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Early German Baptist Church



Old map of Brant Township showing the location of the German Baptist Church.

This fits the description written on the back of the photo of Agatha Agnes and Friedrich: “located about 1 ½ miles south of Elmwood and 1 mile west”.

From: Canadian County Atlas Digital Project

<http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/CountyAtlas/searchmapframes.php>

Choose Brant in the Township search menu to view a larger image of the map above.

Relatively Speaking—submissions welcome.

Do you have a story to share in a future issue of the Society’s newsletter? Please submit your story (finished or in progress) to newsletterbcgs@gmail.com Have an interest or a great photo but no story—the Editor will work with you to get it ready for publishing.

Relatively Speaking

*Kin connections to this issue's feature stories
prepared by Diane Huber*

It was an unexpected surprise to me, the new Editor, to read Joan Hauser's two submissions that Glenys gave me to include in my first issue as editor. As I considered all the surnames noted within the submissions I quickly realized I had personal connections to quite a few of those last names in the geographic area being referenced in Joan's submissions.

My Schroeder family connection ... Michael Schroeder (1833-1912) came to Upper Canada from Prussia in 1844 with his parents, two brothers, Martin (1827-1925) and Gottlieb (1830/34-1907) and his sister, Henrietta. My research suggests they came pretty much directly to the Elmwood area. I really think that the Schroeder family noted as being one of the 28 charter members of the Early Baptist Church is likely this family. Henrietta, by the way, married a Quast.

Michael married Louisa Wiermeyer (1847-1909) on February 10, 1863. I'm not exactly sure when Louisa came to Canada but I think it was in 1857-59. I know she came with her mother, Dorothea (1815-1884), and some of her siblings. Louisa's father died in 1856 and her mother remarried Johann Boldt (1827-1887) in Germany. The Boldts have a son born in Brant Township in 1859. Dorothea's father was a Stade and knowing that Stades lived in the Elmwood area at this time, I wonder if it was a Stade family connection that brought the Boldts (and Louisa) to the area.

Michael and Louisa had a daughter Mary who married a Fenske and a daughter Pauline who married a Hauser. Their daughter Elizabeth (Bessie) married Johann (John) Dankert Jr. following the death of her first husband Frank Holman. John and Bessie's youngest daughter, Gladys, is my grandmother. She left me notes and photos—that I unfortunately only found after she had passed away.



The headstone of
Louisa Wiermeyer Schroeder
1847-1909
German Baptist cemetery.



Bessie and John Dankert married in 1895 following the deaths of their respective spouses (Frank Holman and Mary Such). They lived on the Dankert family farm two miles south of Elmwood abutting the train tracks and what is now known as Dankert Lake. They lived there until 1928 when they sold the farm to their son, Milton, and moved to Hanover. Photo was taken in front of their Hanover house (which still stands).

John's father and Bessie's mother and father are buried in this cemetery. I had hoped to make a visit to see which other headstones I could connect with but then it snowed ... so that visit has been postponed until later this spring.

My Dankert family connection ... Johann Dankert Sr. (1828-1890) married Dorothea Pomphrin (1823-1889) in Waterloo County on June 15, 1854. Both Johann and Dorothea were born in Germany and I haven't found when or how they arrived in Upper Canada before 1854. They had nine children. Johann Jr. (1863-1939) was born in Waterloo County, then the family moved to Sullivan Township for a few years before buying a farm from Thomas McKissock on June 18, 1875. This farm became known as Dankert Hill and the lake to the west, Dankert Lake. Johann Jr.'s sister, Sophia married Noah Brusso and they had three children, one also named Noah who went on to become a world heavyweight boxing champion, Tommy Burns (interested? Take a look in a past issue of [Grey-Bruce Boomers Fall 2020 \(yumpu.com\)](#) One of the Dankert kids married a Ritter but I'm running out of room on this page. So many of the names in Joan's articles are names in my notes and files. It was indeed serendipitous that Joan's writing came my way.



Dankert Family Portrait—John and Bessie attended the German Baptist Church as children. They were married on June 6, 1895 in the Elmwood Baptist Church.
Front—Milton, Johann (John) Jr., Edna, Elizabeth (Bessie) and Gladys.
Back from left—Dorothy, Garfield and Lydia.

Editor note: I don't know the date this portrait was taken but I would guess it would have been around 1915-17. Gladys Dankert was born on July 3, 1909. She married Harold Krug in 1932. Harold and Gladys are my grandparents and they both worked at the Krug Bros. Factory. I heard about my grandparents banding birds and exploring with Bruce Krug many times as I was growing up.

These photos were found in a box after my Mom passed away in 2015. Bessie and John are buried in the Hanover Cemetery with their children Milton and Dorothy. As mentioned, I had planned to re-visit the Baptist Cemetery hoping to find and photograph other gravemarkers ... spring.



WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU KNOW. AND CONSIDER SHARING.

The next issue of the Bruce Bulletin will be coming to your inbox in early May. Relatively Speaking articles, research interests, comments, appeals for help and other content suggestions can be submitted for consideration by calling 519-386-5944 or by e-mail to

newsletterbcgs@gmail.com

Not ready to submit right now? We'll have issues in August and November. You've still got time.

When you're young,
your grandparents try
to tell you their
history, and you don't
care because it doesn't
interest you at the time.
Later on, you wish you
had written down what
they said.



A NOTE FROM THE PAST EDITOR

It is with mixed feelings that I have resigned as newsletter editor for the Bruce County Genealogical Society. After fourteen years of service I felt it was time for someone new to create and publish the newsletter. Audrey Underwood, phoned me back in 2006, and asked if I would be interested in the job of newsletter editor for BCGS. I had retired from teaching Business courses at Secondary School for 31 years and was looking for something to do in my free time. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as newsletter editor. I have had the privilege of interacting with many of our dedicated readers and have received many interesting stories from them. Please continue to submit your stories to our new editor, Diane Huber, as that is what makes our newsletter interesting. I will continue to work with BCGS as a director and as always am researching my roots.

Shirley Moulton

Lives Remembered. Facts Recorded. Photos Found.

This is how an article in the Bruce Bulletin gets started ...

Hello Diane, I have attached an article for the newsletter. I realize that space and size will be an issue. Please condense as required. I appreciate being asked to share my story. There were many family members associated with the Thompson family in Bruce County and how thrilling it would be for a descendent to read my story and connect with it. Thank you for your assistance!

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A NOTE FROM THE NEW EDITOR

Sharing your family research and the things you find make our newsletter interesting. Feel free to ask for help with identifying faces or with putting the facts in the right order or proper context. The result of the email (above) from one of our new members filled half of the back page. Here is a bigger image of the photo she sent showing the stamp of the photographer and an image from the back of the photo. Scanned photos and web captures of maps and other items are much more vibrant in a digital issue of the newsletter. The map on the first page of this bonus section looked awful when printed so I chose to leave it out of the print version. I wanted to share it though so that the reference to the McGill Atlas was available to members to explore the parts of the County where their relatives lived. I hope some members are inspired to send in material. I need your help and I do hope you enjoyed this bonus section.

Diane Huber

