

# Neiers Families in the U. S.

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The **Neiers** families I am aware of all are descendents of Peter **Neuertz** of Hassel, Luxembourg. Peter was married twice and between the two wives, had twenty-three children. Peter died 30 October 1790. Of these descendents, I am aware of seven families from four children that emigrated to the U.S. These are the descendents of:

Franz **Neuertz**, son of Peter and Marie **Molter**, born in Hassell 3 September 1743 and Anna **Weber**;

Nicolas **Neuertz**, son of Peter and Anna Elisabeth **Altz**, born in Hassell 5 April 1758 and Catharine **Huber**;

Jean Pierre (Johann Peter) **Neuertz**, grandson of Peter and Anna Elisabeth, born in Hassel 3 May 1823 and Josephine **Steichen**, his second wife; and

Francis **Neuertz**, also son of Peter and Anna Elisabeth, born 28 APR 1770 and Catharine **Weinand**.

Only those families that I know have had descendents in the U S are shown in the diagram. The families of Michel **Neuers** & Margaretha **Reichling** , Suzanna **Neiers** & Bernard **Mousselle**, and Nicolas **Neiers** & Anna **Mousel** all lived in the Roedt/Trintingen area. These are two neighboring towns separated only by the road. One side of the road is Roedt and the other is Trintingen. They are both in the parish of Waldbredimus, where many of the birth, baptism, marriage, and death records are. The children of these families, Margaret Marie **Neiers**, married to Mathias **Loes**, Marie **Neiers**, married to Peter **Loes**, and John **Neiers**, who married Anna **Loes** in the U. S., all emigrated to Cascade, Dubuque County, Iowa in the mid 1860s.

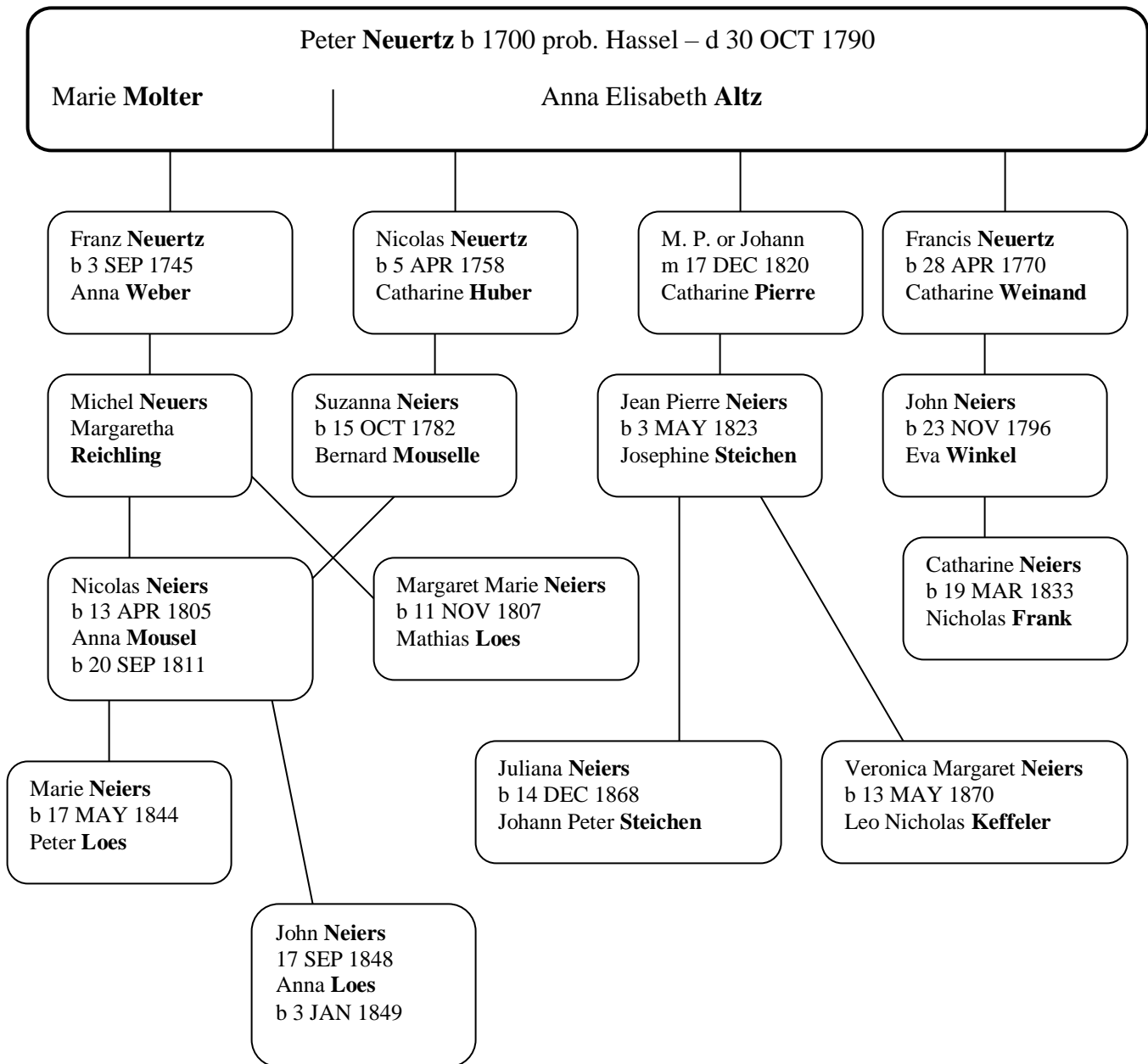
Jean Pierre (Johann Peter) **Neiers** and his second wife, Josephine **Steichen**, and their family immigrated first to Dubuque County, with a brief stay in Bellvue, Jackson County for their daughter, Juliana, and then they all went to the area around Woonsocket, Meade, and Sturgis, South Dakota. Some of the records of this family in the U.S. are listed as the surname **Neyers**.

The fourth family is Catharine **Neiers**, the first wife of Nicholas **Frank**. They lived in Mequon, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin and later moved to a farm at Woodville, Calumet County, Wisconsin.

John **Neiers, Jr.**(1848 – 1907)

John, Jr., known as "Hans" in Cascade, Iowa, where he was a saloon keeper, raised a large family of ten children, which account for all those I know of in the U.S. today with the **Neiers** surname. He was born in Roedt, 17 September 1848. He was one of the younger children in a family of eleven. His father, Nicolas **Neuers (Neiers)** ran a tavern

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in Roedt. His Godparents were Joannes **Kuny** of Roedt and Marie **Hamneel / Houmel** (probably **Hommel**) of Roedt. He was always referred to as John **Neiers, Jr.**, which most likely was in reference to being the youngest "John" in the family. His siblings: Michael, born 12 June 1833; Marie, born 5 February 1835; Peter, born 3 November 1836; Suzanne, born 2 November 1838; John, born 12 November 1840; John, born 2 March 1843; Marie, born 17 May 1844; Anna, born 23 May 1846; Nicolas, born 9 October 1850; and Maria, born 24 December 1853. Some information on each follows.

Michael (1833 – 1922) remained in Luxembourg. His Godparents were Michel **Neuertz** and Suzanne (**Neuertz**) **Mousel**. He married Elisabeth **Reichling** 23 February 1854. He married Maria Bûcher 26 April 1865, with whom he had a family of seven children. He died 21 January 1922.

Maria (1835 – 1891), sometimes called Mary, remained in Luxembourg. Her Godparents were Nicolas **Mousel** of Trintingen and Maria **Neuers** from Medingen. She died 31 August 1891. I do not believe she ever married.

Peter (1836 – 1916) came to the U.S. and lived in the area around Key West, Dubuque County, Table Mound Township. He was living there in 1880. His Godparents were Peter **Neiers** of Roedt and Maria **Mousel** of Trintingen. He died in Dubuque, Iowa 15 February 1916.

Suzanne (1836 - ) Her Godparents were Peter **Mousel** of Trintingen and Suzzanne **Neiers** of Roedt. She married Peter **Bodening** from Haute-Purthe, France 29 March 1871. She was living in Paris, France in July 1907.

John (1840 - ) This is the eldest John in the Nicolaus **Neuers** and Anna **Mousel** family of Roedt. His Godparents were John **Mousel** of Trintingen and Maria **Ernster** of Roedt. He came to the U.S. \_\_\_?\_\_\_ (probably with John **Neiers, Jr.**) and later returned to Luxembourg. The 1880 list of electors for the town of Cascade, Iowa lists both John **Neiers, Jr.** and John **Neiers, Sr.** A John **Neiers**, other than John **Neiers, Jr.**, was 40 years old and lived in Cascade, Iowa in 1880. John **Neiers, Sr.** was in Betenburg, Luxembourg July 1907.

John (1843 – 1843) This John died in infancy. His Godparents were John **Neiers** of Roedt and Maria **Graff** of Roedt. He died 29 March 1843. This is also his burial date.

Marie (1844 – 1904) Her Godparents were Michel **Mousel** of Trintingen and Maria **Goergen** of Trintingen. (I assume Maria **Goergen** is the sister-in-law of Nicolas **Neiers**, i.e., Mrs., Peter **Neiers**.) She came to the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ and married Peter **Loes**, son of Nicolas **Loess** & Marguerite **Gehrens** at Key West, Dubuque County, Iowa 28 June 1869. They lived on a farm at Key West where they had nine children. The children were: Anna M., born 30 April 1870; Nicholas F., born July 1871; Lena, born circa 1873; Kate, born May 1874; John, born circa 1876, Mary V., born November 1877; Josephine, born April 1879; Christine, born circa 1889; and Elizabeth F., born January 1881. Only Anna M., Mary V., and Elizabeth F. married. Anna M. married Francis F. **Loes**, son of Michel **Loes** & Marguerite **Entringer** 26 January 1904. They were second cousins with common great-grandparents Nicolous **Liess** & Marie **Thoma**. Mary V. married George **Schrup** and Elizabeth F. married Harvey L. **Pier** at Key West in 1913. Both Mary and Elizabeth remained in the Key West area, where they had children.

Anna (1846 – 1846) There is some confusion with this data. There is a record of Anna, born and died 23 May 1846. Her Godparents were Henry **Neiers** of Trintingen and Anna **Neiers** of Trintingen. There was also an Anna **Neiers** of this same family, that was alive in the Franciscan Order in 1907.

Nicolas (1850 – 1930) His Godparents were Nicolas **Goergen** of Roedt and Marie **Mousel** of Roedt. Nicolas came to the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_. He lived with John **Neiers**, Jr. in Cascade in 1880. His occupation was a saloon keeper. He returned to Luxembourg and married Catherine **Buisfeld**.

Maria (1853 – 1913) Maria was alive in Luxembourg in 1907

John, Jr. received his notice to serve in the Prussian Army in the Franco-Prussian war and, like all patriotic Luxembourgers, left Roedt the following morning. He sailed from Antwerp 28 March 1867, arriving in the U.S. (port not known) 3 May 1867. He settled in Cascade, working first as a farm laborer, and then running his own saloon. He married Anna **Loes**, daughter of Michel **Loes** & Marguerite **Entringer**, 14 September 1874 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dubuque.

John **Neiers**, Jr. and Anna **Loes** lived in Cascade where they raised the following children. All were born at Cascade. Michael Joseph, born 4 July 1875. He married Augusta **Gehl** 18 October 1905. Michael and Augusta had five children: Carl John, Anna Helen, Harold John, Eugene Norbert, and Frederick Michael. All but Anna Helen married and have families. Michael died 4 May 1878.

John William "Bill", born 8 March 1878. He married Alice Margaret **Coyne** 18 September 1912 at St. Patrick's in Audubon, Iowa. They lived in Cascade until the death of Bill 11 May 1932. Bill and Margaret **Neiers** had four children: Mary Margaret, Anna E., Jeanette Monica, and John William. They all married. Only Mary Margaret had no children.

Elizabeth Cecelia "Liz", born 12 June 1880. She married Michael Leo "Mike" **Hosch** 10 May 1905 at St. Mary's Cascade. They lived in Cascade for a short time, then moved to a farm in the Farley, Iowa area. Liz and Mike **Hosch** had eight children. The oldest, Frances Xavier "Francis", was born at Cascade. Catharine Odelia "Odelia" was born at Farley. The remainder were born at Randolph, Nebraska, where Liz and Mike moved to a farm. The other children were Leo Mathias "Leo", Lawrence Thomas Sylvester "Lawrence", Mary Magdalena, Elizabeth Elaine "Elaine", Anna LaVerne "LaVerne", and Marceline Delores "Marcella". They all had large families.

Maria Josephine. "Josie", born 27 April 1882, remained at home with her younger brothers, Nicholas and Raphael, after both parents, John and Anna died. Josie later married William **Podhaskie**, whose first wife had died. William had children by the first wife. William and Josie had no children. They ran a hatchery in Monticello, Iowa. Josie died 30 May 1954.

Karl Joseph "Charlie", born 14 July 1883. He married Mary Margaret **Turnis** 24 November 1910. They farmed around Platte, South Dakota where they raised four children: Vernon Cresen, Ethedra Bonifas "Bonnie", Carl Joseph, and Carlyn Mary. Only Bonnie married and had a family. Charlie **Neiers** retired to Lake Andes, South Dakota. He died 5 June 1954 and is buried at St. Peter's cemetery in Platte.

Frederick Leo, born 1 July 1885. He was a salesman for Green Colonial Furnace. He married Margaret **Herard**. They lived in Des Moines, Iowa where he died 8 May 1919. Fred and Margaret **Neiers** had no children.

Nicholas J., born 24 May 1887. When just a child on a rocking horse, his brother , Francis, shot an arrow at the horse just as he rocked forward. He had a glass eye that he used to advantage when playing cards. The story goes he would place the eye on the table in front of him and it would be very disconcerting to the other players. "Nick" married Elizabeth **Lahr** 27 January 1927. They had three children: Mary Elizabeth, Nicholas J., and Paul Frances. They all married and have families. Nick remained in the family home at Cascade and continued the tradition of keeping boarders, many of whom were relatives. He also continued the tavern business started by John **Neiers, Jr.**, "The Hub", on the main street of Cascade is well known across the country. In addition to the normal products of a tavern, Nick **Neiers** was a favored distributor of dairy products, fruit, and potatoes in season. Nick **Neiers** died 7 October 1944 at his home in Cascade.

Francis Haverius, born 21 January 1892. He died of Appendicitus 20 August 1899.

Raphael Peter "Jim" **Neiers**, born 9 March 1895. He had many occupations in his life. He was first in the quartermaster corps and later the medical corps in WWI. He served at Camp Dodge, Iowa and Fort Riley, Kansas. Among his early professions were photo finishing and shoe repair. For years, he did not drive an automobile. He only drove an Xelsior motor cycle. He had such vending machines as peanuts, pin balls, juke boxes, and various games. For years, he had scales throughout eastern Iowa and western Illinois. He married Margaret Elizabeth **Scheckel**, whom he met when she was a young girl taking sewing lessons from his sister, Josie. They married at St. Martin's Cascade 24 November 1936. They had one child, James William Thomas, who was named after his own nickname and his brother "Bill". James married and has a family. Raphael was known only as "Jim" by many of the people in Cascade. He told the story of how his older brother , Bill, gave him the nickname. They were children playing in the barn when Raphael said that he did not like his name. Bill asked him what name he would like and he replied "Jim". Bill said, "Fine, after this we'll call you Jim." The name stuck with him throughout his life. He even received votes for mayor of Cascade under that name. Except for the time in the Army, he lived all his life in Cascade. He was mayor of the town and a Justice of the Peace in Jones County. For years he ran a lawn mower repair shop and sharpened everything from farmers' sickles to surgeons' scalpels. He and Margaret were active in veteran's organizations up to the time of their deaths in an auto accident near Martell, Iowa during a snowstorm 2 April 1975.

John **Neiers, Jr.** died 27 July 1907 at Cascade. His wife Anna died 6 march 1918 at Cascade.