

SALZMANN

ORIGINS

The origin of the name Salzmänn (also spelled Saltzman or Salzmänn) is not too difficult to guess. A "saltzman" is a salt merchant. Aeschi, southwest of Lake Thun, and Signau in the Emmental, Switzerland, are considered "Heimat" (places of citizenship) of the Salzmanns. (1) (See Notes on page 4)

Andrew Salzmänn and other Salzmänn descendants who came to Canada had been residents of France. No doubt, they were descendants of Salzmanns who had left Switzerland because of the persecutions of Anabaptists in their native land.

ANDREW SALZMANN (2)

Andrew Salzmänn, registered as André in his native France but also known as Andres, was among the late-comers to Canada. He was born in 1851 in Waltenbourg, near Sarrebourg, Department of Moselle, in the area known as Lorraine. His parents were Christian Salzmänn and Marie Anne Nafziger. Although we have an extended Nafziger family outline, we have not been able to determine how she might have been related to the other known Nafzigers.

We do not know when Andrew arrived in Canada, but on September 10, 1877 he married Maria Schwartzentruber in Wilmot Township. Her parents were Michael Schwartzentruber and Barbara Erb.

Andrew and Maria farmed about a mile north of St. Agatha. They bought the farm (part of Lot 7, Concession III, Block B, Wilmot Township) in 1879. They had eight children of whom two died in infancy. Their youngest son, Joel, and Magdalena (Mattie) and Barbara did not marry. They took over and operated the home farm after the death of their parents -- Joel purchased the farm from his mother and his father's executors in 1924. Andrew and Maria, their infant sons John and Michael, and Joel, Mattie, Barbara and Joseph's first wife, Veronica, are buried in the St. Agatha Mennonite Cemetery.

THE FAMILY OF ANDREW SALZMANN AND MARIA SCHWARTZENTRUBER

André/Andrew Salzmänn, son of Christian Salzmänn and Marie Anne Nafziger  
b. 6 Oct 1851, Waltenbourg, near Sarrebourg, Moselle  
d. 6 Nov 1924, Wilmot Township  
m. 10 Sept 1877, Wilmot

Maria Schwartzentruber, dau. of Michael Schwartzentruber and Barbara Erb  
b. 29 Dec 1854, Wilmot  
d. 31 Aug 1937, Wilmot

Children:

1) Christian Salzman  
b. 13 Nov 1878 Wilmot  
d. 28 Sep 1958 Kitchener  
m. 15 Dec 1904  
Magdalena Schwartzentruber  
b. 28 Nov 1885 Wilmot  
d. 10 Feb 1952 Kitchener  
dau. of Joseph Schwartzentruber & Mattie Schultz

Grandchildren:

{ Lorne Salzman (1906-1984) m. Margaret Ainsly\*  
2m. Marjorie Dickson  
Pearl Salzman (1914-1991) m. Allen Thompson  
Ruth Salzman (1916- ) m. Wilfred Finck  
V. Grace Salzman (1918- ) m. Jack Beiman

\*Ainlay (1st Litwiller book)

Ainley (2nd " ")

- 2) John Salzman  
b. 28 Mar 1880 Wilmot (tombstone: May 28  
d. 9 Sept 1881 " Sept 8)
- 3) Joseph Salzman  
b. 5 Feb 1882 Wilmot  
d. 22 Nov 1968 Wilmot  
1m. 13 Oct 1907 Wilmot  
2m. 14 Feb 1923 Wilmot  
Veronica Litwiller  
b. 21 Jul 1885 Wilmot  
d. 25 May 1920 Wilmot  
dau. of Christian Litwiller & Maria Miller  
Mabel Shantz  
b. 21 Aug 1889  
d. 1 Feb 1953 Wilmot  
dau. of Solomon Shantz
- { Gladys V. Salzman (1908-2004) m. William Ramseyer  
Sanford C. Salzman ((1912-1980) m Dorothy Knipfel  
Florian A. Salzman (1914-1985) m. Hilda Knipfel  
Clifford R Salzman (1916- ) m Gertrude Knipfel  
Veronica Mae Salzman (1920)
- { Marcel L. Salzman (1924- ) m. Dorothy Dreher  
Ruth Salzman (1925-1991) m. William Culham
- 4) Magdalena/Mattie Salzman  
b. 21 Oct 1884 Wilmot  
d. 26 Oct 1978 Waterloo, ON
- 5) Anna/Annie Salzman  
b. 30 Sep 1886 Wilmot  
d. 18 Aug 1980 St.Cath., ON  
m. 7 Feb 1907  
Moses Brenneman  
b. 3 Sep 1880 SEhope  
d. 1 Jul 1942\* Kitchener  
son of John Brenneman  
and Catherine Lebold \*tombstone: 1943
- { Lloyd Brenneman (1910- ) m. Elsie Knight  
Orie Brenneman (1918/9-1976)
- 6) Michael Salzman  
b. 4 May 1888 Wilmot  
d. 13 Jul 1888 "
- 7) Barbara Salzman  
b. 21 Jul 1889 Wilmot  
d. 31 May 1983 N.Hamburg, ON
- 8) Joel Salzman  
b. 16 Feb 1892 Wilmot  
d. 25 May 1968 Baden, ON

**Christian Salzman**, the oldest son, married Magdalena Schwartzentruber. Christian was a cabinetmaker, and he and his family resided in Kitchener. Christian and Magdalena are buried in Woodland Cemetery, Kitchener.

**Joseph Salzman** married Veronica Litwiller, daughter of Christian and Maria (Miller) Litwiller. Joseph and Veronica lived in Baden and at St. Agatha until they purchased the farm of Veronica's parents (the north half of Lot 7, North Erb's Road), north of St. Agatha in 1914. Veronica died in 1920.(4) Joseph married Mabel Shantz in 1923 and they moved to a farm south of Petersburg. This farm remained in the Salzman family until most of it was expropriated by the new

7 & 8 Highway. The barn, with its distinctive horizontal rather than vertical siding, is still standing in 2004. Joseph and Mabel were members of the Shantz Mennonite Church and are buried in the adjoining cemetery.

**Magdalena Salzman** remained on the home farm near St. Agatha and assisted her brother Joel and sister Barbara with the farm after the death of the parents. She died at Pine Haven Rest Home, Waterloo, at the age of 94 and was buried in the cemetery at the St. Agatha Mennonite Church where she was a member.

**Anna (Annie) Salzman** married **Moses Brenneman** of South Easthope. Moses was also a cabinetmaker, and Annie and Moses also lived in Kitchener. Annie died in St. Catharines where she was probably living with her son Lloyd. Annie and Moses are buried in Woodland Cemetery, Kitchener.

**Barbara Salzman**, along with her sister Mattie, remained on the home farm, keeping house for their brother Joel after the death of their parents. She was the last surviving member of the family. She died in New Hamburg at the age of 93 and is buried in the cemetery of the St. Agatha Mennonite Church where she was a member.

**Joel Salzman**, along with his sisters Mattie and Barbara, took over the family farm. At the time of his death in 1968, Joel was living in Baden. He was a member of St. Agatha Mennonite Church and is buried in the adjoining cemetery.

#### OTHER SALZMANN DESCENDANTS IN CANADA

In 1812 Elisabeth Salzmänn, daughter of Joseph Salzmänn and Barbe Litwiller, married John Kennel in Lorraine, France. Several of their children migrated to Canada about 1849.

Elisabeth Salzmänn, dau. of Joseph Salzmänn and Barbe Litwiller  
b. 15 Feb 1791, Denting, Moselle  
d. 2 Nov 1866, Hampont, Moselle  
m. 2 Apr 1812, Sarralbe, Moselle

Jean/John Kennel, son of Christian Kennel and Anne Hirchi/Hirschy  
b. 5 May 1780, Hellimer-Diffembach, Moselle  
d. 3 May 1863, Hampont

- Children:
- 1) Barbe Kennel (1813- )
  - 2) Madelaine Kennel (1814- ) m. Jean/John Guingrich  
They went to Algeria and may have died there.
  - 3) Anne Kennel (1816- ) m. Matthew Kern in Canada  
Went to Michigan.
  - 4) Catherine Kennel (1818-1875) m. Peter Spenler  
Catherine and Peter were married in Canada.  
Catherine died in Baden, Peter in Poole.
  - 5) Jacobena Kennel (1820-1909) m. Michael B. Yantzi  
Jacobena and Michael were married at Hampont, France  
Jacobena died in East Zorra, Michael at Sebringville in 1865
  - 6) Elisabeth Kennel (1823-1881) m. Jean/John Guingrich  
Elisabeth died in Haboudange, Moselle, France
  - 7) John Kennel (1825-1904) m. Barbara Risser  
John and Barbara married in Canada and died in East Zorra.
  - 8) Joseph Kennel (1827-1910) m. Barbara Stalter  
Joseph and Barbara were married in France and died in East Zorra.

9) Susanne Kennel (1829-1832) born and died at Macheren, Moselle

For more details on this family, see the KENNEL file.

Notes:

1) *Was Isch Dini Nahme? What Is Your Name?* by Delbert L. Gratz. Morgantown, Pa., Masthof Press, c1995, page 27

2) On Andrew's tombstone, the name is spelled Salzmann; so I have retained that spelling for him. His children, however, did not seem to continue the use of the double "nn."

This family is included in Major Peter Swartzentruber's *Christian Schwartzentruber Magdalena Shoenbeck*, Section 1, pages 32, 42, 43, 67-69.

3) From "Les Anabaptistes Dans l'Ancienne Seigneurie de Bourscheid" by Jean-Claude et Christine Koffel, in *souvenance anabaptiste/mennonitiches gedächtnis*, numéro, 11-1992, page 67. Copies of pages 61 and 67 are found at the end of the SALZMANN file.

4) For a more up-to-date genealogy on the Joseph Salzman/Veronica Litwiller family, see the *Peter Litwiller and Elizabeth Lichti Family History and Genealogy*, 2nd Edition, by Mary and Earl Litwiller, Petersburg, Ontario, 1998, pages 517-521.

An article featuring the Saltzmann family appeared in the publication of the French Mennonite Historical Society in 1992. (See Note #3 above.) From it we obtain a possible list of three sisters of Andrew Saltzmann, the immigrant. Unfortunately, it does not include dates except the death date of Christian who is believed to be the father of Andrew and the three sisters.

A possible family list:

Christian Saltzmann, d. 1889 ( the article does not name his wife. )

1) Anne Saltzmann, m. Jacques Klein of Brouviller  
- received her father's house at Waltembourg

2) Barbara Saltzmann, m. Jean/John Gingry/Gingrich  
- went to live at Agny/Ugny?, near Vaucouleurs, northwestern Lorraine

3) André/Andrew Saltzmann, labourer, migrated to U.S.A. (Canada)  
-settled at St. Agatha

4) Catherine Saltzmann, m. Pierre/Peter Muller  
- followed "him" (André or her father?) soon after the death of her father

In 1890 the land was sold to a farmer of Waltembourg, and his house which he (Christian) had co-owned with Nicolas Bechler, to Anne and her husband.

An accompanying map highlights Waltembourg and Sarrebourg, the larger town, to the west, in yellow. The border between Alsace and Lorraine is highlighted in light green - Alsace on the east, Lorraine on the west. The reason for the crooked line is because this is mountainous country.

List of Salzman/Saltzman Obituaries secured by Marion Roes

Lorraine Roth  
Tavistock, Ontario  
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#### THE SALZMANNS IN FRANCE

The following is a partial and free translation of an article - part of which concerns the Saltzmann family on the farm Waltembourg, at the village by the same name, in Lorraine, France, a short distance west of Alsatian border. (See the reference in the Notes on page 4 and the comments following the partial translation of part of page 67)

Before the French Revolution (the last part of the late 1700s) the Anabaptists were only tenant farmers, but then they became the owners. Christian Saltzmann had bought a meadow at Shacheneck. He was the owner of his lands and his house which he sold to his daughters. The Anabaptists were not amass temporal possessions, but to prepare on earth for the life eternal. After the Revolution some acquired national possessions (taken over by the state at the time of the Revolution) such as Schertz at Imling or Oberstintel.

Not only did they buy lands, but they (the Anabaptists) borrowed money - sometimes from Jewish money lenders - Michael Saltzmann, for instance, in 1822 from Elie Salomon of Sarrebourg.

Christian Saltzmann of Waltembourg (probably father of Andrew, the immigrant to Canada), owner of his farm, enlarged his domain by buying more land. He integrated with the local society and became, first of all, in 1858, member of the municipal council. His mandate was continually renewed except for 1859 to 1861. After the German occupation (this refers to the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71 when Alsace and part of Lorraine were ceded to Germany), he continued there; in 1877 he signed at times as assistant, then in 1881 he accepted the post of mayor of the municipality.

In an election in 1865 he took the oath in the following terms: "I swear obedience to the constitution and to the Emperor."

Christian Saltzmann and his brother-in-law Nicolas Bechler were among the most inhabitants of the village - hence the most well-off. Christian remained at the head of the municipality until 1886 - the decline of his life. He died in 1889, leaving an inheritance to divide among his wife and four children. His house returned to his daughter Anne, dressmaker, who married Jacques?Jacob Klein of Brounwiller, the only one who remained at Waltembourg. Her sister Barbara, wife of Jean/John Guingry/Gingerich, had followed her husband to Agny/Ugny?, near Vaucouleurs )in northwestern Lorraine). His brother André, labourer, to the United States (Canada), at St. Agatha. The other sister Catherine, who had married Pierre Muller, followed him shortly after the death of her father. In February 1890, they (the family?) sold their lands to a farmer of Waltembourg and his house which they had co-owned with Nicols Bechler to Anne and to her husband who inherited also the inheritance of their uncle, as well as that of

their aunt Anna Jacob, of whom all the children were extinct - (whatever that means!)

Comments: This article is very difficult to translate because of its poor sentence structure and unclear relationships. Christian Saltzmann's wife is not named. The only generalized date is the death date of Christian.

It does give some interesting insights into the history of this part of France during this time, and the general life of the Anabaptists.