



MORRISON FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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St. Louis County Library Yields Baptismal Records for Josephine (Schuetz) Pitz. Mother to Carrie Pitz.

At the St. Louis County Library, there is a wonderful genealogy section on the second floor. It houses the church records for St. Louis going back to the late 1800s when St. Louis was being settled by immigrants from Ireland and Germany. A search of an old German church Lady of Perpetual Help uncovered the baptismal records of the children of Joseph and Josephine Pitz.

Until now, we did not know the maiden name of Josephine. The baptismal records show the maiden name of "Schuetz". The records also show the god parents, and it is interesting to note their names.

Joseph Pitz and Josephine Schuetz were likely married in this same church, but there is no index of marriages, and a lengthy search would be required to confirm this. The likely date would be about 1881.

They had four children between 1882 and 1888.

Caroline Florence Pitz born June 17, 1882, bapt Sept 14

Godparent: Caroline Hartman (her namesake?)

Ida Louise born June 11, 1884, bapt Aug 16

Godparent: Louise Schuetz

Robert Albert Pitz born Jan 31, 1886, bapt Mar 14

Godparents: Robert Disch and Ida Schuetz

Catherina Rose Pitz born April 28, 1888, bapt July 15

Godparent: Christine Scettale

Josephine (Schuetz) Pitz died January 29, 1891. A year and a half later, Joseph Pitz married Carrie Disch, sister of Robert Disch, godparent of Robert Albert. They had no children together.

Uncle Larry Morrison had remembered that Josephine's maiden name was something like Schultz



Picture of St. Liborius Church, one of the several old German churches that existed in the late 1800s

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Anson Reed Morrison (1840-1880) Children found in 1880 US Census living with McGrail relatives

We had very little information on the family of Anson Reed Morrison of Civil War fame. He had moved to work in Chicago, married and had two children. His wife, Margreth (1870 US Census), died in 1875. Two children were born between 1871 and 1875.

We found his two children in the 1880 US Census living in Worcester, MA, with relatives. These families were headed by John McGrail and Steven McGrail. It is almost certain that these were the brothers of Margaret McGrail, the wife of Anson Reed.

Recently, a search of

Worcester County Probate records revealed the adoption papers of Albert J. Morrison and Mary C. Morrison. These papers were signed by Anson Reed in 1878, two years before his death in 1880 back in Chicago. One can only imagine the reasons why he gave up care of his children. (Continued Page 3).

Internet Sites:

- Morrison DNA project
http://home.mindspring.com/~efholcombe/index_files/Page1667.htm
- Maine 3rd Regiment
<http://www.thirdmaine.org/history.htm>
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