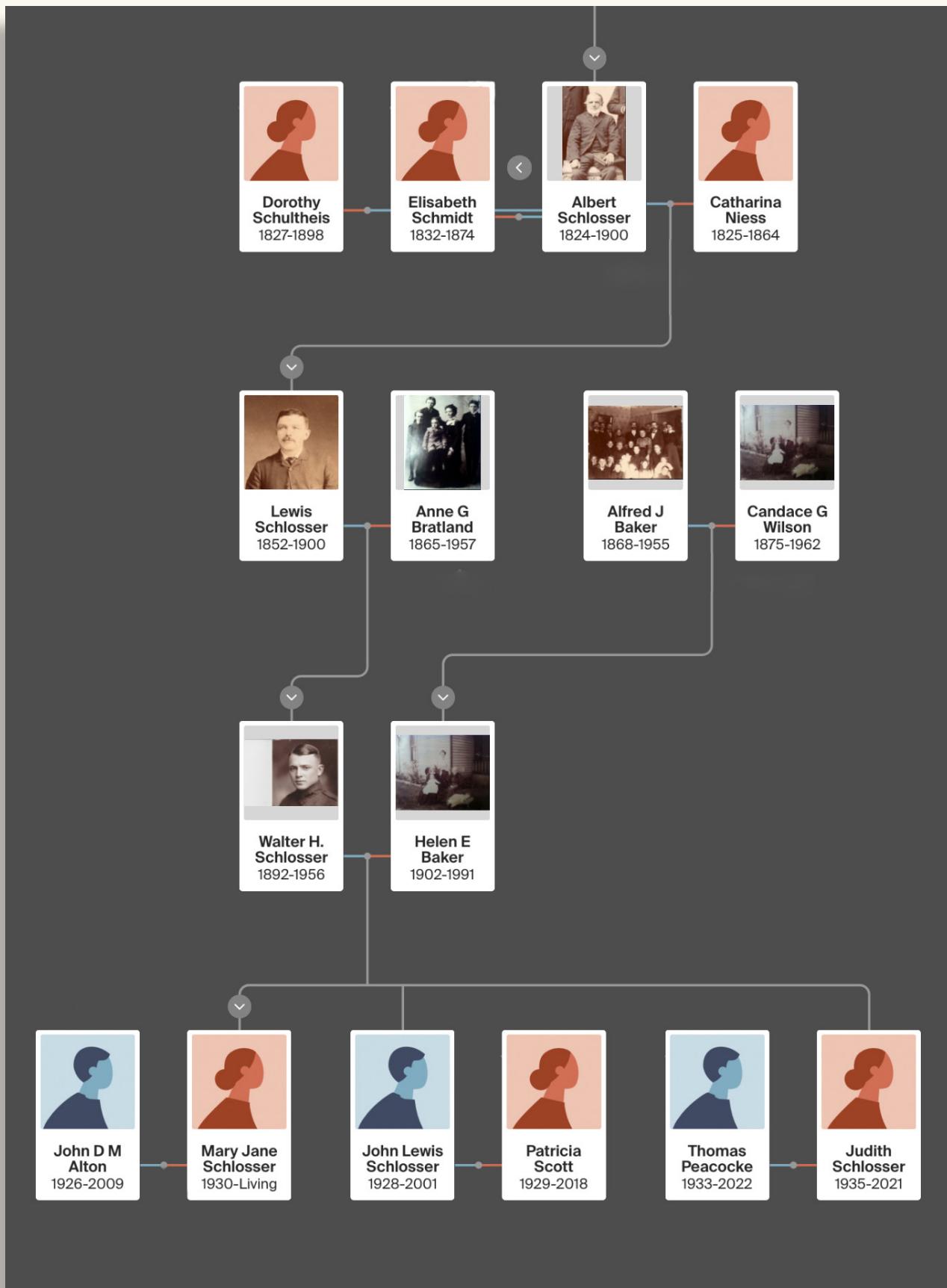


ALBERT SCHLOSSER

and his descendants



John Alton



Albert Schlosser Family Tree

FOREWORD

This book

is a short account of the life of our great-great-grandfather, Albert Schlosser. Albert was born in Ravensburg, Germany in 1824 and came to America in 1846. He was married three times and had eleven children, six of whom survived into adulthood. He was our grandfather Walter Schlosser's paternal grandfather. Albert died in 1900.

The text is an edited version of an e-mail I sent to members of Clan Schlosser on December 29, 2017. Thanks to TW Peacocke for creating this special edition, adding maps and restoring the photographs.

We've included two extracts from the Ancestry.ca family tree that include Albert and some of his descendants. I created this as a private tree but access to the full tree will be happily arranged on request.

Our family history is under constant revision so comments and suggestions are welcome!

John Alton,

February 2024



Albert Schlosser, ca 1876

Dear Members of Clan Schlosser,

You'll undoubtedly recall that as a result of a trip to Germany in 2012 we tracked down a lot of information about Walter Schlosser's grandfather Albert Schlosser (1824-1900). Albert was born in Ravensburg, Germany and came to America in 1846.

A couple of years ago we went back further in time 12 generations to the 1600's. However we still did not know much about Albert's own family other than a bit about Walter's father Lewis Schlosser (1852-1900).

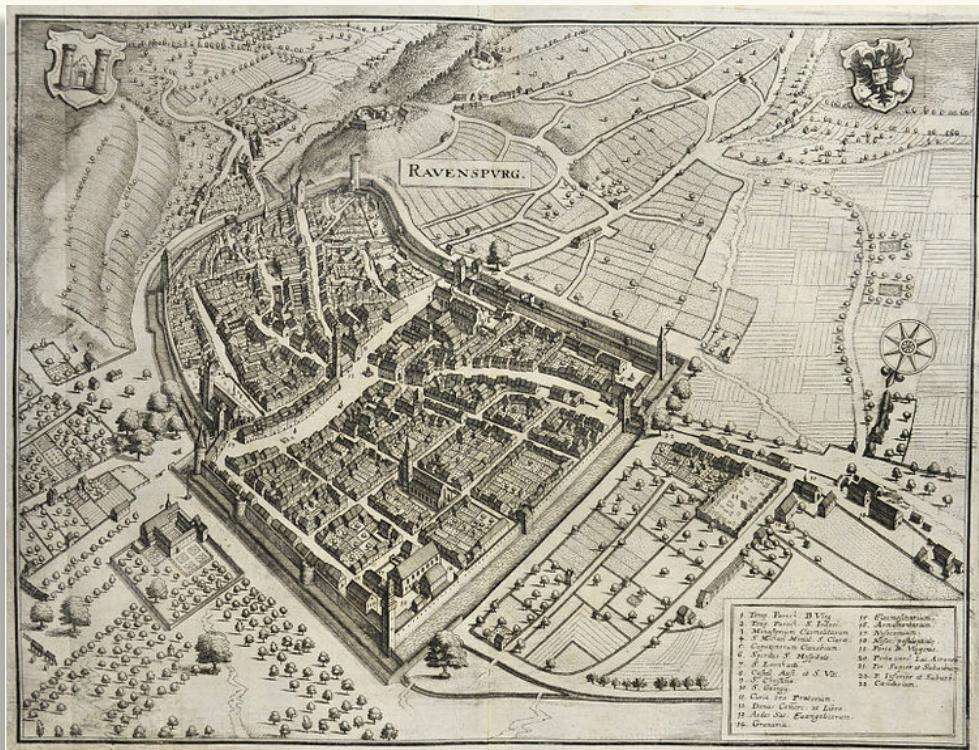
I am pleased to report exciting new developments. Last month I got in touch with Mary Alice Murphy who had posted some intriguing material about the Schlosser family on the Ancestry website. Mary Alice, who lives in Black Mountain, North Carolina, is a great-granddaughter of Lewis' half-brother Albert Carl Schlosser. Since Mary Alice and I share Albert as a common great-great grandfather we are uncommonly close: (half) third cousins!

Mary Alice generously shared her family tree. It includes fascinating Schlosser family photos, many of which came from her great aunt (and Walter's cousin) Lydia May Schlosser (1891-1991). The collection, which includes pictures of Albert's family Bible and of his children, gives us a much fuller picture of the extended Schlosser family.

I also had a fun Skype chat with Mary Alice and her father Henry Kritzer (born 1930). Henry had vivid memories of his grandfather Albert Carl Schlosser who died just short of his 100th birthday in 1967. He thus provides a living link to Lewis' generation.

*John Alton,
December 29, 2017*

Albert Schlosser was born on April 23, 1824 in Ravensburg, Baden-Würtemberg, Germany, close to Lake Constance and the Swiss border.



Albert was widowed twice and just six of his eleven children survived into adulthood.

He married **Katarina Niess** in 1848 and they lived in Wisconsin. They had seven children, four of whom survived into adulthood:

Lewis (1852, born Ludwig, becomes Walter's father),
Lidia (1854),
Maria (1857),
George Friedrich (1858).

According to Mary Alice's account, Katarina died in 1864 while travelling in Iowa by oxcart.

Albert married **Elizabeth Wegman** in 1865. Albert and Elizabeth had four children, two of whom survived into adulthood:

Albert Carl (1867)
Andraes Oswald (Andrew) (1869).

According to Mary Alice's records Elizabeth died in a fire on their farm in Wisconsin in 1874. She was buried in the orchard of the farm.

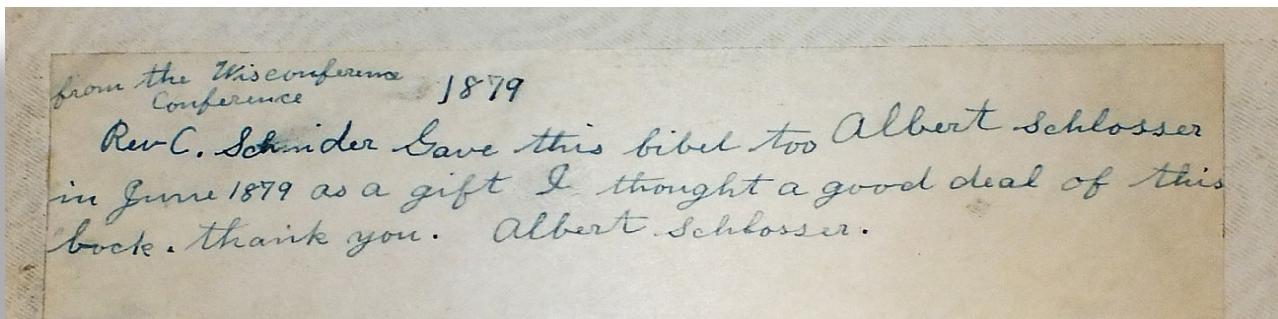
Albert married **Dorothy Steiner** (Schultheis?) in 1876 and they lived in Iowa until her death in 1898 at the age of 71.

Albert and his son Lewis both died in 1900. Lewis's son Walter was just eight years old when his father passed away.

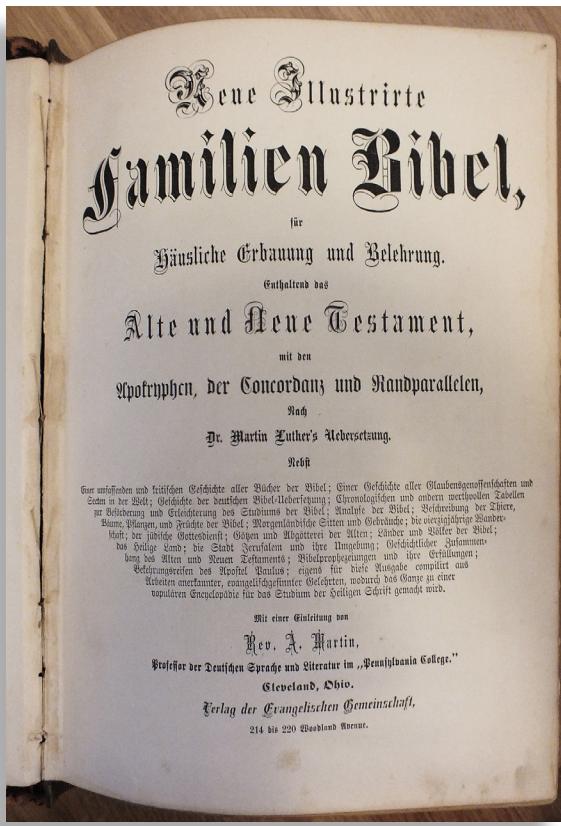
ALBERT'S BIBLE



Given to Albert Schlosser in Wisconsin in June 1876 by a Reverend C. Schnider, the bible contains a handwritten note, apparently from Albert, saying "I thought a great deal about this book."



We also know from a letter Albert wrote to his family in Germany in 1856, (and discovered in the Ravensburg archives), that he was a devout man.



"New Illustrated Family Bible for Domestic Building and Instruction Containing the Old and New Testaments"

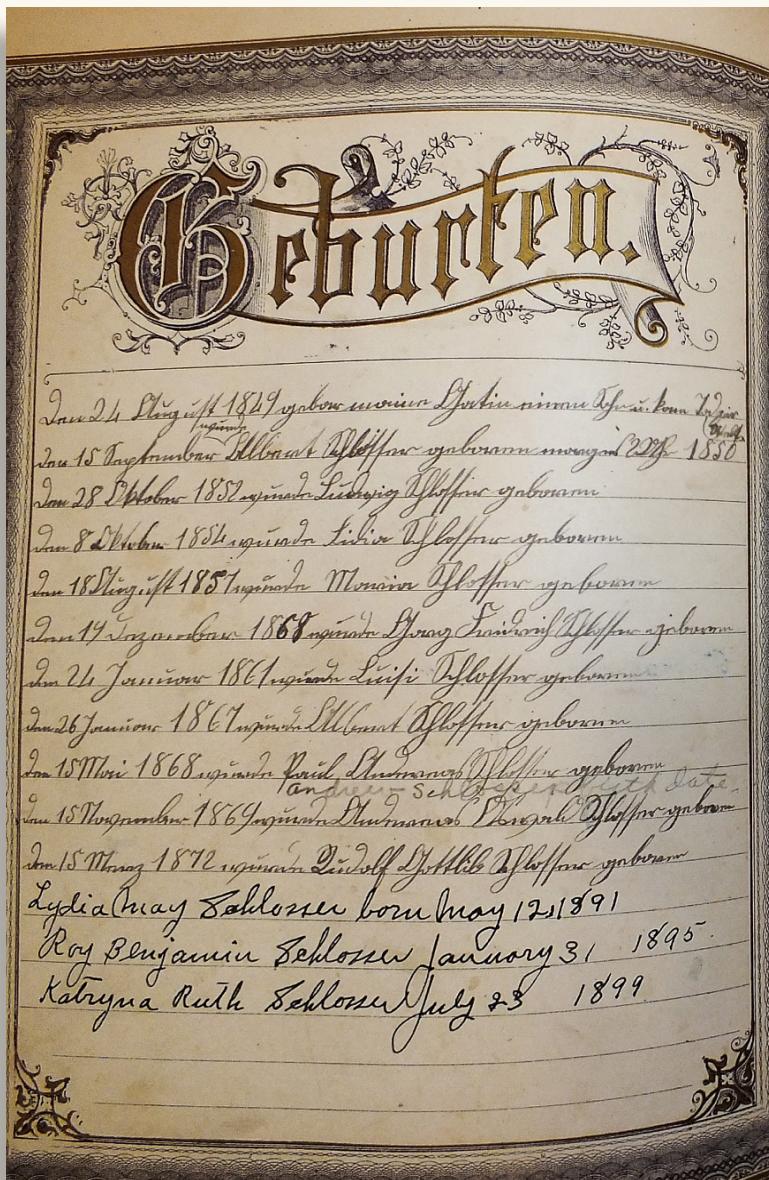
"Love God your Lord with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the greatest and most noble commandment. The rest is all the same. Love your neighbour as yourself. All the laws and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."



A FAMILY CHRONICLE

Albert's bible also contains a record of births, marriages and deaths in the Schlosser family from 1848 to 1900.

BIRTHS



26 Aug 1849 - My wife bore a son who was born and died (stillbirth) *

15 Sept 1850 - Albert Schlosser born 2 am*

28 Oct 1852 - Ludwig Schlosser (becomes Lewis, father of Walter Schlosser)

8 Oct 1854 - Lidia Schlosser

18 Aug 1857 - Maria Schlosser

19 Dec 1858 - Gorg (George) Fridrick Schlosser

24 Jan 1861 - Luisi Schlosser*

26 Jan 1867 - Albert Schlosser

15 May 1868 - Paul Andreas Schlosser*

15 Nov 1869 - Andreas Oswald Schlosser

15 Mar 1872 - Rudolf Gottlieb Schlosser*

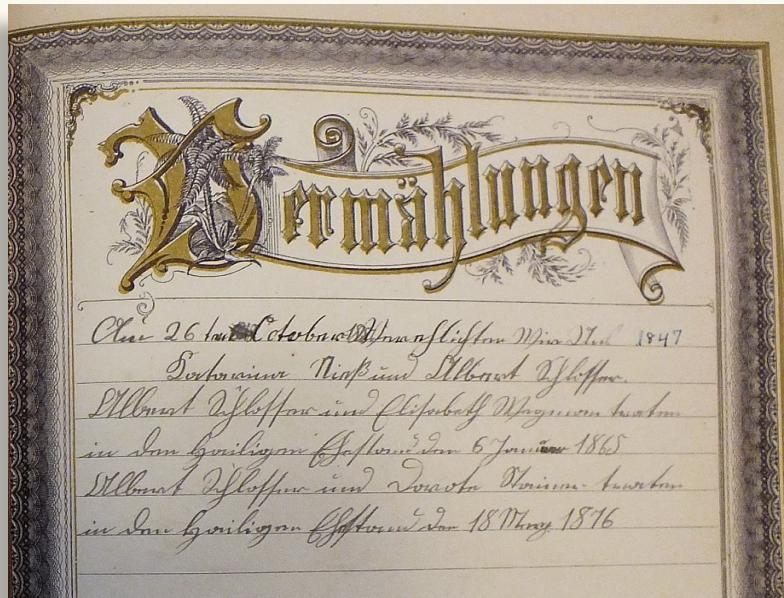
12 May 1891 - Lydia May Schlosser

31 Jan 1895 - Roy Benjamin Schlosser

23 Jul 1899 - Katryna Ruth Schlosser

* Did not survive into adulthood

MARRIAGES

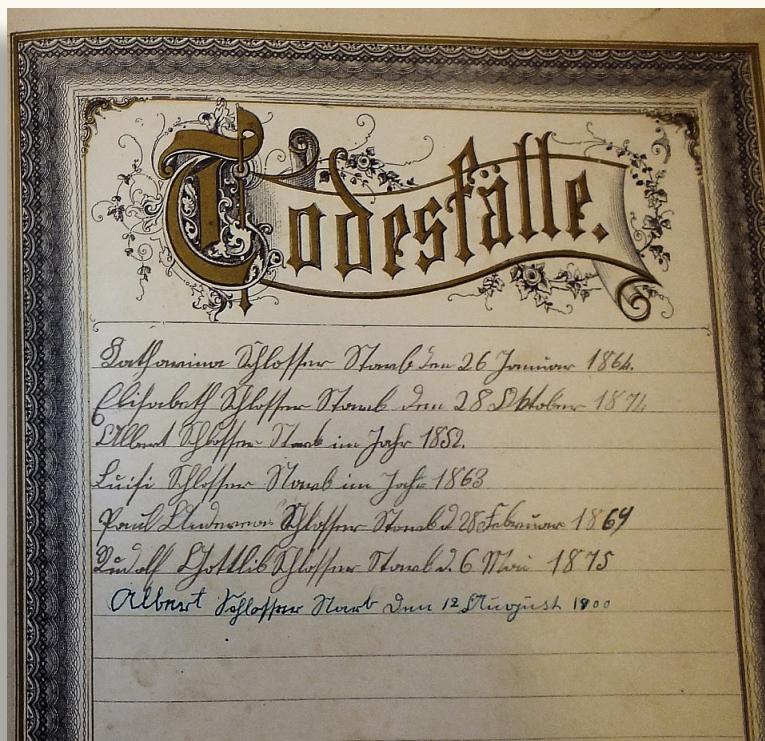


On the 26 October 1848 we were married -
Katarina Niess and Albert Schlosser

Albert Schlosser and Elisabeth Wegman
entered into hold matrimony on the 6th of
January 1865

Albert Schlosser and Dorote Steiner
(Schultheis?) entered into hold matrimony
on the 18th of March 1876

DEATHS



Katharina Schlosser d. 26 Jan, 1864

Elisabeth Schlosser d. 28 Oct, 1874

Albert Schlosser d. in 1852 (age2)

Luisi Schlosser d. in 1863 (2)

Paul Andreas Schlosser d. 28 Feb, 1869 (1)

Rudolf Gottlieb Schlosser d. 5 May, 1875 (3)

Albert Schlosser died 12 Aug, 1900

Albert and his surviving children from his first and second marriages, probably in Wisconsin. Albert's second wife Elizabeth is not in the picture; she died in 1874. The boy in the front is Rudolf who died at age 3 in 1875, which suggests the picture was taken in 1874 or 1875.



First row, left to right: Lewis (born Ludwig), Andrew (Andreas Oswald), Albert, Albert Carl and George. Second row, left to right: Lydia and Mary (Maria).

Albert with his grown children. The two older siblings (Lewis and Mary) are not in this picture- perhaps they had left home at this point. Our only record of Mary suggests she was married in Iowa in 1887. We know that Lewis and George moved from Wisconsin to North Dakota in 1880 so presumably this picture was taken between the time of the earlier group photo (1875) and 1880. Note the book in Albert's left hand. If it is indeed the family Bible that Albert received in 1876, the picture would have been taken after that. (However, Henry Kritzer says it is not that Bible. He now owns the family Bible and referred to it as belonging to his grandfather (Albert Carl)).



Lydia and Albert (first row) and Albert Carl, Andrew and George (second row).

Lydia and her husband George Steiner.
They were married in 1877 and moved to Iowa.

George died in 1918 and Lydia died in 1941, age 87.



George and his wife Elizabeth McMillan. They were married at the home of Elizabeth's parents in Wisconsin in 1888. Their North Dakota farm was near to Lewis'. They had seven children.

George died in 1915 and Elizabeth died in 1940.



Lewis Schlosser, Walter's father, probably taken in North Dakota where he became a prosperous farmer.





An undated photo of Lewis and his wife, Annie (Bratland) Schlosser.



Three of Lewis and Annie's four sons, Walter, (b. 1892), Arthur, (b. 1895), and Sherman, (b. 1891). No sign of Lloyd (b. 1900) so perhaps ca. 1898 or 1899.

Lydia Mae Schlosser (born 1891) who was Albert Carl's oldest child. Lydia Mae died at 100 in Maryland in 1991.

It was Lydia Mae who had many of the pictures in this album.



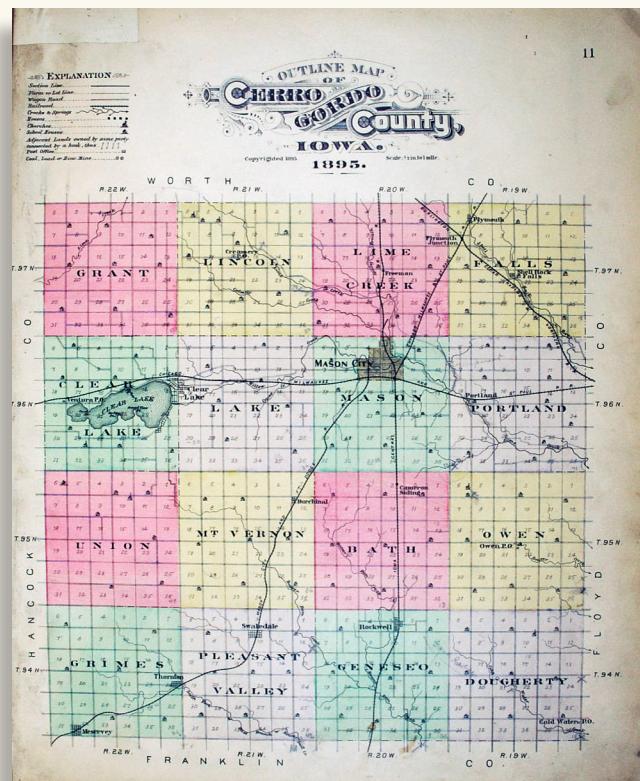
A postcard depicting the Catholic Church in Ravensburg, with the note (perhaps in Lydia Mae's hand):

"Where Grandpa Schlosser went to church in Germany."





Andrew and his wife Emma at their 50th wedding anniversary.
Andrew died in Iowa in 1950.



1895 map of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa where Albert lived in his final years.



Albert Carl died in Maryland in 1966 at the age of 99. Here are photos of him in 1939 and at his 90th birthday in 1957.



