

Exploring the cemetery – The Hüllhorst Connection:



Among the oldest gravestones in the cemetery is that of “Ludwig Hubburd” who died April 15, 1854, at age 73. This stone was quite a mystery until a member of the Neidermyer family contacted me looking for a “Ludwig Habbert.” Aha! Eureka! A little more research provided a very clear picture of a group of families who emigrated from the same little town in Germany – Hüllhorst.

Hüllhorst is now a municipality of the Minden-Lübbecke district in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Its population is about 13,000. The records of its Lutheran Church date from 1661 and are accessible online or at the LDS library in Lancaster.

Ludwig was born June 25, 1780, and married Anne Marie Margrethe Elisabeth Harhausen, although she apparently died before Ludwig arrived in 1847 with his daughter, Anne Sophie Marie, and her husband Christian Frederick Neidermeyer. Sophie and Frederick (it was common to go by one’s middle name) are buried in the cemetery, as are three of their male children: John, who died at age 16; Frederick (Jr.), and William, who changed the spelling of the last name to “Neidamyer.”

And just to round out the story, Ludwig “Hubburd” had a brother, Carl Heinrich Habbert whose daughter, Anne Sophie Marie Gross Habbert, married Ernst Heinrich Lücking, the father of Christian Leeking and ancestor of all Leekings in the cemetery! When emigrating across an ocean, families stuck together to rebuild their lives.

Frederick (Jr.) died in 1912 and has a very impressive monument. I thought you might enjoy reading his obituary, although I cannot explain the statement that he was born in Leipzig, since all of this family’s records are in Hüllhorst.

Lititz Record (Lititz, Pa.), Thursday, July 18, 1912, p. 1, col. 3:

"Frederick Neidermyer

The death of Frederick Neidermyer, a well-known and highly respected citizen of this place, occurred at the home of his son Harry, on Front street, Warwick, on Monday at 10:45 P. M. Death was due to apoplexy, deceased having been afflicted with several attacks, each of which left him in a more critical condition. He was bedfast for the past 15 months. His age was 76 years, 11 months and 19 days.

Mr. Neidermyer was born in the province of Saxony, Prussia, near the town of Leibsig, but came to this country when a boy, settling at the Cloister, Ephrata. From there he moved to Millport, residing in that vicinity for 40 years. Seven years ago he moved to Lititz.

Deceased had the German characteristic thrift, and besides being a tiller of the soil, gained an enviable reputation as a carpenter. He was a devout member of the Lutheran denomination.

In 1863 he was united in marriage to Mary Shissler, who survives him, as do these children: Harvey, of Brownstown; Lemon and Harry, Mrs. Henry Zook, of this place; Mrs. Michael Hess, of near Lititz. Two sisters, Mrs. George Price, of Akron and Mrs. Daniel Buch, of Neffsville, also survive.

The funeral was held from the home of his son Harry, this morning, and at the Rothsville Lutheran church. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining. Rev. J. W. Bittner officiated. The bearers were Frank Drnckenmiller [sic], George Harmon, Samuel Rubrecht and John Gingrich."

