

The Suelzle Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery

(Originally Known As The Westford Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery)

**Located in Clayton Township,
Hutchinson County, South Dakota**

**(Township 100 N, Range 58 W and formerly called the
North Part of Clayton Township)**

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 43.48692, Longitude: -97.71954



Looking northwest from the intersection of 266th Street and 424th Ave. in Clayton Township, Hutchinson County, South Dakota.

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Preface

To our knowledge, the only two Seventh-day Adventist Congregations in Hutchinson County, South Dakota were the Reiswig Congregation, in the Wittenberg North Township of Hutchinson County, and the Suelzle Congregation, in the Clayton Township of Hutchinson County. The Reiswig Seventh-day Adventist Church was established on April 9, 1882. The date that the Suelzle Seventh-day Adventist Church began is, at this time, unknown, but the Suelzle's immigrated and settled in Hutchinson County in 1880. We have been told that the two congregations used to attend each other's church services, when the weather permitted, on an every other week schedule. This explains the marriages between members of both congregations that began in the mid 1880's.

In 1897 and 1898, many of the congregation of the Reiswig Seventh-day Adventist Church immigrated to the new homestead territories in North Dakota. Most of the descendants of Philipp Reiswig moved to Lincoln Township, Sheridan County, North Dakota. After 1900, a number of families from the Suelzle Seventh-day Adventist congregation joined the Reiswigs in North Dakota.

As a descendant of Philipp and Catharina (Kaftan) Reiswig, I decided to write about this cemetery, and those who were likely buried here, even though we have no hard evidence of most of their burials. I believe it is more appropriate to remember these pioneers, than to forget that they lived and died here.

I have a number of people to thank for caring about this cemetery, and helping me with this project. I and my relatives thank the owners of the property that the Suelzle Cemetery is next to. First, Jacob W. Tschetter, who bought the land from John Suelzle; next, Emil J. Tschetter, and finally Wesley Tschetter, the current owner. The Tschetter's have made sure that this cemetery was not destroyed. They have been good caretakers. We also want to thank Daniel Flyger, who after twenty years of driving past this site, contacted my second cousin, Jerry Reiswig, and then me, in January of 2012 about what could be done to restore this cemetery. I thank the Oaklane Colony School children for helping restore this cemetery. Their help has taught me what it is to be a good neighbor. A special thanks to Donna Zeeb who first showed me this cemetery in 2007 when I first visited Hutchinson County, and with out whose help I would never have even known about this cemetery. For those who have helped and I have forgotten to thank, I apologize.

This is NOT a completed work. Much of this is the result of work started almost nine years ago when I began to research those buried in the Lincoln Valley Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Lincoln Township, Sheridan County, North Dakota. To do that work I begged, and borrowed, all the genealogy information I could from other Reiswig researchers. Denise Meador and Donna Schmidt were among the most generous. Since then, Jerry Reiswig has contributed a great deal to our understanding our roots. Any information you have that I don't have is valuable and I would like to hear from you.

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Grave List

#	Name			Date of Birth	Date of Death	Date of Burial	S o u r c e	Grave Stone		Notes
	I n d	F a m	Last					First Middle (Maiden)	Y o r N	
1	01	Bechthold	Abraham C.	June 28, 1880	July 21, 1903		1, 2, & 3	Y		Son of Christof & Maria (Krobotzki) Bechthold. Raised by Adam & Mary (Krobotzki) Stearn.
2	02 & 05	Bentz	George Michael	May 13, 1833	Between 1885 & 1890		2	N		Death occurred after arriving in Hutchinson, South Dakota but before he could apply for his citizenship.
3	03	Rottacher	Abbie	Abt. January 1894	About 1894		2	N		Daughter of Jacob & Mary (Reiswig) Rottacher.
4	03	Rottacher	Rosina (Lukes)	December 1, 1832	Unknown		2	N		Mother of Jacob Rottacher. Known to have died in South Dakota.
5	04 05 & 06	Suelzle	Dorthea (Dietrich)	March 20, 1834	About 1895		2	N		The 2 nd wife of Johannes Suelzle, and the mother of John Suelzle, Sr. on whose homestead the Suelzle Seventh-day Adventist Church and Cemetery were built.
6	05	Suelzle	Elizabeth	October 13, 1890	April 21, 1898		2	N		Daughter of Gottlieb & Margarete (Bentz) Suelzle.
7	04	Suelzle	Emmanuel	March 5, 1898	1900		2	N		Son of Fredrich & Sophie (Hoff) Suelzle.
8	05	Suelzle	Maria	April 22, 1892	April 1, 1898		2	N		Daughter of Gottlieb & Margarete (Bentz) Suelzle.
	04	Suelze	Sophie (Hoff) Reiswig	April 5, 1855	June 6, 1898		2	N		After her husband, Jacob Reiswig, died, she married Friedrich Suelze. Assume she is buried in the Reiswig Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, but she could also be buried here
9	06 & 07	Wall	Katherina (Suelzle)	May 13, 1873	About 1898		2	N		Daughter of Johannes & Dorthea (Dietrich) Suelzle, and wife of August W. Wall.

Sources:

1. Gravestone found.
2. Independent genealogical research.
3. WPA Graves Registration.

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1989 Centennial Atlas of Hutchinson County South Dakota

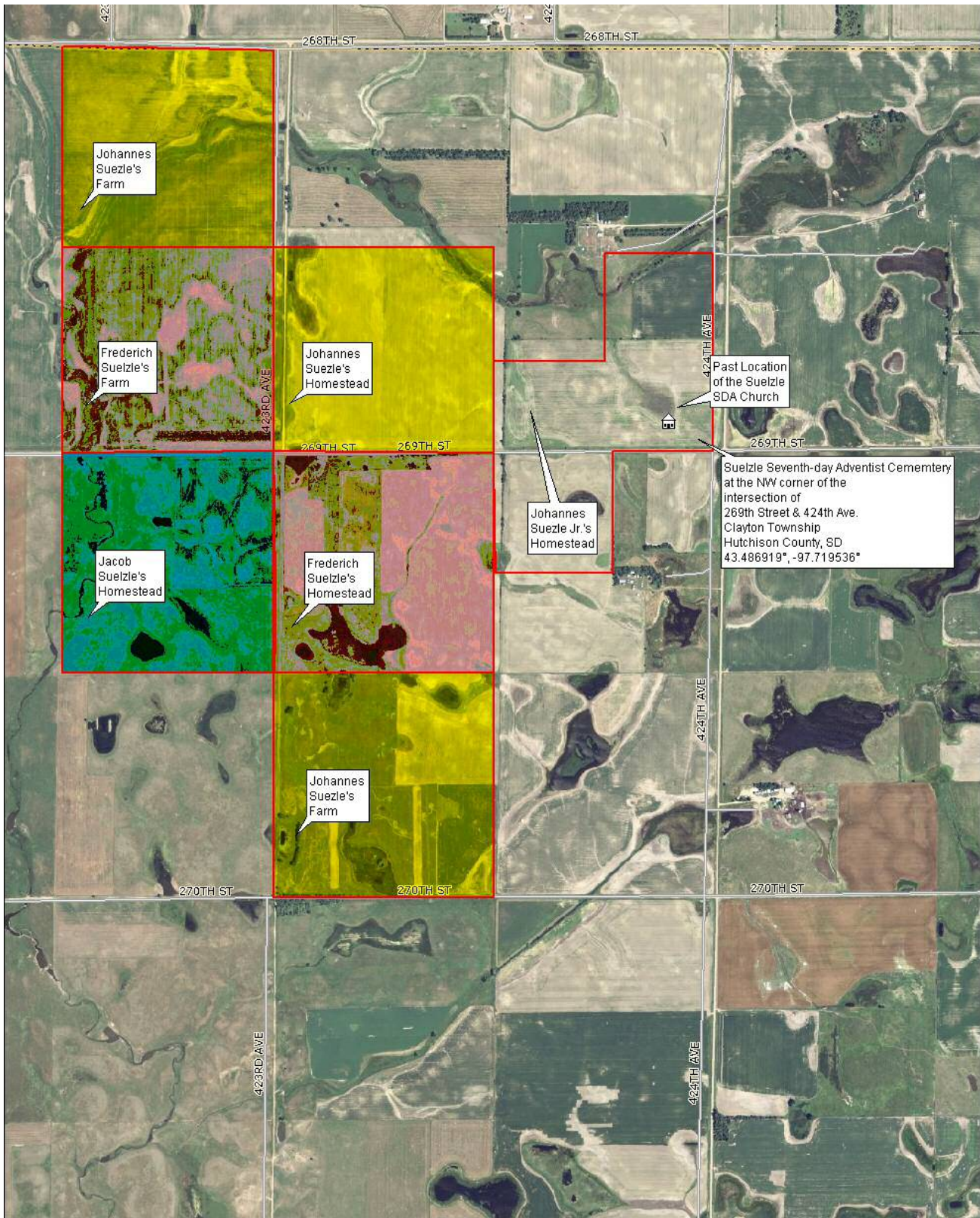
Clayton Township was known as the North Part of Clayton Township in 1889

(Shows only the Patent Land Holders, not necessarily who owned the Property in 1889.)

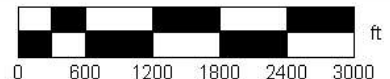
CLAYTON
HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP MAP
 TOWNSHIP: 100 N. RANGE: 58 W.

County Line											
John Klein-sasser	Johannes Sulzle	Friedrich Lang	Friedrich Lang	Karl Lang	Michael Lang	Michael Long	Julius Fiedler	Geo. Duchler	Carl Wahl	Carl Wahl	Johan Bockke
Elias Wipf	Friedrich Sulzle	Johannes Sulzle	Johannes Sulzle Jr.	Karl Lang	Friedrich Huther	Georg Vetter	John Crocni	John Heitzman	Simon Huther	Christian Vosz	Wilhelm Trieb-wasser
John Johnson	Jakob Sulzle	Friedrich Sulzle	Johannes Sulzle Jr. Magdalena Lang	School 16 Land		Wm. Cutts	Johann Heitz-mann	John Heitzman Mathew Schirm	Simon Huther	Christian Vosz	John Voss
Thomas Johnson	Wm. Rudisill	Johannes Sulzle	Jacob Hezberg	School 16 Land		Hinrick Lubker	Friedrich Neubauer	Alois Nipp Jr.	Alois Nipp Sr.	Friedrich Becker	Friedrich Becker
Catharine Bohrab-acher	Layfath Spade	Tom Bentliff	Simon Huther	Adelphi Webster	Thomas Heth	Ruffus Penfold	Friedrich Beier	Amill Nipp	Ferdinand Sallach	Henry Harnisch	Hermann Harnisch
Stephen Richard-son	Colon Smith Edward Sheldon	John Boser	Henry Richard-son	Hermann Tornow	Tanner Briggs	John Keiper	Ludwig Ahrendt	Wm. Nalscher	Philipp Harnisch	John Schaefer	John Schaefer
David Hill	Edward Spel-dan Tanner Titus	Isaac Hodgkin	Chancy Hodgkin	Friedrich Tornow	Katharina Keiper	Valentine Kieper	Emil Nipp	Wm. Nalscher	Ludwig Jans	Wm. Gallagher	John Harnisch
Frank Spooner	James Garner	Thomas DeMoul-pied	Thomas DeMoul-pied	Wm. Werning	Hermann Tornow	August Ineck	Jeff Vetter	Heinrich Tewes	John Langle	Charles Langle	John Boss
John Waldner	John Mitchel Lewis Hosmer	Johan Decker	Alden Winch	Jacob Wurms	Abraham Fast	Frank Franklin	Fried Schulz Christian Voss	John Rade-macher	Adolph Dicner	School 36 Land	
Jean Descom-baz	Andrew Mitchel Lewis Hosmer	Johan Decker	Eugene Welch	Fred Welch	Jakob Fast	John Langle	Johann Drevwitz	Henry Rade-macher	John Rade-macher	School 36 Land	

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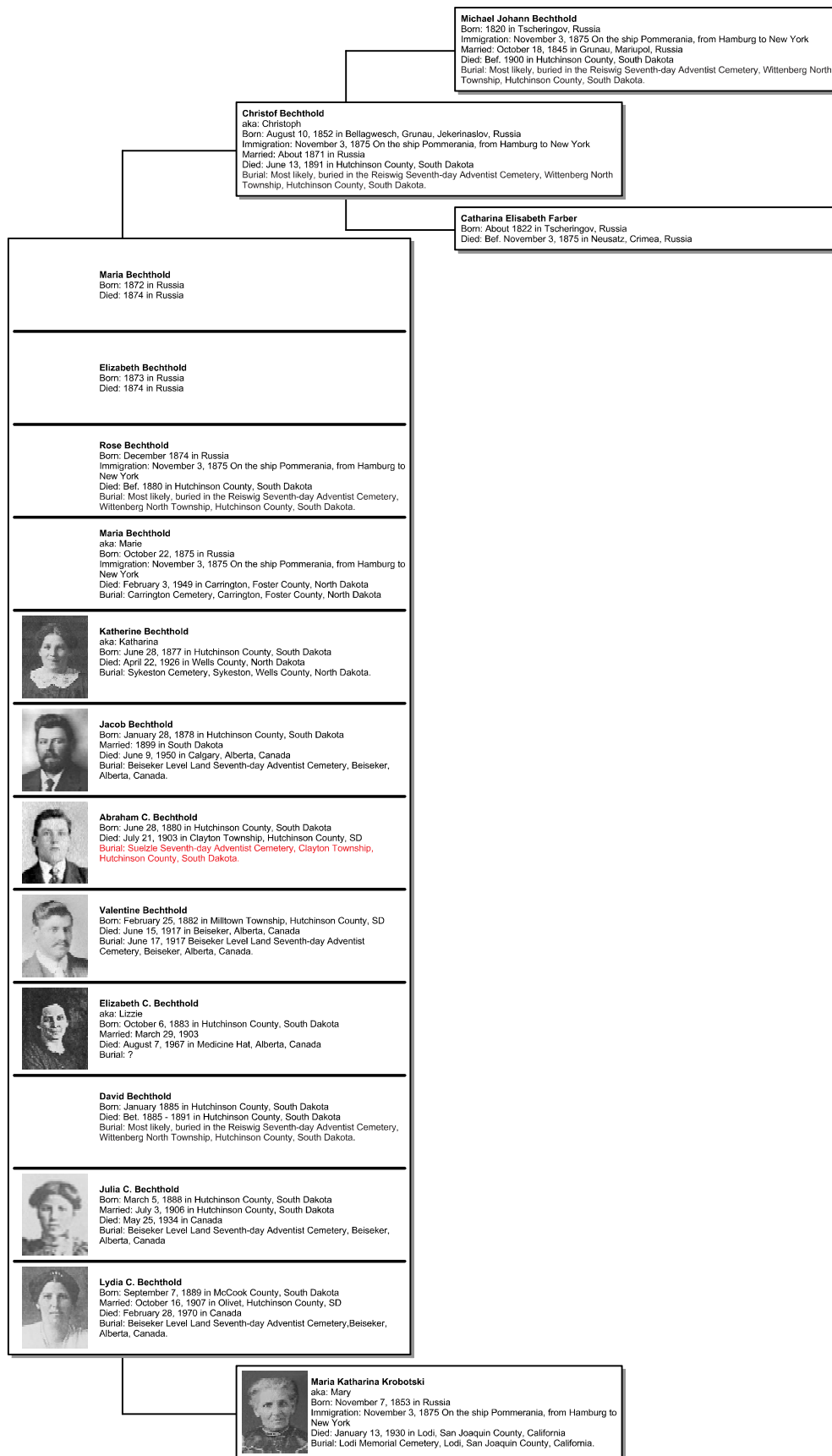


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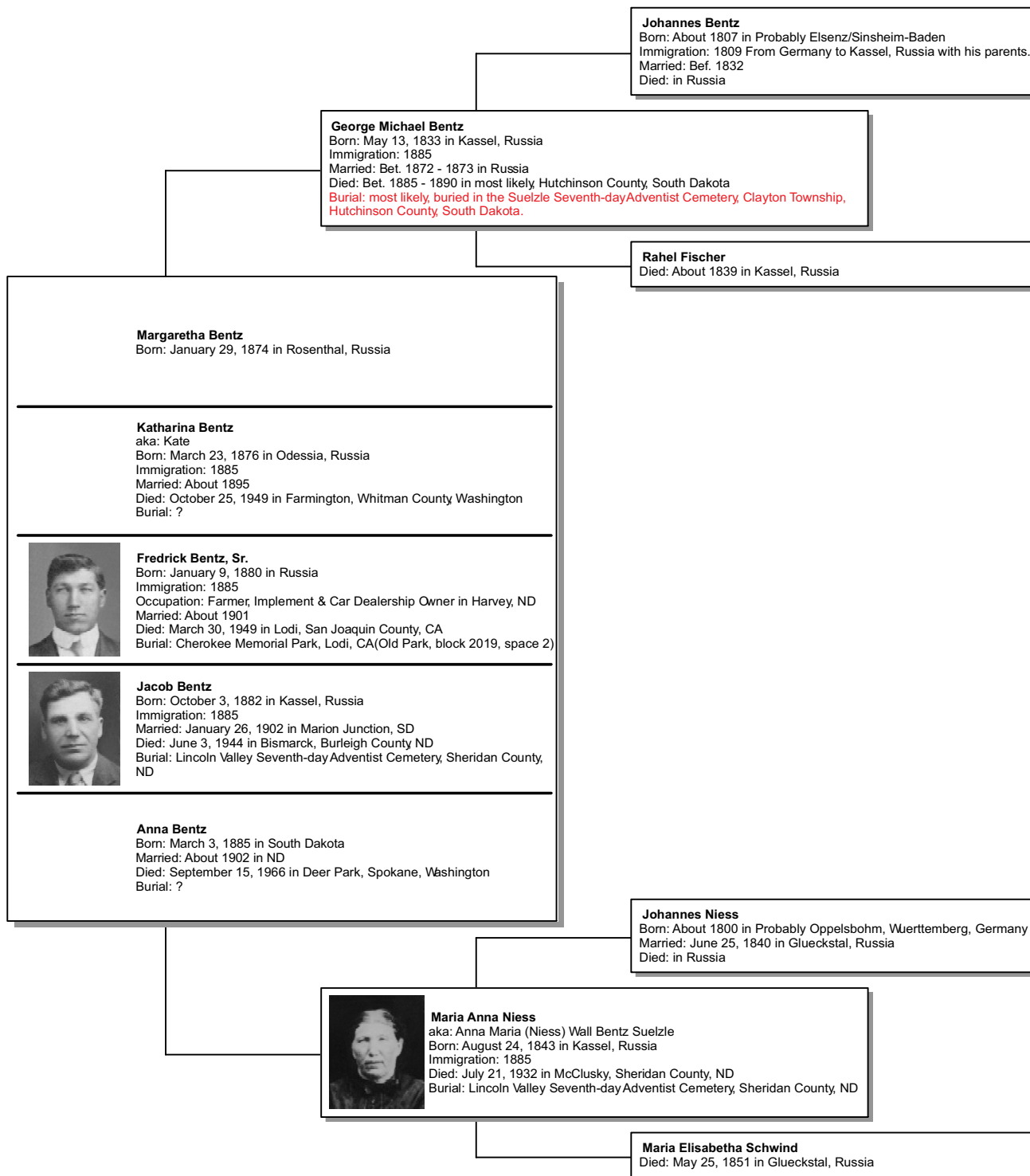


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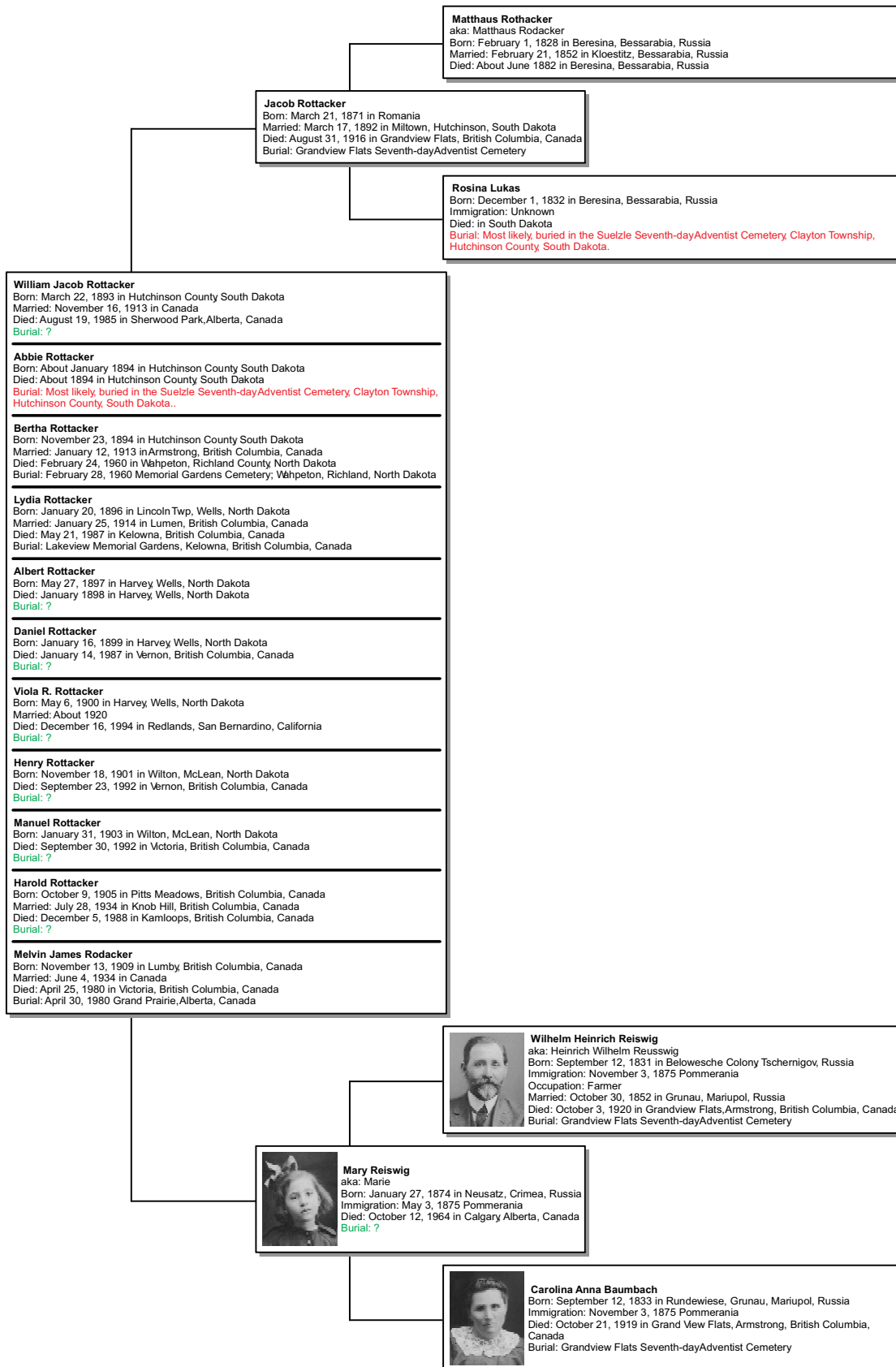


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Family 02: Children & Parents of George & Maria (Niess) Bentz



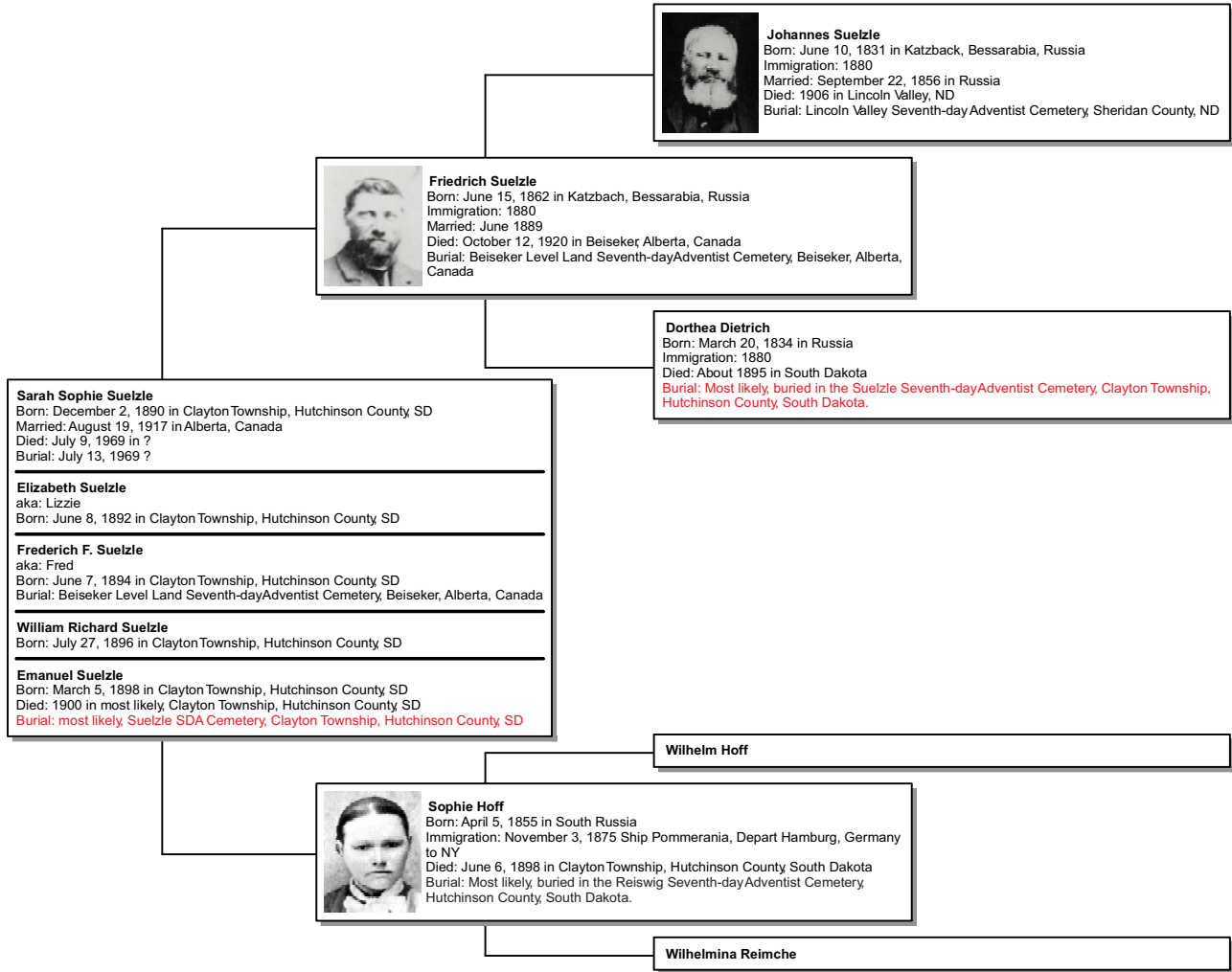
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Family 03: Children & Parents of Jacob & Mary (Reiswig) Rottacker



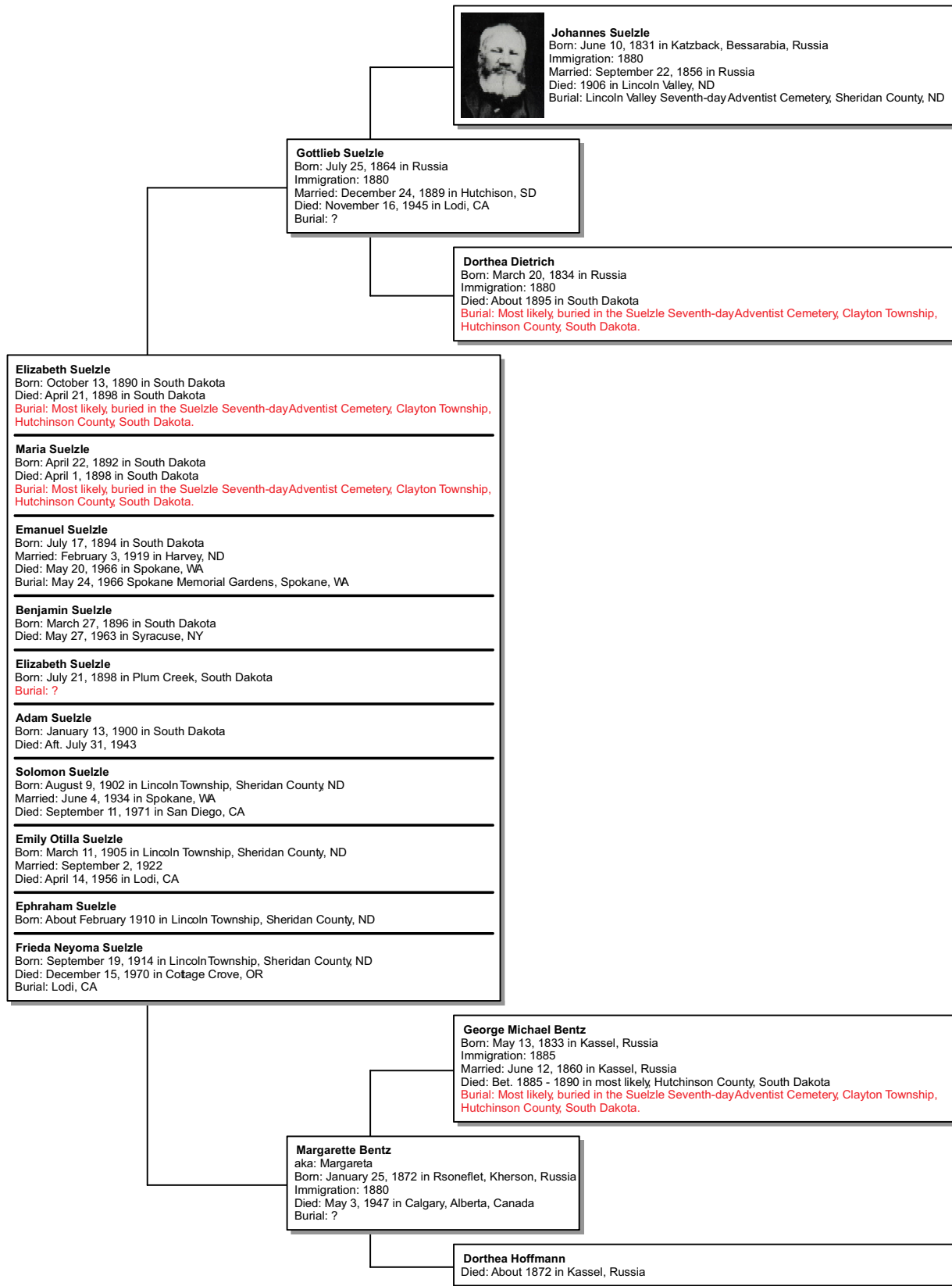
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Family 04: Children & Parents of Friedrich & Sophie (Hoff) Suelzle



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Family 05: Children & Parents of Gottlieb & Margarete (Bentz) Suelzle



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Family 06: Children & Parents of Johannes & Dortehea (Dietrich) Suelzle


Christian Stephan Suelzle
 Born: December 15, 1801 in Katzbach, Bessarabia, Russia
 Married: 1824
 Died: December 21, 1883 in Katzbach, Bessarabia, Russia




Johannes Suelzle
 Born: June 10, 1831 in Katzbach, Bessarabia, Russia
 Immigration: 1880
 Married: September 22, 1856 in Russia
 Died: 1906 in Lincoln Valley, ND
 Burial: Lincoln Valley Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Sheridan County, ND

Katharina Fai
 Born: October 9, 1803 in Poland
 Died: November 29, 1888 in Katzbach, Bessarabia, Russia

Gottlob Suelzle
 Born: in Russia
 Died: in Russia




John Suelzle, Sr.
 aka: Johannes
 Born: June 15, 1859 in Katzbach, Bessarabia, Russia
 Immigration: 1880
 Married: 1879 in South Russia
 Died: December 28, 1926 in Beiseker Alberta, Canada
 Burial: SDA Rosebud Cemetery, Beiseker, Alberta, Canada




Friedrich Suelzle
 Born: June 15, 1862 in Katzbach, Bessarabia, Russia
 Immigration: 1880
 Married: June 1889
 Died: October 12, 1920 in Beiseker Alberta, Canada
 Burial: Beiseker Level Land Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Beiseker, Alberta, Canada

Gottlieb Suelzle
 Born: July 25, 1864 in Russia
 Immigration: 1880
 Married: December 24, 1889 in Hutchison, SD
 Died: November 16, 1945 in Lodi, CA
 Burial: ?

Christian Sulzle
 aka: Christian Sulzle
 Born: May 27, 1868 in Neu Beresina, Russia
 Occupation: Seventh-day Adventist Minister
 Married: January 17, 1904 in Lincoln Township, Sheridan County, ND
 Died: June 17, 1949 in Walla Walla, Washington
 Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery, College Place, Walla Walla County, Washington.



Christina Suelzle
 aka: Christine
 Born: December 22, 1870 in Beresina, Russia
 Immigration: 1880
 Married: November 29, 1891 in Milltown, SD
 Died: June 12, 1954 in Lodi, CA
 Burial: Lodi Memorial Cemetery Lodi, CA (Pioneer Section)



Katherina Suelzle
 aka: Katherine or Katie
 Born: May 13, 1873 in Russia
 Immigration: 1880
 Died: About 1898 in Emery, Hanson County, SD
 Burial: most likely buried in the Suelzle Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Clayton Township, Hutchinson County, South Dakota.

Dorthea Dietrich
 Born: March 20, 1834 in Russia
 Immigration: 1880
 Died: About 1895 in South Dakota
 Burial: most likely buried in the Suelzle Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Clayton Township, Hutchinson County, South Dakota.

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Family 07: Children & Parents of August W. & Katherina (Suelzle) Wall

