

Schaberg cemetery

This cemetery consists of one beautifully carved stone in excellent condition. Clasped hands adorn the top, seeming to represent the husband and wife interred below. The inscriptions are in the German language, with no birth date however a death (gestorben, "Gest" for short) date and age. Below the hands reads "hier ruhen", which means "to rest here". There is an interesting inscription along the bottom translated to read "The grave does not frighten the pious. He looks upon God and fears no judgement."

Interred here:

Adolph Schaberg died April 1, 1863

Katherine Schaberg died April 2, 1863

Research indicates that "Adolph" was probably Henry Adolphus Schaberg. He was born in Hanover, Lower Saxony, Germany (then Prussia) in 1819, and came to this country at the age of 17 with his parents, Adolph and Regina Schaberg and two siblings. They arrived in October, 1836 in Baltimore, Maryland aboard the "Gustav", and the family settled in St Charles County, probably in the Femme Osage area, about 15 miles south of Innsbrook. Records from the mid 1800's at Femme Osage German Evangelical Church tie the Schaberg family to this church. Gentleman-farmer Hermann Garlichs founded this church in 1833, going on to establish six more in the area including Harmonie Church in 1842

"Katharine" was earlier listed as Anna Catherina Rithwelm (maiden name) and was also born in the same area of Germany, then Prussia, seven years earlier. Adolph and Katherine were married by Hermann Garlichs on December 15, 1843 in St Charles County, Missouri.

Henry began purchasing public land prior to their marriage through the Land Act of 1820. In 1841 he purchased his first 80 acres for \$1.25 per acre. It appears he continued purchasing land, as a number of land records for the area exist for "H A Schaberg" and various other first name iterations, as was common during this time. He eventually amassed 200 acres, as the 1850 census states.

The 1850 census lists the Schaberg family as living adjacent to Brandts, Middelkamps and Bockhorsts; all other families buried in the cemeteries within

the boundaries of Innsbrook. Besides Adolph and Katherine, daughters Mena (Wilhelmina K) age 5, Elizabeth age 3 and Sophia age 1 are listed in the household. Adolph is a farmer and owns \$200 in real estate.

Their farm seemingly thrived. When they both died in 1863, probate records show that, besides their home filled with goods, they also owned a lot of tobacco. It seems that was their principal crop raised. They also owned a variety of livestock, namely 4 cows, 2 calves, 3 steers, 1 bull, 2 mares, 1 filly, 2 colts, 12 sheep, 16 hogs and 28 geese, more or less.

Adolph died on April 1, 1863 with Katherine following on April 2. It can only be assumed they both died from a common accident or ailment, as their deaths were one day apart, and they were both young, with Adolph being age 45 and Katherine age 52. They left behind their three daughters. Probate records indicate Wilhelmina, age 18 was appointed guardian for Elizabeth age 16 and Sophia age 14. Another heir, Reginia Chatriner, was also named. Adolph had a younger sister named Reginia, so it could be she came to assist the young girls. At this time it is not known what happened to the 200 acres of land the family owned. The gravesite is located about a half-mile from where the stables were located. The property was eventually carved into many smaller parcels.

On April 9, 1863, estate details were recorded. Adolph died intestate, meaning he left no will. William Dremeyer was appointed by the court to oversee the estate as specified by the current laws, in a speedy fashion so as not to let it be diminished in value or destroyed. He was also instructed to first settle all debts. It appears from the record he was paid \$1,000 from the estate to perform these duties.

As for the girls, Wilhelmina married Karl Koch 5 years later in 1868 and moved to Nebraska, where they had six children. Elizabeth stayed in the Warren County area, marrying Larkin Boehmer in 1867 at the age of 19. They had nine children, and almost all of them remained in the Jonesburg, Marthasville and Montgomery City areas. Sophia, the youngest, married Ernest Fennewald in 1869 at the age of 20. The couple moved east between Kansas City and Springfield to the Appleton City, Missouri area and had 4 children before Ernest died in 1906. Sophia later married Herman Suttmiller around 1910 and died in 1920 at the age of 70. She is buried in Appleton City.

