

Catherine Reitz, b. Oct. 30, 1859, d. Apr. 10, 1937 (daughter of Conrad and Mary Warters Reitz). Their children were: William P.; Mary C. Haight; Clara Higgins; Edward; Frank J.; Gertrude L. Putt Harson; Clarence F.; Raymond J.; and Walter L.

WELCH, Richard: was born in 1798, and died March 27, 1875. He married Polly Penny in 1824, came to Cattaraugus County in 1833, where he became Sheriff in 1867. Two sons enlisted in Co. C, 154th N.Y. Vols. in 1862.

One son, Delancey, was taken prisoner and confined to Libby Prison, where he starved to death in 1864 at 17 years of age.

Another son, Captain Stephan C. Welch, became Allegany's only Civil War recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was born June 14, 1824 at Groton, N.Y., m. Louisa Harriett Allen on Dec. 22, 1847, and died Mar. 31, 1906.

At Dug Gap, Georgia, he and a companion braved enemy fire and crawled to the rescue of a wounded lieutenant, who was trapped between the lines. For this feat, Capt. Welch was awarded the medal of honor which is in the possession of his grandson, W. Clare Welch, in Allegany.

A son of Captain Welch was Frederick S., who m. Katherine Smith, by whom he had the following children: William Clare; Mrs. Katherine March (d. 1974); Grace (Mrs. Herbert Forness) and Marie (Mrs. Dwight Warren).

WEYERSTALL, Carl: b. Aug. 8, 1868, d. Mar. 29, 1915 and Bertha Swarts Steiger, b. Jan. 5, 1860, Elberfeld, Germany, d. 1923, came to America around 1900, first settling in Bethlehem, Pa. They came to Allegany soon afterwards. Carl and Bertha were married in Coudersport, Pa. in 1904. They operated a Meat Market on Main St., Allegany. (the present site of Joanne Smith Real Estate) Bertha's five children were born in Germany. Four came to Allegany. In 1903 Alfred Steiger came with his wife, Amelia. In 1910 Erich, b. Sept. 14, 1889, d. Jan. 20, 1968, m. Mar. 26, 1913 Dora Gasper. In 1921 John, b. July 28, 1882, d. Feb. 14, 1945, m. in Germany June 28, 1918 Frances Casper b. Mar. 20, 1894; In 1926 Eugene, b. June 23, 1887, m. Martha ; daughter Freda stayed in Germany.

WIEDMAN, John Gottlieb: was born in Wurtemberg, Sept. 23, 1826. He arrived in Buffalo, N.Y. Sept. 15, 1849. He married Maria Barbara Feischter, May 1851. Maria was born in Wurtenburg in 1825 and arrived in Buffalo April 27, 1851. They arrived in Allegany around 1853.

John purchased property in Allegany on June 4, 1856. This property was located at the corner of Thomas St. and Third St. (now 31 E. Main St.) John Wiedman later bought farm property, cleared the land and built a house on John St. (now Seventh St.) The original

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