

German families in the Sacred Heart Creek and Middle Creek settlements who were members of the Evangelical Association church who were killed or taken captive; some other German family names of these settlements too

Many of the German families in the Sacred Heart Creek and Middle Creek settlements were members of the German-speaking Evangelical Association church. Many of these people had converted from Lutheran after coming to America. Large groups of extended families often traveled to new areas together to settle and to start new congregations. There was a congregation in the Sacred Heart area and a congregation in the Middle Creek area.

On Sunday, August 17, 1862, the two congregations held a joint service at one of the home of John Lettou. By August 19th, almost 100 of these people had been killed and most of the rest had been taken captive. Here are the names of the people who were in each of the settlements who were members of the Evangelical Association as identified by the Middle Creek Church records. There could be more – these are the names that are identified.

The book “Outbreak and Massacre by the Dakota Indians in Minnesota in 1862” by Marion Satterlee, copyright 1923, and edited by Don Heinrich Tolzmann and re-published by Heritage Books, 2009, contains the best information about the families of these two settlements – who were killed, taken captive, or were refugees at Fort Ridgely.

Sacred Heart Settlement Church Members:

- Paul Kitzman, wife, and 5 children
- Male Wagner, brother of Mrs. Kitzman
- Frederick Krause, (mis-noted as “T. Krause” or “T. Krus” or “Crowsie”) wife Dorothea Fleming Krause, niece and foster-daughter Pauline Wallner (mis-identified as Frederick Krause’s sister-in-law), and two children (my family)
- Carl August Henning (mis-noted as Horning), wife Rosina Fleming Henning (sister to Dorothea Fleming Krause), and 4 children
- Frederick Krueger (mis-noted as Krieger), wife Justina Lange Krueger (Krieger), 3 Lange step-children (Justina’s children by a first marriage) and 5 Krueger (Krieger) children
- William Lammers, wife Sophia, and 2 children
- Gottlieb Zable (Zabel), wife Anna
- Emiel Grundman, wife, and 2 children

Other families in this settlement not identified as members of the Evangelical Association Church:

- John Urban, wife Pauline, and 5 children (Mrs. Lange, Mrs. Frass, and Mrs. Urban were sisters)

- August Frass, wife Justina, and 2-3 children
- One Untermach
- Gluth Family, father mentioned but only August Gluth, 10, named
- John Neuman, wife and 3 children
- Michael Yess (also identified as Guess), wife, and 2 children
- Mrs. Mary Laramie (another Lammers family?) and 2 children
- Thiele family (also called Tille), husband, wife and 2 children

Middle Creek Settlement Evangelical Association Church Members:

- John Lettou, wife Ann, and 5 children
- Rev. Christian L. Seder (guest of Lettou family who led church service on August 17, 1862)
- Gottlieb Boelter, wife Justina
- Michael Boelter (son of Gottlieb and Justina), wife, and 3 children
John Boelter (son of Gottlieb and Justina), wife Justina Wendland Boelter, and 3 children
- John Zitzlaff (also noted as Zitloff and Sitzton), widower
- Michael Zitzlaff (son of John Zitzlaff), wife Mary Juni Zitzlaff
John Sieg, wife Anna (daughter of John Zitzlaff), and 3 children
- John Meyer, wife Caroline (daughter of John Zitzlaff), and 3 children
- William Inefeldt, wife Wilhelmine (daughter of John Zitzlaff), and 1 child
- John Roesler, wife Justina Fleming Roesler (sister to Dorothea Fleming Krause of Sacred Heart settlement), and 2 children
- Fred Roesler, brother to John Roesler
- Gottlieb Mannweiler, wife
- John Kochendorfer, wife Catherine, and 5 children
- Gottfried Busse (mis-noted as Buce), wife Wilhelmine, and 6 children
- William Schmidt (mis-noted as Smith), wife, and three children
- Louis Thiele, wife, and 3 children
- Ernest Hauf, wife, and 4 children
- Eusebius Reyff (alternate spellings Reiff, Reyft, Reif), wife Sarah, and 6 children
- Johann Schwandt, wife Christina, and 4 children
- John Walz, wife Caroline (daughter of Johann Schwandt)
- T. Lentz and wife F. Lentz
- Ernest Lentz, wife W., and 3 children
- Nichols Family, husband, wife, and 2 children (related to Lentz family)
- Mrs. Amelia Lange and 2 children (related to Justina Lange Krieger?)(Mrs. Amelia Lange, Mrs. Frass and Mrs. Pauline Urban were sisters)

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