John Herman Hagner and Anna Maria Catherine Prenger

Johann Herman Hagener (1825-1879)

Anna Maria Catherine (or Margaretha) Prenger (1833/34-1919)

Notes: Anna Maria (or Margaretha) Catherine Prenger went by her middle name as was common among the German-speaking immigrants; however, there is even some question as to that name. The Emslanders to the American Midwest web site has her name as Anna Margaretha Catherine Prenger and the Bentheimers International Society web site entries for the Prengers has her name as Anna Margaretha Caterina Prenger; however, she went by the name of Maria or Mary. Her name in the record of her marriage to John Herman Hagener at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Taos, Missouri of 12 April 1853 is Anna Maria Catherine Prenger.¹ Her name varies in the baptismal records of her children, but the name "Margaretha "never appears.² Instead the name "Maria" appears in all but one of the baptismal records of her ten children. Her name is "Mary" on her death certificate of 29 May 1919.³

John Herman Hagener, who lived from 1825 to 1879, was adopted by his uncle and aunt by marriage, Johan Albert Hagener and Anna Maria Angela Schulte. The original German spelling of the name "Hagner" is "Hagener."⁴ Over time after their arrival in the United States, the spelling changed to "Hagner," and that is the common use today. Other spellings of the name are "Haggener," "Haegener," and on the census of 1850, "Heckiner."⁵

In this article I use the spelling of "Hagener" or "Hagner" as is most appropriate for the context. I use the spelling of "Prenger" except where it is spelled differently in a source document. Both families had a fondness for the names "John," "Herman," "Maria" and "Catherine." An even more extreme example of the use of the same name occurs in the family of Johan Herman Wolken and Euphemia Gesina Teipen. Of their five daughters, four have the name "Anna," "Maria" or "Anna Maria" in some form in their full names. Further, they used these names over generations, causing confusion to those trying to understand the genealogy.

Much of this article is based information from the Emslanders to the American Midwest web site at <u>http://www.emslanders.com/</u>. It contains a wealth of information about the Emslanders and is well organized. Another very useful source is the Bentheimers International Society web site at <u>http://dialogos-studies.com/BIS/subpages/emigrantlist.htm</u>.

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Historical and Geographical Perspective

The Hagners and Prengers were part of the chain of migration from Emsland and Bentheim in the Kingdom of Hanover to eastern Cole County in Missouri. Their experience is an example of the chain migrations that were common among the Hanoverians, Prussians and others who originated in what is modern-day Germany. Italian, Irish, Polish, Czech and other immigrants often followed the same pattern. A few families or individuals would find a place to locate in America, and then through letters, return visits to their European homeland and even books, they extolled the virtues of their new home and encouraged their friends, neighbors and fellow country-men to join them.

For the German-speaking settlers along the Missouri River west of St. Louis and into central Missouri, Gottfried Duden is the key figure. Duden spent three years in what is now Warren County, Missouri from late 1824 to 1827. On his return to Germany, he published a book relating his experiences.⁶ He was very positive about the possibilities for German settlement in Missouri. After their arrival in Missouri, many of the people influenced by him thought he was overly positive and optimistic in his descriptions of life on the frontier in Missouri, but by that time it was too late for the vast majority of them to change their minds. They did not have the option of returning to Germany. One exception was Nicholas Hesse who only spent about two years in America before returning to Prussia in 1837. In 1835, he settled on land along the Maries River a few miles south of its confluence with the Osage River. It was a chance meeting between Hesse and Dr. Bernard Bruns in St. Louis in 1835 that caused Dr. Bruns to also decide to settle along the Maries River.⁷ That meeting was the start of the chain of migration that led to the establishment of the Westphalia Settlement, now known simply as Westphalia. After he returned to Prussia, Nicolas Hesse also published a book offering advice to Prussians and other German-speaking Europeans contemplating emigration to America.⁸

The chain of migration from Emsland to Cole County, Missouri was not as extensive as that of the migration of Westphalians to Osage County, but it was a chain. The Hagners and Prengers arrived some 10-15 years after earlier Emslanders had arrived in Cole County in the late 1830s. Some of the earlier arrivals from Lohne in the Schepsdorf Parish settled in Osage County. Those arriving later from the parishes of Meppen and Twist mostly settled in Cole County. Included among the names of those arriving in the 1830s are Koester, Koetting, Nieters, Wahden, Wolken, Kerperin and possibly Kramer, Richter and Tellman.⁹ At the time Emsland was part of the Kingdom of Hanover. It is now part of the north German state of Lower Saxony (Nieder-Saxon) and located on the German-Netherlands border.

Several Germanic tribes lived in Emsland and the vicinity over the centuries. Included among them are the Chauci, Frisians, Ampsivarii, and Saxons.¹⁰ There were probably others, but it is difficult to identify them with any accuracy. Some of the Frisians would have certainly lived in the northern part of Emsland because they lived along the coast of the North Sea from the northeast part of the Netherlands to Denmark. A province of the Netherlands still bears the name

Frisia. Meppen, the location of St. Vitus Parish where the Hageners and Scherpens likely worshiped, is the site of a Germanic tribal settlement dating from about the time of Christ.¹¹ Excavation of the site revealed a community of three farms with a total population of about 30 people. It was one of hundreds or thousands of similar small villages in north-central Europe at the time. We don't know if the site of Meppen was continuously occupied from the time of Christ to the present. The first documented mention of Meppen is in 834, in a deed of donation by Frankish emperor Louis the Pious, transferring a missionary establishment of that name to the abbey of Corvey.¹²

There are also remains of Roman camps along the Ems, and the Romans used the Ems for transportation.¹³

While we do not know to which tribe they belonged, the settlement at Meppen could have contributed warriors to Arminius' coalition of Germanic tribes that destroyed three German legions at the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest in 9 A.D and stopped the Roman movement to the east.¹⁴ The likely site of the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest was only located in 1987, and excavation of the site continued over several years. The site is near the village and hill both named Kalkriese and is located only about 40 miles southeast of Meppen and 12 miles northeast of Osnabruck.

Herman Heinrich Scherpen (Scherppener?) and Anna Adelheid Hagener

(The natural parents of John Herman Hagener)

The natural parents of John Herman Hagener lived in the village of Holthausen, just to the north of Meppen and belonged to St. Vitus parish in Meppen. Holthausen must have been the birthplace of Herman Heinrich Scherpen. He and his wife obviously made their home there after they married because their son, John Herman was born there in about 1825.¹⁵ Anna Adelheid would have been from the village of Schwefingen, the birthplace of her brother, John Albert Hagener. Anna Adelheid died young, but precisely when we do not know. We do know that she lived at least two years after John Herman was living in Schwefingen because a census of that year lists him as age 13 and living in the household of his adoptive father, John Albert Hagener.¹⁶ Anna Catherine does not appear in the John Albert Hagener household in the 1839 census of Schwefingen; however, she did travel to America with the family in 1847 under the name of Anna Catherine Hagener.¹⁷ When she married John Bernard Schulte (Schulten?) at St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos, Missouri in 1847 she used the name Anna Catherine Scherpen.¹⁸

Johan Albert Hagener (1789-1853) and Anna Maria Angela Schulte (1795-)

(The uncle and adoptive parents of John Herman Hagener)

Some twenty-four years after they married on 9 September 1823, Johan Albert Hagener and Anna Maria Angela Schulte landed at New Orleans on 8 May 1847 prepared to travel up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to their new home listed as simply Jefferson on the ship passenger list. He was 57 years old, and she was 55. There is no record of them having children other than their adoptive son, John Herman. The Jefferson listed as their destination was Jefferson City, the capital of the State of Missouri. They traveled from their Emsland home to Bremen, then to Bremerhaven and sailed aboard the Von Vincke. Traveling with them on the Von Vincke was their adopted son, John Herman Hagener age 22, John Herman's sister Anna Catherine Scherpen age 20 who traveled under the family name of "Hagener," Joh Bernh(sp?) Meyer age 33, Elsie Lammers age 38 and nine-year-old Gesina Hagener.¹⁹ How Gesina Hagener might be related to the other Hageners in the party is not clear. She may not be related at all, but simply traveled under the name of "Hagener." The identities of Joh Bernh(sp?) Meyer and Elsie Lammers are also not clear; however, Elsie Lammers may have been Maria /Catherine Elisabeth Lammers. Of course, they may have not even been part of the Hagener family party traveling on the *Von Vincke*, but just grouped together on the passenger list for convenience.²⁰ Also from Schwefingen and traveling on the Von Vincke was the Bruns (Berns?) family of father, mother and two children. They gave their destination as St. Louis on the ship passenger list. An extract from the german-immigrants.com database for Albert Hagener gives his occupation as "Heuerling" and as traveling with his wife, adoptive son and the sister of the adoptive son, F.C. Scherpen who was from Holthausen.²¹ A "heuerling" could be a hired man who worked as a day laborer or possibly someone who rented a small plot of land and also worked as a day laborer for the owner and others.²²

Johan Albert Hagener and Anna Maria Angela Schulte had married in the parish in Meppen which lies along the Ems River a few miles from the border with the Netherlands. Johan Albert was born in the village of Schwefingen, just to the south of Meppen. His parents were Johan Bernard Hagener and Ida Adelheid Ficker. Anna Maria Angela was born in Gross Doergen and baptized in Bokeloh, just to the east of Meppen. She is the daughter of Johan Bernard Schulte and Maria Gesina Schutte.²³

There is no record of John Albert Hagener buying government land when he arrived in eastern Cole County; however, it did not take long for him to purchase land. The 1850 federal census lists his occupation as a farmer owning real estate worth \$200 in Liberty Township of Cole County. The John Albert Hagener household is recorded under the spelling of "Heckimer" and includes only three persons: Albert age 62, Mary age 55, and John age 25.²⁴ The John age 25 would be John Herman Hagener. Unfortunately, John Albert died in 1853, just 6 years after he arrived in Cole County. The date of death for his wife, Anna Maria, does not appear in any

available records. Both are probably buried in the old St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Taos, Missouri.

Their son, John Herman, married Anna Maria Catherine Prenger at St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos in 1853. John Herman's sister, Anna Catherine Scherpen, married John Bernard Schulte also at St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos on August 31, 1847, just a little over five months after the family arrived at New Orleans.²⁵ The Gesina Hagner, who traveled with them from Emsland to the United States, disappears from the records after their arrival at New Orleans.

Johan Heinrich Prenger and Anna Maria Gesina Wolken

(The parents of Anna Maria ((or Margaretha)) Catherine Prenger)

Not all of those who came from Hanover to eastern Cole County were Emslanders. Johan Heinrich Prenger was born in Berge in the neighboring county of Bentheim (Grafshaft Bentheim) which borders Emsland to the southwest.²⁶ He was born in Berge in Bentheim in 1800. His parents were Johann P. Prenger and Anna Schniederalbers. On 28 August 1827 he and Anna Maria Gesina Wolken married in Emlichheim also in Bentheim. Her parents were Johan Herman Wolken and Euphemia Gesina Teipen. She was an Emslander, born in 1801 in Hesepertwist, part of the parish of Twist.²⁷ Emlichheim is just some 12 miles west of Twist. They must have lived in Berge until about 1840 because five of their children were born there.²⁸ Berge does not appear on any available map. It may be a rural area in the vicinity of Emlichheim. They were living in Neuringe by 1840 because their sixth child was born there on 18 August 1840. Neuringe belonged to the parish in Twist at the time and is located just a few hundred feet from the Netherlands border a few miles west of Twist.²⁹ They came to America probably in 1841 or 1842. Margaret Gentges and others have them sailing from Bremerhaven on the *Rebecca* and arriving in New Orleans on 2 January 1841; however, this is not correct. Several families from Twist and Hesepertwist arrived in New Orleans on the Rebecca on 2 January 1841. Included among them were the Schnieders and Kerperin families, but the available passenger list for the Rebecca does not include the Prengers. It is possible, but not likely, that the passenger list is not complete. It is also possible that the Prengers traveled under a different name. Some of the immigrants to central Missouri followed that practice. The Winkelman family that arrived in Osage County in 1837 traveled under the wife's family name of "Hocker." The Bentheimers International Society has the Prengers arriving in America in 1842.³⁰ A seventh child of Johan Heinrich Prenger and Anna Maria Gesina Wolken, named Anton Johan Bernard, was born in 1843 in Taos, Missouri.³¹

Within the chain migrations from communities in Europe to the United States, families often had their own chain migration. So it was with the seven or eight children of Johann Herman Wolken and Euphemia Gesina Teipen. Over a period of five years, between 1838 and 1842, they all made their way to the Taos area in Cole County. The first to arrive in the Taos area was Johan Bernard Wolken who arrived in 1838 with his wife, Johanna, and seven children.³² He must

have encouraged his brother(s) and sisters to follow him. In 1840 a brother, Gerhard Herman Henrik Wolken, arrived at New Orleans with his family on the *Johan Georg*. Gerhard Herman Henrik Wolken and his family actually lived in Nieuw Schoonebeek in the Netherlands just across the border from Neuringe at the time of their departure.³³ At the time, Nieuw Schoonebeek belonged to the parish in Twist. Then in1841, traveling on the *Rebecca* with a large group from the Twist area, were the sisters, Anna Maria Margarethe, Margarethe Adelheid, Anna/Joanna Helene, and Anna Maria Catherine. All four traveled with their husbands and children.³⁴ Anna Maria Catherine and her family must also have lived in Nieuw Schoonebeek because all of her children were born there. Finally, as we have already learned, in 1842 as best we know, another sister, Anna Maria Gesina, arrived with her husband, Johan Heinrich Prenger and their six children. In 1839 a Johan Heinrich Wolken had arrived in New Orleans with his family on the *Sophi*a;³⁵ however, it is not clear that he is a son of Johann Herman Wolken and Euphemia Gesina Teipen.

The Wolken family chain of five sisters and two or three brothers was part of an even larger chain of people bearing the name "Wolken." Most of them were from the vicinity of Twist and most settled in the Taos area. A few later moved on from Taos to Kansas.³⁶ The Wolkens from Klein Fullen between Twist and Meppen settled in Ohio³⁷ and those from Herzlake, about 30 miles east of Meppen, settled in St. Louis.³⁸ Some of those from Herzlake arrived as late as after the American Civil War.

The German immigrants and their family members in Europe exchanged millions of letters.³⁹ There is no reason to think the Prengers and others from Emsland and Bentheim who settled in Cole County were any different. There must have been letters from the brothers to their parents and sisters and then from the sisters and their families who sailed on the *Rebecca* back to family members in Europe encouraging them to make the break with the old world and begin new lives in the new world. While we do not have copies of any letters the Prengers, Wolkens or others who settled in the Taos vicinity may have written, the descendants of the Westphalians who settled around what is now the town of Westphalia in Osage County are more fortunate. The letters of Henrietta Bruns, who with her husband, Dr. Bernard Bruns, settled in Osage County in 1836 were preserved by her family in Germany. In 1988, they were translated and edited by Adolf E. Schroeder and Carla Schultz-Geisberg and published by the University of Missouri Press under the title <u>Hold Dear, As Always Jette, a German Immigrant Life in Letters</u>.

The Johan Heinrich Prenger and Anna Maria Gesina Wolken family settled in Liberty Township of Cole County, Missouri and entered land there. An 1845 Patent records the purchase of 80 acres in section 25 of Township 44 north, Range 11 west by John H. Pringer.⁴⁰ In 1851 he purchased an addition 40 acres from the government in section 36 at the same township and range.⁴¹ In the 1850 Federal Census John H. Pringer is recorded as a farmer owning real estate worth \$350.⁴² This land, located at what is now the Shamrock Heights subdivision just east of the Moreau River and south of Highways 50 and 63, remained in the Prenger family until about 1962.

In her book, <u>The Prenger Family History</u>, Rita Prenger Wolfe says that the Prenger family initially lived about 3 or 4 miles east of Jefferson City, off of what is now Highway 50, and later bought another farm along the Osage River at Osage Bend. This is consistent with the Land Patent and an unidentified writer who she quotes:

The farm that was settled by Johann Heinrich Prenger in 1842 was willed by his widow to Anton John Bernard Prenger (one of the Prenger sons), with the condition that Anton was to care for her the rest of her life. After the death of Anton Bernard Prenger's widow and three of her children, Frank, Lizzie, and Jennie within a week's time in January 1935, from a flu epidemic, the farm became the property of Emil, the only surviving member of the family that was living there at the time. After the death of Emil (in 1962), the farm became the Shamrock Heights subdivision.⁴³

Living with John H. Pringer in 1850 were his wife, Mary and six of their children. The child not listed with the family is probably Anna Euphemia Mary Margaret, their oldest child, born in 1828. By 1860 only four people are recorded in the household. They are John H. Brinker (Note the spelling variation), his wife, now recorded as Ann, and the two youngest children, Henry (Herman Heinrich) and Anton.⁴⁴

Johann Heinrich Prenger gave his name as John H. Pringer when he was naturalized on May 18 1848.⁴⁵ He gave Hanover as his country of birth, but unfortunately he did not give a date or port for his arrival in the U.S. Johan Heinrich Prenger lived all of his life in the United States on the farm he established in 1842. He died 29 June 1868 and is buried in the old St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Taos, Missouri.⁴⁶ By 1870 his wife, now recorded as Anna Pringer on the census form, was living with her son Herman. It looks like her sons Anton and John Albert had both married by 1870 and lived on adjacent farms. Both are recorded as being farmers and owning real estate.⁴⁷ Anna Maria Gesina (Wolken) Prenger died in 1872 and is buried with her husband in the old St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Taos, Missouri. Her tombstone gives her name as Maria C. Prenger.⁴⁸

John Herman Hagner and Anna Maria Catherine Prenger

We now know John Herman Hagner was born in about 1825 in the village of Holthausen, just to the north of Meppen in Emsland, the child of Herman Heinrich Scherpen (Scherppener?) and Anna Adelheid Hagener.⁴⁹ He was adopted by his uncle and aunt by marriage, Johan Albert Hagener and Anna Maria Angela Schulte and came to America with them in 1847. Anna Maria Catherine Prenger was born in Berge in the County of Bentheim, just to the southeast of Meppen. She came to America with her family probably in 1842. John Herman Hagner remained on the farm with his parents until at least 1850.⁵⁰ He and Anna Maria Catherine Prenger married in St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos, Missouri on April 12, 1853.⁵¹

Like many young couples of the time, they purchased a farm as they started their married life. In 1856 they acquired 80 acres at Horseshoe Bend along the Moreau River northwest of Taos.⁵²

The land lies in Section 27, Township 44 North, Range 11 West. They had ten children. The nine older children were baptized at St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos by Fr. Helias.⁵³ The youngest, born in 1875, was baptized by Fr. Gruender, the successor to Fr. Helias.

John Herman registered for the Civil War draft, and he is recorded as living in Liberty Township of Cole County in the records.⁵⁴ Like many of the young men of the time he served in the United States Reserve Corps, Missouri Home Guard. He was in Company F of the 1st Regiment U.S. R. C., Mo. H.G.⁵⁵ The records show that Company F was commanded by Captain Sanning.⁵⁶ Many other men from the Taos area also served in one or other of the various Home Guard organizations. Among them were Albert Pringer, Herman Prenger and I Heisler.⁵⁷ The I Heisler is probably Ignace Heislen. (The names "Heislen" and "Heisler" were often confused and misspelled in the records of the time). For some soldiers it is difficult to determine in which of the various militia organizations they served during the Civil War because Missouri had some sixteen different Union militia organizations over the course of the war. Several of them were known informally as Home Guards, even if they were not officially designated as such.

There is no record of John Herman's actual time of service available in Colorado; however, he must have served in some way because in 1890 his widow applied for a pension.⁵⁸ A search of the records in the Missouri State Archives might reveal any records of his actual service. He could have served when the Home Guard was called to protect the bridges between St. Louis and Jefferson City in May or June of 1861. After he captured Camp Jackson in St. Louis on 10 May 1861, General Lyon used the Missouri Pacific Railroad to move some of his Union troops from St. Louis to Jefferson City to take control of the state government and attack the Confederate forces under Governor Jackson and General Sterling Price who had moved to Boonville; however, he was reluctant to use the railroad until the bridges were secure.⁵⁹ The Home Guard was called upon to guard the bridges and provide the security Lyon needed. It is possible that the Home Guard of Cole County, including Captain Sanning's Company F and Private John Herman Hagner, could have helped protect the bridges over the Moreau and the Osage Rivers.

It is also possible, but not likely, that John Herman served on active duty defending Jefferson City during Price's raid through central Missouri in the fall of 1864. So far, no record establishing that has surfaced.

The men who served in the U.S. R. C., Mo, Home Guards were eligible for federal pensions if their service met the criteria established by the Hawkins Taylor commission which was established to examine their service records.⁶⁰ John Herman's widow must have thought she was eligible for a pension based on John Herman's service. We do not know if she actually received a pension. Herman Prenger served in both the Home Guard and in Company H, 42nd Regiment of the Missouri Enrolled Militia. Both he and his widow applied for pensions, but we don't know if either of them actually received a pension.⁶¹ A review of the Civil War pension files might provide the answers.

At the time he died in 1879, John Herman Hagener owned about 300 acres. The land is described in the appointment of his widow, named Mary C. Hagner, as Administratrix of his estate. Most of it lies in Sections 27 and 28. Some of the land John Herman Hagener owned in 1879 was entered in 1835 by John S. Ferguson and in 1840 by Alexander Gordon.⁶² Some of it passed through the possession of Paul Heislen and other members of the Heislen family before coming into the possession of the Hagners.⁶³ In 1886, Mary Katherine Hagner (another variation of her name) acquired an additional 80 acres from John Heislen.⁶⁴

John Bernard, the youngest son known as Ben, remained on the farm. As early as 1897, Mary C Hagener and all the Hagner children along with their spouses conveyed 68 acres to him. He acquired more land in 1904, and in 1911 his mother conveyed addition land to him.⁶⁵ It is interesting to note that she made her mark to the deed, indicating that she could not sign her name. Also in 1911, John Bernard married Christine Schmitz from Loose Creek in Osage County. They married at St. Stanislaus Church in Wardsville and made their home on the Hagner farm. In 1918 John Bernard registered for the WWI draft under the name of Ben John Hagner.⁶⁶ Today John Herman Hagner's great-grandson, Roger Hagner and his wife Dinah, own the farm. Some of it has been in the Hagner family since 1856, over 157 years.

The records for St Francis Xavier Parish in Taos show that John Herman died on 2 September 1879. He is probably buried there, but no record of his place of burial has surfaced. At some point Mary moved to Wardsville or the vicinity, probably to live with one of her children. She died in Wardsville, MO on May 29, 1919 and is buried there in St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

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Appendix A - The children of Johann Heinrich Prenger and Anna Maria Gesina Wolken.

Appendix B - The children of John Herman Hagener and Anna Maria Catherine Prenger.

Appendix C - Photographs of the Hagner and Prenger families.

Appendix D - Drawings of life aboard an immigrant ship.

Appendix E – Maps showing locations of the Emsland and Bentheim homes of the Prengers and Hagners.

² Extract of Baptismal Records for the children of John Herman Hagener and Anna Maria Catherine Prenger included with the Extract of Marriage Records of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Taos, Missouri for John Herman Hagener and Anna Maria Catherine Prenger.

³ Death Certificate, Mrs. Mary Hagener, 29 May 1919.

⁴ The Emslanders to the American Midwest web site page for the Johan Albert Hagener uses the spelling of "Hagener" and refers to an 1839 census of the village of Schwefingen and the probate records of Cole County, Missouri in which the name is spelled "Hagener."

⁵ 1850 Federal Census for Liberty Township, Cole County, Missouri.

⁶ Duden, Gottfried. <u>Report on a Journey to the Western States of North America – and a Stay of Several Years</u> <u>along the Missouri (During the Years 1824, 25, 26, and 1827)</u>. Trans. James W. Goodrich, general editor, *et al*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1980.

⁷ Schroeder, Adolf E and Carla Schultz-Geisberg, eds., <u>Hold Dear as always; Jette, a German immigrant life in letters</u>, The Curators of the University of Missouri, The University of Missouri Press, Columbia, MO 1988. pp, 8 and 9.

⁸ Nicholas Hesse and his family spent two years at the Westphalia Settlement from 1835 to 1837. They returned to Prussia in 1837. The book he published on his return to Prussia was translated by William G. Bek and most of it was published in the <u>Missouri Historical Review</u> between 1946 and 1948 under the title "Nicholas Hesse, German Visitor to Missouri, 1835-1837."

⁹ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site.

¹⁰ Cunliffe, Barry, ed., <u>The Oxford Illustrated Prehistory of Europe</u>, Oxford University Press, Oxford and New York, 1994, Chapter 12, "The Impact of Rome on Barbarian Society, 140 BC- AD 300," by Barry Cunliffe, map on p. 439;

Malcolm Todd, <u>The Early Germans</u>, Blackwell Publishers, Inc., Oxford, UK and Cambridge, USA, 1992, 1995, Reprinted in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, p. 192;

Wikipedia article on the Chauci.

¹¹ Wells, Peter S., <u>The Battle that Stopped Rome</u>, W.W. Norton and Company, New York and London , 2003, p. 112.

¹² Wikepedia article on Meppen.

¹³ Wikipedia article on the Emsland district as translated from the German.

¹⁴ See Wells, for a description of the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest and some descriptions of the life of the Germanic people and the Roman soldiers.

¹⁵ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site pages for John Herman Hagener and Anna Catherine Scherpen.

¹ Extract of Marriage Records of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Taos, Missouri for John Herman Hagener and Anna Maria Catherine Prenger. Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002, Ann M. Prenger and John H. Haegener.

- ¹⁶ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site pages for Johan Albert Hagener and Anna Maria Angela Schulte
- ¹⁷ Passenger List for the *Von Vincke* which arrived at New Orleans on 8 May 1847.
- ¹⁸ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site pages for Anna Catherine Scherpen and Johan Bernard Schulte.
- ¹⁹ Passenger List for the *Von Vincke* which arrived at New Orleans on 8 May 1847.
- ²⁰ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site page for Maria/Catherine Elisabeth Lammers.
- ²¹ See <u>http://german-immigrants.com/english/index.html</u>.

²² For more on the heuerling system see Emigrants from the former Amt Damme, Oldenburg (now Niedersachsen), Germany, mainly to the United States, 1830-1849 at <u>http://www.honkomp.de/damme-auswanderung/heuerman.htm</u>. The Amt Damme, Oldenburg is just to the east of Emsland.

²³ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site pages for Johan Albert Hagener and Anna Maria Angela Schulte.

- ²⁴ 1850 Federal Census for Liberty Township, Cole County, Missouri.
- ²⁵ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site pages for Anna Catherine Scherpen and Johan Bernard Schulte.

²⁶ Wolfe, Rita Prenger, <u>Prenger Family</u>, an extensive genealogy compiled by Rita Prenger Wolfe on the Prenger family including the ancestry of Johann Heinrich Prenger and a listing of his descendants; Wikipedia article on Bentheim.

²⁷ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site page for Anna Maria GesinaWolken.

²⁸ Bentheimers International Society web site entries for the Prengers. It is interesting to note that the information on Johann Heinrich Prenger on this web site comes from Rita Prenger Wolfe of Jefferson City, Missouri.

²⁹ Wikipedia article on Twist.

³⁰ Bentheimers International Society web site entries for the Prengers and a History of Cole County Missouri article on Albert Prenger.

³¹ The seven children as listed on the Emslanders to the American Midwest web site are:

-Anna Mg Euphemia Prenger, born in 1828 in Berge, Bentheim

- -John Herman Carl Prenger, born in 1830 in Berge, Bentheim
- -Anna Marg Catherine Prenger, born in 1833 in Berge, Bentheim
- -John Albert Prenger, born in 1835 in Berge, Bentheim
- -Anna Helena Prenger, born in 1837 in Berge, Bentheim
- -Hm Hch Prenger, born in 1840 in Neuringe, Bentheim
- -Anton Joh Bd Prenger, born in 1843 in Taos, Cole County, MO

³² <u>History of St. Francis Xavier Church 1838-1988</u>, printed in the U.S.A. by Taylor Publishing Company, Dallas, TX, p. 68. The Wolken family is included in the census compiled by Fr. Fr. Helias in 1838, and the family is among the first parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Church.

³³ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site page for Gerhard Herman Henrik Wolken.

³⁴ Wolfe, Rita Prenger, <u>Prenger Family</u>, an extensive genealogy compiled by Rita Prenger Wolfe on the Prenger family including the ancestry of Johann Heinrich Prenger and a listing of his descendants; Emslanders to the American Midwest web site pages for Johan Bernard Heinrich Wolken, Anna Maria Magaretha Wolken, Anna/Joanna Helene Wolken, Anna Marie Catherine Wolken, Margaretha Adelheid Wolken.

³⁵ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site page for Johan Heinrich Wolken.

³⁶ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site pages for Herman Friederick Rockers and Anna Maria Catherine Wolken.

³⁷ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site pages for Johan Heinrich Wolken.

³⁸ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site pages for Herman Heinrich Wolken (Ipen)

³⁹ Kamphoefner, Walter D., Wolfgang Helbich, and Ulrike Sommer, eds., Susan Carter Vogel, trans., <u>News from</u> the Land of Freedom German Immigrants Write Home, Cornell University Press, (Ithaca and London) 1991, p. 27.

 40 Land Patent Details for John H Pringer, 1845 from BLM Land Records for the Fayette Land Office from the BLM website.

⁴¹ Land Patent Details for John H Pringer, 1851 from BLM Land Records for the Fayette Land Office from the BLM website.

⁴² 1850 Federal Census for Liberty Township, Cole County, Missouri.

⁴³ See map of the Shamrock Heights subdivision at the nextdoor.com web site.

⁴⁴ 1860 Federal Census for Liberty Township, Cole County, Missouri.

⁴⁵ Extract from the Missouri, Western District Naturalization Index, 1848-190 for John H. Pringer.

⁴⁶ Find A Grave record for Johann H. Prenger giving his date of birth as December 1800 and date of death as 29 June 1868; Rita Prenger Wolfe <u>The Prenger Family</u>.

⁴⁷ 1870 US Federal Census for Liberty Township, Cole County, Missouri.

⁴⁸ St. Francis Xavier Parish burial record for Maria C. Prenger as recorded on the Find A Grave web site.

⁴⁹ Emslanders to the American Midwest web site pages for John Herman Hagener and Anna Catherine Scherpen.

⁵⁰ 1850 Federal Census for Liberty Township, Cole County, Missouri.

⁵¹ Extract of Marriage Records of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Taos, Missouri for John Herman Hagener and Anna Maria Catherine Prenger. Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002, Ann M. Prenger and John H. Haegener.

⁵² Title Bond dated January 22, 1856 by which Prosper LePage agreed to deliver to Herman Hagener 80 acres by warranty deed upon the payment of several promissory notes by Herman Hagener.

⁵³ Extract of Baptismal Records of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Taos, Missouri for the children of John Herman Hagener and Anna Maria Catherine Prenger.

⁵⁴ U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865 record for John H Hagner.

⁵⁵ U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 record for John H. Hagner; Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 record for John H Hagener.

⁵⁶ Record of Capt. Sanning's Co. (F), 1 Reg't U.S.RC., Mo. H.G. for John H. Hagner at it Appears on Record of Allowances made by the Hawkins Taylor Commission.

⁵⁷ <u>History of Cole- Moniteau - Morgan – Benton – Miller – Maries – and Osage Counties, Missouri</u>, Chicago 1889, Good speed Publishing Company, pp 250, 260.

⁵⁸ Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 record for John H Hagener.

⁵⁹ Goebel, Gert, <u>Longer than a Man's Lifetime in Missouri</u>, trans. Adolf E. Schroeder and Elsa Louise Nage, eds. Walter D. Kamphoefner and Adolf E. Schroeder. Columbia and Herman: The State Historical Society of Missouri and the Brush and Palette Club of Hermann Missouri, 2013, pp. 330, 331.

⁶⁰ <u>Missouri Civil War Union Militia Organizations</u> in the St Louis Public Library: Premier Library Sources. Compiled by Thomas A. Pearson of the Special Collections Department.

⁶¹ U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 record for Hermen J Prenger.

⁶² Land Patent Details for John S. Ferguson 1835 and Alexander Gordon 1840 from BLM Land Records for the Fayette Land Office from the BLM website.

⁶³ Land conveyance documents provided by Roger and Dinah Hagner in October 2013.

- ⁶⁴ Warranty Deed dated, March 9, 1886, conveying 80 acres from John Heislen to Mary Katherine Hagner.
- ⁶⁵ Land conveyance documents provided by Roger and Dinah Hagner in October 2013.

⁶⁶ U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 for Ben John Hagner dated September 12, 1819.

Appendix A

The children of Johann Heinrich Prenger and Anna Maria Gesina Wolken

Note: the following information on the children of Johann Heinrich Prenger and Anna Maria Gesina Wolken is based on the Emslanders to the American Midwest web page for Anna Maria Gesina Wolken; the Bentheimers International Society web site; the available burial records for St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Taos, Missouri and St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Wardsville, Missouri; Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002; and Ancestry.com Family Trees.

The Anna Gesina Steffens who married Johann Herman Carl Prenger and the Helena Steffens who married Johann Albert Prenger were sisters from St. Louis. They were the daughters of Gerhard S. Steffens and Anna Teckla Schroer, according to the Fleming Family Tree at <u>http://fleming.ryankids.com/f350.htm</u> and other family trees on ancestry.com.

It is not clear as to just where the first five children were born, in Berge or in Neuringe; however, the Bentheimers International Society web site gives their birth place as Berge as does the Emslanders to the American Midwest web page for Anna Maria Gesina Wolken and a family page on the Prenger family provided by Rita Kerperin. These sources all agree that Herman Heinrich Prenger, born 18 July 1840 and the last child to be born before the family came to the United States, was born in Neuringe. The Bentheimers International Society web site gives the family place of residence at the time of emigration as Neuringe, and this may be the source of the uncertainty. Berge cannot be found on a map of the area. It may simply be a rural community that no longer goes by that name.

- 1. Anna Euphemia Mary Margaret Prenger: born 15 May 1829 in Berge. According to the Fleming Family Tree noted above, she married J.H. Bruemmer on 19 April 1845 and died 29 June 1868 in Taos, Missouri. The Find A Grave notation for her gives her name as Anna Katherine Bruemmer *Prenger*.
- 2. Johann Herman Carl Prenger: born 7 March 1830 in Berge. His death certificate has his date of birth as 7 March 1829. The Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002 record his marriage to Ann G. Stephens on 23 August 1859 in Cole County, Missouri, presumably in Taos. According to the Fleming Family Tree mentioned above and the Bentheimers International Society web site he married Anna Gesina Steffens on 23 August 1859 in Taos, MO. He died on 31 January 1911 also in Taos and is buried there along with his wife. The U.S. Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 has a record for Hermen J. Prenger. He served in the 42nd Missouri Enrolled Militia and the Cole County Missouri Home Guard. It looks like he applied for an invalid pension in 1891, and his wife, Anna, applied for a widow's pension in 1911, the year he died.

- 3. Anna Maria (or Margaretha) Catherine Prenger: born 5 February 1833 in Berge. According to Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002, extracts from the marriage records of St. Francis Xavier Parish and the Bentheimers International Society web site, she married John Herman Hagener in Taos, Missouri on 11 April 1853. She died in 1919 and is buried in Wardsville.
- 4. Johann Albert Prenger: born 24 June 1835 in Berge. The Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002 show that he married Helen Stephens on 14 February 1860 in Cole County, presumably in Taos. The correct name for his wife would be Helena Steffens according to the Fleming Family Tree referenced above and the Bentheimers International Society web site. At the time of the 1870 census, he and his family were living in Liberty Township, probably near the original Prenger farm. By the 1880 census, he had moved his family to Osage Township, possibly to the farm at Osage Bend purchased earlier by the Prenger family. He is the subject of a short biographical sketch in the Cole County section of Goodspeed's 1889 <u>History of Cole, Moniteau, Morgan, Benton, Miller, Maries and Osage Counties, Missouri</u>. The records of St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Wardsville, Missouri show that he died on 6 September 1915 and is buried there along with his wife Helena. Her death is recorded as 7 December 1929.
- 5. Anna Maria Helena Prenger: born 28 September 1837 in Berge. The Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002 and the Bentheimers International Society web site show that she married John Bernard Schnieders on 23 October 1860, presumably in Taos. She died 1 December 1904 in Wardsville and is buried there under the name of Helena Schnieders.
- 6. Herman Heinrich Prenger, born 18 July 1840, is the only child born in Neuringe. Neuinge is just a few hundred feet from the Netherlands border. He married Mary J Rackers (Her last name is spelled "Backers" in the Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002 and on the Bentheimers International Society web site). He died on 19 May 1917 in Wardsville and is buried there under the name of Henry Herman Prenger. His wife is buried there under the name of Mary J. Prenger
- Anton John Bernard Prenger, born 1 December 1843 in Taos, Missouri. He married Anna Maria Adelaide Wekenborg on 31 August 1869 according to the Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002. His name is spelled "Anthony" in that record; her name is recorded as Ann Weckenbourg. They both died in Taos and are buried there. He died on 19 September 1924; she died on 22 January 1935.

Appendix B

The children of John Herman Hagener and Anna Maria Catherine Prenger

All of the children of John Herman Hagener and Anna Maria Catherine Prenger were born on the farm on Horseshoe Bend on the Moreau River near Taos, Missouri. They were all baptized in St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos by Fr. Helias, except for the youngest, John Herman, who was baptized by Fr. Gruender. Except for the dates concerning Maria Angela and John Bernard, which include both the date of birth and the date of baptism, the dates given below are the baptismal dates, not the dates of birth.

-Maria Angela Hagener: born 9 February 1854 and baptized on 11 February, 1854. She married Peter Paul Heislen on 16 November 1877 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos, MO. They had two children: Anna Catherine baptized on 12 November 1879 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos, MO and Katherine (Probable middle name is Elizabeth) born in 1881 and probably baptized at St. Stanislaus Church in Wardsville, MO.

-Joseph Albert Hagener: baptized on 20 September 1855. He may have died very young. He does not appear on any of the census forms for the family.

-Maria Adelaide Hagener: baptized on 9 September 1856. She never married and lived part of her life in St. Louis. She died on 27 January 1940 in St. Louis. According to her death certificate, she was single, her usual occupation was housekeeper, her usual residence was 5418 Louisiana Ave., in St. Louis and she died at that address. According to her death certificate, she was buried in Wardsville on 30 January 1940. The records of St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Wardsville, MO confirm that she is buried there.

-Anna Maria Magdalen Hagener: baptized on 20 May 1859. She went by the name "Lena" and appears as "Ellen" on the 1870 census form. The Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002 show that she married Peter Tellman on 9 October 1883 in Wardsville, MO. The St Stanislaus Parish centennial book published in 1980 also lists their marriage in 1883. The records of St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Wardsville, MO show that she died on 10 August 1933 and is buried there under the name of Magdalen Tellman.

-John Henry Albert Hagener: baptized on 16 February 1862. He went by Henry and many records including his death certificate have his name as Henry Albert Hagener. The Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002 and the St Stanislaus Parish centennial book published in 1980 show that he married Lizzie (Probably more accurately, Elizabeth) Richter on 30 September 1890. One of his children writing a short article attached to the family tree on ancestry.com gives us some details of their lives. They may have lived on the Hagner farm at Horseshoe Bend for a while, because one of their children, Ella Nora, was born there, but they lived most of their lives in Jefferson City. They built a building at the corner of High and Ash Streets and had a bar

on the first floor while living upstairs. Later they enlarged it and it was known as the Fairview Hotel. In the 1900 census Henry, as he was known, listed his occupation as saloon keeper. In 1908 he was elected sheriff of Cole County, and he gave his occupation as sheriff in the 1910 census. A 1921 Jefferson City directory gives his address as 220 Pine Street and occupation as guard at MSP. MSP would likely be the Missouri State Penitentiary. According to her death certificate Lizzie or Elizabeth, died on 6 March 1926. According to his death certificate, he died in Jefferson City, MO on 16 November 1940. At the time, he was living at 505 East State Street, probably with a daughter. Both Henry and Lizzie are buried in St. Peters Cemetery in Jefferson City according to her death certificate and the Find A Grave entries for both.

-Anna Maria Gesina Hagener: baptized on 13 January 1865. She was known as Rose or Rosa. The 1870 United States Federal Census lists her as "Rosa Hagner". The Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002 show that she married Alexander Roach in California, Missouri in Moniteau County on 20 September 1895. The 1910 Census lists a Rose Roach, married to Alec Roach, with their home as Jefferson City (or at least Jefferson Township) in Cole County Missouri. She died on 18 January 1927. Her death certificate lists her address as St. Louis Road in Jefferson City, probably in rural Jefferson City. Her husband died on 6 April 1932, and according to his death certificate, he was a farmer. According to their death certificates and the records of St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Wardsville, MO, both Rose and her husband are buried in St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Wardsville, she under the name "Rose M. Roach" and he under the name "Alex Roach."

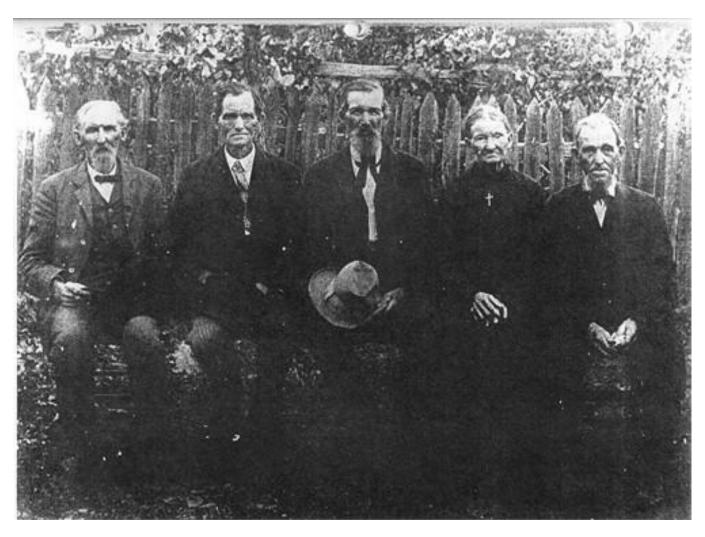
-John Herman Hagener: baptized on 23 September 1867. John Herman apparently died before 1880. He appears on the 1870 as three-year-old, but is not on the 1880 census with the family. Just when he died and where is buried is unknown.

-Anna Catherine Hagener: baptized on 6 May 1870. She was known as Katie. She married Joseph Schnieders St. Stanislaus Church in Wardsville, MO on 5 October 1897 according to the Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002 and the St Stanislaus Parish centennial book published in 1980. Joseph died before 1910 because on the 1910 United States Federal Census she is listed as a widow with two children, Arthur and Josie (Probably Josephine). It looks like she continued to operate the farm because in the 1920 and 1930 census she is listed as the owner of her home, and in the 1940 census she is listed as a farmer who owns her own home. By 1940, her son Arthur and his family live next door to her. By the time of her death on 27 July 1948, she was living in Jefferson City, probably with her daughter, Josephine and family. She is buried in St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Wardsville under the name Catherine Ann Schnieders. The date of death and burial location of her husband is not known.

-Maria Elizabeth Josephina Hagener: baptized on 25 November 1872. For reasons we cannot discern, she went by the name of Margaret. She never married. On the 1910 census for the Bernard Hagenec (John Bernard Hagener) household, only three people are listed, Bernard age

32, Mary age 76 and Margarete age 35. The 1920 census shows a Margaret E. Hagner, age 45, living with her widowed sister Catherine A. Schnieders. The death certificate for a Margaret Hagner gives her date of birth of 21 November 1872, her parents as John Herman Hagner and Mary Prenger, her marital status as single, her date of death as 17 February 1943 and her usual residence and her burial place as Wardsville, MO. This information is consistent with the baptismal date of Maria Elizabeth Josephina Hagener of 25 November 1872 and the burial records of St. Stanislaus Parish in Wardsville, which list the death of Margaret Hagner as occurring on 17 February 1943 and her date of birth as 21 November 1872.

-John Bernard Hagener: born on 12 July 1875 and baptized on 13 July 1875. In the 1910 census he is the head of the household, but living with him is his mother, Mary and a sister Margarete in Liberty Township of Cole County. We know he stayed on his father's farm at Horseshoe Bend on the Moreau River. He married Christina M. Schmitz from Loose Creek, MO, at St Stanislaus Church in Wardsville, MO on 25 July 1911 according to the Missouri Marriage Records 1805-2002 and the St Stanislaus Parish centennial book published in 1980. He was 36 years old and she was 21. A 1914 Cole County Platt Book shows him the owner of land at Horseshoe Bend on the Moreau. The hand-written version of the census form has Liberty Township as their township; however, the transcribed census form shows them living in Osage Township. Obviously, one is an error. His death certificate shows his residence to be 6 miles southeast Baldhill Road in Osage Township. Again, this may be an error. He on 9 May 1954. His death certificate says he is buried in Wardsville, MO, and he is listed under the name Bernard John Hagener in the deaths occurring in 1954 in Wardsville in the St Stanislaus Parish centennial book. His wife, Christine, died in 1984.

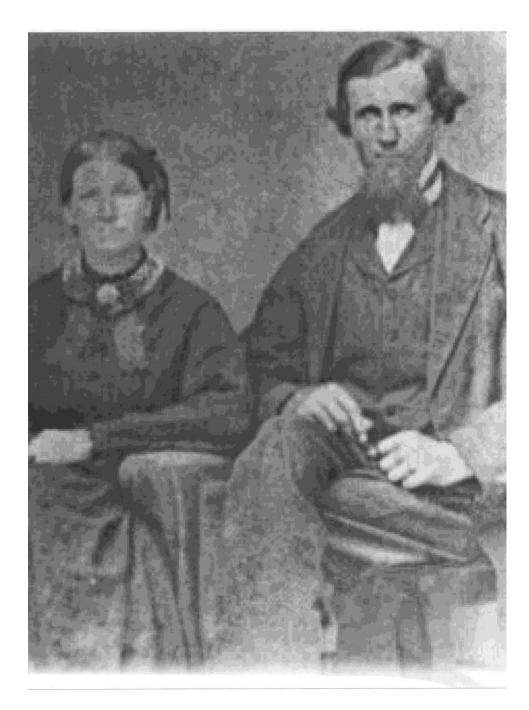


Appendix C – Photographs of the Hagner and Prenger Families

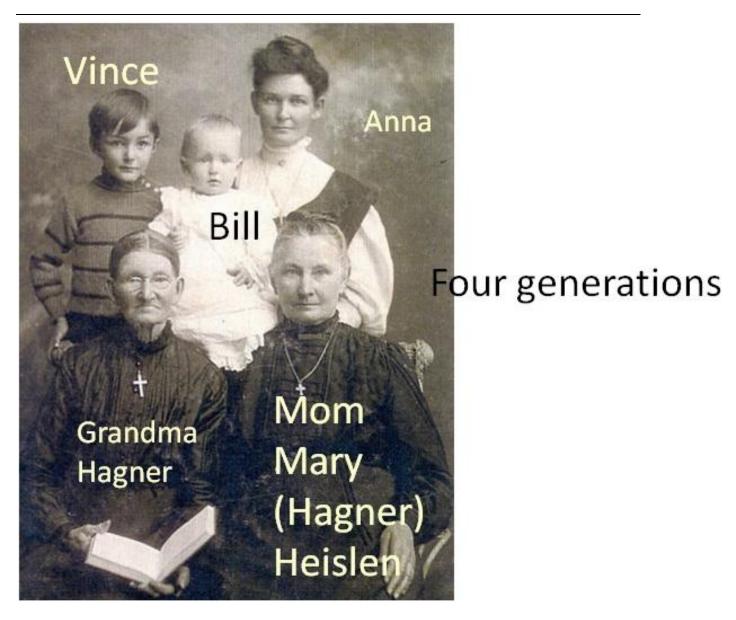
About 1900s – 1910s – Prenger brothers and one of their sisters: L-R: Anton Prenger, Herman Henry Prenger, John Albert Prenger, Anna Maria Catherine (Prenger) Hagner, John Herman Prenger. Two other Prenger sisters are not in the picture.



About 1910s - Anna Maria Catherine (Prenger) Hagner at center with Bill and Ethel Tellman and son Don at left. Person behind her and partly obscured is unidentified. Right of Anna Maria Catherine (Prenger) Hagner are Magdalena Tellman and Lee Tellman Cowley, third person is unidentified.



Date unknown – John Herman and Anna Maria Catherine (Prenger) Hagner.



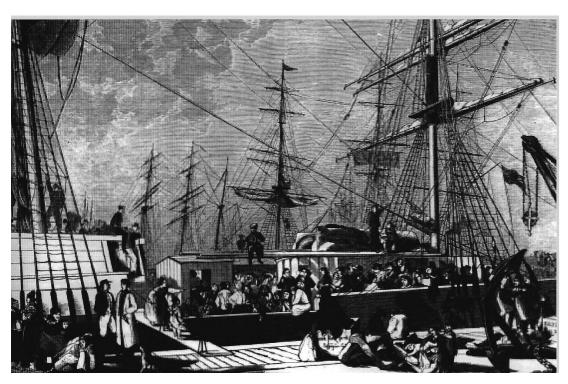
About 1908-1909: Seated at left Anna Maria Catherine (Prenger) Hagner. To her right is her oldest child, Mary Angela Hagner who married Peter Heislen. Standing at rear is her granddaughter, Anna Catherine Heislen who married Martin S. Plassmeyer in Wardsville in 1901. The two children are her great-grandsons, Vincent (born 1902) and William (born 1907) Plassmeyer.



1860 – Wedding Picture – Albert Prenger and Helena Steffens.



1911 – Wedding picture – Bernard Hagner (Son of John Herman and Anna Maria ((Prenger)) Hagner) and Christine Schmitz.



Appendix D – Drawings of Life on an Immigrant Ship

Boarding an Immigrant Ship

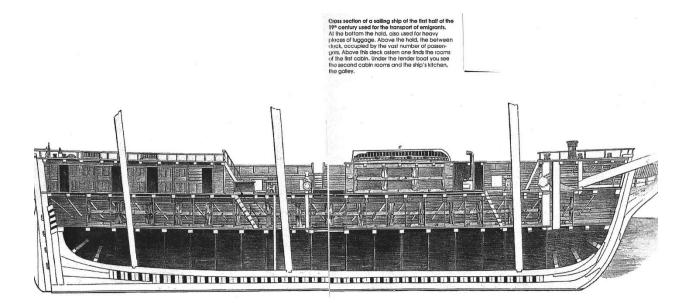


Between Decks on an Immigrant Ship

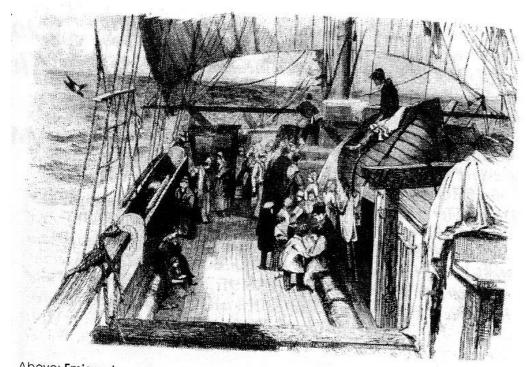
Below: Two rooms of the 1st Cabin



Two rooms in the 1st Class Cabin on an Immigrant Ship



Cross Section of an Immigrant Ship



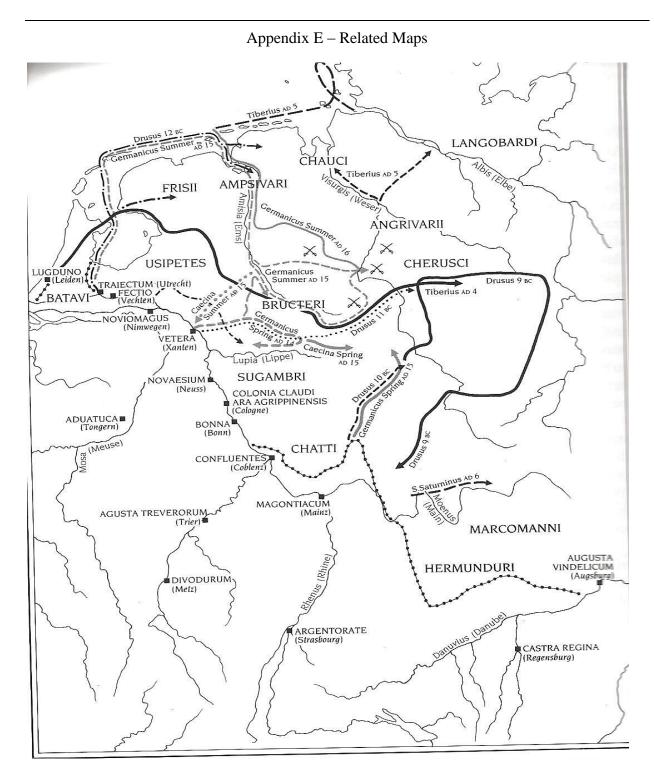
Above: Emigrants on deck. On the right: 2nd Cabin and tender

Immigrants on Deck

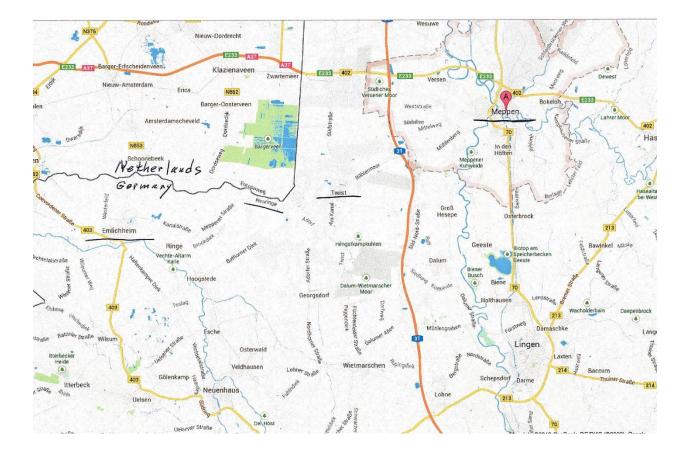


New Orleans in about 1850

Drawings from: Rosenkoetter, Michael, <u>From Westphalia Into the World A Farmer's Family</u> <u>from Westphalia in Search of a Better Future in the U.S.A</u>., Books on Demand GmbH, Norderstedt, 2003.



Map showing the location of some of the Germanic tribes at about A.D 16 in what is now Germany and France.



Map showing the location of the Emsland and Bentheim homes of the Hagner and Prenger families. Underlined on the map are Meppen, Emlichheim, Twist and Neuringe. The German-Netherlands border makes a sharp turn to the west just to the north of Neuringe.



Northwestern Germany, Netherlands, Belgium – Showing location of Meppen