

JOHN CASPER BECKER

John Casper Becker (28 Aug 1845 - 15 Jul 1897), the fifth child of Joh. Jost. Becker I (#26 on the Becker lineage chart) and A. Maria Pfeil, was born in Nieder-Gemunden, Germany. In Germany he was engaged to be married to Anna Catherine Stroh (6 Sep 1845 - 13 Jun 1929), the youngest daughter of Joh. Hch. Stroh IV (#145 on the Stroh lineage chart) and Anna Katharine Lein, who was also born in Nieder-Gemunden. They had planned to be married before emigrating to the United States, but bans had to be posted in the church for a specific number of Sundays before the marriage could take place. The ship was due to leave before this, and so the marriage was postponed. They sailed from the port of Bremen on the L. L. Bremen (Wm. Ladewigs, Shipmaster) and landed in New York harbor on 15 Jul 1872, according to Anna Stroh Becker's obituary. (The original ship list had the 15 crossed out and replaced with a 5.) After their arrival in Missouri they were married at the Femme Osage Evangelical Church on 1 Oct 1872 by the Rev. C. H. Bode.

Their first home was a log house on the St. Charles County farm, near Femme Osage, of John's cousins, Carl (#24/3) and Julie (#24/4) Becker, who had arrived as children with their parents in 1834. John and Anna's first child was born here in 1873. The fireplace and foundation is all that remains today of the log house. It is in the timber above the hen house and the main house. On 26 Jan 1874 they purchased a 124.34 acre farm from Bernhard H. Bierbaum and his wife in Section 18, Township 45, Range 1 (see plat map) in St. Charles County for the sum of \$1700. The house, barn, and some buildings were there but neighbors later helped them build the wheat barn (helped roll up the logs).

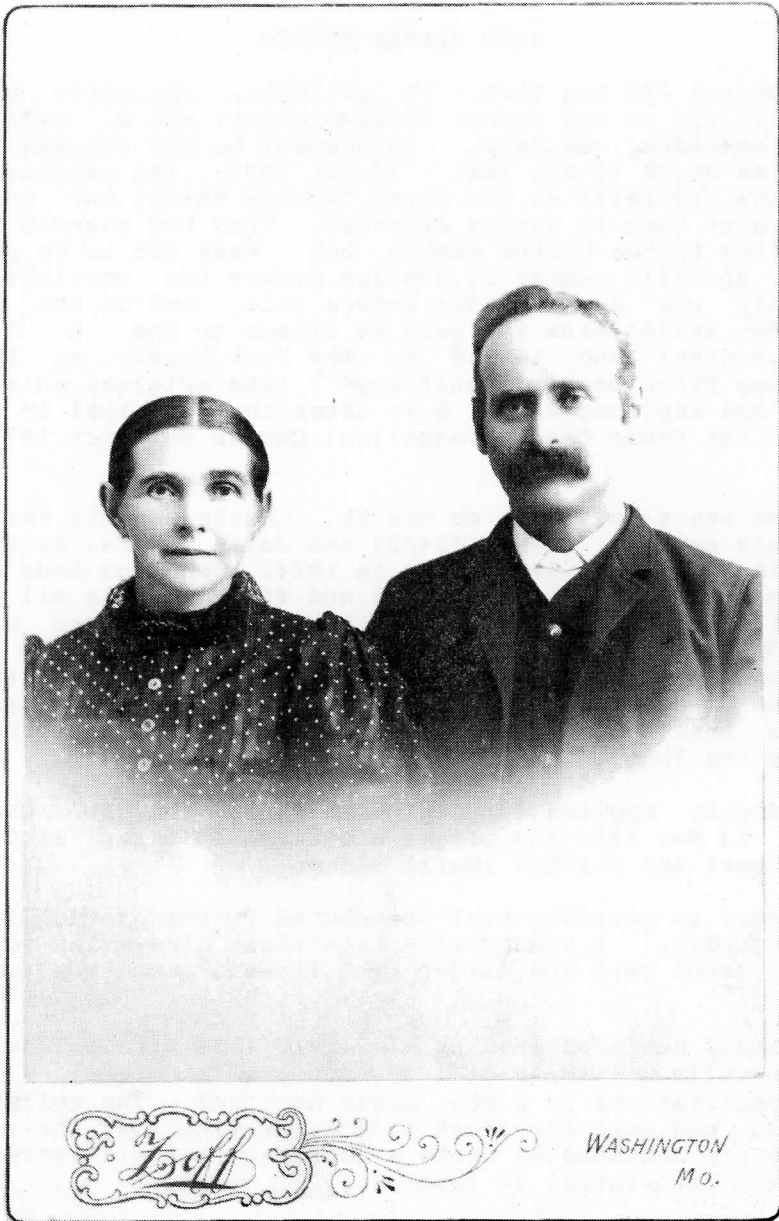
John Casper Becker applied for citizenship at the St. Charles County Courthouse on 13 Nov 1884 and became a citizen on 5 Sep 1887. Witnesses were Philip Klippel and Charles (Carl) Becker.

Anna Stroh Becker is probably best remembered by her grandchildren for her lovely flower garden. A Sunday afternoon visit always included a tour of her fenced-in front yard and garden with flowers along the fences and in beds.

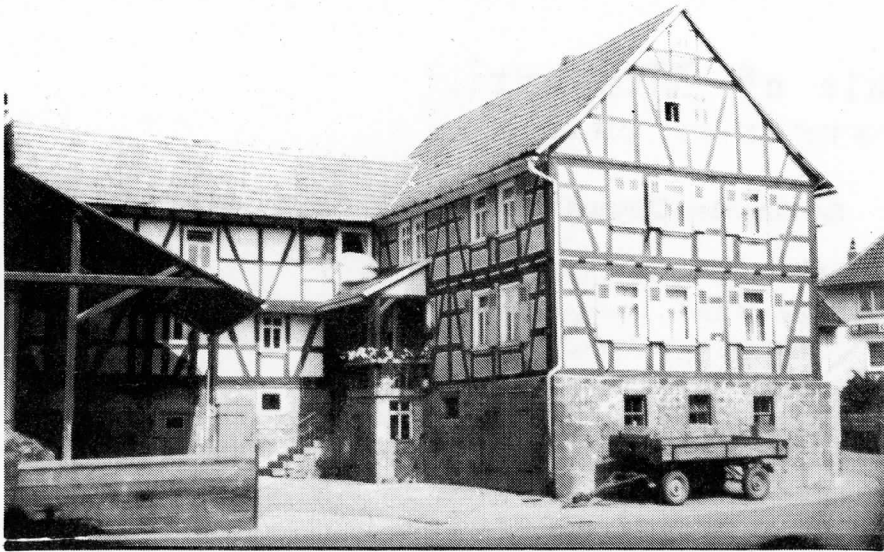
John Casper Becker suffered most of his adult life with painful legs which had been frozen while he was in military service in Germany. In July 1897 he died from complications in a St. Louis hospital. The children ranged in age from 13-22 and were therefore able to provide for their mother and themselves. On his deathbed he wrote a touching farewell letter (in German) to his children. Translated, it read:

Beloved Children:

I would liked to have said some words of comfort to you yesterday as I was leaving you but it was impossible. As far as I am concerned, I am completely in God's hands, His will be done. He will make all things good.



Anna Catharine Stroh (1845 - 1929)
and John Casper Becker (1845 - 1897)



Above: Birthplace of Anna Catharine Stroh in Nieder-Gemunden. Transcription above first row of windows reads: "House built in 1836 by Heinrich Stroh and wife Anna Catharine Lein".

Below: Birthplace of John Casper Becker and Ernest Frederick Becker in Nieder-Gemunden.



State of Missouri,
COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES.

St. Charles Circuit Court,

September Term 1887

Be it Remembered, That on this 5th day of September Eighteen hundred and eighty seven personally appeared in open Court John C. Becker and applied to be admitted as a citizen of the United States, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said John C. Becker had declared on oath taken before the Clerk of the Court of St. Charles in the State of Missouri on the 13th day of November Eighteen hundred and eighty four that it was bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon the testimony of Jos. Philip Stuppel and Charles Becker, witnesses, citizens of the United States, that the said John C. Becker hath resided in the United States five years, at least, and one year, at least, immediately preceding his application within the State of Missouri, and during the said term of five years, he has conducted himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the Good Order and Happiness of the same; and the said John C. Becker having in open court declared on oath that he will support the Constitution of the United States, that he renounces all titles of Nobility, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State and Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Emperor of Germany of whom he was last a subject. Thereupon the Court admits the said John C. Becker as a citizen of the United States,

Witness, JOSEPH MANER, Clerk of said Circuit Court, with the seal of the said Court hereunto affixed this 5th day of September 1887

J. M. Maner
Clerk.



Anna Catharine Stroh Becker home (ca 1910)

l to r, standing: August Becker, Edwin Becker, Meta Langkopf Becker, Carl Becker, Theodore Becker, Bertha Fackler Becker, & Mathilda Becker. Front: Paul Becker, Anna Stroh Becker, & Hulda Becker.

Femme Osage United Church of Christ (formerly Evangelical Church)



I submit myself to God's will. When cross and hardship befall me, my Jesus will ease my pain. If there is no help for me, and I have much pain, this cross is good for me.

My loved ones, you are still so young things do not bother you much, but the time will come when you will not be sheltered from all kinds of trouble and pain, therefore, stay close to God and His word, there you will find comfort at all times, and for all times. Call upon Him in time of trouble and He will answer you. Then you shall praise Him. You know how to pray, you have probably done it, that God shall make all things good. Yes, that we all hope, as God forgets not His own, that is our trust.

Be obedient to your dear Mama in all things without murmuring. That is the hope of your dear Papa.

(Letter from our dear Father to us children.)

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As a memorial from your dear Mother:

Dear August,

With your mouth you shall declare Jesus as God, and that you believe in your heart that God shall awaken him from the dead, then you will be saved. God strengthen your faith.

They who trust in the Lord shall not be condemned.

(A similar memorial was probably written to each of the children by their mother.)

John and Anna Becker are buried in the cemetery of the Femme Osage Evangelical Church (United Church of Christ). They had seven children:

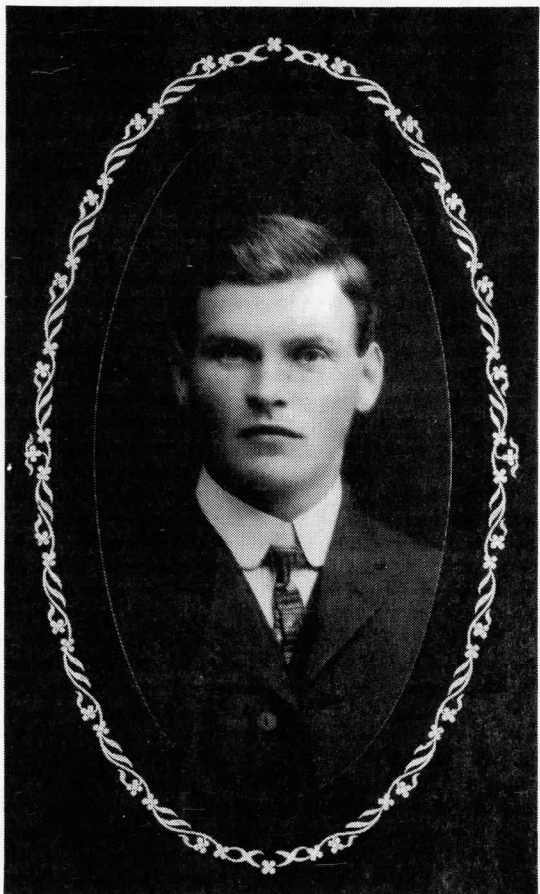
Auguste Julie Becker (14 Jul 1873 - 18 Nov 1877)
Carl Henry Becker (12 Jul 1875 - 14 Feb 1965)
Theodore Ernst Becker (25 Nov 1876 - 16 Sep 1970)
August Carl Becker (3 Jan 1879 - 3 Apr 1967)
Emil John Becker (2 Nov 1880 - 5 Dec 1880)
Mathilde Julie Caroline Becker (26 Aug 1882 - 31 Dec 1967)
Edwin Frederick Becker (3 Sep 1884 - 22 Nov 1966)

AUGUSTE JULIE BECKER

Auguste Julie Becker (14 Jul 1873 - 18 Nov 1877), oldest daughter of John Casper Becker and Anna Catherine Stroh, died at an early age. Her godmother at baptism was Julie Becker, her father's cousin. Auguste is buried in the Femme Osage Cemetery.

CARL HENRY BECKER

Carl Henry Becker (12 Jul 1875 - 14 Feb 1965), oldest son of John Casper



Carl Henry Becker
(1875 - 1965)



*Mathilda Julie
Caroline Becker*
(1882 - 1967)

Becker and Anna Catherine Stroh, was never married. His godfather at baptism was Carl Becker, his father's cousin, on whose farm the parents lived when first coming to Missouri. Carl and his sister, Mathilde 'Tillie', made their home with their mother on the family farm. When their mother died they remained there. They took an orphan boy, James 'Jim' Mygatt, into their home and raised him to adulthood. After their death Jim acquired the farm and is living there today. Carl is buried in the Femme Osage Cemetery.

THEODORE ERNEST BECKER

Theodore Ernest Becker (25 Nov 1876 - 16 Sep 1970), son of John Casper Becker and Anna Catherine Stroh, was baptized by Rev. C. H. Bode of the Femme Osage Evangelical Church. His godfather was his uncle, Ernest Becker. On 17 Aug 1905 he was married to Bertha Auguste Fackler (28 Jan 1882 - 12 Aug 1970), daughter of Benedict Fackler and Auguste Holtzworth, at the Femme Osage Church. Theodore purchased a farm near Cappeln, Missouri, from William Twiehaus. This farm is shown on the plat map in Section 9, Township 45, Range 1, under the name of F. W. Twinhouse, which is an error in spelling. Theodore and Bertha lived on this farm their entire lives. In 1955 they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They are buried in the St. John Evangelical (United Church of Christ) Cemetery near Cappeln, Missouri. They had four children:

Paul Benedict Becker (born 4 Sep 1906)

Hulda Anna Becker (born 16 Jun 1908)

Oscar Carl Becker (born 12 Nov 1911)

Wilbert August Becker (born 7 May 1919)

Paul Benedict Becker (born 4 Sep 1906), oldest son of Theodore Ernest Becker and Bertha Auguste Fackler, was born near Cappeln, Missouri. On 18 Jan 1933 he married Hulda Hindersmann (born 25 Apr 1913), daughter of Henry Hindersmann and Lizzie Teckemeier. In their early married years they lived on farms near Defiance and Cappeln, Missouri, but in September 1942 they moved to Colorado. They live in Englewood, Colorado. Paul worked for Gates Rubber Company until his retirement in 1971. Paul and Hulda have two children:

Leoda Bertha Becker (born 5 Dec 1933)

Lawrence Theodore Becker (born 8 Dec 1838)

Leoda Bertha Becker (born 5 Dec 1933), only daughter of Paul Benedict Becker and Hulda Hindersmann, was born near Defiance, Missouri. On 1 May 1954 Leoda was married to James Albert Boelter (born 19 Jun 1927), son of Hugo Carl Boelter and Leafa Lee Brptt. They live in Denver, Colorado, where Leoda works in retail. She and James have one child:

Kathy Mae Boelter (born 13 Jan 1957)

Kathy Mae Boulter (born 13 Jan 1957), only child of James Albert Boelter and Leoda Bertha Becker, was born in Denver, Colorado. On 30 May 1982 she married Ronald Shaffer. They live in Denver, Colorado, where Kathy works in



*Theodore Ernst Becker (1876 - 1970)
and Bertha Auguste Fackler (1882 - 1970)*

retail. Kathy and Ronald have one son:

Ronald Paul Shaffer (born 26 May 1984)

Lawrence Theodore Becker (born 8 Dec 1938), only son of Paul Benedict Becker and Hulda Hindersmann, was born at Cappeln, Missouri. He was married to Marjorie Lillian Bundy (born 2 Jul 1939) on 3 Oct 1957. She is the daughter of Chester Adelbert Bundy and Hazel Tatman. Lawrence and Marjorie live in Englewood, Colorado, where Lawrence is manager of a hardware store garden shop. They have three children:

Heidi Kathleen Becker (born 12 May 1959)

Jane Lorance Becker (born 28 Aug 1960)

Jill Renee Becker (born 26 Dec 1962)

Heidi Kathleen Becker (born 12 May 1959), daughter of Lawrence Theodore Becker and Marjorie Lillian Bundy, is a teacher and is single.

Jane Lorance Becker (born 28 Aug 1960), daughter of Lawrence Theodore Becker and Marjorie Lillian Bundy, is in business and is single.

Jill Renee Becker (born 26 Dec 1962), daughter of Lawrence Theodore Becker and Marjorie Lillian Bundy, is a musician and is single.

Hulda Anna Becker (born 16 Jun 1908), only daughter of Theodore Ernest Becker and Bertha Auguste Fackler, was born near Cappeln, Missouri. On 24 Oct 1939 she was married to Otto Heronomes Webbink (born 6 Mar 1901), son of Herman Webbink and Lena Huffmann. They live on a farm near Cappeln, Missouri. They have no children.

Oscar Carl Becker (born 12 Nov 1911), son of Theodore Ernest Becker and Bertha Auguste Fackler, was born near Cappeln, Missouri. He married Viola Louise Clara Fienup (25 Jun 1918 - 21 Sep 1981) on 21 Apr 1940. She was the daughter of William Fienup and Alma Brakensiek. They lived on a farm near Cappeln, Missouri. Viola is buried in the St. John Cemetery. They had no children.

Wilbert August Becker (born 7 May 1919), youngest son of Theodore Ernest Becker and Bertha Auguste Fackler, was born near Cappeln, Missouri. On 8 Sep 1951 he married Leona Anna Niederjohn (born 30 Sep 1920), daughter of Robert Niederjohn and Laura Thiemann. They live near New Melle, Missouri (address - Wentzville). Wilbert is retired from Washington (Missouri) Metal Products Company. Wilbert and Leona had two children:

Shirley Laura Becker (6 Jun 1952 - 20 Apr 1961)
Gene Oscar Becker (born 4 Jul 1958)

Shirley Laura Becker (6 Jun 1952 - 20 Apr 1961), only daughter of Wilbert August Becker and Leona Anna Niederjohn, died of leukemia when she was almost nine years old. She is buried in the St. John Church Cemetery at Cappel, Missouri.

Gene Oscar Becker (born 4 Jul 1958), only son of Wilbert August Becker and Leona Anna Niederjohn, was married on 8 Sep 1984 to Linda Helen Klingert (born 18 Jul 1962). She is the daughter of Emil Klingert and Nancy Reinbold. The wedding took place at St. Peters United Church of Christ (Evangelical) in Washington, Missouri. Gene is employed at Southern Equipment Company in Washington. Gene and Linda live in Washington, Missouri.

AUGUST CARL BECKER

August Carl Becker (3 Jan 1879 - 3 Apr 1967), son of John Casper Becker and Anna Catherine Stroh, was born near Femme Osage, Missouri, and baptized by Rev. C. H. Bode. His godfather was Carl Becker of St. Charles, Missouri, a cousin of his father. On 15 Aug 1911 he was married to Helene Catharine Laumeier (born 18 Oct 1884), daughter of Henry Laumeier and Johanna Niendieker. They bought a farm in the Femme Osage creek valley from John Schemmer (known as the Gannaway farm - see plat map, Sections 15 and 16, Township 45, Range 1). They lived here most of their married life and all of their children were born and raised here. Later they purchased two more farms in the valley in Sections 11 and 14 (belonging to J. H. Knippenberg and Peter Vogler in the 1875 Atlas Map). It was to this last farm that they "retired" in 1947 when their youngest son married and lived on the family farm. August and Helene celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 20 Aug 1961 with a dinner and open house at the Femme Osage Church hall. August died April 3, 1967 at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis from injuries suffered in an automobile accident March 25 in Wentzville, Missouri. Helene is still living at the age of 102 and resides with her daughter, Esther Becker Schiermeier. August and Helene had five children:

Mildred Johanna Anna Becker (born 10 Nov 1912)
Homer John Henry Becker (born 2 Sep 1915)
Esther Mathilda Auguste Becker (born 8 Nov 1916)
Eunice Hilda Helene Becker (14 Jul 1918)
Harvey Carl Becker (born 23 Jul 1922)

Mildred Johanna Anna Becker (born 10 Nov 1912), oldest daughter of August Carl Becker and Helene Catherine Laumeier, was born near Femme Osage, Missouri. On 30 Jun 1936 she was married to Ora George Schnarre (born 11 Jun 1910), son of Henry Schnarre and Elizabeth Gerdiman. They live on a farm south of Foristell, Missouri. On 29 Jun 1986 they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a dinner and open house at the Femme Osage United Church of Christ. Mildred and Ora had four children:



*August Carl Becker (1879 - 1967)
and Helene Catherine Laumeier (1884 -)*

Jerome Schnarre (29 Jun 1937 - 29 Jun 1937)
Neal Henry August Schnarre (born 5 Mar 1939)
Keith Ora Homer Schnarre (born 20 Jul 1945)
Brian Harvey Schnarre (born 30 Jul 1949)

Neal Henry August Schnarre (born 5 Mar 1939), son of Ora George Schnarre and Mildred Johanna Anna Becker, was born on the Wessler farm near Femme Osage, Missouri. Neal has a B.S. in Agriculture and a Master's degree in Animal Nutrition from the University of Missouri - Columbia, Missouri. He also served in the U. S. Army. On 1 Apr 1967 he was married to Linda Kay Schuler (born 31 Oct 1942), daughter of James Schuler and Grace Beebe, at the Temple Baptist Church in Sullivan, Missouri. Neal and Linda live on the old Schnarre family farm south of Foristell, Missouri (address - Marthasville) where they farm. Neal and Linda have three children who were born at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis (the two oldest), and St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri, respectively:

Julie Ann Schnarre (born 8 Oct 1970)
Jeffrey Neal Schnarre (born 14 Jan 1972)
Kevin James Schnarre (born 10 Dec 1975)

Keith Ora Homer Schnarre (born 20 Jul 1945), son of Ora George Schnarre and Mildred Johanna Anna Becker, was born at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri. Keith has a B.S. in Animal Husbandry from the University of Missouri. On 27 Aug 1966 he was married to Sandra Louise Bolle (born 22 Feb 1945), daughter of Louis E. Bolle and Mildred Sievert, at Faith United Church of Christ in Wentzville, Missouri. Keith and Sandy live on a farm near Centralia, Missouri. They have two children, who were born at Boone County Hospital in Columbia, Missouri:

Darin Keith Schnarre (born 26 Jan 1969)
Tonya Renee Schnarre (born 9 Dec 1970)

Brian Harvey Schnarre (born 30 Jul 1949), youngest son of Ora George Schnarre and Mildred Johanna Anna Becker, was born at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri. Brian attended Ranken Technical Institute in St. Louis, Missouri, and was also a member of the Missouri National Guard. On 8 Aug 1971 he was married to Frances Ann Clare (born 23 Jan 1952), daughter of John Clare and Margaret Wright, at the First Christian Church in Troy, Missouri. Brian and Fran live on a farm near Centralia, Missouri. They have four children (the two youngest are adopted), the oldest and next oldest being born at Boone Co. Hosp. in Columbia, MO and Audrain Co. Hosp. in Mexico, Mo respectively.

Jacob Brian Schnarre (born 4 Oct 1975)
Joel Fritz Schnarre (born 7 Aug 1978)
Stephanie Anna Schnarre (born 22 May 1983)
Nicole Frances Schnarre (born 19 Dec 1984)

Homer John Henry Becker (born 2 Sep 1915), oldest son of August Carl Becker and Helene Catherine Laumeier, was born near Femme Osage, Missouri. On 4 May 1946 he was married to Verna Marie W. Gosejacob (born 18 Aug 1919),

daughter of Emil Gosejacob and Blondina Buenemann. They live in a new house on the farm in Sections 11 and 14 (belonging to J. H. Knippenberg in 1875) in the Femme Osage Valley (address - Augusta, Missouri). They have two children, who were born at St. Joseph Hospital, St. Charles, Missouri, and St. Francis Hospital, Washington, Missouri, respectively:

Kenneth August Emil Becker (born 20 May 1948)

Patricia Blondina Helene Becker (born 24 Mar 1953)

Kenneth August Emil Becker (born 20 May 1948), only son of Homer John Henry Becker and Verna Marie W. Gosejacob, was born at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Charles, Missouri. He has B. S. degrees in Agricultural Engineering and Economics and a Masters in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri - Columbia. Upon graduation he also received a commission in R.O.T.C. On 15 Aug 1970 he was married to Donna Jean Smith (born 17 Sep 1950), daughter of Donald Smith and Virginia Baurichter, at the United Methodist Church in Tebbets, Missouri. Ken and Donna live in Madison, Wisconsin, where Ken is Assistant Manager in Planning and Reporting for Oscar Mayer & Company. Kenneth and Donna have one child who was born in Madison, Wisconsin:

Aaron Smith Becker (born 23 May 1981)

Patricia Blondina Helene Becker (born 24 Mar 1953), only daughter of Homer John Henry Becker and Verna Marie W. Gosejacob, was born at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri. She has a degree in Home Economics from the University of Missouri - Columbia. On 29 Dec 1973 she was married to Jerome Orville Reinhardt (born 15 Dec 1951), son of Orville Reinhardt and Lavern Thilking, at the Femme Osage U. C. C. Church. They live in the older big house on her parents' farm. Pat and Jerry have two children, born at St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis County:

Douglas Richard Reinhardt (born 3 Oct 1978)

Adam Jacob Reinhardt (born 27 Aug 1986)

Esther Mathilda Auguste Becker (born 8 Nov 1916), daughter of August Carl Becker and Helene Catherine Laumeier, was born near Femme Osage, Missouri. On 17 May 1941, she was married to Ervin George Schiermeier (born 16 Nov 1916), son of Herman Schiermeier and Emma Schmidt. They live at Cappeln, Missouri (address - Foristell). Ervin owns and operates a lime quarry with his son near Femme Osage, Missouri. Esther and Ervin had three children:

Karan Schiermeier (27 Feb 1942 - 27 Feb 1942)

Duane Herman August Schiermeier (born 4 Jul 1944)

Candace Catherine Helene Schiermeier (born 18 Dec 1951)

Duane Herman August Schiermeier (born 4 Jul 1944), only son of Ervin George Schiermeier and Esther Mathilda Auguste Becker, was born at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri. Duane attended Bailey Technical School in St. Louis and was also a member of the Missouri National Guard. On 30 Apr 1966 he was married to Shirley Ann Zumbahl (born 10 Jun 1946), daughter of Elroy Zumbahl and Doris Jungerman, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St.

Charles, Missouri. Duane and Shirley live near Union, Missouri (address - Washington) and Duane is a partner with his father at the lime quarry. Duane and Shirley have three children who were born at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri:

Stacy Lee Schiermeier (born 23 Jan 1969)

Kelly Lyn Schiermeier (born 30 Nov 1971)

Todd Alan Schiermeier (born 6 Dec 1974)

Candace Catherine Helene Schiermeier (born 18 Dec 1951), daughter of Ervin George Schiermeier and Esther Mathilda Auguste Becker, was born at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri. Candace attended vocational school and is a Licensed Practical Nurse. On 4 Aug 1973 she was married to Andrew Linis Glosemeyer (born 3 Oct 1949), son of Lawrence Glosemeyer and Ermella Struckhoff, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Concord Hill, Missouri. Candace and Andrew live on a farm near Peers, Missouri (address - Marthasville). They have three children who were born at St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis County:

Shannon Cathleen Glosemeyer (born 6 Aug 1976)

Dawn Helene Glosemeyer (born 16 Nov 1977)

Carla Elizabeth Glosemeyer (born 22 Apr 1980)

Eunice Hilda Helene Becker (born 14 Jul 1918), youngest daughter of August Carl Becker and Helene Catherine Laumeier, was born near Femme Osage, Missouri. On 7 Oct 1944 she was married to Harold Albert Webbink (born 30 Oct 1922), son of Frederick Webbink and Luella Mallinckrodt. They live in St. Charles, Missouri. Harold is Manufacturing Superintendent at Gear Products Company in Bridgeton, Missouri. Eunice and Harold have four children:

Ronald Frederick Webbink (born 21 Sep 1945)

Gregory Russell Webbink (born 2 Jul 1949)

Mark Harold Webbink (born 25 Aug 1950)

Ann Helene Webbink (born 6 Mar 1959)

Ronald Frederick Webbink (born 21 Sep 1945), oldest son of Harold Albert Webbink and Eunice Hilda Helene Becker, was born at Grace Hospital in Hutchinson, Kansas. He has a B.S. in Physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Doctorate in Theoretical Astronomy from Cambridge University, England. He also served in the U. S. Navy for three years, having received a commission at O.C.S. in Newport, R. I. On 6 Jun 1970 he was married to Ann Elizabeth Schaberg (born 22 Feb 1948), daughter of Eugene Schaberg and Pearl Lammers, at the St. Charles Presbyterian Church in St. Charles, Missouri. They live in Champaign, Illinois, where Ron is Professor of Astronomy at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Ron and Ann have two children who were born in Homestead, Florida, and Cambridge, England, respectively:

Amy Elizabeth Webbink (born 15 Nov 1971)

Robert Frederick Webbink (born 17 Jan 1975)

Gregory Russell Webbink (born 2 Jul 1949), son of Harold Albert Webbink and

Eunice Hilda Helene Becker, was born at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Charles, Missouri. Greg has a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and Masters Degrees in Business Administration and International Affairs from Columbia University, New York. Upon graduation from Georgetown he received an R.O.T.C. commission in the U. S. Army and after graduate school served in the army for three years. On 20 Jun 1971 he was married to Elizabeth Anne Scafuro (born 15 Sep 1949), daughter of Francis X. Scafuro and Fillippa Vultaggio, at the Guardian Angel Church in Allendale, N.J. They are presently living in Houston, Texas, where Greg is Vice President of Mannesmann Oilfield Tubulars Corporation. Greg and Liz have two children born in Kempen, Niederrhein, West Germany, and New York City, respectively:

Gerrit Harold Webbink (born 6 Aug 1976)
Katherine Elizabeth Webbink (born 24 Sep 1982)

Mark Harold Webbink (born 25 Aug 1950), youngest son of Harold Albert Webbink and Eunice Hilda Helene Becker, was born at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Charles, Missouri. Mark has a B.S. in Political Science from Purdue University and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of North Carolina. On 30 Dec 1972 he was married to Karen Sue Ransom (born 22 Jun 1951), daughter of William K. Ransom and Betty Robertson, at First United Presbyterian Church in Fairborn, Ohio. Mark and Karen live in Durham, N. C., where Mark is Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer for Allenton Realty. They also own and operate a gift shop in Durham. Mark and Karen have one child who was born in Durham:

Matthias Kramer Webbink (born 1 Aug 1976)

Ann Helene Webbink (6 Mar 1959), only daughter of Harold Albert Webbink and Eunice Hilda Helene Becker, was born at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Charles, Missouri. On 6 Aug 1983 she was married to James Herman Erlinger III (born 30 Sep 1958), son of James H. Erlinger II and Nancy Willbrand, at the St. John United Church of Christ in St. Charles, Missouri. Ann has a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Missouri - Columbia. She is a C.P.A. and is employed by Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis as a Senior Tax Planning and Research Analyst. Ann and Jim live in St. Charles, Missouri.

Harvey Carl Becker (born 23 Jul 1922), youngest son of August Carl Becker and Helene Catherine Laumeler, was born near Femme Osage, Missouri. On 12 Apr 1947 he was married to Laura Ida Joerling (born 7 Dec 1923), daughter of John Joerling and Ida Schmidt. Harvey served with the U. S. Merchant Marine during World War II. The tanker to which he was assigned broke in half in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and they were towed to Alaska. Harvey and Laura live on the August Becker family farm near Femme Osage (address - Augusta) and just recently they moved into a new house on the farm and their oldest son lives in the big old house. Harvey and Laura had four children:

Leon August John Becker (born 2 Feb 1949)
Bruce Lawrence Becker (born 9 Oct 1950)
Janice Ida Helene Becker (born 8 Jan 1952)

Douglas Samuel Becker (1 Nov 1955 - 6 Jul 1975)

Leon August John Becker (born 2 Feb 1949), oldest son of Harvey Carl Becker and Laura Ida Joerling, was born at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri. Leon attended Ranken Technical School in St. Louis and also served in the U. S. Army. On 14 Oct 1972 he was married to Jo Marie Roetheli (born 10 Feb 1951), daughter of Werner Roetheli and Joan Aholt, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Washington, Missouri. Leon and Jo live on the August Becker family farm (third generation). They have two children, both born at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri:

Bart Douglas Becker (born 9 Feb 1974)

Craig Allen Becker (born 5 Mar 1976)

Bruce Lawrence Becker (born 9 Oct 1950), son of Harvey Carl Becker and Laura Ida Joerling, was born at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri. Bruce attended Ranken Technical School in St. Louis. On 24 Oct 1981 he was married to Karen Sue Pecka (born 9 Sep 1952) at Femme Osage U.C.C. Church. This marriage ended in a divorce. On 6 Sep 1986 Bruce was married to Karen Mary Moore (born 24 Sep 1952), daughter of Keryn Theodore Moore and Mildred Virginia Rich, at Femme Osage U.C.C. Church. Bruce and Karen live south of Foristell, Missouri, and Bruce farms with his brother and father. Karen has a son from a previous marriage:

Jason Knight Abramovitz (born 16 Aug 1977)

Janice Ida Helene Becker (born 8 Jan 1952), only daughter of Harvey Carl Becker and Laura Ida Joerling, was born at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri. Janice attended beauty college and is a beautician. On 4 Jun 1971 she was married to Richard Dale Held (born 21 May 1950), son of Cornelius Held and Cornelia Poirot. Janice and Richard live on a farm near Wright City, Missouri. They have two children, both born at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Charles, Missouri:

Jonathan Bruce Held (born 18 Nov 1971)

Lesley Ida Louise Held (born 18 Oct 1978)

Douglas Samuel Becker (1 Nov 1955 - 6 Jul 1975), youngest son of Harvey Carl Becker and Laura Ida Joerling, was born at St. Francis Hospital in Washington, Missouri. Doug drowned in a tragic swimming accident at the Lake of the Ozarks when he was nineteen. He had just completed his freshman year at the University of Missouri - Columbia where he was on the Dean's list. Doug is buried in the Femme Osage U.C.C. Cemetery.

EMIL JOHN BECKER

Emil John Becker (2 Nov 1880 - 5 Dec 1880), son of John Casper Becker and Anna Catherine Stroh, was born near Femme Osage, Missouri, and baptized by Rev. C. H. Bode. Emil died as an infant and is buried in the Femme Osage Evangelical Church Cemetery.



*Edwin Frederick Becker (1884 - 1966)
and Meta Langkopf (1886 - 1968)*

MATHILDA JULIE CAROLINE BECKER

Mathilda Julie Caroline Becker (26 Aug 1882 - 31 Dec 1967), youngest daughter of John Casper Becker and Anna Catherine Stroh, was born near Femme Osage, Missouri. Her godparents at baptism were Julie Becker (cousin of her father) and Caroline Becker (probably the wife of her father's cousin, Carl Becker, of St. Charles). Mathilda ('Tillie') was never married and after the death of their mother she kept house for her brother, Carl, on the family farm. Mathilda is buried in the U.C.C. (Evangelical) Church Cemetery at Femme Osage.

EDWIN FREDERICK BECKER

Edwin Frederick Becker (3 Sep 1884 - 22 Nov 1966), youngest son of John Casper Becker and Anna Catherine Stroh, was born near Femme Osage, Missouri. His godfather was Frederick Bunding. On 23 Feb 1909 he was married to Meta Margarethe Langkopf (21 Sep 1886 - 26 Oct 1968), daughter of Carl Langkopf and Margarethe Kraft, at the Femme Osage Evangelical Church. During the early years of their marriage they moved a number of times. Their first home was at Stock's Corner, where Edwin worked as a carpenter with Albert Webbink, Sr. Two more homes in that area were on the Luetkemeyer farm near Cappeln and then near the Emmaus Home at Marthasville. They then moved to the Defiance Bottoms where they farmed for many years. Because of the frequent flooding of the Missouri River they spent their final years in a new home on the hill near Defiance. In 1959 Edwin and Meta celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They are buried in the St. Paul U.C.C. Church Cemetery in Defiance, Missouri. Edwin and Meta had three children:

Lillian Margarethe Anna Becker (born 24 May 1911)

Grover Carl John Becker (born 14 Oct 1912)

Mabel Mathilda Becker (3 Sep 1917 - 26 Apr 1977)

Lillian Margarethe Anna Becker (born 24 May 1911), oldest daughter of Edwin Frederick Becker and Meta Margarethe Langkopf, was born on the Luetkemeyer farm near Cappeln, Missouri. On 23 Feb 1930 she was married to Erich Henry Sander (28 Mar 1900 - 3 Nov 1983), son of William Sander and Emma Sehrt. They lived in Defiance, Missouri, where Erich served as postmaster for 35 years. On 23 Feb 1980 they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a dinner and open house. Lillian and Erich had one child:

Mary Ann Sander (born 21 Mar 1931)

Mary Ann Sander (born 21 Mar 1931), only child of Erich Henry Sander and Lillian Margarethe Becker, was born at Defiance, Missouri. On 3 Jun 1950 she was married to Duane Clarence Behr (born 20 Oct 1926), son of Andrew Behr and Clara Lober, at the St. Paul U.C.C. Church in Defiance, Missouri. Mary Ann and Duane live near Defiance, Missouri. They had nine children, all born at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Charles, Missouri:

Michael Ray Behr (born 8 Aug 1951)

Doris Ann Behr (born 27 Jul 1953)

Vance Lee Behr (born 26 Jun 1956)

John Arthur Behr (born 24 Jul 1959)
Carl Gordon Behr (born 8 Dec 1960)
Carol Jean Behr (born 8 Dec 1961)
Nancy Kay Behr (7 Feb 1963 - 9 Feb 1963)
Gayle Marie Behr (born 13 Sep 1964)
Allan Jay Behr (born 8 Aug 1969)

Michael Ray Behr (born 8 Aug 1951), oldest son of Duane Clarence Behr and Mary Ann Sander, was married to Deborah Ann Roberts (born 19 Mar 1953), daughter of John Roberts and Doris Krail, of Tracy, California, on 11 Sep 1976 in San Jose, California. Michael has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri - Rolla and a Masters in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of West Florida - Pensacola, while in Navy pilot training. He is now a Lt. Commander in the Navy. Michael and Deborah have four children, the two oldest born in Lemore, California, and the twins born in Ridgecrest, California:

Daniel Nathan Behr (born 1 Jun 1978)
Joshua Paul Behr (born 23 May 1979)
Beth Ann Behr (born 29 Oct 1980)
Karen Lynn Behr (born 29 Oct 1980)

Doris Ann Behr (born 27 Jul 1953), oldest daughter of Duane Clarence Behr and Mary Ann Sander, was married to Paul Francis Braddock (born 15 Dec 1955), son of James E. Braddock and Elizabeth Nally, on 26 Jul 1980 in Fenton, Missouri. Doris attended the University of Missouri - Rolla. They have three children, all born in Geneva, Illinois:

Michelle Lynn Braddock (born 10 Jun 1981)
Matthew Paul Braddock (born 6 Nov 1982)
Jason Andrew Braddock (born 5 Oct 1984)

Vance Lee Behr (born 26 Jun 1956), son of Duane Clarence Behr and Mary Ann Sander, was married to Pamela Kay Patefield (born 14 Jan 1951), daughter of Roderick Patefield and Faith Shively of Belleville, Illinois, on 14 Aug 1976 at Defiance, Missouri. Vance has a B.S. and a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri - Rolla. In 1986 he received his Doctorate in Thermo Dynamics from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. Vance and Pamela have two children born in Rolla, Missouri, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, respectively:

Sarah Marie Behr (born 31 Aug 1978)
Abby Elizabeth Behr (born 9 Jun 1980)

John Arthur Behr (born 24 Jul 1959), son of Duane Clarence Behr and Mary Ann Sander, was married to Julie Lynn Copeland (born 22 Jul 1959), daughter of Charles R. Copeland and Joan Wallach, on 11 Aug 1979 at Union, Missouri. John has a B.S. and a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri - Rolla. John and Julie have three children, the first two born in Peoria, Illinois and the third in Columbus, Indiana

Andrea Lee Behr (born 28 Sep 1982)
Eric Anthony Behr (born 15 Dec 1984)
Brian Richard Behr (born 10 Sep 1986)

Carl Gordon Behr (born 8 Dec 1960), son of Duane Clarence Behr and Mary Ann Sander, was married to Jill Melinda Stammers (born 12 Sep 1963), daughter of John Stammers and Lucille Scherill Pearson, on [redacted] 19 May 1984 at St. James, Missouri. Carl has a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri - Rolla. He then attended Navy Submarine School and after graduation is now a LTjg serving on a nuclear submarine in the U.S. Navy. They have a daughter born in Bremerton, Washington

Megan Nichole Behr (born 9 Nov 1986)

Carol Jean Behr (born 8 Dec 1961), daughter of Duane Clarence Behr and Mary Ann Sander, was married to Kenneth Anthony Rolwes (born 9 May 1961), son of Louis Rolwes and Frances Keeven of Wentzville, Missouri, on 20 Jun 1981 in Defiance, Missouri. Carol attended East Central College at Union, Missouri. Carol and Kenneth have two children born in St. Louis County, Missouri:

Heather Elizabeth Rolwes (born 10 Nov 1983)

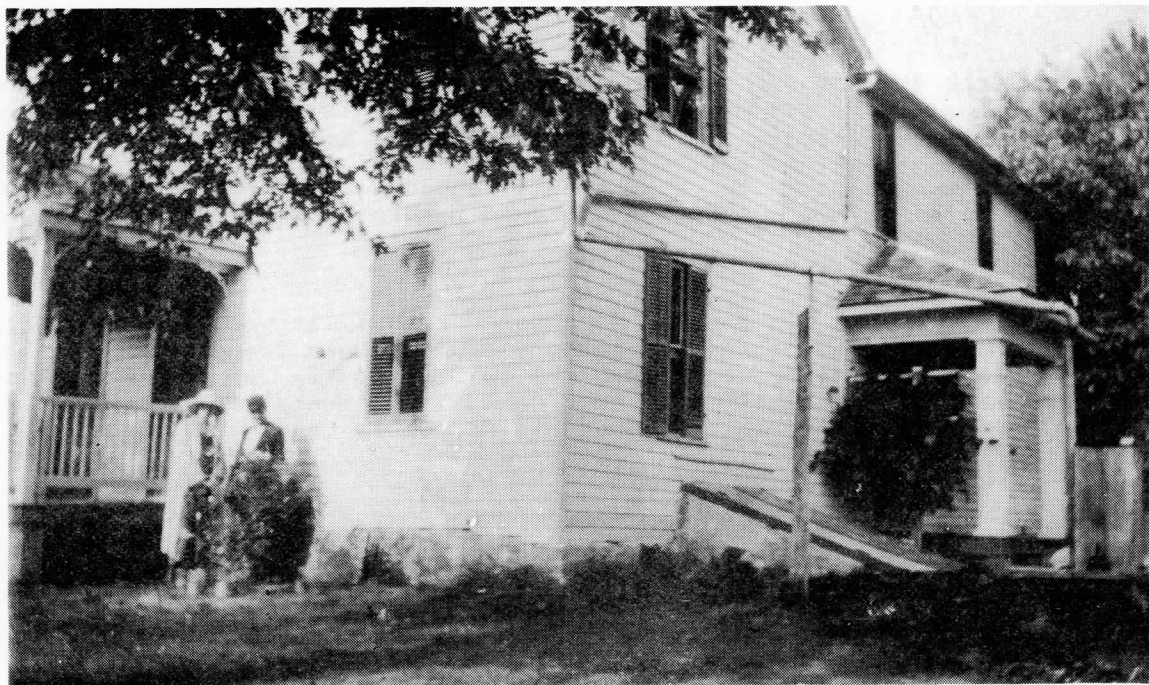
Amanda Kay Rolwes (born 29 May 1986)

Gayle Marie Behr (born 13 Sep 1964), youngest daughter of Duane Clarence Behr and Mary Ann Sander, is attending the University of Missouri - Rolla, and is working on a degree in Chemical Engineering. She is single.

Allan Jay Behr (born 8 Aug 1969), youngest son of Duane Clarence Behr and Mary Ann Sander, lives at home and is a high school student.

Grover Carl John Becker (born 14 Oct 1912), only son of Edwin Frederick Becker and Meta Margarethe Langkopf, was born near Femme Osage, Missouri. On 11 Sep 1938 he was married to Leona Minnie Hemsath (born 16 Nov 1911), daughter of Theodore Hemsath and Julie Dieckmann. They lived and farmed in the Missouri Bottoms at Defiance, Missouri, and later built a new home on the hill near Defiance. Grover and Leona have no children.

Mabel Mathilda Becker (3 Sep 1917 - 26 Apr 1977), youngest daughter of Edwin Frederick Becker and Meta Margarethe Langkopf, was born near Femme Osage, Missouri. On 30 Apr 1960 she was married to Walter Martin Schlueter (born 5 May 1910), son of William Schlueter and Cora Jungermann. Mabel and Walter lived on a farm near Defiance, Missouri. Mabel is buried in St. Paul U.C.C. Church Cemetery at Defiance. They had no children.



Ernest Becker home in Warren County, Missouri, east of Marthasville. People not identified - possibly Hilda Becker and mother.

Caroline Marie Nagel Becker Eichmeyer (left front) and her children, L to R: Henry Becker, Gottfried Becker, Theophil Becker, Hilda Becker, and Ernest Becker. Taken 1907.

