

CHAPTER FIVE ERNEST BECKER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

ERNEST BECKER

Ernest Frederick Becker (9 Sep 1851 - 24 Jul 1888), youngest son of Joh. Jost Becker I (#26 on the Becker lineage chart) and A. Maria Pfeil, was born in Nieder-Gemunden, Germany. The exact date of his arrival is not known but it must have been before 1876 because at that time he was the godfather of his brother's son, Theodore Becker. On 13 Mar 1879 he was married to Caroline Marie Nagel (1 Jun 1852 - 8 Apr 1925), daughter of Konrad J. Nagel and Anna Maria Schramm (see *The German Migration to Missouri My Family's Story* by Paul C. Nagel, pp. 74-77). Caroline was born at Washington, Missouri. Ernest Becker purchased some land in Warren County on 3 Feb 1879 from Edward Lehr. It is located in Section 34, Township 45, Range 1 West, which is east of Marthasville near the Daniel Boone grave (a big white two-story house). A month before the birth of his youngest son, Ernest, he died and is buried in the St. Paul Evangelical (U.C.C.) Cemetery in Marthasville, Missouri. His last spoken words were (in German), "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit, Amen." On 23 May 1895 his widow married Simon Eichmeyer (27 Dec 1847 - 9 Apr 1904) and they remained on the farm where all the Becker children grew up. When Caroline died she was buried in Valhalla Cemetery on St. Charles Rock Road, St. Louis County, Missouri. She was living with her daughter, Hilda, at the time. Ernest and Caroline had five children:

Henry John Conrad Becker (1 Mar 1880 - 5 May 1959)

Gottfried John Becker (12 May 1881 - 8 May 1923)

Hilda Louise Becker (26 Sep 1882 - 26 Jun 1972)

Theophil John Becker (10 Aug 1886 - 30 Jan 1960)

Ernest Gottlieb Becker (24 Aug 1888 - 2 Nov 1945)

HENRY JOHN CONRAD BECKER

Henry John Conrad Becker (1 Mar 1880 - 5 May 1959), oldest son of Ernest Frederick Becker and Caroline Marie Nagel, was born near Marthasville, Missouri. On 14 Jun 1906 he was married to Lydia Marie Joerling (18 Nov 1877 - 25 Oct 1954) of Marthasville, Missouri. They lived on a farm at Hartsburg, Missouri. Henry and Lydia are buried at Hartsburg, Missouri. They had four children:

Verna Wilhelmine Caroline Becker (22 Mar 1907 - 14 May 1935)

Hazel Ella Becker (born 15 May 1910)

Gertrude Hilda Becker (born 30 Jun 1913)

Frederick Ernest Becker (7 Apr 1916 - 2 Dec 1921)

Verna Wilhelmine Caroline Becker (22 Mar 1907 - 14 May 1935), oldest daughter of Henry John Conrad Becker and Lydia Maria Joerling, was born in Marthasville, Missouri. On 21 Dec 1933 she was married to Benjamin Fritz Nieman (4 Oct 1894 - 21 Oct 1972). Verna and Ben are buried at Hartsburg, Missouri. They had one child:



*Henry John Conrad Becker (1880 - 1959)
and Lydia Marie Joerling (1877 - 1954)*

Mary Ann Nieman (born 6 May 1935)

Mary Ann Nieman (born 6 May 1935), only child of Benjamin Fritz Nieman and Verna Wilhelmine Caroline Becker, was born at Hartsburg, Missouri. On 23 Dec 1955 she was married to George Washington March, Jr. (born 22 Feb 1934). They live in Des Peres, Missouri. Mary Ann and George have six children:

Jan Elaine March (born 1 Aug 1956)

Russell Alan March (born 9 Oct 1957)

Karen Lynn March (born 16 May 1959)

Douglas Matthew March (born 19 Aug 1961)

Julie Jo March (born 23 Apr 1963)

Kelly Kay March (born 28 Jul 1964)

Jan Elaine March (born 1 Aug 1956), oldest daughter of George Washington March, Jr. and Mary Ann Nieman, was married on 16 Aug 1986 to Mickey Dee Wilson of Corning, Iowa. He is the son of Donald Samuel Wilson and Elizabeth Celine Drorbaugh.

Russell Alan March (born 9 Oct 1957), oldest son of George Washington March, Jr. and Mary Ann Nieman, was married on 4 Jan 1986 to Linda Sue Wilt Northcutt (born 2 Mar 1953), daughter of Howard Owen Wilt and Virginia Lucille Hovis. They live at House Springs, Missouri. Linda has a son from a previous marriage:

Jason Northcutt (born 11 Jul 1977)

Karen Lynn March (born 16 May 1959), daughter of George Washington March, Jr. and Mary Ann Nieman, is single. She spent two years in Liberia, Costa Rica as a member of the Peace Corps.

Douglas Matthew March (born 19 Aug 1961), youngest son of George Washington March, Jr. and Mary Ann Nieman, was married on 29 Sep 1984 to Gina Elizabeth Asberry, daughter of Dwain Willis Asberry and Virginia Belle Brown. They live in Richmond Heights, Missouri.

Julie Jo March (born 23 Apr 1963), daughter of George Washington March, Jr. and Mary Ann Nieman, was married on 3 Jan 1983 to Neal Aloysius Duchinsky (born 22 May 1962). They were divorced in 1986. Julie and Neal had one son:

Nicholas Alan Duchinsky (born 13 Feb 1983)

Kelly Kay March (born 28 Jul 1964), youngest daughter of George Washington March, Jr. and Mary Ann Nieman, is single.

Hazel Ella Becker (born 15 May 1910), daughter of Henry John Conrad Becker and Lydia Maria Joerling, was born at Marthasville, Missouri. On 26 Mar 1944 she was married to Nevins Biggs (24 Apr 1911 - 4 Aug 1984). They lived at Ashland, Missouri. Hazel and Nevins had three children:

Sandra Joyce Biggs (born 15 Dec 1944)

Charles David Biggs (born 6 Jan 1946)

Gloria Hazel Biggs (born 14 Dec 1954)

Sandra Joyce Biggs (born 15 Dec 1944) is the oldest daughter of Nevins Biggs and Hazel Ella Becker. She was married to Donald M. Nichols (born 29 Dec 1937) on 4 Jun 1962. They live in Hampton, Virginia. Sandra and Donald have three children:

Brenda Nichols (born 13 Jun 1963)

Billy Nichols (born 5 Sep 1964)

Ronald Nichols (born 7 Mar 1970)

Brenda Nichols (born 13 Jun 1963), oldest daughter of Donald M. Nichols and Sandra Joyce Biggs, was married to Everette Brown on 27 Jun 1980.

Charles David Biggs (born 6 Jan 1946), only son of Nevins Biggs and Hazel Ella Becker, was married to Patty --?-- on 27 Aug 1984.

Gloria Hazel Biggs (born 14 Dec 1954), youngest daughter of Nevins Biggs and Hazel Ella Becker, is single.

Gertrude Hilda Becker (born 30 Jun 1913), youngest daughter of Henry John Conrad Becker and Lydia Maria Joerling, was married on 6 Nov 1951 to Chester Leroy Hatfield (15 Nov 1902 - 23 May 1985). They lived near Jefferson City, Missouri. Leroy is buried in Friedens Cemetery at Brazito, Missouri. Gertrude has two stepchildren:

Richard Hatfield (born 15 May 1946)

Leanne Hatfield Roller (born 18 Aug 1949)

Frederick Ernest Becker (7 Apr 1916 - 2 Dec 1921), only son of Henry John Conrad Becker and Lydia Maria Joerling, died at an early age from diphtheria. He is buried at Hartsburg, Missouri.

GOTTFRIED JOHN BECKER

Gottfried John Becker (12 May 1881 - 8 May 1923), son of Ernest Frederick Becker and Caroline Marie Nagel, was born near Marthasville, Missouri. On 27 Feb 1913 he was married to Lizzie Blom (1 Jul 1878 - 5 May 1952) from Winfield, Missouri. They lived at Higginsville, Missouri, where he farmed. Gottfried is buried in the Bone Hill Cemetery at Levasy, Missouri. After his death Lizzie was married to Ed. Brune. Gottfried and Lizzie had one child:

Carl William Becker (1 Dec 1914 - 12 Aug 1980)

Carl William Becker (1 Dec 1914 - 12 Aug 1980), only child of Gottfried John Becker and Lizzie Blom, was married to Edna Lena Eckhoff (born 22 Mar 1921) on 4 Jul 1940. They farmed at Knobnoster, Missouri. After Carl's death Edna married Richard Smith in 1984. Carl and Edna had three children:

Roger Allen Becker (5 Mar 1941 - 24 Dec 1980)

Betty Ann Becker (born 13 Dec 1942)

Karen Sue Becker (born 19 Aug 1945)

Roger Allen Becker (5 Mar 1941 - 24 Dec 1980), only son of Carl William Becker and Edna Eckhoff, was married to Hazel Ann Collett (born 18 Apr 1941) on 12 Nov 1960. They lived at Knobnoster, Missouri. Roger was killed in an auto accident when he was 39 years old. Roger and Hazel had three children:

Sheila Faye Becker (born 1 Jun 1962)

Neal Ross Becker (born 28 Jan 1966)

Nancy Lynn Becker (born 13 Jul 1968)

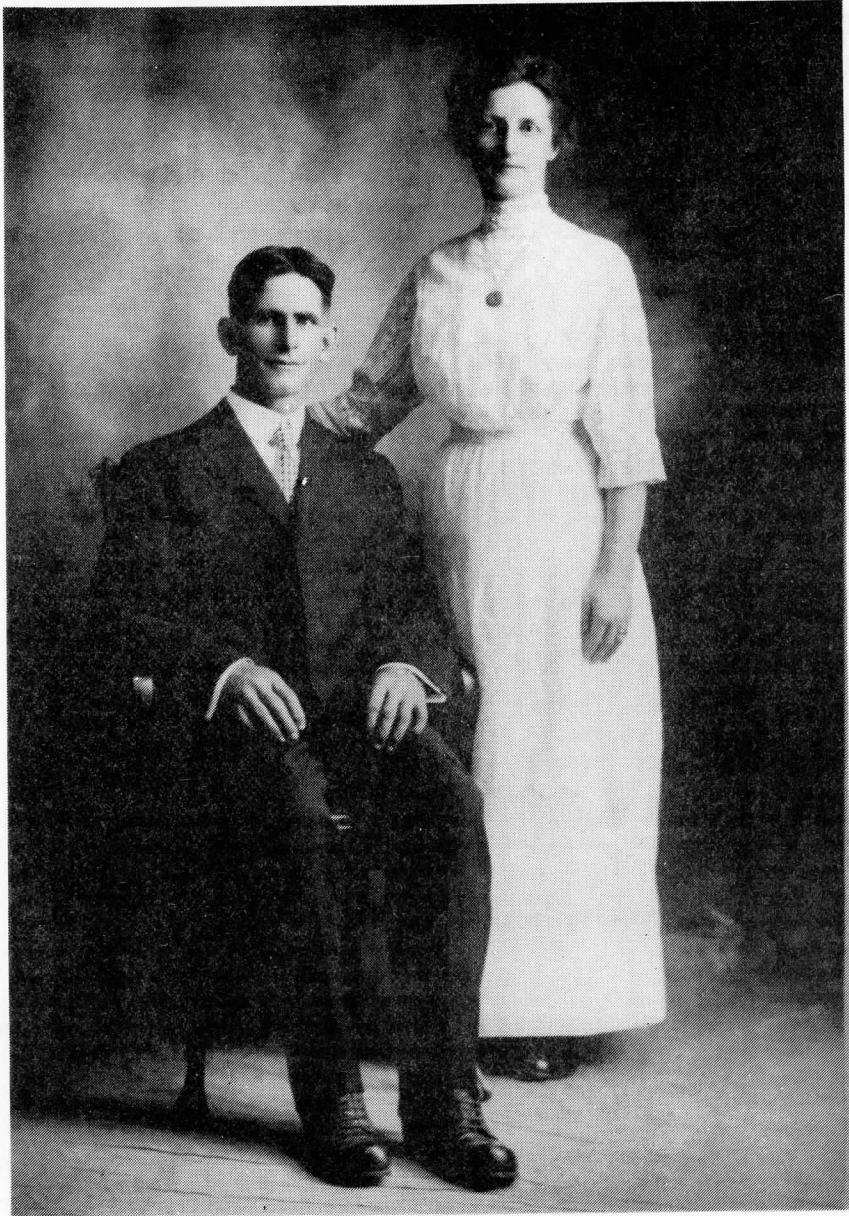
Sheila Faye Becker (born 1 Jun 1962), oldest daughter of Roger Allen Becker and Hazel Ann Collett, was married on 22 May 1981 to Marvin Buesing. They have one child:

Marshall Glenn Buesing (born 18 Nov 1983)

Neal Ross Becker (born 28 Jan 1966), only son of Roger Allen Becker and Hazel Ann Collett, is single.

Nancy Lynn Becker (born 13 Jul 1968), youngest daughter of Roger Allen Becker and Hazel Ann Collett, was married on 3 Jun 1986 to _____.

Betty Ann Becker (born 13 Dec 1942), oldest daughter of Carl William Becker and Edina Eckhoff, was married to Wilbert Schnackenberg on 1 Mar 1966. They have three children:



*Gottfried John Becker (1881 - 1923)
and Lizzie Blom (1878 - 1952)*

Kevin Dwayne Schnackenberg (born 19 Aug 1968)
Katherine Louise Schnackenberg (born 5 Feb 1970)
April Rosetta Schnackenberg (born 5 May 1978)

Karen Sue Becker (born 19 Aug 1945), youngest daughter of Carl William Becker and Edina Eckhoff, was married on 29 Jun 1963 to Robert Dotson. They have two children:

Barbara Sue Dotson (born 15 Jan 1964)
Craig Allan Dotson (born 17 Dec 1970)

HILDA LOUISE BECKER

Hilda Louise Becker (26 Sep 1882 - 26 Jun 1972), only daughter of Ernest Frederick Becker and Caroline Marie Nagel, was born at Marthasville, Missouri. Hilda graduated from the Unity School of Christianity at Lee's Summit, Missouri, and the College of Divine Metaphysics, Indianapolis, Indiana. She was in the ministry for 44 years and the founder of the South Side Unity Christ Church in St. Louis. On 4 Aug 1915 she was married to Fred J. Eilers (? - 30 May 1944). After his death she married Andrew J. Westermeyer (? - ? Oct 1962). Hilda is buried in Sunset Burial Park in St. Louis. She had no children. Following is her obituary taken from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch:

Dr. Hilda L. Westermeyer dies; founder of church

Funeral services for Dr. Hilda Louise Westermeyer, 91, founder of the South Side Unity Christ Church, will be at the church, 3616 Bates st., at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in Sunset Burial Park.

The Rev. Dr. Westermeyer lived at 878 Greeley ave., Webster Groves, but recently had been staying at the Gietner Nursing Home, 5000 South Broadway. She died at St. Mary's Health Center, 6420 Clayton rd., Monday, June 26, 1972, after a brief illness.

After a 44-year ministry, the Rev. Dr. Westermeyer retired in 1968, but continued

counseling and healing activities. She founded South Side United Christ Church in 1924, serving as its minister. The church was located in several buildings before the present church was built in 1942.

A graduate of the Unity School of Christianity in Lee's Summit, Mo., and the College of Divine Metaphysics, Indianapolis, Ind., she also helped train a number of other Unity leaders.

A stepdaughter, Mrs. Arline Turman is the only immediate survivor. The Rev. Dr. Westermeyer was the widow of Andrew J. Westermeyer.

THEOPHIL JOHN BECKER

Theophil 'Ted' John Becker (10 Aug 1886 - 30 Jan 1960), son of Ernest Frederick Becker and Caroline Marie Nagel, was born at Marthasville, Missouri. On 14 Dec 1920 he was married to Ada Becker (born 13 Jun 1894) of St. Louis. Ted was a salesman and is remembered by his relatives for his jovial disposition. Their final home was in Kaufman, Texas, where his widow is still living. 'Ted' is buried at Kaufman, Texas. 'Ted' and Ada had two children:

Theophil Eugene Becker (born 25 Jan 1922)
Jayne Ellen Becker (born 25 Jun 1926)

Theophil Eugene 'Gene' Becker (born 25 Jan 1922), only son of Theophil John Becker and Ada Becker, was born in St. Louis, Missouri. On 12 Jan 1945 he was married to Amy Phyfer Mayes (born 5 Sep 1919). Gene is a Medical Doctor and lives in New York City. Gene and Amy have four children:

Theophil Eugene Becker, Jr. (born 11 Jul 1946)
Stephen Mayes Becker (born 12 Jan 1949)
David Christi Becker (born 31 Jul 1955)
Amy Elizabeth Becker (born 28 Aug 1962)

Theophil 'Ted' Eugene Becker, Jr. (born 11 Jul 1946), oldest son of Theophil Eugene Becker and Amy Phyfer Mayes, was born in Nashville, Tennessee. He is married to Ellen Levi and resides in New York City. Ted is a Doctor of Medicine. They have two children:

daughter (born ? 1979)
Elizabeth Jane Becker (born 17 Nov 1983)

Stephen Mayes Becker (born 12 Jan 1949), son of Theophil Eugene Becker and Amy Phyfer Mayes, was born in Fort Worth, Texas. Stephen is also a Medical Doctor. On 25 Apr 1975 he was married to Teresa Ramiller (born 24 Jun 1954). They are divorced. On 29 May 1982 he was married to Dawn Gelinus Renaud (born 17 Jul 1954). Stephen and Dawn live in Orlando, Florida. Stephen has two children, one from each marriage:

Christina Becker (born 13 Oct 1979)
Jessie Renaud Becker (born 23 Apr 1985)

David Christi Becker (born 31 Jul 1955), youngest son of Theophil Eugene Becker and Amy Phyfer Mayes, is married.

Amy Elizabeth Becker (born 28 Aug 1962), only daughter of Theophil Eugene Becker and Amy Phyfer Mayes, is single. She is a student in Parsons Art School in New York City.



*Ernest Gottlieb Becker
(1888 - 1945)
Bessie Elizabeth Schneider
(1880 - 1982)*



Last reunion of the Becker cousins (children of John and Ernest Becker) taken in 1952. Back row: Carl, August, Theodore and Edwin Becker. Front: Mathilda Becker, Theophil 'Ted' Becker, Hilda Becker Westermeyer and Henry Becker (last three are children of Ernest Becker)

Jayne Ellen Becker (born 25 Jun 1926), only daughter of Theophil John Becker and Ada Becker, was born in Muncie, Indiana. On 16 Oct 1950 she was married to John Lawrence Dale. They live in Dallas, Texas. Jack and Jayne have three children:

Larry Becker Dale (born 20 Nov 1952)
Virginia Dale (born 2 Jul 1954)
John Robert Dale (born 18 Aug 1956)

Larry Becker Dale (born 20 Nov 1952), oldest son of John Lawrence Dale and Jayne Ellen Becker, was married to Beverly Brown (born 17 Aug 1954) on 24 Apr 1982. They live in Fort Worth, Texas, where Larry is in the gas and oil business. He is also an attorney but not presently practicing. Larry and Beverly have one child:

John Robert Dale (born 16 May 1984)

Virginia 'Ginny' Dale (born 2 Jul 1954), only daughter of John Lawrence Dale and Jayne Ellen Becker, is a Doctor of Pathology in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is single.

John Robert Dale (born 18 Aug 1956), youngest son of John Lawrence Dale and Jayne Ellen Becker, works with his father in the manufacture of bags and boxes. He is single.

ERNEST GOTTLIEB BECKER

Ernest Gottlieb Becker (24 Aug 1888 - 2 Nov 1945), youngest son of Ernest Frederick Becker and Caroline Marie Nagel, was born at Marthasville, Missouri. On 4 Oct 1920 he married Bessie Elizabeth Schneider (25 Feb 1890 - 26 Jan 1982). They lived in Jefferson City, Missouri. Ernest served in the United States Navy in World War II. He had a hot job firing a boiler in the bottom of a big ship. Later he suffered from arthritis. Ernest and Bessie had no children.