Gunkel** 1851-1933
oo Mary **Uebel** 1858-1911 Camp Springs KY.
12 children

iii. Mary Elizabeth **Gunkel** 1853-1931
oo William **Amberger** 1841-1927 Camp Springs KY.
13 children

iv. Susan Rosina **Gunkel** 1855- ?
oo Nicholas **Kochens** 1853-1938 (perhaps Maysville ky.)
1 child born in Maysville, Mason Co KY.

v. Anna Maria **Gunkel** 1857-1919
oo George **Tischner** 1851-1931 Camp Springs KY.
9 children

vi. Maria Theresa **Gunkel** 1859- ?
oo William **Casidy**

vii. Ellen (Lena) **Gunkel** 1862-1887 Camp Springs KY.

viii Joseph **Gunkel** 1865-1929 Camp Springs KY.

n) Catherina **Steffen** *17.08.1833 +00/00/1900 St Stephen Cemetery

oo John **Scherzinger** * ?? +bef 1880

8 children

- i. Susanna Maria **Scherzinger** 1852 - ??
- ii. Fredrick William **Scherzinger** 1853-1859 Camp Springs
- iii. Maria Elizabeth **Scherzinger** 1855- ??
- iv. John **Scherzinger** 1856- ??
- v. Catherine Cecilia **Scherzinger** 1858-1943 St Stephen Cemetery
- vi. Rosalia **Scherzinger** 1859- ??
- vii. Mathias **Scherzinger** 1861- ??
- viii. Joseph **Scherzinger** 1865- ??

o) Susan **Steffen** *06.10.1835

oo Jacob **Reis**.

Although there are many Reis families in Campbell County, I have been unable to locate this couple. I did find a Susan Steffen who married in October 1853 to Jacob Dages. John Steffen signed the Marriage bond. John also had a daughter Susan who was only seventeen years old in 1853. Susan, Peter's daughter would have been only 18 years old. The marriage bond for Jacob Dages was signed on October 6th 1853, the eighteenth birthday for Susan. The Steffen Reis marriage has been recorded in family charts. Could these sources be incorrect? It just seems unlikely that both Susans married a man named Jacob.

Perhaps future research will place this Susan Steffen and husband in our family history.

p) Elizabeth **Steffen** *29.05.1838 +2/9/1925
oo early 1857 Peter **Barbian** * 00.00.1823 + 4/2/1903
11 children

Peter reportedly came from Alsace Lorraine, Germany to Cincinnati and married Walburga **Zay (Zei)** on 23 Sep. 1849. Together they had three daughters. Walburga died 12/14/1856 on the same day her last child was baptized.

It is reported their three children were:

- a. Margaret Barbian married Mike Coleman
- b. Mary Barbian married Matt Kremer
- c. Elizabeth Barbian married Herman Letoyle

(I have not researched these families and cannot confirm the accuracy.)

Soon after Walburga died Peter Barbian married Elizabeth Steffen, the youngest child of Peter Steffen and Anna Bone. Elizabeth was nineteen years old and obviously much younger than Peter Barbian. There were Barbian families in the village of Losheim, Germany. Did Peter Steffen's family know the Barbian family in Germany?

Elizabeth and Peter Barbian's children were:

i. Peter Maria **Barbian** 1857-1858

ii. Veronica **Barbian** 1859-1936

oo 1885 Jacob **Motz** 1865-1943

8 children

Veronica and Jacob Motz are buried at the foot of Veronica's grand parents, Peter Steffen and Anna Bone.

iii. Catherine Rose **Barbian** 1861- ??

oo Frank **Kremer** ?? - ??

5 children

iv. Peter **Barbian** 1863-1929

oo 1859 Catherine **Martz** 1877-1952

7 children

- v. Anna **Barbian** 1865- ??
 - oo Francis **Fillhardt** ??- ??
 - 1 child
- vi. Frederick William **Barbian** 1867-1946
 - oo 1906 Anna **Sandfoss** 1880-1968
 - 1 child
- vii. Anna Magdalena **Barbian** 1869- ??
- viii. Catherine Philomena **Barbian** 1872-1872 Camp Springs
- ix. Helena Martha **Barbian** 1873-1874 Camp Springs
- x. John **Barbian** 1875-1875 Camp Springs
- xi. Ferdinand **Barbian** 1876- ??

These are the children and grand children of Peter Steffen and Anna Bone. Perhaps as this record of Peter Steffen's family is read, additional people will be found. I will continue with the Steffen descendants as they relate to my family.

Forty nine acres of the original Steffen farm was eventually bought by Peter Barbian and Elizabeth Steffen.

I think that you will agree the Steffen Family is one of the founding families of Four Mile – Camp Springs and Campbell County Kentucky. Their descendants have populated not only Cincinnati Ohio and Northern Kentucky but they can be found all over America and Germany.

God Bless you Peter Steffen, Margaretha Weber and Anna Bone. Our families are proud to be related to so many good people.

Note: Research for this chapter came from many sources including Steffen Cousins, Elaine Schenot, Massachusetts, Paul Weisenberger, Milwaukee, WI, Campbell County Historical and Genealogical Society and many family records accumulated through all these years.

Although I have record of many other descendants of these families, I chose to write about just two generations from my direct descent of Peter Steffen 1782.