

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

Children of Wilhelm Steffen and Angela Dillschneider Steffen

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PETER STEFFEN

Peter Steffen, b.1833 was the first child of Wilhelm Steffen and Angela Dillschneider. Peter was born in Losheim Germany. He was 19 years old when his family came to America in 1852. He married Catherine Fassler, b.1843. Catherine was the oldest of thirteen children of Joseph Fassler b.1814 and Catherine Diering b.1824 The Fassler family is documented back about four hundred fifty years to the mid 1500's.

Peter's family lived on the farm adjacent to his parent's farm in Alexandria.

Peter and Catherine, who married 16 Aug 1861 at the ages of 28 and 18 respectively, also had thirteen children. Family surnames either related by marriage or direct descendents of Peter Steffen, 1833 and Catherine Fassler, 1843 include the following:

WAGNER, KINSTLER BATHALTER, SCHADLER, VIERS, GUNKEL, LAUER, GLAHN, GOLD, BAYNUM, HUGHES, MARTIN, HEEB, RYAN, SCHULTZ, GRAY, WOLFZORN, CIAFARSTIANI, KELLER, NELTNER, ORTLIEB, OCHSENSHIRT, JENNER, DILLER, BURKART, SCHNICKE, BURKHARDT, WEYER, MARTIN, REINER, RIXSON, GRAHAM, KOENIG, ROTH, TEWES, WITTE, SIMON, KELLY, MUTSCH, ANSTED, COLLINSWORTH, SHAR, GROVER, DAUBE, REITMANN, BOESCH, GRAU, WARNKEN, SKINNER, REIS, CLARK, SCHOENBAECHL, SENA, ANGLIN, DEITSCH, SCHNEIDER, CLASS, TALLARIGO, WEBER, PRODOEHL, HORN, BOOTHE, MURRAY, RYAN, ENZWEILER, HUNT, DORGAN, FARROW, GROSS, HAYES, SPARROW, AMPFLER, KRAMER, BREMKE, ASHER, FRANZEN, RAWE, ALLENDER, MITZ, HENDERSON, MOORE, SIMIS, GEIGER, WALKER, CALDWELL, BOESCH, ERB, HOLT, BEZOLD, VENNEMAN, WOESTE, WEBSTER, GRIFFITH, LAUER, BRANDENBERG, BECK, KOERNER, PAPE, HAUBNER, RODEBUSH, WECKBACH, BUTSCH, BIERY, HOCK, LISTERMAN, SEIBERT, TARVIN, SCROGGIO, HAUSMANN, GROESCHEN, MANHARDT, LAWSON, HOFFMAN, GEIMAN, DECKER, COLE and of course many, many STEFFEN families.

I am sure there are many other families which have not been recorded in this family search. I also note there are some husbands and wives who are both (distant cousin) descendants of Wilhelm Steffen and Angela Dillschneider.

From Mary Steffen Schneider, I have received this photo of her grand parents on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, September 1948. Peter Joseph Steffen b. 20 Jan 1872 was the son of Peter Steffen and Catherine Fassler Steffen. The wife of Peter 1872 is Mary Elizabeth Daube b. 30 Jul 1877. She was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Buckner) Daube.



Peter and Mary are shown here with 17 of their many grand children. Left to right. front row - Ima Steffen, Pat Steffen and Mike Steffen. 2nd row - Margie Steffen, Carol Steffen, holding Sylvia Steffen, Bob Steffen, Tom Steffen, Jim Steffen and Betty Steffen. 3rd row - Grandpa Peter Steffen, Shirley Beck, Pat Beck, Thelma Steffen, holding Carl Biery and Grandma Mary Steffen. back row - Pete Steffen, Alvin Schadler and Ed Schadler.

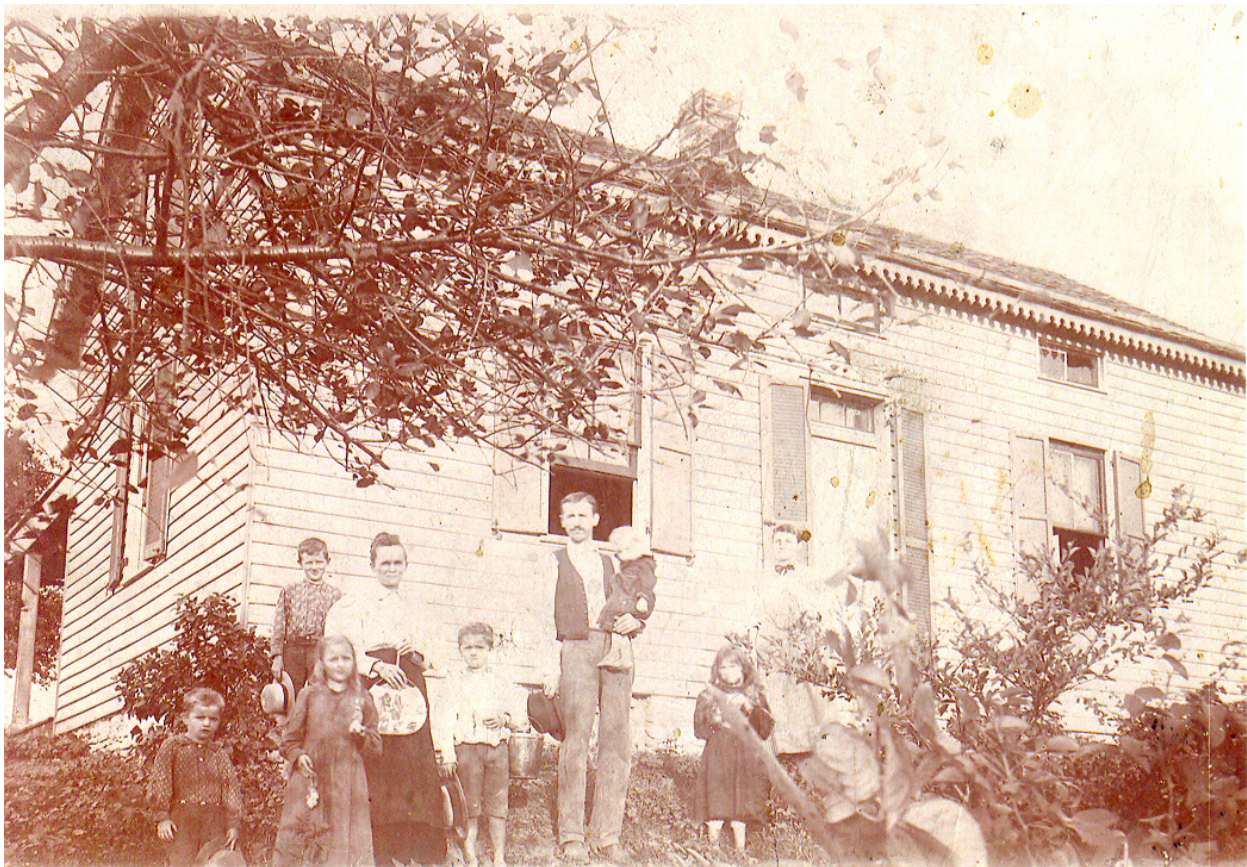
I want to express my thanks to Mary Steffen Schneider and Paul Steffen who preserved and sent this picture to me and to Ed Schadler who made me aware of the existence of this special family photo.

From the humble beginnings of our ancestors great things have been accomplished and will continue to be accomplished by their descendants.

Mary Steffen Schneider remembers that Grandma was a great cook and enjoyed being in her kitchen. "On the occasion of their anniversary Grandma prepared the food for her large family. She must have fried ten chickens and baked ten pies."

Grandpa Peter died 5/31/1950 and Grandma Mary died 8/2/1957. Their son was Joseph Steffen b. 1900.

I have also received this old photo of the grandparents of this same Steffen family. The daughter of Jacob Grau and Crescentia Enzweiler Grau, Clara Grau b.1898 married Joseph Steffen b.1900. Joseph and Clara were the parents of eight children, including Mary Steffen Schneider and Thelma Steffen Enzweiler.



Jacob Grau and Crescentia Enzweiler Grau had 9 children, not all of which are shown in this photo. Crescentia b.11/8/1860 was the daughter of Peter Enzweiler, 1827 and granddaughter of Michael Enzweiler, 1805 and his wife Anna Spanier, 1803. Crescentia's father was just 16 years old when the family came to America.

I thank Mary Steffen Schneider who made this photo available for this writing.

ANNA STEFFEN

Anna Steffen b. 1835 was the second child of Wilhelm Steffen and Angela Dillschneider. Anna was 20 years old, 20 Sep. 1855, when she married 27 year old Henrich Schaak who was born 28.02.1828 in France. The Jacques family name is recorded here in America in several different spellings including, Schack, Schaak, Schawk, Shawk, Shaup, Chalk and Schalk. In some cases the name is spelled differently among siblings. Cemetery records also use different spellings which would indicate the headstones have each family's preferred spelling of the Jacques name.

Henrich was one of nine children of Francois Jacques b. 1793 and his wife, Anna Catherine Trouy b. 1796.

Heinrick and Anna had eleven children. Family surnames either related by marriage or direct descendents of Anna Steffen, 1835 and Henrich Schaak, 1828 include the following:

BROSSART, BOSHERT, STRATMAN, GEIGER, BAUERLE, LAUER, FRIEND, SACKSTEDER, KREMER, BEZOLD, ESSEN, BAYNUM, FORNISH, McCLAFFERTY, SHAW, MESSMER and many SCHAAK families or other variations of the JACQUES name.

ANGELA M. STEFFEN

Angela Steffen, b. 1836 was the third child of Wilhelm Steffen and Angela Dillschneider. Angela was 22 years old, 11 Nov 1858, when she married 26 year old Johann Bernhard Woeste who was born 14.09.1832. The Woeste family is a familiar name in Campbell County. Angela Steffen and Johann Bernhard Woeste were both born in Germany and lived here in Alexandria KY.

Rare photos have been preserved by the family.



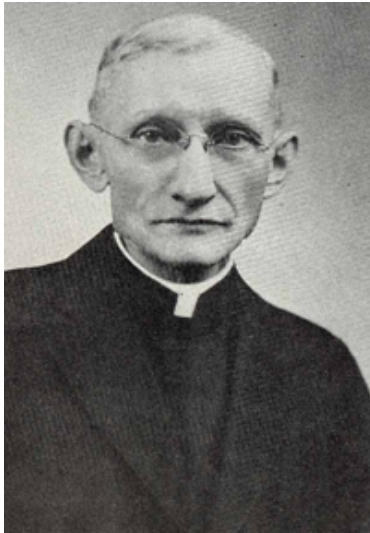
Johann Bernhard Woeste

1832 – 1911

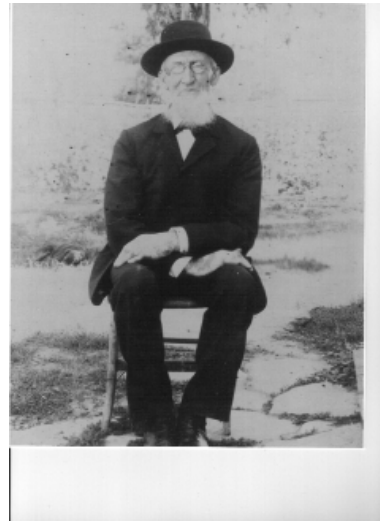


Photo thought to be
Angela M. Steffen Woeste

1836 – 1885



Rev. Charles A. Woeste was a priest
in the Diocese of Covington KY. For 32
years he served as Pastor of St. Augustine
Catholic Church, Covington, KY.



Johann Bernhard Woeste
in his later years

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as provided by Pat Bihl of the Woeste Family

Johann Bernhard Woeste and Angela Steffen had thirteen children from 1859 to 1882.

Family surnames either related by marriage or direct descendents of this marriage are as follows:

WAGNER, BRAUN, BIHL, HECK, KREMER, GEIGER, PFEFFERMAN, ENZWEILER, SCHREIBER, WEAVER, GRAU, SPAULDING, SCHALK, SEIDT, STEFFEN, BREMKE, ASHER, RAW, BOESCH, HECK, MASCHINOT, SCHNEIDER, SCHULTZ, ROY, PARNELL, HOLTZ, VERST, SCHMITZ, DAESCH, MERMAN, KINSTLER, DAVIS, ROGERS, WELCH, SCHADLER, KITCHEN, TATERKA, FUTSCHER, GERHARDSTEIN and many WOESTE and KRAMER families.

KATHERINA STEFFEN

Katherina Steffen b. 1838 was the fourth child of Wilhelm Steffen and Angela Dillschneider. Katherina was 24 years old when she became the second wife of 39 year old Joseph Nöltner (Neltner) b.1823 in Ulm Baden Germany. From this marriage there were nine children born from 1863 to 1884. These children were in addition to the five children born to Joseph and his first wife Rosina Ruschmann. The Neltner name is well known in Campbell County. Family surnames either related by marriage or direct descendants of Joseph Neltner, 1823 and Katherina (Catherine Katie) Steffen are as follows:

BISHOP - BISCHOFF, TRAUTH, DOOL, REINERT, RICE or REIS, and many many NELTNERs.

The Neltner family is well populated here in Campbell County. These are but a few surnames of their descendants. If there are Neltner family researchers who can add to the Neltner genealogy, I invite you to contact me. For more of this family's story see Chapter nine.

Source of information for this chapter, in addition to those acknowledged include: family verbal records, public records at Campbell County Court House, Alexandria KY, Cemetery records, Campbell County Historical and Genealogical Society, Brossart webpage, Woeste family photos, George Fassler family records and many family e-mail contacts including the great contribution of the Steffen family tree by Paul Weisenberger. If I have failed to acknowledge credit, please forgive me.