



Johann Geörg PHILIPP (1797-1865) and his wife Anna Margaritha KRÄTTLI(1802-1844) were born in Switzerland, in the canton of Graubünden, in or near the small town of Untervaz. Untervaz is situated on the upper Rhine river some ten miles north the larger town of Chur under a snow capped mountain named Calanda. Records in the town of Untervaz as well as the Archives in Chur show that the PHILIPP and KRÄTTLI families resided in Untervaz as far back as 1448. Since the Protestant Reformation, Untervaz was sharply divided, half Catholic and half Reformed. The PHILIPP family and other "Vazers" that immigrated together to Gasconade county were strongly Protestant.



Their children: Dorothea (1821-1876) married Georg KRÄTTLI,
Jacob (1823-1898) married Katherine BOESCH,
Katherina (1824-) married George WEHRLE,
Michael (1826 - ?),
Anna (1828-1912) married George CARL,
Margarithe (1830-1871) married Andrew PHOTENHAUER and later Conrad
HUMBURG,
Maria (1843-1928) married Jacob MICHEL.

Johann Geörg PHILIPP owned a grist and flour mill which was powered by the clear, swift waters of the Upper Rhine River. The mill did a thriving business and the PHILIPP family were known as a people of comfortable financial means. An interesting, oft told story is that Anna,

once fell into the Rhine and would have drowned had she not been saved by her two older brothers.

Sometime near the first of April, in the year 1844 the PHILIPP family sold their grist-mill on the Rhine, their home, and all their belongings to set forth on their trip to America.

There were no railroads which could take them from Untervaz, Switzerland, to their port of embarkation the seaport of LeHavre, France. They secured their necessary immigration papers and hired a horse-drawn vehicle to make the trip to Rotterdam and then by ship to LeHavre. The PHILIPP family and Dorothea's husband Georg KRÄTTLI traveled with other families from Untervaz. It took them 86 days to sail from LeHavre to New Orleans. There was great rejoicing, when in July of 1844 the families all landed safely at Hermann. Land was offered for homesteading for reasonable prices. The first thing they had to do was to build a log house for shelter and log barns for protection of animals which they soon obtained for the farm work.

Very shortly after their arrival at their new home in America, Anna Margaritha PHILIPP developed a very severe case of "Heimweh" or home sickness. The great dream of America which she had when the party left Switzerland swiftly vanished under the stifling feeling of being made prisoner of the dense forest of tall trees; and, for one such as she, accustomed to a clean, nice home of many rooms, the small log cabin with its cramped quarters, and its woeful lack of convenience was aggravating and depressing. Under these conditions, the beautiful mountains of Switzerland, the heavenly Rhine, the open brisk fresh air, the spacious home, and most of all, her many friends, became the heart yearning dreamland which she once had, but now had lost forever. She was at the point of no return. Her extreme depression eventually brought on other physical weakness, and in the fall of the year, after only a few months in America, she died.

In 1848 reports reached the settlement that rich deposits of gold were found in California. This induced Michael PHILIPP to join a group heading for California April 30, 1850. They planned to travel over Panama but gave up as too costly. They purchased a wagon and three sets oxen and traveled over the prairie. He promised to return and make them all rich. However, after two letters while enroute, all was silence and Michael was never heard from again. By 1853 it was assumed that Michael PHILIPP was dead.

Johann Geörg PHILIPP, married Ursula LUDWIG July 24 1848 and they lived together in town lot No. 3 West 8th Street in Hermann.

Jacob PHILIPP son of Johann Geörg PHILIPP and Anna Margaretha KRÄTTLI was born April 16, 1823 in Untervaz, Graubünden, Switzerland. May 11, 1849 he married Katherine BOESCH daughter Andreas BOESCH and Anna Margareth JUST. The BOESCH family is also from the Graubünden canton of Switzerland, the town of Maienfeld that is a few miles north of Untervaz. Maienfeld is the setting for Johanna SPYRI's HEIDI (1880). Katherine BOESCH immigrated with her brother Andrew's family, mother and other siblings Jacob and Maria.

Their children: Margaret (1850-1932) married Henry AHRENS,

Marie (1852-1885) married Michael KRÄTTLI,

Katherine (1853-1940) married Edward AHRENS (brother of Henry),

Dorothea (1859-1945) married Christian STOECKLIN,

Ursula (1863-1927) married Louis DOERFLINGER,

Anna (1865-1897) married Jacob SCHINDLER,

Andrew (1867-1957) married Emma Mary PROETT,

Jacob (1869-1955) married Johanna Louise LINKE,

Rose (1873-1952) married Theodore Charles BARNER.

By 1858 they had constructed a stone house on the Philipp Homestead, located in Sec. 6 T44N, R4W on the south bank of Big Berger Fork. The stone was taken from a nearby quarry and the house was designed and constructed by Jacob PHILIPP and Andrew PHOTENHAUER who left their mark in 1858. The old stone house is still standing and has been restored to near original condition.

When the Civil War started and the question of the breaking up of the Union was at stake, Jacob enlisted in the Union Army to fight against slavery that was already seen as a disgrace to the civilized world. Jacob enlisted in Company E Gasconade County Battalion of the Missouri Home Guards on July 4, 1861, and was discharged from service on the October 1, 1861. October 21, 1890 he applied for a pension but was rejected on the grounds that he did not serve at least 90 days. An appeal was sent stating that there are 90 days if July 4th and October 21st are included. The rejection was affirmed on the grounds that the records of the "Hawkin's Taylor Commission" show that in the claim of Jacob PHILIPP, Prvt Co. "E" Gasconade Co. H.G. for services rendered between July 4, 1861 and October 21, 1861, a period of only two months and

twenty-six days, was allowed as actual military service rendered to the United States.

When daughter Marie died in 1858, her son Jacob KRÄTTI was 6 years old and her daughter Ursula KRÄTTI was about a year. Ursula stayed with her grandmother Katherine at the stone house, the son Jacob remained with his father in his home.

When daughter Anna died in 1897, her son Theodore SCHINDLER was not yet 2 years old and her daughter Ellen SCHINDLER was just 7 months. Ellen was also taken in and raised by her grandmother Katherine.

Ursula and Ellen often talked about living with their grandmother and feeling they were almost like sisters, living there being so close to the same age.

Jacob PHILIPP Sr. died in 1898. Jacob PHILIPP Jr. stayed with his mother and assumed her care until her death in 1914.

Jacob and Katherine are both buried in the family cemetery on the Philipp Homestead along with three children that died in infancy, plus daughter Anna, daughter Marie and her husband Michael KRÄTTI, KRÄTTI daughters Maria, Anna and Dorothy, and grandson Adolph DOERFLINGER.



Jacob Philipp and Katherine Boesch

Andrew PHILIPP son of Jacob PHILIPP and Katherine BOESCH was born March 14, 1867 on the Philipp Homestead near Swiss Missouri. May 24, 1895 he married Emma Mary PROETT daughter of Anton Heinrich PROETT and Maria Charlotte SCHAEPERKOETTE. They had 6 boys: Walter (1896-1977) never married,

Paul (1898-1966) never married,

Andrew (1901-1976) married Esther MARTH,

Robert (1904-1986) married Leona SCHLOBOHM,

Edward (1907-1962) married Sidonia SCHMIDT,

Oliver (1910-1967) married Girtrude LAMPMAN.

They were members of Nazareth Presbyterian Church in Swiss.

Andrew played cornet in a band along with his brother Jacob who played trombone and his cousin Jacob KRÄTTLI that also played the cornet.

Along with farming the PHILIPP family raised mules. Paul said when his brother Robert was born, "Jetzt hat mein Vater vier Jungen und vier Esel" Now my father has four sons and four asses.

Around 1918, Andrew and Emma with their boys moved from farming in Missouri to Rudd, Iowa, following Andrew's sister Katherine PHILIPP and her husband Edward AHRENS who lived in neighboring Nora Springs, Iowa. Emma's sister Charlotte Marie PROETT also moved to nearby Osage Iowa with her husband Henry Jacob AHRENS son of the aforementioned Edward and Katherine.

They were members of Eden Presbyterian Church near Rudd Iowa.

Walter PHILIPP answered his call to service and went to France in 1918 as a private in Company E of the 350th Infantry. He returned with a horrible account of trench warfare and of being gassed. The lung damage he suffered as a result of being gassed forced him to move away from the family, to the warm and dry climate of Tucson Arizona.

During the Second World War, Oliver PHILIPP refused his call to service. As a conscientious objector, he was incarcerated for two years during the war. The family supported his choice not to serve, but it did not make him popular in the community especially with other men of his generation.



Andrew Philipp and Emma Proett