

CHAPTER EIGHT

As the Steffen family established their new life here in Kentucky, their children began to populate Campbell County. They married their neighbor's children and gave birth to the first generation of American born citizens. When the Steffen children began their families they found new opportunities to buy property in the Alexandria area.

As I researched the family I found many discrepancies of birth dates and death dates. Cemetery head stone birth dates differed from those recorded in Germany. Dates were recorded by historians from grave stones that had been weathered with time and covered with lichen. The dedicated genealogist read the stones, recorded them for us with their interpretation of what they were able to read. Apparently birth days were not celebrated as they are today and those left behind recorded the date as – "I think Dad told me he was born on ?????". Even as recent as this week, a friend of mine told me of his grandmother's death. She was either 100 or 101 years old. We are not sure which.

In these writings I have chosen to list the birth dates as they have been recorded in the Family Books from Germany realizing that even those are reprinted from the research of those studying the old documents. The church pastor had a script sometimes only he could read.

I think that dates are important to try to identify the relationship. My purpose is not to see how many names and dates I can record or even if those dates are accurate. Dates do not make the person. I wish to record the history of a real person, a person who was important in the development of who I am – a person who brought life to the people I call family.

In these writings I will attempt to differentiate the German records with the dates shown as day.month.year and the American dates shown as month/day/year

As we have learned in previous chapters Peter Steffen had two families. The first five of his children were born of his first wife, Margaretha Weber who died in Germany in 1816. His second family with his wife, Anna Bone came to Kentucky with their family. Anna Bone Steffen died 1854 here in Camp Springs KY.

In this chapter I will look at the families from his first wife who came to America. All of Peter Steffen's surviving children eventually came to America.

In the following records, the "w" ---- is followed by the names of the witnesses at their Marriage.

STEFFEN - PETER'S FIRST MARRIAGE to MARGARETHA WEBER

Peter **Steffen** * Niederlosheim 16.11.1782 + 10/30/1871

son of Mathias **Steffen** 1740 and Margaretha **Schwarz** 1747

1.-oo Losheim, 18.12.1804, **Weber** Margaretha, * 20.09.1778 + 08.04.1816, in Neiderlosheim daughter of Michael **Weber** 1748 and Angela **Röder** 1753

a) Michael **Steffen** * 07.02.1806 + 27.07.1806

b) Johann Peter **Steffen** * 29.06.1807

See Peter Steffen Child b. 1807

c) Wilhelm **Steffen** * 23.06.1809 oo Losheim 1832 **Dillschneider**, Angela

See Peter Steffen Child c. 1809

d) Peter **Steffen** * 20.01.1811 oo Losheim 1834 **Thiel** Maria

See Peter Steffen Child d.1811

e) Mathias **Steffen** * 14.07.1814 oo Saarwellingen 9.10.1838 **Schmidt** Margaretha

See Peter Steffen Child e. 1814

Peter Steffen Child - b. 1807

Family of 5 persons came to America 1846

STEFFEN – JOHANN PETER 1807

Johann Peter **Steffen**, Ackerer, * NL 29.06.1807 + 7/22/1886 Camp Springs KY.

Son of Peter **Steffen** 1782 and **WEBER** Margaretha 1778

1.oo 02.1829 **BERNARDING** Anna * 30.03.1808 + date unknown
no children recorded.

2.oo Hsb 26.01.1832 **GASPAR** Maria * 03.09.1809 + 3/2/1864 Camp Springs KY. daughter
of Johann **Gasper** 1774 and Barbara **Mayer** 1781

a) Peter **Steffen** * 03.11.1832 +17.11.1832 Germany
b) Peter **Steffen** * 10.11.1833 +18.01.1837 Germany

c) Susanna **Steffen** * 06.05.1836 + America - No other information discovered.

d) Johann **Steffen** * 22.11.1838 + 9/ 2 1912 - St. Joseph Cemetery, Cold Spring Ky.
oo 1/31/1864 **Goetz** Frances Catherine *12/17/1843 + 7/14/1917
Daughter of Joseph **Goetz** and Margaretha **Brausch**

e) Stephan **Steffen** * 27.03.1842 +02.06.1847 - Germany

f)Michael **Steffen** * 24.02.1844 + 4/4/1912 (blacksmith) died at the home of his son in
Norwood OH.

1oo 18 Feb 1868 **Gerner** Anna Maria * 2/20/1845 + 2/24/1872 born in
Hamilton County OH died Alexandria buried St. Mary Cemetery Alexandria
KY. w. Balthasar **Schuster**, Frederic **Wagner**
a. William Michael *5/14/1869 +5/16/1869
b. Anna Mary *9/28/1870 +10/2/1870

2oo 7 Jan 1873 **Heck** Mary *11/00/1853 + 1/26/1912
w.Mathias **Steffen**, Marg **Heck**
buried St. Mary Cemetery Alexandria KY
11 children, 10 children living 1900

were married in Baden Germany. Rosina died at child birth with their 5th child. After Joseph married Katherina **Steffen** oo 1866, they had 8 additional **Nöltner** children.



e) Johann **Steffen** *08.12.1840 + 7/16/1920
oo **Greis** Josepha (Sophia) *2/11/1844 + 8/11/1932

I will write more about this family since they are my Maternal Great Grand Parents.



f) Anna Maria **Steffen** *17.03.1843

g) Nikolaus **Steffen** * 14.11.1845 + 7/4/1896
oo 8 Aug 1871 Mary **Messmer** *0/0/1851 + 12/30/1933
w. Guliel **Neltner**, Marg **Steffen**. I find at least four children.

h) Susanna **Steffen** * 06.05.1849

i) Barbara **Steffen** *24.05.1852 + 6/23/1896 Camp Springs cemetery.

j) Margaretha **Steffen** 9/16/1856
oo 28 Oct 1879 Husband Not recorded w. Guliel Woeste, P Kramer



Peter Steffen Child - d. 1811

Family came to America 1841

STEFFEN – PETER 1811

Peter **Steffen** * NL 20.01.1811 Leineweber +----- Unknown 2004
Son of Peter **Steffen** 1782 and Magaretha **Weber** 1778
00 L. 08-10.07.1834 **Thiel** Maria * 09.06.1802 +----- unknown 2004
daughter of Johann **Thiel** and Katherina **Wagner**

a) Margaretha * 23.11.1834

b) Maria * 13.09.1837

c) Nikolaus * 30.04.1841

Peter SteffenChild - e. 1814

Family came to America 1841

STEFFEN – MATHIAS 1814

Mathias **Steffen** *NL 14.07.1814 +----- unknown 2004

Son of Peter **Steffen** 1782 and Margaretha **Weber** 1778

oo 9.10.1838 **Schmitt** Margaretha * 31.01.1811 +----- unknown 2004

daughter of John Nikolaus **Schmitt** and Anna Maria **Müller**

a) Margaretha * 29.06.1838

b) Angela * 20.01.1841

Can you begin to understand the impact the Peter Steffen Families had on the development of Campbell County Ky.?

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