

JOHN JOSEPH JACOB MOEGLIN was born 24 April 1826 in Bavaria, Germany. The exact location is unknown. Little is known of Joseph's life in Germany. His naturalization paper said he left Bavaria at the age of 23 between March 21 and 31 of 1848. He denounced his allegiance to Maximilian who had just taken the throne on March 20, 1848. He noted in his declaration of intent for naturalization that he came from Bavaria (Bayern), but didn't indicate the name of the town. On 20 May 1848, Joseph entered America at New York City, aboard the ship *London*, an American ship that sailed only between New York and London/Liverpool, England. The passenger list gives only his place of origin as Germany. Joseph Moeglein became a citizen of the United States on 5 October 1850.

Joseph signed his own name as "Mogelein", indicating that he pronounced it (MAY-geh-line), not (MOWG-line) as it is pronounced today. The name Moeglein is said to be toponymic, that is coming from the name of a location, and so some family members have looked at locations within Germany that could be the source. These are close but none are in Bavaria. Two are close to the Bavarian border, and may have been included in the country of Bavaria when Joseph was born.

Joseph Moeglein married ENGEL SOPHIE MARIE ELEANORE BORCHERS on 16 Dec 1851 in Madison, Dane Co., Wisconsin. The marriage certificate states it was a legal ceremony.

Joseph and Sophie had five children:

- ❖ Marie Magdeline Moeglein (m. Frederick August Meyer) b.1853-d.1935
- ❖ George Frederick Moeglein (m. Christina Schmidt) b.1856-d.1930
- ❖ Mathilda Moeglein (m. Heinrich W. Stark) b. 1858-d.1880
- ❖ Charles Moeglein b. 1860-d.1870
- ❖ Joseph Michael (Moeglein) Maglein (m. Josepine Martin) b.1863-d.1943

George, Joseph and son-in-law, Frederick all became butchers by profession.

On 20 April 1853, Joseph purchased a deed for 20 acres of land from Andreas and Mary Wehner for \$80.00. He began farming his land (south half of the north-west quarter of the north-east quarter of Section 31 in Town 8 north, of Range 10 east in county of Dane and State of Wisconsin-found in Grantee Index). On 9 November 1858, the Grantee

Index again shows that Joseph purchased another

deed for land in Dane County, Wisconsin (south one-half, south-east one-fourth of Section 31 in Town 8 of Range 10).



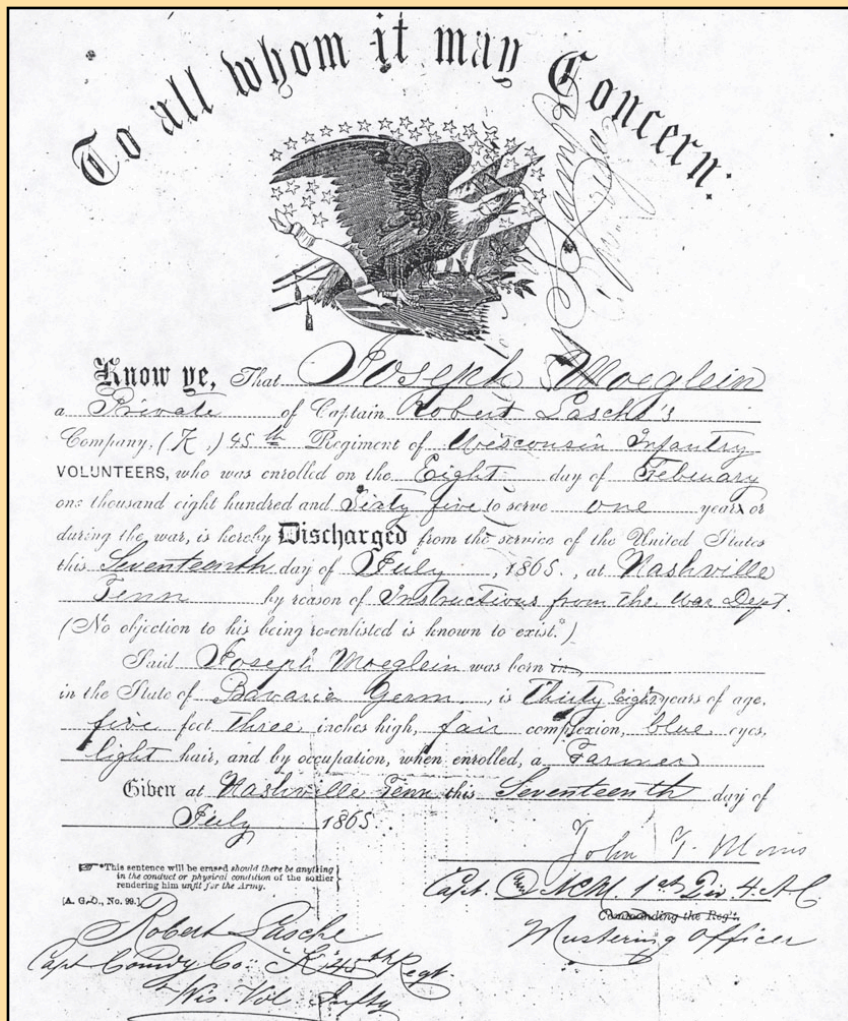
626 Williamson Street, Madison, WI

The 1858 Madison City Directory has the entry Jas. Maglein, laborer, home located on W. Canal between Main and Washington avenues. West Canal is now call Hancock. It appears that by 1860 he had moved to the house at 626 Williamson, as in the census he was living near the Sprecher Brewery, which was located on the corner of Williamson and Blount. He began working at the Wisconsin State capitol as a laborer.

In January of 1865, Joseph joined the United States Army, Company K, 45th Reg, Wisconsin Infantry Volunteers. He was stationed at Fr. Negley near Nashville Tennessee, and served as a cook for his company. It does not appear that he was involved in any battles. He was discharged on 17 July 1865 and returned to work as a laborer at the Wisconsin State capitol. This information came from newspaper articles around the time of his death in October of 1867 stating that he was "one of the workmen employed about the Capitol for some years".



Union Flag - Civil War



Joseph Moeglein's Discharge Paper
from the Civil War

On 24 May, 1867, Joseph 'Moegalan' (als. Moglan, Moeglein, Maegelin, Maglein), purchased from C.H. Gegelschap, a \$1000 life insurance policy. This was just six months before his untimely death. "Mrs. Sophie Moglan" was paid \$975.35 on the 26th of November. The information that Joseph supplied for the policy again puts his place of origin as Bavaria, but again without specifying a town. Joseph died 22 Oct 1867 in Madison, Dane Co., Wisconsin, and was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, the cemetery used by Fort Randall – Wisconsin's Civil War military training camp where the University now stands in Madison, Wisconsin. His grave (Lot 47, Section 3), was recently marked with a veteran's marker, by two descendants, to replace the original marker that had disappeared. (See Newspaper story of Joseph Moeglein's death.)

Sophia Marie Borchers was born in Stroit, in the Duchy of Braunschweig on 22 Oct 1830 (according to emigration records and Oct 1829 by death certificate), daughter of Heinrich Christian Borchers (linen weaver by trade) and Sophie Marie Haars. She immigrated to the United States in 1851.

Three of Sophia (Borchers) Moeglein's brothers came to America in 1854; they were Frederick Wilhelm Borchers, born 26 March 1818 in Stroit, a linen weaver. Johann Ernst Conrad Borchers, born 27 September 1823 in Stroit. And finally, Heinrich Andreas Ludwig Borchers, born 24 June 1826 in Stroit. The younger two were not married, and their occupations were not listed.

After Joseph's fatal accident on 22 October 1867, Sophia's 37th birthday, she married John Reising a year later on 26 Oct 1868. It appears that this marriage didn't work as records again list her as Sophia Moeglein.

John Reising and Sophia (Moeglein) had one child:

❖ Sophia M. Reising (m. Richard L. Henschell) b.1871-d.1922



Sophia (Borchers) Moeglein



Sophie (Reising-Moeglein) Henschell

Sometime after Sophia's failed marriage to John Reising, Frederick and Magdeline "Lena" Meyer (her daughter) moved off their 80 acre farm near Madison (northwest quarter of Bristol Township) with their three daughters and moved in with Sophia at 626 Williamson Street. Frederick became a butcher and helped support Sophia. Sophia and the Meyer family remain there until 1890 (Madison City Directory and paper on house sale) when Sophia sold the house and she and her daughter, Sophia, moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota with the Meyer family.

Little Falls, Minn. Decr 20 1890

Mr Sophia Meyer

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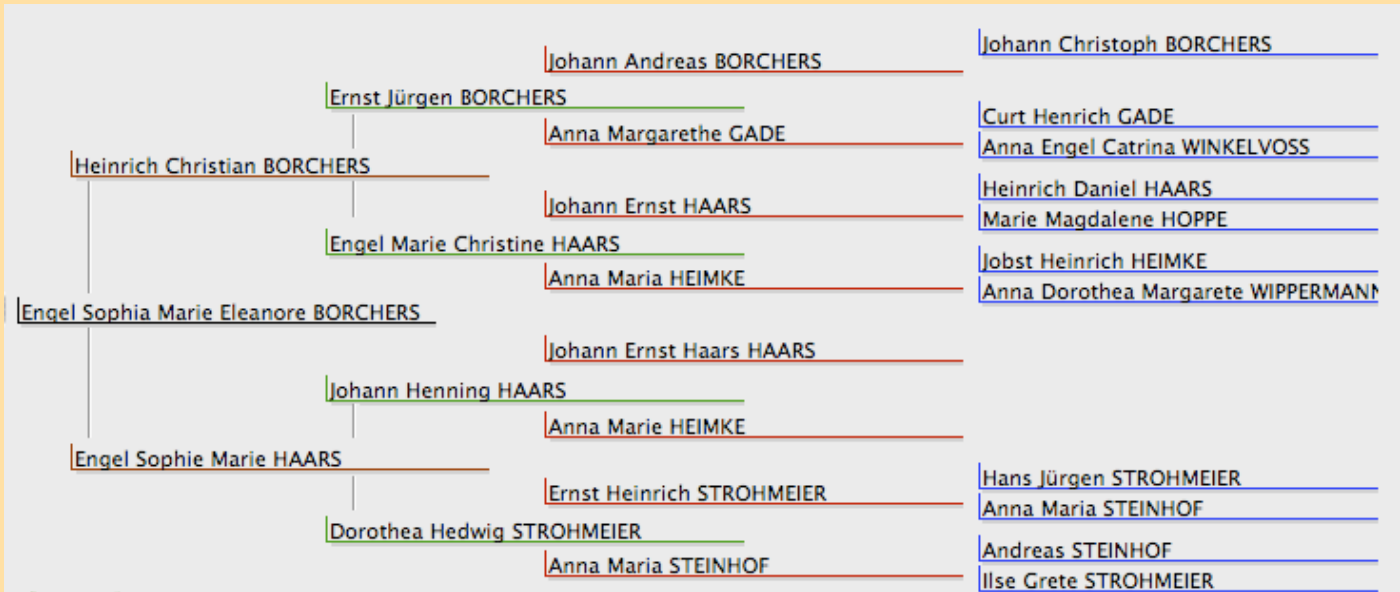
DEALER IN

FRESH, SALT, SMOKED AND DRIED MEAT,

Hams, Lard and Poultry.

Paid to Minnie or Sarah	375.00
" " C. R. Stein	160.00
" " Registry office	5.25
" " Chapman & Co.	16.00
" " Parkinson & Endall	14.00
" " Spence Magomanie	6.00
" " Recording	2.00
	<u>\$576.25</u>
Mother rights total	<u>281.23</u>
	<u>\$857.48</u>
Sold the house for 1800.00	
net 857.48	
debits by 4. 7. 3	<u>942.57</u>
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Leave each \$	<u>314.17</u>
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Bill of sale for Sophie's house 1890



Frederick and Magdeline “Lena” Meyer’s children:

- ❖ Magdaline Meyer (m. Frank Austin) b.1874-d.1957
- ❖ Johanna Margaret Meyer (m. Paul Hunziker) b.1876-d.1950
- ❖ Mathilda Dorothea Meyer (m. John Hunziker) b.1883-d.1963
- ❖ Edward Meyer (twin) b.1887-died at birth
- ❖ Edna Lois Meyer (twin; never married) b.1887-d.1981
- ❖ Frederick George Meyer b.1894-d.1895



Frederick “Fritz” August Meyer



Marie Magdeline (Moeglein) Meyer



This pin is on Frederick Meyer’s tie (see picture above). We were able to determine his occupation by this pin. It shows he belonged to the butchers union.

After moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota, Frederick Meyer partnered with his brother-in-law, Joseph Moeglein as butchers in a meat business. This partnership lasted a short time as we find Frederick working as a butcher for Albert Beyer in the 1895-96 Minneapolis City Directory.

Sophia Moeglein died 31 Mar 1899, while living with her daughter, Marie Magdeline “Lena” Meyer, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery there.

For additional genealogy information on the Moeglein family see the following website:

<http://geocities.com/Heartland/Lake/6512/>

As a great-granddaughter, I appreciate these American pioneers. If it weren't for them, I wouldn't have the good life, freedom and opportunities that I have today. I can't imagine leaving everything that I knew, (family, friends and possessions) bringing very little with me and coming to an unknown future. They had to be people of strong Christian faith and courage.

Although I put this article together, I would like to give my Moeglein second and third cousins credit as it has been an enjoyable joint effect of research and sharing over the internet what has created this family history.