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Front: Anna Gertrude

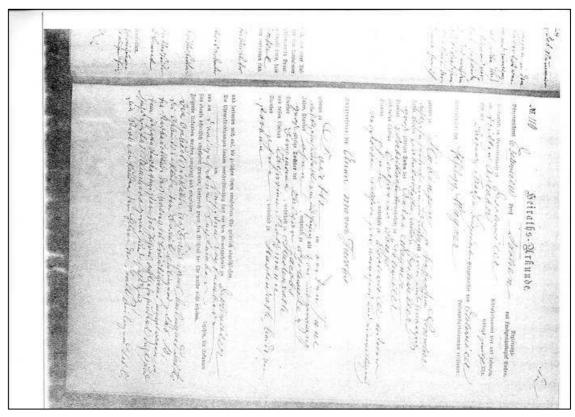


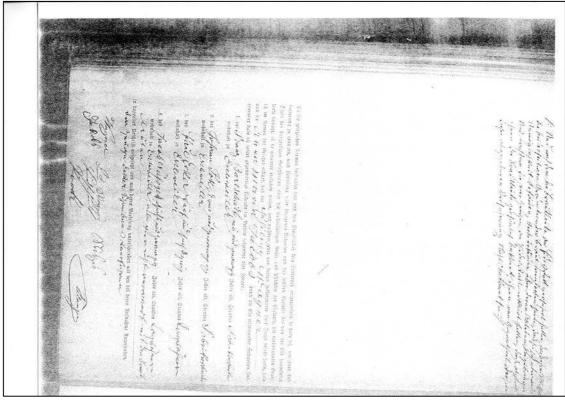
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Wagner Boys: Back: Henry, Charles John, Casper, Anthony Front: Joseph, Philipp, Philip

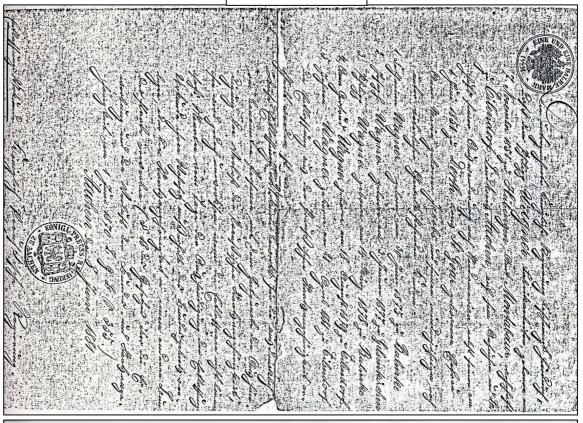
Philipp Wagner & Anna M Jacobs Marriage Documents





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The Parents, and 5 children, lost their Nationality of the State of Prussia, part of the German Reich, and therefore should have sailed to America before January 1882.

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(because after this date the document would become void and they would be citizens of Prussia again) A part of Eschweiler (like Seubelsdory

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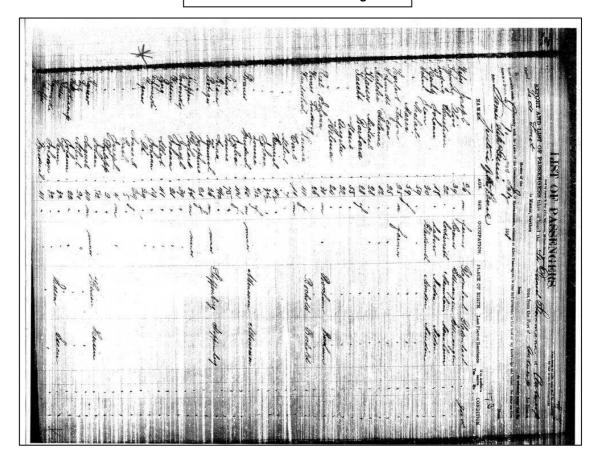
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That he was permitted dismissal from the Prussian Citizenship this

Johann Wagner Anna-Gertrud Way Philipp Wagner

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The Daniel Steinmann Passenger List





The Daniel Steinmann

NATURALIZATION. 3325 FINAL RECORD. Be it Remembered, That on the .. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and hill Wayned an alien, a free white person, and proved to the satisfaction of the court, that he made in more than two years ago, the requisite declaration of his intention to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and also at the same time came & M Wester les Bostele Deing duly sworn did depose and say that the said.....has resided for five years last past, in the United States, and he has resided one year last past in the State of Ohio, and that during all that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and as well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same. And Thereupon the said Shelf May 2001 made solemn oath that he would support the Constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty, whatsoever and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to My the Jaman Sufan whose subject he was. Whereupon it is Gridered, by the Court, that a Certificate of Citizenship be issued to him on payment of costs of this application. 218-531 & Probate Judge.

A mother's wish leads

A mother's wish leads family to rediscover its past, reunite in Akron with long-lost relatives

By Mark J. Price Beacon Journal staff writer

Catherine Anna Miller didn't recognize

herself in the old photograph.

The family portrait was taken on a sunny The family portrait was taken on a sunny day in 1926 when more than 60 relatives gathered at Crystal Lake for the Philipp Wagner reunion.

Everyone was dressed to the nines for the Saturday outing. A close inspection of the keepsake photo revealed men in button-

keepsake photo revealed men in buttonkeepsake photo revealed men in buttondown shirts and ties, women in summer
dresses and children in knee pants, sailor
suits and fancy frocks.

She was known as Catherine Walter in
those days. The 15-year-old girl stood in the
second row behind a trio of little sailors.
Long hair cascaded over her right shoulder

the faces.

Not even her own.

year-old woman, she didn't recognize any of

"She was getting up in her age and getting a little more ill," said daughter Martha Miller, 55, of Louisville, Colo. "She brought out this photo and I asked her if she knew anyone in there. And she said no. She couldn't even identify herself at that time." Catherine Miller had wanted someone in the family to research the Wagner

that photo grew up, got married and had 12 children.

Many decades later, when she gazed at

Her whole life was ahead. The teen in

ner neck

and a whistle dangled from a lanyard around

The Wagner sons (from left) Casper, Joseph, Anthony, John, Charles, Philip and Henry sit astride Harley-Davidson motorcycles circa 1910 in front of Century Cycle Co. at 198 S. Main St. in Akron. the family portrait through the eyes of a 90-

down the names of relatives from long

Daughter Marilyn
Miller, 51, who lives in Akron and had
researched the family tree of her father
William I. Miller, got started on the Wagner
project, but turned it over to her sister
Martha when their mother's health declined.
"She took over on that genealogy when I
was taking care of Mom," she said. "I
couldn't get down to the library anymore."
Catherne Miller was 97 years old when
she died Aug. 31, 2003. Martha Miller made a

genealogy. Her
grandparents Philipp
and Anna Wagner
had emigrated from
Eschweiler, Germany,
to the United States in
1881, but much of the
story had been lost
over the years.

The Wagners had seeven sons and five daughters. The family was well known in Akron for operating two landmark businesses: Century Cycle Co. and Wagner Cycle & Hardware.

On pieces of paper, Catherine wrote

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gather in Akron Wagner descendants

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resident began a national search "I am going to identify all these people in this photo," she said. "Somehow, some way." next six months. The Colorado was put to good use over the orary and information science vow in her mother's memory Her master's degree in li-

for Wagner descendants.
"So I started with my aunt in California," she said. "She's in the photo in the front row. She was able to identify about seven of question marks."

The aunt put Miller in touch with Akron resident Rosemary Elick, also pictured in the front row, who identified her mother, or eight people - with a couple

During the research, Miller unearthed many facts about the Wagner family business.

Center streets in downtown Akron. Son Philip G. Wagner, who spelled his name slightly differently than his father, served as president while other family members held various ti-The Century Cycle Co. was founded in 1903 at 198 S. Main St. between South Howard and

The paths of the Wagner daughters - Mary, Bertha, Catherine, Anna and Angela - were relatively easy to trace. Anna

of the seven Wagner sons -Casper, Joseph, Anthony, John, Charles, Philip and Henry - in the 1930 census and jotted down the names of their children.

father and siblings.

Miller looked up the names

was Miller's grandmother. Mary remained in Akron. Ber-

ard and Reading motorcycles. It also sold guns, ammo, fishing tackle, tools and sports equiping dealer in Crown, Dayton and National bicycles as well as Harley-Davidson, Thor, Stand-The store was Akron's lead-

tha and Catherine were nuns at Notre Dame. Angela died in the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic.

Miller had a pretty good idea who should be in the photo.

"I came up with 65 names,

and I think there are 61 people in the picture," she said. "So I said, 'Pretty close. Now all I have to do is draw the lines.'"

Search widens

Widening her search on the Internet, Miller contacted long-lost relatives in Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia and Alabama. They shared photos and family anecdotes and helped identify the faces in the 1956 crowd.

people get together, they put pieces together." "It's like putting a puzzle to-gether," said Martha Miller's husband, Joel Waszak, 54. "As

By March 2004, everyone in the family portrait was identi-fied. Through the process of elimination, Miller even deter-"We think it's a Kentucky guy because the whole Ken-tucky family is identified," she mined the ID of a person whose face is obscured.

"The old wooden bike rims were awful hard to straighten," Wagner recalled. "A few people were still riding tandem bikes and women wore bloomers as a regulation bike attre."

Fed up with the high cost of downtown rent, the Wagners consolidated their empire and stopped selling motorcycles.

A single store, Wagner Cycle & Hardware Store, opened in the late 1920s at 404 Storer Ave. the mid-1960s. between Delia and Stadelman. It remained in business until

Returning home

country, but this weekend, the kids returned home to Akron. Inspired by a mother's wish and family are spread across the Descendants of the Wagner

Wagners expanded operations. Century Cycle stores opened at 279 S. Main St. between East Over the next decade, the East Buchtel; 989 S.

"Once we used to be distrib-utors for the best ones in town," Philip Wagner reminisced dur-ing a 1933 interview. "We used to train Akron cops to ride them down near Long Lake

up in neat rows for a family the Wagner descendants lined

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rated for \$10,000 in 1910. The business was incorpo-

Business expands

Main St. between East South and East Crosier; and 908 E. Ex-change St. near South Arlingworth, Patricia Kemper of Uniontown, Joseph Miller of Tallmadge, Mary Steiner of Castle Rock, Colo., Helen Lloyd of Akron, Marilyn Miller of Ak-ron, Robert Miller of Cuyahoga

ton.

The business supplied the Akron Police Department with its earliest motorcycles.

where there was no pavement."
Bicycles were fairly primitive in those days. Tires were tubeless and cemented to rims. However, more than 150 people - including at least 30 from Kentucky - were in town Saturday and Sunday. Berthoud, Colo. Falls and Anne Reichenberg of

Church, where a stained-glass window was dedicated to patriarch Philipp Wagner in 1933 after his death at 82. luncheon and reunion at St. Mary's Catholic Church and a Mass at St. Bernard Catholic Activities included a potluck

One of the snowy weekend's highlights may have stirred memories of a sunny day in 1926. Just like their ancestors,

old photo, agreed 6 , the far-flung rela-to gather for a fam-

Kitty Kraft of Cuyahoga Falls, Elizabeth Patton of Blairsville, Ga., William Miller of Wads-It would have been a large enough gathering if it had just been Martha and Marilyn's sibings: Loretta Bertsch of Akron It would have been



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SERVICES ARRANGED FOR PHILIP WAGNER

Rites Will Be Conducted
Tuesday Morning At St.
Bernard's Church

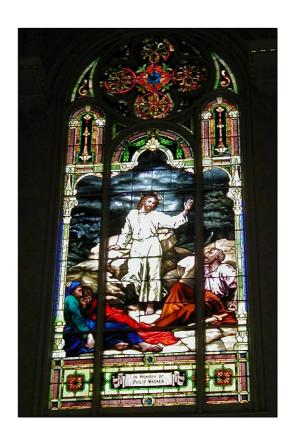
Funeral services for Philip Wagner, 82, who died Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Walter, 803 Boulevard st., will be held at 9 a. m. Tuesday at St. Bernard's church and burial will be in St. Bernard's cemetery.

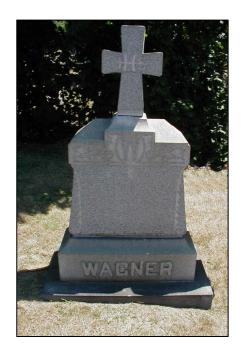
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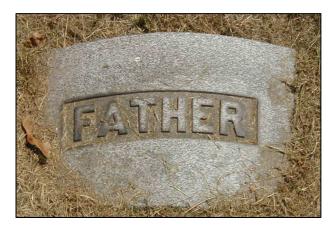
Mr. Wagner leaves four daughters, Mrs. Walter, Mrs. Mary Gnau of Akron, Sister Ligauri at Fostoria, O., and Sister Coeline at Norwalk, O., six sons, Joseph of Covington, Ky., Philip, jr., of the Wagner Cycle Co., John, Caspar, Charles M., and Anthony, all of Akron, and a brother, Caspar Wagner.

WACNER—Philip, age 82 years, died Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Walter, 803 Boulevard at. He was a resident of Akron for 52 years, a member of 5t. Bernard's society and the Holy Name Society. Besides Mrs. Walter, he is survived by three daughters, Sister Ligouri, a nun at Fostoria, O.; Sister Coeline, a nun at Norwalk, O., and Mrs. Mary Gnau, of Akron; seven Mrs. Mary Gnau, of Akron; seven Mrs. Joseph of Covington, Ky.; Philip, jr., of the Wagner Cycle Co.; John, Casper, Charles Ma, of the Portage Engraving Co.; Henry and Anthony, all of Akron; 48 grandchildren, seven greatgrandchildren and a brother, Caspar. The remains are at the home of Mrs. John Walter, 803 Boulevard st. Funeral services Thesday at 2 k. m. at St. Bernard's cemetery. (Hummel & Co., Inc.)

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