

## 27. EIMAN / EIMEN / EYMANN

The Eiman name, found in many different forms from Ayman to Eimer, belongs to a very prolific Anabaptist family in Alsace and Lorraine, France. Eiman was the common form used in Canada. Although the name is not found among Canadians of Amish-Mennonite descent today, there are many with Eymann/Eiman ancestry – most notably, the Wagler family.

This EIMAN Family Genealogical Introduction will be divided into the following sections:

1. The Barbe Eymann and Isaac Wagler Family
2. The Peter Eymann Family
  - a) The John Eiman and Barbara Goldschmidt Family (grandson)
  - b) The Peter and Magdalena (Frutiger) Eiman Family (son)
  - c) The Daniel and Barbara (Zehr) Eiman family (grandson)
3. The Nicholas Eyman of the “Eymann Bible”
4. Jacob Eyman

### THE BARBE EYMANN AND ISAAC WAGLER FAMILY

The Barbe Eymann and Isaac Wagler family is listed first because so many of the present-day families in the Amish Mennonite communities in Ontario, Canada can trace their ancestry to this couple.

Johannes Wagler, the father of Isaac Wagler, re-negotiated a lease on the Muesberg Farm for 18 years beginning in April 1765. Muesberg and Muesbach were the names of farms/estates on which Waglers and Eimans lived, and were located in the district of Ribeauvillé, Department of Haut Rhin (Upper Alsace). By that time Isaac Wagler was living on the Muesbach Farm and had added his signature to a lease negotiated by Peter and Nicholas Eymann in 1762. When that lease ran out, Isaac Wagler and Peter Eymann renewed the lease for the period 1781 to 1799. Isaac's wife was Barbara Eymann, daughter of Nicholas Eymann and Verena Kropf. One would suppose that she was the daughter of the Nicholas who co-signed the lease of 1762, but the relationship of these various Eymanns cannot, at this time, be proven. No doubt, the Eimans were related to the Waglers.

Isaac's marriage to Barbara Eymann, no doubt began the Wagler dynasty on the Muesbach Farm. Isaac and Barbara both died on this farm – Isaac in 1804 and Barbara in 1811.

***Foundation ruins at Muesbach, Ribeauvillé, ►  
Upper Alsace, where Isaac and Barbe (Eymann)  
Wagler lived***



Credit: Paul Zehr

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The family of Joseph Wagler were the last Waglers on the Muesberg, but in 1854, they also left to join the rest of the family in the developing communities in Waterloo and Perth Counties in Canada. From before 1730 (the birth of Isaac Wagler) to the departure of the Joseph Wagler family in 1854 is 124 years.

## THE BARBARA EYMANN AND ISAAC WAGLER FAMILY

**ISAAC WAGLER**, Anabaptist, weaver by trade; son of Johannes/Hanss Wagler,

b. ca.1730 at Muesberg, district of Ribeauvillé, Dept. of Haut Rhin (Upper Alsace)

d. 18 Apr 1804, Muesbach, district of Ribeauvillé

m. ca.1763

**BARBE EYMANN**, dau. of Nicolas Eimann and Frena Kropf

b. 1731, Ribeauvillé

d. 21 Jan 1811 (age 79 y., 10 m.), Muesbach

### CHILDREN:

1) Jean/Hans Wagler

b. ca. 1764 Muesbach

d. 15 Oct 1846 Tann-mühle

m. 4 Jun 1794 Ribeauvillé

Catherine Liehti

b. ca. 1769 St.Amarin

d. 3 Nov 1833 Ribeauvillé

dau. of Friedrich Liehti  
and Barbara Frey

2) Nicholas Wagler

b. ca. 1768 Muesbach

d. 7 Aug 1804 Muesbach

m. 6 Apr 1795 Lièpvre

Barbe Sommer

b. 21 Feb 1769 St.Stail 2 m. to Gaspard Pendt

dau. of Jean/John Sommer  
and Barbe Husser/Hisser

3) Jacques/Jacob Wagler

b. 25 Feb 1769 Muesbach

d. 16 Jan 1846 Muesbach

m. 14 Nov 1804 Ribeauvillé

Anne Marie Sommer

b. 4 Sep 1779 Richwiller

d. 17 Nov 1839 Muesbach

dau. of Chrétien Sommer  
and Anne Murer/Maurer

4) Barbe Wagler

b. ca.1770 Ribeauvillé

m. 6 Sep 1799 Ribeauvillé

Jacques/Jacob Haas

b. ca.1764 Appenzell

d. 25 Jul 1829 Ste.M.aux Mines

widower of Barbe Schmucker

### GRANDCHILDREN:

{ Barbe Wagler (1799- ) m. Joseph Maurer  
Catherine Wagler (1802-1883) m. Joseph Schweitzer  
Jean/John Wagler (1804-1884) m. Sophie Valentin  
Magdaleine Wagler (1807)(7 weeks)(twin born dead)  
Magdaleine Wagler (1808-1812) (3 years)  
Jacques Wagler (1811-1837) m. Barbe Eymann  
Barbe 2m. Christian Vordemwald.

no record of children

{ Jacob Wagler (1806-1872) m. Madeleine Roeschli  
Anne Marie Wagler (1809) (1 month)  
John Baptist Wagler (1810-1869) m. Barbe Wagler  
stillborn son (1813)  
Anne Marie Wagler (1815-1855) m. Christian Wagler  
Chrétien Wagler (1822-1823) (8 weeks)  
Joseph Wagler (1822-1823) (8 weeks) (twins)

{ Isaac Haas (1801- ) m. Magdalena Vordemwald  
Barbara Haas (1802- ) m. Jean/John Mosimann  
Jacob Haas (1804- )  
Christian Haas (1809- )

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### 5) Christian Wagler

b. 1774/75 Muesbach  
d. 1851 Wilmot  
m. 13 May 1807 Ribeauvillé

Anne Marie Sommer

b. Jun 1783 Bambois  
d. after 1851 Wilmot  
dau. of Jean/John Sommer  
and Barbe Hisser

Christian Wagler (1810-1887) m. Anne Marie Wagler  
Joseph Wagler (1812-1887) m. Elizabeth Sommer  
Barbara Wagler (1815-after 1875) m. John Baptist Wagler  
John S. Wagler (1820-1908) m. Magdalena Christner

### 6) Elisabeth Wagler

b. ca.1779 Muesbach  
d. 13 Jun 1848 Muesbach  
m. 20 Apr 1805 Ribeauvillé

Christian Sommer

b. May 1775 St. Stail  
d. 7 Feb 1815 Muesbach  
son of Jean Sommer and  
Barbe Hisser

Marie/Barbe Sommer (1806- ) m. Jacques Guthlin  
Chretien Sommer (1807-1812)  
Jacques Sommer (1812- )  
Anne Marie Sommer (1814- ) m. Jean Michel Rohr

## THE PETER EYMANN FAMILY

The following abbreviated family outline accounts for most of the Eimans one finds in Canada during part of the 19th century. (1) (See Notes below) Names in bold print were immigrants to Canada.

EM PETER EYMANN (1735-1807) b. Ribeauville, Upper Alsace, d. Ste. Croix-aux-Mine, Haut-Rhin  
m. in 1782 to Margaret Barbe Maurer (1758/59-1811)  
*(this may have been Peter's second marriage)*

EM1 Jean-Baptiste Eymann (1783-1812)

m. Katharine Eymann (1773-1832)

Had children in Ste. Croix-aux-Mines and at Ste. Marie-aux-Mines

EM2 Barbara Eymann (1784- )

m. Johannes Georg Burckhardt (1761-1811?)

widower of Elisabeth Eymann (1760-1807)

dau. of Nicolas Eymann and Cecile Hertig

EM21 **Barbara Burckhardt** (1808-1882)

m. **Joseph Jausi** (1809-1886)

Barbara emigrated to Canada in 1842 and married there.

For further details, see the JAUSI/YAUSIE/YOUSEY Family Introduction

EM22 Magdalena Burckhardt (1810-1811)

EM3 **Magdalena Eymann/Eiman** (1794-1867) (unmarried)

EM31 **John Eiman** (1820-1898)

m. **Barbara Goldschmidt** in France

Mother, son and wife emigrated to Canada with the Wagler family in 1848.

*More information on this family below*

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- EM4 **Peter Eymann/Eimen**, b. July 31, 1798 at Ste. Marie-aux-Mines  
d. March 27, 1858 at South Easthope, Perth County, Ontario  
m. April 12, 1826 at Ste. Croix-en-Plaine (below Colmar)  
Magdalena Frutiger (1804- ) dau. of Daniel Frutiger and Vèrene Ummel.  
Emigrated to Canada with 4 sons and 1 daughter. They sailed from Le Havre on the ship *New York*, arriving at New York Aug. 20, 1855.
- EM41 Peter Eymann, b. May 22, 1826 at Niederhergheim, Upper Alsace  
m. Sept. 8, 1849 at Soultz, Upper Alsace  
Barbara Roth (1824- ) dau. of André Roth and Catherine Kauffman.  
b. Aug. 19, 1824 Pfastatt (a suburb of Mulhouse)  
d. Nov. 28, 1902 in Oklahoma  
Passenger on ship *New York*, arriving at New York Aug. 20, 1855.
- EM411 Jean/John Eiman, b. June 2, 1850 at Soultz, Upper Alsace  
d. May 30, 1929 at El Reno, Oklahoma.  
m. Oct. 5, 1873 to Emily Frances Potts (1852-1938) in Tazewell Co., Ill.  
dau. of Hanson Potts and Elizabeth Turner
- EM412 Barbara Eiman, b. Dec. 3, 1860 in Illinois  
d. June 10, 1935 at Fort Cobb, Oklahoma  
m. March 13, 1878 to John G. Fisher (b. 1848) in Tazewell Co., Illinois
- EM413 Kate Eiman, b. Nov. 2, 1862 in Illinois  
d. March 19, 1953 at Fremont, Iowa.  
1m. Reuben Stam 2m. Henry Storm (1862-1941)
- EM414 Mary Eiman, b. Nov. 29, 1866 in Illinois  
d. July 22, 1881 at Elm Grove, Illinois
- EM42 François Joseph Eymann, b. April 3, 1828 at Niederhergheim.  
Passenger on ship *New York*, arriving at New York Aug. 20, 1855.
- EM43 Magdalena Eymann (1830- )  
Applied to leave France in November 1852 for St. Louis (Missouri?)
- EM44 Christian Eymann (1832-1836) at mill near Niderhergheim, Haut-Rhin
- EM45 Anna Maria Eymann (1835)
- EM46 Katharina Eymann (1836- )  
m. Johannes Reck (1826- )  
Arrived in New York on September 3, 1857
- EM47 Christian Eymann (1838-1839)
- EM48 **Daniel Eymann/Eimen** (1840-1916)  
m. Barbara Zehr Gingerich (1837-1886) in Canada  
Passenger on ship *New York*, arriving at New York Aug. 20, 1855.  
*More information below on this family*
- EM49 **Veronica Eymann/Eimen** b. 1843 at Soultz, d. 1899, bu. Seward County, Nebraska  
m. March 6, 1866 to Joseph Maurer in Tazewell Co., Illinois  
Passenger on ship *New York*, arriving at New York Aug. 20, 1855.  
*Veronica was baptized in Canada in 1859*
- EM4a **Johannes Eymann/Eimen**, b. Sept. 9, 1845 at Soultz.  
Passenger on ship *New York*, arriving at New York Aug. 20, 1855.  
(Was probably the John "Imon" in the Andrew and Barbara (Sommer) Zehr home in Canada in the 1861 census)

THE JOHN EIMAN AND BARBARA GOLDSCHMIDT FAMILY

John Eiman, born in 1823, was registered at Ribeauville, Department of Haut-Rhin, France. The registrar spelled the name Eymann. He was born to Magdalena Eiman out of wedlock. In the 1836 and 1841 census lists, Madeleine/ Magdalena Eiman was listed as a servant in the Wagler home on one of the Muesbach farms. Her son Jean/John was listed with her. In 1846, Barbe/Barbara Goldschmidt was listed as a servant on the other Muesbach farm. (2)



**Butcher's Tower**

*The clock tower and arch in Ribeauville*

*The Eimans and Waglers would have walked through this arch on their way down from the mountain farm to the village to register births, deaths, and marriages.* Credit: Bruce W. Jantzi, 1996

The head of the Wagler clan who lived on these farms, in the foothills of the Vosges Mountains to the west of Ribeauville, was Isaac Wagler. His wife was Barbe Eymann. No doubt, Magdalena Eymann/Eiman was a relative of the Wagler family. All of the Waglers with ancestors who migrated to Canada have Eymann ancestry.

According to John's Bible record, he and Barbara Goldschmidt were married July 31, 1848, in Upper Alsace by Bishop Christian Wagler. Joseph Goldschmidt (1796-1876), another immigrant to Canada, is to have been born on the Thannzapfenmuhle, which was in the same vicinity as the Muesbach farms. Joseph and Barbara Goldschmidt were probably related, but their age difference (24 years) may indicate they were not brother and sister.

In the fall of 1848 the above group, John, Barbara and Magdalena, accompanied Bishop Christian Wagler and several of his family to Canada. They sailed from Antwerp, Belgium, on the Ship *Massachusetts*, arriving in New York on November 14, 1848. (3)

In the 1851 and 1861 census, the Eiman family, including mother Magdalena, were found in East Zorra Township, Oxford County. Four of their six children died in infancy.

Barbara died in 1866. Bishop Joseph Ruby, in proper French style – that of giving women's maiden names, listed her as Barbara Goldschmidt, gave her date of death as January 27, her date of burial as January 29, and the place of burial as East Zorra. Ruby reported the cause of her death as tuberculosis.

In April of 1866, John Eiman was married to Catharine Roth, the widow of Jacob Schwartzentruber. When he married Catharine, he and his two surviving children went to live on her farm in South Easthope. Jacob Schwartzentruber's executors, however, sold the farm to John Schwartzentruber, the oldest son in 1867. He sold it to his brother-in-law Daniel Helmuth in 1881. Helmuth, then sold it to John Eiman in 1882, who sold it back to Helmuth in 1884.

The death of Mother Magdalena Eiman was reported by Bishop Joseph Ruby as taking place on May 24, 1867 and the burial on May 26 in South Easthope. Magdalena was 70 years old and died of dropsy. Tombstones for Magdalena Eiman and Barbara (Goldschmidt) Eiman have not been found.

In January of 1884, Magdalena Eiman, John's daughter, became the second wife of Jacob B. Roth, son of John Roth and Mary Boshart. Jacob was living southeast of New Hamburg where the Morningside retirement community is now located. Later that year, Magdalena gave birth to a son Daniel, who died two months later. Magdalena died in 1892 without surviving children except for Julianna Shultz, an "adopted" daughter. Annie Eiman, the second surviving daughter of John and Barbara, died unmarried in Wilmot in August of 1885. No doubt, she had been living with her sister.

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John Eiman's wife Catherine (Roth) Schwartzentruber died in 1890, leaving him widowed the second time. In 1894, he married another widow, Rosina Kuepfer, widow of John Kennel. John and Rosina purchased eleven acres (the northeast part of Lot 7) on the south side of Snyder's Road near Petersburg in 1895. John died in 1898, and Rosina and the executors, John E. Schultz and Christian Litwiller, sold the property to Moses Schlabach in 1900. Rosina may then have lived with her children for she lived another 21 years. John and Rosina are both buried in the St. Agatha Mennonite cemetery. John Eiman left no survivors.

## THE FAMILY OF JOHN EIMAN AND BARBARA GOLDSCHMIDT

John Eiman, son of Magdalena Eiman, (b. 31 Mar 1794; d. 25 May 1867 South Easthope Twp.)

grandson of Peter Eymann and Margaret Barbe Maurer

b. 23 Sept 1823, Upper Alsace, France [Bible record]

(b. 14 Sept 1823, Ribeauville, Haut-Rhin - Diener & Levine research)

d. 23 June 1898, bu. St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery

1m. 31 July 1848, Upper Alsace, by Bishop Christian Wagler

Barbara Goldschmidt, b. 2 Mar 1820, Lorraine, France

d. 27 Jan 1866, Perth Co./E.Zorra

2m. 24 Apr 1866, S.Easthope/E.Zorra, by Bishop Joseph Ruby

Catharine Roth, dau. of Michael Roth and Magdalena Lichti

widow of Jacob Schwartzentruber

b. 16 Oct 1815, Hirtzbach, Haut-Rhin

d. 25 Jan 1890, bu. East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery

3m. 27 Dec 1894, Wellesley, Ont., by Bishop Jacob Wagler

Rosina Kuepfer, dau. of Andrew Kuepfer and Lydia Goetz

widow of Joseph Kennel

b. 5 Nov 1837, Switzerland

d. 10 Jan 1921, bu. St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery

Children:

1) Barbara Eiman, b. 13 Feb 1850, Perth Co. [Bible record]

d. 4 Dec 1853 Perth Co.

2) John Eiman, b. 25 Mar 1852, Perth Co.

d. 26 Sept 1854 Perth Co.

3) Barbara Eiman, b. 30 Mar 1854, Perth Co.

d. 27 Apr 1858 Perth Co.

4) Magdalena Eiman, b. 22 Feb 1856, Perth Co.

d. 5 June 1892, bu. Wilmot Centre or Steinmann Menn. Cem.

m. 22 Jan 1884, Wilmot Township, by Bishop John Gascho

Jacob B. Roth, son of John Roth and Mary Boshart

b. 2 Apr 1851, Wilmot Township

d. 2 Jun 1931, bu Steinmann Mennonite Cemetery

Jacob 1m. 1875 to Catharine Gardner, bu. Wilmot Centre Cemetery

Jacob 3m. 1893 to Veronica Streicher, bu. Steinmann Menn. Cem.

(4 children to this marriage)

Children:

a) Daniel Roth, b. 19 Oct 1884, Wilmot Township

d. 12 Jan 1885 Wilmot Township

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b) Julianna Shultz, "adopted" (perhaps by Jacob and Catharine)  
dau. of Martin Shultz and Augusta Mathner  
b. 15 Jul 1878, Alsace; d. 1947  
m. 14 Mar 1912  
Rudolph Streicher, son of Andrew K. Steicher & Magdalena Roth

- 5) Anna Eiman, b. 14 Jun 1857, Perth Co.  
d. 17 Aug 1885, Wilmot Township
- 6) Joseph Eiman, b. 23 Sept 1859, Perth Co.  
d. 30 Sept 1859 Perth Co.

### **Comments on the John Eiman Bible record:**

The John Eiman family Bible had been passed down through the Kennel family. Larry Boshart, son of Delton Boshart and Helen Boshart, was in possession of the Bible when this study was made. (4) John, or whoever did the writing, used the spelling "Einman" in the Bible, but this is the only place this spelling has been found. I suspect this to be an error and have not reproduced it.

The above family outline is based on the record in the Bible with later details added – such as John's third marriage, the deaths of daughters Magdalena and Anna, and his own.

Since the family appeared in the 1851 and 1861 census in East Zorra Township, Oxford County, it is somewhat troubling that the Bible register states that the births and deaths of the infants took place in Perth County. The few births and deaths recorded by Bishop Joseph Ruby also indicate they took place in South Easthope Twp. Did the family move back and forth between the two counties, or did they not pay attention to the geography? John did move to South Easthope Township in Perth County when he married Barbara (Roth) Schwartzentruber, but the births and deaths in his record had taken place before that time.

### THE PETER AND MAGDALENA (FRUTIGER) EIMEN FAMILY

This family does not show up in any census records, but they do make their appearance in Bishop Joseph Ruby's various records (5); so they must have been in the East Zorra or Easthope area. The first record of their presence is Ruby's record of 1858 deaths. Peter, age 62 years, died of consumption on March 27, 1858 in South Easthope Township. Then Ruby's 1859 record of baptisms included Peter and Magdalena Eiman's children, Daniel, whose age would have been 17 or 19, depending on which birth year one uses, and Veronica, age 16.

A 14-year-old John "Imon" was with Andrew and Barbara (Sommer) Zehr in the 1861 East Zorra census. This may very well have been the youngest son of Peter and Magdalena Eimen.

Next came Daniel Eimen's marriage to Barbara (Zehr) Gingerich in South Easthope on September 1, 1863, performed and recorded by Bishop Joseph Ruby. Daniel's age was reported as 23. He was born in France and residing in South Easthope. His parents were Peter Eimen and Magdalena Fridiger/Dridiger. Barbara was the daughter of Dr. Peter and Barbara (Roth) Zehr and the widow of Jacob Gingerich. Barbara and Jacob Gingerich had lived in East Zorra, and a son Jacob was born to that marriage.

The first child of Daniel and Barbara Eimen was Magdalena, born in 1864. She was not recorded by Bishop Ruby, but Andrew, born in 1865, was. The family genealogy had all of the Eimen children born in Iowa.

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From subsequent records, however, we learn that the first three children were born in Oxford County, Canada, the next three (1869-1873) were born in Tazewell County, Illinois. Mary, in 1875 and Anna in 1876, were reported to have been born near Tavistock, Ontario. Finally, Joseph, born in 1878, is reported to have been born at Wayland, Iowa.

Barbara's son Jacob Gingerich accompanied the Eimen family. Since Peter Eimen's wife, Magdalena (Frutiger) is not found in any Canadian records, she may never have come to Canada. If she did, she, no doubt accompanied Daniel's family in their migrations, but where she died is not known. Veronica, who was identified as Peter's daughter and 14-year-old John in the 1861 census may also have accompanied the family group in their various moves.

### THE DANIEL AND BARBARA (ZEHR) EIMEN FAMILY

*The following abbreviated family list is taken from the Nicolaus and Veronica (Zimmerman) Roth genealogy. (6)*

#### THE FAMILY OF DANIEL AND BARBARA (ZEHR) (GINGERICH) EIMEN

Daniel Eimen, son of Peter Eimen and Magdalena Frutiger

Passenger on ship *New York*, arriving at New York Aug. 20, 1855.

b. 15 Nov 1840, Soultz, France [Levine research] 15 Oct 1842 [family record]

d. \_\_\_\_ 1916, bu. Sugar Creek Cemetery, Wayland, Iowa

1m. 1 Sept 1863, S. Easthope Township, by Bishop Joseph Ruby

Barbara Zehr, dau. of Dr. Peter Zehr and Barbara Roth

widow of Jacob Gingerich

b. 10 Dec 1837, in U.S.A. (probably Lewis Co., N.Y.)

d. 5 Nov 1886, bu. Sugar Creek Cemetery

2m. to Phebe Fisher (1846-1899)

dau. of Christian and Jacobina (Swartzendruber) Fisher

Children:

1) Jacob Gingerich (1859-1896) (to Barbara's first marriage)  
m. Mary Schlabaugh

2) Magdalena Eimen (1864-1872)

3) Andrew Eimen (1865-1871)

4) Barbara Eimen (1867-1910) m. Jephtha D. Gingerich

5) Daniel Eimen (1869-1944/5) m. Nellie Leper

6) Peter Eimen (1871-1949) m. Anna Miller

7) Catherine (Kate) Eimen (1873-1954) m. Moses S. Ropp

8) Mary Eimen (1875-1961) m. Samuel Troyer

9) Anna Eimen (1876-1940) m. Benjamin J. Shetler

10) Joseph B. Eimen (1878-1040) m. Alice Yoder

11) David Eimen (1880-1963) m. Ollie Bertie Showalter

12) Moses Eimen (1882)

13) Lydia Eimen (1884-1887)

14) Fannie Eimen (1886-1983)

Raised in home of John N. Roth and Mary (Miller, Bender) Roth.



NICHOLAS EYMAN OF THE "EYMANN BIBLE"

**THE "EYMANN BIBLE," ITS SOJOURN FROM FRANCE TO CANADA, ILLINOIS, AND IOWA**

The story of this Bible is not that of the John and Barbara (Goldschmidt) Eiman Bible mentioned earlier. In the early 1980s, while at Goshen, Indiana, I (Lorraine Roth) saw and obtained copies of records in a 1553 Bible, then in the possession of Esther (Roth) Reschly of Iowa. She was the wife of Ervin Reschly, half brother to Esta Reschly, one of the visitors to Canada in 1907.

Several persons inscribed their names in this Bible between 1670 and 1755. "Niclaus Eyman," the first by the Eiman name, recorded his marriage to Anna Roth in 1763 and his children's births between 1764 and 1777.

Since this Bible eventually turned up in the possession of Fannie Eimen in Iowa, it was thought that it had been brought to America by the Eimen family. Translation of the Eyman family records in the Bible, however, did not reveal any connection with the Eimen family to which Fannie belonged. Besides, there were Roth references, which when compared with other Roth information indicated that there was probably a Roth connection between those records and that of John N. Roth, with whom Fannie Eimen had found a home when left motherless as an infant.

The Roth references, besides Anna Roth, the wife of Nicholas Eyman, were the death dates of Hans Roth in 1826 and his wife Freni Mosiman in 1839 at Landser. Checking the Landser records, we discovered that their son John Roth married Magdalena Nafziger. This couple emigrated to Butler County, Ohio, and John may have died there, but Magdalena and the children came to Canada where all of them married, including Widow Magdalena. John N. Roth, the foster father of Fannie Eimen, was their only son.

One other brief Roth entry is "C.M. & Lydia and Emma Roth." These would be Christian M. Roth, Lydia and Emma, step-siblings of Fannie Eimen. Fannie Eimen, the last surviving member of the John N. Roth family, gave the treasure to her great nephew Donald C. Yoder, who placed it into the archival collection of the Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa at Kalona. (7)

**THE FAMILY OF NICHOLAS EYMAN AND ANNA ROTH OF THE "EYMANN BIBLE"**

Neil Ann Stuckey Levine did find records for two sons born to Nicholas and Anna, and from those records, it is apparent that Nicholas and Anna were living at Salm in Lower Alsace when their children were born and up until 1793 when son John died there. Nicholas was then deceased, but Anna was still living. (8)

The Nicholas and Anna (Roth) Eiman family in brief is as follows:

Nicholas Eiman, d. before 1793, probably at Salm (Schirmeck-Labroque) Bas-Rhin

m. 9 Jan 1763 to Anna Roth, d. after 1793

1) Christian Eiman, b. 10 June 1764, probably at Salm

2) Joseph Eiman/Eymann, b. 22 Dec 1766 at Salm

d. 1 Feb 1811 at Strasbourg

m. to Katharina Roess (1774/75-1824) dau. of Jacob Roess and Magdalena Roth

Six children born at Strasbourg

Joseph and Anna, oldest and youngest, died in childhood

Four daughters married Schwartz, Gerig, Schlatter, and Muller

3) Johannes Eiman/Eymann, (unmarried) b. 22 Jan 1772, probably born at Salm

d. 5 Dec 1793 at Salm

4) Maria Eiman, b. 30 Oct 1774, probably at Salm

5) Anna Eiman, b. 25 July 1777, probably at Salm

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### JACOB EYMAN

One more unconnected Eyman showed up in the Canadian records. Jacob Eyman, age 44, born in France, was in the home of Peter E. Gingerich and his wife Margaret (nee Schwartzentruber) in the 1861 Wilmot Township census. Jacob has not been found in any of the above family lists, nor in subsequent Canadian records.

### NOTES:

The files referred to in these notes are kept in Lorraine Roth's Collection in the Archives at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario. Digital copies of some of the transliterations and translations of records in Bibles or other old books can be obtained from Bruce W. Jantzi at [bwjantzi@gmail.com](mailto:bwjantzi@gmail.com)

- 1) This outline is abbreviated from that found in the article "The Eymann Bible Speaks Part II: Genealogy of the Family of Iowa-Born Bible-Owner Fannie Eymann (1886-1982)" by Neil Ann Stuckey Levine in *Mennonite Family History*, Vol. XXIV, No. 4, October 2005. (draft copy in the Eymann Bible articles file)
- 2) These census lists were transcribed and printed in the John and Anna (Zehr) Wagler Family History and Genealogy published by the John Wagler Family Book Committee, New Hamburg, Ontario, 1993, page 146.
- 3) National Archives, Washington, D.C., microfilm Series M-137, Roll #76-79 (research done by Verna Schwartzentruber and Lorraine Roth; we failed to note the roll number on which this list was found, but it was between #76 and #79)
- 4) This Bible is different from the one featured in the article in Note #1. Transcriptions and/or translations of the family record from this Bible and inscriptions in other books in Larry Boshart's collection are found in the EIMAN file.
- 5) Joseph Ruby's records consist of some birth, death, and baptismal records. His marriages were recorded in a ledger-type book provided by the government, beginning in 1858. The birth and death records and one year's baptismal record were recorded on sheets of paper. Some were found in his marriage record book and others in the township records in the Perth County Archives in Stratford. Transcriptions of these records are in the East Zorra files.
- 6) *A Genealogical Study of the Nicolaus and Veronica (Zimmerman) Roth Family, 1834-1854* by Ruth C. Roth and Roy D. Roth, Elkhart, Ind., 1955. The Daniel Eimen family is found on pages 99-107.
- 7) A description of the Bible and its journey to Iowa through Canada with the Eyman family introduces the Bible. It is quite understandable how the Bible came to be associated with the Eymans rather than the Roths. A closer look at the documentation causes us to differ with this conclusion. (photocopies of the Bible records are found in the EIMAN file)
- 8) "The Eymann Bible Speaks Part I: the Bible and Documented Owners through 1777" by Neil Ann Stuckey Levine in *Mennonite Family History*, Vol. XXIV, No. 2, April 2005. (draft copy in the Eymann Bible articles file)

The following Eymann articles by Neil Ann Stuckey Levine illustrate the extensive Anabaptist Eymann /Eiman family in France:

- a) "My Eymanns in Alsace, Part I: The 1762 Lease Contract, Vol. XXI, No. 4, October 2002.
- b) "My Eymanns in Alsace, Part II-A: The Family of Peter Eymann (1721-1794) Vol. XXII, No. 1, January 2003.
- c) "My Eymanns in Alsace: Part II-B: Family of Nicholas Eymann (d. bef. 1778)" Vol. XXII, No. 3, April 2003.

Accompanying items found in the EIMAN files - some already mentioned in the notes:

- 1) The John Eiman and Barbara Goldschmidt family extracted from the Bible record
- 2) Transcription and translation of Bible records
- 3) Photos and photocopy of the title page of the Old Testament of the so-called "Eymann Bible" (submitted by Neil Ann Stuckey Levine)
- 4) Introduction to the above Bible plus photocopies of a few select pages

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- 5) A number of photocopies of the various pages on which handwriting appears with an attempted translation.
- 6) Correspondence with Jerry Eimen concerning this Bible and some of his ancestry charts
- 7) Correspondence between Laura E. Yoder, Neil Ann Stucky Levine and myself along with a collection of her Daniel Eiman and Barbara Zehr research.
- 8) "BIBLE BELONGING TO ELVERNE JANTZI" - comments and translations of records

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