

Part IV: MARY SUTTER'S ANCESTORS

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LUDWIG SUTTER (Mary's paternal grandfather)

Ludwig Sutter was born November 9, 1825 in Leinheim, the Granduchy of Baden, Germany. His father, Franz Joseph was a tailor. His mother's maiden name was Agatha Scheible. His parents were married July 25, 1821 in the parish church at Leinheim in Baden, Germany. His paternal grandparents were Xavier Sutter and Verena Scheible. His maternal grandparents were Johan Scheible and Elisabeth Schneider.

He enlisted and served as a soldier in the revolution of 1848. One source says that when the war ended, he went to Switzerland where he stayed until he emigrated to America. He arrived at the port of La Havre in New York on May 27, 1850 aboard the ship Bavaria. He was 24. He worked his way across the country, spending time in New York, New Jersey and Illinois before settling in Madison in 1854. There he applied for citizenship September 25, 1857.

On April 12, 1858, he married Kreszentia Heller at Holy Redeemer Church in Madison. The priest was Father Michael Haider and the witnesses were Leopole Eichmann and Mathian Moehmer, both of Madison. Ludwig and Crescentia had 10 children: Joseph, Julia, August, Frank, Ludwig Jr., Mary, Frances, Leo, Grace and William.

They continued to live in Madison for 13 more years. He was involved in various occupations over the years, working at one time for Judge Vilas. He also became acquainted with many farmers throughout the area later on when he worked as a wheat dealer.

He moved to Perry in 1871 where he bought a farm. In the winter "he augmented his meager income by hauling loads of sawed wood (for fuel) to Madison. When the sleighing was good, more frequent trips were made with teams of horses, sometimes daily.

He had good horses and alternated two teams for the daily trips. If he left at three o'clock in the morning, under good conditions he would be back by 6:00 at night."

Ludwig was an ardent Democrat. On election day, he traveled around the settlement with his team to take voters to the polls, so as not to be outdone by friend and neighbor Lawrence Post, a staunch Republican who did the same.

He moved back to Mt. Horeb in 1900 or 1901 where he lived for three more years until his death May 28, 1904. He died of intestinal cancer from which he had suffered for about a year.

Ludwig died at his home in Mt. Horeb May 28, 1904. At that time his estate was appraised and found to be worth \$12,811 in real property and \$1,163 in personal property.

An auction was held Feb. 12, 1907 at the homestead. A newspaper clipping in the Mount Horeb Times listed the following property for sale: 19 head of cattle, 6 brood sows, 110 chickens, binder, 2 mowers, hay rake seeder, reaper, corn cultivator, sulky corn plow, corn sheller, 4 horsepower saw rig, 2 bob sleighs, truck wagon, milk rig, 2 stubble plows, breaking plow, fanning mill, drag, platform scales, 2 fur robes, 5 milk cans, hog rack, hay rack, grindstone, 80 bushels of corn, 75 bushels of oats, 8 tons of hay, some household goods and other articles.

The above paragraphs include information from an interview with Roman Sutter of Mt. Horeb on April 4, 1961, as reported in the book, 100 Years, by (Father) Andrew R. Breines.

CRESZENTIA HELLER (Mary's paternal grandmother)

Creszentia Heller was born February 15, 1836 in Assamstadt in Baden, Germany. On her marriage record, the town is listed as Armstadt. Her parents were Christian Heller and Julia Goble. She died of old age and bronchitis March 18, 1913 in Perry at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Julia and George Schmidt. Her father died when she was an infant. She came to this country with her mother, brothers and sisters as a young girl. Her mother, Julia Goble Heller was born in 1802. After her husband's death, she came to America in 1854 with her children Grace (Crescentia), Mary, Peter, August and Philomena. She lived in Perry for 16 years, then moved near Pleasantville, Iowa with her sons around 1870.

Shortly before Christmas in 1883, she moved back to Perry and planned to spend the rest of her days with Mary (Mrs. Lawrence Post) and Grace (Mrs. Ludwig Sutter). However, according to an article in the June 6, 1884 issue of the Blue Mounds Weekly News, she had become homesick for her Iowa home and returned accompanied by her grand-daughter Julia Sutter.

The following year, at the beginning of March, Mary and Grace received a telegram announcing that their mother was severely ill with heart disease. They left immediately for Iowa to be with her. They returned later, thinking their mother had improved, but she died the day after they left, March 19, 1885.

GEORGE SCHMIDT (maternal grandfather)

George Schmidt was born in Germany, February 2, 1821. He came to America and settled in Perry in the early 1850's. He died Sept. 28, 1905 on the farm which he settled. He and Frances Konle had five children: George Jr., Albert, August, Theresa and Katherine. Infant twins, apparently died in childbirth or shortly thereafter.

FRANCES KONLE (maternal grandmother) Born in 1826, died in 1907.

JOSEPH SUTTER (father)

Joseph Sutter was born May 9, 1859, died August 7, 1931. He married Theresa Schmidt April 2, 1883. Various newspaper items on Joseph Sutter from the Mt. Horeb Times include the following:

December 23, 1909--"Joe Sutter was connected upon the telephone line #82 yesterday. His ring is #16. A Christmas joy to the family."

August 31, 1931 (obituary)--"Joe Sutter was born in Madison where he lived until his parents moved to a farm near Perry in 1876. In 1924 he retired from active farming and moved to Mt. Horeb. He suffered a stroke in 1929.

THERESA SCHMIDT (mother)

Born March 14, 1860, died November 4, 1936, following a short illness.