

The Johannes Henricus Bax Family

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The following information was written into nine newspaper articles which were published in the *Eldon Advertiser* and the *Miller County Autogram-Sentinel* in 2013 under the title “Tracing the Bax family through time.” The articles have been combined into this single document. In addition, corrections and updates have been made and pictures have been added as available.

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Article #1: Introduction

Having grown up in St. Elizabeth and living in Miller County my entire life I have rubbed elbows with many members of the Bax clan. In fact, I believe the Bax family tree to be one of the largest in central Missouri. Occasionally I have asked one Bax if they were related to another and usually the answer was either they were not related or that they thought they could be if you could go back far enough in their family’s history. After helping my wife Rosanna, who has Bax ancestry, research her family history for about a year now I believe I have found the intersection of the pedigrees of most if not all of the Bax descendants in the area.

Before I go into the whole story, I want to say that much of the family history was researched on Ancestry.com and that while I believe the information to be very good I would not consider it perfect. Names, dates of birth and death and the locations of events can be in conflict between multiple sources. Sometimes the situation cannot be fully resolved.

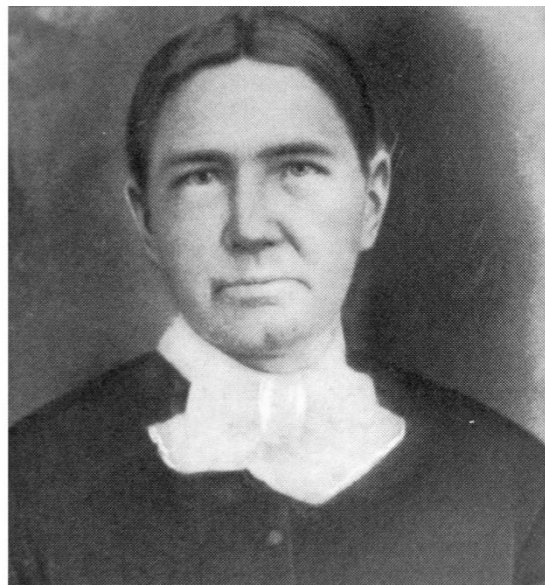
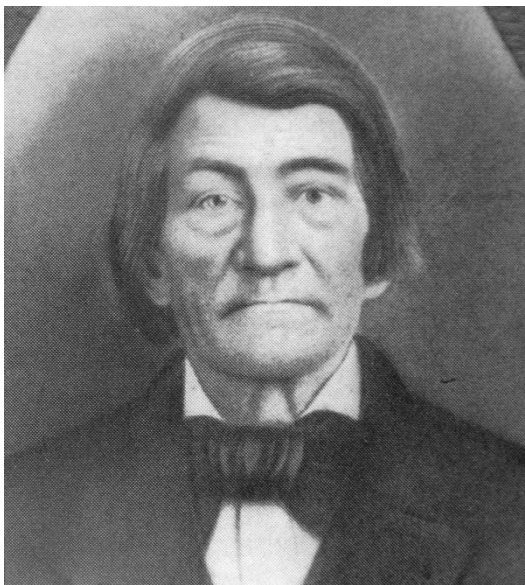
The full account goes back to Germany and a man named Johannes “Henricus” Bax. He was born in 1792 and died in 1852 in the town of Ostenland in an area known as Westfalen or Westphalia. He married Anna Maria “Theresia” Knaup in 1820 and from that marriage twelve children were born. Nine of those twelve lived to adulthood. Two of the sons, John Bernard and Bernard, made their way into central Missouri first. The remaining seven children and their mother came together on the sailing ship *Uhland* to New Orleans. After some sixty days at sea they set foot on American soil on January 18, 1854. From there they made their way to central Missouri to join Bernard and John Bernard in pursuit of land near German speaking communities.

In the coming weeks I will attempt to cover each of the branches of the family tree formed by the Bax siblings. This should make the connection from the original immigrants to Bax descendants who lived into the twentieth century. Living members of the Bax tree are part of the intended audience rather than the topic of the articles. Therefore I do not intend to mention any living members of the tree unless the circumstances require it.

Article #2: John Bernard Liborius Bax (1820-1886)

Previously I opened the topic of the Bax family tree and introduced Johannes Henricus Bax (1792-1852) as the man whose descendants so richly populate central Missouri. I will continue on with the nine children who made their way to the USA.

John Bernard Liborius Bax was the oldest of the Bax siblings. He was born in 1820 back in Germany and died in 1886 in Koeltztown, MO. In 1848 he married Anna Angela Wieneke (1828-1905) at Delbruck, Germany. Later that year their first child was born. They named him Joseph Henry. Two more sons were born before they reached this country in July of 1853. The second son died in 1854 and is buried in Westphalia. The third was born and died on ship during their voyage to this country. Pictured below are John Bernard and Anna Angela Bax.



The following is a list of their surviving children and their spouses.

Joseph Henry Bax (1848-1928) and Marie Caroline Wulff (1854-1943)

Katherine Bax (1854-1879) and Bernard Henry Loehner (1847-1936)

Mary Ann (1856-1943) and Henry Kloeppe (1848-1922)

Henry Bax (1858-1866)

Bernard Bax (1860-1902) and Anna Buschjost (1869-1942)

Herman Henry Bax (1862-1951) and Mary Kern (1868-1897) and Christina Kern (1877-1914)

Frank Bax (1864-1940) and Mary Linnenbrink (1872-1950)

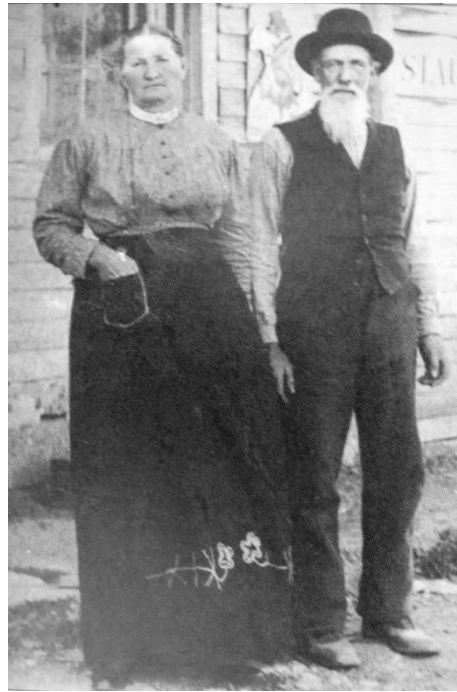
Elizabeth Bax (1866-1942) and Joseph Otto (1864-1925)

Frances Elizabeth Bax (1868-1950) and Ferdinand Blum (1861-1911)

Maria (b:1870 died before 1880)

John Joseph Bax (1871-1953) and Anna Angela Brunnert (1876-1954)

Pictured below are the oldest son Joseph Henry and his wife Marie Wulff. The photo was taken early in the twentieth century in Koeltztown.



The John Bernard Bax family remained rooted in Osage County. All but one of their children, Frances Elizabeth, are buried in Koeltztown. Miller County did not have a Catholic church until 1869 in “Old St. Elizabeth” and the second church at the current town of St. Elizabeth was not completed until the early 1880’s. John Bernard’s younger siblings and their offspring are the ones who eventually made their way to Miller County.

Article #3: Bernard Bax (1828-1912)

In this the third article about the Bax clan I will cover Johannes “Bernard” Bax. He went by Bernard and I believe he was the first to make it to central Missouri. Bernard was born 8 Feb 1828 in Ostenland, Germany. He came to this country in time to marry Maria Catherine Boeckmann on 13 September 1853 at Rich Fountain, MO. Known as Catherine; she was born 14 January 1835 in Westenholz, Germany. Recall from the previous article that his older brother John Bernard immigrated in 1853 and Bernard’s marriage in the same year leads me to believe he arrived in this country first.

Bernard and Catherine made their home in the St. Thomas area until sometime between 1880 and 1886. The 1880 Census had them still living in the St. Thomas area, but in 1886 their oldest son John B. Bax died in St. Elizabeth. He was the first young adult man to be laid to rest in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Of the twelve children born to Bernard and Catherine, the majority made their home in St. Elizabeth. Below is a list of the twelve children along with their spouses and in some cases a little extra information about their children.

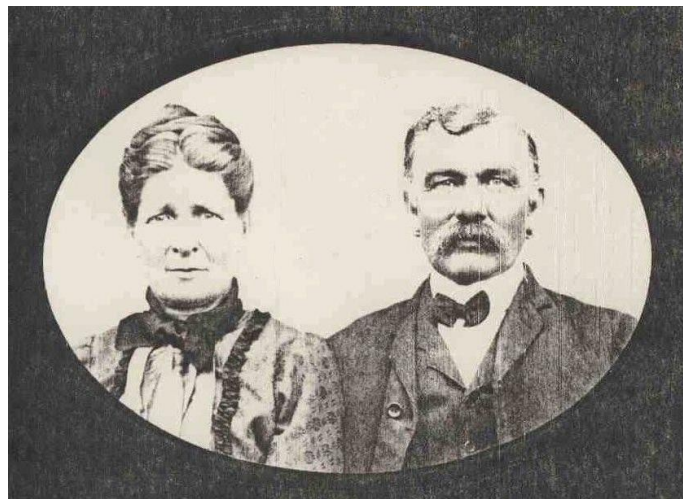
Anna Marie (1855-1904) married John Wankum (1848-1934) in 1872 at St. Thomas and was a lifelong member of that community.

Anna (1857-1936) married Frank Evers (1846-1920) in 1874 and is buried in St. Elizabeth. Her son Ben Evers and his wife Mary were bell rings for St. Lawrence Church for many decades.

Mary Elizabeth (1859-1907) married John Peter Scheulen (1861-1934) in 1883 at St. Elizabeth.

Mary “Katherine” (1861-1945) married Joseph H. Dickneite (1855-1929) in 1879 at St. Thomas. In St. Elizabeth he helped start the Dickneite Store, taught and also farmed. At some point between 1910 and 1920 they moved to Knoble, Arkansas and spent the balance of their lives there.

Katie and Joseph Dickneite are pictured below.



Theresa Rose (1863-1933) married Herman B. Arens (1848-1917) at St. Elizabeth in 1886 and made their home in Montrose, MO.

Pictured below is Theresa Bax Arens.



John Bernard (1866-1886) was previously mentioned above.

Frank Henry (1868-1951) married Jennie Drueding (1873-1929) in 1893 at St. Elizabeth. He was also known as “Squire Frank” because he was a Justice of the Peace. His daughters Tilly and Alma were well known in the community and passed in the 1990s. Alma worked for decades as the housekeeper and cook for priests at St. Lawrence Church and during WWII served as the Postmistress. They lived in the house where they were born their entire lives.

Pictured below are “Squire Frank” and Jennie Bax.



Joseph Henry (1870-1940) married Anna Dickneite (1877-1949) in 1894 at St. Elizabeth. He was known as “Road Boss Joe” because he was a county road commissioner. Their children are well known in the area as well. Gus, Adolph, Mary, Catherine Hoecker, Anton and Vic were lifelong residents of St. Elizabeth. Al went to St. Anthony. Martha Berendzen went to Marys Home and Regina Schulte resided in St. Thomas.

Below is a picture of Joe and Anna Dickneite Bax on their daughter Martha’s wedding day.

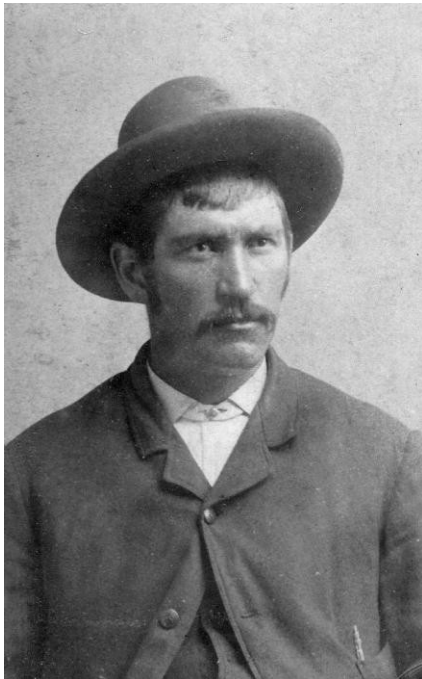


Henry Bernard (1873-1939) married Margaret Eichholz (1885-1963) at Marys Home in 1907. Their daughter Ledwina Bode (1909-2001) was well known as the “Operator” of the local telephone switchboard in St. Elizabeth. Below is a picture of a young Henry Bernard Bax and a wedding photo with Margaret Eichholz.



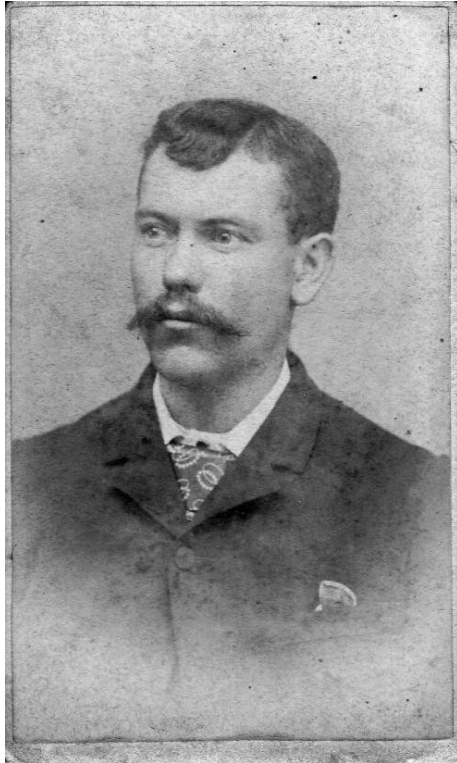
Clara (1875-1928) married William Wilde (1861-1938) at St. Elizabeth in 1894. They remained in the St. Elizabeth community and are buried there. They had no children.

George Peter (1877-1955) married Christine Huchtmeyer (1884-1972) at St. Elizabeth in 1902. Their youngest child Freddy took over the family farm near the mouth of the Big Tavern Creek. He was climbing on the bluffs around Crabtree Cave (not far from Bat Cave) in about 1960. He unfortunately fell and suffered very serious head injuries as a result. Below is a picture of George P. Bax as a young man and again later with his wife Christine.



Bernard Henry (1880-1965) married Anna “Elizabeth” Eichholz (1887-1964) at Marys Home in 1906. They lived in St. Elizabeth for about nine years before moving to St. Anthony. Their four living children are the only surviving grandchildren of Johannes Bernard and Catherine Boeckmann Bax. I visited with Leander, Josephine and Rosalie recently and they seem to be doing very well.

Below is a photo of Ben H. Bax as a young man and a wedding picture with Elizabeth Eichholz.



I will close with the passing of the parents of all these children. Catherine Boeckmann Bax died in 1893 and was buried next to her oldest son John. When her husband Bernard died in 1912 he was laid to rest next to Catherine. Thus three of the graves of what was the first row of St. Lawrence Cemetery are occupied by this pioneer couple and their oldest son.

Article #4: Heinrich Franciscus Bax (1829-1869)

In this the fourth article about the Bax clan I will cover Heinrich Franciscus Bax and his descendants. He was born 24 Oct 1829 in Germany and died in 1869 in St. Thomas. Although Heinrich was not a long lived man he was married twice and fathered three children.

His first marriage was to Anna Maria Muller in 1853. Later that year they had a son named George. In addition to their marriage and the birth of their first child, they also began the journey to this country in that same year. The manifest of the sailing ship *Uhland* has them listed as passengers 212, 213 and 214. Their names were listed as Heinrich, Marie and Georg respectively. You might note that Anna Maria's name appears as Marie. This was very common for that era in Germanic regions. The first name was often a saint tribute and not intended to be used as their day to day name. There may be multiple sisters named Anna all using their second name. In addition, Georg was the common Germanic spelling and was often changed to George in this country.

Anna Maria was born in 1836 and died in 1857. Thus Heinrich was widowed with his young son George being some four years of age. He remarried in 1859 to Mary Francisca Evers in the town of Westphalia. From this second marriage came two children. Anna Angela was born in 1861 and Theodore was born in 1862. As stated previously, Heinrich died in 1869, leaving his second wife Mary to raise his children.

I have been unable to find records for the oldest child George. Being very young when his mother died, he may not have been raised by his father. Oftentimes members of the immediate or extended family raised such children. Men in those days worked very long hours in a farm setting and had very little cooking skills. This made it extremely difficult for them to keep their young children when widowed.

The second child, Anna Angela (1861-1948), married John Hasenbein (1858-1920) in 1889. Both John and Anna are buried in St. Lawrence Cemetery. The 1910 Census shows her as having six children and living in Osage Township here in Miller County. Those six children in birth order are Leona (1889), Sam (1892-1975), Frank (1893-1976), Rosa (1896-1986), Lizzie (1898-2002) and William (1900-1976). Of these six children Sam and Lizzie are known to have remained in the area. Lizzie married August Kemna. She died in 2002 and is buried in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Sam married Mary Struempf. He died in 1975 and is also buried in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

The youngest child, Theodore, married Elizabeth Twehous in 1890. Theodore and Elizabeth died in 1953 and 1949 respectively and are buried in Meta. They had eight children. They are in birth order Mary Bertha (1891-1972), Samuel Stephen Sr. (1894-1968), Leo (1896-1969), Thomas (1898-1993), Maggie (1901-1981), Otto (1905-1997), Hilda (1907-1960) and Lucy "Emma" (1910). I am familiar with descendants of Samuel Stephen and Thomas. Samuel's daughter Carmen Bax Luetkemeyer (1920-2005) was my eighth grade teacher in St. Elizabeth. There are others I could mention; however, I will repeat what I wrote previously that I will follow these

branches of the Bax tree far enough for readers to identify their ancestors. I can't produce the entire tree and in most cases do not mention living members of the tree.

The following picture is of Samuel Stephen Sr. and Veronica Kern Bax (1901-1974).



Article #5: Franz Jodocus Bax (1833-1886)

In this the fifth article about the Bax clan I will cover Franz Jodocus Bax (1833-1886). Better known as Frank, he married Anna "Elizabeth" Jurgensmeyer (1841-1910) in February of 1857 at Westphalia, MO. Frank and Elizabeth were both baptized in St. John Baptiste Catholic Church, Delbruck, Germany. They lived out their lives in Koeltztown, became parents of eight children and are buried there. Below is a photo of Frank and Elizabeth Bax. This is the second of the seven immigrant siblings for which I have a picture. I would say we are lucky to have any at all.



Following is a summary of their eight children and extra details in some cases to help identify that branch of the Bax tree.

John Bernard (1858-1940) married Cunigunda Evers Sandbothe (1854-1933) and remained in Koeltztown.

Below is a photo of Bernard and Cunigunda along with some of their children.



Maria Catherine (1860-1886) married Henricus Joseph Boeckmann (1850-1921) and remained in Koeltztown.

Henry George (1862-1914) married Elizabeth Evers (1861-1943) and made their home in St. Elizabeth. They had nine children and the majority of them remained in the St. Elizabeth and St. Anthony area. The oldest was Franky B. (1886-1957) who married Mary Weidinger (1889-1975). Mary was my dad's third oldest sister. Two of their children were Emil J. (1914-1989) and Sam H. Bax (1910-1981). Henry's second oldest boy was John L. Bax (1888-1966) and he is the father of Henry F. Bax (1914-1988) and Ilde Bax (1917-1980). Henry F. owned the farm just upstream from ours and Ilde lived in St. Anthony. The other seven children of Henry and Elizabeth are Joseph M. (1891-1962), John H. (1893-1894), Marie (1893-1894), Anna Elizabeth Bax Stuempf (1895-1967), Conrad (1898-1984), Catherine Bax Schulte (1900-1972) and Regina Bax Schulte (1904-1991).

Below is a picture of Henry and Elizabeth along with several of their children.



Johann (1864-1943) married Teresa Kloepfel (1867-1949) and lived in the St. Elizabeth area. They moved to Meta in retirement and are buried there. Among their children would be Stephan Henry Bax (1894-1968). He married Rose Luetkemeyer (1897-1944) and their children should be well known in the St. Elizabeth area.

Johann and Theresa along with some of their children are pictured below.



Joseph (1866-1943) married Katherine Kloepfel (1869-1936) and remained in Koeltztown.

Theresa (1868-1923) married John Bernard Lueckenhoff (1861-1950) and lived in St. Elizabeth. Their son Ben (1889-1946) married my dad's fifth oldest sister Gertrude Weidinger (1895-1942).

Below is a photo of John Lueckenhoff and Thersia Bax along with several of their children.



Stephen was born in 1871 and unfortunately died the next year.

Conrad (1878-1915) married Barbara Weidinger (1885-1937) and lived in St. Elizabeth and Freeburg. Barbara was my father's oldest sister. Conrad and Barbara farmed in St. Elizabeth until 1915 when they purchased the Red Fox Inn (later called Rock Island Inn) at Freeburg. A few months after that Conrad died suddenly. He was buried there in Freeburg. They had the following five children: Andy Bax (1903-1966) lived in Marys Home, Lizzie Bax Haggenhoff (1904-1974) lived on a neighboring farm to where I grew up in St. Elizabeth, Al (1907-1995) lived in Meta, Henry P. Bax (1911-1993) lived in St. Anthony and Cecelia Bax Rehagen (1913-2001) lived in Westphalia. Her husband Frank Conrad Rehagen was the founder of the Rehagen Hotel.

Just a little footnote here: You may have noticed that my dad's oldest, third oldest and fifth oldest sisters married men in this branch of the Bax tree. Here is the rest of that story... my dad, Joseph Weidinger, had eleven sisters!

Article #6: Joseph Bax (1837-1884)

In this the sixth article, I will cover Joseph Bax (1837-1884). Joseph's first marriage was to Angela Boeckmann (1817-1860). They had a daughter Mary born in 1858. Sadly the little girl died in 1859 and her mother died in 1860. Joseph then remarried Sophia Constantine DeBruyne (1844-1926) in April of 1863 at St. Thomas. Sophia, unlike most others in this series, wasn't from the Westfalen region of Germany. Her ancestry traces back to Holland. Joseph and Sophia resided in St. Thomas first and later moved to St. Elizabeth. From their union ten children were born. The following is a list of those ten children and in places some additional information.

Theresia Ann (1865-1926) married John Lueckenotto (1862-1946) and lived in St. Anthony.

Elizabeth was born in 1867 and died in 1880.

John (1868-1898) married Mary Dickneite (1875-1965). John died on his thirtieth birthday and is buried in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Their daughters Rose (1894-1962) and Emma (1898-1992) married Herman Buechter and John Schaffer respectively and resided in St. Anthony.

Henry was born in 1870 and died in 1880.

Frank (1873-1958) married Catherine Groner (1875-1948). This man was known as "Mason" Frank Bax. You may recall an earlier Frank known as "Squire" Frank. These men were contemporaries and lived a little more than a mile apart in the St. Elizabeth area. As the name implies, this Frank was in fact a stone and brick layer. Their oldest son Phillip (1899-1986) lived in St. Anthony. Their sons Louis (1903-1969) and Martin (1906-1968) owned farms near their parents' farm. Agnes (1909-1967), Christ (1915-1983) and Nettie Bax Wankum (1922-2002) were three additional children who also remained in the St. Elizabeth community.

The following picture shows “Mason” Frank and Catherine Bax.



Anna Marie (1875-1939) married Henry Dickneite (1870-1943). They first lived in St. Elizabeth and later moved to St. Anthony. Their grandson Bobby Dickneite was well known in the area for his fiddle playing with the “C & O Boys”. Another little tidbit: “Dickneite Hill” near Boeckmann Bridge was named after this couple.

Below is a picture of Henry and Anna Marie Bax Dickneite.



Benjamin was born in November of 1877. The only official record found for him was his draft registration in 1918. At that time he was single, forty years of age and working as a blacksmith in Nebraska.

Peter Thomas (1880-1981) married Mary Lampe (1884-1955). They first lived in St. Elizabeth and later moved to Marys Home. One of their children was Peter John (1923-1998). Both men should be well known to the Marys Home community.

Sophia (1882-1958) married James Craig (1874-?). They made their home in the Kansas City area. However, she is buried in St. Lawrence Cemetery at St. Elizabeth.

Katie Bax was born in 1884. I have been unable to find any additional information pertaining to her.

I will close with the passing of the parents of these ten children. Joseph died in 1884 and was laid to rest in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Sophia, however, lived another forty-one years and remarried William Talken (1852-1939). Sophia passed away in 1926 and is buried at Folk as Sophia Talken.

Article #7: Theresia Bax (1835-1879)

In this the seventh article, I will cover Theresia Bax (1835-1879). She married John Adolph Loethen (1828-1920) in 1854. The most likely site of that marriage would have been St. Thomas. You might recall that Theresia was among the passengers of the sailing ship *Uhland*. Arriving in New Orleans in January and still having the trip to central Missouri ahead of her, it appeared that events in her life were moving ahead quickly as she would be married later in that same year. John and Theresia had eight children before she died at the age of about forty-four.

The 1880 Census shows that John and six of their children were still together. It would appear that the oldest boy Peter and the oldest girl Margaretha had left the nest previously. The youngest child, Mary, was only four at the time. I'm sure the family's loss of Theresia was burdensome to the family. Perhaps the greatest burden was to her daughter Elizabeth. She was seventeen at this time and probably had to become the homemaker after the death of her mother. The 1900 Census revealed that John remarried a lady named Agnes. I have not found her maiden name.

The following is a list of the eight children of Theresia Bax and John Loethen.

Peter was born in 1855 and died in 1913. He lived out his life in St. Thomas and is buried there. He and his wife Agnes had four daughters (Delia b:1881, Bertha b:1884, Johanna b:1887, Frances b:1893) and three sons (Rudolph b:1889, Hubert b:1898, Vincent b:1902).

Bernard was born in 1857 and died in 1937. He married Mary Haslach (1860-1933) on 27 Nov 1883 in St. Thomas. They made their home in Marys Home and are buried there. Their children were John "Bob" (1884-1974), Nellie Baumgardner (b:1886), Peter (1888-1979), Harman "Martin" (1892-1995), Katie Mormann (1894-1986), Salomie Jones (b:1896), Theresa Shanks (1896-1987), Lizzie Comer (b:1898), Lena Koetting (b:1900), Regina Gruber (1902-1989) and Matilda Osterman (1904-1994).

Margaretha was born in 1859 and died in 1925. She married Theodor Kroll (1856-1925). They made their home in St. Thomas and are buried there. Their children were Lina (b:1878), Herman (b:1881), Frank (b:1884), Elizabeth (b:1888), Peter (b:1890), Matilda Agnes (b:1893) and Hedwig Sophia (b:1896).

Elizabeth was born in 1861 and married Ben J. Schmidt. They made their home in St. Thomas and had one daughter, Theresa, in 1888. They also had an adopted son Otto Holtzhausen born in 1891. The last record I could find for them was the 1940 Census in which Ben and Elizabeth were listed as being 80 and 79 years of age respectively. One would assume they were buried in St. Thomas.

Herman (1863-1944) married Josephine Luebbert (1876-1958) at St. Thomas. They made their home in Meta and had a son Albert (1894-1966) and a daughter Anna Lackman (1901-1980). They are buried in Meta.

Frank (1870-1966) married Catherine Mary Strope (1877-1969). Census documents indicate their children were Tillie (b:1901), Markus (b:1905), Cecilia (b:1908), Lucy (b:1910), Hattie (b:1914), Raymond (b:1916), Loretta (b:1916) and Victor (b:1920). They made their home in Meta and are buried there.

Henry (1873-1952) married Rosa Theresa Gerling (1877-1976) in 1897. They made their home in St. Thomas and are buried there. Their children are Otto (b:1898), Hilda (b:1901), Clara (b:1902), Andrew (b:1905), Thomas (b:1906), Ida (b:1914).

Mary (1875-1963) married John Strope (1867-1942) and they made their home in St. Thomas. Their children were Louis (1898-1958), Lucy (1900-1991), Andrew (1902-1974), Martha (b:1904), Victor (1907-1912), Bernard (1911-1957) and Aureallia (1918-1976).

Below is a picture of the Bernard Loethen family. This is the only one of the eight children of Theresia Bax Loethen for which I have a picture. Seated on the front row (L to R) are Nellie Baumgardner, Mary and Bernard Loethen and their son John "Bob." On the back row are Lena Koetting, Lizzie Comer, Regina Gruber, Salomie Jones, Katie Mormann, Matilda Osterman and Theresa Shanks. Not pictured are two sons, Martin and Peter, as they were in military service during WWI.



Article #8: Elizabeth Bax (1841-1909)

In this the eighth article about the Bax clan I will cover Maria Sophia Elizabeth Bax (1841-1909). She was commonly known as Elizabeth. From the ship's manifest it appears that she may have had a twin sister named Anna Angela. They were both listed as being age ten at the time. While this is not conclusive proof, it remains a possibility.

Elizabeth married Theodore Kroll Sr. (1826-1914) at St. Thomas in 1858. Like several other of her siblings, she lived out her life in the St. Thomas area and is buried there. They had six children who lived to adulthood. The following list details those six children.

Mary (1868-1944) never married. The 1910 Census has her living with her 84 year old father and 20 year old brother Casper.

Joseph (1872-1940) married Gertrude Luebbering (1870-1958) at Westphalia in 1899. The 1910 Census indicated they had four children: Alphonse (1902-1988), Theodore (1906-1978), Elizabeth (b:1905) and Martha (1913-1918).

John (1876-1950) married Mary Suthoff at St. Thomas in 1902. They had four children – Theodore (1904-1944), Ben (1905-1922), Christine (1911-1935) and Agnes (1915-1970).

Anna (1880-1955) married William Werdehausen (1871-1947) at St. Thomas in 1900. They had five children – Leo (1900-1973), Theodore (1903-1968), George (1905-1956), Martha (1909-1911) and Victor (1913-1985). Anna was buried in Meta.

Bernard (1883-1943) first married Elizabeth Scheulen (1890-1922) and they had two children who lived to adulthood, Rose Mary (1912-1941) and Tillie (1917-2013). Tillie married Al Bax and lived in Meta and then later in Wardsville. Still another child named Martha appeared in Ben's obituary. His second wife was Adelhaide "Anna" Hake (1882-1932). Strangely enough, Ben and Anna both died as a result of accidents with trains. Anna and Ben were passengers in a car which was struck by a train and she died as a result. Ben survived that incident but eleven years later was struck and killed by another train while walking to church on Sunday morning. He is buried in Meta.

Casper (1889-1940) never married. Casper and his oldest sibling Mary remained with their father until his death in 1914. Soon after that World War I broke out and Casper served as an infantryman until his release in 1918. Casper and Mary operated their farm together until his death in 1940. Mary arranged for Casper to have a flat marble veteran's headstone placed over his grave in St. Thomas to honor his service.

Article #9: Anna Angela Bax (1841-?), Stephen Bax (1826-?)

Anna Knaup Bax (1798-?)

This is the ninth and final article about the Bax clan. I will deal with the final two immigrant siblings and their mother as best I can.

In the last article I mentioned the possibility that Elizabeth Bax Kroll (1841-1909) may have had a twin sister Anna Angela, a fact that the ship's manifest seemed to support. There is also the possibility that they were merely born within a year of each other. In addition, I found a tintype photo in a box of family pictures which dates back to the "Road Boss" Joe Bax (1870-1940) family. It appears to show sisters in their twenties, each holding a young child on her lap. These ladies would have been Joe's dad's (Bernard Bax) sisters. The 1910 Census indicated that Bernard was living with his son at the time. Bernard died in 1912 so perhaps the photo remained in Joe's possession as a result. As rare as these tintype photos are, it is difficult to believe that its presence in the Joe Bax collection is merely coincidental. To date I have found no other information about this lady.

The ninth and final immigrant sibling is Johann Stephen Bax (1826 - ?). He married Anna Maria Eva Bolke (1828 - ?) in 1850 at Delbruck, Germany. The ship's manifest for the *Uhland* listed passengers 369, 370 and 371 as Stephan, Eva and Anna Bax. Their ages were 28, 27 and 58 respectively. The names and ages are a good match for Stephen along with his wife and mother. No further information has been found at this point for any of the three. One would guess that the mother of these immigrants remained in central Missouri and furthermore, is likely to be buried in either St. Thomas or Koeltztown. Burial records may resolve the issue, but I have not pursued those.

So there you have it. Seven of the nine branches of the "American" Bax tree have been traversed with two remaining a mystery. I hope that the readers have enjoyed these articles and that they have cast some light on the relationships of the Bax descendants.

Closing Comments

First, the coverage of the seven branches is disproportionate due to availability of information and photos. I wish I could have found more.

Secondly, at this point I am thoroughly convinced that **ALL** Bax descendants in Miller County as well as surrounding counties are related. You just have to follow the pedigree back to the original seven immigrants or their cousin Phillip Bax who immigrated in the same time frame and settled in the St. Thomas community. To date I have found no exceptions among the descendants I know.

Lastly, I consider having a good knowledge of one's ancestry to be a welcome enrichment. We should all appreciate our ancestor's bold and brave move to this great land. We should admire the pioneer families of our towns and counties for their fortitude, faith and sheer determination to settle this new home.