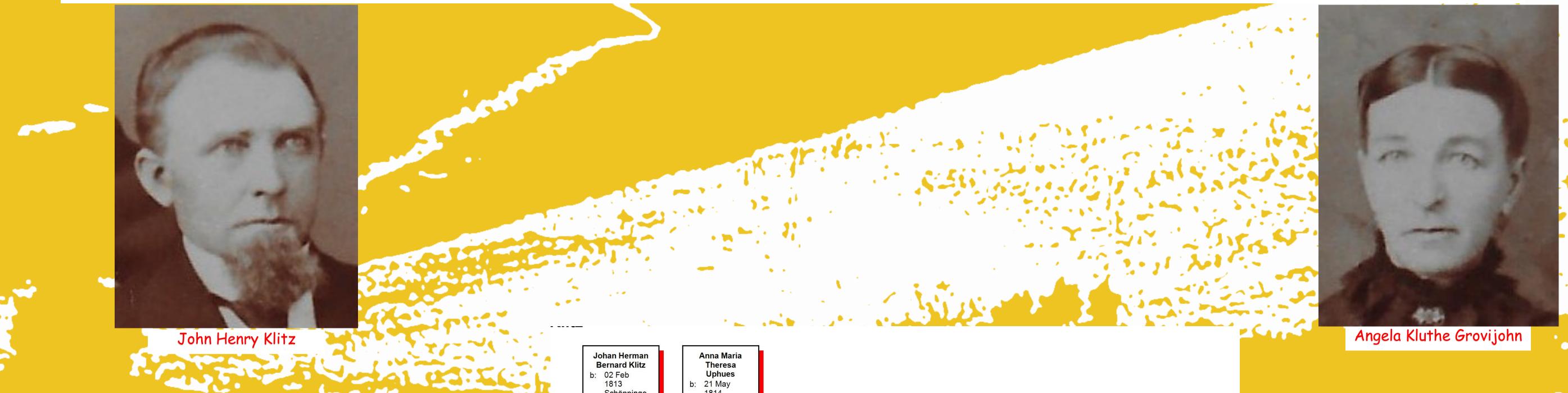
Johann Engelbert Klitz (1849—1900) Angela Kluthe Grovijohn (1850-1920)



Born the second son of Bernard Klitz and Theresia Uphues, Johann is the progenitor of the Klitz family name in Nebraska. He emigrated to the United States aboard the Bark Argonaut in 1869, and made his way to Quincy, Illinois with the rest of his family.

After about one year in Quincy, the family homesteaded at the current Klitz farm (Robert and Deb Klitz's) in Colfax County in 1871. Johann worked the land with his family and in 1878 received the deed to the land a few months before marrying Angela Kluthe. He had two sons, John Caspar and Henry Bernard.

| Schoppinge n, Borken, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany n: 16 Feb 1841 Schöppinge n, Borken, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany 4: 25 Apr 1875 Nebraska, USA | d: | 1814 Schöppinge n, Borken, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany 04 Sep 1858 Schöppinge n, Borken, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany |
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| Johann Engelbert Klitz b: 23 Jun 1849 Schöppinge n, Borken, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany d: 13 Jan 1900 Olean, Nebraska | Angela Kluthe b: 19 Feb 1850 Haaren, Paderborn, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany m: 13 Jun 1878 Olean, Colfax, Nebraska, USA d: 18 Mar 1920 Olean, Colfax, Nebraska, USA | Bernard Heinrich Klitz b: 12 Nov 1842 Schöppinge n, Borken, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany d: 30 Sep 1917 | Anna Maria Gertrude Klitz b: 27 Mar 1846 Schöppinge n, Borken, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany d: 14 May 1866 Schöppinge n, Borken, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany | Anna Maria Theresia Klitz b: 02 Nov 1853 Schöppinge n, Borken, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany d: 29 Nov 1853 Schöppinge n, Borken, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany | Hermann Bernard Klitz b: 30 May 1858 Schöppinge n, Borken, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany d: 11 Sep 1920 Osmond, Pierce, Nebraska, USA |
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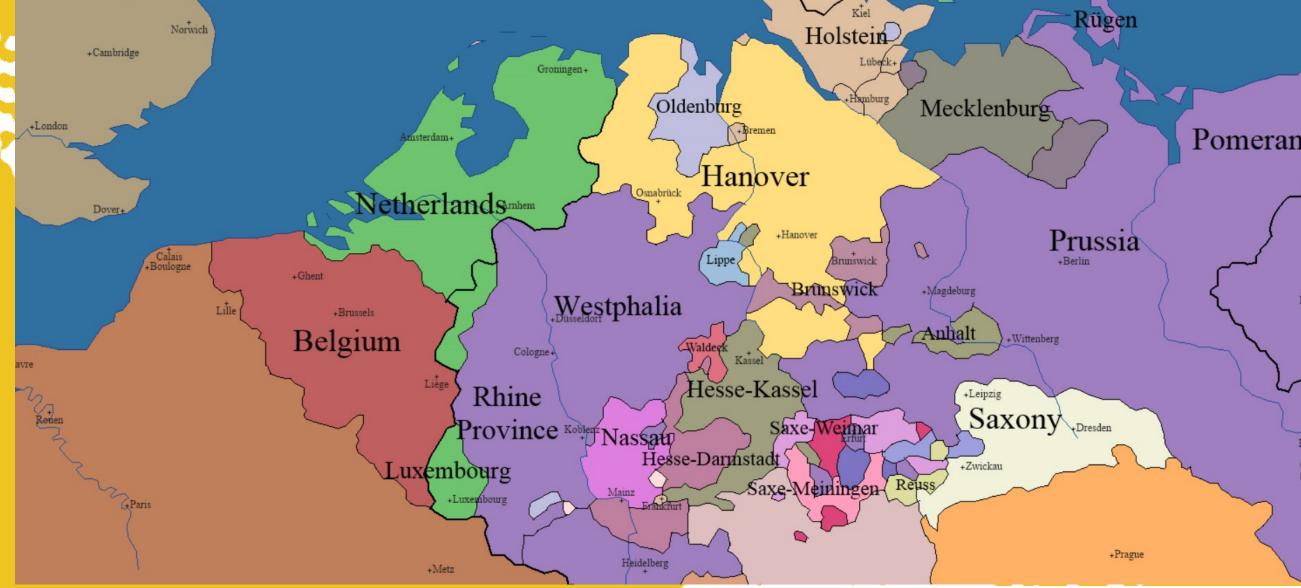
| John Caspar | Mary Ann | Henry Bernard | Mary Anna |
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| Klitz | Schrage | Klitz | Eikmeier |
| b: 15 Dec 1881 Dodge, Dodge, Nebraska, USA d: 21 Dec 1958 Olean, Colfax, Nebraska, USA | b: 23 Dec 1881 Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany m: 10 May 1905 d: 11 Mar 1965 Olean, Colfax, Nebraska, USA | b: 22 Nov 1884 Olean, Colfax, Nebraska, USA d: 02 Jan 1947 Dodge, Dodge, Nebraska, USA | b: 28 Aug 1887 Mastholte, Gutersloh, Nordrhein- Westfalen, Germany m: 06 May 1908 Sacrec Heart Church, Olean, NE d: 06 Jan 1978 Dodge, Dodge, Nebraska, USA |



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Sacred Heart Church, Olean, NE, family church of the Klitz Family





Map of Central Europe, 1849

While John emigrated in 1869 like the rest of his family, he did not travel with them.

He sailed from Bremerhaven, Prussia, leaving on July 18, 1869—13 days after the rest of the Klitz family. He travelled alone for 42 days, across the ocean, with no one that he knew, as best we can tell.

It is unknown why John left after the rest of his family, especially since the entire family received permission at the same time.

