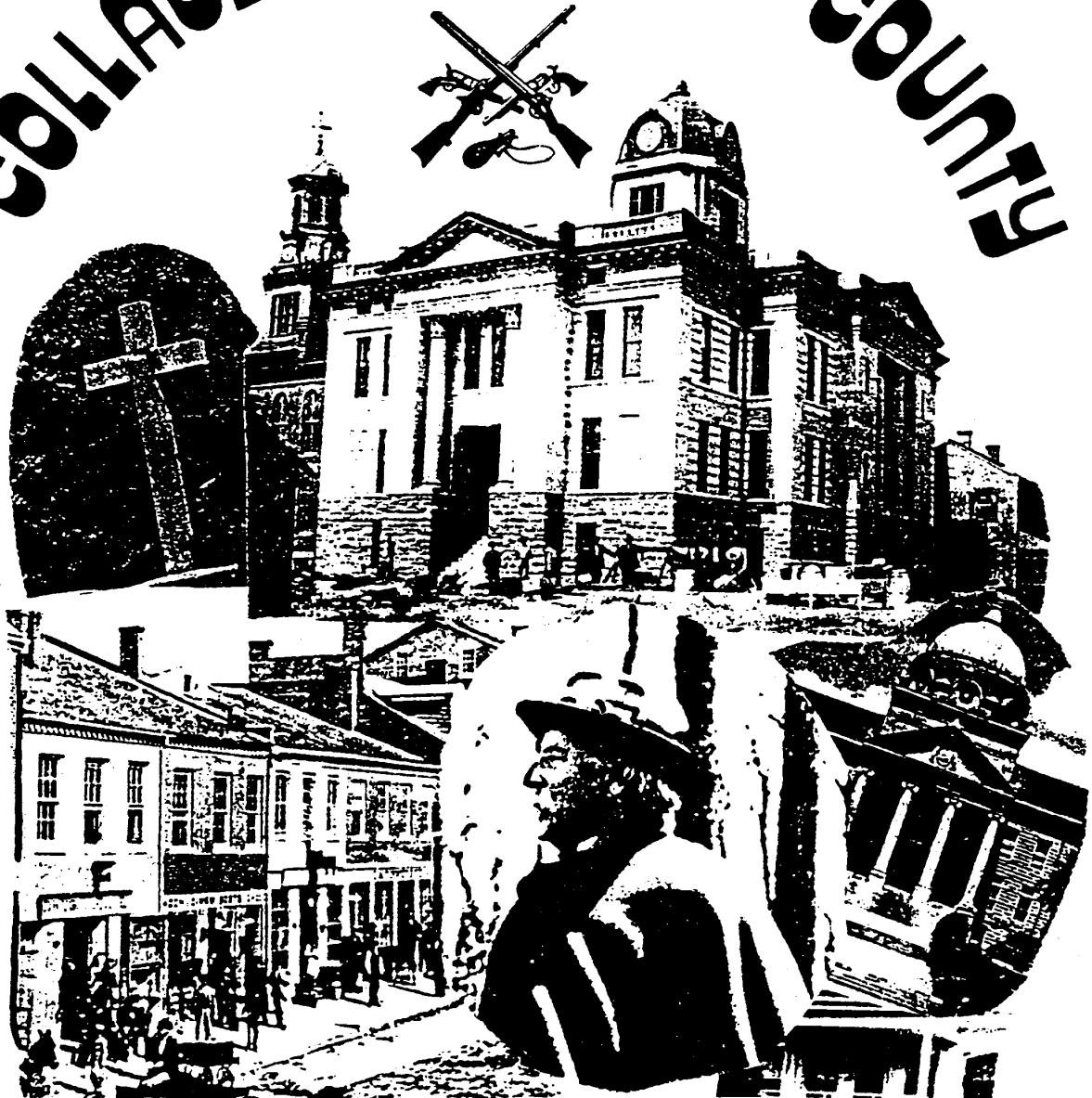


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CAPE GIRARDEAU EXPORTS 1874

Item	Amount	Price	Value
flour	120,000 bbls	\$ 6.00	\$720,000
lime	38,000 bbls	1.15	43,000
bacon	300,000 lbs	.07	21,000
lard	50,000 lbs	.07	3,500
hogs, dressed	150,000 lbs	.05	7,500





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Cape Girardeau, Mo. Aug. 7th 1880

Mr. G. W. Davis "Guardian," Albert Stearns,

Bought of L. F. KLOSTERMANN,

lies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Books, Stationery, Wall Paper, Etc.

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THE ENGELMANNS

By Mary Meta Daume



Johanna Maria Dorothea Kragel, called Mary by her family and friends, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kragel. She was born in Brokeloh, in the kingdom of Hanover, a part of the German empire, May 6, 1825. On May 7, 1850 she was married to Henry Woeltje in Germany. Her bridal wreath was made from the flower of the hops plant.

An infant child of Henry and Mary Woeltje is buried in Germany. Two other children were born to them: Mrs. Christian (Minnie) Jaeger, born about 1851 and William, born February 16, 1854.

In about the year of 1852 the family came to America in the sailing vessel, "Eberhard". The trip required nine weeks. Landing at New Orleans, the family took a steamer up the Mississippi River to Neely's Landing, Mo. From there they went to Old Appleton by wagon. In a short while they settled on a farm about one mile east of the Zion Methodist Church. This 180 acre farm remained in the family about 100 years. Ernest Bock owns the farm today (1987).

Henry Woeltje was the first person to be buried in the Zion Methodist Cemetery near Old Appleton, Mo. At this date only the base of the old stone is there. He was buried near the northeast corner of the old church building and is in the grave just south of Henry and Wilhelmina Engelmann. His death was believed to be due to tapeworm.

After the death of Henry Woeltje, Mary united in marriage with Henry Engelmann, son of Christopher and Wilhelmina Engelmann. The Engelmann farm was located south of the Woeltje farm on Poor Creek. Reinhold Stueve owns the farm today. Three children were born to Henry and Mary Engelmann. They were Henry Engelmann II, born March 4, 1856; Mathilda Carolina Friedricke, born December 27, 1857, and Charles John, born April 23, 1860.

The mother of Henry Engelmann I, Wilhelmina (1800-1860), came to live with her son and Mary. The mother became bedfast each winter and her son became ill with the third day (congestive) chill. On October 20, 1860, the son died. Only about an hour later the mother died without knowing of the son's death. This was a sad time for Mary, who had a deep love for her husband and mother-in-law. The 60-year-old mother and her 28-year-old son are buried beside each other in the Zion Cemetery. A new stone was placed at the grave in 1973 by Mrs. John Daume, Mrs. John Ates, Mr. and Mrs. Purvis Wills, John Engelmann and Mary Daume. The old stone was buried on the grave just beneath the sod.

According to Port of Entry records, the Christopher and Wilhelmina Engelmann family came from Schlemm, Germany. They left Bremen on the ship "Brunswick" and arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana on December 20, 1845. Their children are listed as: Christne? 20; Heinrich, 15; and Ernst, 6. On January 24, 1846 Christopher Engelmann purchased 40 acres of land from Jacob Winkelmann. I have not been able to find the burial place of Christopher, Christne, and Aaron (and/or) Ernst.

According to census records Aaron would have been five years old at that time. Why is his name omitted? (He is apparently the same person as Ernst.) According to the will of Aaron in 1863 he willed his estate to the following three children of his brother, Henry: Henry Engelmann, Caroline Friedricke Mathilda Engelmann and Charles John Engelmann.

The third husband of Mary was Fredrich Pohlmann, who was a Civil War soldier. Mr. Pohlmann served in the 56th Enrolled Missouri Militia, Company A. This marriage took place on November 24, 1861, with the Rev. Henry Erny, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Arnsberg, Mo. officiating. Frederick Pohlmann died in about the year 1862 after 11 months of marriage. The cause of his death is unknown. He has a military stone and is buried north of the Engelmann grave in the Zion Cemetery.

The Civil War was a very difficult time in the Oak Ridge-Old Appleton area where opinions were divided about slavery. Great grandmother was afraid the children would cry and bushwhackers would kill them. The Zion German Methodist Church community stood firmly behind the Union.

The fourth husband of Mary was to be Ernest, brother of her second husband, Henry Engelmann. Legend is that he slept on the ground during the Civil War and pneumonia took his life before the marriage.

A young widow with five children, in a new land, Mary married her fourth husband, William Boeller, on April 18, 1864. Rev. Charles Rodenberg, pastor of the Zion Church, officiated. William Boeller was born in Hessen Nassau, Germany on August 24, 1827. He served in the state Militia in the Battle of Cape Girardeau under Captain Phillip Schreiner. One son, August, was born to this union December 3, 1864.

When William and Mary Boeller were on their way home from the wedding of their granddaughter, Annie Engelmann (daughter of Henry and Friedricka Pohlmann Engelmann) to Edward Loos, they stopped by my grandparents, Charles and Louisa Engelmann. Aunt Annie Engelmann (Ates) born December 30, 1901 was a baby at that time and Annie Loos sent word to name her Annie. My mother cooked coffee and set out some lunch for her grandparents. Great-grandfather William Boeller was cold and shaking from the ride in the buggy. He died from pneumonia on February 2, 1902 and is buried at Zion.

Little is known of the Henry Kragel family, parents of Mary. Mary's nephew, William Frederick Dankenbring, born in Menchenhagen, Hanover, his wife Wilhelmina and family came to America in about 1881. They owned the 110 acre farm adjoining Mary on the north. William was killed by a runaway team May 10, 1902 and is buried at Zion. His wife and several children moved to Granite City, Ill. and later to Milwaukee, where his widow is buried. Names of the Dankenbring children were: Henry who lived in Detroit, Mich.; William F., married Hannah Nothdurft and lived in Ill., Wis., Idaho, etc; Mrs. Henry (Minnie) Koenig and Mrs. Benjamin (Helene) Schaefer, both of near Uniontown, Mo., Mrs. Max (Anna) Long of Milwaukee and her twin sister Lydia who died at age 16 of quick Consumption.

Charles John, baptized Johann Karl Engelmann, son of Henry and Mary Kragel Engelmann, was born April 23, 1860, on the farm where his mother settled when she came to America. He was six months old when his father died. As most boys of that day, Charles worked as a hired hand for neighboring families. He also made bed springs and worked in the wheat fields of Kansas. We have a large framed picture of him taken at Chanute, Kansas.

Charles enjoyed music and played the French harp and accordion. Some of his favorite songs were "Shall We Gather at the River" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder". He was 6'6" tall, with dark brown hair and gray green eyes. He had a friendly, outgoing personality, always willing to lend a hand. His wife, Louisa, was about 5'7 ½" tall with gray-blue eyes. If there was sickness or death in the neighborhood she was often called upon for help and comfort.

Charles became acquainted with Louisa Krattli, daughter of George and Dorothea Krattli of Stony Hill, Mo. when she helped her sister and brother-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Theophilus Kies, minister of the Zion Methodist Church, move to the parsonage. She also assisted with their newborn baby, Mrs. Maria Kies Kappelmann.

Louisa did housework in St. Louis before her marriage. She went on vacations with them to help care for the children and is known to have been in Wisconsin.

On May 4, 1886, Charles and Louisa were united in marriage by the Rev. Fred Stoffregen, pastor of the Grace Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau, Mo. The ceremony took place in the church with William Flentge and Anna Loch as their attendants. Rev. Kies was pastor of the Zion Church from 1885-1888, but it was not considered proper to be married by relatives.

The couple first purchased a farm on Apple Creek north of the Zion church. Here they constructed all new buildings. They lived in the granary while they built the house. The house contained four rooms downstairs and two upstairs. This house still stands and is part of a larger house. The east part of the house was added on later by the Bingenheimer family. Part of the land lay north of Apple Creek in Perry County and the parents worried that the children might drown in the creek. The Seiler family owns the land today.

On September 5, 1898, Charles and Louise purchased 260 acres of an original plantation, located three air miles north of Oak Ridge, selling the Apple Creek farm. Henry, John, Mary, Meta and Ida were born in the Apple Creek house and Mary died of summer complaint there. Annie and Alvin were born in the plantation house.

It was in November, 1898, when the family moved into the plantation house. My mother, Meta Daume, was four years old and remembers becoming very cold on the trip. She rode between her brothers Henry and John in the spring seat of a wagon. Grandfather came just behind with another wagon load. Annie Engelmann (Loos) was helping her uncle and family move and she, Grandmother and Ida came in the buggy.

The plantation house was well constructed with poplar weather boards, windows, and shutters. It had cut tin in the walls for which no explanation can be given. The parlor room wall was poplar boards, with fancy strips on the cracks which made the wall resemble the old fashioned doors. The house contained five rooms downstairs and three upstairs with a double front porch. The cellar was two rooms of walled rock directly below the large bedroom and parlor. A fireplace was in the west cellar room and another was on the east first floor. By this time stoves were also used in the rooms.

It is unknown to me who built the plantation house or the date of its construction. Dr. Oliver Jerome Miller, who delivered me April 16, 1926, was born in the old house on December 25, 1879. He was a grandson of Daniel C. Miller who owned a section of land and occupied the buildings during the Civil War. Dr. Miller told me of a small house his father, George Miller, built for his hired help southeast of the spring. He described them as a very poor family from Bollinger County by the name of Griffin. He said the Miller family did not build the plantation house. It could have been the Welty family who purchased the land in 1821.

A slave house with a rock fireplace chimney stood just west of the plantation house and was used as a chicken house by my grandparents. It was torn away about the turn of the century.

The natural landscape around the old house was quite beautiful. Approximately one hundred feet behind the house was a three foot ridge which was banked with a neat rock wall. A rock-walled flower bed framed the fireplace chimneys and a rock sidewalk led from large rock steps at the front porch.

An outdoor rock oven and a wooden lye vat stood behind the house when my grandparents moved to the farm in 1898. Lye for making soap could now be bought at the store and the vat was no longer needed. There also was a fruit drying oven behind the house and it was thought there had been more slave houses.

Water flowed in abundance from the walled rock spring southwest of the plantation house. A wooden springhouse served as a refrigerator for the milk, butter, etc. A hard rain sent someone hurrying to the spring to save the food as water flooded the spring with a downpour. A walled rock cistern was inside a smokehouse just behind the house. Water seeped into the cistern and it was not used for household use.

There was a maple grove southwest of the spring where maple syrup had been cooked into sugar by the slaves. Some trees were still standing when my grandparents moved here and Grandfather liked maple syrup in his coffee. When I was a child we had a good truck patch here. In dry weather we would carry water from the nearby spring to water the plants. Large watermelons, cold from the spring tasted very good during those depression years. Interstate Highway 55 covers the patch today. The spring is located north of mile marker 115 on the east side of the highway.

Near the house on the ridge could be found pieces of flint and chert rock, an indication that an Indian Camp was once there. Some artifacts were found on the farm. The old El Camino Real (Kingshighway or the first north-south highway) was located about one-half mile east of the farm.

When the first Bell Telephone Line between St. Louis and Cape Girardeau was built in 1905, it followed the line between Sections 16 and 17 through the farm. Grandfather and Theodore Kasten hauled poles for the company from the depot at Jackson. They received \$2.50 per day. Uncle John Engelmann plowed corn for Theodore and received 50 cents per day.

At age nine years Uncle John plowed the east 40-acre corn field. He had to let the team eat and rest one hour at noon. He watched the clock and was prompt with his work. Jim Irwin told how John was plowing corn near their field one day and got his plow hooked on a sprout. He sat down and cried until Jim came and helped loosen it.

The big Bell Telephone Line with cross arms and four wires fascinated Uncle Henry. When the Mutual Line was constructed in our community in 1907, he was made lineman and kept the 29

telephones on our line from Oak Ridge to Arnsberg working. He also installed many telephones on other lines in the Oak Ridge area and repaired the Oak Ridge Mutual switchboard. .

Until about the year 1900 the family only spoke the German language. The transition to the English language came slowly, as the older folks did not master it completely. My grandparents spoke English in their later years but great-grandmother Boeller knew only a limited amount.

For about two weeks in the spring of the year, for two years, the children went to German Parochial school at Zion Methodist. Henry, John, Meta and Ida were confirmed in German and Alvin and Annie in English. Classes were held in the old church building where Rev. Kies once was minister. The new church was built in 1891.

The church rules did not allow working on Sunday. All food was prepared on Saturday for Sunday use. Many put potato salad in the cellar or springhouse for Sunday use. Some members laid out their clothes on Saturday for Sunday wear. Uncle John often told of Rev. Brinkmann scolding the boys for going fishing on Sunday. Most of our neighbors were German Methodist and I can remember when many began doing some "unnecessary" work on Sunday in about the year 1945.

Before the family moved to the plantation farm in 1898, Uncle Henry and Uncle John went to Apple Creek Valley School. After moving the children went to Goshen, southwest of our farm. There once were older District schools in the neighborhood. Grandfather Charles Engelmann had what was described as the equivalent of two years of schoolwork.

Grandma Louisa Engelmann went to the old barn near the spring one evening to milk the cow. She took my mother and Aunt Ida along. Mom had Ida on her lap asleep when Ida began dreaming in German, "Was graund, was graund, hast gasahn? Translated this would mean, "What dirt, what dirt, did you see it?"

A table prayer of Louisa Krattli Engelmann was Psalms 145: 15-16. Translated it reads, "The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Amen."

Mom remembers her father having a black shepherd dog named Frisk. When Grandfather took a water crock along in the summer or a coat in cool weather, Frisk would lay guard by his possessions until Grandfather left the field. I was over two years old when my parents purchased and moved to the Engelmann home place. We always kept an English Shepherd and usually named each of them Rover. I remember having one named Tippy. They were good at bringing the cattle home and also good watch dogs.

In the older days much of the clothes, food, etc. were produced on the farm. Wool was spun and knitted into garments. Great-grandmother Mary Boeller used sumac, walnuts, etc. for dye and knitted flowers and stripes into the gloves. At the age of 80 she came to live with her son, Charles and Louise Engelmann. Always wanting to be useful, she pieced 60 quilts and did much of the family's patching between the age of 80 and 93.

In those days everyone did hard manual work to make a living. Great-grandmother Boeller dug many stumps to help clear the fields. There are people living today who tell me how Great-grandmother walked to Old Appleton with a basket of eggs on her head, knitting all the way. In those days you went to town to do the trading, as it was called. The value of the eggs, and other produce, was recorded along with the itemized groceries and dry goods you needed on a record sheet kept by the storekeeper.

Great-grandmother Boeller also made a kind of linen from flax. Mom remembers Grandfather raising a small patch of flax one year. By the time my mother was a girl, cloth could be bought at the store. When Grandfather would shear the sheep he saved some of his best wool for great-grandmother to wash, dye and spin. Grandmother Louisa then would knit a pair of woolen stockings for each member of the family each year. The old stockings were darned so each would have a change.

Grandfather kept a milk cow, raised about 50 head of Hereford cattle each year, had plain black hogs, sheep and kept 12 work horses. He also raised several colts each year. Grandmother raised about 100 turkeys each year and kept about 100 laying chicken hens.

Every farm home had a large orchard and fruit was processed in various ways. After our house was built in 1904, Grandfather set out a large orchard in front of the house and a smaller one north of the house, about two acres in all. I remember my mother drying fruit on our cistern roof. We had a cider press and made cider and vinegar. Fruit did well and never needed spraying. How beautiful in the spring with the blossoms and birds, and how rewarding in the summer and fall to reap the harvest!

In Great-grandmother's day most of the fruit was dried for winter use. Apple butter was put in crock jars and sealed with sealing wax. Apples were crushed to make cider and vinegar. Carrots were buried in the ground for winter use. Kraut was put in wooden barrels. Many people without a cellar also buried potatoes. Various kinds of wines were made by most people. Meat was cured or fried down and put in crock jars. Pickles were put in salt water solution strong enough to make them float. When they were to be used they were soaked in water to remove some of the salt and then pickled for use.

When my grandfather shipped livestock he had to drive the cattle to Wittenberg, a distance of 20 miles. Hogs and sheep were hauled on a wagon. At Wittenberg the livestock was loaded on a boat and taken to St. Louis. Grandfather often accompanied the livestock on the boat, feeding and caring for it.

Wheat and corn was hauled to the Old Appleton Mill where it was made into flour, cornmeal and feed for livestock. The flour and cornmeal were stored in the flour box. After the old-fashioned cabinets came into use the flour box was used to store quilts. The Old Appleton Mill was built in 1824 and was destroyed during the area flood of May 15-16, 1986.

Great Uncle Bill Woeltje made the flour box for his sister-in-law, Louisa Engelmann; a safe for his mother, Mary Kragel Boeller; and a bookcase for Rev. Theo. Kies. The flour box set in our pantry (now the bathroom); the glass-doored safe was used in the Grandmother Boeller house until she came to live with her son, Charles. The safe then sat in the dining room and was never moved from this house again; the bookcase was used in the old parsonage of the Zion Methodist Church by Rev. Kies. When he moved in 1888, he gave the bookcase to Grandmother Louisa. She first used it on the Apple Creek farm, then in the old plantation house for pots and pans. It was then moved into the new house where it is today. My parents, John and Meta Daume, used it when they first married and lived in Grandfather Engelmann's house on Byrds Creek. The flour box, safe and bookcase belong to Meta and Mary Daume and are in the house built by Charles and Louise in 1904.

In the year 1904, Charles Engelmann and sons John and Henry sawed logs with the crosscut saw from the 30 acres of woods along present Route D. Eight acres were cleared at that time. On these eight acres Donald Schreiner built a house in about 1947.

A sawmill was set up just south of the spring by Norbert Sewing. Enough lumber for our house, a large barn and a large combined smokehouse and summer kitchen were sawed out. The best lumber was used in the house. Grandfather hauled the ceiling, flooring, windows, doors, etc. from Jackson. He left early in the morning, loaded, and spent the night with his brother, Henry Engelmann living north of Jackson. On the flue box in the living room can be seen stamped in the wood, "Big Creek Lumber Company, Polack, Louisiana, Number 3."

One evening when the men were sawing out the lumber near the spring, Meta and Ida were sent to the spring to get the butter and milk for supper. When they were in the springhouse the men blew the whistle on the steam engine. This made a piercing noise in the springhouse and scared these 8- and 10-year-old girls. All of the children had to help with the work. My mother baked the cake for the barn raising in 1904 when she was 10 years old.

The barn was built first. The house was nearing completion when the family became ill with typhoid fever. Grandfather became ill first and all became infected except Grandmother and Uncle Alvin. Grandfather became delirious and news went out erroneously that he had died.

Dr. John Ellis of Oak Ridge came to doctor the family. Mrs. Henry Schreiner, a neighbor, came into the kitchen to help Grandmother with the housework. Fritz Isenberg, another neighbor, fed the livestock. Members of the Zion Church gathered the corn crop that fall. Uncle William Woeltje kept wood carried on the porch.

Miraculously, the entire family recovered and could now enjoy the lighter moments of their illness. Mrs. Schreiner was churning butter in a wooden barrel which fit into a wooden stand on the

floor. The outfit was becoming worn and went bump, bump as it was turned. One day it slipped out of the frame and rolled across the kitchen floor. No damage was done as it was put together again. The yellow cat was allowed into the house and played with a ball of yarn by the fireplace.

Grandmother carried the drinking water from a spring on the east 40 acres. The spring near the house was in a barn lot and the doctor thought it may be contaminated. She also had to boil all drinking water. Uncle Alvin was five years old and carried glasses of water to the ill. One day he became disgusted with the complaining and told them not to drink so much water—it gives you the belly ache!

Alvin also opened the lot gate near the spring to allow Dr. Ellis to drive through in his buggy. He gave Alvin a pocketknife for doing this. Grandfather saved a \$25 gold piece to pay the doctor. Aunt Annie was almost three years old and feeling sad she always begged, "Take me." My mother was ten years old and complained so much of stomach ache.

All the sick lay in the east front room of the old plantation house. Uncle John and Uncle Henry lay in the southwest corner of the room. Mom was in a cot at the foot of their bed. Grandfather and Aunt Ida lay in a bed in the northwest corner. Aunt Annie, Uncle Alvin and Grandmother slept in the west room. Annie lay with Grandfather and Aunt Ida or in her cradle through the day.

After all recovered, work resumed on the new house. Lanterns were put to good use as the children tacked plaster laths on the walls at night. Stoves were kept burning in the rooms but the fall cold hurt the plaster in the halls. Eventually, Uncle Henry had to put the present flooring on the walls in the hall. The south room was built with flooring and cheesecloth with wallpaper over that. This room was built to be the retirement room of Charles and Louise, but this never materialized. This was their bedroom until 1907, when the mother of Charles, Grandma Mary Boeller, came to live with the family.

Grandma Boeller was given the south room, Charles and Louise took the original dining room as a bedroom; the dining room was moved back a room into the original kitchen and a new kitchen room was added in 1907.

A large sycamore tree was sawed to make weatherboards for the new kitchen and back porch. The west window of the old kitchen was made into a door to the new kitchen. Today the old and new kitchens (or two back rooms of the house) are being used as bedrooms. The bedroom of Charles and Louise and where Grandmother Mary Boeller died is now the combined kitchen and dining room. The telephone has always been in this room.

Fancy purchased woodwork was put under the eaves on each side of the house. This has rotted away. Uncle Henry made the identical smaller one on the east front porch which remains today. He said to keep paint on it when he last visited here in 1980, at age 92.

The south post of the L-shaped porch has a blemish caused when a piece of tin slipped off the house roof when it was being built. It hit the post still lying on the ground. Luckily no one was hit!

Carpenters who helped the family with all the new buildings in 1904 were: Ran Parmenter, his son Glenn and Bush Simpson. A mulatto, Mr. Estes, from Appleton was the plaster and stone mason. Uncle Henry was head carpenter for the kitchen and porch added in 1907.

Uncle Henry was a good carpenter and helped to build the Arthur Woeltje house north of the Zion Church; the August Boeller house in Appleton; and the Will Engelmann house north of Jackson. He also did most of the work in tearing down the old Zion Methodist Church, and building the present utility room from the old church lumber.

After the Engelmann house was completed in 1904, Grandfather purchased new furniture for the parlor from the Hinkle & Statler mercantile store in Oak Ridge. Included were a woolen carpet, a bed, dresser, square lamp table with glass ball and claw feet, a willow rocking chair, a child's rocker for Aunt Annie and six wooden chairs. On the way home with his wagon load, he was caught in a shower of rain and had to wait at the spring branch for the water to run down. He came the road past the Goshen Cemetery and Fritz Isenberg farm.

The large picture of the Lord's Supper was purchased about 1904 from a traveling salesman. A willow paper rack was purchased from gypsies who came through the country.

When the German immigrants came to America they were usually without much material goods. Even those who had a good start were taught to be saving. Great-grandmother Boeller would piece quilts and the small scraps that remained were buried in the garden to serve as fertilizer.

Until her children were large enough to help with the work, Grandmother Louisa sometimes hired former negro slaves to wash clothes. The colored folks asked 5¢ to wash a quilt.

The first mail route began about 1904. There were no daily newspapers at that time. If the mail carrier, Phillip Propst, had a letter for you he would put the flag up on the box. The Engelmann's box was about one-half mile north of the house so they ordered a telescope from Sears, Roebuck and Co. to tell if the flag was up. Great-grandmother always was anxious for someone to get the mail on Friday when the *Cape County Post*, a German newspaper, began publication in Jackson.

Great-grandmother was a lover of pretty flowers. Mom remembers her caring for her flowers in the garden after age 80. Her favorites were single and double jonquils, double hyacinths in colors of white, pink and purple, grape hyacinth and tulips. She also had a pink rose which was brought along over from Germany.

Mom said Great-grandmother loved to tell stories of Germany and about the family. In speaking of the death of her husband Henry Engelmann and his mother, on the same day, Oct. 20, 1860, tears rolled down her cheeks. Mom wishes she would have recorded some of the family history. Great-grandmother died peacefully in her sleep on August 4, 1918, at age 93. She is buried beside her last husband, William Boeller, in the Zion Cemetery.

None of Great-grandmother's husbands, Henry Woeltje, Henry Engelmann, Friedrich Pohlmann or William Boeller had been married before their marriage to her. They each lived with her on her farm near the Zion Church after their marriage.

In 1911, the Charles Engelmann family became the proud owners of their first Model T Ford automobile. Grandfather also had the first corn planter in the neighborhood and planted corn for many of the neighbors. His father, Henry Engelmann, in addition to his farm work, had a threshing machine and homeopathic books and medicine.

In 1917 Grandfather Charles purchased a Mississippi River bottomland farm about five miles northeast of Cape Girardeau where LaVerne Ates now lives. While living there he became ill of erysipelas, which claimed his life on March 18, 1921. John and Annie Ates were living with Charles and Louisa at that time and Grandmother continued to make her home with them. She helped all her children in time of sickness and childbirth and visited for a short time occasionally.

When she came to visit us she had her suitcase and purse. In the bedroom at our home was the square lamp table her husband had purchased when our house was built. She laid her comb and Bible on the table by the lamp. How uncluttered her life was! She often sang the old hymns we loved so well. We enjoyed having her with us.

Grandmother spent her last years in bedfast weakness at Aunt Annie's. Death came peacefully on October 21, 1954, at age 92. She is buried beside Charles in the Zion Cemetery. On their stone is inscribed, "Faithful to their Trust, even unto Death."

Louisa Engelmann and children sold the 150 acre farm north of Oak Ridge to Alvin and Alma Engelmann on April 12, 1924. My parents, John and Meta Daume, purchased it in November, 1928. On August 5, 1947 John and Meta traded 15 acres of woods along and south of Route D for 20 acres of farmland west of Sec. 16 & 17 line with Irwin and Clara Schreiner. The Interstate Highway took 17.82 acres, leaving 137.18 acres. After the death of John Daume, Meta Daume sold 15 acres of woodland to Elmer and Martha Kamp. She also sold a 40-acre and a 36.09-acre field to Lawrence and Dorothy Heise. This leaves 46.09 acres where the plantation house once stood and where the house built by Charles and Louise Engelmann now stands. This is owned today by Meta and Mary Daume.

For more information about the early days of the Engelmann family, see the following newspaper articles [in the *Jackson Cash-Book Journal*] I have written: "Engelmann Plantation House," "History of Oak Ridge Telephone Line Number 4800," "Family Memories of An Old Fashioned Christmas," "The Old Spring and Springhouse" and others.

There is also much history of the Krattli family in other material.

What Can You Find in a Petition to Partition File? The Case of Charles Wall - Part II

(Box 9, Bundle 14 of Cape Girardeau Circuit Court files, 1845, Cape Girardeau Co. Archive Center)

[Editor's Note: The following is a conclusion of the transcribed documents from the petition to partition of the estate of Charles Wall, who died between 22 February and 22 August 1842. In answer to a question on the function of a "Petition to Partition," such a petition is made when several co-owners of property cannot settle division of the property (or estate) to the satisfaction of all parties. Any of the co-owners may file such a petition with the appropriate court that has jurisdiction. If the court deems that settlement is not possible, it will issue an order of sale, with the proceeds to be evenly divided among all co-owners. This was commonly done to settle estates in the 1800s when the number of heirs was large. To proceed with the sale, proof of ownership and documentation of the property and its value might be required, a list of co-owners listed, and documents relating to the wishes of the deceased (such as a will) might also have to be produced. All of which are of value to genealogists! Part II of the transcription is given below. Short lines indicate different sides of a sheet, while complete lines indicate separate sheets]

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your petitioners further make known that the said Sarah Neely has departed this life having the following children as her heirs, who are minors under the age of twenty one years, who are [illegible] and for whom it is also prayed that a Guardian Ad litem may be appointed that is to say Elizabeth G. Neely, Letitia C. Neely, Sallice E Neely Charles T Neely, James G. Neely and David H Neely

your petitioners therefore pray judgment of Partition amongst said claimants agreeable to their respective rights as set forth in their petition that is to say to the said David S Walls Charles F Walls James P. Walls, Hester Buckner, Mary Ann Williams and Caroline Walls the one Seventh each, and to the said children of the said Sarah Neely deceased the one seventh of said real estate, and slaves, And that Commissioners may be appointed agreeable to [illegible] to divide said real and personal Estate, and that if partition thereof cannot be had that said land and slaves may be sold, and the proceeds thereof divided amongst said heirs as set forth in this petition

Watkins for
Petitioners

Walls heirs
Petition for
Partition

Jacob H Neely for and
in behalf of the within petitioners swe
-ars oath that the facts therin in Said
Petition are true to the best of his kn
-nowledge and belief. [no signature]

Received May 27th AD 1848 of James N Bennett
the sum of thirty one hundred and five dollars
and sixty cents in full for lands and slaves belong
ing to Estate of Charles Wall Deceased sold by
him as Sheriff of Cape Girardeau County Missouri

Edwin A Buckner
J. H. Neely
{David S Wall
{By J H Neely
James P. Wall
Ithamar Williams and
Caroline Wall by
Edwin A. Buckner
C. F. Wall

Recd May 1848 from J. N. B
-ennett one Dollar & fifty cents
My cost in above Robert Gibony

In the Cape Girardeau, County Circuit Court
Heirs of } On petition for partition
Charles Wall, Deceased }

Fees

To Robert Brown, Clerk:

November, Term 1845.

Entering appearance of petitioners 10 cts. Order to file petition 25	\$.35
Filing Same & three exhibits 20. Submission on petition. 25 cts.	\$.45
Judgement of Court as to rights of parties 25 cts. -----	\$.25
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Order that Com ^{is} report their proceeding to Court -----	\$.25
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Submission on report 25 cts. Order of approval 25 cts.	\$.50
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Order that Sheriff carry into effect s ^d order & report proceedings	\$.25
Copying said order of Sale (300 words) 30 cts. certif & Seal 50 cts	\$.80
Continuance generally -----	\$.25
Five dollars & seventy five cents -----	\$5.75

A true fee bill made out in the foregoing
Cause December 2nd 1846
Robert Brown Clerk

I C P Fulenwider Clerk of the County Court within
and for the County of Cape Girardeau certify that

the foregoing a true & correct copy of a fee bill
filed among the papers of the Estate of Charles Wall, decd

In testimony whereof I hereunto signed
My name and affixed the Seal of Said
Court at Office this 23rd day of
May AD 1848

C P Fulenwider Clerk

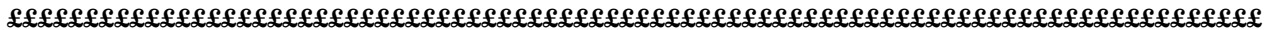
By his Deputy O. E Snider

Heirs }petition for
of } partition
Charles Walls, decd

Fee Bill

Recd. Of Jacob H. Neely One of the administrators
of the Estate of Charles Wall, decd, five dollars &
Seventy five cents in full payment of the withing
Bill. January 4th 1846.

Robert Brown, Clerk



Mary Lee Rasmussen

The Society lost one of its long-time members, former membership chairs, and outstanding genealogists with the passing of Mary Parlee "Mary Lee" Rasmussen Cape Girardeau on March 8, 2016. Mary Lee was also an honorary life member of the Society. She was born January 10, 1923, in Cape Girardeau to Aquilla Simpson and Maude Jane Dellinger Reed. She happily married George T. Rasmussen on Dec. 23, 1946, in Cape Girardeau. He passed away May 31, 1984. Surviving are two daughters, Reed Ann (Burl) Reynolds and Jane Ellen (Tim) Kurre, all of Cape Girardeau; two granddaughters, Paige L. (Kevin) Strauss and Faith A. Reynolds; three nephews, Mike, Chuck and Alan Alsdorf; and a niece, Mary Beth Alsdorf.

Mary Lee graduated from Cape Girardeau Central High School in 1939 and Southeast Missouri State University in 1942. She was devoted to her church, having been a member of Centenary United Methodist Church for 50 years and then being a charter member of La Croix United Methodist Church, where she participated in many activities.

She gave many years of service to the Meals on Wheels program, serving as a church coordinator. Mary Lee always had a passion for conservative agendas. She served for many years as a Republican committeewoman and secretary of the Central Committee. Mary Lee believed in being outspoken about her beliefs. Her life was marked by devotion to God, family and country.

A number of people with local ancestry can thank Mary Lee for her generous help. She spent many pleasurable hours researching the genealogy of her family, which also resulted in her being a member of the Nancy Hunter Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. Up until quite recently, she was still providing information for the *Collage*, and we can thank her for many clarifications of family relationships and local history. We will miss her greatly.

1810 Petition to the Land Commissioners from Residents of the Louisiana Territory

[From the Territorial Papers of the United States, Vol. XIV, Louisiana-Missouri Territory, 1806-1814, pages 382-397. Compiled by Clarence Edwin Carter, U.S. Gov. Printing Office, 1949.]

"The Memorial Of the undersigned inhabitants of the Territory of Louisiana respectfully Sheweth... making known to the government, the many defects existing in those laws and regulations, in regard to their land claims... Hard is the fate of the claimant (and the orphan children of those) who traversed a wilderness country to reach Louisiana, for the express purpose of acquiring the means to benefit their families. Who from fear of the savage tomahawk, a want of prompt protection from the government, sickness and deaths in their families, and many other causes; were prevented (though actually settled in the territory) from placing themselves in safety, on the particular tracts allotted to them. Machanicks and others who lived in towns, useful indeed to the government, had no idea of forfeiting their right, for want of occupying the particular tracts conceded to them; if claims of those discriptions are now to be rejected, under the 4th Sec. of the law of congress, passed the 3rd day of March 1807. For want of three years cultivation, such construction will operate in the opinion of your memorialists Ex Post Facto and impair the obligations of bona fide contracts made in good faith under the Spanish government... it was his residence that created his right and not cutting down trees or building up houses...

Your memorialists... most respectfully solicit your honorable Board and Agent to forward those memorials, to the secretary of the treasury, to be by him laid before Congress, with such remarks accompanying the same, as may seem to your honorable Board just and proper, in favour of all such species of claims, as in justice, good faith, and good policy ought to be confirmed."

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[Editor's Note: The following is available via the Arkansas USGenWeb at: <http://www.usgwarchives.net/ar/territory.htm> . The full list includes all of present-day Missouri and possibly northeast Arkansas. It appears to have been signed by a substantial number of Cape Girardeau District residents (although not all). Thus, it constitutes a good substitute for a tax list. (The earliest Cape Girardeau Co. tax list surviving is 1814.) The District included parts of present-day Scott and Stoddard County, Wayne Co., and parts of Iron and Madison counties. Spellings are quite subject to the transcriber's interpretation.]

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