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## Barthel Family History: Part III

### Migration

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This is the final article in the three part series on the Barthel Family. In the May 2010 issue, which was Part I, you were given a history of the area in Germany where the Barthels lived, which was once part of Luxembourg. Naming practices were explained, and evidence given the Barthels resided in the village of Weidingen, as far back as the year 1628. In Part II of the Barthel Family we focused on the Barthel complex and the church. See the May and November 2010 newsletters on our website at <http://www.stmhistsoc.org/index.php/newsletters/>.

The number of descendants of the Barthels listed in my lineage-linked Personal Ancestral File, as stemming from Weidingen and settling in Minnesota and beyond, stands beyond 11,600. There are perhaps more, but I have quit tracing! Even though this Part III article is on the Barthel Family, you can benefit from it by knowing that families usually did not come alone, but also joined others who made the trip before them.

If research presents a stone wall on your specific line, perhaps other families settling in the same community may have come from the same area in the old country. You can check online phone directories, surname distribution maps, and other online indexes. Never forget your county or local historical society, as they have information that may not be online, such as Naturalization records, especially the Declaration of Intent to become a citizen, which may give a place of origin and time and port of arrival. Once you have found the place of origin in Europe, you may find that there are many Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and other records that have been microfilmed and are accessible through family history centers. Wright County Heritage Center in Buffalo, Minnesota is such a center.

There may be some confusion with given names that are the same, such as Mathias, Hubert, Jacob, and the like. I have attached dates and relationships, where possible. There are branches of other Barthels established elsewhere in the United States. Some branches have remained in Germany. My focus is on the Barthel families settling in the St. Michael and surrounding area in Minnesota. There are other Barthel families that settled in Stearns County. They came from Hermeskeil, Germany. They are not to be confused with our lineage from the Weidingen area.

To check on locations in Germany, I recommend that you visit <http://www.maplandia.com>, which is an online map for Europe. For records availability, see <https://www.familysearch.org/#form=catalog>. For the Eifel Region and Immigrant information on our website page, check <http://www.stmhistsoc.org/index.php/research/>. If the village was too small to have a church, or just wasn't a recordkeeping locality, click on the Eifel Region on our website, and then click on Eifel Region – Localities and Records, which is found on [http://www.stmhistsoc.org/index.php/research/eifel\\_region/](http://www.stmhistsoc.org/index.php/research/eifel_region/). That will help you to determine the locality that kept the records, as records are cataloged under the locality of the church, or the village that kept the records originally.

## Barthel Family History, Part III: Continued

Then order the microfilms you need through the affiliate family history center at Wright County Heritage Center or other centers in your area.

Now for specific family information:

### **Johann Peter Barthel & Anna Katharina Rausch**

Johann Peter Barthel of Weidingen, Kreis Bitburg, was born 6 May 1827. He was a first cousin to my great grandfather, Jacob. Jacob was born in Niehl in 1832. Johann Peter Barthel married Anna Katharina Rausch of Utscheid in 1856. They resided in Utscheid before they left for Frankfort Township, Wright, Minnesota. He died 18 Mar 1899 and is buried in St. Michael. His wife died 14 Jan 1911.

### **Elizabeth Mary Barthel, wife of Joseph M. Lehn**

Elizabeth Mary Barthel, daughter of Johann Peter Barthel and Anna Katharina Rausch, was born on 6 Feb 1868 in Utscheid. She married Joseph M. Lehn around 1890. According to the 1900 Census, Elizabeth and Joseph were residing in Dayton Township, Hennepin, Minnesota. The three conflicting census sources show the year immigration was 1884, 1887, and 1888.

### **Mathias J. Barthel (Saloon Matt), husband of Pauline M. Schumacher**

Another child of Johann Peter Barthel and Anna Katharina Rausch is Mathias J. Barthel, also known as Saloon Matt. He was born 23 Oct 1872 in Germany and married Pauline M. Schumacher in 1903 in St. Michael, Wright, Minnesota.



*An early 1900's photo of St. Michael Ballroom when owned by "Saloon Matt" Barthel. The ballroom was located in the northeast corner of 1st Street Northeast and Central Avenue.*

**Anna Maria Barthel, wife of Anton Wey**

Anna Maria Barthel was born 12 Feb 1864 in Oberweis, Kreis Bitburg and died 28 Feb 1946. She is the daughter of Wilhelm Barthel and Catharina Ehr, who were married in Mettendorf, Kreis Bitburg. She lived with her family in Oberweis before she left Europe through the port of Antwerp, Belgium. She traveled with her parents, Wilhelm and Catharina, and her siblings, Bernard and Theodor. Her grandfather, Peter Ehr, who was a widower, also came with them, as well as Peter's three other daughters. They were Maria, age 27; Susanne, age 25; and Anna, age 23. They arrived 24 Jun 1867 aboard the ship *Nord Pola* at the port of New York. She married Anton Wey in 1887. Anton was born 17 Jul 1854 in Wilwerdingen, Luxemburg, now Wilverdange, Luxembourg. The civil records office, where Anton's birth record was found, is located in Troisvièrges, Luxembourg.

**Bernard Barthel, husband of Margaretha Ahles**

Bernard Barthel was born 19 Nov 1858 in Oberweis, Kreis Bitburg. He is the son of Wilhelm Barthel and Catharina Ehr, who were married in Mettendorf, Kreis Bitburg. He left Europe through the port of Antwerp, Belgium with his parents, Wilhelm and Catharina, and other siblings, but was mistakenly listed as Conrad in the passenger list. They arrived 24 Jun 1867 aboard the ship *Nord Pola* at the port of New York. Bernard Barthel married 1889 Margaret Ahles in Stearns County, Minnesota. After the marriage, the couple settled in Otsego Township, Wright, Minnesota. Margaret Ahles was born in Rockville Township, Stearns, Minnesota on 30 Jan 1869. She is the daughter of Johannes Ahles and Lucia Bauer.

**Elisabeth Barthel, wife of Hubert Welter, Sr.**

Elisabeth Barthel was born 25 Sep 1820 in Niehl, Kreis Bitburg. She is the daughter of Bernard Barthel and Maria Elisabetha Heinen (Bernard's first wife). Niehl belongs to the Catholic parish in Mettendorf, Kreis Bitburg. She came to St. Michael in 1881, but according to the 1900 census, she arrived with Hubert Welter, Sr. in 1880. She married 13 Mar 1851 in Köperich, Kreis Bitburg. She died 11 Nov 1905 in St. Michael, Wright, Minnesota. Hubert Welter, Sr. was born 13 Jan 1821 in Obersgegen, which belongs to the Köperich parish. He died 18 Dec 1914 and is buried in St. Michael, Wright, Minnesota.

**Hubert Barthel, husband of Mary Burges**

Hubert Barthel was born 28 Sep 1828 in Niehl, Kreis Bitburg. He is the first child of the second marriage of Bernard Barthel. (Bernard's first wife was Maria Elisabetha Heinen.) Bernard's second wife was Catharina Thielen. Hubert came to America with his half brother, Peter Barthel, who was born 1824 in Niehl, Kreis Bitburg. Their ages on the passenger list were apparently estimated as 28 and 32 respectively. With them was listed Peter's bride-to-be, Margaretha Kirscht (born Kerscht in 1832), daughter of Matthias Kerscht and Angela Achen. Peter, Hubert, and Margaretha were all from the Mettendorf parish in Kreis Bitburg. They departed Europe through Antwerp, Belgium and arrived 29 May 1858 at the port of New York on ship *Josephine*. On 22 June 1858, Peter Barthel and Margaretha Kirscht married in St. Paul, Minnesota. Hubert Barthel married Mary Burges on 15 Jan 1864 in Frankfort Township, Wright, Minnesota. Hubert died 21 Aug 1897 and is buried in St. Michael. His wife, Mary Burges, was previously married on 16 Jul 1861 in Frankfort Township to Michael Gahr.

**Jacob Barthel, husband of Christina Maus**

Jacob Barthel was born 19 Jul 1832 in Niehl, Kreis Bitburg and was christened in nearby Mettendorf. He is a son of Bernard Barthel and Catharina Thielen. Jacob came to America with his brother, Mathias, who was born 14 Jul 1840. They boarded the ship *Cupido* in Antwerp, Belgium and arrived at the port of New York on 17 Sep 1862. Jacob married Christina Maus on 21 Nov 1867 in Frankfort Township, which is now St. Michael, Wright, Minnesota. His brother, Mathias, married Barbara Burges in 1867, also in Frankfort Township.

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### **Mathias Barthel, husband of Barbara Burges**

Mathias Barthel was born 14 Jul 1840 in Niehl, which belonged to the Mettendorf parish in Kreis Bitburg. His is the son of Bernard Barthel and Catharina Thielen. Mathias came with his brother, Jacob, who was born 14 Jul 1832. They boarded the *Cupido* in Antwerp, Belgium and arrived at in New York on 17 Sep 1862. Mathias married Barbara Burges on 19 Feb 1867 in Frankfort Township, Wright, Minnesota. Jacob married Christina Maus in 1867 in Frankfort Township.

### **Peter Barthel, husband of Margaretha Kirscht or Kerscht**

Peter Barthel was born 1 May 1924 in Niehl, Kreis Bitburg and was christened in Mettendorf on the following day. He died 22 September 1916 in St. Michael, Wright, Minnesota. He is the son of Bernard Barthel and Maria Elisabetha Heinen. Peter came to America on the same ship with his half brother, Hubert, who was born 1828, also in Niehl. Their ages at the time of emigration were apparently estimated as 32 and 28 respectively. Listed with them was Peter's bride-to-be, Margaretha Kirscht, who was born 13 Aug 1832 in Mettendorf. Her birth name was given as Kerscht, rather than Kirscht. She is the daughter of Matthias Kerscht and Angela Achen. They departed Europe through Antwerp, Belgium and arrived 29 May 1858 at the port of New York on the ship *Josephine*. On 22 June 1858, Peter Barthel and Margaretha Kirscht united in marriage in St. Paul,

### **Theodor Barthel, son of Wilhelm Barthel and Catharina Ehr**

Theodor Barthel was born 20 Jan 1866 in Oberweis, but apparently died before 1870. He is the son of Wilhelm Barthel & Catharina Ehr and came across the ocean with his parents, siblings, grandfather (on his mother's side), and three aunts (see Wilhelm Barthel's immigration account for further details on names.) He departed through the port of Antwerp, Belgium and arrived at the port of New York on 24 Jun 1867. Although his name does not appear in the 1870 US census, he was part of the family that settled in St. Michael. Since he does not appear in the St. Michael parish death registers and does not appear in the 1870 census, he may have died between arrival in New York and his parents settling in Frankfort Township, Wright, Minnesota.

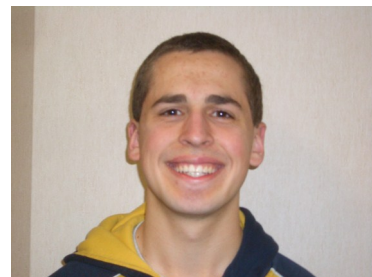
### **Wilhelm Barthel, husband of Catharina Ehr**

Wilhelm Barthel was born 14 Apr 1830 in Niehl and was christened the same day, Niehl belongs to the parish at Mettendorf. He is the son of Bernard Barthel and Catharina Thielen. Wilhelm was a resident of Oberweis, Kreis Bitburg at the time of emigration. He was accompanied by his wife, Catharina, and children, Bernard (mistakenly listed as Conrad), [Anna] Maria, and Theodor. His father-in-law, Peter Ehr, who was a widower, also came with them, as well as Peter's three other daughters, who were Maria, age 27, Susanne, age 25, and Anna, age 23. They boarded the ship *Nord Pola* in Antwerp, Belgium and arrived 24 Jun 1867 at the port of New York.

With all those families and descendants numbering more than 11,000, and if anyone in your family marries someone having roots in St. Michael, chances are you will be related to me, perhaps more than once.

## **Members elect five to board at annual meeting.**

At the annual meeting held on April 10th, members elected five members to the Board of Directors to serve a three year term, including one new board member. Newly elected is Matt Eiyneck. The four members re-elected are: Stephen Barthel, John Jaeb, Wayne Kessler, and Lisa Marx.



*Matt Eiyneck*