

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**MEYER - BAMMANN
CEMETERY**

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SOURCES:

JOHN C. MEYER of 316 W. Forest, Girard, Kans., 10-22-1971:

His grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Meyer are buried here and two g-ch. who died of diphtheria, his own brothers & sisters. His father, John C. Meyer was a bro. of Dr. Anton Meyer. His parents oldest child was b. in Nebraska (Henry?) the rest born in Kansas. The names of 3 who died were Fred, Henry & Matilda, and he thought Fred & Matilda were those who died of diphtheria. Also a stillborn infant is believed to have been buried here. Carl had diphtheria too, but survived (Carl C.)

See "Portrait & Biographical Record" of S.E. Kansas pub. 1894 for biog. of Anton F. Meyer, p. 215-6. His parents were Christian & Ollie (Tiedeman) Meyer who came from Hanover, Ger., then from St. L. to Sedalia, Condordia, then to Kans. 1868.

ELMER (PETE) BAMMANN of 1 mi N & 2½ mi W of Brazilton (10-25-1971) did not know for sure where his g-fa. was buried. He said Louise Todd told him on old Chris Detjen farm.

Mrs. Norman Steffens, living W of the Mills School cemetery location, (3-16-1971) stated her father Fred Meyer's uncle Wm. Meyer's first wife who died in childbirth was Hannah -----, therefore we believe the stone "H.B.M. 1867" was for her and her infant, who was buried with her. She believed the year 1867 is correct. The 2nd wife was a Glenn from the Cato area.

Mrs. Steffens' aunt and uncle, Johannah Fischer Meyer and husband Dr. Anton F. Meyer (no relation to the other Meyers--connection through wife Johannah Fischer) lost 2 infants and they were buried in this cem. They later moved away & lived at Cassoday Kans., and Henrietta Lemler lived with them there and taught school. The two infants are believed to have died about early 1870's.

Dr. Meyer was a brother of Mrs. Schulte, g-mo. of Wm. Schulte, insurance agent in Girard, and of John C. Meyer, g-fa. of Mrs. Otto Lucke, nee Wilma Miller (Mueller) and he m. Sophie Detjen. Their children buried there (according to Mrs. Lucke) were Matilda, Henry & Carl. John C. the youngest son and only one living now.

Mrs. Steffens' father Fred Meyer also had an uncle Fred Fischer, whose wife was named Salome, and they lost 2 children about early 1870's and returned to near Cole Camp, Mo., to live. The 2 children are also buried in this cem.

3-15-1971: Mrs. Norman Steffens, nee Meyer, knew that her g-fa. Peter Detjen owned this land, and several other farms around it, including the Gravemann farm to the N where he lived, and where the first Lutheran services were held in his home before a church was built. Peter was bur. in Iowa Lutheran cem. Mrs. Steffens knew that the 1st wife of her father's uncle Will Meyer died in childbirth and was buried here also, but did not know her given name. Will Meyer & 2nd wf. mentioned above, from near Englevale, had several other families migrated to Oregon City or Baker Ore. many yrs. ago. Descendants live near Tacoma now. She believed the Hamms bur. NW of Brazilton on their farm were distantly related to Mrs. Heinrich Bammann's 2nd husband.

MEYER BAMMANN CEMETERY

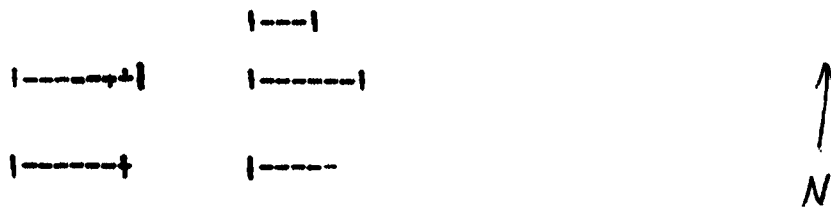
Located in Sect. 28, Twp. 28S, Rge. 23E

This is in a pasture about .65 (2/3) mi. W and 300 ft. N of the SE cor. of above Sect. 28, and just W of a small branch of Lightning Creek, and a few hundred ft. E of a farmhouse where Koesters once lived, now occupied by the Horseshoeing School. It is just S of a pit silo.

There are no commercial stones, only rocks to mark the graves, and only one of these had an inscription, which was done by hand:

"H. B . M. 1867"

From the positions of the 10 rocks, it appears there were 5 burials in one group and one other a few feet south,



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Visited by Wm. & Jessie Cuthbertson and Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Stevens, 12-18-1970:

Mrs. Norman Steffens believes the first of the Lutheran colony in this community are buried here, on her g-fa. Detjen's farm.

The following is a summary of those believed buried here, collected from many sources, and could contain errors. On following pages, sources of all this info. is given.

- 1&2. Hannah Meyer died about 1867 (so likely the stone "H.B.M. 1867" is hers). She died in childbirth and her infant was buried with her. She was the first wife of Wm. Meyer.
- 3&4. Two Meyer Infants, born to Dr. Anton F. Meyer and wife Johannah Fischer, who moved to Cassoday Ks. His parents, the Nicholas Meyers, buried here also; but they were not related to the above Wm. Meyer family, except through the doctor's wife Johannah Fischer. About early 1870's.
- 5&6. Two Fischer Infants, born to Fred Fischer and wife Salome, who returned to near Cole Camp, Mo. About early 1870's.
- 7&8. Nicholas Meyer and wife, they were parents of Dr. Anton and of John C.
9. Heinrich Bammann d 1865
10. Leisbeth Bammann Hamm d 1866(?) who was Heinrich's widow & married Detleif Hamm. (was her name Catherine?)
11. Anna Bammann d 1863or64 dau. of Heinrich & Leisbeth.
- 12,13, (possibly 14 & 15) Children of John C. Meyer (g-ch. of Nicholas)
 - Matilda Meyer died of diphtheria, buried here.
 - Fred Meyer (perhaps d. of diphtheria?)
 - Henry Meyer (perhaps d. in Nebraska, oldest of Family.
 - Still born Infant (?)

MRS. LOUISE BAMMANN TODD of Meade, Kansas, g-dau. of Heinrich Bammann furnished this info. 12-25-1970:

Three of the persons buried here are:

Heinrich Bammann died 1865

Leisbeth Hamm, died 1866, wife of Heinrich, who remarried Detleif Hamm

Anna Bammann d 1863 or 64, dau. of Heinrich & Leisbeth.

The Bammanns came from Hanover, Germany, but were Danish rather than German. The Bammann children took the Hamm name, but most changed back to the name of Bammann later, including John, father of Louise Todd. Another bro., father of Carl Hamm who still res. in the area 1971, kept the Hamm name.

Further notes from Mrs. Todd: John Bammann m. twice, 1st to Mary ---- and they had Theo (bur. Iowa Lutheran cem.) and another bro. who became a noted musician and was raised by a minister's family. John Bammann (Hamm) m 2nd Elizabeth Behrhorst, pts. of Louise and also of Amelia Bammann Feldman, who m. M bro. of Mrs. Flossie Stevens. A relationship to the Hamms bur. in Hamm cem. NW of Brazilton was not known.

An earlier record of Mrs. Todd's stated that Heinrich's widow was Mayta (Martha) and that she m 2nd Detlif Hamm and had dau. Elizabeth, but we believe the other version is the correct one.

Carl Hamm who lived 1-mi W and about 1 mi W with his dau. Mrs. Alwin Jaegels knew that his g-fa. Heinrich Bammann was bur. there, but did not know his grandmother's name (3-15-1971).

The Bammann-Hamm farm of 200 acres consisted of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 21, Twp. 28S Rge 23E, plus the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 20, adjoining to the W, the county road passing W of this 40 acres, which is $\frac{1}{4}$ mi W of the mile line, due to the creek. The 1906 Co. Atlas shows this belonging to Detleif Hamm. Frank Adamson and Raymond Krog had both heard there were a few graves near the center of the section near the house and the creek, and supposed these were of the Hamm & Bammann family, and were surprised to learn they were thought to have been bur. about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi W on the old Detjen farm. Mrs. Krog wondered if HBM were a Miller, related to the Detjens.

Land records of Sect. 28, the old Detjen farm where the Meyers and Bammanns are said to be buried show:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W.D. 10-30-1870 from H. Tiedman adm. to Peter Detjen. However several other instruments are recorded which pre-date this; 2-25-1868 A. J. Hopkins to Levi Price Power of Atty.; and a later date: 2-24-1880 U.S.Govt. to Henry Schoen Patent.

Concerning the Bammann-Hamm farm, previously described:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 21-28-23:

7-15-1870 U.S.Govt. to Katharine Bannon Patent N $\frac{1}{2}$

4-27-1872 Catharine Hamm to D. Hamm W.D. "

4-6-1912 Detlef Hamm to Anna Hamm W.D. "

7-3-1914 Anna Hamm to Mary F. Dodson et al W.D. "

(so she did not die 1866?)

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 21-28-23

7-15-1870 U.S.Govt. to Catherine Bammann Patent S $\frac{1}{2}$

4-7-1872 Catherine Hamm to D. Hamm W.D. S $\frac{1}{2}$

12-3-1880 Detlef Hamm to Levi Eaton Mtg. SW $\frac{1}{4}$

4-6-1912 Detlef Hamm to Anna Hamm W.D. S $\frac{1}{2}$

(other deeds 1913-14 from Bammann & Hamm names)

In adjoining Sect. 20 Detlef Hamm rec'd W.D. E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ from KCFS&G RR Co. 12-8-1880

Crawford Co. Probate Court rec. A., v. 235:

Adoption of minor children by Dutleff Hamm.

In probate court 4-17-1872, in the matter of adoption of:

John Henry Bamma aged 13 yrs.

John Bamma " " 11 "

Henry August " " 9 "

Louis Frederick " " 5 "

Katherine Hamm the mother. The children were to assume the name of Hamm.

SOURCES:

From Maggie Hamm, Homer Alaska, 1972, widow of George Henry Hamm, a son of John & Catherine bur. on their farm 1 mi N & 1 mi W & $\frac{1}{4}$ N of Brazilton, Ks.:

1. Hamm

2. Detlef Hamm (bro. of John) m Mrs. Bammann after her husband died. He lived at Ft. Scott before WW I and d. 1914-5 and she surv. him. He adopted all 3 of her Bammann children and they took the Hamm name.
3. Maggie Bammann m. Emmet Hartman both bur. Ft. Scott
 4. Mata m. Clyde Gordon, 2 sons, 3
 5. Bob Gordon served AF WWII
 5. Richard Gordon
 4. Mabel Worked for phone co., to Peoria Ill. & m 2nd time, no ch.
 4. Detleff m. 1 child Served WW I, lungs damaged by gas. Brakeman on R.R., res. Ft. Scott Ks.
3. John Bammann (older) returned to Bammann name
 - m 1st ---- she had one son, gave to a preacher who adopted him.
 - m 2nd Elizabeth Behrhorst res. abt. 2 mi N of Brazilton. These 3 are her bros:
 - Henry Behrhorst d.c. 1962-6
 - Walter Behrhorst res. Girard.
 - Fred Behrhorst m. Christine Selle He d. WW I & she m 2nd Paul Hager
 4. Louise Bammann m 1st m 2nd Todd res. Meade Ks. no ch.
 4. Louis d. early 1960's no ch.
 4. Emelia Bammann (oldest dau) m. Walter Feldman res. Pittsburg Ks. no ch.
3. Henry Bammann, younger, kept name of Hamm.
2. George Hamm did not come to America, was forced to serve in Napoleon's army & was likely frozen to death as so many were.
2. John Hamm bur. on farm with dau. Anna. Wife Catherine and son Geo. Henry bur. Hepler cem. John has stone both places.

1870 Cen. Crawford Co. Ks., Sherman Twp.

#14-14	Ham	Detric	35	farmer	Ger.
		Catherine	50	keeping house	2000 400 Germany
		Bowman, Henry	12	Attending school	Missouri
		John	10		"
		Hammond	8		"
		Louis	3		Kansas

Girard Press issue of 3-25-1886 "Hamm At Brazilton Kansas March 20th 1886, Mary wife of John Hamm aged about 20 years. She leaves (her husband) and two small children, one only a week of age."