

## 24. EGLI

### ORIGINS

The name Egli/Egly is derived from the Swiss word "egg," meaning long ridge. The Egli family is originally from Schangnau, Trub, and other places in the Emmental, canton Bern, Switzerland. Among the Swiss Egli Anabaptists, the surname is consistently spelled "Egli". Variant spellings in records of Egli descendants include: Egle, Egele, Eagle, Eckle, Agle, Egly, Eglÿ. (1) (see notes below)

One of the earliest Eglis found in Alsace was Rudolph Egli, a minister at Kunheim (east of Colmar, near the Rhine River). He was one of those who signed the adoption of the 1632 Dordrecht Confession of Faith in 1660 at a meeting of Alsatian Anabaptist leaders in Ohnenheim, northeast of Colmar, France. (2) Whether he was an ancestor of those who emigrated to Canada almost 200 years later is not known.

Three sons of Johannes Egli, Jacob, John, and Benjamin, as well as a Barbara Egli who married Peter Christner, settled in the Amish Mennonite community of Ontario in the mid 1800's. The Egli ancestors of those who migrated to Canada in 1847 were already found at Neu-Freistett (now known as Freistett), Baden, Germany, across the Rhine River from Strasbourg (in lower Alsace), France, in the mid-1700s. They passed rather freely across the frontier in the intervening years.

In her research of Anabaptist families in France, Neil Ann Stuckey Levine noted the Egly/Egli family, and has put together an extended family list which was published in *Mennonite Family History* in July 2003. (3) I have abbreviated this list below; much more information for the Egly family can be found in this article. Levine has chosen to use the spelling "Egly" throughout, but I change to "Egli" when I get to the family with immigrants to Canada. Either spelling is found in the original records.



#### **A Farm in the Black Forest Area of Germany**

*Christian Egly, progenitor of this Egli family was born at at Pforzheim, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany, which is located at the northern rim of the eastern part of the Black Forest*

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### THE EXTENDED EGLY/EGLI FAMILY

EG **Christian Egly**, b. at Pforzheim, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany;

d. Apr. 12, 1779 at the monastery Chartreuse in Eckbolsheim, vicinity of Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin

m. **Veronica Ernst** (1747-1801), also died in the vicinity of Strasbourg

Four known children were born to Christian and Veronica Egly. After the birth of the youngest, Johannes/Jean, in 1781, at Neu-Freistett, the family moved across the Rhine River to the greater Strasbourg area.

EG1 Jacob Egly (1771-1847) d. at Hohwart in Strasbourg

- 1m. Barbara Steiner (1771/72-1820) native of Reichshoffen, Bas-Rhin  
dau. of Johannes Steiner (b. 1740) and Magdalena Eichelberger (d. 1811)
- 2m. Barbara Steiner (1772-1823) native of Niederbronn, Bas-Rhin  
dau. of Andreas Steiner and Dorothea Weinmann

Eight known children;

- 1. Maria Magdalena Egly (b. 1801)
- 2. Barbara Egly (b. 18030)
- 3. Elisabeth Egly (b. 1805) m. Nicholas Ulrich (his 2m.)
- 4. Katharina Egly (1808-1812)
- 5. Veronica Egly (b 1810)
- 6. Katharina Egly (1813-1814)
- 7. Katharina Egly (b. 1816)

One known child from Jacob Egly's second wife

- 8. Jacob Egly (b. 1821)

EG2 Veronica Egly b. Aug. 19, 1775 d. 1844

- 1m. Frantz Müller (1764/65-1801) native of Salm
- 2m. 1802 to Joseph Streidt (1773-1817)

Children:

- 1. Joseph Müller (b. 1800) m. Jacobina Frey (b. 1802)
- 2. Barbara Streidt (b. 1802)
- 3. Johannes Streidt (b. 1804)
- 4. Jacob Streidt (1806-1808)
- 5. Magdalena Streidt (b. 1808)
- 6. Jacob Streidt (1810-1810)
- 7. Andreas Streidt (b. 1812)
- 8. Katharina Streidt (1815-1825)
- 9. Elisabeth Streidt (1817-1817)

EG3 Christian Egly (1777-1832)

- m. Katharina Maurer (1770-1834) native of Val de Munster or Munstertal, Luttenbach, Haut-Rhin  
dau. of \_\_\_\_\_ Maurer and Katharina Burger

Children:

- 1. Magdalena Egly (1801-1878) m. Joseph Krähenbühl (1801-1846)
- 2. Joseph Egly (b. 1803) m. 1828 to Anna Marie Rubi (b. 1806)
- 3. Christian Egly (1806-1806)
- 4. Katharina Egly (1807)
- 5. Barbara Egly (1808-1808)
- 6. Christian Egly (1809-1809)
- 7. Barbara Egly (1811-1811)
- 8. Female Egly (1815-1815)

EG4 Johannes Egli, b. 16 Jan. 1780, Neu-Freistett, Baden (record of second marriage states b. 16 Jun 1781)

Son of Christian Egly (d. 1779) and Veronica Ernst (1747-1801)

d. 28 Feb 1852, Quartier Bleu, #92 Robertsau, Strasbourg

m. 4 Jan 1806, Eckbolsheim, Strasbourg

Katharina Muller Gerber, dau. of Christian Muller and Maria Keir/Kuaehr?

widow of Ulrich Gerber (1776-1803)

b. 1774, Allenauerhof, Strasbourg

d. 20 May 1814, Eckbolsheim

Johannes Egli, 2m. 21 Jan 1815, Eckbolsheim

Maria Geisert, dau. of George Geisert and Maria Bernert

b. 27 Jan, 1782, Neu-Freistett

d. date and place not known

*Note: the surname of Maria Geisert, the second wife of Johannes Egly, was decidedly written as Geis(s)ert by persons so named who could sign French records. In the body of such records, however, the spellings Gasser and Gascho appear.*

Children: 12 (listed below)

EG5? Barbara Egli died Feb 6, 1828 at Oehningen in Baden, aged 57y, unmarried

Johannes/Jean/John (German, French and English spellings) Egli was the father of the three immigrants, Jacob, John, and Benjamin, who passed through Canada. Hence we will follow his line in more detail. This Johannes Egli lived in various places -- first at Eckbolsheim, then at Niederbronn, Department of Bas-Rhin. In 1819 Johannes was employed on the estate Fleckenstein, near Lembach, also in Bas-Rhin. From 1821 to at least 1823, when daughter Barbara died, they lived on the estate Mantelhof in Ueberauchen, Kirchdorf, Baden, Germany. But by the time a son Joseph was born in 1826, the family was back in Strasbourg.

The Egli Family Genealogical Introduction is divided into the following sections:

1. The Johannes Egli Family
  - a) The Jacob Egli and Barbara Roes Family
  - b) The John Egli and Magdalena Gascho Family
  - c) Benjamin Egli
2. Barbara Egli and Peter Christner Family

Researchers have not yet been able to connect the Barbara Egli, who married Peter Christner in Canada in 1850, to the Johannes/John Egli family.



**Eckbolsheim  
(near Strasbourg)  
Bas Rhin, (Alsace)  
France**

*Johannes Egli and  
Katharina Gerber were  
married here and their five  
children were born here.*

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THE JOHANNES EGLI FAMILY

**Johannes Egli**, (1780-1852), son of Christian Egly and Veronica Ernst

1m. 4 Jan 1806, Eckbolsheim, Strasbourg

**Katharina Muller Gerber**, (1774-1814), dau. of Christian Muller and Maria Keir/Kuaehr?

2m. 21 Jan 1815, Eckbolsheim

**Maria Geisert**, (b. 1782), dau. of George Geisert and Maria Bernert

Children born to Johannes and Katharina:

1. Christian Egli, b. 14 Oct 1806, Molkenbronn, Eckbolsheim

d. 20 Oct 1882, Strasbourg

m. 22 Dec 1831, Strasbourg

Katharina Lauber, dau. of Christian Lauber and Katharina Ulrich Eyer

b. 1805, Jardin d'Angleterre, Bischeim, Bas-Rhin

d. 29 Mar 1881, Strasbourg

Christian Egli was a leader in the Anabaptist congregation in Strasbourg. About 1835 he and his wife began a mission in Chalons-sur-Marne in the Department of Marne. They returned to Strasbourg where both died. After the death of Christian, the Anabaptist congregation in Strasbourg ceased to meet.

2. Joseph Egli, b. 24 May 1808, Molkenbronn

d. 2 Apr. 1810

3. Jacques/Jacob Egli, b. 27 Mar 1810, Molkenbronn d. 1879

m. 18 Apr 1838, Wintzenheim, Haut-Rhin

Barbara Roess, dau. of Johannes Roess and Magdalena Gautsche

b. 26 May 1817, Logelbach, Wintzenheim

Jacob was an innkeeper at Logelbach. In 1847 the family left for Canada.

*More details on this family follow.*

4. Katharina Egli, b. 10 Mar 1812, Eckbolsheim

Katharina was employed as a servant in the home of her brother Christian at #72 outside Porte de l'Hopital according to the Strasbourg census in the early 1860s. Her later fate is unknown.

5. Anna Egli, b. 16 May 1814, at house #151, Eckbolsheim

d. June 5, 1814

Children born to Johannes and Maria:

6. Magdalena Egli, b. 17 Nov 1815, at house #151

Magdalena gave birth to two children, Marie Madeleine in 1835 and Madeleine Pauline in 1840. Her later fate is unknown.

7. Anna Maria Egli, b. 6 May 1817, Niederbronn

m. 15 Oct 1859, Strasbourg

Georg Schwing, son of Georg Schwing and Christine Bada

widower of Magdalena Veltin, d. 12 Oct 1858

b. 17 Feb 1812, Robertsau

Anna Maria gave birth to three children at Strasbourg before her marriage. Her later fate is unknown.

8. Barbara Egli, b. 13 Oct 1819, Fleckenstein

d. 9 Aug 1823, Mantelhof, Ueberauchen, Baden

Barbara was buried on August 11, in the presence of Johann Flecklinger (his wife was a sister to Maria Geisert) and Christian Gautsche, lease-manager of the mill in nearby Wolterdingen (Donaueschingen-Wolterdingen).

9. Johannes/Jean/John Egli, b. 16, 1821, Mantelhof, Ueberauchen, near Ellingen, Baden, Germany  
d. 11 Dec 1907, Minier, Tazewell County, Illinois  
bu. Hopedale Mennonite Cemetery, Hopedale, Ill.  
m. 10 Feb 1850, Canada  
Magdalena Gascho, dau. of Joseph Gascho and Magdalena Ingold  
b. 22 Dec 1827 at Probfeld, near Karlskron, Bavaria (2 Jul 1826 obituary)  
d. 8 Apr 1902, Minier, Ill., bu. Hopedale Mennonite Cemetery  
John accompanied his half-brother Jacob's family to Canada in 1847.  
*Details on his family will follow.*
10. Jacobina Egli, b. 1 Apr 1823, Mantelhof  
(no further record)
11. Joseph Egli, b. 5 July 1826, #48 Montagne Verte, Strasbourg  
d. 26 May 1827, #48 Montagne Verte, Strasbourg
12. Benjamin Egli, b. 27 Aug 1830, at #48 Montagne Verte  
m. to Magdalena Shafer

#### THE JACOB EGLI AND BARBARA ROES FAMILY

Jacob Egli was born to Jean Egli and Catherine Muller at Molkenbronn at Eckbolsheim near Strasbourg in 1810. By the time Jacob was 26, he was employed as an innkeeper in the little hamlet of Logelbach near Colmar, France. Births, marriages and deaths of the residents of Logelbach were made in nearby Wintzenheim. It was in Logelbach that Barbara Roes, daughter of John Roes and Magdalena Gautschi, was born in 1817.

Jacob Egli and Barbara Roes had twin daughters born in 1836 and a third daughter born in 1837 before their legal marriage took place in 1838. All three of these children were born in the house of their widowed grandmother, Magdalena Gautschi Roes. The twins died shortly after birth. Jacob registered these children, declaring himself as their father and giving them his name. Jacob and Barbara remained at Logelbach for about a decade and then decided to emigrate to Canada.

#### SOJOURN OF THE JACOB EGLI FAMILY IN CANADA

According to family tradition, Jacob Egli had served seven years in the French army and was determined that his sons should not have to do the same. On March 4, 1847, Jacob Egli applied to emigrate with his wife, two brothers and a domestic (servant). The party crossed the Atlantic on the Ship *Caspian*, arriving in New York on April 3, 1847. The passenger list contains the family of Jacques Egli with wife and three children, "Bergman" Egli, age 16, (probably half brother Benjamin), Jean Egli, age 25, (half brother John), and Jacques Streit, age 40 (the domestic). (5)

Barbara Roes, Jacob Egli's wife, had a brother John Roes who is believed to have come to Canada about 1843. If that is the case, then the Egli group probably chose Canada because they already had a family member here.

It did not take long for Jacob and Barbara to establish themselves in the relatively new settlement of Amish Mennonites in Oxford County. The year they arrived they leased the east half of Lot 34, Concession XV, on the 16th Line of East Zorra Township from the Canada Company. According to family tradition times were

hard due to wet weather and marshy ground. They would have gone hungry had Jacob not added to their meagre provisions by hunting wild animals. The muzzle loader he brought from France is still in the family today. (6)

Three more children were born to Jacob and Barbara during the next few years. In 1854, their lease was transferred to David Bender, and in 1855 they joined other individuals and families who were migrating to the western states. The Eglis moved to Jefferson Co., Iowa. Jacob died there in 1879 and Barbara in 1888. They are buried in the Lockridge Cemetery.

## **THE JACOB AND BARBARA (ROES) EGLI FAMILY**

Jacob Egli, son of Jean/John Egli and Catherine Muller

b. 27 Mar 1810, Molkenbronn, Eckbolsheim, near Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin

d. 9 July 1879, bu. in Lockridge Cemetery, Jefferson Co., Iowa

m. 18 Apr 1838, Wintzenheim, Haut Rhin

Barbara Roes, dau. of John Roes and Magdalena Gautschi

b. 26 Jan 1817, Logelbach, near Colmar, Haut-Rhin

d. 20 Aug 1888, bu. Lockridge Cemetery

Children:

1) Barbe Egli, 5 - 26 Oct 1836, Logelbach, Wintzenheim

twins

2) Elisabeth Egli, 5 - 6 Oct 1836 Logelbach, Wintzenheim

3) Catherine Egli, b. 17 Aug 1837, Logelbach, Wintzenheim

d. 4 Jun 1901, bu. Lockridge Twp., Jefferson Co., Iowa (1910 - M. Boshart)

m. 30 Apr 1857, Iowa

Joseph Graber, son of John Graber and Catherine Roth

b. 8 May 1823, France (7 May 1833 - M. Boshart)

d. 31 May 1901, bu. Iowa (1911 - M. Boshart)

4) Barbara Egli, b. 21 May 1839, Logelbach, Wintzenheim

d. 3 Apr 1915, bu. Sugar Creek Menn. Cem., Wayland, Iowa

m. 18 Oct 1860, Iowa

Jacob Christner, son of Peter Christner and Veronica Bauer

b. 29 June 1836, Bavaria

d. 6 Mar 1904, bu. Sugar Creek Menn. Cem.

5) Male Egli, b. & d. 26 Feb 1841, Logelbach

6) Jacques Egli, 25 - 26 Dec 1941, Logelbach

7) Jacob Egli II, b. 21 Jun 1843, Logelbach

d. 17 Jan 1917, bu. Green Mound Cemetery, Trenton, Iowa

m. 27 Nov 1866, Sugar Creek Mennonite Church (P.V.M.) (24 Nov 1866 - NASLevine)

Barbara Roth, dau. of Joseph Roth and Elizabeth Roes

b. 14 Oct 1840, Logelbach

d. 11 May 1917, bu. Green Mound Cemetery

8) Christian Egli, 10 - 13 Apr 1845, Logelbach

- 9) Mary Egli, b. 17 Jun 1848, East Zorra Township, Oxford County, Canada  
d. 4 Aug 1918, bu. Zion Mennonite Cemetery, Hubbard, Oregon (8 Apr 1918 - NASL)  
m. 29 Nov 1866, Sugar Creek Menn. Church by Bishop Joseph Goldsmith  
Joseph Roth, son of Joseph Roth and Elizabeth Roes  
b. 8 Jan 1838, Logelbach  
d. 28 Mar 1910, bu. Zion Mennonite Cemetery
- 10) Christian Egli, b. 2 Jun 1850, East Zorra Twp.  
d. 8 Nov 1930, bu. Henry Co., Iowa. (or Hubbard, OR)  
m. 7 Aug 1876,  
Emelia Roth, dau. of Michael Roth and Nancy Goldsmith  
b. 28 Mar 1859  
d. 12 Aug 1943, bu. Henry Co., Iowa.
- 11) John Egli, b. 4 Dec 1852, East Zorra Twp.  
d. 8 July 1924, bu. Zion Mennonite Cemetery, Hubbard, Ore.  
m. 20 Nov 1879, Sugar Creek Menn. Church by Sebastian Gehrig  
Magdalena Rich, dau. of Joseph Rich and Anna Maria Wenger  
b. 18 Dec 1858, Wayland, Henry Co., Iowa.  
d. 15 Jan 1926, bu. Zion Mennonite Cemetery

#### THE JOHN EGLI AND MAGDALENA GASCHO FAMILY

As indicated earlier, John Egli most certainly accompanied his half brother Jacob's family to Canada in 1847. It is believed that in 1849 two Gascho sisters, Anna and Magdalena, arrived in Canada with their aunt Catherine Ingold, married to Christian Schantz. In February 1850 John Egli and Magdalena Gascho were married. Although they did not buy any property in East Zorra, they were listed in the census on Lot 33, Concession XVII in 1851. By that time, Magdalena's parents, sister Barbara, and brother John Gascho had arrived in Canada also and were living with the Eglis. By the 1861 census, John and Magdalena and five children were living in Hay Township, near Zurich and Lake Huron. The census taker spelled their name "Eagle." In Hay Township they also did not own any property, but the agricultural census identified their location as 85 acres of Lot 9, Concession IX.

Lot 10, to the north, was occupied by Joseph and Magdalena (Ingold) Gascho, parents of Magdalena (Gascho) Egli. The Gaschos had purchased the 100-acre lot from the Canada Company in 1856. On Lot 8, to the south, were Christian and Mary (Gascho) Steckly. Mary was also a daughter of Joseph and Magdalena. The Stecklys had purchased the north half of the lot, also in 1856 and leased the south half in 1861.

The Egli family stories included watching for bears with an old musket, but when one came around, they didn't have the courage to fire. They were also annoyed with the wolves, especially during the maple syrup season while they were boiling maple syrup in the woods at night. Trips to Waterloo were made with sled and oxen with the children wrapped in feather ticks.

On one occasion nearly the whole family was ill with typhoid fever. They did not have the services of a doctor, because it was too inconvenient to call one and there was no money to pay him. Six-year-old Barbara died during that epidemic.

Evidently the 9th concession was not very good for farming without drainage, and in the mid-1800s the settlers had not yet learned how to do that. In 1867, the Stecklys sold their property, moving to Chenoa,

Maclean County, Illinois, in 1868. The Steckly family moved to Hartford, Kansas, where Mary died in 1893. Christian and the family then relocated in Nebraska.

At the same time, John and Magdalena Egli left with their family of eight surviving children for Tazewell County, Illinois, where three more children were born. Except for a few years in Edwards Co., Kansas (1886-1888), John and Magdalena spent the rest of their lives in Tazewell County. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1900 with all of their children and most grandchildren present. (8) Magdalena died two years later -- in 1902, and John in 1907. They are buried in the Hopedale Mennonite Cemetery.

John Egli had been ordained to the ministry in the Amish Mennonite congregation in Hay Township, Huron County, Ontario. According to his obituary, he was ordained in 1861 and also served the Hopedale Mennonite Church in Tazewell Co. from 1867-1886 and from 1888-1907, when he died in his 87th year. He attended the Amish-Mennonite Ministers' meetings in 1871, 1872, 1875, and 1878. (9)

The Eglis and Stecklys may wish to note that in 1874, Father Joseph Gascho also sold his farm on Concession IX. His son John purchased Lots 13 and 14 on the 14th concession. John had married Veronica Steckly, sister to Christian who was married to Mary Gascho. John and Veronica remained with John's parents, and after the change in location, the parents lived with John and his family.

## **THE JOHN AND MAGDALENA (GASCHO) EGLI FAMILY**

John Egli, son of Johannes Egli and Maria Geisert

- b. 16 Jun 1821 on the Mondelshof/Mantelhof, Uberauchen, near Ellingen, Baden, Germany
- d. 11 Dec 1907, Minier, Tazewell County, Illinois; bu. Hopedale Mennonite Cemetery, Illinois.
- m. 10 Feb 1850, Canada

Magdalena Gascho, dau. of Joseph Gascho and Magdalena Ingold

- b. 22 Dec 1827 at Probfeld, near Karlskron, Bavaria (2 Jul 1826 - obituary)
- d. 8 Apr 1902, Minier, Ill., bu. Hopedale Mennonite Cemetery

Children:

- 1) Catherine Egli (Kate), b. 19 Nov 1850, East Zorra Township, Oxford County, Canada
  - d. 17 Jun 1932, Minier, bu. Minier Cem., Minier, Ill.
  - m. 13 Dec 1869, Bloomington, McClean Co., Ill.

John Reinhardt, son of John Reinhardt and Madeline Roth

- b. 18 Sep 1844, Markkirch/Ste. Marie-aux-Mines, Alsace, FR
- d. 18 Jun 1927, Minier, bu. Minier Cem., Minier, Ill.

- 2) Joseph Egli, b. 3 Feb 1852, East Zorra Township

- d. 10 Oct 1915, Manson, Ia., bu. Rose Hill Cem., Manson
- 1m. 29 Jan 1874, Tazewell Co., Ill.

Barbara Sutter, dau. of Christian Sutter and Magdalena Nafziger

- b. 21 Jul 1851, Tazewell Co., Ill.
- d. 2 Apr 1885, Hittle Twp., bu. Mennonite Cemetery, Hopedale
- 2m. 3 Jan 1886, Tazewell Co.

Mary Birky, dau. of Christian Birky and Catherine Mossiman

- b. 13 Aug 1860, Morton, Tazewell Co., Ill.
- d. 2 Mar 1936, Manson, Ia., bu. Rose Hill Cem., Manson
- (See Family Memoirs of Maude Egli Swartzendruber)

- 3) Barbara Egli, died at age 6 (before the 1861 census)



- 4) Andrew Egli, b. Nov 1855, East Zorra or Hay Township, Huron County  
d. 16 Dec 1933, at Chris Egli home, Kouts, Indiana; bu. Mennonite Cemetery, Kouts, Indiana
- 5) John O. Egli, b. 20 Apr 1859, East Zorra or Hay Township  
d. 26 Feb 1934, Manson, Ia., bu. Rose Hill Cem., Manson, Ia.  
m. 23 Jan 1890, Allentown, Ill.  
Anna Ringenbach/Riggenbaugh, dau. of Jacob Riggenbach and Katheryn Bowers?(8)  
b. 10 Jan 1869, Allentown, Ill.  
d. 29 Apr 1959, Manson, Ia., bu. Rose Hill Cem.
- 6) Christian Egli, b. 3 Jan 1860, Hay Township, Huron County  
d. 22 Aug 1944, Kouts, Ind., bu. Mennonite Cemetery, Kouts  
m. 19 Jan 1888, Morton, Ill.  
Fannie Augsburg, dau. of Jacob Augsburg and Barbara Steinmann  
b. 8 Oct 1869, Groveland, Ill.  
d. 8 Dec 1947, Kouts, Ind., bu. Mennonite Cem., Kouts
- 7) Benjamin Egli, b. 6 Jun 1861, Hay Township  
d. 16 Mar 1936, Manson, Ia., bu. Rose Hill Cem., Manson  
m. 6 Feb 1887, Tazewell Co., Ill.  
Idella (Adella) Reinhardt, dau. of John Reinhardt and Madeline Roth?  
b. 16 Dec 1864, Markkirch/Ste. Marie-aux-Mines, Alsace, FR  
d. 25 May 1939, Manson, Ia., bu. Rose Hill Cem., Manson
- 8) Jacob Egli, (twin) b. 26 Jan 1863, Hay Township  
d. 15 Mar 1946, Bloomington, Ill., bu. Hopedale Cemetery  
1m. 13 Oct 1885, Tazewell Co., Ill.  
Susan Sutter, dau. of John Sutter and Magdalena Good  
b. 10 Jan 1866, Hopedale, Ill.  
d. 8 Sept 1926, Boynton Twp., bu. Hopedale Cemetery  
2m. 19 Feb 1920, Tazewell Co.,  
Barbara Birky, dau. of Joseph Birky and Mary Burky  
b. 3 Dec 1867, El Paso, Woodford Co., Ill.  
d. 22 May 1942, Hopedale, Ill., bu. Hopedale Cemetery
- 9) Fanny Egli, b. 27 Jan 1865, Hay Township  
d. 4 Sept 1905, bu. Hopedale Cemetery, Hopedale, Ill.  
m. 14 Apr 1886, Tazewell Co., Ill.  
George Eichelberger, son of Jacob Eichelberger and Elizabeth Birky  
b. 13 Oct 1857, Bavaria/Alsace-Lorraine  
d. 12 Dec 1945, Manson, Ia., bu. Hopedale Cem., Ill.  
2m. 12 Feb 1910 to Magdalena Oswald  
previously m. to Benjamin Martin
- 10) Anna Egli, b. 28 Jan 1868, Tazewell County, Illinois  
d. 23 Feb 1936,  
m. 13 Dec 1883, Tazewell Co., Ill.  
Samuel E. Nafziger, son of Peter J. Nafziger and Magdalena Nafziger  
b. Oct 1862, Illinois

d. 22 Sep 1956,  
(Living in Michigan in 1910 and 1911 census)

11) Magdalena (Lena) Egli, b. 17 Mar 1872, Minier, Tazewell Co., Ill.

d. 2 Nov 1941, Kouts, Ind., bu. Graceland Cemetery, Kouts

1m. 19 Dec 1889, McLean Co., Ill.

2m. 1904, Minier, IL

Louis Lampl,

b. 5 Jul 1866

d. 22 Oct. 1899, Minier, bu. Hopedale Mennonite Cemetery

Herman Sawatzki, son of Ludwig and Caroline Sawatzki

b. 23. Feb.1886, Germany

d.. 16 Mar. 1953, Shasta, CA

12) Mary Egli, b. 18 Jun 1874, Minier, Tazewell Co., Ill

d. 19/21 Feb 1939, Pekin, Ill., bu. Lakeview Cem., Pekin

m. 9 Dec 1894?, Illinois

Henry C. Eichelberger, son of Jacob Eichelberger and Elizabeth Birky

b. 20 Jun 1868, Livingston Co., Ill.

d. 19 Jan 1939, bu. Lakeview Cem., Pekin

#### BENJAMIN EGLI

Benjamin Egli, born in 1830, the youngest of the family of Johannes/Jean Egli and Maria Geisert, is believed to have emigrated, along with his half brother Jacob and his brother John, under the name "Bergman" on the passenger list.

A Benjamin "Eghly," age 22 was listed as a laborer with Samuel and Mary [Miller] Bender in the 1851 East Zorra census. This must surely be the brother of Jacob and John who were also residing in East Zorra. Since we have not found him in an 1861 census, he may have accompanied the Jacob Egli family to Iowa in 1855.

Philip V. Miller of Valparaiso, Indiana, has found a Benjamin Egli in the 1870 and 1880 census of Tazewell County who corresponds in age to the youngest son of Johannes and Maria (Geisert) Egli. When Benjamin was naturalized he gave his emigration date as 1847. He was married to Magdalena Shafer. Miller, however, lost Benjamin's trail after the 1880 census. (13)

#### NOTES:

- 1) *Was Isch Dini Nahme? What Is Your Name?* by Delbert L. Gratz. Masthof Press, Morgantown, PA, 1995, page 13.
- 2) *How the Dordrecht Confession Came Down to Us* by Joseph Stoll. Pathway Publishers, Aylmer, ON - LaGrange, IN, 2000, page 10. This declaration and list has been published several times. Stoll uses John Roth's translation based on the original version as found in *Christliches Glaubensbekenntnus*, Amsterdam, 1664.
- 3) "The Egly Family at Strasbourg" by Neil Ann Stuckey Levine, in *Mennonite Family History*, Vol. XXII, No. 3, July 2003, pages 111-120.

- 4) In France, after the French Revolution, only state marriages were “legal”. The documentation that couples needed to bring to be married were sometimes difficult to obtain. Frequently, they simply had a church wedding and had the civil ceremony whenever they could get around to it. Of course, there were also children born out-of-wedlock where marriages- church or state- never took place.
- 5) Transcription of the Emigration List:  
 Jacques [Jacob] Egle, age 36  
     place of origin: Eckbolsheim [near Strasbourg, France]  
     residence: Wintzenheim [near Colmar, France]  
     destination: New York  
     emigration date: Mar 4, 1847  
     with his wife and his two brothers and a domestic

On the ship passenger list this group appeared as follows:

<u>Transcription:</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
Jacques Egli, age 37	Jacob Egli
Barbara Ross, age 30	Jacob's wife, Barbara Roes
Catherine Roes, age 9	should be Egli
Barbara Roes, age 7	should be Egli
Jacques Roes, age 31	should be Egli, age 3
Jacques Streit, age 40	likely the domestic
Bergman Egli, age 16, male	Bergman may be a misspelling of Benjamin
Jean Egli, age 25	John married Magdalena Gascho in Canada

(No doubt, the last two are the "brothers" on the emigration list above)

Further Comments:

- a) French women used their maiden names. The persons making the lists were not accustomed to this; so without asking the children's last names, they simply gave all the children the name of the mother. Hence the children in this list are named “Roes” instead of Egli.
  - b) The John Egli family has the tradition that one of the Egli boys was lost after landing in New York and was never found again. Since we seem to account for everyone on the passenger list, one does not know what to make of that story.
- 6) Doris E. Yoder, 1986 letter
  - 7) Names or initials in brackets indicated sources of information for alternate dates in this family list.
  - 8) "John Egli/ June 16, 1821/ December 11, 1907," a small folder with a brief biography printed at the time of John's death. (2 photocopies in file)
  - 9) *Proceedings of the Amish Ministers' Meetings, 1862-1878* by Paton Yoder and Steven R. Estes. Goshen, Indiana, 1999. See Part III, "Biographical Sketches," page 317 and Note #34.
  - 10) “Family Memoirs of Maude Egli Swartzentruber- unable to locate this document in the file.
  - 11) See the BERGER/RIGGENBACH file for a discussion of Catherine's maiden name.
  - 12) Jacob was listed as a twin, but the other twin was not named. He/she may have died at birth.
  - 13) Philip V. Miller to Lorraine Roth, January 2003. Benjamin Egli in the 1880 census was also reported by Mark Egli, August 11, 2003.
  - 14) “Egley Update” by Neil Ann Stuckey Levine in *Mennonite Family History*, April 2004 issue. This article gives further information regarding Christian Egli (d. 1779) and his children.
  - 15) *Christian Egle and Marie Rediger Family – 1874 Immigrants, Part I – Family and Faith Links in Europe* by Duane L. Egle in *Mennonite Family History*, October 2015 issue. Any person researching the Egli family will find this article very informative. Though this article does not focus on the Canadian branch of the Egli family, there are many connections and references. The author can be contacted at 210 Hackberry Drive, Gretna, Nebraska 68028 or dlegle@hotmail.com.

THE BARBARA EGLI AND PETER CHRISTNER FAMILY

BARBARA EGLI

When Lorraine Roth did her research, she was not able to find much about Barbara Egli, who is supposed to have married Peter Christner about 1848 in Canada. One source gives Barbara's maiden name as Staley, but only in 2015 did we learn that it was Barbara's mother who was born Stahly. Lorraine had tried to place her into the foregoing Egli families but had not been able to find a niche for her. When, with whom, and how she got to Canada remained a mystery to Lorraine to the end of her life.

However, further research by Duane L. Egle published in 2015 solves part of the mystery and places Barbara Egli into a large Egli family. However, we still do not know how to connect Barbara's Egli family with the Egli immigrants to Canada mentioned above. [Bruce W. Jantzi]

**BARBARA EGLI AND PETER CHRISTNER**

Barbara Egli, b. Mar. 21, 1831 Frankenstein, Germany  
 dau. of Christian Egli (1803-1879) and Katharina Stahly (1809-1893)  
 d. 1852, in Elkhart, Indiana after bearing two children  
 m. ca. 1848 in Canada

Peter Christner, son of Christian and Elizabeth Christner  
 b. 30 June 1823, Alsace, France  
 d. 11 Nov 1894, Waupecong, Ind., bu. Christner Cemetery  
 2m. to Sarah Troyer, dau. of Samuel Troyer and Magdalena Hochstetler

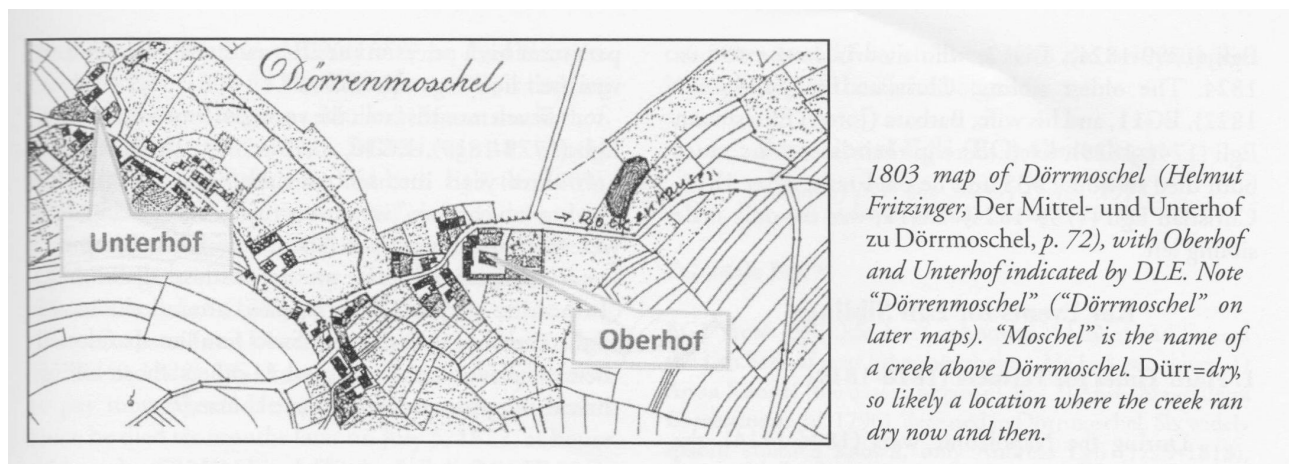
After the death of his first wife Barbara, Peter moved to Howard Co., Indiana, where he married again. He donated land for a cemetery, now known as the Christner Cemetery.

Children of Peter and Barbara

1. Christian C. Christner, b. Aug. 2, 1849 Elkhart Co., Indiana; d. Oct. 19, 1926 Henry Co., Iowa  
 m. Barbara Gunden, dau. of John V. and Catherine (Schmidt) Gunden
2. Lydia Christner b. c. 1852 Elkhart Co., Indiana; d. 1882 Miami Co., Indiana  
 m. Jonas Stineman, son of Peter and Veronica (Hochstetler) Stineman  
 Jonas 2m. to Barbara Stahly

Children of Peter and Sarah

3. Anna Christner, b. Aug. 28, 1860 Miami Co., Indiana  
 m. Ephraim J. S. Miller, son of Simon Miller and Elizabeth Gnagey
4. John Christner, b. Nov. 6, 1870 Miami Co., Indiana  
 m. Amanda Schrock, dau. of Jacob Schrock (1827-1895)



## THE EXTENDED JACOB EGLI FAMILY - great-grandfather of Barbara Egli (m. Peter Christner)

Jacob Egli, b. ca1725 d. ca1781

Farmed the Lerchenhof near Obermönshaus

1m. Anna Kennel

2m Anna Brenneman

Children:

1) Christian Egli (1748/1822)

Manager of Oberhof in Dörrmoschel, in present day Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. It is an area west of the Rhine River that was annexed by France in 1798 and designated as the department of Mont-Tonnerre (Donnersberg)

m. Barbara (Jotter) Ehresmann (1746-1820)

dau. of Christian Jotter (d. 1820)

widow of Christian Ehresmann (d. ca1789).

Christian Ehrismann and Barbara Jotter had 9 children

2) Elizabeth Egli (1759-1824) Died unmarried at Dörrmoschel

3) Martin Egli (1762-1819) Farmer at Dörrmoschel

m. Elizabeth Lützenburger (1758-1826)

dau. of Johannes Lützenburger and Barbara Gingerich

a) Jacob Egli (1794/95-1797)

b) Katharina Egli (1795/96-1837)

m. ca1820 to Johannes Wittmer (1790-1840)

son of Johannes Wittmer and Elisabeth (Krehbiel) Wittmer Bossert

2m Johannes Wittmer (1790-1840) to Magdalena Engel

1. Anna Marie Wittmer (b. 1822)

m. 1845 at Trippstadt, Pfalz, Rhenish Bavaria

to George Peter Kettenring (b. 1819) son of Paul Kettenring and Margaretha Stein

c) Jacobina Egli (1800-1831) unmarried; illegitimate daughter

1. Jacobina Egli (1831-1832)

d) Christian Egli (1803-1879) born on Dörrmoschel

m. Katherina Stähly (1809-1893) born on Germanshof, near Wissembourg, Bas-Rhin, France

dau. of Heinrich Stähly (1750-1825) and Barbara Sommer (ca1780-1856)

Christian and Katherina (Stähly) Egli left Kaiserslautern in 1835 for the United States, departing Le Havre, France, aboard the ship *France* bound for New York, arriving Oct. 27, 1835 accompanied by some Stähly relatives.

Children of Christian Egli and Katherina Stähly:

1. **Barbara Egli** (1831-1852) b. Frankenstein, Germany; d. Elkhart Co. Indiana  
m. ca1848 in Canada  
**Peter Christner** (1823-1894) son of Christian and Elizabeth Christner  
2 children born in Elkhart County, Indiana
  2. Christian Egli (1833-1835) b. and d. at Enkenbach, north of Kaiserslautern
  3. Catherine Egli (1837-1925) b. Stark Co., Ohio; d. Milford, Seward Co., Nebraska  
m. 1859 in Elkhart, Indiana  
to John D. Troyer (1833-1911) b. Holmes Co., Ohio; d. Milford, Seward Co., Nebraska  
son of David Troyer and Elizabeth Plank  
11 children  
Daughter Alice Troyer Young was a missionary to China, killed during the Boxer Rebellion  
in July 1900
  4. Mary Egli (1840-1921) b. Stark Co., Ohio; d. Elkhart Co., Indiana  
m. 1861 in Elkhart Co., Indiana  
to Christian Garber (1833-1914) b. Lancaster Co., Penna; d. Elkhart Co., Indiana  
son of Jacob Garber and Esther Resch  
6 children
- e) Johannes Egli (1807-1808) b. and d. Dörrmoschel
- f) Elizabeth Egli (b. 1809) unmarried in 1830; possibly immigrated to Butler County, Ohio
- 4) Peter Egli (1769/70-1818) No wife known;  
He worked as a hired hand for Johannes Roggy at Diefenbacherhof, near Riedseltz, Bas-Rhin, France
- 5) Magdalena Egli (life dates unknown) unmarried
- 6) Andreas Egli (1779-1819) son of Jacob Egli and Anna Magdalena Brenneman  
Farmer at Dörrmoschel  
m. 1816 to Magdalena Ehresmann (1782-1853)  
no children in three years of marriage

Note: This Jacob Egli Family Chart was prepared by Bruce W. Jantzi with the information which was published in *Mennonite Family History* magazine, January 2015 issue by Duane L. Egle, entitled, *Five Egli Siblings at Dörrmoschel, Germany 1797-1824*

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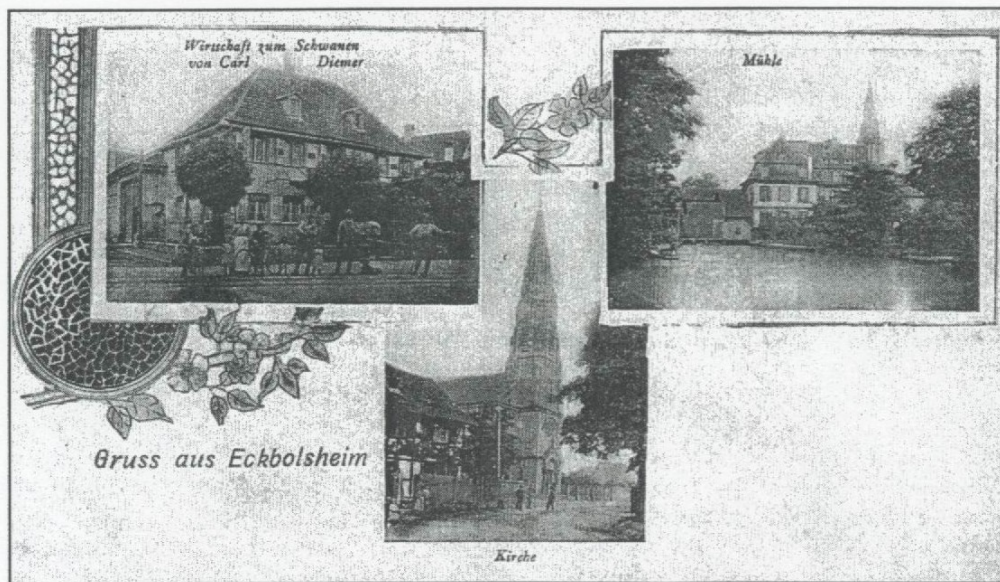
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*The Lerchenhof (left) where Christian Egly was born in 1822. This was located near the Schloss Obermönsheim (right) where other Egli/Ehresmann families lived.*

*Photos of Lerchenhof from page 158, Mennonite Family History, Oct 2015*



*Patriarch Christian Egly (d. ca1782) passed away in Eckbolsheim, Bas-Rhin, and his youngest son, Johannes Egly (1781-1852), was married there in 1806 and again in 1815. This postcard shows scenes in Eckbolsheim early in the twentieth century.*