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## Our Dutch Ancestors

Welcome descendants of **Peter Joannes VOS & Anna Gertrudis MOORS**, and **Johannes BECKERS & Anna Maria Catherine VAN OPHOVEN** emigrants of Limburg, Netherlands

**Surnames:** Vos, Moors, Beckers, Van Ophoven, Meuwissen, Lutgens, Leijtens, Knoops, Maessen, Erkamps, Mans, Massen, to name a few

**OUR STORY of the Vos family in America begins in 1863** when Peter Joannes (John) VOS (1808-1876) and his wife, Anna Gertrudis MOORS (1819-1895), with their children, left their home village of Echt, Limburg, Holland, and sailed from Antwerp, on April 22, 1863, aboard the steamer *GERMANIA*, to New York Harbor, with the "declared" destination as St. Paul, Minnesota. Ship records confirm their arrival in New York on May 1, 1863, after a sea journey of 10 days.

In 1864, Johannes Beckers (1820-1898) & Anna Catherine Van Ophoven (1820-1904) set out with 5 children for their journey to America. Scroll down for their story.

The VOS and the BECKERS families come from the Echt, Montfort, Maasbracht areas of Limburg, Netherlands. This area is located between Dusseldorf, Germany and Brussels, Belgium. MAP: <https://goo.gl/maps/ehTWEqnhexJ2>

**NOTE: For a thorough history of our Dutch FAMILY HISTORY in the Netherlands and in Minnesota, see link down below "Vos Family History" by Belinda Vos. This book is a heartfelt narrative, with supporting genealogical documentation. THANK YOU to Belinda & Bob Vos for sharing this treasure!**

**The Vos family arrived in Dahlgren Township, Carver County, MN. in 1864** at which point they settled on a 160 acre homestead. There are several different locations associated with this area that pertain to the Vos family. It is somewhat confusing because while they didn't live in a town, they were identified with Chaska because it was the closest town to them. Actually they lived in **Dahlgren Township**. Other nearby communities that played a part in their history are **Waconia, Cologne, and Benton**.

**SCHMID NOTE:** The VOS homestead was 12 miles south of the JOSEPH SCHMID Farmstead on the south shore of Lake Minnetonka.

PETER JOANNES's youngest child, son Reinhard VOS, married Joseph SCHMID's daughter, Magdalena SCHMID

PETER JOANNES's Granddaughter, Gertrude VOS (daughter of his elder son Antonius "Anton" VOS), married Joseph SCHMID'S son, Frank SCHMID. both of these young couples left Carver County for Stearns County, where they homesteaded and raised their families, as did their VOS sister, Agnes.

Three of the VOS siblings, **Anton, Agnes, and Reinhard** moved to **Stearns County**, which is about 80 miles northwest of Minneapolis. Names associated with this area are, **Holding Township, Krain Township and Holdingford**. Also the towns of Avon, Albany, Melrose and Freeport are mentioned in the VOS history, all located in Stearns County,

**John VOS (Peter Joannes) Obituary**, December 14, 1876 edition of the "Weekly Valley Herald" of Chaska: *"John Voss, one of the old settlers of Dahlgren, died very suddenly on Monday last, having been sick only a few days. He was 68 years of age. He was buried in Cologne."* (Correction Note: he was actually buried in Chaska)

## **Vos & Moors - from Echt & Massbracht, Limburg**

**Petrus Johannes VOS aka Pierre Jean Vos**

**Peter John VOS aka Johann, aka John**

b. 18 April 1808 in Echt, Limburg, Netherlands

Immigrated April 1863

d. 10 Dec 1876, Chaska, Carver, Minnesota

Burial: Guardian Angles Catholic Church Cemetery, Chaska, Carver, MN

**Marriage:** Peter Joannes Vos and Anna Gertrudis Moors married on 12 Nov 1836, Echt, Limburg, Netherlands

**Anna Gertrudis (Gertrud) MOORS / MUORS / MOERS**

Went by Anna early on; later went by Gertrud (on her grave)

b. 26 September 1819 in Maasbracht, Limburg, Netherlands

Immigrated: 1863

d. 7 Feb 1895, Chaska, Carver, MN

Burial: Guardian Angles Catholic Church Cemetery, Chaska, Carver, MN

**Parents of Peter Joannes VOS:** Petrus [Peter, Pierre] VOS; b. 11 Jul 1787, d. 18 Dec 1830 • Hollander Under Linne, Limburg, Netherlands; and Joanna Maria [aka Jeanne Marie] MEUWISSEN, b. 6 AUG 1786; d. 20 Jan 1856 • Echt, Limburg, Holland

**Parents of Anna Gertrudis MOORS:** Joannes [Jean] MOORS b. ca 1782; d. 16 Mar 1855, Echt, Limburg, Netherlands; and Maria Ida OP DE COUL / KUAL, b. 1790; d. 26 Apr 1828 • Echt, Limburg, Netherlands

Jan 2020 - I received this uphill information from an Agnes H VOS Muyres descendant:

1-**Elizabeth Smeets** (abt 1765-)

+Joannes Op de Coul (31 May 1762-13 Sep 1831)

... 2-**Maria Ida Op de Coul** (29 Sep 1788-26 Apr 1828)

... +Joannes Moors (25 Nov 1787-16 Mar 1855)

..... 3-**Anna Gertrude Moors** (26 Sep 1819-7 Feb 1895)

..... +Peter John Vos (18 Apr 1808-10 Dec 1876)

**Immigration: In 1863 Peter Joannes & Anna Gertrudis VOS sailed with their 7 children to America (+ 1 daughter-in-law).** Researched by Doris Tschirhart Schmid. Source: "*Dutch Immigrants in U.S. Ship Passenger Manifests " 1820-1880: An Alphabetical Listing by Household Heads and Independent Persons."* Compiled by Robert P. Swierenga

### **1863 SHIP LIST of *The Germania of Bremen* (steam ship)**

Name: Devos Vos [Johann Vos] [Peter Johann Sr Vos] age 54

Occupation: Farmer, landsman, agriculturist,

Wife, Anna 44; Children: Peter 25 (1837), Peter's wife Maria 24 (1839), **Anton** 20 (1842), Gertrude Elisabeth 13 (1848), Agnes 9 (1853), Johannes 7 (1855), Leonard 6, (Reinhard) Peter 1.

Country of Origin: Limburg, Netherlands

Arrival Date: 1 May 1863

Port of Arrival: New York

Destination: St. Paul, Minnesota

Port of Departure: Antwerp, Belgium, 22 Apr 1863

Ship Name: Germania (Steamer)

Ship accommodations: Steerage

**About the GERMANIA:** Home port: Bremen, Germany

Ship Owner: Louis F. Kalkmann & Co.

Tonnage: 1188 Decks: 2 Type: Sailing ship, 3 masts

Build: in Bath, England 1856

Passenger list made up by the US customs at arrival in New York 22 April 1863

Number of passengers: 340 Deaths on board: 4

Source: National Archives USA, microfilm series: M237, Reel 227, Item: 323

### **12 Children of John & Gertrud Vos (5 died young, prior to emigration)**

**Peter Joannes (John) Hubertus (Henry) VOS (1837-1901); m. Anna Catharina Hubertina SCHREURS (1836-1900).** NOTE: it is assumed that she was the "Maria" listed on the Ship Passenger List

Early on went by Peter; later on went by John

John died in Hennepin Co; buried in St. Anthony Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin. Peter John Henry Vos owned and ran the Town Pump Saloon at 801 Marshall Street in Minneapolis. Peter John and his wife, Catherine had 3 children, John Peter, Gertrude, and Mathilda. The Saloon passed to his son, John Peter Vos. We had heard that Peter John H. Vos's brother, Anton Vos, Sr, worked for a while for his brother in this bar. not confirmed.

**Maria Ida Hubertina VOS (1839-1843)** b. 19 Mar 1839; died 5 March 1843 in Netherlands.

**Joanna Maria Hubertina VOS (1841-1842)** b. 2 Jan 1841; d. 21 Jan 1842 in Netherlands

**Antonius 'Anton' Hubertus/Hubertus VOS, Sr (1842-1925)** m. **Anna Elizabetha BECKERS;** settled in **Stearns County.** Anton died in Alberta Canada; Elizabeth moved back to Stearns Co. and is buried in St Benedict's Cemetery, Avon, Stearns Co

SEE Anton Vos, Sr Page (drop-down list upper right) for more information about Anton, Sr and Elizabeth Beckers

Link to Page: <https://schmid1848.shutterfly.com/antonvos-sr>

**Ida VOS (1844-1849)** b. 3 Aug 1844, Posterholt, Limburg, Netherlands; d. 1 Sep 1849, Echt, Echt, Limburg, Netherlands (Age 5 years)

**Anna Maria VOS (1846-1848)** b. 11 May 1846, Posterholt, Limburg, Netherlands; d. 27 Feb 1848, Posterholt, Limburg, Netherlands (Age 1 years)

**"Elizabeth" Gertrudis Elizabeth VOS (1848-1909)**; b. 1848; m. 1868 in Chaska, Carver to **Hermann BRINKHAUS**. They are buried in Guardian Angles Cemetery, Chaska, MN.

**Joanna Hubertina VOS (1850-1853)**; born on 5 Nov 1850 in Echt, Limburg, Netherlands and died on 28 Apr 1853 in Echt, Limburg, Netherlands at age 2. The birth declaration witnesses were Joannes Antoon Smeets, a carpenter, and Hubert Halfkan, a farmer, both living in Echt.

**Agnes Hubertina Maria VOS (1853-1957)**; b. 1853; m. 1870 in Cologne, Carver Co to **John Anthony MUYRES** (1847-1907); moved to **Stearns County**; they died in **Stearns Co**.

Link to page: <https://schmid1848.shutterfly.com/agnesvosjohnmuyres>

**Johannes Hubertus VOS (1855-1872) died young.** b. 30 Mar 1855; in Echt; d. 16 Feb 1872 in Dahlgren Township, Carver, MN.  
Died of Smallpox age 16

**"Leonard" Leonardus Hubertus VOS (1857-1948)** (grave states 1858 but Birth Cert states '57); m1. 1879 **Mary EIDEN** in Dahlgren Township; m2. 1902 **Otella MOHRBACHER**; m3. 1912 **Elizabeth WELTERS**, they moved to Benton, where Leonard served as Mayor for 34 years. Died in Chaska, Dahlgren Township, Carver.

**Peter Reinier, later Reinhard Peter VOS (1861-1918)**; m. **Magdalena "Lena" SCHMID** in Carver County; settled in **Stearns County**. See Magdalena Schmid & Reinhard Vos Page (drop-down list upper right) for more information on Lena & Reinhard Vos.

Link to page: <https://schmid1848.shutterfly.com/lena-reinhard>

**NOTE: Anton, Agnes, and Reinhard** are the only children who relocated north to **Stearns County**. The others remained in Carver County. SEE Anton Vos, Sr Page for more info on Stearns County

**SCHMID NOTE about Reinhard Peter Vos:** Reinhard married Magdalena Schmid, the daughter of 1848 Immigrant, Joseph Schmid who settled in Hennepin County very close to Carver Co. Navigate to Lena & Reinhard's Page on this web site, found at the "More" dropdown list upper right. So, we have a double connection to Reinhard and Magdalen Schmid Vos (buried in **Stearns Co**.)

Magdalena SCHMID Vos is the sister of Frank SCHMID of Avon

Bottom Line: Descendants of Reinhard Vos & Magdalen Schmid Vos are also Descendants of Joseph Schmid, the German Immigrant.

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*Vos photo albums are down below*

Montfort, Limburg, Holland to America

**Beckers & Van Ophoven - from Montfort, Limburg**

Parents of Anna Elizabeth Beckers (wife of Anton Vos, Sr)

In 1864, John & Anna set out with 5 children for a journey to America. They departed aboard the ship *The Rhine* from the Port of London, and arrived at the Port of New York on June 7, 1864. It is unclear why they came without their oldest daughter, Anna Maria. At her marriage in 1865 it was noted that her parents were living in America. She and her husband followed the family to Minnesota some time later, but prior to 1875.

**Johannes "John" BECKERS**

b. 3 Oct 1820, Montfort, Limburg, Holland;

d. 19 May 1898 **Belle Plaine, Scott, Minnesota**

buried: ?

**Marriage:** John & Katharina (aka Mary) married on 14 or 23 August 1842 in Montfort, Holland

**Anna Maria Catharina VAN OPHOVEN**

b. 4 Dec 1820, Montfort, Limburg, Netherlands

d. 12 Mar 1904, Ellsworth, Nobles County, MN

b. Saint Mary's Cemetery, Ellsworth, Nobles County

**Immigration of Johannes & Anna Maria Catherina VAN OPHOVEN:**

Ship List found listed in the Dutch Immigrants to America, 1820-1880. 26 May 1864-15 Jun 1864

**Arrival Date: 7 Jun 1864**

Port of Arrival: New York Destination: U.S.A. (no specific place stated)

Jon Bekkers 36, Anna M. C. 40, Elizabeth 14, Jon P. 11, Hendrick 9, H. P. 6, Matilda infant.

Last Residence: Unidentified Dutch Municipality

Port of Departure: London, England

**Ship Name: Rhine**

Ship accommodations: Steerage

Microfilm series: M-237 Microfilm Roll: 241

**Parents of Johannes BECKERS:**

Joannes Theodorus BECKERS b. C 1780, Montfort, Limburg, Holland; d. 5 May 1848, Montfort, Holland

Elizabetha MAESSEN b. ? d. prior to 1842

**Parents of Anna Maria Catherine VAN OPHOVEN:**

Johannes VAN OPHOVEN, b. 23 Jan 1791 Montfort, Holland

Anna Maria Gertrudis MEUWISSEN b. 6 June 1796 Montfort, Holland; d. prior to Aug 1842

**Parents of Johannes Theodorus BECKERS:**

Hendrikus BECKERS and Agnes Beckers

**Parents of Johannes Van Ophoven:**

Wilhelmus VAN OPHOVEN, b. C 1765-66; c. 21 March 1810 Montfort, Holland. Married to Matilde MANS

**Parents of Anna Maria Gertrudis MEUWISSEN:**

Bartholomeus MEUWISSEN, married to Anna Maria LUTGENS

**Children of John & Anna M Beckers:**

**Anna Maria "Mary" Beckers (1843–1935)**; b. Montfort; m. 1865 in Montfort, Limburg to Joseph Hubertus Cremers (1839–1915) At some point moved immigrated to America. Buried in **STEARNS COUNTY**

**Anna Elizabetha Beckers (1846-1930)**; b. Montfort; m. 1867 Benton, Carver to Anton Vos, Sr (1842-1925) Buried in **STEARNS COUNTY**. SEE Anton Vos, Sr PAGE

**Theodorus Beckers (1848–1857)**; b. Montfort; died at age 9 in Holland

**Peter Johannes Beckers (1850–1903)**; b. Montfort; m. 1879 Benton, Carver Co. to Helena Vossen (1850–1924)

**Hendrikus "Henry" Beckers (1854–1930)** b. Montfort; m. 1879 Carver Co to Maria Josepha Hochhausen (1853– ); **Moved to ALBERTA, CANADA**; possibly buried in canada?

**Hubertus Joannes Beckers (1856–1856)**; b. 1856 Montfort d. 1856 Infant Death in Holland

**Peter Hubertus Beckers (1857–1929)**; b. Montfort; m. 1884, Carver to Anna Katharina Knops (1862–1942) Buried in **Waite Park, STEARNS COUNTY**

**Theodorus Beckers (1860–1863)** b. Montfort; died at age 3 in Holland

**Anna Mathilda Hubertine Beckers (1863–1945)**; b. Montfort; m. 1885 Benton, Carver to John Weinmann (1860 - 1933); Buried in **STEARNS COUNTY**

**Agnes Maria Beckers (1865–1956)**; b. Cologne, Carver; m. 1889 Cologne, Carver to John Jorisen (1865 - 1933) Buried in **BENTON COUNTY**

**Theodore Anthony Beckers (1868–1929)**; b. 1868 Cologne, Carver; m. 1891 Scott Co. to Johanna Gasta (1870–1933) Buried in **NOBLES COUNTY**

Files, Documents, Maps of Interest

[Oct 2017 Exploration Trip to our roots \(3 MB PDF\)](#)

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[1863 VOS Passenger Lists from book 'Dutch Immigrants ...' 1810-.pdf](#)

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[1863 Steamer Germania Passsenger Manifest VOS Family](#)

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[1880 Dahlgren Township plat, Carver County Historical Society plat7.gif](#)

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[Our Vos Family in Canada: excerpts from "Along the Crocus Trail", published in 1985](#)

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[Excerpt The Ford in the River 2 pgs by Vincent A. Yzermans.pdf](#)

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[Meusissen, Muors, Vos ancestors 4 documents \(Doris Schmid\)](#)

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[Anton Vos, Sr and Elizabeth BECKERS Vos documents \(Doris Schmid\)](#)

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John & Gertrud Vos, Guardian Angels Cemetery, Chaska, Carver Co, MN

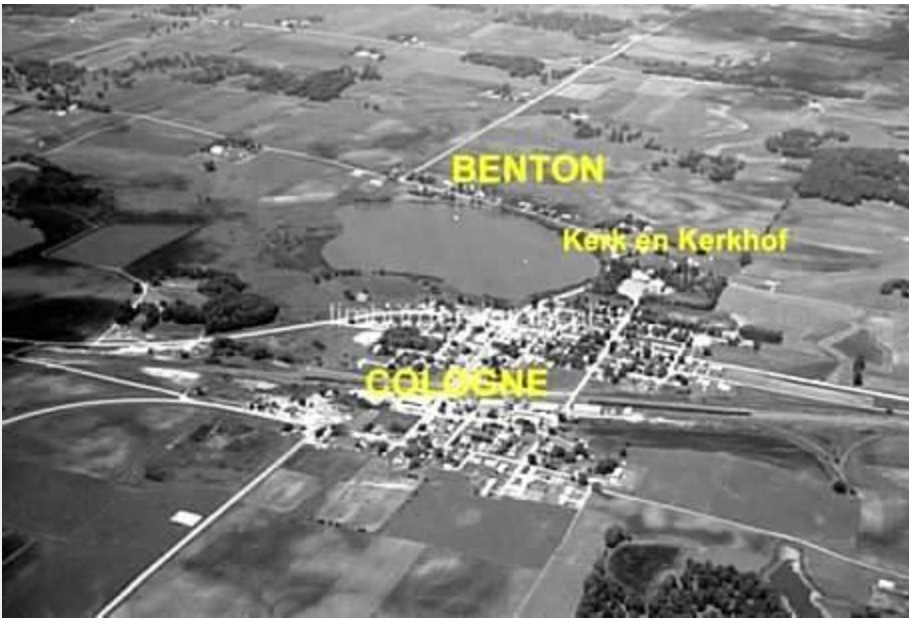


3 masted steamer, 1863 similar to The GERMANIA of our ancestors



Towns of Benton and Cologne, Carver County





4 books which include Vos family history



Fall Colors in Echt, Limburg, Netherlands



Links of Interest 12

[VOS FAMILY HISTORY, book written & compiled by Belinda Vos](#)  
[1863 Germania Passenger List, Sailing ship, 3 masts \(rootsweb\)](#)

[Passenger List Ship Germania, Anwerpen-New York, arrival 22 April, 1863 \(Devos\)](#)

[Grave: John Vos 1808-1876](#)

[Grave: Gertud Vos 1819-1895](#)

[Grave: Anna Maria Catharina Van Ophoven Beckers](#)

[Burial of John Vos 1808-1876, and Gertrud 1819-1895](#)

[Brief History of Limburg](#)

[Limburg Emigrants buried in Minnesota](#)

[Limburg Emigration to North America in the 19th Century](#)

[Google Map: Montfort and Echt, Holland](#)

[WIKI: History of Limburg \(Netherlands\)](#)

**(5) Vos Photos and Documents**      **named: 1848 DUTCH VOS 01 to 05**



 [Peter Joannes Vos, Sr & Anna Gertrudis Moors](#)      01      27

Chaska, Carver, Minnesota "Guardian Angles Catholic Church Cemetery".

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Gertrud Vos born 17th of March 1819 and died the 7th of February 1895.

NOTE: the graves area actually in Chaska, Carver, Minnesota "Guardian Angles Catholic Church Cemetery"



[Guardian Angels Church History, Chaska](#)      02      19      no notes



[Peter J. H. Vos and Catherine Beckers](#) 03 16 no notes



[Leonard Hubertus Vos Family \(3 marriages\)](#) 04 9

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[Reinhard & Magdalen Vos](#) 05 19 no notes

### 3 Beckers Photos & Documents

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[Ancestors of Joannes Beckers & Anna Maria Van Ophoven](#) 01 1

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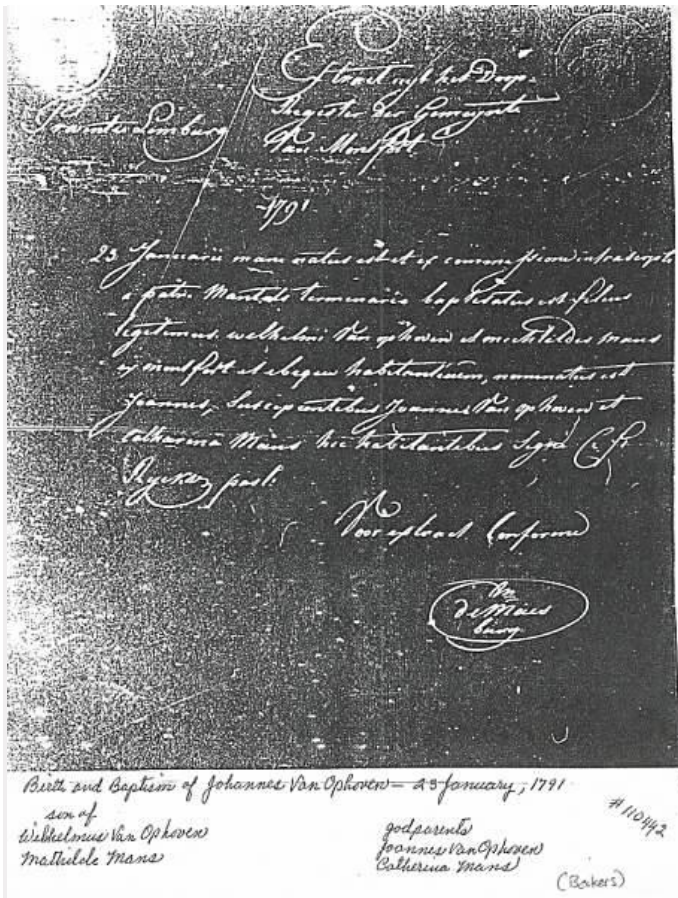
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Thank you to research by our cousin L Tippets, Great Great Granddaughter of Johannes Beckers & Anna Maria Catherina VAN OPHOVEN Beckers.



[Children of John & Anna M Beckers](#) 03 16 no notes

1791, Van Ophoven birth record, Holland



Census Data - Vos & Beckers Families from Holland

1870 U.S. Census, Benton Town, Carver County, MN  
**Elizabeth's parents:** (Lizzie was out of the house by now)  
**John BECKERS age 50; Farmer, Head of Household**  
**Mary 50**

The older children were out of the house

- Peter 18
- Henry 10
- Hubert 12
- Elizabeth, age 7
- Mary 4
- Anton 2

Anna Maria Catherine Van Ophoven Beckers, Saint Mary's Cemetery, Ellsworth



ANNA  
BECKERS  
BORN  
DEC. 4.  
1820  
DIED  
MAR. 12.  
1904