

CHAPTER SIX JOHN FREDERICK BUNDING AND HIS DESCENDANTS

JOHN FREDERICK BUNDING

John Frederick Bunding (20 Apr 1850 - 24 May 1922), sixth child of Peter Bunding (#232 on the Bunding lineage chart) and Anna Katharina Stroh (#134/4 on the Stroh lineage chart), was born in Nieder-Gemunden, Germany. (The Weldon Spring church records give his birthdate as 15 Apr) He was crippled from birth and in 1867 came to the United States when he was 17 years old. On his arrival he first stayed with an uncle in St. Louis. This uncle was Johannes Bunding (#228/9) who came to America in 1834 with the Giessen Society and had a cut glass business in St. Louis. However, his wife made it uncomfortable for Frederick and that is why he left St. Louis. Another Bunding, Johann Heinrich (#231), emigrated to the States but he was more distantly related.

Frederick Bunding had had some merchandising experience and so in 1869, when he was only 19, he opened the Frederick Bunding General Store in Weldon Spring, Missouri. In 1873 he became the town's first postmaster. Mail delivery came to the village as early as 1870 when mail was delivered to and from Cottleville on horseback. Frederick Bunding served as merchant and postmaster until his death in 1922.

On 1 Apr 1872 Frederick was married to Emma Weinreben (23 Mar 1850 - 22 Feb 1921) at Cottleville, Missouri. She was the daughter of Frederick and Agnes Weinreben of Pond, (St. Louis County) Missouri, originally from Germany.

Frederick Bunding and his family kept in close touch with his cousin, Anna Catharine Stroh Becker (Mrs. John Casper), who lived near Femme Osage, Missouri, and the families visited as often as possible. The Bunding grandchildren called her "Grandma Becker." Frederick was the godfather of her youngest son, Edwin Frederick Becker.

Frederick and Emma Bunding are buried in the Emmanuel United Church of Christ (formerly Evangelical and Reformed) Cemetery in Weldon Spring, Missouri. They had four children:

Charles Frederick Bunding (23 Sep 1873 - 21 Oct 1947)
Theodore Ernst L. Bunding (21 Oct 1877 - 21 Sep 1923)
Hulda Caroline Bunding (19 Dec 1879 - 6 May 1881)
Hugo August Bunding (13 Oct 1882 - 29 Jan 1915)

CHARLES FREDERICK BUNDING

Charles Frederick Bunding (23 Sep 1873 - 21 Oct 1947), oldest son of Frederick Bunding and Emma Weinreben, was born in Weldon Spring, Missouri. On 23 Mar 1904 he married Mary L. Lauer (10 Oct 1877 - 10 Jun 1958), daughter of Andrew Lauer and Katherine Daniel.

Charles took up farming but upon the death of his father he took over the store until sometime in the 1930s. Charles and Mary are buried in the Emmanuel U.C.C. Cemetery. They had two children:



The Bunding house in Nieder-Gemunden

*Inscription on the roof gable of the house: "Conrad Bunding and his wife built this house. The carpenter was Baltesar Fleischauer of Rulfenrod."
Inscription on the barn: "In the year of Christ 1853 and with the help of God this barn was built by Peter Bunding and his wife Anna Katharina nee Stroh. The carpenter was J. Friedrich of Schladenbach."*

The letter below was written by Anna Catherine Stroh Becker to her cousin Frederick Bunding (Weldon Springs postmaster) after WWI. The August Stroh of whom she writes is #156 on the Stroh lineage chart, father of the Robert Stroh pictured earlier in this book.

Marthasville Oct. 21, 1919

Dear Relatives:

I want to report that last Friday the long awaited letter from Germany arrived. I sent my letter on August 16 and after nine weeks we received an answer. It was very pleasing to hear something again from the old homeland, but also depressing was Karl Stroh, my sister's son, and his wife, the daughter of your sister, Karoline. Their son, August Stroh, is still in France. Now, dear cousin, I need you to give me good advice. I would like to send something to August in France, but don't know how one best sends it; whether money or dry goods can be sent in the most insured and best way; whether one sends money through the bank or in a letter. Please

write and say what's best in your opinion. I'm sending you the letter enclosed, so that you can better understand it.

How's it going with you and your loved ones? Hopefully you're healthy and at work. One feels best when he can do his work. We are, thanks to God, still healthy and it's going well. I thank God, that He is so kind to us and has kept his kindness both here and there.

I want to close now in the hope that this message may find you well.

Give everyone warm greetings from all of us.

FREDERICK BUNDING

(Postmaster, and Dealer in General Merchandise, Post-office, Weldon Springs).

Mr. Frederick Bunding's father, Peter Bunding, is a native of Germany. His wife (the mother of Frederick) was a Miss Catherine Stroh, and they had a family of five children, all of whom are living. The father died in Germany in 1875, but the mother had preceded him to the grave some seven years. Frederick was born in Germany, April 21, 1850, but was principally reared in Germany. Having a taste for mercantile business, he engaged in merchandising in early manhood, and has followed it with success ever since. He carries a large and well assorted stock of merchandise and has an excellent trade. He is in fact in prosperous circumstances. In 1872 Mr. Frederick Bunding was married to Miss Emma Weinreben, a daughter of Frederick and Agnes Weinreben, formerly of Germany. They have three children: Charles F., Theodore E. L. and Hugo A. He and wife are members of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Bunding has been postmaster of Weldon Springs ever since 1873.

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FRED BUNDING GENERAL MERCANTILE STORE AND U.S. POST OFFICE
(ca 1890) 1 to r: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bunding, Charles and Theodore.





*Back: Theodore & Adelheid Bunding; Charles & Mary Bunding
Front: Frederick & Emma Bunding*

*below: left, Hugo Bunding
13 Oct 1882 - 29 Jan 1915*

*right, Charles Bunding
23 Sep 1873 - 21 Oct 1947*



Frederick Andrew Theodore Bunding (4 Nov 1905 - 6 Jul 1975)
Emma Catherine Bunding (born 5 Aug 1909)

Frederick Andrew Theodore Bunding (4 Nov 1905 - 6 Jul 1975), only son of Charles F. Bunding and Mary L. Lauer, was born in Weldon Spring, Missouri. In his early teens he came to work in his grandfather's store as an apprentice, but shortly thereafter his grandfather died and his father then took over the store. Later he worked as a Bi-State Transit System mechanic. Frederick was never married. He is buried in Emmanuel U.C.C. Cemetery.

Emma Catherine Bunding (born 5 Aug 1909), only daughter of Charles F. Bunding and Mary L. Lauer, was born in Weldon Spring, Missouri. On 20 Nov 1935 she was married to Carl Gust. Siedentop (born 5 Aug 1897) in the Emmanuel church parsonage. Carl is the son of Conrad Siedentop and Frederica Wessler. Carl and Emma live on a farm near Weldon Spring, Missouri. They have one daughter:

Mary Jane Siedentop (born 14 Sep 1940)

Mary Jane Siedentop (born 14 Sep 1940), only child of Carl Siedentop and Emma Bunding, was born in Weldon Spring, Missouri. On 18 Oct 1958 she was married to Carl J. Vogt (born 7 Jan 1940). He is the son of Carl Vogt and Hermina Sammelmann. Mary Jane and Carl live in Weldon Spring and have two children:

Ronald Kent Vogt (born 30 Nov 1960)

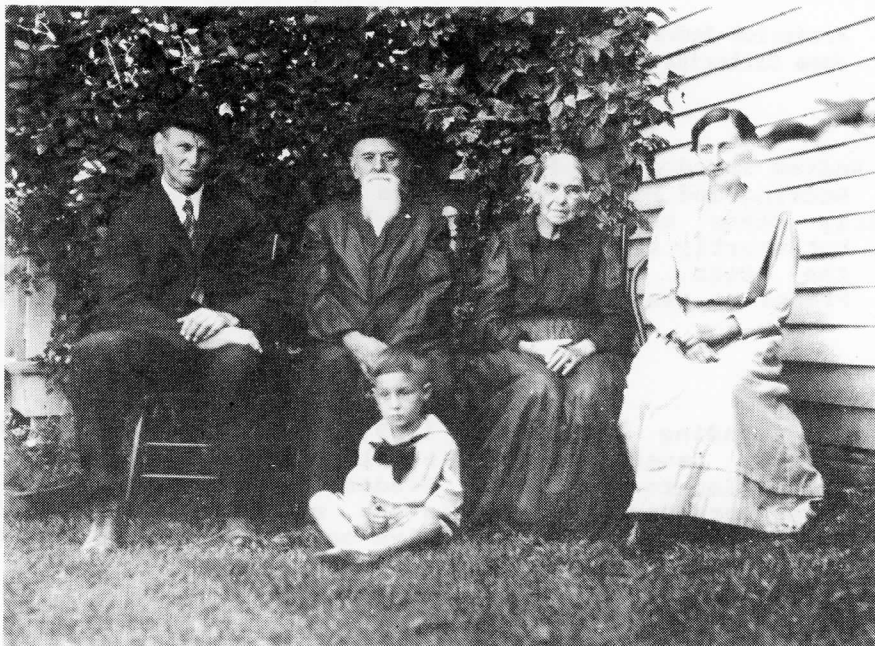
Jeanette Rena Vogt (born 15 Jan 1964)

Ronald Kent Vogt (born 30 Nov 1960), only son of Carl Vogt and Mary Jane Siedentop, was married on 19 Jul 1986 to Kathleen Ann Kleeschulte Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kleeschulte. Ron attended Southeast Missouri State for three years. He is employed by Daring Electric as an electrician. Ron and Kathy live near Weldon Spring, Missouri.

Jeanette Rena Vogt (born 15 Jan 1964), only daughter of Carl Vogt and Mary Jane Siedentop, is single. She has a B.S. in Finance and Management with a minor in Marketing from Southeast Missouri State. Jeanette is employed by McDonnell Douglas.

THEODORE ERNST L. BUNDING

Theodore Ernst L. Bunding (21 Oct 1877 - 21 Sep 1923), son of Frederick Bunding and Emma Weinreben, was born in Weldon Spring, Missouri. He was married in 1903 to Adelheid Maedel (23 Jun 1877 - 1959), daughter of Conrad



*Back: Carl Becker, Frederick Bunding, Anna Stroh Becker,
Mathilde Becker
Front: Irby Bunding*

*Theodore Bunding
21 Oct 1877 - 21 Sep 1923*



Christian Maedel and Katherine Mohr. They lived in St. Louis, Missouri, where Theodore was employed as a purchasing agent. Theodore and Adelheid are buried in Emmanuel U.C.C. Cemetery in Weldon Spring, Missouri. They had one son:

Irby Maedel Bunding (born 18 Apr 1916)

Irby Maedel Bunding (born 18 Apr 1916), only child of Theodore E. L. Bunding and Adelheid Maedel, married Ruth Lenore Eisenstein (born 8 May 1916), daughter of Victor Eisenstein and Ruth Milam, on 8 Jun 1941. They have three children. Later they were divorced and Irby married Helen Holst Crane (born 22 Jun 1915). Irby has lived in Illinois and is presently living in Modesto, California. Irby is a physiologist and chemist. The following are Irby and Ruth's children:

Theodore Ernst Louis Bunding (born 7 Jun 1943)

Elizabeth Ruth Bunding (born 25 Jul 1947)

Katherine Adel Bunding (born 26 Mar 1949)

Theodore Ernst Louis Bunding (born 7 Jun 1943), only son of Irby Bunding and Ruth Eisenstein, is single.

Elizabeth Ruth Bunding (born 25 Jul 1947), oldest daughter of Irby Bunding and Ruth Eisenstein, is married to Reese Erlich. They have one son:

Jason Mark Erlich (born 31 Jul 1972)

Katherine Adel Bunding (born 26 Mar 1949), youngest daughter of Irby Bunding and Ruth Eisenstein, is single.

HULDA CAROLINE BUNDING

Hulda Caroline Bunding (19 Dec 1879 - 6 May 1881), only daughter of Frederick Bunding and Emma Weinreben, was born in Weldon Spring, Missouri. She died at an early age of pneumonia and bronchitis. She is buried in Emmanuel Cemetery.

HUGO AUGUST BUNDING

Hugo August Bunding (13 Oct 1882 - 29 Jan 1915), youngest son of Frederick Bunding and Emma Weinreben, was born in Weldon Spring, Missouri. He was a storekeeper in his father's store and was never married. He is buried in Emmanuel Cemetery.