

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



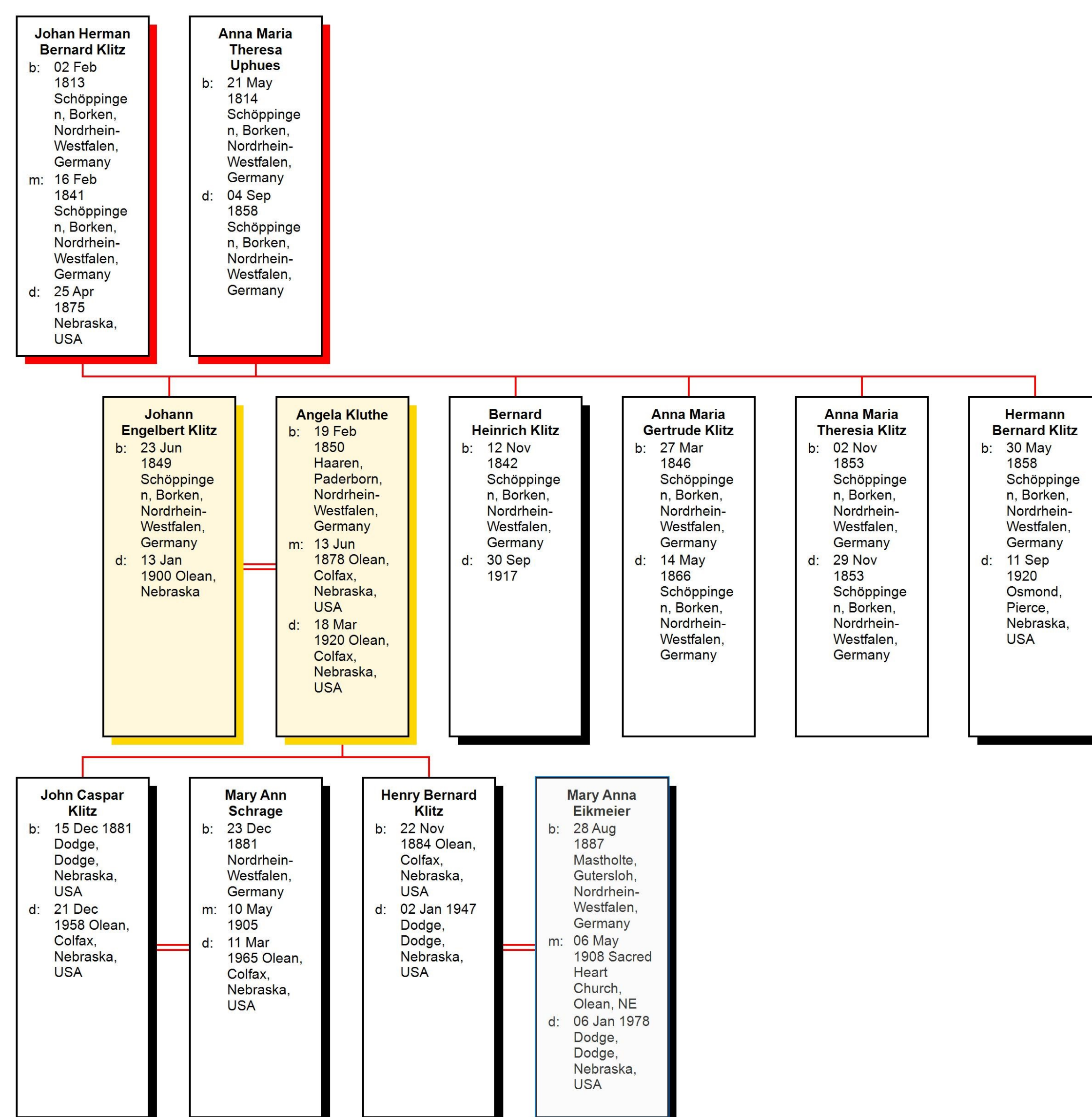
John Henry Klitz



Angela Kluthe Grovijohn

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.



Family Tree of John Henry Klitz and Angela Kluthe Grovijohn



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.