

Reiter, J.B. born in 1837 in Germany. Came to America at the age of 14 years and lived in Wisconsin for 17 years, then came to Scott County, Minn. and farming for 5 years, and later in the lightning rod business. He now lives in Martin County, his post-office is in Rutland. Enlisted in Company E. Nineth Wisconsin Infantry. He was discharged in 1863 as a disable. Married in 1862 to Carrie Dohelton. They have 8 children.

Rose, Jacob son of Adam Rose, born in 1848 in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. Came to America with his parents in 1850 to New York, locating in Goshen, Indiana. In 1855 he came with his parents to Sand Creek Township, Scott County, Minn. In 1873 his father bought a farm in Dryden Township. He has now 240 acres on section 7, and his parents reside near him. He operates a threshing machine besides farming. He was elected town treasure in 1881. Married in 1874 to Mary Neiland and have two children; Fred and Anna.

Rose, John born in 1856 in Scott County, Minn. His Father, John A. Rose came to America in 1854, he lived here until he moved to New Auburn, bought the place where he now lives. Married in 1877 to Minnie Piara. They have 2 children; John and Minnie.

Rosbach, William born in 1830 in Prussia, Germany. When his father died he joined the army. Came to America and settled in Illinois, and 1 year later came to Albin, was treasure for 2 years and also served as town clerk. Married in 1853 to Anna M. Wiegand. Their children are; Anna, Katherine, Anna, Jacob, Lizzie and William.

Scherkenbach, August born 1847 in Prussia, Germany. Came to America 1870 and learned the marble-cutters trade in Belleville, Illinois. In company with W.A. Clark he started in the marble and granite business which they conducted with success at Belleville. In 1878 he sold his interest and came to Shakopee to continue the same business here. In 1881 he erected his brick building a 16 x 36 feet to stock his monuments. Married Feb. 26, 1878 to Barbara Ackermann at Belleville, Illinois. Their children are; Mary and Anna twins and William, another child, Mary is deceased.

Schneider, Lorentz born in 1851 in Ripley County, Indiana. Learned the blacksmith trade. At the age of 17 years he enlisted in the army, but his father followed and forced him to return. In 1870 he came to Minnesota and settled on section 14 of Albin. Married in 1868 to Eliza Chapman. Their children are; Minnie, Thomas, Maud, Mary, Frank and Alvie L.

Sontag, Mathias born in Germany. Married to Elizabeth Nei. Came to America in 1853 and settled in Illinois for 4 years, then came to Minnesota at Brighton. He died Aug. 4, 1872. His son, William, conducted the 208 acre farm at Swan Lake, Nicoellet County. Their children are; William, Margaret, Charles, Susie, Clara, Nicholas, Sophia, Katie and Olena.

Sontag, M.J. born in 1832 in Germany. Came to America in 1854 and settled in Wisconsin, then to St. Paul, then walked to Mankato and made a claim, sold afterwards and visited St. Paul, Chicago and Racine, Wis. returned to Mankato to make another claim and farmed it until 1861. Enlisted in Company H, 2nd Minn. Inf. After the war he returned to Mankato and operated the Sontag Hotel. Married in 1867 to Mrs. Bohn. They have 2 children.

Stege, Hermann born Oct. 3, 1854 in Cook County, Illinois. In 1879 he came to Nicollet, Minn. and ran a saloon for 1 year. In 1881 he bought the Nicollet Mill in company with A.F. Rabe. Married in 1880 to Mary Metzkey. They have one child, William.

Stewart, L. born in 1840 in Detroit, Mich. At the age of 2 years his parents went to Illinois. One year later to Wisconsin. Enlisted in August 1862 in Company H. 6th Minn. He served in the war with the Sioux and the south, farmed for a while, then employed of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul rail road and now has charge of the station at Good Thunder. Married in 1867 to Jane Galbreath. They have 4 children.

Stokes, Charles F. born in 1842 in Rock County, Wisconsin. Enlisted in 1862 in the 33rd Wisconsin Inf. Discharged at the end of the war and came to Minn. to Le Ray and began to make lumber. He deals in fuel and rail road ties and farms a little, also Postmaster at Smith's Mill. Married June 1, 1869 to Lucy D. Baker who died in 1872. His second marriage on Apr. 2, 1873 to Lavina Clark. They have 2 children, Florence E. and Kenneth M.

Stone, A.A. born in 1840 in Canada. In 1854 he came with his parents to St. Peter, Minn. and lived on a farm. In 1860 he went to Colorado but, returned the next year. Enlisted in the Second Minn. Vol. Inf. After his term of 3 years in Tennessee he returned to St. Peter. In 1865 he was elected sheriff of Nicollet County for 2 years. In 1866 he began to study law and was admitted to the bar in 1874. He was appointed clerk of court in 1871 and held that office for 4 years. In 1874 he formed partnership with Hon. S. Ladd. He was mayor of St. Peter in 1879. Married in 1866 to Sarah F. Phelps.

Stone, M.B. born in 1810 in Worcester County, Mass. At the age of 8 years he came with his parents to Canada. In 1854 he came to Minnesota and farmed at St. Peter. He was the first Justice in St. Peter and also County Commissioner. In 1876 was elected to the state senate. Married 3 times, first to Emily W. Blair of Vermont, his last marriage in 1878 to Anna Johnson.

Strunk, Herman H. born May 14, 1818 in Germany. His father died in Germany and in 1835 accompanied with his mother and family to America. From 1836 to 1854 he resided in St. Louis, Mo. and then came to Shakopee. He made a claim and built the first brewery in the valley, operating it for 9 years and then sold it and then built a distillery. In 1873 removed to the city of Shakopee to take charge of the drug store which he had in company with G.W. Gellenbach established here in 1871. The firm of Strunk & Sons, and in 1874 they bought the property on First St. and are doing a very large business. They are also agents for the American & United States Express Company. Mr. Strunk held the office of County Commissioner, school treasure, Justice of the Peace, Alderman and Mayor. Married Sept. 20, 1845 to Mary A. Bocklage. Their children are; Charles J. and Arnold M.

Theis, Henry born in 1824 in Germany. Came to America in 1844 and settled in Illinois. In 1855 he moved to a 160 acre farm on section 6 at Henderson, Minn. Married Mrs. Catherine Schultz of Prussia. Their children are; Henry, William and Edward. Mrs. Theis had two children by a former marriage; Louise and Dora.

Theissen, Mathias born Apr. 22, 1831 in Prussia, Germany. Came to America in 1853 and was employed at different work. He now owns a 80 acre farm in section 3 Sibley County. Married in 1858 to Margaret Pother a native of Prussia. Their 8 children are; Mary, Susan, Katie, Joseph, Henry, John, William and Helena.

Theissen, John born Mar. 15, 1832 in Prussia, Germany. Came to America in 1855 and engaged in farming on a 80 acre in section 3 at Henderson. He served several years on the town board. Married to Gertrude Manderfeld; a German by birth. Their 5 children are; Mary, John, Annie are living.

Theissen, Nicholas born in 1841 in Germany. He learned the wagon-maker trade. Came to America in 1868, after staying 7 months at New Ulm, he came to Mankato and worked at his trade. Married in 1870 to Anna Eckstein. They have 7 children.

Wagner, George a native of Bohemia. He studied music, also the taylor trade. Came to America in 1869 and stayed in Milwaukee for a short time, in July of the same year he came to Mankato. In 1874 he opened his merchant taylor store.

Wagner, James B. born in 1839 in Tioga County New York. At the age of 9 years he came with his parents to Jefferson County, Wisconsin where his mother died. Went to La Crosse in 1851, then up the river where he located. Enlisted in 1864 in the 186th N.&. Infantry and served 1 year. He lived in Jefferson County, New York until 1870 then came to Minnesota. Came to Eagle Lake in 1872. Since 1880 he is engaged in making lumber. Married to P.A. Carey. Their children are; Minnie, Charles F., John S., and James D. are living.

Webber, Charles L. born Sept. 1842 at Racine Wisconsin. Enlisted in 1862 in Company E. 19th Wis. and served until Oct. 27, 1864 when taken prisoner at Fair Oaks and held there until the surrender of Richmond, discharged at Madison. During the winter of 1855 and 56 he attended a commercial college at Milwaukee. In 1867 he settled at Eyota, Minn. and clerked in a store for 3 years, then he ran a lumber yard for 1 year. Later had charge of a store at Lafayette Mills, Wis. for a time, then came to Walnut Grove on a farm. In May 1881 he opened the store which he now runs. Married in 1871 to Lucy Bedal. They have 3 children.

Weber, Anthony born in 1823 in Germany. When a young lad he learned the blacksmith and locksmith trade at which he worked at for 8 years. Came to America in 1853 to New York where he continued his trade for 3 years until 1856. Then he came to Jessenland, Sibley County, Minn. In 1858 he made a claim of 145 acre farm. Married in 1860 to Margaret Morsch and had 10 children, 6 are living.

Yager, Jacob born in 1855 in Germany. Came to America in 1863 with his parents and located on a farm in Watertown Township, Minn. He farmed there for 14 years, then moved in the village and ran a saloon for 3 years and since then went into the meat trade. Married Jan. 31, 1877 to Minnie Keitel and had 2 daughters, Lena was born July 2, 1880, Clara died at the age of 2 years.

Weiland, Theodore born Jan. 15, 1849 in Brown County, Wisconsin. In 1857 they moved to Green Bay where he attended school for 4 years. Afterward he resided at Fond du Lac until the spring of 1863, then spent a short time at Oshkosh and in the spring of 1864 came to Minn. He lived at Jordan until 1869 when he returned to Wisconsin. One season he was employed by the Northern Pacific R.R. Co., then he went to Jordan again and established a carriage and wagon factory. In 1879 he was elected sheriff of Scott County and removed to Shakopee. Mr. Weiland was married Jan. 28, 1874 to Louisa Mayer. Their living children are; Mary T., Clements T., and Albert L.

Apgar, Daniel lived on his claim a number of years, then sold it and moved to a farm near Sauk Centre, Stearns County where he died about 10 years ago. He was the first Justice of the Peace and the first Judge of Probate in Scott County. The senior Mr. Apgar made his claim in the N E Quarter of section 12 where he lived until the fall of 1875, when on account of his wife's death he sold his farm and moved into Shakopee and now lives with his daughter, Mrs. Coggwell.

Apgar, A. G. located his claim partly in each of section of 12 & 13; When the County was organized he was appointed sheriff and elected in the fall. He held that office during the years of 1853, 54 and 55. In 1866 he sold his farm and moved to Hennepin County where he died in 1877.

Witt, William F. born in 1850 in Prussia, Germany. Came to America at the age of 7 years with his parents to Wisconsin, later to Brown Co., Minn. Shortly went to Renville County and stayed 2 years, at the end of that time they were compelled to leave by the hostile Indians who murdered Mr. Witt's mother. They moved to Belle Plaine where his father now lives. In 1881 he engaged in mercantile and hotel business at New Market, he also is a teacher in the school here. Married in 1880 to Antonette Brahy and have one child, Helena.

Young, Henry born in 1835 in Ireland. His father came to America in 1831, but returned again in 1834. Henry and the remainder of the family came to America in 1840 and joined the father in Kentucky. In 1847 moved to Ohio. In 1854 they came to St. Paul, Minn. and shortly settled on a claim of 160 acres in Jessenland, Sibley County. His father died in 1872 at the age of 70 years. His mother died in 1879 at the age of 73 years. Mr. Young married in 1852 to Alice Doheny who died in 1864. His second marriage was in 1867 to Mary A. Barger, they had 5 children.

Young, Hiram E. born Sept. 20, 1857 in Erie County, New York. At the age of 3 years came with his parents to Winnebago County, Wisconsin where he learned the blacksmith trade. In 1879 he came to Minnesota locating in Mapleton for one year, then to Amboy where he has his shop.

All, John born in May 1831 in New York. When a child he with his parents moved to Summit County, Illinois where he grew up to manhood. In 1854 went to Cass County, Indiana. Soon thereafter came to St. Paul, Minn. One year later came to Watertown. He was first employed by the firm of Flood & Dow, and later by the Lewis Bros. for 4 years. Afterward he began teaming between Minneapolis and Watertown which he followed for 4 years, afterwards employed of Flood & Van Horn. In 1875 he began well sugar business. Married in 1855 to Harriet Rice in Ohio. She died in Oct. 1871. Their children are; Frank, Charles E., Ellen M. and Perry G.

Born, Jacob born in 1831 in Switzerland. Came to America in 1844 to Hardin County, Ohio, then came to Minnesota locating in Lime Township in Blue Earth County in 1866 to a farm on section 34. He was elected County Commissioner and held that office for 3 years, also town clerk. Married in 1854 to Mary A. Miller in Ohio. Their children are; John U., Eliza, Celia and Mary A.

Brandt, William born Nov. 11, 1842 in Germany. Came as a babe with his parents to Oshkosh, Wisconsin where he grew to manhood. Enlisted in 1862 in Company B. 3rd Wis. Inf. served 3 years. Battle of Winchester, Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorville, Gettysburg, Look-out Mountain, Chattanooga and Altoona. Came to Minnesota in 1865 and locating at Mc Pherson, Blue Earth County. Married in 1867 to Etta Borcutt and had 2 children; William A. and Henry W. who died Nov. 30, 1873.

Brandt, John born in 1836 in Germany. His father was a farmer. Came to America in 1862 to Buffalo, N.Y. where he worked in a Brewery for 2 years, then came to Illinois where he farmed for 5 years. In 1870 he came to St. Peter, Minn and ran a saloon. Married in 1859 to Fredericks Kohl. Their children are; Mina, Mary, Theodore, Ida, Lizzie and Rose.

Brandt, Ernest born in 1838 in Germany. There he received a liberal education which was completed at the gymnasium in 1852. Came to America at the age of 14 with his parents to Cleveland, Ohio. In 1856 came to Minnesota and settled in Sigel, Brown County, which town he helped to organize, he also named it. He was town clerk for many years, also held other town offices, also County Commissioner for 3 years. In 1869 he went to New Ulm and for 11 years was connected with the German paper called the Post. In 1880 was elected Judge of Probate of Brown County. Married in 1860 to Elise Wendlandt.

Buhler, John born in 1822 in Switzerland where he learned the Carpenter trade. Came to America in 1847 and first settled in Ohio, then to Indiana. In 1854 came to Minnesota to Benton. In 1856 he pre-empted a farm which he lived since, part of his farm is now in Helevita. It was he who laid out the village of Helevita. Here he started a small store which he kept for 2 years. Enlisted in March 1865 in Company D. First Minn. Battalion and served until the end of the war. He was Justice of the Peace for 3 years and also held other town offices. Married in 1846 to Catherine Reiman, 9 children.

Conter, John B. born Aug. 15, 1830 in Loraine, France. Came to America at the age of 12 years with his parents. In 1842 settled at Port Washington, Wisconsin, 3 years later to Kenosha, Wisconsin where he worked on a farm for one and one half year at \$7.00 per month. On May 15, 1854 he came to Shakopee, Minn. where he worked as a plasterer and bricklayer. He commenced lime burning about 1863 and is now turning out 2,400 barrels of lime per week. Married on May 15, 1858 to Barbara Wagner and had 10 children, those living are; Joseph, Mary, Anna, Emma, John, William and Margaret, those who died were; Nicholas, John B. Jr. and William.

Doolittle, F.J. born in 1851 in Hudson, Summit County, Ohio. In 1874 came to Mankato, Minn. where he worked at his trade, that of engineer in a saw mill until 1877. During the fall of that year he moved to Le Ray and located on section 19. Married Jan. 21, 1880 to Mathilda Macbeth. They have one son, Bertram.

Dunn, Dr. James H. born May 29, 1853 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. His father came from Dublin, Ireland in 1845 and served under General Scott in the Mexican War. In 1854 the family located near Winona, Minn., after the death of his father in 1859, he was adopted in the family of Mr. Jesse Wheeler of Winona County. In 1868, Mr. Dunn entered the State Normal School at Winona and by his own unaided efforts supported himself until his graduation in 1871. He was at once employed as lecturer in the State Teachers Institute by Hon. H.B. Wilson and later by his successor D. Burt. During the intervals he was President of the Alexandria & Sauk Centre schools and completed a course in Natural Science of the University of Chicago. He then gave his whole time to study medicine, and in 1878 after a 3 year course received the degree of M.D. from the University of New York, having spent a year of study at Bellevue and other hospitals in that City. In 1878 he was appointed instructor of the natural science in the Normal School at Mankato. In May 1880 he entered the profession at Shakopee.

Entrup, Dr. Carl Augustus born June 16, 1857 at Shakopee, Minnesota. His parents, Anthony and Lizzie Entrup were among the early settlers of Scott County and located in April 1855 in Shakopee. His father was a mason and bricklayer and was killed by the falling of a building in Jordan June 19, 1876. Dr. Entrup received schooling at the public school of this place and the Minnesota Valley Academy, read medicine under Dr. Manson. After the death of his father, he taught school for 1 year, and in 1877 went to Ann Arbor, Mich. where he spent 3 years as a medical student. In July 1880 he received his diploma.

Ebert, William born in 1827 in Germany. He learned the shoe-making trade. Came to America in 1850 to New York and worked at his trade for 4 years. Then he came to Sibley County, Minn. in 1878 and located to section 21, Hector Township. Married May 6, 1862 to Margaret Higgins who was born in Ireland in 1836.

Gross, Henry F. born June 26, 1838 in France. Came to America with his parents in 1852 and landed in Chicago. Two years later he came to Minn. and made a claim in Dakota County. He lived on the farm with his parents for 2 years, then he went to St. Paul and worked at the barber's trade for 3 years. He was in St. Louis for a short time, then returned to St. Paul. Enlisted Aug. 15, 1862 in Company G. 6th Minn. Vol. Inf. served nearly 2 years in the war with the Indians, then south until Aug. 18, 1865 when discharged. In 1866 he came to Shakopee and established a barber shop on First St. Married Nov. 16, 1865 to Mary A. Warner of St. Paul. Their living children are; Annie M., Ferdinand J., Willie H. and Edward.

Harms, J.C. born in 1819 in Germany. From 1836 to 1855 he was in the lumber trade. Came to America in 1855 to New York, and a short time later went to Illinois. In April 1856 he made a claim of 160 acres in Carver County where he still lives. In 1860 added another 80 acres. In 1874 bought another 160 acres at the cost of \$3,000. Married in 1852 to Margaret Wetzmann and have 9 children.

Gifford, Frank born Dec. 12, 1840 in Oneida County, New York. At the age of 19 years he attended the Oneida Seminary. In 1860 his parents came to Scott County, Minn. and located in Louisville town plat. This he bought from his father and exchanged it for the rental of a farm which he afterward bought, it contains 560 acres. Mr. Gifford made a specialty of fine dairy butter which he sells to the first-class hotels in St. Paul and Minneapolis. He has always been something of a politician and held numerous town offices. Member of the republican County Commissioners. Married at St. Paul to Jennie R. Holmes formerly of Pennsylvania. Their children are; Harry W. and Frank L.

Hahn, Charles born in 1848 in Germany. At the age of 7 years, he came with his parents to America and settled in Wisconsin. They lived there until 1862. After a good schooling; learned the engineer trade for 2 years. In 1862 came to McLeod County Minnesota. Later located in Dryden on a 240 acre farm. Mr Hahn held town offices and one time a trustee of the St. Johannes Luthern Church. Married July 1, 1870 to Willhelmina Letzke of Scott County. Their children are; Henry, Teressa, Hannah and Loius.

Hahn, William born in 1849 in Prussia, Germany. At age of 5 years he came with his parents to America. They lived in Wisconsin until 1862 when they came to Minnesota., locating in Hutchinson, McLeod County. One year later they moved to Dryden, Sibley County and in 1879 went to New Auburn and bought a farm. Married in 1873 to Catherine Rose. Their children are; Fred, John, August and Emma.

Herrmann, Rudolph born Mar. 17, 1851 in Baden, Germany. His father, Joseph Herrmann came to America in 1854. In 1858 the family came to Henderson, Minn. and the father built a saw-mill and operated it until his death in 1874, since then the son ran it, and in 1878 he added furniture, but discontinued it one year later.

Hirscher, Francis Xavier, born May 29, 1827 in Germany. At the age of 17 years he was left an orphan and commenced to learn the cabinet maker trade. He came to America in 1849 to Louisville, Kentucky. Six months later he lived in St. Louis for one and one half years. In 1851 he came to St. Paul, Minn. and was employed as cabinet maker at W.M. Steers for 5 years. In 1856 he came to Shakopee. In company with C. Peters he built the first cabinet shop, continued partnership until 1863, and since that time he operated it alone. Married Sept. 22, 1856 to Philipens Roth. Their children are; Alois, Clara, Joseph, John, Valentine, Francis Xavier Jr., George and Mary E.

Jacobs, Ass P. born Apr. 30, 1808 in Candor, Tioga County New York. Married Jan. 17, 1836 to Amanda M. Brink. In 1856 he moved to Shelby Blue Earth County, Minn. and took a claim of 160 acres. The family still lives on the one half of this farm. They had 6 children, 5 of them are living. One daughter and her 2 children were killed during the Indian massacre. Mr. Jacobs died Sept. 19, 1874.

Jacobs, George born in 1837 in Germany. Came with his parents to America in 1849 to New Orleans. Then to St. Louis. In 1857 came to Minnesota with his father, Charles Jacobs. They opened a general merchandise store at New Ulm until it was destroyed by the Indians in 1862. He then joined the Brown County Militia and was Sergeant of Company A. He was elected sheriff that same year and served 4 years. In 1867 returned to St. Louis engaged in book keeping. Two years later he returned to New Ulm. Married 1869 to Eliza. Starch.

Jost, Mathias born May 20, 1842 in Prussia, Germany. Came with his parents to America in 1852 to Wisconsin, later to Milwaukee County. In 1861 came to Minnesota and enlisted in Company I 8th Minn. He served for 3 years. Married Oct. 20, 1865 to Margaret Lang. He engaged in the merchantile trade in Mankato for 3 years, then farmed 6 years, then locating in Winnebago Agency he again followed the merchantile trade. They have 5 children.

Kirsch, John born Jan 29, 1824 in Germany. Came to America in 1852 to Ohio. Removed from that state to Chicago, Illinois. In 1855 he came to New Ulm. In 1862 he moved to Henderson and farmed 160 acre on section 22. Married to Mary Zemah, a native of Germany. Their children are; Susan, Nicholas, Mary and John.

Krueger, William born in Dec. 1837 in Germany. Came to America in 1843 to Wisconsin. for 34 years engaged in various lines of business, carpenter and farming. In 1876 he came to Blue Earth County Minn. One year later he owns 200 acre on section 3. Married Willhelmina Nell. Their children are; Frank, William, Fred, Julius, Peter, Flora, Annie, Philip and Albert.

Kruger, George born Jan. 8, 1846 in New York. He lived in Milwaukee for 29 years. In 1874 he came to Sibley County, Minn. He is a millwright by trade, also a carpenter. He was clerk of Transit Township and lives on section 22. Married to Caroline Laube of Germany. Thier children are; Louis, Louisa, John, Pauline and Robert.

Kruger, John A. born in 1834 in Prussia, Germany. Came to America in 1864 to Mankato, Minn. In 1869 came to Bismark, Sibley County, has a farm on section 24, held several Town-board offices. Married Augusta Rosanan of Prussia, Germany. Their children are; Otto, Herman, John A. William J., Alvina, Fred G., Amelis, Charles H. and Annie.

Lang, August H.E. born in 1828 in Prussia, Germany. Came to America in 1851 and worked in Washington for 5 years. In 1856 he came to St. Peter, Minn. The next year he came to Elysian and engaged in merchandising. In 1878 he was elected Representet in district Legislator. Postmaster for 15 years, also Town Treasurer. During the war he served only 6 months, was discharged on account of sickness. First marriage in 1868, but his wife died 7 months later.. Second marriage in 1875.

Lange, F.E. born Oct. 16, 1825 in Germany. He learned the trade of watch making. Came to America in 1852 to Washington, D.C. In July he came to St. Peter, Minn. There he began Operating a jewelry and watch shop. He served as Mayor and Councilman for several years.

Lange, William, born in 1830 in Germany.. After his schooling, he learned the book-binding. Came to America in 1854 to Chicago. One year later he came to Belgrade, Nicollet County. Clained a piece of land, but sold it the next year and bought the present farm of 425 acres. Married in 1853 to Mary Hafer and had 2 children; Charles and Fred.

Nagel, Philip, born in 1822 in Germany. Came to America at the age of 30 years and spent 2 years in Iowa, then to Minn. He resided in Henderson for 1 year, then to Jessenland for 12 years, and now is living in Arlington Township. They had 11 children of whom only 4 are living; Charles, Martin, William and Henry.

Maertz, Joseph, born in 1852 in Bavaria, Germany. Came to America with his parents in 1855 and located on a farm at New Prague, Minn. for 3 years, he received his schooling there and then moved to St. Paul working in a shoe store for 5 years. He then remained at home with his parents for 2 years, then started his present general store in New Prague. Married in 1875 to Rosa Simota of this place. Their 2 children are; Mary and Joseph.

Maurer, William, born in 1824 in Germany. Learning the blacksmith trade for 3 years, then traveled for 2 years, served 6 years in the German army. Came to America in 1855 to Chicago. One year later came to Henderson, Sibley County, Minn. and claimed 160 acres in Dryden Township. In 1858 he went among the Indians to Yellow Medicine and remained 3 years. In 1862 he helped to raise a Company to serve against the Indians. Enlisted in Company H. 7th Minn. Inf. He held many Township offices in Dryden, also County Commissioner, Register of Deeds and now is the Clerk for the Borough of Henderson. Married in 1856 to Miss Wilhelmina and have 5 children.

Noe, John C. born May 2, 1844 at Newburg, New York. Received his early education there, and in 1866 was admitted to the bar at Poughkeepsie and practiced law there until 1873 when he came to Mankato, Minn. In October 1873 he was admitted to the courts of Minnesota. Married in 1868 to Anna Chandler of Fishkill, New York.

Richter, Andrew, born in 1856 in Germany. Came to America in 1876 to Mankato, Minn. and engaged in the saloon business. Married in 1877 to Mary Stiener. Their children are; Annie C. and Mary.

Richter, A.J. born in 1856 in Austria. Came to America in 1869 to New Ulm, Minn. where he attended school. He worked in a brewery here for 4 years and also worked in a brewery at Mankato for 4 years. Since 1879 he operated a saloon here.

Maertz, John, born Mar. 5, 1841 at Darmstadt, Herzogtum in the grand duchy of Hessen Germany. He emigrated to America in the early 1840's and lived with his uncle at Baltimore, Maryland. A few years later his uncle's house was destroyed by fire in which he lost his entire possession and also no place to make his home. This predicament prompted his direct cause for an immediate enlistment in the U.S. Armed Service. He was stationed at Fort Henry, Maryland. When the Mexican war broke out, his Regiment left for Mexico. Since Mr. Maertz had already been promoted to a Sergeant and detailed to drill recruits has remained at Fort Henry for that purpose. In 1847, he was transferred to Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Here he learned to speak the Sioux language quite fluently and became a great friend of one of the leading Chiefs of that tribe. One of these Chiefs insisted him to marry his daughter. Mr. Maertz has often mentioned this incident with great merriment later to his friends. At one time, his Company was ordered to the northwest, to Big Stone Lake where they encountered many hardships. Their rations consisted of a small quantity of coffee and flour. The flour was mixed with water and baked before the fire on chips cut from cottonwood trees. In 1849, his term in the Armed Service expired and was discharged, and immediately pre-empted an 80 acre homestead on what is now a part of St. Paul. In 1850, he sold it at a trifle price, but was enough to buy a co-partnership in the brewing business with Anton Yoerk which he subsequently sold to his partner. In 1852, he pre-empted an 80 acre homestead claim consisting of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 4, Township 115; Range 23, one mile east of Chaska.

The surrounding prairie like land bordering the Minnesota River inspired him to form a colony. In 1853, he laid out lots and platted a Townsite, naming the embryo future city "Yorkville" and was sure that it would soon become the great city of the Minnesota Valley. In that same year, Mr. Maertz established a store on the Townsite and employed the service of a likely young German immigrant by the name of Mr. Mons, who died shortly afterwards, being the first known white person to die in Carver County. In 1856, a Mr. Philip Henk built and operated a blacksmith shop near the store. Since the boat landing was at this point in those days, flat-boats transported supplies to this Townsite were placed in small rowboats which were then towed upstream to the store. This little Village continued to thrive until Chaska loomed up and wrested the laurels from fair Yorkville which now exists only in name, especially to the older people of Chaska. Nevertheless, during all those long years, Mr. Maertz has remained active in the leadership of Yorkville, and like many other old settlers died comparatively poor in this world of plenty, but honored and respected by the entire community. Mr. Maertz was also known as John Mann by some of the older people. This came about because it was very difficult for the Indians to pronounce the word of Maertz. Mr. Maertz married a second time, to the widow of the late Carl F. Elke, nee Louise W. Wolff and had 2 sons; Henry and John. They also reared a foster daughter, Mrs. C.C. Crandell of Edmeston, New York. Mr. Maertz died Jan. 22, 1900 at the home of his son, Henry at Glenwood City, Wisconsin and buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Chaska, Minnesota.

Habel, Benjamin, son of Joseph and Catherine Habel, born in 1823 in Neustadt, Upper-Silesia, Germany. In his youth he learned the cabinet maker trade. Married to Theresia Pfeffer and had 2 children, a daughter Anna Maria and a son Theodore. In 1850, Mr. Habel came to America, leaving his wife and children in Germany with the intention of first establishing a home here and later sending for his family. In 1851 he was employed on a flat-boat on the Minnesota River between St. Paul and Chaska. On December 9, 1856 he pre-empted 120 acres of land in then Section 34 east of Chaska. He was a charter member of the so-called "Town of Yorkville" which was laid out in 1856 about a year before the present City of Chaska was established. On Dec. 10, 1856, he sold 80 acres of his claim to Henry Eschley for \$100, and planned to build a home on the remaining 40 acres. However, in the meantime he became ill and made his home with his sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. William Glatzel. He died on March 15, 1869 and was buried near the home of the Glatzel Homestead located on the Chanhassen-Chaska Township line. The building of a new road in 1972 made it necessary to remove the grave; according to state statute. Disinterment of the 103-year old grave took place on August 17, 1972 under the supervision of State Officials and Edward A. Glatzel, grand-nephew and Walter J. Glatzel, great grand-nephew of the deceased. Mr. Edward A. Glatzel, Chaska's 74-year old historian, literally pinpointed the unmarked gravesite. Under the auspices of the City of Chaska and the supervision of Edward A. Glatzel he was reburied on the same day in the extreme south east corner in the Guardian Angel's Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Habel's heirs sold 3½ acres to the M. & St. L. railroad on June 8, 1872 for \$75. They also sold the remaining 36½ acres to Michael Noll on Jan. 31, 1877 for \$100. This money was sent to his wife, Theresia nee Pfeffer, daughter, Anna Elizabeth and son Theodore in Germany.